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About this record

The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence, minutes and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, letters from the Government of Bombay.

The item is concerned with the assassination of Ali Pasha, Governor of Bagdad [Baghdad], and the interference of Samuel Manesty, Resident at Bussorah [Basra], in the nomination of the new Governor by the Ottoman Court. In particular, the item relates to:

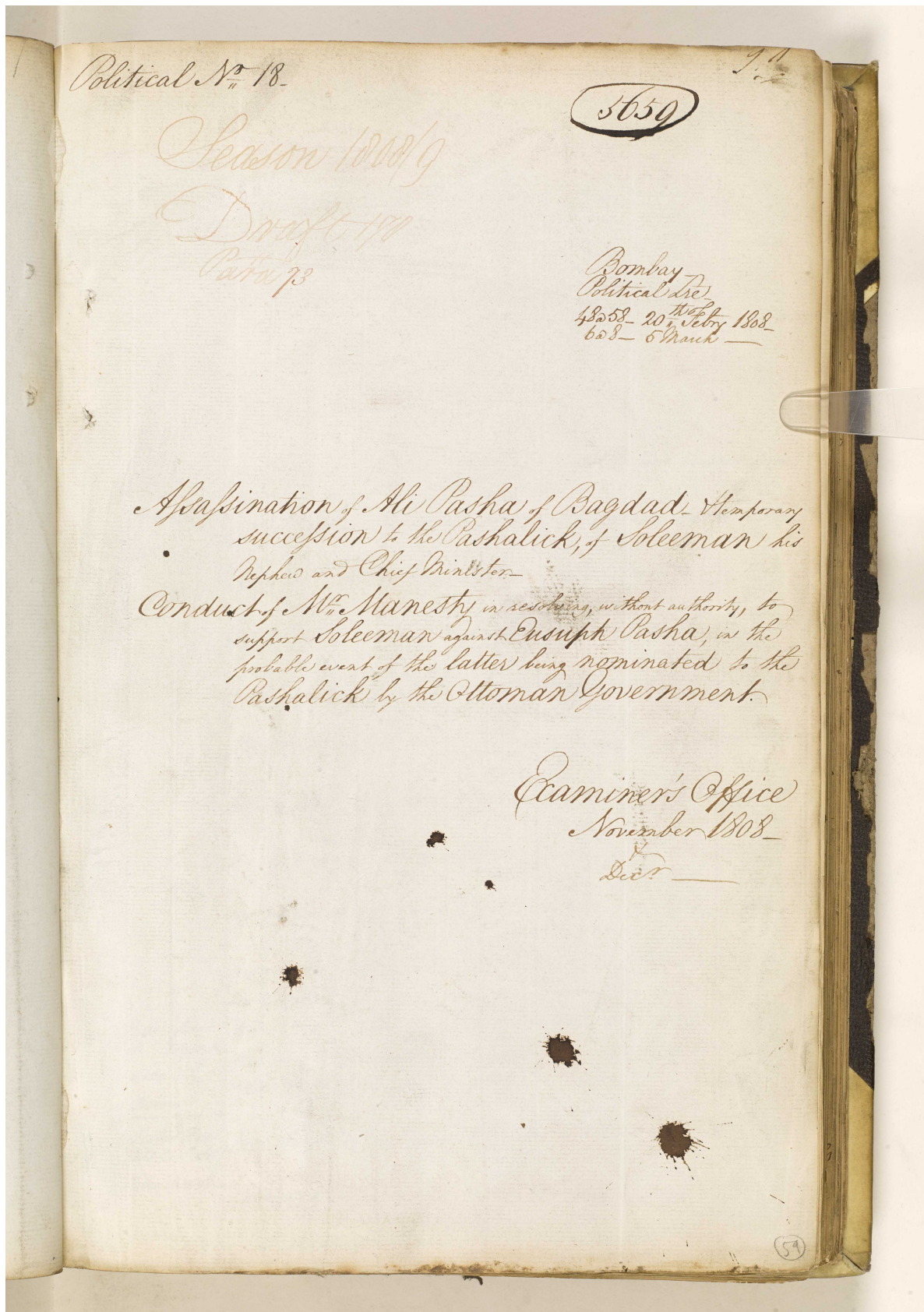
- The Government of Bombay's criticism of Manesty for abandoning a neutral position by promising his support for the nomination of Soliman Bacha [Sulayman] as the new Governor of Bagdad
- Reports on the circumstances of the assassination of Ali Pasha
- Manesty's accounts of his conversations with the Mussaleem [Mussallim] of Bagdad regarding the Mussaleem's plans for becoming the Governor of Bagdad in the event of Soliman Bacha's death

- The Government of Bombay's strong protests to Manesty's proposals to travel to Constantinople [Istanbul] in order to address the Ottoman Ministry against the permanent installation of Eusuf Bacha [Yusuf Ziyaeddin Pasha], the temporary Governor of Bagdad
- Manesty's opinions that the placement of a 'Constantinople Turk' in the role of Governor of Bagdad would be disastrous for the East India Company's interests in the area and that the French are supporting the nomination of Eusuf Bacha in order to easily pass through the region into Persia [Iran] and then India
- Manesty's proposals that, in the event of Eusuf Bacha being permanently installed as Governor of Bagdad and this being a result of French influence, he will barricade the river at Bussorah to prevent the entry or exit of any French vessels
- Confirmation from the Acting Resident at Bagdad that Soliman Bacha has succeeded Ali Pasha as the new Governor of Bagdad due to Eusuf Bacha declining the offer from the Porte [Government of the Ottoman Empire].

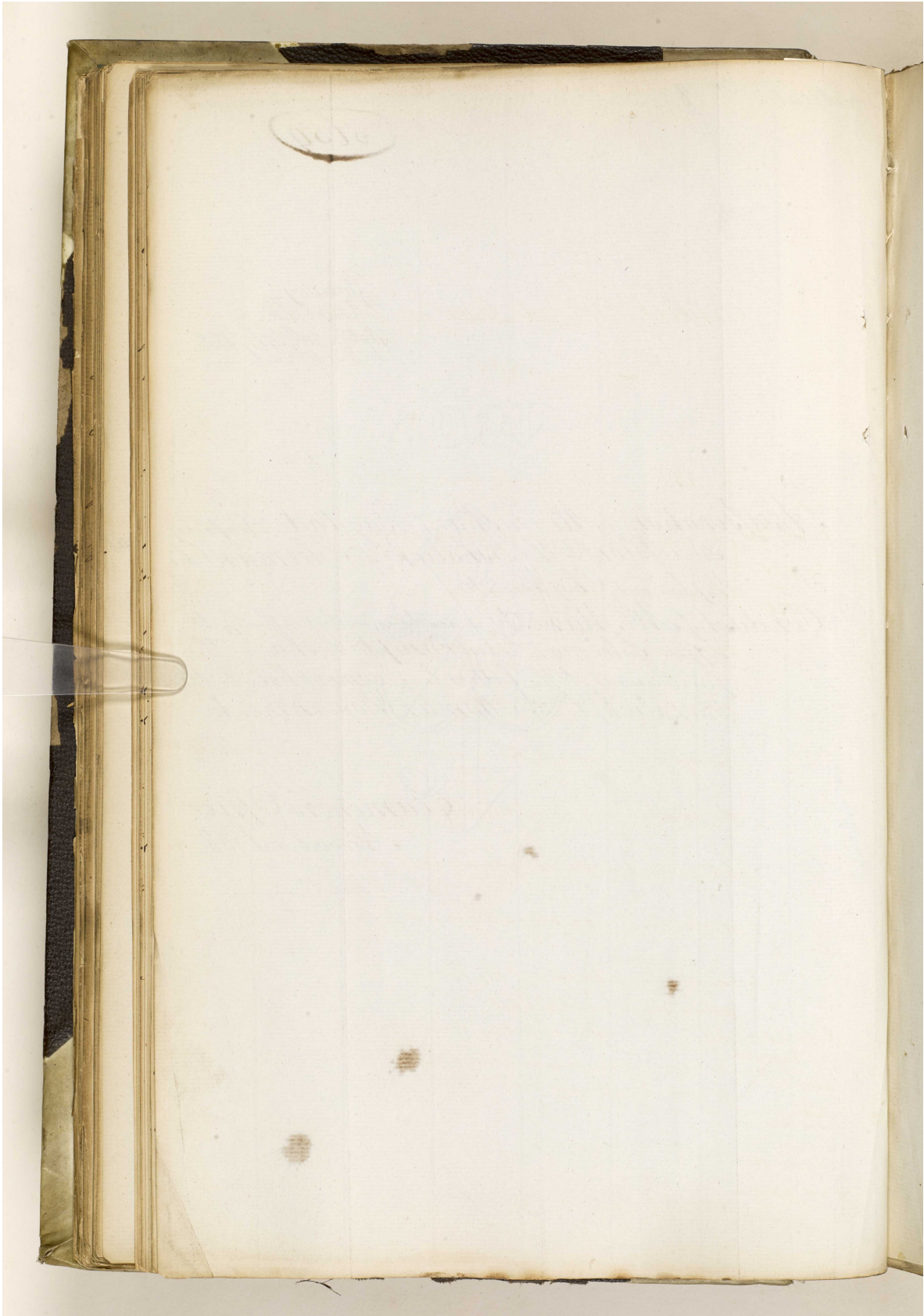
The correspondence is mainly between the Government of Bombay and the Resident at Bussorah. The other correspondents included are: John Hine, Acting Resident at Bagdad; Francis Warden, Secretary to Government, Bombay; Neil Benjamin Edmonstone, Secretary to the Supreme Government at Fort William.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Political No. 18, Season 1814/15, Draft 20, Para 73' and 'Examiner's Office November & December 1808'.

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*Extract, Political Letter from Bombay, dated
the 20th Feby - 1808.*

*Secret - Cons: 48 - We have the honor to refer to two Letters from
26 Octob: 1807 the Resident at Bussoora and the Assistant in charge of the
folio 7040 and 7126 Residency at Bagdad, advising of the Revolution in that
Government, incident to the assassination of Ali Pasha, by some
of his Georgian Slaves and the accession to that dignity
(subject of course, to the confirmation of the Porte) of Soleeman
the nephew and Chief Minister of the deceased Ali, altho'
we lamented the sanguinary Acts, which produced that
revolution it was pleasing to us to learn, that in the
result, the interests of the British Establishments at Bagdad
would suffer no detriment.*

*Letter from 49. The Supreme Government however in acknowledging
Ser^m Pakenham the receipt of the communication of these advices, ordered it to be intimated
date 23. ad was accordingly done to Mr. Manesty, in reference to
November -*

*Secret Cons: That gentleman's Letter of the 20th of September, that he had
20 Dec: 1807 exceeded the limits of prudence and of his instructions,
folio 8321 - in*

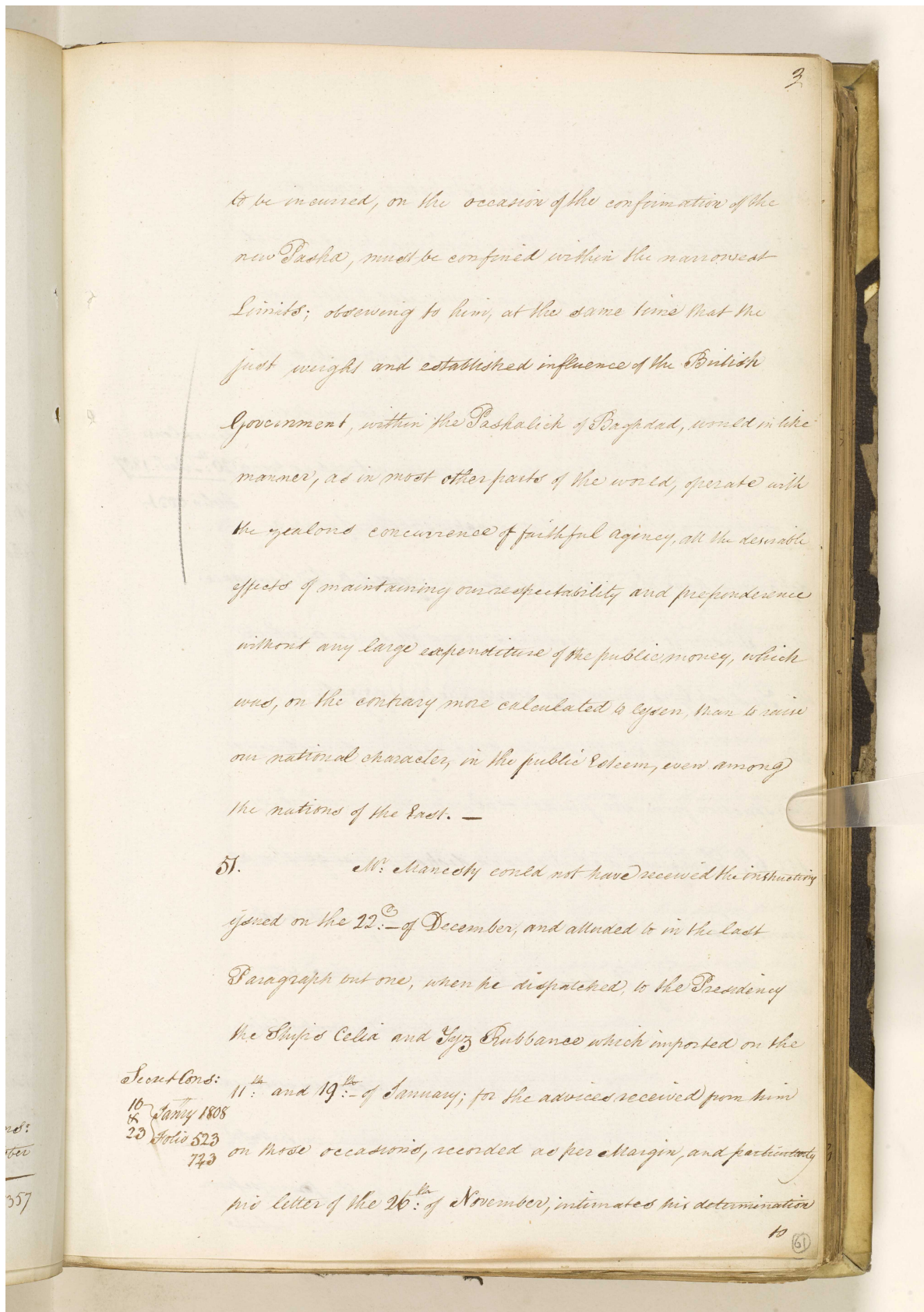
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in affording to the ^{Mulabek} ~~Mulabek~~, or Governor of Bagdad and
a dependent of the late Pasha, assurances of support, in the
execution of that Turkish Officer's declared resolution, to
resist the authority of the Pashalick, of the project of Nussef
aga, son-in-law of a former Pasha, and who was said
to have then refused to the Government / had been attended
and with success. It was, therefore, required of the
President in future to regulate his zeal by those principles
of strict neutrality which had been prescribed for the
guidance of his conduct, in all disputes and differences
in which the Turkish Government might be eventually engaged.

50. — Mr. Manesty, having in his letter of the 20th
September, recorded in the Public Department, under date
the 27th of October, adverted to the necessity of incurring
"considerable local public expenses, in presents as well
to the ~~Mulabek~~ and the subordinate Turkish Officers
at Bagdad, as to the new Pasha, the new ~~Be~~ and the
"great Officers of State of Bagdad" — We thought it our
duty, to inform Mr. Manesty, that the expenses required

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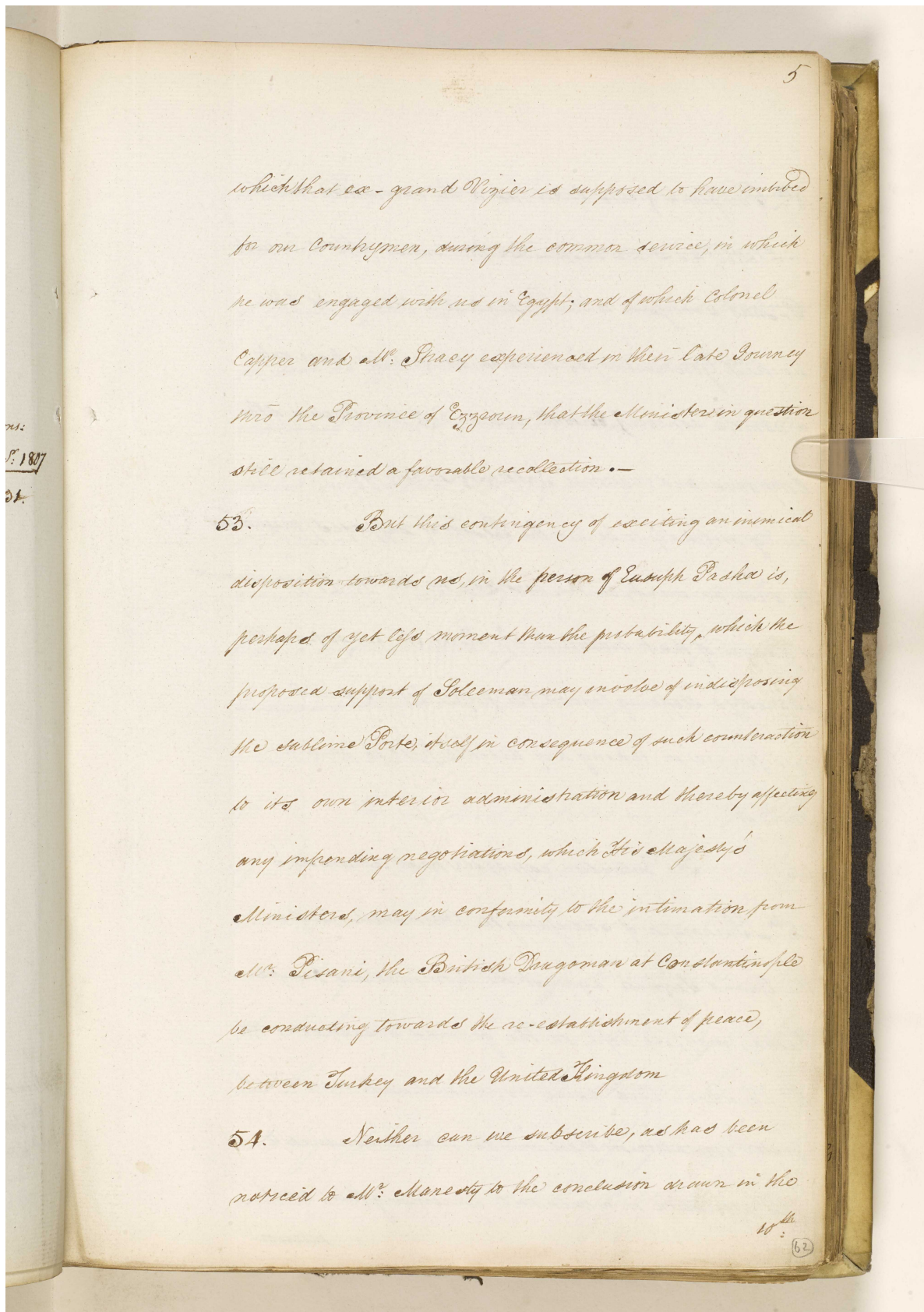


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to endeavour to support the aforesaid Soleeman, against
Eusuph Pasha the Ex-Grand Vizier in the event (as seemed
very probable) of the latter being nominated to that high
dignity. – We have not failed to refer Mr. Manesty to the
instructions from the Supreme Government, forwarded
under date the 22^d. December and already noticed as being *Secret Cons: 26th Dec^r. 1807*
so generally applicable, and in disapprobation of such a *Artio 8221.*
departure from the neutrality, thereby enjoined to the observance
of the President, in all disputes and differences in which
the Turkish Government may eventually be engaged.

52. — Under this view of the case, we derived some
satisfaction from the prudential manner, in which, by
the 6th. Paragraph of Mr. Manesty's dispatch, that gentleman
announced his intention to conduct himself between
the contending Parties; at the same time, that, we
cannot flatter ourselves, it will be possible completely
to conceal from Eusuph Pasha, the predilection evinced
towards his rival, such as may, powerfully, contribute
to transfer to our enemies the French the prepossession
which

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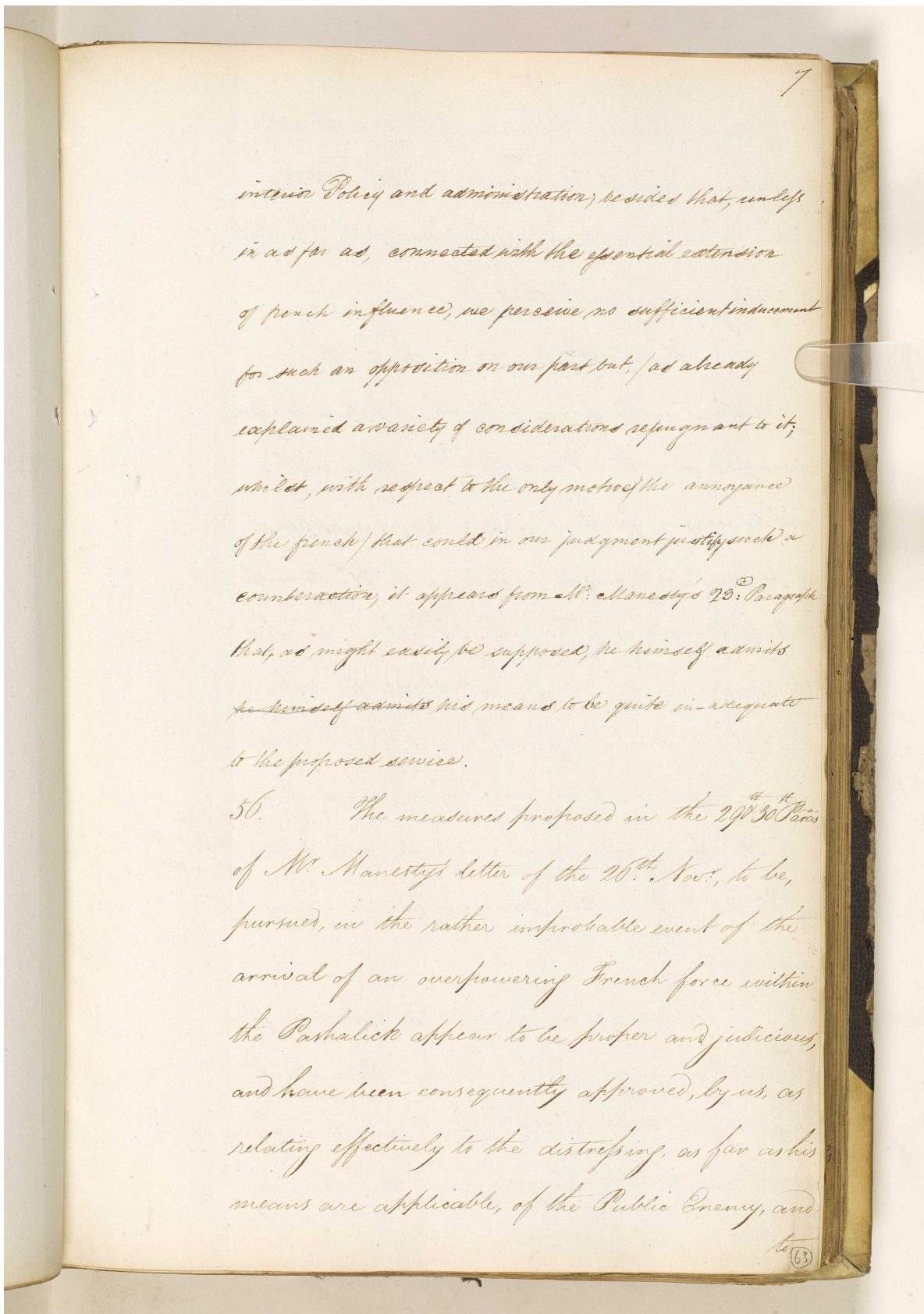


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10th Paragraph of his letter, as to the destruction that ~~the~~
the letter, as to the destruction that must follow Eusuph
Pasha's succession to the Pashalick, to the subjects of the
Turkish Government (as to which, however, we have only
a remote concern) or with reference to the situation of the
Company's and national Interests in that quarter, as
being so likely to be (as the President supposed) prejudiced
by such an event, on the contrary we are chiefly apprehensive
of danger of that nature to the British cause from Mr.
Manesty's stepping beyond the proper limits of his
interference in taking any decided part in such a
contest.

