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‘Appointment of Mr Claudius James Rich to be Resident at Bagdad – Mr Hine allowed the option of resuming his former situation of Assistant to the Residency and to discharge it’s Medical duties – Application from Mr Rich regarding his allowances submitted to the Court’s favourable consideration.’

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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 to and from the Government of Bombay.

The item relates to the appointment of Claudius James Rich to the position of Resident at Bagdad [Baghdad]; the importance of maintaining a positive relationship with the Resident of Bussorah [Basra]; Rich’s chief object of establishing secure channels of communication between England and India through the central location of Bagdad. In addition, the item refers to the offer made to Doctor John Hine, Acting Resident of Bagdad, to continue with the charge of medical duties as Assistant to the Residency. The item also includes copies of letters of introduction for Rich written by the Government of Bombay and transmitted to multiple agents and officers in Tripoli, Egypt, Malta and the Mediterranean.

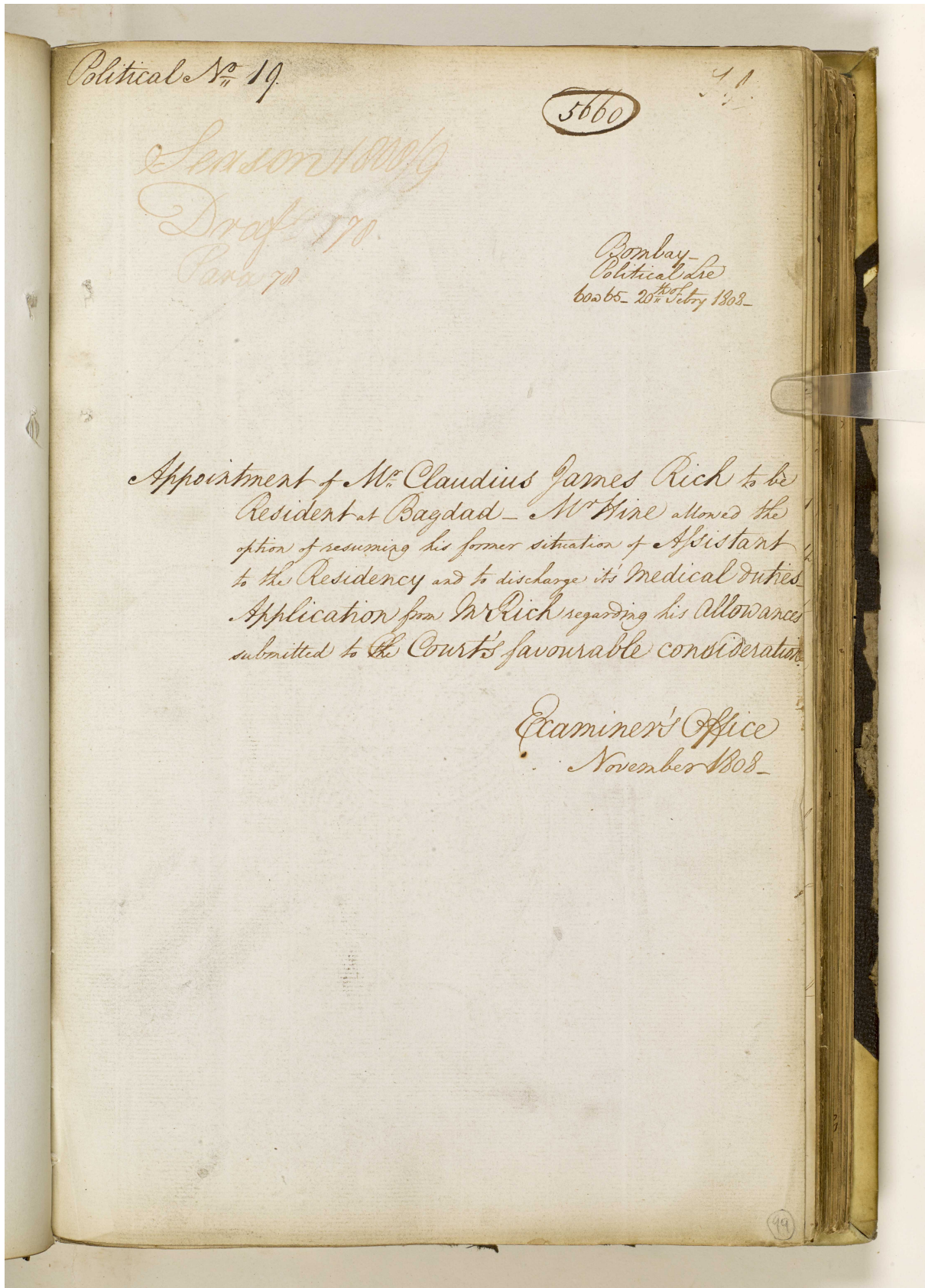
Folios 117-126 contain discussions of a clause (Stat G. III, Chapter 52, Sect. 57) relating to restrictions on the 'salary, perquisites and emoluments' for civil servants employed by the East India Company. In particular, the discussions centre on the previous service of Rich and whether he is entitled to emoluments and a higher allowance as Resident. The uniqueness of the office of Political Resident - and how the clause does not apply to this office - is also mentioned.

The majority of the material in the item is dated from early 1808, with later material (September 1808) revealing that the Court of Directors has decided to abolish the Residency at Bagdad.

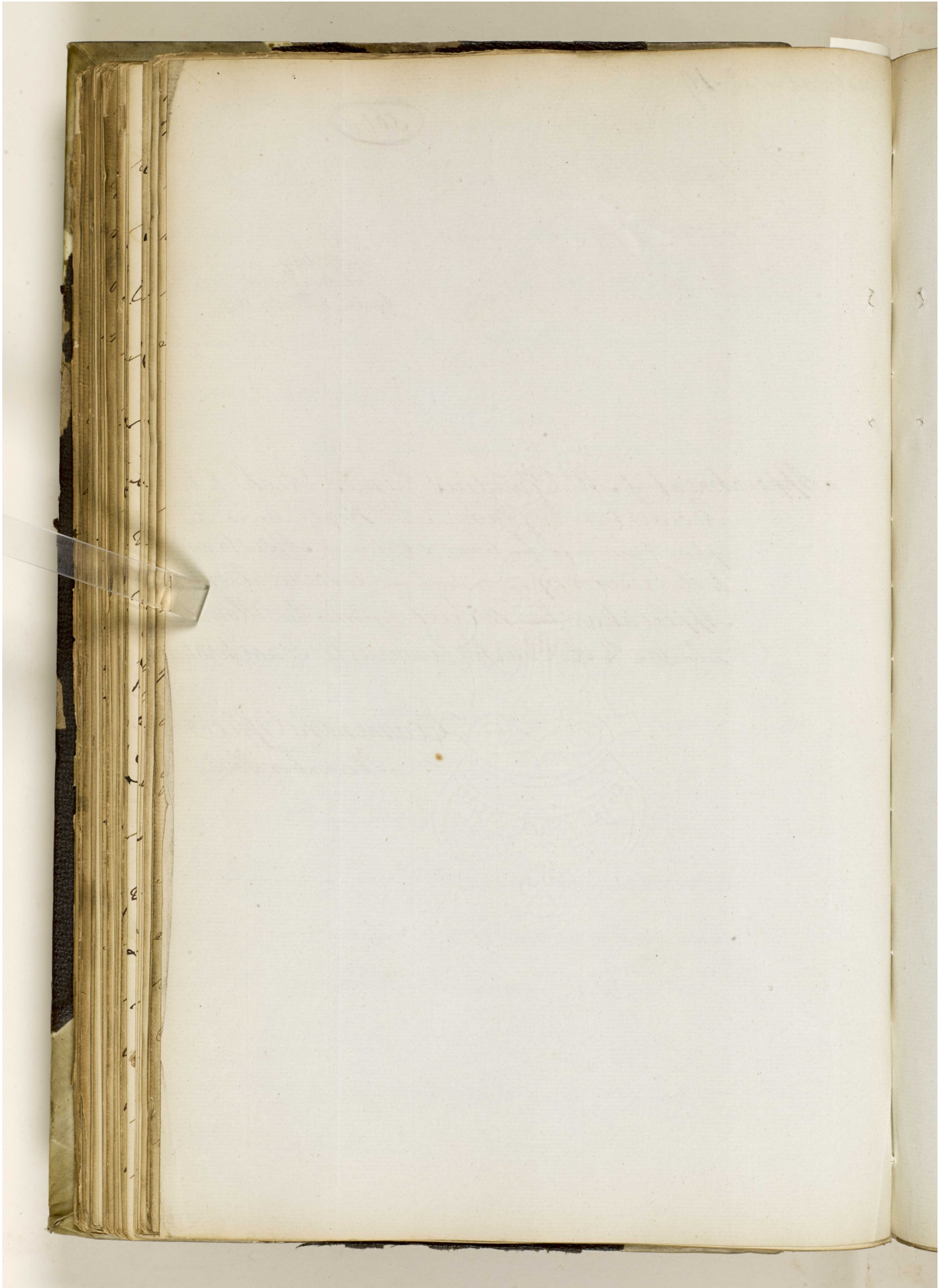
Correspondents: Government of Bombay; Court of Directors of the East India Company; Claudius James Rich, Resident at Bagdad; George Cumming Osborne, Secretary to Government, Bombay; John Hine, Acting Resident in charge of Bagdad; John Elphinstone, Accountant General, Bombay; Agent or Consul of his Britannic Majesty at Tripoli; Officer commanding His Majesty's Naval Forces in the Mediterranean; Officer commanding His Majesty's Naval Forces on the Coast of Egypt; and the Governor of Malta.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Political No. 19, Season 1808/09, Draft 178, Para 78' and 'Examiner's Office November 1808'.

