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‘Recovery of a part of the Property plundered from on board the Country Ship Hector by the Shaikh of Busheab’

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About this record

The item consists of extracts of Political Letters, Political Consultations and Public Consultations from the Government of Bombay regarding the seizure of the country ship *Hector* by Shaikh Rehma [Shaikh Rahma bin Muḥammad al-Mu'ini] of Busheab [Jazīreh-ye Lāvān], who is alternatively referred to as the Shaikh of Nuckhuloo [Nakhilu]. In particular the item concerns:

- The measures undertaken by the East India Company to recover the property stolen from the ship *Hector*, including the detention of all ships that might be found in the province belonging to the Shaikh of Busheab
- The possibility, suggested by Captain Charles Pasley, Chargé d’Affaires to the Court of Persia, of making Persia responsible for the restitution of the stolen property rather than Shaikh Rehma
- The likelihood, according to Pasley, of the Persian Court taking action to retrieve the stolen property and to punish Shaikh Rehma
- The successful expedition to recover some of the property launched by Shaikh Nasser [Shaikh Nasir Khan], Governor of Bushire, to Busheab on the orders of the Sheraz [Shiraz] Government, during which the son of Shaikh Rehma was taken as security for the remaining payment owed

- The death of the son of Shaikh Rehma due to smallpox, and the unlikelihood of Persia launching a second expedition to Busheab and consequently the unlikelihood of further restitutions for the stolen property
- Accounts of the stolen goods that have been recovered, compiled by the Acting Resident at Bushire.

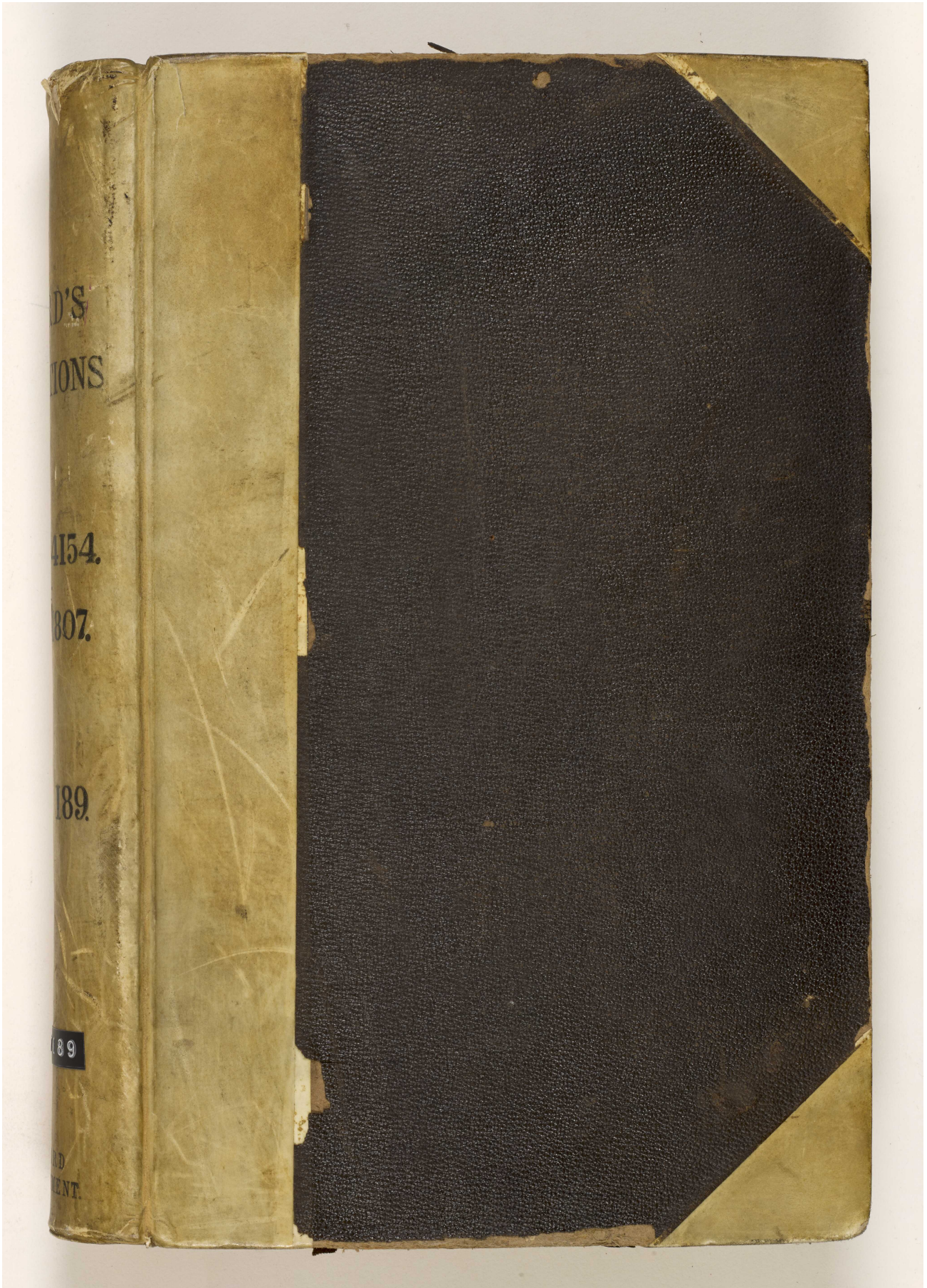
The item also contains the translation of an extract from the journal of Moonshee Mahomed Hussan [Munshi Muḥammad Hasan] who reports on his discussions with Cheragh Alee Khan [Chiragh 'Ali Khan Nava'i, Vizier of Fars] regarding the Persian Court's intentions to recover the stolen goods. Additionally, the item contains a list of the stolen goods that have been divided out by Shaikh Rehma amongst different individuals (ff 40 verso - 41 verso).

Correspondents include: Government of Bombay; Samuel Manesty, Resident at Bussora [Basra]; James Augustus Grant, Secretary to Government of Bombay; Captain Charles Pasley, Chargé d'Affaires to the Court of Persia; Neil Benjamin Edmonstone, Secretary to Government in the Secret, Political and Foreign Department, Fort William; David Seton, Resident at Muscat; Charles Marquis Cornwall, Governor-General; British Resident at Bagdad; William Bruce, Acting Resident at Bushire; Sheikh Nasser; Jonathan Duncan, Governor of Bombay; Cheragh Alee Khan; Aka Mahomed Behlance [Agha Muḥammad Bihlani].

Shaikh Rehma is alternatively referred to as: Shaikh Rema; Rama; Rama Eben Ben Surnud; Rahma; Raham; Rhemah; Rehmah; Rama Ebie Benpennud; Ruhum; Rukinee; Rhema; Ruhma of Nukheloo; Rehma Bin Mohammed Bin Sunneed. The area which he ruled over is alternatively referred to as: Busheab; Nuckhuloo; Nukheeloo; Nukheloo; Nackheloo; Nakhiloo; Nakhilo; Nakhiloo; Nakhelow; Nackheloo; Rackhdoo; Rackheloo; Island of Shaikh Sheib.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Political No. 1' and 'Examiner's Office September 1806'.

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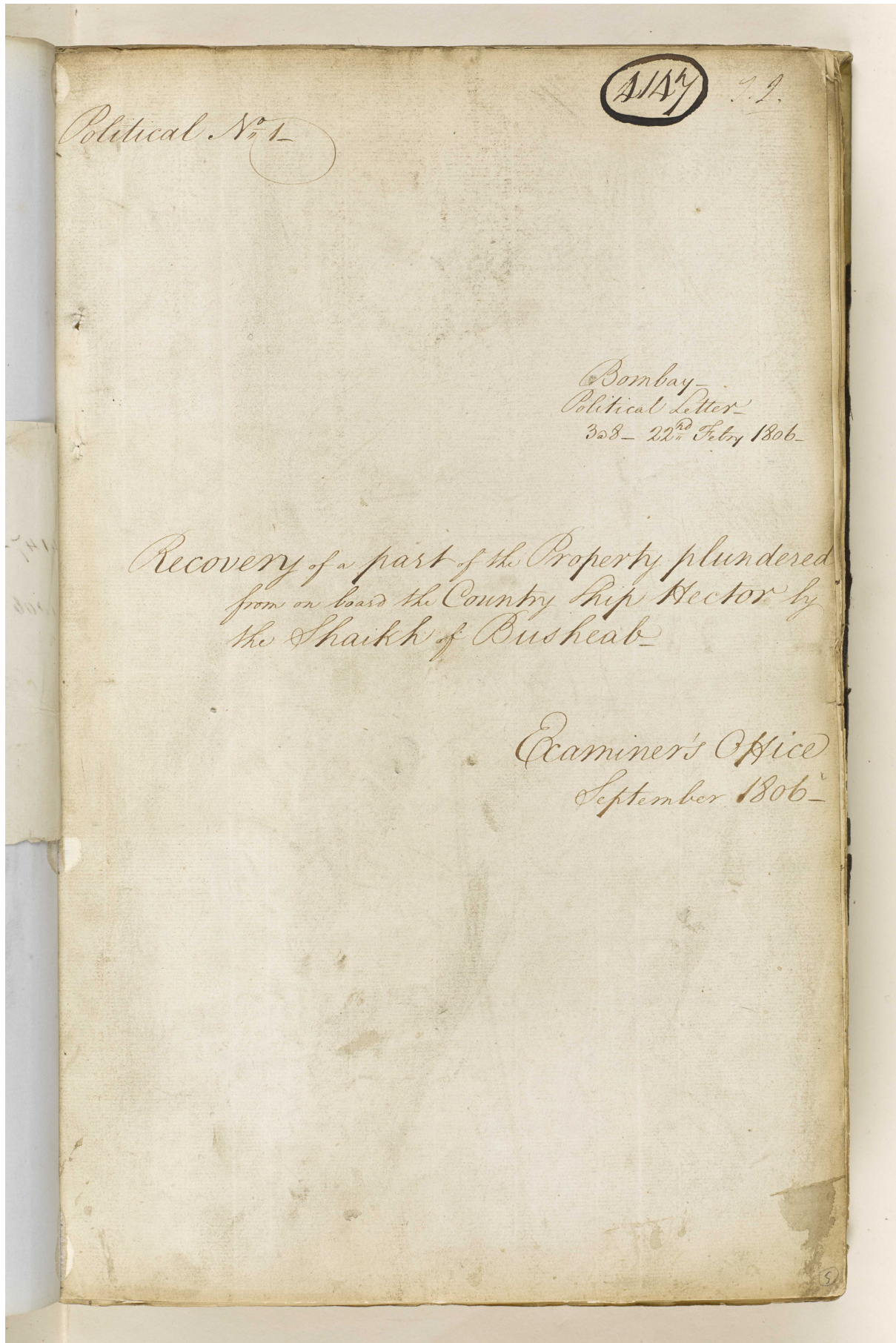
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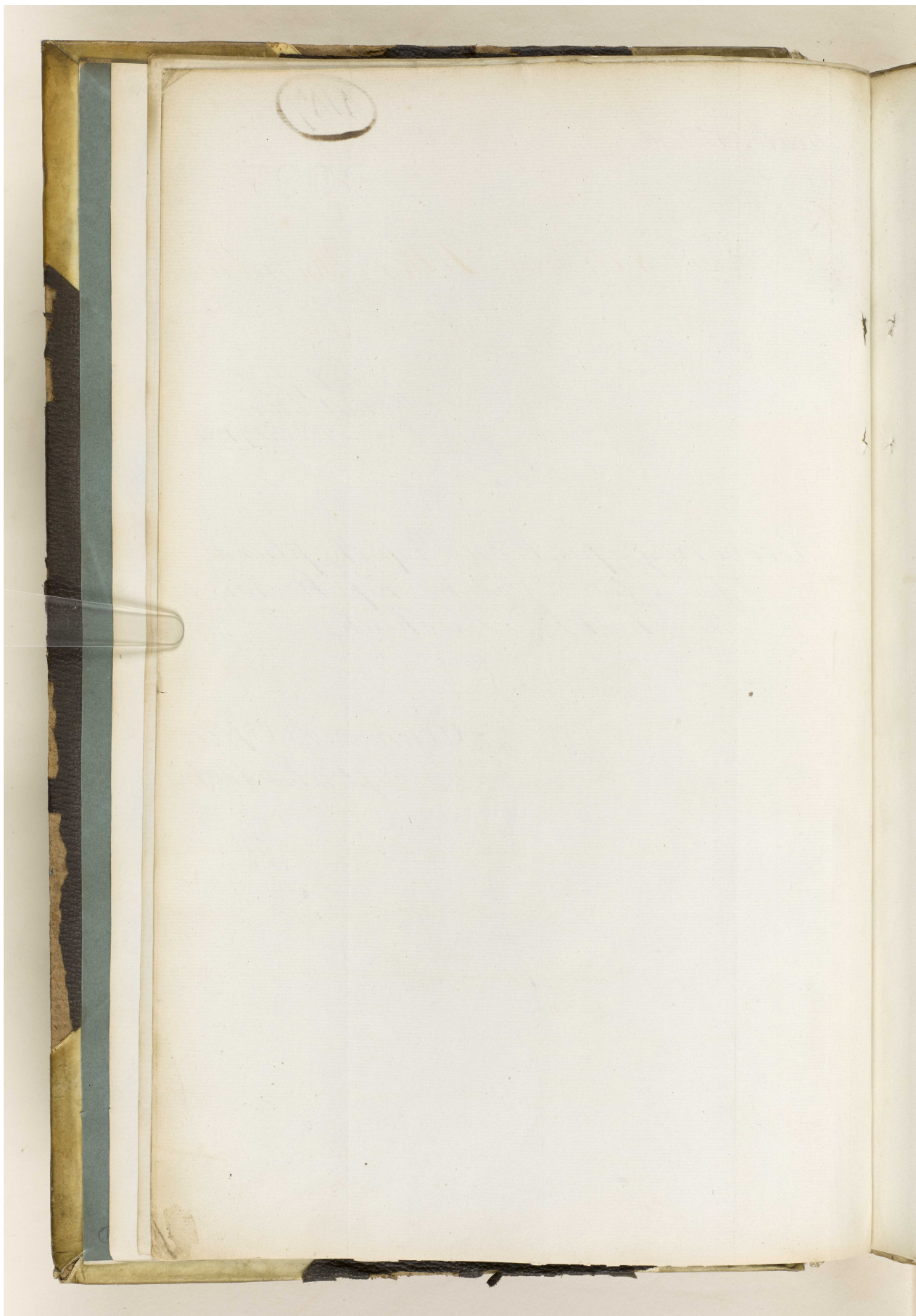
**'Recovery of a part of the Property plundered from on board the Country Ship
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Extract Political Letter to Bombay

Dated 9th October 1805

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Letter from Dated 10th August 1804.

(19233) Seizure of the Country Ship Hector by the Shaikh of Busheab in the Persian Gulph and the measures adopted for the recovery of the Company's property on Board, amounting to near three Lacks of Rupees. } Para. 11. In our Despatches to the Government of Madras, we have signified our approbation of the directions given to the Collectors of Malabar and Canara for the detention of all Vessels that might be found in any of the Ports of those Provinces belonging to the Shaikh of Muskeabul, in consequence of his Piratical seizure of the property belonging to the Company, on board the Country Ship Hector. You will acquaint us with the result of the suit which at the recommendation of your Standing Council was to be instituted against Mr. Wappers, the Owner of

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of that vessel, for the recovery of the value of that property.
We trust that the circumstance noticed in the 11th Para
of Mr. Lovell's letter to Mr. Edmonstone, Dated 26th June
1803, respecting the Hector having been deliberately run
on shore on the Island of Busheab, has been thoroughly
investigated - We learn by the 3^d Paragraph of your
Secret Dispatch of the 27th September 1804 that
the proposed Expedition against the Shaikh, for the
recovery of the plundered property, has, by the
direction of the Governor General, been suspended.

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Extract, Political Letter from Bombay - dated
the ^{22nd} 25th February 1806.

