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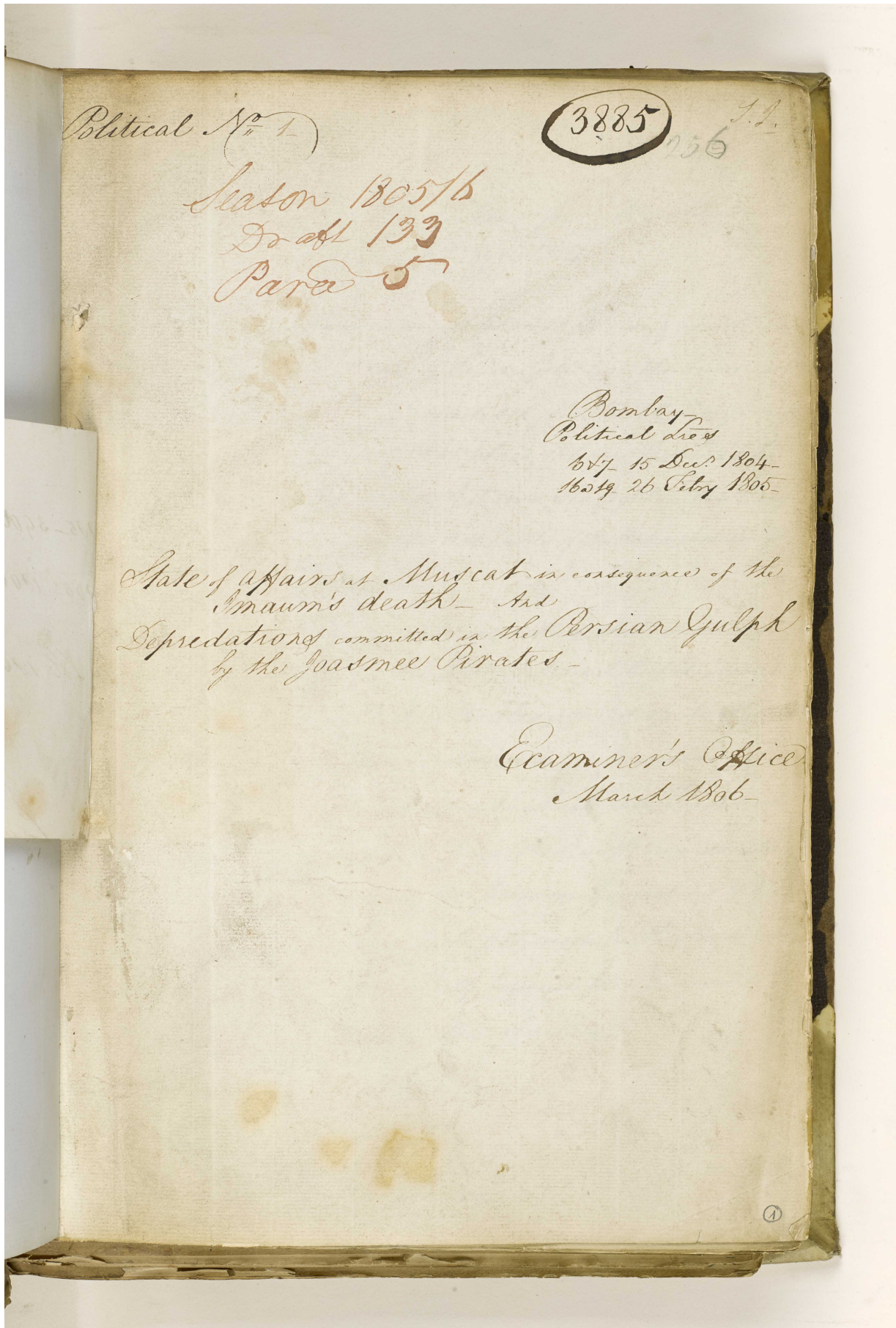
About this record

This item consists of extracts from political letters received by officials of the Government of Bombay, containing enclosures regarding the political situation at Muscat following the death of the Imaum, Syed Sulṭān [Sayyid Sulṭān bin Aḥmad Āl Bū Sa'īd, also written in the correspondence as Seyud Sooltan and Said Sultan]. He lost his life on 13 November 1804 during a sea fight with Wahabee [Wahabi, also written as Wahaubee in the correspondence] forces in the Persian Gulf (written as Gulph throughout). Also covered are alleged depredations committed by Joasmee [Qāsimī, also written as Gausemee] pirates in the Gulf.

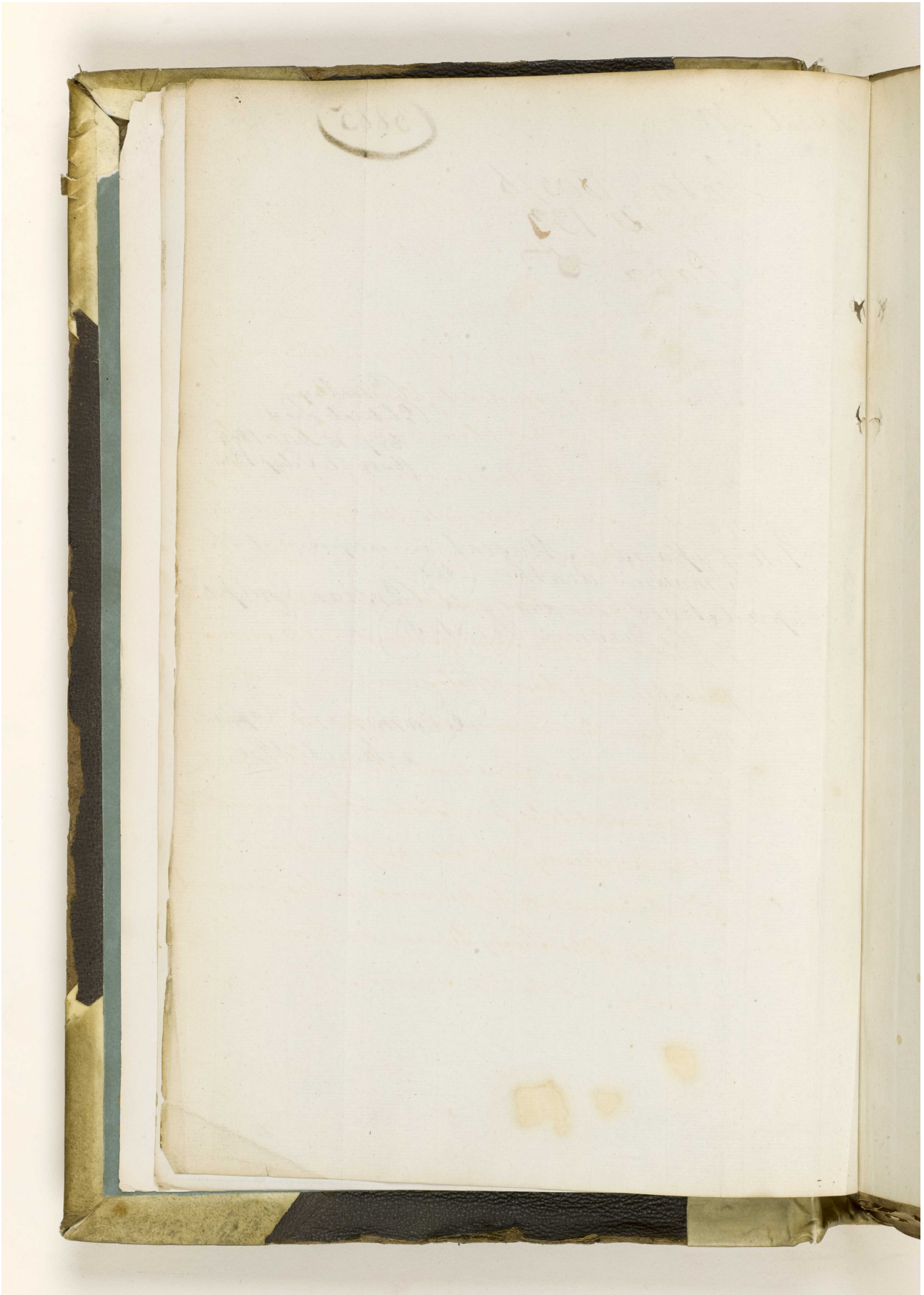
The enclosures discuss the following: the Imaum's death; relations between Muscat and the East India Company (EIC); the security of trade in the Gulf following the Imaum's death; hostilities in Muscat (between the son and brother of the Imaum over control of the city); issues with Wahabee pirates; the succession of the Imaum and the implications for the East India Company; the supervision of the arrival of EIC ships; the question of how to resolve the unstable situation in the Gulf.

The item includes statements by Captain Cumming of the *Trimmer* and Captain Babcock of the *Shannon* describing the capture of both ships by Gulf pirates. Also included are instructions issued by Samuel Manesty, Resident at Bussora [Basra], to the commanders of the *Antelope*, the *Queen* and the *Mornington*, regarding their movements in the Gulf. In addition, the item includes a translation of a written engagement from the Imaum of Muscat, dated 1798 (ff 55-56) and an agreement between the Imaum and Captain John Malcolm, dated 1800 (f 57).

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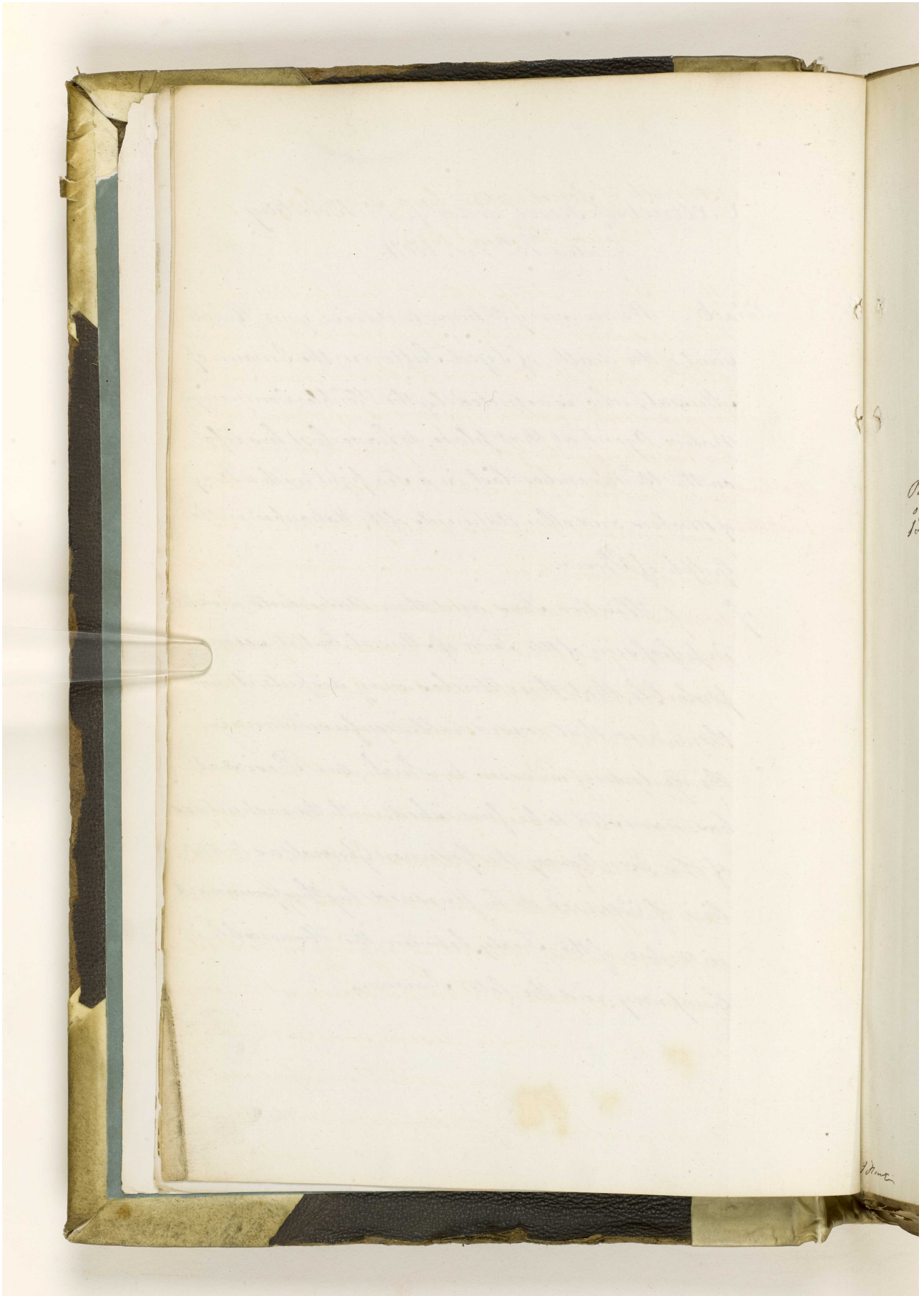
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Extract of Secret Letter from Bombay
Dated 15.th Dec.^r 1804.

Para: 6. We are sorry to have to Advise your Hon^{ble} Court, of the death of Syed Sultoun, the Imaum of Muscat, who is reported by the Hon^{ble} Company's Native Agent at that place, to have lost his life on the 13.th November last, in a Sea fight with a Body of Atobers, and other Adherents of the Mahaubee in the Gulph of Persia.

7.th His two Sons and their Adherents are still in possession of the Town of Muscat, but it seems probable, that their Uncles may dispute it with them, and that considerable confusion may thence ensue, in view to which, our President has requested to be furnished, with the instructions of His Excellency the Governor General, as to the line of Conduct to be pursued by this Government, in virtue of the Treaty between the Honorable Company and the late Imaum.

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2

Extract of Secret Letter from Bombay
Dated 26. Feb. 1805

Para: 16. In our address of the 13.th December 1804: we took occasion to notice the information we had received of the Death of the Imaum of Muscat, in a Sea Engagement; and the consequent reference made to his Excellency the Governor General for Instructions as to the line of Conduct to be observed by this Government towards that of Muscat in its new relation to us, and we are now enabled to refer to the orders thereon received from His Excellency, in which with a view to the preservation of the Interests of the British Government at Muscat, and to the Security of our Trade in the Gulph of Persia, we are authorized to extend every degree of countenance and support to the Sons of the late Sayud Sultann, which can be effected through the means of the British influence, and without engaging in Hostilities with the opposing Party, it being at the same time, his Lordships' desire, should the Interests of the Brothers of Sayud Sultann prevail, to maintain with them, or with the ruling

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ruling Power at Muscat, the same Relations of Amity, which subsisted under the Treaties with the former Government; requiring further that these should be recognized, and that, with a view to the maintenance of our influence a Residency, on the part of the Company, shall be permanently established at that Station.

17. Under these Instructions, your Honble Court will observe, by the Reply written to the Governour General, as entered on our proceedings of the 9th February, that Captain Seton (recently employed on a distinct duty at Surat, but who has for years past, filled the Office of Resident at Muscat) was summoned to the Presidency for the purpose of repairing thither. In the same reply your Honble Court will find reference made to a Genealogical Table of the Muscat Family which is, also, entered on our proceedings, and to which is annexed, the best account then procurable of the state of affairs there, being on the whole, deemed to wear a favorable aspect, towards the Descendants of Sayid Sultans.

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Extract of Secret Letter from Bombay
Dated 26th Feb. 1805

Para: 18th To the premature, and unexpected Death of the late Imaum, who had long maintained a superiority over the Powers of the Gulph of Persia are ascribed the Disturbances, that have already arisen there; as described in advices from our Native Brother at Muscat, and from the Residents at Bussorah and Bushire recorded as per Margin. It will thence appear, that the Joasmee Pirates (ascertained to be the authors of these Disturbances,) began by capturing two Vessels (the Shannon & Timmer) belonging to Mr. Manesty of Bussorah, and proceeding hence charged with public Dispatches, the narratives of whose respective Commanders stand also entered, and indicate much severity of treatment, the one (Captain Balcock) having after receiving several severe wounds, had

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his hand cut off, whilst the other (Captain
Summing) is reported to have lost his life, through
the severity of his sufferings. The Shannon
has however (having first been stripped of all
that was valuable on board) been released,
but the Summer is still retained. The Reports
of the Resident at Busorah on this subject, and
the information submitted by him to the
Supreme Government (which will be found among
the proceedings to which we have referred) convey
intimation of his intention to apply to the Wahabee
Sheikh (to whose sect the Joasmees are said to
have been formerly if not now attached) for
redress, in the first instance, without however,
thence entertaining any very sanguine
expectation of indemnity for the past, or of
security against future Insults and
Injuries.

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19. Information has also been received from the Commander of the Honorable Company's sloop *Mornington* (detached to cruise in the Persian Gulph for the security of the Trade against French Privateers) that when off of the Island of *Ohior*, he was surrounded by a Fleet consisting of upwards of 40 *Boats* (Dories and *Trankys*) belonging to those Pirates. *But* that though they fired into the *Mornington* and shewed a disposition to further annoyance, two Broad Sides, and a few discharges from her stern Guns, obliged them, nevertheless, to desist; neither, under our General Instructions to the Commanders of all our Cruizers to avoid Hostilities with the Powers of the Gulph, did her Commander think it proper to act otherwise than defensively; but from these

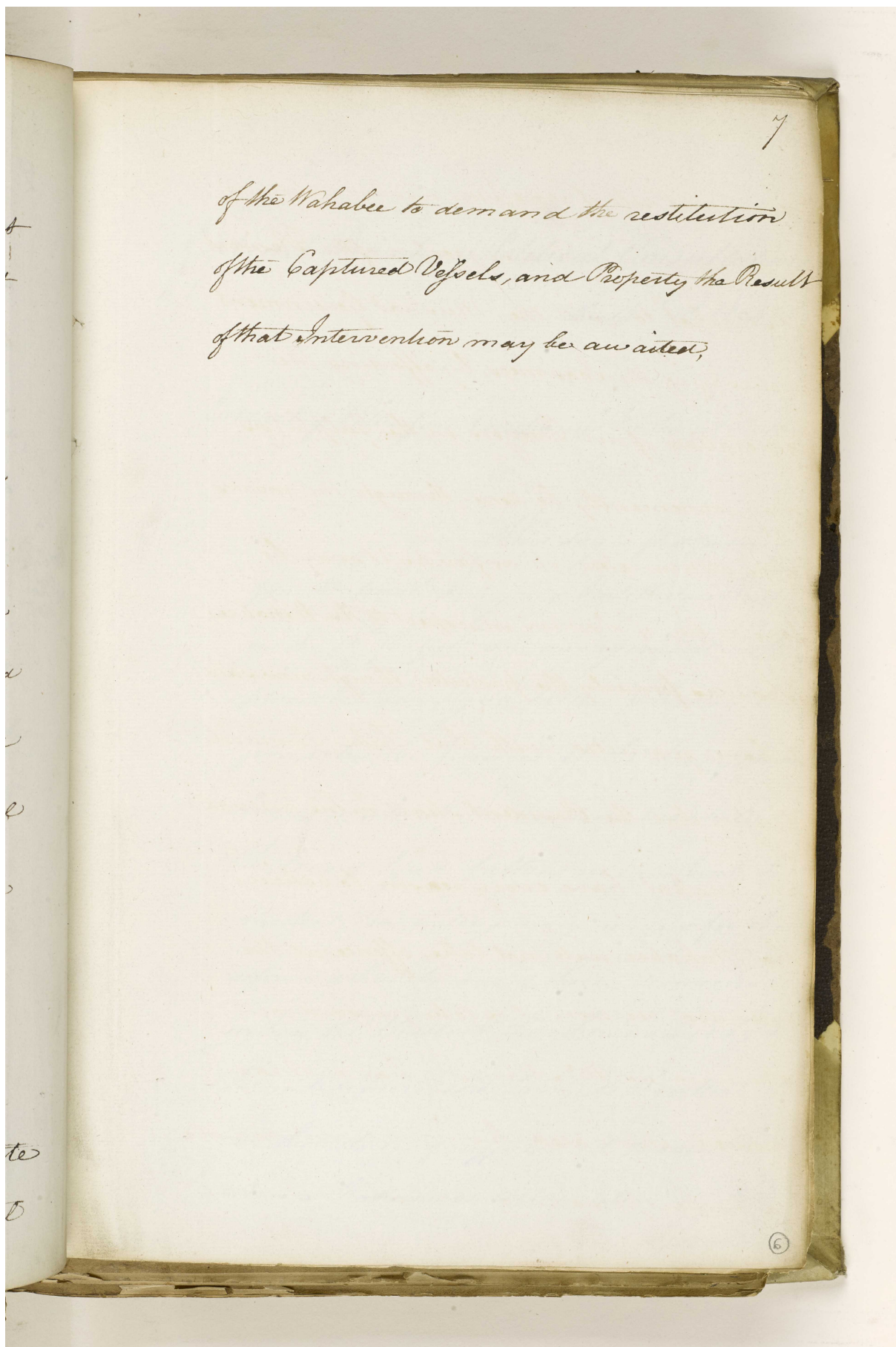
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these recent acts of aggression, it is our intention, in concurrence with a suggestion of the President at Muskat, to assist the Muskat Government in chastizing the Joasmee, by affording the cooperation of our Cruizers in the Gulph (as may conveniently be done, through the means of the *Mornington*) in as far as it may be found free of objection, in respect to the Wahabee who was formerly the protector, though now said to have quarrelled with that Tribe, Provided therefore, that the President shall on his arrival at Muskat, have every reason to believe, that Wahabee will not take offence at the intended coercion it is to be pursued, or otherwise, as Mr. Manesty has as already intimated, intimated his intention to depute a proper person to Deryah the Capital of