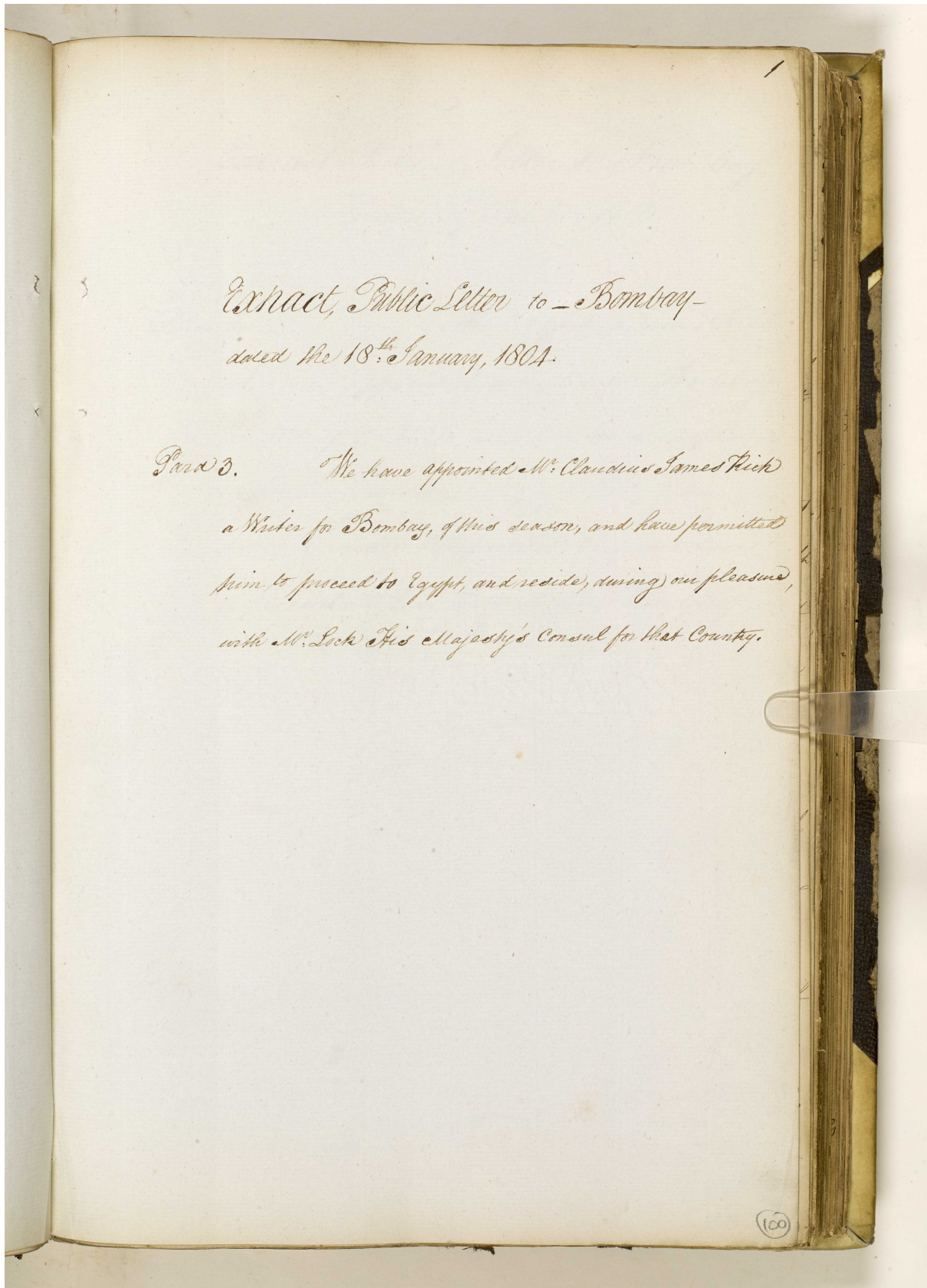
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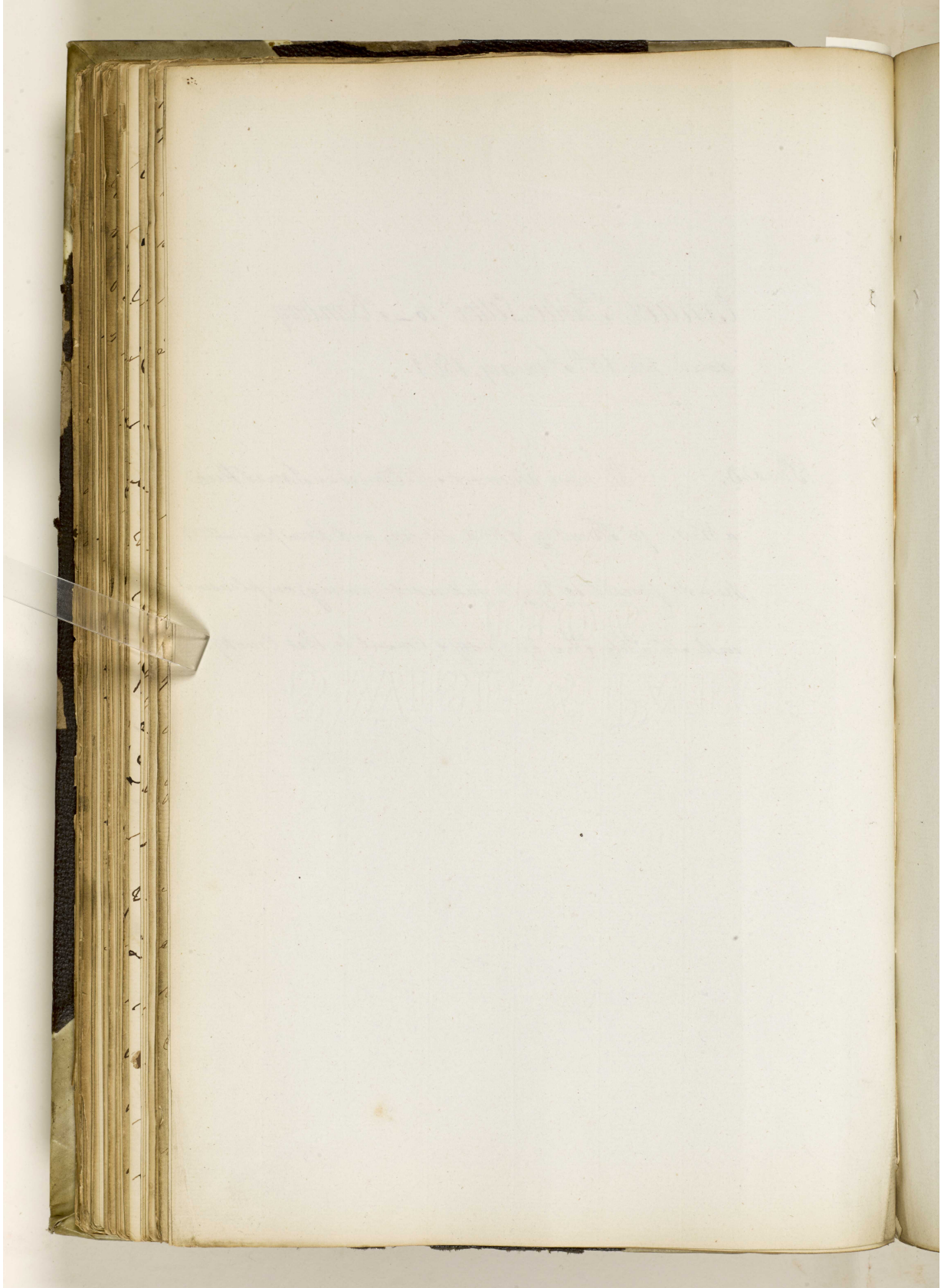
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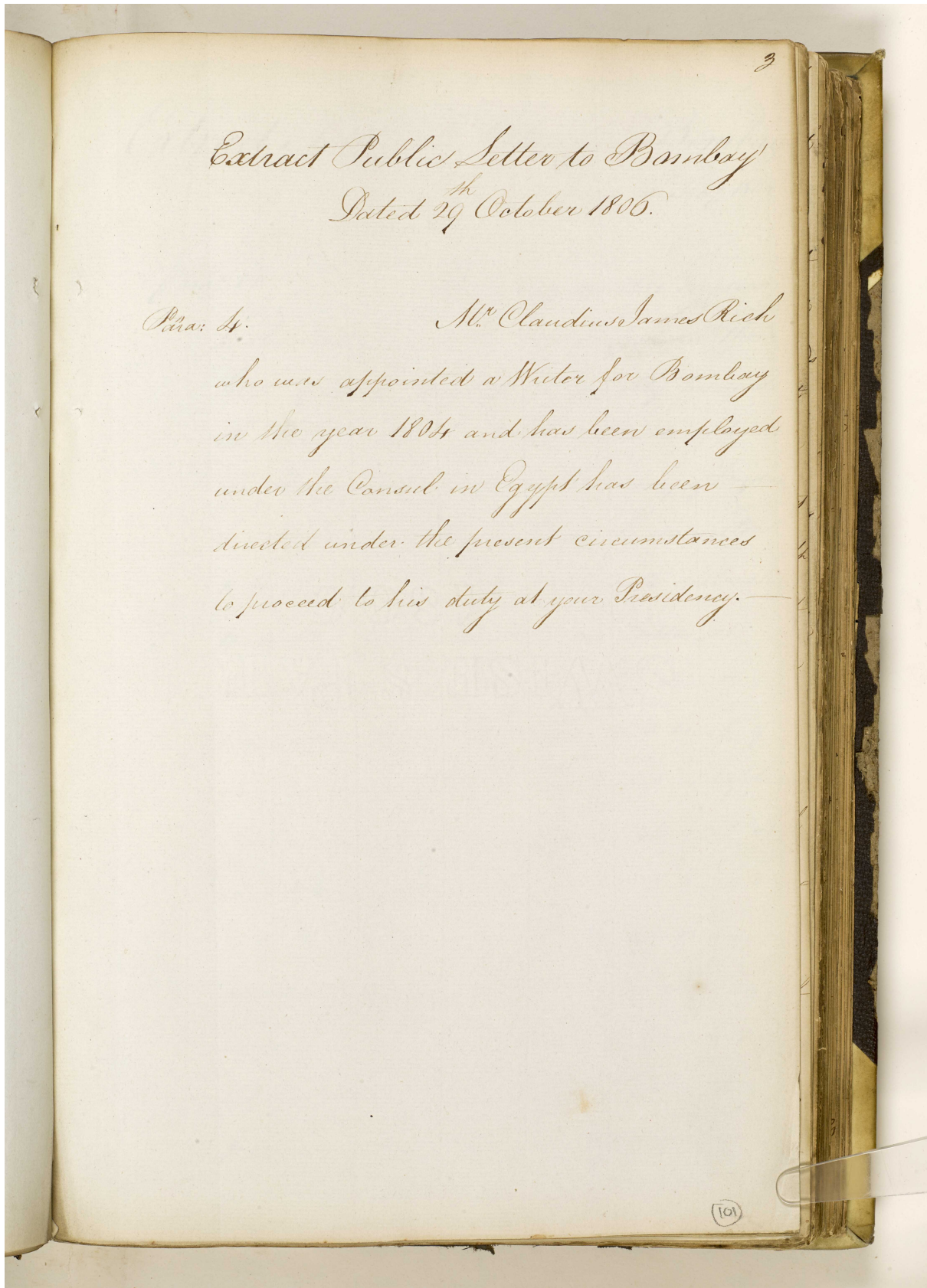
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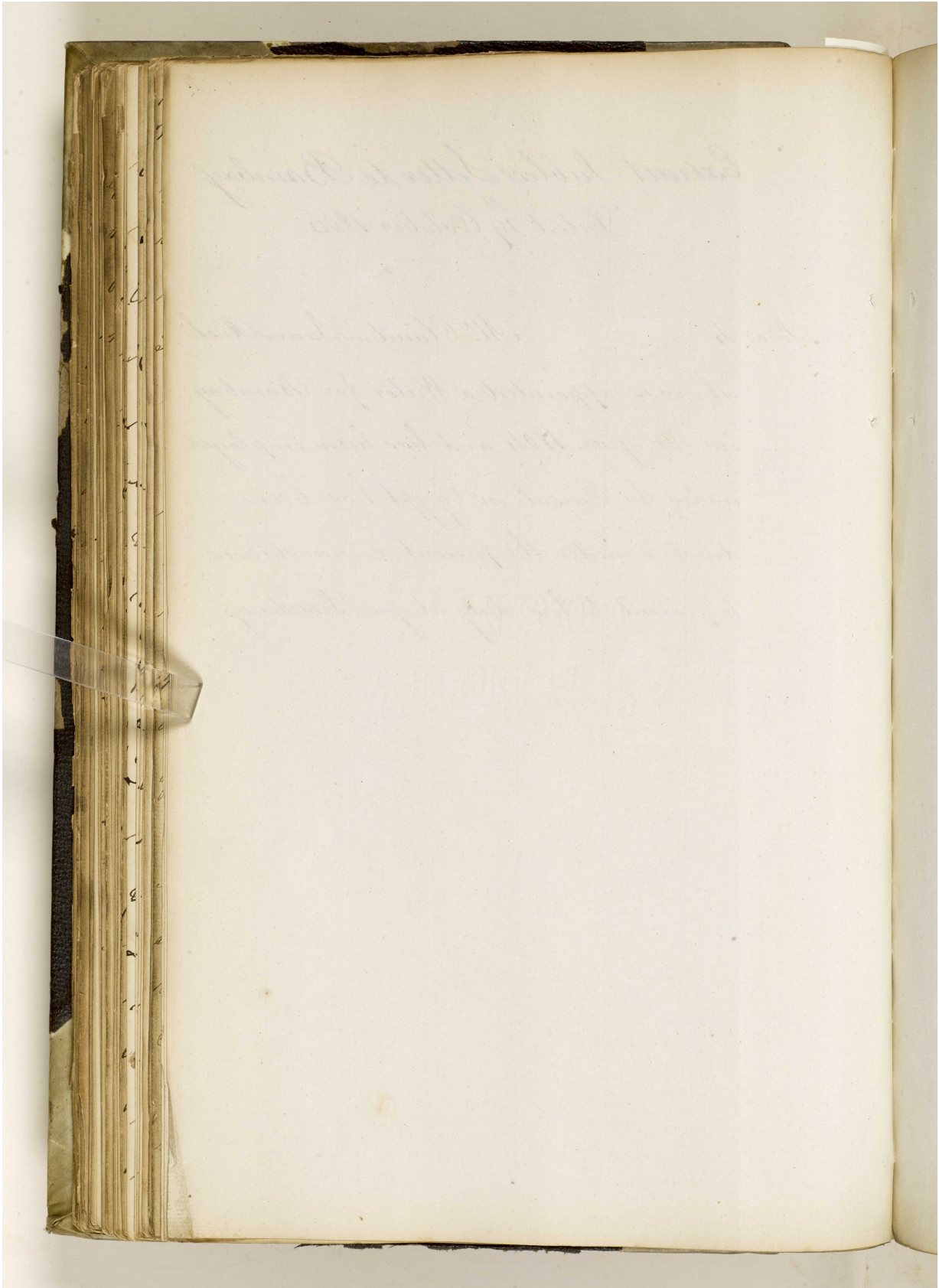
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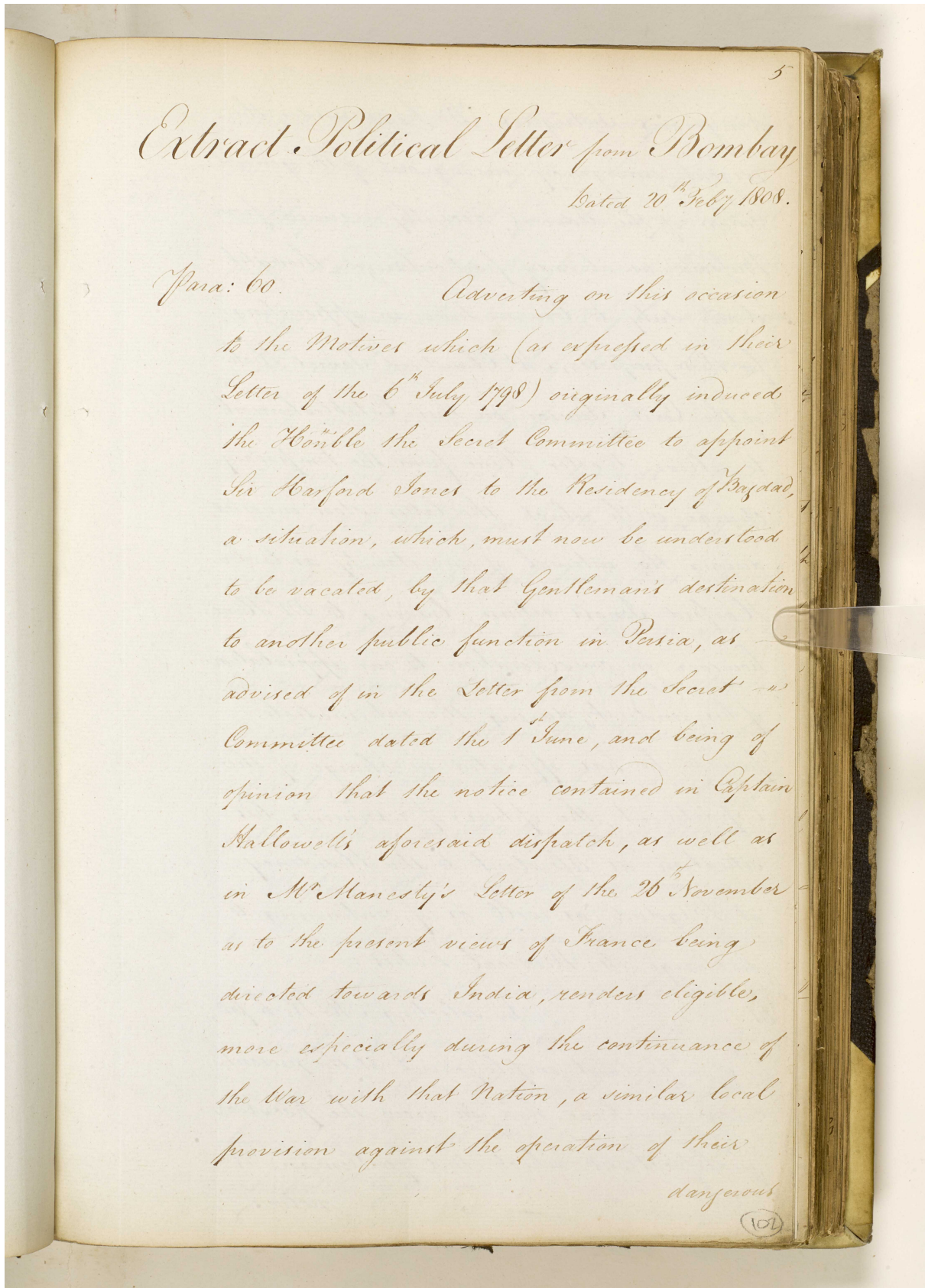
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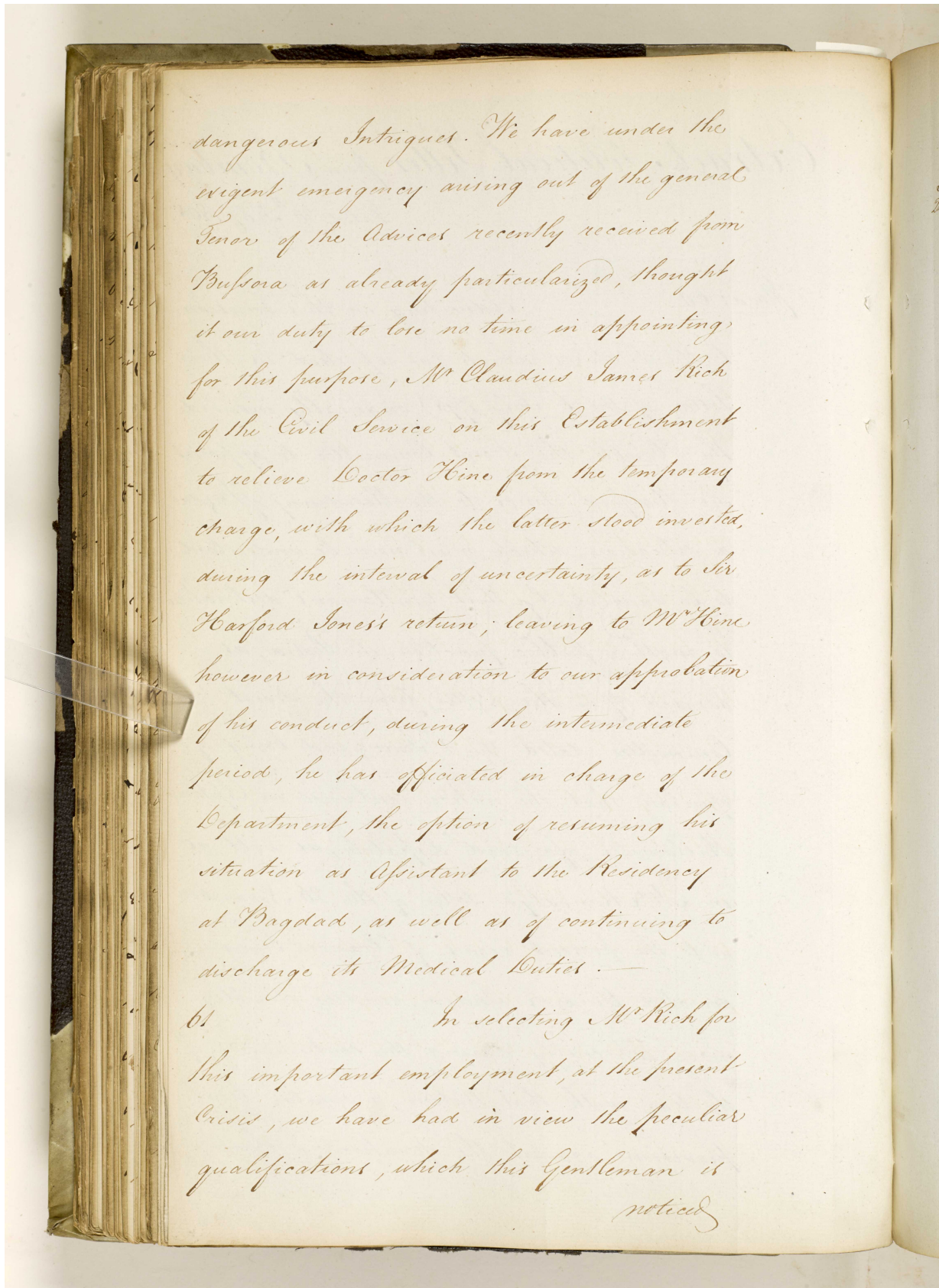
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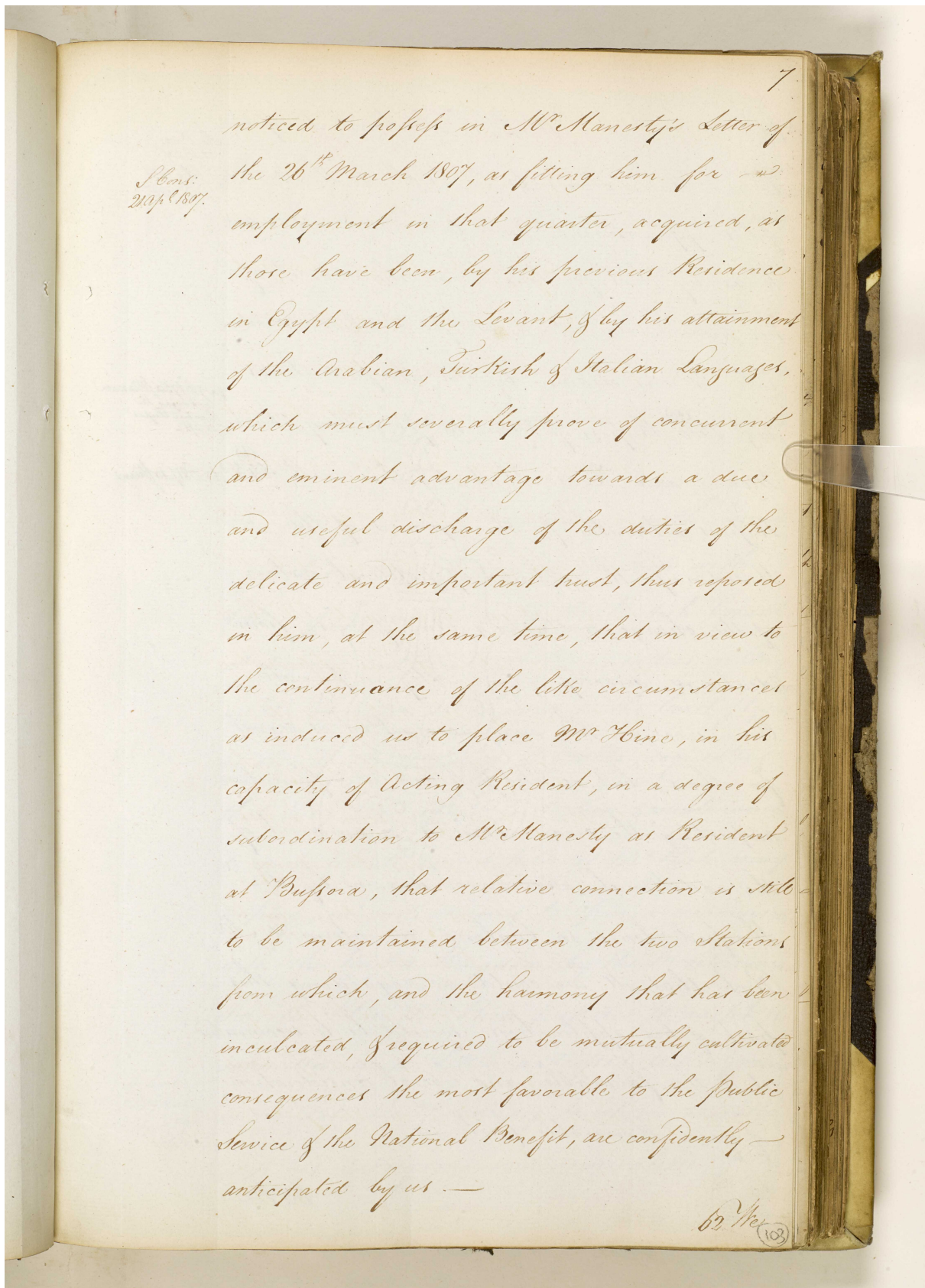
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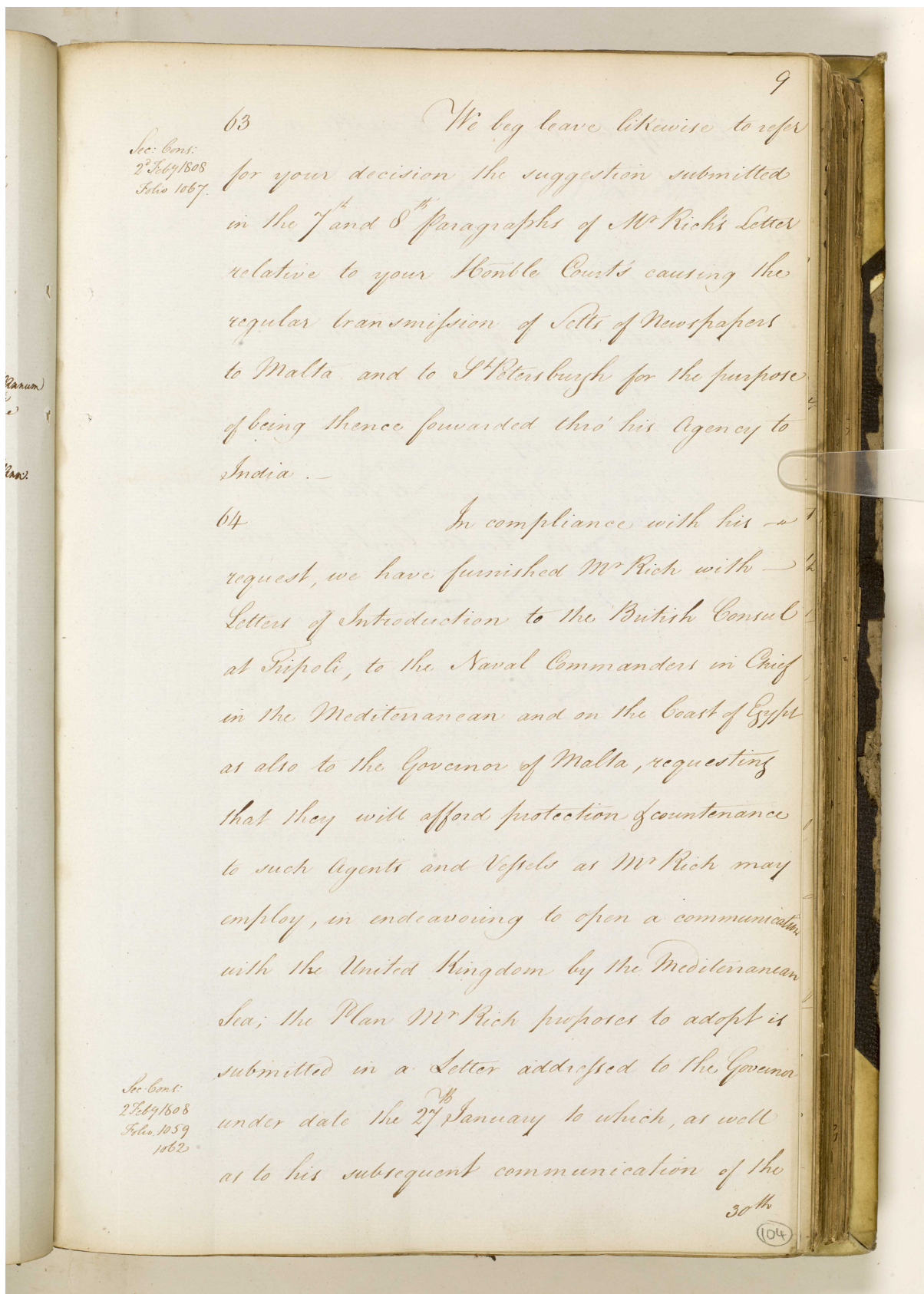


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[103v] (10/66)

62. We have the honor to refer ^{See Cont: 2 Feb 1864} to our Instructions to Mr Rich, on the occasion ^{File 1086 1062} of his appointment; and to a Letter addressed to us by that Gentleman on the subject of his allowances, which we fixed at the same rate as was drawn by Sir Harford Jones viz: ^{(a) £1950 Annuum reckoning the British Rupee at 2/6-} 1300 ^(a) Rupees for Salary, Diet Money and House Rent, together with ^{(b) £37-10 Annua} 545 ^(b) Rupees a Month, for the expences of the Residency; the exclusively political nature of the charge restricting him, of course, from dealings directly or indirectly in private Commerce, on his own account, or as Agent for others, but as we possessed no information respecting the circumstances, or amount of the additional allowances drawn by Sir Harford Jones in England, we informed Mr Rich that all we could do regarding this part of his application would be to recommend it to the favorable and liberal consideration of your Honorable Court.

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Folio 1067

We beg leave likewise to refer for your decision the suggestion submitted in the 7th and 8th Paragraphs of Mr Rich's Letter relative to your Honble Court's causing the regular transmission of Letters of Newspapers to Malta and to St^h Petersburg for the purpose of being thence forwarded thro' his Agency to India.

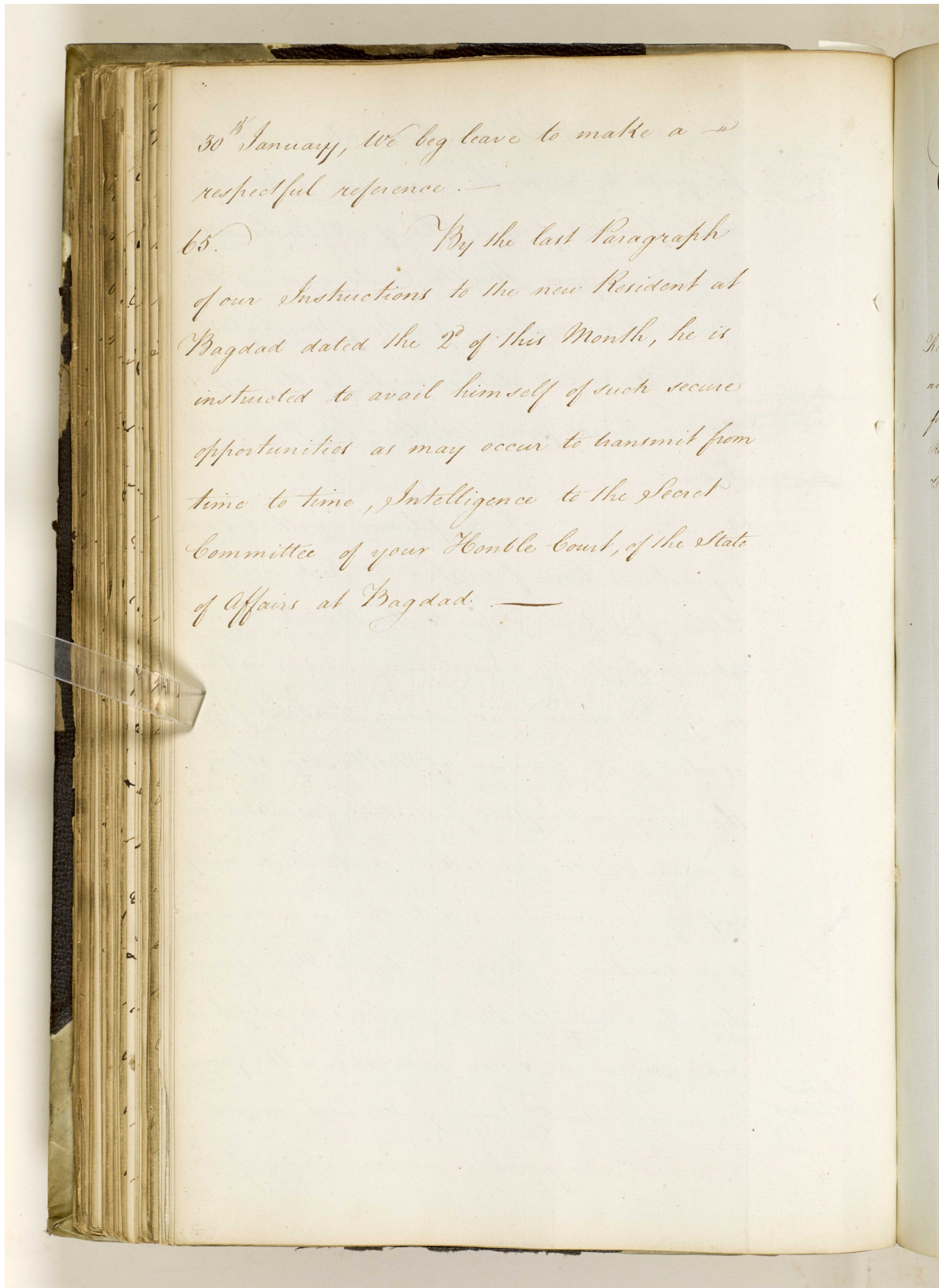
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In compliance with his request, we have furnished Mr Rich with Letters of Introduction to the British Consul at Tripoli, to the Naval Commanders in Chief in the Mediterranean and on the Coast of Egypt as also to the Governor of Malta, requesting that they will afford protection & countenance to such Agents and Vessels as Mr Rich may employ, in endeavouring to open a communication with the United Kingdom by the Mediterranean Sea; the Plan Mr Rich proposes to adopt is submitted in a Letter addressed to the Governor under date the 27th January to which, as well as to his subsequent communication of the 30th

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[105r] (13/66)

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Extract Public Letter to Bombay

Dated 7th September 1808.

