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**‘Mr Manesty’s explanation respecting the pecuniary Advances made by him to
Individuals from the Public Treasury at Bussorah.’**

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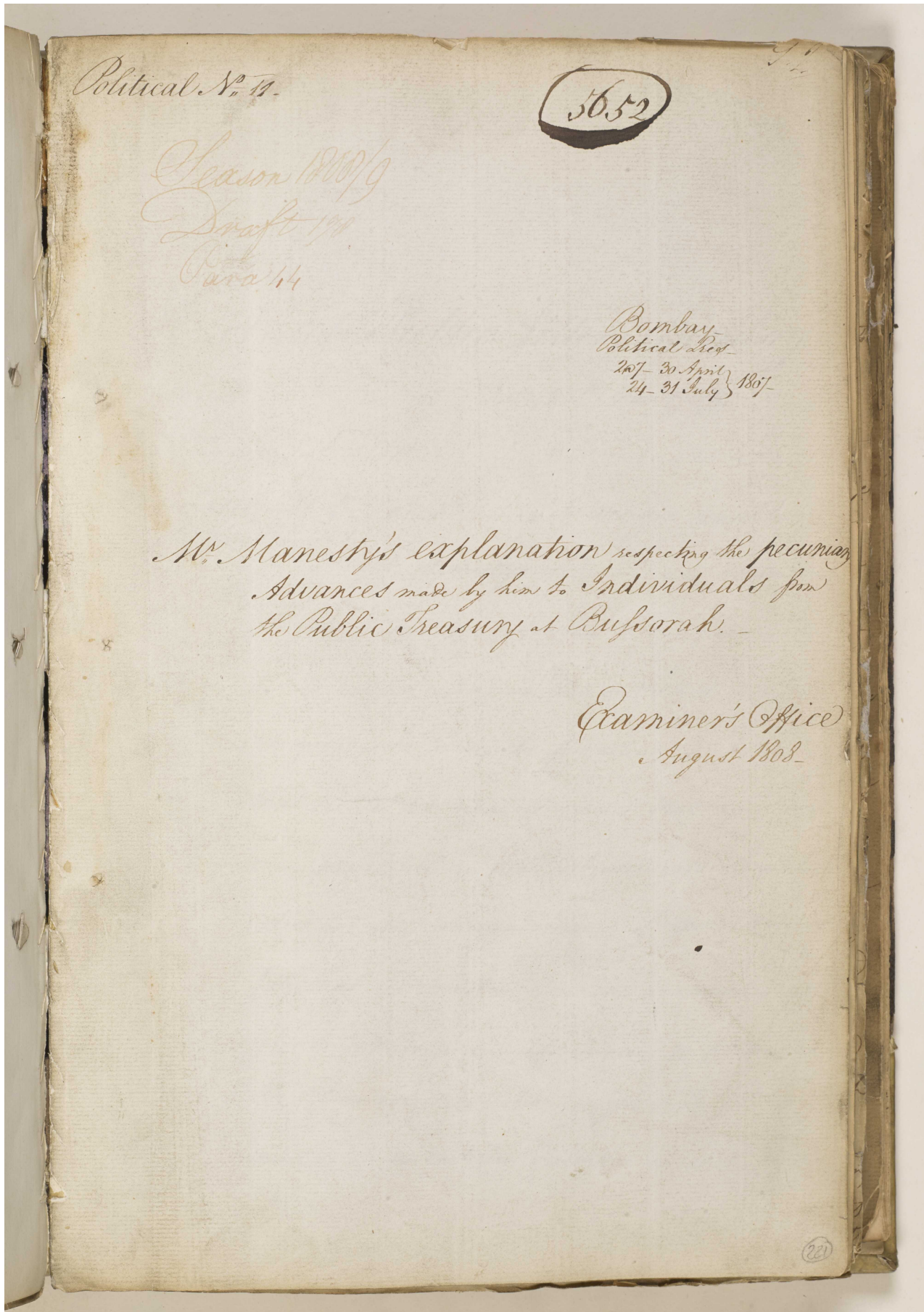
About this record

The item consists mostly of copies of correspondence cited in, or enclosed with, letters to and from the Government of Bombay. It relates to the attempts of Samuel Manesty, Resident at Bussora [Basra, also occasionally referred to as Bussorah], to transfer to the East India Company’s account the debts due to him as a result of loans made to individuals in Bussora. Manesty seeks to justify the loans he made, mentioning in particular a loan made as part of broader support offered to Abdulla Aga [Abd Allāh Āghā], former Mutasallim of Bussora. This is documented in correspondence covering a period from 3 July 1805 to 31 July 1807. Manesty also cites earlier correspondence with the Government of Bombay, claiming that it provides permission for his actions. Copies of this correspondence, dating from 13 April 1795 to 25 May 1798, are also included.

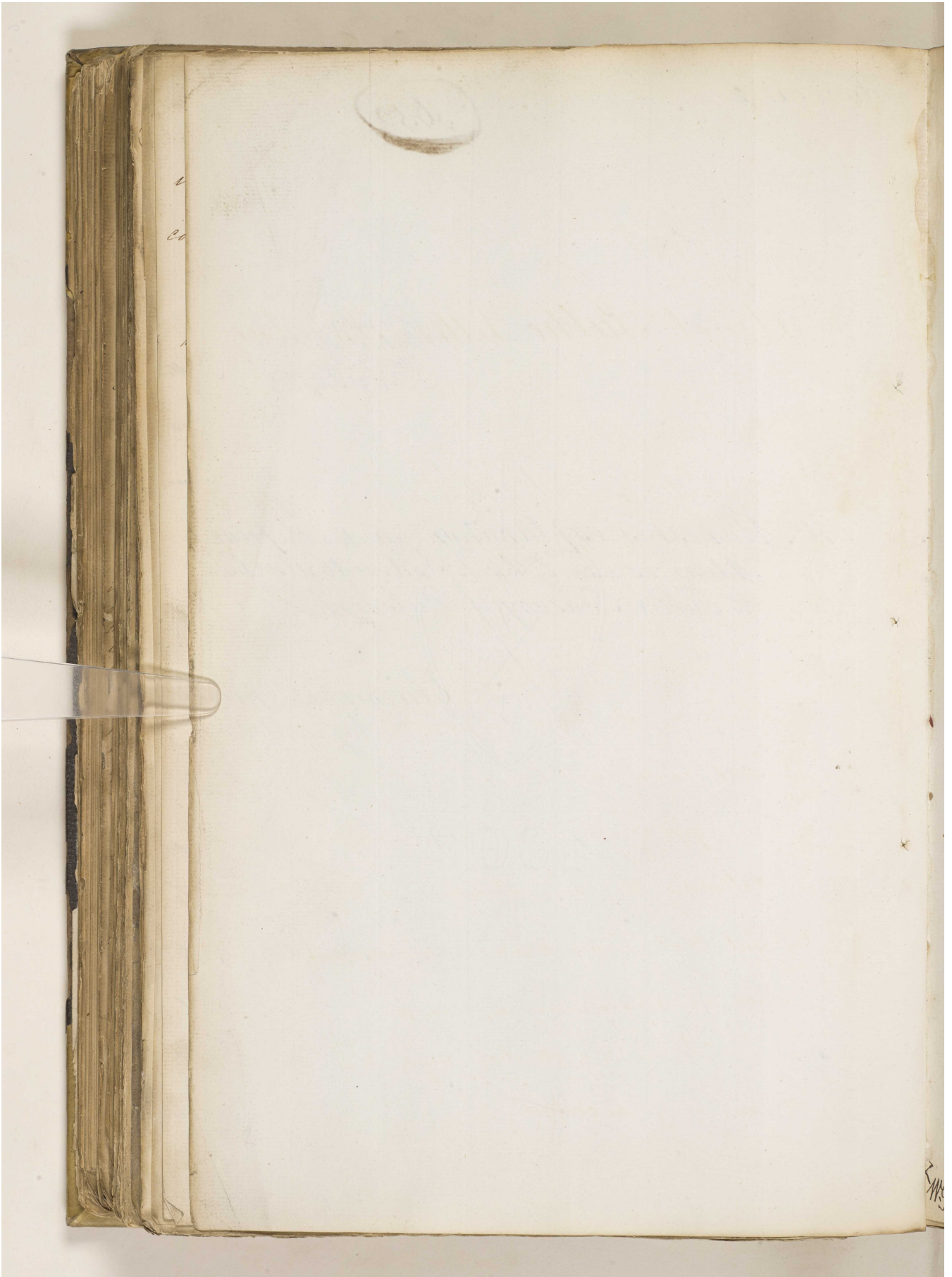
The primary correspondents are: the Court of Directors of the East India Company, the Government of Bombay, and Samuel Manesty.

The title page (f 221) of the item contains the following references: ‘Political No. 11, Season 1808/09, Draft 178, Para. 44’; and ‘Examiner’s Office, August 1808’.

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Individuals from the Public Treasury at Bussorah.' [221r] (1/86)**



**'Mr Manesty's explanation respecting the pecuniary Advances made by him to
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Extract Public Letter to Bombay

Dated 25th May 1798.

See from Dated 31st July 1797.

(32nd 35) Continued of } Para 8th. As we are sensible of
Mr. Manesty's —

Mr. Manesty's vigilance and alertness in
the transmission of Dispatches to and from India
by the way of Bussoras and of his zeal respecting
Foreigners who may be proceeding to India by
that route, we were concerned that any excess
or improvidence in his Disbursements should have
called for the animadversions of your Board. We
feel that circumstances may occasionally call
for an extraordinary expence, and a person in
Mr. Manesty's situation ought to be left to the
exercise of a certain discretion in such cases,

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subject, however, to have his motives for incurring
such charges canvassed by his immediate superiors
at Bombay - At the same time you acted very
properly in endeavoring to keep the expenses of the
Bussora Presidency within moderate bounds. We
have already expressed our approbation of the sum
which was paid to the Owners of the Lauree for
the conveyance of Dispatches from Bussora to
your Presidency advising of the war with France,
and there are circumstances stated in Mr. Manesty's
Letter of 5th July last, respecting the Dispatch of the
Pearl, which make that measure appear in a
much less exceptionable point of view than was
at first represented. We however direct that you
signify to Mr. Manesty that we expect he will
regulate his Public Disbursements with every
degree of economy that may be consistent with
the due discharge of the duties of his Station. -

Mr.

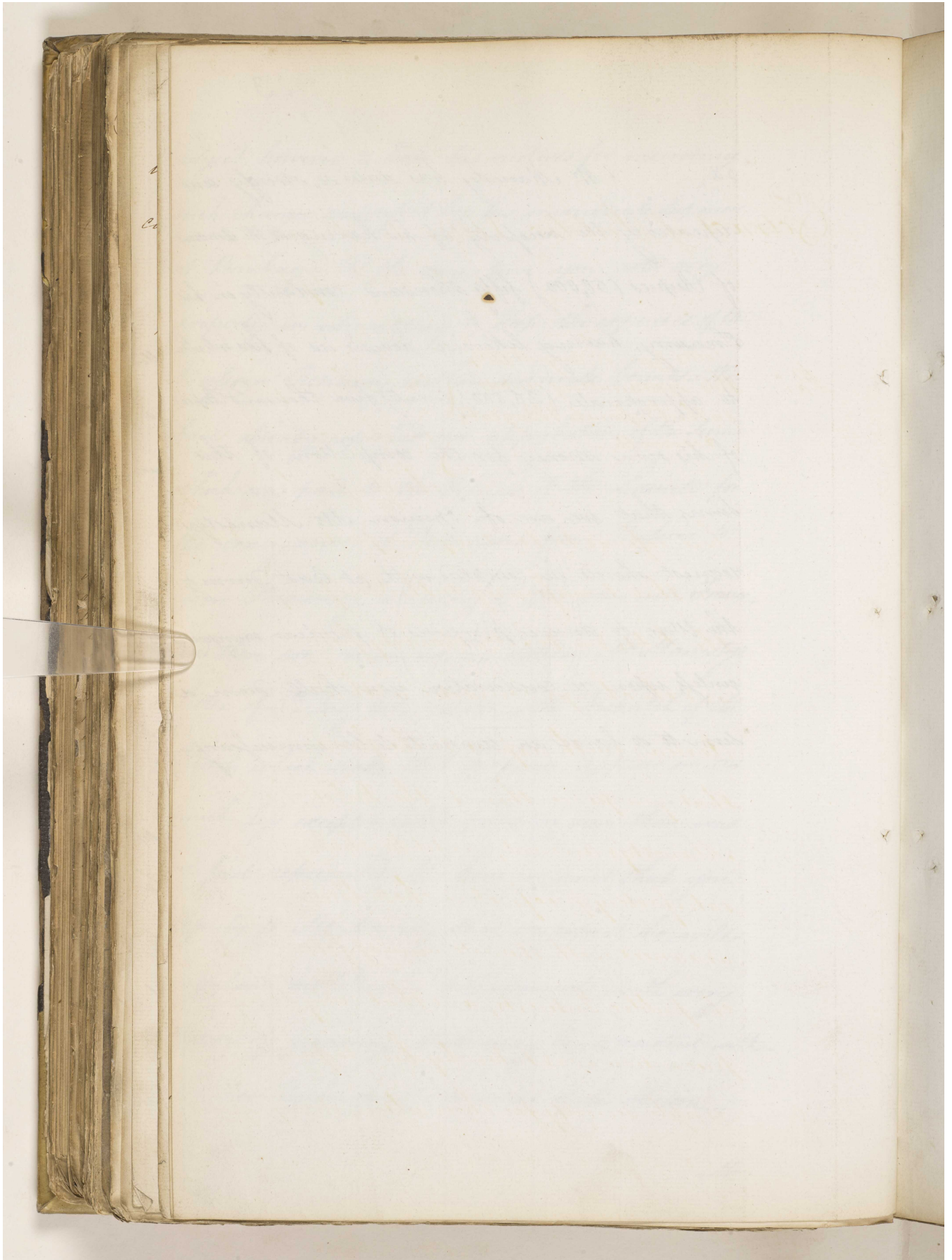
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58. Mr. Manesty has stated so strongly and repeated by the necessity of his having to the amount of Rupees (50,000) fifty thousand constantly in his Treasury, having likewise advised us of his intention to appropriate (25,000) twenty five thousand Rupees of his own money for the completion of this sum, that we are of opinion Mr. Manesty's request should be complied with, at least during the War, to answer purposes of peculiar emergency, unless, upon re-consideration, you shall deem a sum to so large an amount to be unnecessary.

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Extract of Public Letter to Bombay
Dated 3rd July 1805.

Letter from 10th August 1804.
Mr - 165 Transmittling Audits } 64 The only items
on the Bussorah & Bagdat } in the accounts of
Accounts. --- } the Bussorah Residency

are referred to, that require particular notice,
are those transferring to the Company's Account
the Debts due to Mr. Manesty from Individuals,
and the charges connected with ^{his} Journey to
Persia; with respect to the former, we direct
that you place them to the Debit of Mr.
Manesty's Account, until he shall give you
satisfactory proofs that those Loans were
advanced with the sole view of forwarding
the public Interests, and that every possible
precaution was taken by him to procure
ample security for their ultimate repayment
and afterwards to recover the Money - In the

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event of Mr Manesty's failing so to do,
you will call on him for the immediate
repayment of the amount he has thus
brought to the Company's Account.

65. When you shall be
in possession of the Governor General's final
sentiments respecting Mr Manesty's Journey
to Persia you will be able to decide on his
charges on that account.

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Extract, Public Letter from Bombay
the 25th February 1807.

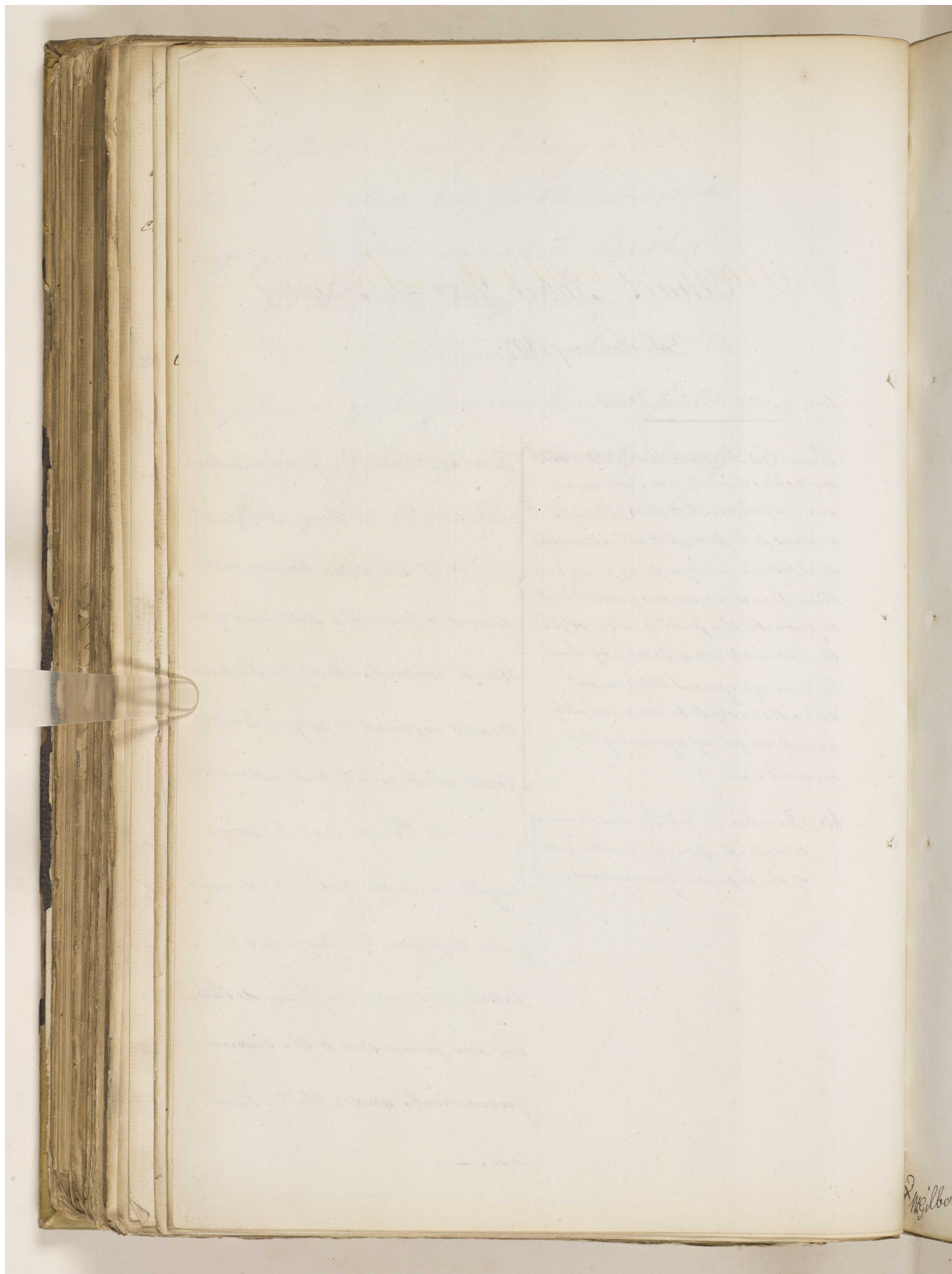
Letter, dated 9th July, 1805.