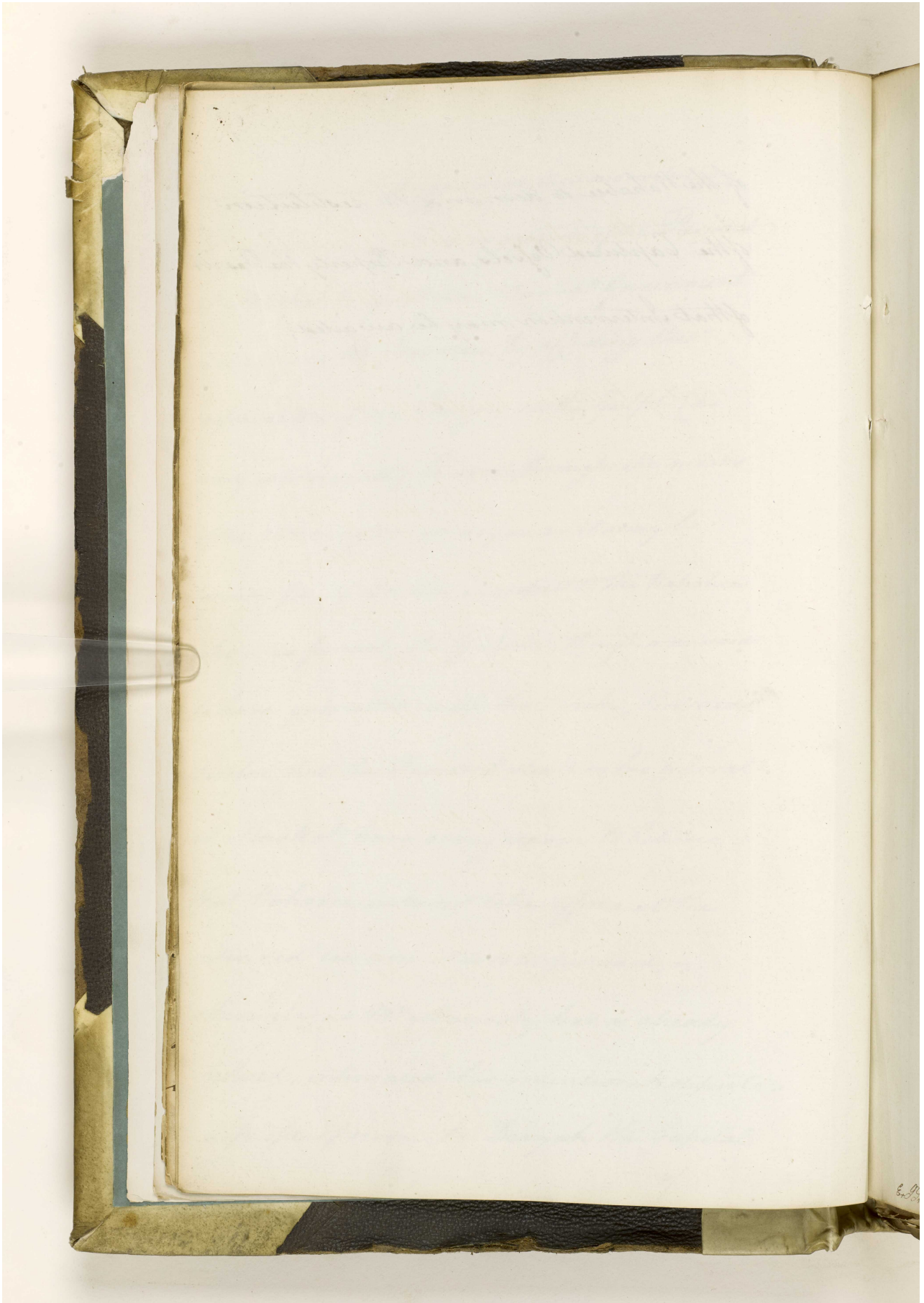
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of the Wahabee to demand the restitution
of the Captured Vessels, and Property the Result
of that Intervention may be awaited,

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committed in the Persian Gulph by the Joasmee Pirates.' [6v] (12/114)



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The 14 Decr. 1804

Extract of Letter from Compaury's Broker at Muskat

This day a fleet arrived
from Bussah bringing Intelligence that
on the 11th Cartick an engagement took
place between Syud Sultan & the Colicks
joined by the Jemices of the Bar of Bussah
River in which the Saucan was killed.
The Sons of Syud Sultan are come back to
Muskat ~~conspiring~~ every means for the
 defence of the City - one of them remains
within the Walls & the other named Syed
Salim has proceeded towards Boorkib; this
is the state of affairs at present.
When a Hakim is nominated to the
Government

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Government of this place; it shall be duly
communicated with every particular
relative thereto to your Honors.

To His Excellency The Most Noble
Marquis Wellesley K.P.
Governor General
Fort William

My Lord,

I am sorry to have to
advise you ^{of the} Death of Syed Sultan
the Imaum of Muskat who is reported
by the Honble Company's Native Agent
at that place (Captain Seton the British
Resident being on special Duty at Surat)
to have lost his life on the 13th Nov^r. last in
a Sea Fight with a body of Utadrees & other
adherents of the Wahabee in the upper part
of the Gulph of Persia.

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His two Sons & their adherents
are still in possession of the Town of Muscat;
but it seems probable that their Uncles
may dispute it with them & that
considerable confusion may thence ensue;
in view to which, I will be happy to be
favoured with your Excellency's instructions
whether any & what part ought to be
pursued by the Government, in virtue
of the Treaty between the Honble Company
& the late Imaum & whether the British
Residency shall be maintained there or
with drawn having only the Agency of a Country
Broker as heretofore

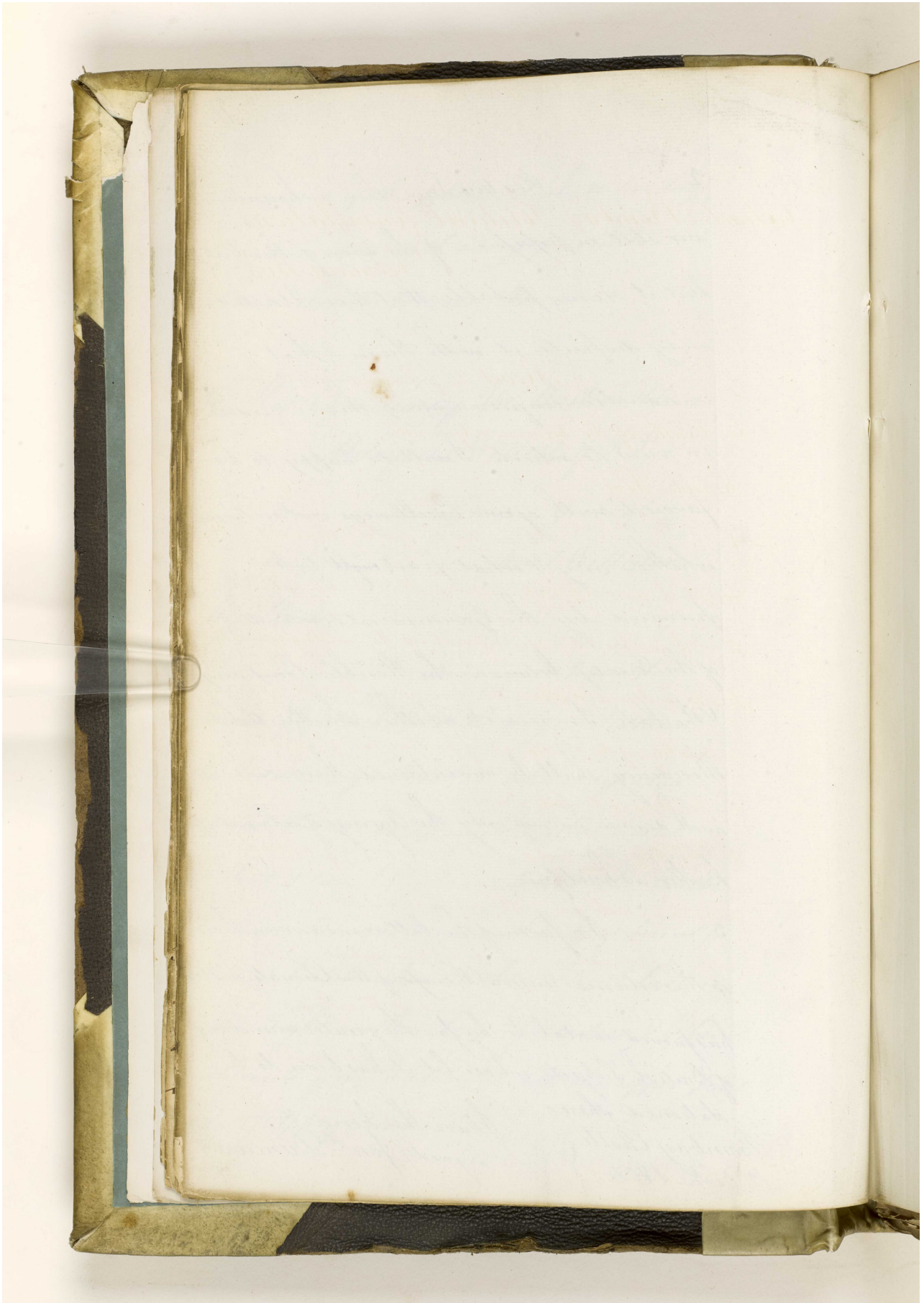
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In favor of the latter measure, there
is the extreme unhealthiness of the Climate which
has proved mortal to, by far the greater number of
of British Subjects, whose lot it has been to be
stationed there.

Bombay Castle
12 Dec^r 1804

I have the honor to
signed / Jon^o Duncan

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1. February 1805.

Read the following Letter from
his Excellency the Governor General.

Honble Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your Official dispatch N^o 32 under date the
12th of December 1804 communicating the intelligence of the
Death of Seyud Sultan, the Imaum of Muscat, and the
probability of the Succession of his Sons being disputed by
the Brothers of the late Imaum.

2. I deem it to be necessary without
delay to furnish you with instructions for your guidance
in the event, with a view to the preservation of the
interests of the British Government at Muscat, and to the
security of our Trade in the Gulph of Persia, which may be
exposed to hazard by the establishment of a power at Muscat.

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life favorable to those interests, than the Government of the late Imaum.

3. The existing engagements between the Company, and the Imaum of Muscat, do not impose on the former any obligation to support the Succession of the late Imaum to the Sons of the ^{late} Rights and power of their Father; but the nature of the connection existing between the Company and the Imaum, and cemented by the engagements concluded with that Prince in the year 1798, and 1800, ^{justify} the interference of the British Government in support of that Candidate, whose pretensions shall appear to be founded on justice; provided that support can be afforded without the hazard of involving the British Government in Hostilities with the State of Muscat.

4. It is my desire therefore, that every degree of countenance and support be afforded to the Sons of the late Seyid Soollan which can be effected through the means of the British influence at Muscat, and without engaging in Hostilities with the opposing Party.

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5. Should the interests of the Brothers of Seyud Soltan prevail against those of their Nephews, it is nevertheless my wish to maintain with the Aking Party at Muscat, the same relation of amity which subsisted with the former Government, and I accordingly desire that you will enjoin the Resident at Muscat, in the event supposed, to cultivate harmony with the successful Candidates, and to endeavour by every means consistent with the dignity of the British Government, to conciliate their good will.

6. It will be desirable that the engagements concluded by Mehede Ali Khan, and by Major Haldon with the late Imaum, should be formally recognized by the person who shall ultimately succeed to the Government of Muscat. With a view to secure the British interests at Muscat, under any result of the contest for power among the relatives of Seyud Soltan, it is essential that the British Resident at Muscat should be directed immediately to return to that Station.

7. I accordingly desire that you will
immediately

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immediately order Captain Seton to proceed to Muscat, and
that you will furnish him with instructions for the guidance
of his conduct in the spirit of this despatch. Should any
impediment however, oppose Captain Seton's return at the
present moment, you will be pleased to select some other
person, properly qualified for the trust, and direct him to proceed
without delay, on the execution of the prescribed duties. —

S. With a view to the maintenance
of the British influence at Muscat under any issue of the
expected contest, it is my desire that agreeably to the
engagements concluded by Major Malcolm in the year
1800, a Residency on the part of the Company shall be
permanently established at that Station, under the
Superintendance of a Civil or Military servant of the Company
on the Establishment of Bombay.

I have the honor to be

Port William
10 January 1805.

(Signed) Wellesley

Read

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Read the following two Letters from
the Resident at Muscat, and the Translation of one from
the Son of the late Imaum of Muscat, and Extract of
a letter from Hajee Mahomed Hussain Bazarony to
Agar Aboo Ali at Bombay.

Honble Sir,

I have been honored with the Secretary to
Government's Letter, of the 15th instant.

Since the Death of Sayed Sultan, the
Country has remained quiet, but the two Sons have formed
parties and called in the support of their relations, their uncle
Sayed Ghiespat Schah, and Beder Ben Seyf, their Cousin,
~~who was~~ who was with the Wahabees: This Beder is rightful
Heir of the Country, by hereditary succession & a man of
abilities.

Shomad Sultans Father got the Country
in right of his Wife, who had two Sons, Seyf and Sultan.
These two jointly asserted their right to the Country against
their Fathers Children by other ^{Wives} matters, and gained it last
Seyf ①

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Seiff dying in Africa - the Country remained with
Sultan, who treated Seiff's Children as his own - there
were three, Bedou, Aly, and a young one, whose name
I have forgot; Bedou, about three years ago, revolted, and
joined the Wahabee; he had a very strong party in the
country.

Salim, at present, has
possession of Muscat, but all those with him are Bedou -
friends, except Shaikh Dura a Balootch, who was a great
friend of his Father's -

Seyid Sultan, gained the
Country by securing the Shipping, and if Government now
secure the Bengal Ships for Salim, they will probably
render his Government secure against all competitors,
which will be the best policy, as he is now in Possession
of Panus Gornboom, &c. and can best protect the trade
of the Gulph - Government can write to him in the
same form as to his Father, saying his request regarding
the Ships will be complied with, and recommending to him
to

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to pursue, the same policy towards the French and the
Trade of the Gulph as his Father did; by which means
he will secure the good will of the Honorable Company.

I am to see a respectable Merchant
tomorrow, whose Brother is a Resident in Muscat,
and shall forward what Information I receive from
him of the different parties there; he was today engaged.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) David Seton

Resident

Surat
15 January 1805.

Honble Sir,

I have seen the Merchant I wrote
of Yesterday.

The Imaum's two Sons have agreed
together, and Galim, with the consent of all is now
settled at Muscat, but his Uncle Seyud Gheip, is
arrived from Schav, and makes some demands, to which
the two young men have answered, that, if he persists,
and gives them any trouble they will resign the whole
Country.

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Country to Beder, who is not far off with a party of
three thousand men.

The Merchants and married
men are anxious to associate. Seyud Ghais in the
Government being afraid the young men from their
inexperience may become the prey of the needy dependants,
who are about them.

The Troops and others are, on the
contrary, anxious for Beder, whose liberality or prodigality
is almost proverbial and without some unlucky accident,
it is almost certain, Beder will be in possession of the
Country, with the consent of the two Brothers.

In this state of affairs it will
be the best policy to write Salim as I mentioned in my last.

The generality of the Merchants
have ordered their Ships to remain at Bombay, or in
India, until affairs are a little settled at Muscat;
I would therefore, recommend to Government giving all
the Merchants indiscriminately every protection and
encouragement

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encouragement in their power which will be the
surest means of attacking them, to us, and securing
their Trade to our Ports which tho' in some respects
hurtful to individual interest, is certainly a public
benefit. —

Surat
23rd January 1805.

I have the honor to be
signed/ David Seton
Resident

Translation of a Letter from Salim, and Seyud heir
Seyud Sultan Imaum of Muscat, to the Honble the Governr
dated ^{the} 24th Ranzan or ^{the} 27th December 1804, and received
^{at} 31 January 1805. —

A. B.

We had the pleasure some time ago
to write your honor a letter giving you a particular
account of our own affairs and the news of this place
which we hope by the blessing of God has safely arrived
and that you have become informed of the events
therein communicated. —

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We have now to apprise your honor that some of our own Relations joined by some tribes of Oman bordering on this Neighbourhood actuated by ambitious views, are conceiving evil designs against us, and meditating an attack on our dominions that they may possess themselves thereof. But we trust from your honor's friendships, and your prayers to Heaven for our Welfare, that in the midst of their rebellious attempts they will be repulsed, and sent back in sorrow to their own homes.

Your honor must be well aware that the Vessels belonging to Muscat whether the property of the Sircar, or private individuals now variously dispersed on different destinations, will be much alarmed and perplexed on their hearing the distracting intelligence of what has lately occurred here; In view to which we have thought proper to dispatch a Ship belonging to this Sircar / called the Sultany / Commanded by Ali Bin Sy. / Bin Imaum to Pedopenang and other Ports in
India,

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India, to take all the Vessels of this Port, whether belonging to the Sircar or any of its Subjects, wheresoever she may fall in with them, under her Convoys and to bring them to Muscat.

Now there is a Ship called the Gunjavee of this Port which your honor will know belonged to our late Father / may the Mercy of God be upon him / who put into her as Commander one of our Relations named Ali Bin Abduljan, of whose behaviour on this occasion we are not well confident, and we have to request that your honor in view to our friendships and Alliance, will write instructions to the several Agents of your Government at your different Ports and Settlements, directing them on the arrival of the Sultany / wheresoever it may be / to afford her / in the event of her meeting any difficulty in executing her instructions / every assistance and support, and if any of our Vessels arrive at Bombay you will oblige us by sending them on to Muscat, and by using forcible measures in the event of their refusing to proceed

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proceed there, I hope your honor will encourage and satisfy
the Merchants and people employed in our behalf that
they may not neglect our concerns, and we trust by the
blessing of God, that our affairs will yet come to a favorable
issue, and your honor will exceed the friendships and favor
which was so long bestowed on our Father, and in every
thing we doubt not to our perfect satisfaction.

If your honor has any commands
let us know them, and they shall be accordingly executed,
for remember we are as one, between whom no difference
exists, and we trust as a mark of friendship and regard
that you will always favor us with the pleasing accounts
of your health and welfare by every opportunity that
offer, and entrust us with any business that we may
be able to transact for you. —

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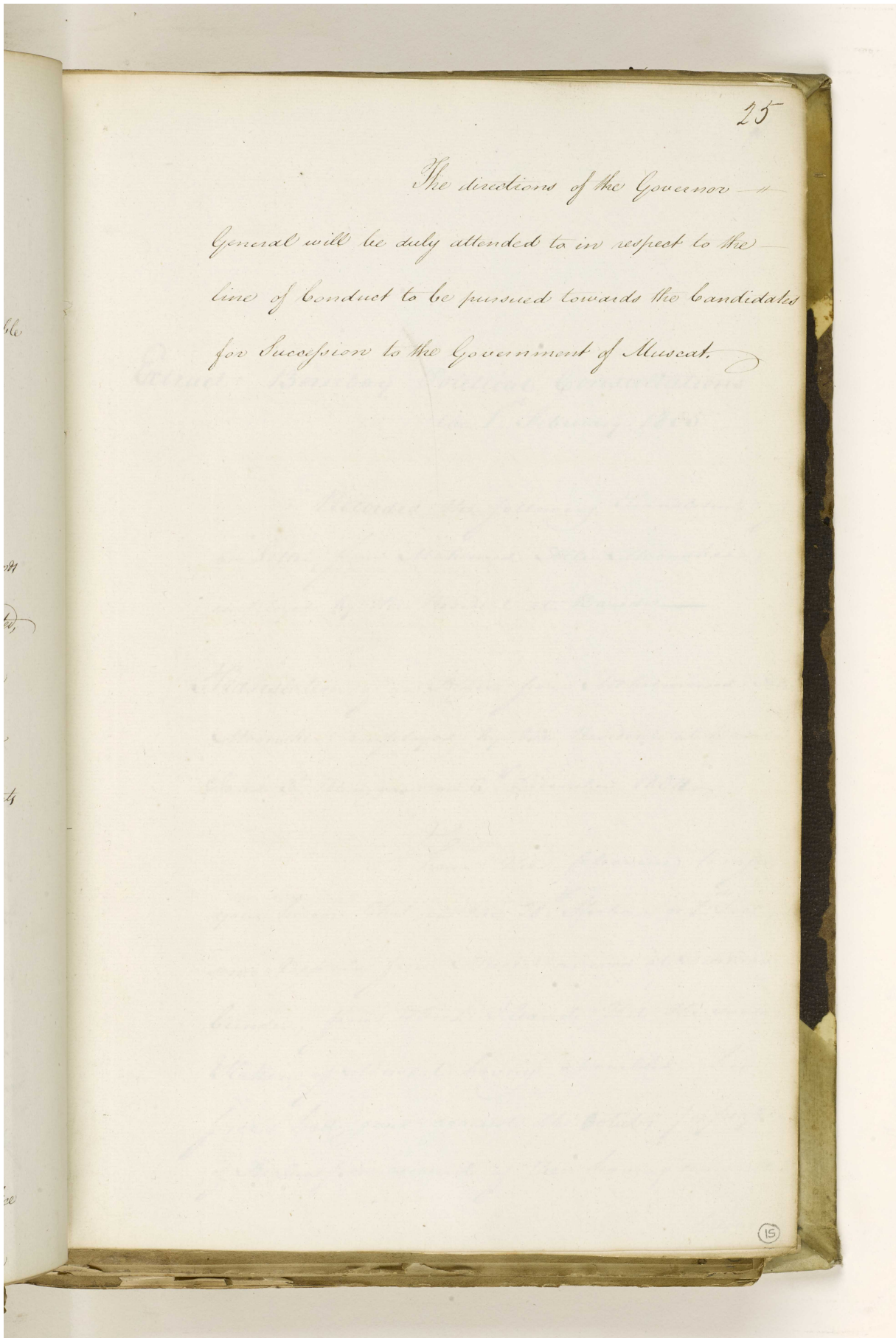
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/Signed/ J. Bouchier