Recommendation of the Bengal and Bombay Governments for the consolidation of the Residencies of Baspora and Bagdad } We have taken into our consideration the recommendation of the Governor General and Council for the consolidation of the Residencies of Baspora & Bagdad; and for the reasons which have been assigned by them and by yourselves, in your letter to the Bengal Government of the 17th May 1806, we have resolved that the Bagdad Residency shall be withdrawn, & that whatever communication of a political nature it may be necessary in future to have with the Pascha of Bagdad shall be made through the medium of the Resident at Baspora, as formerly, or by his Assistant deputed to Bagdad for that purpose. Mr. Manesty having intimated an intention of relinquishing his situation

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[105v] (14/66)

situation in the present year, we direct that a successor be nominated who in your judgment may be duly qualified to discharge the duties of the Office. As both in your opinion and in that of the Bengal Government the Resident at Bussia and his Assistant should be restricted from engaging in any mercantile concerns, you will take into your considerations what, under this restriction, may be deemed an adequate Salary to be attached to those Offices. We need not observe to you that a former proposal of Mr. Manesty for the appointment of a Consul General, including other expensive arrangements is entirely inadvisable & totally unnecessary for the accomplishment of the main object of the Bussia Residency, the conveyance of Dispatches to & from India, and even this by the situation of Affairs on the Continent of Europe, has been rendered
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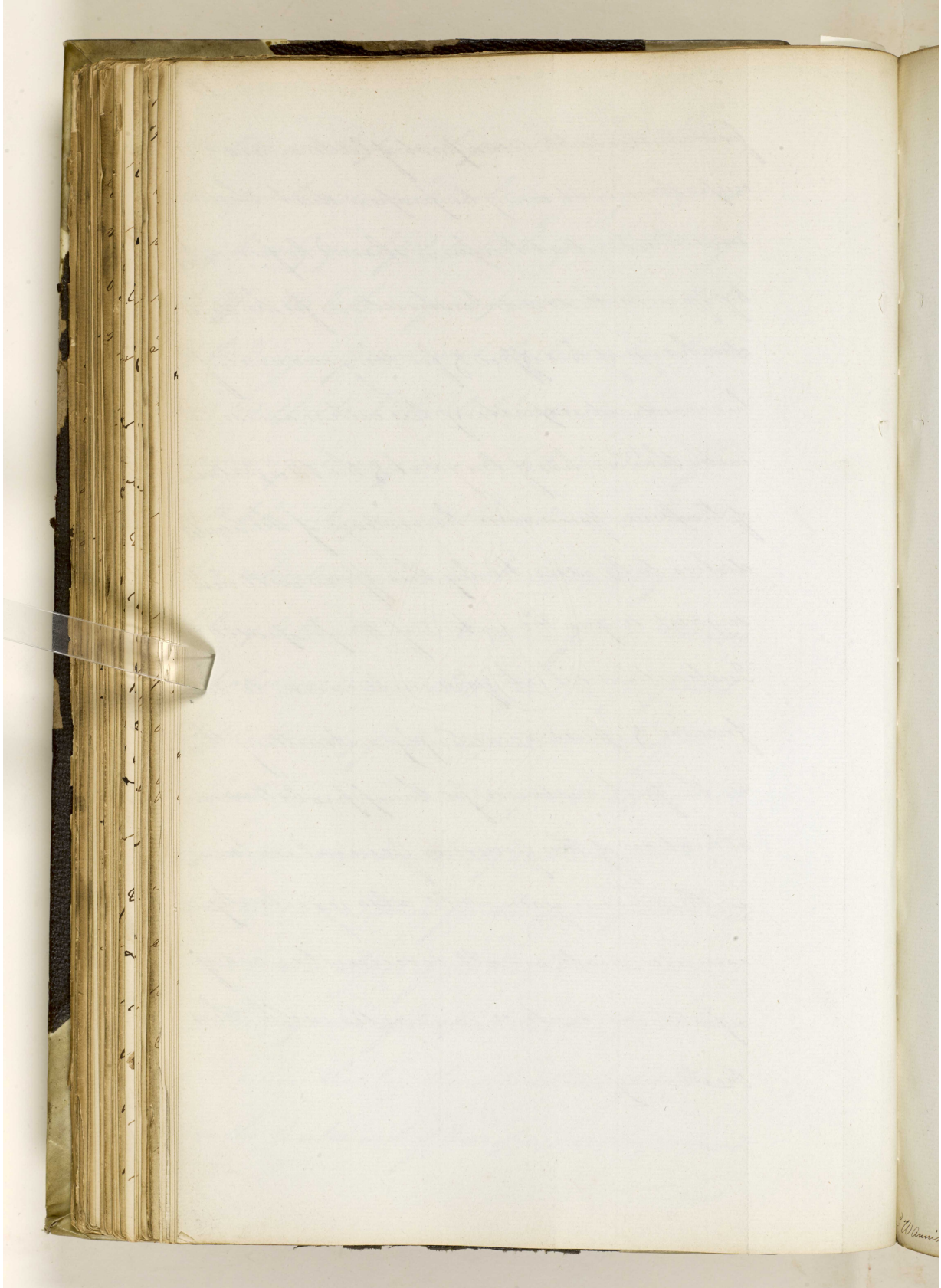
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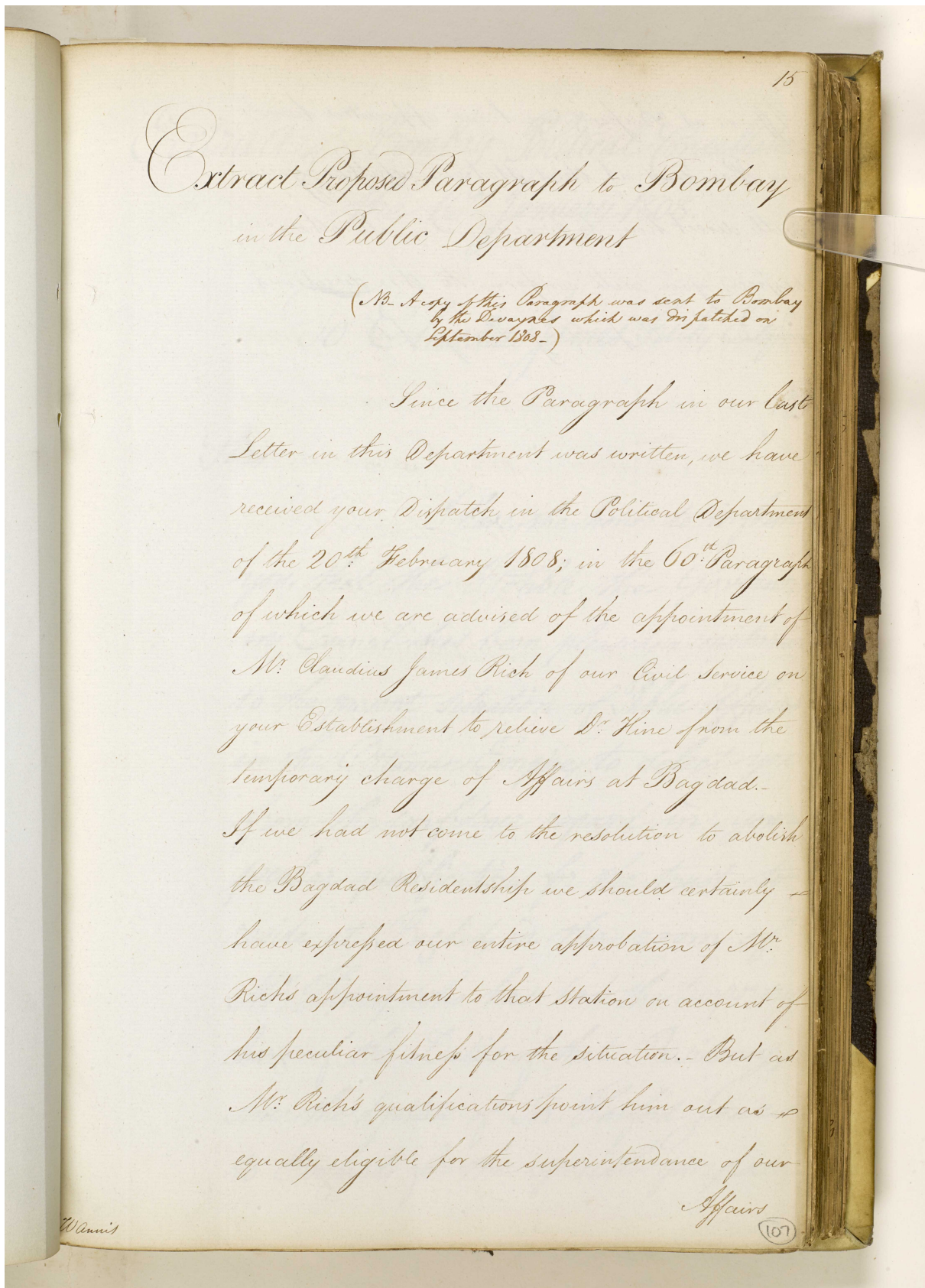
for a considerable time past of little or no importance. It may be proper that the new Resident at Buspora should be furnished by you with some Instructions for the due discharge of his Office & for the guidance of his conduct respecting his intercourse with the Pashaw of Bagdad & the Mufassilim of Buspora. Your own knowledge of the duties to be executed by this Office will best suggest to you the nature of the proposed Instructions which you will cause to be framed & issued accordingly, submitting them in the first instance for the approbation or alteration of the Governor General in Council with whom you will also regularly communicate, on all circumstances of a political nature connected with this Residency.

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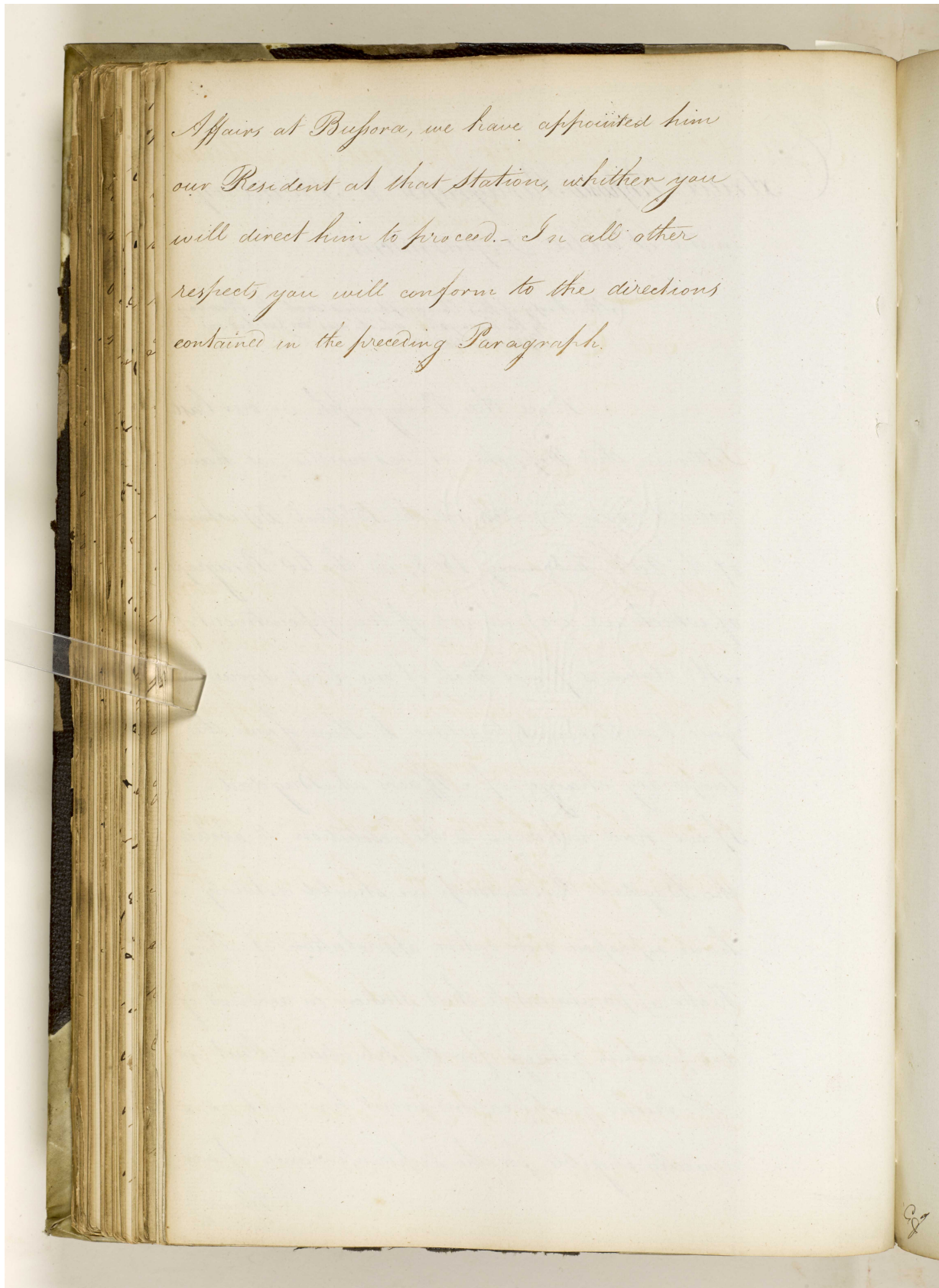
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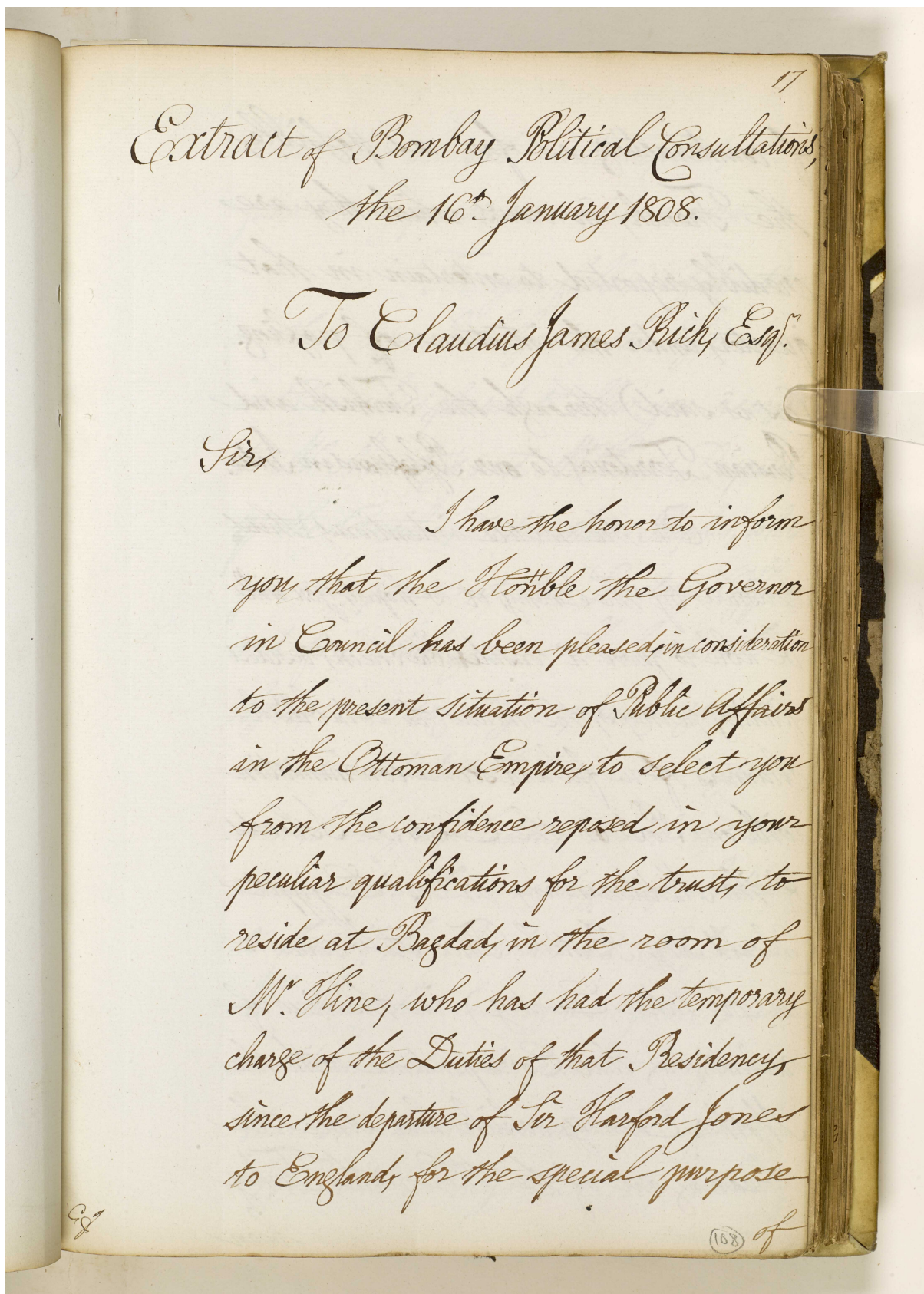
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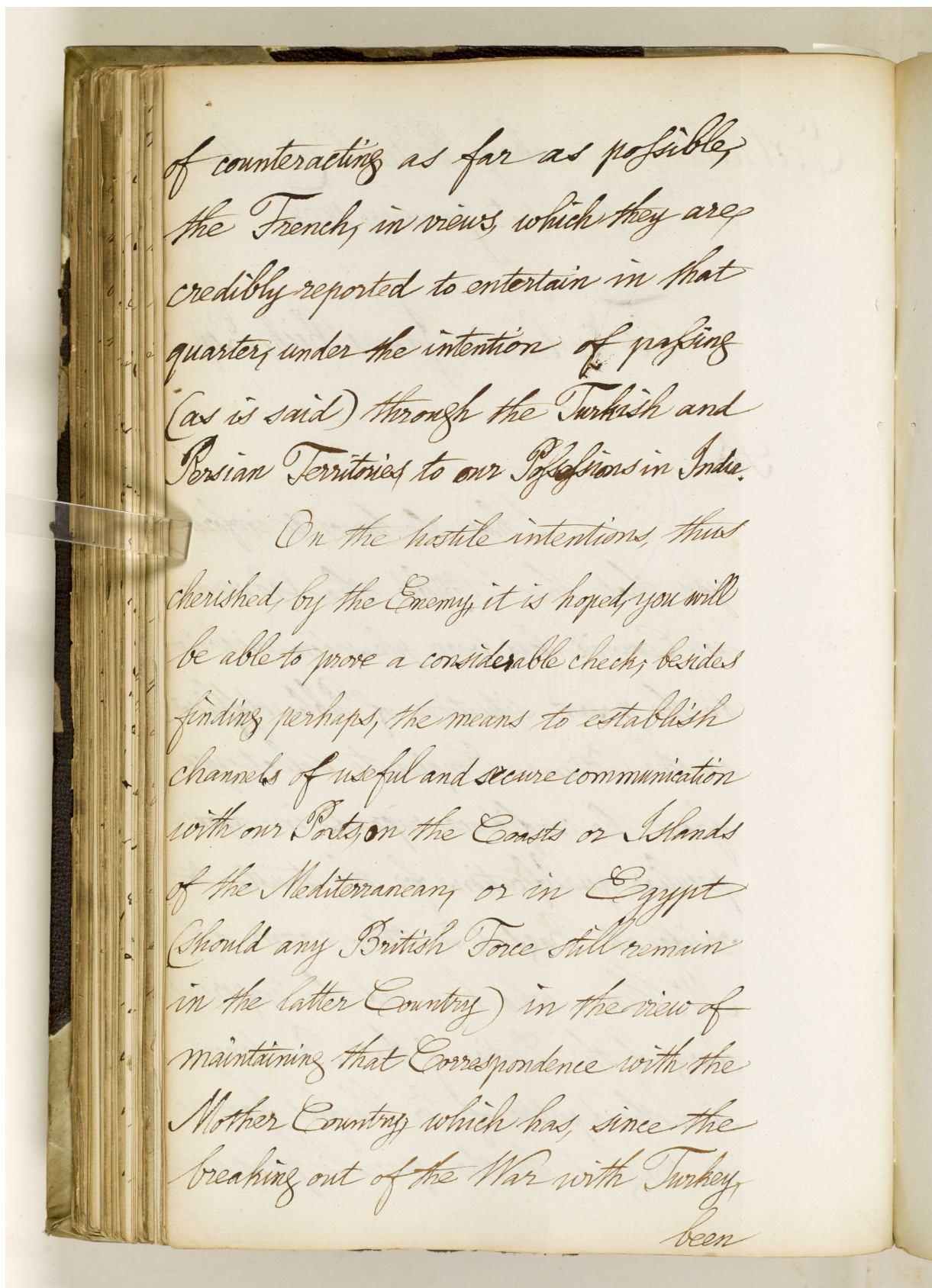
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been either altogether interrupted, or
proved very precarious and insecure.
For your fuller information
on these several Subjects, the Governor
in Council is pleased to allow you access
to Mr. Manesty's and Mr. Hine's Dispatches
of the Cecilies, and to their Replies, which
you may peruse at the Secretary's Office,
and from which you will learn the
objects most urgently requiring your
more immediate attention on your
arrival at your Station; which is to
remain under the same degree of subordination
to that of the President at Basora, as
Mr. Hine's had latterly been placed, in
consideration to the peculiar exigencies
that, on the commencement of the
War with Turkey, led to that
Arrangement.

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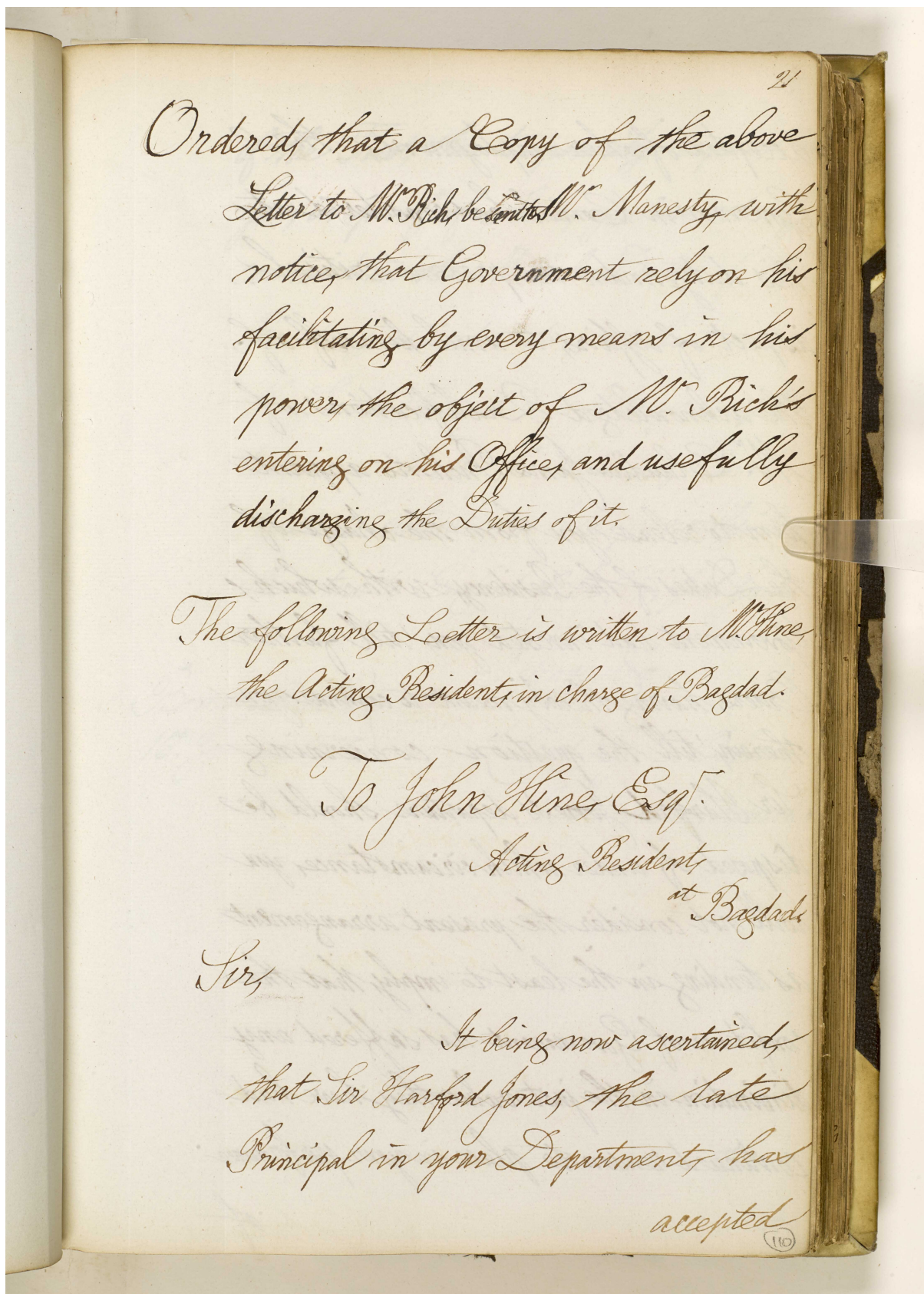
Arrangement, whence it is expected and required, that the most perfect good understanding and harmony be cultivated and maintained between M^r Manesty and yourself, so conducive at all times, but indispensably so in the present, to the success of the important charge, thus committed to you.