Para. 64. Bussora Accounts, debts due to Mr. Manesty, from Individuals and a balance due to the Company's account to be paid to Mr. Manesty, debt till he satisfactorily prove that these Loans were advanced solely to promote the public interest, and that security was taken by him for their repayment otherwise Mr. Manesty to be immediately called on for repayment of the amount. —

65. Decision on his Persian charges to depend upon the sentiments of the Supreme Government. —

Para. 51. — This Paragraph will be explained to from the Political Department. The Civil Auditor having been desired to furnish a statement of the Items comprehended in the Bussora Audits referred to by your Honble Court which relate to Mr. Manesty's journey to Persia, that the same might be submitted to the decision of the Supreme Government the latter was accordingly delivered in, and forwarded to the Supreme Government, under the 3^d June last. —

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Dated 30th April 1807

Para 2.

*In the 6th Paragraph of your Honorable
Court's Dispatch of the 3^d of July 1805, we are directed
to place to the debit of Mr. Manesty's account, the
debts due to that Gentleman from Individuals, arising
from the Loans which he had represented himself to have
been accustomed to make to them from the Public
Treasury, until Mr. Manesty shall give satisfactory
proof that these Loans were advanced, with the
sole view of forwarding the Public Interest, and that
every possible precaution was taken by him to procure
ample security for their ultimate repayment, and
afterwards for the recovery of the Money.*

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3. Having required of Mr Manesty explanation
in respect to the nature and extent of these loans, to enable
us to carry into effect the orders of your Honorable Court
regarding the eventual transfer of the amount to the
debit of Mr Manesty, we have the honor to refer to
his consequent report, whence it will appear, that the
amount carried by him to the debit of the Company
in the months of December 1803 and February 1805 was
Rupees 39,907. 2.- and that the recoverances since
made have amounted to Rupees 10,207. 2.- leaving a
Balance at the date of Mr Manesty's letter 30th September
1805 of Rupees 29,610. - due by the Individuals specified
in that Dispatch, for the recovery of which Mr Manesty
entertains no doubt, with the exception of those of the parties,
whose debts amount to Rupees 9,825.

Cons. Bank Dep't.
28th October 1806
folio 7750.

4. Mr Manesty in that Dispatch explains
rather however, in too general terms, the political
motives which induced him to tender large sums of
Money

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money, to the Inhabitants of the Turkish Government.
referring at the same time to our recollection, the
existence of an express order from your Honorable
Court, authorizing the Resident at Bussorah, "in
"consideration of the acknowledged necessity of that
"Officer being always able to command the means
"of making loans to Individuals, to hold a surplus Balance
"of public Cash in his hands to the amount of 50,000
"Rupees, so to be occasionally appropriated with prudence
"and judgment, in the politic extension of local credit
"and influence, and taking that occasion to apprise
"us, and thro' us your Honorable Court, that over and
"above the sums already specified, he had still some
"large outstanding debts of a desperate nature, really
"originating, in official expediency and necessity, in
"addition to very serious difficulties and losses to which
"he has been in the course of his long services at Bussorah
"exposed, from the important pecuniary assistance, which
in

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"in support of the public Interests, he had in an
"almost incredible variety of instances afforded to the
"Inhabitants of that Country connected with the Factory."

5 Unaware of the existence of any order of
the nature adverted to by Mr Manesty, and being
confirmed in our doubts as to their existence, from the
report by our Secretary, of the result of his researches,
we called upon Mr Manesty to produce the order
to which he had alluded, as authorizing him to
make loans of public money to Individuals, taking
that opportunity to apprise Mr Manesty that
till the production of such authority we could not in
any wise, admit of that practice or sanction, in the
most remote degree, either those he had specified or
those to which he had referred as eventually liable to
be brought forward.

6 In his Letter of the 5th February
of which we have the honor to forward a copy,
Mr.

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Mr Manesty refers to the orders of Your Honorable Court
of the 25th May 1798, as grounds on which he
conceived himself authorized to make Loans to Individuals,
at the same time, as your Honorable Court will
observe, that he adverts to the incorrectness of his
recollection, and the causes that occasioned an error
of memory, in respect to the ^{objects} objections in view, by
these orders from Your Honorable Court, adding
"that," entirely convinced of the gradual recovery
"of the Loans in question, he has most willingly
"consented to pay into the Treasury the amount of
"the Balance thereof, whatever it may prove when
"he may leave the Country, taking any further
"existing risk on himself;" but as Mr Manesty has
qualified this declaration on his part, by expressing
a hope that he might be considered as justified in
entertaining expectations of being reimbursed in
the amount, of any eventual disappointment in
the

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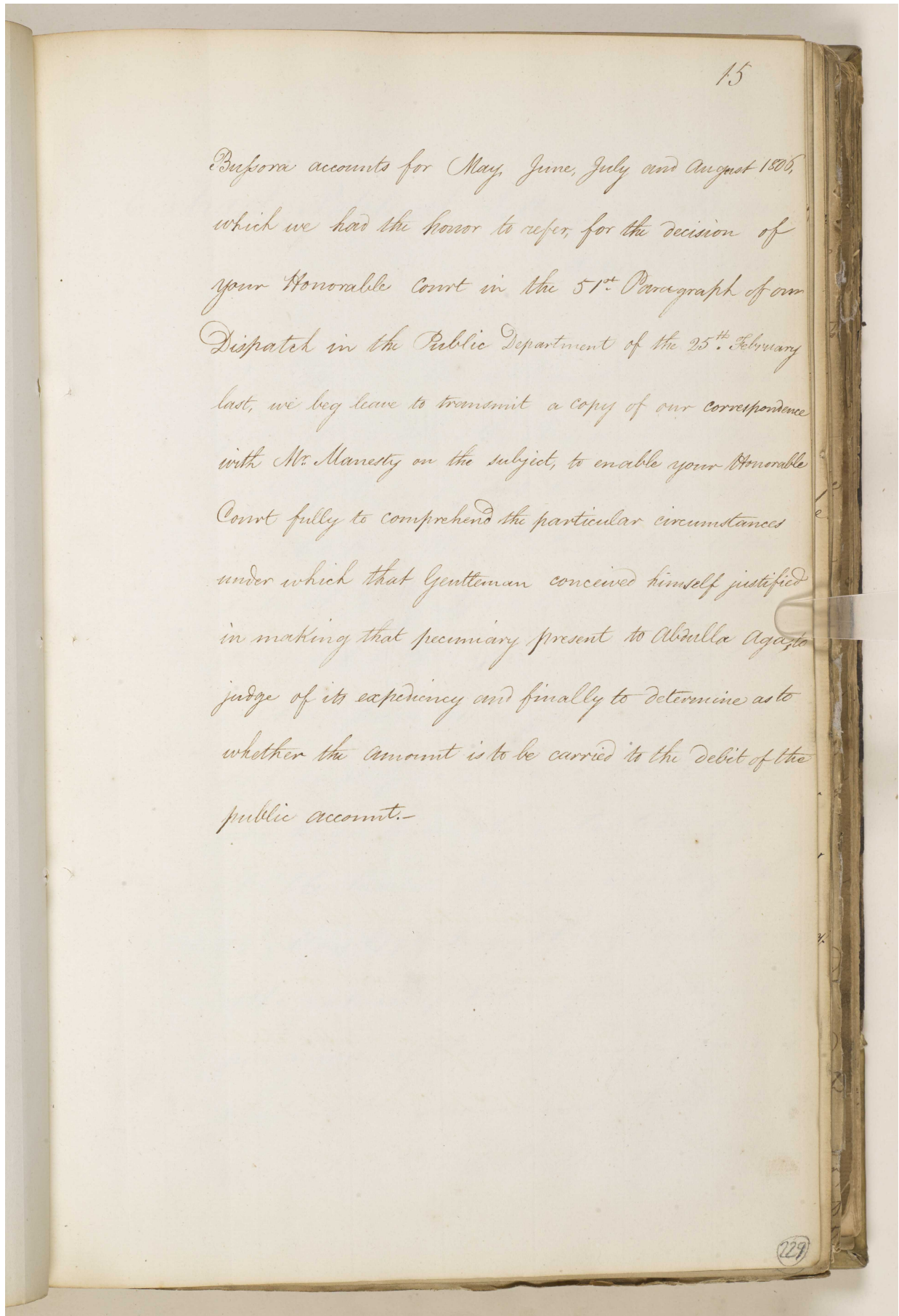
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the recovery of any portion of the outstanding debts
by the tenor of the Commands of the Right
Honorable Marquis Wellesley in Council, in the
Political Department of the 25th May 1803, under
which Mr. Manesty now trusts to be eventually
screened from responsibility in these transactions, we
have deemed it proper to refer to the Honorable the
Governor General in Council for information in regard
to the part which the late Governor General, Marquis
Wellesley, appears to have taken, in respect to the
Debts in question, and will have the honor of
communicating to Your Honorable Court, such
further information as may thence be derivable.

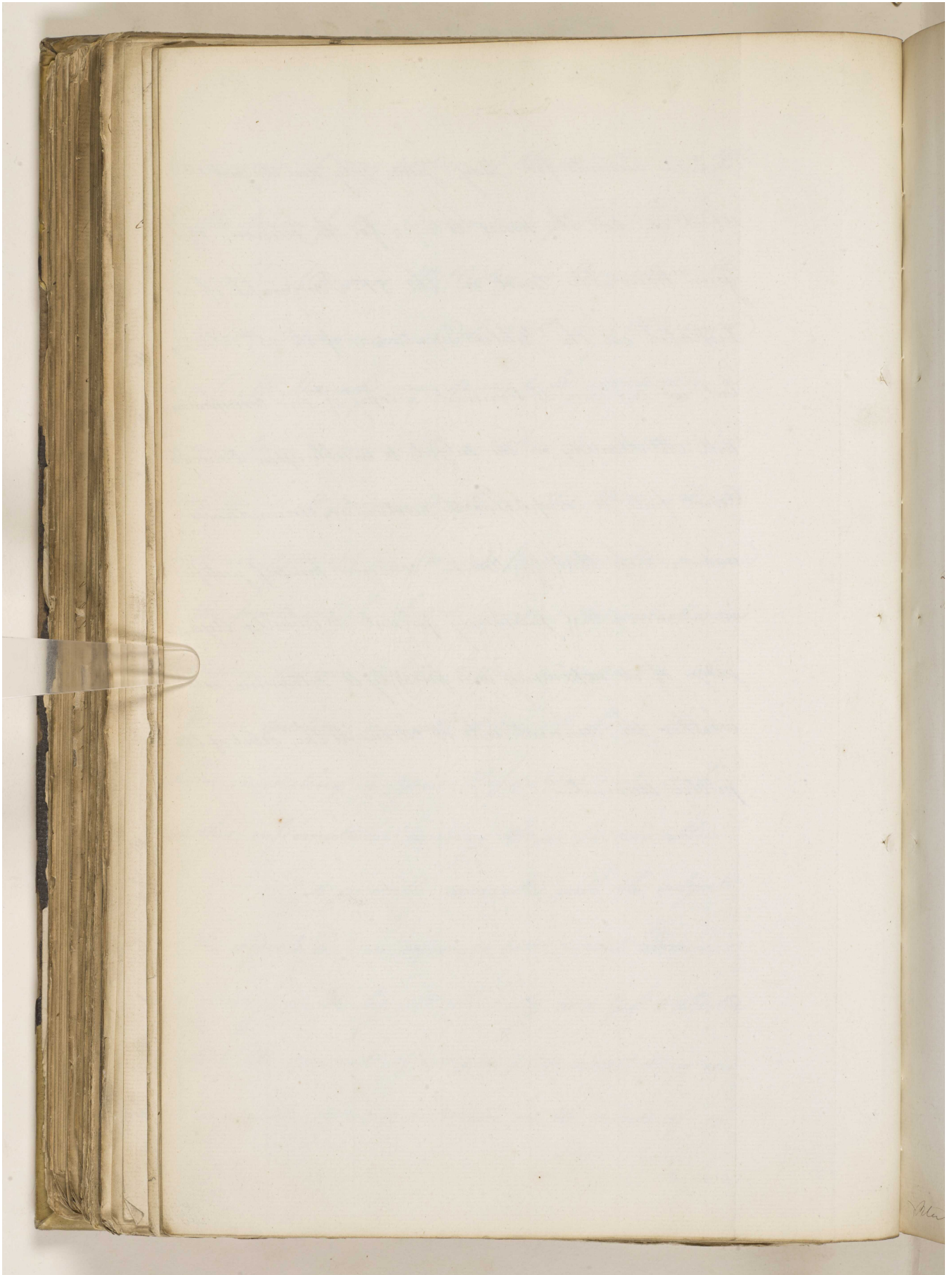
As generally connected with the subject
of this address, and in reference to a recent advance
of money made by Mr. Manesty, as a gift to Abdulla
Aga, to the amount of Rupees 7,500, constituting an
item in the charges, contained in the audit of the

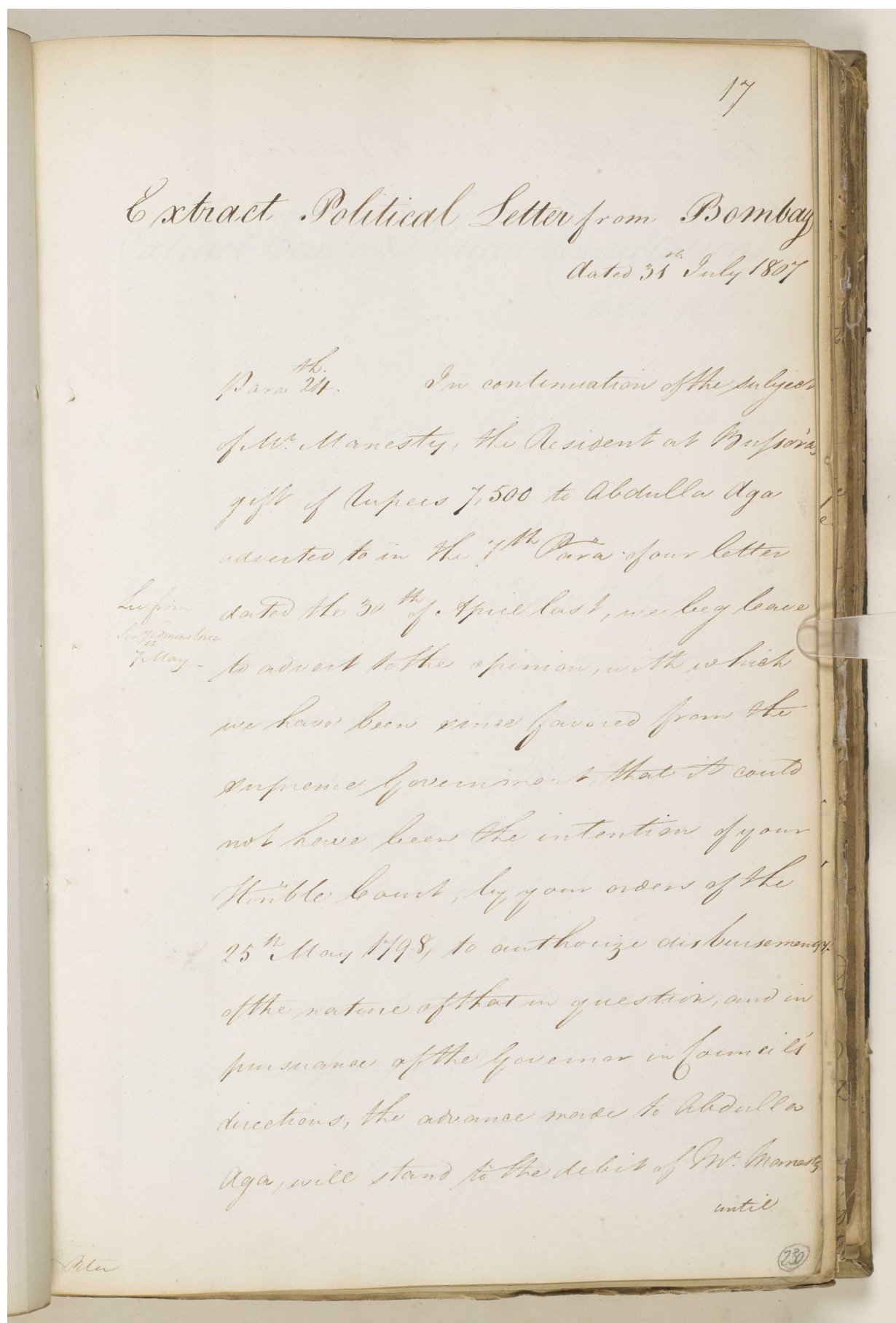
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untill your Honble Courts orders on
the subject shall have been received.