Sir: 3^o

In our general address to your Honorable Court of
the 10th August 1804; We detailed, at length, our Proceedings
on the subject of the seizure, by the Shaikh of Busheab in the Gulf
& Persia of the Ship Hector, having on board a large consignment
of Woollens, the property of the Honorable Company, for the
Busheab Market, our subsequent advices of the 26th February
1805 have adverted to the expectation held out by the Persian
Government of their undertaking an expedition against the said
Shaikh for the recovery of the plundered property; and notwithstanding
the opinion delivered by Lieutenant Paisly, and Mr. Manesty
as submitted in their Letters recorded under the 16th April that
it was at length clearly ascertained that the Persian
Government had neither the Power, nor the inclination to
compel Shaikh Behma to make due satisfaction for his
piratical depredations on the property of the Honble Company;

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it will appear, from the correspondence of the acting Resident Secret Cons:
3^d May 1805.
at Bushire, that Shaikh Nusser the Governor of Bushire, did at Pico 1107.
length proceed to Nukhelos—with an *Armament*, in pursuance
of orders from the Persian Government; and after battering 3^d May: folio 1440
12th Nov: folio 4090.
down the Town and Forts of Nukhelos, Yezar, and another 15 Dec: folio 5226
21st Jan'y 1806
folio — 119
Fort on the Island of Busheab, returned to Bushire in
September last, after an absence of four months; the having
succeeded in recovering from this Freebooter 300 Bales of
ling Yls; and a promise of 24,000—Piastras of which amount
Shaikh Nusca, is stated to have received 1000 Piastras
and 1200 Dollars, and obliged Shaikh Rehman to deliver
up his son to him as security for the payment of the remainder;
the subsequent communications from the acting Resident Secret Cons:
21st Jan'y 1806
folio 419.
at Bushire, advised that Shaikh Pema's Son had lately
died of the small Pox; and it is to be apprehended as
observed by M^r. Bruce the acting Resident that in him
have ended all hopes of making any further recoverances
from Nukhelos; as it is not likely that the Persian
Government will be prevailed upon to fit out another
expedition

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repetition against that place since they shewed so much reluctance
to order the first one.

4th The same advice, from the acting Resident at
Bushire, report a further recovery from Shaikh, Rehman of
38 Bales of Broad Cloth; one of that Chief's Dons having
stranded on the Coast near Bushire the Cargo was taken
out ^{put} on board a Boat, and carried to Bushire, where it
turned out to be a number of Bales of Broad Cloth plundered
from the Hector, and intended to be sent to Bassora for sale
the proceeds of which, it appears, were to be transferred to
Shaikh Nujer in part payment of the 20,000 Rupees, for
which his late son was detained as an hostage. Under
which circumstances Shaikh Nujer, at Mr. Bruce's
suggestion, seized the whole and delivered them (as well
as the 300 Bales, he had himself recovered from Shaikh
Rehman) to Mr. Bruce on account of the Honble Company.

5th With respect to the proposal made by the acting
Resident to bestow on Shaikh Nujer a present to the
amount of Rupees 10,000, in reward for his services on
this

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this occasion; Mr. Bruce has been advised that, when the Secret
Cons: 12th Nov.
reports that the money, as well as the goods recovered by 1805 -
Shaikh Nufar, from the Chief of Nukheloo, have been Tol: 1090.
delivered over to him (Mr. Bruce) and the estimate of the
value transmitted to the Presidency, we shall issue further
Instructions to him in respect to the amount of the
Present in question. -

6. In addition to the partial recoverances
detailed in the preceding Paragraph; we have the pleasure
to notice that 45 - Bales of Broad Cloth, deposited by
Shaikh Rehman at the Island of Camay, were seized there
by Sheikh Bexar, the Successor of the late Syed Sultan
on Muscat Mly, on the former's obtaining possession of the
place, and presented to the Resident at Muscat, as set
forth in a letter from Captain Selon recorded under
the 6th August. -

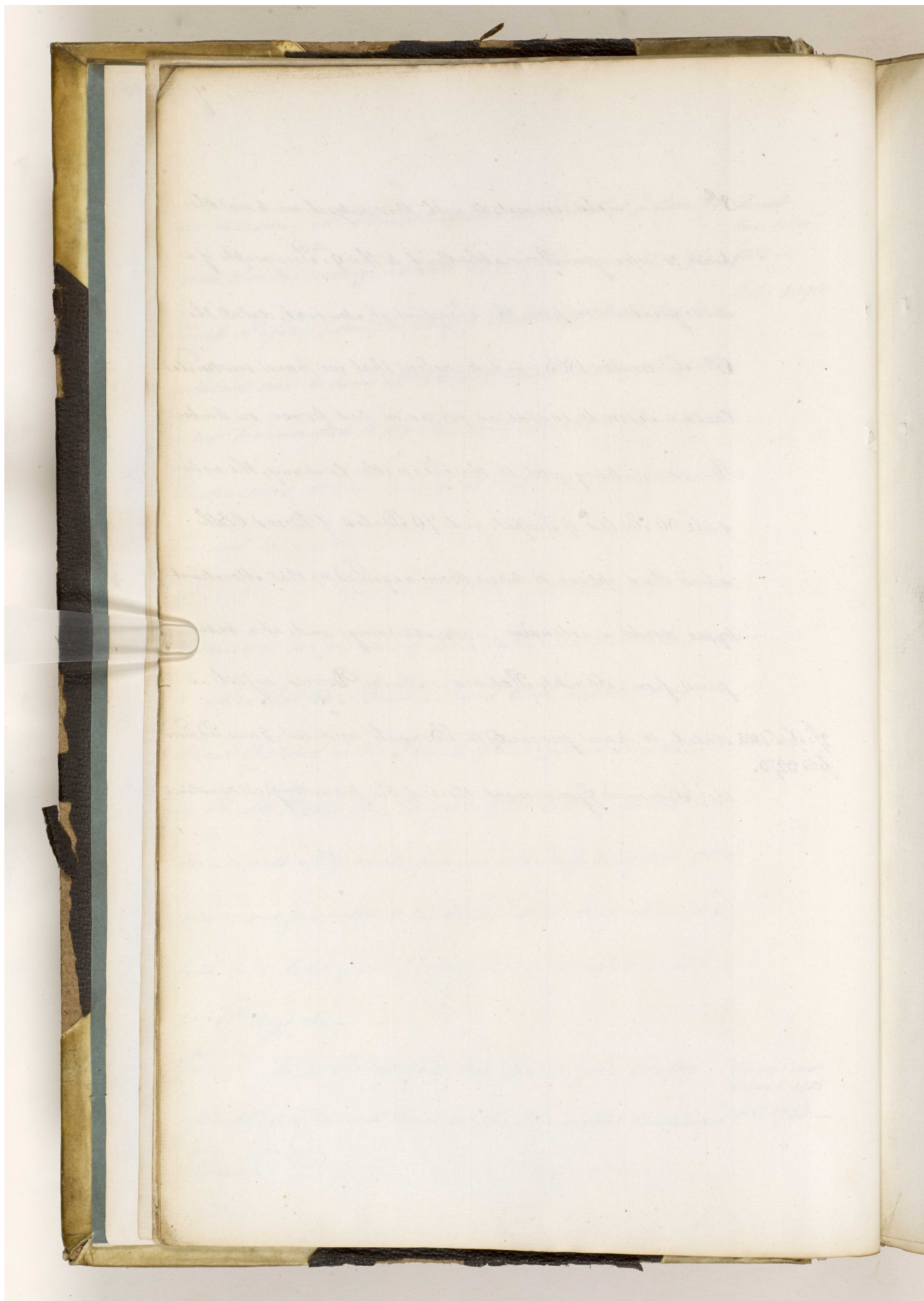
of These Bales have been sent to your factory Secret Cons:
August 1805
at Bushire to be sold there on the Honorable Company's folio 2758. -
account.

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8th As connected with this subject we have the
honor to refer your Honorable Court to the 9th Paragraph of a
subsequent letter from the Resident at Muscat, dated the
6th September 1805; and to notice that we have instructed
Captain Lemon to insist, as far as in his power, on Amber
Dowds making good to the Honorable Company, the value
of the 80 Bales of Rampet, and 70 Bales of Broad Cloth
which thus appear to have been acquired by that Merchant
by no doubt a collusion understanding; and at a base
price from Shaikh Rehman. Amber Dowds vessel is
27th Sept. 1805. stated to have proceeded to Bengal and we have advised
folio 327D.
the Supreme Government there of the preceding circumstance.

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1805
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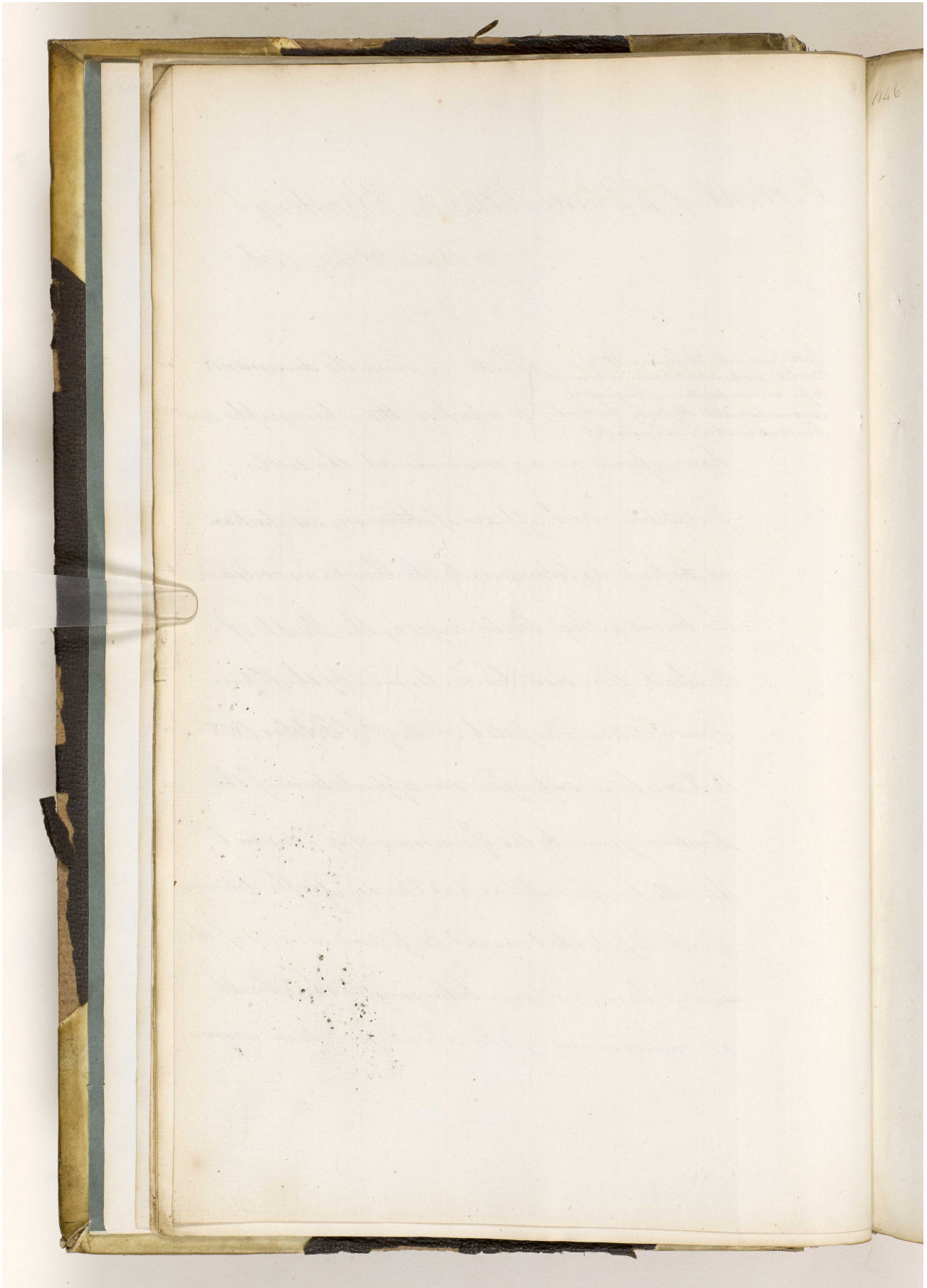
Dated 23rd July 1805.

Letter from dated 20th January 1805.
(P. 202 & 22) respecting the measures adopted
to procure restitution of the property
seized on board the Hector by the Sheikh of
Busheab in the Persian Gulf.

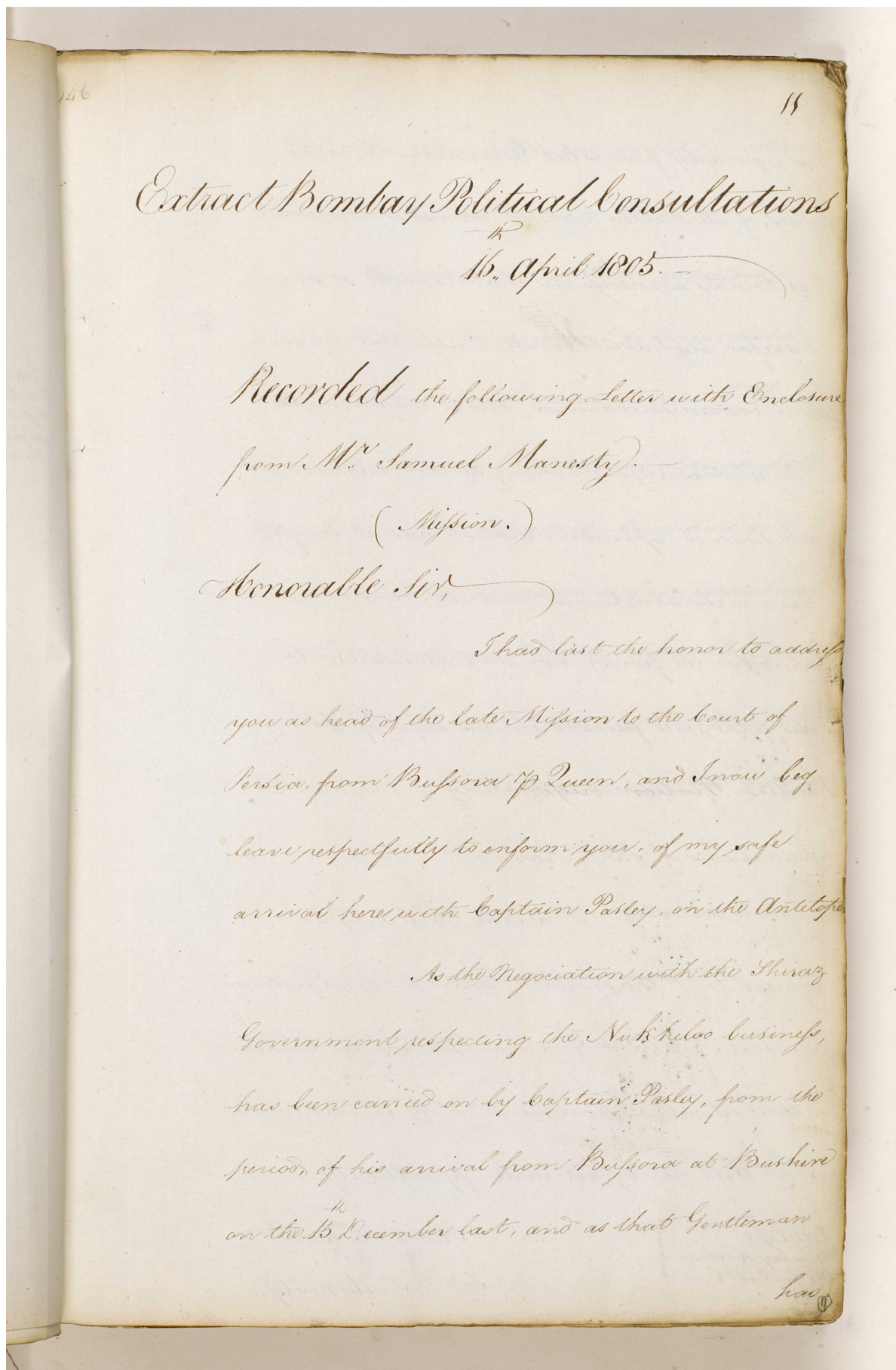
Para. 6. From the documents
to which in these paragraphs you

have referred, we are concerned at the little
probability which appears of obtaining satisfaction
for the property belonging to the Company on board
the Country Ship Hector, seized by the Sheikh of
Busheab. You will have observed by the 11th para
of our Political Dispatch of the 9th of October 1805
that we have expressed our approbation of the
directions given by the Government of Madras to
the Collector of Malabar and Canara for the detection
of all Vessels that might be found in any of the
Ports of those Provinces belonging to the Sheikh,
in consequence of the above piratical seizure.

