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المؤسسة المالكة	المكتبة البريطانية: أوراق خاصة وسجلات من مكتب الهند
المرجع	IOR/F/4/288/6503
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الحجم والشكل	مادة واحدة (١٠٠ ورقة)
حق النشر	المُلكية العامة

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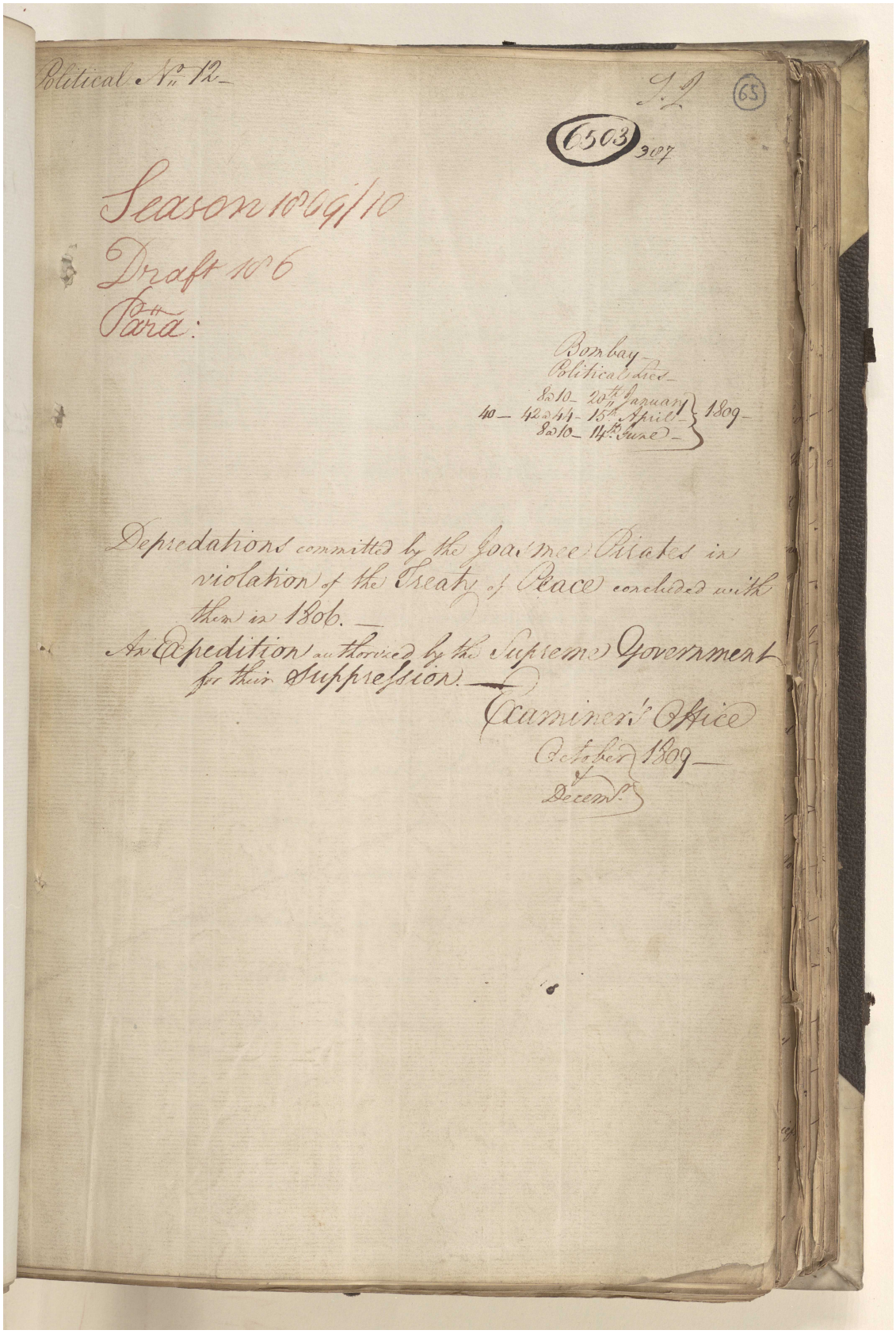

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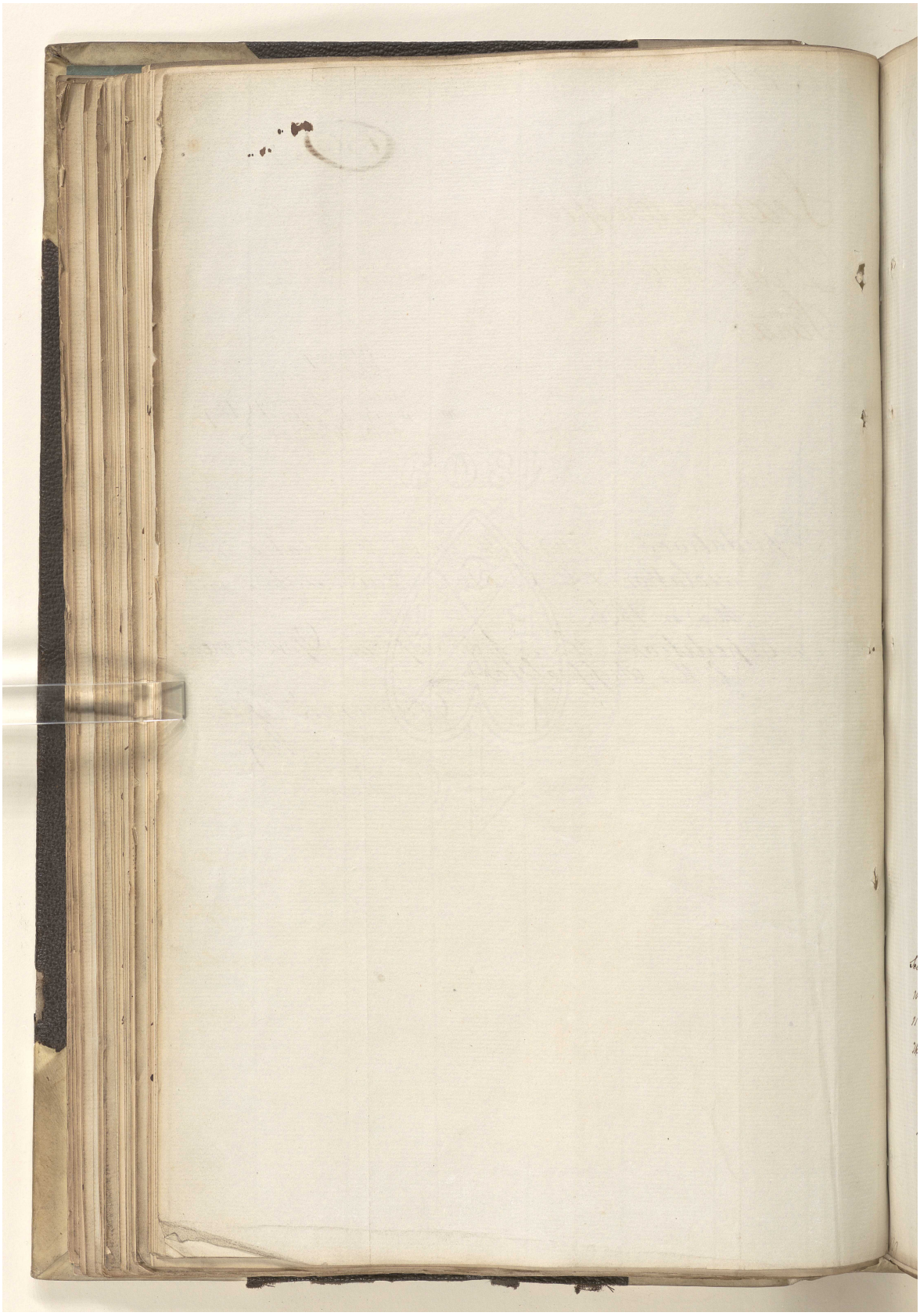

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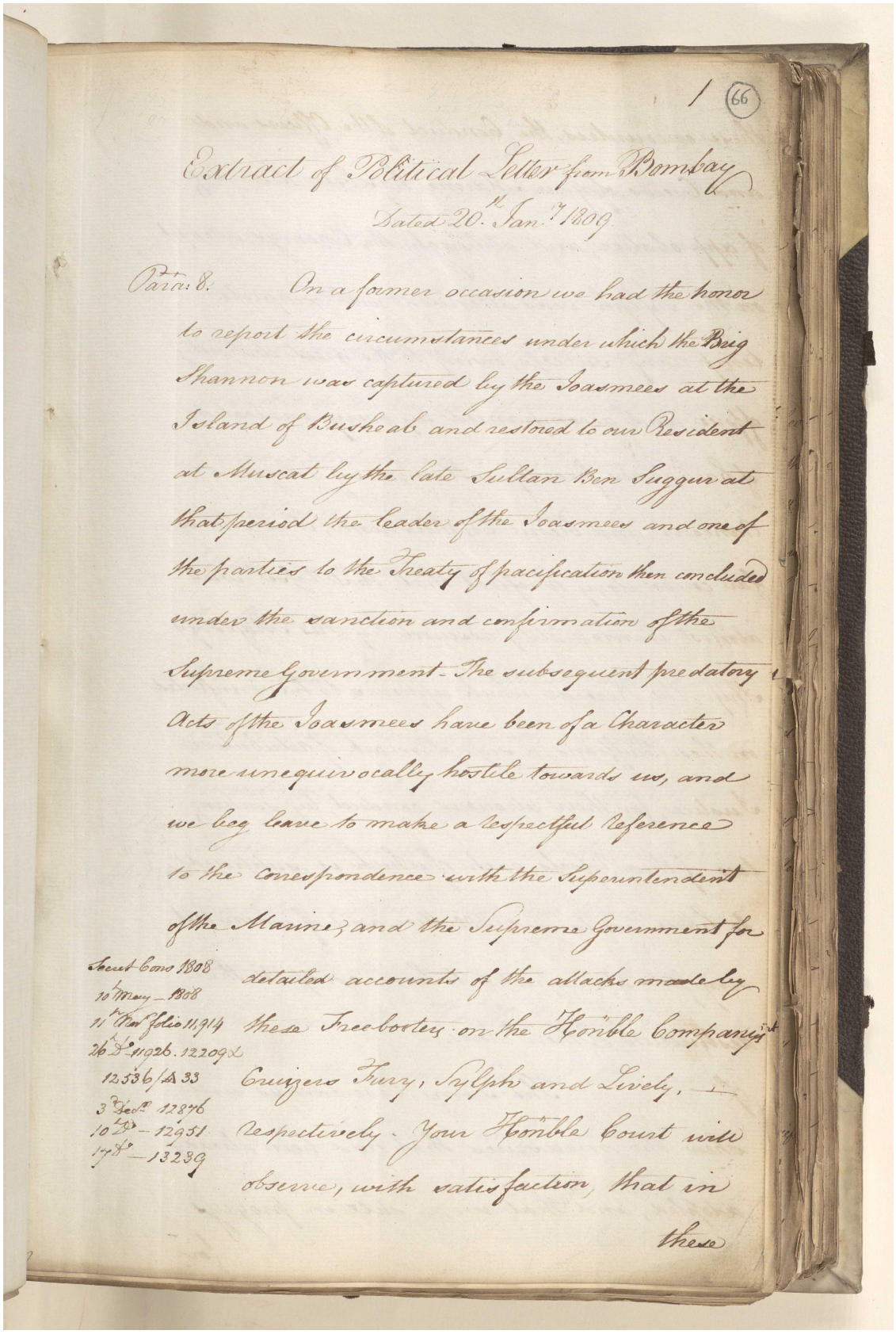

Extract of Political Letter from Bombay
Dated 20th Jan.y 1809

Para: 8. On a former occasion we had the honor to report the circumstances under which the Brig Shannon was captured by the Joasmees at the Island of Busheab and restored to our Resident at Muscat by the late Sultan Ben Suggur at that period the leader of the Joasmees and one of the parties to the Treaty of pacification then concluded under the sanction and confirmation of the Supreme Government - The subsequent predatory Acts of the Joasmees have been of a Character more unequivocally hostile towards us, and we beg leave to make a respectful reference to the correspondence with the Superintendent of the Marine, and the Supreme Government for detailed accounts of the attacks made by these Freebooters on the Hon'ble Company's Cruizers Fury, Sylph and Lively, respectively. Your Hon'ble Court will observe, with satisfaction, that in these

Secret Cons 1808
10th May - 1808
11th Nov. folio 11,914
26th D.o 11926. 12209 &
12536/A 33
3rd Dec.r 12876
10th D.o - 12951
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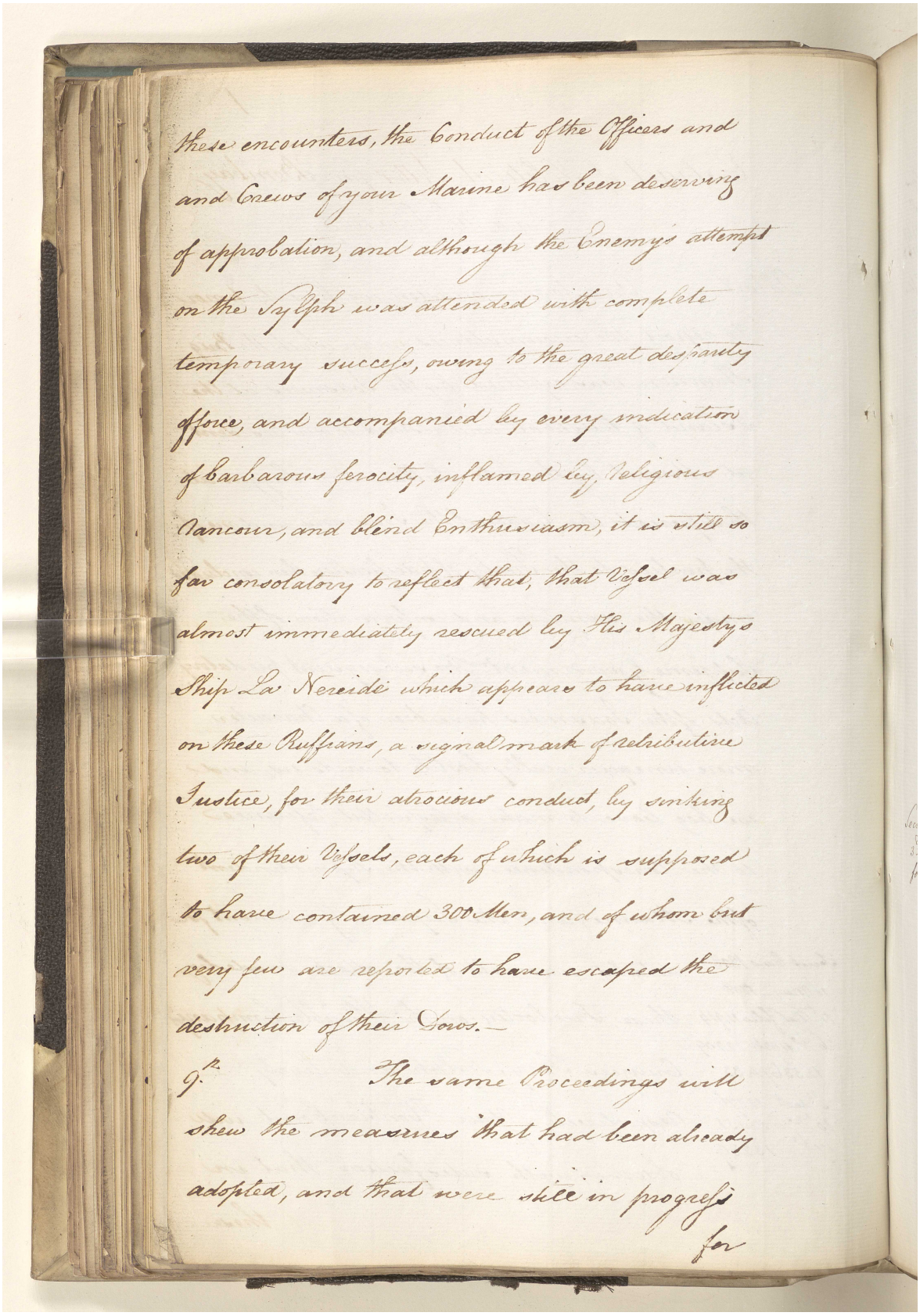

these encounters, the Conduct of the Officers and
and Crews of your Marine has been deserving
of approbation, and although the Enemy's attempt
on the Sylph was attended with complete
temporary success, owing to the great disparity
of force, and accompanied by every indication
of barbarous ferocity, inflamed by religious
rancour, and blind Enthusiasm, it is still so
far consolatory to reflect that, that Vessel was
almost immediately rescued by His Majesty's
Ship La Nereide which appears to have inflicted
on these Ruffians, a signal mark of retributive
Justice, for their atrocious conduct, by sinking
two of their Vessels, each of which is supposed
to have contained 300 Men, and of whom but
very few are reported to have escaped the
destruction of their Vessels.—
9.th The same Proceedings will
shew the measures that had been already
adopted, and that were still in progress
for

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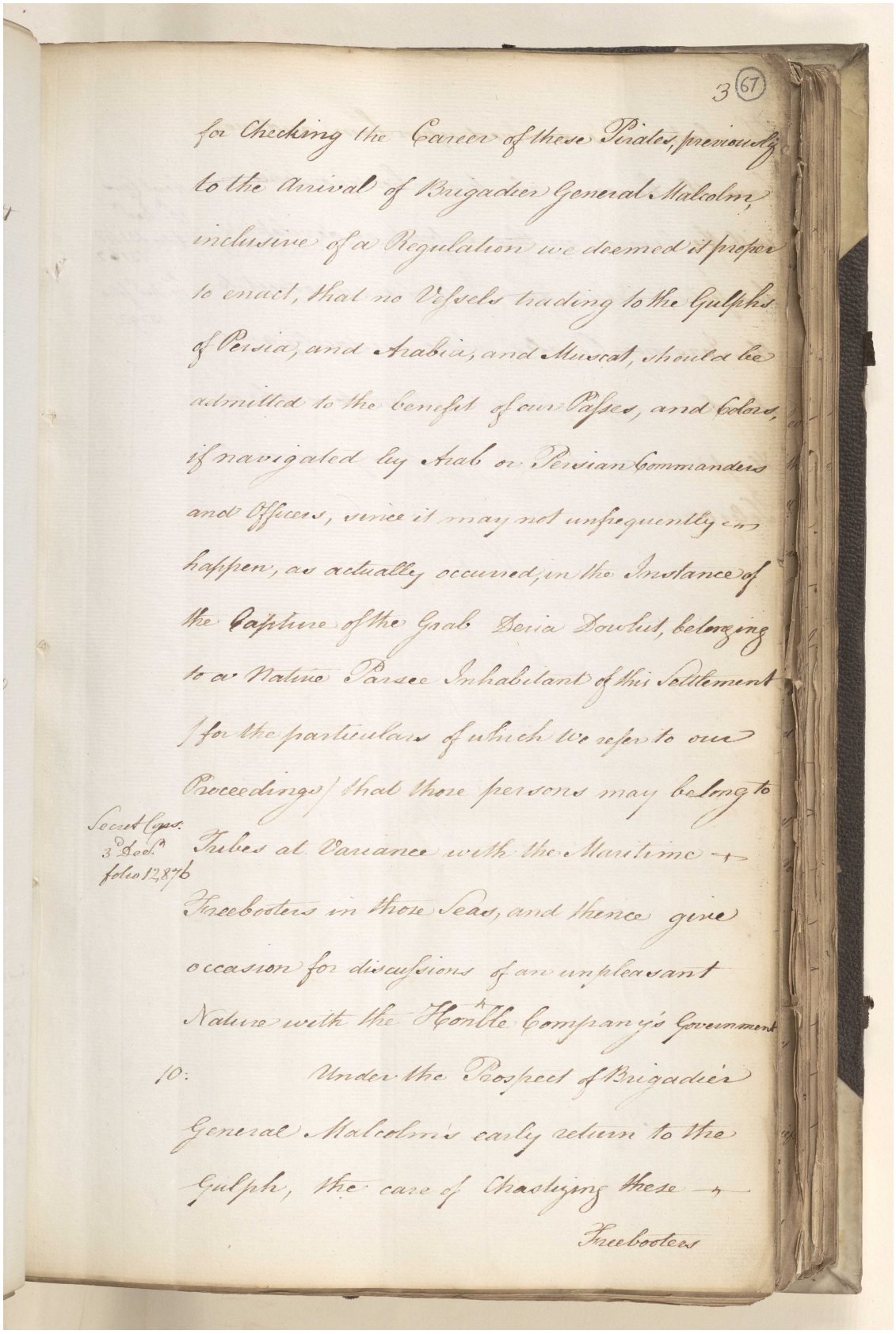

for Checking the Career of these Pirates, previously to the Arrival of Brigadier General Malcolm, inclusive of a Regulation we deemed it proper to enact, that no Vessels trading to the Gulphs of Persia, and Arabia, and Muscat, should be admitted to the benefit of our Passes, and Colors, if navigated by Arab or Persian Commanders and Officers, since it may not unfrequently happen, as actually occurred, in the Instance of the Capture of the Grab Deria Dowlut, belonging to a Native Parsee Inhabitant of this Settlement (for the particulars of which we refer to our Proceedings) that those persons may belong to Tribes at Variance with the Maritime Freebooters in those Seas, and thence give occasion for discussions of an unpleasant Nature with the Honble Company's Government

Secret Cons. 3d Decr. folio 12,876

10: Under the Prospect of Brigadier General Malcolm's early return to the Gulph, the care of Chastizing these Freebooters

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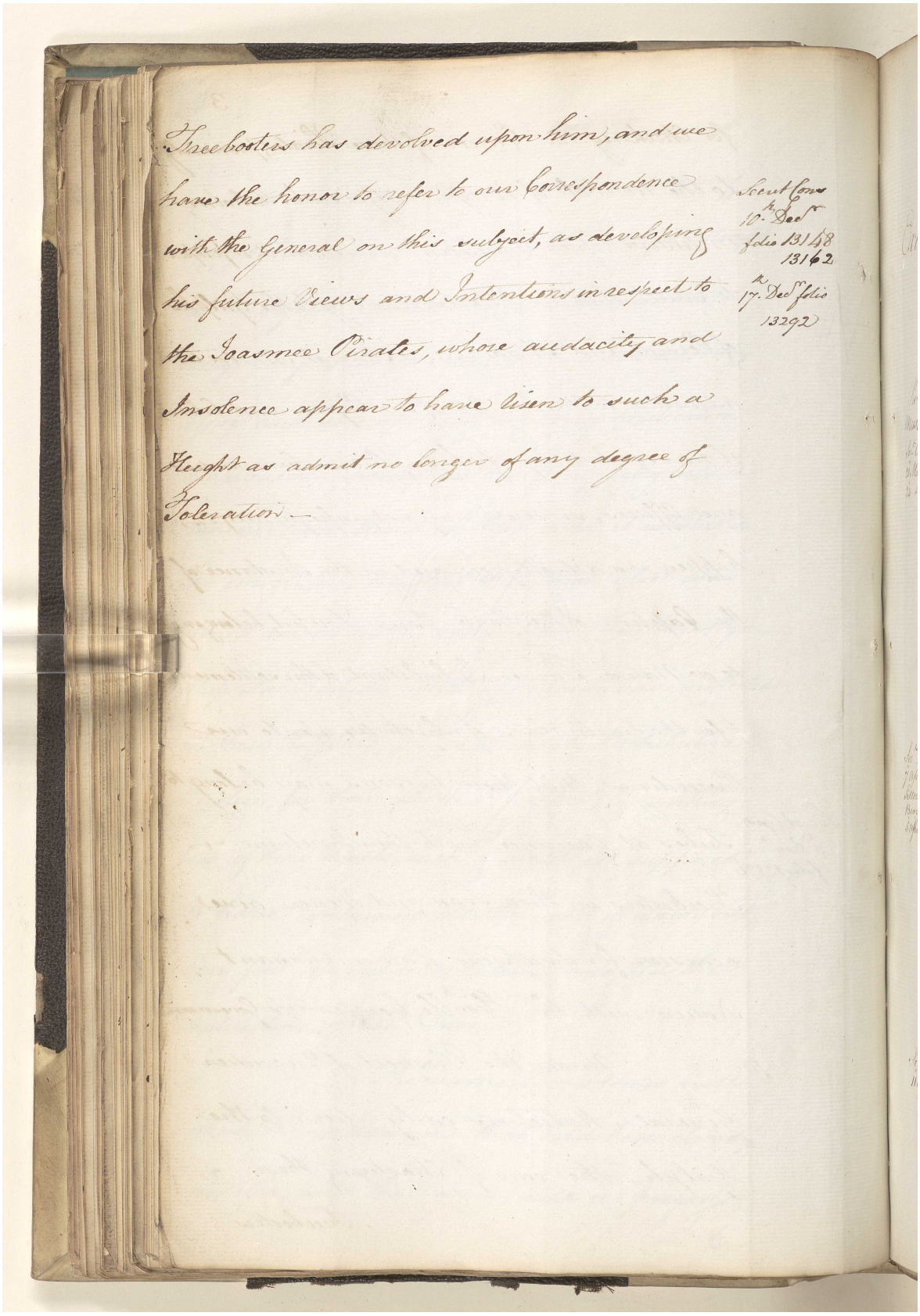

Freebooters has devolved upon him, and we have the honor to refer to our Correspondence with the General on this subject, as developing his future Views and Intentions in respect to the Joasmee Pirates, whose audacity and Insolence appear to have risen to such a Height as admit no longer of any degree of Toleration —

Secret Cons
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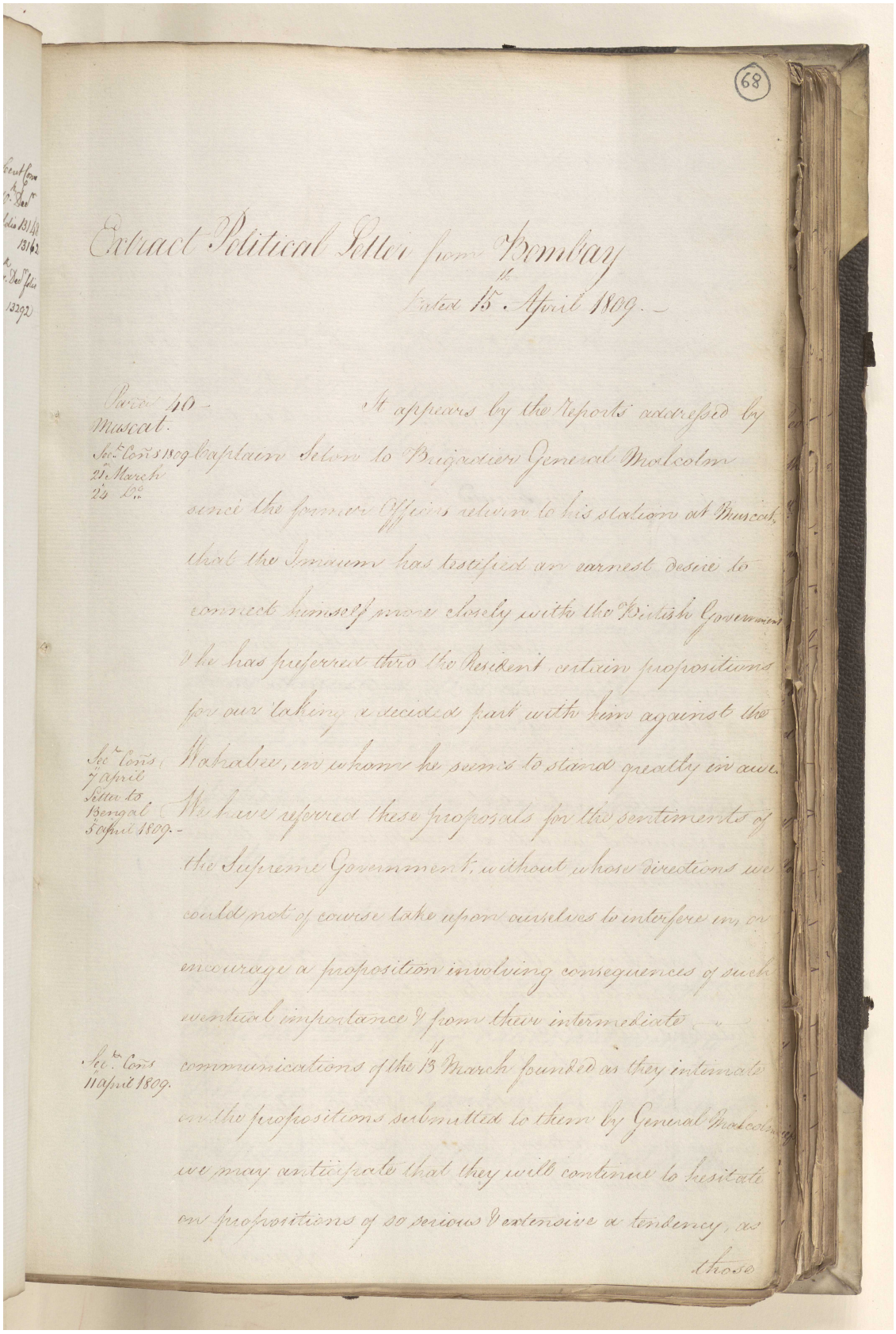

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Dated 15th April 1809.

Para 40 Muscat.
Sec.t Cons 1809 21 March 24 Do.

It appears by the Reports addressed by Captain Seton to Brigadier General Malcolm since the former Officers return to his station at Muscat, that the Imaum has testified an earnest desire to connect himself more closely with the British Government & he has preferred thro the Resident certain propositions for our taking a decided part with him against the Wahabee, in whom he seems to stand greatly in awe.

Sec.t Cons 7 April Letter to Bengal 5 April 1809.

We have referred these proposals for the sentiments of the Supreme Government, without whose directions we could not of course take upon ourselves to interfere in, or encourage a proposition involving consequences of such eventual importance & from their intermediate communications of the 13th March founded as they intimate on the propositions submitted to them by General Malcolm we may anticipate that they will continue to hesitate on propositions of so serious & extensive a tendency, as those

Sec.t Cons 11 April 1809.

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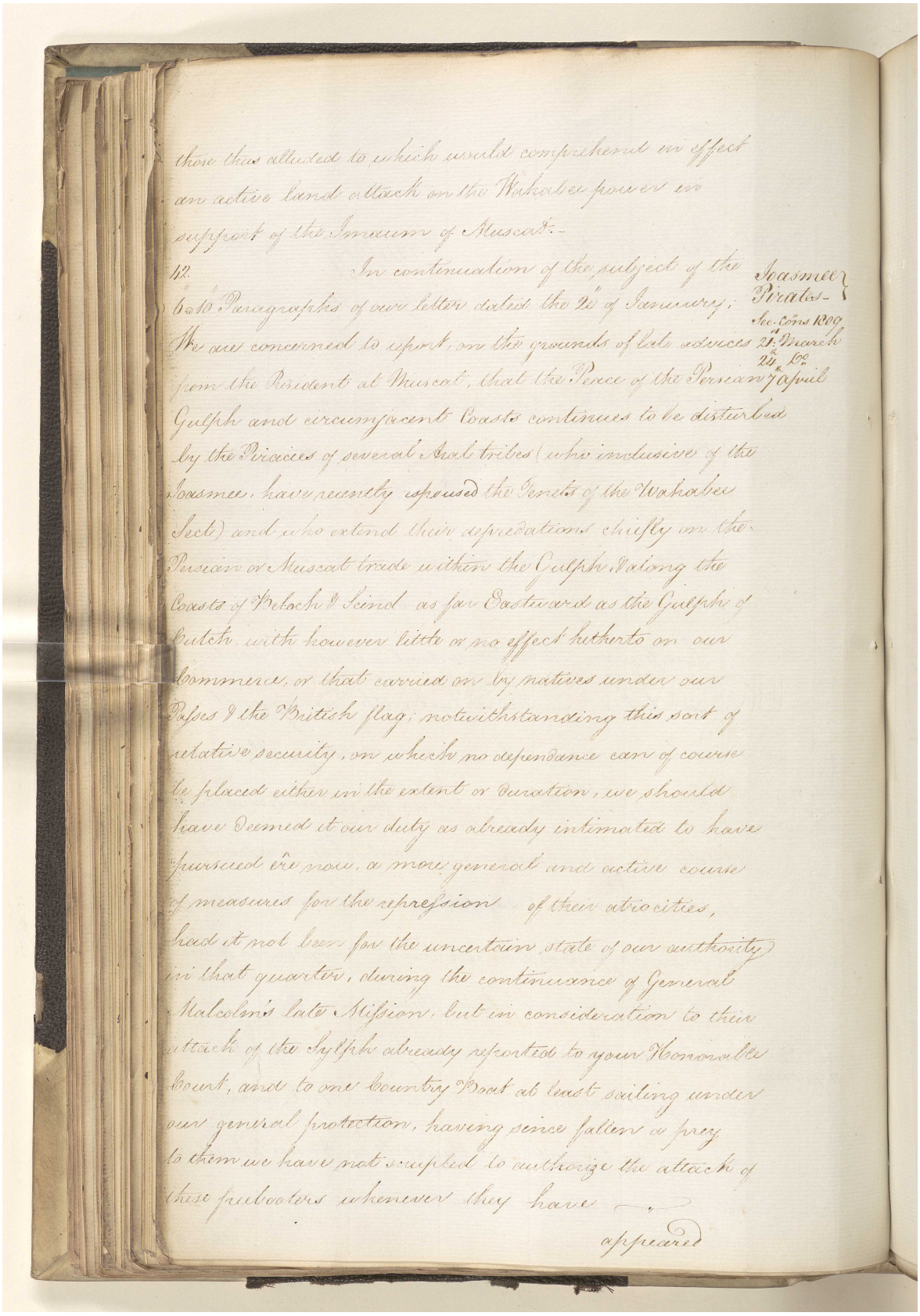

those this alluded to which would comprehend in effect
an active land attack on the Wahabee power in
support of the Imaum of Muscat:-

12. In continuation of the subject of the
6th & 10th Paragraphs of our letter dated the 26th of January;
We are concerned to report, on the grounds of late advices
from the Resident at Muscat, that the Peace of the Persian
Gulph and circumjacent Coasts continues to be disturbed
by the Piracies of several Arab tribes (who inclusive of the
Joasmee, have recently espoused the Tenets of the Wahabee
Sect) and who extend their depredations chiefly on the
Persian or Muscat trade within the Gulph, along the
Coasts of Mekran & Scind as far Eastward as the Gulph of
Cutch, with however little or no effect hitherto on our
Commerce, or that carried on by natives under our
Passes & the British flag; notwithstanding this sort of
relative security, on which no dependance can of course
be placed either in the extent or duration, we should
have deemed it our duty as already intimated to have
pursued ere now, a more general and active course
of measures for the repression of their atrocities,
had it not been for the uncertain state of our authority
in that quarter, during the continuance of General
Malcolm's late Mission, but in consideration to their
attack of the Sylph already reported to your Honorable
Court, and to one Country Boat at least sailing under
our general protection, having since fallen a prey
to them we have not scrupled to authorize the attack of
those freebooters whenever they have
appeared

Joasmee Pirates-
Sec. Cons 1809
21st March
24th Do.
7 April

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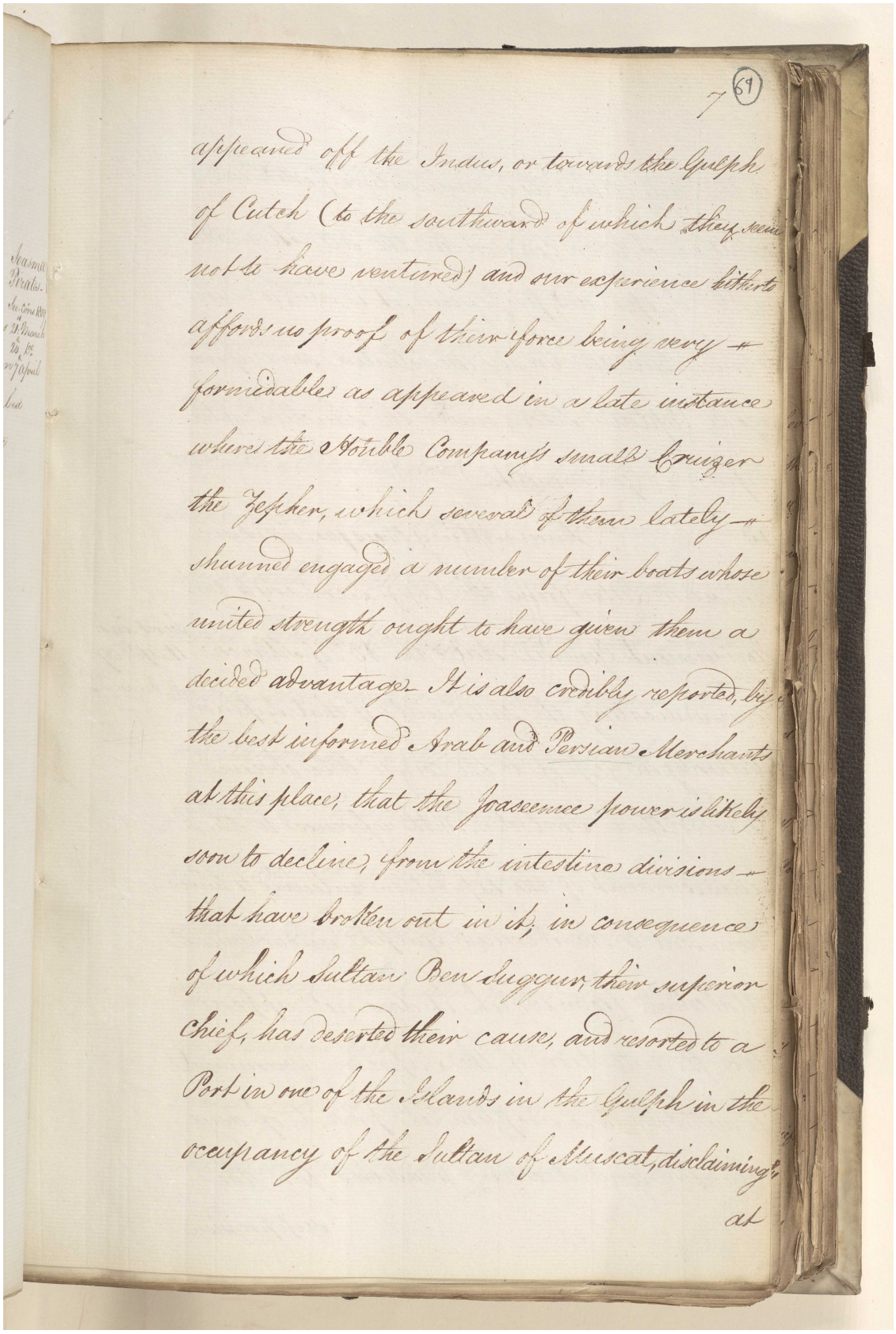

appeared off the Indus, or towards the Gulph
of Cutch (to the southward of which they seem
not to have ventured) and our experience hitherto
affords no proof of their force being very
formidable as appeared in a late instance
where the Honble Company's small Cruiger
the Zephyr, which several of them lately
shunned engaged a number of their boats whose
united strength ought to have given them a
decided advantage. It is also credibly reported, by
the best informed Arab and Persian Merchants
at this place, that the Joasemee power is likely
soon to decline, from the intestine divisions
that have broken out in it, in consequence
of which Sultan Ben Suggur, their superior
Chief, has deserted their cause, and resorted to a
Port in one of the Islands in the Gulph in the
occupancy of the Sultan of Muscat, disclaiming
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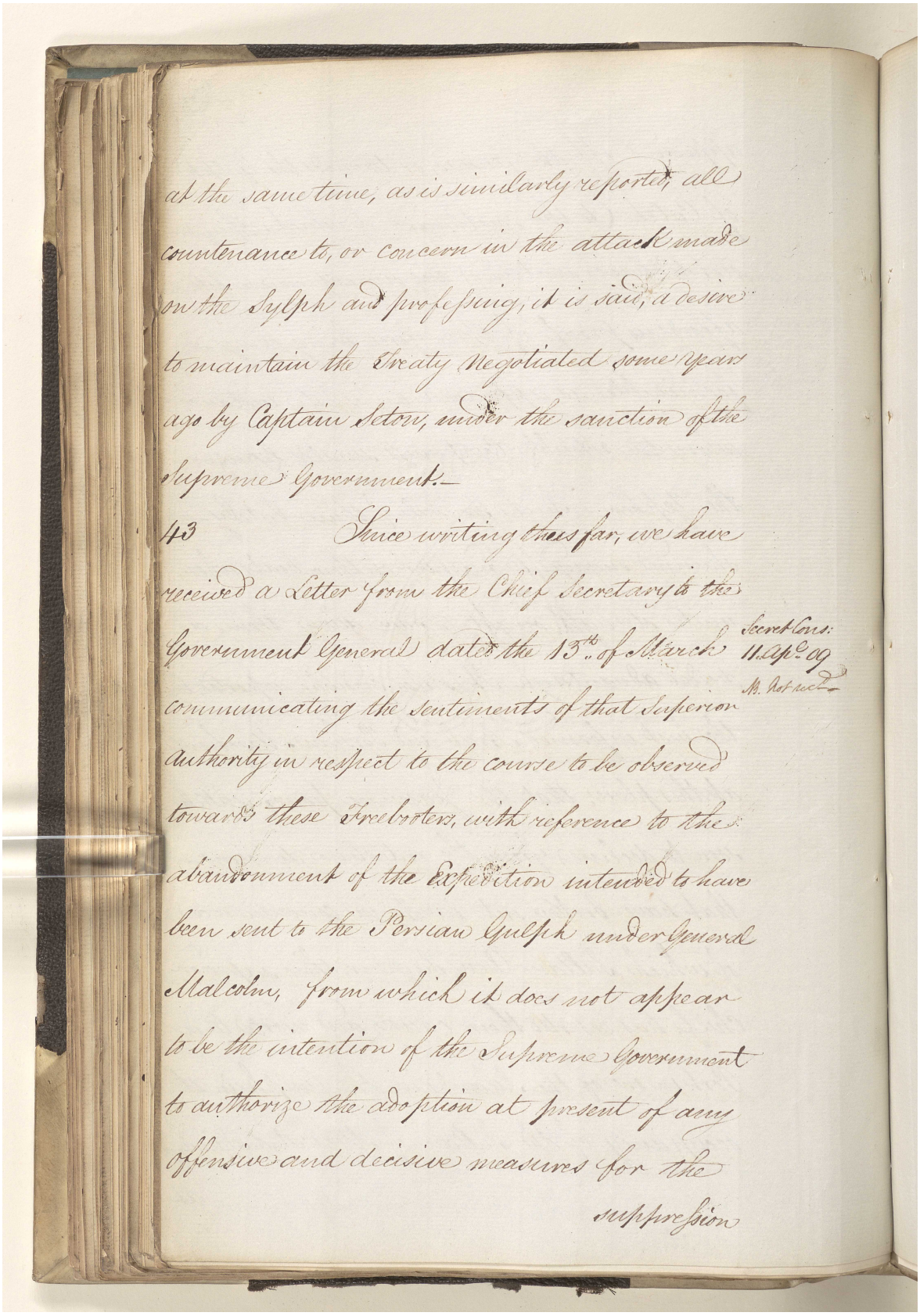
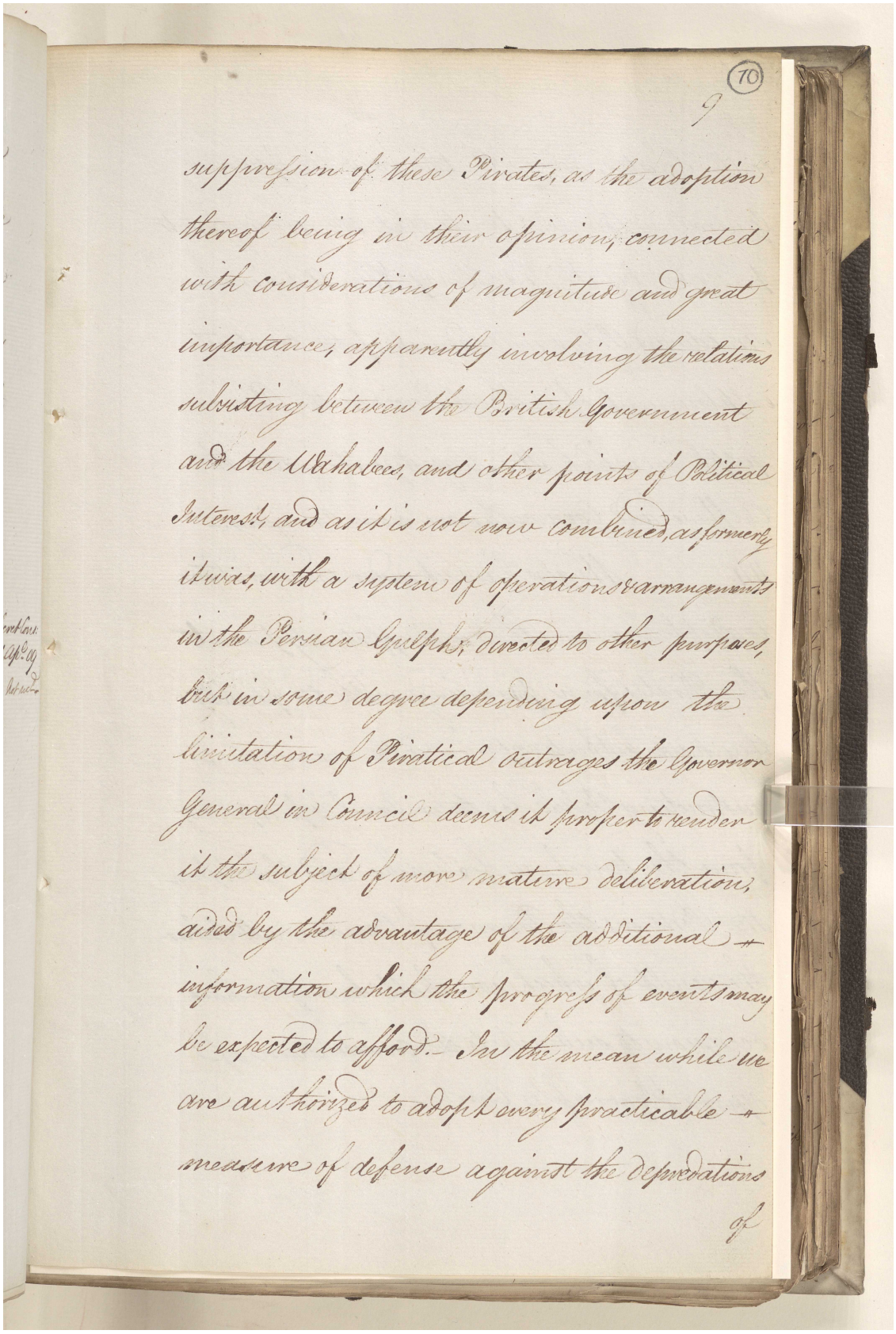


at the same time, as is similarly reported, all countenance to, or concern in the attack made on the Sylph and professing, it is said, a desire to maintain the Treaty Negotiated some years ago by Captain Seton, under the sanction of the Supreme Government.—