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
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Read a third Letter from the Resident
at Bussorah
Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to take
up the Pen, in order to communicate the
required information respecting the Loans
afforded by me in my Official capacity in
former Years, to different individuals in this
Country, the amount of which transferred
by me, to the debit of the Public Treasury
in the Months of December 1803. & Feb. 1805
was Rupees 39,907. 2.—

From the General Books,
and the Accounts of the Residency, it will
appear

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appear that recoveries since made at different
periods amounted to Rs 10297. 2

The Balance due are as follows Viz:

Said Mahmud Orduny, Poister Eyr	500
Shick Maroff	500
Shick Molani ibn Barakat.	1000
Shick Taziz ibn Said	400
Shick Alwan ibn	500
The family of Sayd Ramai	1700
Howidar	1000
	<u>25,100</u>

Advance 5 per cent ——— 1225

5 per cent still due on the part
of Shick Maroff not recovered ——— 25

Rango Poister 26380

or at 825 fluce per Poister Rupees ——— 19,785

Menzor Bidder & Hammar Aga ——— 9,825

Rupees 29,610

and they are all in a state of liquidation,
I calculate that the receipts on account of

them

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Individuals from the Public Treasury at Bussorah.' [232r] (23/86)**

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them in the course of the ensuing winter
may amount to Rs. 12000, the only debt of which
I doubt the recovery even in part, is that of Mirza
Bedder & Namain Aga, Namain Aga, being dead
& Mirza Bedder out of employ, I shall however
during my visit to the Pacha, endeavor to
influence His Excellency to the adoption
of measures, calculated to satisfy the
claims.

In explaining to you, in
obedience to the commands of the Honble
the Court of Directors of the 3^d July 1805, the
Political motives which induced me to lend
large sums of Money, to the Inhabitants of
this Country, I need only in a particular
manner enter on the subjects of the Loans to
Suad Mahmood Arduny & to Mirza Bedder &
Namain Aga. - The other Balances as per
preceding Statement being inconsiderable
and certain of recovery I will however briefly
state that the original Loans, were made

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on various occasions, and in modes extremely gratifying &
useful; to individuals entitled by their friendship, conduct &
situations, to liberal attention and assistance —

The large Loan to Seyd Mamood
Adami, was advanced in a moment, in which
he was suffering in a lamentable degree, as well
in point of personal confinement as Credit &
respectability, altho' one of the principal Sons or
Nobles of Bussora, he was by Abdulla Agza,
in obedience to the orders of the Pacha, imprisoned
under circumstances of peculiar degradation for a
pretended debt, due by him to the Turkish Govt.
being the Balance of a Bond forcibly extorted,
from him in consequence of his connection with
Sick Twiney, the Montefi Sheik, who in
the year 1799 rebelliously took possession
of Bussora; and after having in vain
endeavored, by Petition, to induce the Pacha
to give him further time for its liquidation, and
tried various means of persuasion, with his
Mahomedan

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Mahomedan Relations, and friends; to obtain pecuniary assistance, The Syed in a moment, in which he was threatened, with Corporal Punishment, and torture, and in almost — frantic agitation of mind, sent his son to the Factory, to implore mercy, and relief at my hands — I raised the son from the ground, and by the payment to Abdulla Aga, of the amount demanded by the Bacha, from the Father, I liberated him; I brought him to my house, I for some time entertained him as my guest, and I was happy in having an opportunity of manifesting in so striking and honorable — a manner a grateful remembrance of the debt of friendship, which was owed by the Factory to a man, whose personal attachment to me and whose influence with Shick Swiney, had very essentially contributed to the preservation of the local British Name, at a time when the occupation

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of Bussora by the Montifex Tribe had unavoidably,
and disagreeably, exposed it to possible insult.

The other large Loan to Muzza Beddar,
and Murrain Aga, was advanced, at the especial
request, and under the verbal security, of Mehem
Beg, Muzalim of Bussora, in the year 1803.
for the express purpose, of enabling him to
carry on his public Disbursements, in a
moment when he expected an attack, from the
Wahabie Turks; and it would certainly
have been recovered, in a few months had he
not been removed from Office, by the present Pacha,
in consequence of the Pusillanimity & folly,
of his conduct, on the occasion of the Murder,
of the late Captain Whites House, in Bussora,
and the forcibly removal thence of an unfortunate
Christian Woman.

It must be in the recollection
of Government, that the Honour the Court
of Directors, inconsideration of the acknowledged
necessity

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necessity, of the Resident at Bussorah, being
always able to command the means of
making loans to Individuals, in this
Country, have issued their Commands, that
he should be permitted, to hold a surplus
balance of Public Cash, in his hands to the
amount of Rupees 50,000 so to be occasionally
appropriated, with prudence, & Judgment in
the politic extension, of local Credit & influence,
and I beg leave respectfully to apprise you, &
through you, my honorable Employers that
I have still some large outstanding Debts of a
desperate nature in this Country really originating
in official expediency, and necessity: in
addition to very serious difficulties, & losses
to which I have been in the course of my long
Services here, exposed from the important
pecuniary assistance, which in support
of the Public Interests, I have in an almost
unavoidable

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incredible variety of cases, afforded to Inhabitants
of this Country, connected with the Factory -

Bussorah

30 Sept. 1806.

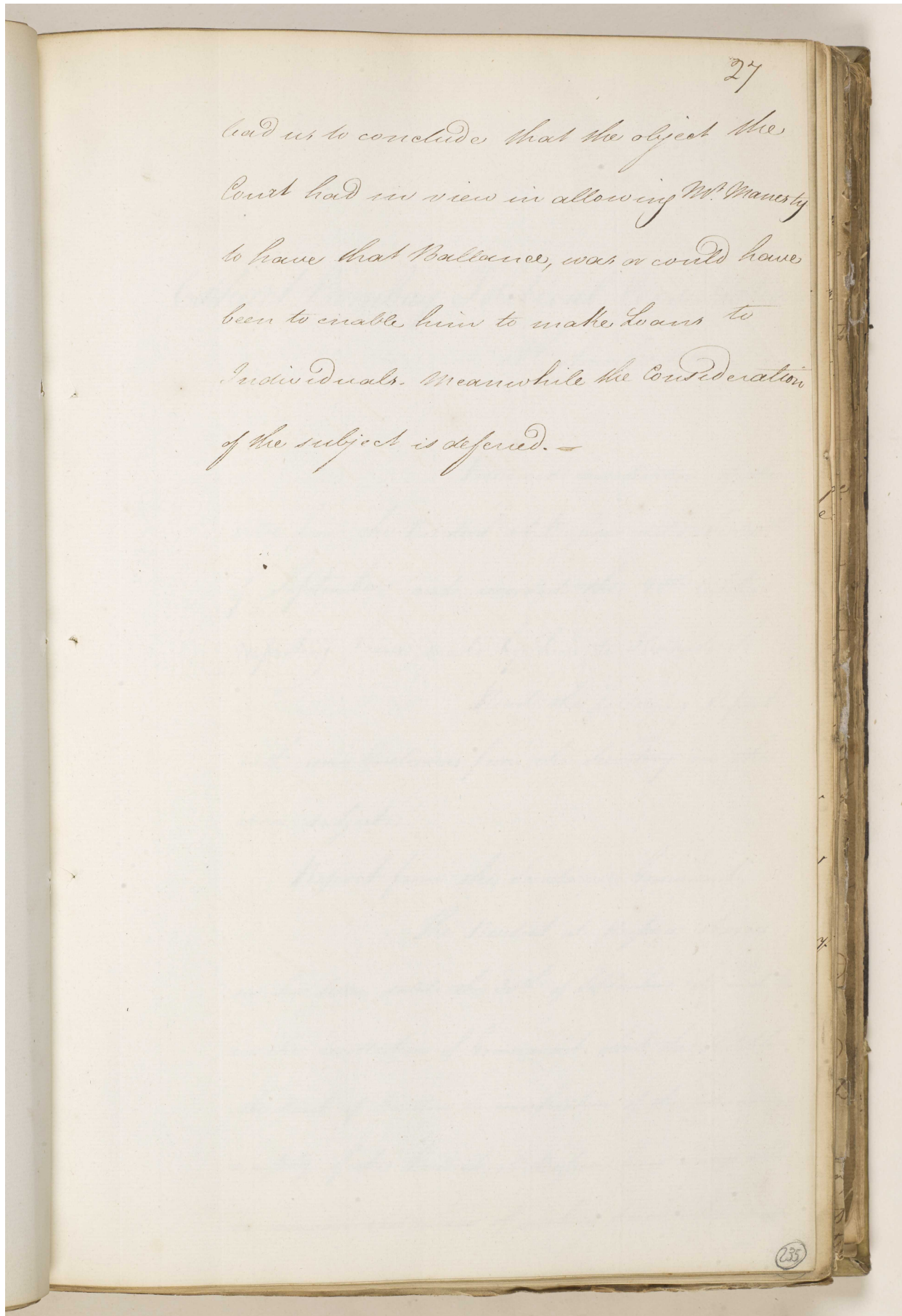
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Vique of Samuel Manesty
Resident

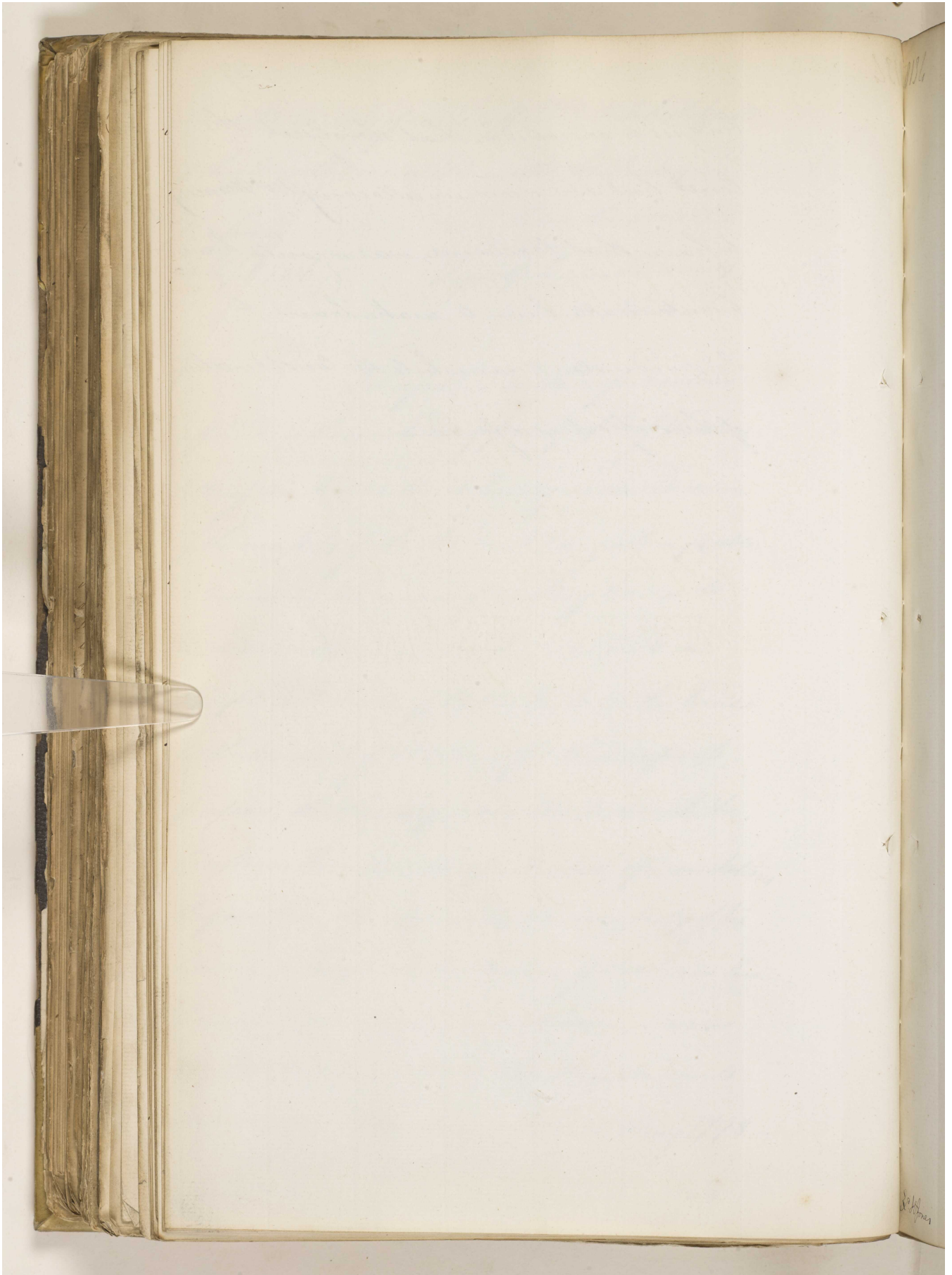
In reference to the information
afforded in the concluding paragraph of the above
letter of the Honble Court having in consideration
of the necessity of the Resident being always able
to Command the means of making loans to
Individuals, permitted him to hold a
Surplus Balance of Public Cash in his hands
to the Amount of A. 50,000, - for that express
purpose, the Secretary is directed to search the
Bussorah Records & to report what representations
they contain in respect to the necessity of his
having a Surplus Balance of Cash in his
Treasury; Since it is neither in our
recollection, nor does the Honble Court
Communications to us of the 25th May 1798.

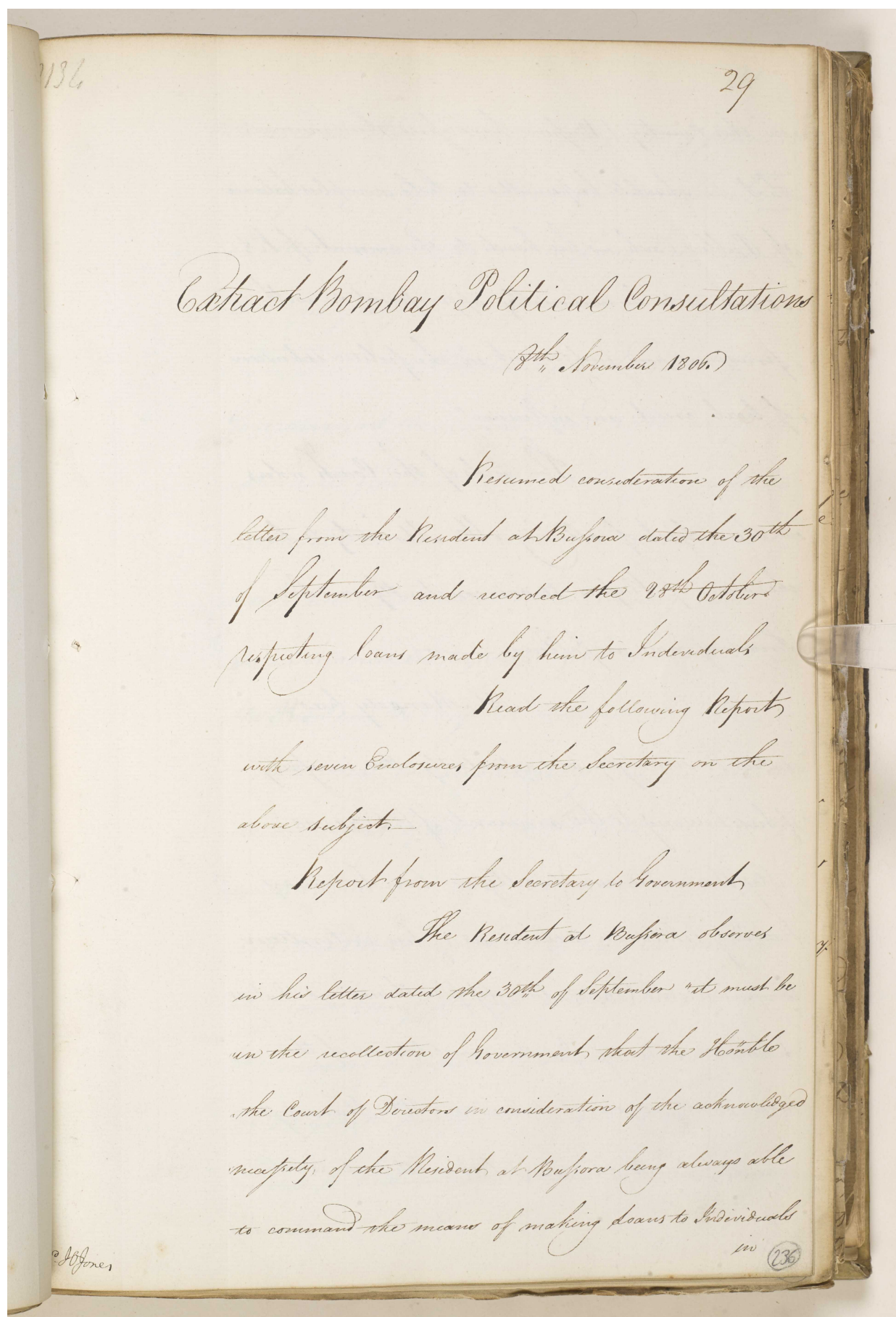
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in this Country / Bussora have issued their commands
"that he should be permitted to hold a surplus balance
of Public Cash in his hands to the amount of Rs.
50,000, so to be occasionally appropriated with
prudence and judgement in the politic extension
of local credit and influence"

The words of the Court orders
on the subject of allowing Mr. Manesty to have
the sum of Rupees 50,000 constantly in his
Treasury are as follows. —

"Mr. Manesty has
stated so strongly and repeatedly, the necessity
of his having to the amount of Rs. (50,000)
fifty thousand constantly in his Treasury,
having likewise advised us of his intention
to appropriate (25000) twenty five thousand Rupees
of his own Money, for the completion of this
sum, that we are of opinion Mr. Manesty's
request should be complied with, at least,

Owing

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"During the War, to answer purposes of peculiar emergency unless upon reconsideration, ^{we} we shall deem a sum to so large amount, to be necessary."