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has regularly furnished Government with
copies of all public papers connected therewith,
it is totally unnecessary that I should do so. -
I therefore beg leave to make a respectful reference
to his communications and to confine myself
to the mere expression of my decided coincidence
with him in opinion, that it has at length
been clearly ascertained, that the Persian Government
has neither the power nor the inclination to
satisfy the well founded claims on it of the
British Nation, originating in the piratical
reprehensions of Sheik Rania. -

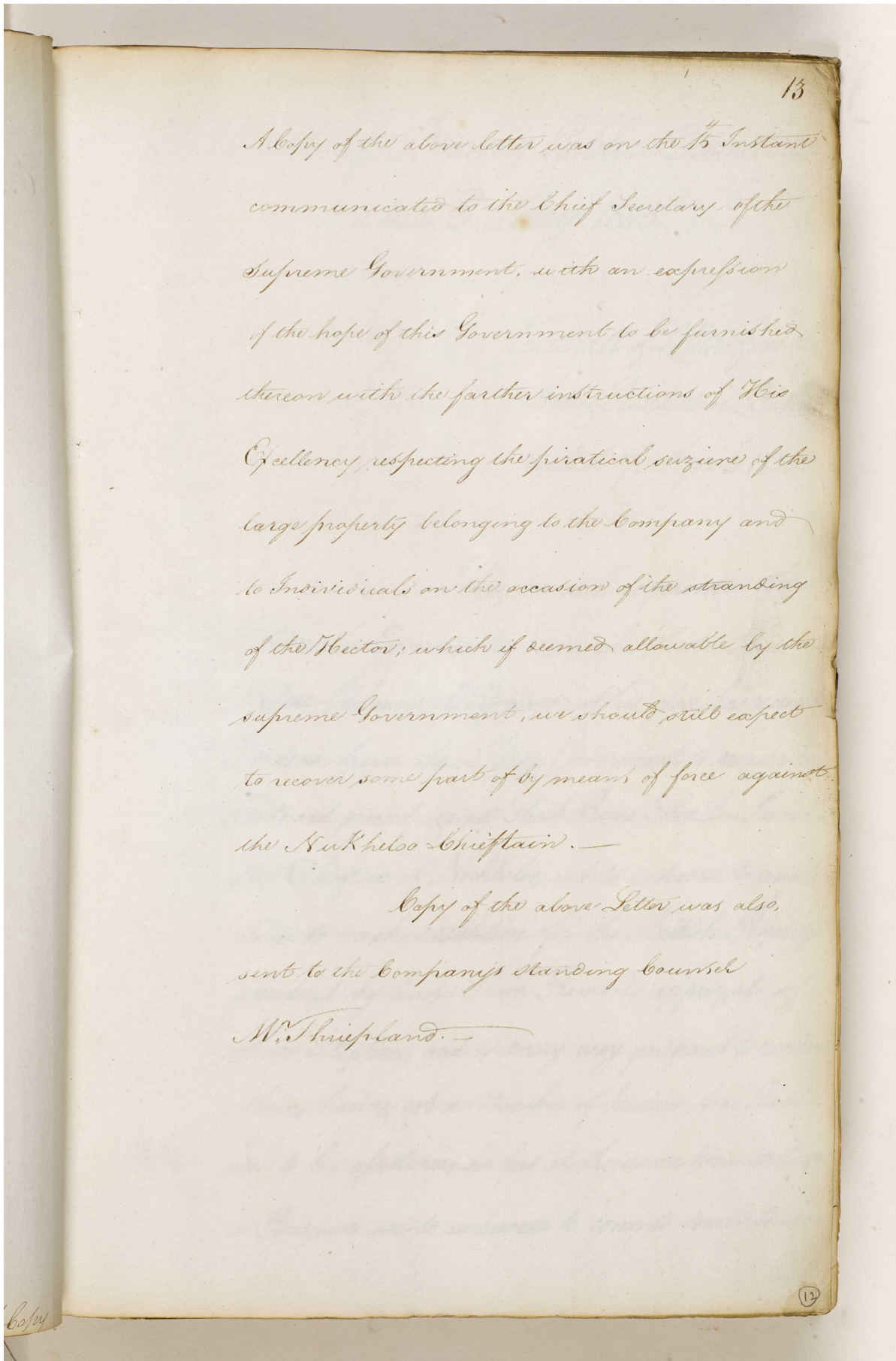
I take the liberty to
request that the enclosed Packet for his Excellency
the Most Noble the Governor General in Council
in the Political Department, may be transmitted
to Fort William by an early opportunity. -

(Antelope
Bombay Harbour }
10 April 1805

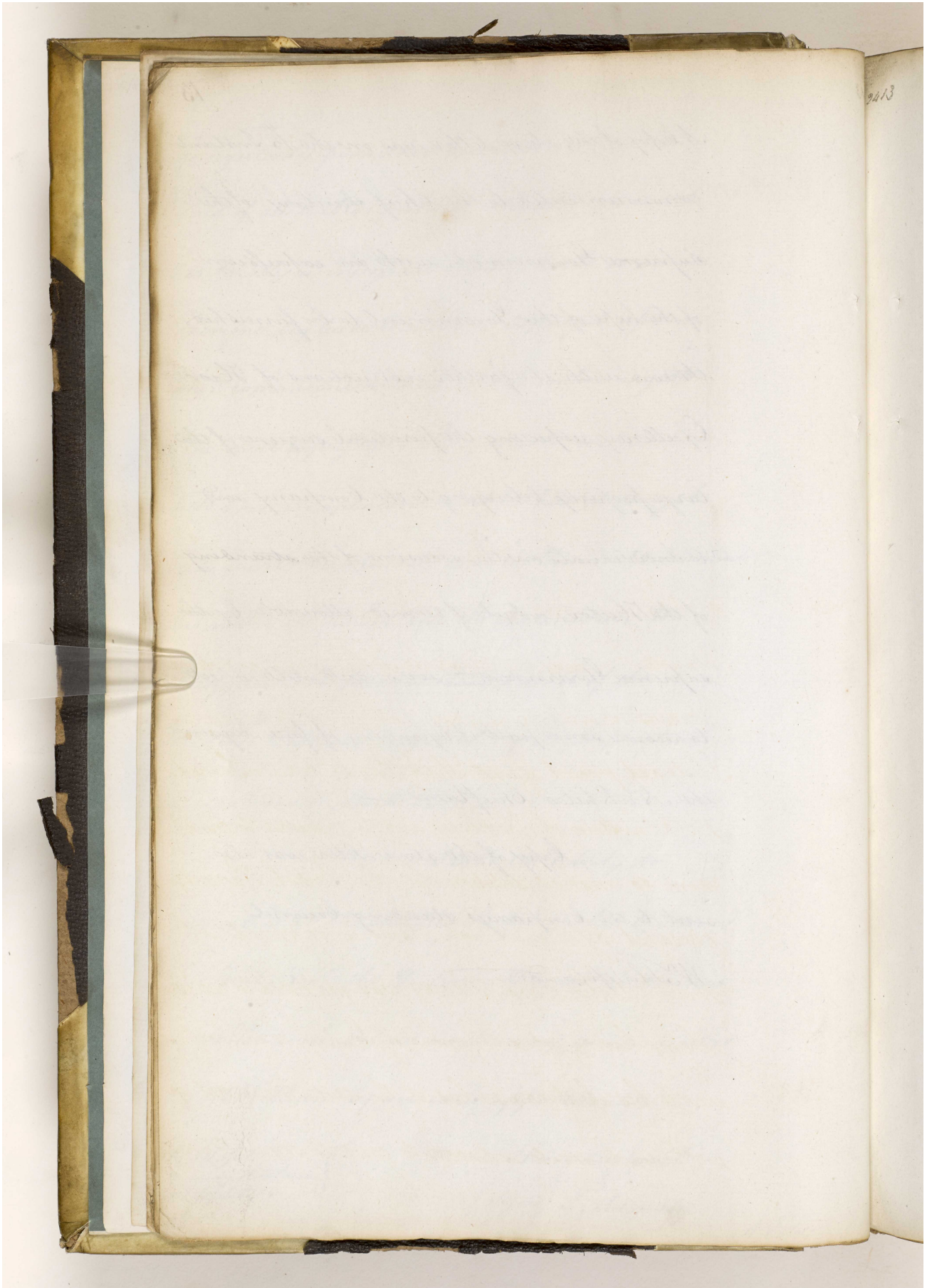
I have the honor
to be
Signed / J. Manesty

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Extract of Bombay Public Consultations,
the 3rd May 1805.

Extract of Letter from the
Acting Resident at Bushire
dated 7th April 1805.

I beg you will acquaint the
Honble the Governor in Council that Shaikh
Nafue Khan, the Governor of this place, has received
Orders from the Sheraz Government to prepare his
Fleet, and proceed against Shaikh Pama Eden Ben Saoud,
the Chieftain of Nachheloo, and to endeavour to compel
him to make restitution for the British Property
plundered by him. Shaikh Pama is apprized of
their intentions, and is every way prepared to receive
them, having got a Number of Loasim Arab Boats
The Orig. are to his assistance, he has at the same time sent up
a Person to me to endeavour to come to some terms
and

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and for me to interfere with the Sheraz Government
to stop the expeditions proceeding, which of course, I
cannot take upon myself to do, more particularly so, as
it is unbecoming of the Dignity of the British Nation
to accede to such terms, which are, that He will deliver
back 70 Bales of Woollens, and bind himself
to pay Three Thousand (3000) Tomans, or Thirty
Thousand Piasters, I of course, treated the Proposal with
the contempt it deserved, and told him that he might rest
assured, that if this Expedition, that was now on foot
should fail, we always had it in our power to enforce
restitution ourselves, without having recourse to the
intervention of any other Authority. He replied, that
Shaikh Rama was well aware of that, and never intended
to stand the contest with us, for the instant he should
get intelligence of our Expedition being on foot from us
he would that moment leave Nakheloo and Busheab
both, and retire with his whole family over to the
Mahabic Shore, where, he was convinced, we could not
get

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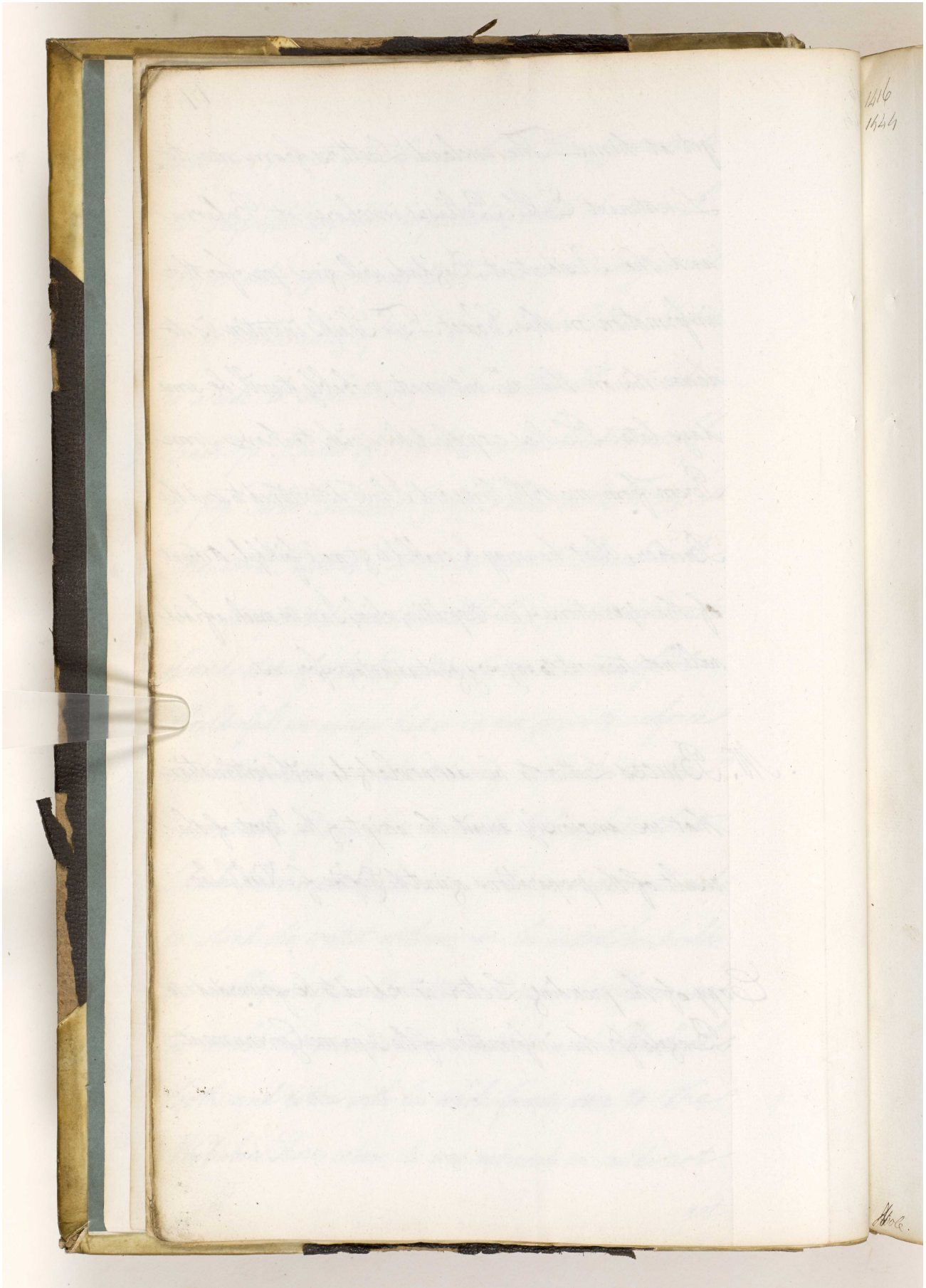
get at him. The enclosed Letters from me to
Lieutenant E. H. Bellasis in charge at Basora
and the Resident at Bagdad, will give you farther
information on this Subject. The Shaikh's intention is to
leave this on the 12th, but most probably it will be some
days later. He has expressed his wish to have some
Person from me with him, and I have determined to send the
Barber, that he may be enabled to get me a faithful account
of the operations of the Expedition, which I am too much afraid
will not turn out to any very great advantage for us.

M. Bruce's Letter to be acknowledged, with intimations
that we anxiously await the receipt of the Report of the
result of the preparations against the Chief of Nakheloo.