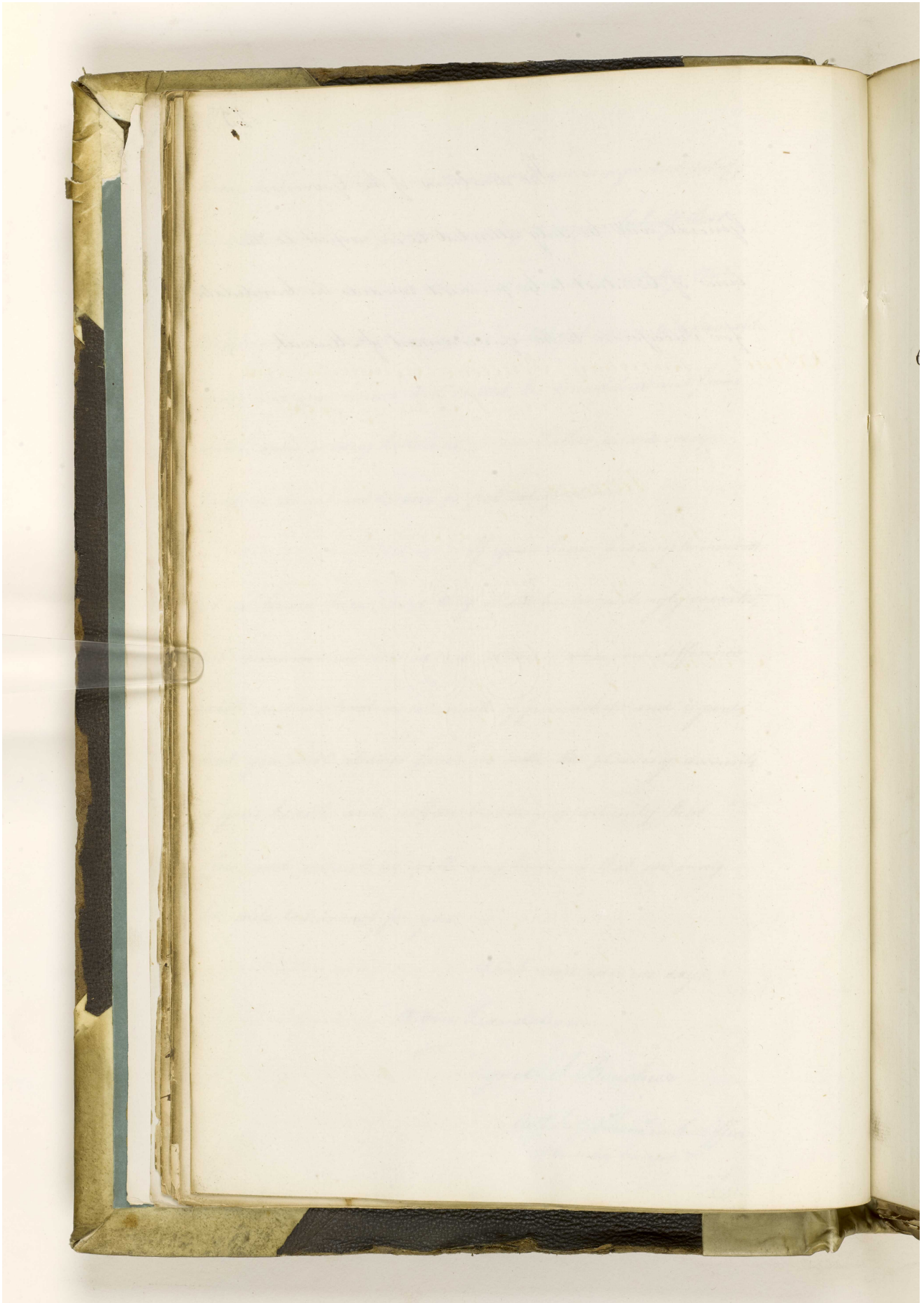
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Recorded the following Translation of
a Letter from Mahomed Abli Mooshee
employed by the Resident at Baroda —

Translation of an Order from Mohummed Abli
Mooshee employed by the Resident at Baroda,
Dated 3rd Mangard or 6th Decembris 1804

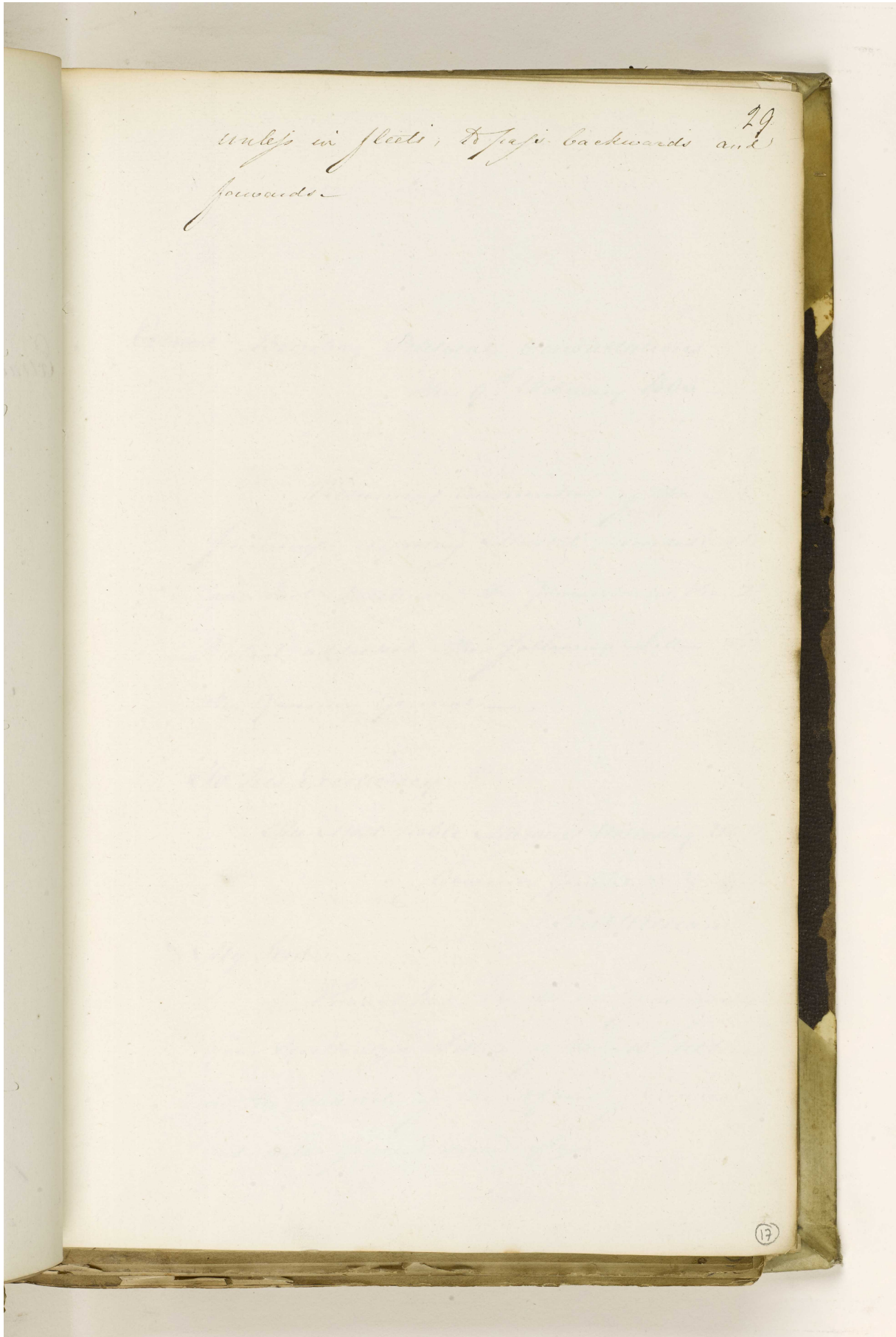
I have the pleasure to inform
your honor that on the 28th Shaban or 1st Dec^r,
some Vessels from Muscat arrived at Mardane
Coast, from which I learnt that the Sultan
Hakeem of Muscat having assembled his
forces had gone against the ~~Setubs~~ / or people
of Arabes / on account of their having committed

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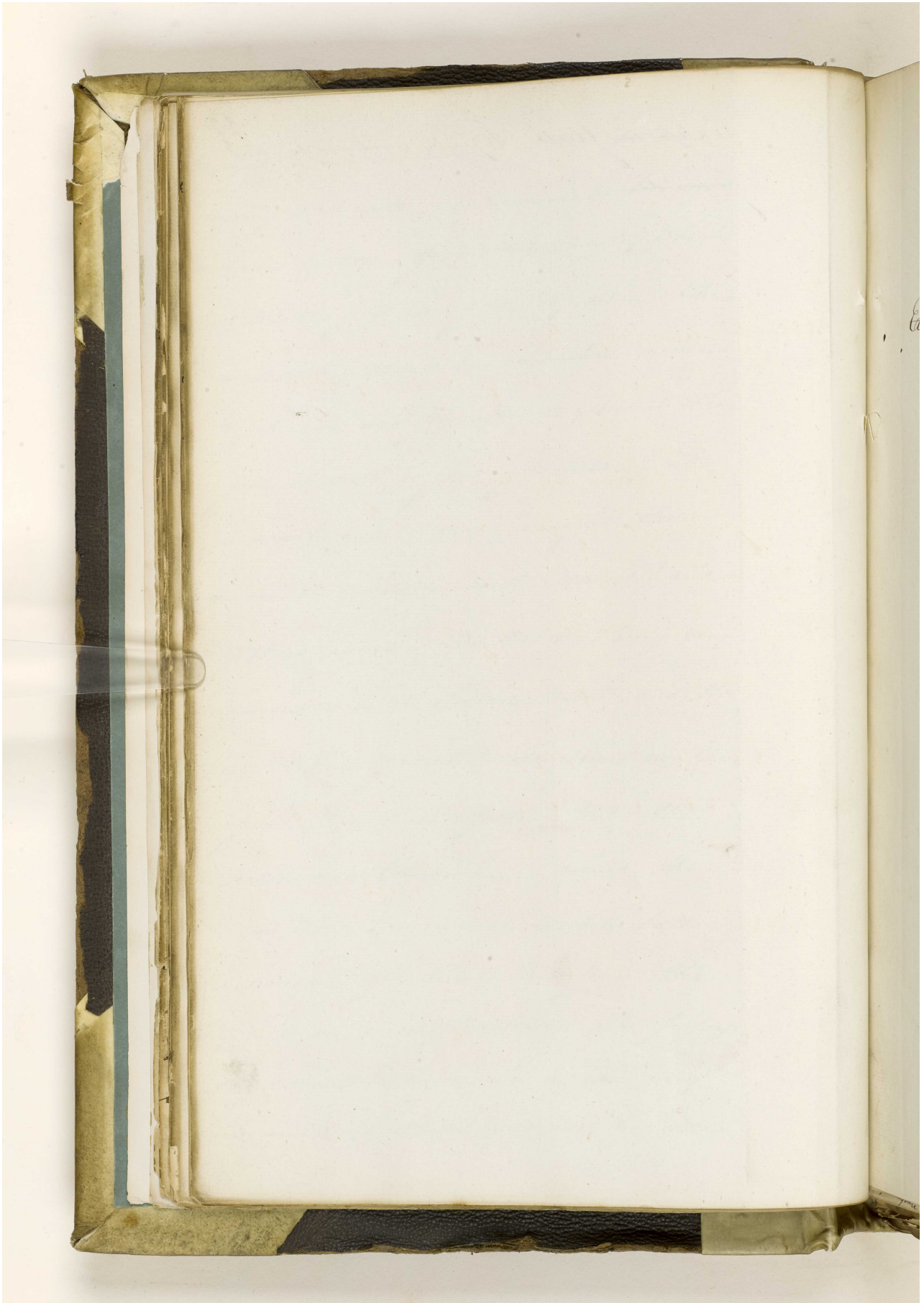
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frequent depredations at Sea, on the Vessels
 belonging to Muscat, and because he had some
 Revenue to recover from that Country which
 were the chief objects of the Depredation. The
 Imaum and his retainers has embarked on board
 a Vessel and was proceeding to Muscat then
 he fell in with a fleet of Wahabee's who
 have now become a very powerful Tribe
 and are at variance with Muscat and
 an Action ensued. The Wahabee's being very
 numerous took the Sultan's Vessel, and the
 Imaum Hakim of Muscat was slain in the
 Conflict. It is now reported that the
 Wahabee's and Oolubs have joined the
 Imaum's Government the late Sultan
 had usurped after driving him from the
 City, and are coming to Muscat. The passage
 to Muscat will in consequence be now very
 dangerous, and Ships will not be able
 unless

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the 9th February 1805—

Resuming Consideration of the
Proceedings respecting Muscat, recorded at
our last Meeting; the Governor on the 2^d.
Instant addressed the following Letter to
the Governor General—

To His Excellency

The Most Noble Marquis Wellesley G.C.B.
Governor General of India
Lord William—

My Lord,

I have had the honor of receiving
your Excellency's Letter of the 10th Ultimo
on the subject of the Affairs of Muscat,
and will proceed accordingly

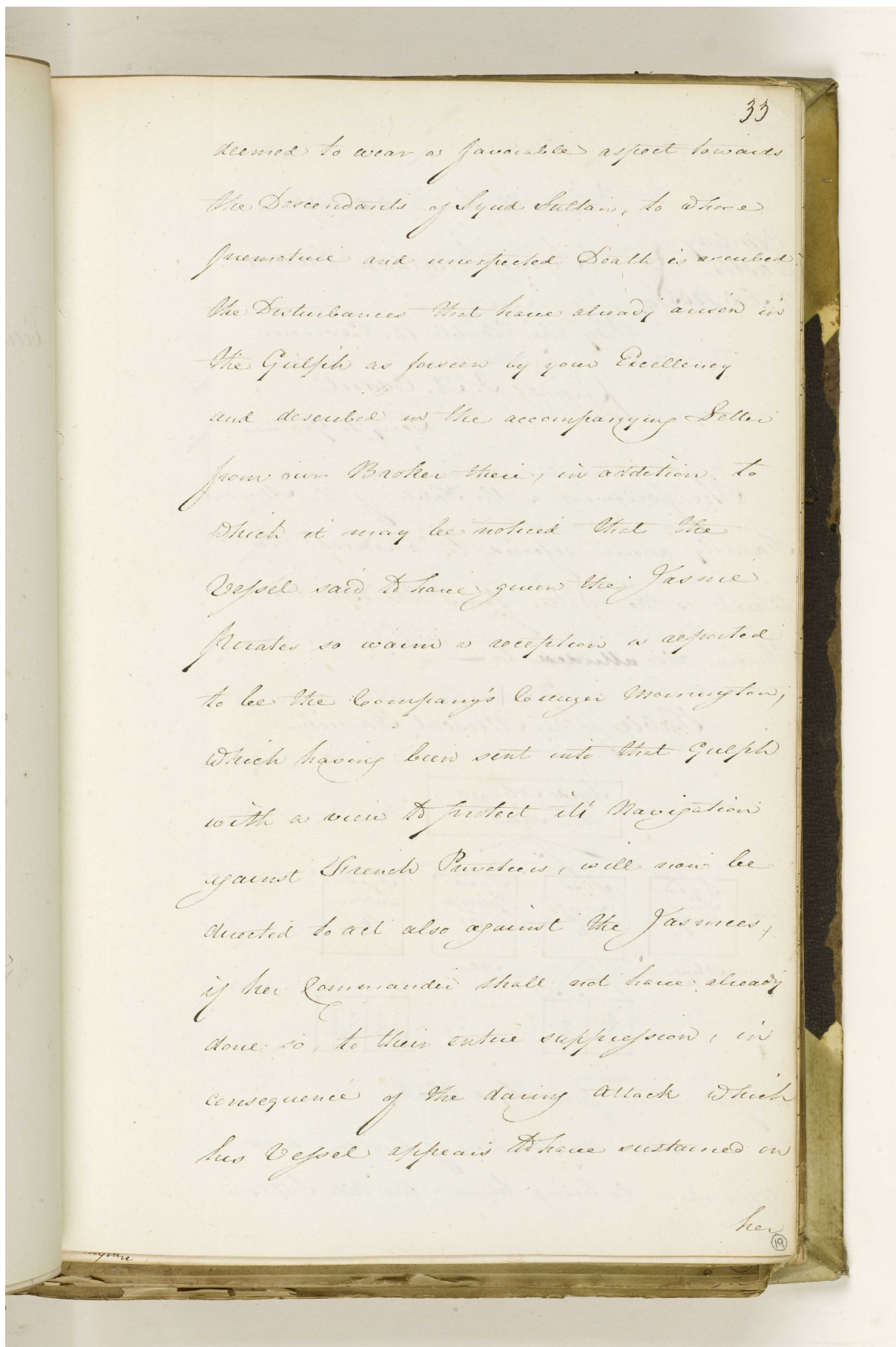
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2. There being no person here, whose local Information and influence could compensate the want of those Qualifications in the event of Captain Selous being prevented from proceeding to Muscat, and the heaviest part of that Officers Duties at Muscat being accomplished, he has been directed to deliver over the charge of his remaining Supplies to the Deputy Commandant of Stores at that Station, and to repair to the Presidency, whence he will be despatched without delay to Muscat.

3. I have the honor to refer to the accompanying Table of the Imaum's family, and annexed Memorandum, that will convey to your Excellency the most distinct and latest Information at present at my Command respecting the state of Affairs at Muscat. I think are deemed

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seemed to wear a favourable aspect towards
 the Descendants of Lyud Sultan, to whose
 present and unsuspected Death is ascribed
 the Disturbances that have already arisen in
 the Gulph as foreseen by your Excellency
 and described in the accompanying Letter
 from our Brother there; in addition to
 which it may be noticed that the
 Vessel said to have given the Joasme
 Pirates so warm a reception is reported
 to be the Company's Courier Marrynton,
 which having been sent into that Gulph
 with a view to protect its Navigations
 against French Privateers, will now be
 directed to act also against the Joasmees,
 if her Commander shall not have already
 done so, to their entire suppression; in
 consequence of the daring attack which
 his Vessel appears to have sustained on
her

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has Passage to Bushur

I have the honor to be Sir

Bombay
Castle
2^d Feb. 1805

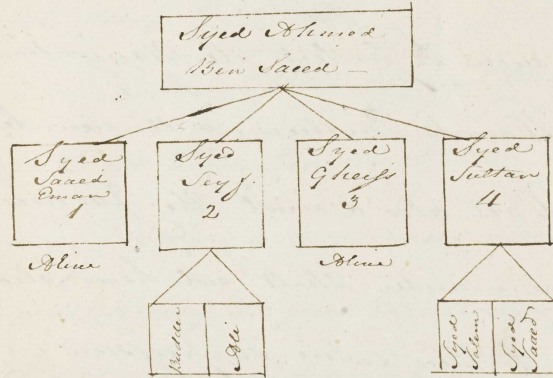
Signed Jonathan Duncan

By the Order the Governor

Signed J. A. Grant
Secy to Gov^{ty}

The following is the Table of the Muscat Family above referred to, annexed to which is the Letter from the Basha therein also alluded to

Table of the Muscat Family



Information from Syed Sucky

Ali the Brother of Budden was dispatched to bring home the late Sultan's

own

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own vessels and prevent their falling into
the hands of their Uncle George who had in
the same view written to Majed Beshkufain
then commanding a Gal. Ship in the Harbour
of Bombay to proceed thence to the Southward
for the same purpose - Ali Hussein arrived
and met these Ships on the 12th of Shawwal or
14th of January vizt. the Gungawari and the
Salehah, and altho' the former was commanded
by Ali Ben Shulfaian one of the Brothers
of Majed, Ali the Brother of Beddes went
aboard and secured his person
and carried off the two Ships in question
towards Muscat together with two private
Ships belonging to Ahmad Ben Jais, to
Majid Kaperin, and another the very day
after such Majid arrived but got nothing
as Ali had already disappeared with his
Company

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Budder has since gone into the
interior of the Country to levy Troops, but is not wholly
(as now thought) to make a separate cause from
the Sons of Syed Sultan; or to supplant them
in the Government appearing rather disposed to
act for their support under the direction of an
Aunt the Sister both of Syed Seef and Syed
Sultana by our Mother, and who is described
as a Woman of great Talent and likely to
prove very useful to her branch of the
family under the present circumstances —

Translation of a Letter from Puducool
Indurnal the Noble Company's Broker at
Muskat to the Noble Jonathan Duncan
Governor of Bombay dated Magsur —

After Compliments

I have been favoured with your
Honour's Letter of the 11th of Asteekwood or 16th of Dec^r
by a Servey and am fully sensible of its
Contents —

Yours

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I have now to inform your Honor that
 a Mr. Saylor embarked from Bombay, on a
 Boat belonging to Syed Sultan, bound to this
 Port, which on her passage fell in with a
 fleet of Joasmee Juggies in the plural
 Joasmee of Bhuzad with whom she
 engaged, Mr. Saylor managed the Gun of the
 Boat, but one accidentally bursting occasioned
 his Death, all his property which was on
 board the Boat the Sons of Syed Sultan
 have ordered to be landed and kept in the
 Sirkah Warehouse. Syed Saleem and Syed
 Saied the Sons of the late Imaum are now
 in possession of Muscat and continue to
 manage the Government thereof: Syed Bader
 Bin Syed Nephew of the late Syed Sultan
 has come over and joined them, but Syed
 Ghaffar and Syed Imaum Saied with the
 Dakeel Muhammed Bin Abduljau have

come?