55. The intention expressed in Mr. Manesty's
25th Paragraph of addressing the Ottoman Ministry or
the Grand Signior against the nomination of Eusuph
Pasha, may, we hope, on the grounds already adverted
to, have been laid aside as more likely to create and
foster irritation in their minds, than to conduce to
any alteration in a measure concerning their own
interior

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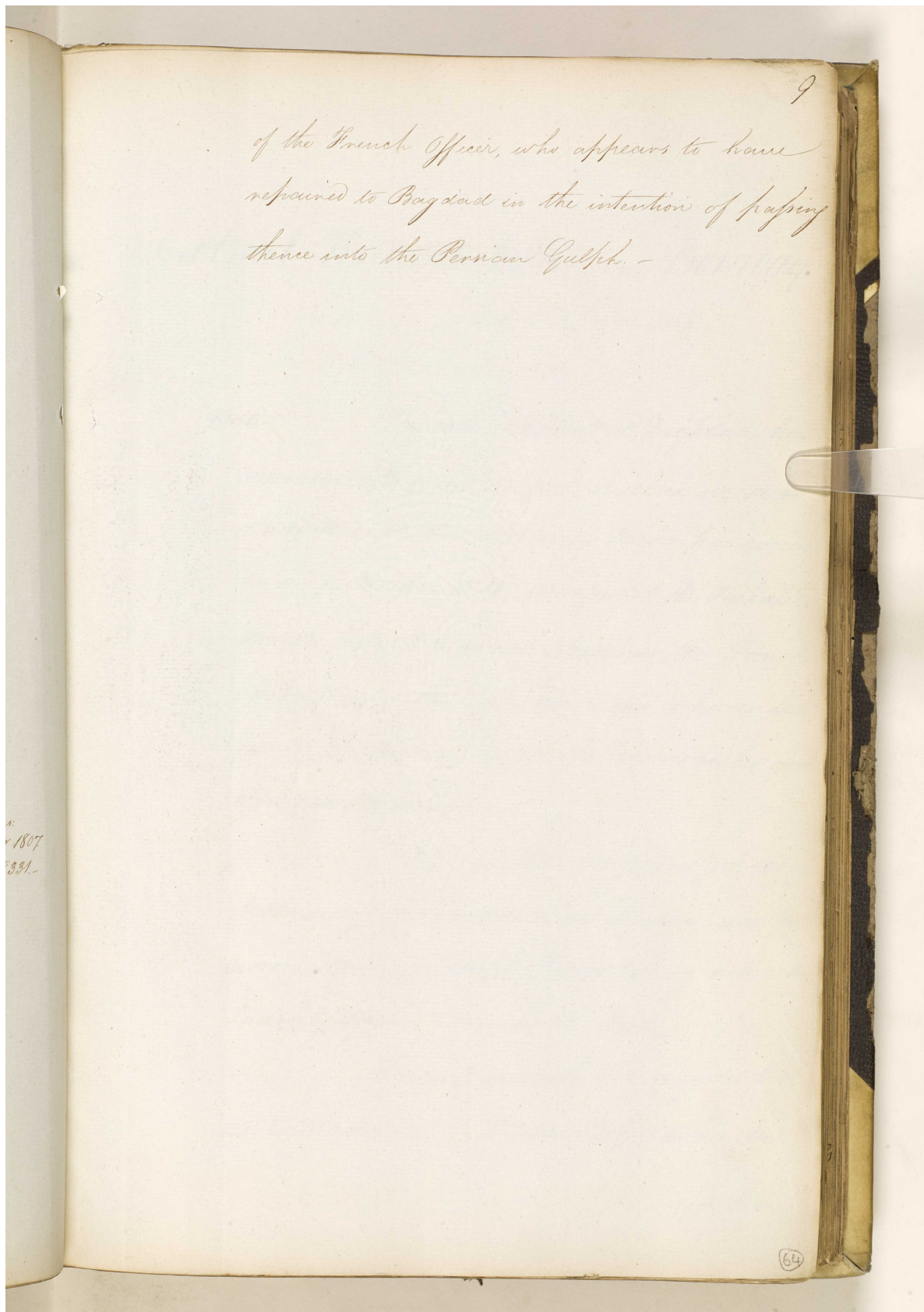
to his own security; inclusive of that of the other Englishmen and their property; and the protection under the circumstances specified of the British Interests, generally in that quarter.

57. Under the limitation which these instructions will prescribe to the views and objects discussed in Mr. Manesty's letter, there will not be occasion for the farther extensive supplies of Ships, Men and Money adverted to in the 31.st Para of that Gentleman's address of the 25.th Nov^r; unless the Governor General in Council should hereafter think fit to direct a different course, from that which has been thus indicated; of which from Mr. Secretary Edmonstone's already cited letter of the 23.^d Nov^r, there seems not however any probability. -

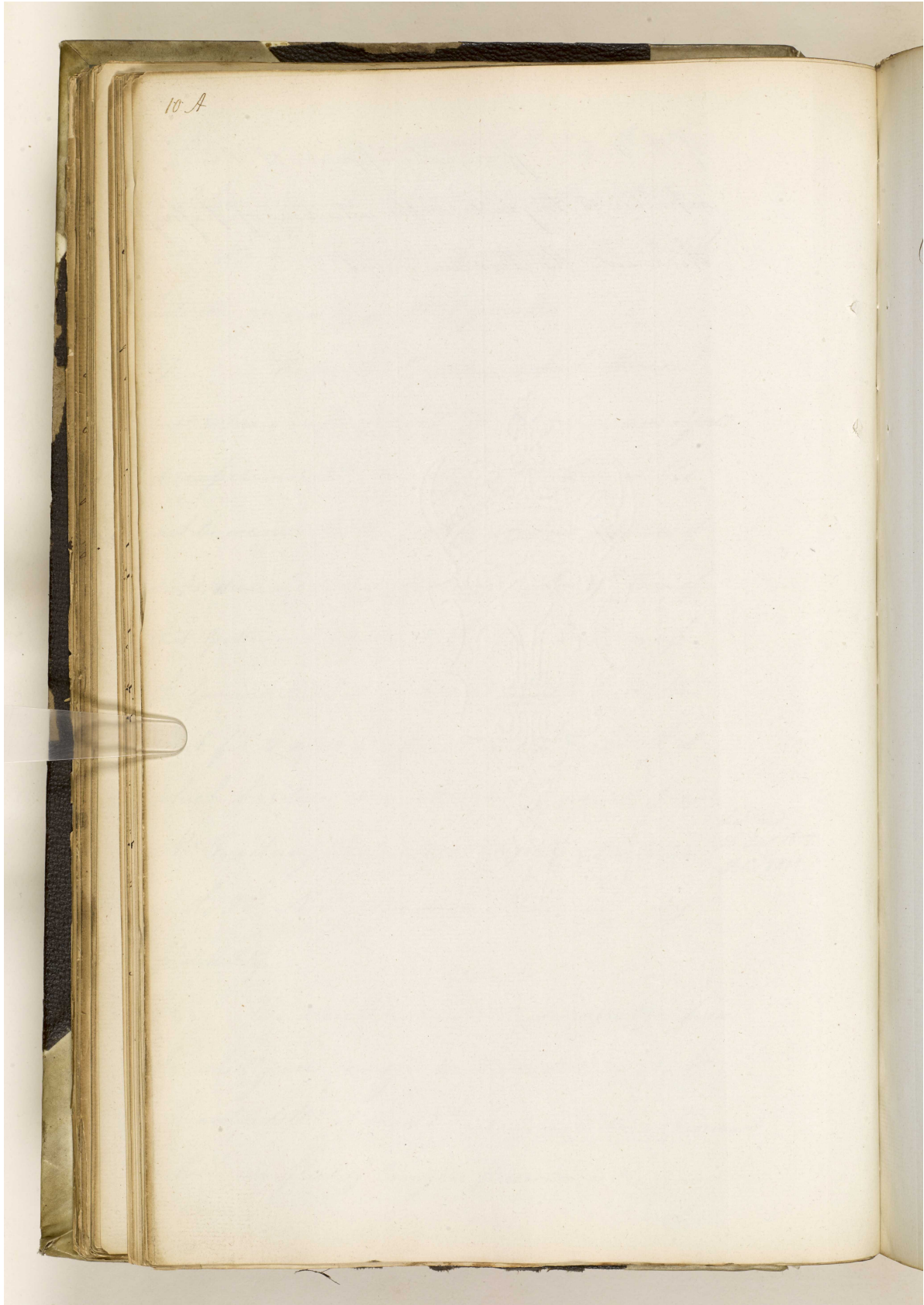
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58. We derived considerable satisfaction from the intelligence conveyed in the last Para of Mr. Manesty's letter of the 25.th Nov^r, as to the impediment which our fleet of Cruizers presented to the views of

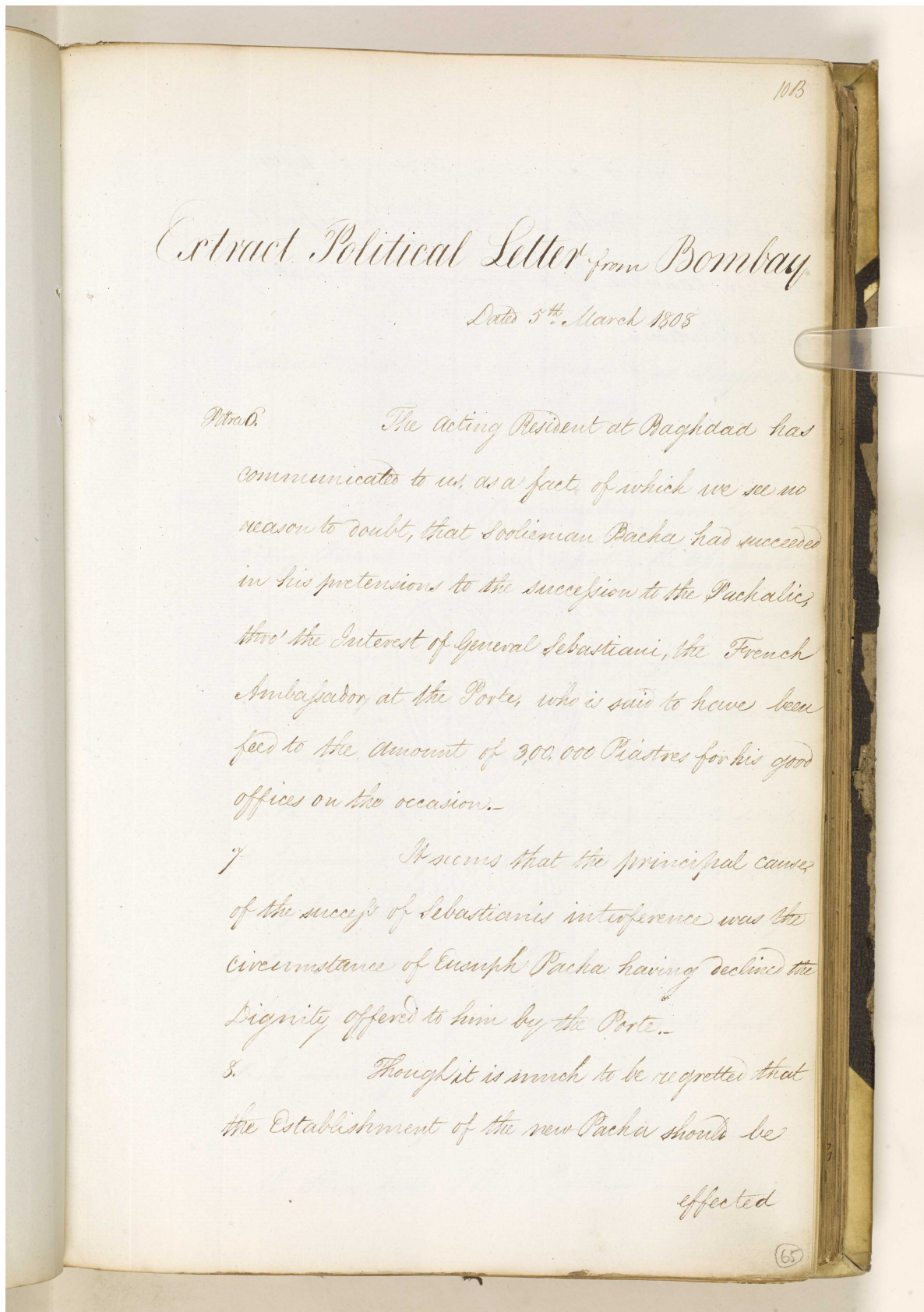
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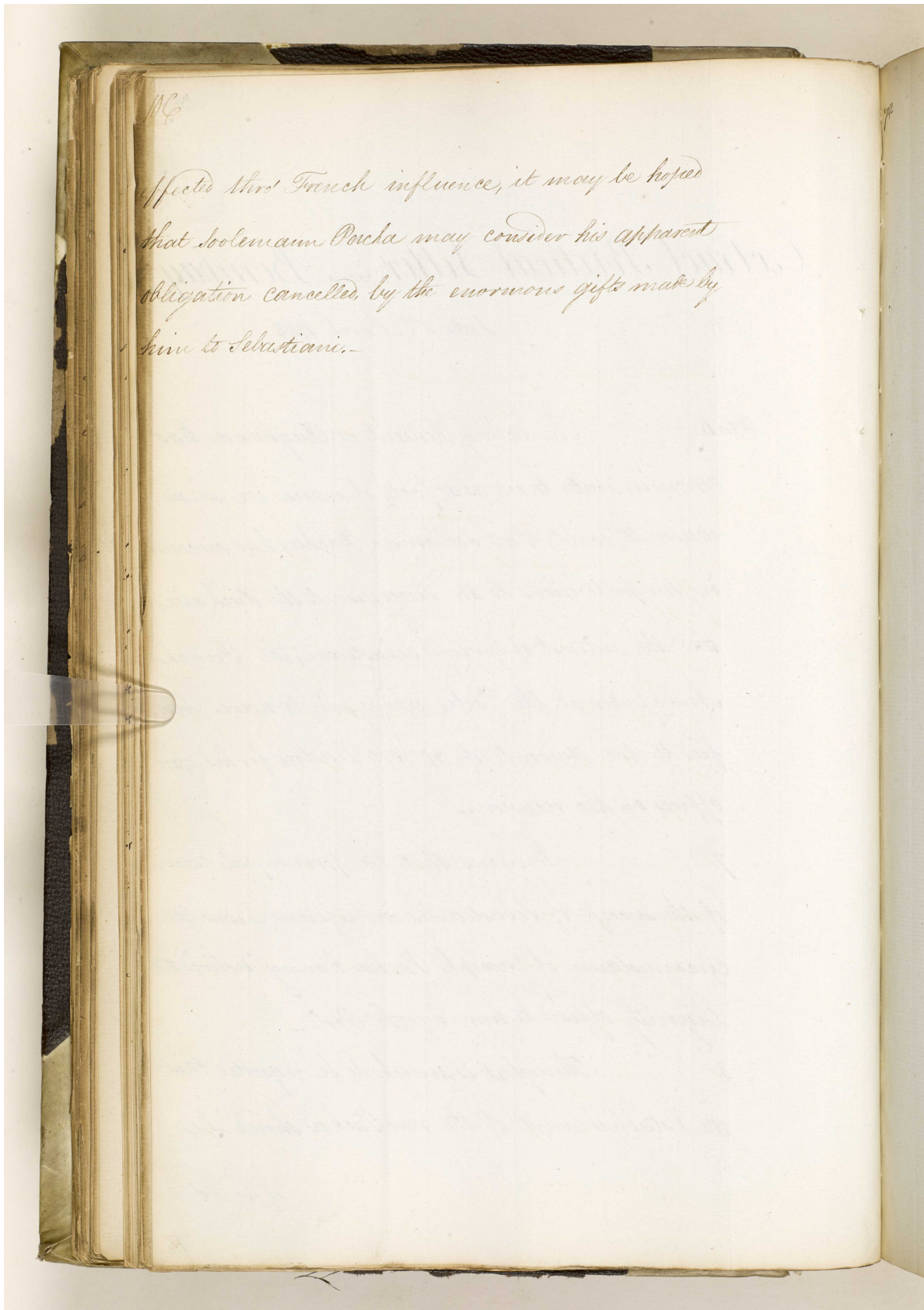
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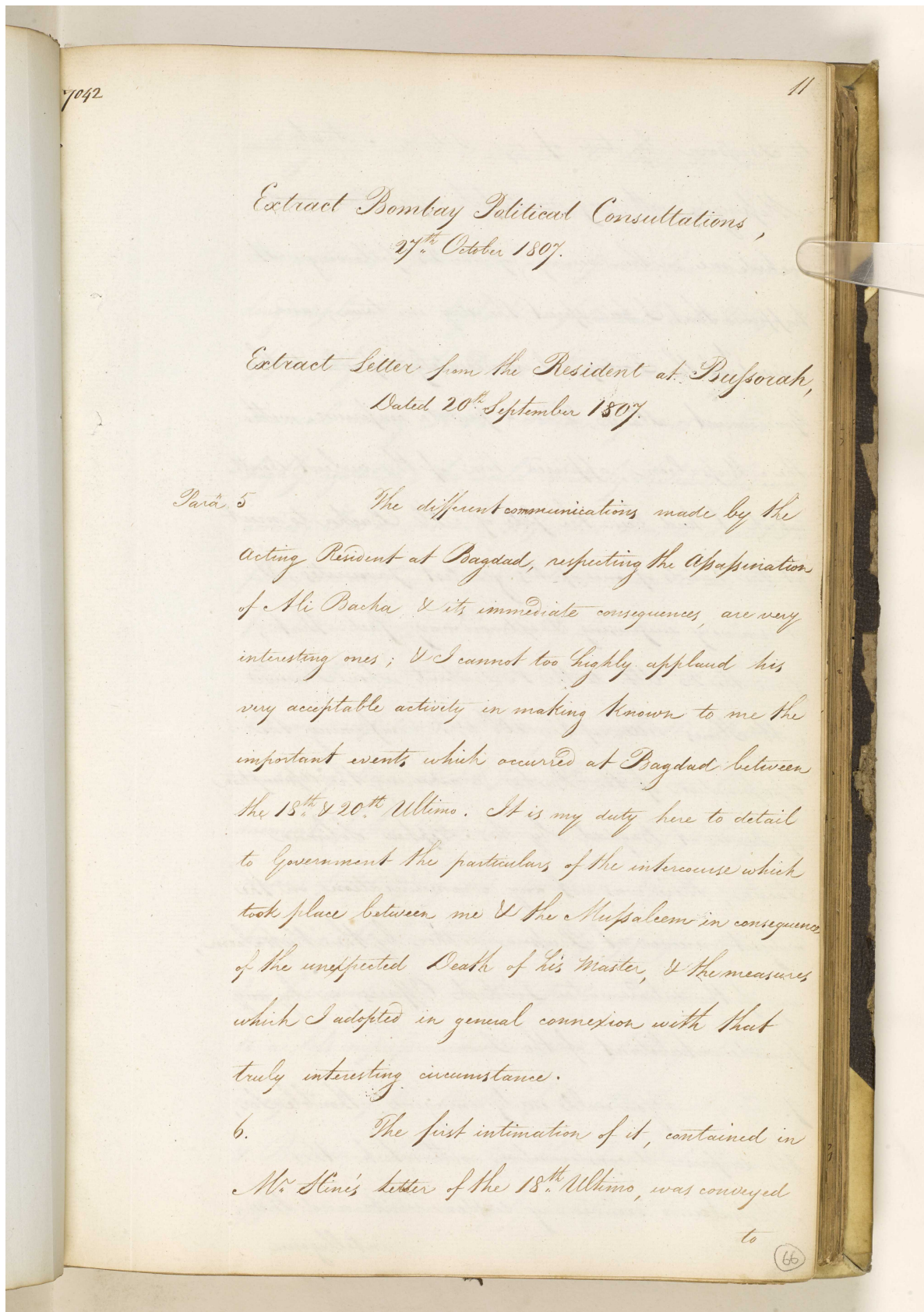
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to Buspora by two of my Severe Arab
Messengers with very wonderful expedition, and
reached me on the Evening of the 23^d following. It
happened that I had spent the day in town, and
received ^{it} at the Factory. I immediately repaired to the
Government- House, & in a private conference with
the Mussallem, apprised him of the violent death
which it had been the fate of Ali Bacha to meet
at the hands of one of his greatest Favourites; &
it is a very surprising & extraordinary fact that,
from the 23^d Ult. to the 1st Instant, when I received
Mr. Hine's letter of the 20th Ult., confirming the
assassination of the Bacha & advising the assumption
of Power at Bagdad by his Nephew Soliman
Pacha, there was not any communication on the
subject received at Buspora, either by the Mussallem,
any of the subordinate Turkish Officers, or by any
private inhabitant of the Town.