43 Since writing thus far, we have received a Letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government General dated the 13th. of March Secret Cons: 11 Apl. 09 communicating the sentiments of that Superior authority in respect to the course to be observed towards these Freebooters, with reference to the abandonment of the Expedition intended to have been sent to the Persian Gulph under General Malcolm, from which it does not appear to be the intention of the Supreme Government to authorize the adoption at present of any offensive and decisive measures for the suppression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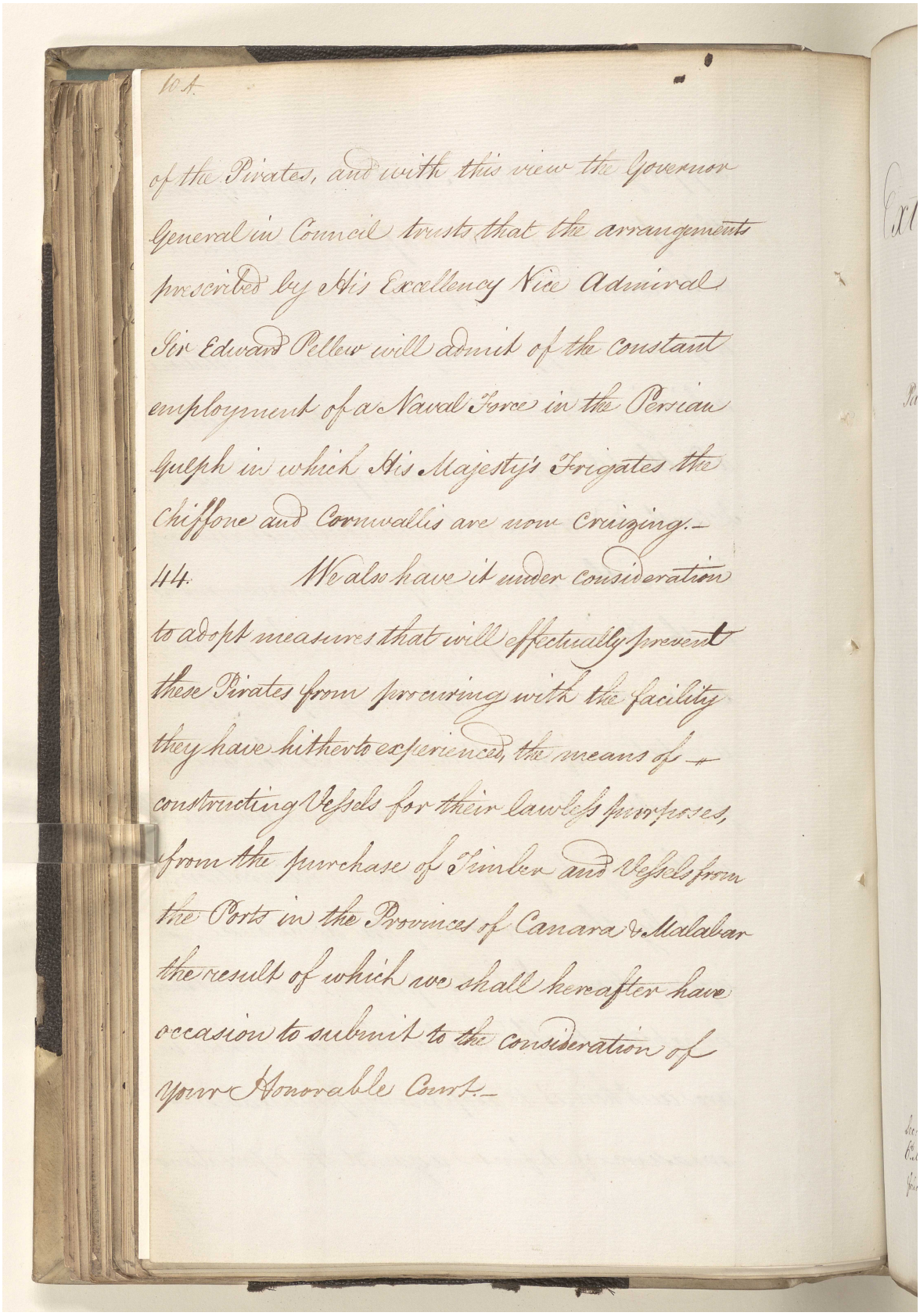
suppression of these Pirates, as the adoption
thereof being in their opinion, connected
with considerations of magnitude and great
importance, apparently involving the relations
subsisting between the British Government
and the Wahabees, and other points of Political
Interest, and as it is not now combined, as formerly
it was, with a system of operations & arrangements
in the Persian Gulph, directed to other purposes,
but in some degree depending upon the
limitation of Piratical outrages the Governor
General in Council deems it proper to render
it the subject of more mature deliberation,
aided by the advantage of the additional
information which the progress of events may
be expected to afford. In the mean while we
are authorized to adopt every practicable
measure of defense against the depredations
of



of the Pirates, and with this view the Governor General in Council trusts that the arrangements prescribed by His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Edward Pellew will admit of the constant employment of a Naval Force in the Persian Gulph in which His Majesty's Frigates the Chiffone and Cornwallis are now Cruizing.—

114. We also have it under consideration to adopt measures that will effectually prevent these Pirates from procuring with the facility they have hitherto experienced, the means of constructing Vessels for their lawless purposes, from the purchase of Timber and Vessels from the Ports in the Provinces of Canara & Malabar the result of which we shall hereafter have occasion to submit to the consideration of your Honorable Court.—

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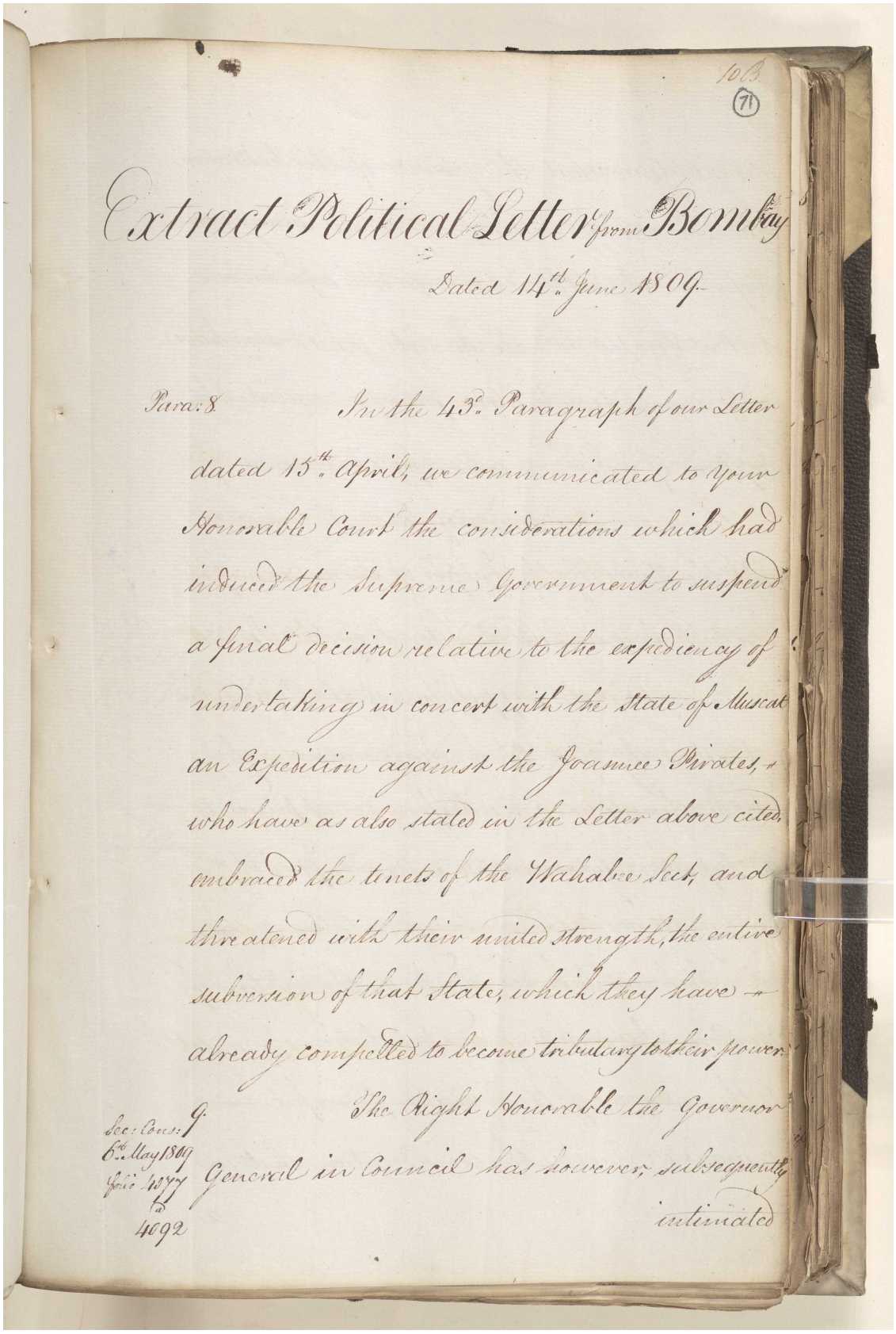

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Dated 14th June 1809.

Para: 8. In the 43d Paragraph of our Letter dated 15th April, we communicated to your Honorable Court the considerations which had induced the Supreme Government to suspend a final decision relative to the expediency of undertaking in concert with the State of Muscat an Expedition against the Joasmee Pirates, who have as also stated in the Letter above cited, embraced the tenets of the Wahabee Sect, and threatened with their united strength, the entire subversion of that State, which they have already compelled to become tributary to their power.

9. The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has however, subsequently intimated

Sec: Cons: 6th May 1809 folio 4077 to 4092

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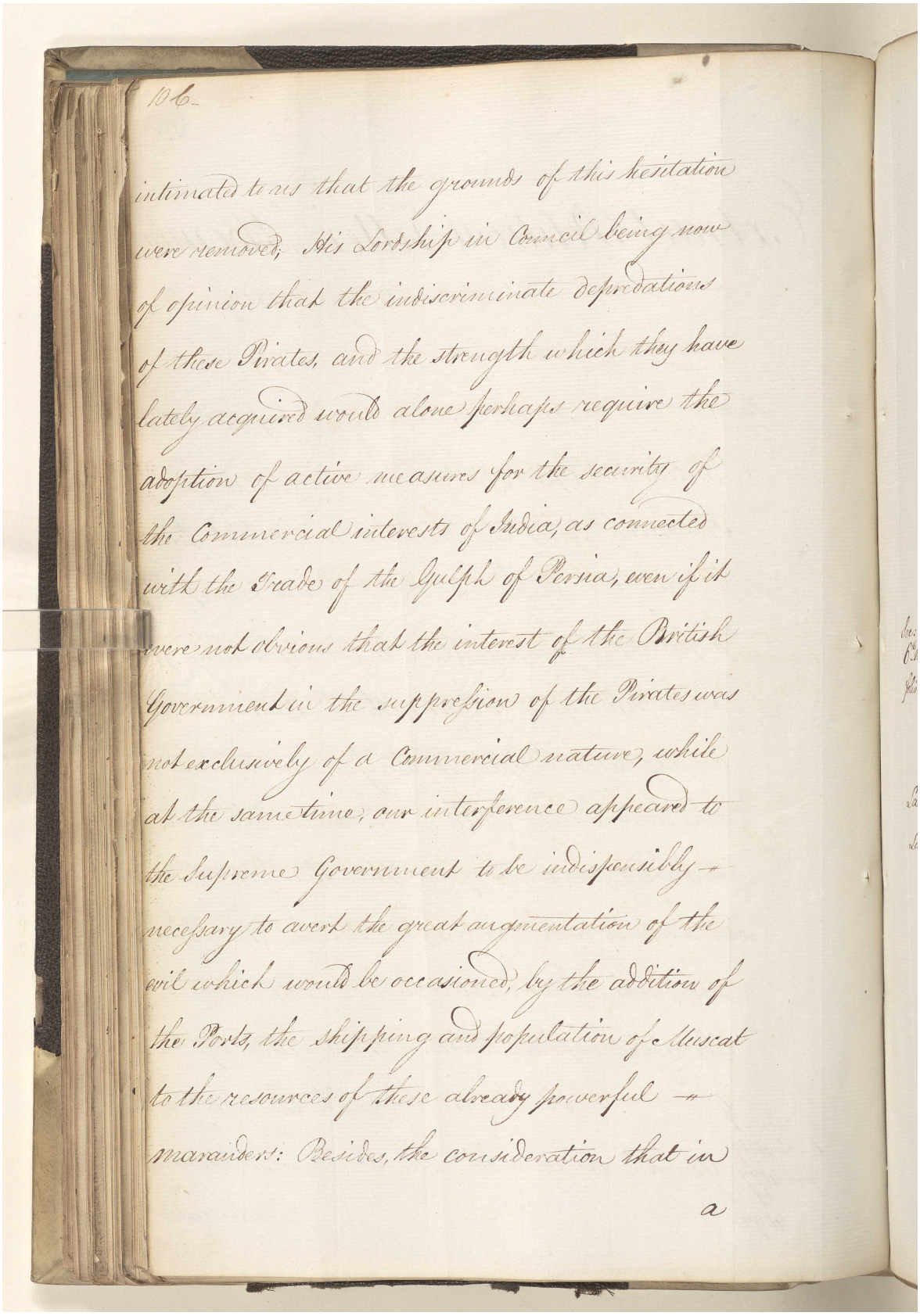

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intimated to us that the grounds of this hesitation were removed, His Lordship in Council being now of opinion that the indiscriminate depredations of these Pirates, and the strength which they have lately acquired would alone perhaps require the adoption of active measures for the security of the Commercial interests of India, as connected with the Trade of the Gulph of Persia, even if it were not obvious that the interest of the British Government in the suppression of the Pirates was not exclusively of a Commercial nature, while at the same time, our interference appeared to the Supreme Government to be indispensibly necessary to avert the great augmentation of the evil which would be occasioned, by the addition of the Ports, the shipping and population of Muscat to the resources of these already powerful Marauders: Besides, the consideration that in

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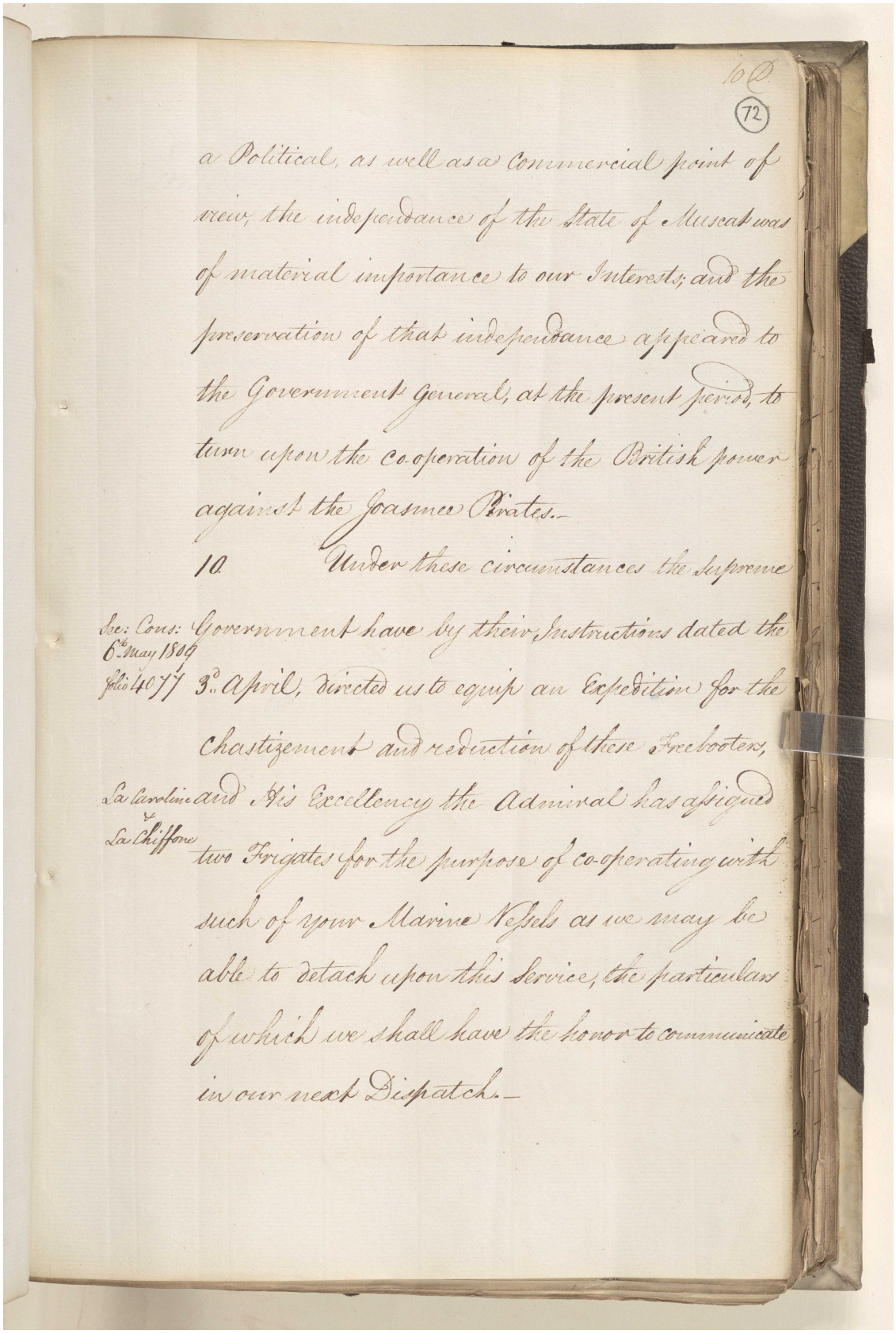

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a Political, as well as a Commercial point of view, the independance of the State of Muscat was of material importance to our Interests, and the preservation of that independance appeared to the Government General, at the present period, to turn upon the co-operation of the British power against the Joasmee Pirates.—

10 Under these circumstances the Supreme Government have by their Instructions dated the 3d. April, directed us to equip an Expedition for the Chastizement and reduction of these Freebooters, and His Excellency the Admiral has assigned two Frigates for the purpose of co-operating with such of your Marine Vessels as we may be able to detach upon this Service, the particulars of which we shall have the honor to communicate in our next Dispatch.—

See: Cons: 6th May 1806 folio 4077

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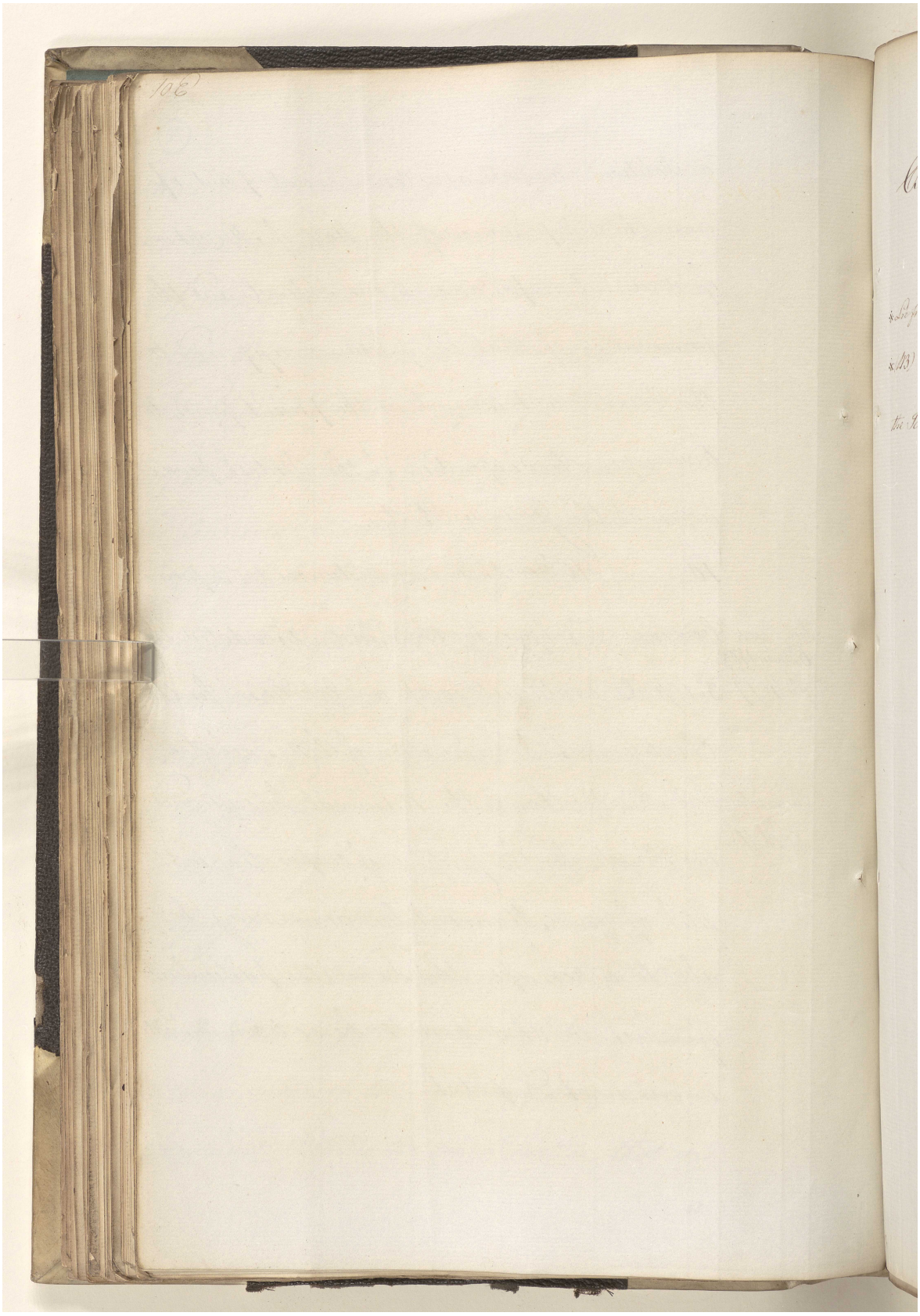

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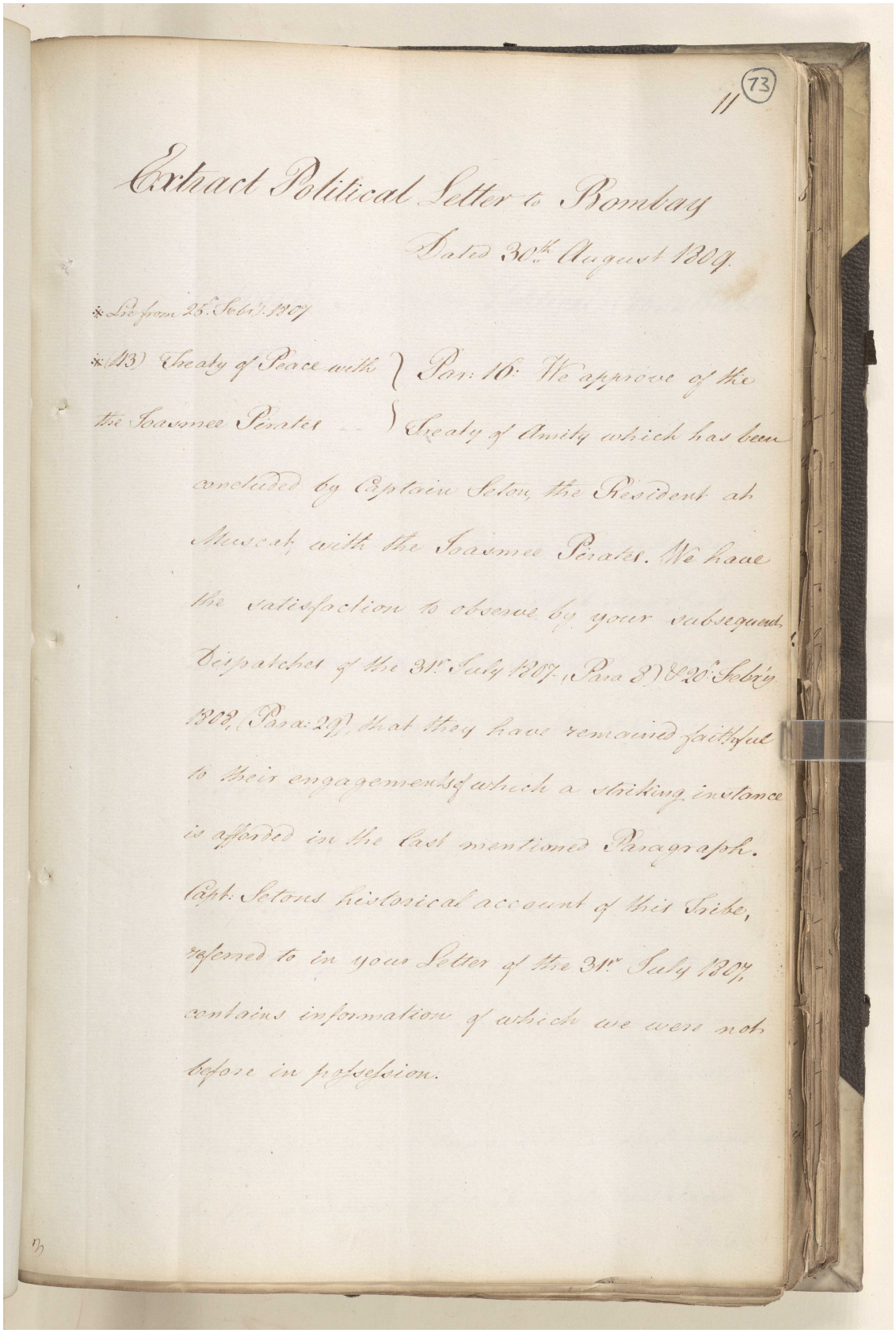

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Extract Political Letter to Bombay

Dated 30th August 1809.

* Lre from 25th Febry 1807

*(43) Treaty of Peace with the Joasmee Pirates — } Par: 16: We approve of the Treaty of Amity which has been concluded by Captain Seton, the Resident at Muscat, with the Joasmee Pirates. We have the satisfaction to observe by your subsequent Dispatches of the 31st July 1807 (Para 8) & 20th Febry 1808, (Para: 29), that they have remained faithful to their engagements of which a striking instance is afforded in the last mentioned Paragraph. Capt: Setons historical account of this Tribe, referred to in your Letter of the 31st July 1807, contains information of which we were not before in possession.

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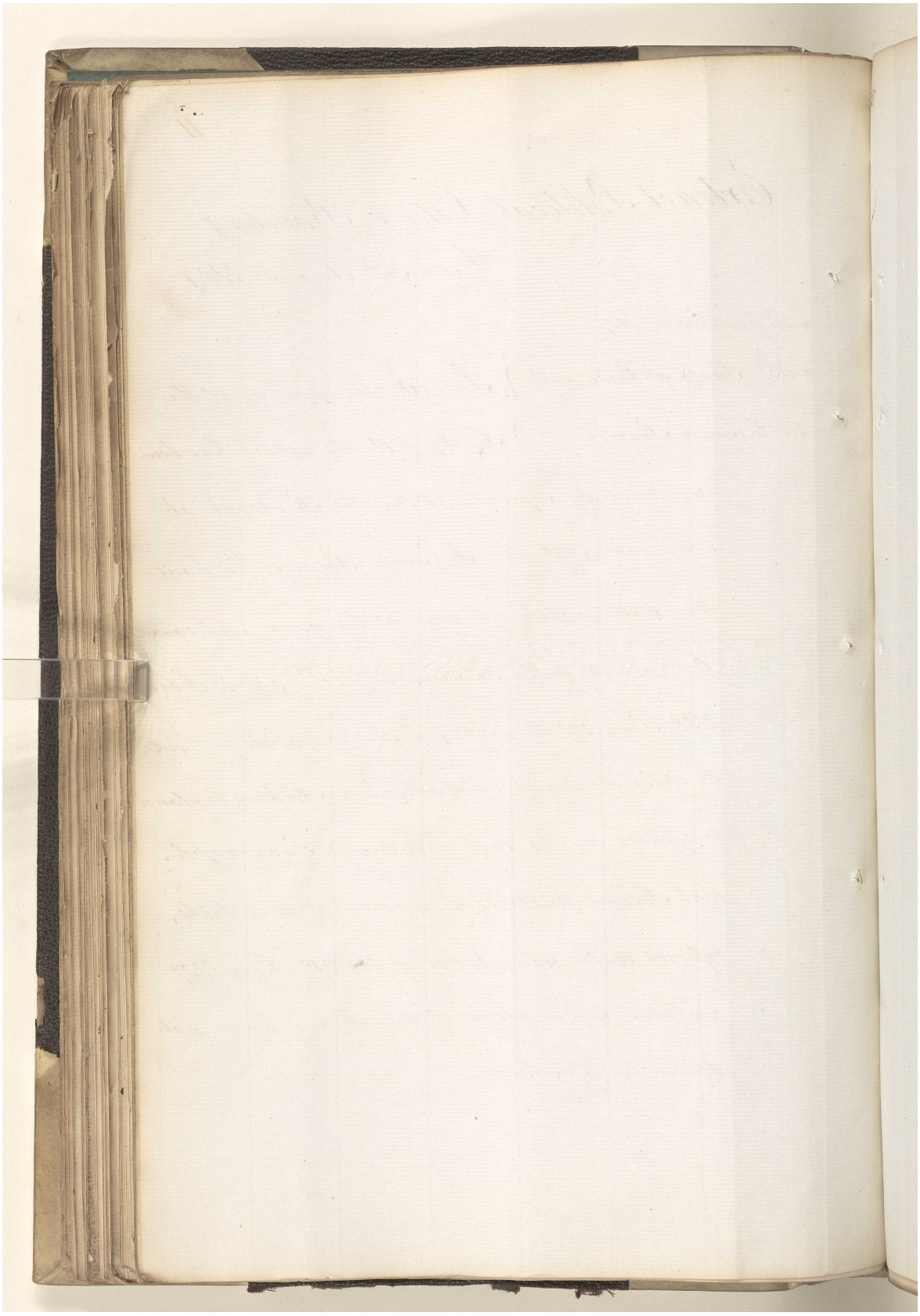

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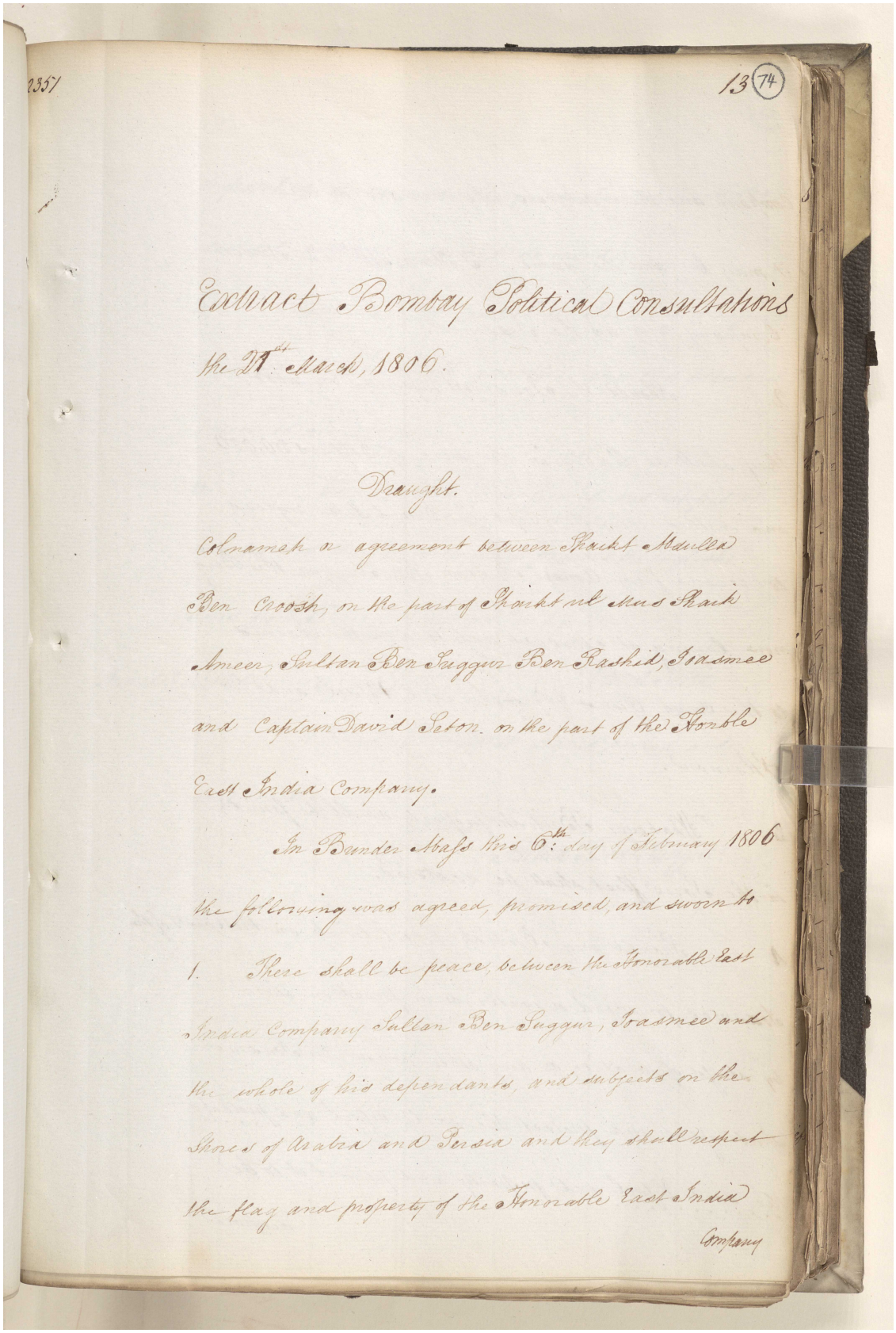

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Colnameh or agreement between Shaikt Abdulla Ben Croosh, on the part of Shaikt ul Mus Shaik Ameer, Sultan Ben Suggur Ben Rashid, Joasmee and Captain David Seton on the part of the Honble East India Company.

In Bunder Abass this 6th day of February 1806 the following was agreed, promised, and sworn to

1. There shall be peace, between the Honorable East India Company Sultan Ben Suggur, Joasmee and the whole of his dependants, and subjects on the Shores of Arabia and Persia and they shall respect the flag and property of the Honorable East India Company

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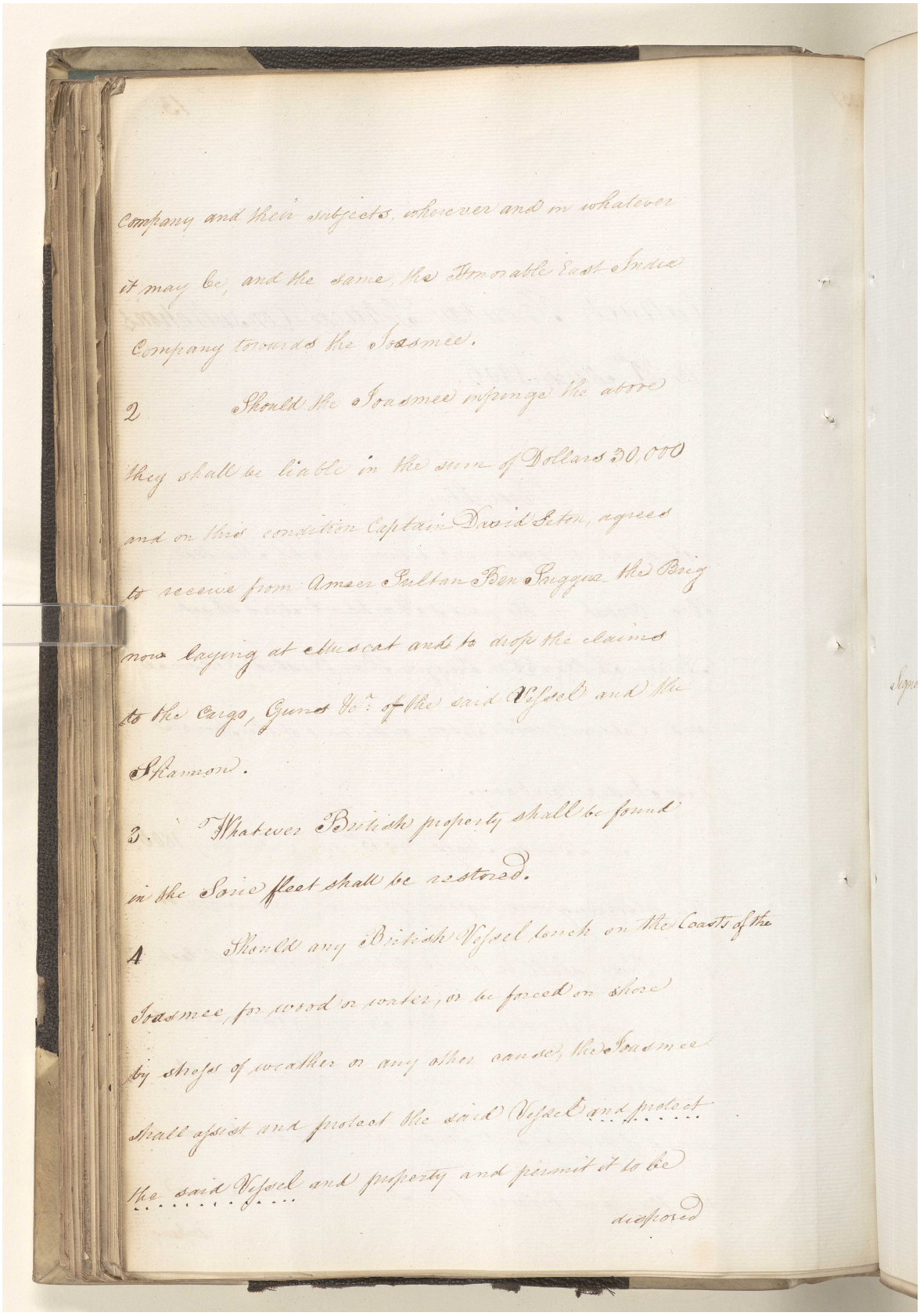

Company and their subjects, wherever and in whatever
it may be, and the same the Honorable East India
Company towards the Joasmee.

2 Should the Joasmee infringe the above
they shall be liable in the sum of Dollars 30,000
and on this condition Captain David Seton, agrees
to receive from Ameer Sultan Ben Suggur the Brig
now laying at Muscat and to drop the claims
to the Cargo, Guns &c. of the said Vessel and the
Shamon.

3. Whatever British property shall be found
in the Joasmee fleet shall be restored.

4 Should any British Vessel touch on the Coasts of the
Joasmee, for wood or water, or be forced on shore
by stress of weather or any other cause, the Joasmee
shall assist and protect the said Vessel and protect
the said Vessel and property and permit it to be
disposed

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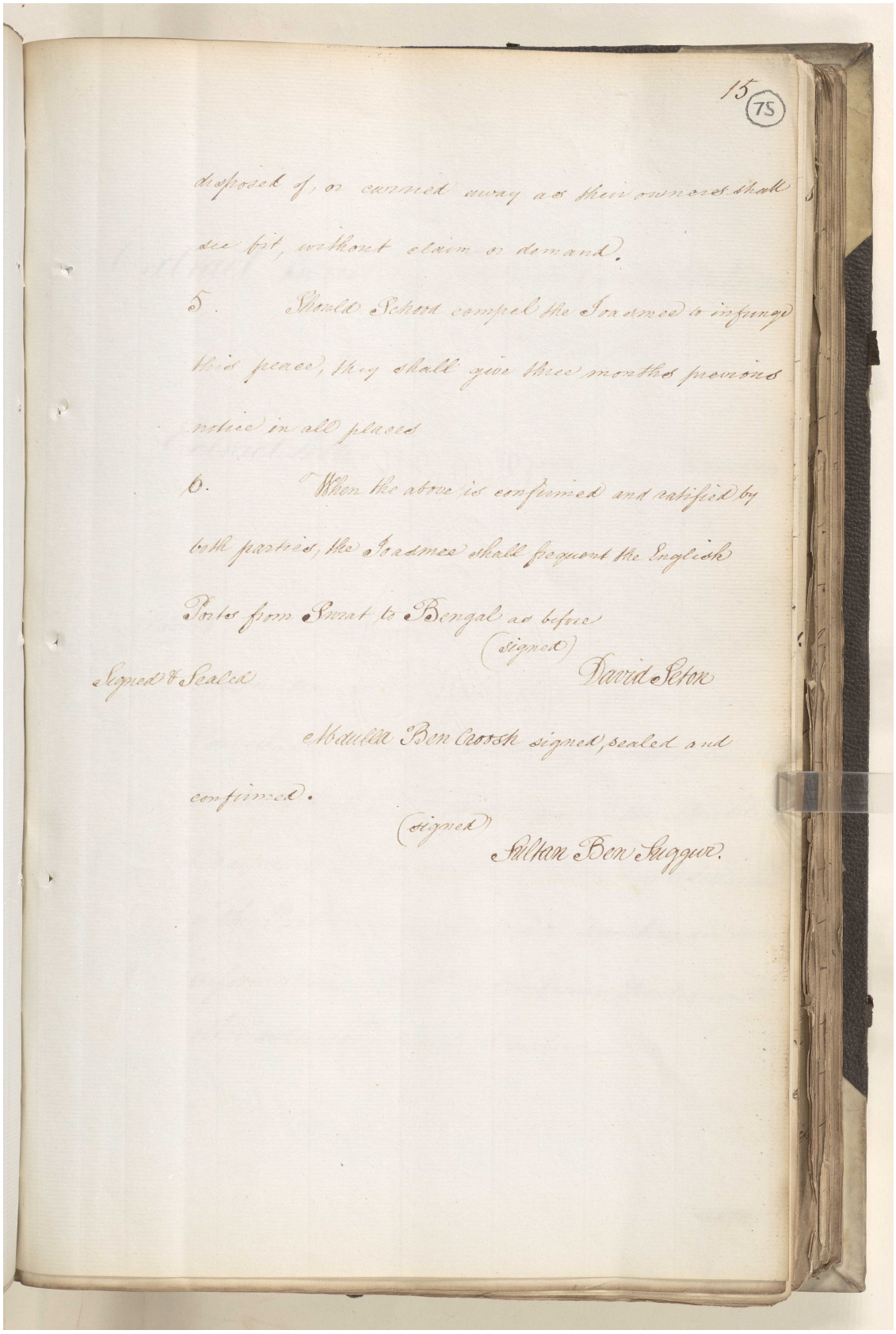

disposed of, or carried away as their owners shall see fit, without claim or demand.