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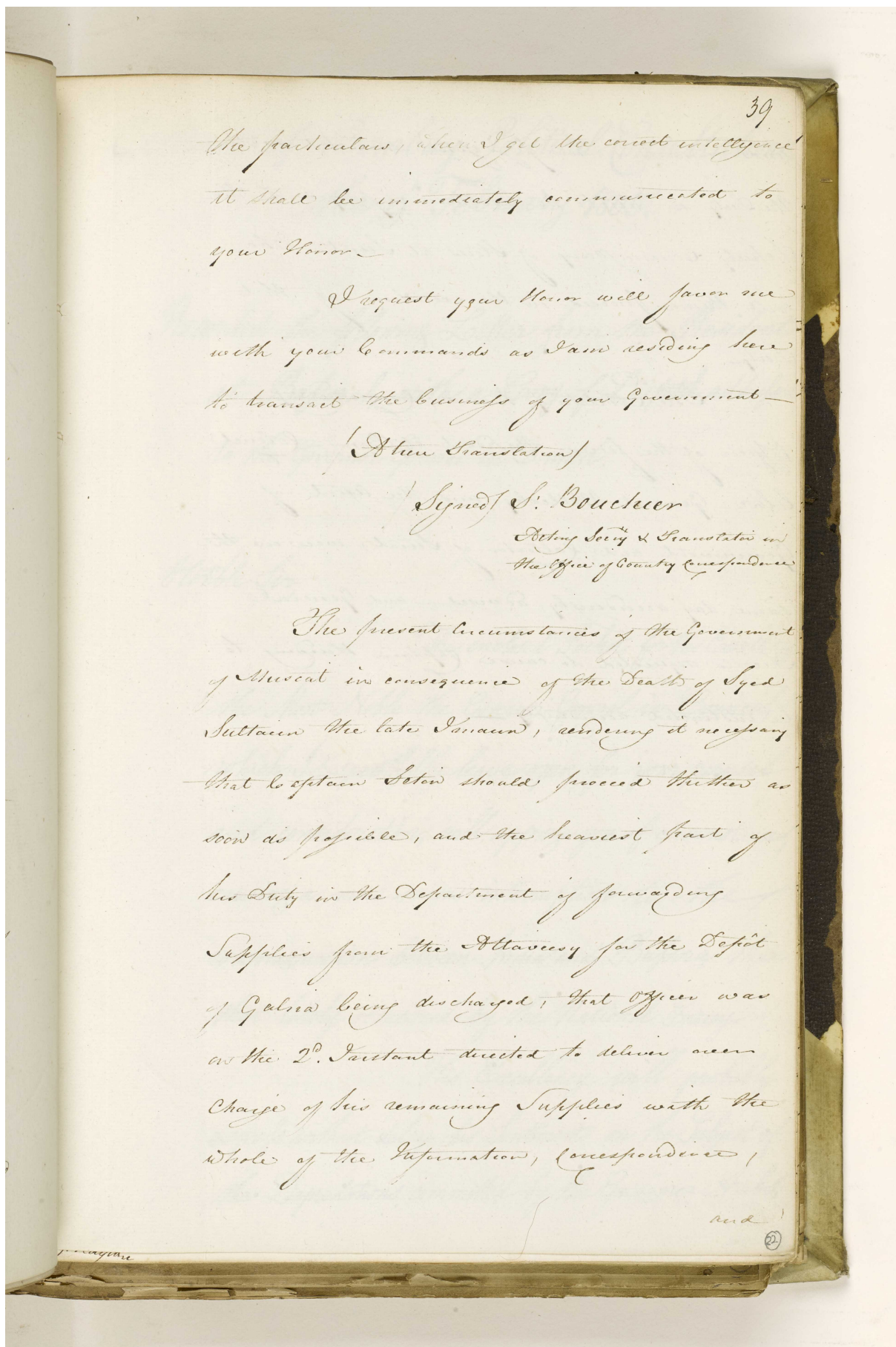
come from Oman to oppose them and are encamped at a place called Mathia. They have not however yet signified their intentions to be either peaceable or hostile —

Many Vessels belonging to the Joasmee are now cruising here for the purpose of Plunder, and I hear that an English Vessel proceeding to Bushire and Basora fell in with 5 of their fleet which she attacked, she burnt three of them in the action and the other two shewed off. The English Vessel escaped unhurt. I thought it my Duty to write this for your Honors information, that you might be careful by what Vessels you despatched your Packets now that the Joasmee are cruising in the Gulph —

It is also reported that another Vessel has been taken by the people of Masul Island, but I have not yet ascertained

the

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The particulars, when I get the correct intelligence
it shall be immediately communicated to
your Honor.

I request your Honor will favor me
with your commands as I am residing here
to transact the business of your Government.

(After Translation)

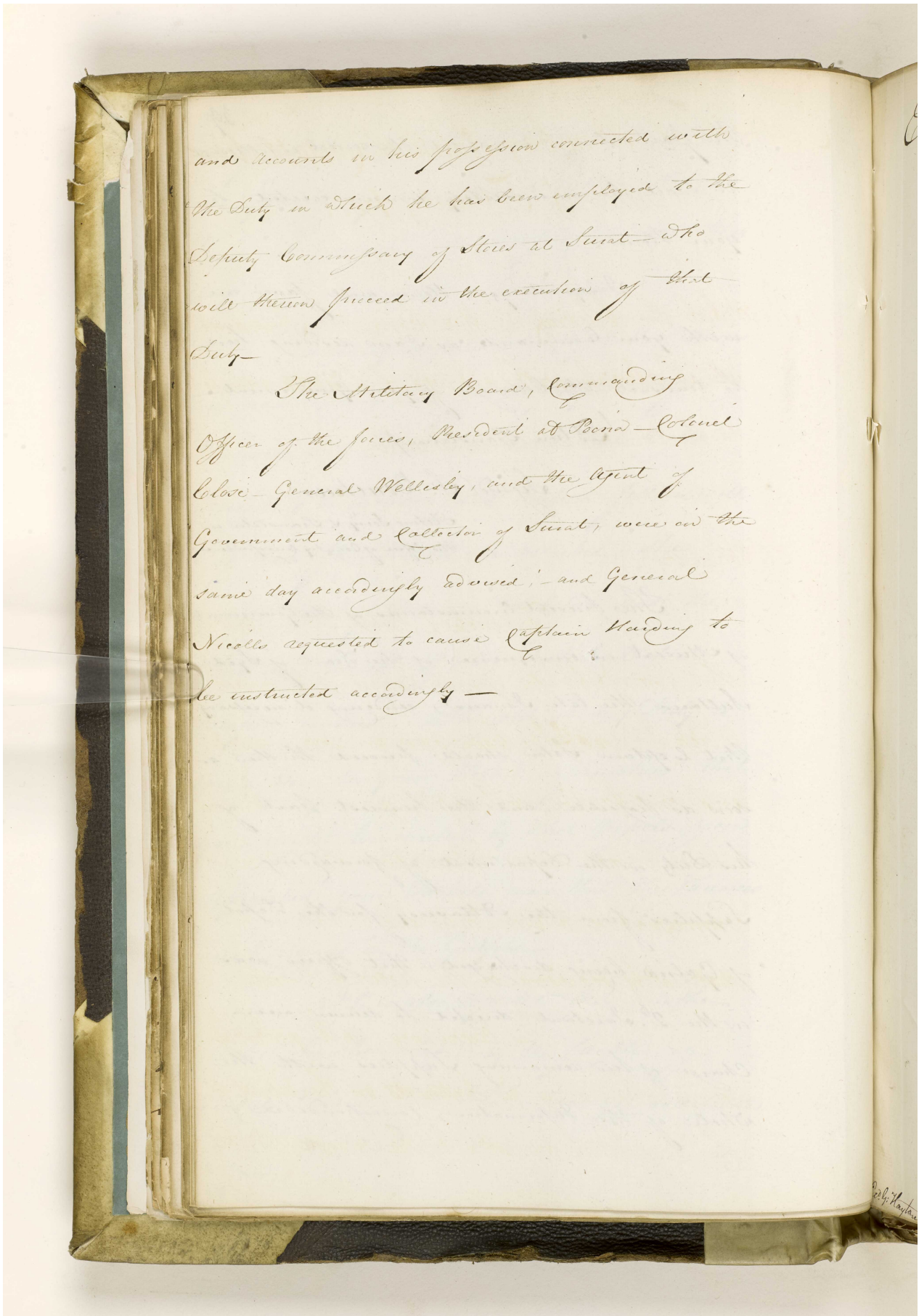
Signed S. Boucheer

Acting Secretary & Translator in
the Office of Country Correspondence

The present circumstances of the Government
of Muscat in consequence of the Death of Syed
Sultain the late Imaum, rendering it necessary
that to obtain Order should proceed thither as
soon as possible, and the heaviest part of
his Duty in the Department of forwarding
Supplies from the Attachee for the Depot
of Galra being discharged, that Officer was
as the 2^d Assistant directed to deliver over
Charge of his remaining Supplies with the
whole of the Information, Correspondence,

and
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the 9th February 1805.

Recorded the following Letter from the President
at Buzorah, with a Copy of Dispatch addressed
to the Governor-General in Council.

Honorable Sir,

The enclosed Packet for His Excellency
the Most Noble the Governor-General in Council
which I respectfully leave open for your perusal
and consideration, will apprize you of circumstances,
causing a more serious interruption to the
communication between India and Buzora than
that lately occasioned by the National Enemy.

His Excellency will probably
express without delay his Sentiments on the Subject of
the Depredations committed by the Joasmee Arabs.

G. Hayter

and

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and your superior judgment will suggest the most
advisable immediate measures, conducive to the
security of the Trade to the Gulph, and the National Correspondence
between Europe and India, by this Route.

Basora, }
2. January 1804.

I have the honor to be,

Yc.

Signed Samuel Maister.

Basora Presidency.

To His Excellency the Most Noble the Marquis Wellesley,
Governor-General, &c. in Council
at Fort William.

My Lord,

It is with infinite concern, that I respectfully
report to your Excellency a farther and more serious
interruption to the communication between Basora
and India, than that lately occasioned by the visit to
the Gulph of the French Privateer, La Fortune.

Late

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Later on the 17th Instant, I received Intelligence of the Capture, to the Northward of the Island of Bushmees, about the 1st ultimo, of the Brig Shannon and Trimmer, employed in the conveyance of Publick Advices for Europe, from the Presidency, by the Gausemee Arabs, which Intelligence has been confirmed, by Letters from Bushmees, and on the 29th ultimo, of the Shannon, liberated on the 11th preceding, in a much injured State, by Order of Shikhh Sultan ibn Lousser, the Gausemee Sheikh. The enclosed Copies of the Reports made to me, by the Commanders of the Shannon and Trimmer, who are no where, will make known to your Excellency, the dreadful circumstances, which attended their capture and subsequent captivity.

The Gausemee Tribe have been latterly subjected to the Authority of the Ah-habee Sheikhs, and in consequence of the recent fall of Syeds

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Syed Sultan, in a Sea Engagement, on his late returning Voyage from Bussora to Muscat, they have commenced Hostilities against many of the other Maritime Powers, and threaten the most destructive piratical Depredations.

The only possible immediate mode of attempting to check the inimical proceedings of the Joasmee Arabs towards English Vessels, by Negotiation, is through the medium of their new Master, Sheikh Sood ibn Abail Aziz the present Buhabee, Sheikh, and I have consequently determined, early to dispatch a confidential Person to Draceah charged with a Letter to the Sheikh, explanatory of the unfortunate events, which have taken place, and of the necessity of his causing immediate restitution of the Trimmer, of his issuing positive Orders to the Joasmee Arabs, whose Chief resides at Razil Ahama to observe a friendly conduct towards British Vessels
in

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in future, and of his declaring the nature of his own
Sentiments towards the British Nation.

I have much reason to believe, that
Sheikh Sood is favourably inclined towards us, but it is
very difficult to form an Opinion on the Subject of his
effecting the restitution of the Trimmer, and his taking
decided measures preventative of future insults
and injuries.

Your Excellency will duly estimate
the expediency of finally compelling the Offenders to respect
the British Flag. - I can only respectfully hint, that
if admission to the British Ports in India, be refused
to all Arab Vessels belonging to the Gulph, indiscriminately,
that single demonstration of British resentment must
operate, almost instantaneously, by the desirable effect of
reducing the Gausmee, and the other Maritime Tribes
to the necessity of cultivating British Friendship
for subsistence, and of making such Arrangements
amongst

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amongst themselves as would atone for present injuries,
 and prevent future inimical operations. To suffer
 further insults from Men, who depend on the Ports
 of Calcutta and Mangalore, for the Rice they eat,
 and on the Malabar Coast, for the Timber, with
 which they construct their Vessels, would be a
 circumstance, extremely derogatory to the honor and
 dignity of the British Government.

I am of Opinion, that it will be absolutely
 requisite, that Merchant Vessels be for a time prohibited
 visiting the Gulphs, unless extremely well armed, or under
 powerful Convoys, and that the Public Packets be
 transmitted from Buzora to Bombay, and from
 Bombay to Buzora, in Cruizers of real and
 considerable Force.

Such is the Strength and Number of the Dows
 and Boats, belonging to the Joasmee Tribe, that I dare not,
 in the present moment, notwithstanding the opportune
 arrivals

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arrival, and continuance on a Cruise in the Gulph of
the Honble Company's Ship, the Mornington, venture to
dispatch a single Vessel with my present Advices, for
Government, and I therefore direct the Queen and
Antelope to sail together on the plan of their proceeding
in company to the entrance of it, and there
separating the Queen, in prosecution of her
Voyage to the Presidency, and the Antelope
on her return to Buzora, attended to a
certain point of Latitude and Longitude
by the Mornington.

I flatter myself that you will
approve the tenor of the accompanying Copies
of my Letters of this Date to the
Commanders of the Queen, Antelope and Mornington,
and I have again the honor to subscribe myself with
the greatest Respect, &c.

Buzora }
2. January 1805. }

(Signed) Samuel Manesty.

To

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To Samuel Manesty Esq.

President ^{at}

Bussora.

Sir,

It is with respect, I address you on
this occasion, stating the melancholy circumstance
that occurred on board the Brig Shannon, under
my command in the Persian Gulph, on the 1st Instant.

At about Half an Hour after noon on
the aforementioned Day when the Island of Bhor
bore South, with the Wind at East South East
having all Sails set, we descried a square rigged
Vessel bearing West North West, and shortly after several
Dows around her, the Vessel appearing much like the
Brig Trimmer, Captain Cunningham made me conclude
it was her, and that she had been captured by the
Pirate Dows about her, every Person on board also
concurring in Opinion, that such a circumstance
had

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had been effected, made me resolve, (being then clear of the West-Extreme of Johor, to alter my course from West by North to South West, with the intention of avoiding them. At a Quarter of an Hour before Two o'Clock, I perceived, that Fifteen Dories and other Country Boats, were in chase of us, and every preparation was made, to defend ourselves, should they attack us, the Chase was continued till between Two and Three o'Clock, when they were within Musquet Shot distance. I hoisted my Ensign, and hailed them in Arabic, to which they did not make any reply but continued to approach nearer. I hailed a second, desiring them to come no nearer, when they immediately fired a Musquetoon Shot on board us, and which determined me to repel the attack, they were about making. I consequently ordered a Broad-side of Four Guns to be discharged at them, which was repeated with the small Arms.

We

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We had Eight of the Dons, being then but a short
 distance off, one of which was obliged to haul her
 Wind from us for a short time, however, soon after,
 being Three o'Clock, the whole of them bore down
 and boarded us, Sword in hand, taking possession of
 the Vessel, and treating myself and Crew most
 severely. I am sorry to inform you, that on
 the occasion, we had One Man killed, and Four
 badly wounded, besides myself being most cruelly
 treated, they having cut off my Left Hand, by the
 Wrist, and wounded me in Nine other places about
 the Head and Body, plundered us of every thing we
 possessed to the very covering we had on, at the
 time, leaving us naked, and destitute of any thing
 to eat, or drink. In this inhuman manner
 did they oblige me to remain on the
 Decks, unable to stir, from the loss of
 blood, I had sustained, and really should have
 perished,

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perished, was it not for a little Wine and Biscuits
that I saved (for Eight Days).

The Cargo, that we had in, was all
plundered, and taken away, also several Stores
belonging to the Vessel, her Guns, eight Sails, one
Anchor, one Grap Nail, a new Kauser, a Fore, and
left Mainsail, one lower and Three Top Gallant
Steering Sails, and otherwise damaged her much.
The Packet that I received at Bombay was also
taken by them, and all the Letters torn; a few
of which, I have been able to save.

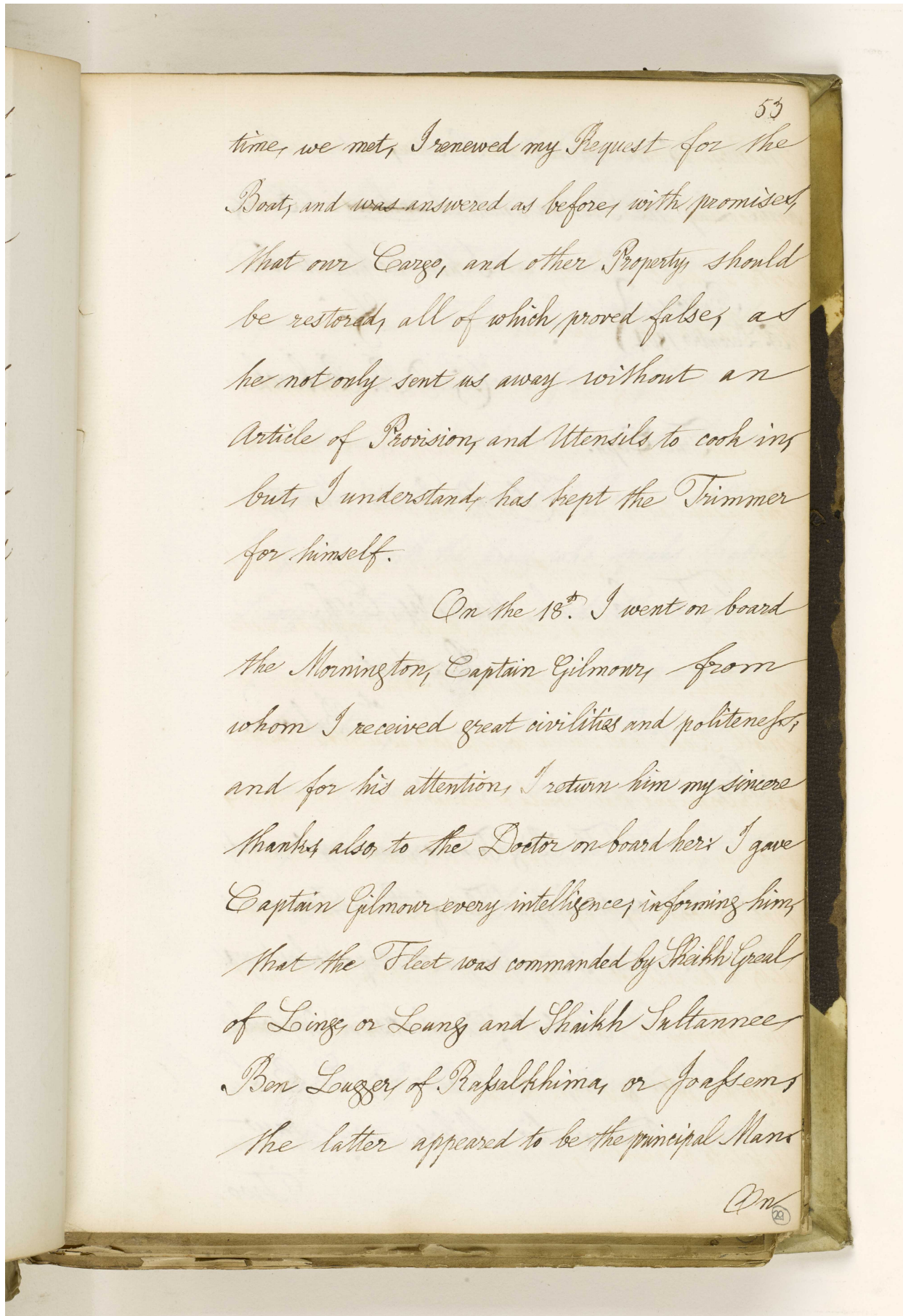
On the 11th. about 3, A. M. a Boat
was sent on board, to tell us, we were at liberty to
proceed to where we chose, at the same time giving
us one Bag of Dates only for our subsistence, a
Compass, part of our old Ensign, and two Guns
with their Carriages; they also sent us all the
Christians that were taken in the Trimmer, with Three
Washermen

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Watermen for Mr. Donald, at Buzora, and in their unprovided state, we set sail from Charack Bay with a light Breeze from the North-East, up the Gulph, for Bushire.

During our detention, I had opportunities of conversing twice with the Shaikh, the first time was Four Days after we were captured, when I represented the very cruel treatment we had received, and complained of our being left in a starving state, to which he made no Reply. I then requested him to furnish me with a small Boat, that sailed well, to land us at either Bushire, or Buzora, and that I would be answerable for his Boat being safe, and pay him Five Thousand Rusters. To which, he replied that he could not part with me, without the Nefel went also, as he was not at War with the English, but wanted the Property that belonged to Bushire, Muscat, and Buzora; however, after questioning his reason for allowing us and the Nefel to be plundered, he would make no Reply. The second
times

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On the 19th we arrived at Bushire and on the
same Day, the Shannon anchored ~~anchored~~ in the Evening.

Bufoora }
29th December 1804.

I have the honor to be,

Sr.

(Signed) R. Bacheck.

True Copy.

(Signed) Samuel Manesty.

To Samuel Manesty, Esq.

President,

at Bufoora.