I. You will easily imagine, Honble Sir,
the surprise & consternation with which the
Mussallem received my sudden visit and the
intelligence

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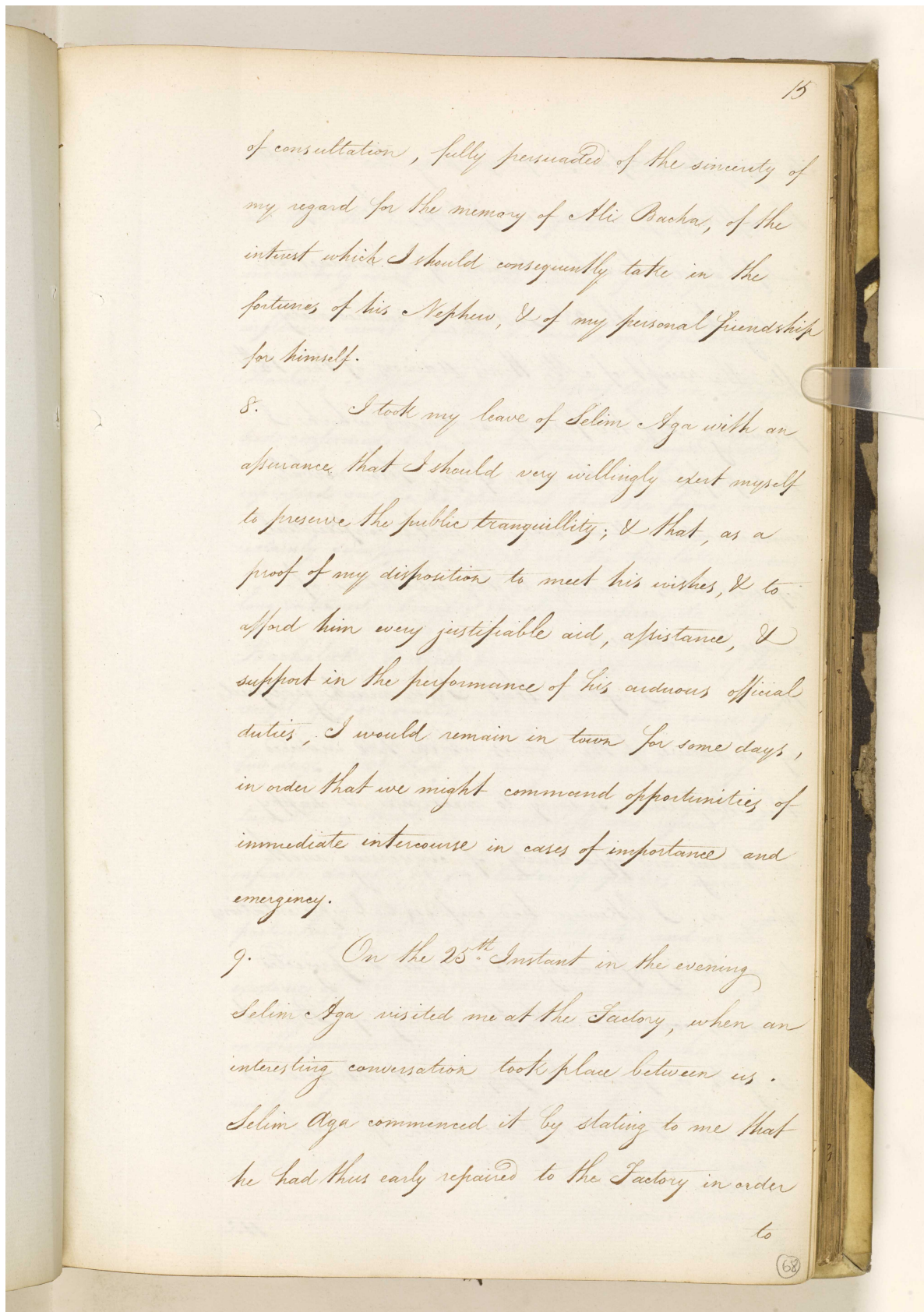
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intelligence which I detailed to him, the Slave
to Ali Pacha, purchased under peculiar
circumstances, patronised in a particular manner,
long employed in high & confidential situations, &
apparently attached to his Master in a degree
unusual among Turks. Selim Aga was indeed
highly agitated; he could hardly believe his own
senses. For a moment Hope led him to doubt the
fact; in another he with tears bewailed his Master's
fate; sometimes he violently threatened to revenge
his death; again he dissolved in tears, & lamented
his own misfortunes in having survived the Pacha,
in having been absent from Bagdad in the
moment of this assassination, & in not possessing the
means of destroying his Murderers by his own
hand. At length however, by appropriate reasoning,
I so far moderated his transports as to lead him
to a less impassioned discussion of the probable
consequences of the Death of the Pacha at Bagdad
& Bussora. Selim Aga, throughout that discussion,
appeared rather strangely indifferent to his own
fate; (67)

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fate; but I must do him the justice to state that he seemed to be highly & honourably interested in the welfare of Bupora, & determined to take vigorous measures for the preservation of local tranquillity. He was of opinion that Soliman Pacha would establish himself in the Office of his Uncle, but not without difficulty; & indeed although he thought that very serious trouble & confusion, leading to struggles attended with blood-shed, would result from Nefes Aga's exertions either to place Assad Beg at the head of the Government or to assume the provisional rank of Pacha himself, he would not in the moment even admit the probability of his success in either arrangement. Selim Aga however, towards the close of our conference, very judiciously observed that it would be prudent to act in such a manner as to be prepared for unexpected events, & assured me that he would maturely reflect on the subject, & pay me an early visit at the Factory, for the purpose of

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to enjoy the satisfaction of expressing to me, under the influence of moderated feelings, the very grateful sense which he entertained of my conduct in visiting him on the 23rd Instant, so immediately after the receipt of Mr. Hine's advices of the 18th preceding, & of the friendly sentiments which I had professed in the course of our then verbal communication, & in order to make confidential representations leading to the solicitation of counsel & advice.

10. I replied that I was much gratified by the nature of the motives which had induced the Mussalim so early to meet me, & happy in having an opportunity of conversing with him, as I likewise had confidential representations to make, preparatory to intended & projected measures connected with the security of British Subjects in person & property at Baspora & Bagdad, & with the preservation of local British Credit.

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11. In continuation the Mussaleem informed me that the most divided reflection on the late melancholy event & on the nature of the power, influence, credit, parties, & connexions of Soliman Pacha, Aspad Beg, & Nassef Aga in Bagdad had confirmed him in his opinion, though hastily expressed on the 23^d Instant that the former would certainly successfully prevail over the two latter in any long continued struggle for the succession to the Pashalick; & that he was in expectation of the receipt of favourable intelligence in the course of a few days, but that as during the violence of tumultuous broils individual life was exposed to infinite danger, & the leader of parties more particularly liable to fatal accidents, and as the existence of Ali Pacha's adherents depended solely on the preservation of Soliman Pacha he had necessarily turned his thoughts to the consideration of the nature of his own situation in the event of Soliman Pacha's death, & determined decidedly

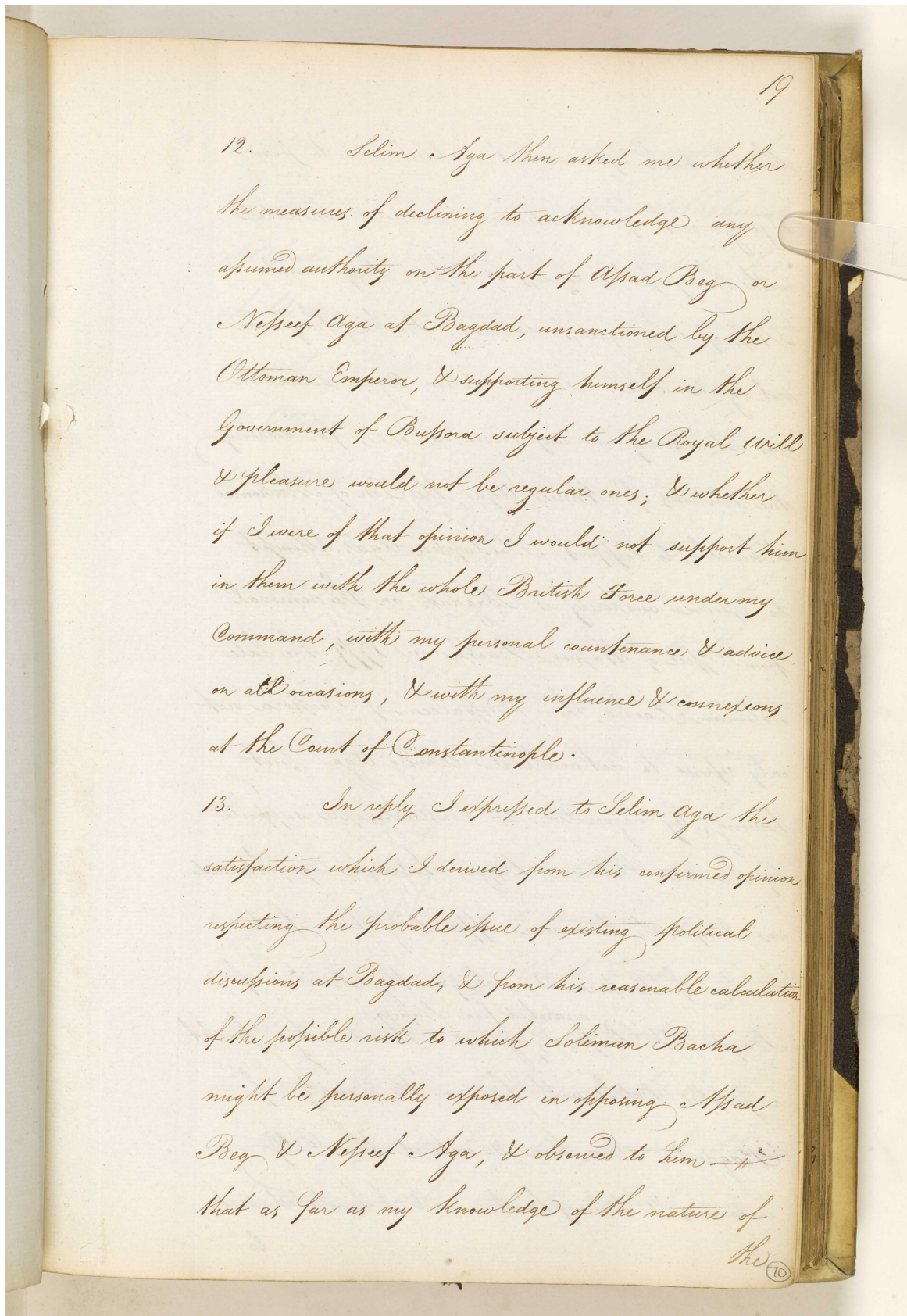
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and unchangeably, in case such a second misfortune should attend him, to resist the assumed power of Assad Beg or Nepsuf Aga, hold the City of Bussora & its Dependancies for the Ottoman Emperor, & make application at Constantinople for the appointment of Bacha of Bagdad & Bussora for himself. He added that he had, under this determination ascertained the degree of confidence which he could place in the Turkish Soldiery & general Inhabitants of Bussora; & that he was convinced he could maintain himself against the Bagdad temporary Administration until the pleasure of the Sultan might be known, more particularly as he would prove (holding the separate Office of Muppalcum of Bussora) a rallying-point for all those of Soliman Pasha's party who might, in the event of his destruction fortunately escape the rage and resentment of Assad Beg & Nepsuf Aga.

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The Turkish Government enabled me to form
a judgment of his intended measures connected
with the possible success of Asad Beg and
Kerem Aga against Soliman Pasha, they were
not objectionable. Indeed Selim Aga's situation
was not entirely an unprecedented one, for during
the exiles of Ahmed Aga, the Son of Mahomed
Schuleel, to support Mustapha Aga's attempt
to assume authority at Bagdad on the removal
from Office of Hapim Pasha in 1779, the late
Soliman Pasha, then Mussalim of Bussora not
only refused to acknowledge Ahmed Aga but
having, by negotiation at Constantinople supported
by the late William Legges Latouche Esq, obtained
an Imperial Firman appointing him first
Pasha of Bussora & subsequently Pasha of
Bagdad & Bussora, ^{marched from Bussora} against Ahmed Aga, fought
a pitched Battle with him in the vicinity of
Bagdad, slew him, & entered the City
victorious & triumphant: and I hesitated not
to

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to assure Selim Aga that if, in the events of the death of Soliman Pacha & the establishment of Alpad Beg & Nephew Aga at Bagdad, he should deem it expedient to oppose them, maintain himself in Bassora, & solicit promotion from the Ottoman Emperor, I should very freely express to Sir Arthur Paget, the British Ambassador, intelligence of whose arrival at Constantinople I momentarily expected to receive, my opinion of the eligibility of his (Selim Aga's) elevation to the Pashalic, & in the mean time personally countenance his administration of Bassora & its dependencies.

14. In giving these assurances to the Mussalim, assurances which afforded him so high a degree of satisfaction as to draw from him immediate complimentary thanks & acknowledgments I told him that any possible representations to Sir Arthur Paget in his favour would be the result & consequence of my own personal estimation of his truly respectable character & official conduct;

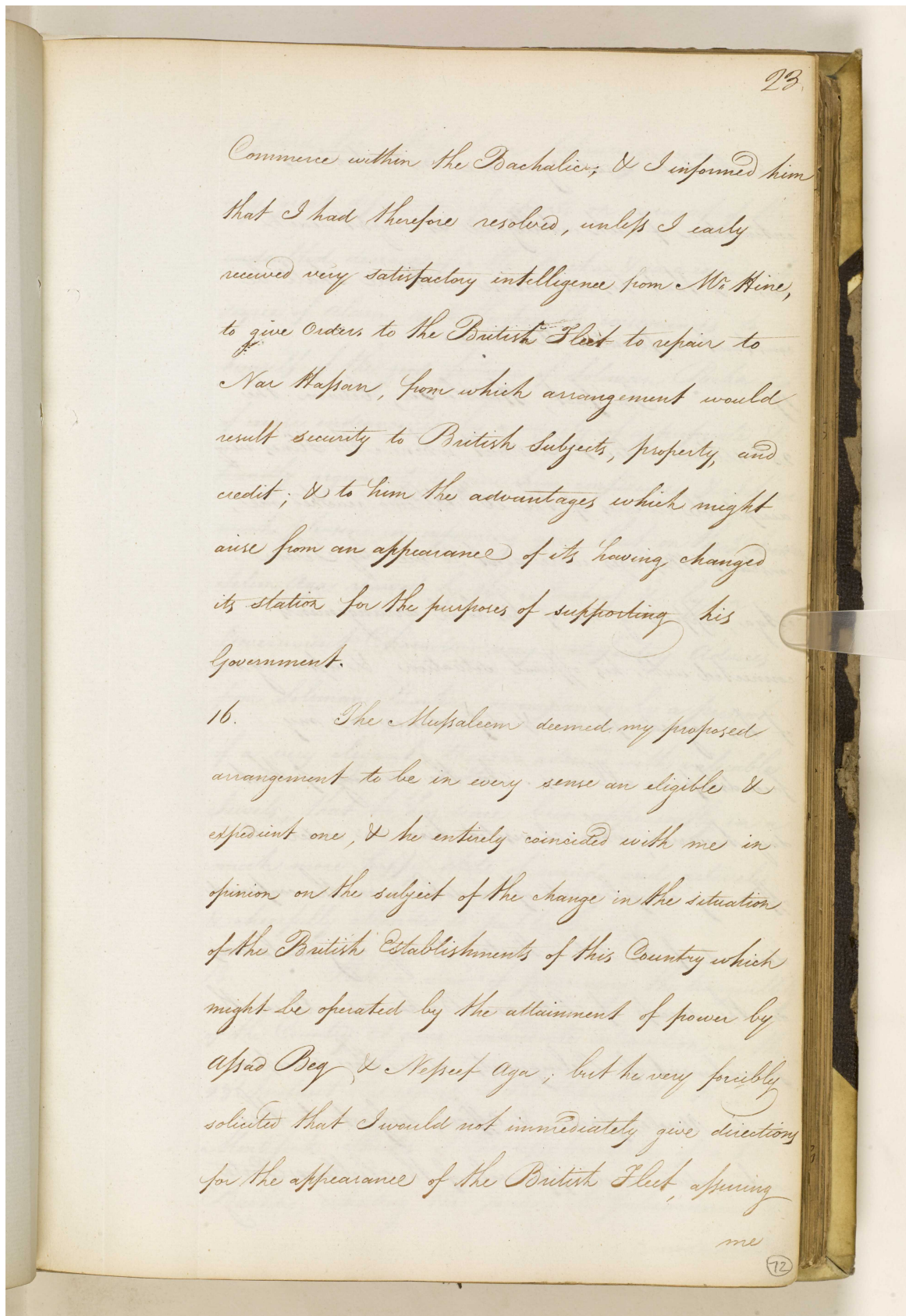
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I made him the confidential communications
alluded to in the 10th Paragraph of this address.

15. I stated to Selim Aga that reflection
on the chance of accident to Soliman Pasha had
given even me umbrage on account of the political
situation of the Presidency. I observed that he must
be aware, in the event of Soliman Pasha's death
that with him would expire & determine all my
agreements & arrangements with the late Ali
Pasha connected with existing differences between
the British & Turkish Empires, the continuance
of the British Establishments at Bussora and
Bagdad, the local maintenance of friendly
relations, & that it consequently behoved me to
guard against the possibility of the heads of any
new party, Assad Beg jointly with Kheif Aga,
or either separately, determining to enforce at either
or both places the repeated Firmans of the
Ottoman Emperors, directing the late Ali Pasha
to seize British property, & to prevent British
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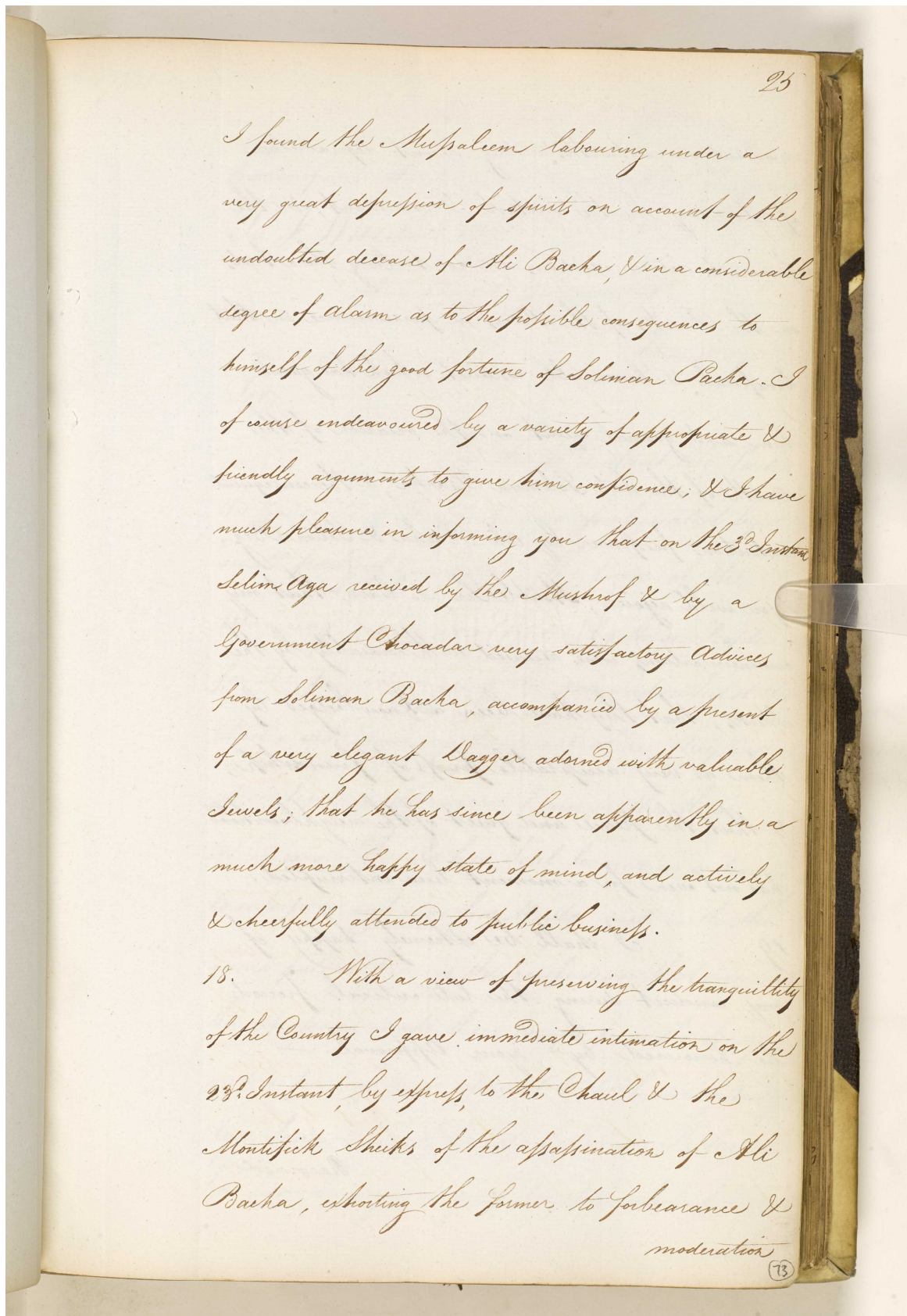
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me that he would give me instantaneous intimation of such intelligence as might reach him & that his intercourse with me shall be constant confidential & sincere.