5. Should Schood compel the Joasmee to infringe this peace, they shall give three months previous notice in all places

6. When the above is confirmed and ratified by both parties, the Joasmee shall frequent the English Ports from Surat to Bengal as before

(signed)
David Seton

Signed & Sealed

Abdulla Ben Croosh signed, sealed and confirmed.

(signed)
Sultan Ben Suggur.

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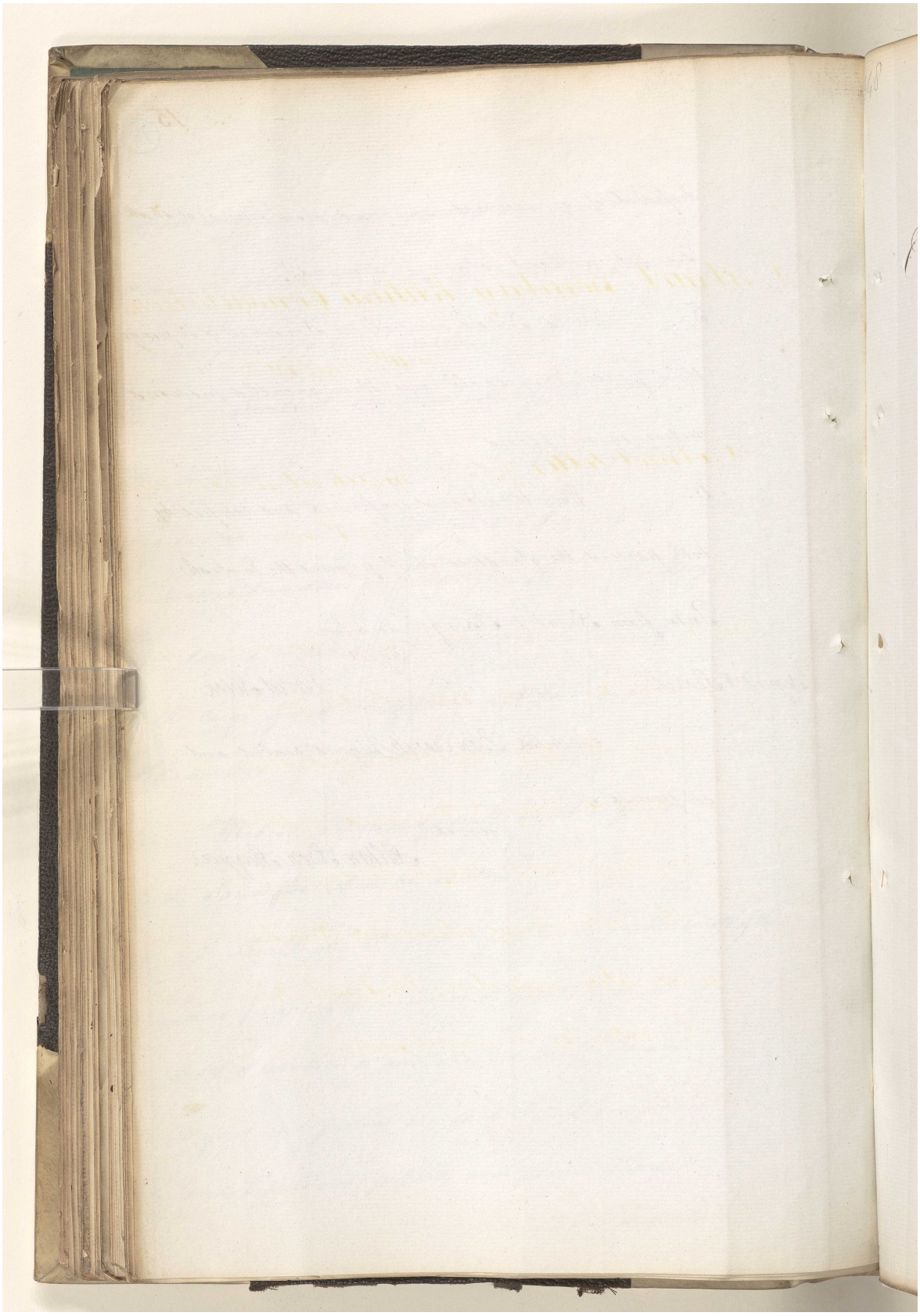

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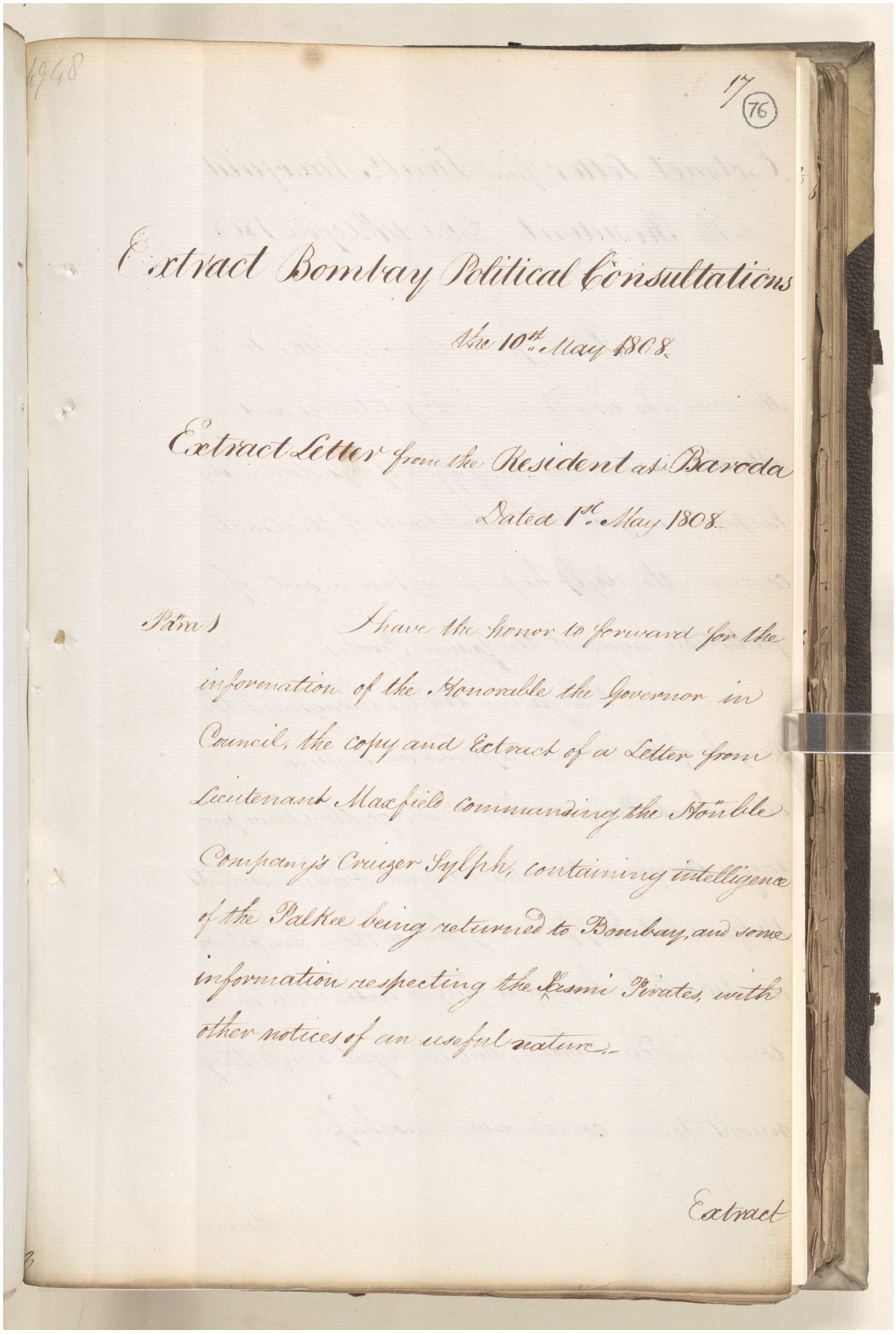

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the 10th. May 1808.

Extract Letter from the Resident at Baroda

Dated 1st. May 1808.

Para 1 I have the honor to forward for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the copy and Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Maxfield Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Sylph, containing intelligence of the Palkee being returned to Bombay, and some information respecting the Kesmi Pirates, with other notices of an useful nature.

Extract

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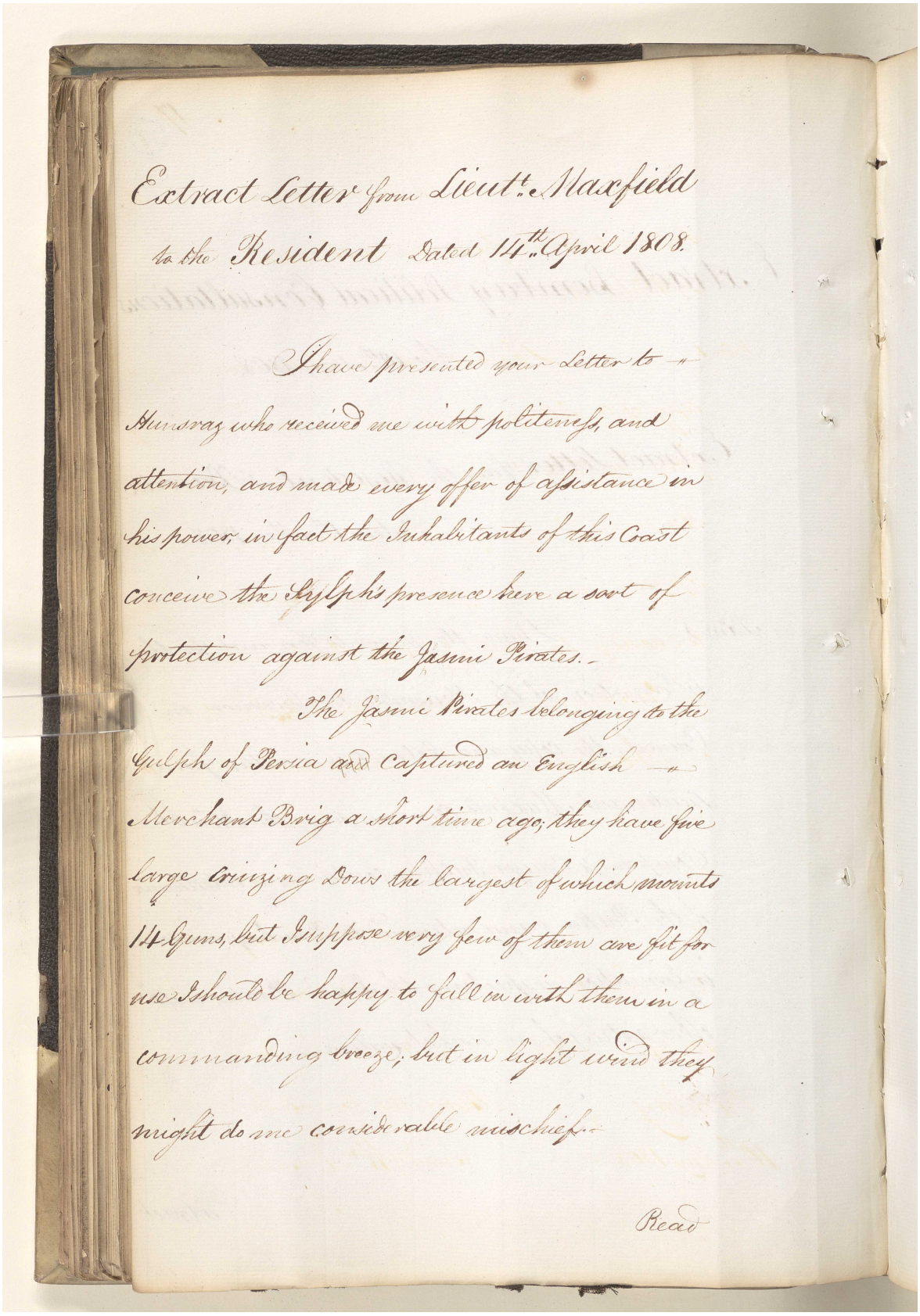

Extract Letter from Lieut.t Maxfield to the Resident Dated 14th April 1808.

I have presented your Letter to Hunsraz who received me with politeness, and attention, and made every offer of assistance in his power, in fact the Inhabitants of this Coast conceive the Sylph's presence here a sort of protection against the Jasmi Pirates.

The Jasmi Pirates belonging to the Gulph of Persia and captured an English Merchant Brig a short time ago; they have five large Cruizing Dows the largest of which mounts 14 Guns, but I suppose very few of them are fit for use I should be happy to fall in with them in a commanding breeze; but in light wind they might do me considerable mischief.

Read

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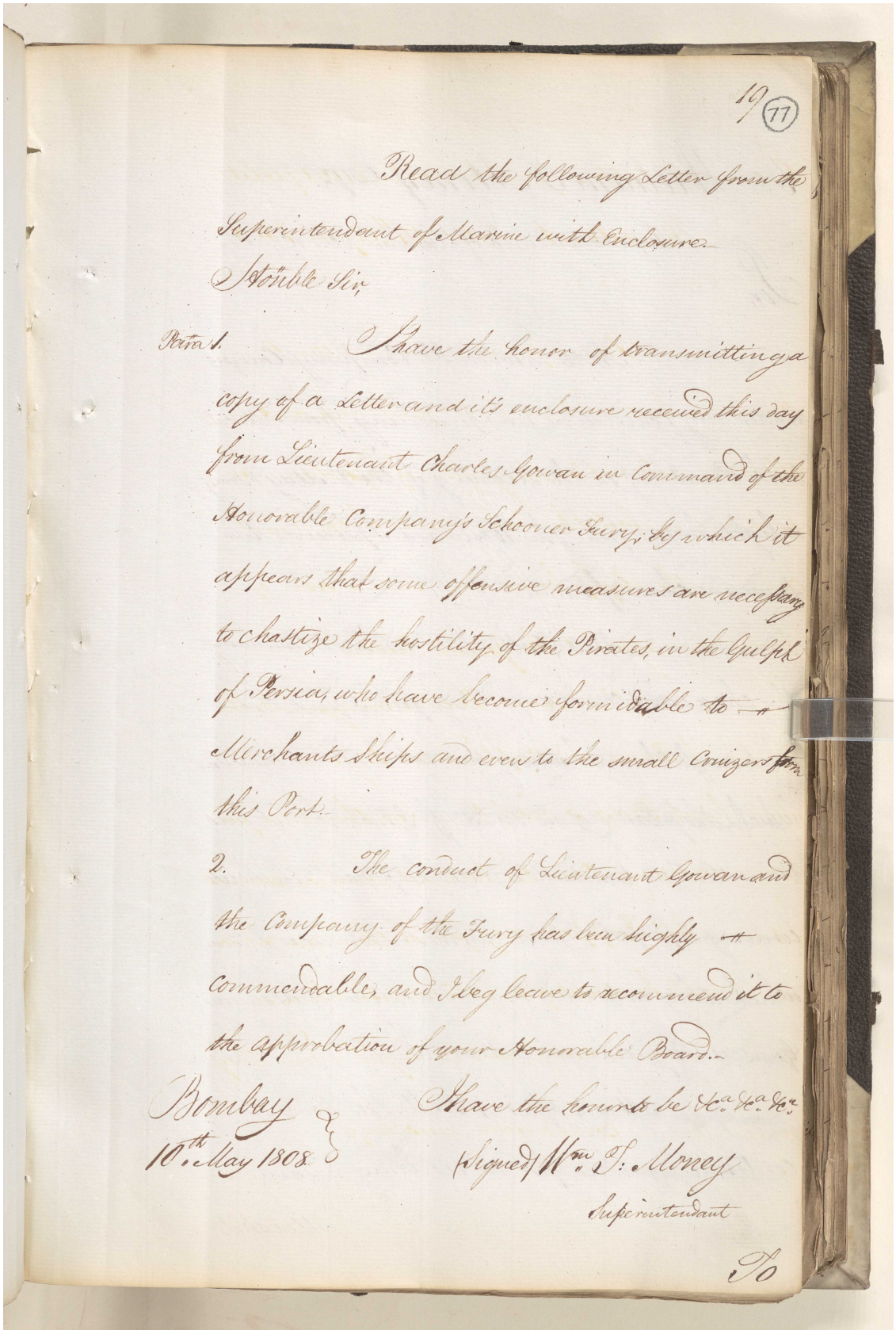

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Read the following Letter from the
Superintendant of Marine with Enclosure.
Honble Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor of transmitting a
copy of a Letter and its enclosure received this day
from Lieutenant Charles Govan in Command of the
Honorable Company's Schooner Fury, by which it
appears that some offensive measures are necessary
to chastize the hostility of the Pirates, in the Gulph
of Persia, who have become formidable to
Merchants Ships and even to the small Cruizers from
this Port.

2. The conduct of Lieutenant Govan and
the Company of the Fury has been highly
commendable, and I beg leave to recommend it to
the approbation of your Honorable Board.

I have the honors &c. &c. &c.
Signed Wm. T. Money
Superintendant

Bombay
10th May 1808

To

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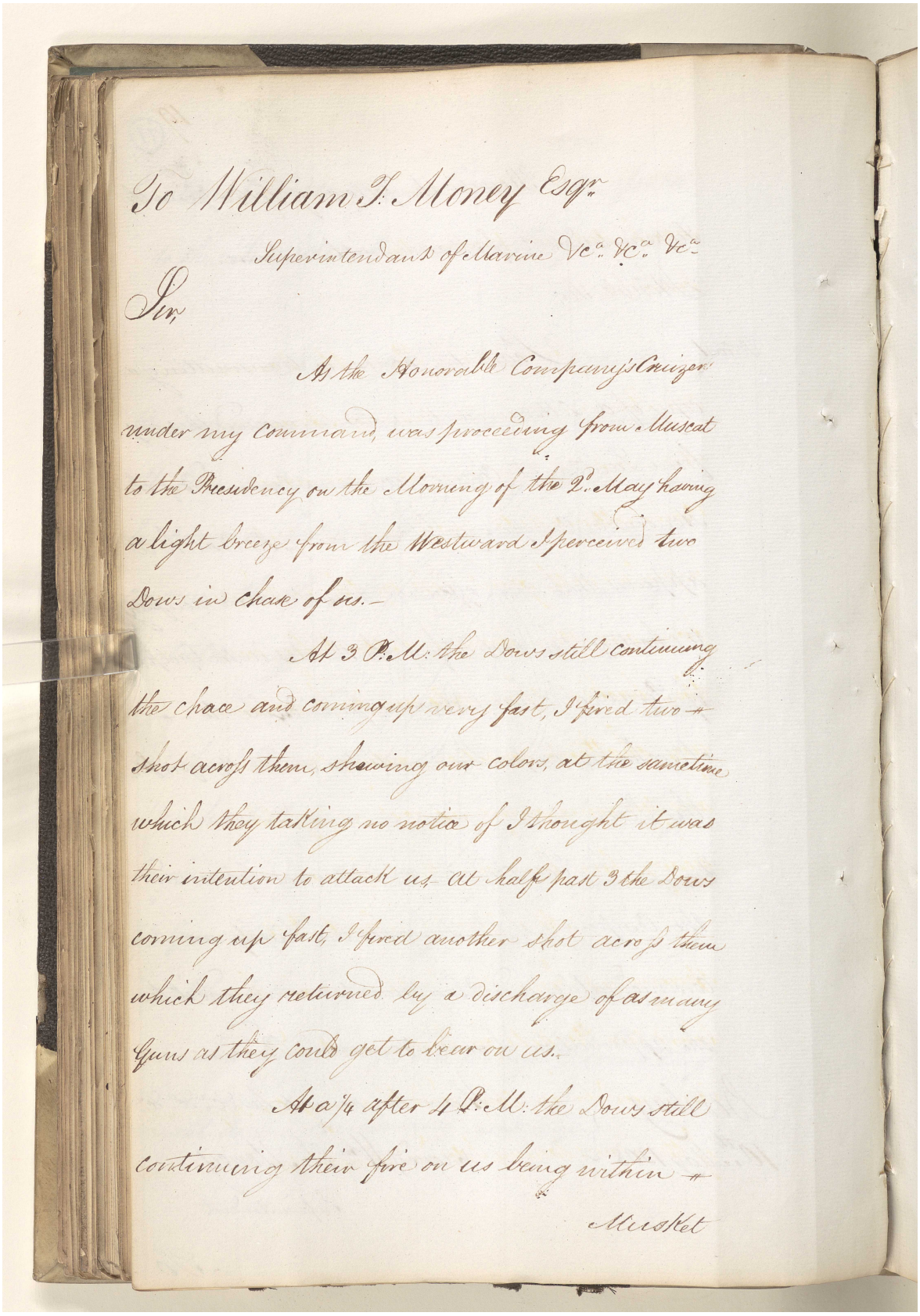


To William T. Money Esqr.
Superintendant of Marine &c. &c. &c.

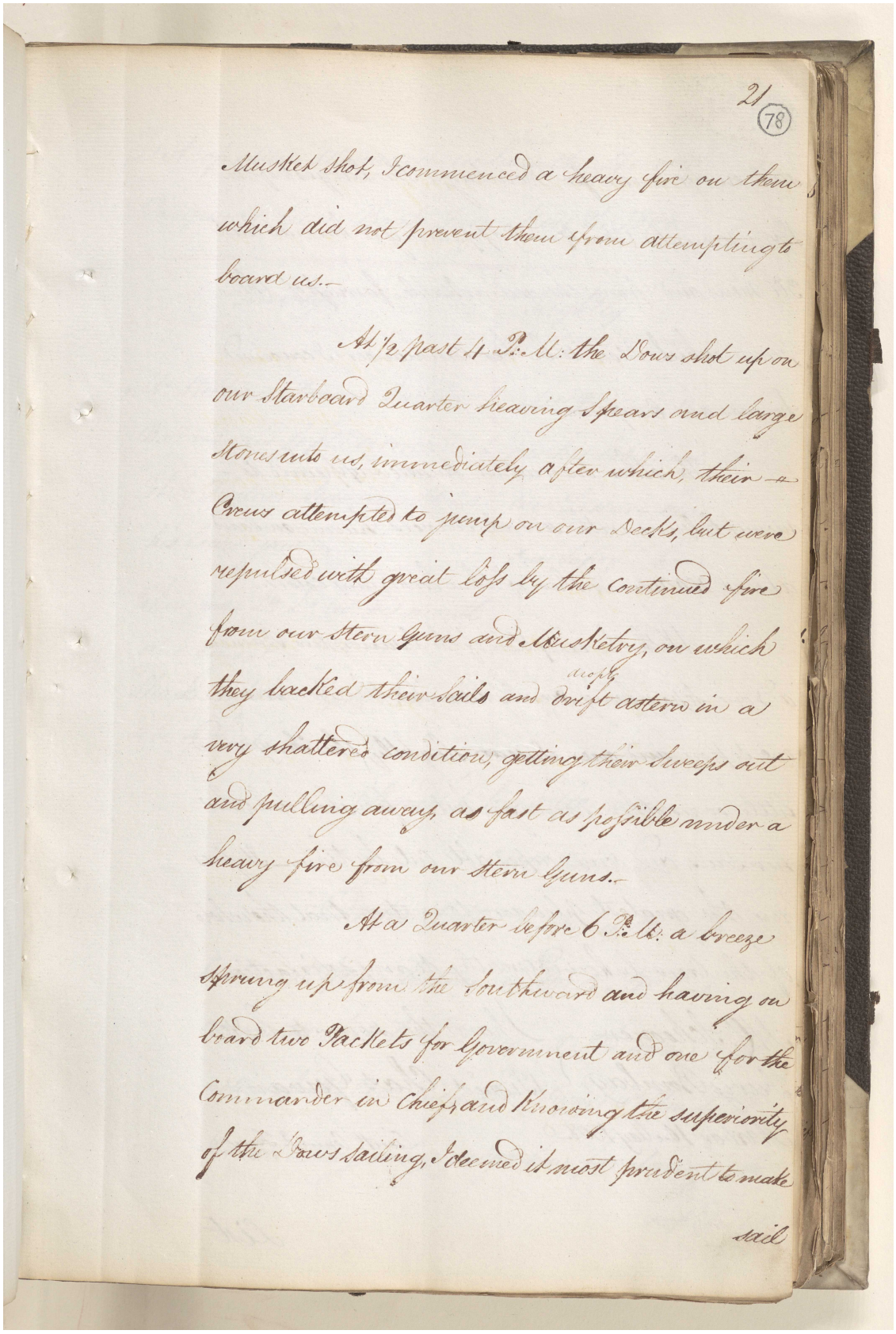
Sir,

At the Honorable Company's Cruizer under my command, was proceeding from Muscat to the Presidency on the Morning of the 2. May having a light breeze from the Westward I perceived two Dows in chase of us.—

At 3 P.M. the Dows still continuing the chace and coming up very fast, I fired two shot across them, shewing our colors, at the same time which they taking no notice of I thought it was their intention to attack us. At half past 3 the Dows coming up fast, I fired another shot across them which they returned by a discharge of as many Guns as they could get to bear on us.

At a 1/4 after 4 P.M. the Dows still continuing their fire on us being within

Musket



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Musket shot, I commenced a heavy fire on them which did not prevent them from attempting to board us.—

At ½ past 4 P.M. the Dows shot up on our Starboard Quarter heaving Spears and large Stones into us, immediately after which, their Crews attempted to jump on our Decks, but were repulsed with great loss by the continued fire from our Stern Guns and Musketry, on which they backed their Sails and drift astern in a very shattered condition, getting their Sweeps out and pulling away, as fast as possible under a heavy fire from our Stern Guns.—

At a Quarter before 6 P.M. a breeze Springing up from the Southward and having on board two Packets for Government and one for the Commander in Chief, and knowing the superiority of the Dows Sailing, I deemed it most prudent to make said

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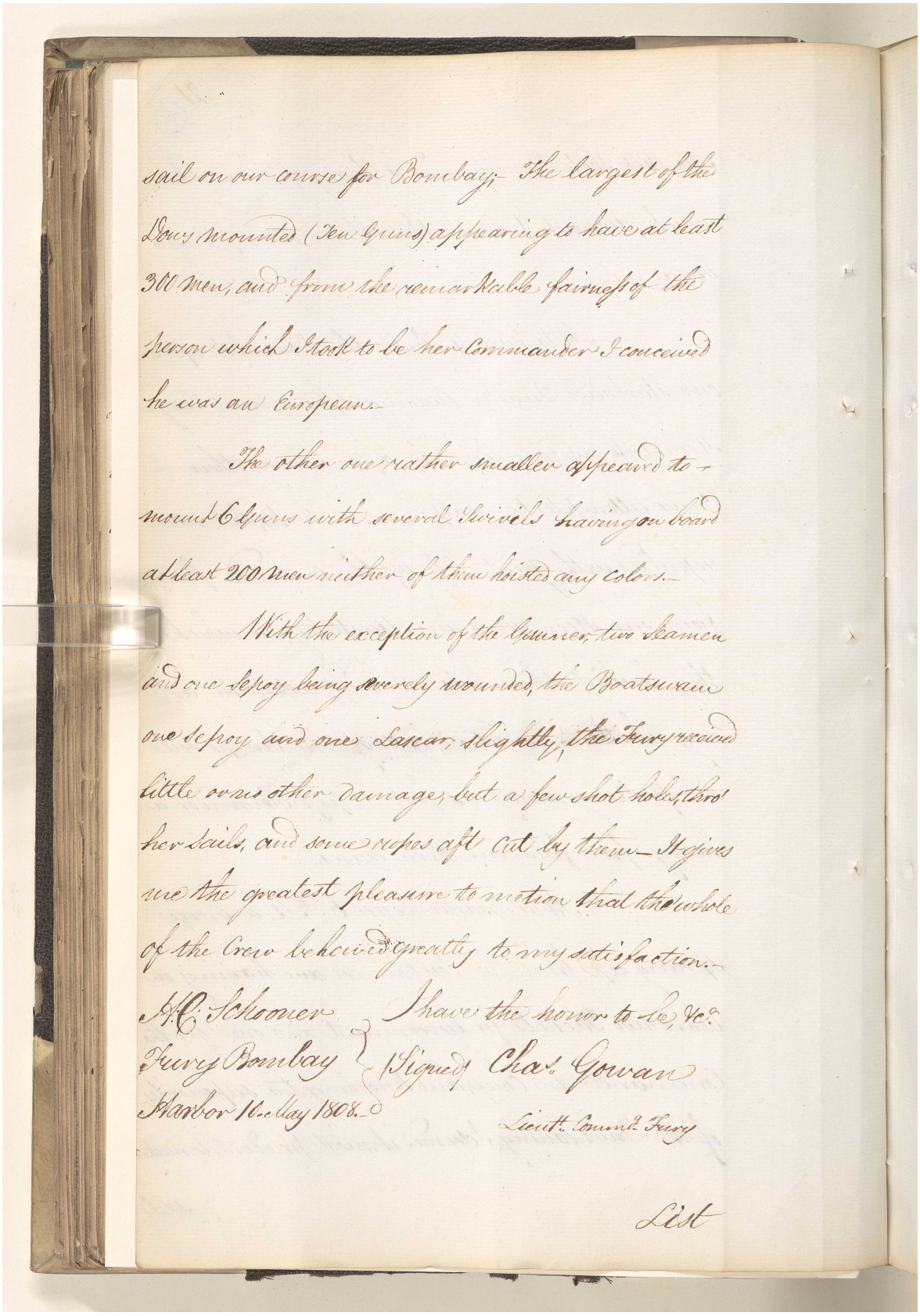

sail on our course for Bombay. The largest of the Fury mounted (ten Guns) appearing to have at least 300 men, and from the remarkable fairness of the person which I took to be her Commander I conceived he was an European.

The other one rather smaller appeared to mount 6 Guns with several Swivels having on board at least 200 men neither of them hoisted any colors.

With the exception of the Gunner, two Seamen and one Sepoy being severely wounded, the Boatswain one Sepoy and one Lascar slightly, the Fury received little more other damage, but a few shot holes thro her Sails, and some ropes cut by them. It gives me the greatest pleasure to mention that the whole of the Crew behaved greatly to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed Chas. Gowan
Lieut. Comd. Fury

H.C. Schooner Fury Bombay Harbor 10th May 1808.

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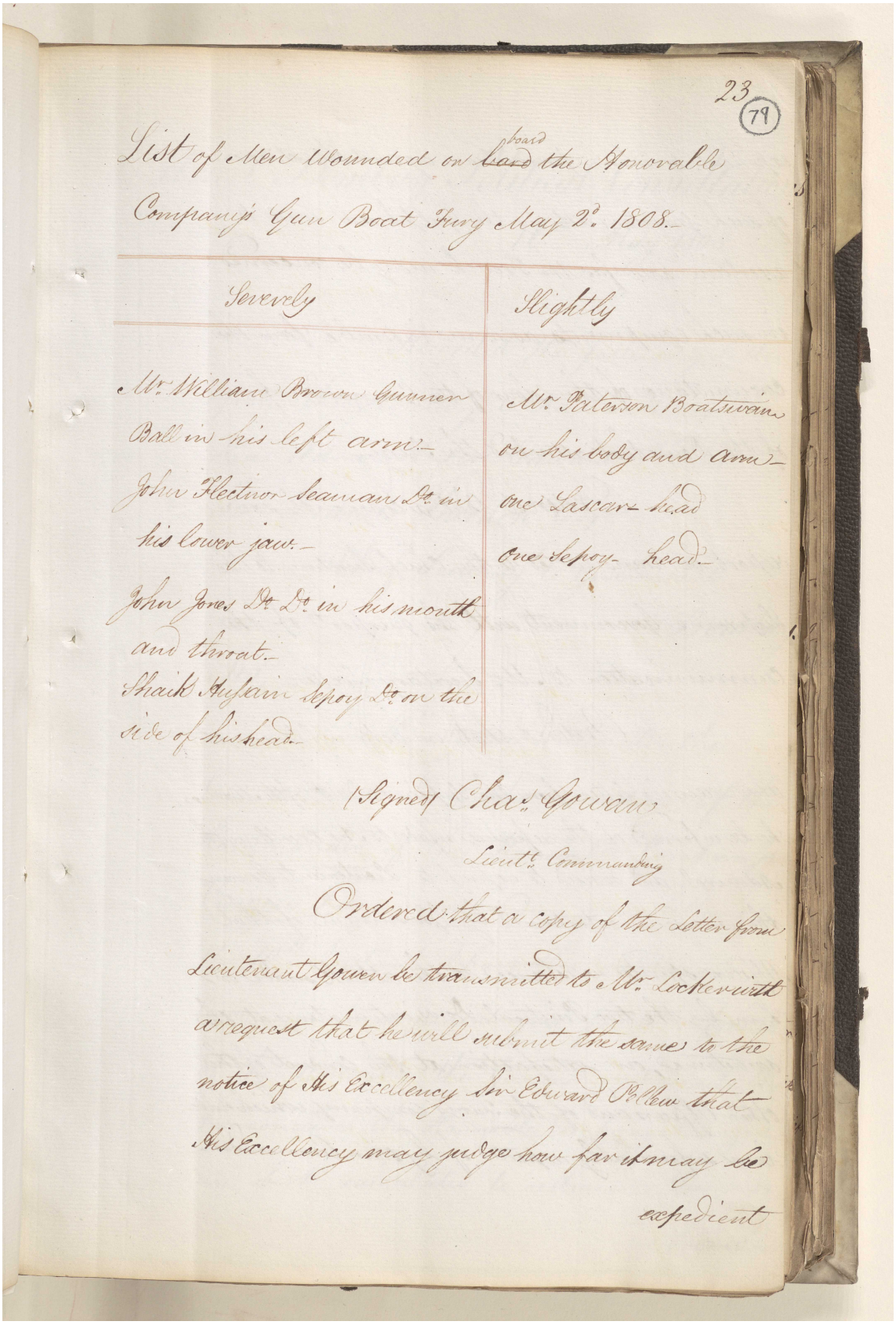

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List of Men Wounded on ~~Lard~~ board the Honorable Company's Gun Boat Fury May 2d. 1808.-

Severely	Slightly
Mr. William Brown Gunner Ball in his left arm.-	Mr. Paterson Boatswain on his body and arm.-
John Hectinor Seaman Do. in his lower jaw.-	one Lascar- head
John Jones Do. Do. in his mouth and throat.-	one Sepoy- head.-
Shaick Sufain Sepoy Do. on the side of his head.-	

Signed Chas. Govan
Lieut. Commanding

Ordered that a copy of the Letter from Lieutenant Govan be transmitted to Mr. Lockerwitz & request that he will submit the same to the notice of His Excellency Sir Edward Pellew that His Excellency may judge how far it may be expedient

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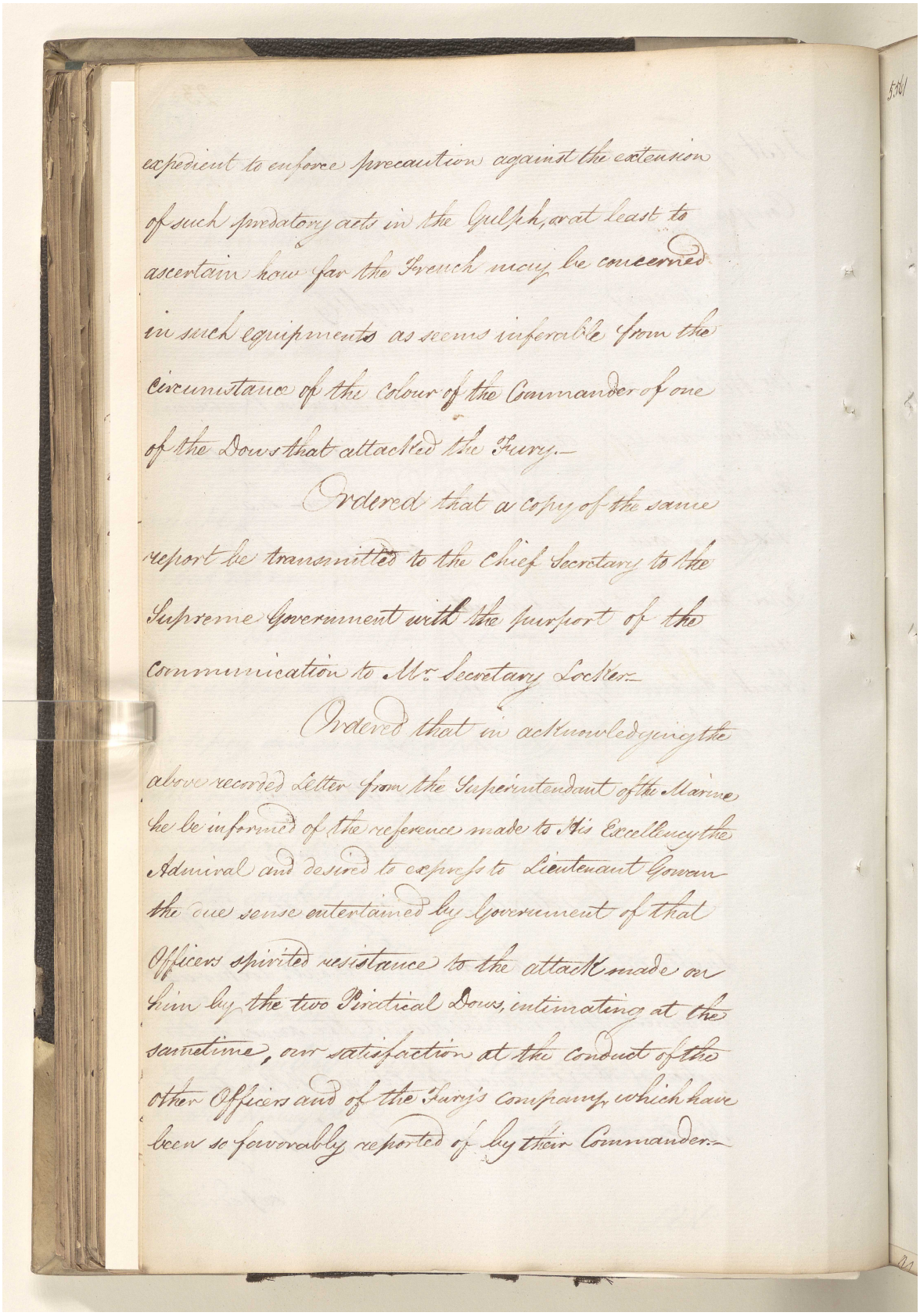
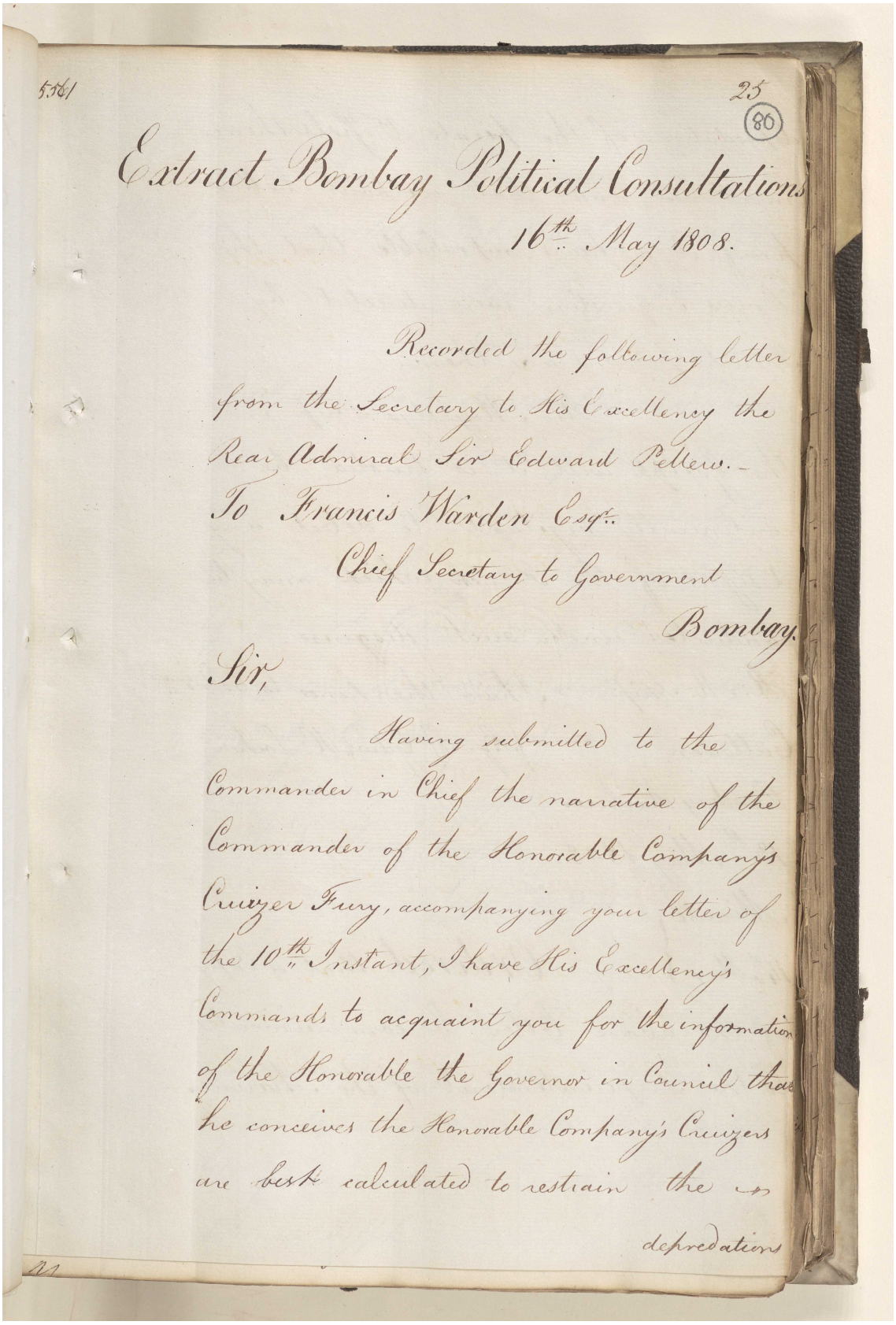


expedient to enforce precaution against the extension of such predatory acts in the Gulph, or at least to ascertain how far the French may be concerned in such equipments as seems inferable from the circumstance of the colour of the Commander of one of the Dows that attacked the Fury.—

Ordered that a copy of the same report be transmitted to the Chief Secretary to the Supreme Government with the purport of the communication to Mr. Secretary Locker.—

Ordered that in acknowledging the above recorded Letter from the Superintendant of the Marine he be informed of the reference made to His Excellency the Admiral and desired to express to Lieutenant Govan the due sense entertained by Government of that Officers spirited resistance to the attack made on him by the two Piratical Dows, intimating at the same time, our satisfaction at the conduct of the other Officers and of the Fury's Company, which have been so favorably reported of by their Commander.—



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16th May 1808.

Recorded the following letter from the Secretary to His Excellency the Rear Admiral Sir Edward Pellew.-

To Francis Warden Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay.