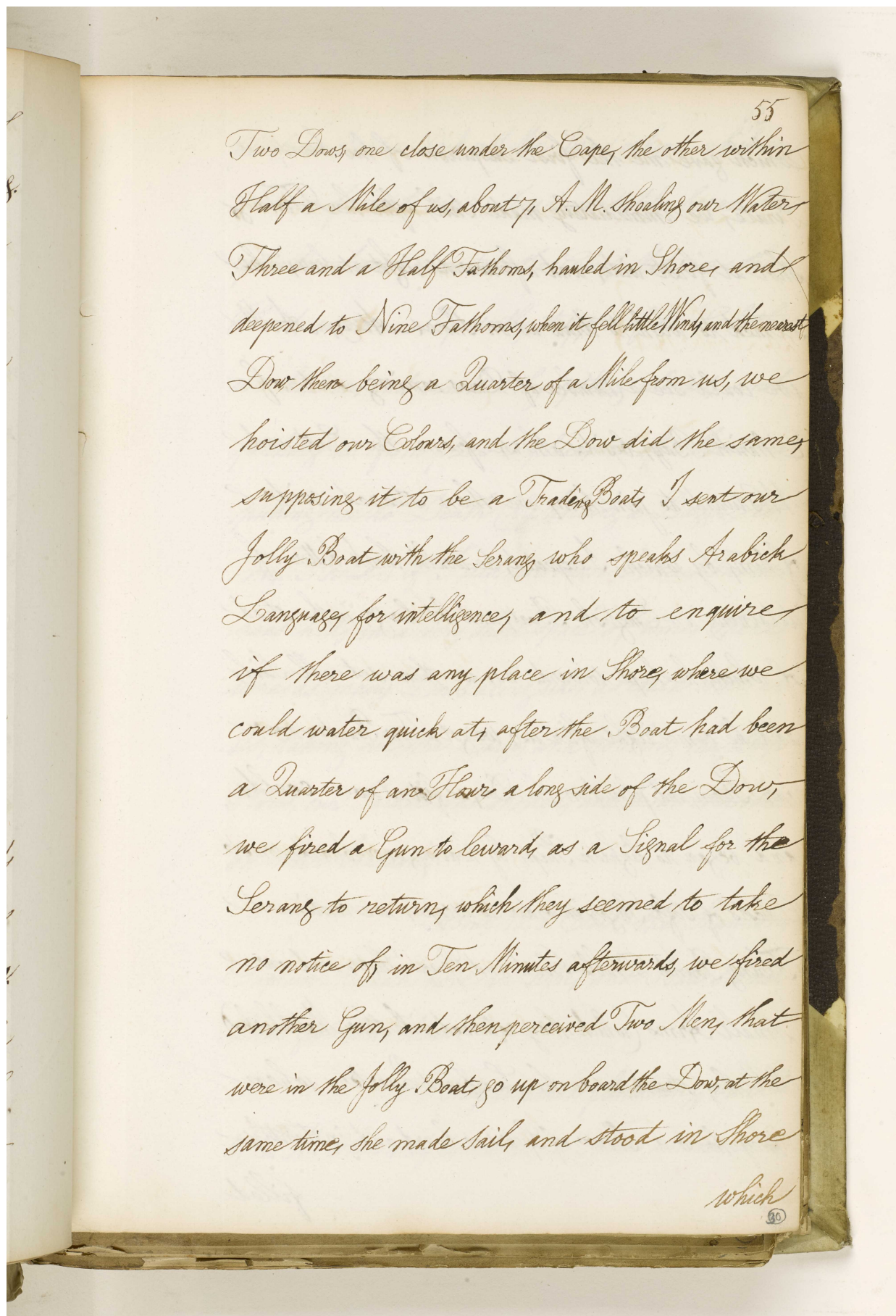
Sir,

The Brig Trimmer, under my command,
having been captured by a Fleet of Pirate Dons and
Bottchas, I think it necessary to state the particulars to you.

On the 1st of December 1804, at Day-break,
in the Morning, Cape Ceret, bearing E. B. S.
Distance, Five or Six Miles, we saw

Two

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which gave me the first suspicion of his being a
Pirate, we immediately made sail, after her Firing
shot at first wide, and afterwards right at her, She
seemed to wish to draw us on shore. At 9, A.M.
we could see a number of Dows coming out of
Charish Bay, besides others, from the East and
Westward, to join him, we then steered wide
of him, by which, I expected, he would think better of
detaining an English Boat, and let her go, in the stead
of which, he kept towards us, we then set all sail,
and he came right after us, we got a Four Pounder over
our Stern, and played on the Dow, as fast as we could,
and began to lighten Ship, by heaving over-board, some
Chests of soft Sugar, in order to escape, we continued
Firing Pound Double Head and Grape Shot, and our
small Arms (which they returned with their Matchlocks)
till they struck us on the Larboard Quarter, when
they threw a Shower of Spears on board, and instantly
filled

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filled our Quarter Deck with Men, Sword in hand, which was
in vain for us to resist, they immediately began to
plunder, having wounded the Chief Mate in the
Hands, we were all presently stripped of the Cloths
we had on, and insulted by spitting at us, and
pushing us from place to place, and often threatened
putting me to Death (by holding a Dagger to
my Breast) if I did not discover where Treasure
was hid, in a very short space of time, there
were as many Dows along side, as could come at
us, taking out the Cargo, and robbing the Ship's
Stores, our Packet was shotted, and thrown over board
on their boarding.

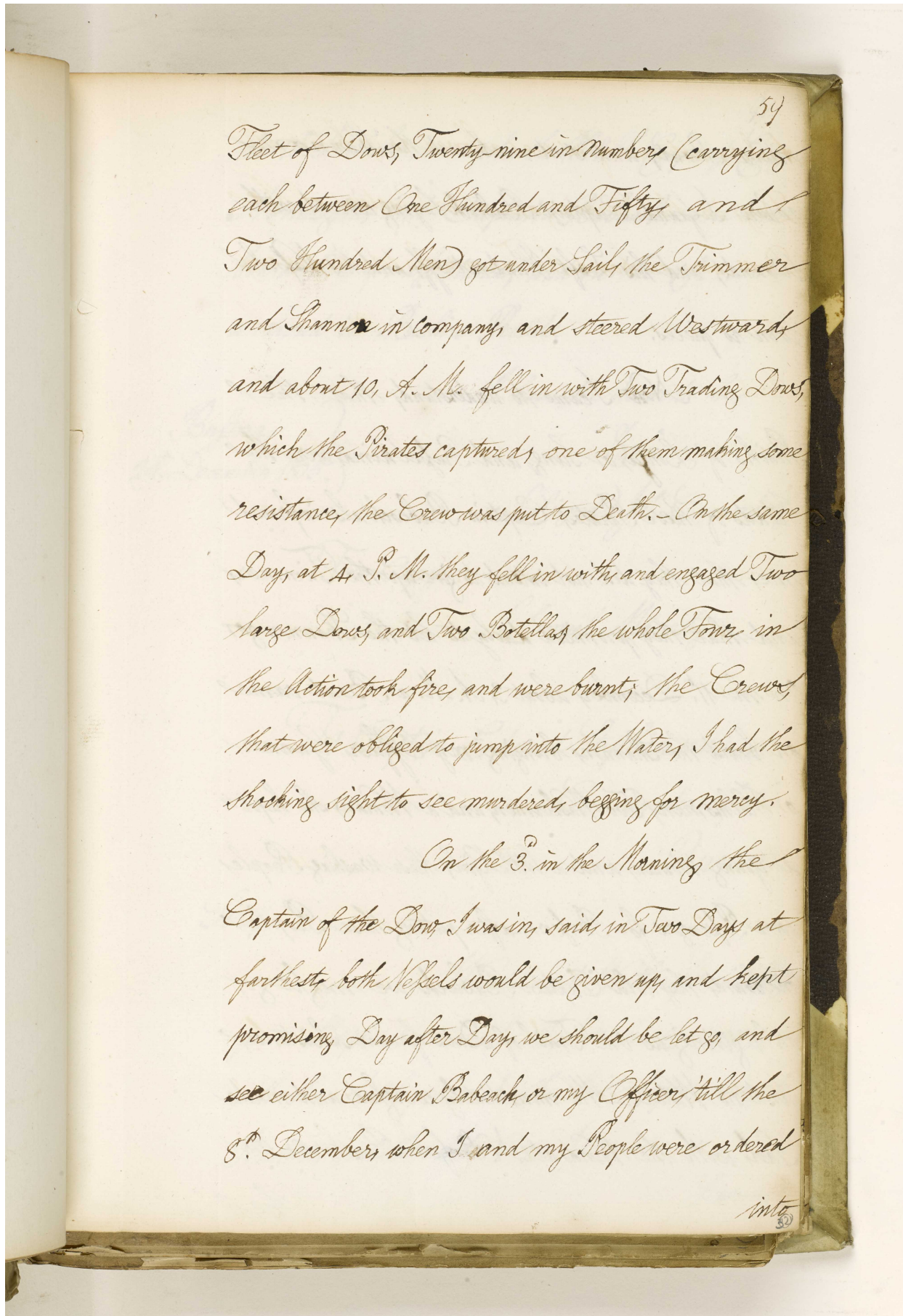
About 12 o' Clock, the Shannon's
Captain Balach, hove in sight, and I saw several
Dows give him chase.

They continued plundering 'till
5, P. M. when they towed us in Shore, and came to
Anchors

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Anchors, not one of us was allowed to go below all Day; in the Evening one of the Captains of the Dows came on board the Trimmer, who told me, they only intended to take our Cargo, that was the Property of Merchants at Bushire, and that in a Day or two, the Brig would be given up, and all the Stores taken out returned. This Man took me, my Servants, two Helmsmen, and an Armenian Passenger, on board his Dow (my Officer having lost so much Blood, could not be removed) under pretence of looking for our Cloths, when on board the Dow, they gave us an old Sail to lay on, and all we had to eat was a few Dates, and sometimes a small Piece of Salt Fish, all the time, we were with them.

On the 2^d. December, in the Morning we found the Shannon brought into the Fleet, seemingly treated, as we had been, I requested to go on board her, but was not allowed. About 8, A. M. the whole Fleet



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Fleet of Dows, Twenty nine in Number, (Carrying each between One Hundred and Fifty, and Two Hundred Men) got under Saily the Trimmer and Shannon in company, and steered Westwards and about 10, A. M. fell in with Two Trading Dows, which the Pirates captured, one of them making some resistance, the Crew was put to Death. - On the same Day, at 4. P. M. they fell in with, and engaged Two large Dows, and Two Botellas the whole Four in the Action took fire, and were burnt, the Crews that were obliged to jump into the Waters, I had the shocking sight to see murdered, begging for mercy.

On the 3^d in the Morning the Captain of the Dow I was in, said in Two Days at farthest, both Vessels would be given up and kept promising, Day after Day, we should be let go, and see either Captain Babeach, or my Officer, till the 8th December, when I and my People were ordered

into

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into a Boat, and sent on board the Shannon, where I found Captain Babcock lying covered with Wounds, and his Left Hand cut off and his Vessel torn to pieces.

Now I came to understand, that the Shaiks of Linja, or Sunq, and Pufelkima, were the Heads of these Pirates. Captain Babcock also informed me, that they did not intend to give up the Trimmers, and that they promised daily to let the Shannon go. On the 11th December, about 3 A. M. a Boat came on board the Shannon, bringing my Officer, Gunner, a Helmsman, Two Washermen, and a Woman, she kept a young Woman, and a little Girl, these Washing People were Passengers for Bafra, after putting these People on board, they told Captain Babcock, we might go, only giving us one Trail of Dates for our subsistence, and no Waters. We immediately weighed, and made Sail with the Wind at N.E. for Bushire, on the

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the 18th December, we spoke the *Antelope* Company's *Cruger*,
Normington, and Captain Bubeach, went on
board her, for assistance, and on the 19th we
anchored in Bushire Roads.

Bushira,
29th December 1805.

I have the honor to be

Sir

(Signed) J^r. Cummins.

True Copy.

Samuel Manesty.

To Captain Edward Stephenson,
Commander of the
Queen.

Sir,

Winds and Weather permitting
you will please to weigh Anchor, in company
with the *Antelope*, make the best of your way to
Bushire, and thence to Cape Jasques.

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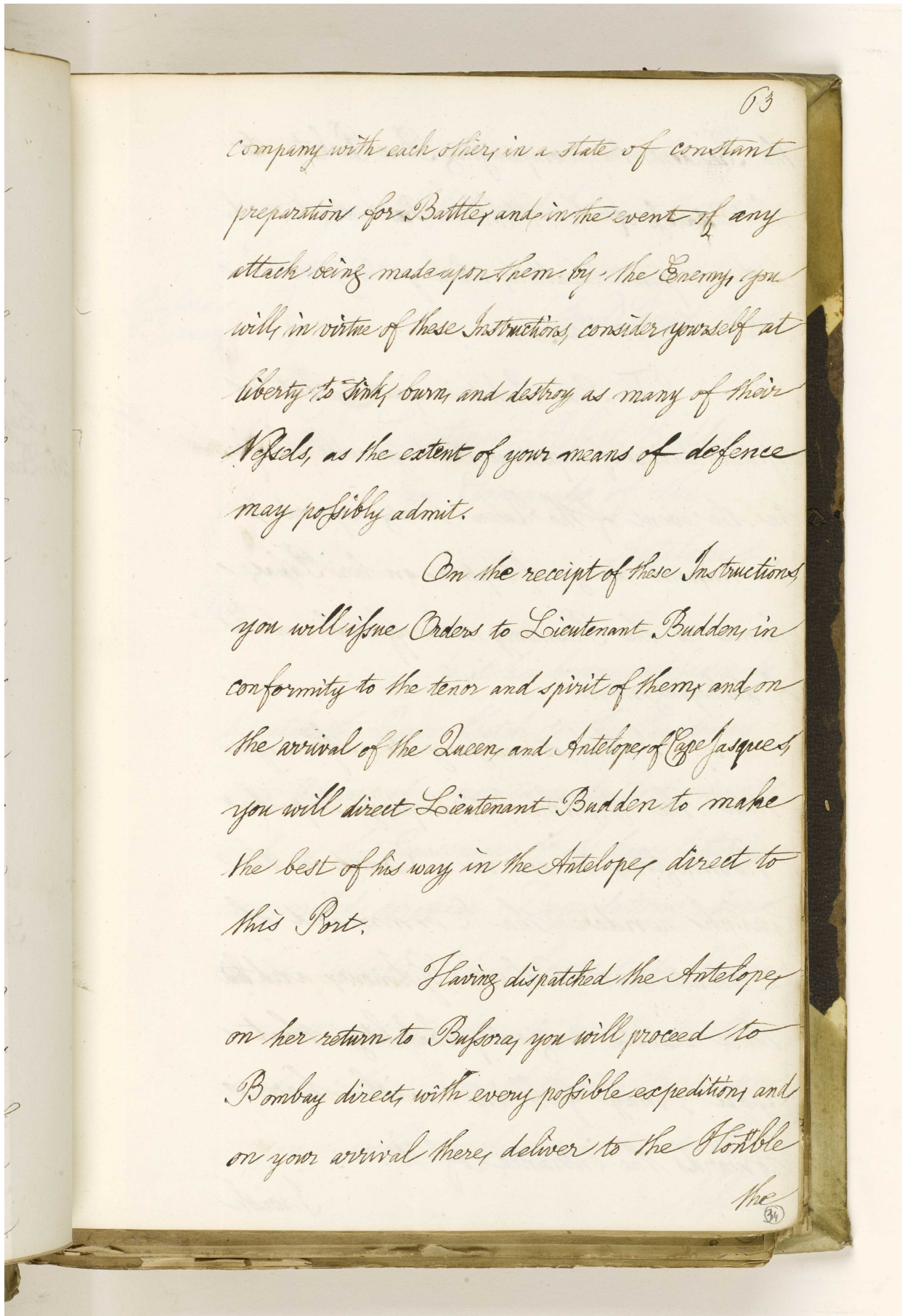
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During your stay at Bushire, you will take charge of such public Advices for India, as may be delivered to you, at that place.

You will please to understand, that the Antelope, for the Commander of which Nefel, I enclose a Letter, is put under your Order, in consequence of the recent Capture, by the Gausemee Arabs, of the Bries Shannon and Trimmer, and of that powerful Tribe, having been encouraged by the fall of Syed Sultan, in a Sea Engagement, on his returning Voyage from Bufora to Muscat, to commence Hostilities against many of the other Maritime Tribes of the Gulph, and to threaten the most destructive piratical Depredations.

Such is the Strength and Number of the Doves and Boats, belonging to the Gausemee Arabs, that it will be absolutely necessary, that, in the Passage down the Gulph of the Queen and Antelope, they keep
Company

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The President, the accompanying Box Packets to
the Address of the Honble the President in Council,
with all private Letters, which you may receive
either here, or elsewhere

The Box Packet in question contains
official Advice of importance, and you will, therefore,
in the event of the Queen being exposed to
imminent danger of Capture, on her Passage,
hence to the Presidency take effectual means
of destroying them.

I think it necessary to inform you
that the Honble Company's Ship, the
Mornington, is now on a Cruise, in the
Gulph, under the Command of
Lieutenant Charles Gilmour, and
there exists a great probability that
you may fall in with her
towards the entrance of it.

I wish

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I wish you Health, and a speedy
and prosperous Passage, and I am, with much
Esteem, &c.

Bufoas }
2. January 1805.

(Signed) Samuel Manesty.

To Lieutenant Robert Budden,
in Command of the
Antelope.

Sir,

As it has become necessary to
dispatch the Queen Betch to the Presidency
with Advices of importance to Government
and as the Joasmee Arabs have latterly
committed piratical Depredations in
the Gulph, I have thought it advisable, as a
measure of precaution, to put the Antelope
under the Orders of Captain Stephenson
you will therefore please to cause, that

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Vessel to proceed to Sea, with the Queen, and to obey the Instructions of that Gentleman, for your farther proceedings.

The united Force of the Queen, and the Antelope, being on my estimation, sufficiently considerable to enable them, successfully to cope with the Joasmee Pirates, in the event of their being attacked by them, I have not the smallest doubt of their security on their Passage down the Gulph, but as in compliance with my Instructions, Captain Stephenson will on their safe Arrival off Cape Jaques, cause the Antelope to separate from the Queen, and direct you expeditiously to return to Busora, and as danger might possibly attend you, attempting to execute his Orders, in the Antelope alone, I enclose to your care, a Letter for Lieutenant Charles Gilmore, in command of the Honble Companys Ship the Mornington

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Mornington, now employed on a Cruise in the Gulph, and probably stationed near the entrance of it, in which, I have strongly recommended to that Gentleman, to accompany the Antelope, with the Mornington, to such a point of Latitude and Longitude, as may to his judgment appear requisite, under existing circumstances, and as may according to the general spirit of his Orders from Government, or the occurrence of particular events, be advisable.

You will please to deliver the Letter in question to Lieutenant Gilmour, whenever the Antelope may fall in with the Mornington, and consult with him on the Subject of it.

I wish you safe, speedy and pleasant Voyage, and I am, with much Esteem, &c.

Bukhara,
2^d January 1805.

(Signed) Samuel Manesty.

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To Lieutenant Charles Gilmour,
In Command of the
Mornington.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt, on the 27. Instant, from Lieutenant Livingstone and Campbell, of the public Baskets confided to your care, at the Presidency, and to inform you that I now dispatch the ~~Queen~~ Betty, with Advice of importance, for the Government in India.

In consequence of the late piratical Depredations of the Gauseme Arabes, of which, you obtained information at Bushire, and of the probability of the Mornington having taken up a Cruizing Station, near the entrance of the Gulph, I have deemed it advisable, as a measure of precaution, to direct Lieutenant Budden, of the Antelope, to put himself under the Orders of Captain Stephenson, of the Queen, in

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in consequence of which Arrangement, the two
Vessels will sail hence together, and will not separate,
until their arrival, in the vicinity of Cape Ismael,
whence the Queen will proceed to Bombay, and the
Antelope return towards Buzora.

As the United Force of the Queen
and the Antelope is, in my estimation, sufficiently
considerable, to enable them successfully to cope with
the Joasmee Pirates, in the event of their being
attacked by them, I have not the smallest doubt
of their security, in their Passage down the Gulph,
but as it is my wish, that the Antelope, whose
Services will probably be speedily required here,
should effect her returning Passage, with safety
and expedition, and as danger might possibly
attend her, attempting it alone, I think it my Duty,
strongly to recommend, that, on the receipt of this
Letter from Lieutenant Budden, you determine

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to accompany the Antelope in the Mornington,
to such a situation, towards the upper part of
the Gulph, as may to your judgment appear requisite
under the circumstances herein stated, and, as may
according to the general spirit of your Orders from
Government, or the occurrence of particular events,
be admissible.

I have the pleasure to express my ardent wishes
that the result of the Mornington's Cruise in the Gulph under
your Command, may tend to the promotion of the public Interests,
and to increase of your own professional Credit
and Reputation, and I am, with much Esteem, &c.

Bussoras }
2^d January 1805. } (Signed) Samuel Manesty.

True Copy.

(Signed) Samuel Manesty.

The Proceedings above reported, appear judicious, and
meriting the Approbation of Government.

W. Gilbert

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultations the 19th February 1805

Recorded the following Letter from the
Superintendent of the Marines with Report from the
Commander of the Honorable Company's Cruiser Mornington
Honorable Sir.

The receipt of Mr. Secretary Grant's letter
of this day's date enclosing a Report from the
Master of the Euphrates having induced a reference
to a Letter from the Commander of the Mornington
to my Predecessor, giving a particular account of the
piratical attack upon the Honorable Company's Cruiser.
I have the honor of sending a transcript of Lieutenant
Gebourn's detail and of recommending his prudent
yet spirited conduct, to the favorable notice of your
Honorable Court.

Bombay the
14th February 1805

I have the Honor to be
Signed W. L. Money
Capt. Robert

Gilbert

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committed in the Persian Gulph by the Joasmee Pirates.' [38v] (76/114)

Robert Anderson Esq.