17. In Fact, Honble Sir, between the 25th Ultimo & the 1st Instant when Mr Stine's very acceptable Advices of the 20th Ultimo reached me, constant Messages were sent to me by Selim Aga, apprising me of his local arrangements connected with his official situation, & assuring me of his regard for me & dependance on my friendship in all cases. In the evening of that day however, when I visited him in order to offer my compliments of condolence on the confirmed deceased of his late Master, & my congratulations on the success of Soliman Bacha as well in the punishment of Delinquents as in the succession to his Uncle's power & Office, subject to the confirmation or disapproval of the Sublime Porte,

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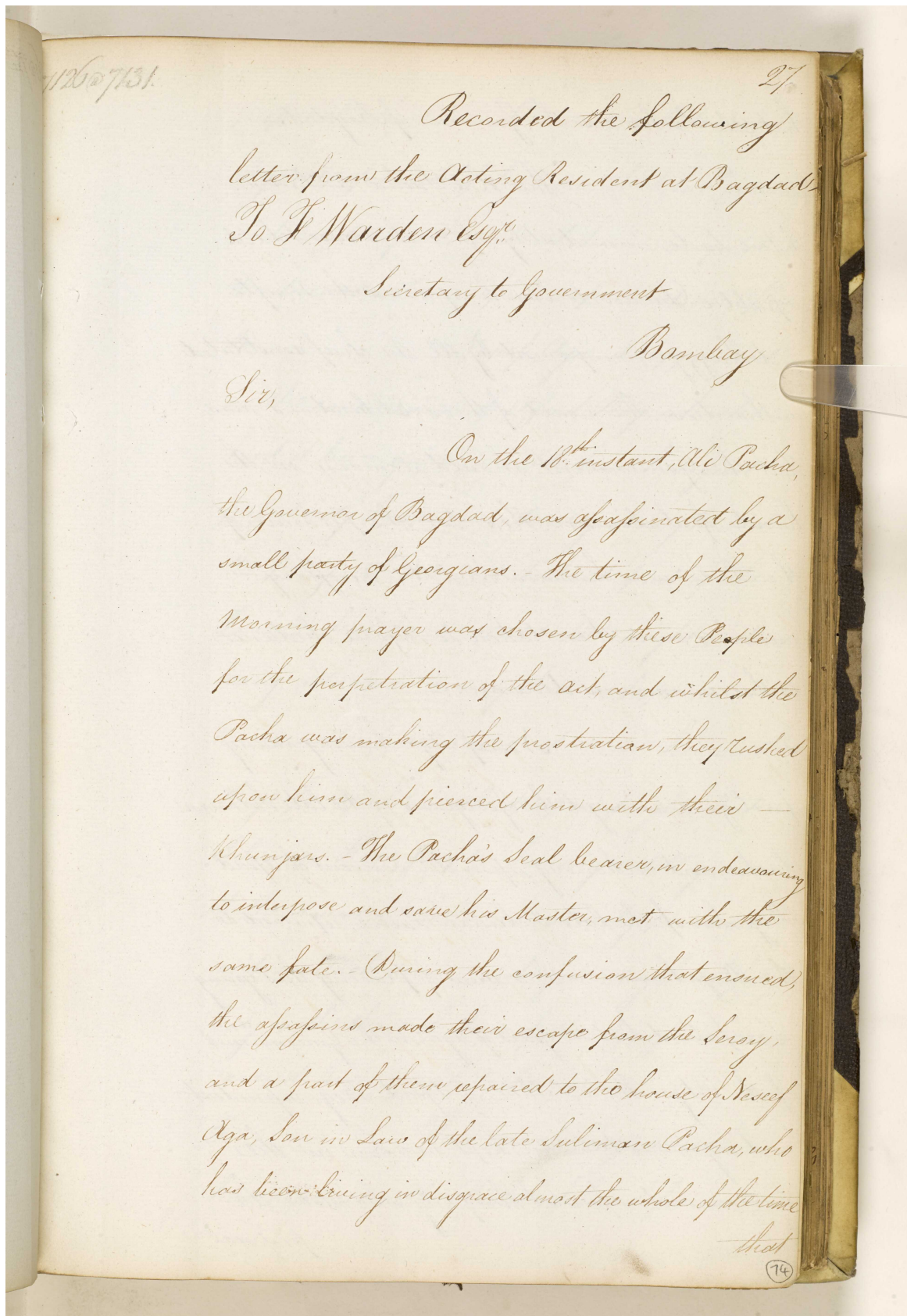
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moderation, notwithstanding recent deprivation
of Territory by the Turkish Government; & the
former to active exertions in controlling the Arabs
on the Banks of the Rivers in perseverance in that
beneficial & honourable conduct which had gained
him such general credit on the occasion of the
death of the late Solomon Bacha, & the consequent
contention for power by Ali Bacha & Selim Beg.
You will rejoice, Gentle Sir, to learn that my
communications were received with cordiality by the
Sheiks; that they have been acknowledged by
them as very acceptable proofs of friendship;
& that the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood
has not even for a moment been interrupted.

19. I shall be extremely happy if
my conduct during the late critical period
be honoured by your approval. —

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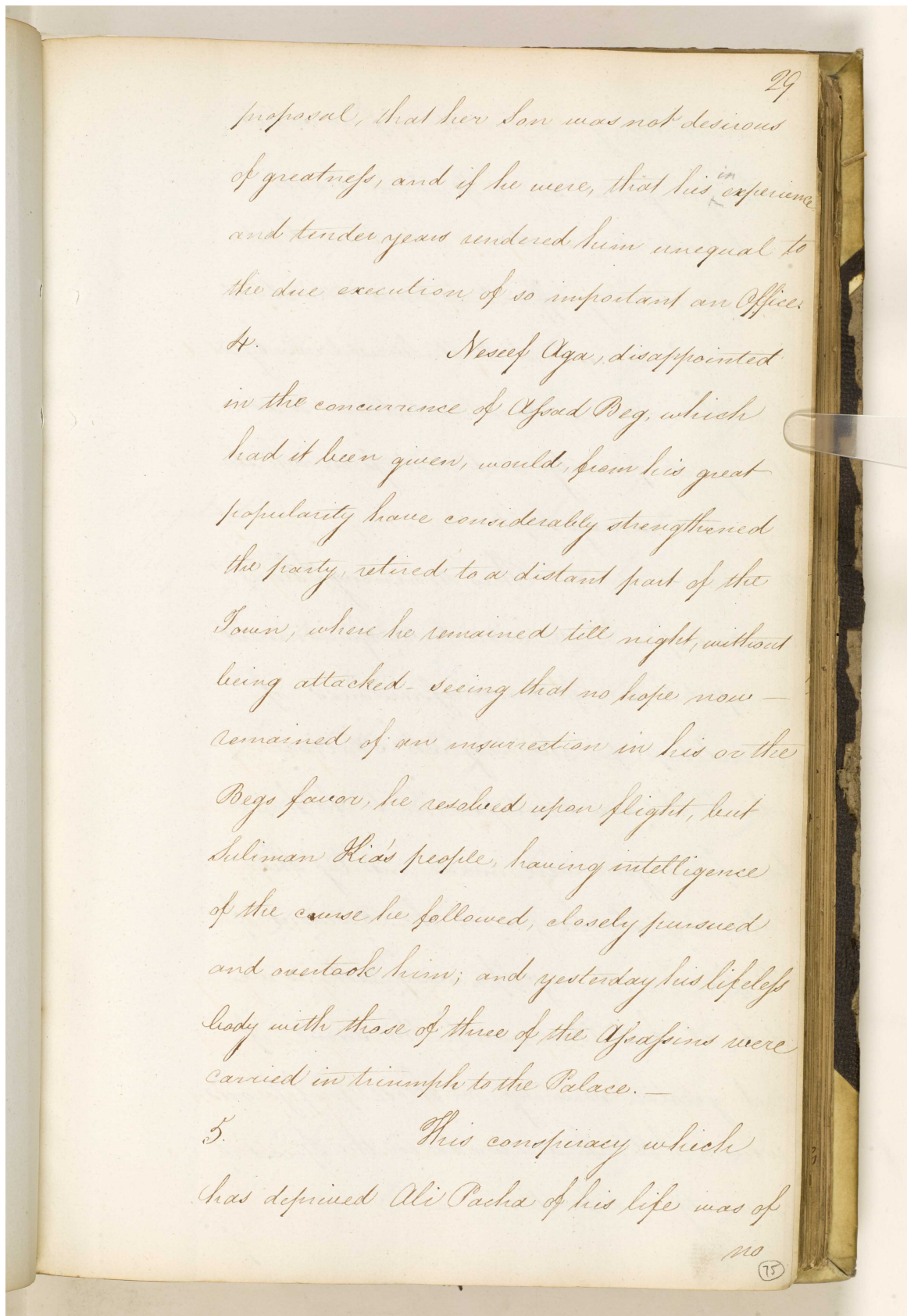
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that Ali Pasha was the Governor of Bagdad. –

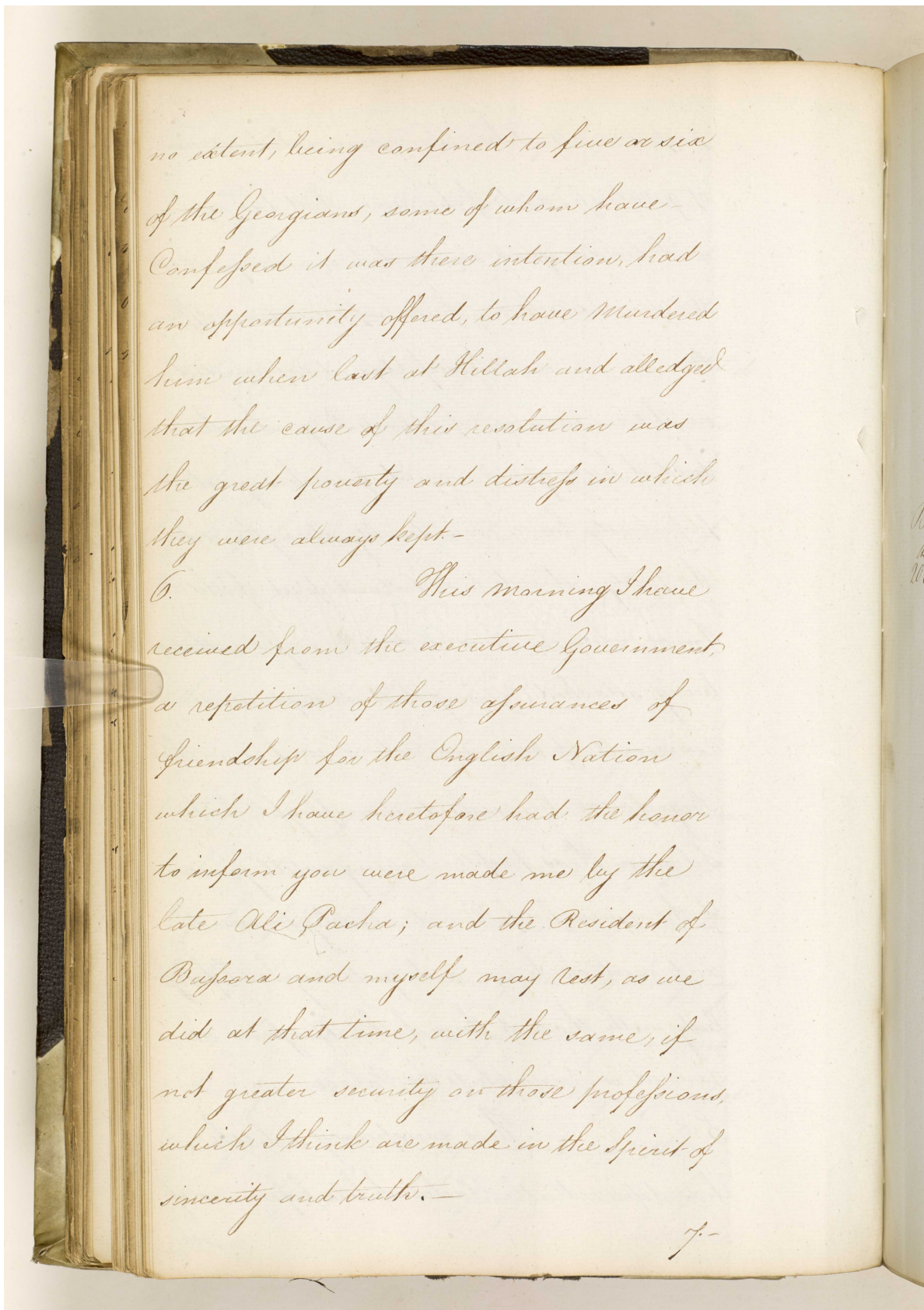
2. The Kia Pasha, a Pasha of two tails, immediately after this event held a public Divan, to which repaired the Mufti and Kazy accompanied by all the chief constituted authorities. The result of their deliberations was, that the Government should remain in the hands of Suliman Kia till the pleasure of the Porte was known, and the necessary measures were then taken to enforce obedience to this unanimous decision. –

3. Nassef Aga, having many partizans amongst the Georgians of the late Suliman Pasha, and reckoning upon the consent of Afad Beg, Son of the late Suliman Pasha, repaired to the Begs house, with a view of placing this young man (about sixteen years of age) in the Government of the City. – The Mother of Afad Beg, a prudent and sagacious Woman, kept her Son in the Haram, and informed the party who made the proposal

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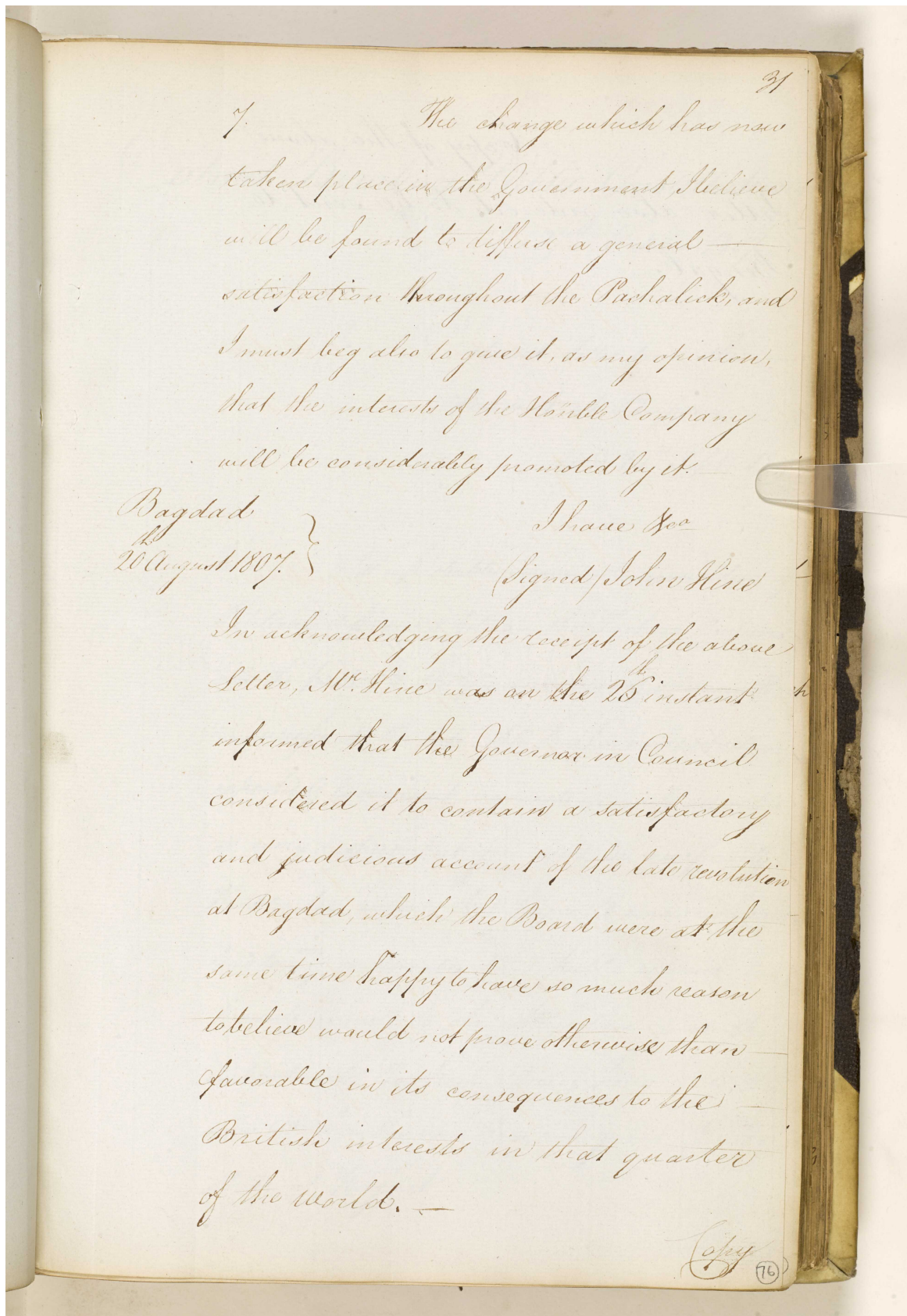


no intent, being confined to five or six
of the Georgians, some of whom have
Confessed it was their intention, had
an opportunity offered, to have murdered
him when last at Hillah and alledged
that the cause of this resolution was
the great poverty and distress in which
they were always kept.

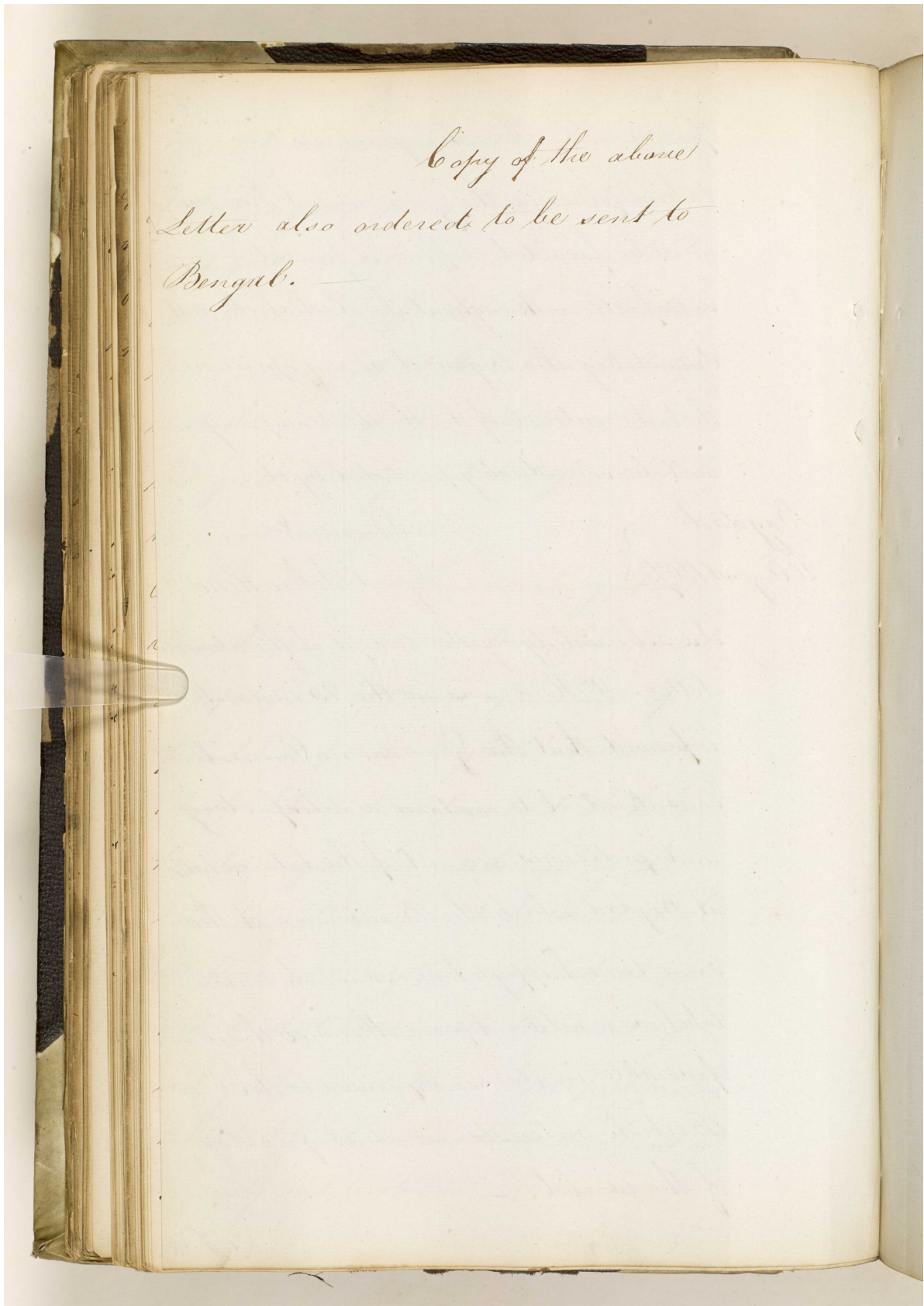
C. This morning I have
received from the executive Government,
a repetition of those assurances of
friendship for the English Nation
which I have heretofore had the honor
to inform you were made me by the
late Ali Pasha; and the Resident of
Bussora and myself may rest, as we
did at that time, with the same, if
not greater security on those professions,
which I think are made in the spirit of
sincerity and truth.