M^r Hine is to continue in the Situation of Surgeon to the Residency, under an option of resuming the Appointment of Assistant, which he held under Sir Harford Jones.

I have, &c
(Signed) G. C. Osborne,
Secretary to Government.
Ordered

Dorchester
16th January 1808.

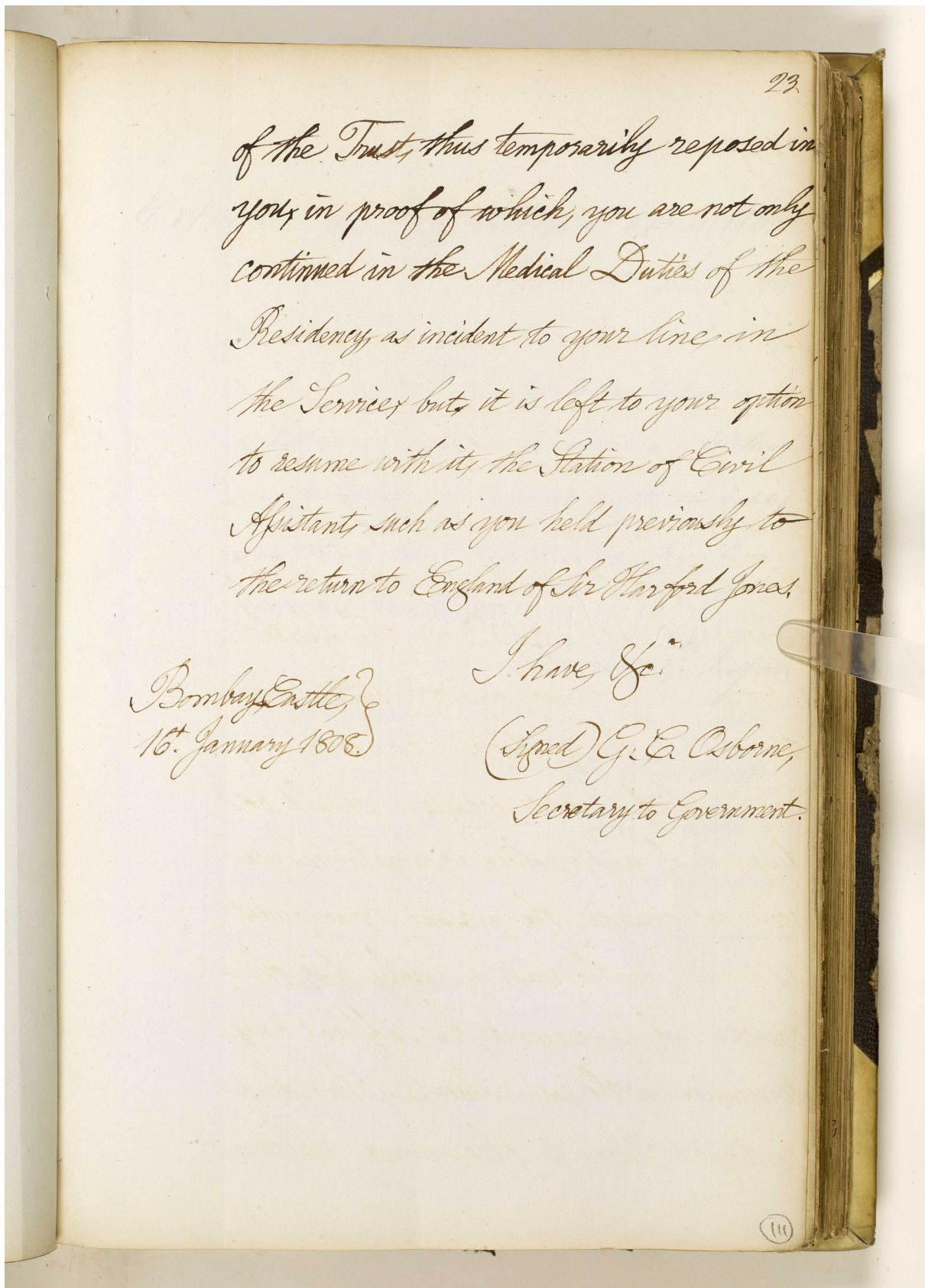
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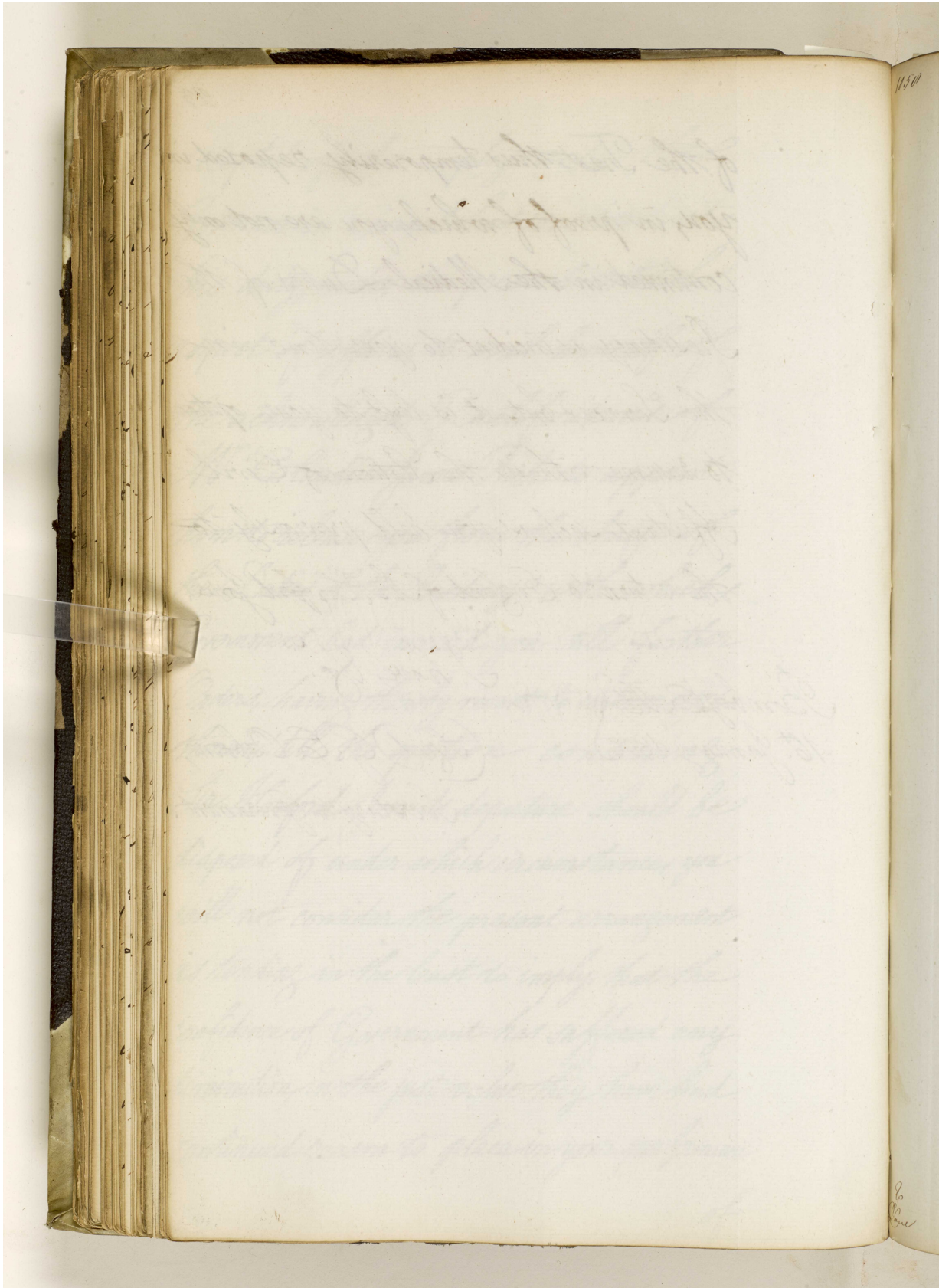
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accepted of other employments, the
Governor in Council has considered it
his duty, under the present critical
aspect of affairs, to avail himself of
the acknowledged Qualifications of
M^r. Claudius James Rich, to appoint
him to release you from the charge of
the Duties of the Residency, with which
Government had invested you, till farther
Orders, having thereby meant to continue you
therein till the question concerning
Sir Harford Jones's departure should be
disposed of, under which circumstances, you
will not consider the present arrangement
as tending in the least to imply that the
confidence of Government has suffered any
diminution, in the just value they have had
continued reason to place in your performance
of

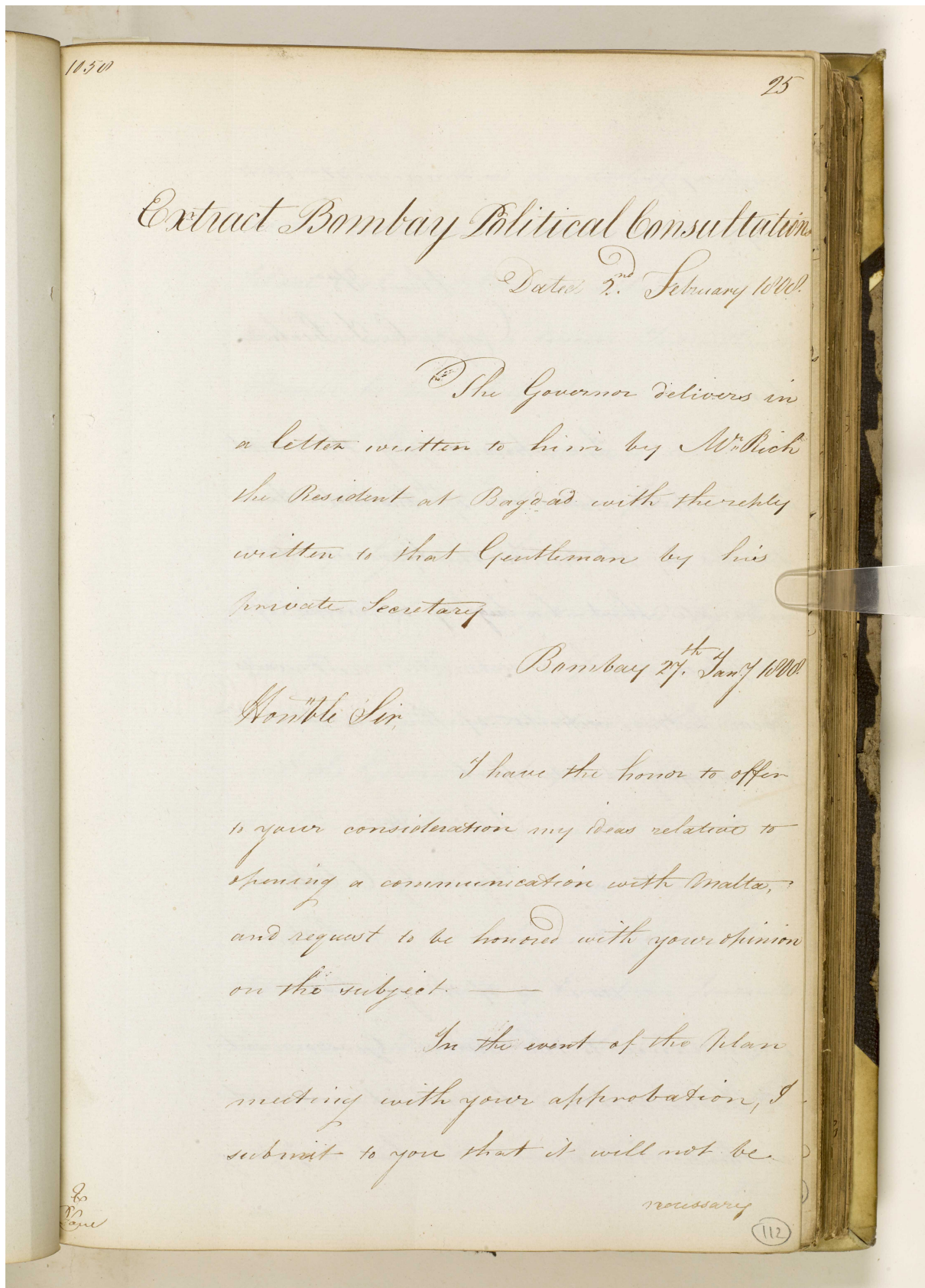
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necessary for me to communicate it to
any one else until its execution

I have Y^o^a

(S^{ig}) C. J. Rich

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt
of your letter dated the 27th Instant. I am
directed by the Honble the Governor to
intimate that he highly approves of
the plan you have submitted and awaits
your future reports of the progress made
in carrying it into effect.

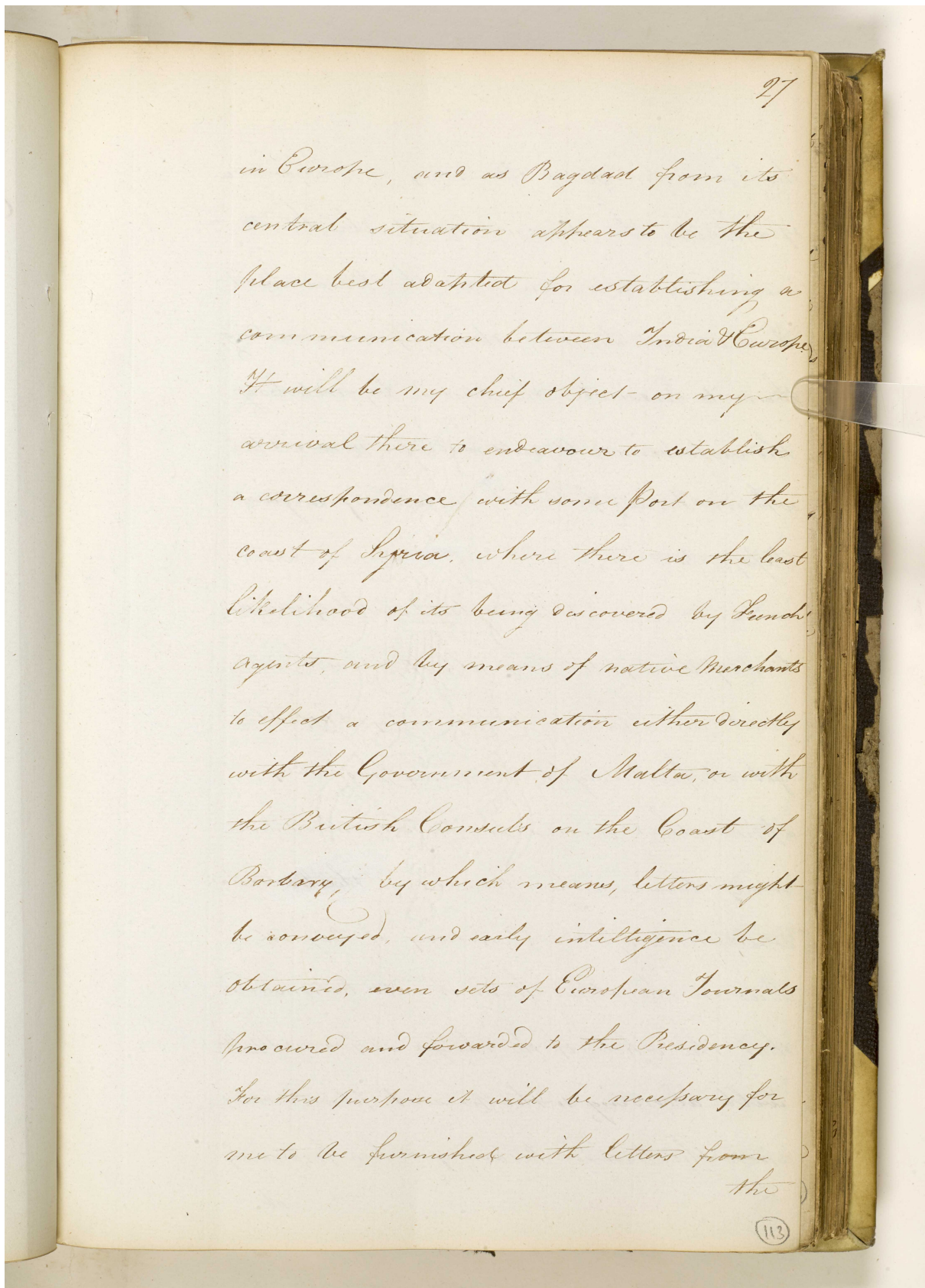
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(Signed) G. C. Osborne

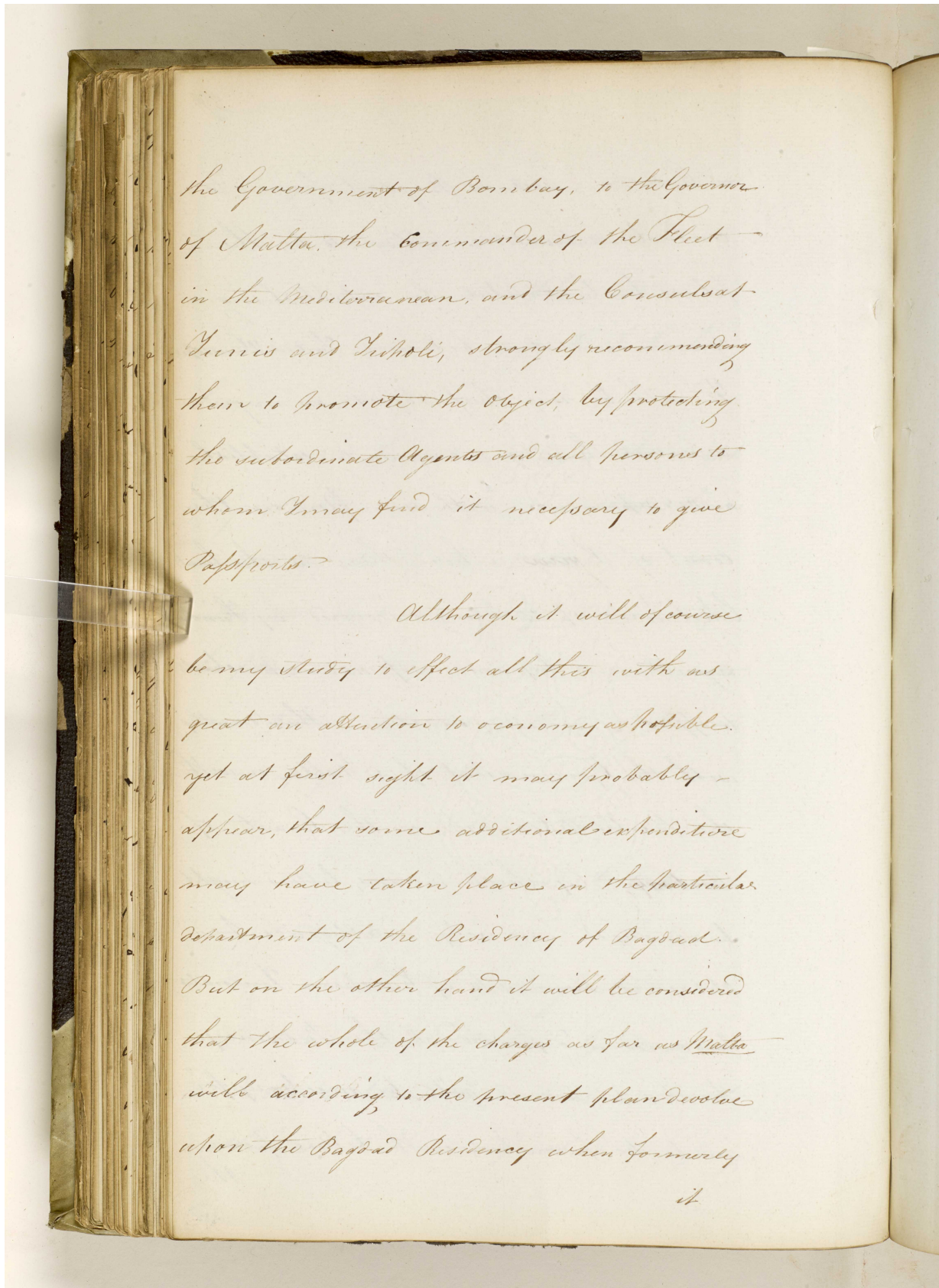
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As it is of the greatest
importance to the British Government
in India, to obtain the earliest and most
authentic intelligence of what is passing
in

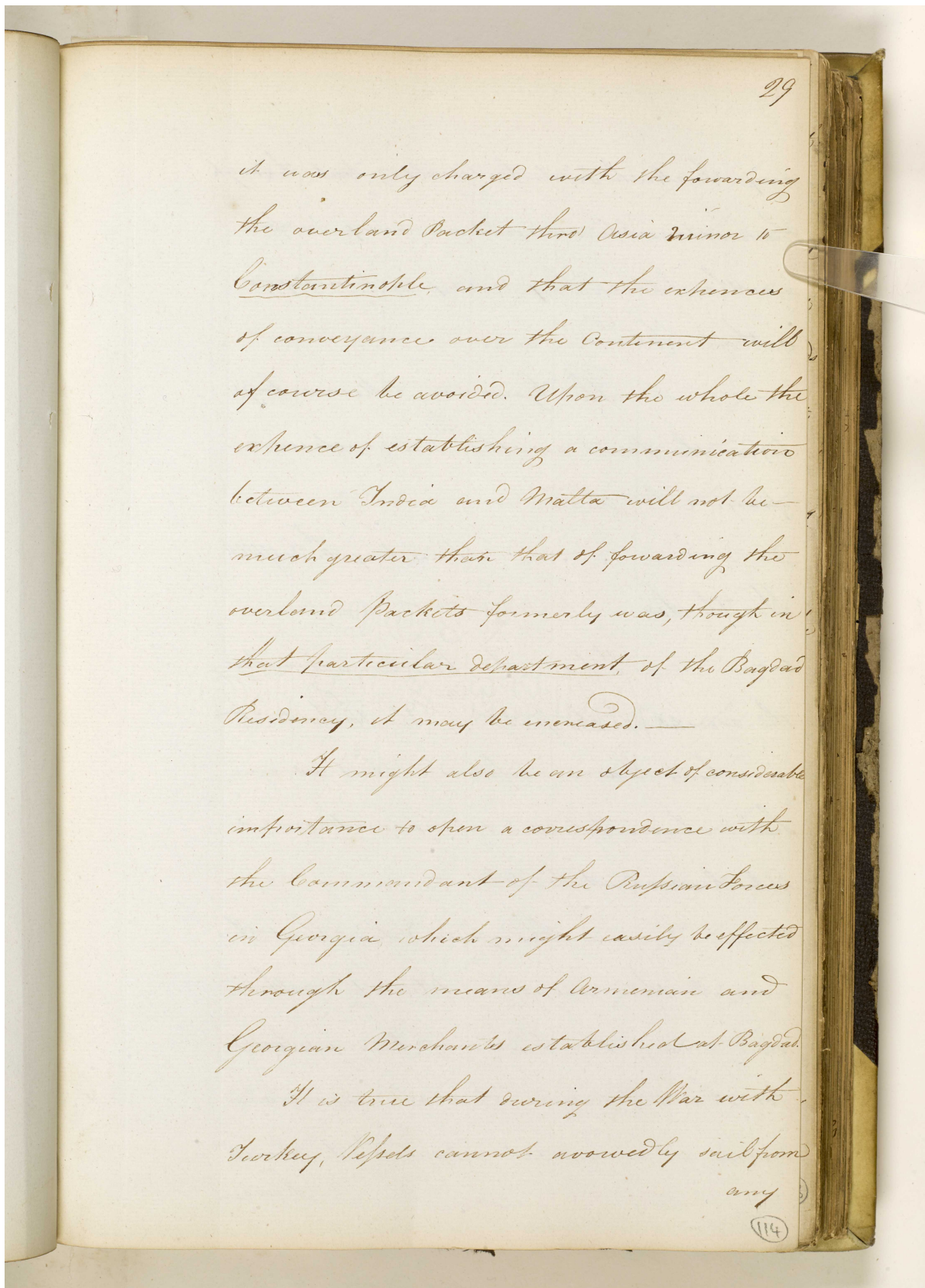
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it was only charged with the forwarding
the overland Packet thro' Asia minor to
Constantinople, and that the expenses
of conveyance over the Continent will
of course be avoided. Upon the whole the
expense of establishing a communication
between India and Malta will not be
much greater than that of forwarding the
overland Packets formerly was, though in
that particular department, of the Bagdad
Residency, it may be increased. —

It might also be an object of considerable
importance to open a correspondence with
the Commandant of the Russian Forces
in Georgia which might easily be effected
through the means of Armenian and
Georgian Merchants established at Bagdad.