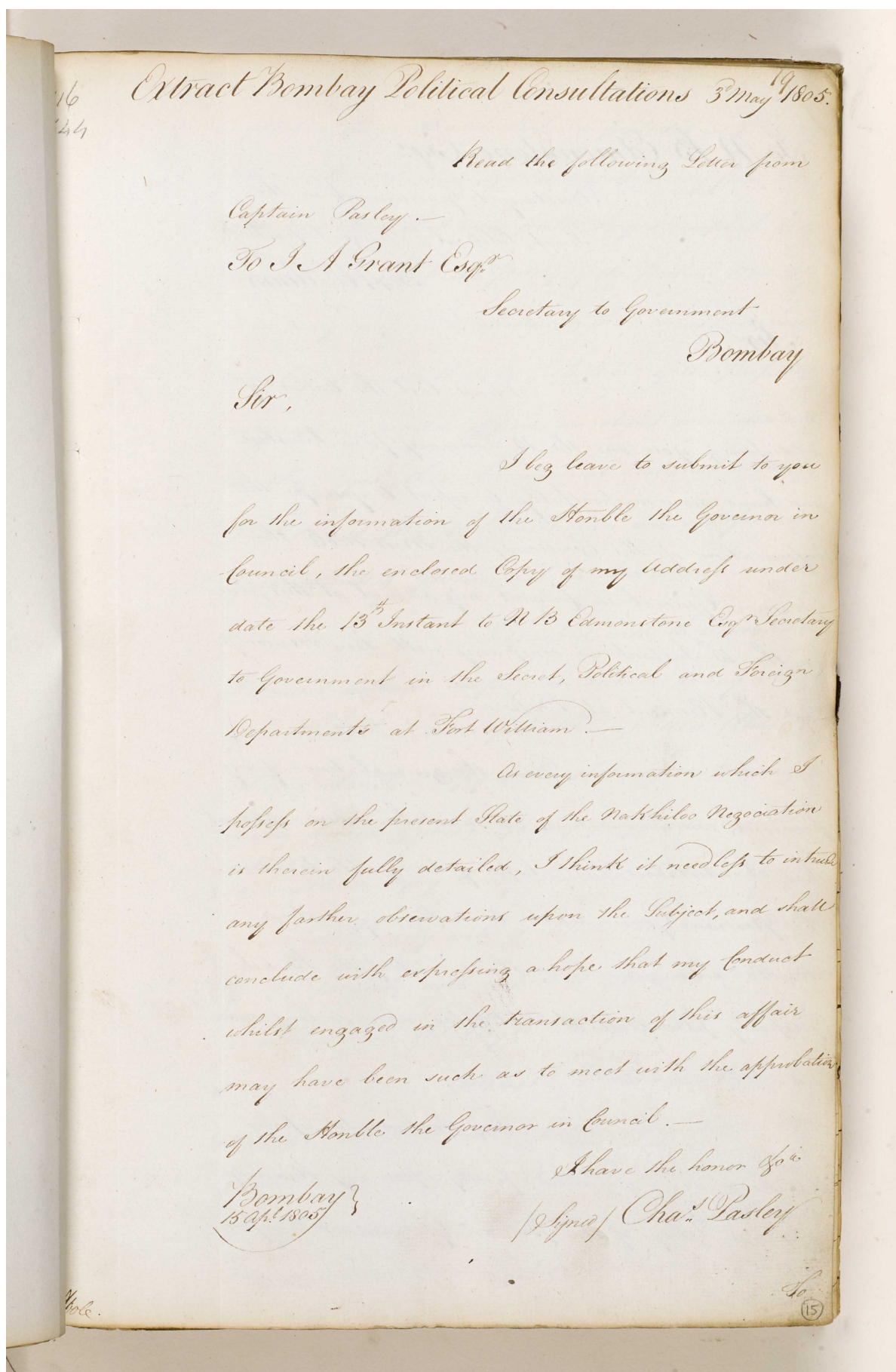
Copy of the preceding Letter is ordered to be forwarded to
Bengal for the information of the Supreme Government.

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To N B Edmonstone Esq^r

Secretary to Government in the
Secret, Political & Foreign Department
Fort William

Sir,

I had last the honor of
addressing you on the 14th January from Bushire
and have now respectfully to report to you for the
information of His Excellency the Most Noble the
Governor General in Council my arrival at this place
on the 10th Instant in company with Genl. Manesty
Esq^r the Resident at Bussoora —

2 From the general tenor of my
previous communications, it must have been apparent
that I entertained little hope of being able to induce
the Persian Government, to make any just or
eligible arrangement on the subject of the British
Property plundered at Nakhiloo now so long under
discussion —

3 My Sentiments upon
this head were grounded, first upon my knowledge
of the inability of the Persian Government to enforce
restoration

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institution from Shaikh Rahma protected as he is by
his insular Situation, & secondly upon my firm belief
& conviction that even could they accomplish so
desirable an event the Policy of the Persian Ministry
is in every respect so shallow & their corruption and
venality so great, that the possession of the Property
in question, would appear an Object more desirable
in their eyes, than the eventual National advantages
to be derived from the conciliation and satisfaction
of the British Government in India.

4. Impressed with these Sentiments
I received without surprise in answer to my address
of the 21st Dec^r, a Letter from Cheragh-Alee Khan,
(whereof I enclose Copy & Translation) containing
many vague & unsatisfactory professions, but not
one word in reply to my demand, that he would
immediately carry into execution the Commands
of His Majesty with respect to Abdoolla Khan Sami
as expressed in the Royal Sumaun.

5. Moonshee Mahomed Hussan's
Journal which I received at the same time & from
whence I beg leave to enclose extract & Translation
clearly demonstrating that this omission in the Minister's
Letter could not be accidental; I naturally inferred
that

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that he, ^{certainly} meant to evade the execution of the King's
Command, & consequently thinking it no longer necessary
to incur the expences attendant upon the Moonshoe's
stay at Sheraz, recalled him on the 2^d February.

6. Of my address to Cheragh
Ali Khan upon this occasion, I have now the honor
to enclose Copy and Translation, whereby you will observe
that I declined entering into any farther detailed or
explanations with that Minister, as I could not but
conceive that all such must, after what had passed,
in some degree assume the appearance of Solicitation
with which I was little inclined to gratify his
vanity, at the expence of my own respectability
when acting in any public & official Capacity.

7. Moonshoe, Mahomed Akbar
arrived at Bushire on the 28th Feb^y bringing with him
a Complimentary Letter from Cheragh Ali Khan,
whereof I am unable at present to furnish you with
a Copy or Translation, the original being with the Moonshoe
whose arrival I daily expect when I shall have the
honor to transmit them.

8. I have the honor to enclose Quis
of my Correspondence with Samiel Manesty Esq^r the Resident
at Busheera since the date of my last address.

9. I shall now beg leave to express
in a few words my Sentiments upon the present State
of the Nakhiloo Negotiation, which are, & as

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as follows:- Firstly, that the Persian Ministry
have every inclination to afford the British
Government all the satisfaction to be derived
from the punishment of the Offender, and the
~~extermination~~ extirpation of his Family, but that it
is not at all their intention to make any restitution
whatever, and should they be successful in
reducing Shaikh Balma, there will be less
chance than ever, of obtaining remuneration. Secondly,
that Cherafeh Alee Khan does not himself
entertain any great hopes of being able to succeed in
seizing the Offenders, but he wishes to prevent
its being undertaken by the British Government,
both as the weakness of that of Persia
will thereby be exposed, and as it will prevent
the chance he has of making considerable gains
by the expedition, for should it be successful
three-fourths of the plunder will inevitably
find its way into his Coffers.

10. Jan 17

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10. In concluding this Address, I must
request your indulgence for the freedom with
which I have declared my Sentiments upon
the Subject under consideration, and shall only
further intrude by expressing my ardent hopes
that my Conduct during the late Service in Persia
may have been such as to entitle me to a reward,
which it has throughout been my endeavour to obtain, and my ambition
to deserve the favourable notice and approbation of His Excellency
the Most Noble the Governor-General in Council.

Bombay
13th April 1805.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed) Chas. Pasley.

Letter from Cheragh Alee Khan to Captain Charles Pasley
received at Bushire, 28th January 1805.

A. C.

Par. 1. The friendly Letter, which you
dispatched to my Address arrived at a happy and
auspicious

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auspicious moment, and rejoiced me by the agreeable intelligence of your Welfare.

2. With regard to what you have written concerning the Nakhilo Business, and the plundered Property of the British Merchants, I must acquaint you that immediately upon the arrival of Moonshee Mahomed Hussein, and my being honored with His Majesty's Firman upon that Subject, I took the necessary measures for carrying his Royal intentions into effect.

3. Having heard that Shaikh Qulma had retreated to the Islands adjoining Nakhilooa, I had directed the Shipping of the adjacent Ports to be completely manned and equipped for the due execution of the Service thus entrusted to my management, but whilst these preparations were making, I learnt that Syed Sultan, the Imam of Muscat (who by His Majesty's Command had taken charge of Gombroon and the Districts)

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Districts thereto belonging) had been killed at sea
and that the Affairs of that Quarter had
consequently fallen into confusion.

4. As the abovementioned Port
and its Dependencies form an integral part of
His Majesty's Dominions, and any delay in
arranging the Administration thereof may be
attended with serious consequences on account
of the unsettled State of the Gulph, I could not
but consider the immediate Settlement of that
District as an object of higher importance, than
the less urgent Duties prescribed by the Royal
Firmans, and indeed it appears to me, that
whenever the Affairs of Gombroon are properly
organized, the Settlement of the Nakhiloo Business
will become an easy matter, and follow as a natural
consequence without the smallest trouble.

5. The Affairs of Gombroon appearing
thus to claim a prior attention, His Royal Highness
the

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The Prince, has been pleased to command
that the different Shaikhs on the Coast should
collect the Shipping of their respective Ports
and proceed thither, in force by Sea, whilst a
Body of the Regulars, with the Militia of
Larr, Loubah, &c. shall march into that
Quarter by Land, and after making eligible
Arrangements there, proceed to the Settlement
of the other Affairs on hand.

6. As soon therefore, as the
District of Gombroon has been reduced to order,
Shaikh Rahma shall, please God, be seized,
and all business relating to him, be brought
to a final termination.

7. The prescribed Duties of friendship
require, that the bonds of unanimity should
be daily strengthened, by the means of amicable
Letters, setting forth any business wherein my
exertions can be serviceable.

8. May

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8. May the Blessing of the
Almighty give permanency to your fortunes
and prosperity!

True Translation.

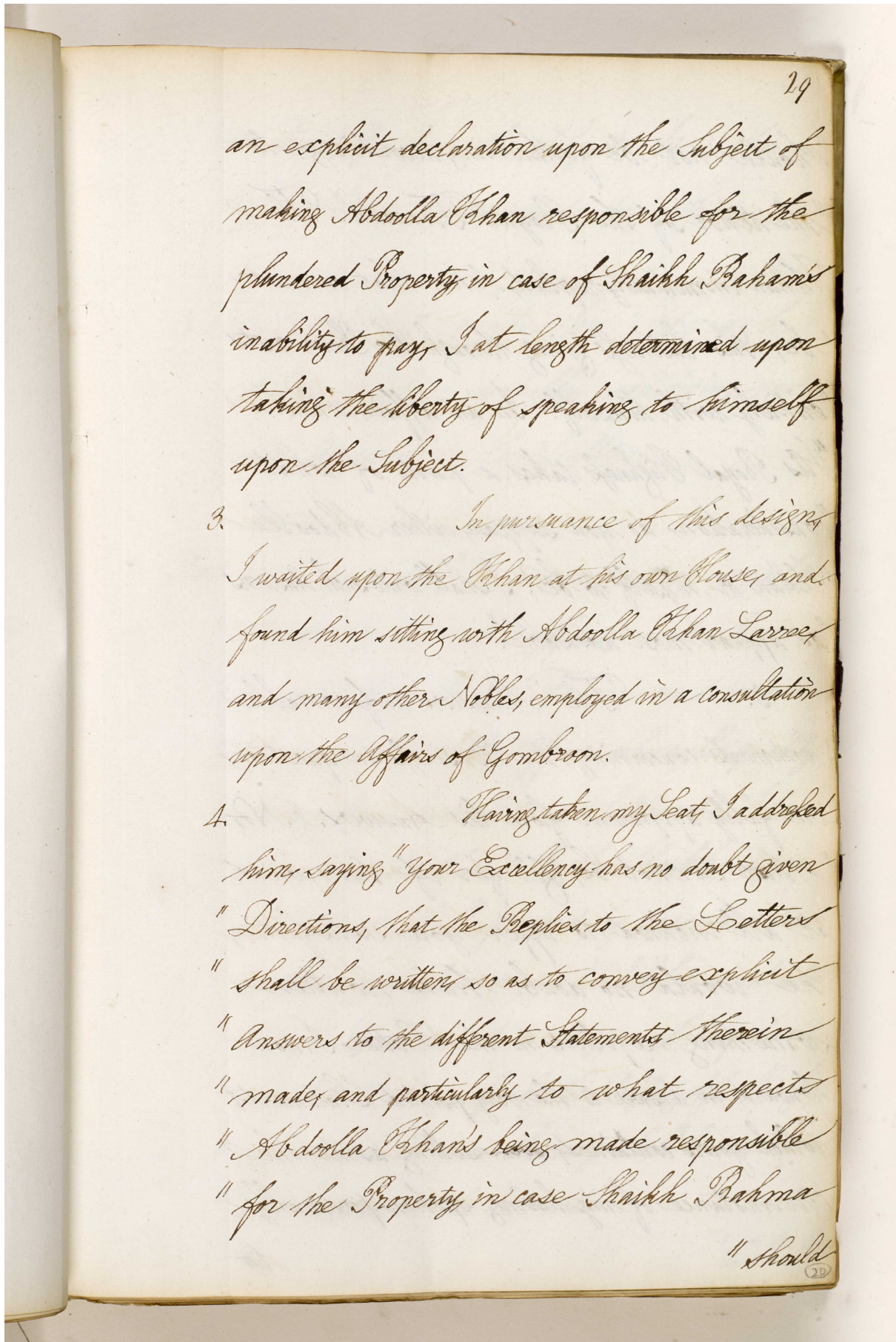
(Signed) Sha. Parsley.

Extract from Moonshee Mahomed
Hussan's Journal.

20th Shawal.

Par. 1. I had at all my former visits
remained silent upon the Subject of your
Letter in expectation that the very open
and unequivocal terms in which it was written
would have induced Cheragh Alee Khan to
say something of his own accord.

2. Finding myself however
disappointed in this particular, and having
received your directions to obtain from him
an



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8. May the Blessing of the
Almighty give permanency to your fortunes
and prosperity!

True Translation.

(Signed) Cha. Pasley.

Extract from Moonshee Mahomed
Ghaffar's Journal.

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remained silent upon the Subject of your
Letter in expectation that the very open
and unequivocal terms in which it was written
would have induced Cheragh Alee Khan to
say something of his own accord.

2. Finding myself however
disappointed in this particular, and having
received your directions to obtain from him
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to himself upon the Subject. It is therefore
plain, that he means to do nothing.

Observations made by Cheragh
Alee Jahan, verbally upon giving me
the Answers to the Letters.

Par. 1.

"I am now exerting myself
" strenuously in your Affairs, and have
" appointed a large Force, under an
" approved and trusty Officer, who will speedily
" bring the Business to a Settlement; I have
" also directed, that all the Shaikhs upon
" the Coast shall proceed by Sea in order
" to take possession of Nakhiloo, and its
" Dependencies, and to seize and imprison
" Shaikh Rahmay for, by the Blessing of the Almighty,
" the whole of your Property shall be recovered,
" and restored to the last mite."

" 2. Shaikh

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"2. " Shaikh Naser Khan has
"likewise been ordered upon this expedition, and
"should occasion require, he will make the necessary
"requisition for a British Vessel to act in concert
"with the Persian Fleet, in order completely to
"stop up every outlet, and prevent all possibility
"of Shaikh Rahma's escape."

True Translation.

(Signed) Cha^s. Pasley.

Letter from Captain Charles Pasley to
Cheragh Alee Khan, dispatched from
Bushire, on the 2^d of February 1805.

A. C.

Par. 1. I have been honored
by the receipt of your friendly
Letters and have perfectly
understood its Contents.

2. As

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2.

As it does not seem
probable, from the general tenor
of that communication, that there
is any likelihood of the Affairs of
Nakhiloo being brought to a
speedy Settlement, and as the
period of my return to India approaches,
the farther stay of Moonshee
Mahomed Eufany at Sheraz,
appears perfectly unnecessary, and
may indeed be only troublesome.
I have therefore to request that
you will be pleased to grant
him the necessary permissions
for returning immediately
to Bushire.

I have the honor, &c.^m

(Signed) Chas. Pasley.