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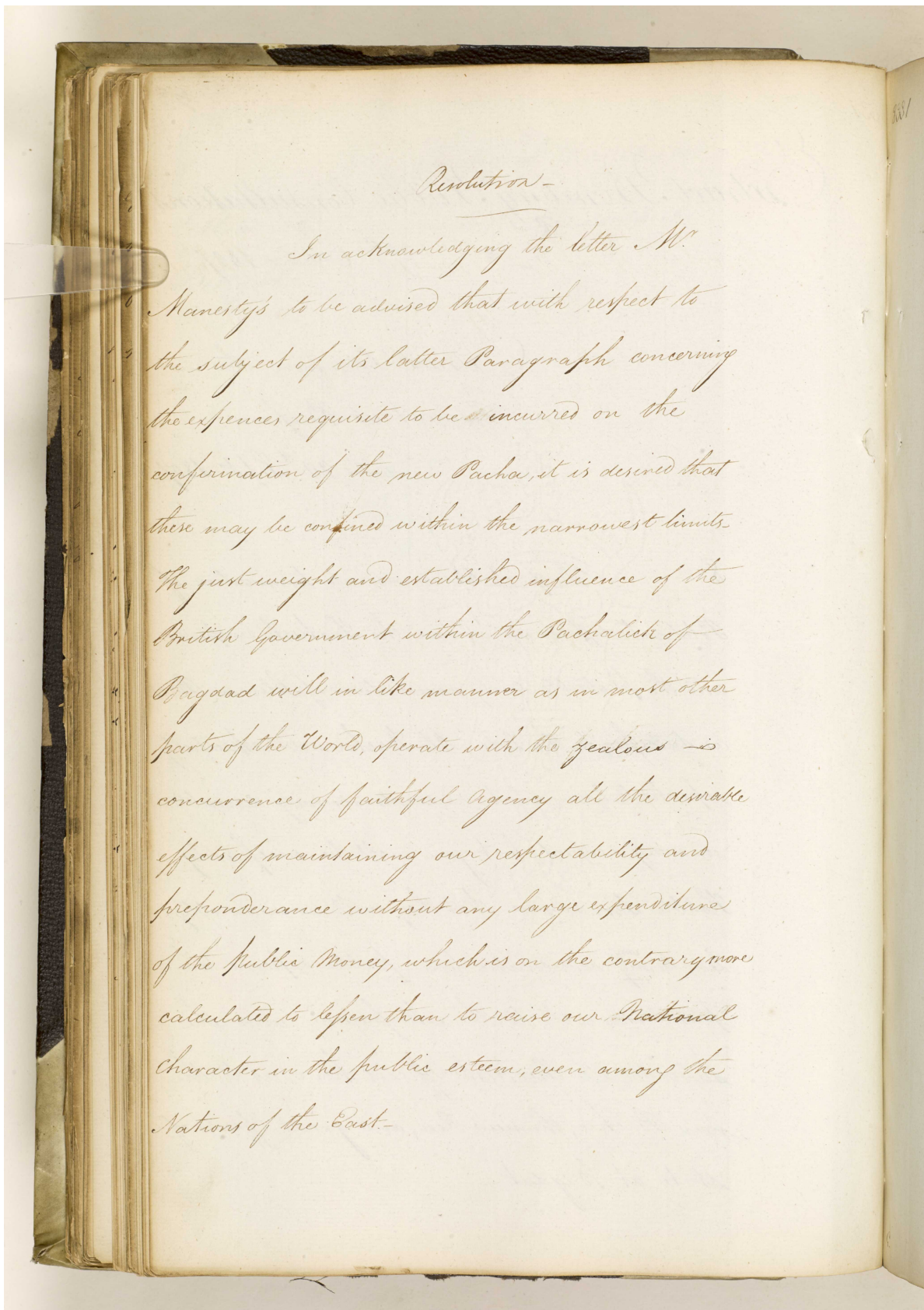
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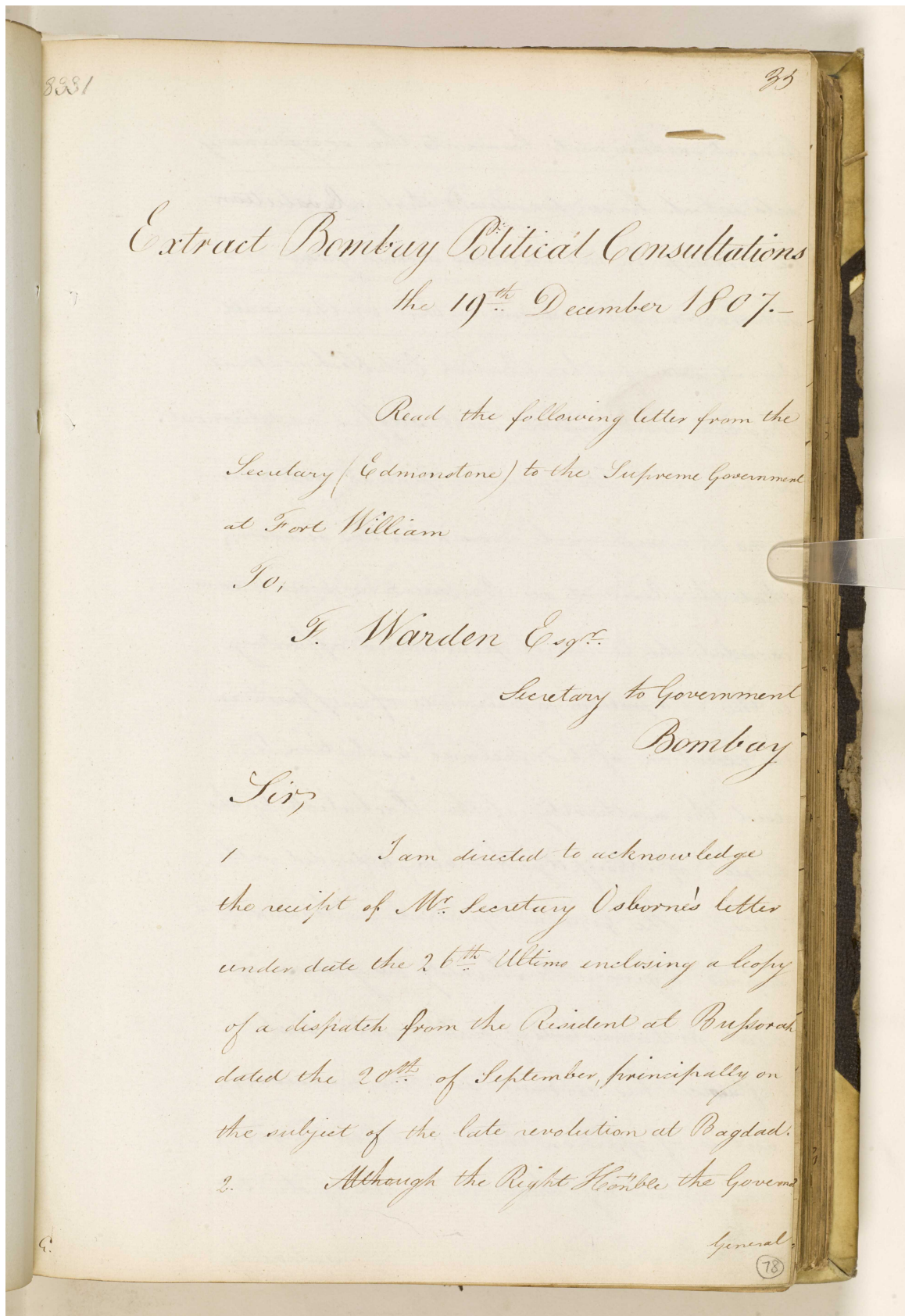
Extract Letter from the
Resident at Bupora.
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8. The probable immediate termination of Political differences between the Turkish Empires and the probable early nomination of Soleman Bacha as successor to the late Ali Bacha now respectfully reported to Government are events extremely desirable in every respect, but you will be necessarily Honble Sir, aware that they will unavoidably lead to ^{very} considerable local public expence in presents as well to the Mupatum and the subordinate Turkish Officers here, as to the new Bacha, the new Bea, and great Officers of State at Bagdat.

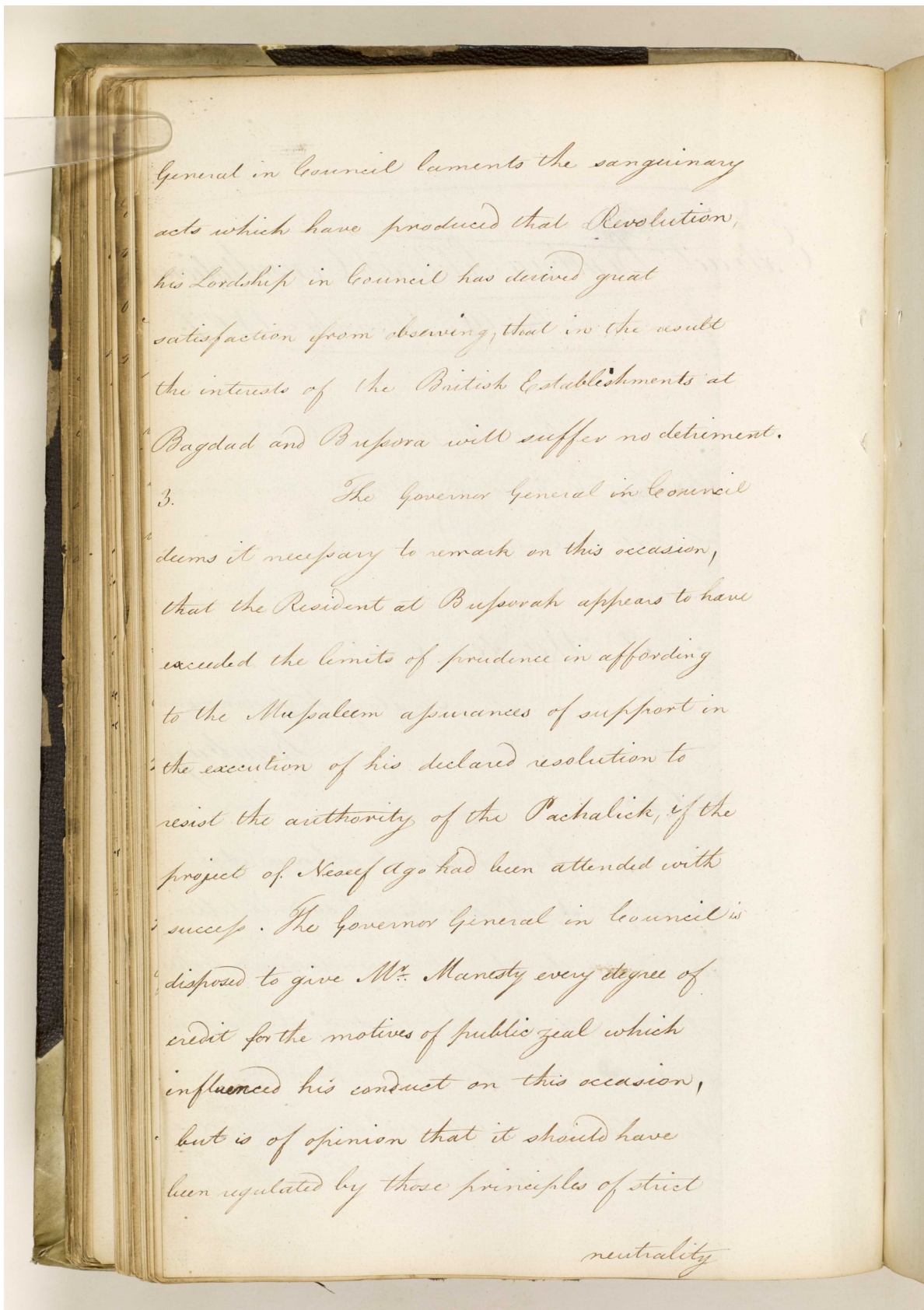
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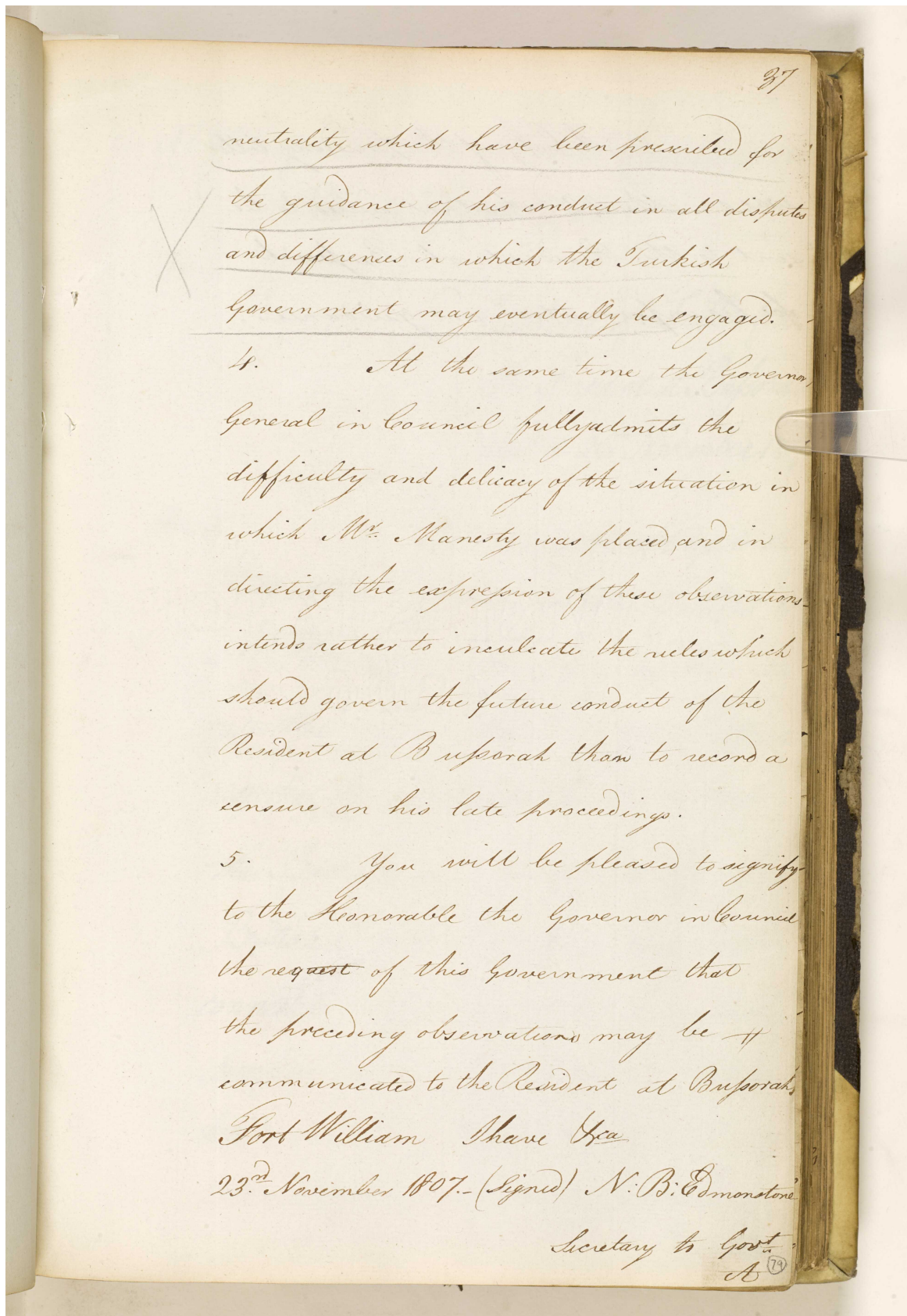
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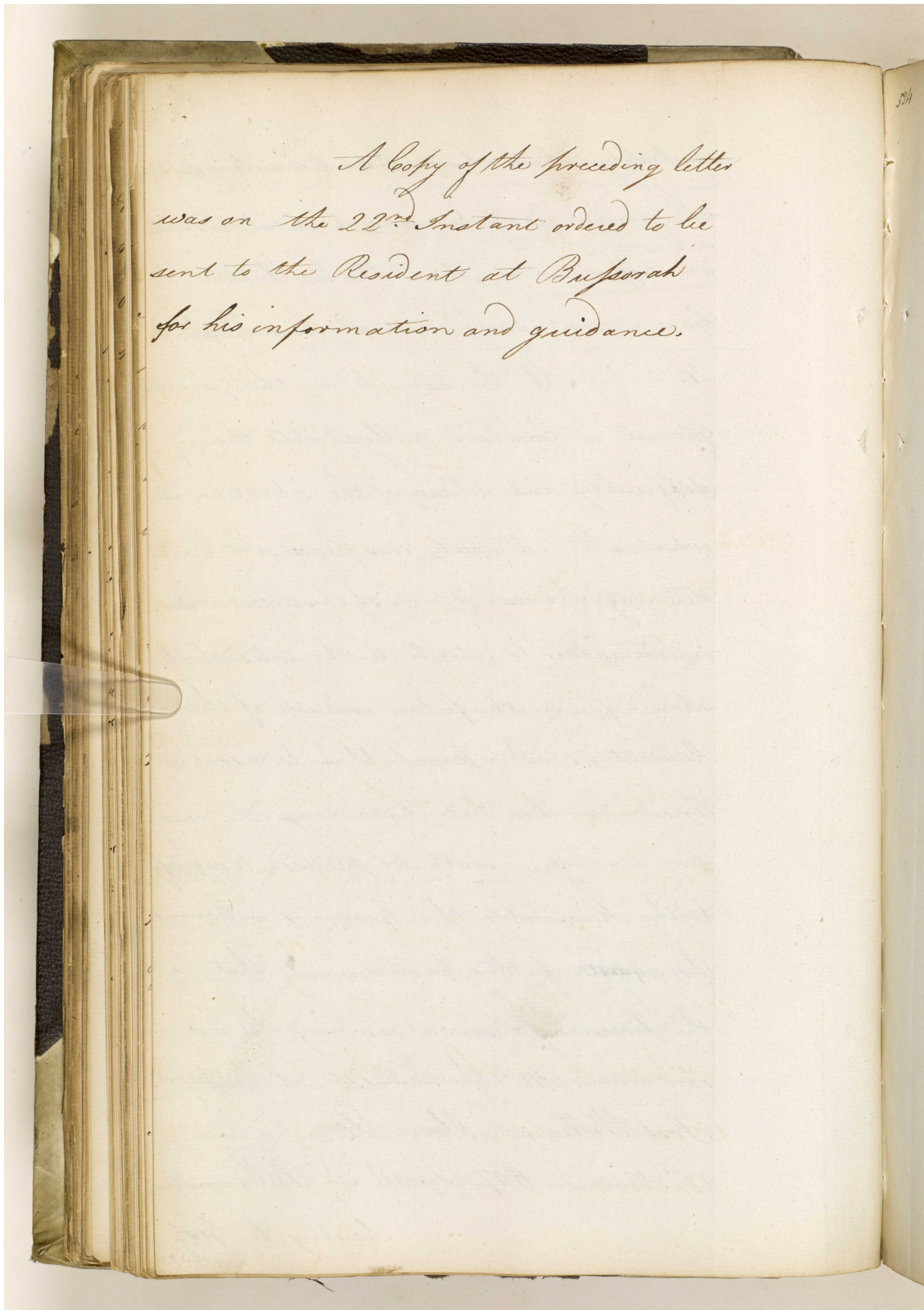
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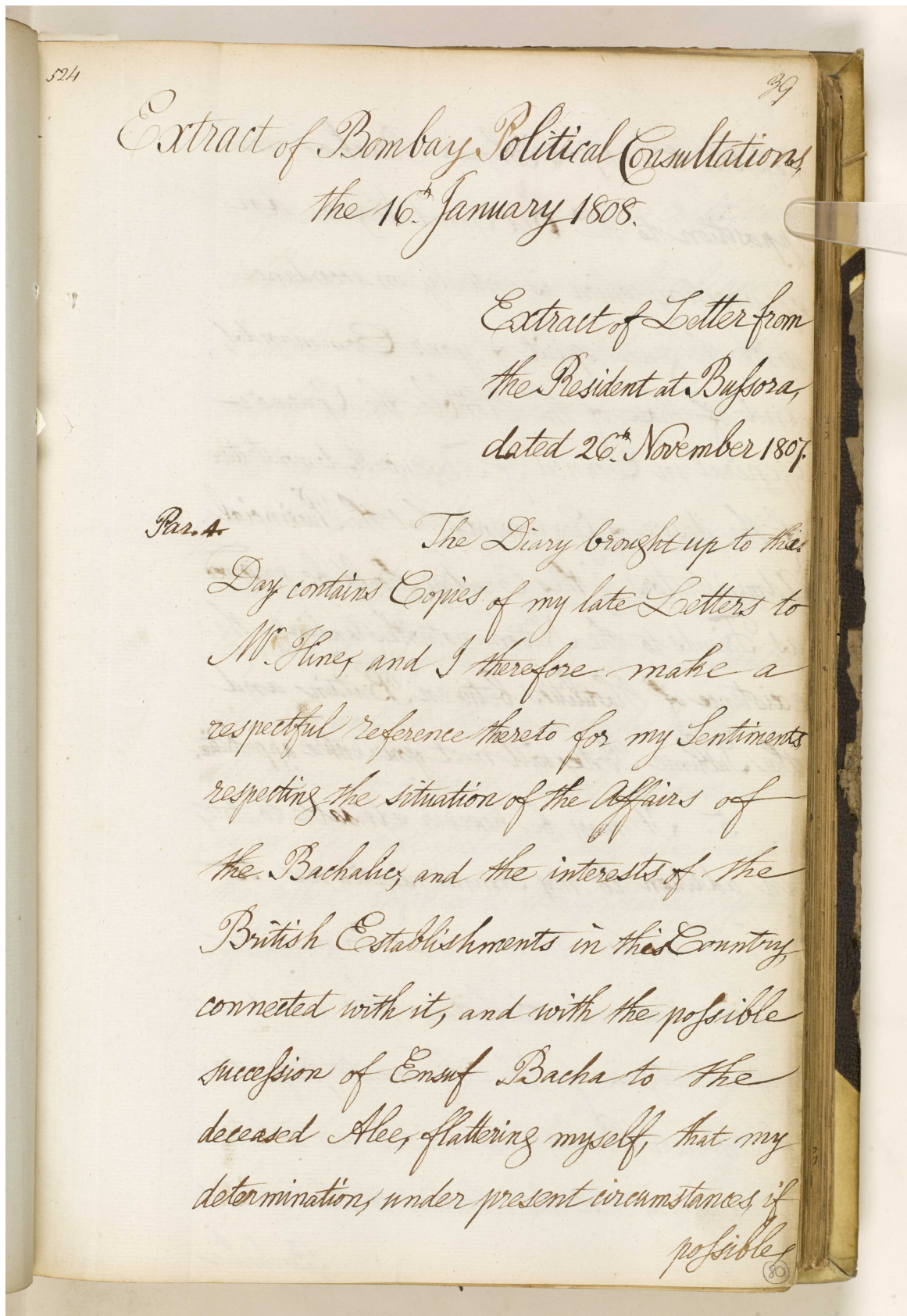
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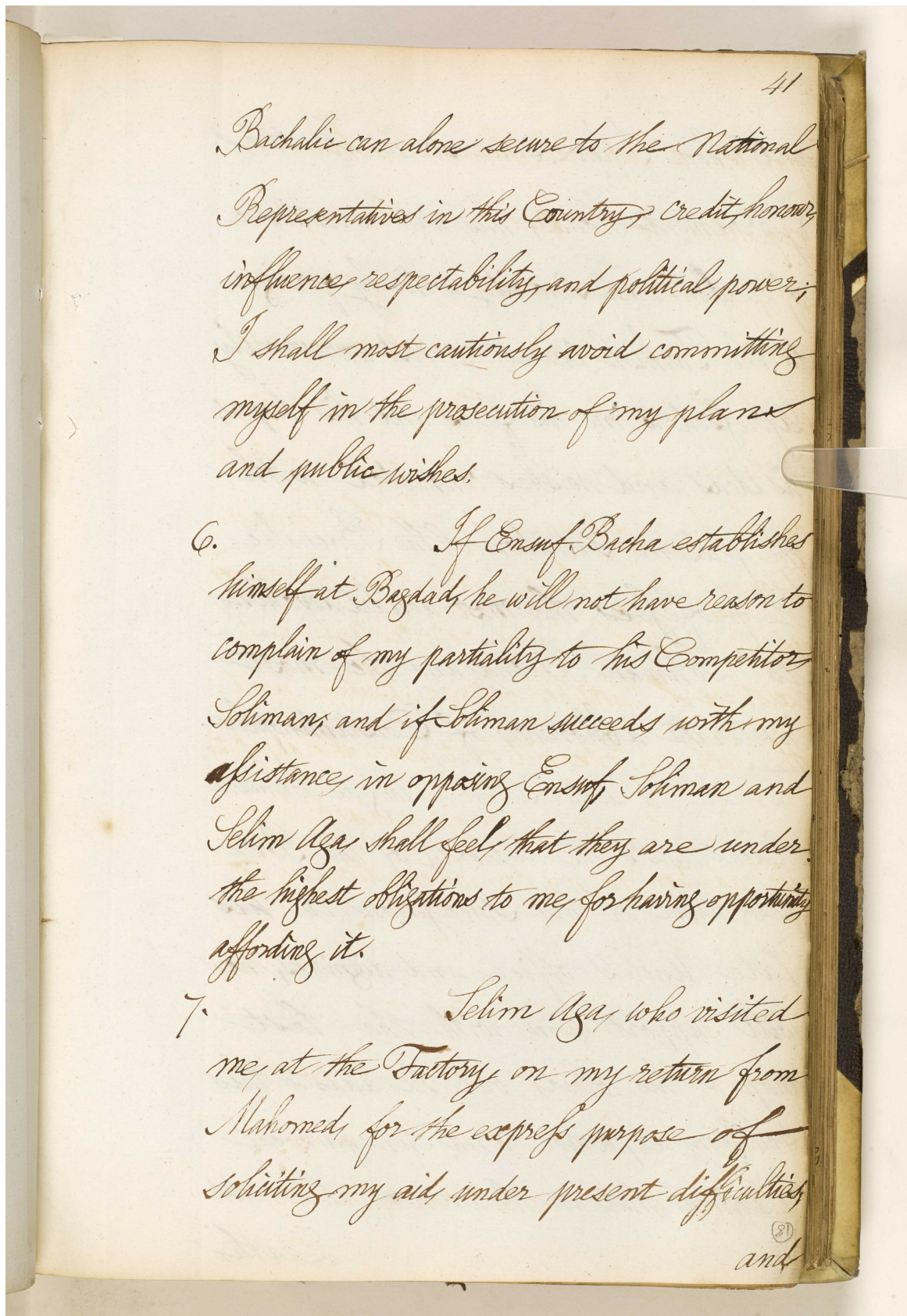