It is true that during the War with
Turkey, Vessels cannot lawfully sail from

any

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any Turkish port for Malta; but through
their ostensible destination may be for
another place, they may actually go
to that Island

The Governour likewise lays
before the Board another ^{Letter} and enclosure
from Mr. Rich. —

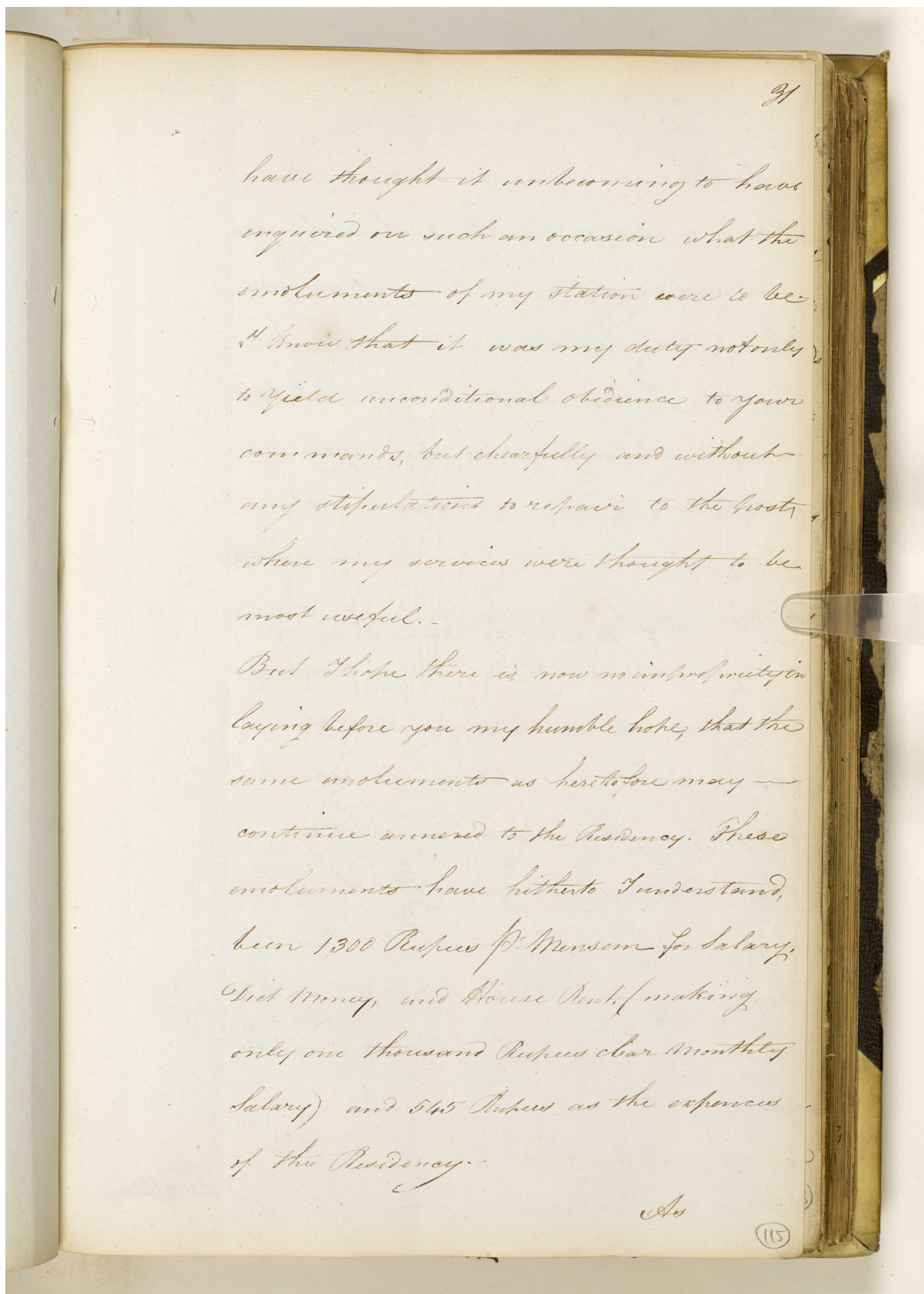
Bombay 30th Jan^y 1790.

Honble Sir

1 I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the public ^{Letter} of the 16th Instant
in which I am informed that you
have been pleased to appoint me
to be Resident at Bagdad. —

2 Be assured Sir, that I
accept this important trust with a
due sense of the honor of being selected
for the discharge of such arduous
duties at so critical a period. I should
have

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As this allowance of one thousand
Pounds P^r Mensem, will at the exchange
most unfavourable to me, amount to more
than fifteen hundred pounds sterling per
annum, I trust that the first part of the
enclosed note, will demonstrate to your entire
satisfaction, so as to preclude the necessity
of any reference, that I am legally capable
of receiving at least that sum, whatever
may be thought of ^{the general observations in the sequel of} the Note on Political
Residencies, which the amount of the
allowances of Bagdad does not make it
necessary on this occasion to consider; in
that confidence I shall take the liberty
of instructing my agents Mess^{rs} Bruce &
Farwell, to apply at the Treasury monthly
for the above sum of eighteen hundred and
forty five Pounds. —

I understand that Sir Harford
Jones received some allowance (though ^{Nov.} £3125 p^a ann. I

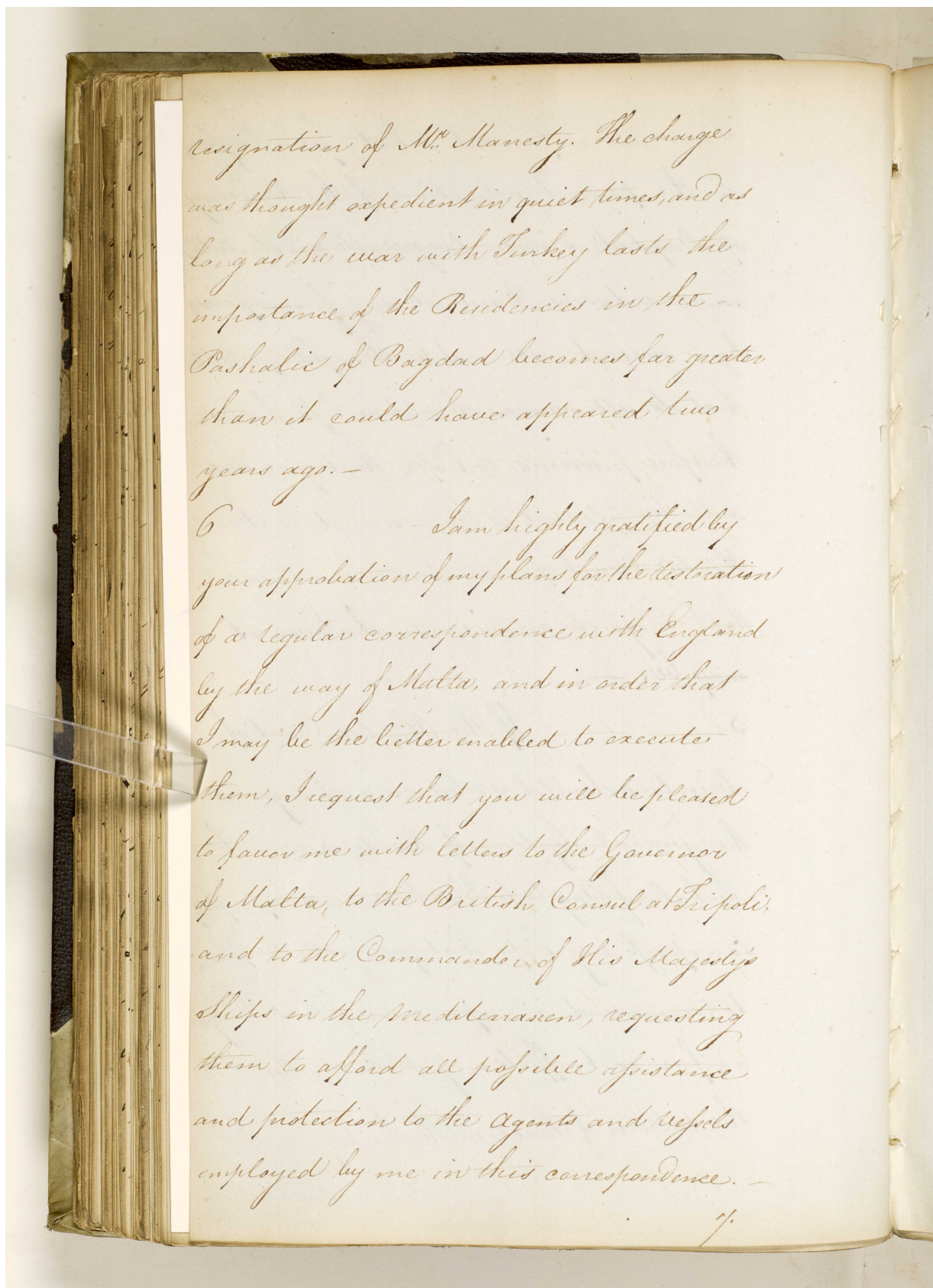
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39.
I am not informed what / from England
as the present situation of the Residency
of Bagdad is more disagreeable and its duties
more arduous than at any former period
I am sure it will not be thought equitable
that its allowances should be less. I shall
therefore presume to hope that you Sir
will be pleased to recommend to the
Honble Court of Directors to continue
that English allowance whatever it
may be. —

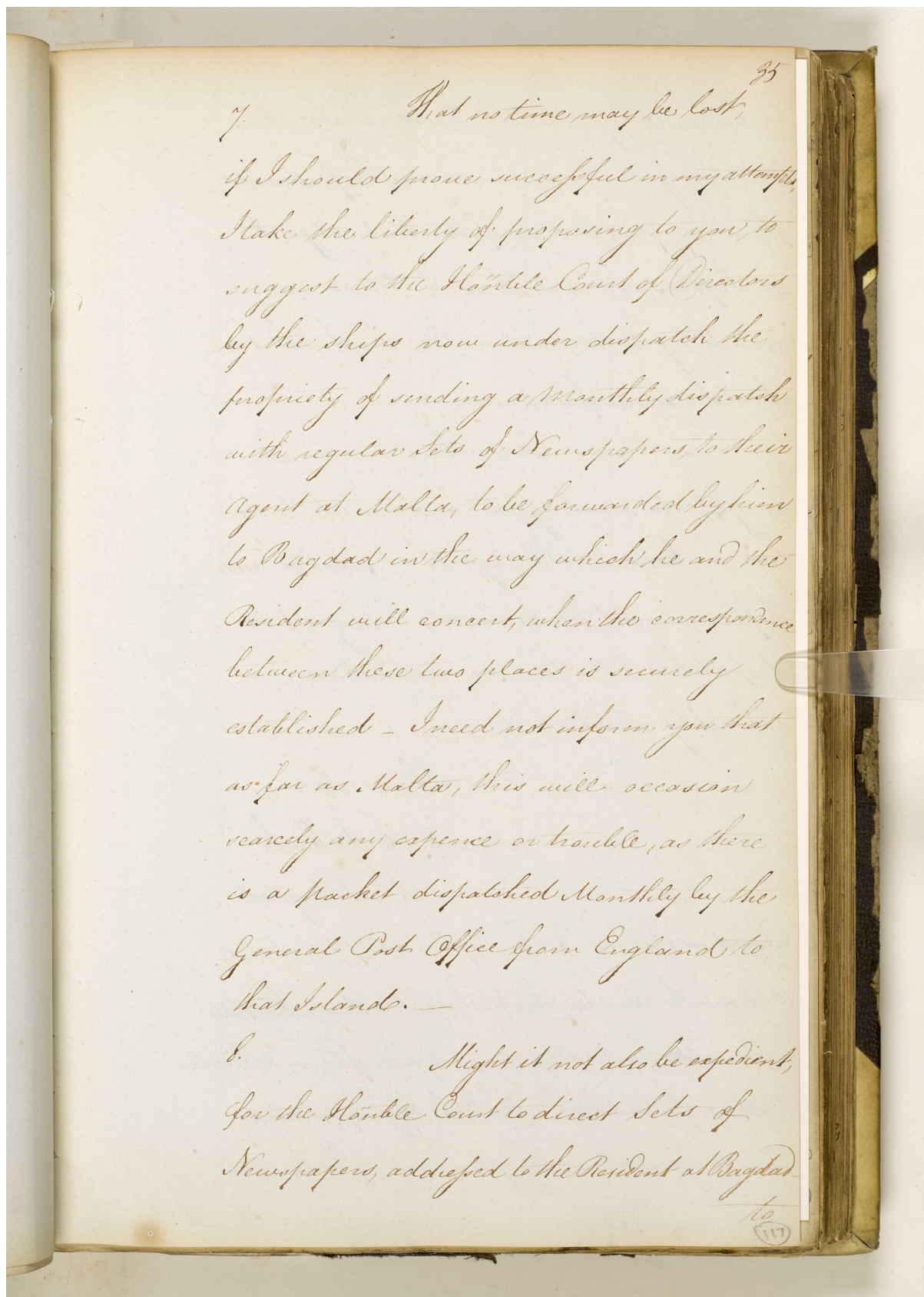
5. If the Honble Court of
Directors should resolve on a change in
the general System of Residencies in the
Pashalic of Bagdad, I venture most respectfully
to express my hope that you will be pleased
to recommend a suspension of that change
as far as it affects my station, either till
the return of Peace with Turkey, or the
resignation

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to be sent by post to a house at Saint
Petersburg with instructions to forward
them by post to a confidential Agent
at Teflis, who would send them on
according to the instructions which he
should receive from me. —

Both these measures
might do much good, and could do no
harm, because the Agents at Malta and
Teflis would be directed to hazard no
dispatches till the communication was
tolerably established. —