True Proto. by Pro.

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To Samuel Manesty Esq.

President at Busora.

Sir,

Par. 1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Public Letter of the 8th which reached me, on the 12th ultimo. Since that Date, we have been in daily expectation of the arrival of Mahomed Nobbie Khan, who has not however yet made his appearance.

2. On the 28th ultimo, an Express from Mooshee Mahomed Pasha, at Shiraz, brought me the enclosed Letter to your Address from Cheragh Alee Khan, in answer to your various Dispatches to him from Busora.

3. By the same opportunity, I was favoured with an Answer to my Address to that Minister, under Date the 25th of December, whereof I beg leave to enclose you Copy and Translation.

4. The

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A.

The present communications from Cheragh Alee Khan, appearing to my judgement to be perfectly unsatisfactory, and evasive, and the enclosed Extract and Translation from Mooshee Mahomed Shifan's Journal, not affording any more favourable view of the Negotiation on foot, I have thought it needless any longer to subject the Honble Company to the expenses necessarily attendant upon his stay at Swirag, and have accordingly recalled him from thence, by a Letter dated the 2^d. Instant, when I also addressed the Minister, as a Copy and Translation enclosed.

5.

The language of that Address being perfectly respectful, its brevity and concision will not, I hope, be deemed improper; I could not indeed but think, that the vague and unmeaning communication of the Khan did not merit a more particular reply, and was the less inclined to prolixity, from a perfect

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perfect conviction, that no reasonable
representations whatever are likely to produce
any beneficial effects upon the venal
minds of the Persian Ministry, unless
supported by promises, or enforced by
threats, neither of which means could I, under
present circumstances, conceive myself at
liberty to employ.

Busheab
7th February 1855

I have the honor, &c."

(Signed) Charles Pasley.

To Captain Charles Pasley.

Sirs

I had the pleasure to write to you
on the 8th Instant of the Decry, and on the 14th. I was
favoured with your Advice of the 5th preceding,
the Contents of which, I have very
materially considered.

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Your prior ones of the 17th ultimo
respecting the Honble Company's Claims on account
of the Property plundered at Busheab gave me
much concern; and I am more than ever solicitous
on the Subject; although I entertain ardent hopes
that your Letter to Cheragh Alee Khan may have
beneficial consequences; and I have the satisfaction
to inform you, that the King's Embassador
Khan, Mahomed Noobie Khan, has confirmed
to me, his former assurances, not only of the Royal
desire, that full effect should be given to the
Firmaun received by me, in the Imperial Camp
at Sooltonia; but of his own individual determination
to make most active exertions for that purpose
on his arrival at Bushire; and, even if necessary
to proceed thence to Shiraz in order to press
Cheragh Alee Khan to decisive measures.

Having received of Antelope
the Commands of the Honble the President in
Council

Council, of the 8th of October, expressive of his
particular anxiety, that the most energetic and
immediate official efforts should be made, by
me, and by M. Bruce, to influence the Shiraz
Government to final satisfactory arrangements
for the recovery of the Property or the Value
of the Property plundered by Sheikh Rahma.
I thought it necessary to make a communication
to Government & Queen, dated the 2nd Instant,
of which, I have the pleasure to enclose a Copy
for your information.

On a perusal of that Paper,
you will find, that the ideas then entertained
by me on the interesting Subject in question,
did not exactly correspond with your communication
to Cheragh Alee Khan, I having received
that of either Abdolla Khan or Sheikh Rahma
were ever sent to Bushire, it was the intention
of His Majesty, that neither the Khans or
the

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the Shaikh should there account for the
value of the Property plundered by the Shaikh
not merely come for the purposes of explanation
your suggestion to Eheragh Alee Khan
that Abdolla Khan should be rendered
immediately responsible at Shiraz is in my
Opinion a very judicious one, because the
capability of the Persian Government to
seize Sheikh Bahma himself is extremely
doubtful whilst Abdolla Khan is in the
Minister's immediate power, and the latter
cannot therefore offer in reply to your Letter
any plausible excuse for declining to compel
him to a Settlement, provided the obvious
and apparent tenor of the King's Firman
which you have so properly taken as the
basis of your application be considered by
Eheragh Alee Khan as the ground on which he
will be expected by His Majesty to act. If indeed
Eheragh

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Eheragh Alee Pkhan, has received any secret Instructions from Court, giving him a latitude of conduct, his answer to your Letter will be evasive, and a discovery be made of the real sentiments and determination of the Persian Monarchy on that Subject.

As however the period of the departure of the Ambassador for India approaches, and as the King is now personally very highly interested in the success of his Mission, I am inclined to hope, that Eheragh Alee Pkhan may not have received any such Instructions and that he may fortunately be aware, that the Season of self-interested evasion is expired, and that he must decide.

I am not aware that any possible good consequences could result from the arrival at Bushire of Abdoolah Pkhan, on a journey of mere explanation.

Inequivocally

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I unequivocally commend
your intention to press Cheragh Alee Khan
in the event of farther indecision on his part
to admit, as the King has already done, in fact
that the British Government have claims on
that of Persia to the Amount of the Property
at stake. It is indeed high time, that the
Shiraz Minister should act, or that
His Excellency the Most Noble the
Governor General should feel himself at liberty
to do so, with that degree of energy which might
effectually assert the Honor of the British Flag
and finally check piratical depredations in
the Persian Gulph.

I shall not fail still farther
to urge Ajan Mahomed Nobe Khan to facilitate
as much as may be in his power the accomplishment
of the wishes of the British Government
connected with the unfortunate business
in

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in question, nor strongly to recommend to him
cordially to enter, on his arrival at Bushires
into your official views and arrangements
He is anxious to reach that place, as well
on his own individual account, as in consideration
of the possibility of being compelled to visit
Shiraz; but he is detained here, for the
present, by the absence of the Viper, and
other circumstances.

I shall again have the pleasure
to communicate with you, on the departure
hence of the Embassadors, but, as I have reason
to expect the receipt from Europe of Public
Packets, containing Intelligence of the
commencement of Hostilities between
Great Britain and Spain, and as a consequent
necessity will arise of dispatching a Vessel
with them to the Presidency, I now
deem it advisable to apprise you of
the

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the circumstance, in order that you may
be prepared for your return on her to
India, provided you concur with me in
Opinion, that the Public Interests will
not require your continuance in
Persia much longer than the period
of the receipt of a decisive Answer
from Cheragh Alee Khan respecting
the Nakhiloo Business.

I calculate that the Public
Packets in question may reach me
towards the close of the present
Month, and I shall hope, that the
Antelope may return from her
present Cruise towards the
5th of the succeeding one so that, if it
be again necessary on account
of the late piratical depredations in the Gulph
to cause two Vessels, to proceed to the mouth of
it

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it together, on the plan, which I adopted,
on the dispatch of the Queen, I shall
then be able to devote to that Service, the
Antelope and the Viper.

Before }
20th January 1805.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) J. Manesty.

To Captain Charles Pasley.

Sir,

My last Public Letter
was dated the 20th ultimo, and
accompanying Duplicate.

The Embassador had on the
30th ultimo, resolved to proceed to Bushire, by
Land, on the 1st Instant, at my suggestion, he
determined to venture by Sea; it has not
however been in my power, to effect the
Dispatch, before the present period of the Viper,
and

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and the Shannon, which Vessels have been appropriated
to the conveyance & accommodation of himself, his
attendants & baggage.

I have not any additional
communication to make of an interesting nature
respecting the Nathiloo Business. The Ambassador
has uniformly expressed much anxiety on the Subject
and repeats his assurances of its being his fixed
determination & intention to make every possible
exertion to bring the affair to an eligible conclusion.
On his arrival at Bushire you will make such
communications to him, as you may deem advisable
respecting your late Correspondence with Cheragh
Ali Khan; I have merely here apprized him of
your having pressed the Minister to a declaration
of his intentions, in respect to the execution of the
Royal Ferman without allowing him to see the
Copy of your Letter, or explaining to him, the tenor
and language of it.

I have here paid the Ambassador
such attentions and civilities as have been in my
power; and on the subject of his reception at Bushire

I enclose

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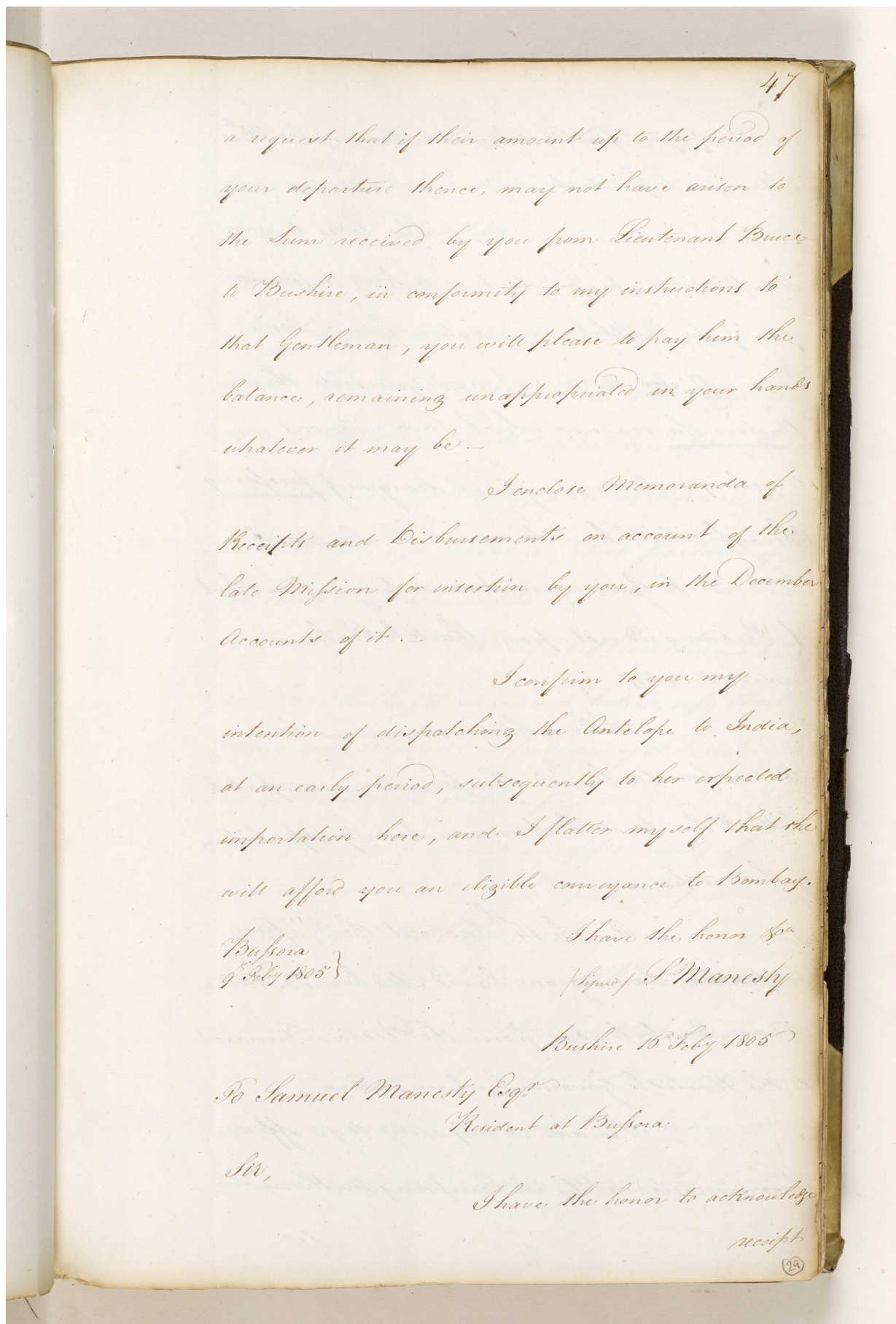
I need only observe that your very correct and
extensive knowledge of etiquette & your uniform
inclination and desire to render your public
conduct in every respect, conformable to the strictest
rules of propriety, will suggest to you such
arrangements connected with that event, as may be
politic, advisable and creditable to all parties.

I have stated to Lieutth
Bruce that I have made a communication to
you on the subject of the preceding Paragraph
of this Letter, & I have expressed my conviction that
his conduct towards the Ambassador will be
critically proper & correct, in ceremonious as well
as other respects.

It is necessary to inform
you that having received from Akbar Mahomed
Nobbe Khan, the amount of the pecuniary aid
afforded him in Persia, on the public account, the
whole of the demands on the late Mission for
purchases made in the Imperial Camp at
Soltania have been satisfied and on the subject
of your public Disbursements at Bushire, I make

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receipt of your public communications of the 20th
ultimo and 7th instant.

2. My public Letter to your
address dated the 7th instant will have informed
you of the Matkhibloo negotiation having been
broken off ~~for~~ the present, and you will therein
perceive the reasons which have induced me
to relinquish my original design of pressing
Cheragh Ali Khan to admit the claims of
the British Government as resting upon that
of Persia and not upon Shaikh Rahma
individually.

3. I have had no answers from
Moonshee Mahomed Hussan to my dispatch
of the 2^d Instant, but am in hourly expectation
of their or his arrival.

4. On the 14th Instant the Vifier
imported having on board Mahomed Nebbie
Khan, Ambassador from the Persian Monarch
to the British Government in India.

5. I made it my duty to go off to
him immediately in Company with

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Mr. Bruce, Shaikh Muses Khan and the
principal Merchants of the place.

6. On the 15th in the Morning His
Excellency landed and was received by the
Shaikh upon the beach, with every mark
of attention and respect; Mr. Bruce & myself
again attended upon this occasion ~~upon this~~
~~occasion~~ and proceeding with the Cavalcade
to his Excellency's residence, there partook of
the usual refreshments.

7. Mahomed Abbis Khan's time
has been hitherto so much taken up that
I have not thought it proper yet to intrude
upon his leisure with a private Visit, and
have not therefore had an opportunity of
knowing his sentiments upon the present
state of the Nakhiloo question.

8. Shaikh Muses Khan mentioned
^{me} to in conversation yesterday, that he had
received the most positive & peremptory
orders to proceed against Boorsheib &
immediately, and indirectly hinted that
he.

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he would expect a British Vessel to accompany
his expedition whenever it might take place.
I did not return any decisive answer upon
this Subject, but observed that whenever he
found himself in readiness to set out it
would be time enough to think of that
arrangement, as the present State of the
Gulph afforded such complete employment
for all the British Vessels in these quarters,
that they could not be suffered to remain a
long inactive at Bashee, but might
always be procured from Bussora at a
few days notice should occasion require.

9. Aga Mahomed Behebanee
a respectable Native well known to the Bombay
Government, informed me confidentially that
these Orders had been dispatched, immediately
upon the receipt by Cheragh Alee Khan, of
my last letter under date the 2^d Instant.

10. The Receipts and disbursements
on account of the late Mission whereof
you enclosed me Memoranda for insertion
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in the public Accounts shall be duly attended to.

11. I am sorry to inform you that no balance whatever will remain in my hands, from the sum received by me from Lieut. Bruce and indeed I fear I shall be obliged to draw upon the Government at Bombay or yourself at Basora, for three or four thousand Pistres in order to bring the accounts to a close.

12. I shall not be able to finish those for December and January in time for the present conveyance, unless the Viper should meet with some unexpected detention.