Pursuantly to the orders of Government the records have been carefully examined from 1775 to the date of the preceding instructions from the Honble Court and I have been unsuccessful in tracing any circumstances in support of the assertion by the Resident at Bussorah that the Honble Courts object in authorizing surplus cash to the amount of 50000 Rupees to be constantly in his Treasury, was founded in any acknowledged necessity of the Resident at Bussorah being always able to command the means of making Loans to individuals "at Bussorah" unless Mr. Manesty includes Loans to Individuals as one of those "necessary

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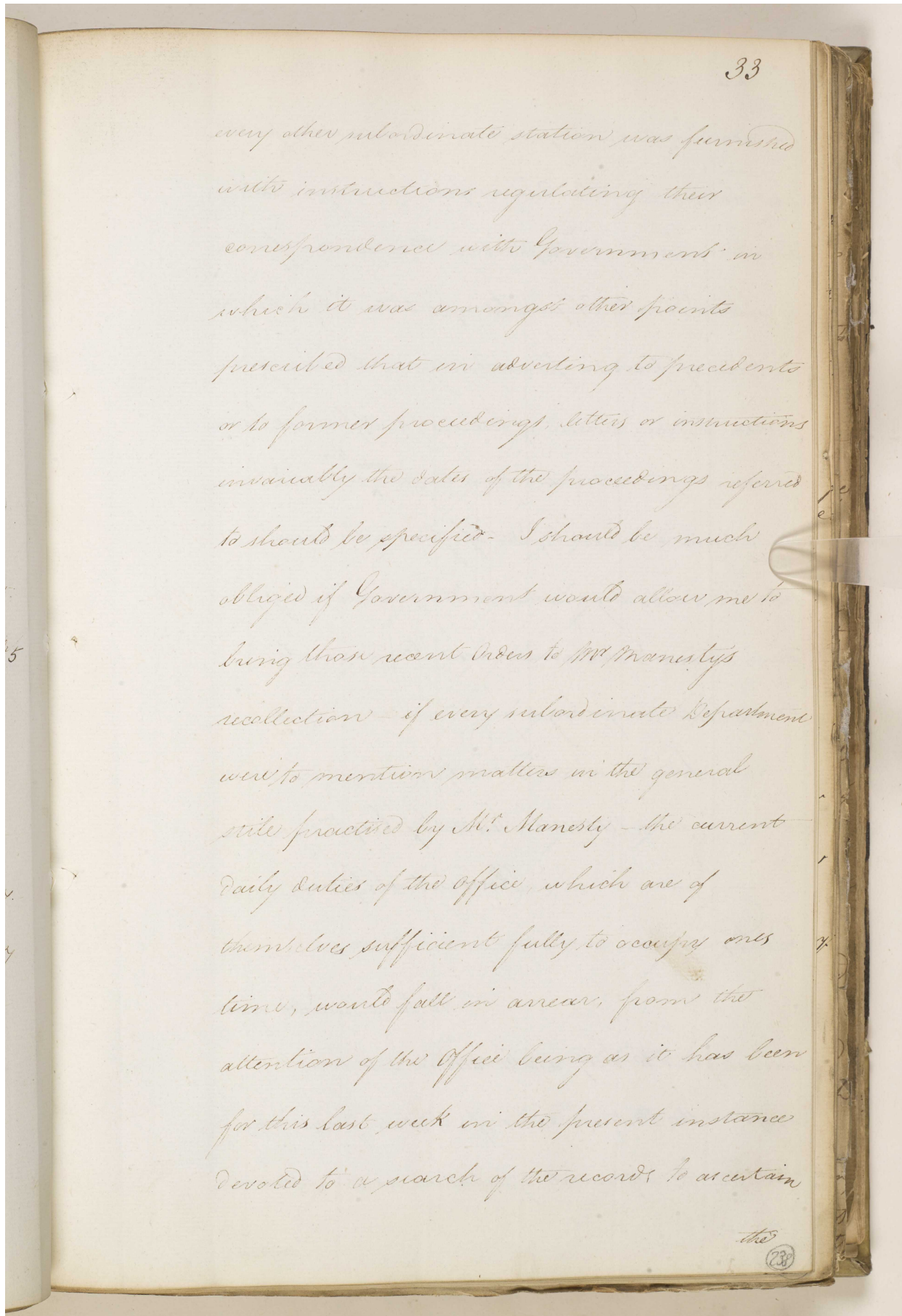
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means" which Mr Manesty throughout
his correspondence so generally urges that
he should possess to enable him beneficially
to execute his public duties, and to preserve
his own reputation. -

The following Extracts
from the records are circulated for the fuller
information of Government on the subject viz:

- 1 Letter to Mr Manesty dated 13 April 1795.
- 2 Letter from G^o dated 10 Oct^r 1795 Dated 18th 5
- 3 Letter to G^o 30 December 1796. -
- 4 Extract from the Proceedings of Gov^t
dated 14 August 1797.
- 5 - G^o - G^o - G^o dated 18 April 1797.
- 6 G^o - G^o - G^o dated 16 Oct^r 1797
- 7 Extract from a Letter from the
Court of Directors dated 25 May 1798
"On the 6 March last
the Presidency of Bussorah in common with
every

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the accuracy of the grounds on which facts
are advanced founded on proceedings that
have occurred years past. - It is easier for
a subordinate Office to refer to and to specify
the dates of former proceedings of tracing
them on the record of his own Office which
he can examine in an hour ^{and then} to find
those dates in an Office of general record
like the Secretarys where the proceedings
are various & voluminous, & cannot
be examined for days. -

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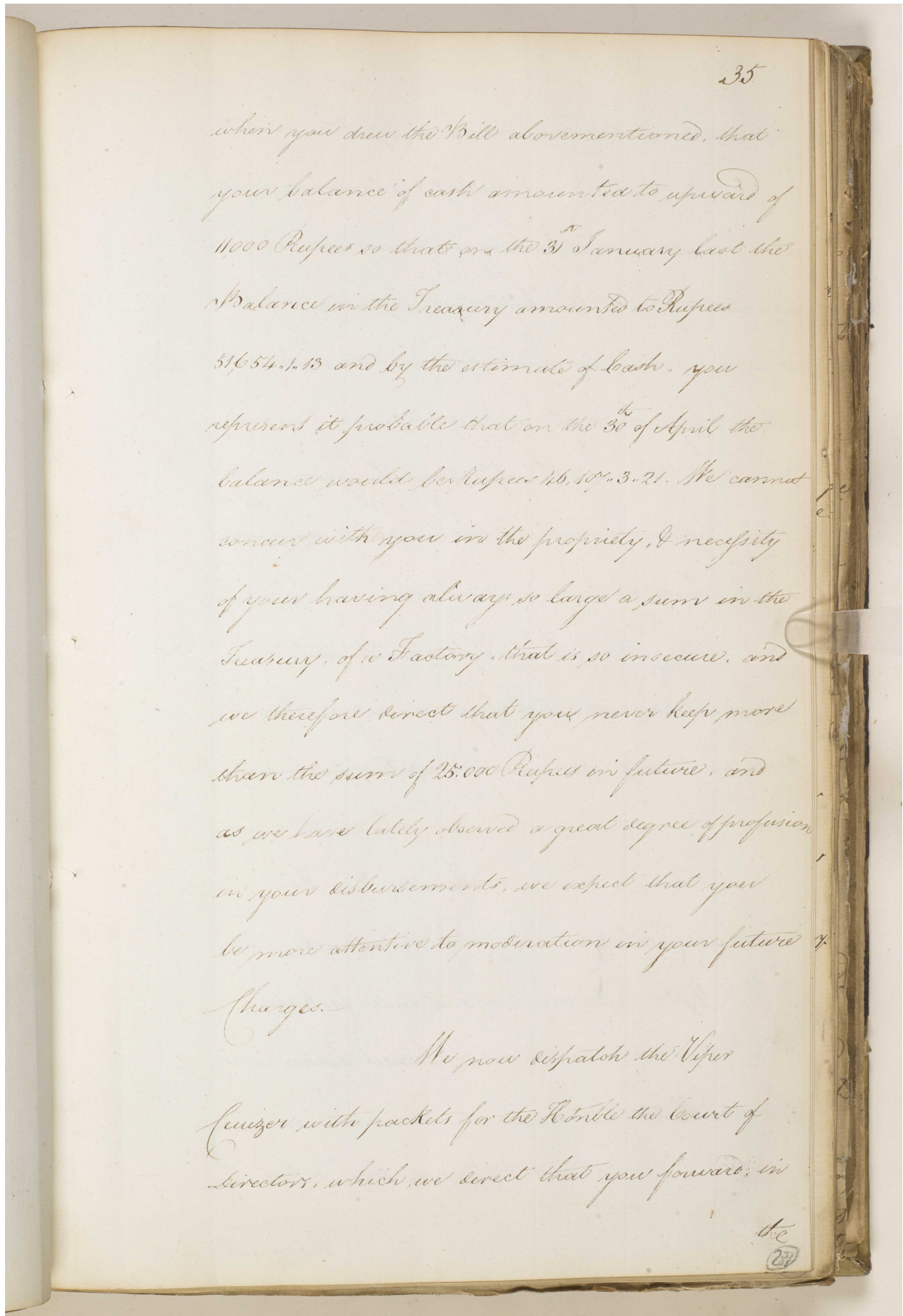
Samuel Manesty Esq^r

Resident at Gerra

Sir,

We have received your
advices dated 10th Feb^y and 20th Ultimo and have
accepted the Bill in favor of M^r Tate for 10,000,
but are to acquaint you that as it appears
when

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the most expeditious manner possible. -

The Viper is to remain at
Ghair under orders for bringing over any
despatches from the Honble Company that
may be received by you, between the 1st May
and 31st August next. -

Mr Assistant Surgeon
(Deland proceeds in the Viper to act as Surgeon
of your Factory. -

As the Viper could not
accommodate the relief of your Factory, it will
be sent as soon as a convenient opportunity
offers. -

We are Y^{rs} &c.

Bombay Castle }
13 April 1795. -

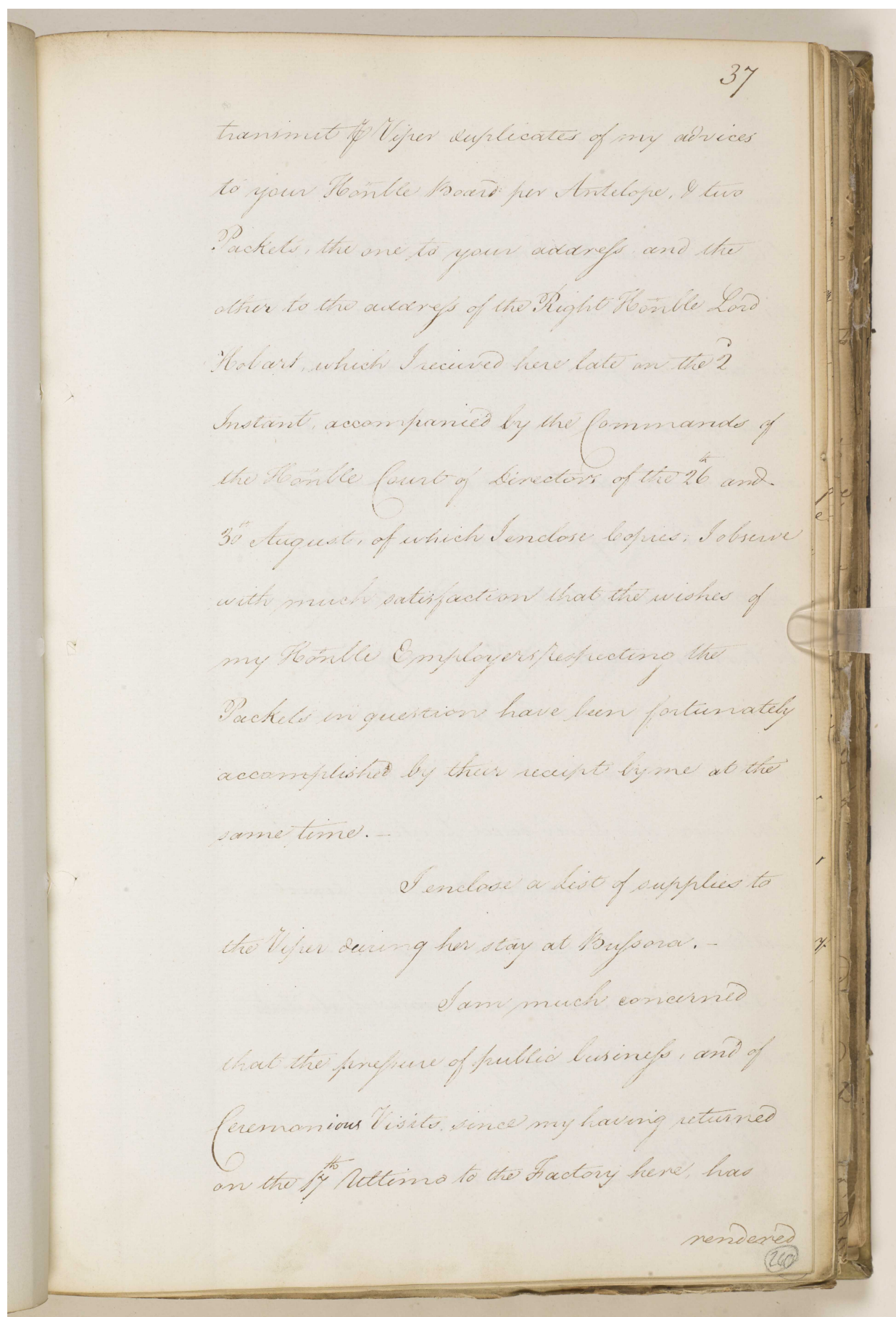
(Sig) Geo. Dick
" Daniel Prohall
" Daniel Selton

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to

transmit

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rendered it totally impossible to prepare the
accounts of the settlement for the Month
of October, and the Estimate of Cash since
the 1st Instant. The information on the
subject of the probable disbursements of the
Residency in the Month of October, Nov^r
and December contained in my address
of the 10th October per Antelope will however
serve as a substitute for it, until it can
be transmitted to the Presidency. —

The prevalence of southerly
winds has prevented the more early departure
of the Tiger, and I now direct Lieutenant Turner
to proceed from hence to Bombay, direct
without touching at any port whatever
in his passage, unless in a case of absolute,
and indispensable necessity. —

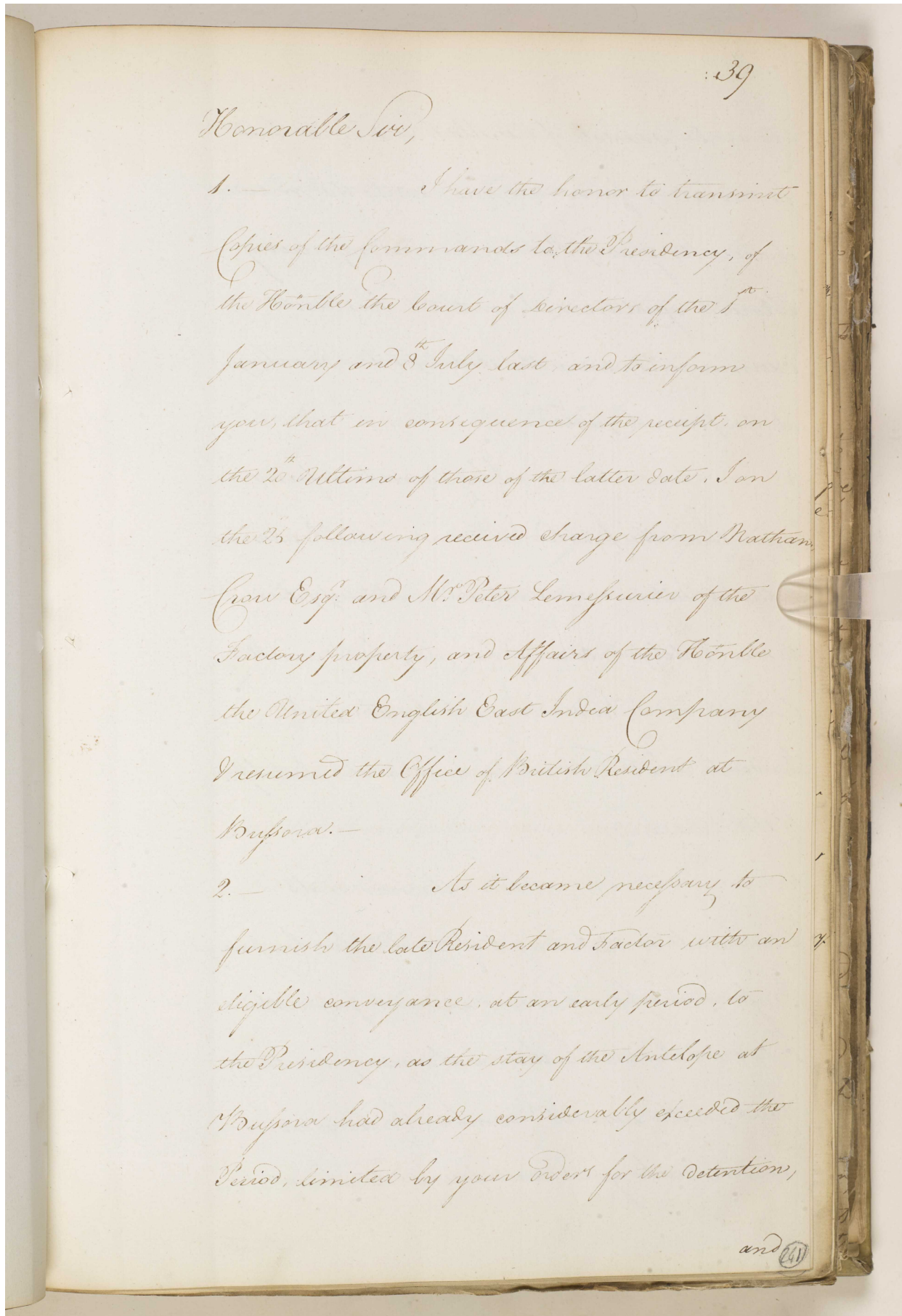
Bussorah,
6 Dec. 1796. }

I am &c.