Superintendent of the U. S. Marine.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable
Company's Ship Mornington arrived at Bushire on
the 19th Instant, and sailed again on the 20th at Night
having landed the Dispatches, and procured a supply
of fresh Stock. We entered the Gulph on the 7th
of December, and on the 11th in the morning being
abreast of the Island of Behor, we saw Forty five
sail on the Starboard bow standing athwart our
at noon, we discovered the Fleet to consist of
Eleven large Dons, thirty three Sunkys, and a Snow.
The Wind was from the S. E. but very light and
suspected the Snow to be an Enemy from her
being under reduced Sail in very fine Weather. I
changed our Course more to the Westward to
endeavor to cut her off, at the same time observed
that as fast as the light fast Sailing Boats got

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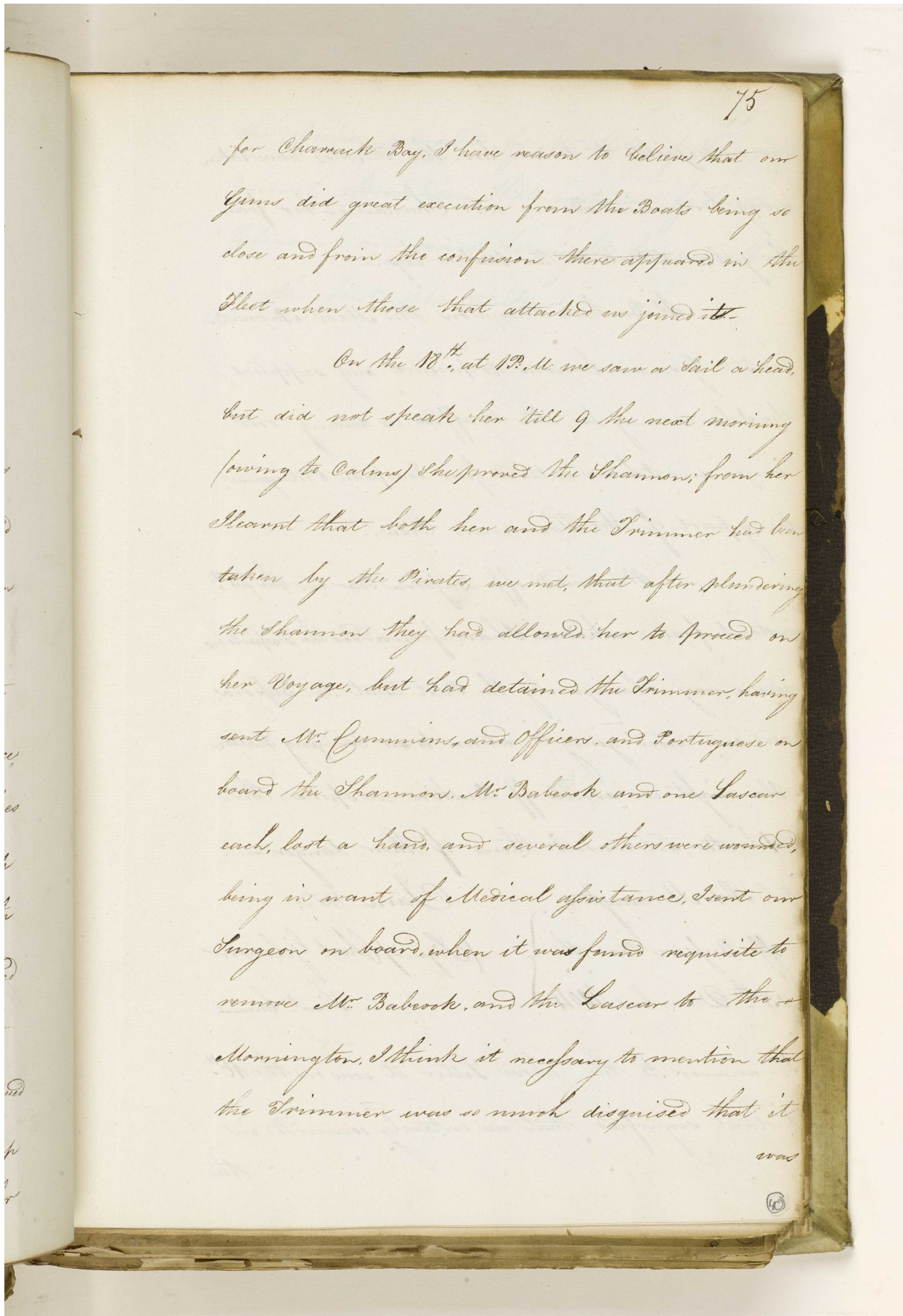
a-Head of us they Tacked and pulled towards us - By
 one O'clock, seven or eight were within Musket Shot
 on our Starboard Beam, where after Parading some
 time they made Sail a head passing our Stern,
 they again wore and stood on the same course with
 us hailing each other, and making Signs for us
 to stop: I had before this hoisted an old English
 Ensign with intent to deceive the Snow, they were
 now hailed in their own Language to know where
 they belonged to and what Snow was in Company, but
 they would give no answer, except one who said they
 belonged to the Imaum, after continuing some time
 on the Starboard Beam, as if to examine the Vessel
 they again wore and made Sail Aft: I was in
 hopes to pass us quietly, but when long Musket Shot
 off, they wore, parting and sailing right in our Wake
 - We now prepared to receive them, but as I intended
 only to act on the Defensive, we hailed them once
 more to keep off, or they should be fired at, at the
 same

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same time I ordered the Colours to be changed to
 the Honorable Company's, on seeing our Ensign
 hoisted down, they fired two Muskets at us, which
 I ordered to be returned by a single shot from the
 Stern chase laid clear of them, upon which a
 general discharge of Musketry with one Great
 Gun were fired at us. The Vessel all this time was
 under all sail standing up the Gulph, we shortened
 sail and gave them two Discharges of Grape from
 the Stern Guns, which not having the desired
 effect, I found it necessary to convince them that
 we had it in our power to punish their insolence,
 and accordingly hoisted two, and fired two Broadides
 which made them sheer off, taking a long sweep
 to join the body of the Fleet which with the
 Snow were still a long way off, we now resumed
 our course under easy sail, and made every
 preparation to prevent boarding, but having continued
 sailing in Company till near dark, they bore up
 for

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was impossible to pursue her, the Pirates have taken away her main Boom and Chummed her from the yellow Streak to the Waters edge.-

At Bushire I drew on the Marine Paymaster for 500 German Crowns to procure any supplies the Islands may be able to afford us during our Cruise, and I have entered four European Portuguese being part of the Prisoners Crew.-

We arrived off Buspora Bar on the 25th instant from whence I have forwarded the Dispatches under my charge by the Pilot Boat to Buspora, and am now going to return to our Cruizing Station - The night we arrived off Bushire we spoke the Ashkates, and warned them of their danger.-

N. C. Ship Mornington

I am &c

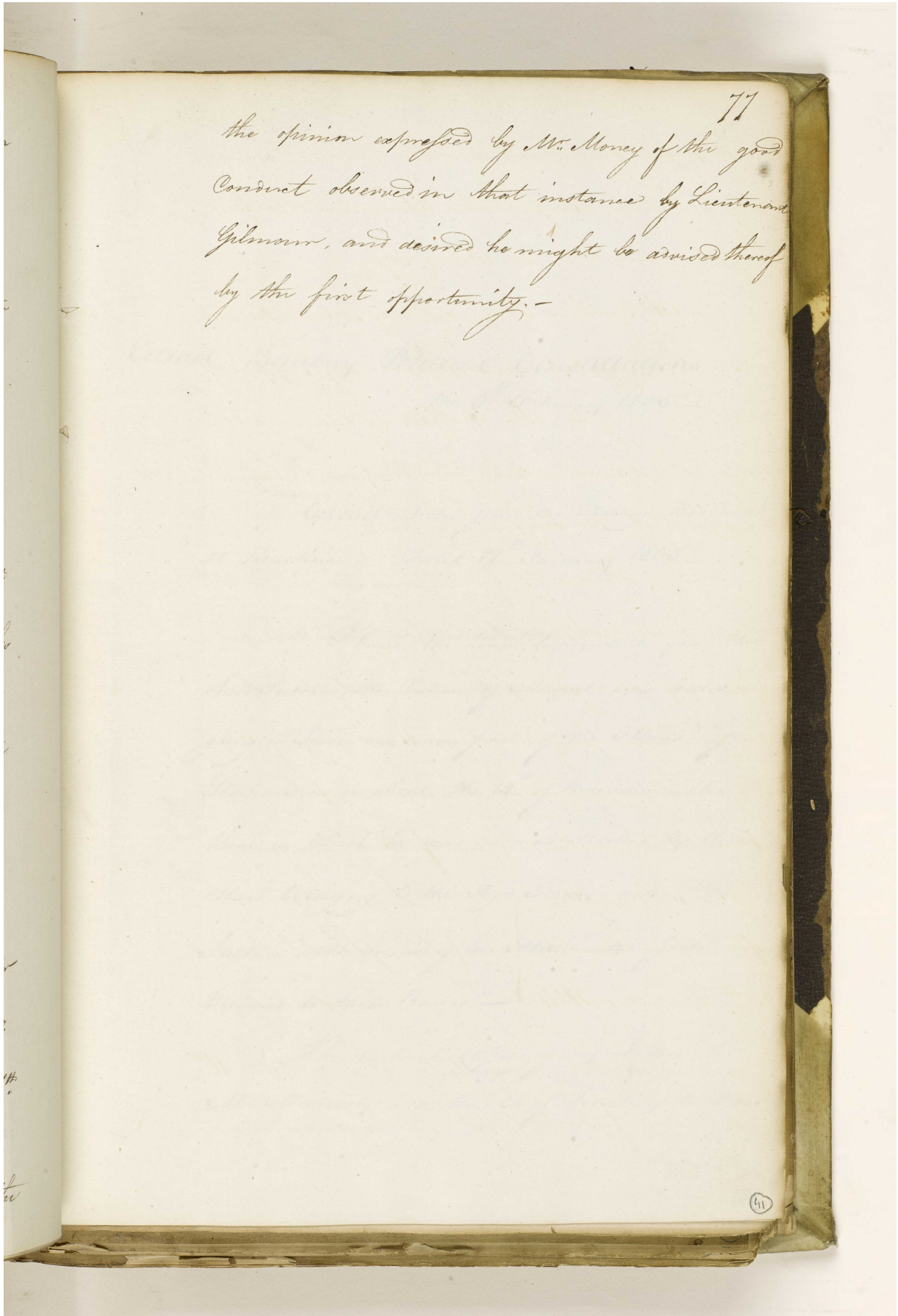
off Buspora Bar the
25th December 1804

(Signed) Chas Gilman

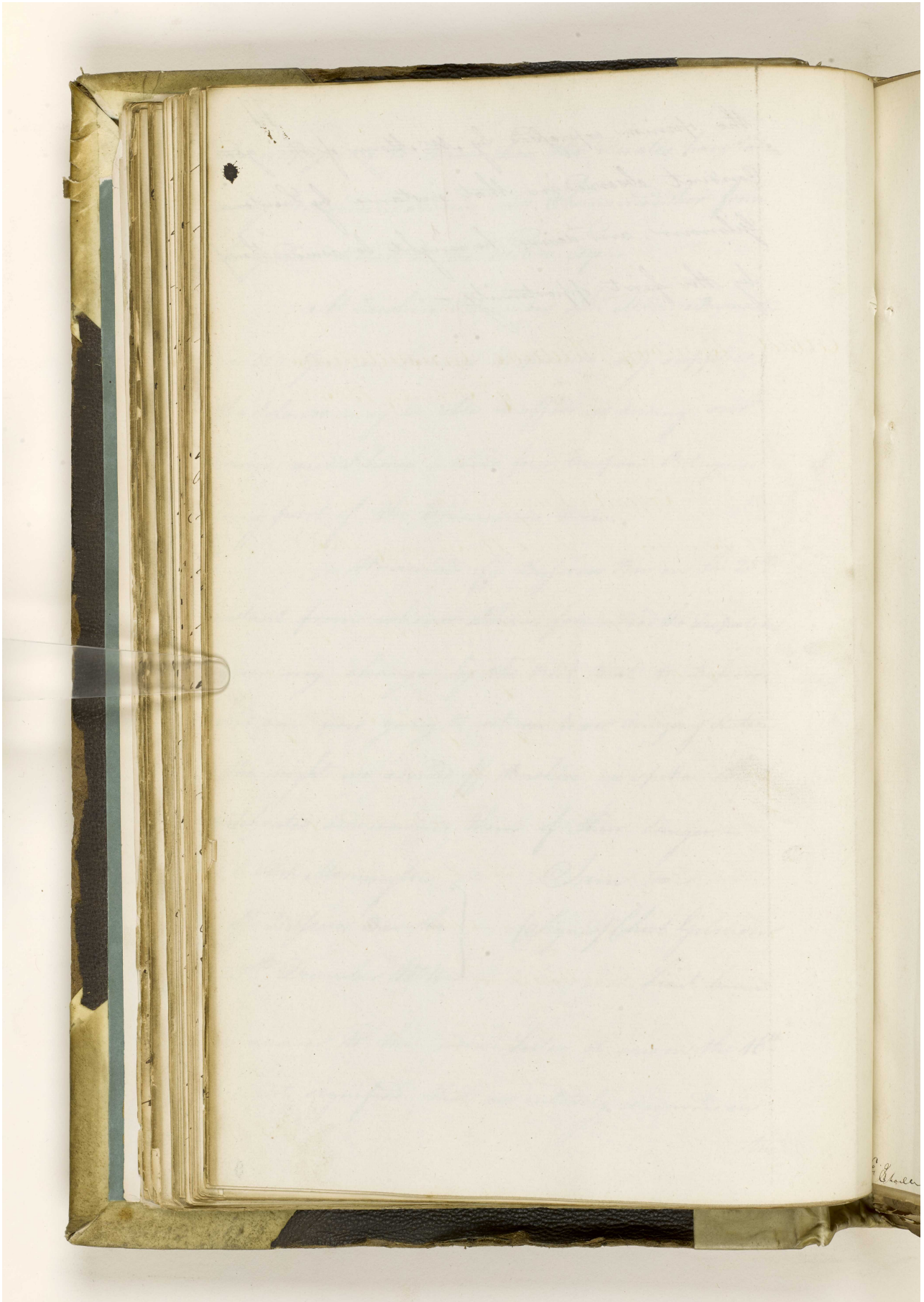
Lieut. Commr

In answer to the above Letter it was on the 16th Instant signified that we entirely concurred in
the

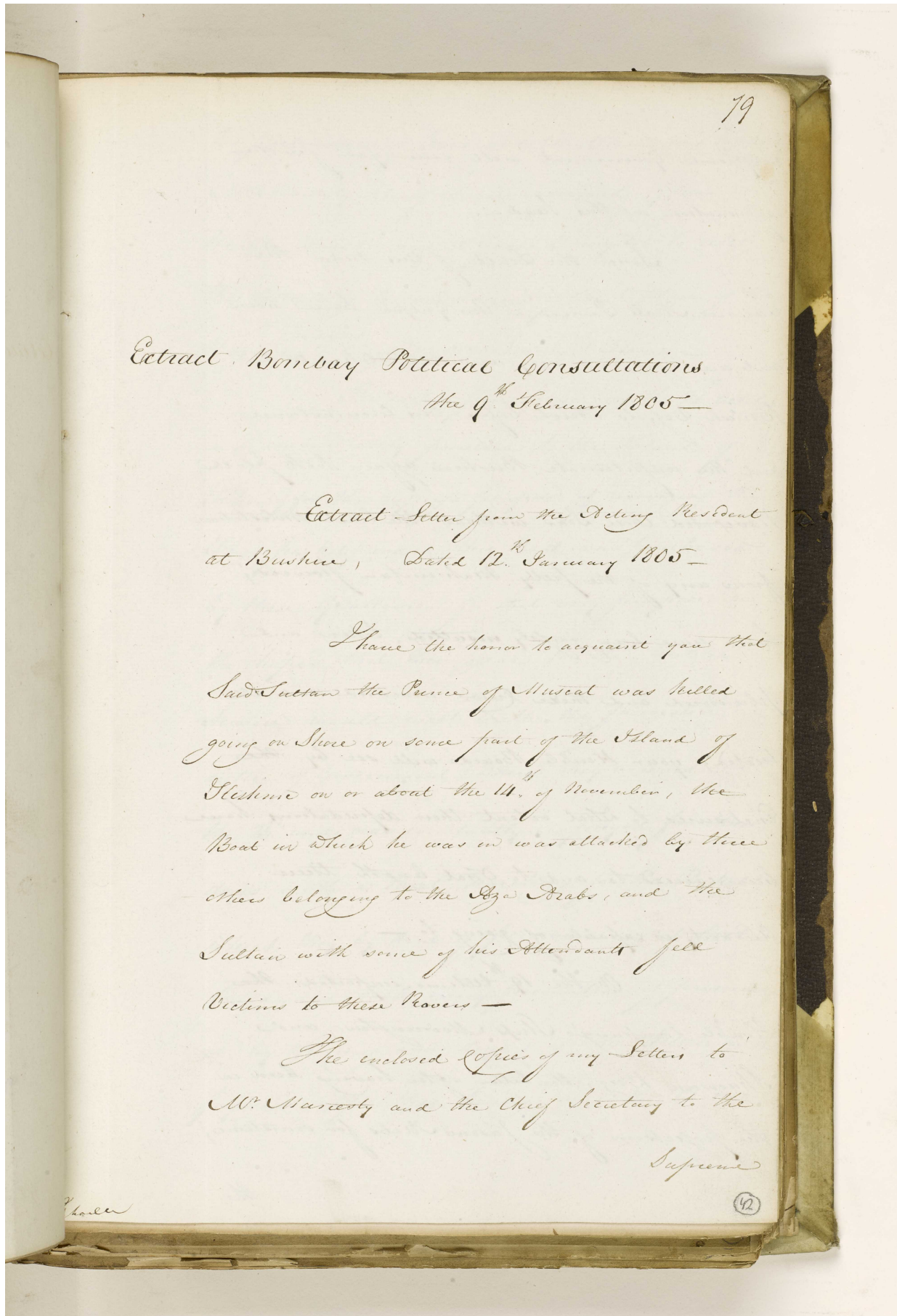
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Supreme Government will give you further information on this head -

Since the Death of this Man the various Arab Powers in the Gulph have been and are now in a very unsettled state, and British Vessels stuck before this circumstance and the unfortunate Bustard affair took place, Navigated those Seas without the least molestation from any of the petty Mahometan powers; have since been grossly insulted, taken and plundered and their crews maimed and ill treated; your Honble Board will see by the Enclosures to what extent their depredations have been carried to, and to what length their Avaricity is capable of going to -

On the 19th ultimo reported the Honble Company's Ship Mornington and Shannon Brig, the latter after having been in the possession of the Jasmee Arabs for sometime;

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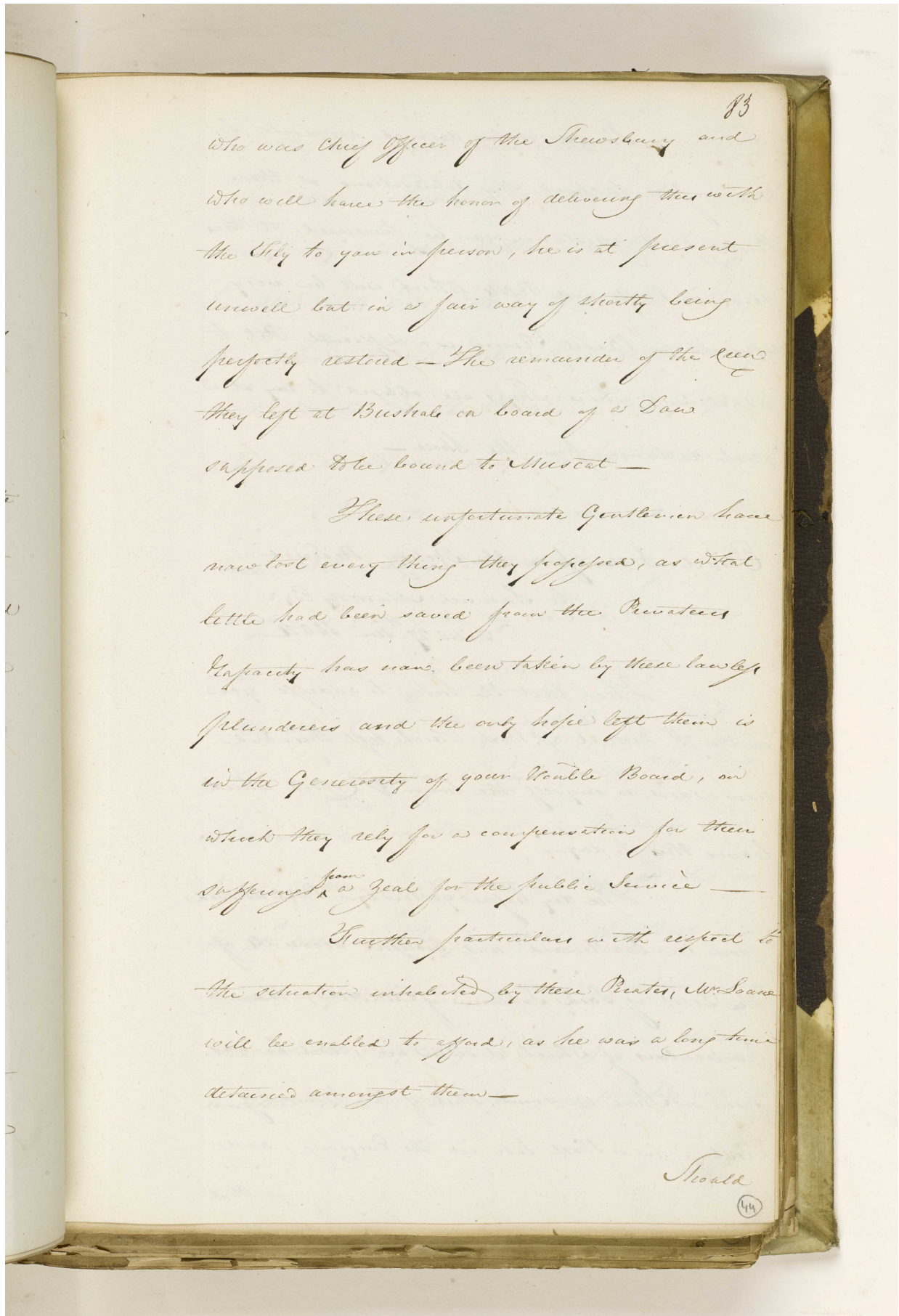
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They made the best of their way down the
Gulph and on the 27th fell in with the Joasme
fleet and was captured — My Public Letter to
Mr. Mansely of the S. ^H Vessant will inform
you that because of these unfortunate persons
after their being captured —