13. I hope to be in readiness for proceeding to India by the Antelope & whenever she may arrive.

I have the honor &c

(Signed) Chas. Pasley

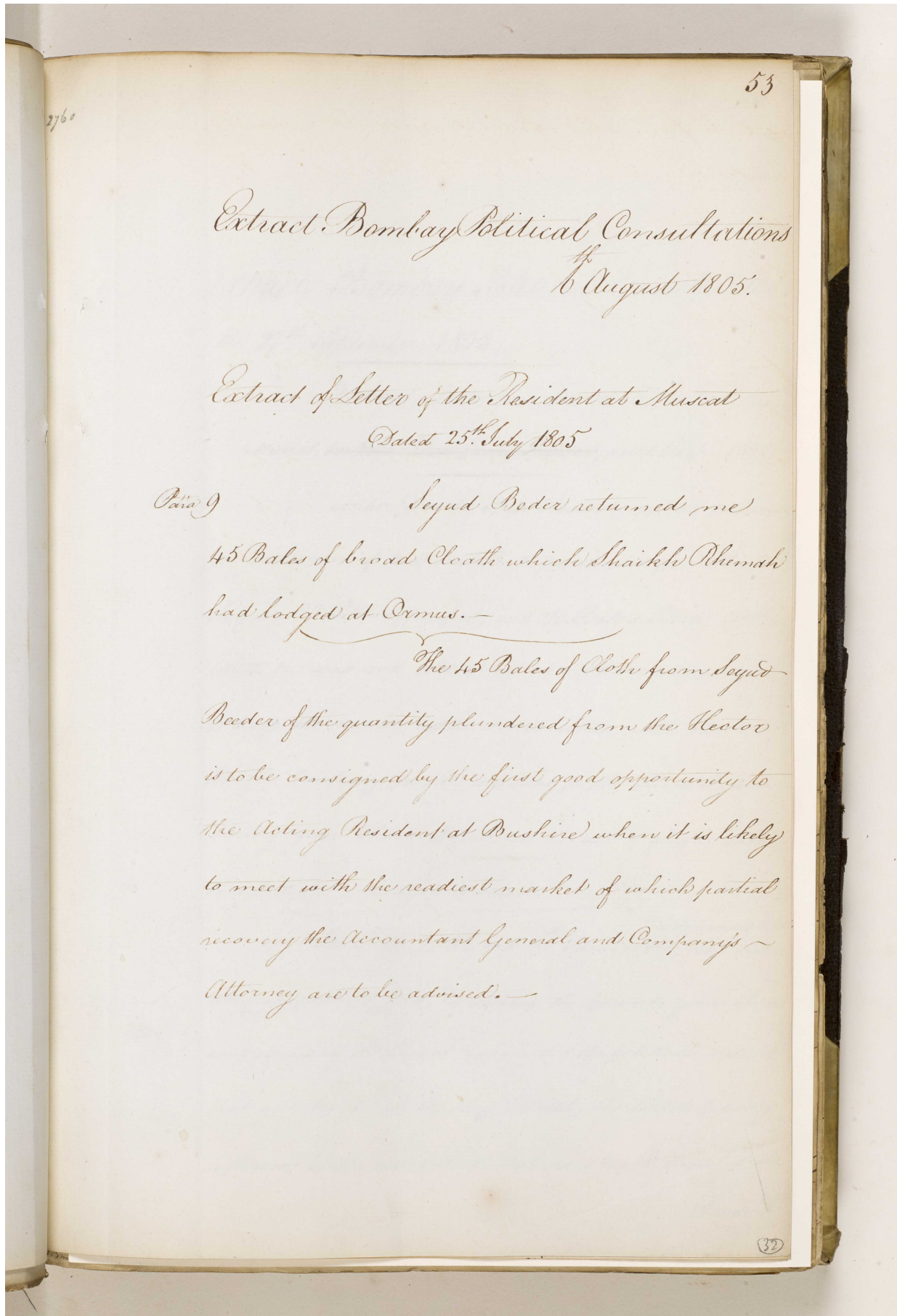
The Board have every reason to be satisfied with Captain Pasley's exertions on the question resulting from the plunder of the Cargo of the Hector by the Chieftain of Nakhiloo at the same time that Captain Pasley will learn by the Copy with which he

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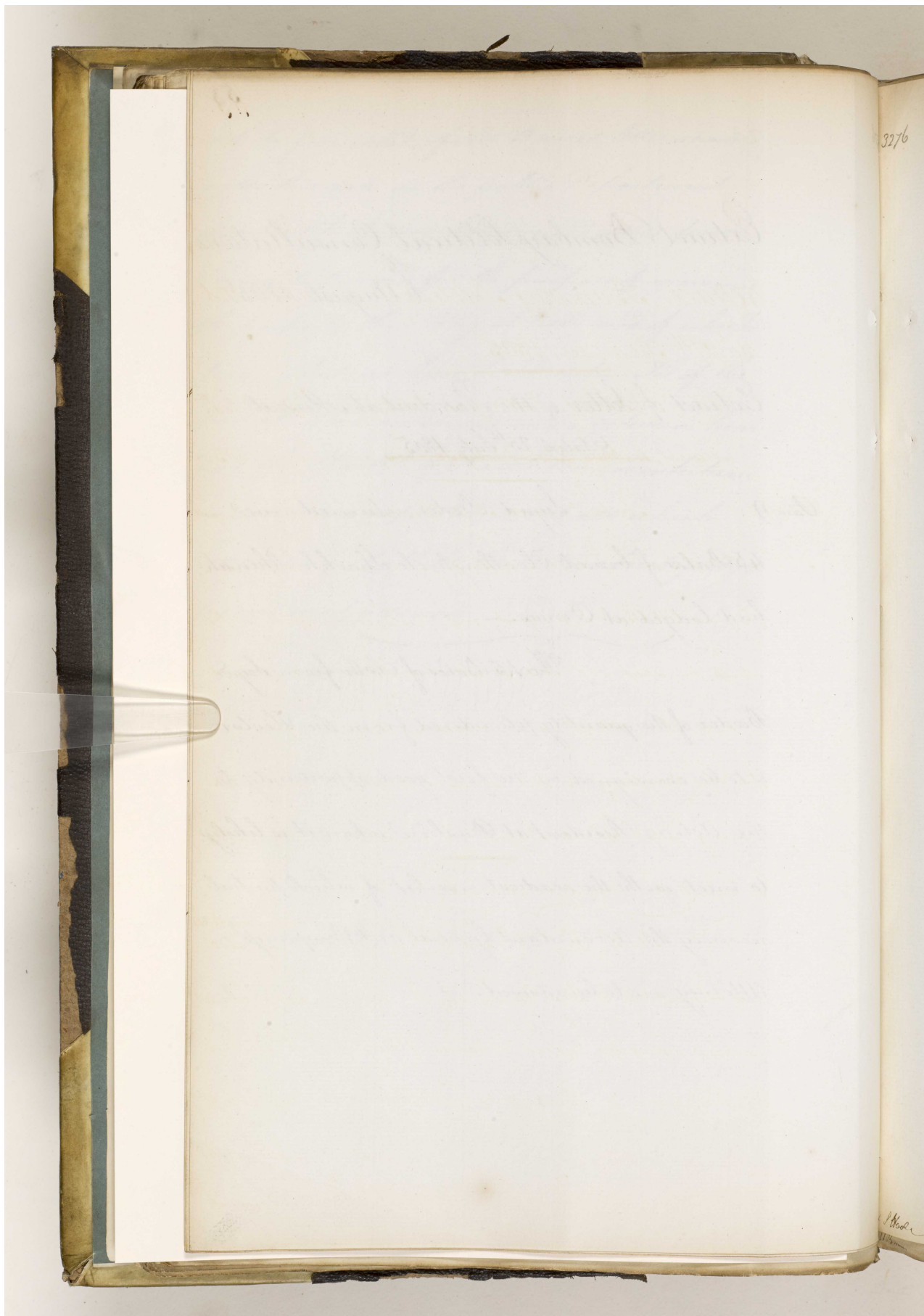
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is to be furnished, of Mr Francis letter recorded
under this date in the public Department
that Sheikh Naper had received orders from
Shiraz to proceed for the purpose of recovering
the property thus long at risk and of which
from what we have heard intimated of the
private good understanding between him
and the Shaikh of Nakhiloo we entertain
no sanguine expectations of all which
however we shall be the better able to judge
by our next advices.—

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the 27th September, 1805.

Extract, Letter from David Seton, Esq. Sec^y.
Muscot, ~~to Lord Philip Dundas, Secretary~~, dated 15th Sept^r. 1805.

From: 9 ~~Amber Dowd's Ship~~ Hullsby, sailed for Bengal
the latter end of last month, he purchased from Sheikh
Behma 80 Bales, purple, and 70 Bales Broad cloth
which he sent and sold at Mocha, I have ordered him
to keep the money, as he must settle, with the
Humble Company for the amount for the Sheikh Behma,
having given Sheikh Nasser, an account of all the sales
on which he would be charged.

The 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Paragraphs, ^{of the preceding letter} were also
communicated to His Excellency, the Governor General, as
comprehending the latest accounts of the political state of
that quarter, to which they related, his Lordship being
informed at the same time, that we should instruct the

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Resident at Chuscat to insist, as far as in his power, on
Amber Dowd's making good to the Company the value
of the 80 Bales of Carpet and 70 Bales of Broad Cloth
thus acquired by that Merchant (whose vessel was
stated to have proceeded to Bengal) by no doubt a
collusive understanding and at a base price from
Sheikh Rahmah, the robber of the Honble Company's
property in the Hector, the now reported favorable progress
of Sheikh Nufes, in the coercion of whom, under the
orders of the Persian Government afforded for the first
time a degree of favorable prospect of some effective
recovery of the large property seized on the occasion
in question.

The following Letter was on the same
date addressed to the Most Honorable the Governor General.
To The Most Honble, Charles Marquis Cornwallis, Esq.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have the honor to transmit to your
Excellency

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Excellency, the accompanying contract, being the 6th
of 8th and 9th Paragraphs of a letter from the President
at Muscat, dated the 6th instant, as comprehending
the latest accounts of the political state of that
quarter, to which they relate, and to intimate to
your Excellency, that we shall instruct the President
at Muscat to insist as far as in his power on
Amber Dowd's making good to the company the
value of the 80 Bales of Sugar, and 70 Bales of broad
cloth, which thus appear to have been acquired by
that Merchant (whose vessel is stated to have proceeded
to Bengal) by no doubt, a collusive understanding and
at a bad price from Sheikh Rishmah the depredator
of the Fomble Company's property in the Hector, the
now reported favorable prospects of Sheikh Nasser
in the accession of whom, under the orders of ^{the} Persian
Government affords to the first time a degree of
favorable prospect of some effective recovery of the
large property seized on the occasion in question

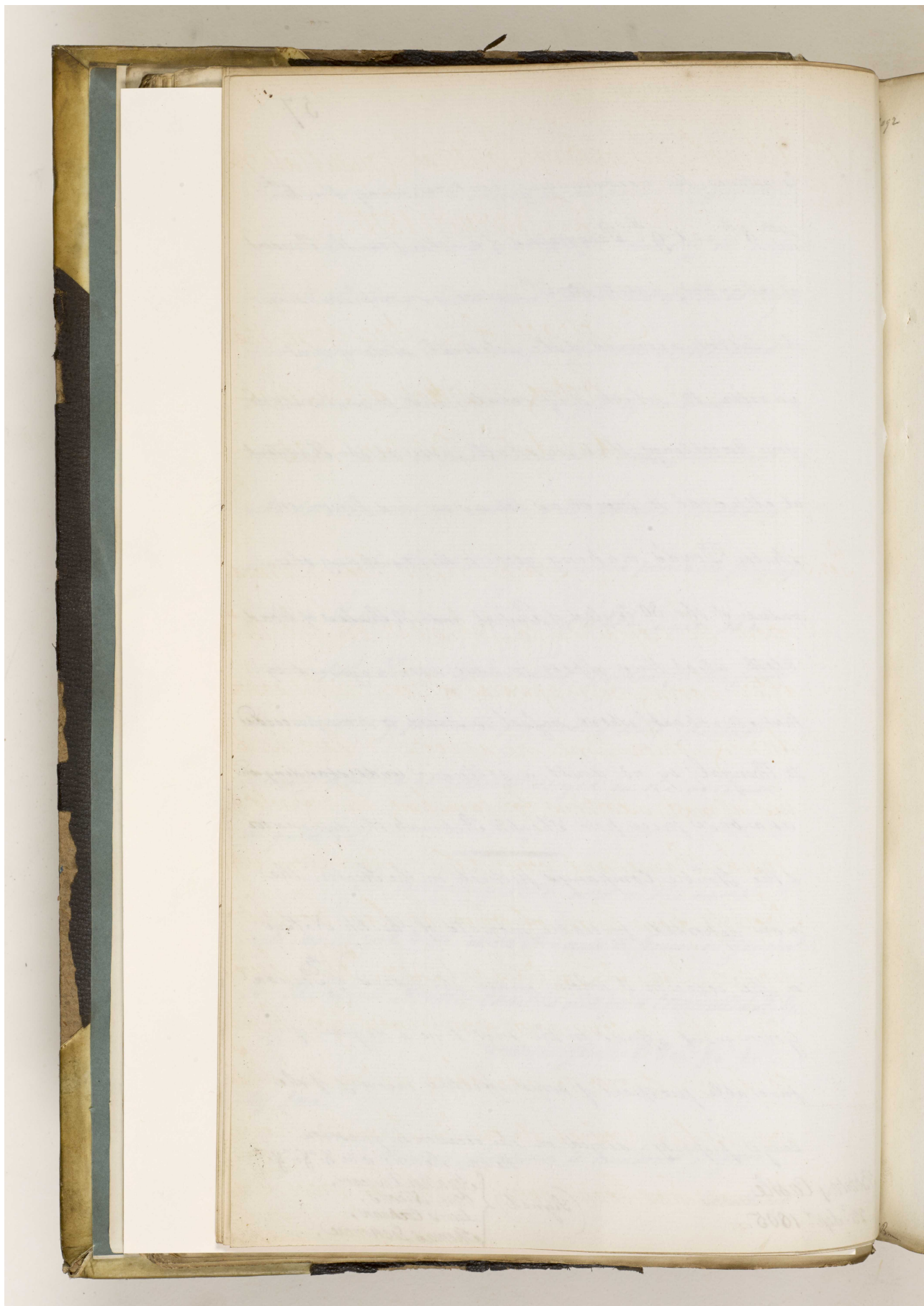
We have the honor to be Sirs &c.

Bombay Castle
29th Sept. 1805.

(Signed) { Jonathan Duncan,
Oliver Nicolls,
Lewis Corbair,
Thomas Lechmere,

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the 12th November 1805.

Extract of Letter from the
Acting Resident at Bushire
dated 5th October 1805.

Par. 5.

Shaikh Nafsen Eshan returned
from the expedition to Nahkelow, on the 12th
after having been upwards of Four Months absent,
during which time, he appears to have used
his utmost exertions for punishing the refractory
Shaikh Pama, and recovering the Honble Company's
Property from him, of which he has brought
up 300 Bales of Long Ells, and 24,000 L^{rs} in specie.
An Order has come down from Ghuzze for him
to deliver it over to me, taking my receipts. I should
one this have received it, but his Minister, Hajee
Salmon, has been unwell, which has prevented
him.

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his delivering it over, as he has charge of it,
when I receive it, I shall then give a receipt,
and write up to the Minister at Eghunze, acquainting
him of what I have received, and what still
remains to be recovered. I need not observe
to the Honble Board, that, I think, the conduct
of Shaikh Nafey, in this instance, is very
praiseworthy, and deserving the notice of Government;
my Opinion on this Head will be seen in my
Letter, under Date, 26th ultimo, to the President
at Bagdad, a Copy of which accompanies. It
has been customary here, on the arrival of
the Shaikh, after his having been absent for
some time, to make him a suitable Present,
and, in this case, it of course becomes more so,
and, I know his expectations are great, as he
has once or twice hinted, that he has been at
a very great expense, which he could have avoided,
but his friendship for us, and wish to serve,
and

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and punish the refractory Shaikh of Nakhelous
as a warning to others prompted him to do
his utmost for that end; he also observed that
his Nakeels had completely run out of all kinds
of Stores, such as he could not get here, and that
he intended to send them this Season to Bombay
that they might get properly equipped and repaired,
and hoped the Government would render him
their assistance, of which I assured him he
might depend upon. He said that I was acquainted
what a Government the Persian was, that
notwithstanding he had been at so very
great an expense, still they had sent
down their Officers to receive the Revenues
and he seemed to ask my assistance
in that way, in such a manner that
I could not well refuse, and have
promised him when I receive the 300 Bales
and 24,000 P^{rs} P^{rs} that I will assist him with 10,000 P^{rs}
which

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which he is to consider himself as bound
to repay, should the Honble Board not acquiesce
in his receiving that Amount, as a Present, and I
hope, in this instance, my conduct will not be
disapproved of by the Honble Board.