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possible, to support Soliman Pacha, in
opposition to the Old Grand Vizier; an
opposition which is entirely in accordance
with the general spirit of your Commands,
and of those of the Honble the Governor
General in Council, & Tegrinmouth, demonstrative
of the desire of Government, that the Provincial
Administrators of this Country should be preserved
as Friends to the Nation, notwithstanding the
existence of Hostilities between Britain and
the Sublime Porte, will meet your entire approbation.

5. It may be however advisable to state,
in addition to my communications to
Mr. Flinck for your more immediate
information and satisfaction that ardent as
my anxiety is for the welfare and prosperity
of Soliman Pacha, and decided as is my
persuasion, that his elevation to the vacant
Bachalic

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and whom I have since seen at the
Government-House, has, with a continuance
of candour and sincerity, entirely foreign
to the Turkish Character, most unreservedly
expressed to me his fears and his hopes,
his ideas and wishes, connected with
the present situation of the Pashalic.
He professes the most decided devotion
to Soliman Bacha, and the most
inveterate abhorrence of Constantinople,
Turks:— He declares, that as long as Soliman
Bacha resists the authority of the Porte,
preventative of his Succession to his
late Uncle's office and dignities, he
will support him with the last
drop of his blood, but he adds to this
declaration, a positive and unequivocal
assertion, that, in the event of Soliman's
Death,

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Death, or retreat into Persia he will
himself, as the individual of the
late Alee Bacha's Family, next in
rank and right to Soliman, in
either case, become a Candidate for
the Bachalic, make an application
to the Ottoman Emperor for the
Appointment *via* Aleppo, and instantly
take the Field against Eusuf Bacha,
determined to conquer or die. He
swears he will not survive the
ruin of his beloved Patrons, Relations,
and Dependents, and I am inclined
to place confidence in his warmth,
which seems to be a generous and
liberal nature.

8. Selim Aga has informed
me, that Soliman Bacha has intimated
to

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to him, his decided determination to resist Emsuf Bacha, which communication accords with a hint, which I have privately received from M. Fine, and has been evidently meant by Selim Aga to influence me in my political measures and conduct, in the present critical moment.

9. Soliman Bacha and Selim Aga appear to be universally beloved in this Country and, as it is the obvious interest of the general Inhabitants of it, to support them in the Administration of it, it is in my Opinion, extremely probable, that the feeble and inactive parent State, will, without foreign aid, decidedly

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decidedly fail, in its endeavours
to interfere in the succession,
whatever may be the mere
Turkish means and ability of
Eusuf Bacha to enforce its authority.
10. It will necessarily
occur to you, that, in the event of
Eusuf Bacha establishing
himself at Bagdad, he will
put to Death all the Relations
and Adherents of his Predecessor,
displace all the great, if not the
Subordinate Officers of State, and fill
the vacancies by Creatures of his
own; haughty, overbearing, hungry,
and rapacious, addicted to all the
vices of the Ottoman Court and
Capital, and that it will be
consequently

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consequently impossible for
British Representatives to
maintain intercourse with
Eusuf Bacha himself or with his
Ministers in any degree honorable
satisfactory or secure.

11. I am myself so persuaded
of this fact, that if the report of Eusuf
Bacha's Appointment be confirmed,
I shall ^{most} hesitate to take very
decided measures to prevent his
success, even if the re-establishment
of Peace between the British and
Turkish Empires, which may be
expected from Mr. Pisanis
intimation does not take place, not
only because the Administration
of this Country by any Constantinople
Turk,

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Turks, would in all times, and under all circumstances be extremely injurious to the British Interests but because I have, in the present moment, reason to fear that the selection of Emsuf Bucha, for official employment in this Country by the Ottoman Emperor, is connected with the Politics of Europe, and more immediately with the hostile views of the French in British India.

12. Captain Hollowell's public notification to the Honble the Presidents and to M. Barker of his having received information of the March of the French General Muro at the Head of 12,000 Men through

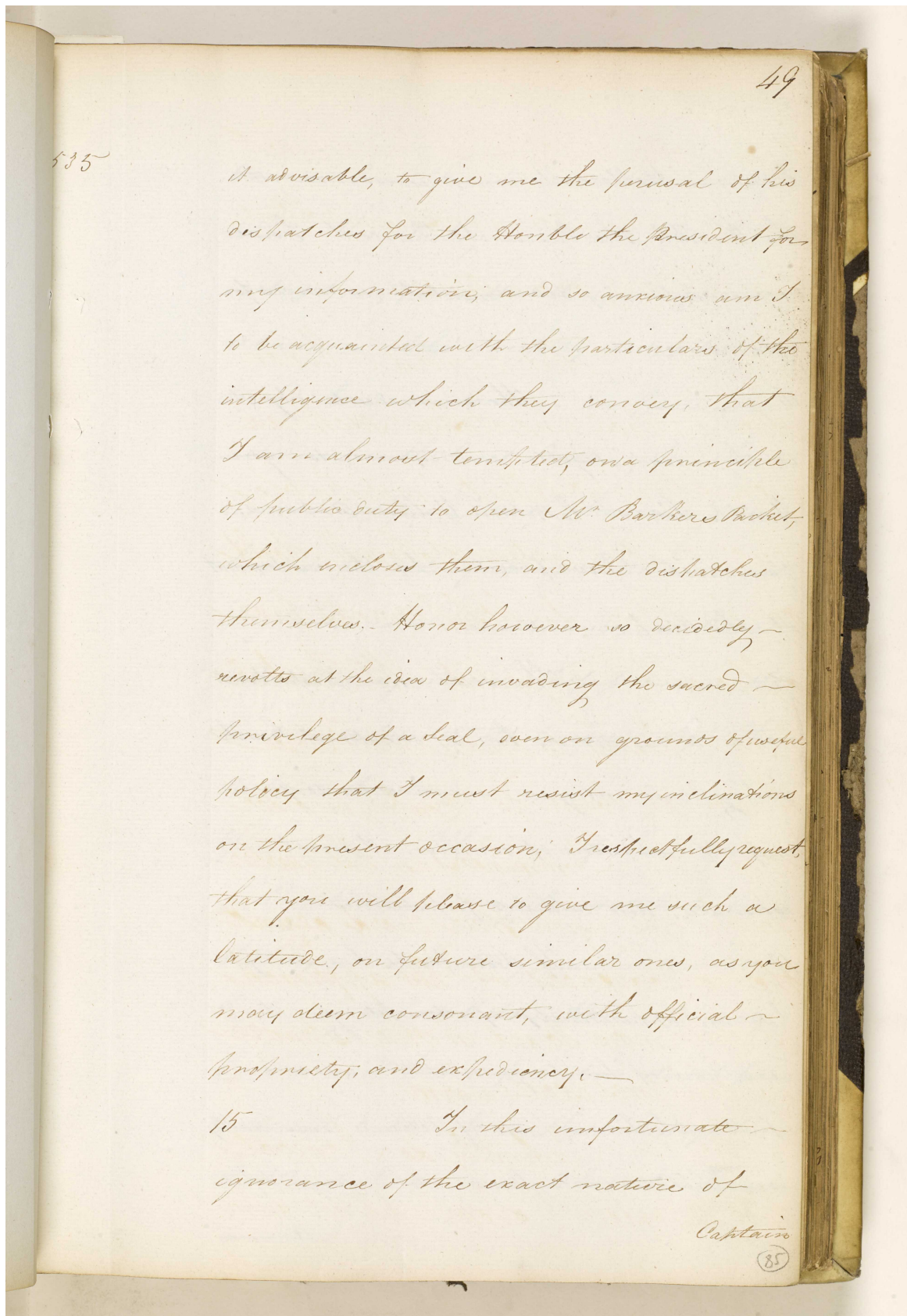
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through Persia towards India is
in my estimation a most important
and interesting circumstance.

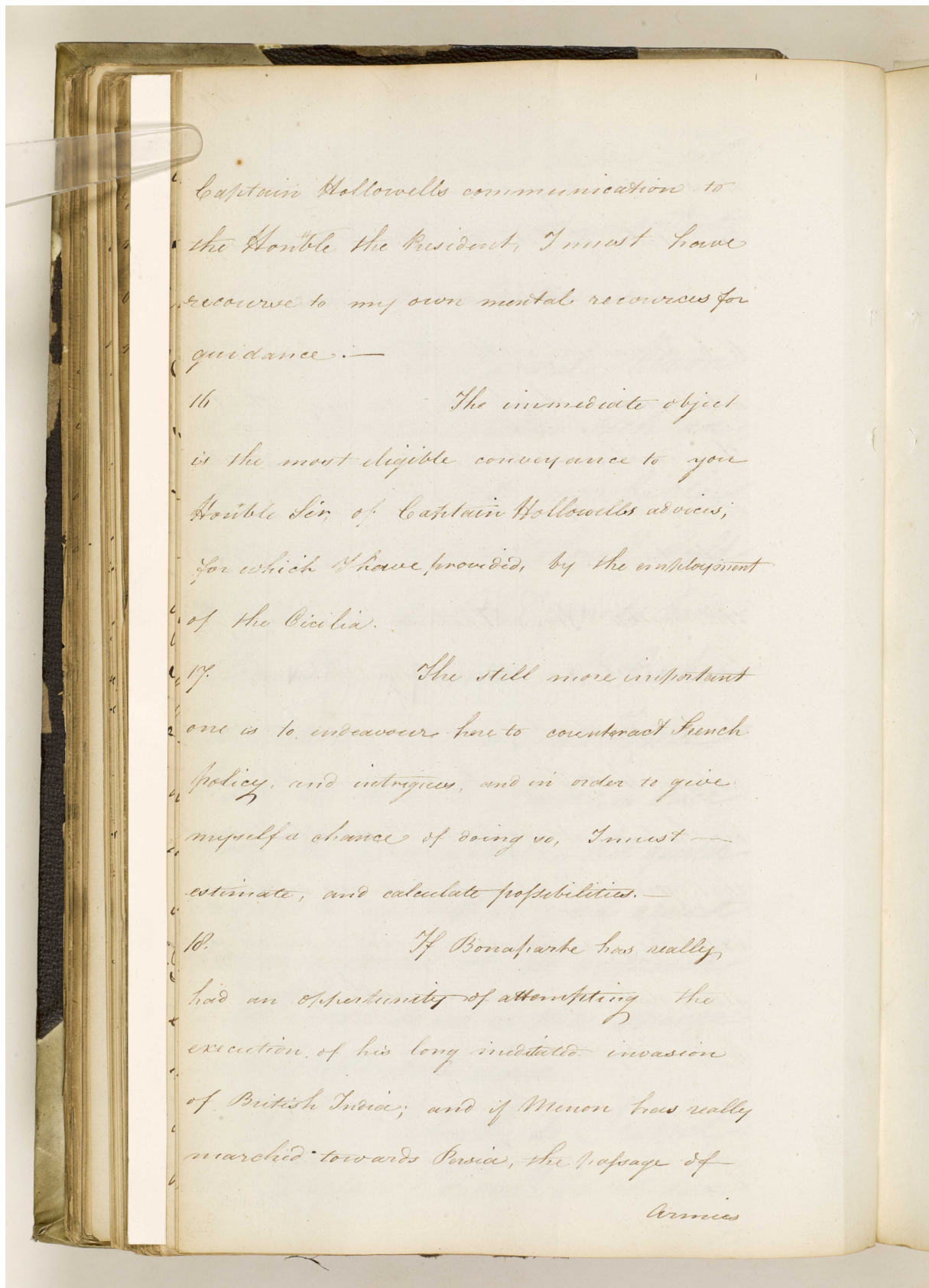
13. That General Menon
should have undertaken such an
expedition is indeed improbable
but that Captain Hollowell should
on lights or doubtful grounds have
officially requested Mr Barker's
expedition to convey intelligence
of such an event to Bombay in order
that the Commanders in that quarter
might be upon their guard against
the consequences of his approach
is still more so, and in these strange
eventful times, excites alarm.