Sir,

Having submitted to the Commander in Chief the narrative of the Commander of the Honorable Company's Cruizer Fury, accompanying your letter of the 10th Instant, I have His Excellency's Commands to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that he conceives the Honorable Company's Cruizers are best calculated to restrain the depredations

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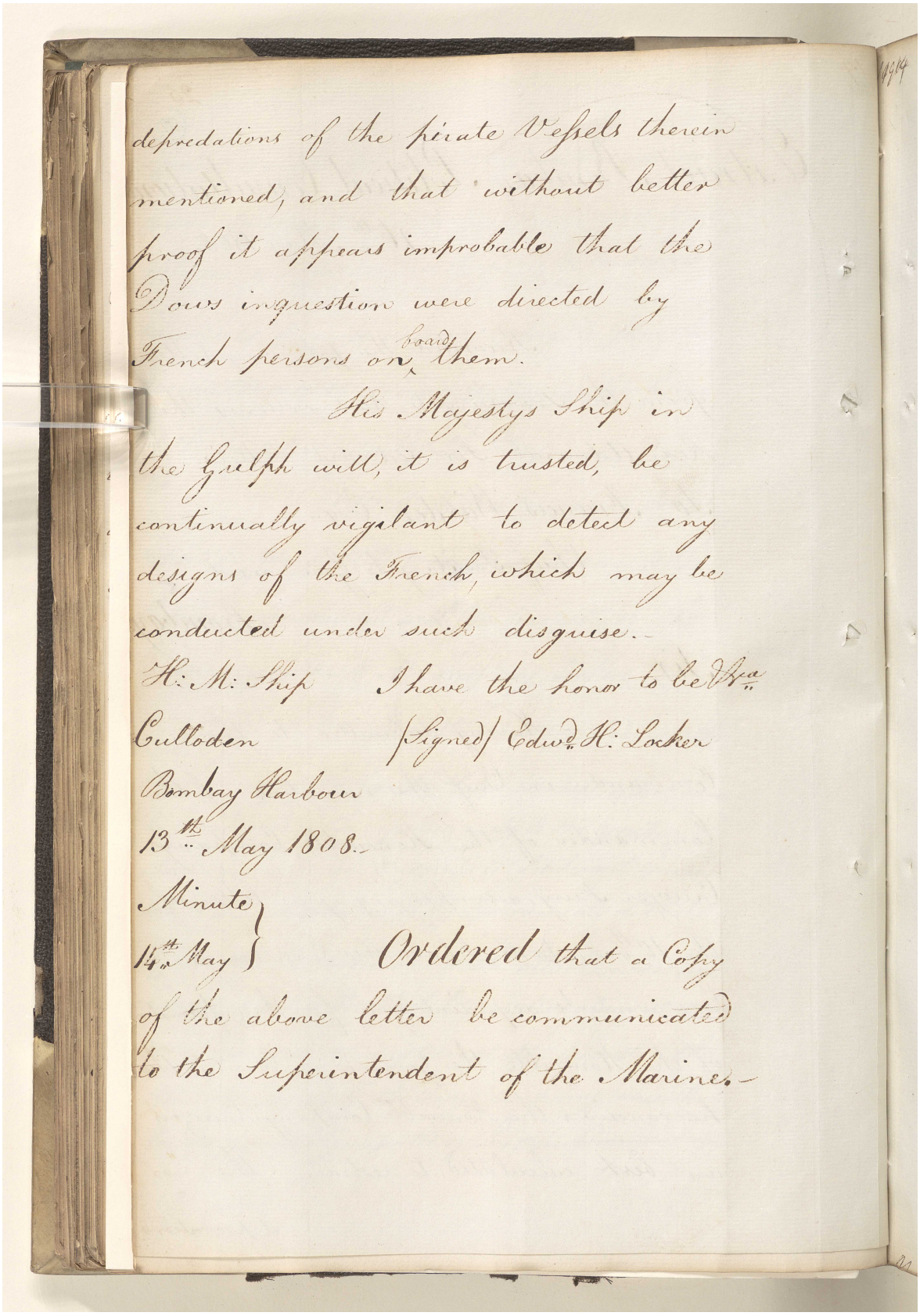
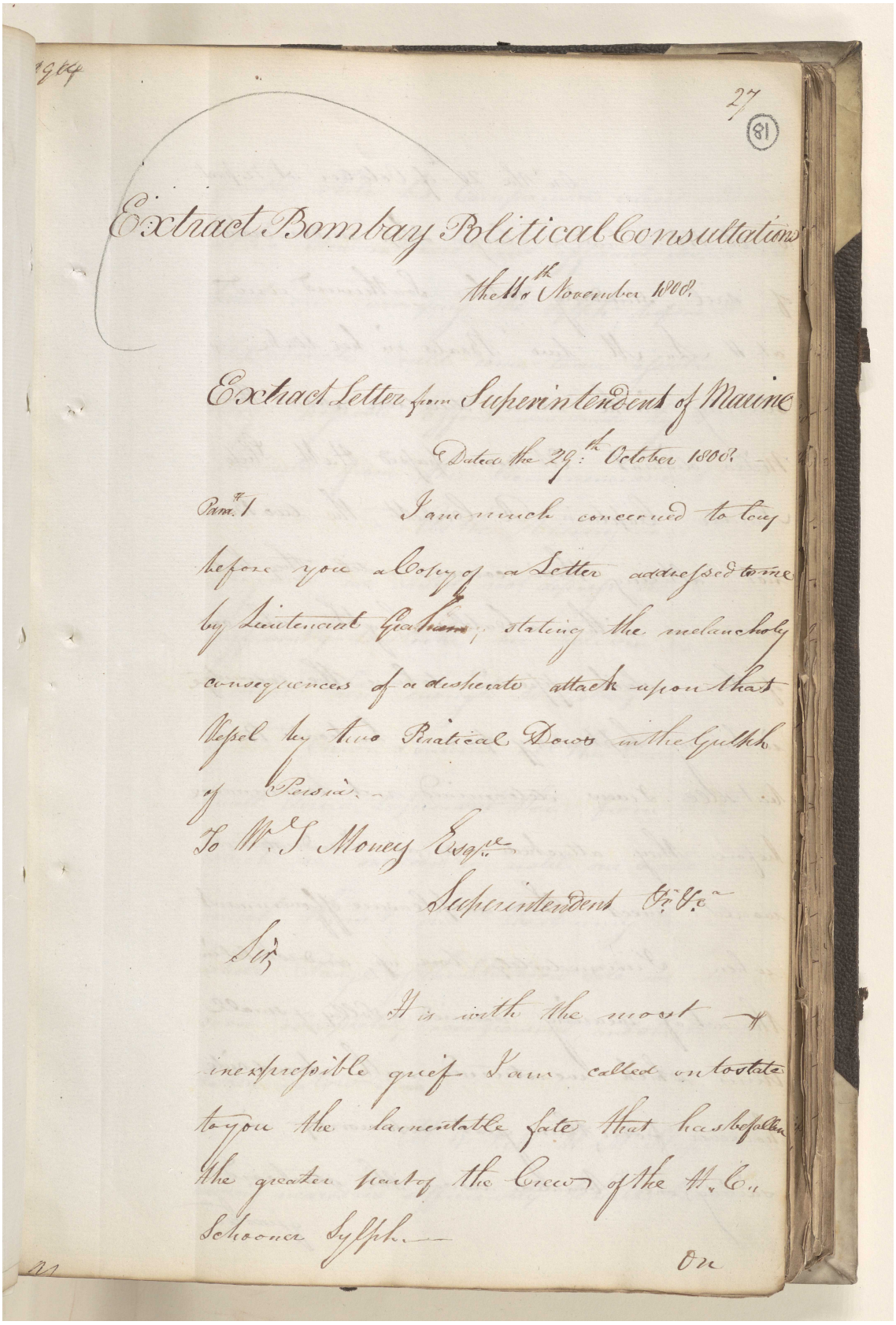


depredations of the pirate Vessels therein
mentioned, and that without better
proof it appears improbable that the
Dows inquestion were directed by
French persons on board them.

His Majestys Ship in
the Gulph will, it is trusted, be
continually vigilant to detect any
designs of the French, which may be
conducted under such disguise.

H: M: Ship I have the honor to be &c.
Culloden [Signed] Edwd H: Locker
Bombay Harbour
13th May 1808.

Minute
14th May } Ordered that a Copy
of the above letter be communicated
to the Superintendent of the Marines.



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the 11th November 1808.

Extract Letter from Superintendent of Marine
Dated the 29th October 1808.

Para. 1 I am much concerned to lay before you a Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Graham, stating the melancholy consequences of a desperate attack upon that Vessel by two Piratical Dows in the Gulph of Persia.

To W.T. Money Esqre
Superintendent &c &c

Sir,

It is with the most inexpressible grief I am called on to state to you the lamentable fate that has befallen the greater part of the Crew of the H.C. Schooner Sylph.

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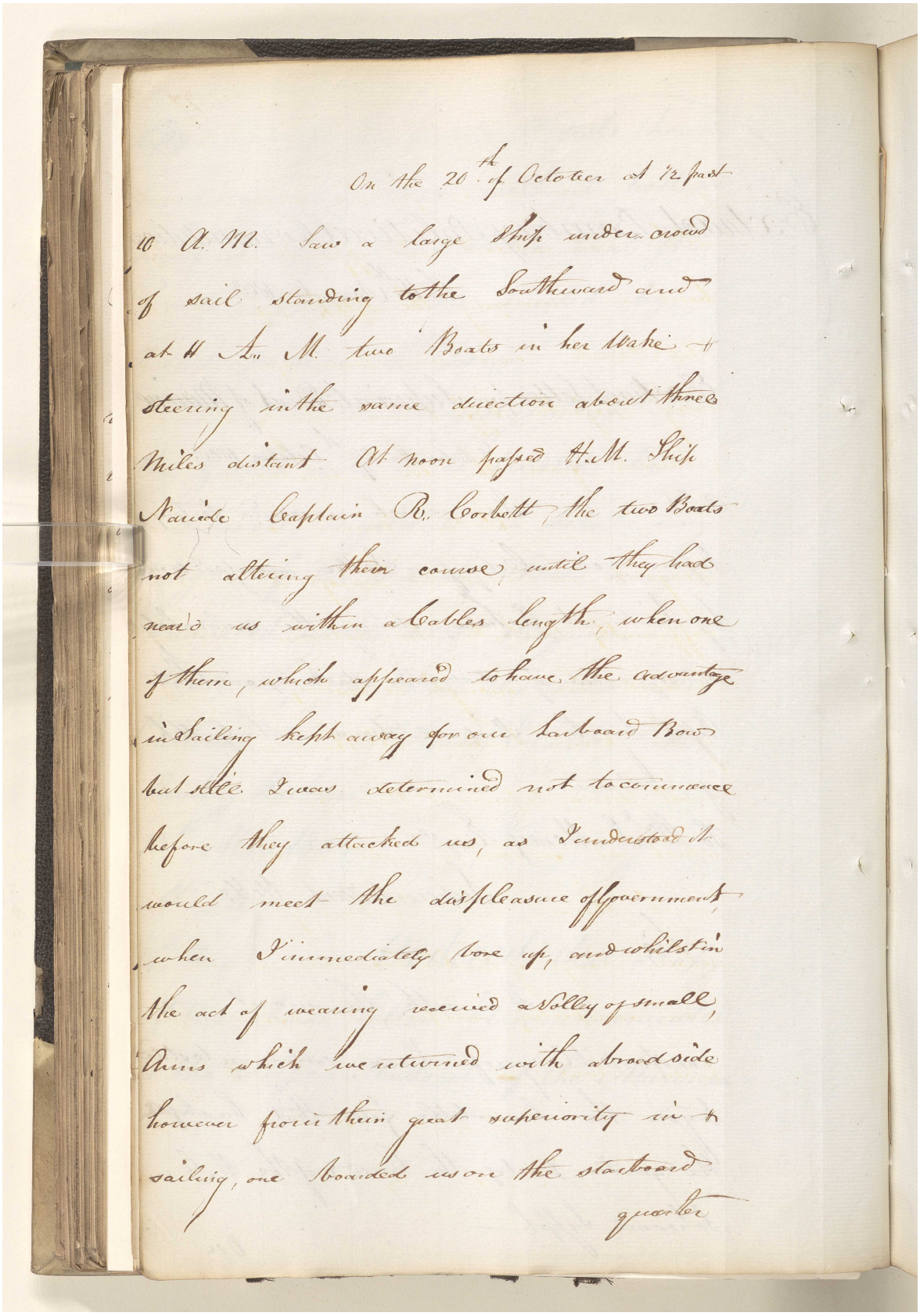

On the 20th of October at 12 past
10 A. M. saw a large Ship under crowd
of sail standing to the Southward and
at 11 A. M. two Boats in her Wake &
steering in the same direction about three
Miles distant At noon passed H.M. Ship
Nautilus Captain R. Corbett, the two Boats
not altering their course, until they had
near'd us within a Cables length, when one
of them, which appeared to have the advantage
in Sailing kept away for our Larboard Bow
but still I was determined not to commence
before they attacked us, as I understood it
would meet the displeasure of government,
when I immediately bore up, and whilst in
the act of wearing received a Volley of small
Arms which we returned with a broadside
however from their great superiority in
sailing, one boarded us on the starboard
quarter

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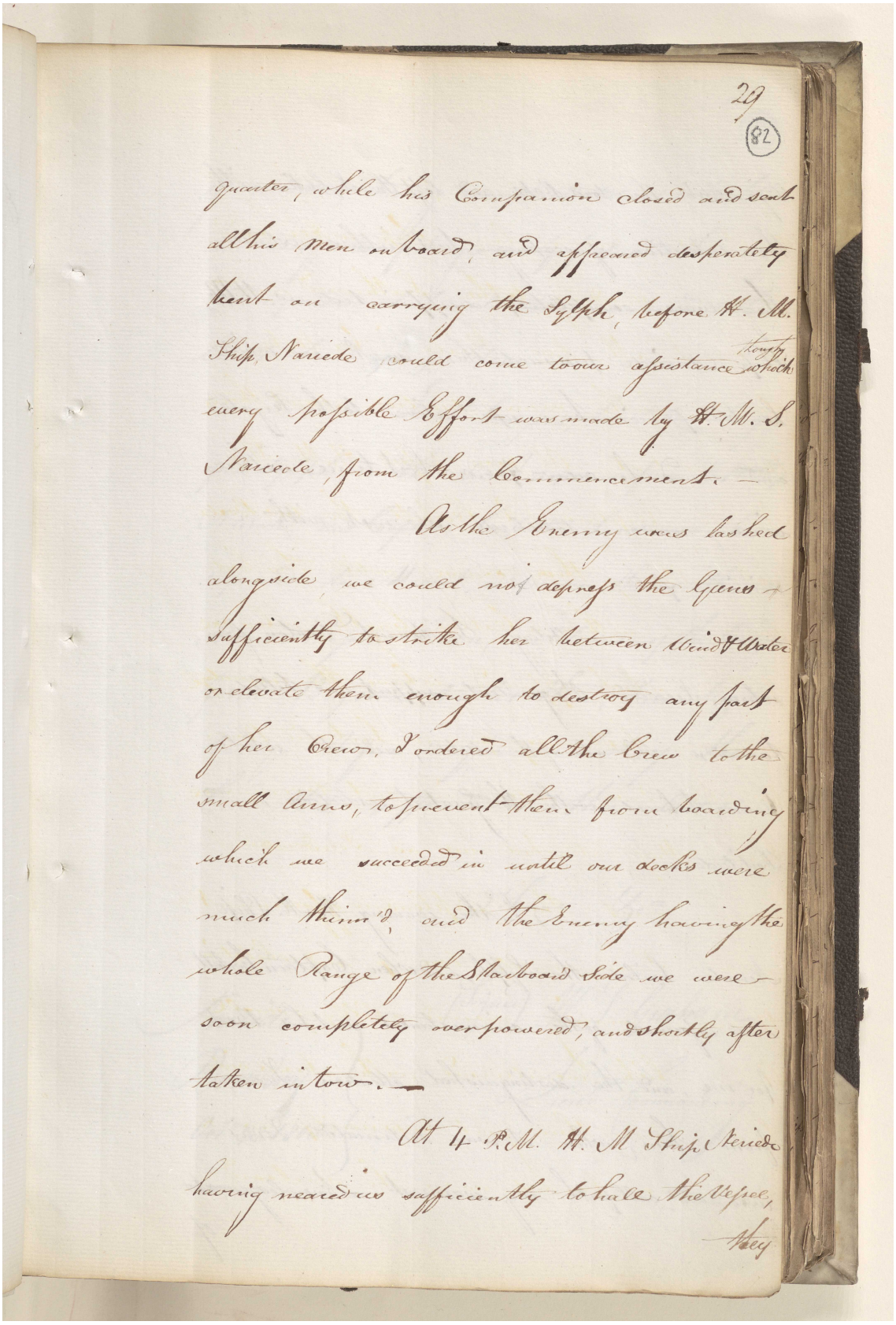

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quarter, while his Companion closed and sank all his Men onboard, and appeared desperately bent on carrying the Sylph, before H. M. Ship, Naiade could come to our assistance, though which every possible Effort was made by H. M. S. Naiade, from the Commencement. —

As the Enemy was lashed alongside, we could not depress the Guns sufficiently to strike her between Wind & Water or elevate them enough to destroy any part of her Crew, I ordered all the Crew to the small Arms, to prevent them from boarding which we succeeded in until our decks were much thinn'd, and the Enemy having the whole Range of the Starboard Side we were soon completely overpowered, and shortly after taken in tow. —

At 4 P.M. H. M. Ship Naiade having neared us sufficiently to hail the Vessel,

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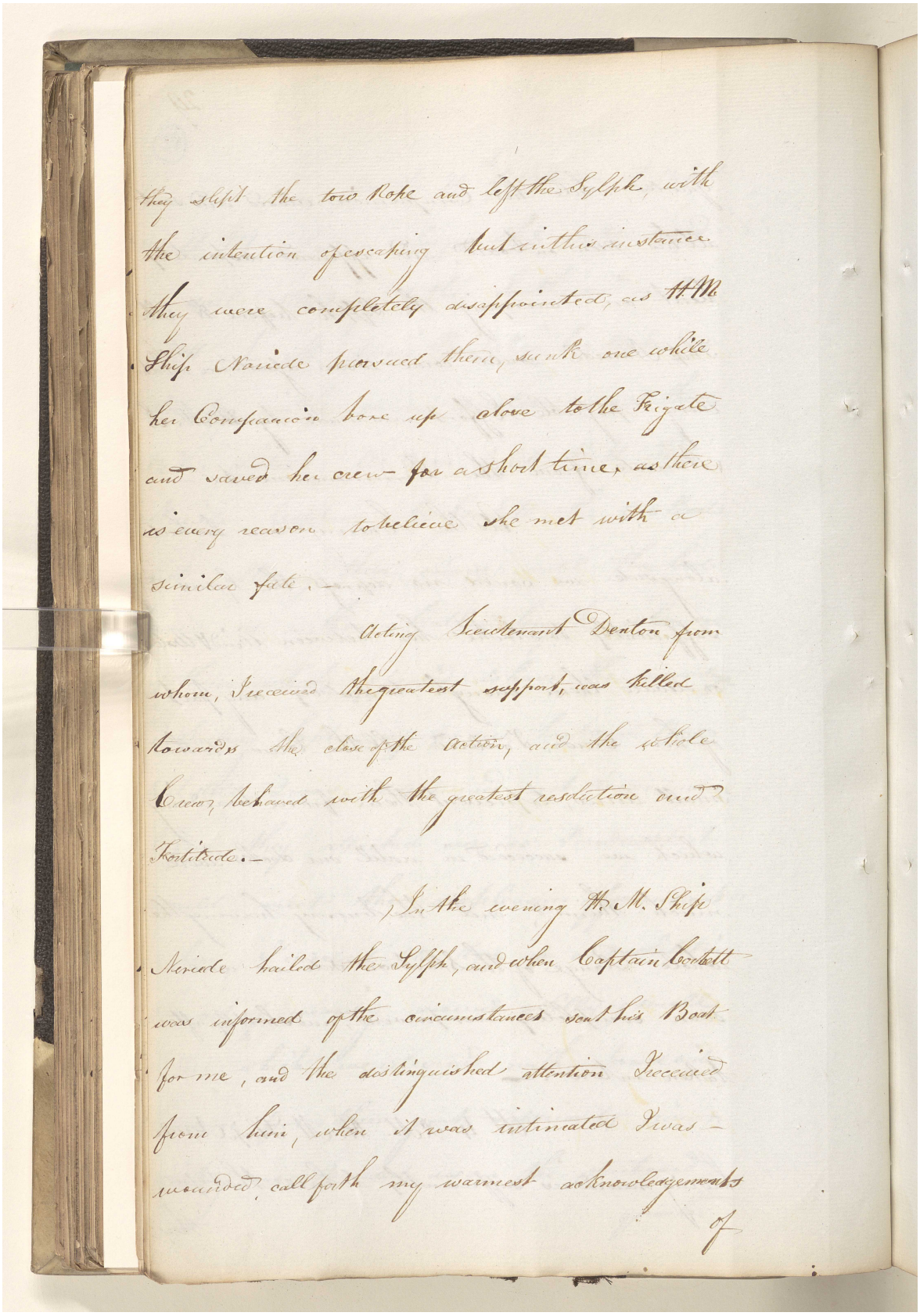

they slipt the two Ropes and left the Sylph, with the intention of escaping but in this instance they were completely disappointed, as H.M. Ship Nereide pursued them, sunk one while her Companion bore up above to the Frigate and saved her crew - for a short time, as there is every reason to believe she met with a similar fate. -

Acting Lieutenant Denton from whom, I received the greatest support, was killed towards the close of the action, and the whole Crew behaved with the greatest resolution and Fortitude. -

In the evening H.M. Ship Nereide hailed the Sylph, and when Captain Corbett was informed of the circumstances sent his Boat for me, and the distinguished attention I received from him, when it was intimated I was wounded, call forth my warmest acknowledgements

of

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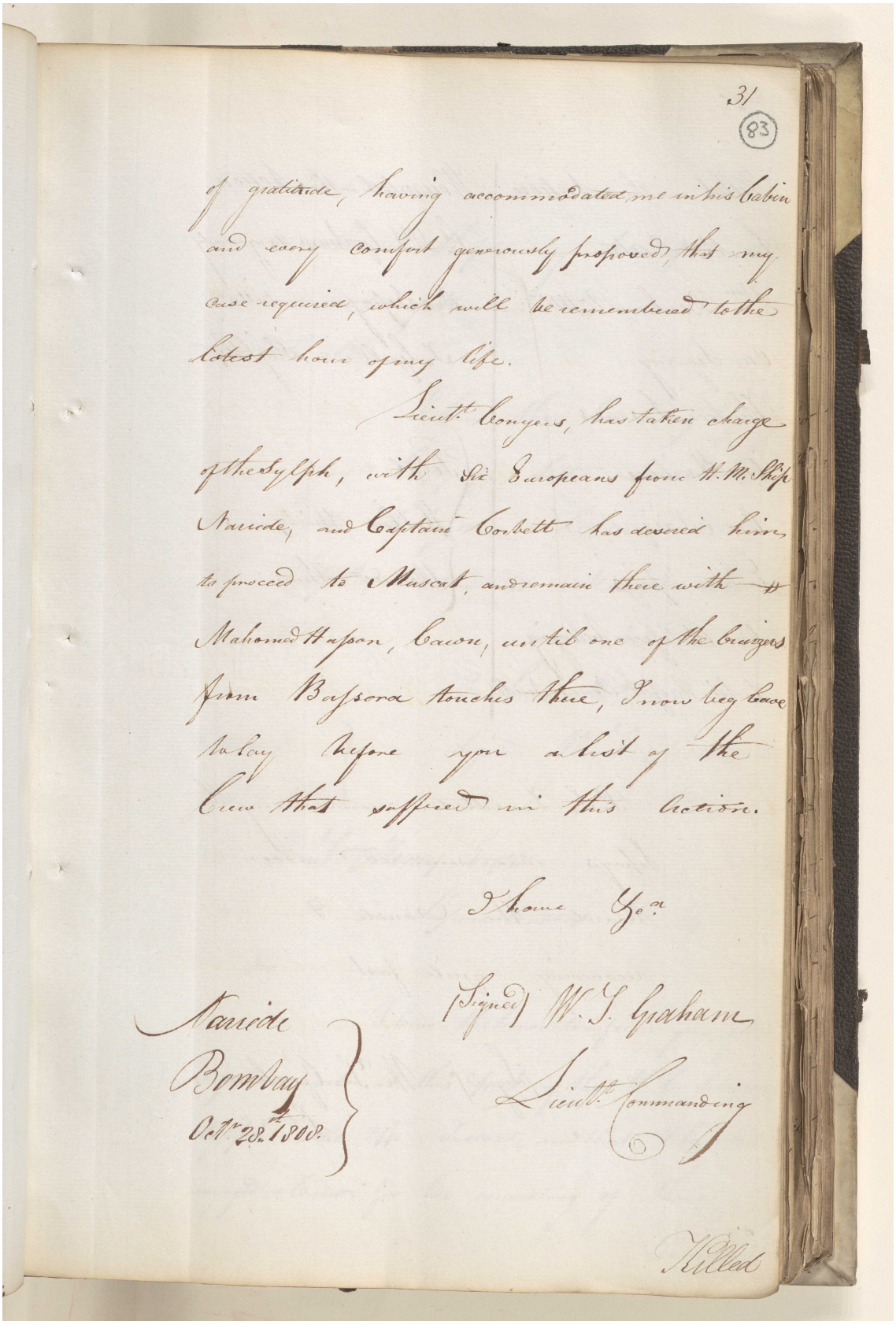

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of gratitude, having accommodated me in his Cabin
and every comfort generously proposed, that my
case required, which will be remembered to the
latest hour of my life.

Lieut.t Conyers, has taken charge
of the Sylph, with 56 Europeans from H.M. Ship
Nereide, and Captain Corbett has desired him
to proceed to Muscat, and remain there with
Mahomed Hasan, Cazon, until one of the Cruizers
from Bassora touches there, I now beg leave
to lay before you a list of the
Crew that suffered in this Action.

I have &c.a

(Signed) W.S. Grahame
Lieut.t Commanding

Nereide
Bombay
Oct.r 28.th 1806

Killed

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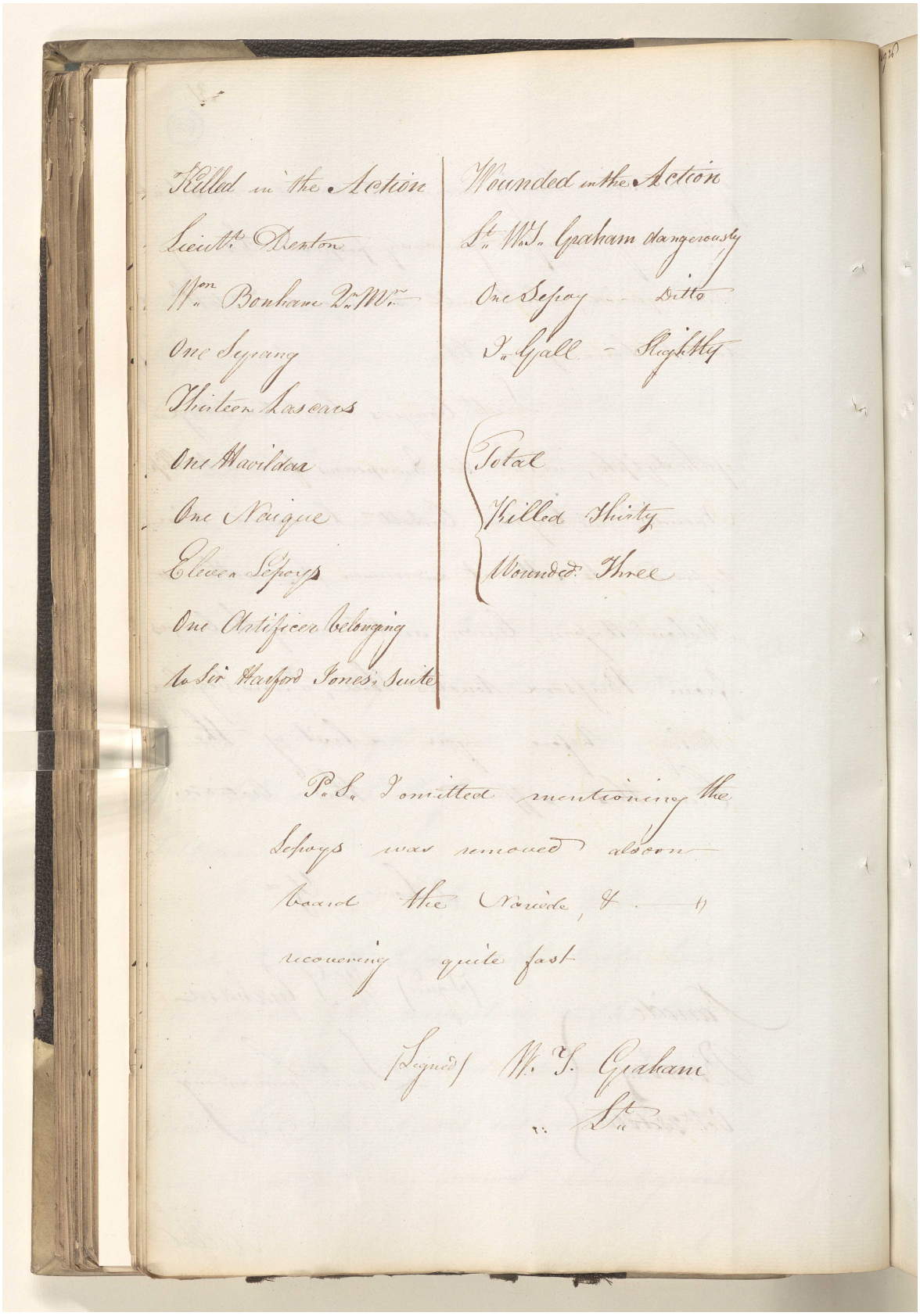
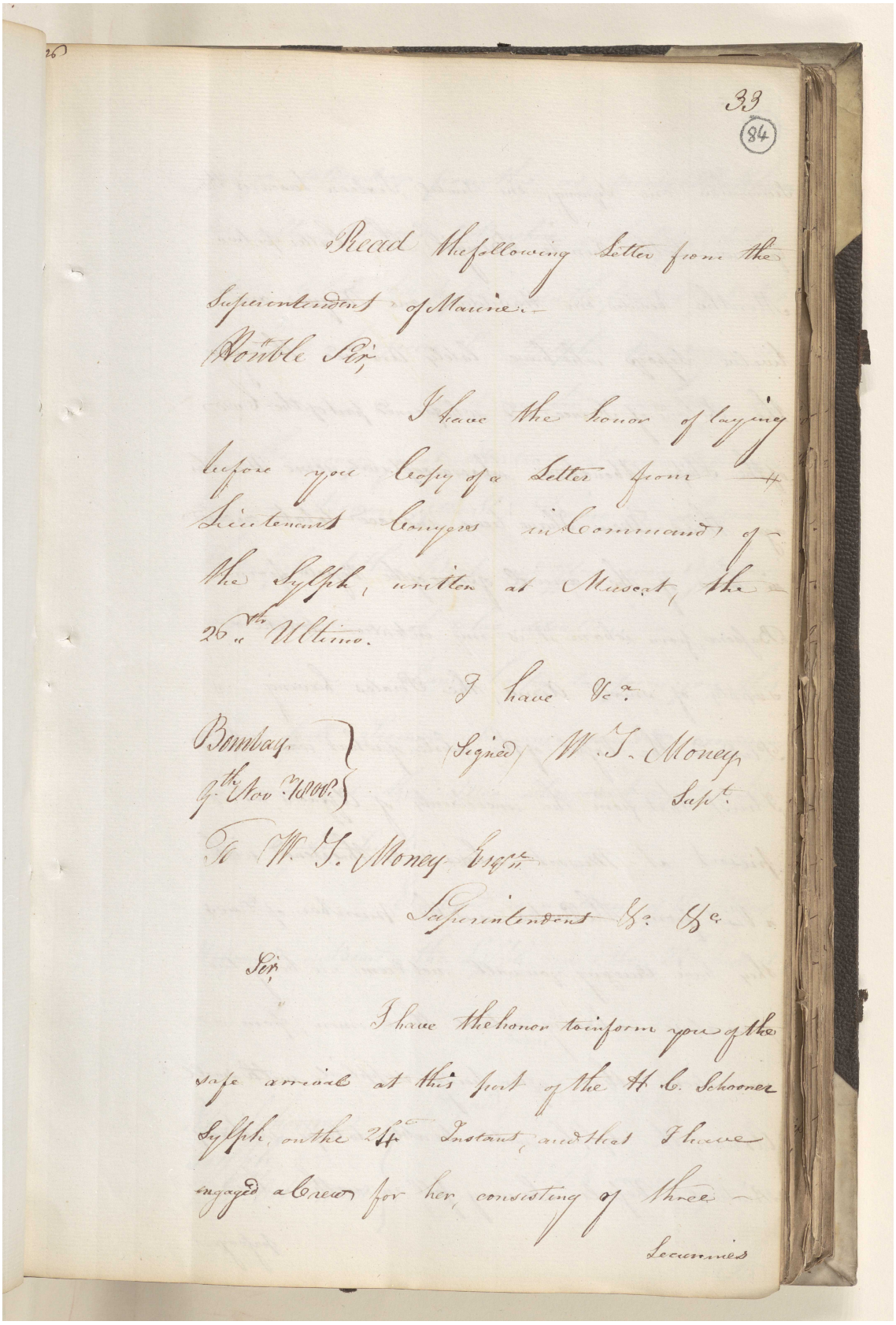


Killed in the Action	Wounded in the Action
Lieut.t Denton	Lt. W.S. Graham dangerously
Wm. Bonham Qr. Mr.	One Sepoy — Ditto
One Syrang	J. Gall — Slightly
Thirteen Lascars	
One Havildar	Total
One Naique	Killed Thirty
Eleven Sepoys	Wounded Three
One Artificer belonging	
to Sir Harford Jones's Suite	

P.S. I omitted mentioning the Sepoys was removed also on board the Noriede, & recovering quite fast

(Signed) W. S. Graham
Lt.



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Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor of laying before you Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Conyers in Command of the Sylph, written at Muscat, the 26th Ultimo.

I have &c^a.

Bombay
9th Novr 1806.

(Signed) W. T. Money
Sup^t.

To W. T. Money Esqre
Superintendent &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of the safe arrival at this port of the H. C. Schooner Sylph, on the 24th Instant, and that I have engaged a Crew for her, consisting of three

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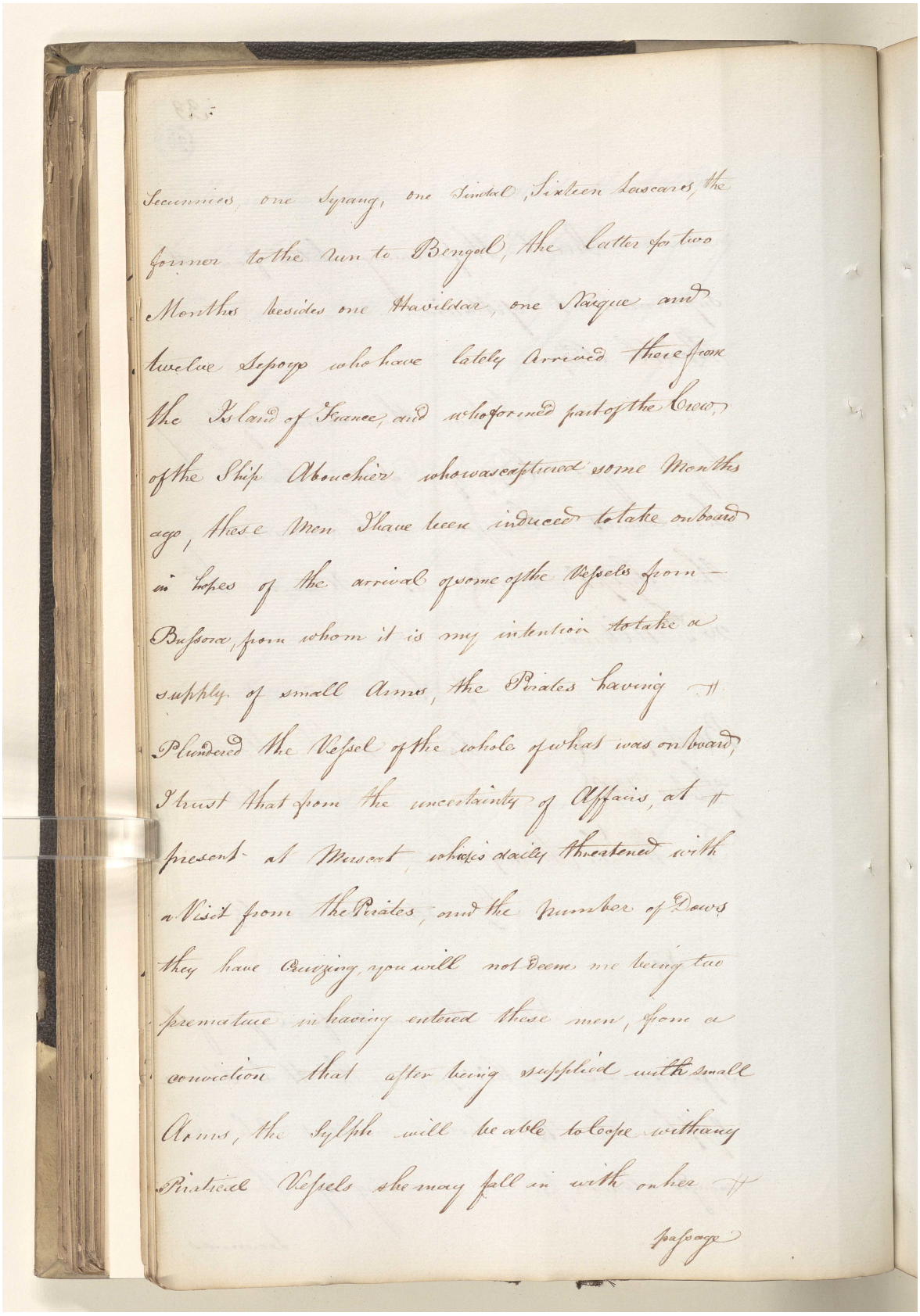

Seamnies, one Syrang, one Tindal, Sixteen Lascars, the
former to the Run to Bengal, the latter for two
Months besides one Havildar, one Naique and
twelve Sepoys who have lately Arrived there from
the Island of France, and who formed part of the Crew,
of the Ship Abouchier who was captured some Months
ago, these Men I have been induced to take onboard
in hopes of the arrival of some of the Vessels from
Bussora, from whom it is my intention to take a
supply of small Arms, the Pirates having
Plundered the Vessel of the whole of what was onboard,
I trust that from the uncertainty of Affairs, at
present at Muscat, which is daily threatened with
a Visit from the Pirates, and the Number of Dows
they have Cruizing, you will not Deem me being too
premature in having entered these men, from a
conviction that after being supplied with small
Arms, the Sylph will be able to Escape with any
Pirated Vessels she may fall in with on her
passage

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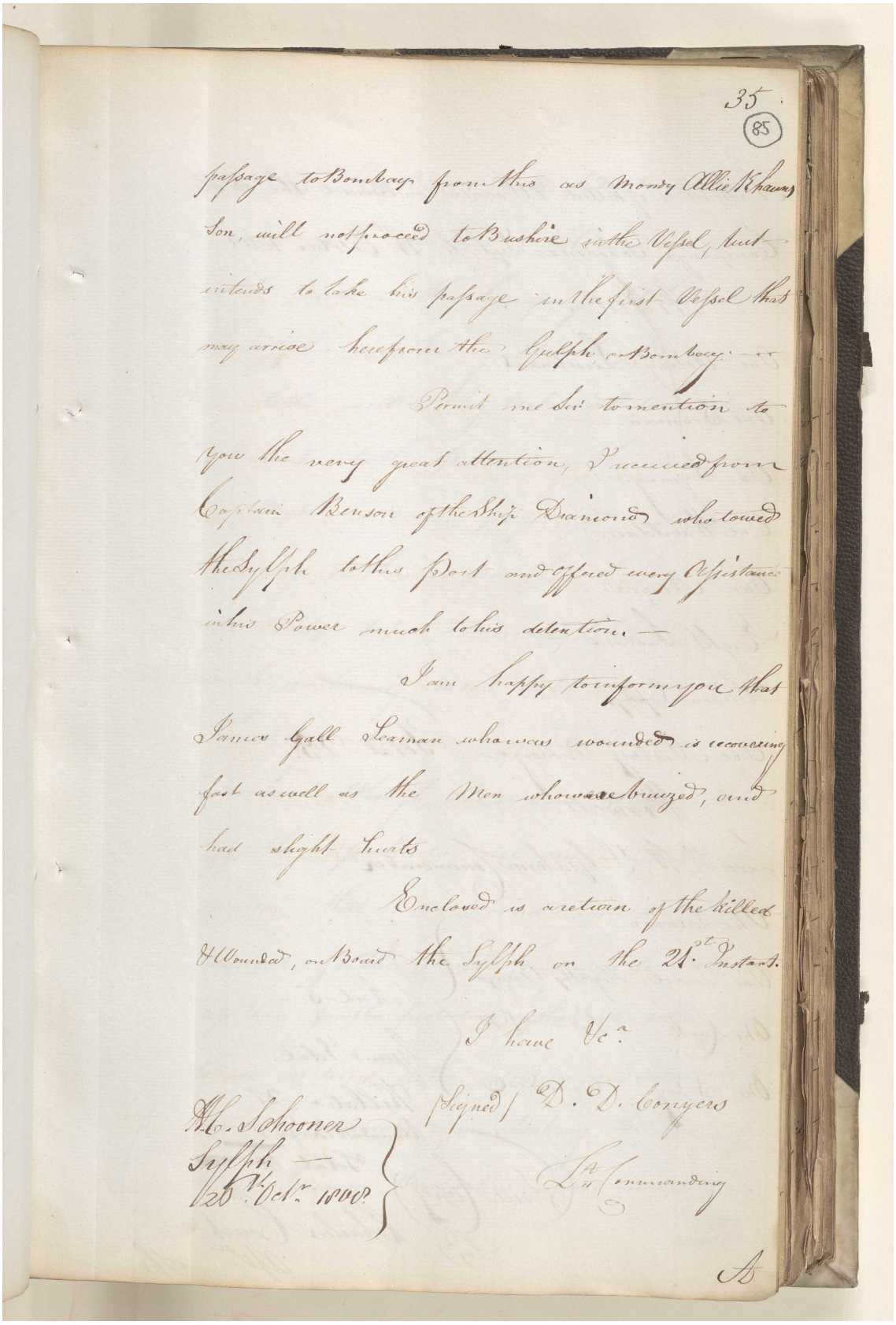

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passage to Bombay from this as Mondy Allie Khauns Son, will not proceed to Bushire in the Vessel, but intends to take his passage in the first Vessel that may arrive here from the Gulph, or Bombay. —

Permit me Sir to mention to you the very great attention, I received from Captain Benson of the Ship Diamond who towed the Sylph to this Port and offered every Assistance in his Power much to his detention. —

I am happy to inform you that James Gall Seaman who was wounded is recovering fast as well as the Men who were bruized, and had slight hurts

Enclosed is a return of the killed & Wounded, on Board the Sylph on the 21st Instant.