C. I have received from Captain Seton
45 Bales of Woollens, belonging to the Hector's
Cargo, as ^{to have} enclosed Statements, a number of
which, appearing to be opened and repacked
again, I examined part of them, and found them
different in many Pieces, besides those that
remained, a good deal touched by the Moths,
upon which, I determined to dispose of them
by Auction, before they should get worse. The
enclosed accounts, with the Pieces they fetched,
the remaining Number of the 45 Bales, I
shall also open and examine, and if they
should be in the same state, shall put them
up also to Auction.

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Extract of Letter from the
Acting Resident at Bushire
to the British Resident
at Bagdad, dated
26th September 1805.
enclosed in the foregoing-

Shaikh Nafson Khan returned
here with his Fleet from the Expedition
to Nakheloo, on the 12th. and I am happy in
saying, he has been more successful than
what I expected, in recovering part of the
Hector's Cargo- and punishing the refractory
Shaikh Rama Ebu Bompennud. he has
brought up his eldest Son here, as a
Security to his Government for the remainder
of the Property, and has himself recovered
300 Bales of Long Eells and 24,000 P^{ts} R^s.
He is waiting for Instructions from the
Ghuaz Government, which he hourly expects
to

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to deliver the whole over to the taking my
Receipts during his absence from this
which is upwards of Four Months, he has
certainly done every thing in his
power for the Honble Company's
Interest and Credit for he has
totally battered down the Town
and Forts of Nachheloo, Gizar
and another small one besides one
on the Islands of Busheab, and
has cut down very large Plantations
of Date Trees at the former places
and I have no doubt but
this very spirited example of
the Persian Government will be
a warning to the rest of their
Petty Shaiks on the Sea Coast to
be more on their guard in
their conduct towards British
Vessels

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Vessels navigating these parts. It is
true, Shaikh Nafsen was only
obeying the Orders of his Superiors
at Ghuzer, by acting as he had,
but, unless he had been also
actuated with a wish of rendering
himself useful to our Government,
he never would have left this,
as he could always evade the
Orders from Ghuzer, by sending
a Present, and making various
excuses, such things are very
common here, as I can
say, you have long known
from experience.

Account Woollens received by Captain Seton being part of the
Hector's Cargo—

Total— 31 Bales of Broad Cloth— and 14 of Long Ells—

Account Bales of Broad Cloth opened and examined—

Total— 14 Bales opened— invoiced 87 Pieces— found only 73 Pieces—

Account

Account Sale, by Auction, of the following Wollens
damaged; viz.

Coarse Cloths, viz.

Crimson 6 Pieces sold at 125 P. Piece, is	750
D. 3 D. 123 1/2 D.	372 1/2
D. 4 D. 123 D.	492
Gold Colour 3 D. 95 1/2 D.	286 1/2
D. 3 D. 95 D.	285
D. 3 D. 99 1/2 D.	298 1/2

Woolsters, viz.

Blue 3 D. 102 D.	306
D. 3 D. 100 D.	300
D. 3 D. 103 D.	309
Purple 3 D. 120 D.	360
D. 3 D. 112 1/2 D.	337 1/2
D. 6 D. 108 D.	648
D. 3 D. 107 D.	321

Fine Cloths, viz.

Yellow 5 D. 75 D.	600
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Superfine Cloths, viz.

Crimson 3 D. 150 D.	450
D. 3 D. 142 D.	426

Prasters Prize 6,540

Bushire, 5th October 1805.

Errors Excepted.

(Signed) W. Bruce.

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

13th December 1805.

Read the following letter from M^r M^ohamed Behtanee
(Extract)

The intelligence of Shaikh Ruum
Nukhee loe is as follows. Shaikh Nur Khan
my Master with his fleet and his Troops
having left Bushire was for the space of
five Months inactive, but in reality he
did not cease to manifest his attachment
to, and exertions for the Hon^{ble} Company.
The Troops that were appointed to
accompany him, on behalf of the King, were
all treacherous, and colluded with Shaikh
Ruum, and secretly became his Confederates,
notwithstanding which Shaikh Nur Khan
was left with his own fleet alone, at
length the son of Shaikh Ruum was
taken Prisoner and all the property that
was then remaining with the Villanious
Shaikh

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Shaikh Rukhman was taken possession of &
with his son brought to Bushire great &
injury has thus arisen to Shaikh Nuse, he
has undoubtedly spent nearly a Lakh of Pistres
what with the Pay of his troops, & other Expenses
which he was obliged to defray.

5. The list of recovered property as
well as that which has been given away to
others (by Shaikh Rukhman) is enclosed. Unless
the name of one person, Shaikh Seef Governor
of Isclou, which is not written in the
above list 25 Bales of the most valuable &
part of the property were given to him
by Shaikh Rukhman, and since at the
present time, the Brother of Shaikh Nuse
in Bushire, his name was not from delicacy
inserted in the list of the persons to whom
the Company's property was given, and
which bears the Seal of the Son of Shaikh
Rukhman.

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6 Some Boats belonging to Shaikh
Syef, are proceeding to Bombay, where it would
be advisable to seize them, in order to recover
the Company's property. These Boats are laden
with Horses for Bombay. Therefore be pleased
to give the necessary Orders that these Boats
may be detained, in order that the Company's
Property may be recovered from ^{them} some property
belonging to Shaikh Abdul Rahman
ullah, and Boats belonging to Adoo, and
Bahreen, will also come to Bombay, and
agreeably to the list, order the amount to
be taken from their Agents, ^{who will be on board the boats} Three Baghla
or boats belonging to Abdul Rahman
ullah, and some Macnee Baghla
belonging to Mulla Hussein will also
come to Bombay laden with dates, from
Bafra, and in whatever manner you
may deem proper, determine, & order them
to

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to be treated accordingly I have already
exceeded the bounds of Politeness. —

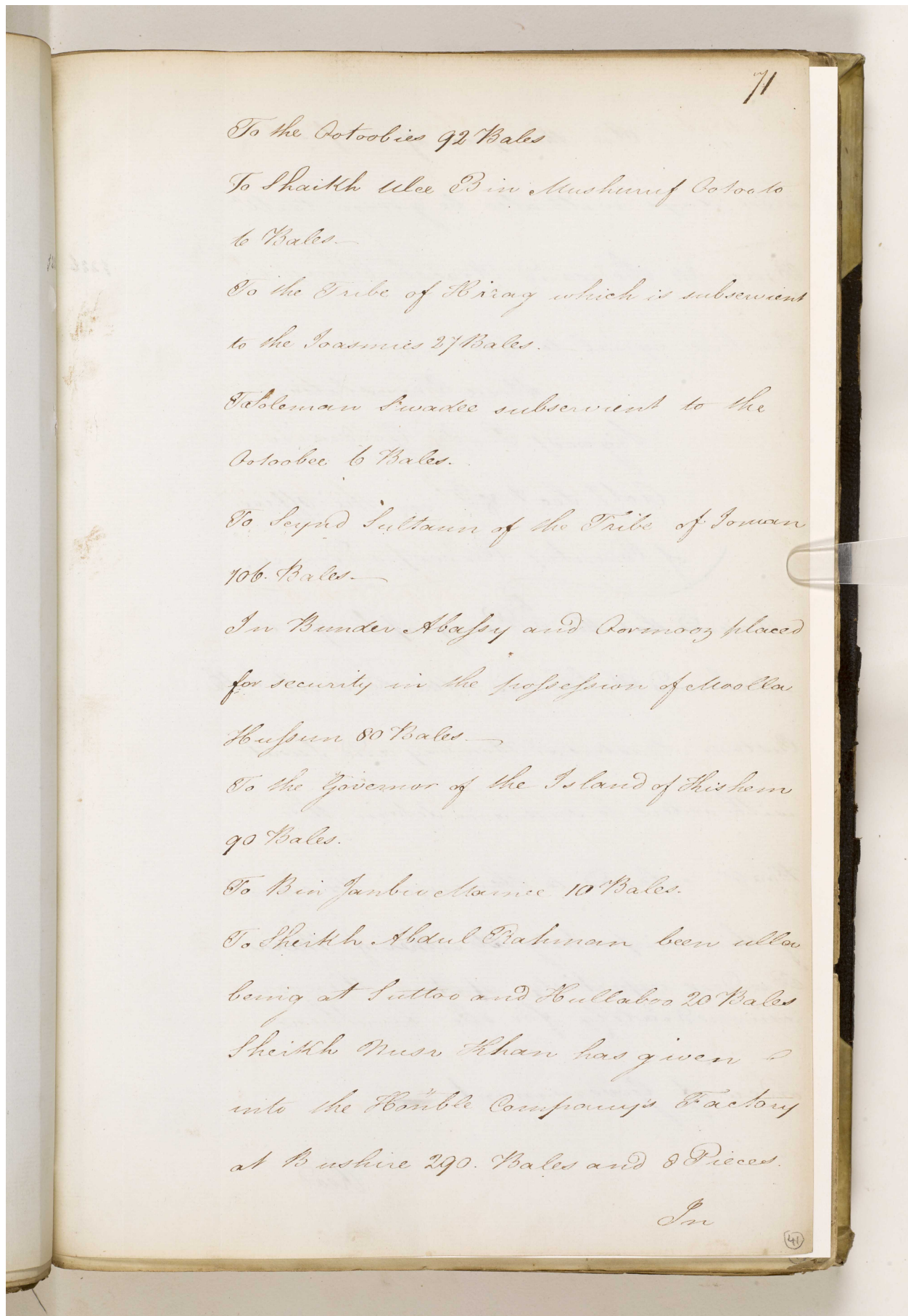
A paper with the Signature of Shaikh
Rahma of Tutchetoo.

List of Goods (belonging to the Hostile
Company's Ship) which were at the Island
of Shaikh Sheib (Busheab) in the possession
of Shaikh Rahma Bin Mohammed Bin
Sunnud and of all those who partook of the
said property and enjoyed it.

To the tribe of Soosmis being at
Rasul Aheemah with their Chief Sheikh
Sultan Bin Sheikh Suggen the whole
consisting Purple and Broad Cloth 135 Bales
95 Bales for himself
40 B. sold in the Country of Rahma bin
Sunnud for the sum of 500 Tomans To the
tribe of Ootobe at Lebaria and Bahrien;
Chief Sheikh Sulaman Bin Ahmed &
Wuzoo 98 Bales.

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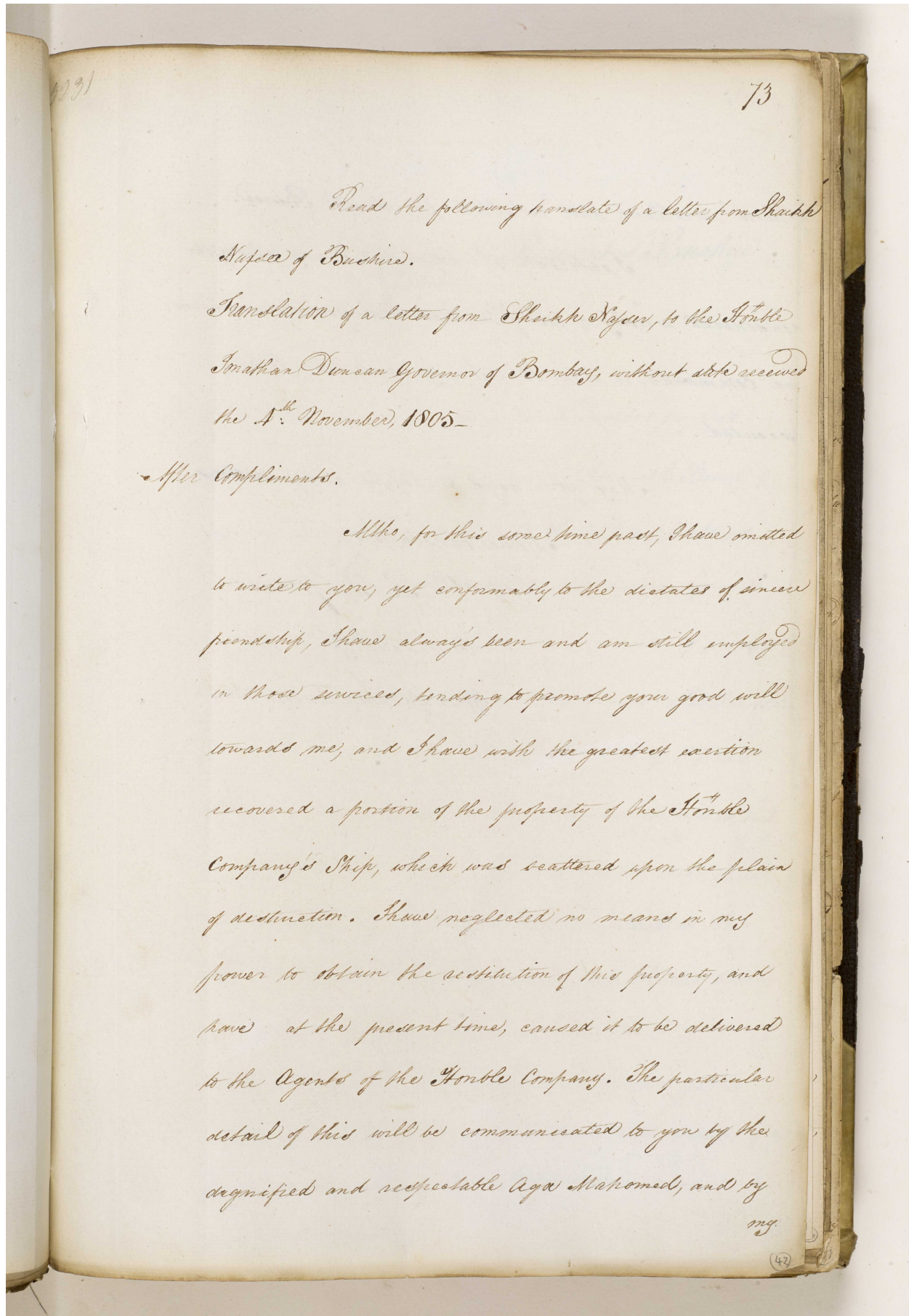
In the space of a few
more days will also be given to Mr.
Bruce 24 thousand Kroosh Ruig &
Bushe equal to 4,200.

A true Translation
Signed, R. T. Goodwin
Act. Sec. & T. in the office
of Country Correspondence.

Ordered that the 6th Paragraph of a
Mahomed Behlance's letter be sent to the
Custom Masters at Bombay and Surat
with orders to seize and detain the
Boats referred to therein, in the event
of their importing at either of their
Bonders respectively: reporting thereon
immediately for the further
orders of Government.

Read

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Read the following translate of a letter from Sheikh
Najeeb of Bushire.

Translation of a letter from Sheikh Najeeb, to the Honble
Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay, without date received
the 4th November, 1805.

After Compliments.

Altho, for this some time past, I have omitted
to write to you, yet conformably to the dictates of sincere
friendship, I have always been and am still employed
in those services, tending to promote your good will
towards me, and I have with the greatest exertion
recovered a portion of the property of the Honble
Company's Ship, which was scattered upon the plain
of destruction. I have neglected no means in my
power to obtain the restitution of this property, and
have at the present time, caused it to be delivered
to the Agents of the Honble Company. The particular
detail of this will be communicated to you by the
dignified and respectable Aga Mahomed, and by
my.

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my most excellent and exalted friend Mr. Bence.

I entertain the hope that I may always be
considered worthy of being honored with your Commemorative
and Commands, in order that I may cause them to be
executed.