(Signed) J. Manesty

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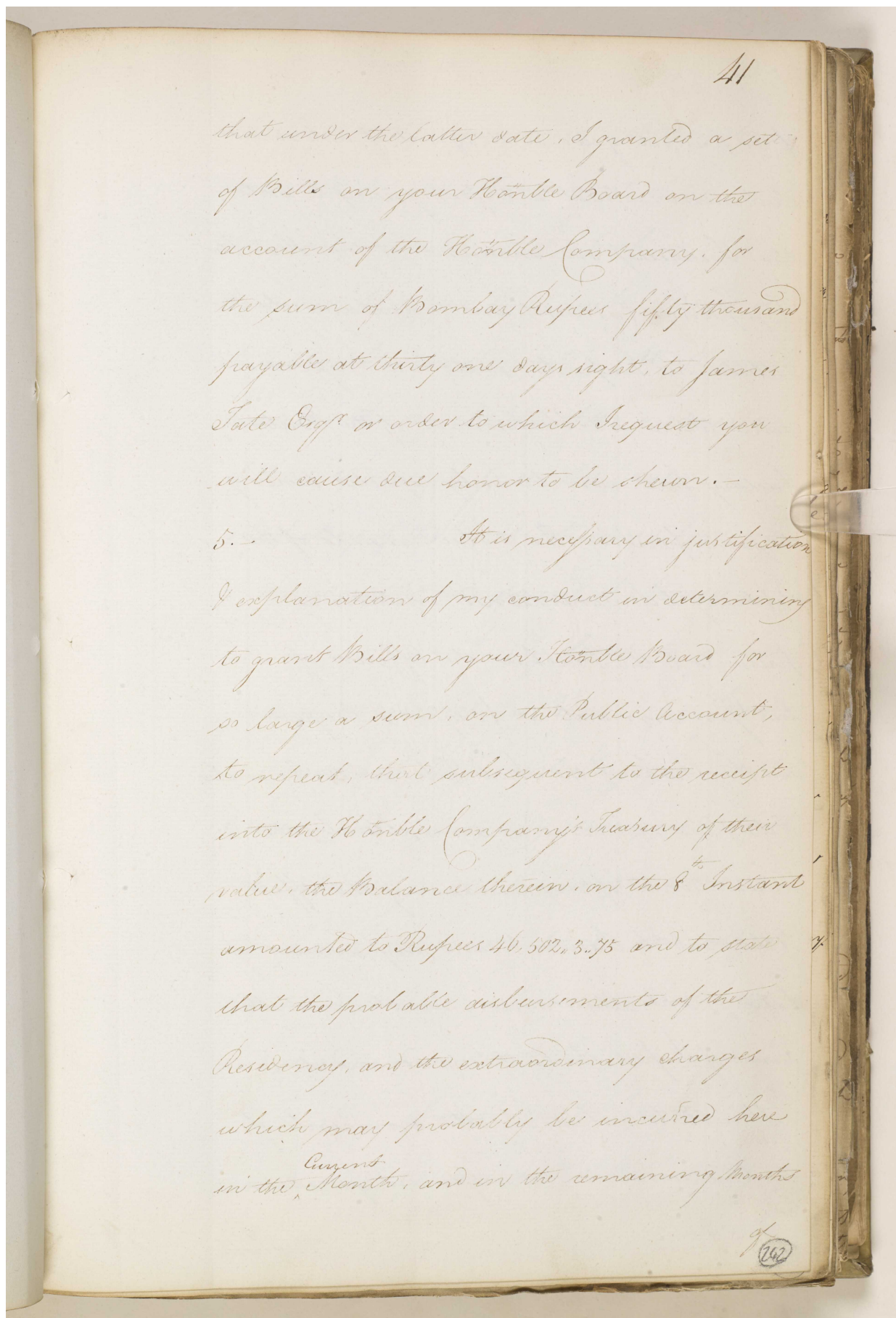
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and as the arrival of the Alert and Viper had fortunately furnished me, with the means of executing any Public services requiring Marine assistance, I, on the 1st Instant determined to return the Antelope to Bombay at the present period. —

3. — I beg leave to inform you that the public accounts of the Presidency to the 30th Ultimo, and the account supplies to the Antelope, during her stay here, will be rendered to Government by the late Resident, and Factor who proceed on the Antelope to the Presidency. —

4. — I have the honor to transmit as statement of the Honble Company's Bussorah Cash or Treasury account from the 1st to the 8th Instant, there balancing in their favor in the sum of Bombay Rs. 46,502⁰ 3⁰ 7⁵ from which you will please to observe, that

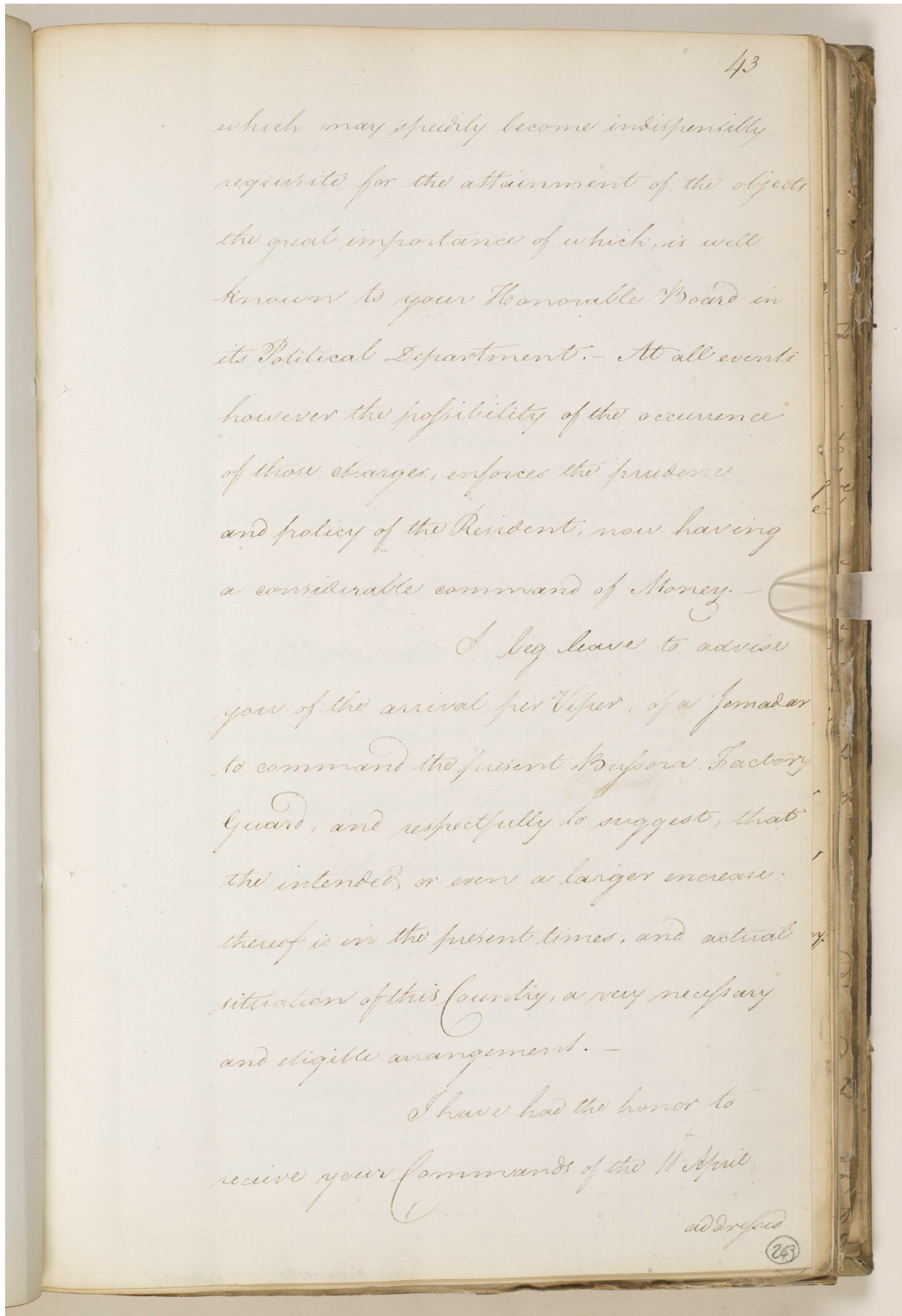
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of the present year, will equal if not exceed
that sum, whilst a trifling receipt into
the Treasury on account of the Honorable
Company's Customs and Consulage, to be
collected on Imports made to Bussorah,
since the re-establishment of the British
Factory here, can be only expected during
the same period. - The disbursements of the
Residency before mentioned, including
presents to the Bacha, the Officers of
his Government at Bagdad & Bussorah
and the Sheiks of the Arab Tribes in the Vicinity
of the place; rendered unavoidable, by the
circumstance of my resuming the Office
of the British Resident, and my arrears of
Salary, and allowances, must exceed the
sum of Rupees thirty thousand, and it is
difficult to calculate the amount of
the Extraordinary charges in question,
which

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which may speedily become indispensably
requisite for the attainment of the objects
the great importance of which, is well
known to your Honorable Board in
its Political Department. - At all events
however the possibility of the occurrence
of those charges, enforces the prudence
and policy of the Resident, now having
a considerable command of Money. -

I beg leave to advise
you of the arrival per Viper, of a jemadar
to command the present Bussora Factory
Guard, and respectfully to suggest, that
the intended, or even a larger increase
thereof is in the present times, and actual
situation of this country, a very necessary
and eligible arrangement. -

I have had the honor to
receive your commands of the 11 April,

addressed
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addressed to me "late Resident at Bussorah"
to which I venture to reserve to myself
a future right of reply.

I also, beg leave to reserve
to myself the right of making an application
to Government for indemnification in
the amount of the losses, which I have
sustained, in consequence of the
accident which unfortunately happened
in the Vicinity of Surat, towards the close
of last year, to the Row, belonging to Shaik
Shaher^{Sh} Saunwan mentioned in my
addres to your Honble Board of October and
Nov: 1795, whenever I may become possessed
of the requisite information & Documents,
on which to ground my equitable & reasonable
claims on the Honble Company. —

I have the honor
to transmit Copies of Letters which I have this day
addressed to the Honble the Governor General in Council
and to the Honble the President in Council at Fort St. George
in the Public Department.

I find it necessary to solicit
from your Honble Board a supply of Stationery for the use of the Residency.
Bussorah, 10 Oct 1796. }
of am. &c. &c.
S^{rs} J. Manesty. Samuel

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Samuel Manesty Esq^r

President

at

Bussora.

Sir,

We have received your letters of
the 10th October and 6th November and have accepted the
bills in favor of Mr Tate for Rupees 50,000 but we to
acquaint you that as we entirely concur in the
statements expressed by the late Government in
their letter of the 13th April 1795. We deem it proper
to repeat the directions then given that you never
keep more than the sum of 25,000 Rupees in your Treasury.

We think the present number of your
guard quite sufficient since it can only serve or be
made use of for honorary purposes.

Yours
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You must be particularly
observant of the regulations respecting the transmission
of accounts and we take this opportunity of reminding
you of the Directions given to the late Resident
and Factor on their proceeding to receive charge from
you that they were to lose no time in transmitting
to the Presidency the Bussora Diary from the year
1777, since which period it appears none have been
received and we also expect that the business of the
settlement be regularly kept up in future.

By this opportunity you will receive a
Packet to the address of the Honble the Court of Directors
which we direct that you dispatch to them in the
most safe and expeditious manner possible are.

Bombay Castle
30th December 1796

Sir Gea
(Signed) J. Duncan
Genl Council
Calcutta

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Individuals from the Public Treasury at Bussorah.' [245r] (49/86)**

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Extract of a letter from the Resident at Bussora to the
Secret Committee dated 18th June 1797 recorded in the
Political Department under date 14th August following

The Pearl of Bombay on the 5th May
at which period Sir Charles Wane Malet Bart^{le} and
William Page Esq^t were in accidental charge of the
Government and it gives me infinite concern to inform
you that their Commands to me of the 25th April in the
Political Department which I have received from Pearl
are of such a nature as to force me to determine to
transmit to your Honorable Committee by the next
Conveyance which will be an early one. Copies thereof
and of my address to the Honorable President in Council in
the Political Department of the 25th & 26th March
which to my utter astonishment have exposed me
to harsh and undeserved Censure the Rectitude

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of my Conduct and your knowledge of my character
will however I flatter myself enable me to ^{convince} ~~conceive~~
you by a clear and Noble Statement of Facts which
I shall have the honor to make in my next address to
the correctness of my censured Conduct and of the
purity of my doubted Intentions The Commands in
question might operate as a total discouragement
to Zealous Exertions in case of Responsibility but
my honor my fidelity and my knowledge of your
confidence in me again support me in difficulty
and encourage me to preserve in my Resolution to
face all risks which may oppose my ardent desire
to render essential Service to my Country and those
employers from whose Justice and Patronage I
Gratefully hold my present critical and arduous
Situation.

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Individuals from the Public Treasury at Bussorah.' [246r] (51/86)**

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Extract of a letter from the Resident at Bussora
dated 25th March 1797. recorded in the Public Department
under date the 18th April following.

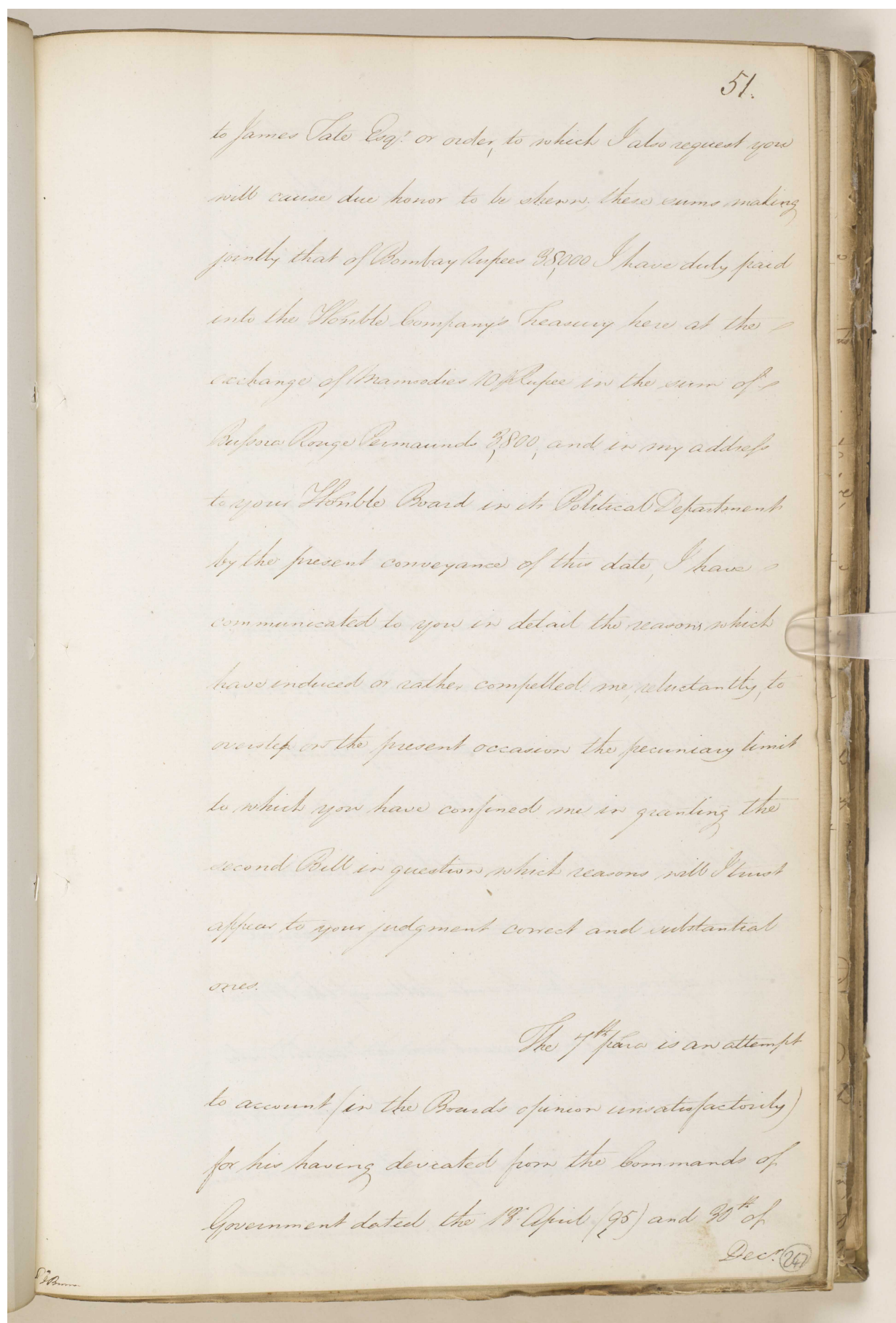
I. There beg leave respectfully to reply
to your Command per Pearl.