I have &c.a

(Signed) D. D. Conyers

Lt. Commanding

H. C. Schooner
Sylph —
20th Octr. 1808.

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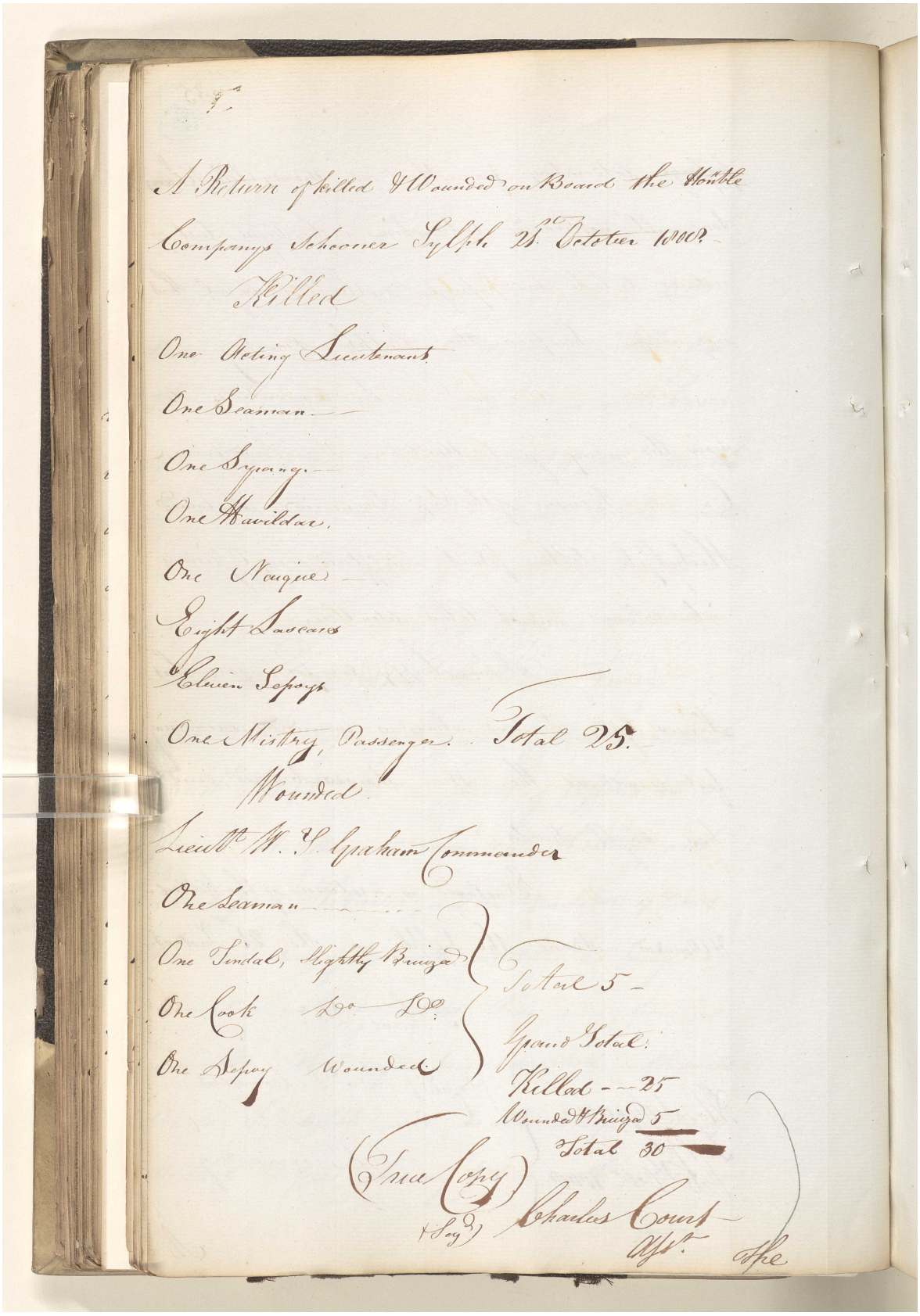

A Return of killed & Wounded on Board the Honble Companys Schooner Sylph 25th October 1808.

Killed

One Acting Lieutenant

One Seaman

One Syrang

One Havildar

One Naique

Eight Lascars

Eleven Sepoys

One Mistry, Passenger. Total 25.

Wounded

Lieutt W. S. Graham Commander

One Seaman

One Tindal, Slightly Bruized

One Cook Do Do

One Sepoy Wounded

Total 5

Grand Total.

Killed --- 25

Wounded & Bruized 5

Total 30

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(Seyd) Charles Court

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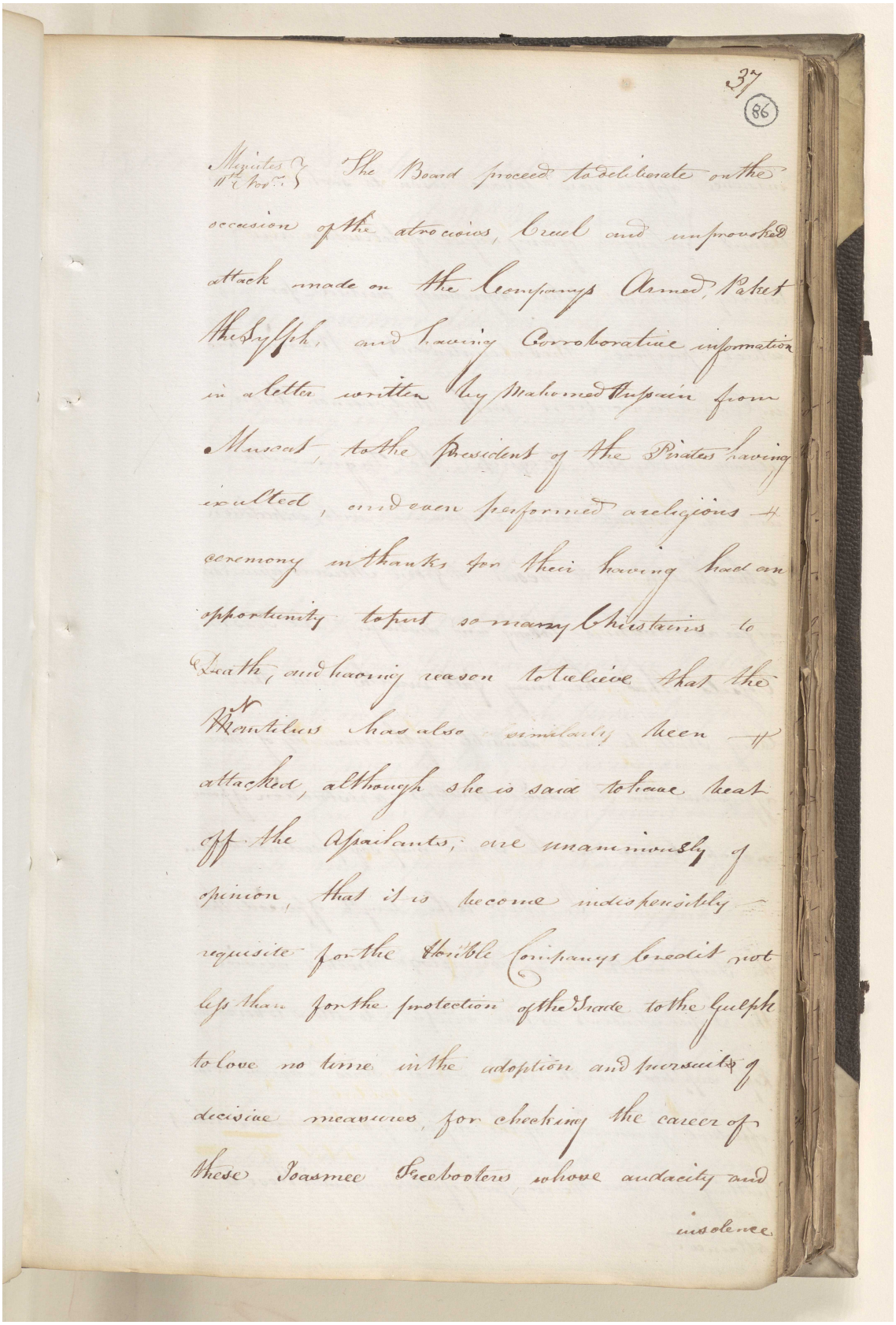

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Minutes 11th Novr. } The Board proceed to deliberate on the occasion of the atrocious, Cruel and unprovoked attack made on the Companys Armed, Paket the Sylph, and having Corroborative information in a letter written by Mahomed Hussain from Muscat, to the President of the Pirates having exulted, and even performed a religious ceremony in thanks for their having had an opportunity to put so many Christains to Death, and having reason to believe that the Nautilus has also similarly been attacked, although she is said to have beat off the Assailants, are unanimously of opinion, that it is become indispensibly requisite for the Honble Companys Credit not less than for the protection of the Trade to the Gulph to lose no time in the adoption and pursuit of decisive measures, for checking the career of these Joasmee Freebooters, whose audacity and insolence

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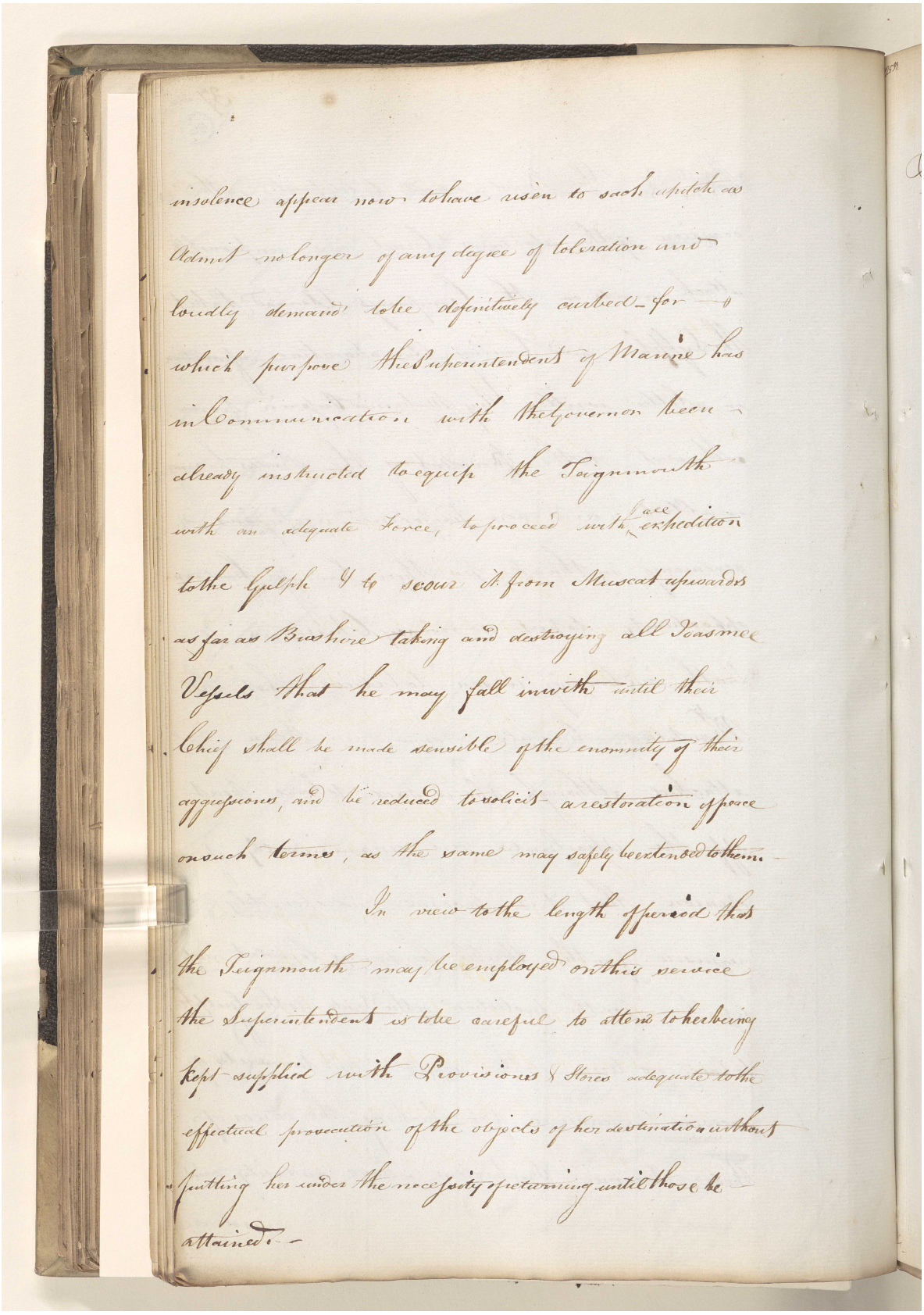

insolence appear now to have risen to such a pitch as
Admit no longer of any degree of toleration and
loudly demand to be definitively curbed - for
which purpose the Superintendent of Marine has
in Communication with the Governor been
already instructed to equip the Teignmouth
with an adequate Force, to proceed with the expedition
to the Gulph & to scour it from Muscat upwards
as far as Bushire taking and destroying all Joasmee
Vessels that he may fall in with until their
Chief shall be made sensible of the enormity of their
aggressions, and be reduced to solicit a restoration of peace
on such terms, as the same may safely be extended to them.

In view to the length of period that
the Teignmouth may be employed on this service
the Superintendent is to be careful to attend to her being
kept supplied with Provisions & Stores adequate to the
effectual prosecution of the objects of her destination without
putting her under the necessity of retaining until those be
attained -

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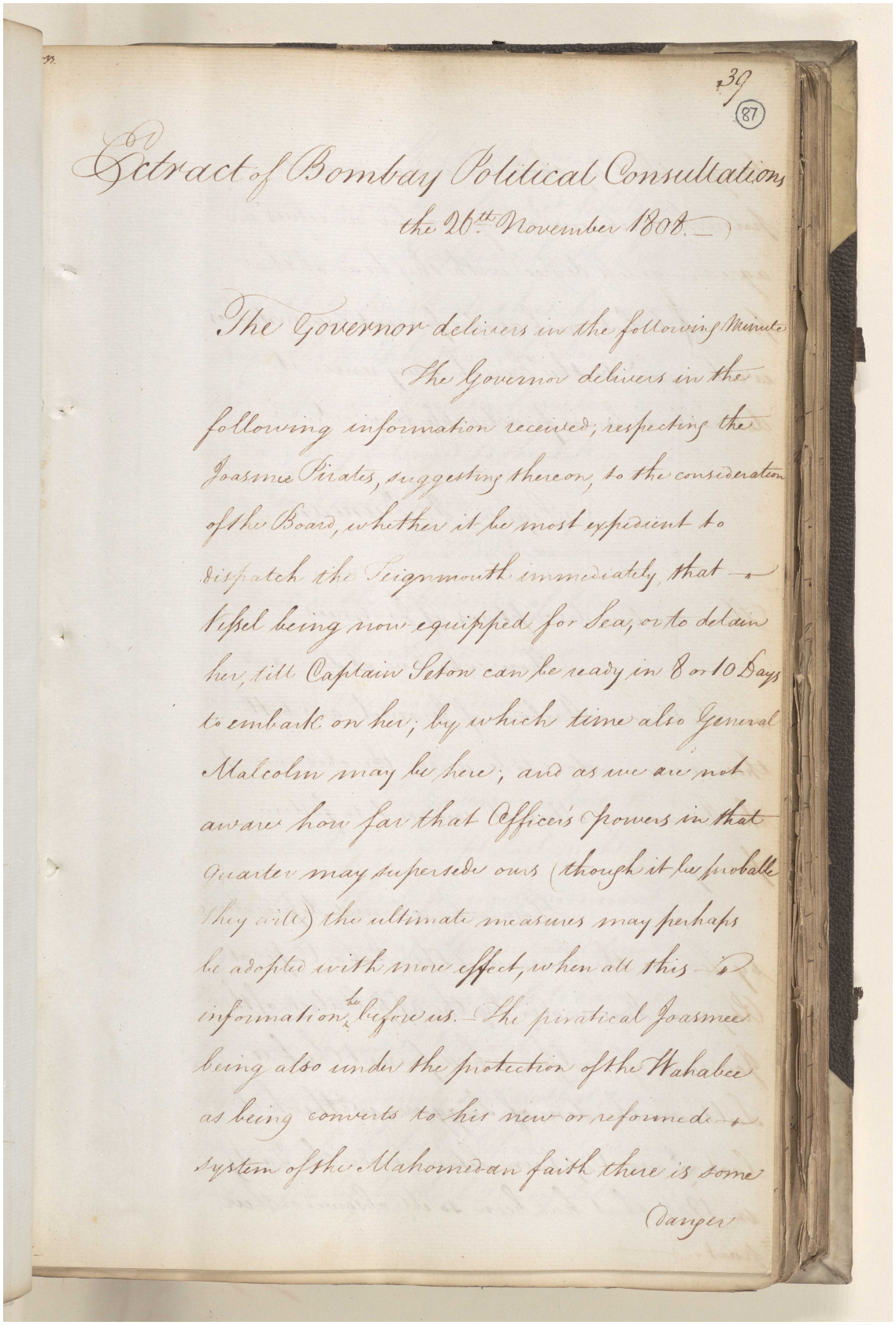

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Extract of Bombay Political Consultations
the 26th November 1808.

The Governor delivers in the following Minute

The Governor delivers in the following information received, respecting the Joasmee Pirates, suggesting thereon, to the consideration of the Board, whether it be most expedient to dispatch the Teignmouth immediately, that Vessel being now equipped for Sea, or to detain her, till Captain Seton can be ready in 8 or 10 Days to embark on her; by which time also General Malcolm may be here; and as we are not aware how far that Officer's powers in that Quarter may supersede ours (though it be probable they will) the ultimate measures may perhaps be adopted with more effect, when all this information to be before us. The piratical Joasmee being also under the protection of the Wahabee as being converts to his new or reformed system of the Mahomedan faith there is some

Danger

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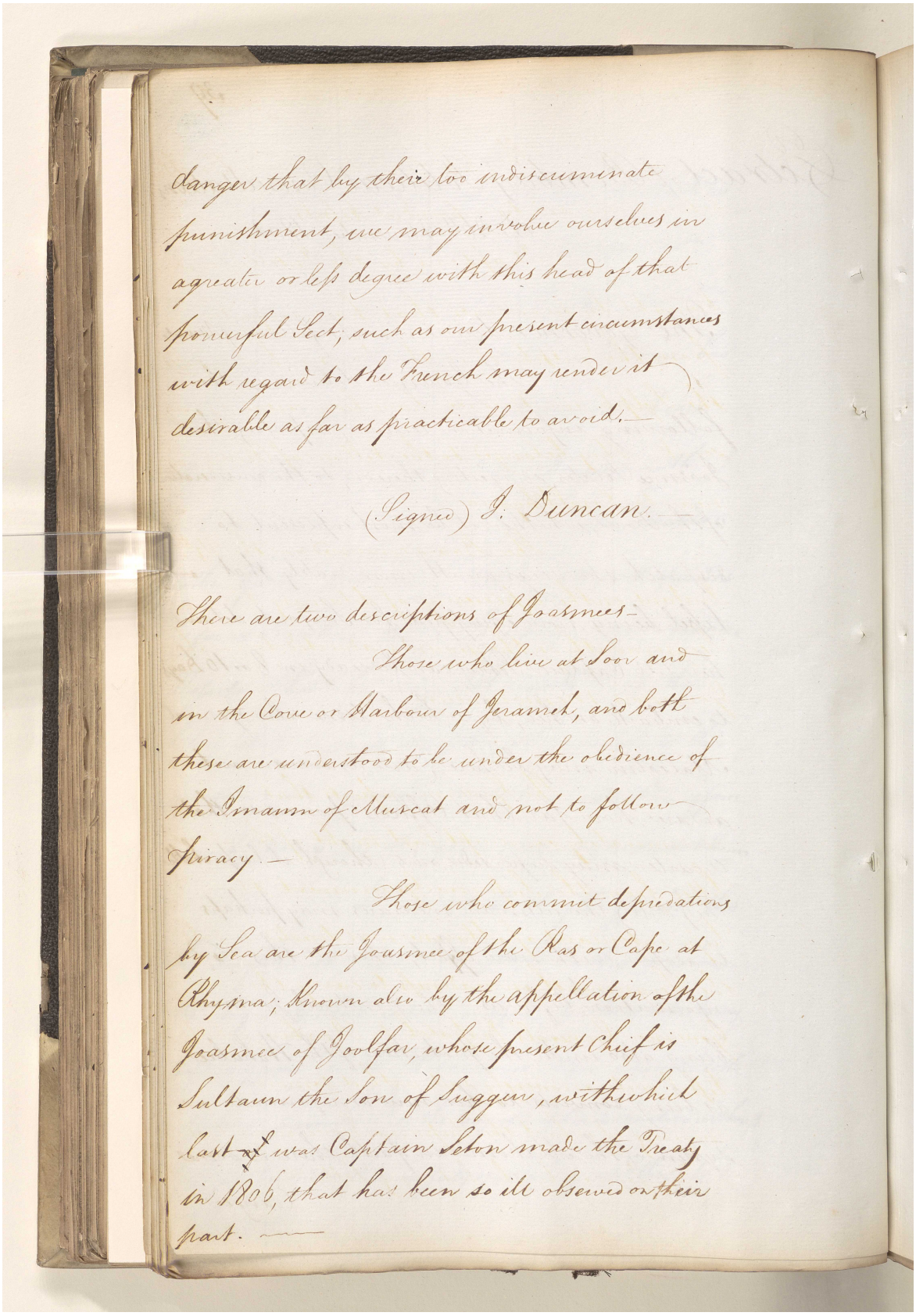

danger that by their too indiscriminate
punishment, we may involve ourselves in
a greater or less degree with this head of that
powerful Sect, such as our present circumstances
with regard to the French may render it
desirable as far as practicable to avoid.—

(Signed) J. Duncan.

There are two descriptions of Joasmees—
Those who live at Soor and
in the Cove or Harbour of Jeramek, and both
these are understood to be under the obedience of
the Imaum of Muscat and not to follow
piracy.—

Those who commit depredations
by Sea are the Joasmee of the Ras or Cape at
Rhysma; known also by the appellation of the
Joasmee of Joolfar, whose present Chief is
Sultaun the Son of Sugger, with which
last it was Captain Seton made the Treaty
in 1806, that has been so ill observed on their
part.—

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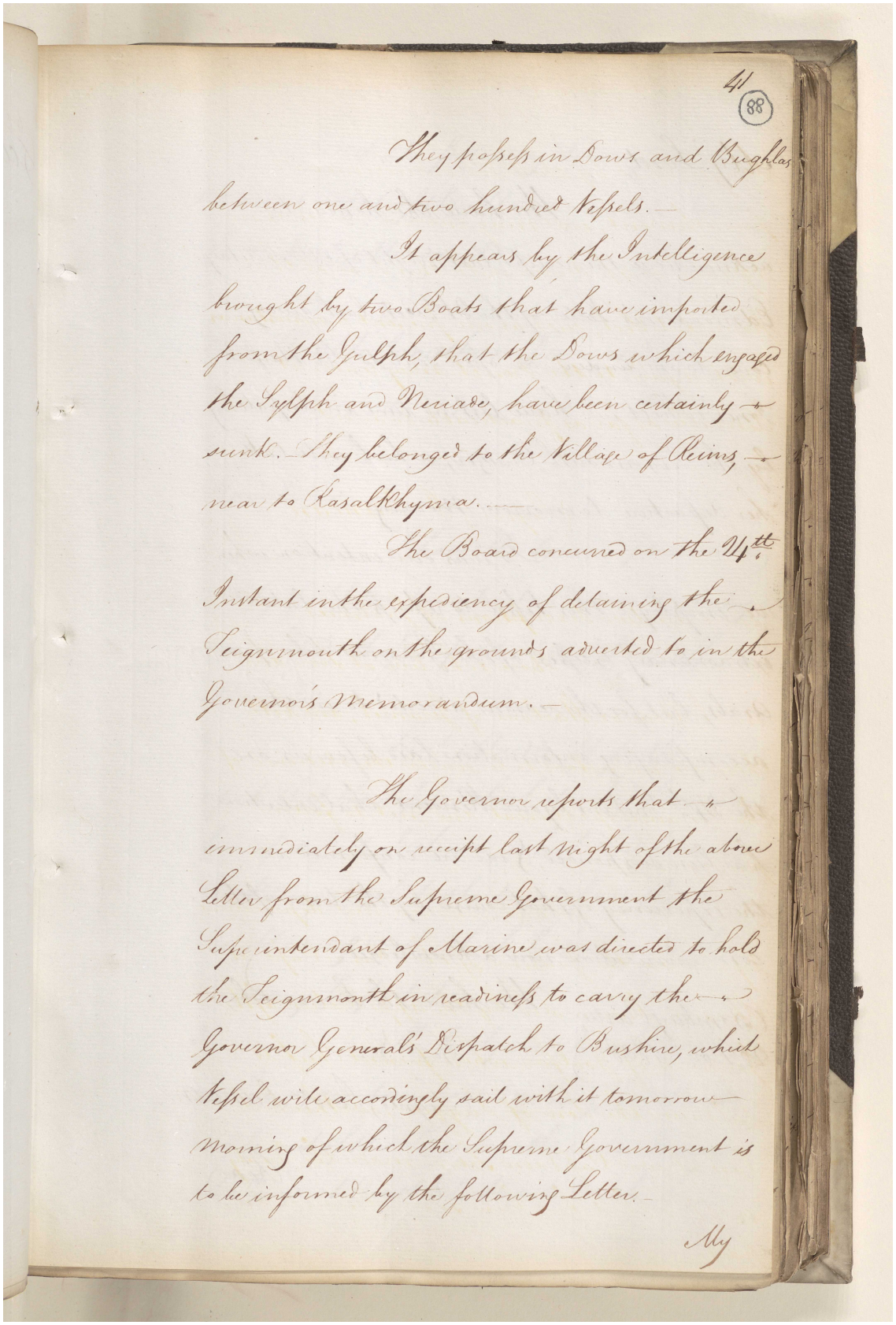

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They possess in Dows and Bughlas
between one and two hundred Vessels.—

It appears by the Intelligence
brought by two Boats that have imported
from the Gulph, that the Dows which engaged
the Sylph and Nereide, have been certainly
sunk.— They belonged to the Village of Reims
near to RasalKhyma.—

The Board concurred on the 14th
Instant in the expediency of detaining the
Seignmouth on the grounds adverted to in the
Governor's Memorandum.—

The Governor reports that
immediately on receipt last Night of the above
Letter from the Supreme Government the
Superintendant of Marine was directed to hold
the Seignmouth in readiness to carry the
Governor General's Dispatch to Bushire, which
Vessel will accordingly sail with it tomorrow
Morning of which the Supreme Government is
to be informed by the following Letter.—

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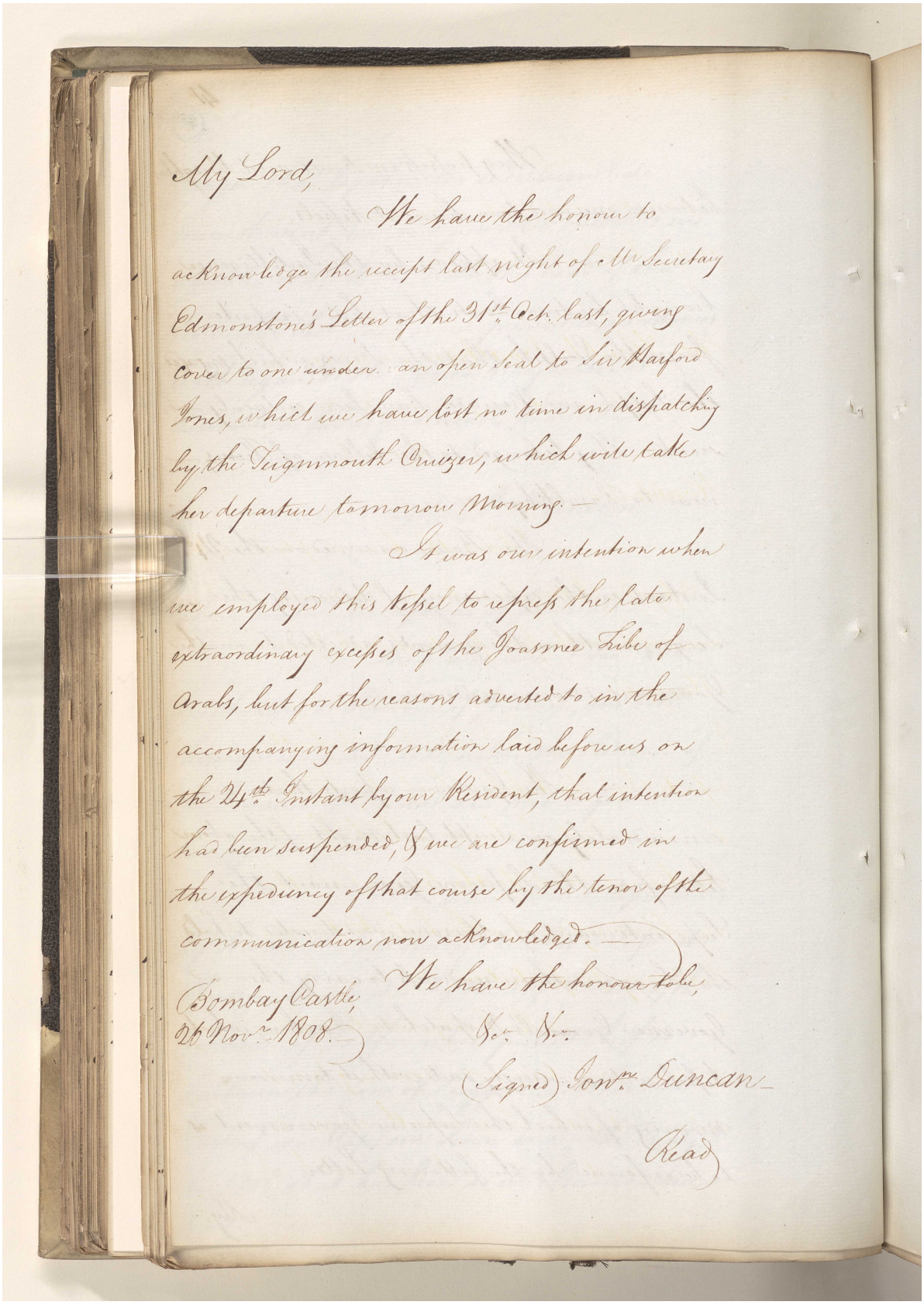

My Lord,

We have the honour to acknowlege the receipt last night of Mr Secretary Edmonstone's Letter of the 31st. Oct. last, giving Cover to one under an open Seal to Sir Harford Jones, which we have lost no time in dispatching by the Teignmouth Cruizer, which will take her departure tomorrow Morning.—

It was our intention when we employed this Vessel to repress the late extraordinary excesses of the Joasmee Tribe of Arabs, but for the reasons adverted to in the accompanying information laid before us on the 24th. Instant by our Resident, that intention has been suspended, & we are confirmed in the expediency of that course by the tenor of the communication now acknowledged.—

We have the honour to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jonn. Duncan

Bombay Castle,
26 Novr. 1808.

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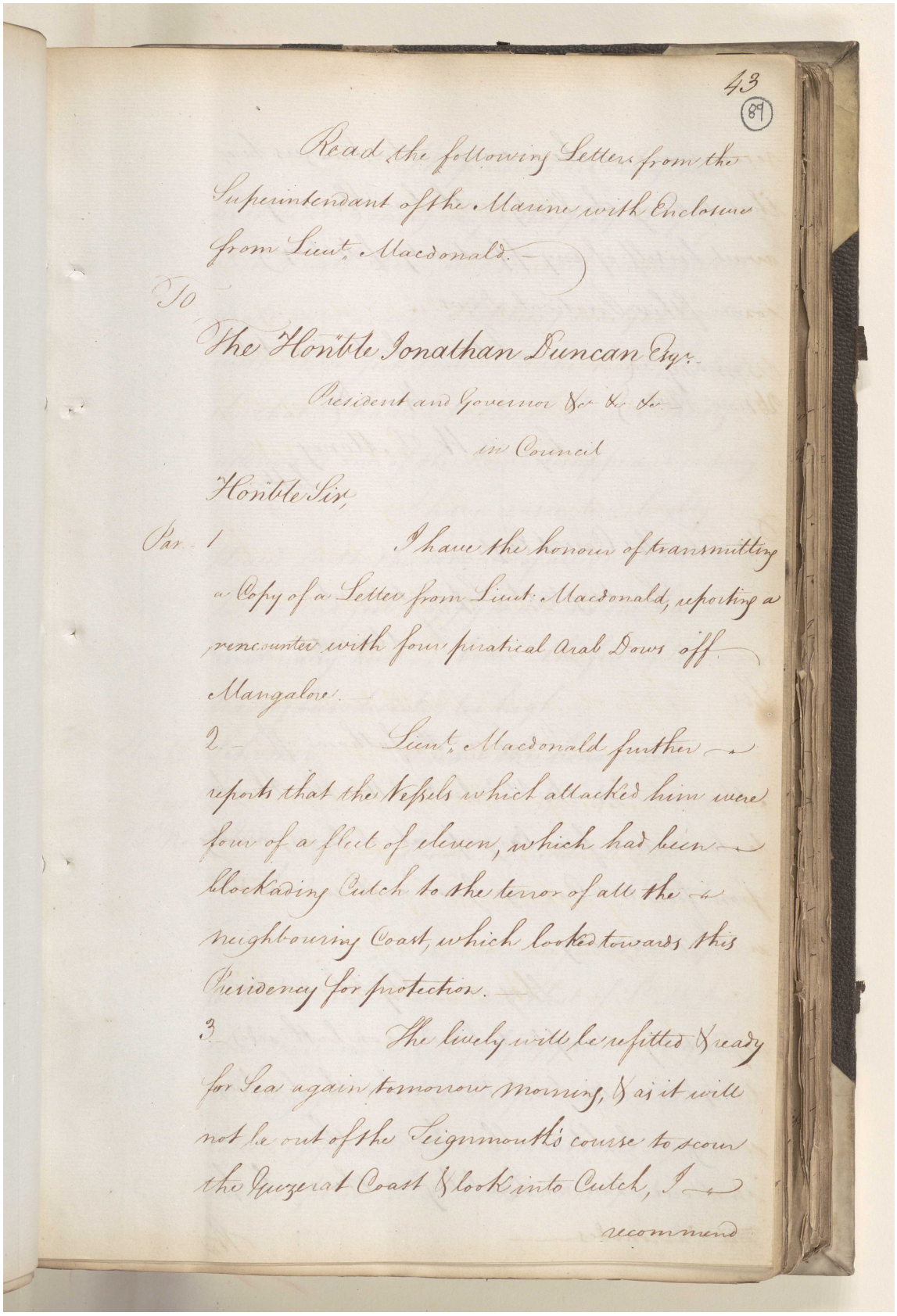

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Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Marine with Enclosure from Lieut. Macdonald.

To

The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
President and Governor &c &c &c
in Council

Honble Sir,

Par. 1 I have the honour of transmitting a Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Macdonald, reporting a rencounter with four piratical Arab Dows off Mangalore.

2 Lieut. Macdonald further reports that the Vessels which attacked him were four of a fleet of eleven, which had been blockading Cutch to the terror of all the neighbouring Coast, which looked towards this Presidency for protection.

3 The Lively will be refitted & ready for Sea again tomorrow Morning, & as it will not be out of the Seignmouth's course to scour the Guzerat Coast & look into Cutch, I recommend

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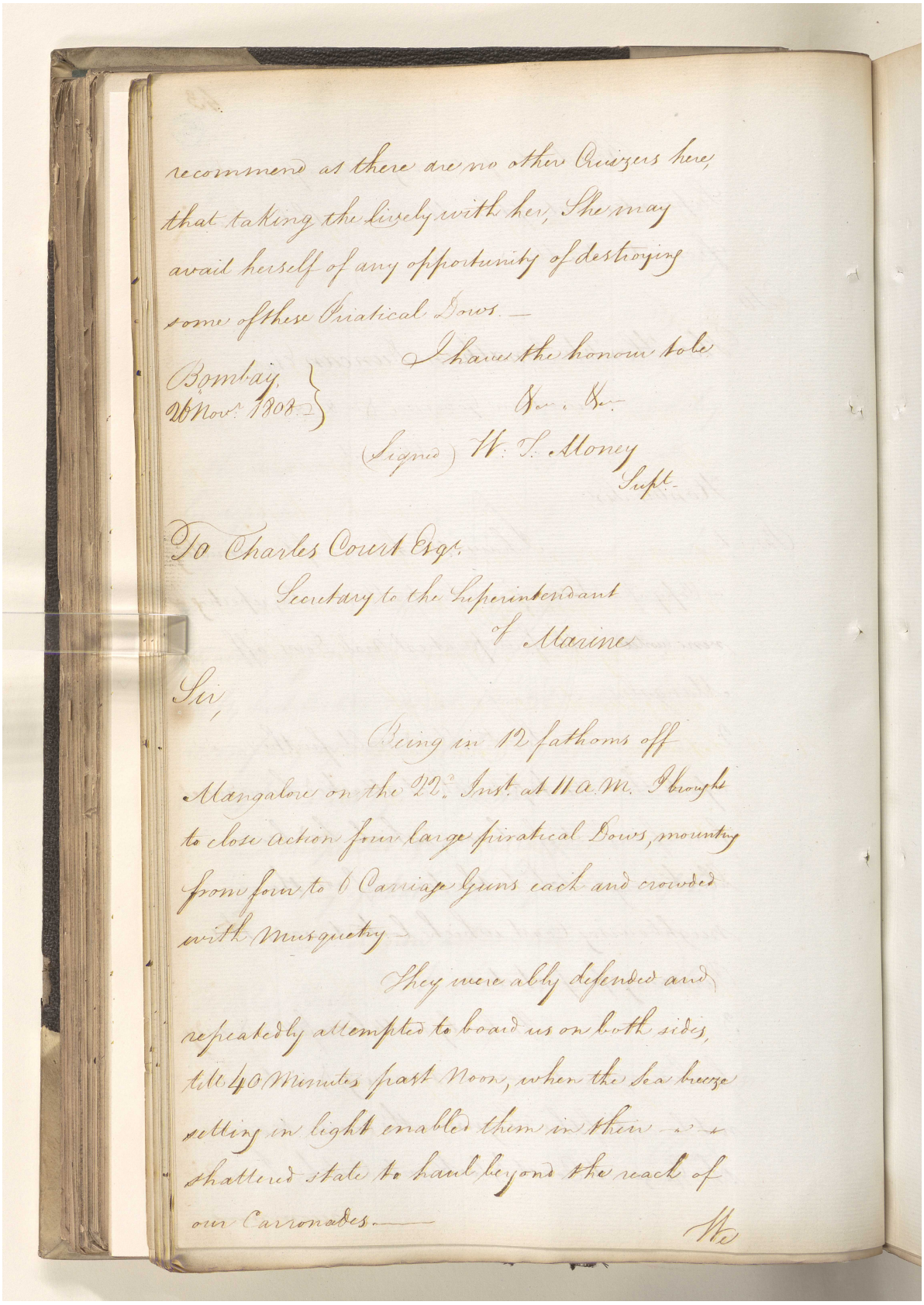

recommend as there are no other Cruizers here,
that taking the Lively with her, She may
avail herself of any opportunity of destroying
some of these Piratical Dows. —

I have the honour to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) W. T. Money
Supt.

Bombay
20 Nov. 1808

To Charles Court Esqr.
Secretary to the Superintendant
of Marine

Sir,

Being in 12 fathoms off
Mangalore on the 22d. Inst. at 11 A.M. I brought
to close action four large piratical Dows, mounting
from four to 6 Carriage Guns each and crowded
with Musquetry —

They were ably defended and
repeatedly attempted to board us on both sides,
till 40 Minutes past Noon, when the Sea breeze
setting in light enabled them in their —
shattered state to haul beyond the reach of
our Carronades. —

We

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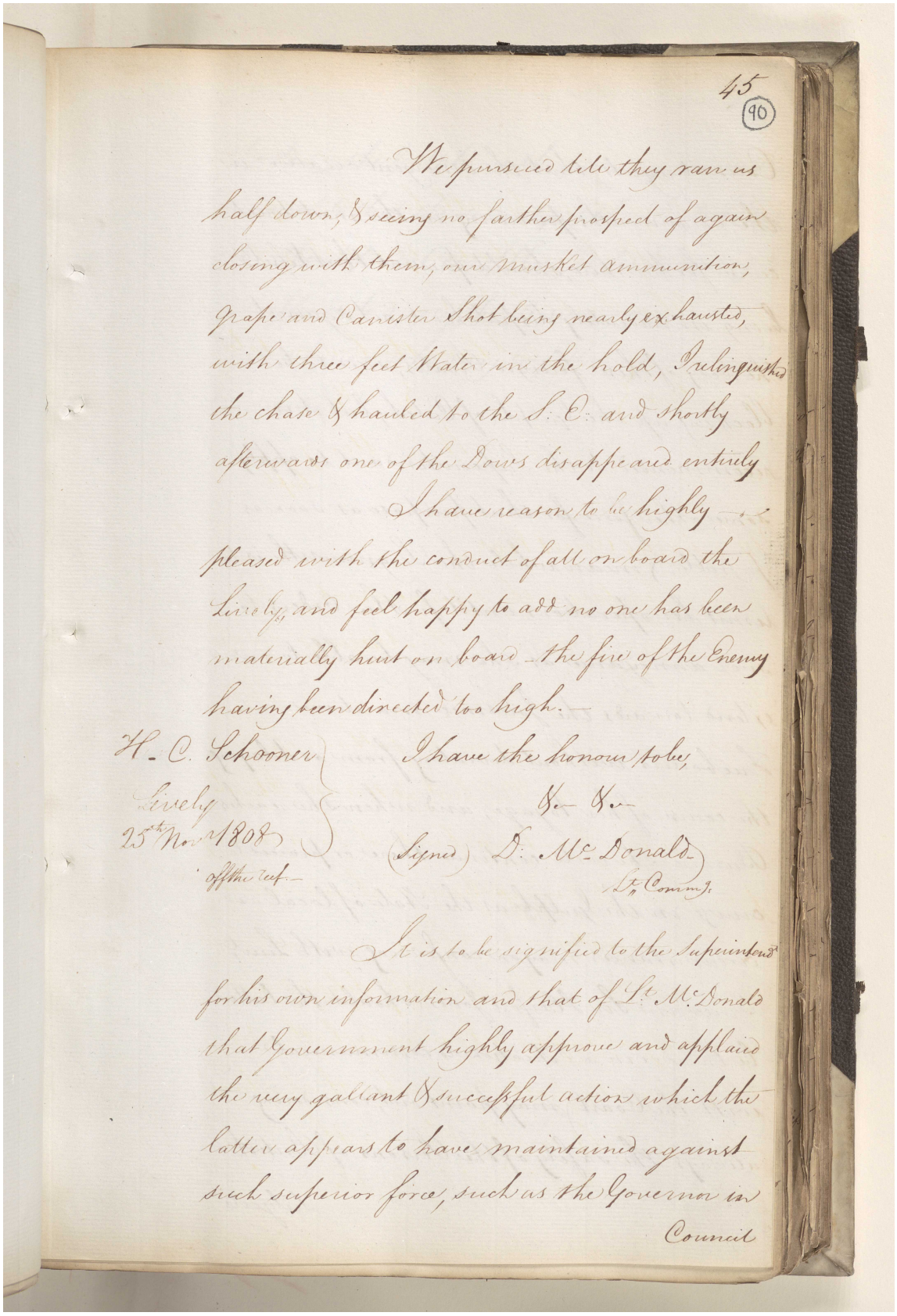

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We pursued till they ran us
half down, & seeing no farther prospect of again
closing with them, our Musket ammunition,
Grape and Canister Shot being nearly exhausted,
with three feet Water in the hold, Relinquished
the chase & hauled to the S. E. and shortly
afterwards one of the Dows disappeared entirely
I have reason to be highly
pleased with the conduct of all on board the
Lively, and feel happy to add no one has been
materially hurt on board — the fire of the Enemy
having been directed too high.

H. C. Schooner
Lively
25th Nov. 1808
off the Ruf

I have the honour to be,
&c &c
(Signd) D. Mc Donald
Lt. Commg.