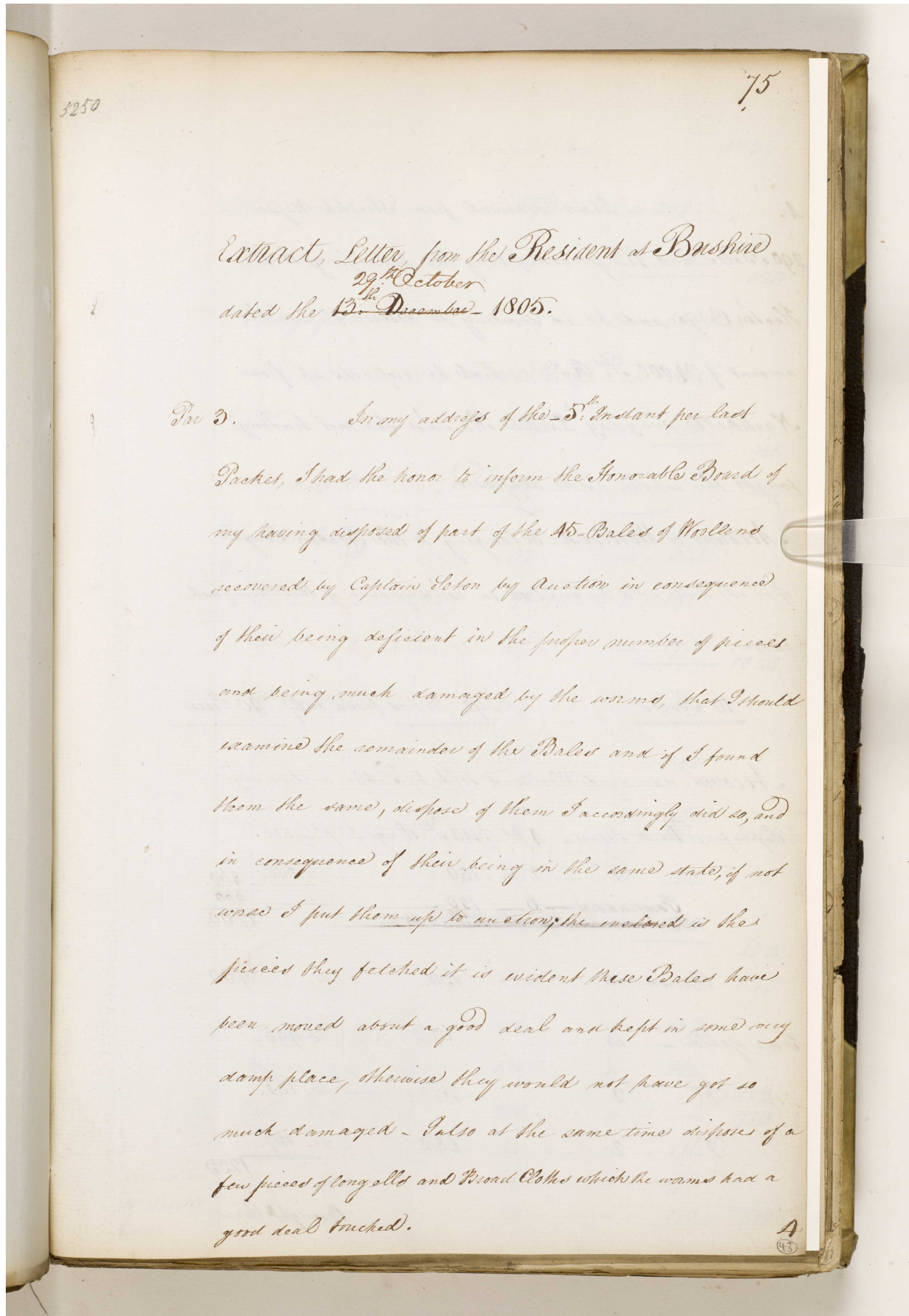
May your days be happy and propitious

A true translation.

(signed) R. T. Goodwin

Acting Sec^y of the
Office of Country Correspondence

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A. I have received from Sheikh Wafsee
290 Bales and 712 pieces of long Yls belonging to the
Hector's Cargo and he is waiting to deliver the whole
amount of 24,000 P^{ts} Rg^{ts} - which he expects up from
Nashteloo every day Saikh Rama's son not having
bought the whole, as he supposed.

Account of Woollens belonging to the Hector's Cargo
opened and sold by auction in consequence of their being much
eaten.

16 Bales

92 Pieces found only 90 Pieces

Account damaged Woollens sold by Public auction, viz:

Laportine Dark Stone - 4 P^{ts} - 140 P^{ts} Range 10^{ts} p^{ts} is 500

D^o - 2 - 150 - - - is 300 - 800

Pompadour - 6 - 150 - - - is 900

1700.

Brown - 6 - " - 120 - - - is 780

Fine yellow - 14 - " - 67 1/2 - - - is 945

D^o - 2 - " - 75 1/2 - - - is 151.

D^o - 2 - " - 68 1/2 - - - is 137.

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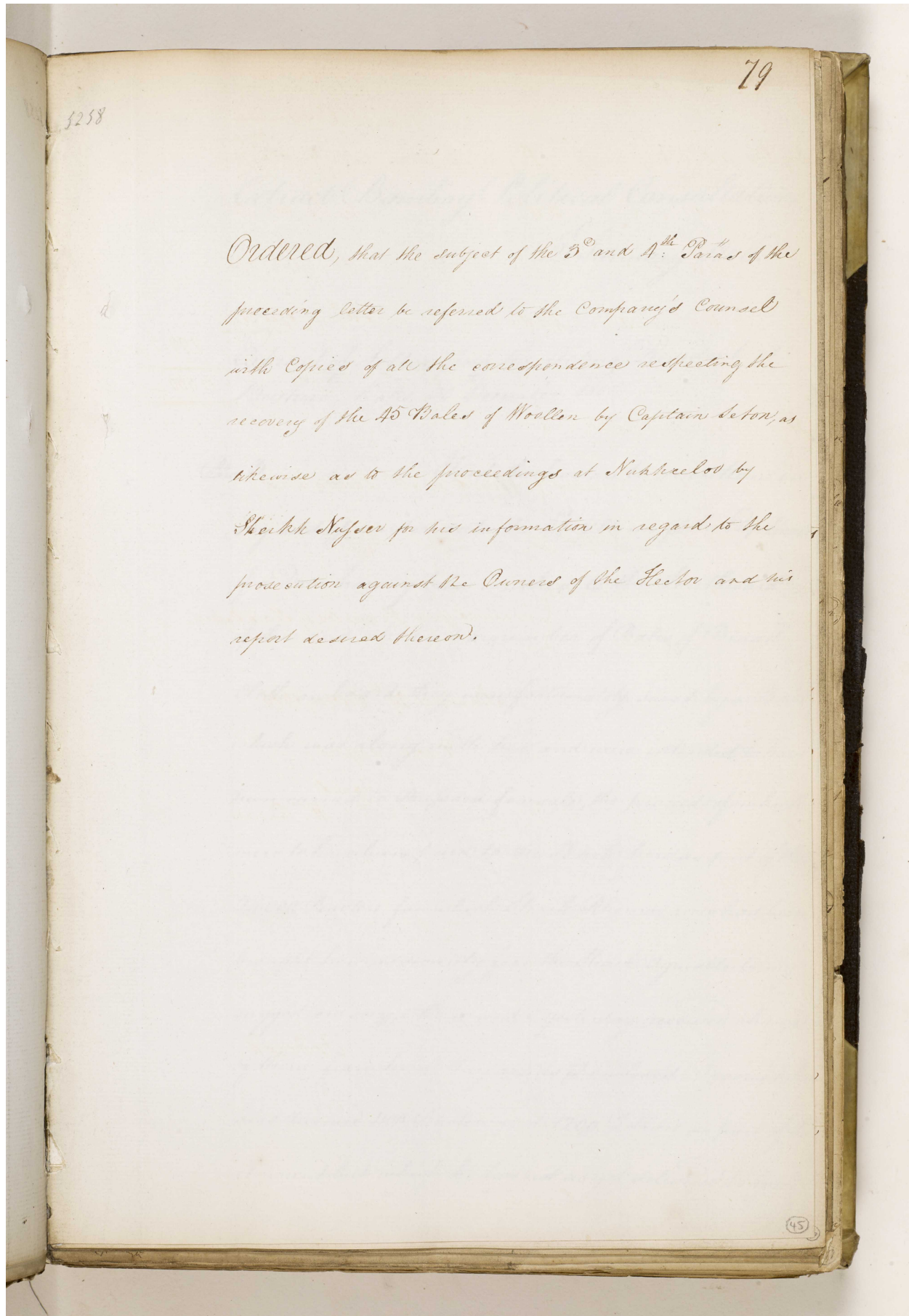
Brought Over

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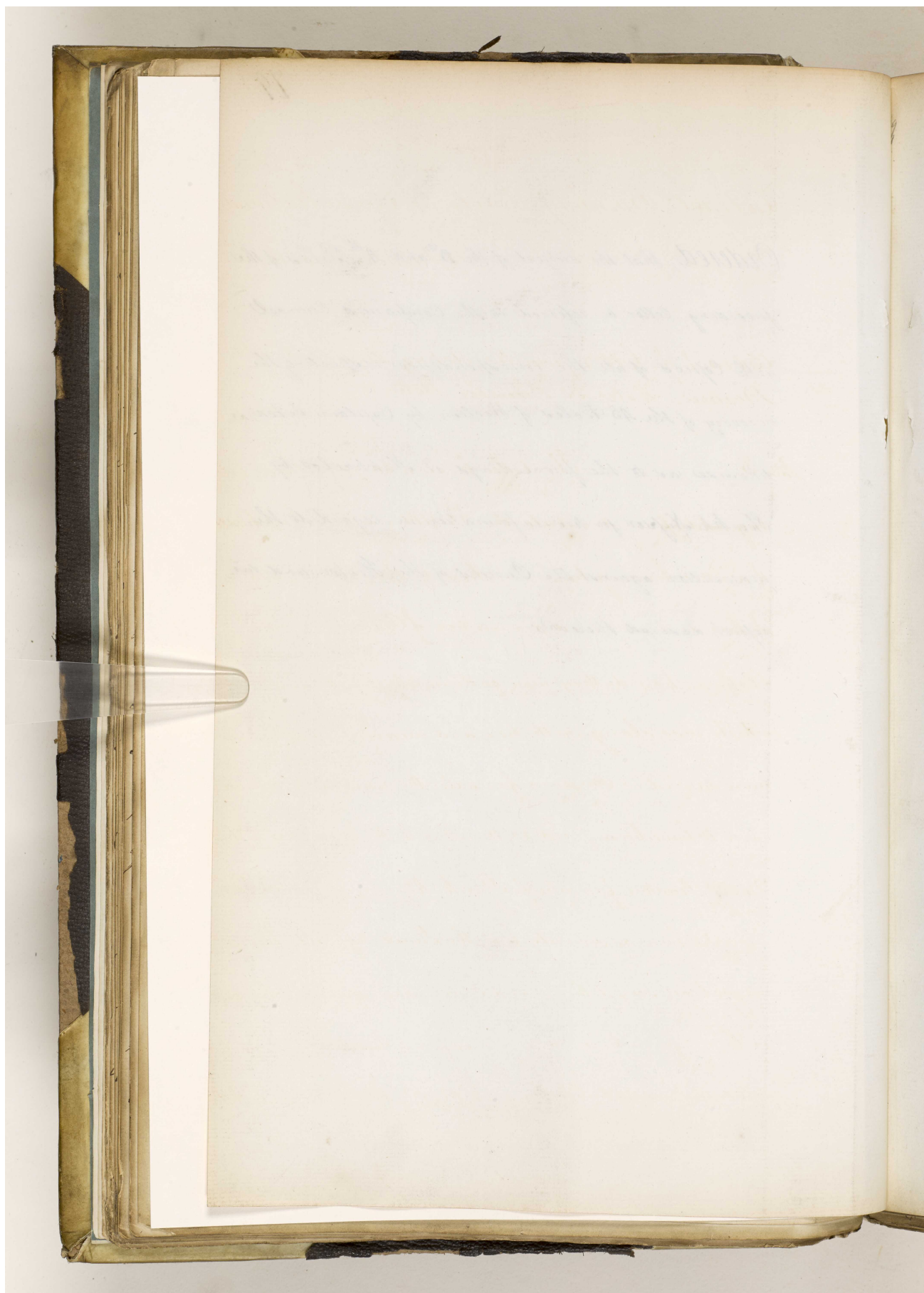
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		Brought Over			1230
Blue	4	"	88 1/2	is	254
D°	2	"	83	is	166
					520
Popenjay	10	"	58	is	580
D°	2	"	61 1/2	is	184 1/2
D°	2	"	62 1/2	is	190 1/2
					955
Crimson	6	"	80	is	480
Winsters in	3	"	82	is	664
Green	2	"	92	is	186
D°	2	"	87	is	174
					1024
Crimson	3	"	119	is	357
D°	3	"	114	is	342
D°	5	"	117 1/2	is	587 1/2
					1286 1/2
Purple	2	"	117	is	234
D°	2	"	110	is	220
					454
Blue	6	"	107 1/2	is	645
Coarse Gold	2	"	108 1/2	is	217
D°	2	"	102 1/2	is	205
					422
Scarlet	6	"	120	is	720
Blue	2	"	88	is	176
D°	2	"	86	is	172
D°	2	"	85	is	170
					518
opened in Mr. Lovett's time.					

Ordered

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Hector by the Shaikh of Busheab' [46r] (89/92)

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
21 January 1806.

Extract of Letter from the Acting Resident at
Bushire, Dated 30 December 1805

Para 3.

I had the honor to mention in
my address under date the 22nd Ultimo of the Euphrates
of a Dow having been wrecked to the Southward
of this and who had a number of Bales of Broad
Cloth on board, they were fortunately saved by a Boat
which was along with her and were intended to have
been carried to Bassora for sale, the proceed of which
were to have been paid to the Shaikh here as part of the
24,000 Piasters, for which Shaikh Rhemas now had been
brought here as security for; the Shaikh agreeable to my
suggestion seized them and Yesterday received charges
of them from him; they are as enclosed Account he
also received 1100 Piasters and 1200 Dollars as part of the
Amount but which he has not as yet delivered to me,

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The whole of these Bales are open and a number of
pieces taken out and as Woollens after they have been
once opened here, ~~and~~ soon get mostly eaten owing to
the dampness of the climate, I shall endeavour to
dispose of them either by Auction or private sale as
circumstances best suit. —

4. Shaikh Thomas son unfortunately
died a few days ago of the small Pox and in him I am
afraid indeed all further hopes of recovering any thing
more from Rackhdos as the Persian Government will
not likely be induced to order a second expedition
to that place as it was so very long a time before
they could be prevailed to order the first one — An
Officer had been sent down from Shuare to carry up
Shaikh Thomas son, he arrived a few days before his
death and will return again in a short time, I shall
by him address the young Prince at Shuare making
him acquainted of what I have received of the Rackhdos
Woollen & of what remains and shall forward him a
copy

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copy of my last address to his Minister Charuck
Allikhan requesting to be favored with an answer
to it, the latter is at present up at Court but
expected to return in a short time.

Account Bales of Broad Cloth received from Shaikh
Rasber and being part of the Hectors Cargo.

5 Bales 4 Em^d Green & 1 Capinjay --- 30 pieces

1 Ditto Yellow --- 6 do

2 Ditto May Blue --- 12 do

Woosters Nixt

4 Bales Brown --- 18 do

2 ditto Purple --- 12 do

1 ditto Purple & May Blue each 2 1/2 --- 4 do

3 ditto May Blue --- 12 do

2 ditto Em^d Green --- 12 do

Supr. Fine

1 ditto Sarsen Green --- 6 do

Total 21 Bales --- 87 Pieces

Ought to have been --- 82 1/2

Deficient --- 9 Pieces

Bushire
30 December 1805 }

(Signed) W^m Bruce

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A copy of the 3rd Paragraph of
the preceding Letter was on the 19th instant
sent to the Accountant General for his
information and also the Company's Counsel
in reference to the depending Suit with
Dr. Wappers. -