In consequence of your having
confirmed the orders of the late Government of the 13th
April 1795 on the subject of the Limitation of the
Pecuniary amount to be kept in the public Treasury
of the Residency which orders as will be found on
reference to them were only occasioned by the
circumstances of the Factory being then at Grain
a place justly considered as insecure I had a few
days ago determined only to grant a Bill on
your Honble Board on the account of the
Honble Company by the present conveyance.

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for the sum of Bombay Rupees 10000 which sum
and the Balance this day remaining in the
Treasury reduced by necessary Disbursement
made on the Public account since the 1st Instant
to the sum of Rupees 7000 make the Limited
one of Rupees 25000 and indeed have granted
a bill for that sum of Bombay Rupees 10000
on your Honble Board on the account of the
Honorable Company payable at 31 Days
sight to Philip Samuel Maister Esq. or der to which
I request you will cause due honor to be shewn.
As however Political Events and circumstances
have recently occurred in Europe of such a nature
as to render it absolutely necessary that I should
have considerable public pecuniary resources
I have thought it my indispensable duty to deviate
from my late Instructions and to grant another
Bill for the sum of Bombay Rupees 20,000 on
your Honorable Board on account of the
Honorable Company payable at 31 Days sight
to

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December last, on the idea of the respective orders
and restrictions regarding the state of the
Treasury having been occasioned merely by the
comparative insecurity of Mr. Manesty's residence
at Grain, and they here think fit to declare that
nothing but their extreme reluctance, even to delay
payment of bills drawn by an Officer in a respectable
and responsible foreign Station under this
Government, should have induced their acquiescence
in discharging demands through so direct a breach
of orders, which orders twice already ineffectually
signified, it is resolved shall be reiterated as to
the limitation of the amount that should be kept
in the Bussorah Treasury, which order, it should
appear on reference to the Board's Letter of the 13th April
1795, alluded to by the Resident, was not exclusively
grounded upon the circumstances of the insecurity of
the Factory at the Grain, but upon the general profusion
of the Residency under Mr. Manesty's Management.
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Individuals from the Public Treasury at Bussorah.' [248r] (55/86)**

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Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Bussorah dated
25 March 1797 recorded in the Political Department
under date the 18 April following.

In consequence of your having in
your Commands in the Public Department of the 20th
December 1795 enforced the orders of the late
Government of the 13th April 1795 on the subject of a
limitation of the pecuniary amount to be kept in
the Public Treasury of the Bussorah Residency, I beg
leave respectfully to present to you, that those orders
were only occasioned, as will be found on a reference
to them, by the circumstances of the Factory being
then at Grain, a place justly considered as insecure
that a deposit of cash in the Treasury Chamber in the
British Factory at Bussorah, is never exposed to any
possible risk, that the successful execution of the
duties of the British Resident here, during the
continuance of the present war, will very essentially
depend on his having constantly very extensive
pecuniary

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pecuniary resources, and that if your Honble Board
refuse to furnish me with them, my responsibility
must necessarily be in a very considerable degree
diminished, and you, Honble Sir, justly become
answerable for the injurious consequences that may
result from your own determination, and the
inefficacy of my zealous applications for assistance.
Having respectfully made the foregoing representation,
I do respectfully request that your Honble Board in
its Public Department will in future authorize me to
keep at least the sum of Rupees 50000 in the Honble
Company's Treasury here, and cause due honor to be
shown to the Bills which I have granted on you by
the present conveyance for the sum of Rupees 38000
on the account of the Honble Company, the one
for Rupees 18000 drawn in order to furnish the
Residency with the Command of Money permitted
by your orders of the 29th December last, and the
other for Rupees 20000 drawn as a further pecuniary
resource

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resource very reluctantly by me as my conduct therein,
is a deviation from your recent Instructions, but
under the extenuating circumstances of indispensable
Political necessity.

Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Bussora to the
Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, dated 5 July
1797 and recorded in the Political Department, under
date the 16 October 1797.

In the 7th paragraph of their
Commands of the 25th April, Sir Charles Manners, Mr. Mallet,
Baron, and William Pakenham Esq. very severely, censure
my conduct, in furnishing myself with funds for the
defrayment of the public charges of the Residency,
and as a Provision for extraordinary Disbursements
in expected cases, by Bills on Government, in a
time of pecuniary emergency and difficulty, and
in observing to the Honble the Bombay Government,
in my address of 2nd of the 25th March, that in the
event of their denying me the assistance which

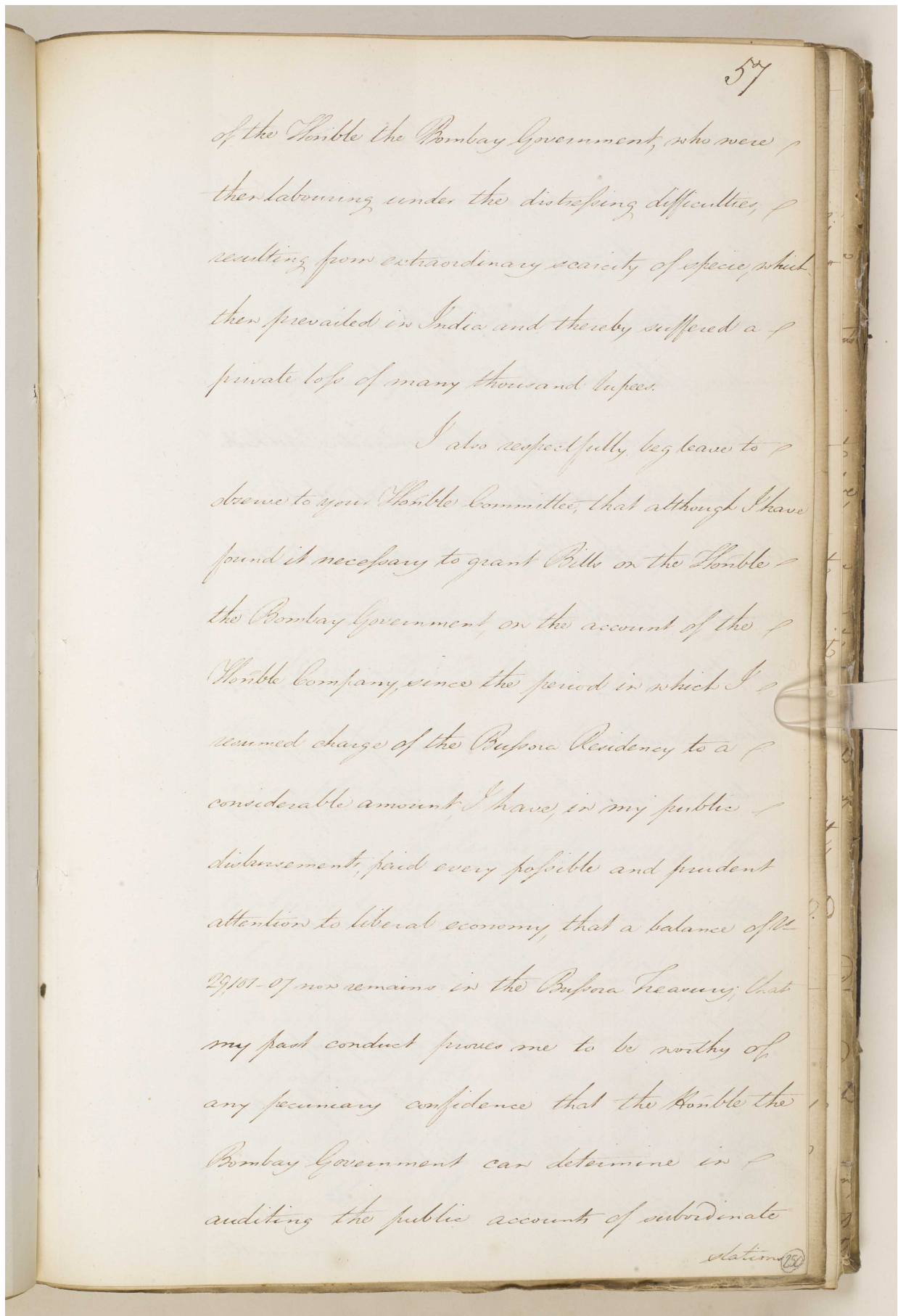
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I solicit from them, in order to render my Missions
here a beneficial one to our Honble Employers, &
responsibility must rest with them, and excuse me
of placing myself in the predicament of a Dictator
"rather than an Officer Subordinate to Government"

I respectfully beg leave to
obey to your Honble Committee, that I have never
till the receipt of the Commands in question been
made acquainted by Government, with the pecuniary
difficulties of the time, and in doing so, I take the
liberty to call to the remembrance of the Honorable
Committee, the zeal and disinterestedness with which,
in the early period of my Services as British
Resident here, I voluntarily circumscribed my
means of benefiting myself in commercial
speculations, in order to furnish a considerable
loan to the Honble Company, which enabled me
to carry on the Disbursements of the Basra
Factory, without lessening the pecuniary resources
of

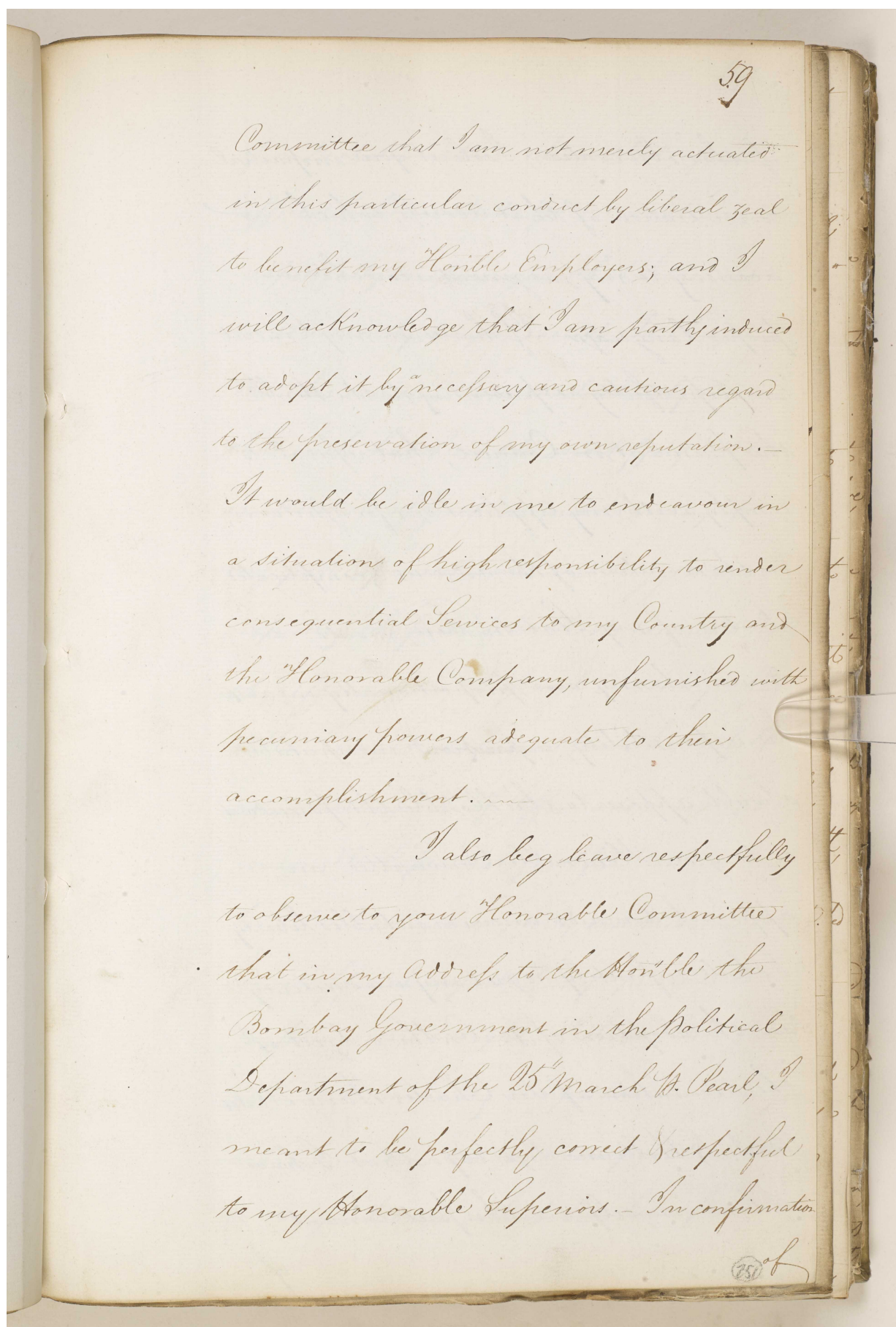
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Nations, their nature and the propriety or impropriety of
 them; and that convinced of the positive necessity of my
 having during the continuance of the War, a considerable
 command of Money in readiness for disbursement; in
 promotion of the public interest, I shall, from the present
 time paying strict attention to the commands of Sir Charles
 Malet Bart, and William Cope Esq^r to the Residency
 of the B^e of India, in the Public Department, which limit the
 amount of the Honble Company's public funds here, to the
 sum of Bombay Rupees 25000, disinterestedly appropriate
 to their use and service, a similar sum from my own
 private purse, which I am already withdrawing from my
 commercial resources to my own essential detriment,
 and shall continue to hold during the continuance
 of the War at my own disposal, in my official
 capacity as Resident here, for the express purpose
 of extending my means of beneficially
 executing my public duties. I will not
 however disguise from your Honorable
 Committee

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of this observation, I solicit your impartial
consideration of that Address, which
according to my judgment is couched in
proper language. If however my Conduct
in respectfully representing to the Honble
the President in Council, that refusal to
comply with my Applications for assistance,
in the execution of the arduous & complicated
Duties of my Station here, would
diminish my, and proportionally increase
his responsibility, a position indisputable,
should appear to the Honble the President
or to your Honorable Committee an
approach towards unwarrantable liberty,
I shall infinitely regret my inadvertency
in the adoption of it. On the subject of
the accusation of Sir Charles Warr. Malet
Bart. & William Page Esq. that I have
placed myself in the predicament
of

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of a Dictator, rather than that of an
Officer subordinate to Government, I venture
respectfully to assure you that I can &
conscientiously deny and resist the charge.
On this occasion I must reluctantly observe
that such has been the mortifying
inattention of Government to many of
my past representations and suggestions
respecting the public Interests, connected with
the Affairs of the Bussorah Residency, that
altho' I might in former times have felt
some little pride of Office and encouraged a
reasonable hope that faithful Conduct and
long local experience justly entitled me to
some official respect, & my Opinions, to
confidence and weight, I have been forced
into a humiliating comprehension of my own,
total subordination and comparative littleness,
a comprehension which has been fixed

and
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and confirmed by the Commands of
Sir Charles Warr Malet Bart. and
William Page Esq^r by the Pearl. -

It is here necessary
to inform your Honorable Committee
that Sir Charles Malet Bart. and W^m
Page Esq^r have accompanied their
censure in the political Department
of my Conduct in furnishing
myself with Funds adequate to the
Service of the Residency by granting
Bills on the Honorable the Bombay
Government by further censure of
that Conduct in the
Public Department

adding

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adding^{on} the subject that the orders of the Honble the
Bombay Government to the Presidency of the 13th
April 1795 restricting the amount to be kept in
the Treasury of the Honorable Company under my
management to the sum of Bombay Rupees 25,000
were not exclusively grounded upon the circumstances
"of the Insecurity of the Factory at Grain but upon
"the General Profusion of the Presidency under my
"management" The accompanying Extracts from
the records of the Presidency will prove the
Limitation in question made by the Honble
the President in Council in their Commands
of the 13th April 1795 abovementioned only
originated in their opinion of the Insecurity
of the Grain Factory that their observation of my
being profuse in many public Disbursements
was unconnected with that opinion that in my
address of the 24th May 1795 in reply to those
Commands I respectfully objected to indiscriminate
censure of accounts requested the Honble the Bombay
Governor