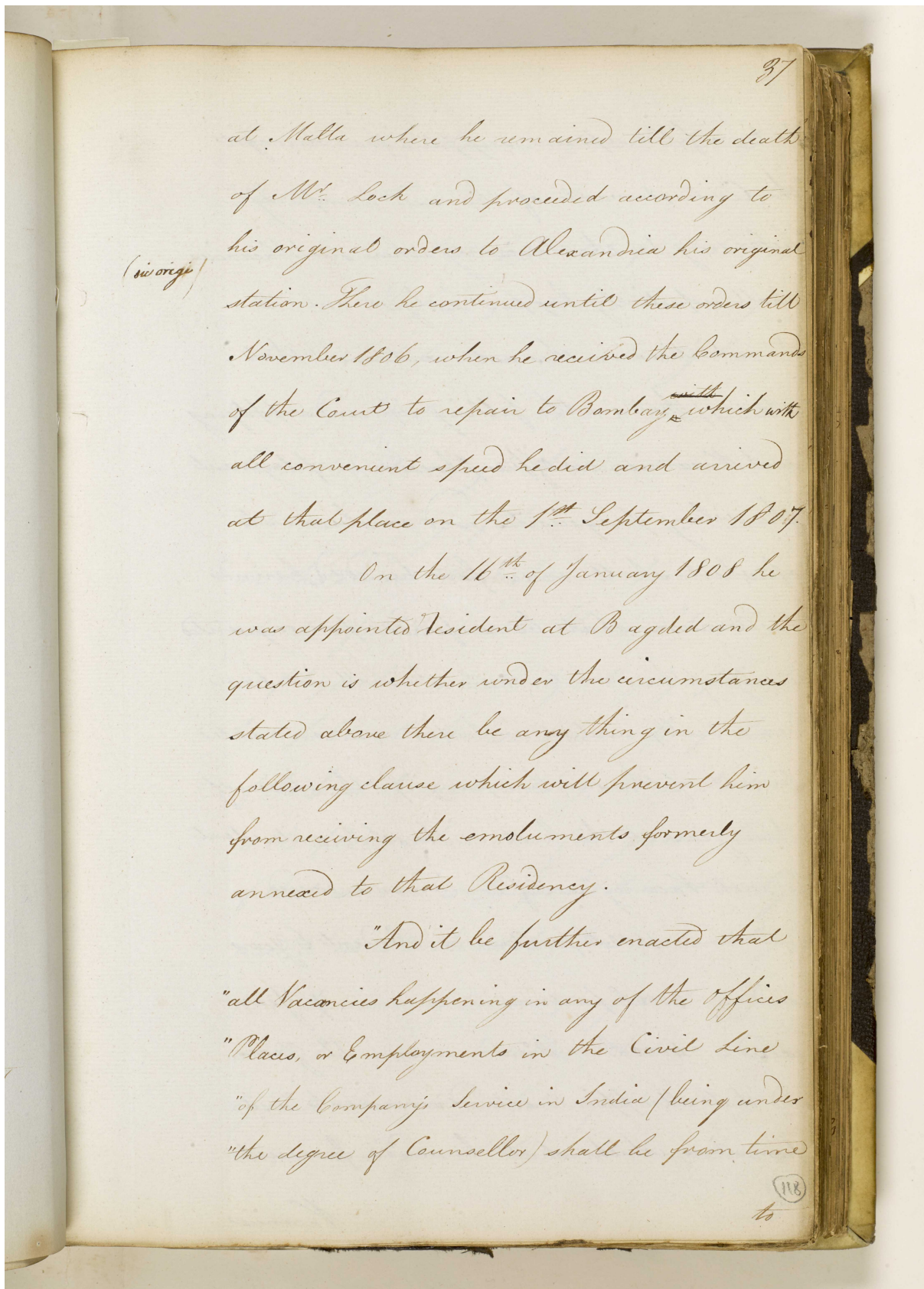
I have &c

Signed C. J. Rich

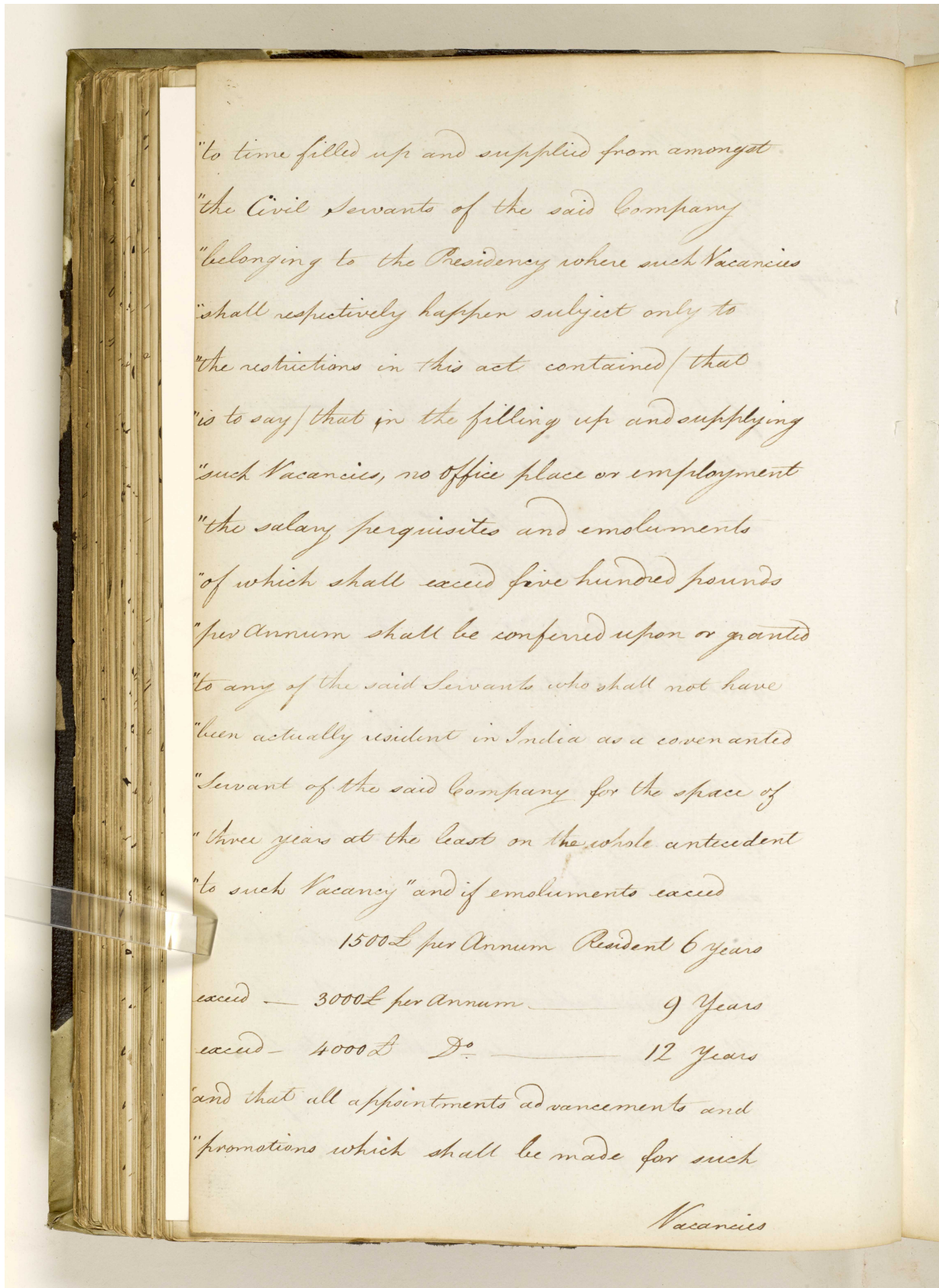
A. at Bagdad

Claudius James Rich Esq. was appointed a
Writer on the Bombay Establishment in 1803, in Feb. 1804
he proceeded to the Mediterranean by order of the Comd of Directors
to act as Assistant to Charles Lock Esq. appointed
Consul General in Egypt. In May he landed
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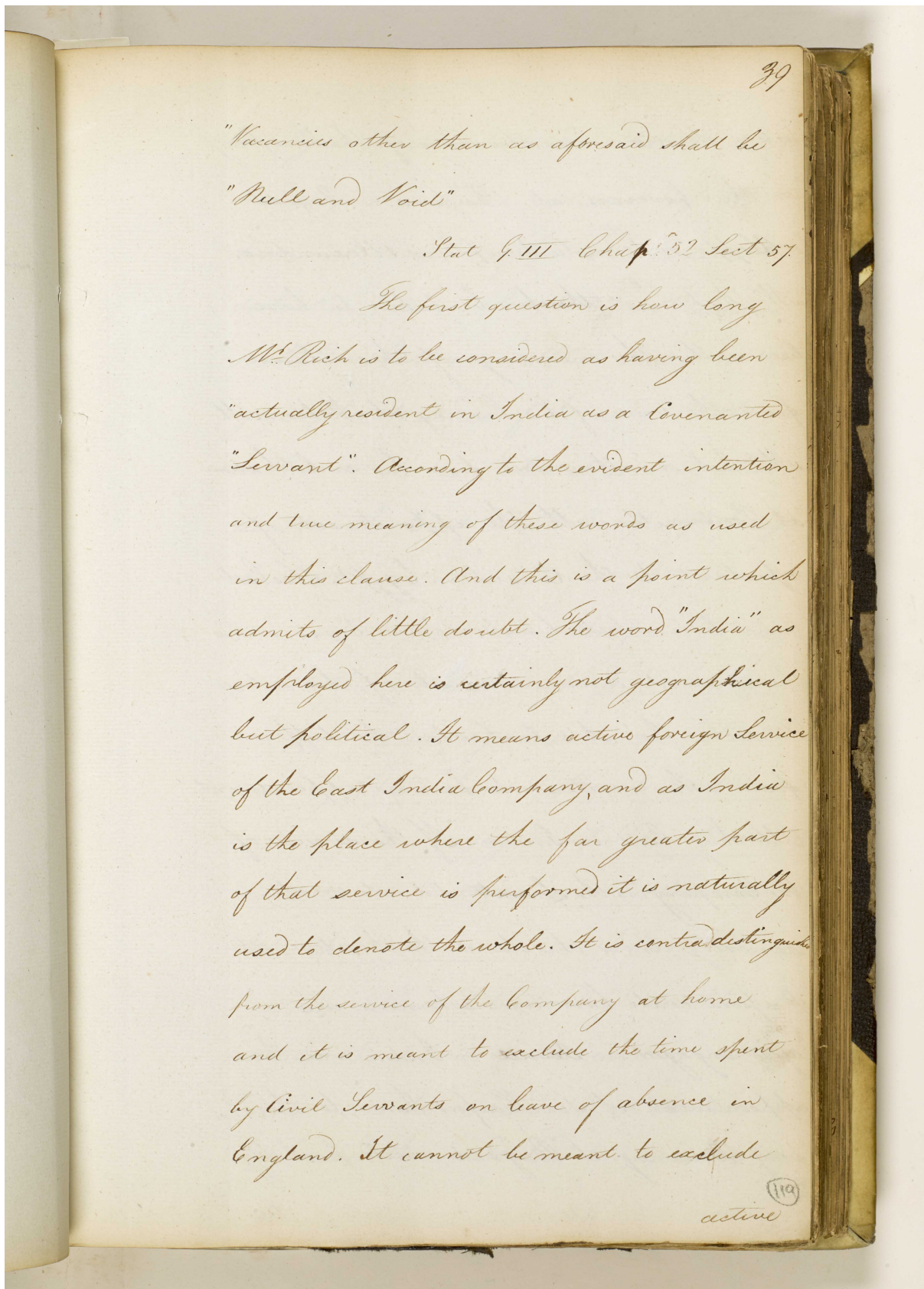
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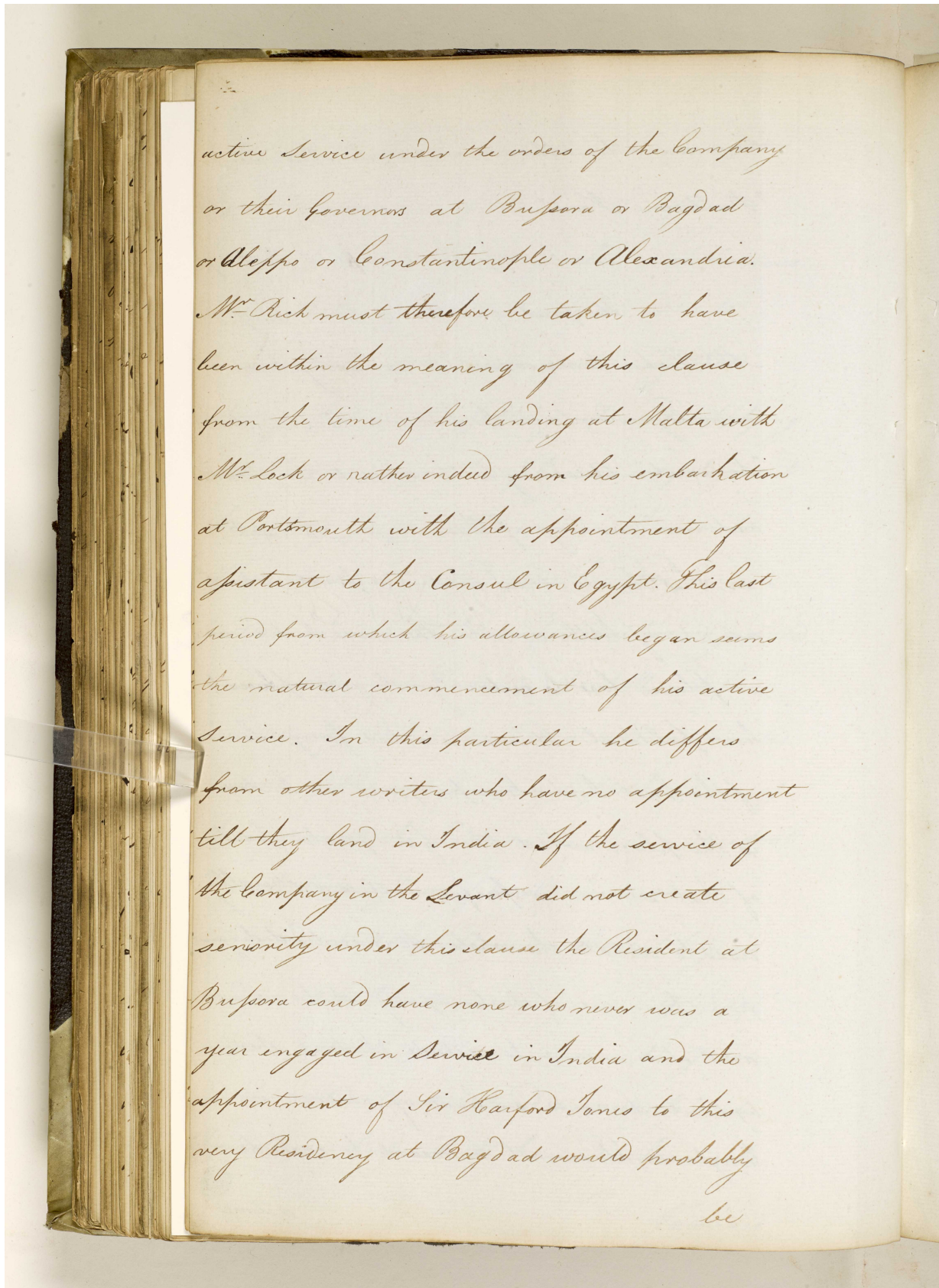
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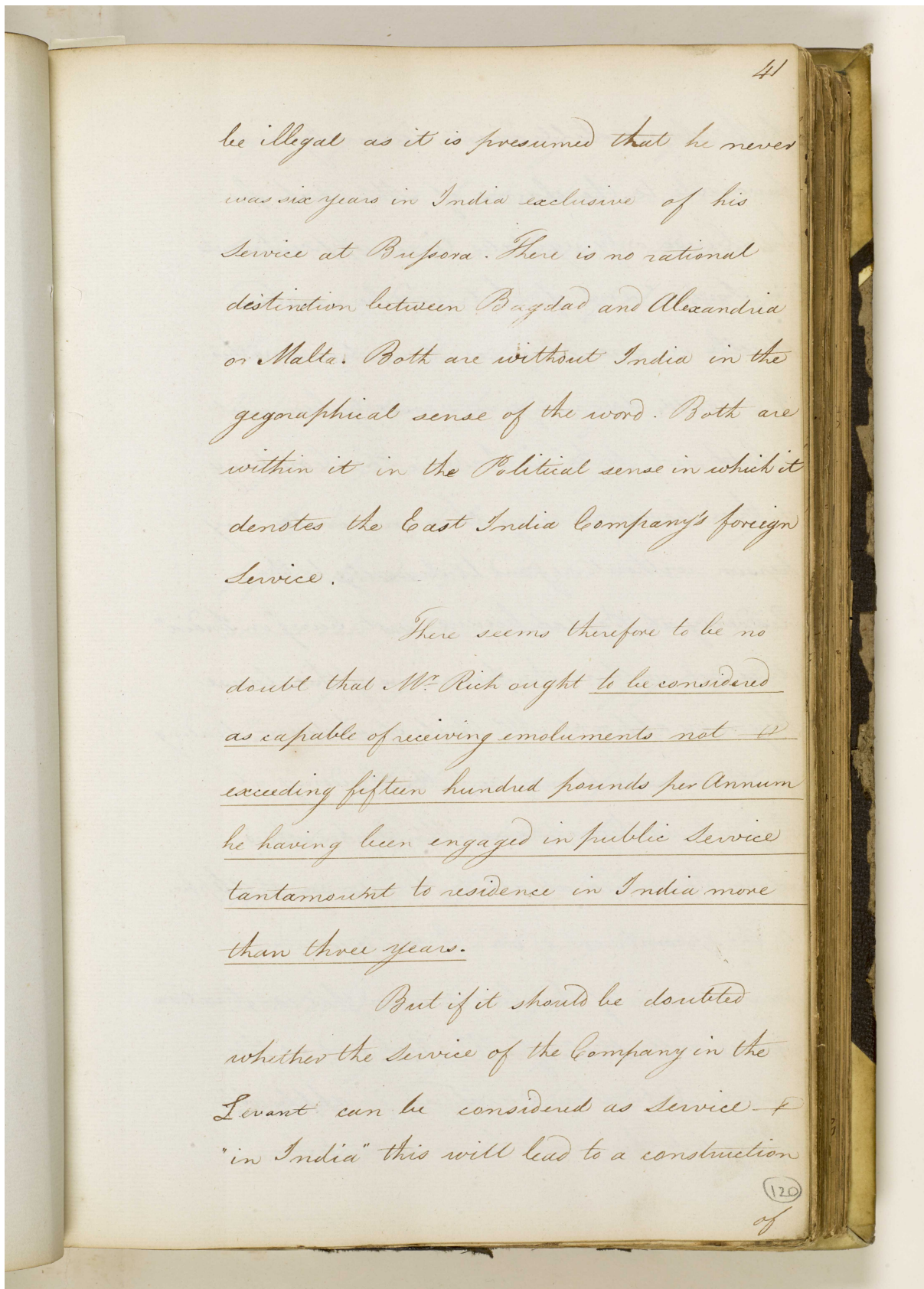
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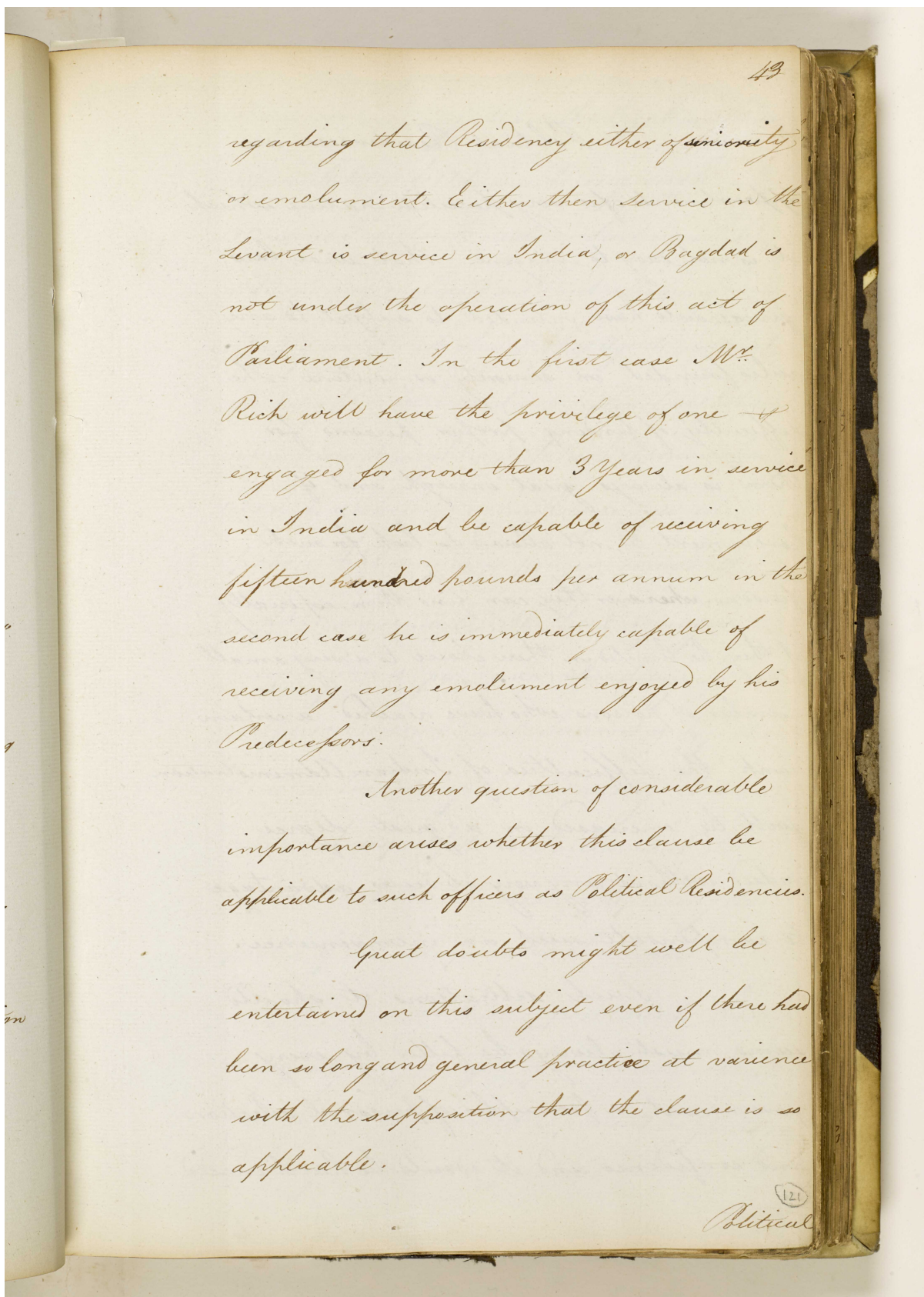
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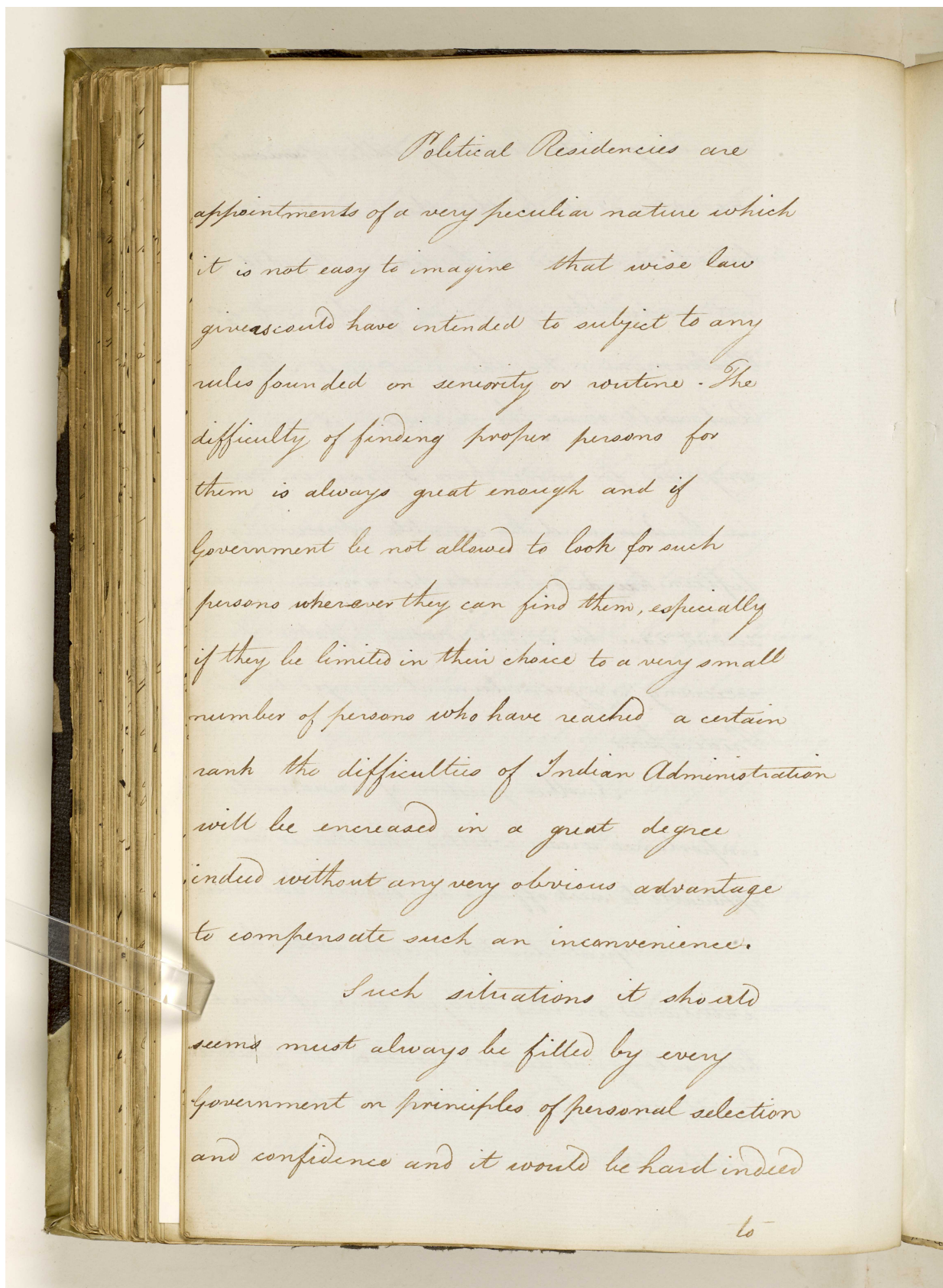
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of the clause still more decisively &
favorable to the claims of Mr. Rich for
the clause only regulates Civil appointments
"in India" and if that word be construed
strictly in one place so it must in another.
If Bagdad does not give seniority because it
is held not to be "in India", The Company
or their Governors may then nominate any
person without regard to seniority to the
Residency at Bagdad because not being "in India"
it is not within the provisions of this clause.
They may appoint Mr. Rich of whatsoever standing
in their service he may be to the Residency at
Bagdad as they appoint Mr. Barker who is
not in the service at all to their Agency at Aleppo.
As the appointment of Mr. Barker was certainly
no violation of the clause so on this construction
neither will that of Mr. Rich and as this
statute will then be utterly inapplicable
to Bagdad there will be no restriction
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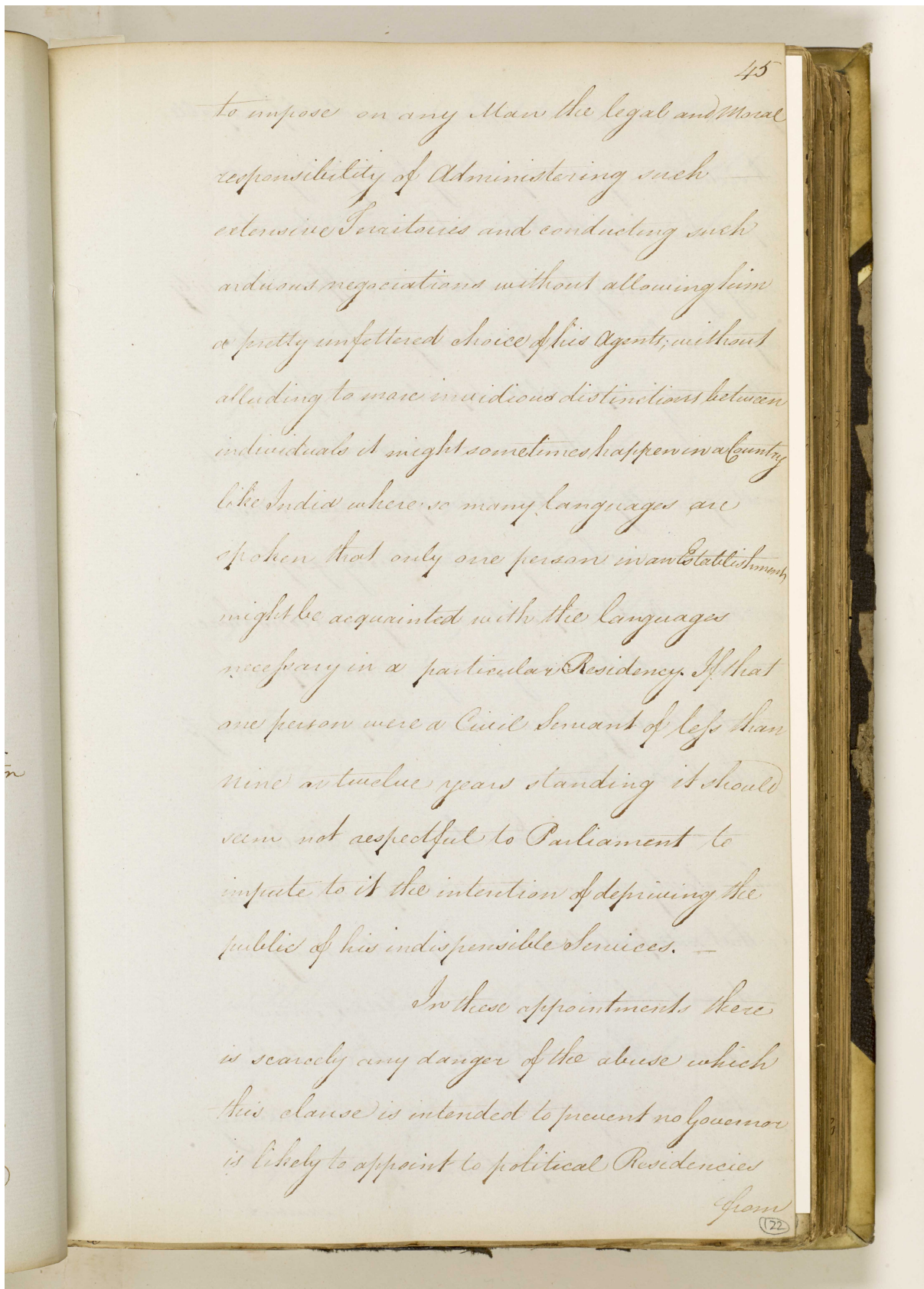
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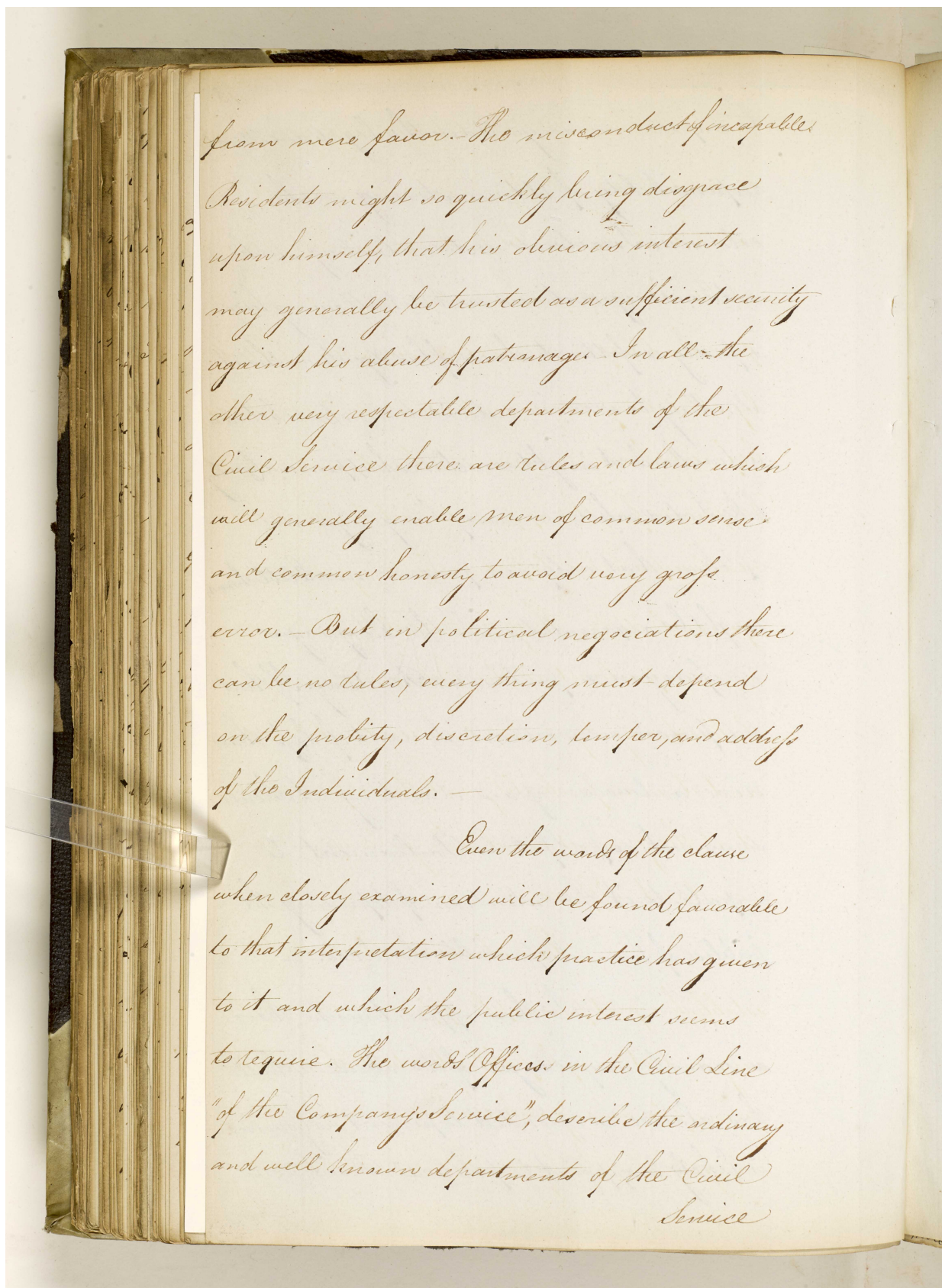
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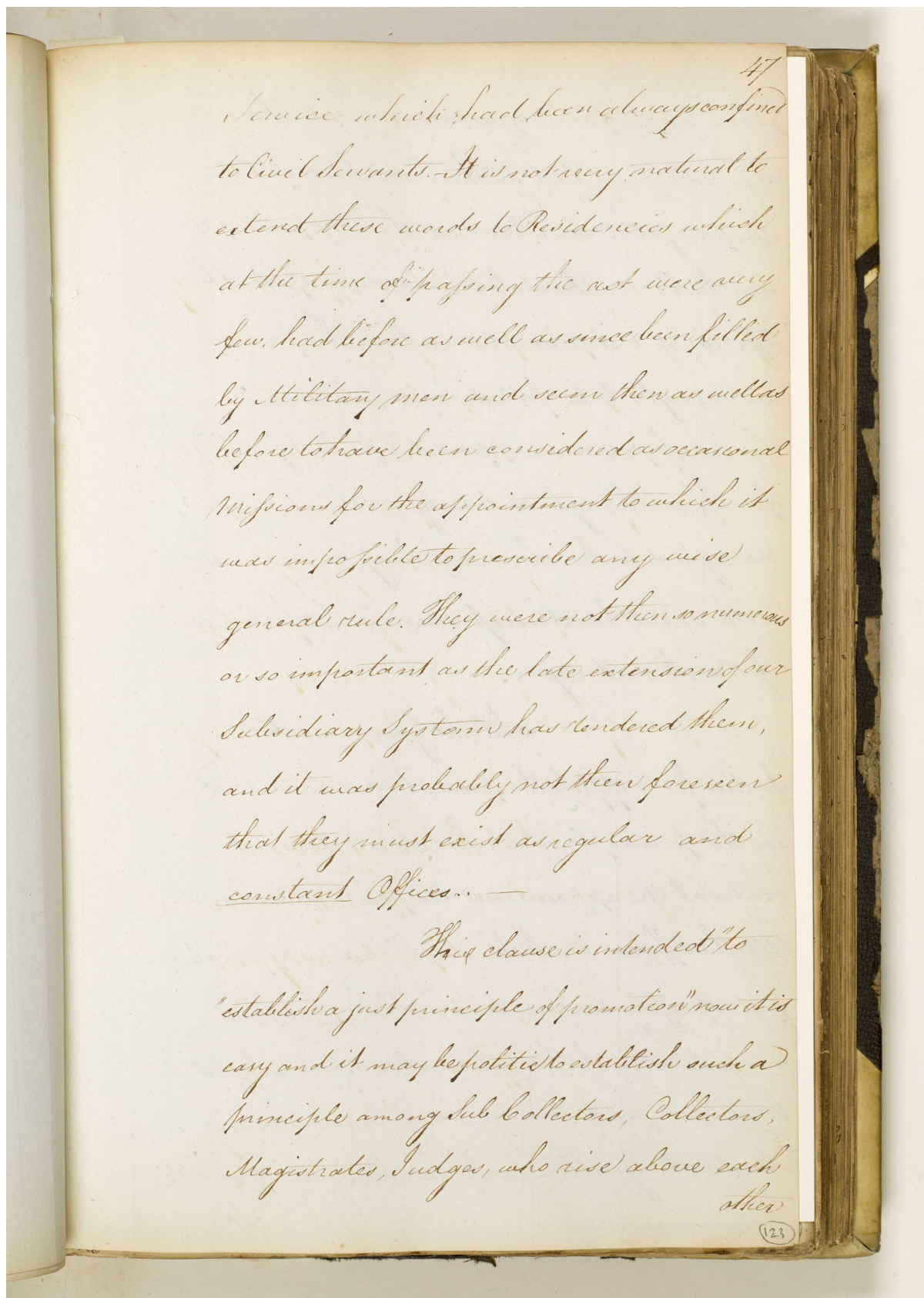
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from mere favor. - The misconduct of incapable
Residents might so quickly bring disgrace
upon himself, that his obvious interest
may generally be trusted as a sufficient security
against his abuse of patronage. - In all the
other very respectable departments of the
Civil Service there are rules and laws which
will generally enable men of common sense
and common honesty to avoid very gross
error. - But in political negotiations there
can be no rules, every thing must depend
on the probity, discretion, temper, and address
of the Individuals. -