It is to be signified to the Superintend.t
for his own information and that of Lt. Mc Donald
that Government highly approve and applaud
the very gallant & successful action which the
latter appears to have maintained against
such superior force, such as the Governor in
Council

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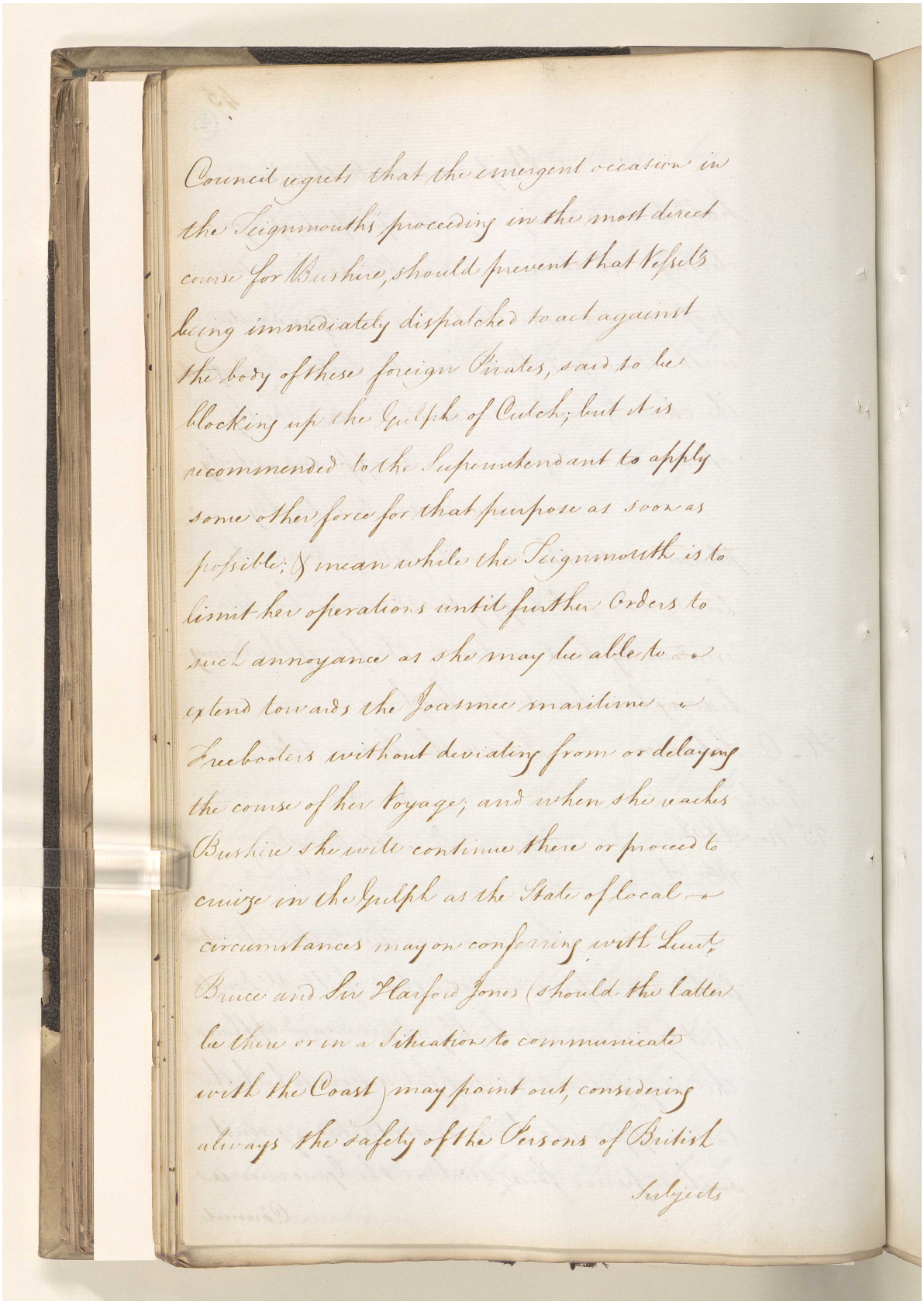

Council regrets that the emergent occasion in the Seignmouth's proceeding in the most direct course for Bushire, should prevent that Vessels being immediately dispatched to act against the body of these foreign Pirates, said to be blocking up the Gulph of Cutch; but it is recommended to the Superintendant to apply some other force for that purpose as soon as possible; & mean while the Seignmouth is to limit her operations until further Orders to such annoyance as she may be able to extend towards the Joasmee maritime Freebooters without deviating from or delaying the course of her voyage; and when she reaches Bushire she will continue there or proceed to cruize in the Gulph as the State of local circumstances may on conferring with Lieut. Bruce and Sir Harford Jones (should the latter be there or in a Situation to communicate with the Coast) may point out, considering always the safety of the Persons of British Subjects

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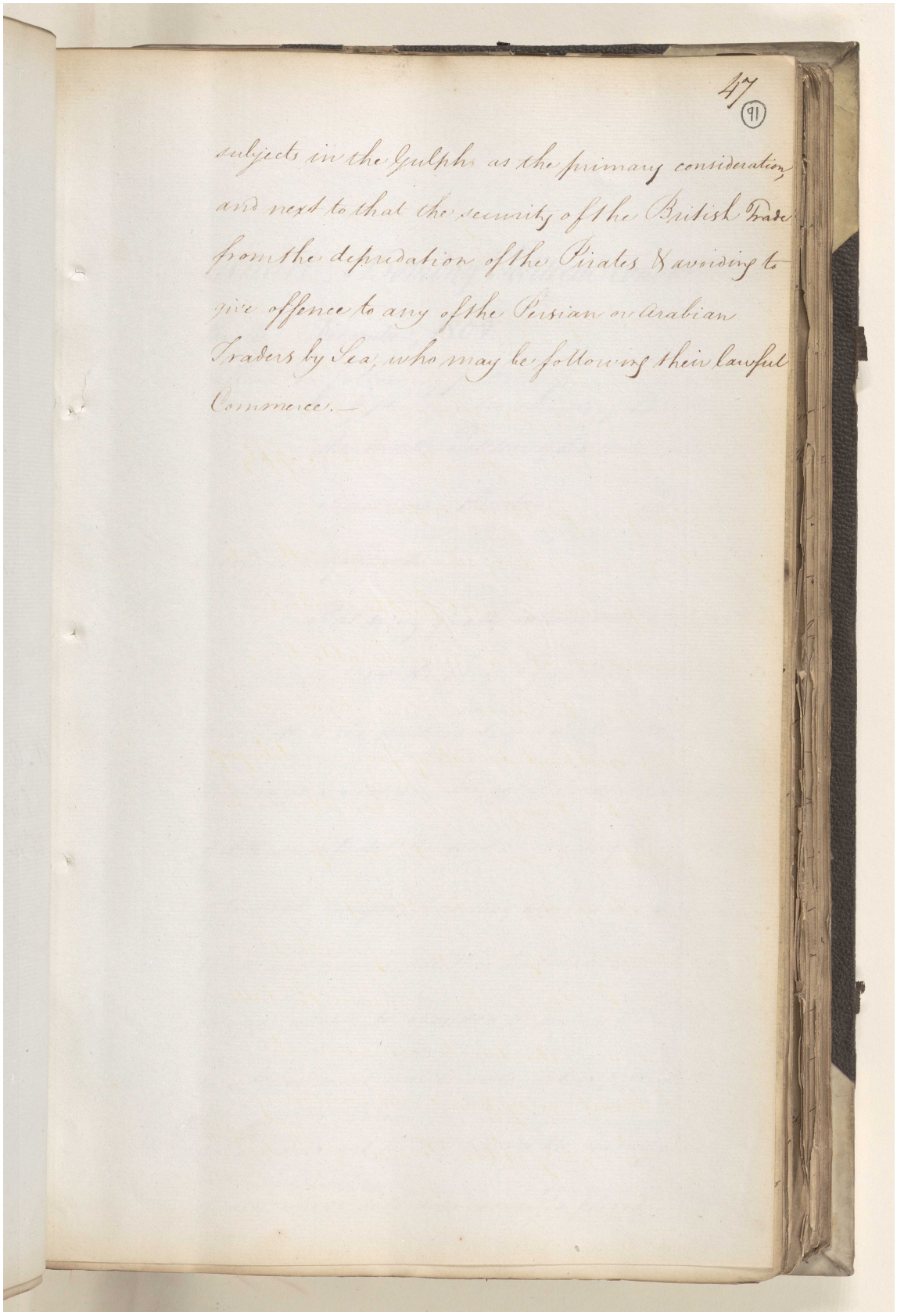
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subjects in the Gulphs as the primary consideration
and next to that the security of the British Trade
from the depredation of the Pirates & avoiding to
give offence to any of the Persian or Arabian
Traders by Sea, who may be following their lawful
Commerce.—

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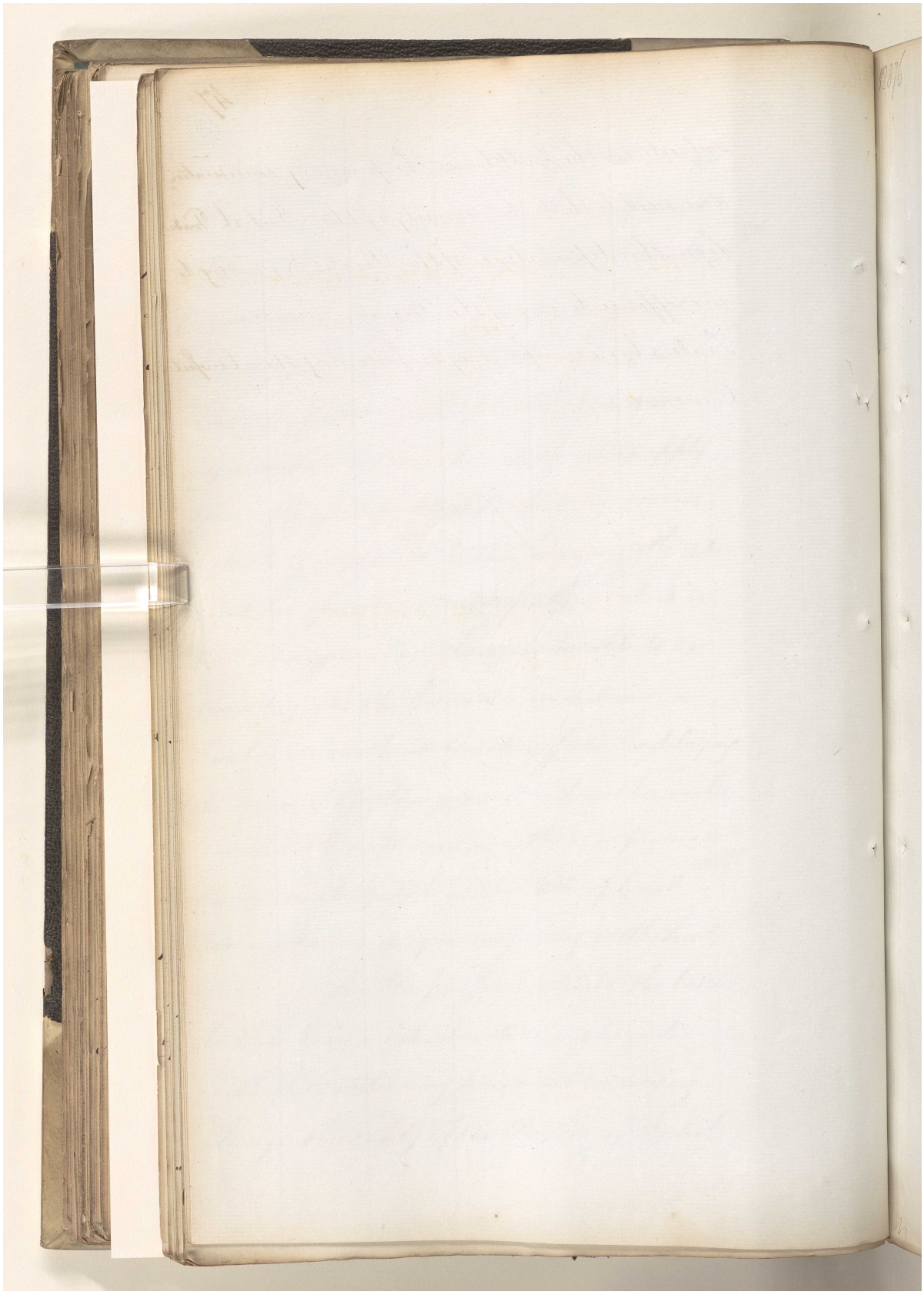

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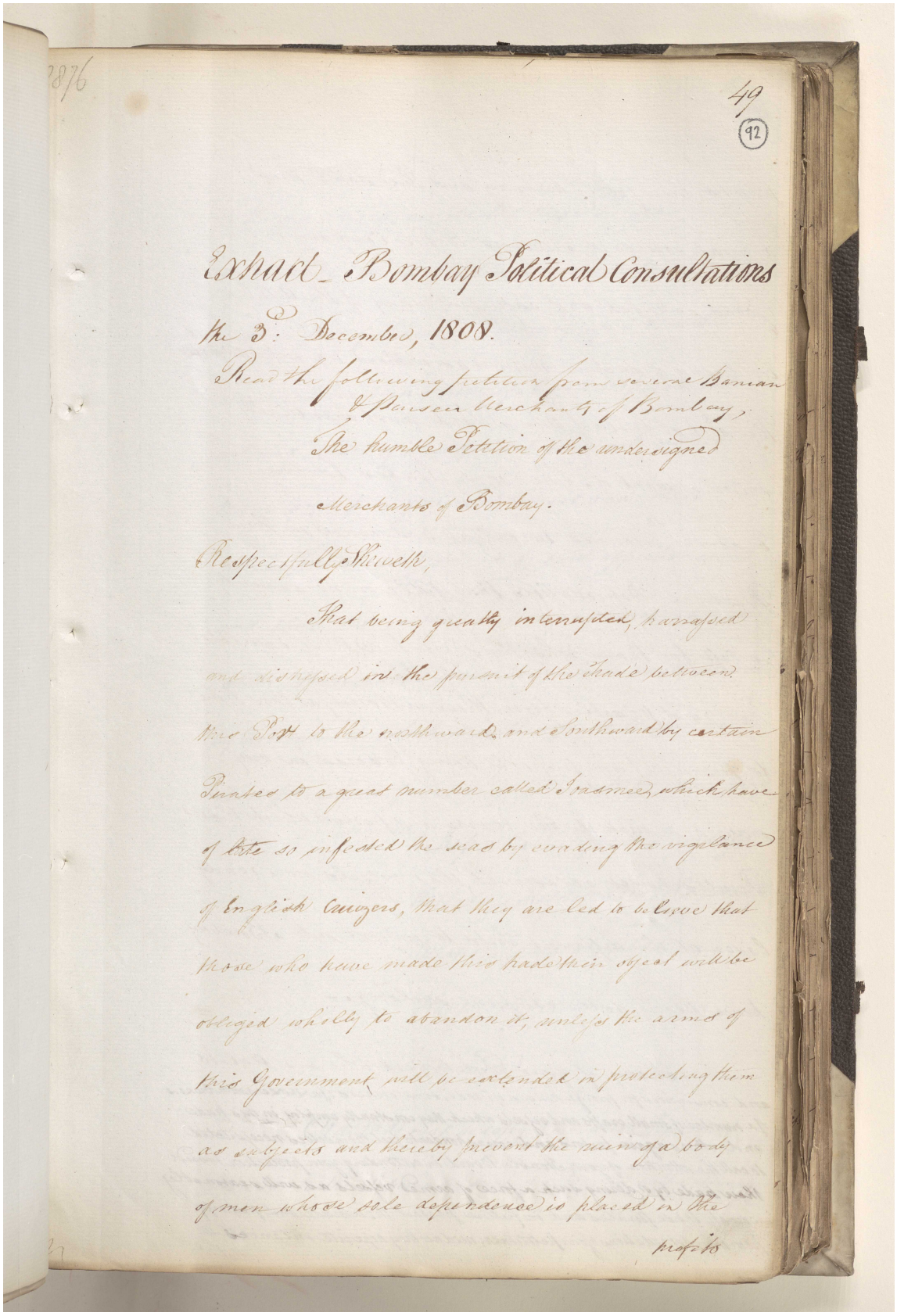

Extract Bombay Political Consultations
the 3d December, 1808.
Read the following petition from several Banian & Parsee Merchants of Bombay,
The humble Petition of the undersigned
Merchants of Bombay.
Respectfully Sheweth,
That being greatly interrupted, harrassed and dispossed in the pursuit of the Trade between this Port to the northward and Southward by certain Pirates to a great number called Seamee, which have of late so infested the seas by evading the vigilance of English Cruizers, that they are led to believe that those who have made this Trade their object will be obliged wholly to abandon it, unless the arms of this Government will be extended in protecting them as subjects and thereby prevent the ruin of a body of men whose sole dependence is placed in the profits

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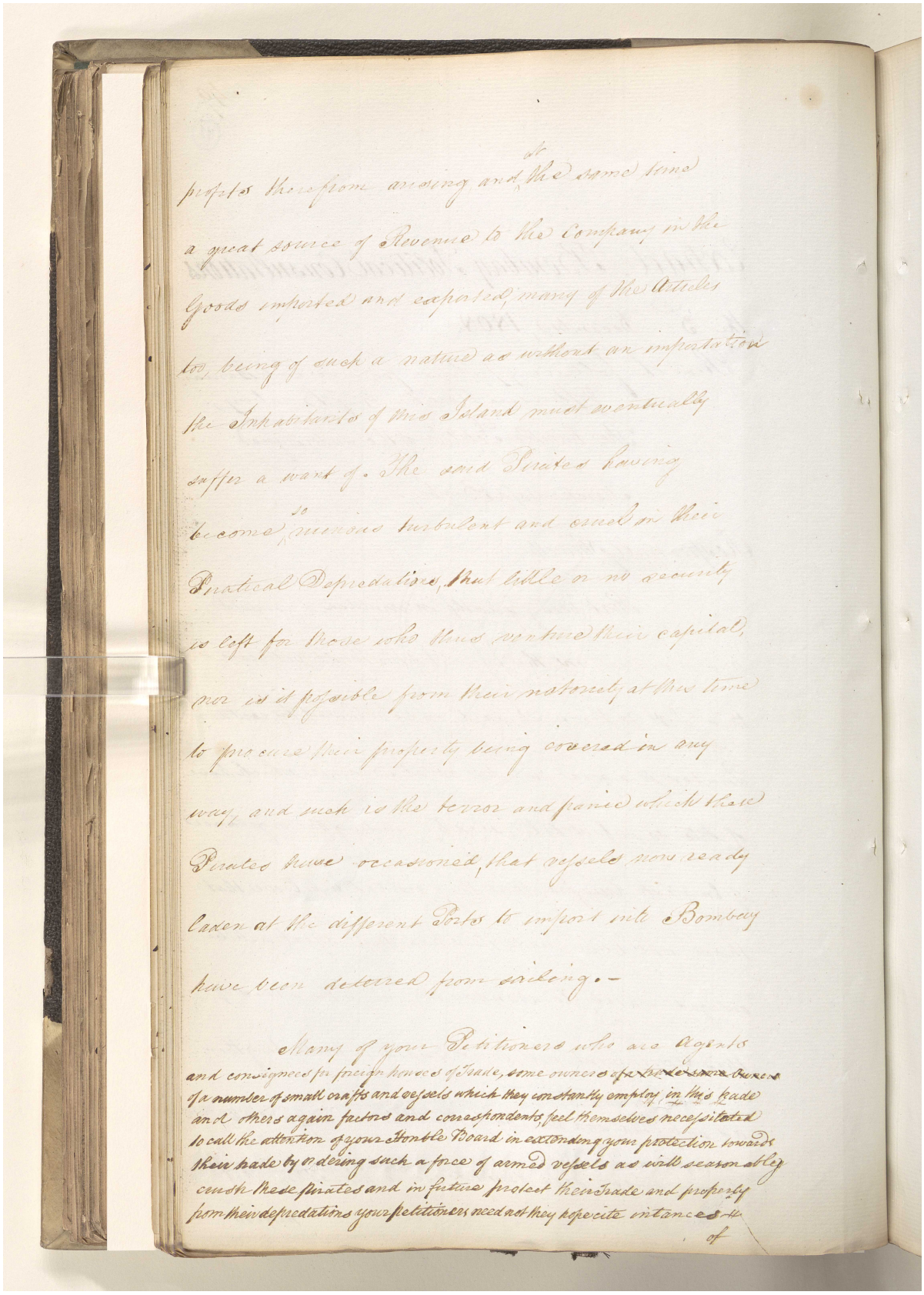

profits therefrom arising and the same time
a great source of Revenue to the Company in the
Goods imported and exported, many of the Articles
too, being of such a nature as without an importation
the Inhabitants of this Island must eventually
suffer a want of. The said Pirates having
become so numerous turbulent and cruel in their
Piratical Depredations, that little or no security
is left for those who thus venture their capital,
nor is it possible from their notoriety at this time
to procure their property being covered in any
way, and such is the terror and panic which these
Pirates have occasioned, that vessels now ready
laden at the different Ports to import into Bombay
have been deterred from sailing.—

Many of your Petitioners who are Agents
and consignees for foreign houses of Trade, some owners of a
of a number of small crafts and vessels which they constantly employ in this trade
and others again factors and correspondents, feel themselves necessitated
to call the attention of your Honble Board in extending your protection towards
their trade by ordering such a force of armed vessels as will seasonably
crush these pirates and in future protect their Trade and property
from their depredations your petitioners need not they hope cite instances &c
of

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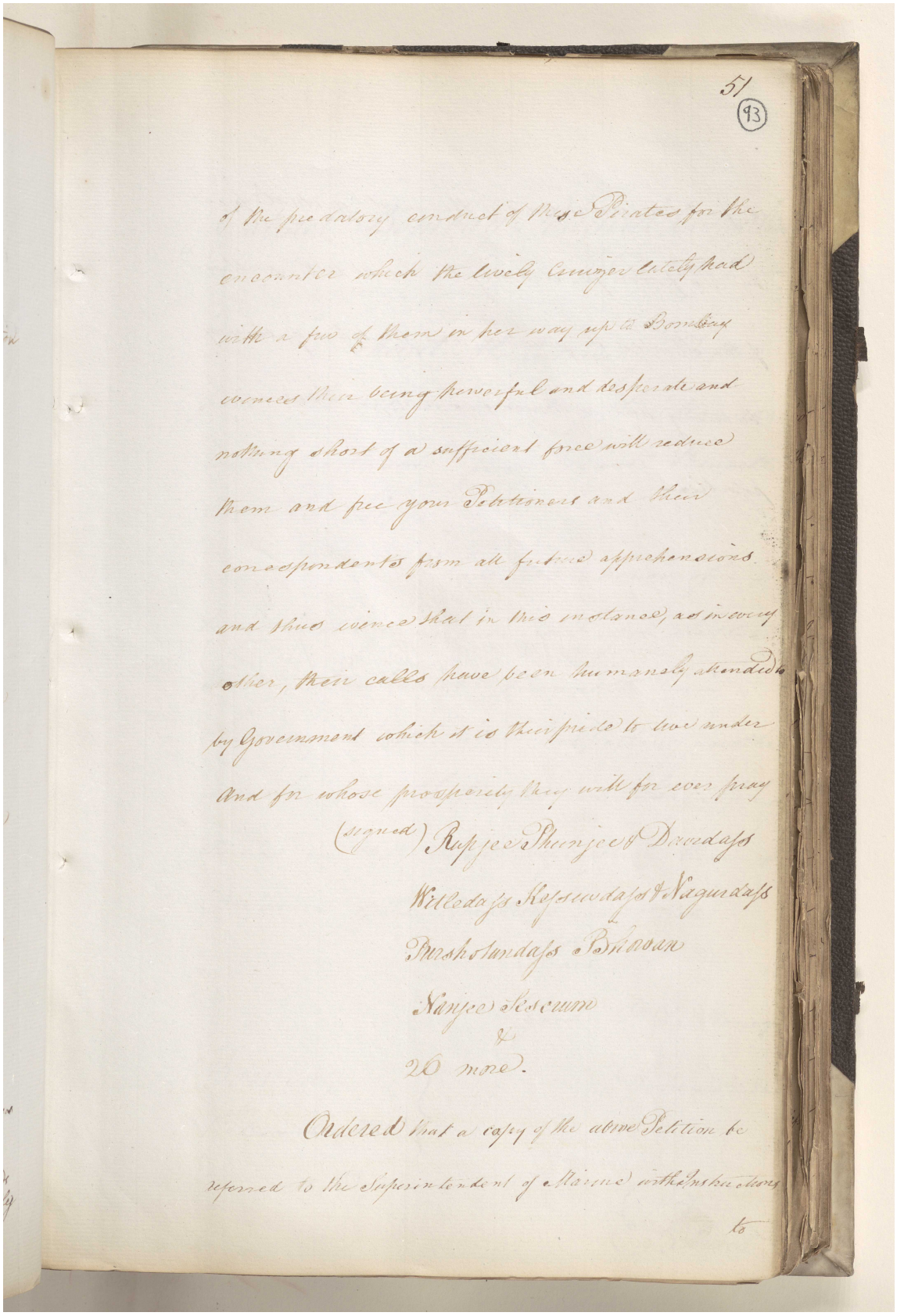

of the predatory conduct of these Pirates for the encounter which the lively Cruizer lately had with a few of them in her way up to Bombay evinces their being powerful and desperate and nothing short of a sufficient force will reduce them and free your Petitioners and their correspondents from all future apprehensions and thus evince that in this instance, as in every other, their calls have been humanely attended to by Government which it is their pride to live under And for whose prosperity they will for ever pray

(signed) Rupjee Phunjee & Davidass
Willedass Kessewdass & Nagurdass
Purshotundass Bhowan
Nanjee Sescrum
&
26 more.

Ordered that a copy of the above Petition be referred to the Superintendent of Marine with Instructions

to

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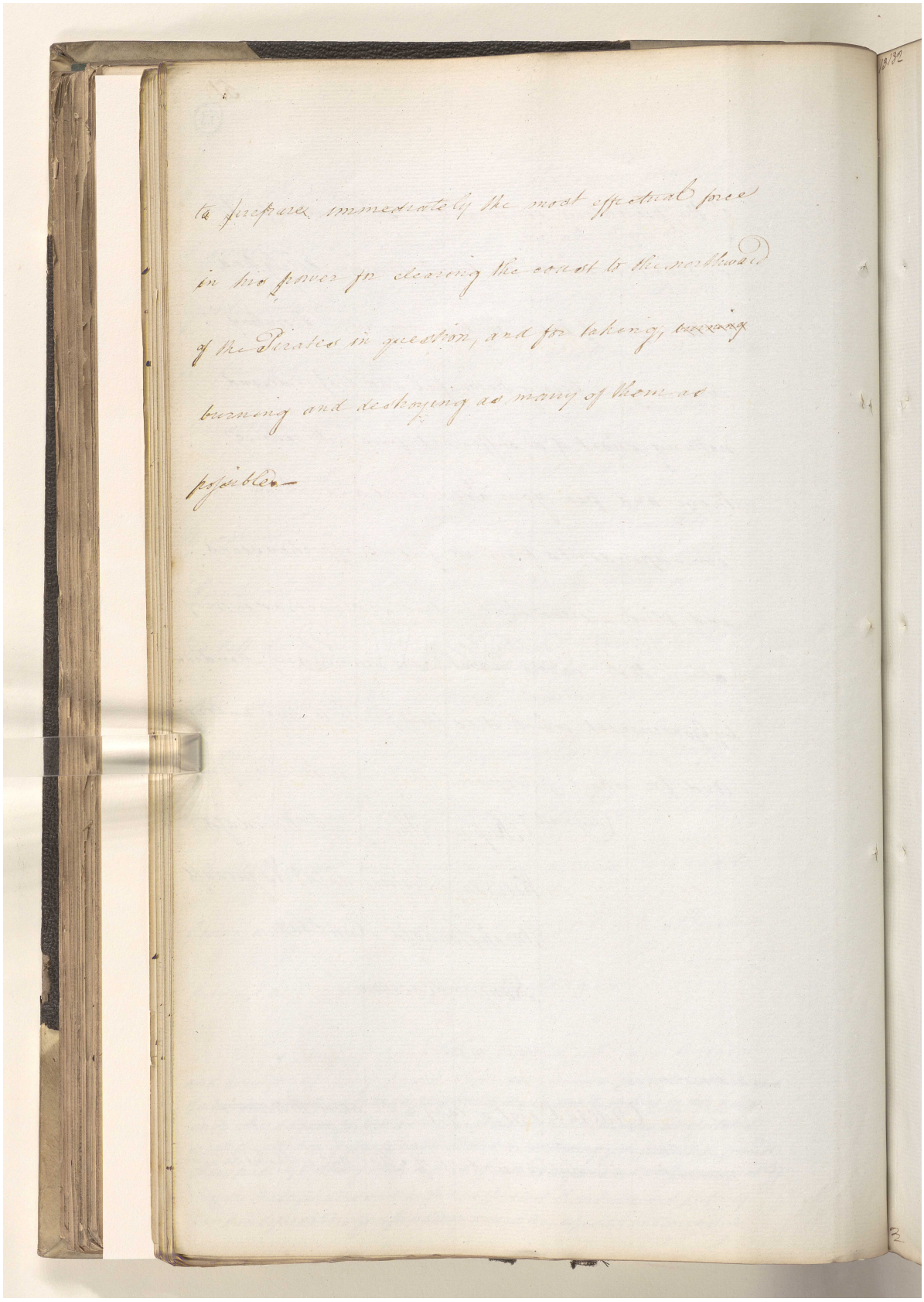

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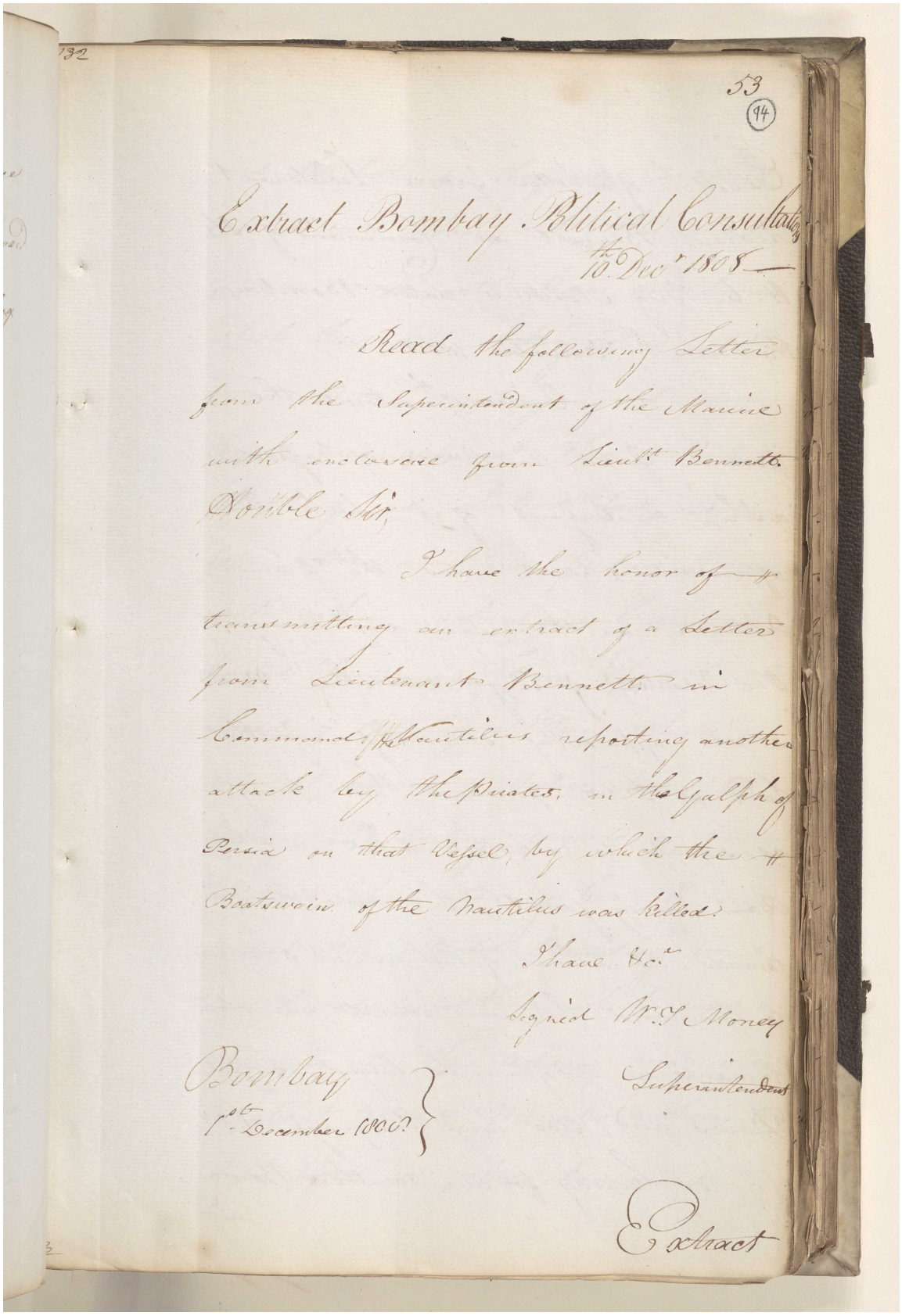

Extract Bombay Political Consultation
the 10th Decr 1808

Read the following Letter
from the Superintendent of the Marine
with enclosure from Lieut.t Bennett.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor of
transmitting an extract of a Letter
from Lieutenant Bennett in
Command of the Nautilus reporting another
attack by the Pirates in the Gulph of
Persia on that Vessel, by which the
Boatswain of the Nautilus was killed.

I have &c.

Signed W.m Money
Superintendent

Bombay
1st December 1808

Extract

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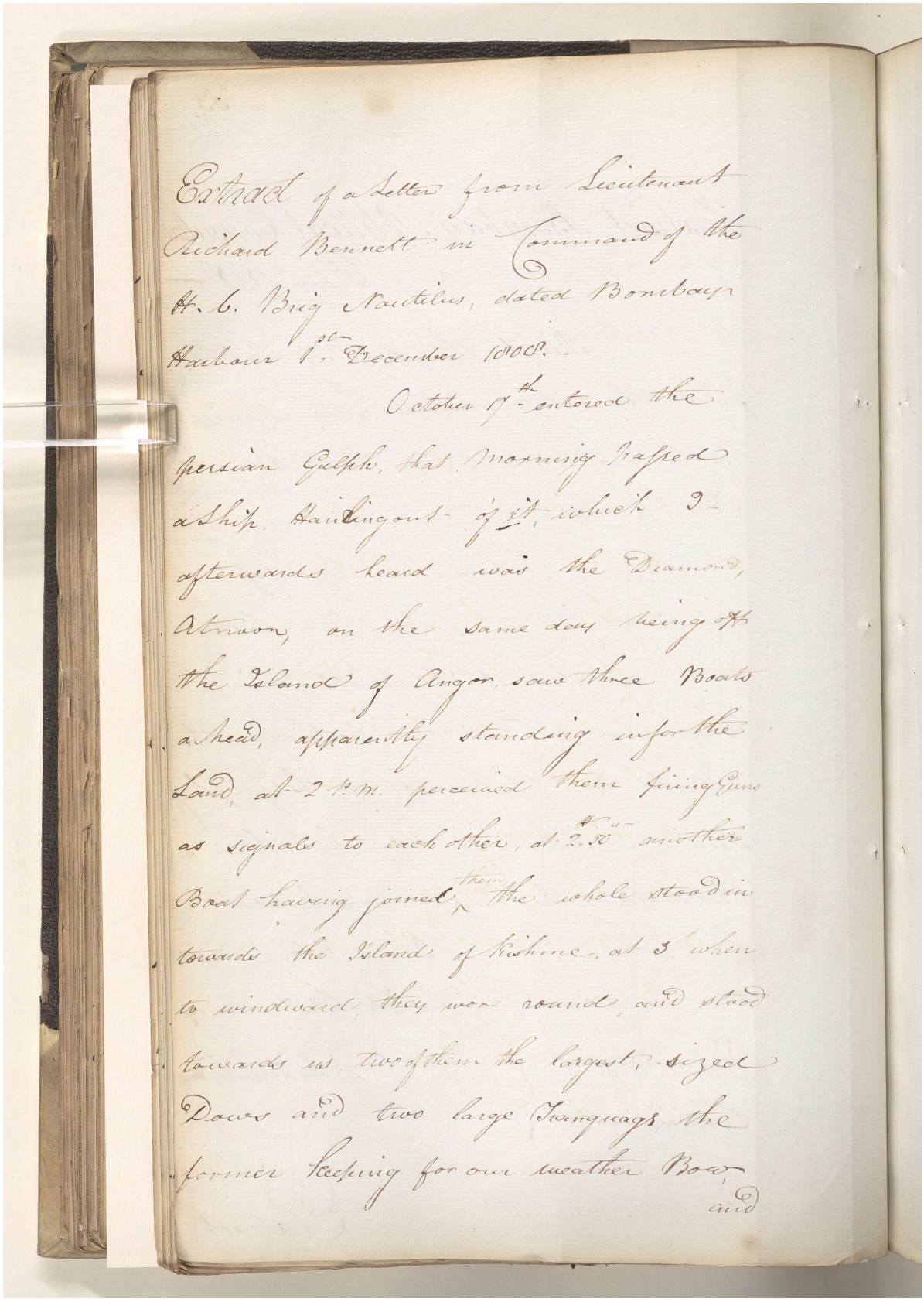

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Richard Bennett in Command of the H. C. Brig Nautilus, dated Bombay Harbour 1st December 1808.

October 17th entered the persian Gulph, that morning passed a Ship, Hailing out of it, which I afterwards heard was the Diamond, Atnoon, on the same day being off the Island of Angor, saw three Boats a head, apparently standing in for the Land, at 2 P.M. perceived them firing Guns as signals to each other, at 2.50 another Boat having joined them the whole stood in towards the Island of Kishme, at 3 when to windward, they wore round, and stood towards us, two of them the largest, sized Dows and two large Tranquags, the former keeping for our weather Bow, and

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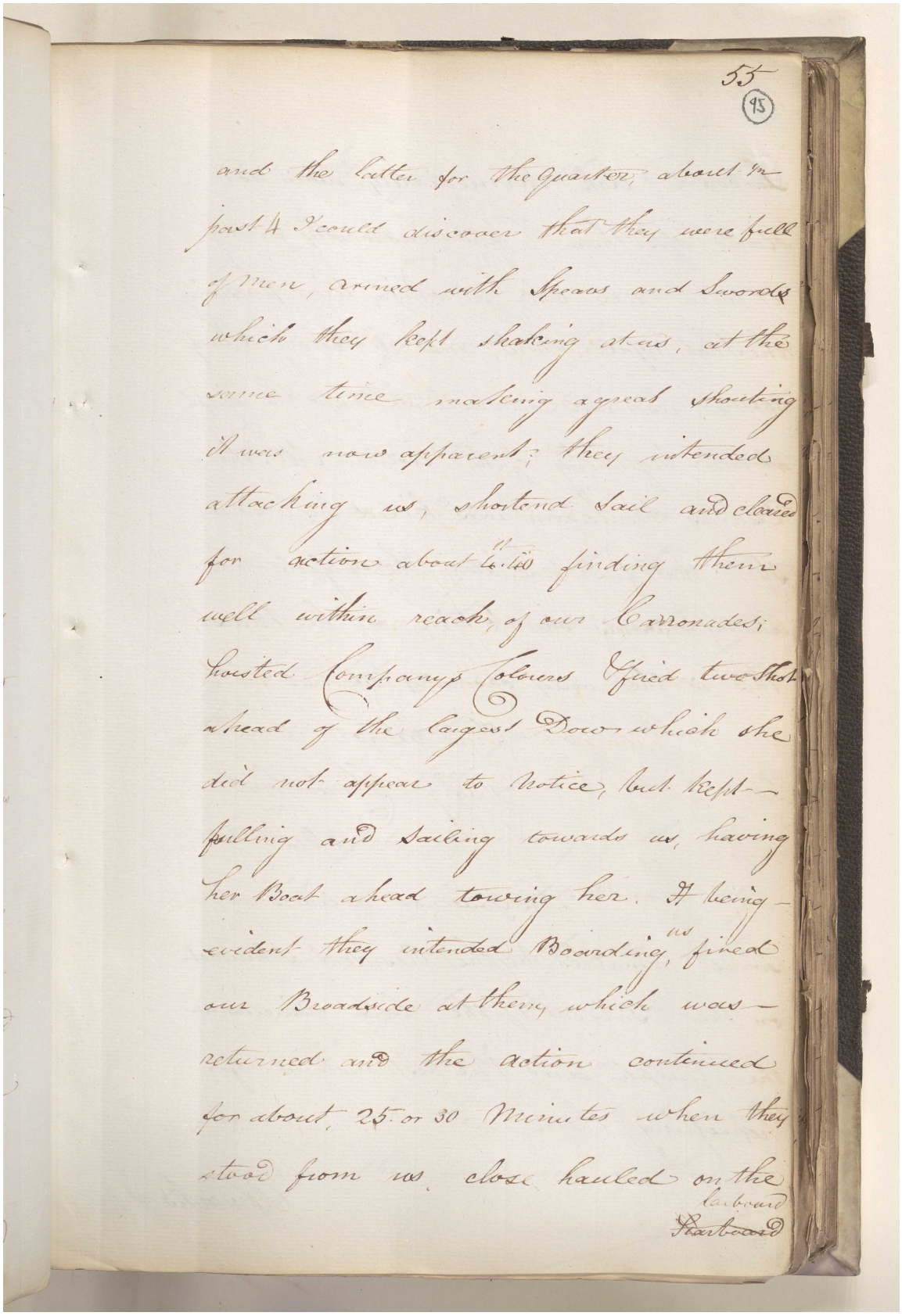

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and the latter for the Quarter, about ½ past 4 I could discover that they were full of men, armed with Spears and Swords which they kept shaking at us, at the same time making a great shouting it was now apparent; they intended attacking us, shortend Sail and cleared for action about 4 ½ 40 finding them well within reach, of our Carronades; hoisted Companys Colours & fired two Shot ahead of the largest Dow which she did not appear to notice, but kept pulling and Sailing towards us, having her Boat ahead towing her. It being evident they intended Boarding us, fired our Broadside at them, which was returned and the action continued for about, 25 or 30 Minutes when they stood from us, close hauled on the larboard ~~Starboard~~

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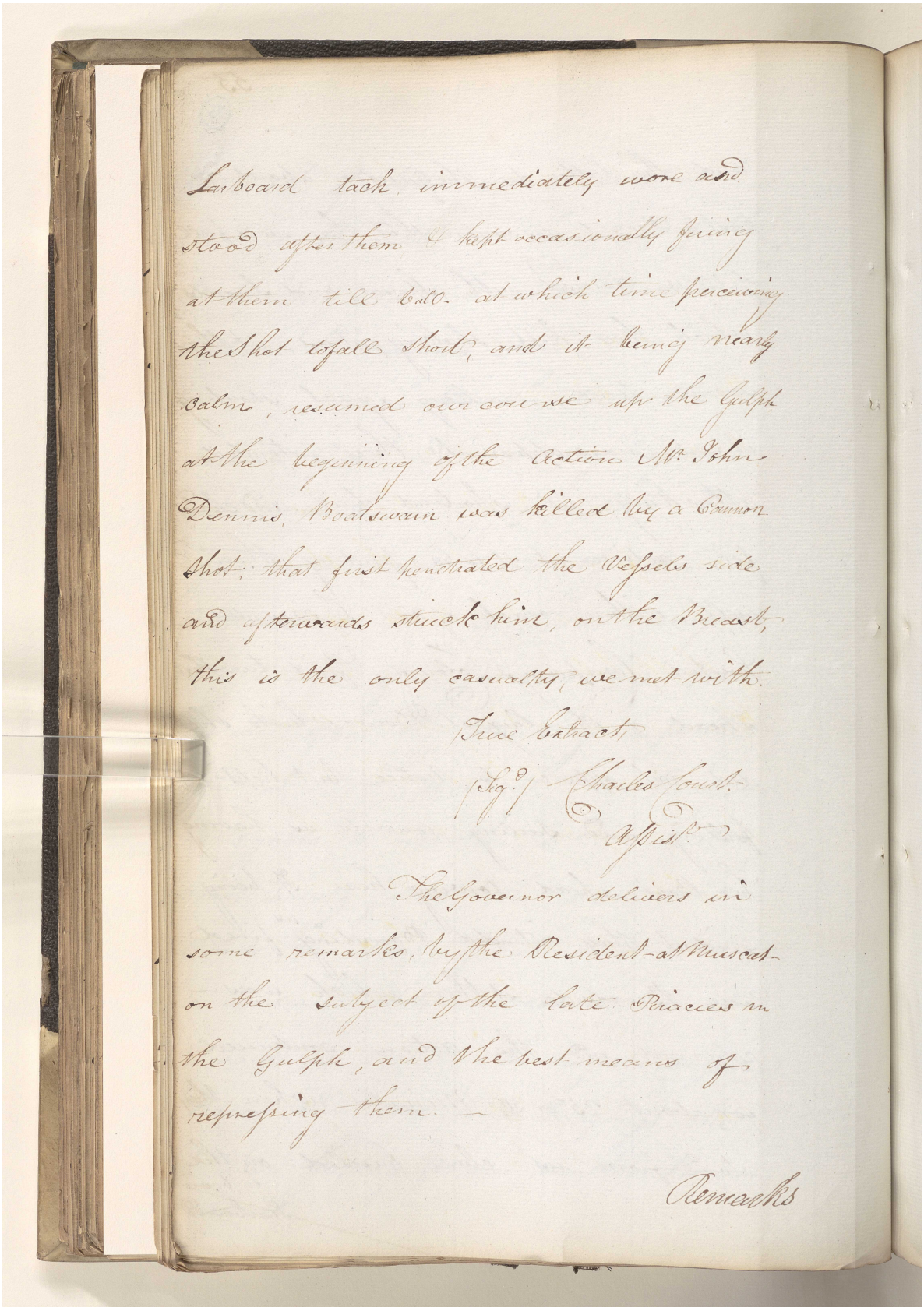

Larboard tack immediately wore and stood after them & kept occasionally firing at them till 6 A.M. at which time perceiving the Shot to fall short, and it being nearly calm, resumed our course up the Gulph at the beginning of the Action Mr. John Dennis, Boatswain was killed by a Cannon Shot; that first penetrated the Vessels side and afterwards struck him, on the Breast, this is the only casualty, we met with.