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Government to point out in what particular
Items of the Disbursements of the Factory there
were according to their Judgement appearance of
Profusion and Manifested a ready Inclination from
their suggestions to make any Retrenchment
in the Expences of the Factory that might be
practicable and admissable that in their
Commands of the 30th June 1795 the Honble the
President in Council in Compliance with my
beforementioned request pointed out ⁴ for instances
in which they were of opinion that I had shewn a
great degree of Profusion and that ⁱⁿ my address
of the 4th October 1795. in reply to those Commands
I explained my conduct in those Instances the
subsequent total silence of Government on
the subject justly gives to that Explanation
the merit of being a conclusively satisfactory one.
Ordered that M^r. Manesty be called upon to
forward a Copy of the orders hereofers to in the
concluding Part of his letter as they have not
been

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Individuals from the Public Treasury at Bussorah.' [254r] (67/86)**

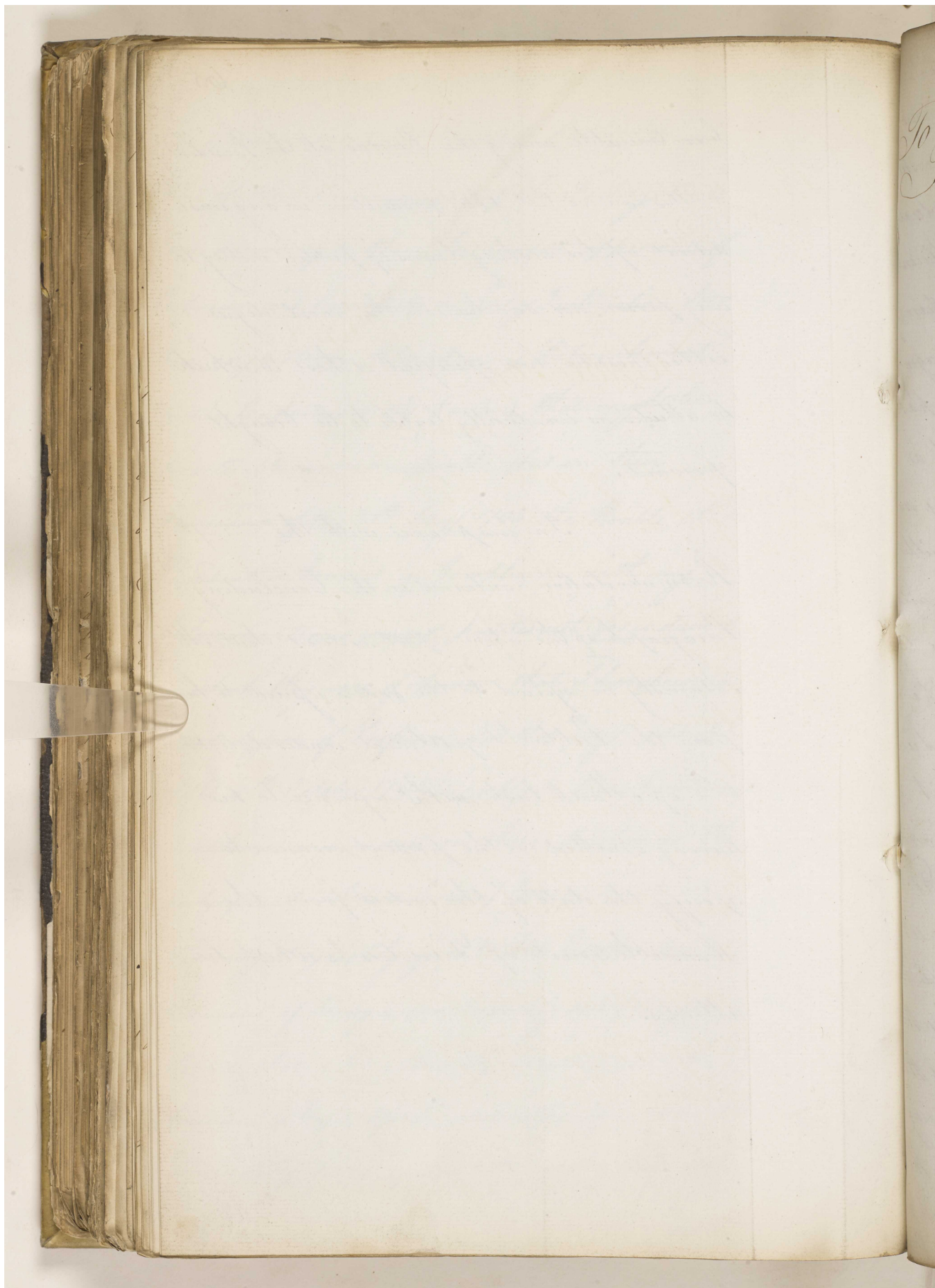
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been traceable among the Records at the Presidency
neither can we till their production in anywise
admit of his making loans of public money to
any person nor sanction in the most degree
either those he has specified or those to which
he alludes as eventually liable to be brought
forward.

In compliance with the — H —
Recommendation contained in the Concluding
Paragraph of the above report, ordered that Mr.
Manesty be referred to the orders issued to him
from the Public Department under date the
6th of March last with reference to his
having omitted on the present occasion to
specify the date of the orders from the
Honorable Court of Directors to which he
alludes.

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To The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esq^r

President & Governor &c in Council,

at

Bombay

Honble Sir,

1 I have much pleasure in
respectfully informing you that the amount
of the debts due by Individuals in this Country
to the Honble Company as particularized in
the Bussora General Books, under the head
of Sundry Debtors has been latterly much
diminished by Recoveries.

2 The Recoveries in question have
been explained in the Bussora Cash account,
for the Month of January, and other receipts
are expected in the Course of the present Month.

3 On a reference to the Orders of
the Honble the Court of Directors of the 25th
May 1798 explanatory of their Opinion, that
I should be allowed to keep the Sum of Bombay
Rupees 50,000, Constantly in the Bussora
Treasury, I find, that my recollection of the
words

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words of them has been incorrect, and that -
instead of their stating, that the Command-
of such pecuniary Means, would be understood
to enable me to make Loans to individuals,
in Attention of my local official Influence,
they are couched in the more General terms of
provision for purposes of peculiar Emergency
during the War, "This Error of Memory has
been occasioned, by the Circumstances of a "
Desire to possess the power of making such
Loans, on useful & requisite occasions with
some degree of Convenience to myself, and
of the frequent occurrence of Cases leading to
the unavoidable necessity of doing so, having
operated, in my mind, as principal inducement
to the requests which I had deemed it
expedient repeatedly to make, for an increase
of public Funds here. I have been deceived
therefore by the remembrance of the Causes of
application, into a belief, that the Honble the
Court of Directors had specified them in their
Commands in question, of which I have the
honor to inclose a Copy, respectfully assuring
you, that I am so entirely convinced, of the
gradual recovery of the Loans, to which the
Com-

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Communication bears reference, that I shall
now most willingly Consent to pay into the
Treasury, the Amount of the Balance thereof, &
whatever it may ~~be~~ prove, when I may leave
this Country, taking any further existing risk
on myself, altho' I might perhaps in the
ultimate event of Impossibility of recovery
Consequent Loss, be justified in the hope that the
Tend of the Commands of the Right Noble
Marquis Mellersey in Council, in the Political
Department of the 25th May 1803. on this Subject,
might screen me from responsibility.

I have the honor to be Y^{rs} V^{rs}

/Signed/ Samuel Manesty
R^h

Bussora
the 5th February 1807.—

Extract from the Honble Company's Commands, in their
Public Letter dated the 25th May 1798.

R^h Mr Manesty, has Stated so
strongly and repeatedly, the necessity of his
having, to the Amount of Rupees 50,000 / &
Fifty thousand constantly in his Treasury &
having likewise advised us of his intention
to appropriate / 25,000 / Twenty five thousand
Rupees of his own Money for the Completion
of

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of this sum, that, we are of opinion, Mr. Manesty's
request should be complied with at least during the war to answer purposes of pecuniary
emergency, inlets upon reconsideration, we
shall deem a sum to so large an amount
to be unnecessary.

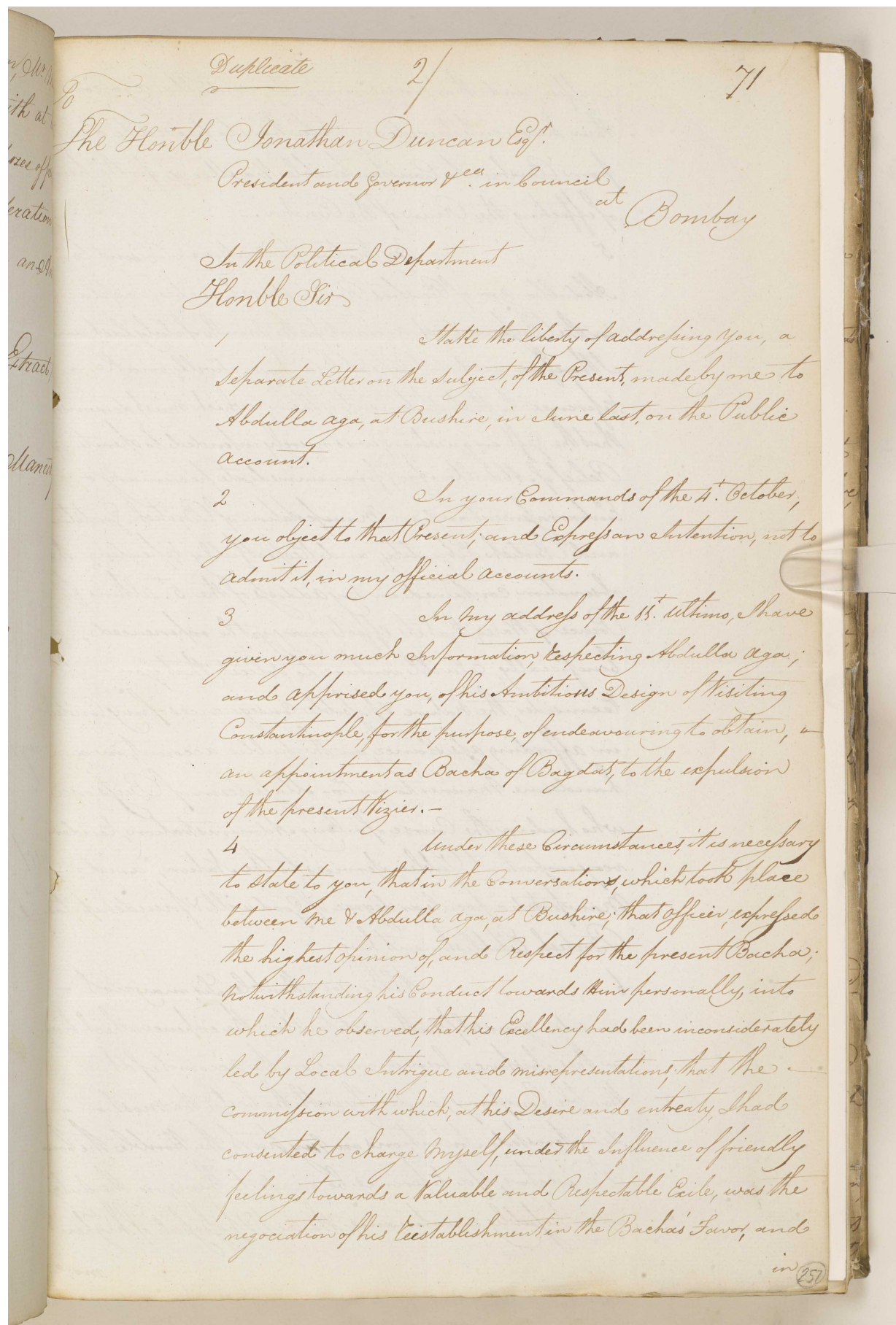
True Copy of Extract received
from the presidency.

Signed / Samuel Manesty
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True Extract
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in office; and that consequently he, Abdulla aga, could not
then, have entertained an Intention to prosecute a Journey
from Bussorah to Constantinople via Alecca, for the purpose
of effecting the Ruin of the Bacha. -

5. My Motives for making a Present to
Abdulla aga of Pistres Range 10,000 have been explained
in the Bussorah Cash account, for the month of July last, and
I therefore, need not repeat them here, I will, make a
reference to that Statement of them, which must demonstrate
that the gift in question, was merely intended to operate in
Relief of Abdulla aga, from immediate pecuniary &
Embarrassment and in Manifestation of British Gratitude
and British Liberality; and respectfully repeating, the
observation contained in my address of the 5th ultimo of
Prince of Wales, that its effects may yet be experienced, &
beneficially; I will venture to solicit, that you will
reconsider, the Nature & possible Consequences of my Conduct,
in affording assistance, on the public account, in an
handsome Manner to an Ex-Maysaleem of Bussorah -
who had in the Course of a long Administration, rendered
very important Public Services, to the Nation; and
Manifested a peculiar degree of Goodwill & Friendship, to the
British Establishment here.

6. Altho' your Honble Secy, may not -
consider yourself authorised to allow, the expence which has
in this Instance been incurred on the account of the
Honble Company; evidently with the best & the most &
disinterested Intentions on my part, the Honble the Court
of Directors, if a reference be made to them, on the subject
may possibly countenance the act, & perhaps of higher &
more

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extensive powers, admit the Disbursement; and in support of this hope and opinion, I beg leave to submit, to your liberal Consideration, and appreciation, the spirit of the enclosed Extract, from their Commands of the 25th May 1798; conveying to me, a very considerable degree of authorised Latitude, of action, in my official Expenditure here.

I have the honor to be y^{ca}

/sig/ Samuel Manesty

Resident

Bussora
the 1st February 1807

Extract from the Honble Company's Commands in their Public Letter Dated the 25th May 1798.

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As we are sensible, of M^r. Manesty's vigilance and alertness, in the Transmission of Dispatches to and from India by the way of Bussora, and of his zeal respecting foreigners, who maybe, proceeding to India by that Route; we were Concerned that any excess or Improvidence in his Disbursements, should have called for the animadversions of your Board. We feel that circumstances may occasionally call, for an extraordinary Expense; and a person in M^r. Manesty's situation, ought to be left, to the exercise of a certain discretion in such cases, subject, however, to have his motives for incurring such charges canvassed by his Immediate Superiors at Bombay, & at the same time you acted very properly, in endeavouring to keep the Expenses of the Bussora Residency within moderate bounds. we have already expressed our approbation of the sum which was paid to the owners of the *Laussell*, for the conveyance of dispatches from Bussora to your presidency, advising of the war with France; and there are circumstances stated in M^r. Manesty's Letter of the 5th July last,

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respecting the Dispatch of the Pearl, which made that measure appear, in a much less exceptionable point of view, than was at first represented. We however direct, that you signify to Mr. Manesty, that we expect he will regulate his Public Disbursements, with every degree of economy, that may be consistent with the due discharge of the Duties of his Station.

True Copy of Extract received from
the Presidency.

/s/ Samuel Manesty
Resident —

Extract from the Proceedings of the Honble the Governor in Council in the Political Department under date the 13th August 1806.

Read the following letter from the

Resident at Bussora —

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Manesty to the Honble the Governor in Council dated 12th July 1806

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I shall in a future address, respectfully state to you, certain Circumstances which occurred at Bussora respecting abdulla aga, the former liberal Friend of the British Nation, when Muzpalaim of Bussora —

Read the following letter from the

Resident at Bussora.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Manesty to the Assistant in charge of the Bagdad Residency dated 5th August 1806.

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a further inducement with one to obtain a personal Interview with the Bacha, is, a commission with which I am charged, by abdulla aga, now at Bussora, in the Result of which, I think much of the future prosperity of this Country depends. I find that distinguished Turkish

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Turkish Officer leading, amongst the arabs of Bushire, an humble and retired life, awaiting in reduced circumstances, the Dispensations of Providence; I partially relieved, his Distress by a pecuniary public Gift, and encouraged him to hope, for brighter Prospects and more happy Days. His Restoration to Power, under the Bagdad Government would be an Event fortunate to the Pacha, and propitious to the British local Interest, and when we meet, we may be able to accelerate its occurrence.

Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to Government to the Resident at Bussora dated 4th October 1806

I am further directed to advise you of the determination of the Honble the Governor in Council, not to accept of any of your drafts, beyond the estimated ordinary amount of the charges of the Factory of Bussora; excluding therefrom all the outlay you may have incurred, in what is found described in your correspondence, as a public Gift to Abdulla Aga, or any one item of charge, on account of your most irregular depasture gift shall have taken place from your Station, in a visit to the Pacha.

Boards Proceedings
dated 28 October 1806

Read the following letter from the Resident at Bussora
Extract of a Letter from M^r Manesty to the Honble the Governor in Council dated 30th September 1806.

The large loan, to Seyd Mamood - Arduny was advanced, in a moment, in which he was suffering in a lamentable degree, as well in point of Personal confinement, as credit and Respectability, altho one of the principal Sons or Nobles of Bussora, he was by Abdulla Aga in obedience to the orders of the Pacha, imprisoned under circumstances of peculiar degradation.