With permission allow me to
observe that the sufferings of these unfortunate
persons have been great, to the extreme — but
of a crew of Seventeen persons only three reached
here to tell their melancholly tale / one of these
Mr. Flouie a young man with a family in
Bengal, departed this life on the 6th Vessant,
owing to the excess of fatigue, hunger,
Nakedness &c. &c. to think he had been so long
a time exposed to, the other two, one of
which is a European Seaman is still very
unwell and in the opinion of Dr. Jecker not
as yet out of danger — the third is Mr. Soand

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Should it be deemed requisite to send a force to check the depredations of these Pirates great assistance can be procured at this place in Boats and Petrels which will be very requisite as Basid Herind is a difficult Port to get at and where Ships are obliged to lay at a great distance from the Shore —

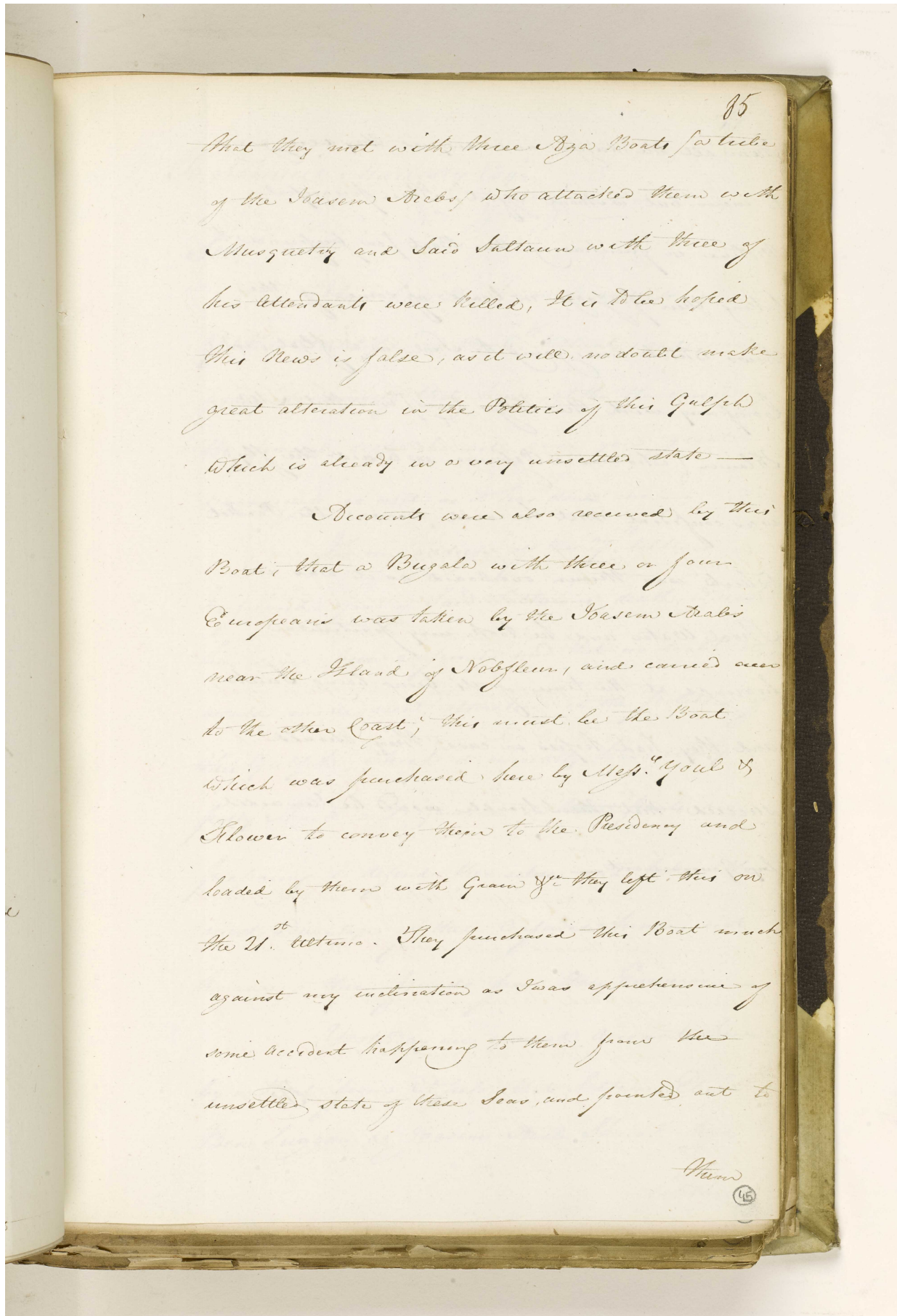
Extract Letter from the Acting Resident
To Samuel Maristey Esq.
Dated 27th Nov. 1801

I had lost the honor to address you on the 25th Instant & Boat which left this, and now again do myself the honor & I trust I shall leave this to day —

The day before yesterday a Boat arrived from the Southward and brought accounts of the Death of Said Sultan of Muscat, the particulars of which it seems are, that he was going on Shore on some part of the Island of Helstone in a Boat late in the Evening, and

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 That they met with three Saja Boats / a tribe
 of the Joasmee Arabs / who attacked them with
 Musquetiers and Said Sallauw with three of
 his attendants were killed, It is to be hoped
 this News is false, as it will no doubt make
 great alteration in the Politics of this Gulph
 which is already in a very unsettled state —

Accounts were also received by this
 Boat, that a Bugala with three or four
 Europeans was taken by the Joasmee Arabs
 near the Islands of Nofleem, and carried over
 to the other Coast; this must be the Boat
 which was purchased here by Messrs. Gould &
 Shower to convey them to the Presidency and
 loaded by them with Grain &c. They left this on
 the 21st ultimo. They purchased this Boat much
 against my inclination as I was apprehensive of
 some accident happening to them from the
 unsettled state of these Seas, and pointed out to

H. W.
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them all the dangers and risks they were going
 to incur but without effect; Their principal
 motive in purchasing this Boat in preference to
 taking their passage on board of some of the
 Sloop's which were going to Sail in a fleet, in
 Company with the Sloop's crew was that Mr.
 Klawen (who was a Passenger on board the Sloop)
 was confident that he could recover the Packet
 which was thrown overboard as it was in
 shallow water and he took very particular
 bearings at the time of its being being sunk,
 and they had hopes in case they should
 succeed that their trouble would be rewarded
 by Government—

So

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To Samuel Maresty Esq^r

Sir,

I had the honor to address you
by the Antelope on the 6th Instant, and now
again do myself that honor, altho the cause of
the present despatch will give you great
uneasiness as well as it has done me —

In my address of the 29th ultimo
I informed you of Said Sultans death; which
has since been confirmed and that no doubt it
would make great alteration in the politics of
this Gulph, which it evidently has, every
 petty Shark and Governour in these parts are
preparing to defend themselves and take the
most advantage of these confused times, not
denying their friends from their Enemies —

Yesterday we received accounts here
by a Boat from Ajelo, that Sultan Ben
Ben Suggar, a Joasmee Shark had

captured
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Captured an English Ship off the Quoin's with
 Houses and stores on board, the particulars were,
 that he with three other Sows whilst Cruizing,
 fell in with the above Vessel, and that they
 immediately made Sail and run along side
 and boarded her; I did not give Credit to this
 account as there were no Sellers from Africa
 mentioning it but merely as a Verbal Report,
 altho I sent for the Noquidok of the Boat
 and enquired very particularly of him, and
 his account appeared to be very correct indeed,
 he said that I might take it for certain that
 an English Vessel had been captured, but
 whether she was bound to, or coming from,
 India, he said he might not be so correct —

Being certain that if there was any
 truth in this Report we should shortly have
 further accounts from the Southward —
 I determined to stop before I sent an Express
 for

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for the purpose, and still enjoyed the hope
 that it would turn out false; but to my
 great regret this morning a vessel arrived from
 Elhangoon bringing Letters from Hajee Mohamed
 Jinnal, a respectable Merchant at that place,
 informing that Sultan Ebn Ben Seegor had
 captured two English Buzges off the Island of
 Amuz from Bombay bound here with Sugar
 &c on board, and after that he fell in with
 Shark Barackat of Cherack, cruising along
 with the Bugala belonging to Abdulla Ben
 Salamin of Bafsoak, which he had captured
 a few days before, that they engaged and
 during the action Shark Barackat took the
 Bugala, and one of the Joasme Arab Boats
 took fire and was burnt - The Joasme
 fleet consists of 24 Boats of different kinds and
 they intend to come off the Mouth of the River -
 Hajee Mohamed Jinnal mentions that the

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above account may be perfectly relied on —

These two Bays must evidently be the Sumner and Shannon, as they have now been expected this sometimes, with respect to the Endeavour it is to be hoped she has not also fallen in with these freebooters —

I have sent this Express Express, with the hopes that it will reach you before the Euphrates or Quon leave the River, as you will be enabled to put their men on their guard with respect to Saws and boats they may meet, and to order them to keep company together until they get clear of the Gulph —

I would send Intelligence of this Affair to India but it is impossible to procure any mode of Consequence until a Vessel arrives from Bussora —

And thus the hour to be

Y. & J.

Signed William Bruce

To

Bussora }
16 Decr. 1002

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committed in the Persian Gulph by the Joasmee Pirates.' [48r] (95/114)

To J. Lumsden Esq:

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the
information of His Excellency the Most Noble the
Governor General, that Said Sattain the reigning
Head of the Muscat Government; was killed some
time last month by some of the ~~Arab~~ Arabs;
it appears he was going on Shore at some
part of the Island of Kishnee in an open
Boat, and that they were attacked by two or
three Boats belonging to the above-mentioned
Arabs, and that Said Sattain with a few of
his Attendants were killed almost the
first Volley they fired —

The Death of this Man has made
great alteration in the politics of this Gulph,
which even before were not in the most settled

state

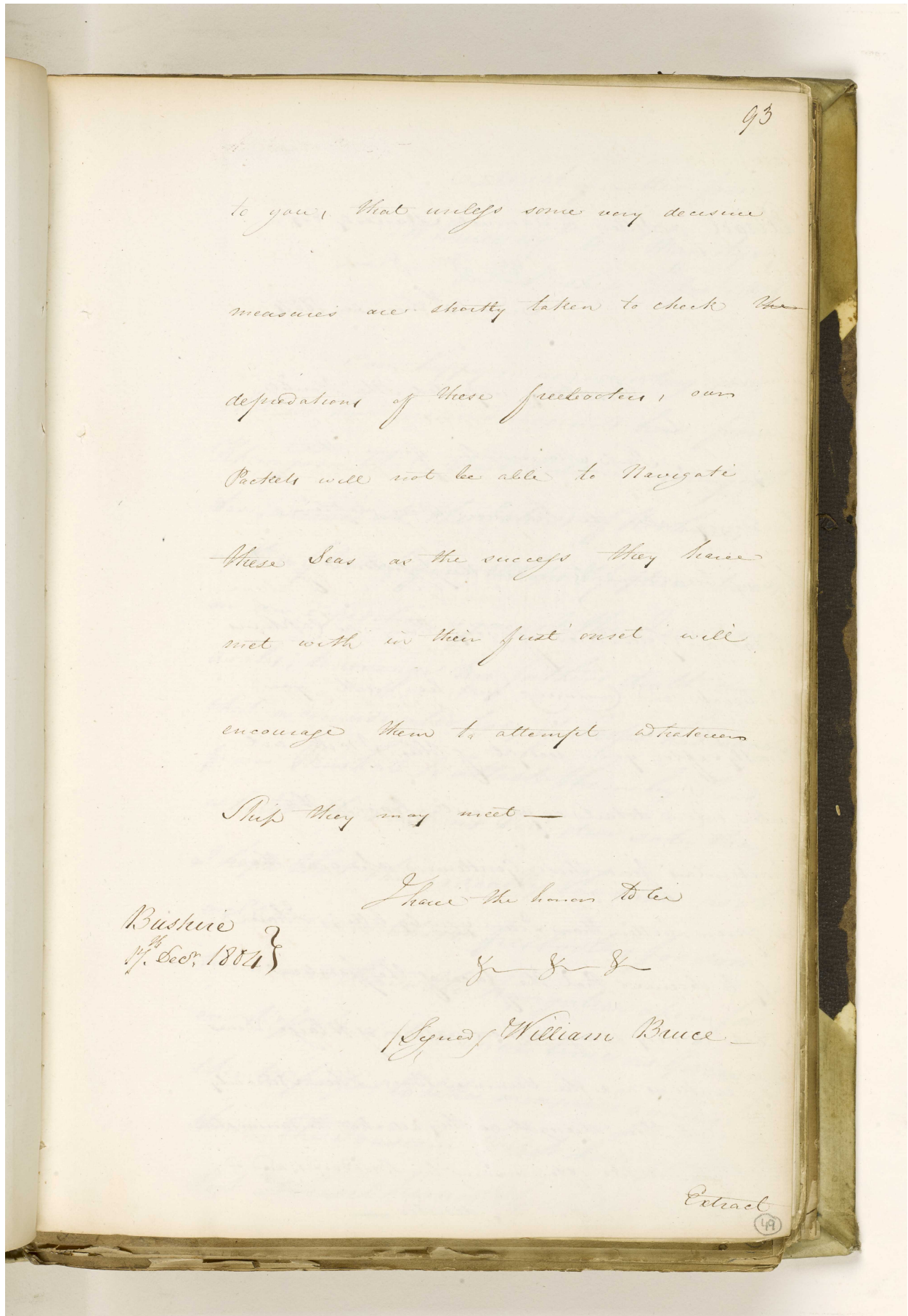
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State, These Seas are now full of Piratical
Vessels of different kinds, and they have now
become so bold and daring that they have
Captured two British Vessels the *Sumner* and
Shannon Buoys, both bound here from India,
and the former with a Packet, besides these
two Vessels they have also taken a *Bothela* which
was purchased here by Messrs. Gould, Soane and
Howie / after they were landed from *Sa' Fortuna*
Privateer to carry them to India — What has
become of the Crews of these different Vessels
we have no authentic accounts, but their
Situation must be dreadful, as they have fallen
into the possession of the worst tribe of Arabs
satisfying these facts — The enclosed copy
of a Letter from me to the Resident at
Bassora on the subject will give you
further information —

It is presumption in me to observe

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to you, that unless some very decisive
measures are shortly taken to check the
depredations of these freebooters, our
Packets will not be able to navigate
these Seas as the success they have
met with in their first onset will
encourage them to attempt whatever
Ship they may meet —

Bushnic 3
17th Decr 1804 }
I have the honor to be
Yours &c
Signed William Bruce

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Extract of Letter to Samuel Manesty Esq.

Ye &c &c

Dated 20th December 1804

5. Yesterday imported the Honble
Company's Ship Mornington from the
Presidency, also the Shannon Brig, after
having been some time in the possession of the
Arabs and plundered of every thing, as Captains
Babcock and Cumming will be with you
shortly after your receipt of this, I will not
enter into a detail as you will learn the
particulars from those Gentlemen who are the
 sufferers, better than I can give by letter, I have
only to observe that the force of the Persian
Arabs is very strong, and consisting of 11 large Sloop
33 Hankys and the Sumner Brig; Their Dexterity
is equal to their strength as they attacked the Mornington
and it was not till after receiving two Broad sides and a
few Shot Chasers that they desisted.

Edwards

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Extract of Letter from
Mr Bruce Esq. to S. Manesty Esq.
Porto Boshie 30 Dec: 1784

I am happy in acquainting you
that we have received accounts here, from
Khoungoon that, said Sultans youngest
son, arrived at the Island of Hishne,
with a fleet of four ships & fifteen Sauts,
on an expedition against the Joasme
arabs, to revenge his fathers death, and
that a considerable body of troops had marched
from Muscat to attack them by Land,
whilst the Sultans son, died so by sea,
I hope that this is really the case, as it
will occupy these freebooters for some
time, and leave the Navigation open for
our Vessels, until such time as Government
think proper to take measures against
them. The Joasme Fleet have gone into
Port at Rasel Mimov, I have hauled up ^{the}

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the best part of their Vessels to secure them
from being taken by the Muscat Cruizers

Muscat is also perfectly
tranquil, and not the least disturbance
took place on the news of the Sultan's
Death arriving, the eldest Son is in
charge of the Government, and the
youngest is employed, as I before mentioned

This Account is very much
credited, as several Letters, mentioning it
have been received.

Extract of Letter from
W. Bruce Esq. to Almonstey Esq
dated Bushire 5th Feby 1705

I had the honor to address
you on the 30th ult. by Boat, which left
this, I have now the satisfaction to enclose
a Duplicate.

Yesterday the Boat, which I
took up, I sent to Muscat with the Intelligence
of

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of the *La Fortune* being up here, arrived,
 & by her came Mr. Soane, Mr. Flower, &
 one European, belonging to the *Bugala*
 which I before acquainted you had
 been taken by the Ibassons Arabs, Capt.
 Youl and the other Europeans having
 died, through excess of fatigue, the day
 before the Boat's arrival.

These Gentlemen sailed from
 hence the 23rd and proceeded as far as the
 Island of *Mhen*, where they spent three days
 searching for the *Fly's* Packet, which they
 at last found, and took every means of
 preserving it, by opening and drying all
 the papers, which notwithstanding the length
 of time it had been under water, were
 in very good condition, it is now in my
 possession, and is the packet, which Mr.
 Jones forwarded; after their having found
 the Packet, they made the best of their way
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down the Gulph, and on the 29th fell in
with the Ibusem Fleet, and were captured
Immediately carried over to Barkha, a
Port about 20 Miles to the Eastward of
Basel Kinas, where they were plundered
of every article they possessed, even to the
cloths on their backs, besides being
otherwise ill treated for a Month,
the time of their Captivity there, at last
these lawless Arabs, finding them
on useless hearthens, brought them,
and their crew over to the Island of
Khen, where they landed them, and which
Island they afterwards plundered, and
burnt down all the Houses, they were here
almost starved, for the want of the absolute
necessaries of life, which they found great
difficulty in procuring by begging, as the
poor Inhabitants themselves, had in not
in great abundance to spare, owing to
the devastation spread by the Joasmees.

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They remained on the Island about (5) five Days
when they got a passage across to Cherot,
where they were very ill treated, from
Cherot, — after having stayed a few
days, they proceeded to Rackhilloo by Land
almost naked & bare footed, where they met
with better treatment, than they had
experienced since they had been captured.
Shack Ramoo himself was over on the
Island of Busheah, and as soon as ever
he got intelligence of their having arrived
at Rackhilloo, he sent over for them, and
treated them very well, providing them
with refreshments & Cloaths such as he
had, and procuring them a passage on
board the Boat, in which they arrived,
and which was fortunately waiting there
for the weather to permit her coming up.

Mr. Loane has given an
account of an extraordinary circumstance,
and which has given us great uneasiness
here, from not being able to account in

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a satisfactory manner for it, I thought it incumbent on me, to make you acquainted of it, as soon as possible.

When he was crossing over from the Island of Mken, the Boat -
 passed close to a Corpse floating in the Water, face downwards, it was of a Short Stout Man, with Short Hair, & had white Pantaloon and Shirt on, much mutilated about the Neck, as if the throat had been cut, and in every appearance, resembling Capt. White, (with whom he was intimate) and for whom Most instant he took it for, the day after when they were at Cheroo, Mr. Flower saw, tied round an Arabe Head, a Pocket Handkerchief of the exact pattern he had seen Mr. Stuart always make use of, & of which he had received a present of half a dozen from him, therefore could not be mistaken, particularly as they were Europeans.
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the sight of course gave him great
uneasiness, the corpse having been seen
the day before, and the Standard which
immediately after, were two such very
striking instances, that he directly
went up to the Man, & examined it,
and found Mr. Stuart's Initial (S. S.) in
one corner of it. They made all the enquiry
they could, in their power, but could get
no satisfactory account from the fellows,
how it had come into his possession, or
with respect to any other Vessel having
been cut off.

The date is the only thing
which leaves us room to hope, that the
corpse could not have been that of
Cap^t. White, or that any accident has
happened to the Europeans, as Mr. Loane
says, he thinks it is about 10 days
ago, since he saw it, but owing to their
very distressed situation at that time,
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and since, it is impossible for him to be certain to the exact number of days. The Euphrates left this ^{place} at 8 P.M. on the 10th ult^o, so that if the number of days mentioned by Mr. Roane is correct, it cannot be less, but then how are we to account for the Corpse and the handkerchief, the Corpse particularly, as we ^{know} of no vessel whatever being in the Gulph, and it was too soon to have any frauds. Mr. Roane says the body was so very near, when they passed it, that he is certain it was that of a European of some situation, as he plainly saw the Pantaloon Shirt, & that it had not been long in the water, as the Shirt about the Neck was much stained with blood, as well as the Neck itself, which had the body been any time, would have been washed off.