Even the words of the clause
when closely examined will be found favorable
to that interpretation which practice has given
to it and which the public interest seems
to require. The words "Officers in the Civil Line
of the Company's Service", describe the ordinary
and well known departments of the Civil
Service

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other in natural gradation and who are well described as "the Civil Line of the Company's Service". But neither the principle nor the Term "Promotion" was ever applied to Offices of a diplomatic nature. They always are or ought to be filled by a deliberate choice of persons supposed to be best qualified for them though certainly without any disregard to the claims of long Service and with some tenderness even to the feelings of Rank and Age. —

All the Governments in India from 1793 to the present time have acted on the principle that this clause does not controul the appointment of political Residencies. All the Offices to which the Clause is applicable are expressly confined to Civil Servants, but nine tenths of the political Residencies in India have been, and now are Military and even Medical Gentlemen. If the clause be applicable
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to Residencies all the appointments & all the acts of these Gentlemen are null and void – The greatest & most important part of the acts of the Governments of India for fifteen years will be invalidated by this construction. Even a Court of Law bound as they are by strict rules would embrace any tolerable means of avoiding an interpretation productive of such inconvenience. It is well known that the Queen's Green Marriages were held to be valid only from the mischief of unsettling so many domestic arrangements. Governments which do & ought to construe Laws no more *de rigore* large principles will still more avoid a construction which is so fraught with public inconvenience. –

These nominations of Military Men to Residencies have for fifteen years been known to the Court of Directors who do not appear to have condemned them as illegal

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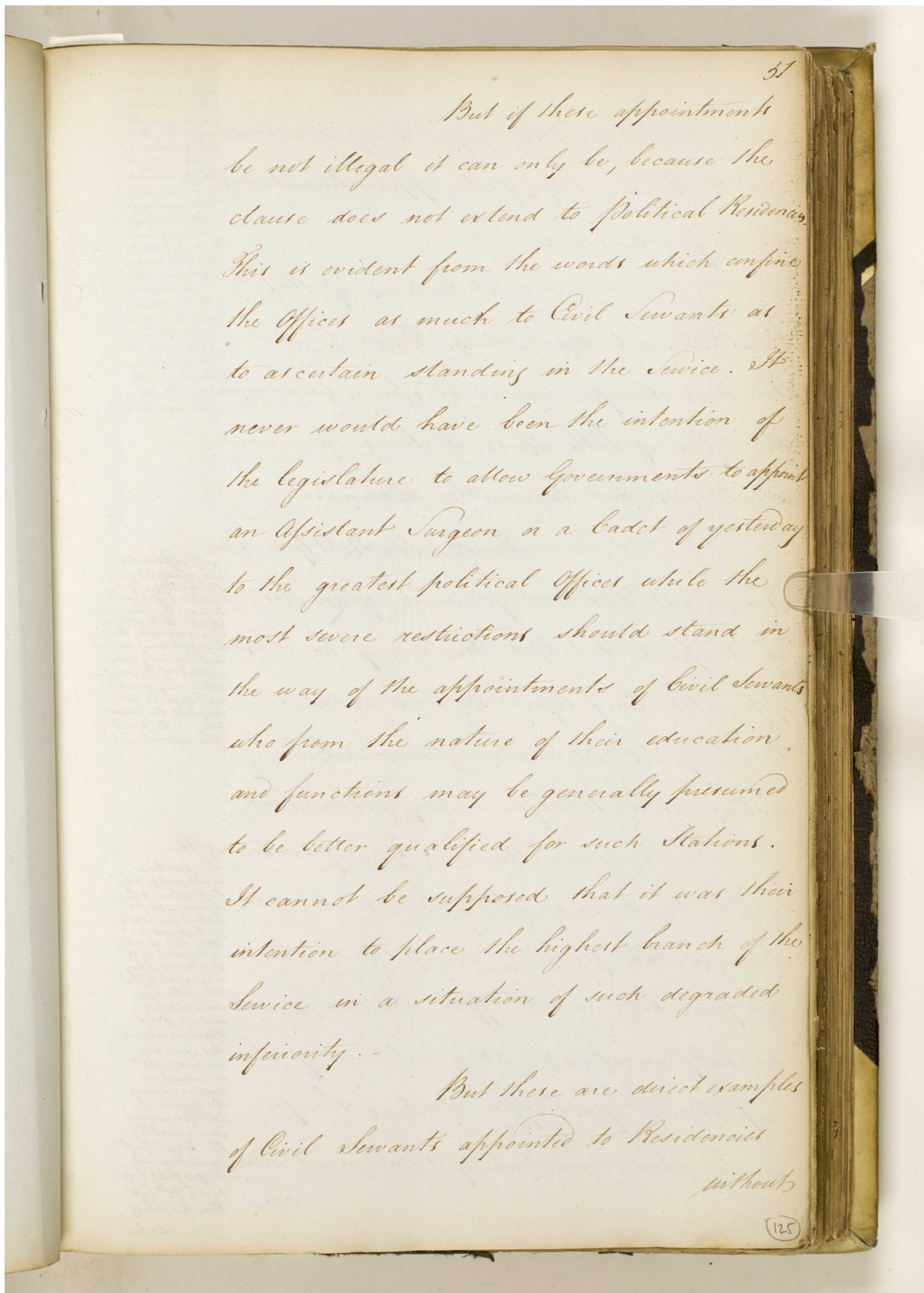
and their silence is the more important because they are well known on grounds of expediency and justice to their servants to have strongly and repeatedly blamed the frequency at least of such appointments.

These appointments were known to the accusers of Indian Governments; if they had been illegal appointments they surely would have been charged as misdemeanours as other supposed illegal appointments were, but they are not even mentioned by these accusers with blame.

They have been brought under the immediate notice of Parliament by the discussion of most important measures (such as the Treaty of Bassein &c) which were carried into effect by Military Residents. Not a whisper of the illegality of the appointments appears to have been heard from a single individual.

But

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without the seniority required by this clause where the legality of the appointment was never questioned. —

Mr Jenkins of this Establishment was Acting Resident in Scindia's Camp and at Nagpaur & discharged the duties of both these Stations in a most meritorious and honorable manner. —

The Honble Mr Elphinstone is now and has been for some years Resident at Nagpaur to which Residency he was appointed long before he had resided twelve years in India. His merit too distinguished, to require any observation.

Mr Elphinstone was appointed on 15 June 1804 - 19 months before he was able to draw the allowances attached to the Office it was requisite that he should have resided in India only nine months of the year - and he only wanted eight months to complete the former term at the period of his appointment.

Now the Law if it be applicable here at all, restrains Junior Servants not from receiving the emolument but from holding the Office. The emoluments are only mentioned as a criterion of the importance of the Office. Nothing therefore in the mode or extent of emolument allowed

Mr. This position is not justified by the practice of the Service - for Mr Jenkins was allowed for the period he resided at Scindia, a salary only equal to that which the Law would admit a Servant of his standing to draw. And when his temporary office as Resident at Nagpore during the absence of Mr Elphinstone for his health, the Bengal Govt. gave him only Rs. 1000 of the best nearly 1/2% less than the salary attached

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attached to the Station - the
prother, Sir Geo.
Barlow in a letter
to the Chairman
of 20 Nov 1807
justifies his
selection of Capt.
Hindenham in
preference to Mr
Rappole to be
Resident at
Hydrabad, on the
ground that the
latter was not
of sufficient
standing in the
service to admit
of his drawing
the allowance
attached to the
Office, consistently
with the provisions
of the regulations.

can reconcile the appointments to the clause,
it must have been deemed inapplicable.

It would indeed be peculiarly
hard if a Junior Civil Servant appointed
to a high and difficult Office should be
capable of receiving only the allowance
thought sufficient for the lowest places filled
by Boys while the youngest Ensign in the
same Station might receive the largest
income of any subordinate place in India.

The clause upon the whole
does not according to the soundest principles
of equitable construction appear to be
applicable to Political Residencies, and
there is consequently nothing in it, to
prevent Mr Rich from receiving the
usual income as well as holding the
Office.

The following Letter is
written to Mr Rich followed by a Note
from the Accountant General.

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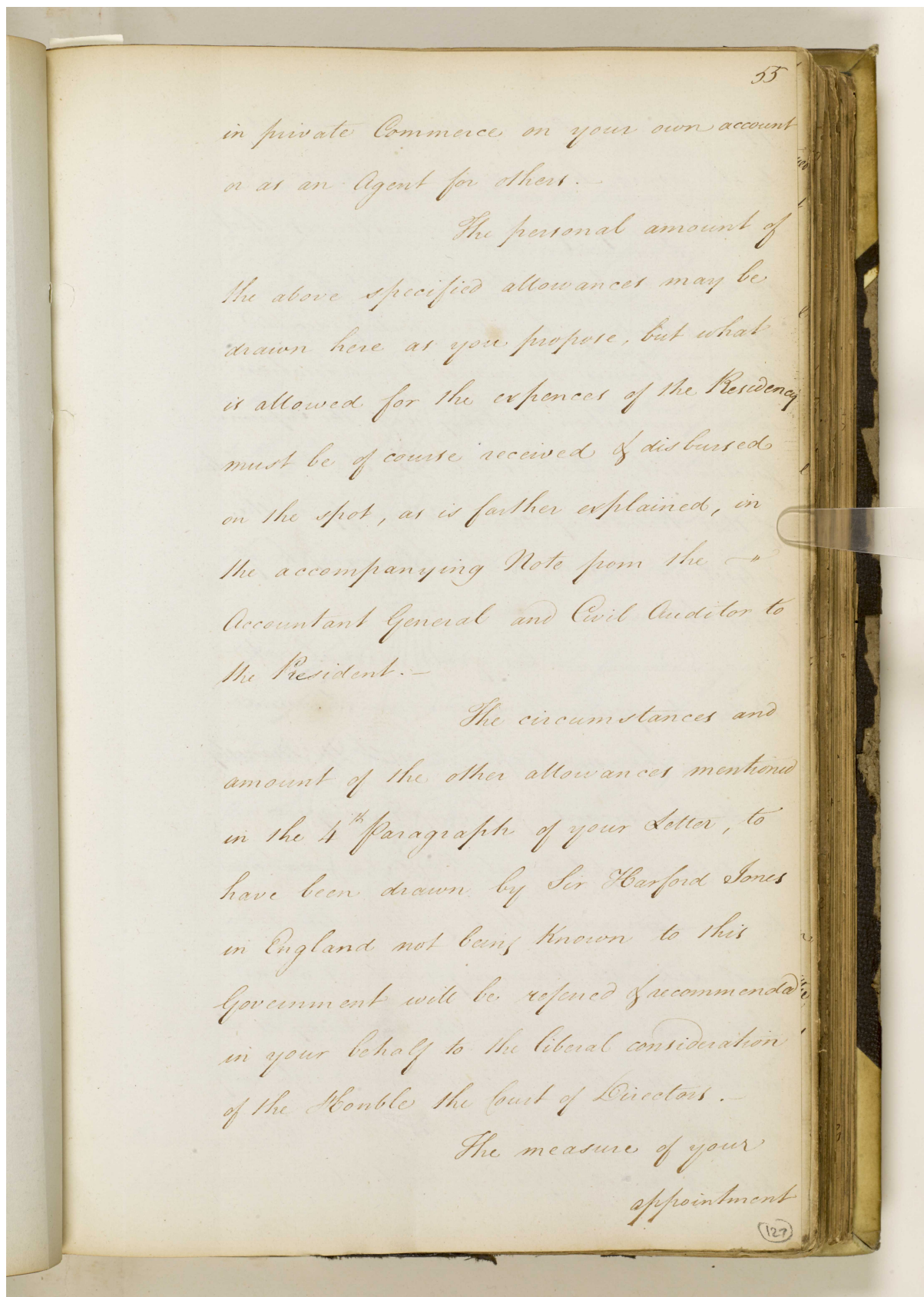
To C. J. Rich Esq^r

Resident at Bagdad.