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degradation, for a pretended Debt due by him, to the Turkish Government, being the Balance of a Bond forcibly extorted, - from him, in consequence of his connection with Sheikh Twiney the Montific Sheikh, who in the year 1787 rebelliously took possession of Bussora; and after having in vain endeavoured by Petition to induce the Bacha, to give him further time for its liquidation, and tried various means of Persuasion, with his Mahomedan Relations, and friends, to obtain pecuniary Assistance; The day in a moment in which he was threatened, with Corporal Punishment, and Torture, and in an almost frantic agitation of Mind, sent his son to the Factory, to implore Mercy, and Relief at my hands, I raised the son from the ground, and by the payment, to Abdulla Aga, of the amount demanded by the Bacha, from the Father, I liberated him; I brought him to my House, I for some time entertained him as my guest, and I was happy in having an opportunity of Manifesting in so striking, and honorable a manner, - a grateful Remembrance of the debt of Friendship which was owed, by the Factory to a Man, whose personal attachment to me and whose influence, with Sheikh Twiney, had very essentially contributed to the preservation of the Local British Name, at a time, when the occupation of Bussora, by the Montific Tribe, had, unavoidably, and disagreeably exposed, it to possible insult. -

Proceedings dated
28. October 1806

Read the following letter from the
President at Bussora
Extract of a Letter from the President at Bussora to the Secret
Committee of the Honble the Court of Directors dated 26. September 1806
The absolute necessity of early Command
the

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the means of Personal converse with the Bacha, here, daily becomes more and more apparent, and I am much inclined to believe that, in order that the Transaction of Public Business, at Bussora, in an honorable, Creditable, and eligible manner, may become practicable, the Removal of the present Muzalim from office must, at Bagdad, be effected; Fortunate would it be for the Bacha, for the Country, and for the British Establishment in it, if Abdulla Aga could be restored to his Excellency's favor, and to the Administration of his affairs here, and in the present critical moment, in which the Bachas must feel the want of able and Experienced servants, he may himself be desirous, again to benefit by the tried Talents for Government, of a man highly respectable for his family Rank, and greatly Estimated for his Personal Qualities.

Read the following letter from the President at Bussora.

Extract of a Letter from the President at Bussora to the Honble the Governor in Council dated 5th January 1807

I am really concerned that it has not yet been in my power, to transmit Copies and Translates of my Country Correspondence, since my return to Bussora. They shall however, be gradually sent you; and at all events I hope by the Mercury, to forward Copies and Translate of my Letters to the Bacha, of the 25th ultimo, and of one just received from Abdulla Aga, dated Grain, and written immediately before his departure thence for Mecca, which is a really interesting one, and on the contents of which, I shall be anxious to receive your Opinion and Consequent Instructions, Censured as my Conduct, has been, in making Abdulla Aga, at Bushir, in

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of 27th January 1807

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I have last, an handsome present on the public account,
in acceptable manifestation of the Correct and Liberal
Sentiments entertained by the British Government and by
myself, its Representative here, of the friendly Important
Services rendered by him during his former administration of
Bussora, and its dependencies to the Nation, and the Honble
Company; the Effects of that present, may be yet beneficially
experienced; for I have much reason to suppose, as I shall
hereafter more particularly state to your Honble Board,
that the Idea which he has within these few months, -
entertained, of obtaining by personal Section at Constantinople
the situation of Bacha of Bagdad and Bussora
to the Expulsion of Alee Bacha will be realized

Proceedings dated 13th
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at Bussora.

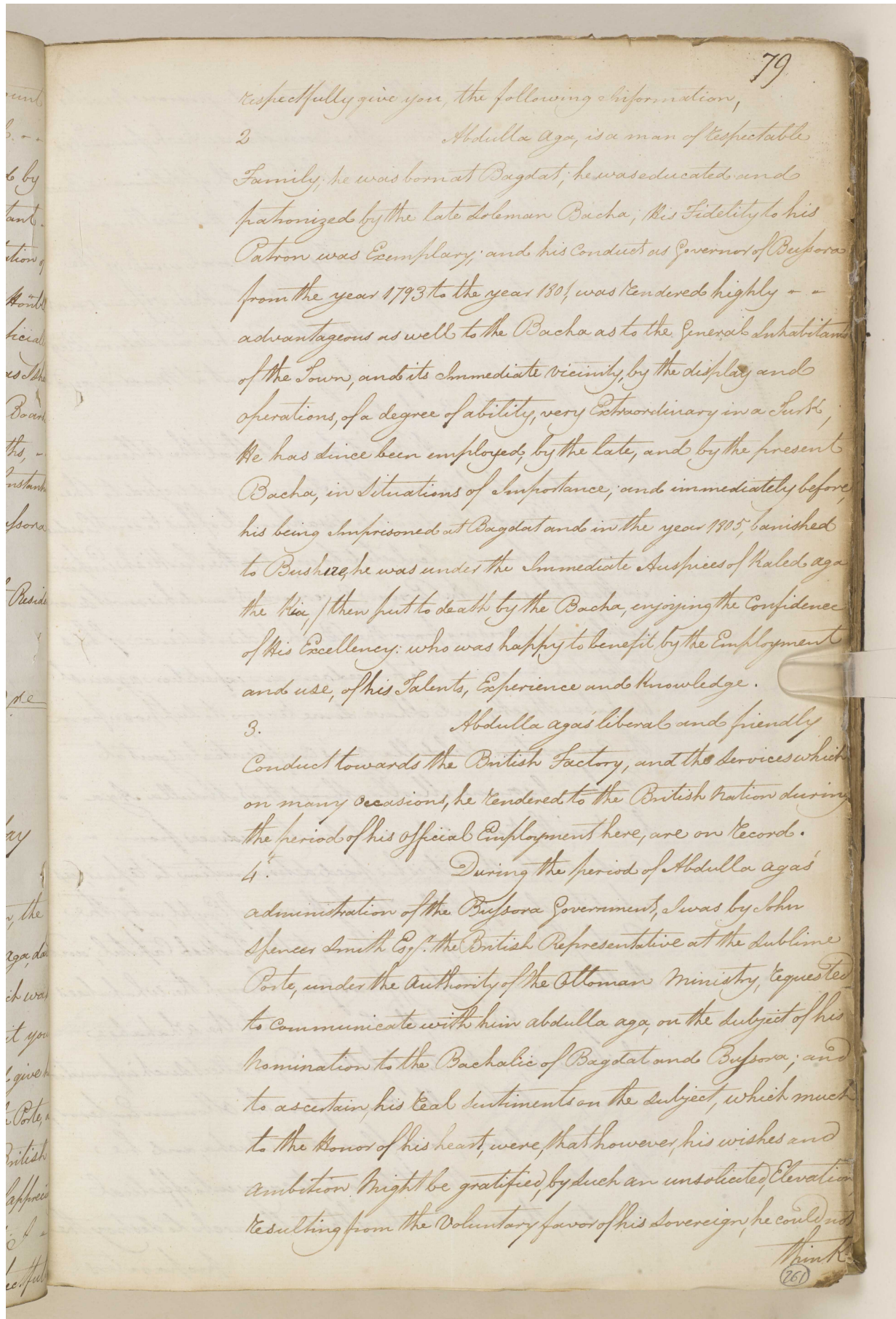
Read the following letter from the President

The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esq.
President and Governor &c. in Council
In the Political Department at
Bombay

Honble Sir,

In submitting to your Consideration, the
enclosed Copy and Translate of a Letter, from Abdulla Aga, dated
Jorain, the 10th of the Month Shabaan, the Original of which was
received here, on the 28th December; I beg leave to solicit your
instructions, on the subject of his Request, that I should give him
an Introduction to His Excellency the Embassador at the Porte, as
a person particularly attached, by friendship to the British
Government, and in order to increase, your means of appreciation
and forming a judgement, respecting that Request. I am
Respectfully

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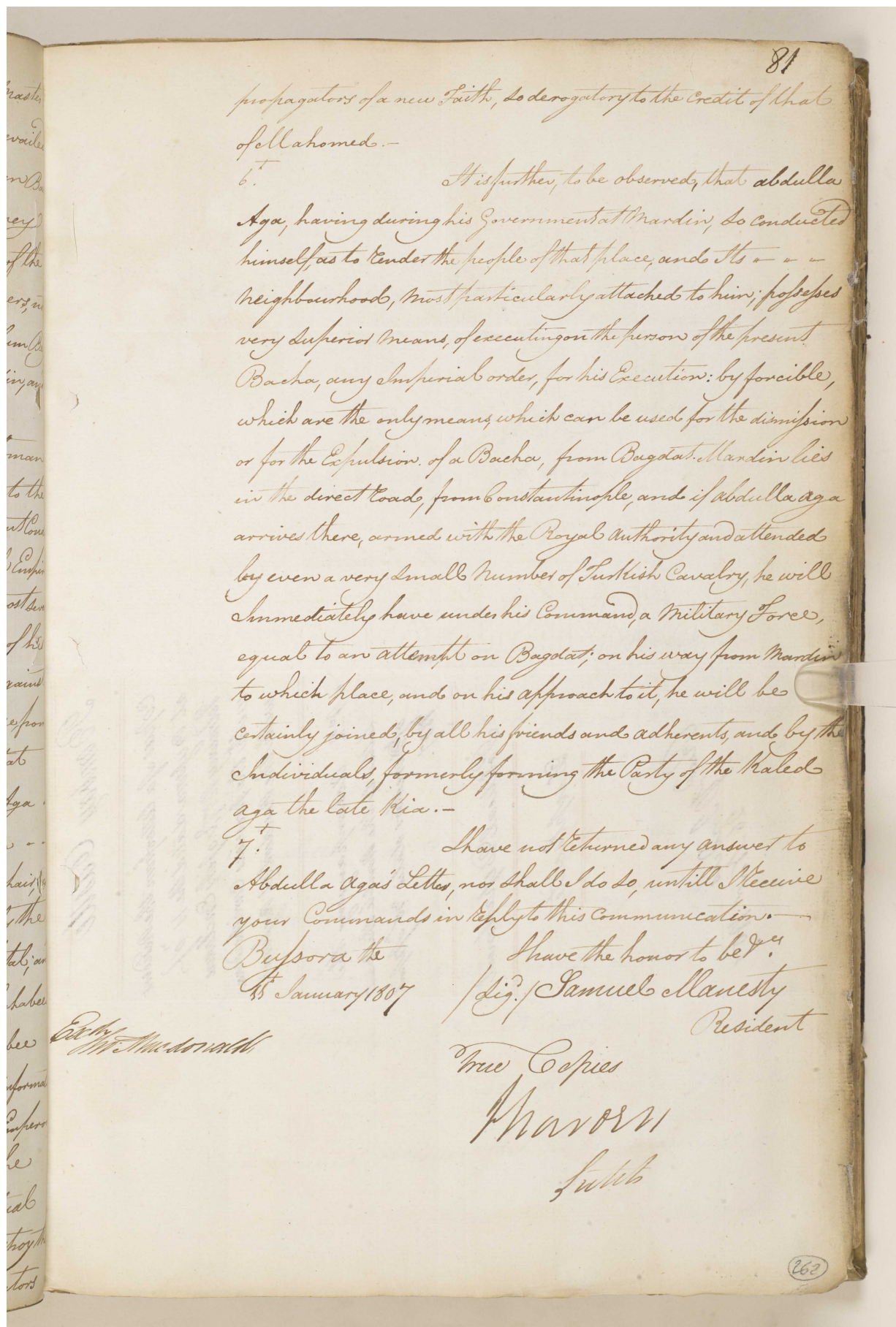


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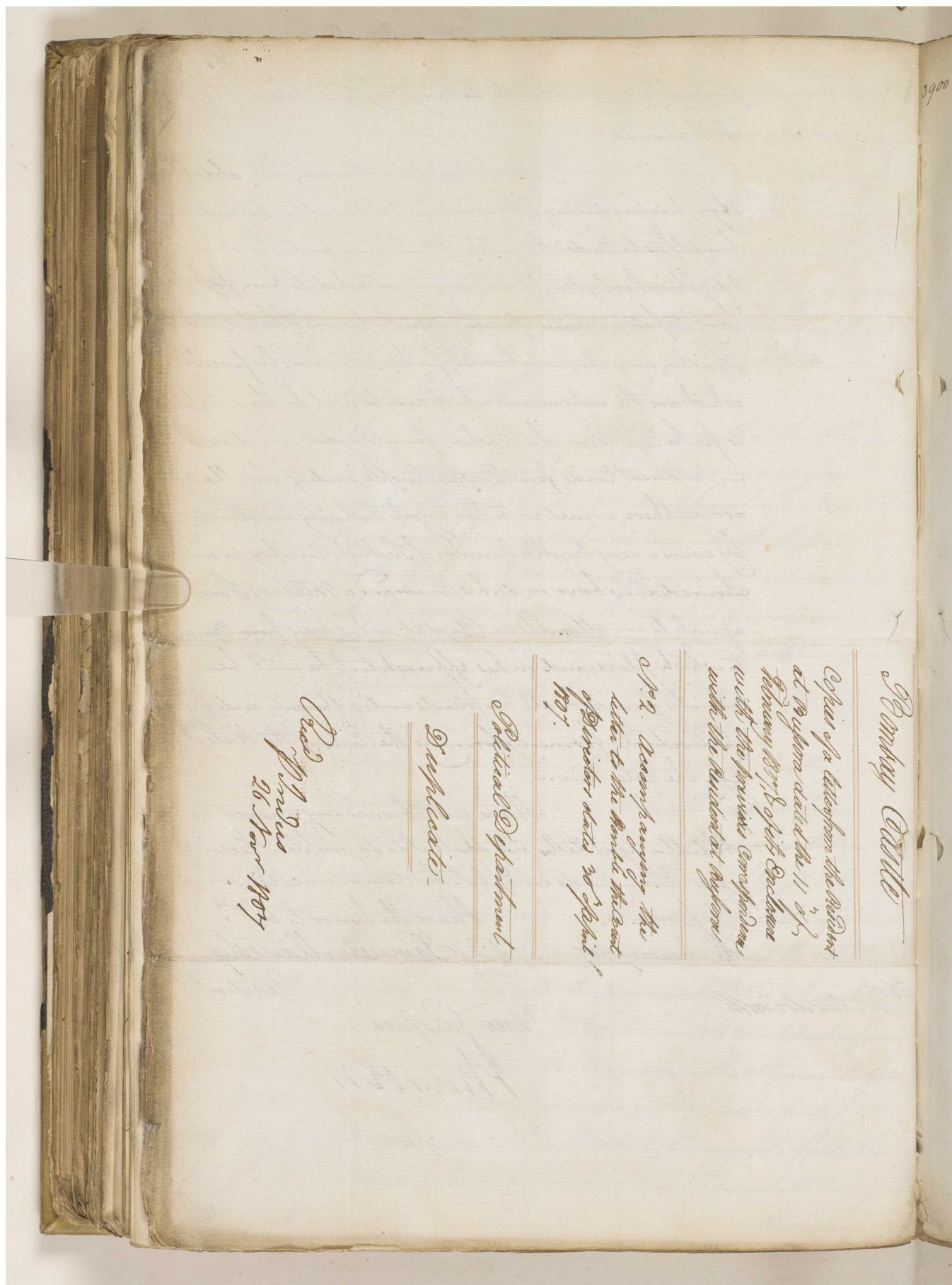
think of personally displacing his old and generous Master
Soleiman Bacha, & During the Commotions which prevailed
at Bagdad, between the period of the Death of Soleiman Bacha,
and the appointment of the Government by His Excellency
Alee Bacha, it was evidently the general wish of the
Inhabitants of that place, and of the Turkish Officers, not
immediately connected with Alee Bacha and Selim Beg,
to call Abdulla aga from his Government at Mardin, and
to send him to the Bachalic.

5.th A Report, prevails, that the Ottoman
Emperor, has expressed, in a late Fermaun, addressed to the
Bacha of Bagdad, his decided disapproval of his recent Conduct
in Courdestan, as calculated to involve the Turkish Empire
in Hostilities with the Persian Government; and his most severe
displeasure, arising from the Bacha's disobedience of his
reiterated Commands to proceed, on an expedition against
Wahabee Shicks; and I have some reason to suppose, from
the conversation of Abdulla aga's Confidential Agent at
Bussora, by name Allooda Shood, that Abdulla Aga
has recently received some interesting advices from
Constantinople, that it is his fixed determination to repair
expeditionally as possible, either by the way of Egypt, or by the
Route of Damascus from Mecca, to the Turkish Capital; and
that he means in passing, from Jazair, through the Wahabee
Country, via Draecab, the Town in which the Wahabee
Shick resides, to the Tomb ofollahomed, to collect such information
as may enable him, if he receives from the Ottoman Emperor,
an Imperial order to displace Alee Bacha, and he
succeeds in an attempt to do so, to carry into effectual
Execution, the ardent wishes of that Monarch, to destroy the
propagators

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
the 16th June 1807

Recorded the following Letter from the
Secretary (Edmonstone) to the Supreme Government

To H. Warden Esq^r

Secretary to Government

Bombay

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt
of your Despatch under date the 11th ultimo, as copy
of a Letter and its Enclosure from the Resident
at Bussorah dated the 11th of February on the subject
of the advance of 10,000 Piastres made by
Mr. Manesty to Aga Abdullah

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The Honble the Governor General
in Council observes that in his judgement it

could

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could not have been the intention of the Honble
the Court of Directors by its orders of the 25th of May
1798 to authorize Disbursements of the nature of
that which forms the subject of Mr. Manesty's Letter,
and the Governor General in Council is of opinion
that the advance made to Aga Abdallah should
stand to the debit of Mr. Manesty until the
orders of the Court shall have been received in
reply to the reference which the Honorable the
Governor in Council has thought proper to
make to that Authority upon the subject —

Lord William *Perceval*
4th May 1807 (Signed) W. B. Edmonstone
Secy to Gov^r

A Copy of the preceding Letter was on the 11th Instant
ordered to be sent to the Resident at Bussorah, with
notice, that the advance made by him to Aga
Abdallah would stand to his debit, until the
receipt of the Honble the Court of Directors orders on
the subject —