True Extract,

(Sig.d) Charles Court.
Assist.

The Governor delivers in some remarks, by the Resident at Muscat on the subject of the late Piracies in the Gulph, and the best means of repressing them. —

Remarks

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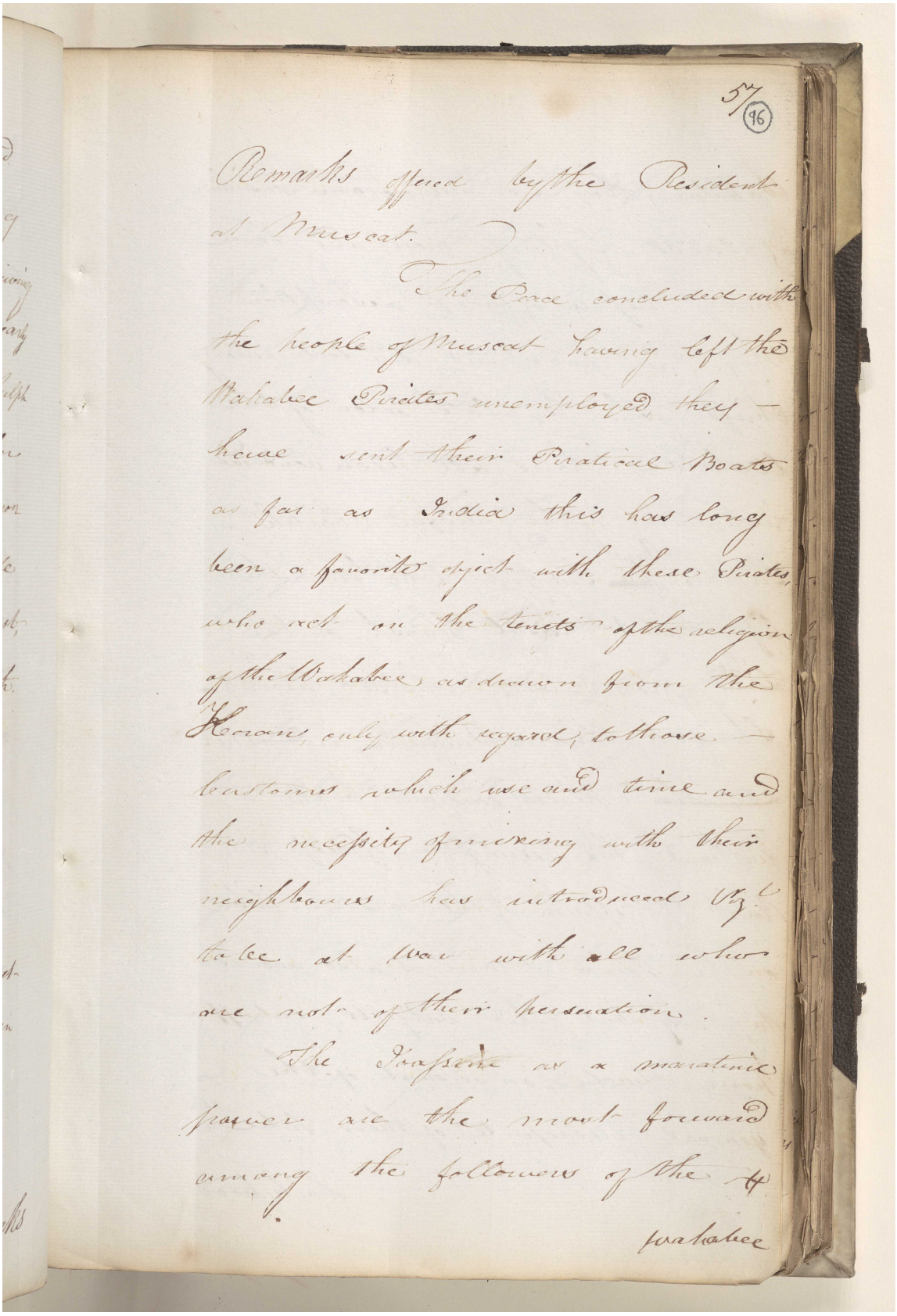
Remarks offered by the Resident at Muscat.

The Peace concluded with the people of Muscat having left the Wahabee Pirates unemployed, they have sent their Piratical Boats as far as India this has long been a favorite object with these Pirates, who act on the tenets of the religion of the Wahabee as drawn from the Koran, only with regard to those customs which use and time and the necessity of mixing with their neighbours has introduced Vizt. to be at War with all who are not of their persuation.

The Joassene as a maratime power are the most forward among the followers of the Wahabee



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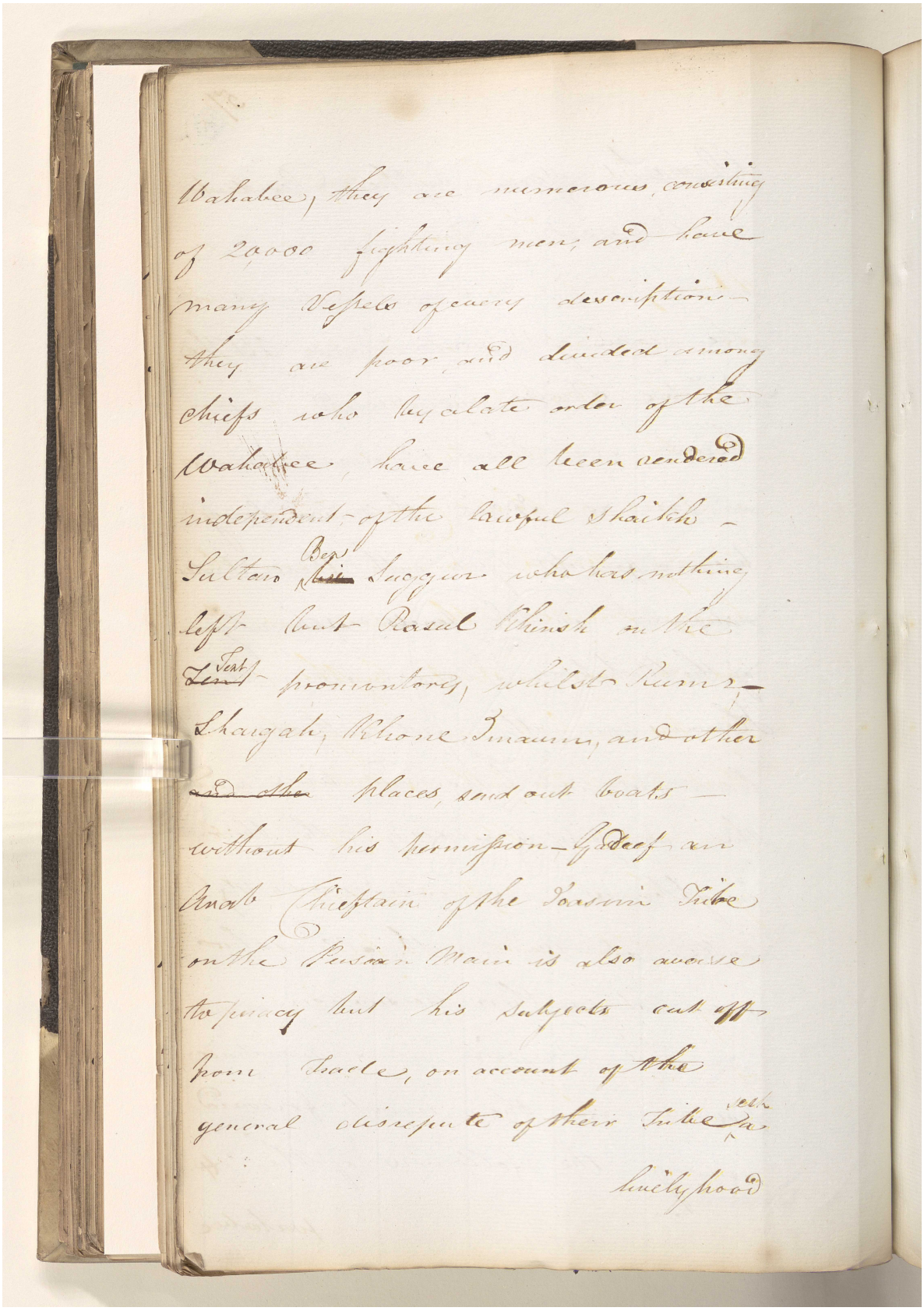

Wahabee, they are numerous, consisting
of 20,000 fighting men, and have
many Vessels of every description —
they are poor, and divided among
chiefs who by a late order of the
Wahabee, have all been rendered
independent of the lawful Shaikh —
Sultan Ben ~~bin~~ Suggur who has nothing
left but Rasul Khinsh on the
~~Tent~~ Text promontory, whilst Rumz —
Shargah, Khone Imaum, and other
~~and other~~ places, send out boats —
without his permission — Gadeef an
Arab Chieftain of the Joasim Tribe
on the Persian Main is also averse
to piracy but his subjects cut off
from trade, on account of the
general disrepute of their Tribe seek a
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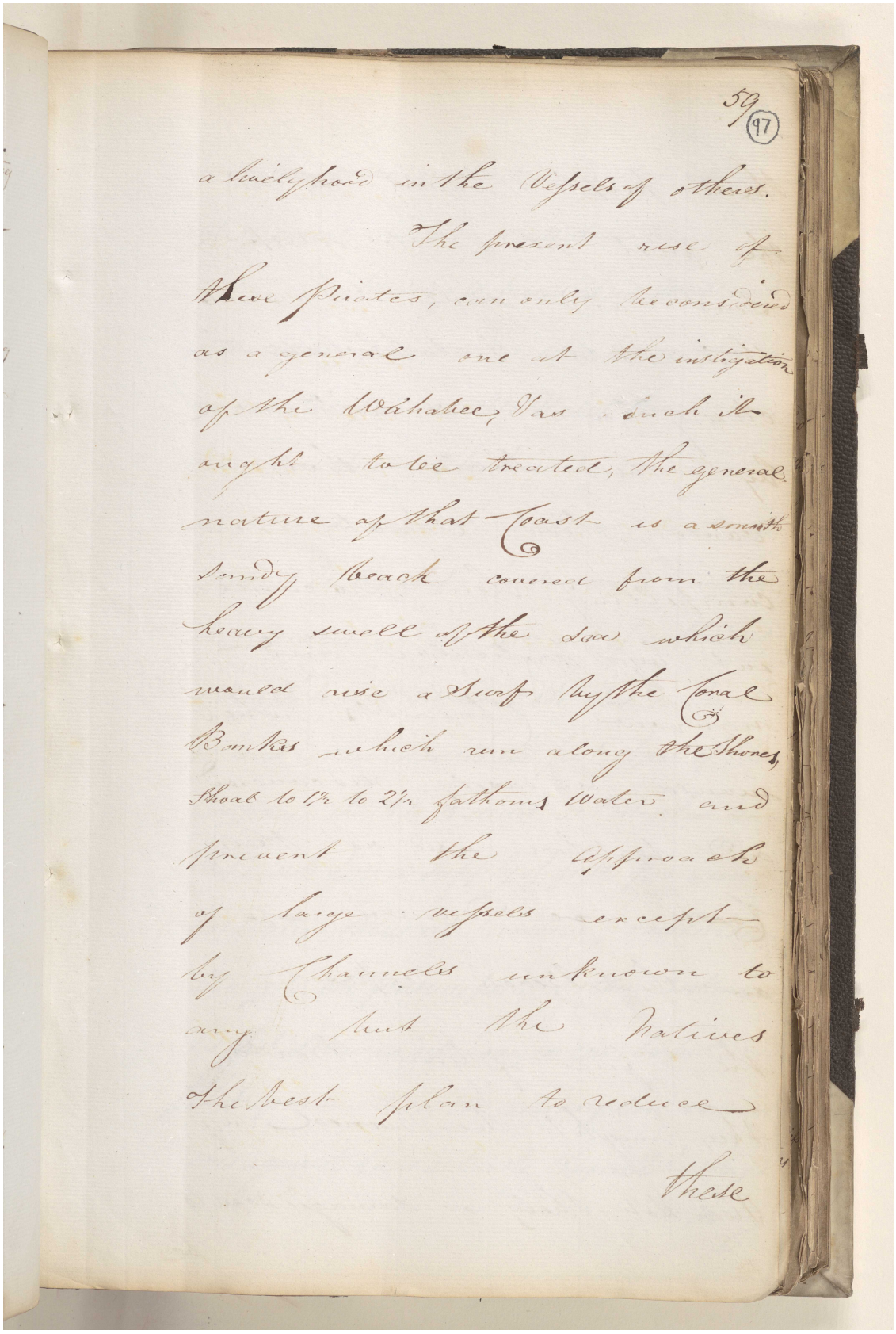

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a livelyhood in the Vessels of others.

The present rise of these Pirates, can only be considered as a general one at the instigation of the Wahabee, Vas such it ought to be treated, the general nature of that Coast is a smooth sandy beach covered from the heavy swell of the sea which would rise a Surf by the Coral Banks which run along the Shores, Shoal to 1½ to 2½ fathoms Water and prevent the approach of large vessels except by Channels unknown to any but the Natives the best plan to reduce

these

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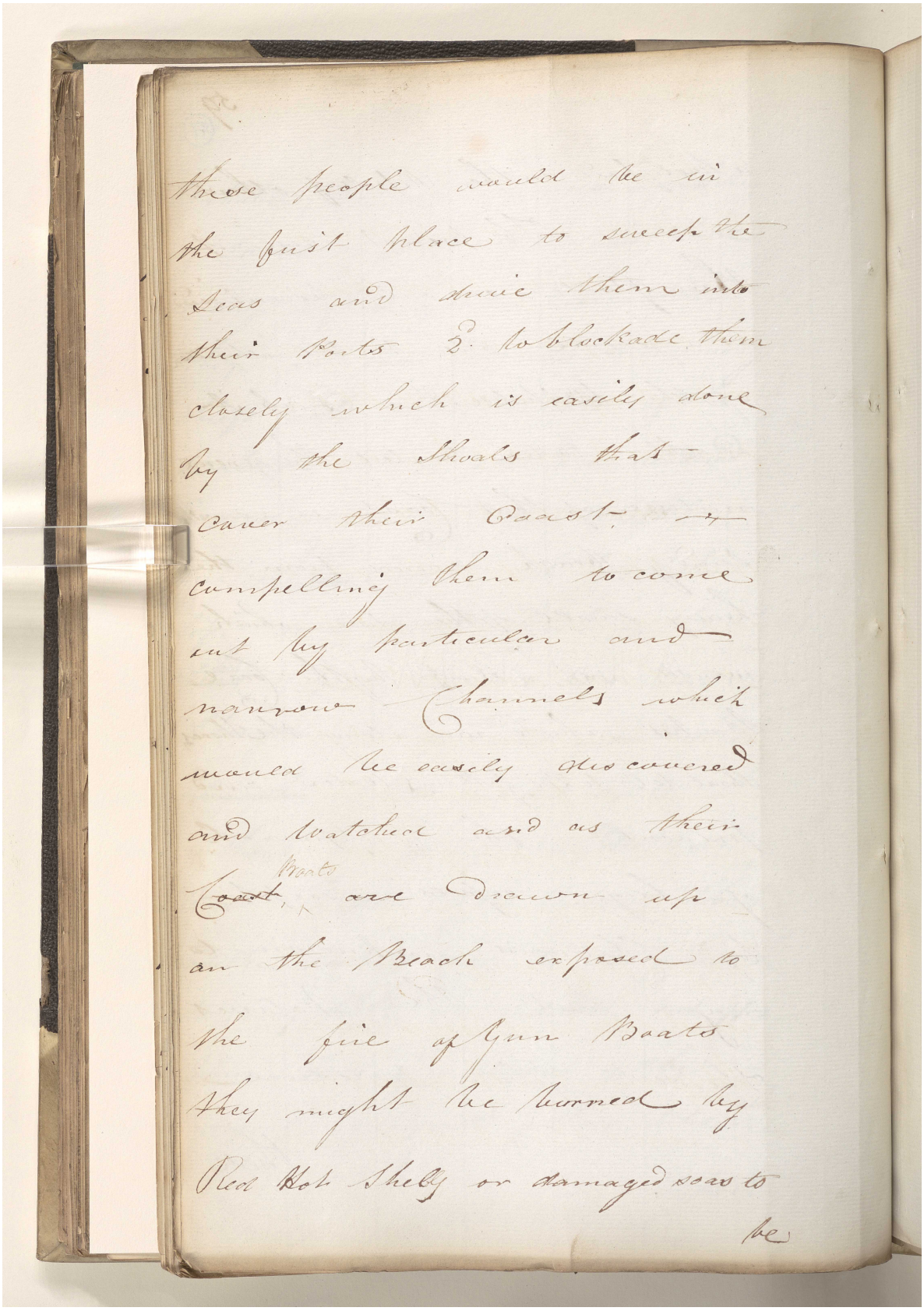
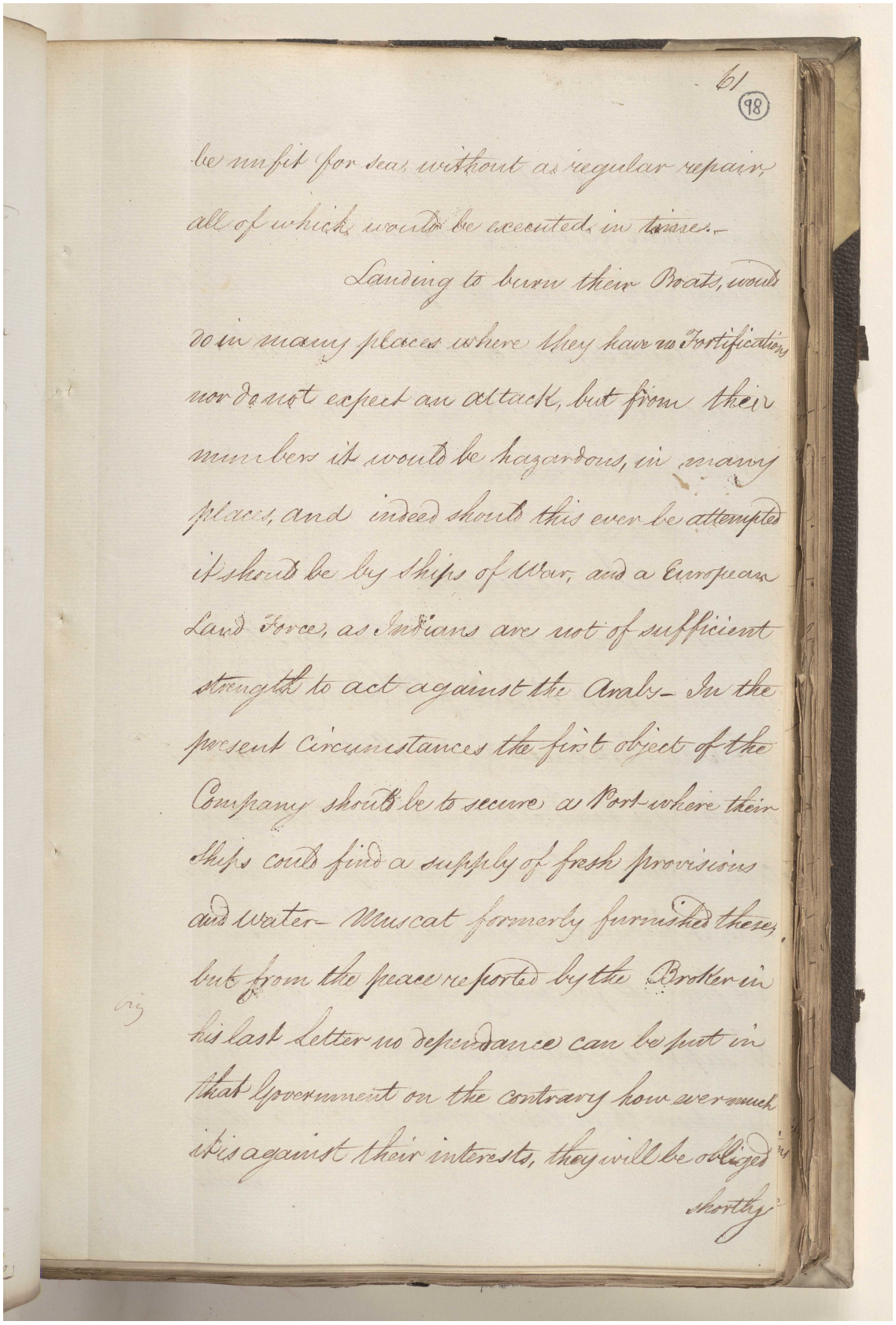


those people would be in the first place to sweep the Seas and drive them into their Ports 2. to blockade them closely which is easily done by the Shoals that cover their Coast & compelling them to come out by particular and narrow Channels which would be easily discovered and watched and as their Boats are drawn up on the Beach exposed to the fire of Gun Boats they might be burned by Red Hot Shot or damaged so as to be



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be unfit for sea without a regular repair,
all of which would be accounted in time.-

Landing to burn their Boats, would
do in many places where they have no Fortifications
nor do not expect an attack, but from their
numbers it would be hazardous, in many
places, and indeed should this ever be attempted
it should be by Ships of War, and a European
Land Force, as Indians are not of sufficient
strength to act against the Arabs- In the
present circumstances the first object of the
Company should be to secure a Port where their
Ships could find a supply of fresh provisions
and water- Muscat formerly furnished them,
but from the peace reported by the Broker in
his last Letter no dependance can be put in
that Government on the contrary how ever much
it is against their interests, they will be obliged
shortly

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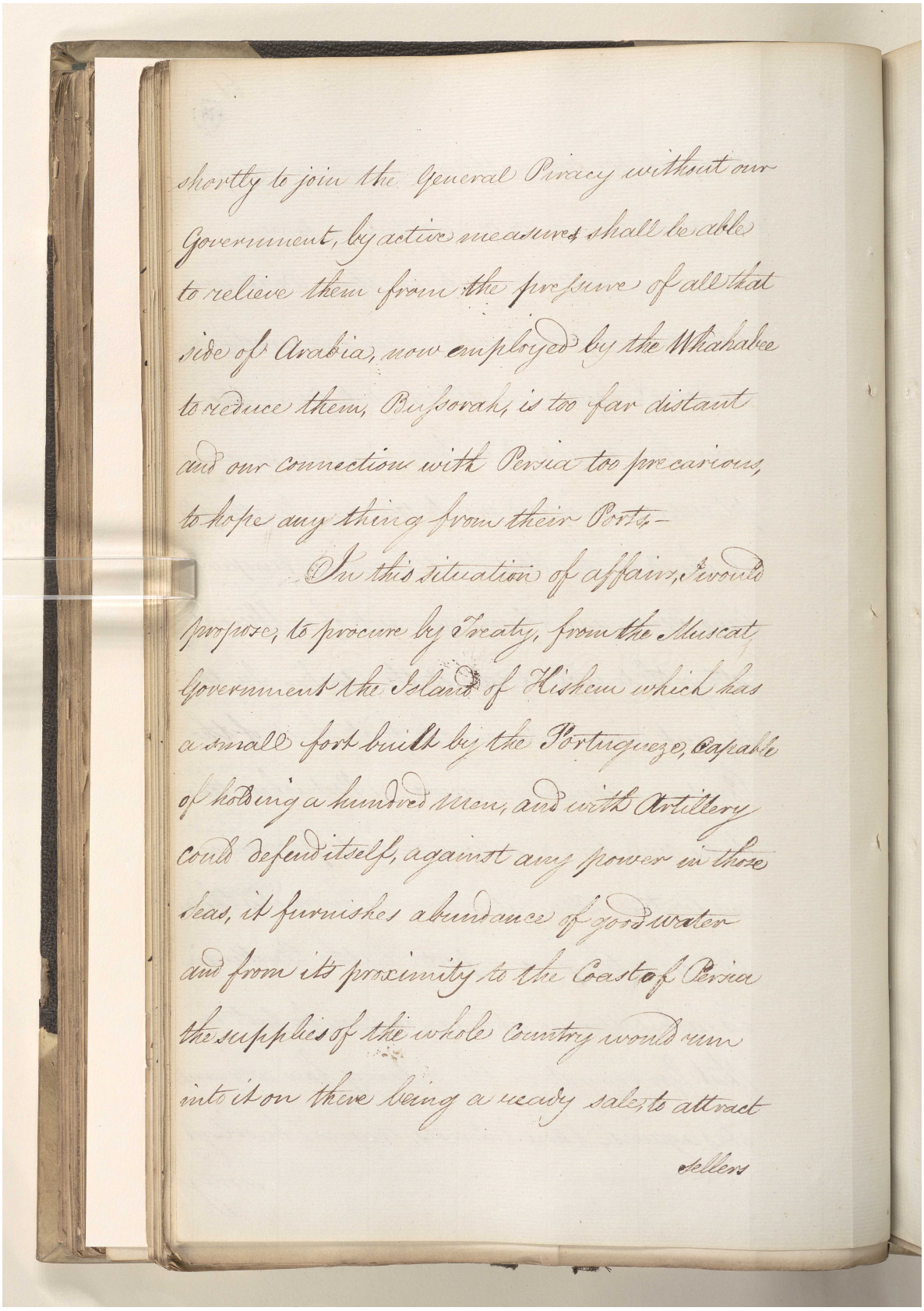
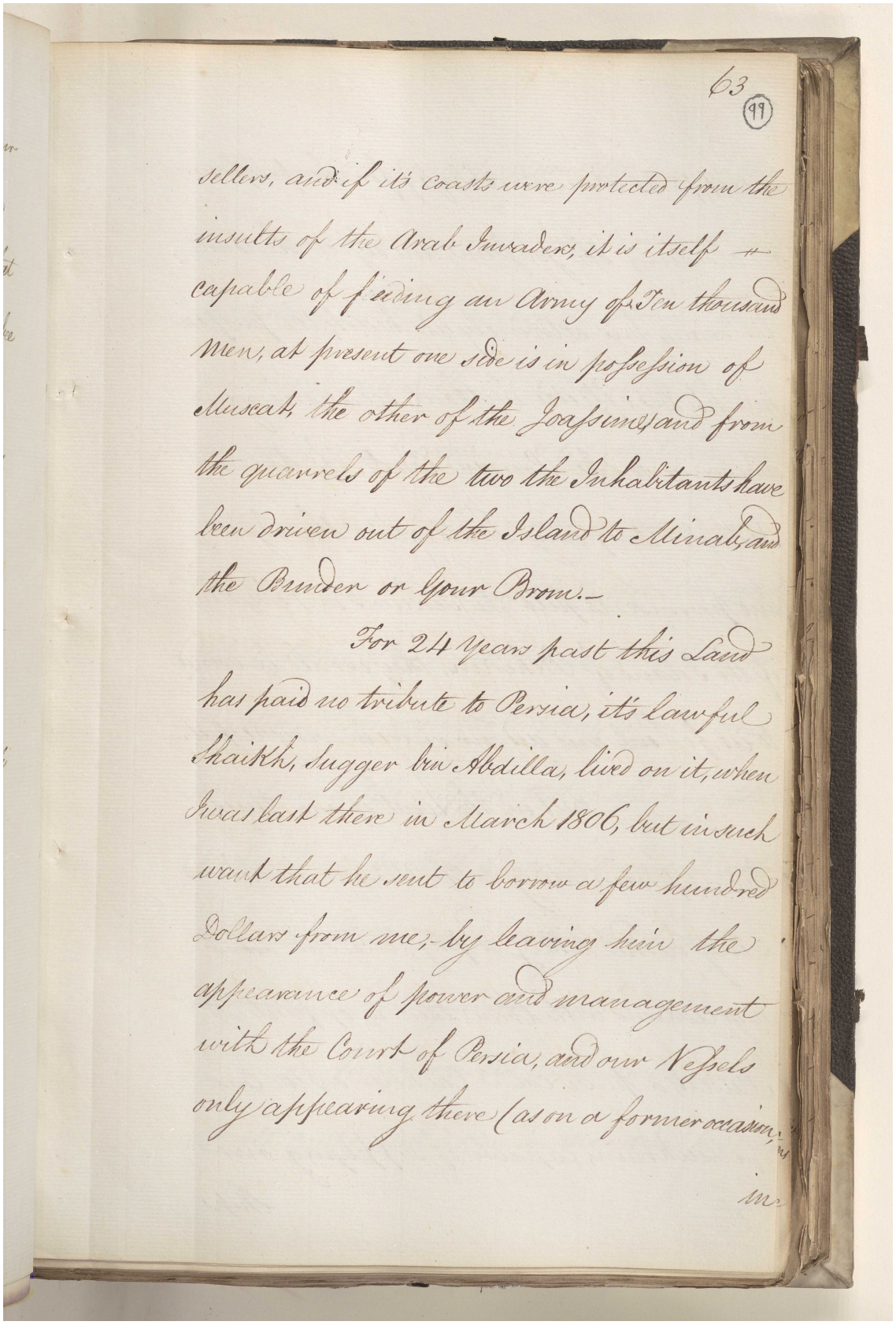


shortly to join the General Piracy without our
Government, by active measures shall be able
to relieve them from the pressure of all that
side of Arabia, now employed by the Whahabee
to reduce them, Bussorah, is too far distant
and our connection with Persia too precarious,
to hope any thing from their Ports –

In this situation of affairs, I would
propose, to procure by Treaty, from the Muscat
Government the Island of Kishem which has
a small fort built by the Portuguese, capable
of holding a hundred men, and with Artillery
could defend itself, against any power in those
Seas, it furnishes abundance of good water
and from its proximity to the Coast of Persia
the supplies of the whole Country would run
into it on there being a ready sale to attract

sellers



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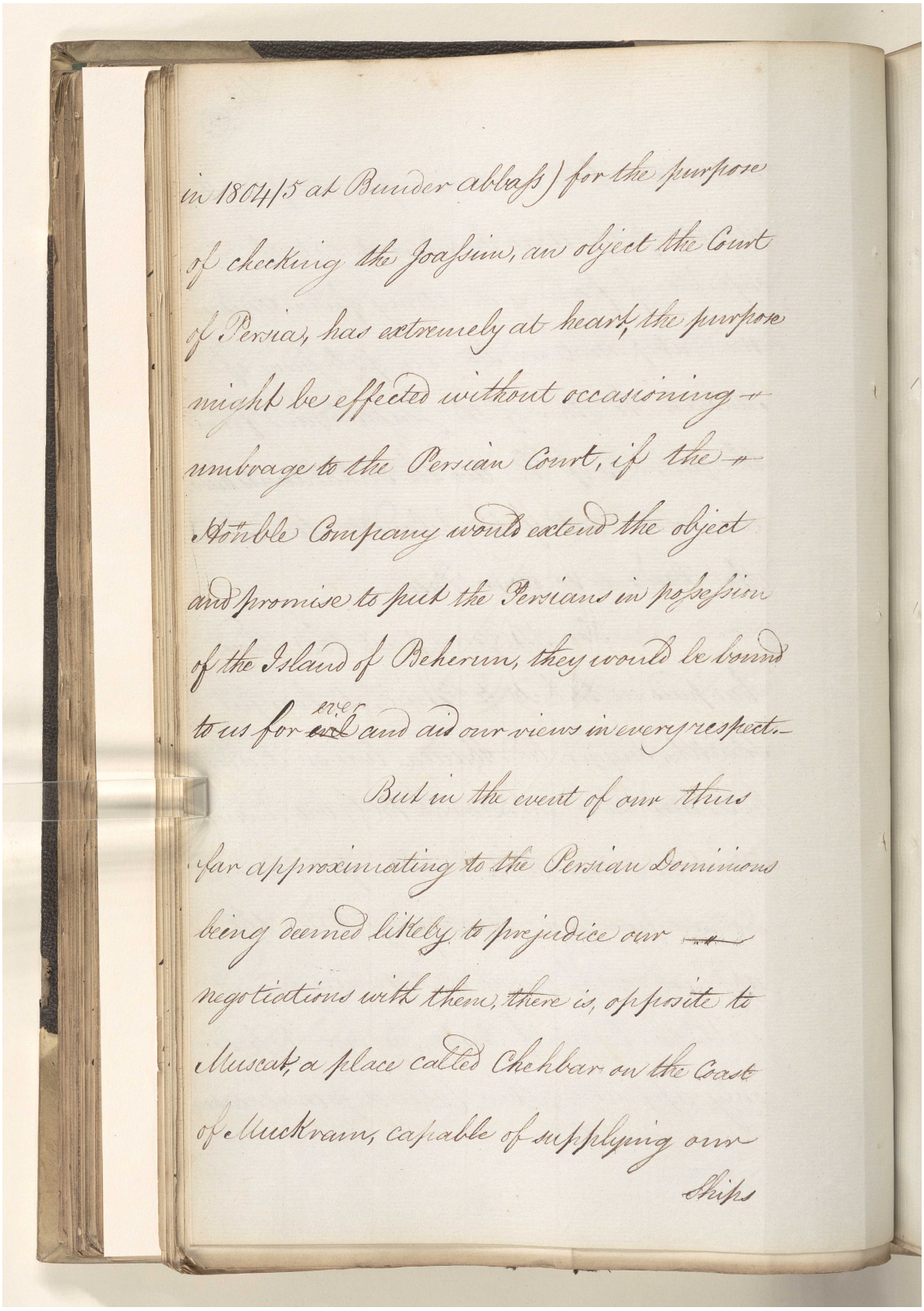
sellers, and if its coasts were protected from the
insults of the Arab Invaders, it is itself
capable of finding an Army of Ten thousand
Men, at present one side is in posession of
Muscat, the other of the Joasimees and from
the quarrels of the two the Inhabitants have
been driven out of the Island to Minab, and
the Bunder or Gour Brom.—

For 24 Years past this Land
has paid no tribute to Persia, its lawful
Shaikh, Sugger bin Abdilla, lived on it, when
I was last there in March 1806, but in such
want that he sent to borrow a few hundred
Dollars from me, by leaving him the
appearance of power and management
with the Court of Persia, and our Vessels
only appearing there (as on a former occasion,



in 1804/5 at Bunder abbas) for the purpose
of checking the Joasimi, an object the Court
of Persia, has extremely at heart, the purpose
might be effected without occasioning
umbrage to the Persian Court, if the
Honble Company would extend the object
and promise to put the Persians in possession
of the Island of Beherum, they would be bound
to us for ever and aid our views in every respect.

But in the event of our thus
far approximating to the Persian Dominions
being deemed likely to prejudice our
negotiations with them, there is, opposite to
Muscat, a place called Chehbar on the Coast
of Mackran, capable of supplying our
Ships

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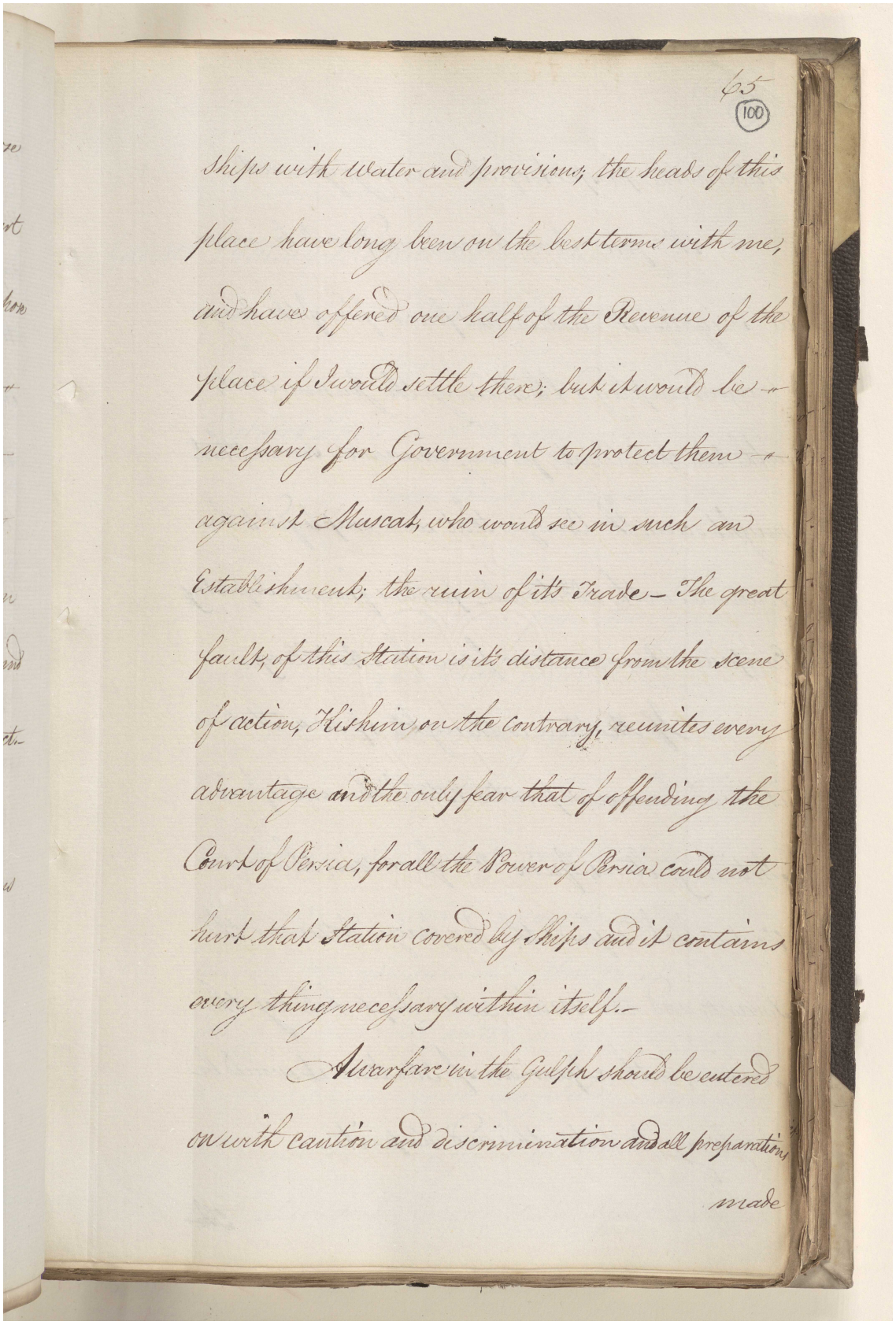
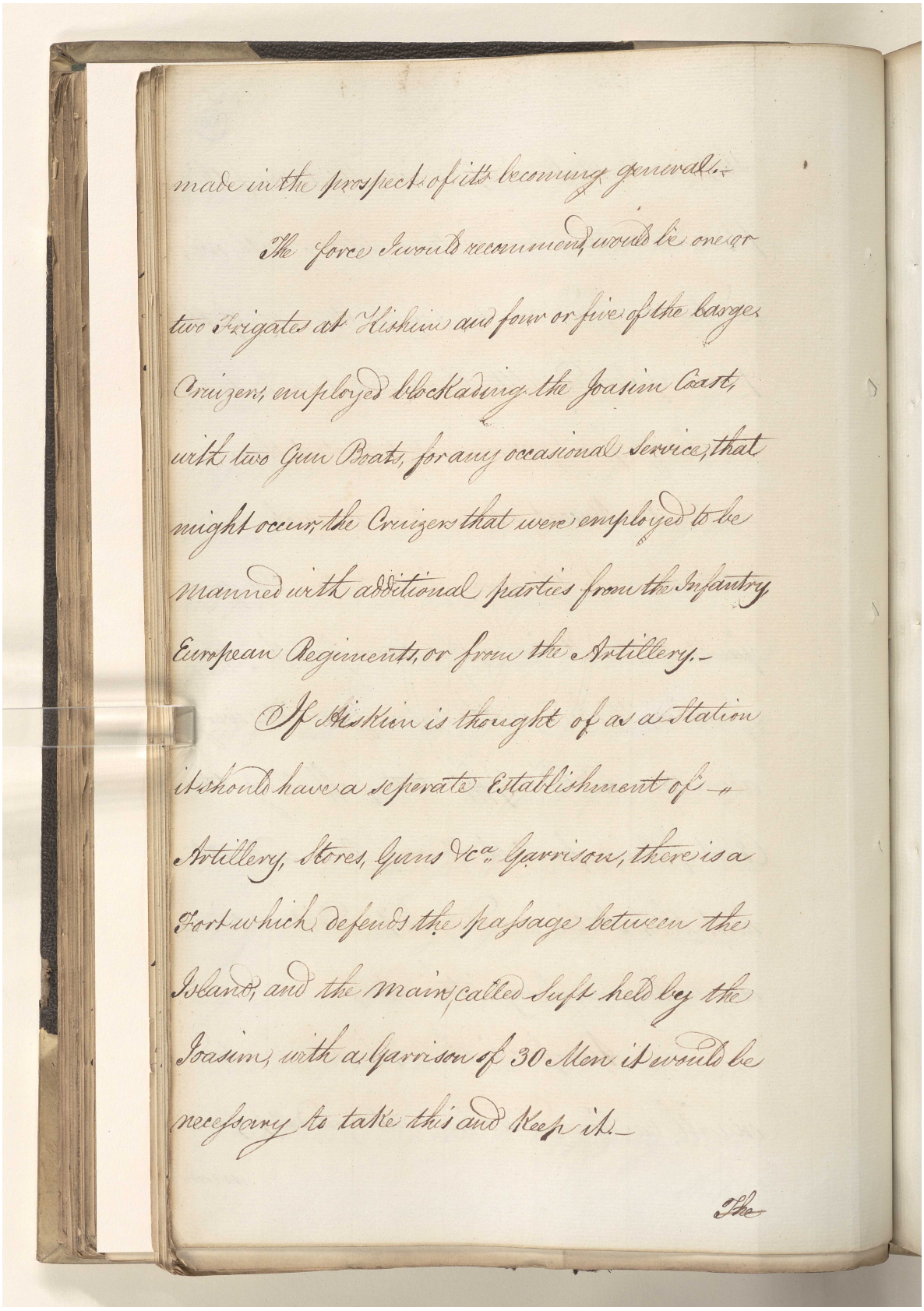


Ships with Water and provisions, the heads of this
place have long been on the best terms with me,
and have offered one half of the Revenue of the
place if I would settle there; but it would be
necessary for Government to protect them
against Muscat, who would see in such an
Establishment; the ruin of its Trade — The great
fault of this Station is its distance from the scene
of action, Kishim on the contrary, reunites every
advantage and the only fear that of offending the
Court of Persia, for all the Power of Persia could not
hurt that Station covered by Ships and it contains
every thing necessary within itself —

Warfare in the Gulph should be entered
on with caution and discrimination and all preparations
made



made in the prospect of its becoming general.

The force I would recommend would be one or two Frigates at Kishim and four or five of the Barges Cruizers employed blockading the Joasim Coast with two Gun Boats, for any occasional Service that might occur, the Cruizers that were employed to be manned with additional parties from the Infantry European Regiments, or from the Artillery.

If Kishim is thought of as a Station it should have a seperate Establishment of Artillery, Stores, Guns &c.a Garrison, there is a Fort which defends the passage between the Island, and the main, called Luft held by the Joasim, with a Garrison of 30 Men it would be necessary to take this and Keep it.