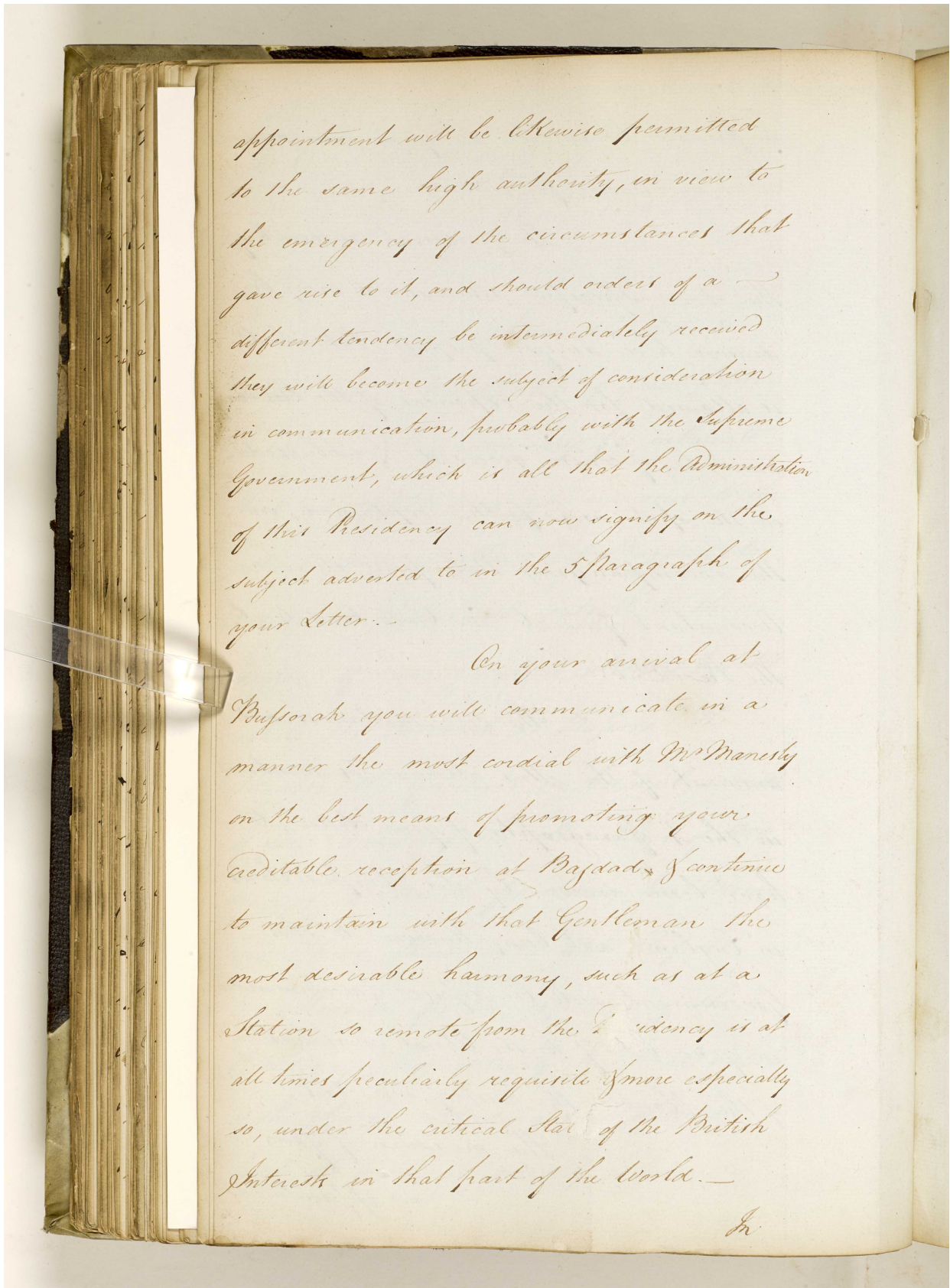
Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 30th of January & to intimate that in appointing you in view to the actual state of affairs at Bagdad, to reside at that Court, subject to the degree of subordination, already pointed out to the Resident at Busford. The Honble the Governor in Council admits of your drawing the allowances of 1300 Rupees a Month for Salary, Diet Money and House Rent, with 545 Rupees per Mensem for the expences of the Residency; the entirely political nature of the charge excluding you, of course from all dealings directly or indirectly in

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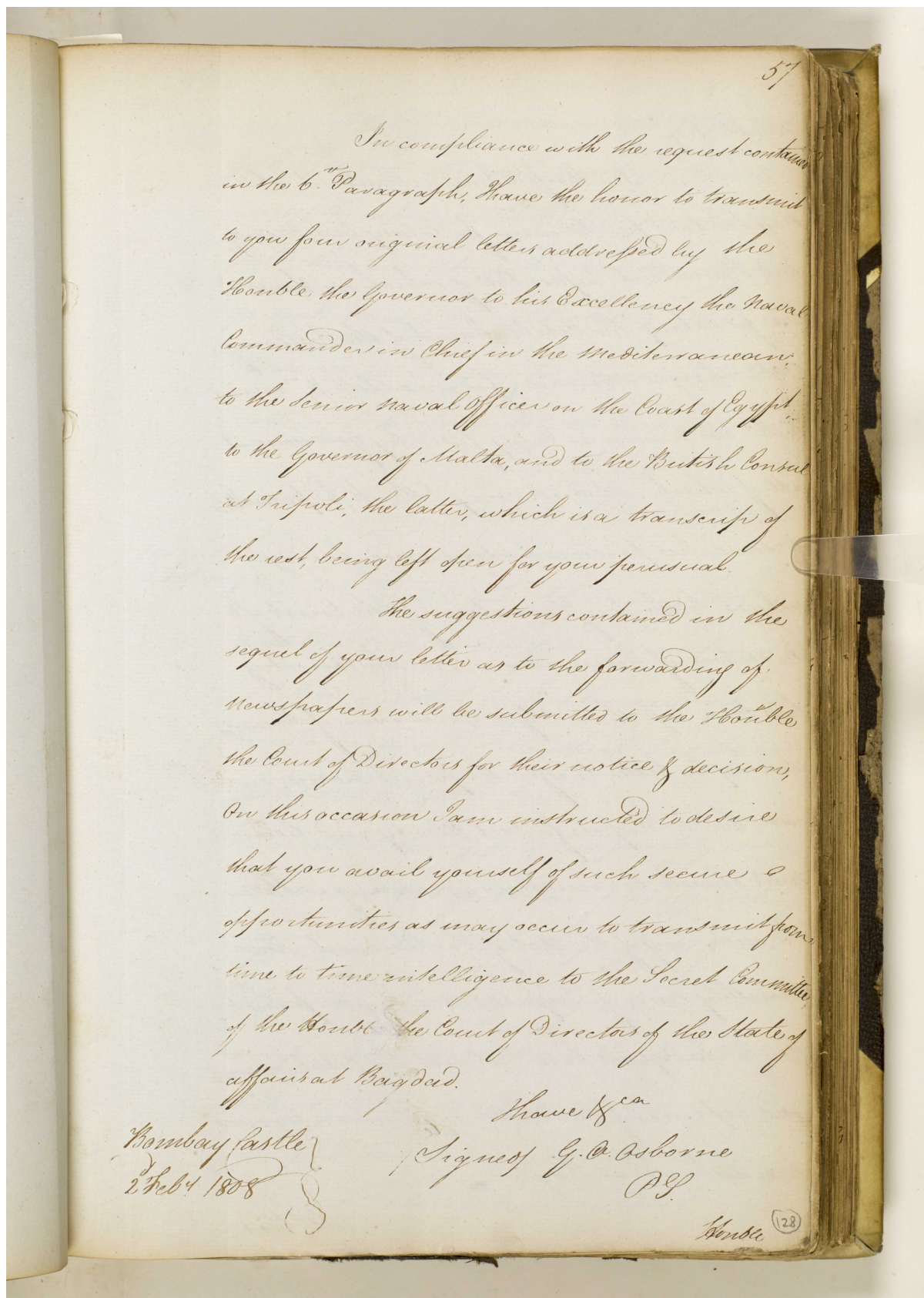


appointment will be likewise permitted to the same high authority, in view to the emergency of the circumstances that gave rise to it, and should orders of a different tendency be intermediately received they will become the subject of consideration in communication, probably with the Supreme Government, which is all that the Administration of this Residency can now signify on the subject adverted to in the 5th Paragraph of your Letter.

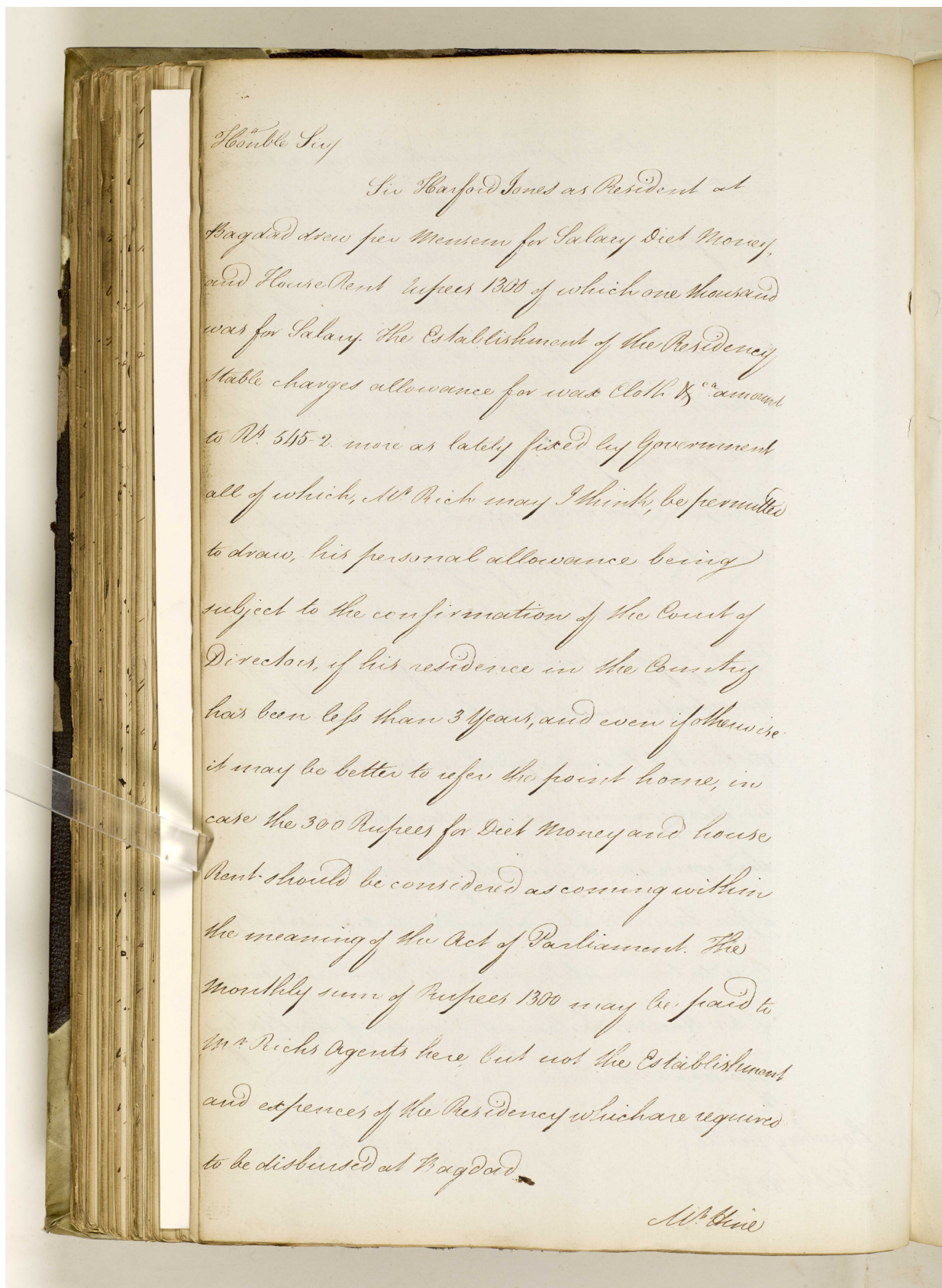
On your arrival at Bassorah you will communicate in a manner the most cordial with Mr Manisty on the best means of promoting your creditable reception at Bagdad, & continue to maintain with that Gentleman the most desirable harmony, such as at a Station so remote from the Residency is at all times peculiarly requisite & more especially so, under the critical State of the British Interests in that part of the World.

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Mr Hine has drawn 1000 Rs^{ca} p^o Month
for his personal allowance as acting Resident.
Besides the expences of the Residency as already
noted, there are contingent Disbursements for
presents, transmission of Packets &^{ca} and an
allowance twice a year for Summer & Winter
Clothing to the Servants of the Factory.
I have &^{ca}
Signed J. Elphinstone

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The Accountant General & Civil
Auditor is to be advised of the appointment of
Mr Rich and that he has been allowed to
carry a barge with him which has been
purchased for 1900 Rupees.

Mr Maunsty is to be separately written
to, advising that Gentlemen of the approaching
departure of Mr Rich for the purposes of the
appointment already notified to him, under
our preceding dispatches in answer to his
letters by the Civilian, & desired to concert with
this Gentleman the best means of his creditably
entering on the charge thus committed to him.

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On the arrival of the Princess
Augusta and the departure of Mr Rich for Bagdad
that Vessel will of course remain in the charge
of Mr Manesty who will return her with the
earliest overland dispatches that may arrive.

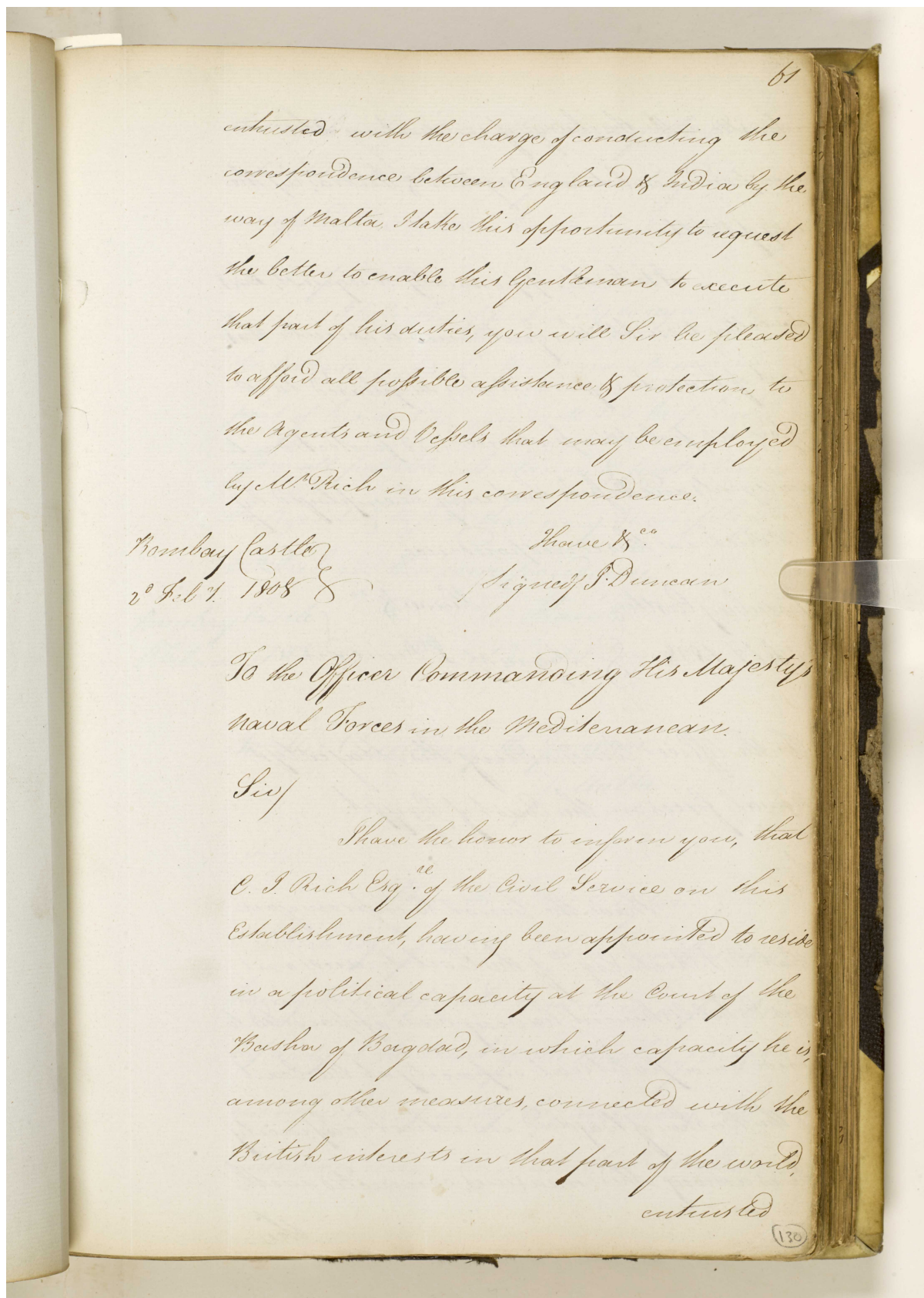
wrote the following letters by the
Honble the Governor to the Agent of his Britannic
Majesty at Tripoli; to the Officer Commanding
his Majesty's Naval forces in the Mediterranean
and to ditto on the Coast of Egypt & to his
Excellency the Governor of Malta.

To the Agent or Consul of his Britannic
Majesty at Tripoli:

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that
Claudius James Rich Esq^r in the Civil Service
on this Establishment having been appointed
to reside in a political capacity at the Court
of the Basha of Bagdad, in which capacity he
is among other measures connected with
the British interests in that part of the world
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entrusted with the charge of conducting the
correspondence between England & India by the
way of Malta. I take this opportunity to request
the better to enable this Gentleman to execute
that part of his duties, you will Sir be pleased
to afford all possible assistance & protection to
the Agents and Vessels that may be employed
by Mr. Rich in this correspondence.

Bombay Castle
2^o Feb^r. 1808

I have &c.
Signed J. Duncan

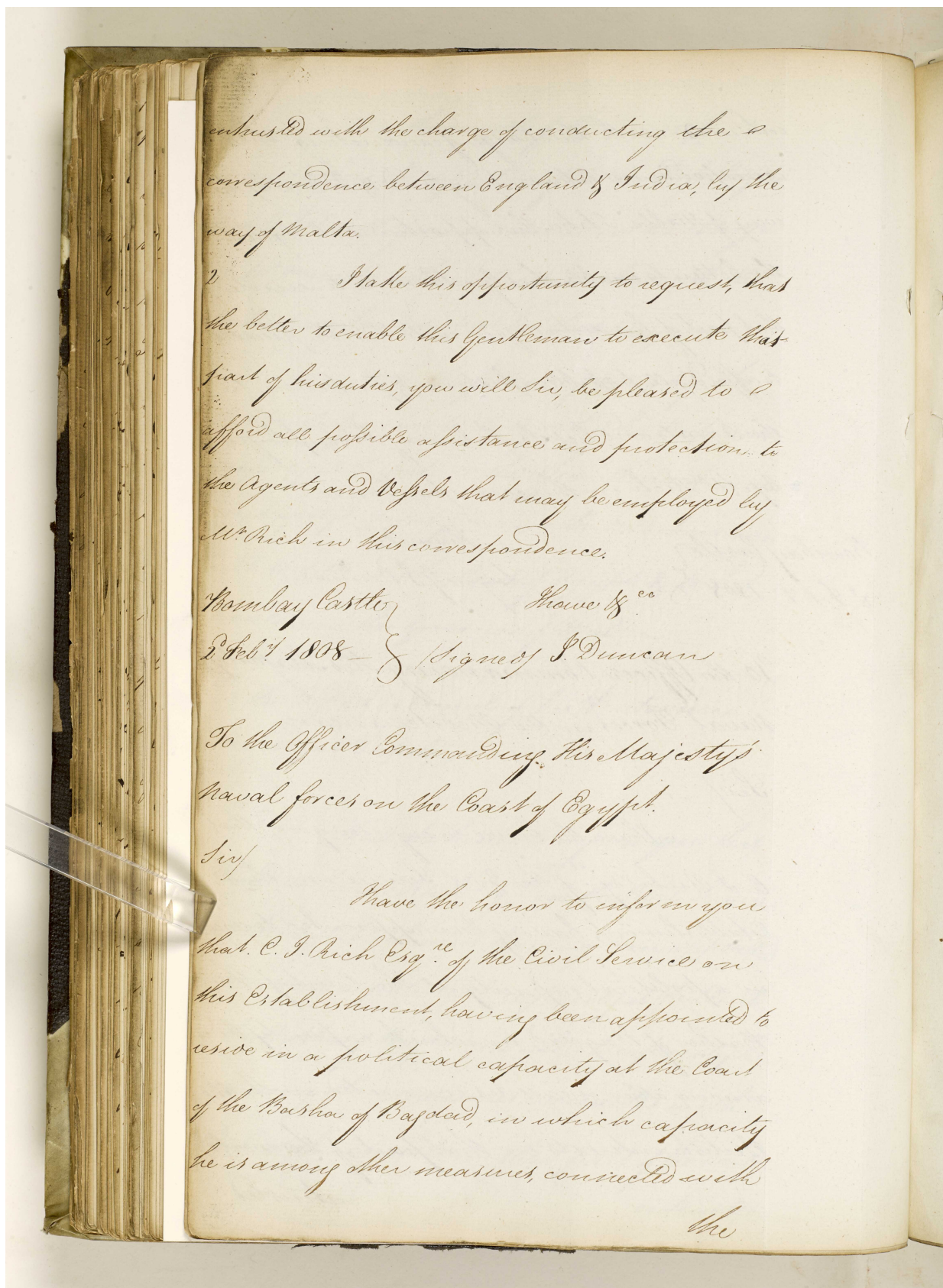
To the Officer Commanding His Majesty's
naval Forces in the Mediterranean.

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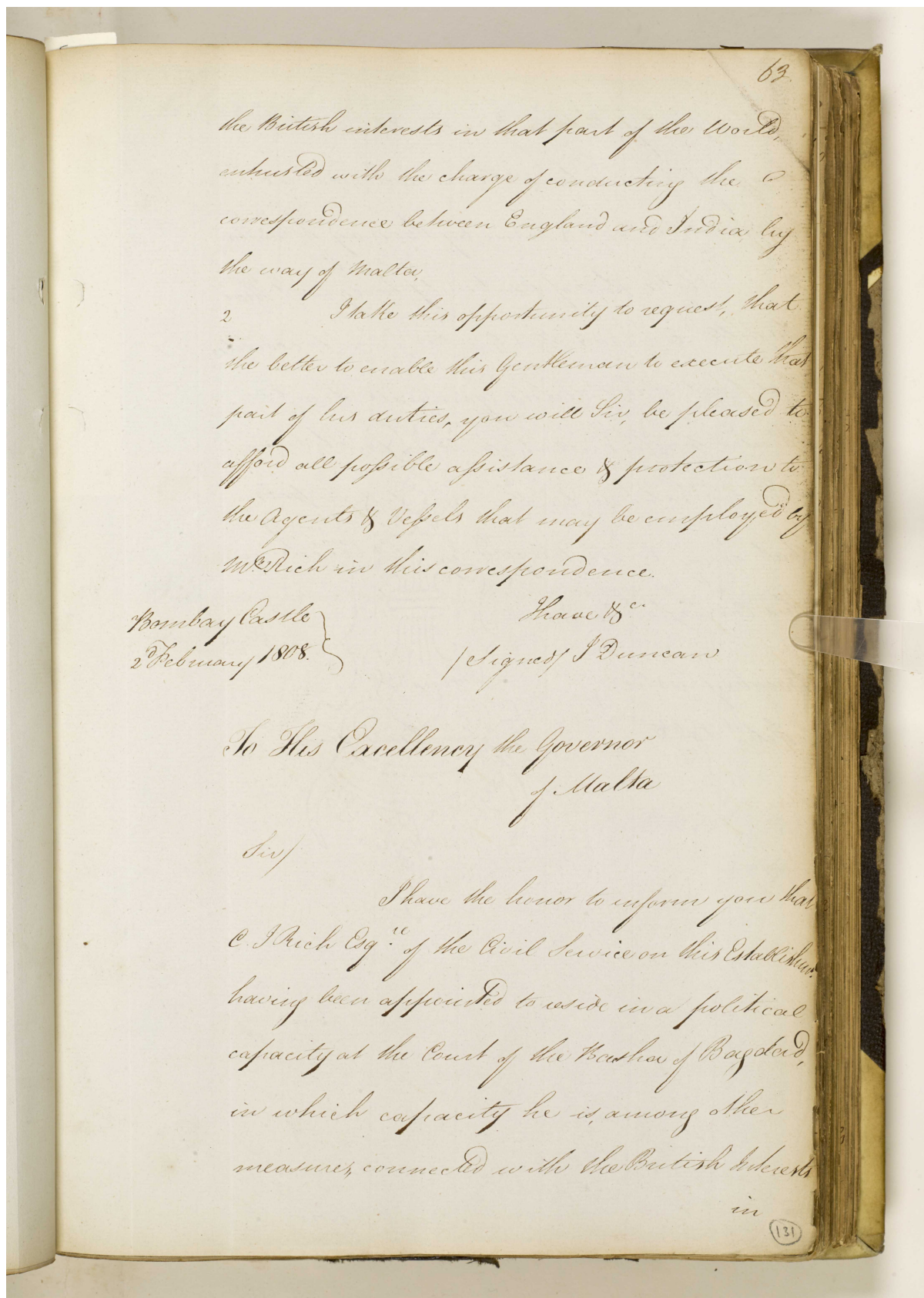
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