14. Infinitely do I regret
that Captain Hollowell did not deem
it

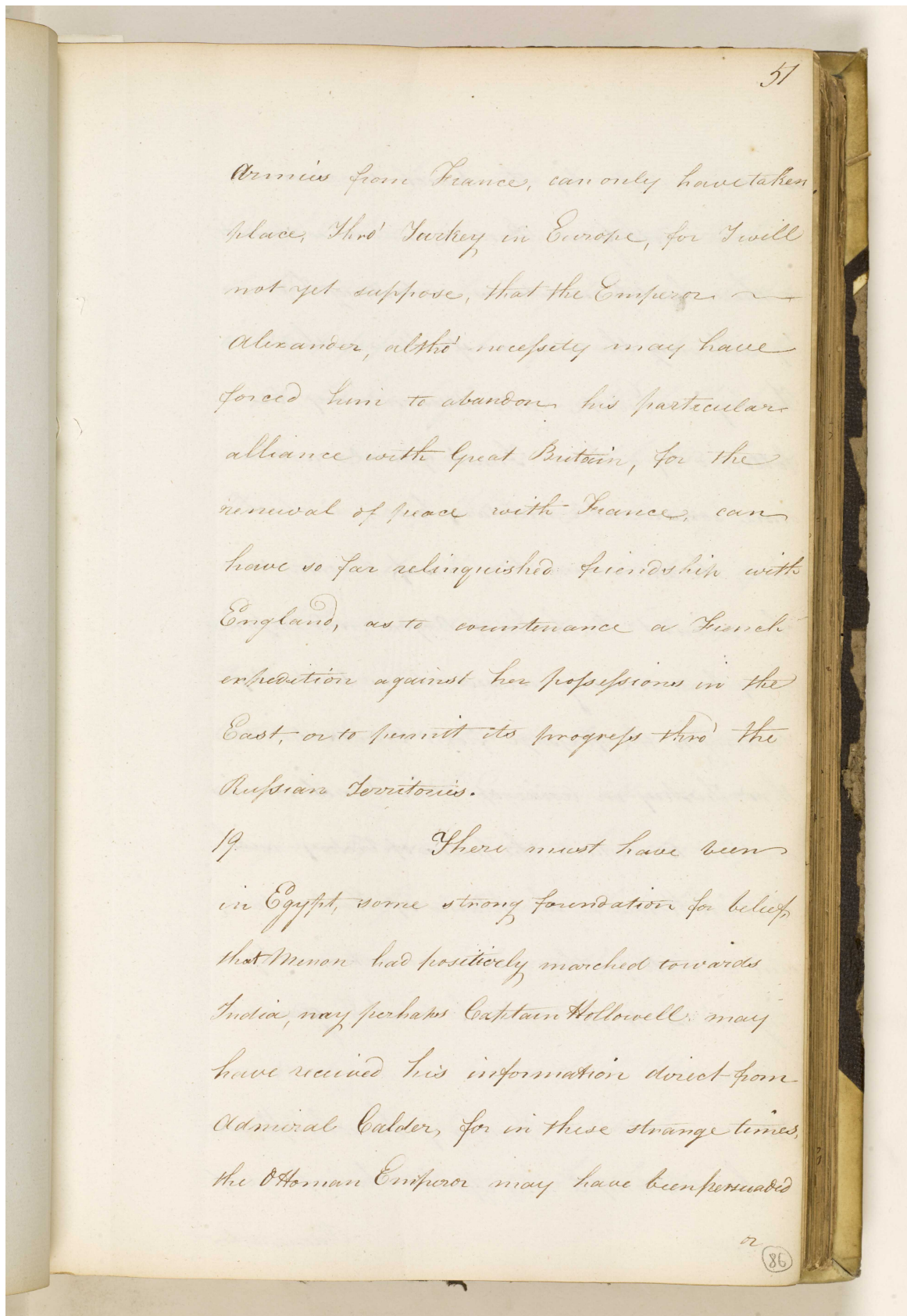
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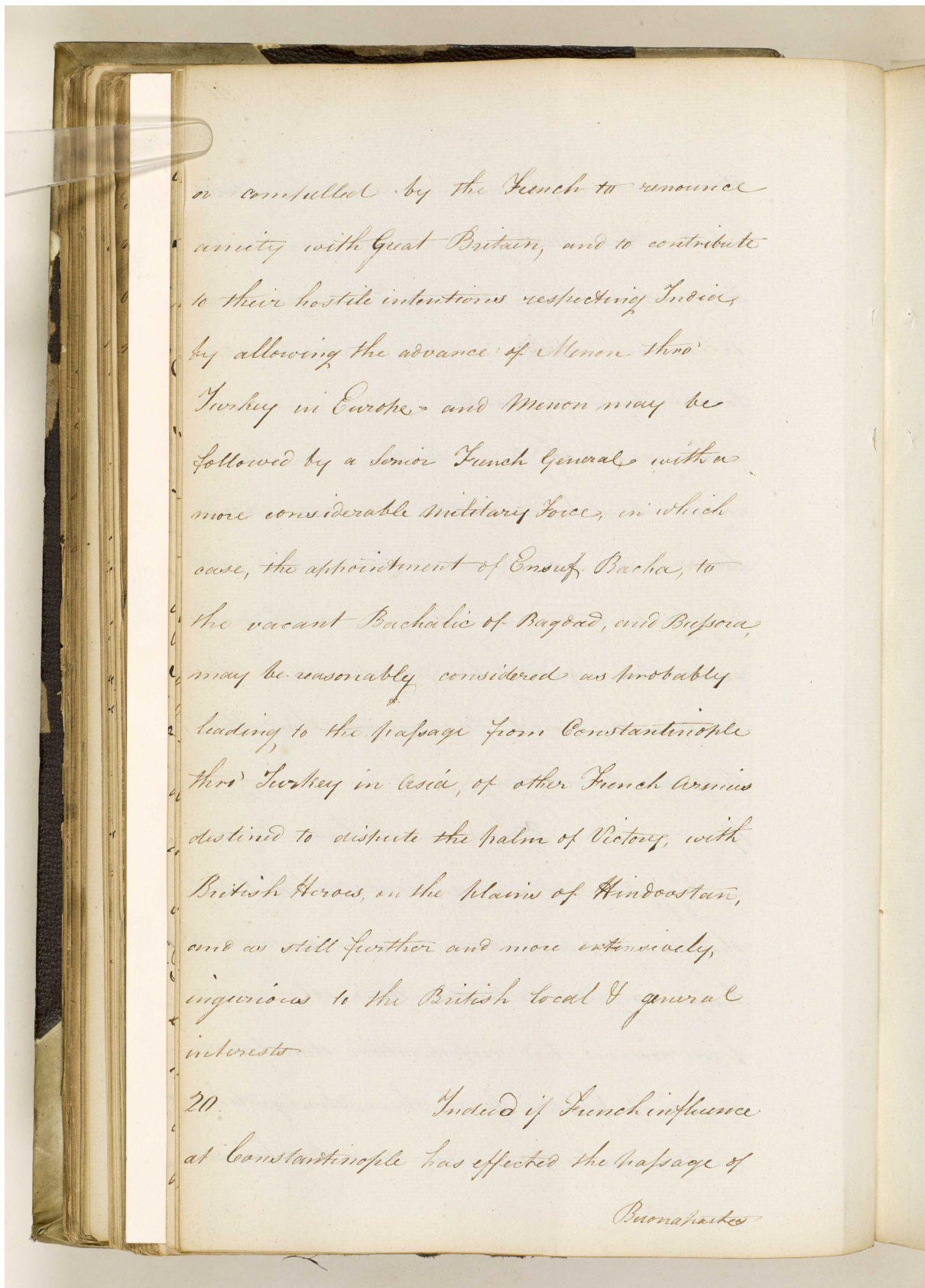
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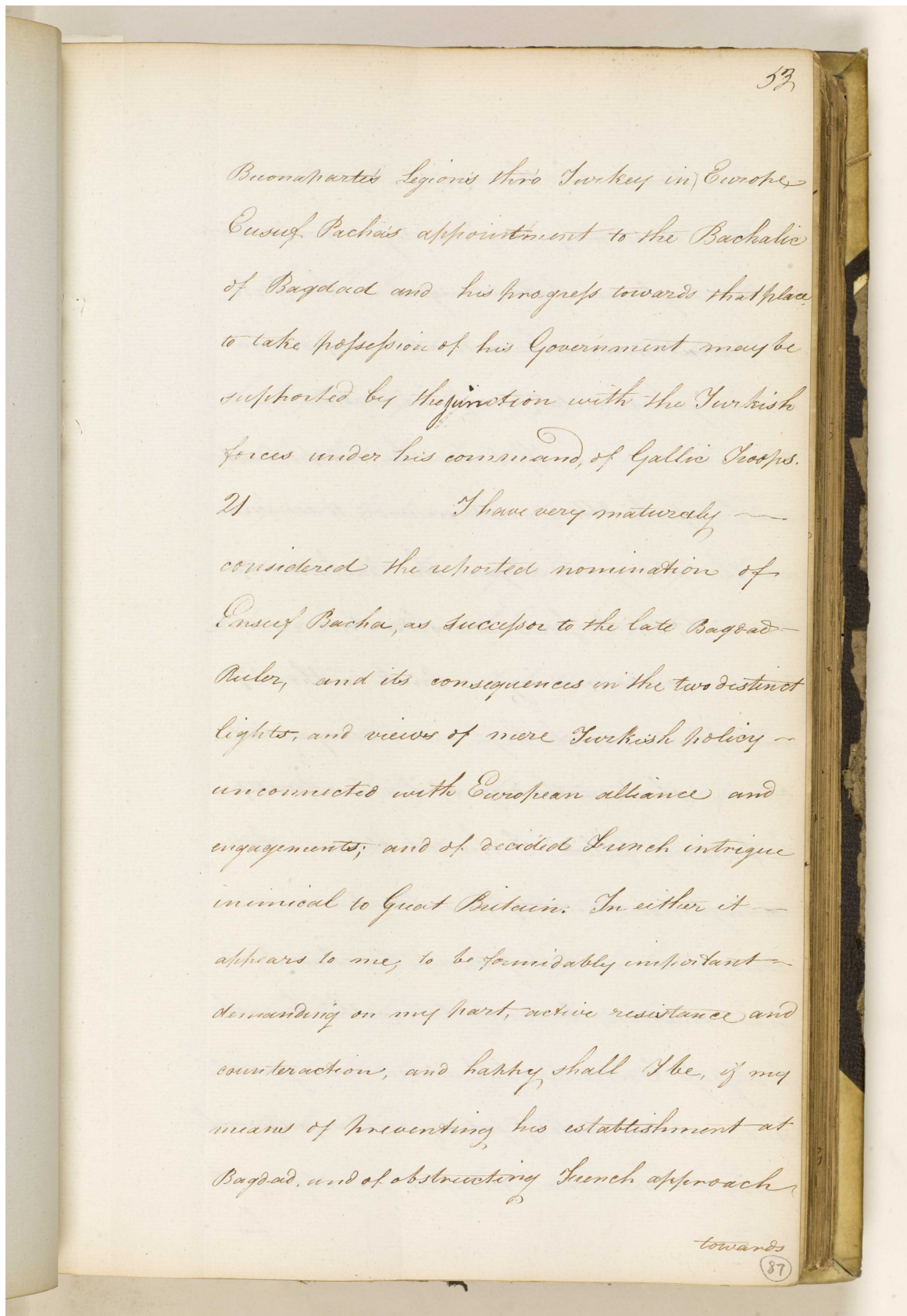
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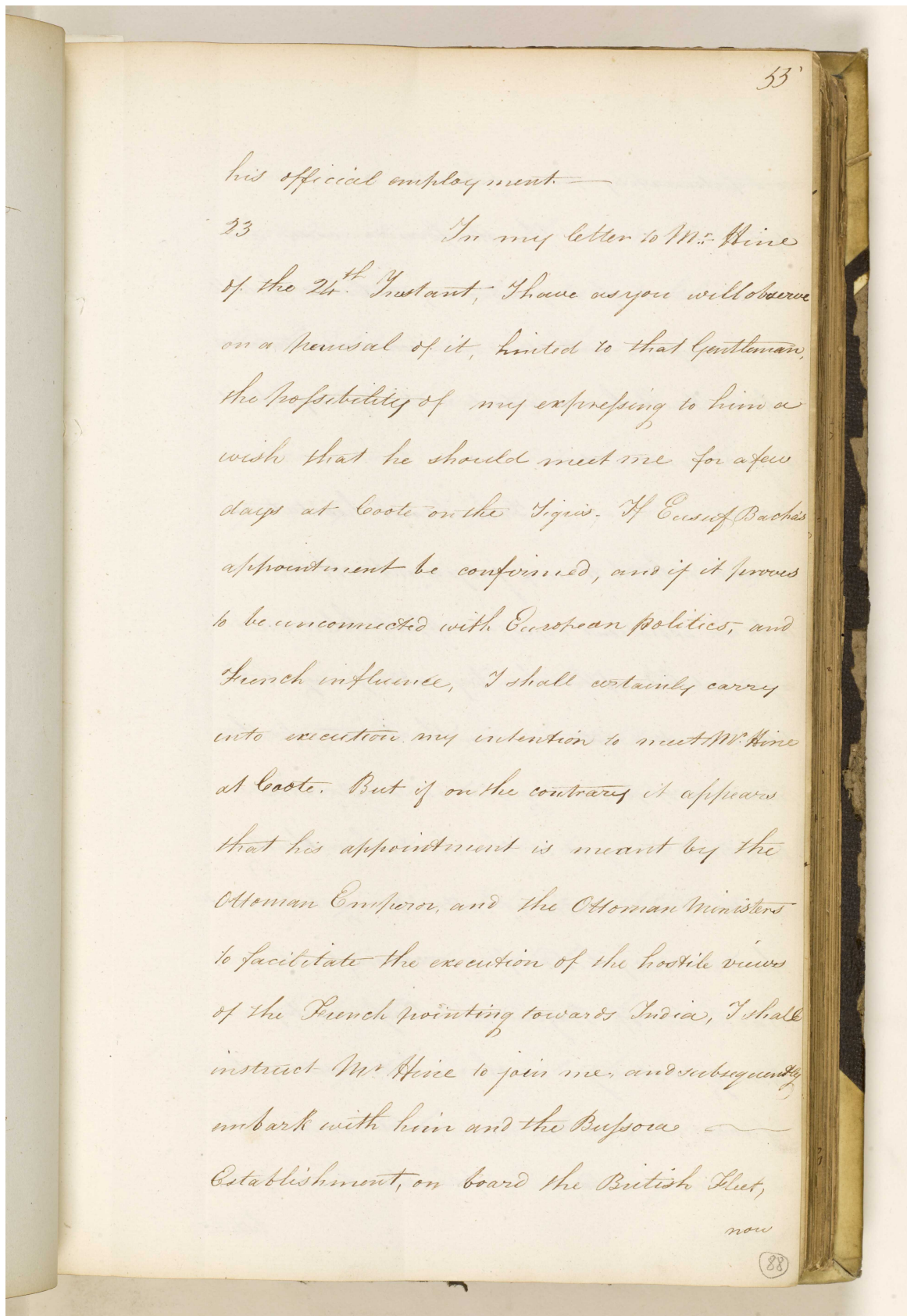


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towards India, by the way of Bagdad and
Bassora, be in any adequate degree proportionate
to that high and patriotic zeal, which in
the present moment actuates my mind
and urges it to be beneficial action. —

22. If it be the independent
wish of the Ottoman Emperor, to confer
on the old grand Vizier the Bachalik of
Bagdad, and Bassora as a situation in some
degree corresponding in Rank, authority
and splendor, to the high, and distinguished
office which in the days of his prosperity
he formerly held, I should oppose the
arrangement merely from local
considerations, but if Eusuph Bacha's
nomination, be connected with French
Progress Eastward, I shall on a more general
and extensive scale of policy, exert myself with
energetic vigilance, to defeat the objects of
his

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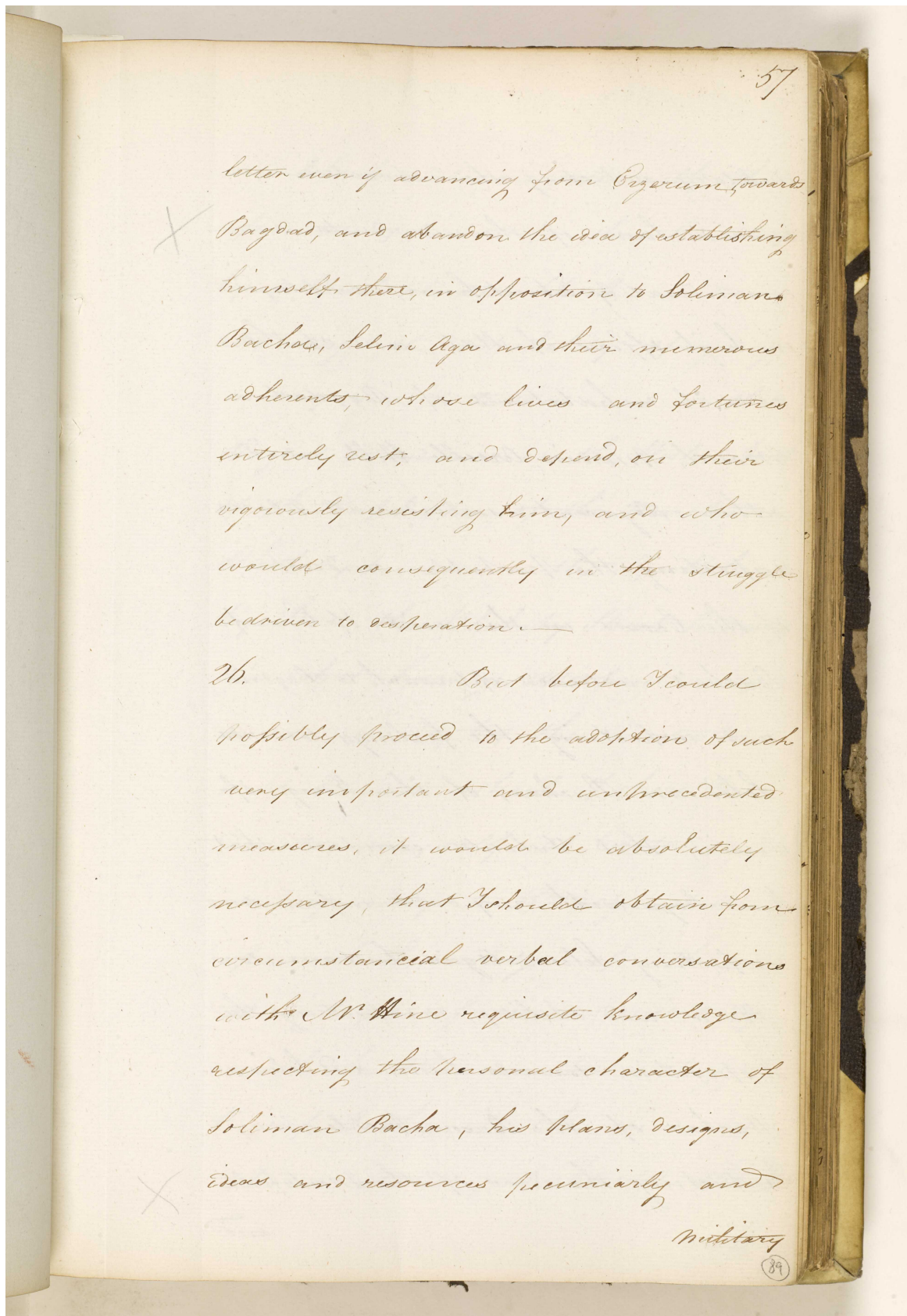
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now fortunately present here.

24 In the former case, and in the event of my repairing to Coote, I shall leave Basora with the disposition and intentions which I will here in detail, respectfully submit to your consideration. –

25 I should not hesitate in a case which to my judgement appeared to be an expedient one, to support Soliman against Ensiel Bacha by addressing the Ottoman Ministers or even the Sultan, for the purpose of pointing out in detail the political dangers to the Turkish authority in these countries of attempting to prevent the ordinary kind of succession, to the Bachalik of Bagdad and Basora, by forcing a stranger on the inhabitants of those places, and on the dependent Arabian tribes, or to recommend to Ensiel Bacha himself by letters

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military respecting the disposition
towards him, of the individuals
immediately about him, employed
in high offices of State, and of the
general inhabitants of Bagdad,
Mosul, Merdin, Croilli Shila and
other adjacent subordinate places,
respecting the probable conduct
of the Croods in the event of Eusuf
Bacha's actual approach to Bagdad,
and respecting the feelings towards
Soleiman Bacha, of the King of
Persia; that I should compare that
knowledge with my own information
respecting Selim Aga's Sentiments,
Plans, and ability, respecting the
disposition towards him and Soleiman
Bacha of the Busna people,
respecting the ideas of the Montafell
and

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and Chaul Arabs, connected with the
ascription of power in this Country
by a Constantinople Turk, and
respecting the capability of giving
annoyance to Busora and to the
Bagdad dependencies, on the Western bank
of the Euphrates, of the Maritime
Whahaby powers in the Gulf and
by Lord the Whahaby think himself
and that having satisfied my
own mind, by the mature
reflection to which I should
devote myself at Coote —
subsequently to the acquisition
of such knowledge of the
advantages of communicating
with the Ottoman Ministry and
Eusuf Bacha in the manner
above stated, I should there
with (90)

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with Mr. Hine arrange the most advisable modes of doing so, either from Coote, ascertaining the sentiments of Soliman Bacha on the subject or remaining at Coote for I should not under present circumstances wish to visit Bagdad on any consideration; request Mr. Hine to return to that place, in order there verbally to discuss with Soliman Bacha, for my information the expediency or inexpediency, on general, as well as particular grounds of policy, of my plans preventive of Eusuf Bacha's approach, and in the event

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event of his approving them of
which I have not myself a
doubt, settle with him, the
minutiae of their execution,
after which I might advance
still nearer Bagdad if requisite,
or even at Coote, with the assistance
of Arabic or Turkish writers, to
be dispatched to that place by
Soliman Bacha prepare my
dispatches for Constantinople
and Ensey Bacha; transmit
them to Mr Aine, for delivery
to Soliman Bacha, and for
subsequent dispatch by him
with expedition and security;
and returning towards Belsoa
thro' the River Nile, visits
the

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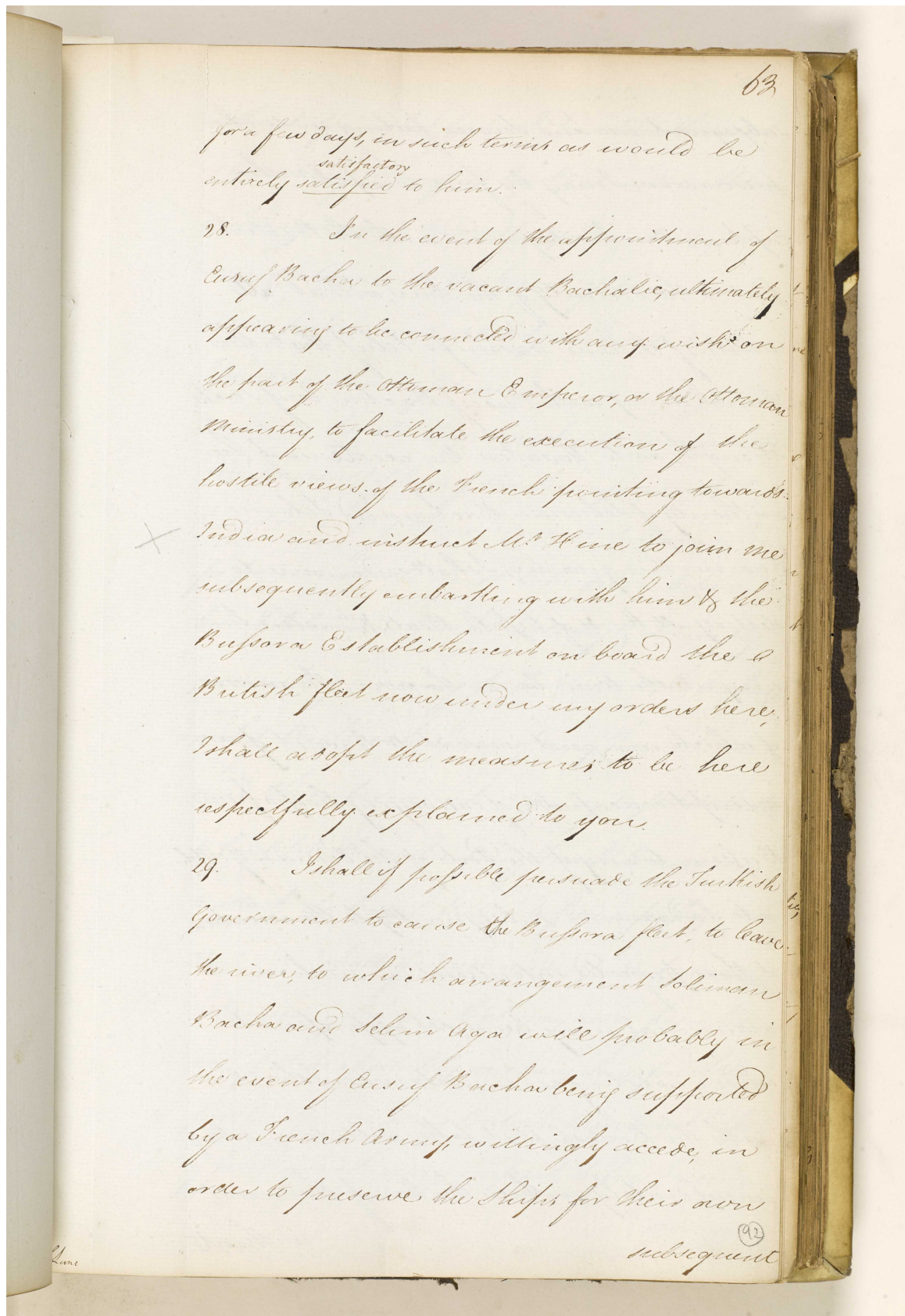
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the magnificent skirts at his
encampment near Soogelshook
on the Euphrates, for the
purpose of confirming
him in his disposition to
support Soliman Bacha
and Selim Aga in their
views and authority.

24 I should of
course on making a request
to Mr. Hine to meet me at
Coote accompany it by a
letter for Soliman Bacha
expressive of my wishes—
respecting Mr. Hine's absence
from Bagdad—

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subsequent war and service, failing in such
persuasion, I may by force, compel the
Captain Bachar, to proceed with the British
fleet to the vicinity of the Bar, and at all
events, if I have reason for belief, that the
French Army with Eusuf Bachar be of such
strength, as to threaten the existence of the
authority of Soleiman Bachar and Selim
Aga in this quarter, I shall endeavour to
destroy all kinds of Vessels, Boats &c. which
may at the time be in the river, the owners
of which may not consent to have it for
description capable of conveying troops from
Bassora to any of the Ports of the Persian Gulf
or to India, and subsequently to the execution
of these projected intentions, in such a
manner as may be most appropriate
under existing circumstances, I shall
with the British fleet take a station, either
immediately within the Bar of the river,
without

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without gun shot from the most southernmost
extremities of either of its banks, or in Core. Abdulla
as I may deem to be most expedient or in
consultation with Lieutenant Gilman, in
whose professional ability and experience
I placed entire confidence.

30. I shall then await your commands
and the result of Eusuf Bucha's approach to
Bagdad; and of the consequent struggle
for power which must take place between
him & Soleiman Bucha; actively & decidedly
preventing in every possible case, the passage
out of Buzorah river of any Frenchman
and the entrance into it, of any vessel calculated
to facilitate the wishes of any French Commander
to attack the British fleet, or to force a passage to sea.

31. I shall of course under present circumstances
retain every Cruiser that may arrive from India;
and if it be absolutely necessary, hire for the
public service every British merchant vessel
of force which may import, before I receive
your

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your Commands, in reply to this communication, and having been fully stated and explained to you my ideas, opinions, sentiments and intentions, connected with my actual official Charge & Duty, a charge & duty infinitely interesting and important as well to me as to the public, I beg leave respectfully yet urgently to solicit that if the tenor of Captain Hollinwell's letter to the Honble the President, or any other news or circumstances, induce him to place a confidence in the report of a French Army having passed from Europe through the Turkish Territories towards Persia, on its way to India, I may be speedily supported in my position here by a further number of respectable vessels, a reinforcement of Troops & Seamen, for the service of the Cruizers already here, a supply of Naval & Military Stores, in conformity to an indent, which will by my orders be transmitted to the Superintendent by Lieut. Gilman and a consignment of Treasure, to the amount of

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of 50,000/ say fifty thousand Spanish Dollars,
on the account and risk of the House Company,
in order to secure to me an adequate command
of future pecuniary means of meeting requisite
public expenditure.