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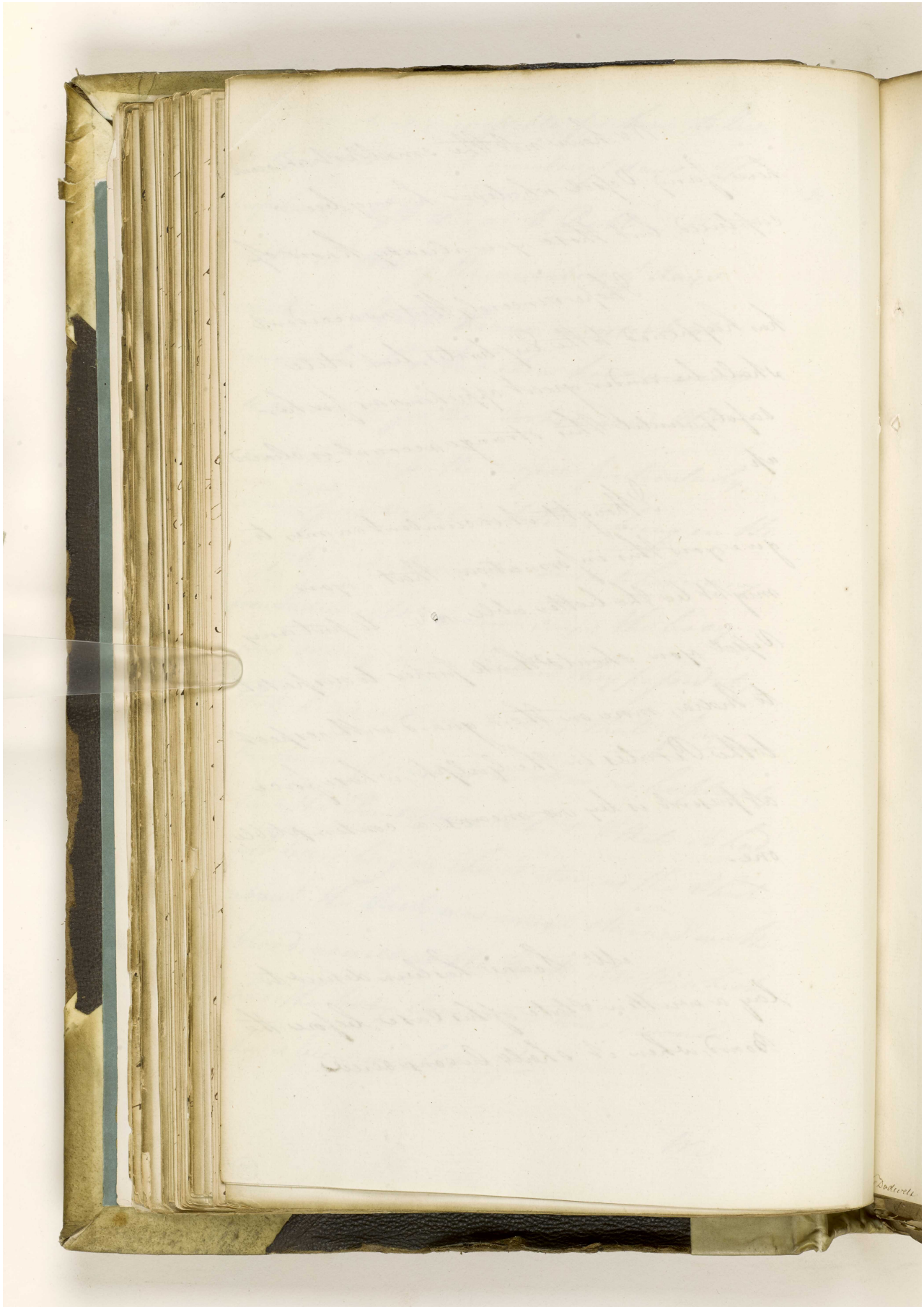
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We have not the smallest account here of any Vessel whatever having been captured, but those you already know of

I hope sincerely that no accident has happened to the Euphrates, but still shall be under great apprehensions for her safety, until this strange account is cleared up.

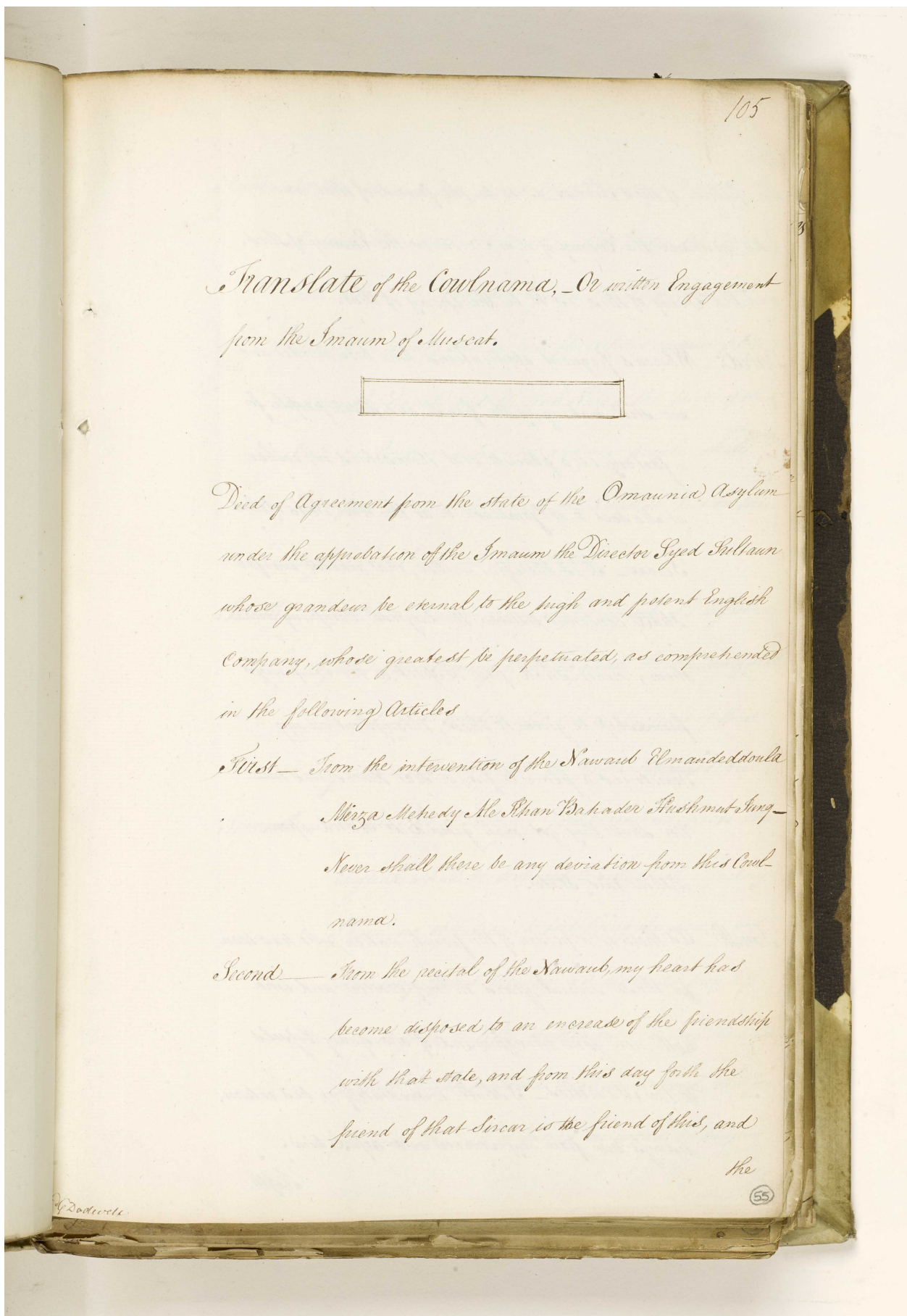
I thought it incumbent on me, to give you this information, that you might be the better able, to put any Vessel you should think proper to dispatch to India, more on their guard with respect to the Pirates in the Gulph, whose force at present is by no means, a contemptible one.

Mr. Loane has been desired to lay a written State of his Case, before the Board, when it shall be considered.

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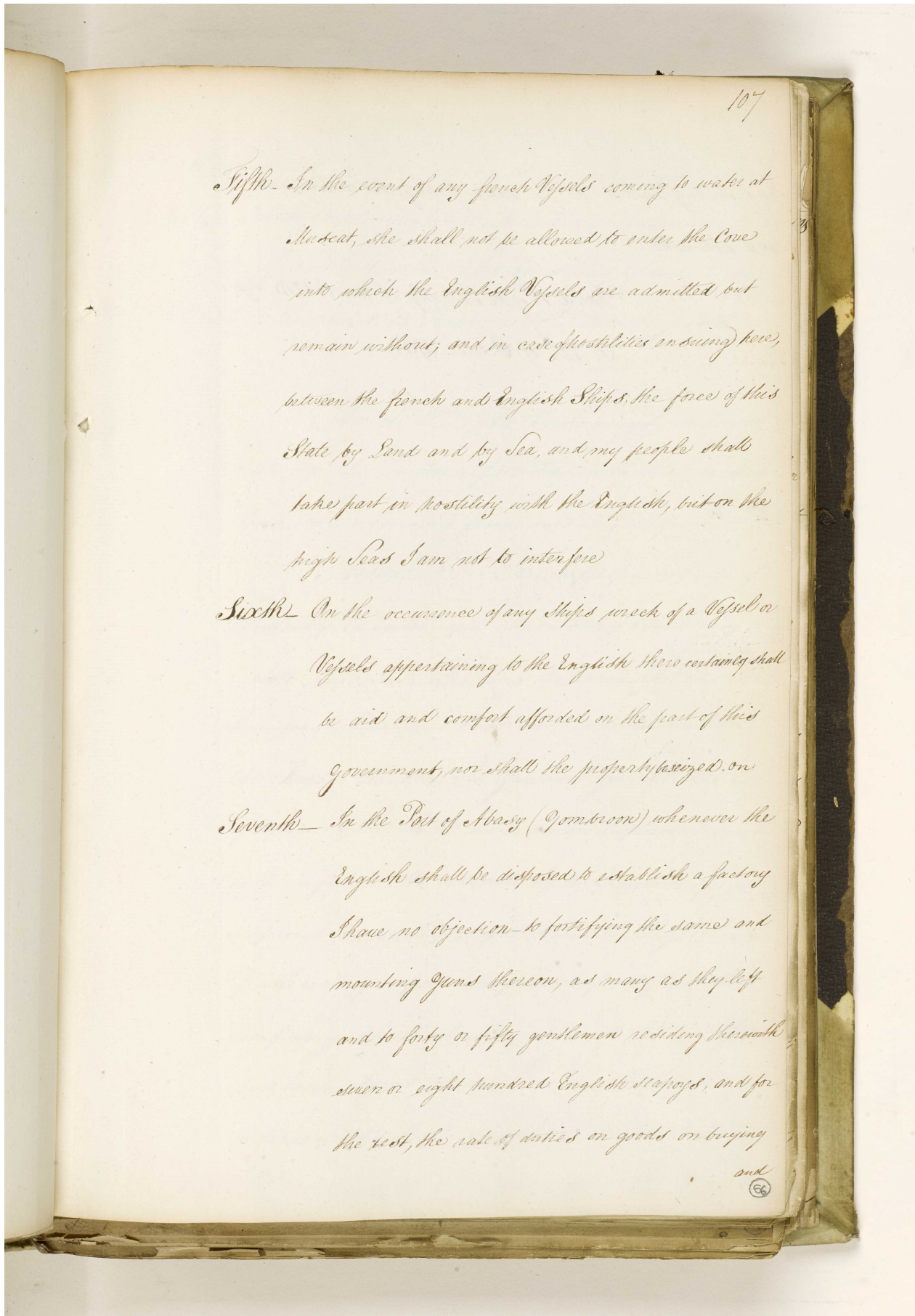
the friend of this Sircar, is to be the friend of that, and in like manner the Enemy of that Sircar is the Enemy of this, and the Enemy of this is to be the Enemy of that.

Third. — Whereas frequent applications have been made and are still making by the french and dutch people for a factory, i.e. a place to seat themselves in, either at Muscat or at Gombroon, or at the other Ports of this Sircar. It is therefore written, that whilst warfare shall continue between the English Company and them, never shall from respect to the Company's friendship be given to them, throughout all my Territories a place, to fix, or seat themselves in. Nor shall they get own grounds to stand upon within this State.

Fourth. — As there is a person of the french nation, who has been for these several years in my service, and who hath now gone in command of one of my Vessels to the Maratties. — I shall, immediately on his return, dismiss him from my service and expel him.

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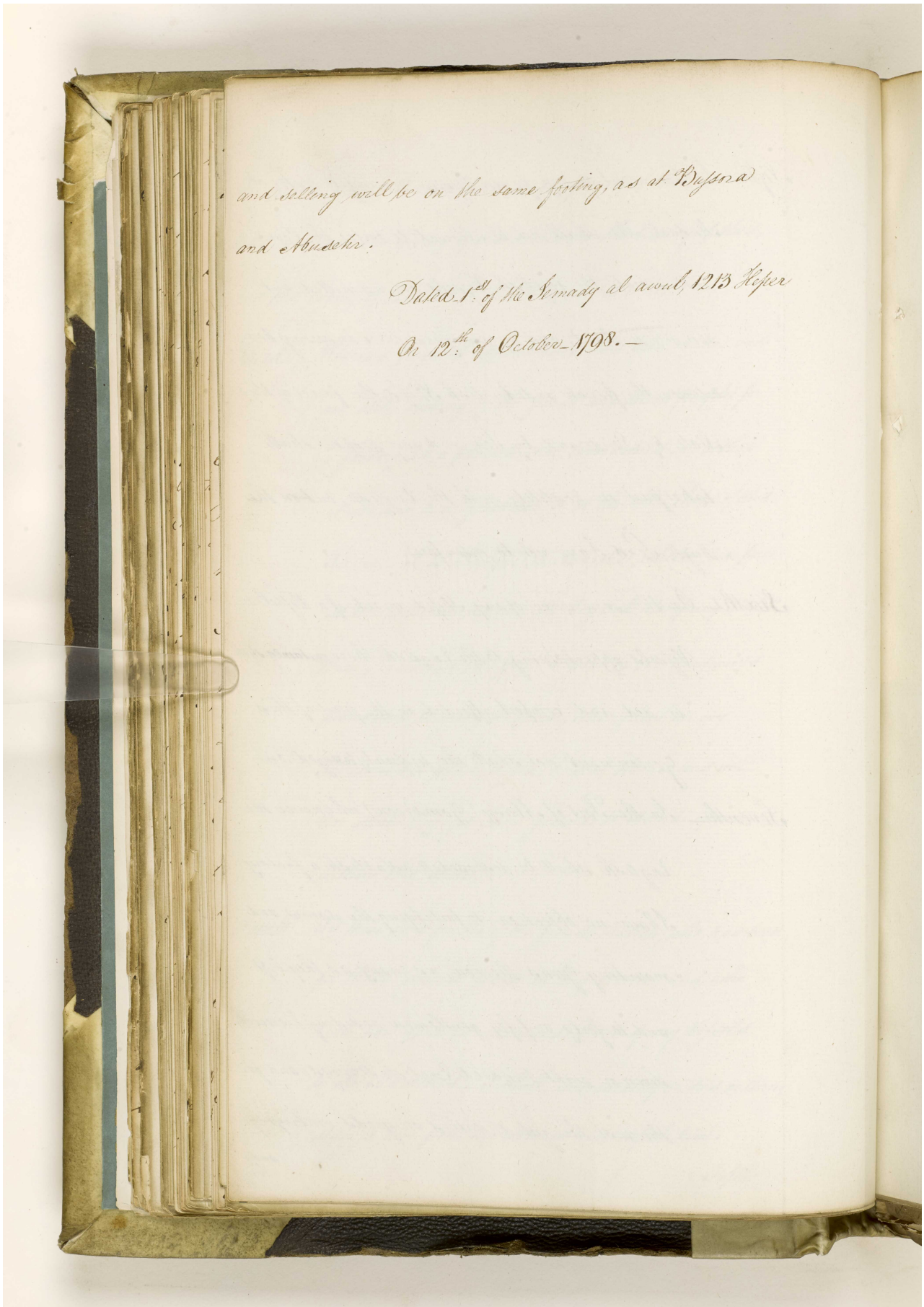
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Fifth— In the event of any french Vessels coming to water at Muscat, she shall not be allowed to enter the Cove into which the English Vessels are admitted but remain without; and in case of hostilities ensuing here, between the french and English Ships, the force of this State by Land and by Sea, and my people shall take part in hostility with the English, but on the high Seas I am not to interfere

Sixth— On the occurrence of any Ships wreck of a Vessel or Vessels appertaining to the English there shall be aid and comfort afforded on the part of this Government, nor shall the property be seized on

Seventh— In the Port of Abary (Zombroon) whenever the English shall be disposed to establish a factory I have no objection to fortifying the same and mounting Guns thereon, as many as they like and to forty or fifty gentlemen residing there with seven or eight hundred English seapops, and for the rest, the sale of duties on goods on buying

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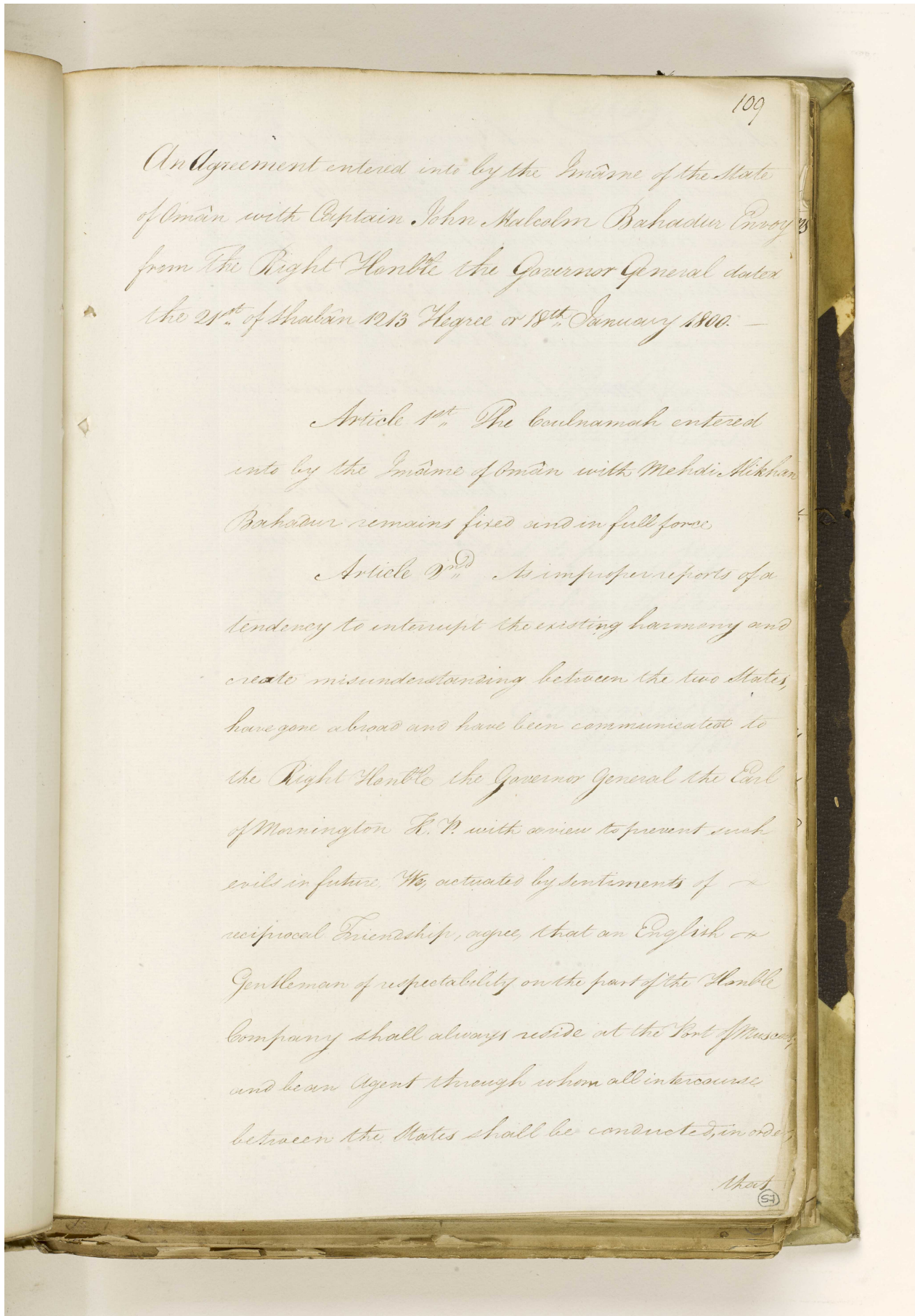


and selling will be on the same footing, as at Bujera
and Abudehr.

Dated 1st of the Jumady al awwal, 1213 Hejri

Or 12th of October 1798. —

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An Agreement entered into by the Imame of the State of Oman with Captain John Malcolm Bahadur Envoy from the Right Honble the Governor General dated the 21st of Shaban 1213 Hegire or 18th January 1800. —

Article 1st The Coulnamah entered into by the Imame of Oman with Mehadin Akhbar Bahadur remains fixed and in full force

Article 2nd As improper reports of a tendency to interrupt the existing harmony and create misunderstanding between the two States have gone abroad and have been communicated to the Right Honble the Governor General the Earl of Mornington G. P. with a view to prevent such evils in future. We, actuated by sentiments of reciprocal Friendship, agree that an English Gentleman of respectability on the part of the Honble Company shall always reside at the Port of Muscat and be an Agent through whom all intercourse between the States shall be conducted, in order

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that the Actions of each Government may be fairly
and justly stated, and that, no opportunity may be
afforded to designing Men, who are ever eager to promote
dissentions, and that, the friendship of the two States
may remain unshook till the end of Time, and till
the Sun and Moon, have finished their revolving
Career. —

Sealed in my presence
signed John Malcolm
Envoy