32. The Cecilia was just brought out
of the Bosphorus Turkish Dock, at the time
of the receipt of Mr. Hines's advice of the
11th instant, and she has since proceeded
to the fleet, in order that a necessary survey may
be held upon her there. As however Selim
Aga has obligingly permitted his return to
Bosphorus which I momentarily expect, in order
to receive her cargo, I shall hope to be able to
effect her dispatch on or before the 3^d December,
in the pleasing hope, that at the present
favorable season of the year she may have
an expeditious passage to Bombay, & that
the services, which she may render may by
Government be considered to merit the
usual

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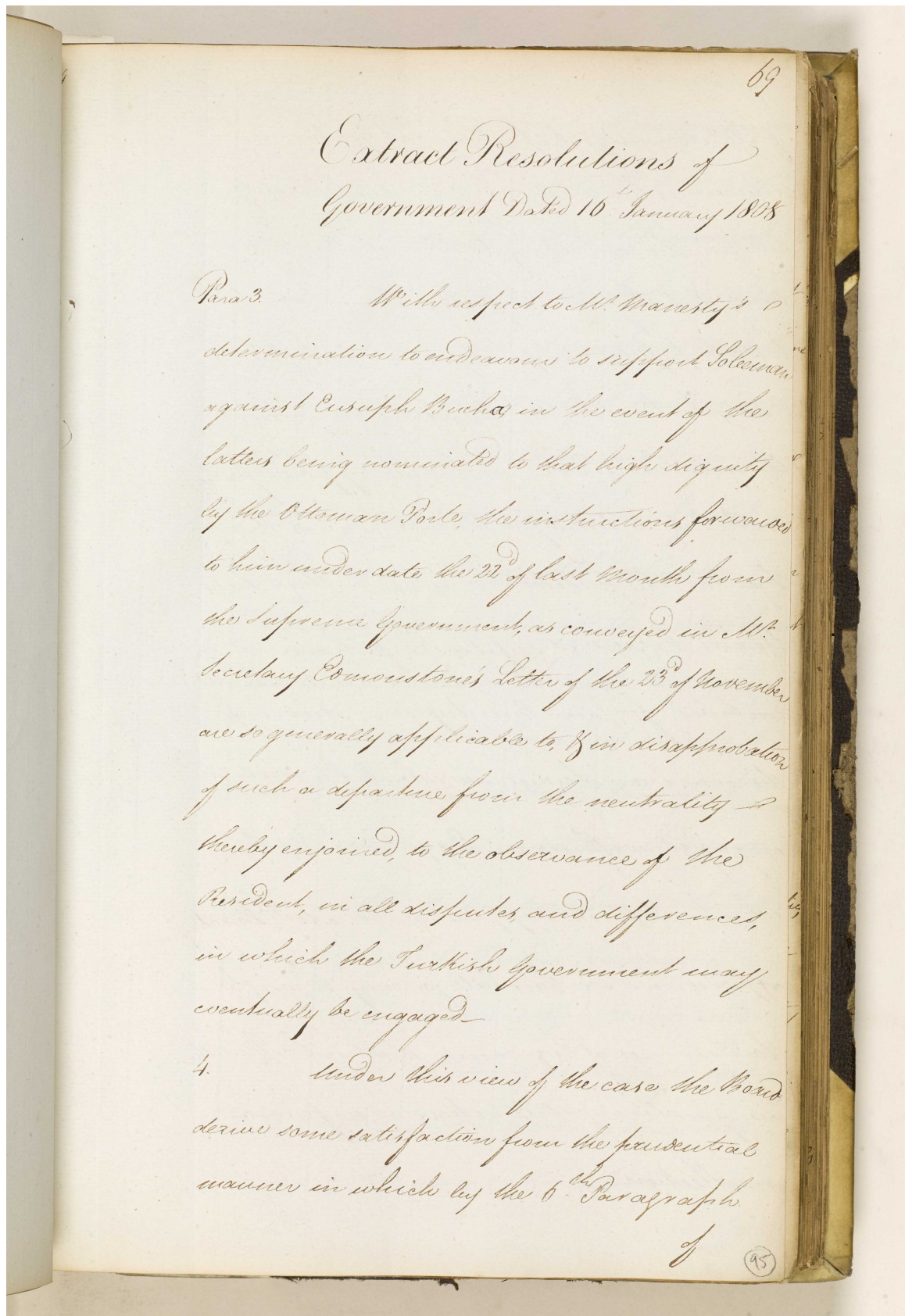
usual reward for the conveyance of a public Packet
or Bombay Letters 3,000 to be paid to Mr. John Barker
for his cargo, on account of the freighters.

33. As I cannot now possibly allow the
departure hence of any of the Double Company's
Sloops, I highly rejoice in the presence here of the
Cecil, and in the expected arrival from Bombay
of the Shannon and the Minerva, of which
vessels I shall if requisite make use in keeping
up my correspondence with India.

34. I am in momentary expectation
of the receipt of further advices from Mr. Pinn,
who will of course attentively watch the
motions of the Frenchmen at Bagdad, whose
intentions to proceed by this route to the Coast
of Persia, on a plan of Seaway has been prevented
by the presence here of a British fleet, and at
all events, I shall again address you, in
the different departments of Government.

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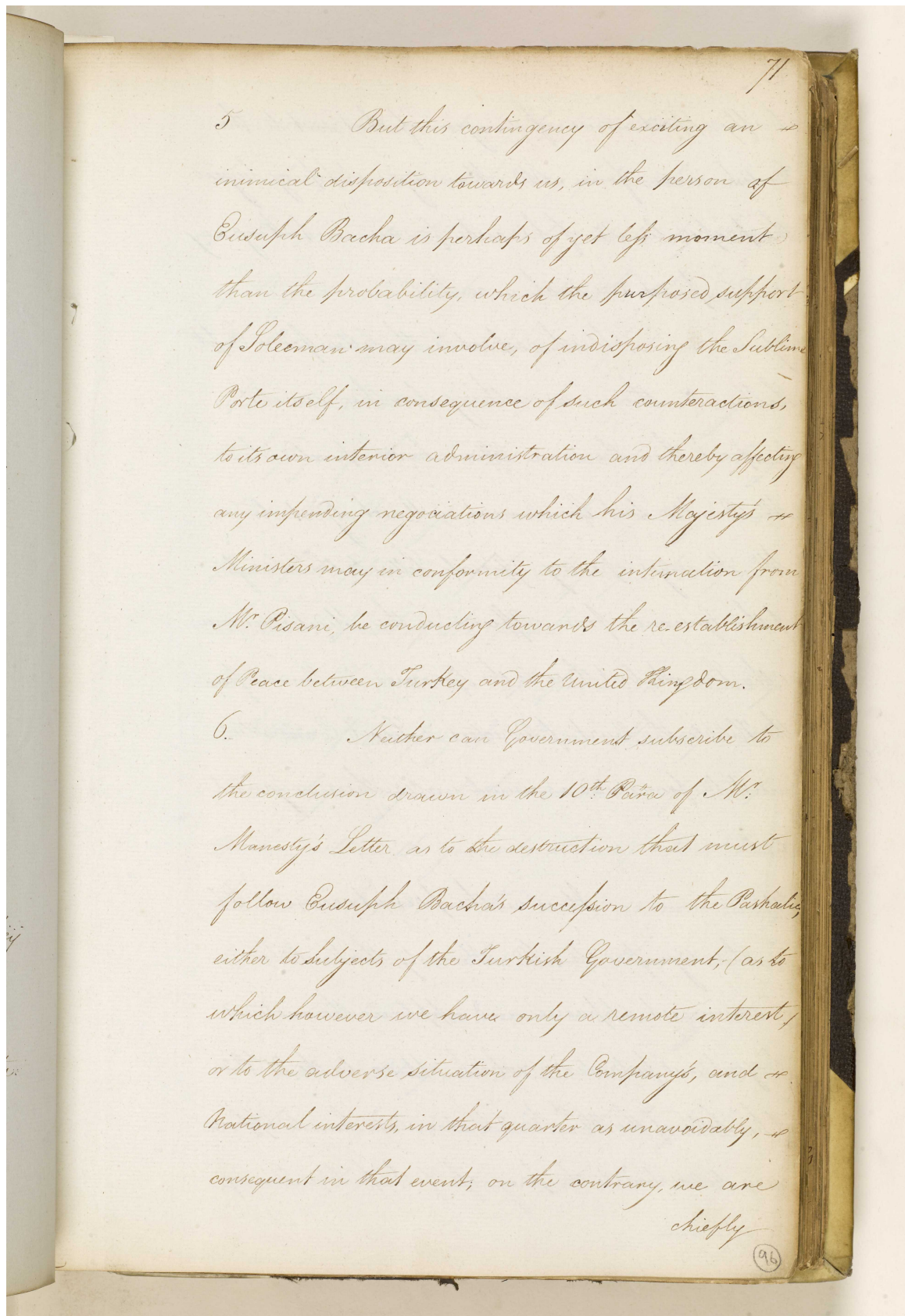


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of Mr. Manesty's dispatch, that Gentlemen
announces his intention to conduct himself
between the contending Parties; at the same
time that they cannot flatter themselves it
will be possible completely to conceal from
Eusuph Pasha the predilection evinced
towards his rival, such as may powerfully
contribute to transfer to our Enemies the
French, the predilection which ^{the} late
Grand Vizier is supposed to have
inherited for our Countrymen, during
the common service in which he was
engaged with us in Egypt, and of
which Colonel Caffier and Mr. Mackie
experienced in their late journey, through
the Province of Ezy-roon, that the Minister
in question still retained a favorable
recollection.

5. But

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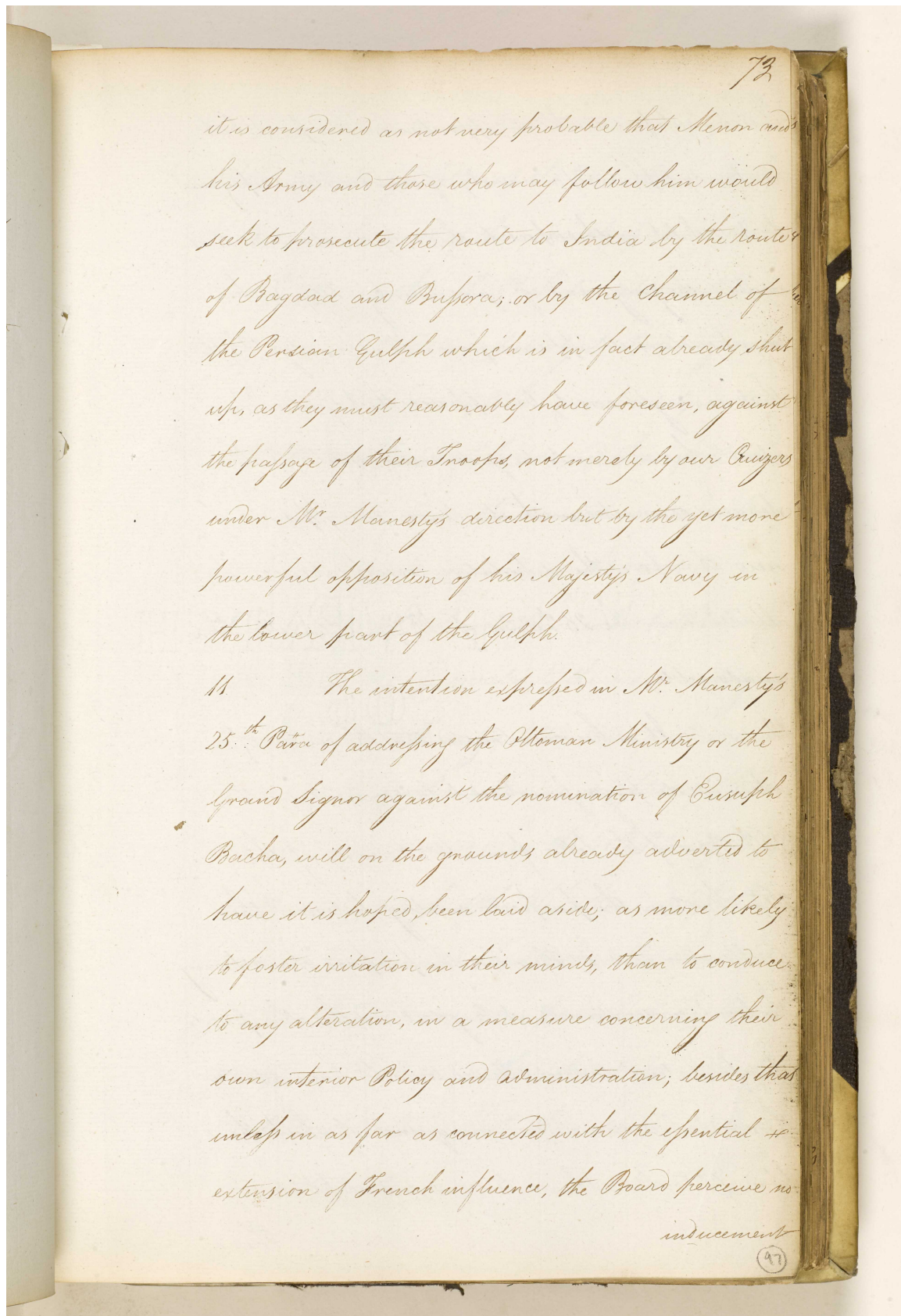
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chiefly apprehensive of danger of that sort to the British cause, from Mr. Manesty's stepping beyond the proper limits of his interference in taking any decided part in such a contest.

7. With respect to the letter from Capt. Hollowell, there was nothing farther in its purport than the same Officer had imparted to Mr. Barker, but Government will not object to Mr. Manesty's opening Official Letters to the address of the Governor, from Officers in the Mediterranean, or the Levant, but those to the Governor in Council from the Honble the Court of Directors or Secret Committee must be forwarded as usual under their original seal.

10. It is on the present occasion to be farther signified to Mr. Manesty, that whilst Government approve and applaud the motives of zeal and patriotism which appear by the 21st Para of his Letter of the 26th Nov^r to stimulate him to oppose every obstruction to the progress of the public Enemy
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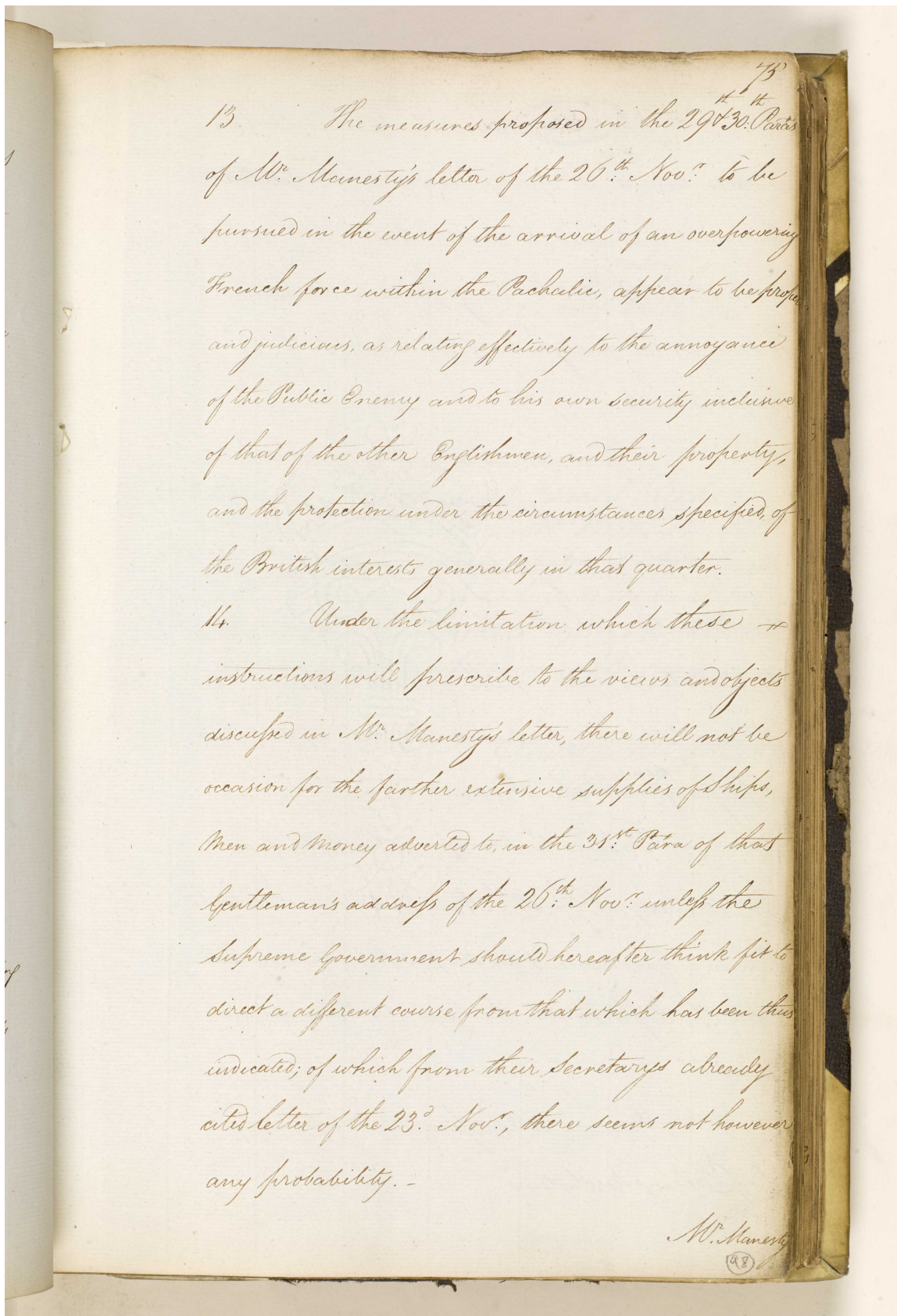
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inducement for such an opposition on our part, but
has already explained a variety of considerations repugnant
to it; whilst, with respect to the only consideration that
could in the judgment of Government justify such a
counteraction, it appears from Mr. Manesty's 23rd Para
that, as might easily be supposed that Gentleman
admits his means to be quite inadequate to the
Service connected with it. Under every point of
view therefore the dehortatory correspondence
alluded to in the 25th Para of Mr. Manesty's letter seems
unadvisable.

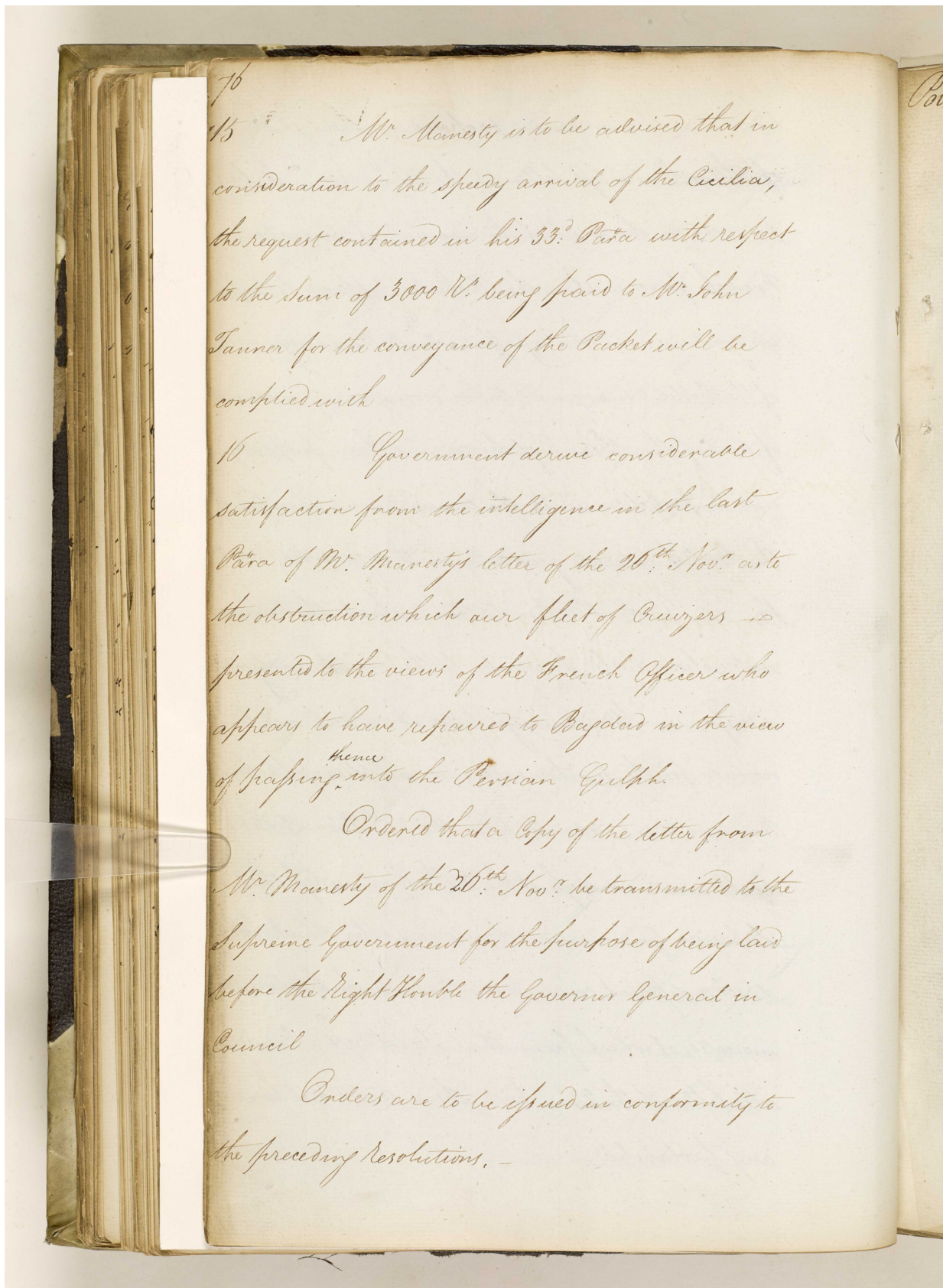
12. It is however trusted that the course of
intermediate progress noticed to be requisite in the
26th Para of the letter from Mr. Manesty of the
26th Nov^r in the purposed meeting between this
Gentleman and D^r. Hine for the purpose of ascertaining
the local circumstances at Bagdad and the other points
of information therein alluded to, will have averted
the several inconvenient consequences of which the
plan ^{if} literally adhered to seems so susceptible.

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15 Mr. Manesty is to be advised that in consideration to the speedy arrival of the Cecilia, the request contained in his 33.^d Para with respect to the sum of 3000 N. being paid to Mr. John Tanner for the conveyance of the Packet will be complied with

16 Government derive considerable satisfaction from the intelligence in the last Para of Mr. Manesty's letter of the 20.th Nov.^r as to the obstruction which our fleet of Cruizers presented to the views of the French Officer who appears to have repaired to Bagdad in the view of trapping ^{hence} into the Persian Gulph.

Ordered that a copy of the letter from Mr. Manesty of the 20.th Nov.^r be transmitted to the Supreme Government for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council

Orders are to be issued in conformity to the preceding Resolutions. -