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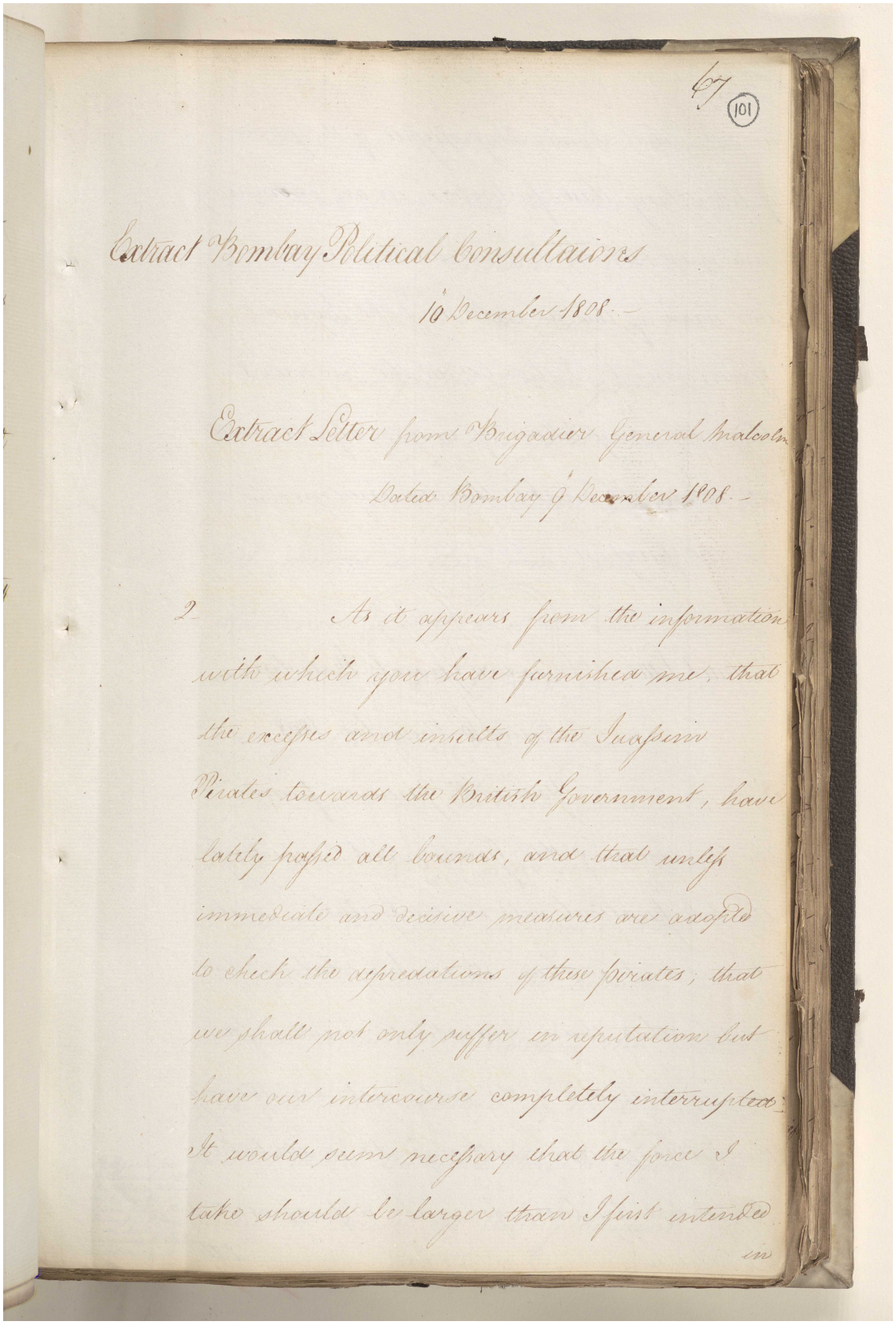

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10 December 1808.

Extract Letter from Brigadier General Malcolm

Dated Bombay 9 December 1808.

2 As it appears from the information with which you have furnished me, that the excesses and insults of the Juassim Pirates towards the British Government, have lately passed all bounds, and that unless immediate and decisive measures are adopted to check the depredations of these pirates; that we shall not only suffer in reputation but have our intercourse completely interrupted. It would seem necessary that the force I take should be larger than I first intended in

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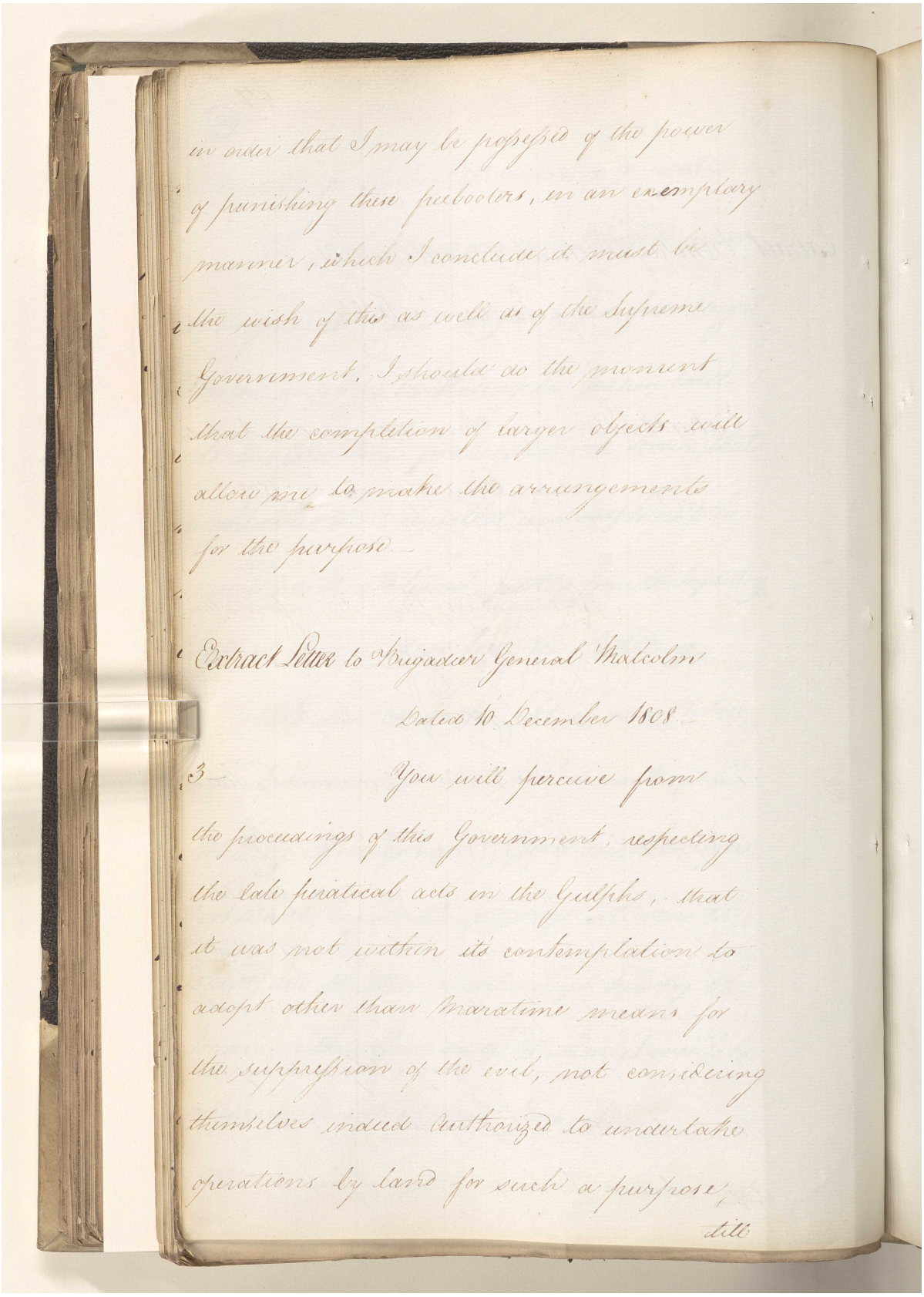

in order that I may be possessed of the power
of punishing these pirates, in an exemplary
manner, which I conclude it must be
the wish of this as well as of the Supreme
Government, I should do the moment
that the completion of larger objects will
allow me to make the arrangements
for the purpose.

Extract Letter to Brigadier General Malcolm
Dated 10 December 1808.

3— You will perceive from
the proceedings of this Government, respecting
the late piratical acts in the Gulphs, that
it was not within its contemplation to
adopt other than Maratime means for
the suppression of the evil, not considering
themselves indeed authorized to undertake
operations by land for such a purpose,
this

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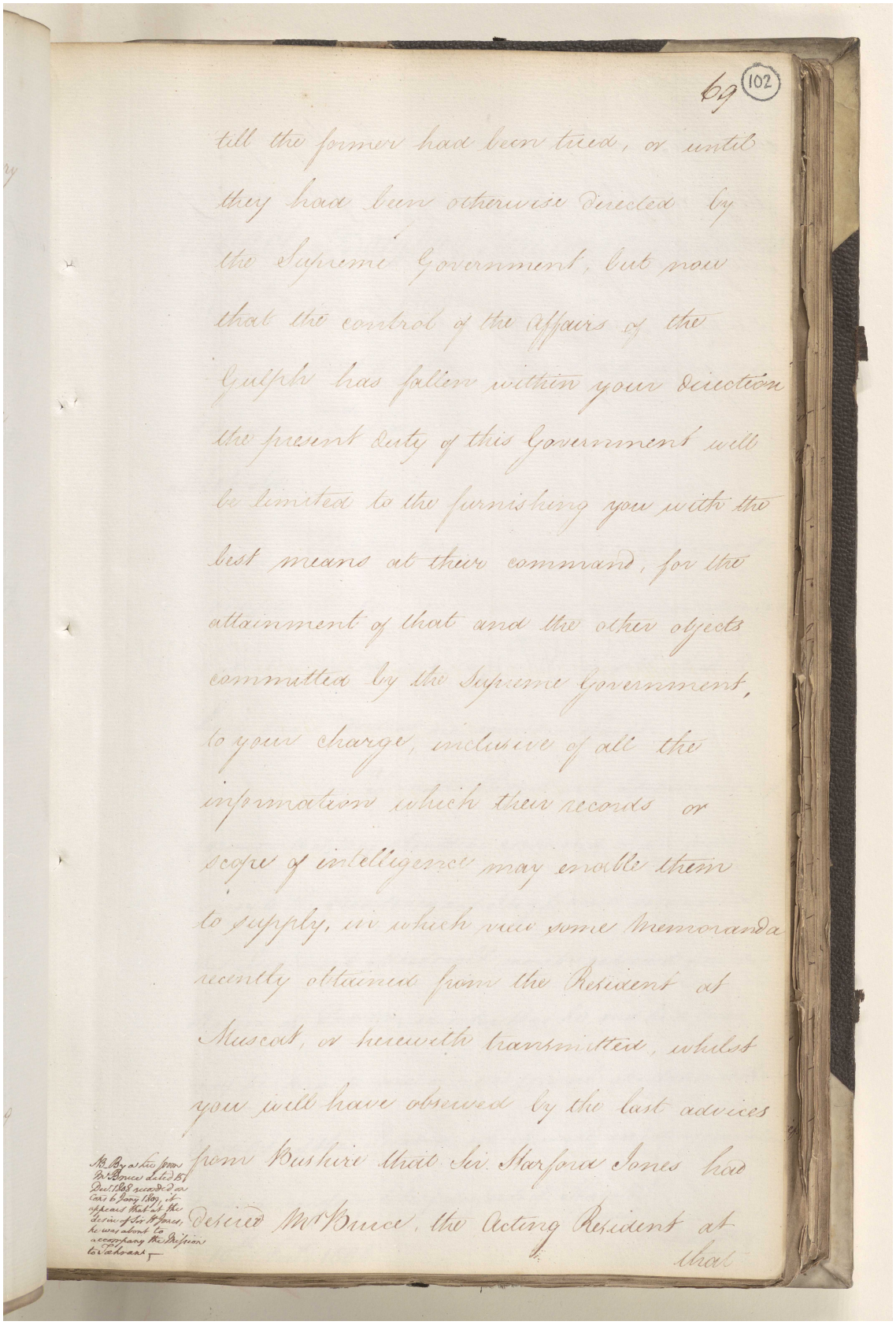
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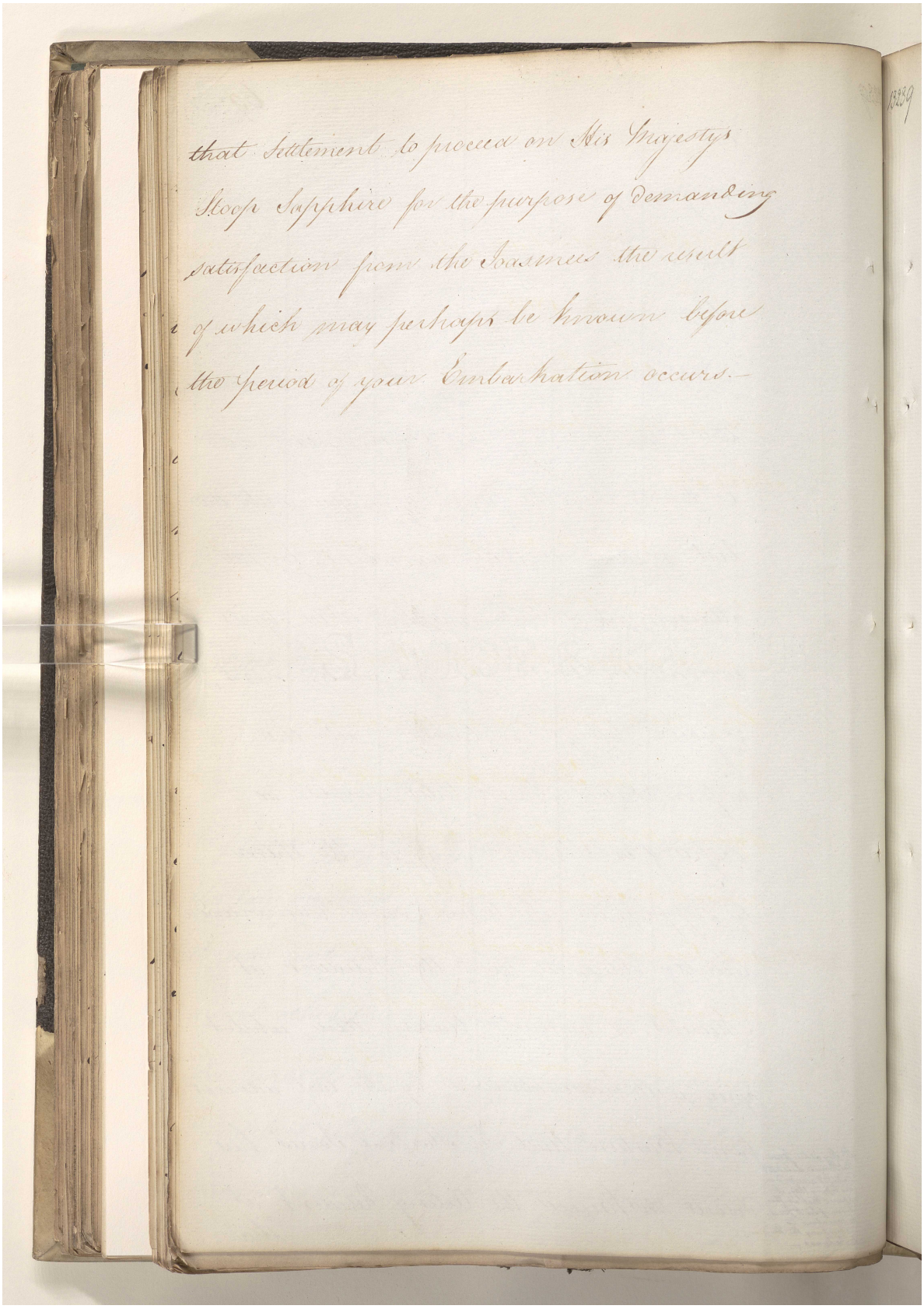
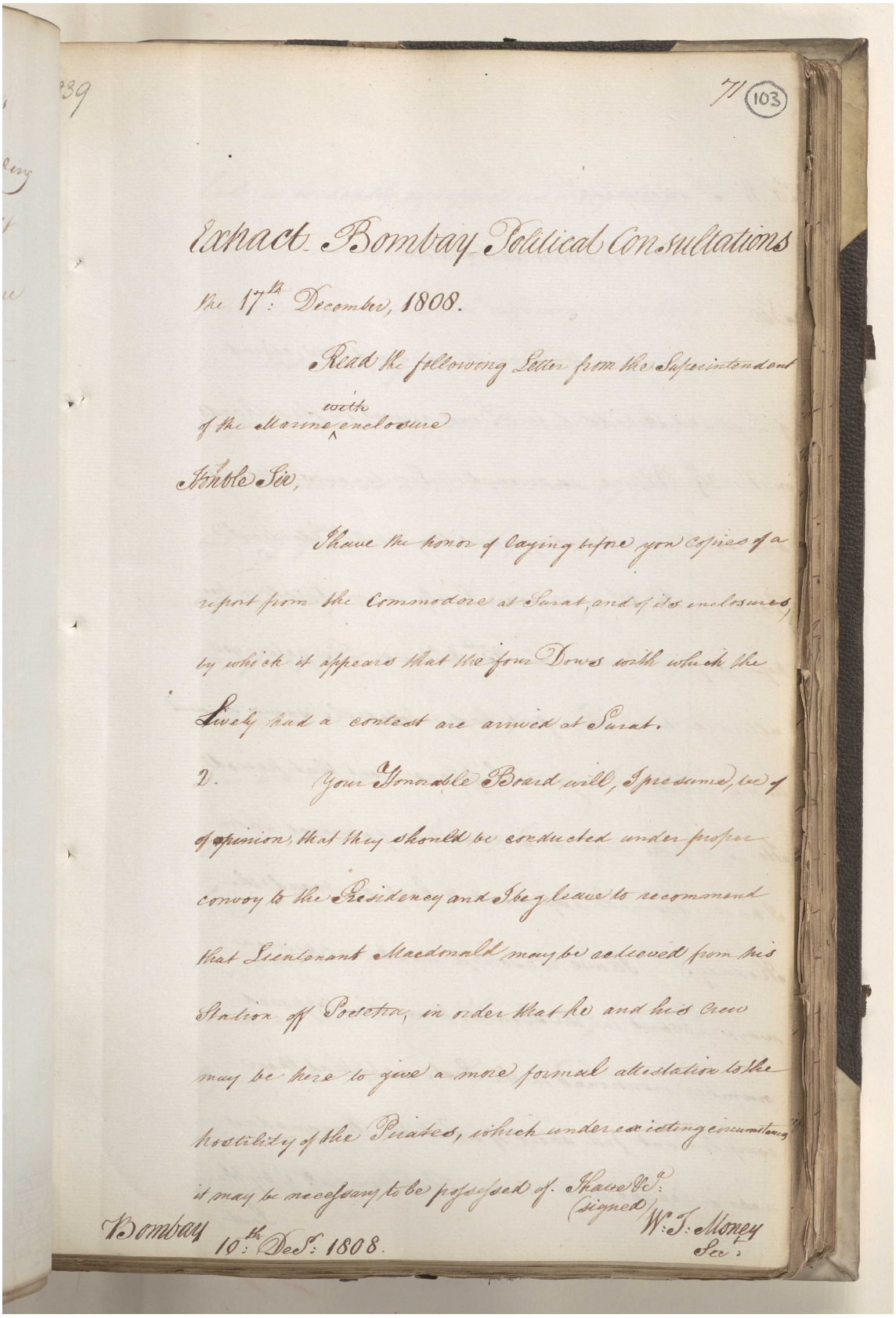
till the former had been tried, or until
they had been otherwise directed by
the Supreme Government, but now
that the control of the Affairs of the
Gulph has fallen within your direction
the present duty of this Government will
be limited to the furnishing you with the
best means at their command, for the
attainment of that and the other objects
committed by the Supreme Government,
to your charge, inclusive of all the
information which their records or
scope of intelligence may enable them
to supply, in which view some Memoranda
recently obtained from the Resident at
Muscat, or herewith transmitted, whilst
you will have observed by the last advices
from Bushire that Sir Harford Jones had
desired Mr Bruce, the Acting Resident at
that


that Settlement to proceed on His Majestys
Sloop Sapphire for the purpose of Demanding
satisfaction from the Seasmees the result
of which may perhaps be known before
the period of your Embarkation occurs.-



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the 17th: December, 1808.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of the Marine with enclosure

Noble Sir,

I have the honor of laying before you Copies of a report from the Commodore at Surat, and of its enclosures, by which it appears that the four Dows with which the Lively had a contest are arrived at Surat.

2. Your Honorable Board will, I presume, be of opinion, that they should be conducted under proper convoy to the Residency and I beg leave to recommend that Lieutenant Macdonald may be relieved from his Station off Poorbunder, in order that he and his crew may be here to give a more formal attestation to the hostility of the Pirates, which under existing circumstances it may be necessary to be possessed of. I have &c:

(signed) W: T: Money
Sec:

Bombay 10th: Dec: 1808.

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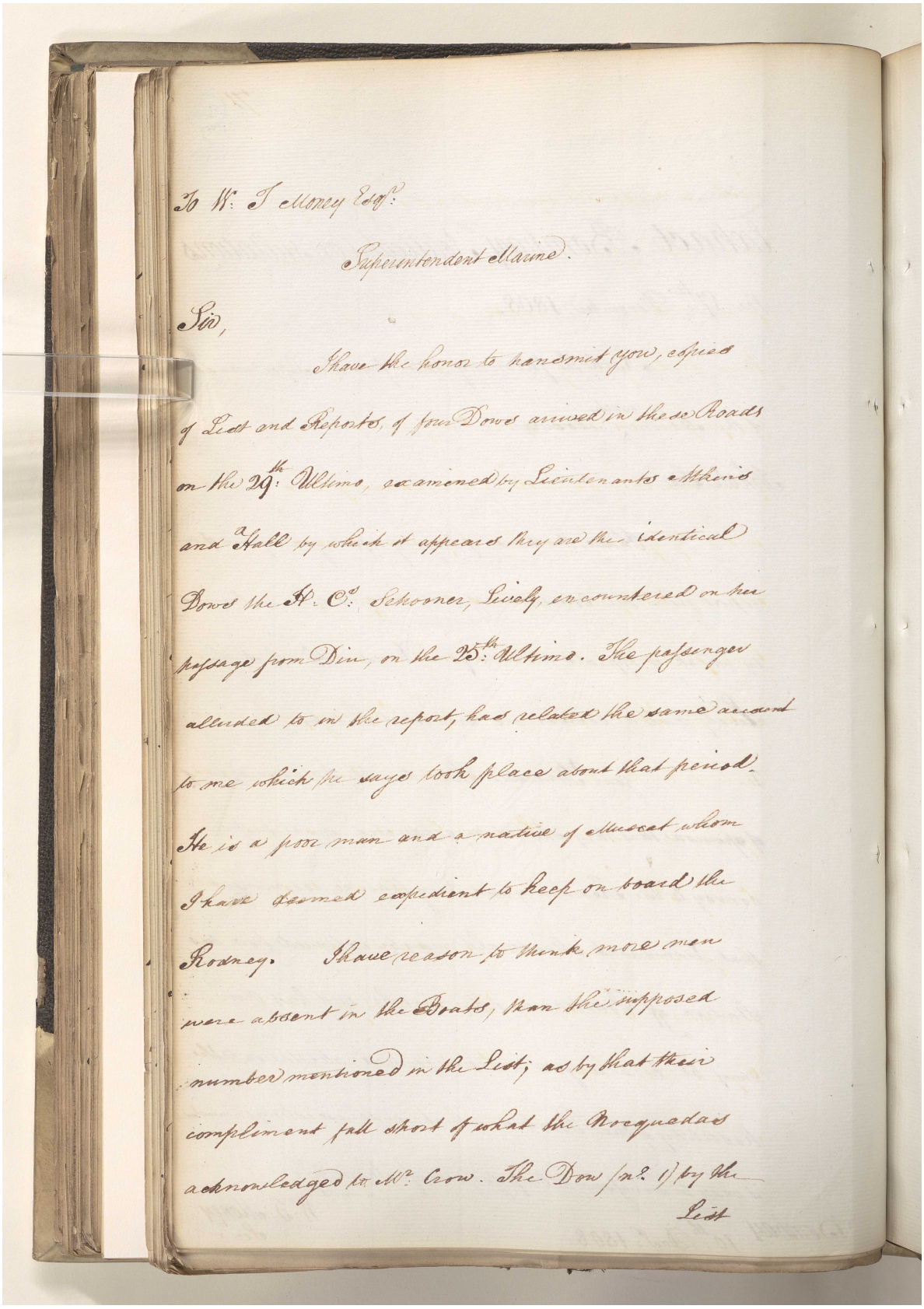

To W.m T. Money Esq.r
Superintendent Marine.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you, copies of List and Reports of four Dows arrived in these Roads on the 29th Ultimo, examined by Lieutenants Atkins and Hall by which it appears they are the identical Dows the H. C.s Schooner, Lively, encountered on her passage from Diu, on the 25th Ultimo. The passenger alluded to in the report, has related the same account to me which he says took place about that period. He is a poor man and a native of Muscat whom I have deemed expedient to keep on board the Rodney. I have reason to think more men were absent in the Boats, than the supposed number mentioned in the List; as by that their compliment fall short of what the Nacquedas acknowledged to Mr. Crow. The Dow No. 1 by the List

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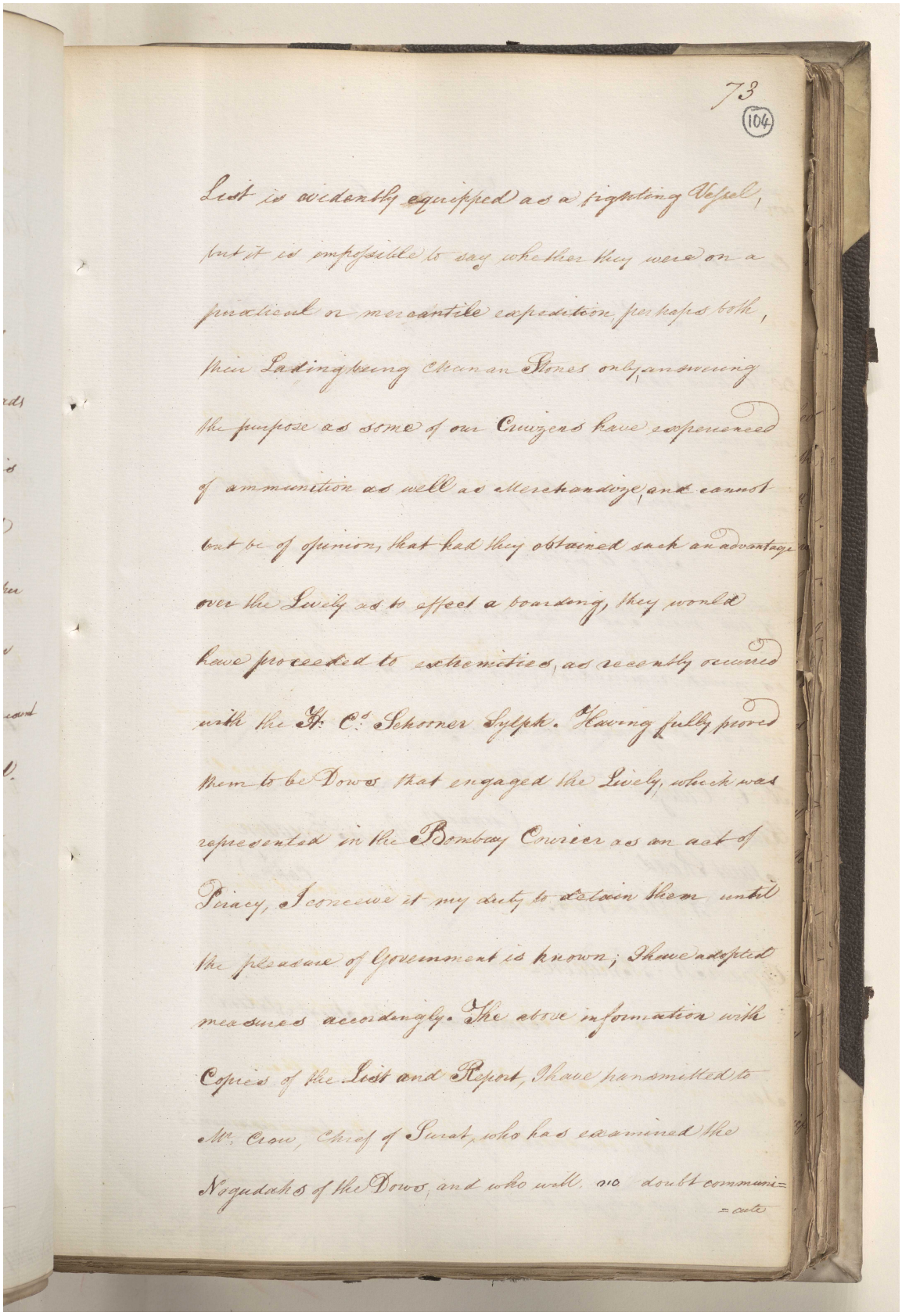

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List is evidently equipped as a fighting Vessel,
but it is impossible to say whether they were on a
piratical or mercantile expedition perhaps both,
their Lading being chean an Stones only answering
the purpose as some of our Cruizers have experienced
of ammunition as well as Merchandize, and cannot
but be of opinion, that had they obtained such an advantage
over the Lively as to effect a boarding, they would
have proceeded to extremities, as recently occurred
with the H. C.s Schooner Sylph. Having fully proved
them to be Dows that engaged the Lively, which was
represented in the Bombay Courier as an act of
Piracy, I conceive it my duty to detain them until
the pleasure of Government is known; I have adopted
measures accordingly. The above information with
Copies of the List and Report, I have transmitted to
Mr. Crow, Chief of Surat, who has examined the
Nogudahs of the Dows, and who will no doubt communi=
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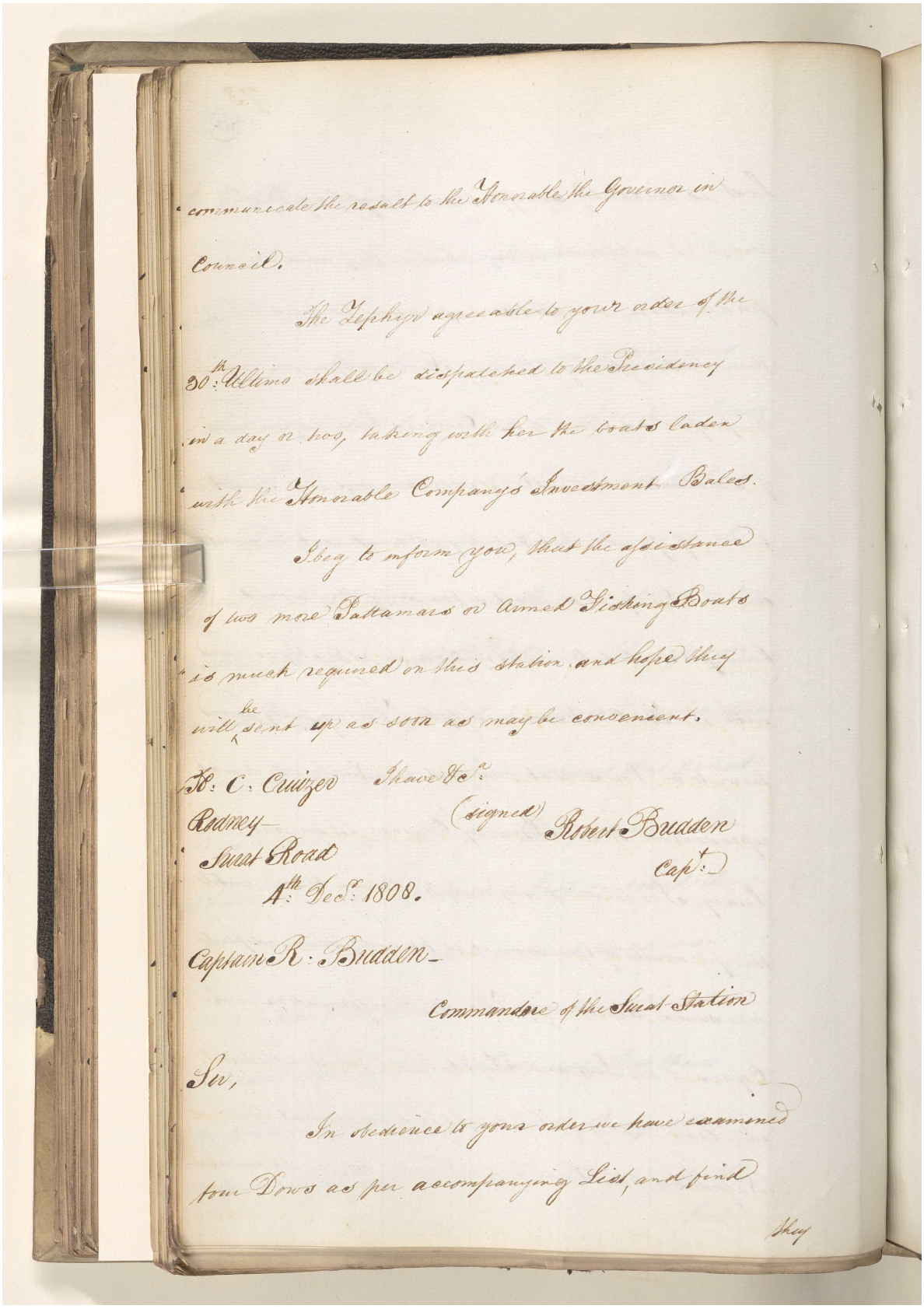

communicate the result to the Honorable the Governor in Council.

The Zephyr agreeable to your order of the 30th Ultimo shall be dispatched to the Presidency in a day or two, taking with her the boats laden with the Honorable Company's Investment Bales.

I beg to inform you, that the assistance of two more Pattamars or Armed Fishing Boats is much required on this station, and hope they will be sent up as soon as may be convenient.

H: C: Cruizer
Rodney
Surat Road
4th Decr 1808.

I have &ca
(signed) Robert Budden
Capt.

Captain R: Budden
Commandore of the Surat Station

Sir,

In obedience to your order we have examined four Dows as per accompanying List, and find

they

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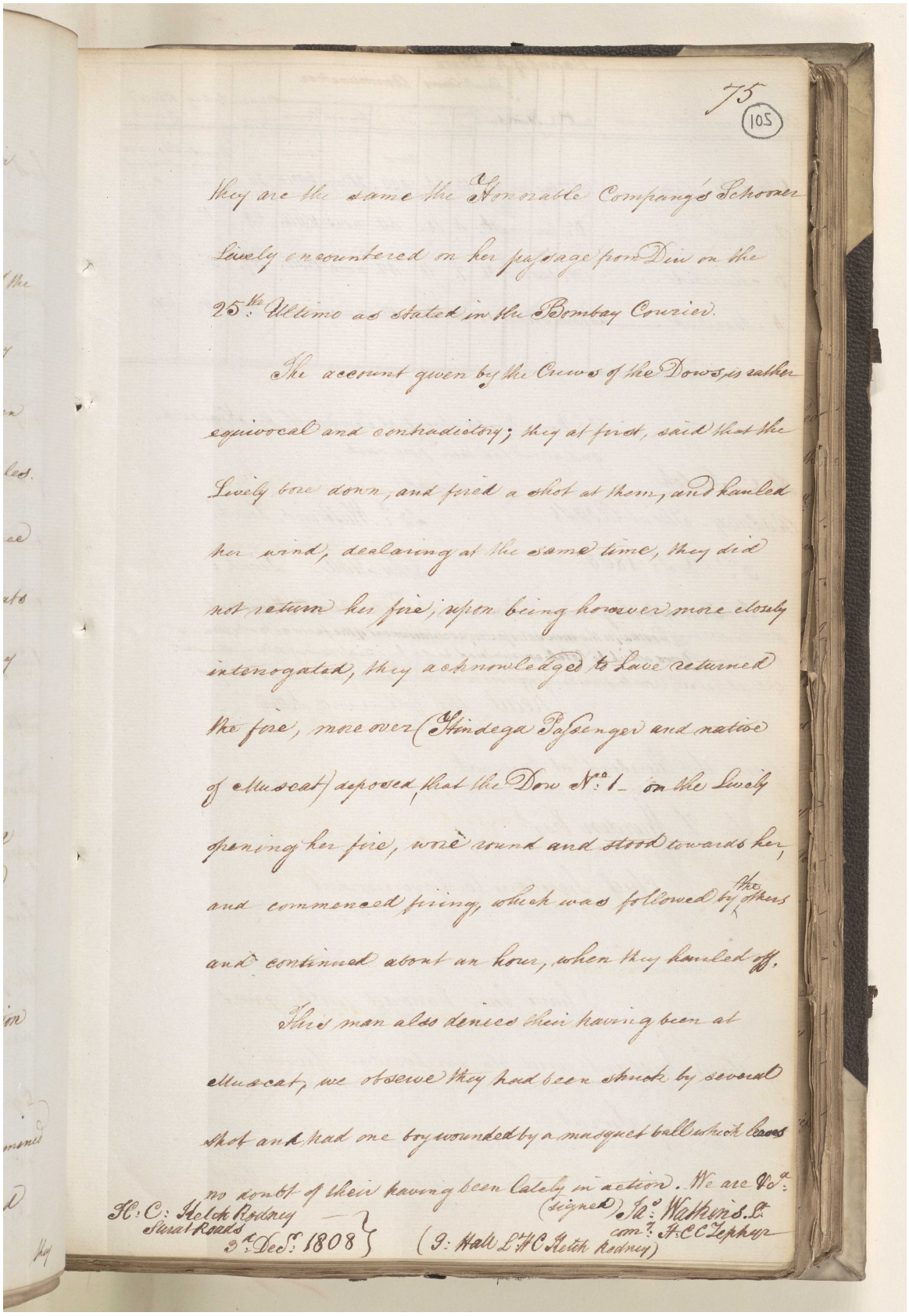

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they are the same the Honorable Company's Schooner Lively encountered on her passage from Diu on the 25th Ultimo as stated in the Bombay Courier.

The account given by the Crews of the Dows, is rather equivocal and contradictory; they at first, said that the Lively bore down, and fired a shot at them, and hauled her wind, declaring at the same time, they did not return her fire; upon being however more closely interrogated, they acknowledged to have returned the fire, moreover (Hindega Passenger and native of Muscat) deposed, that the Dow No. 1 on the Lively opening her fire, wore round and stood towards her, and commenced firing, which was followed by the others and continued about an hour, when they hauled off.

This man also denies their having been at Muscat, we observe they had been struck by several shot and had one boy wounded by a musquet ball which leaves no doubt of their having been lately in action. We are &c.

(signed) Jas. Watkins Lt.
comg. H.C.C. Zephyr

H.C. Ketch Rodney
Surat Roads
3d Decr. 1808

(9: Hall Lt. H.C. Ketch Rodney)

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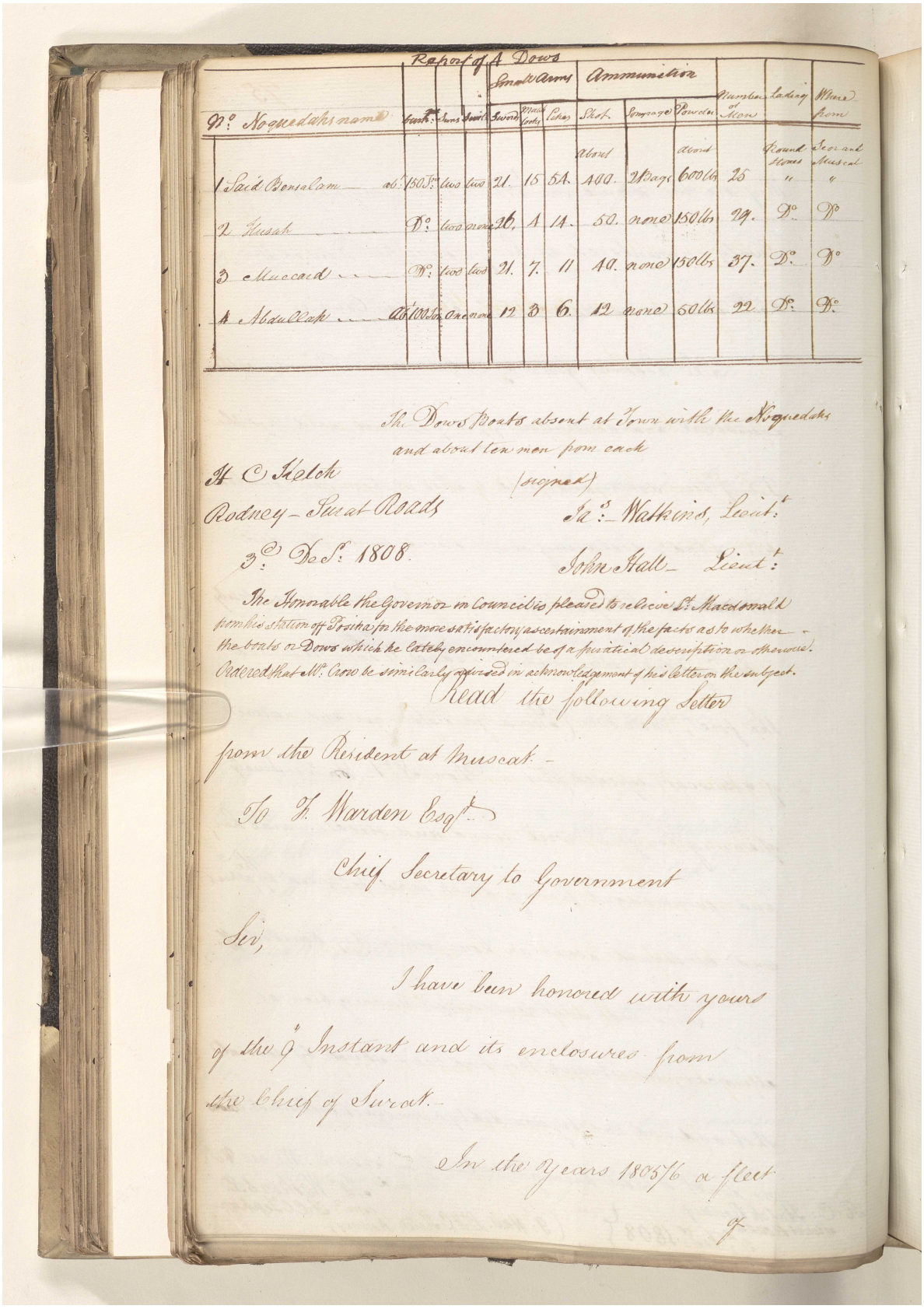

Report of 4 Dows

No. Noquedahs name	Burth.	Guns	Swivels	Small Arms: Swords	Small Arms: Matchlocks	Small Arms: Pikes	Ammunition: Shot	Ammunition: Longrage	Ammunition: Powder	Number of Men	Lading	Where from
							About		About		Round Stones	Scor and Muscat
1 Said Bensalam	ab. 150 Ton	two	two	21.	15	54.	400.	2 Bags	600 lbs	25	"	"
2 Husah	D°	two	none	26.	4	14.	50.	none	150 lbs	29.	D°	D°
3 Muccard	D°	two	two	21.	7.	11	40.	none	150 lbs	37.	D°	D°
4 Abdullah	ab. 100 Ton	One	none	12	3	6.	12	none	50 lbs	22	D°	D°

The Dows Boats absent at Town with the Noquedahs and about ten men from each

(signed)

H C Ketch
Rodney – Surat Roads
3d Dec. 1808.

Jas. Watkins, Lieut.
John Hall – Lieut.

The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to relieve Lt. Macdonald from his station off Posika for the more satisfactory ascertainment of the facts as to whether the boats or Dows which he lately encountered be of a piratical description or otherwise. Ordered that Mr. Crow be similarly advised in acknowledgement of his letter on the subject.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Muscat. –

To F. Warden Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have been honored with yours of the 9th Instant and its enclosures from the Chief of Surat. –

In the Years 1805/6 a fleet

of

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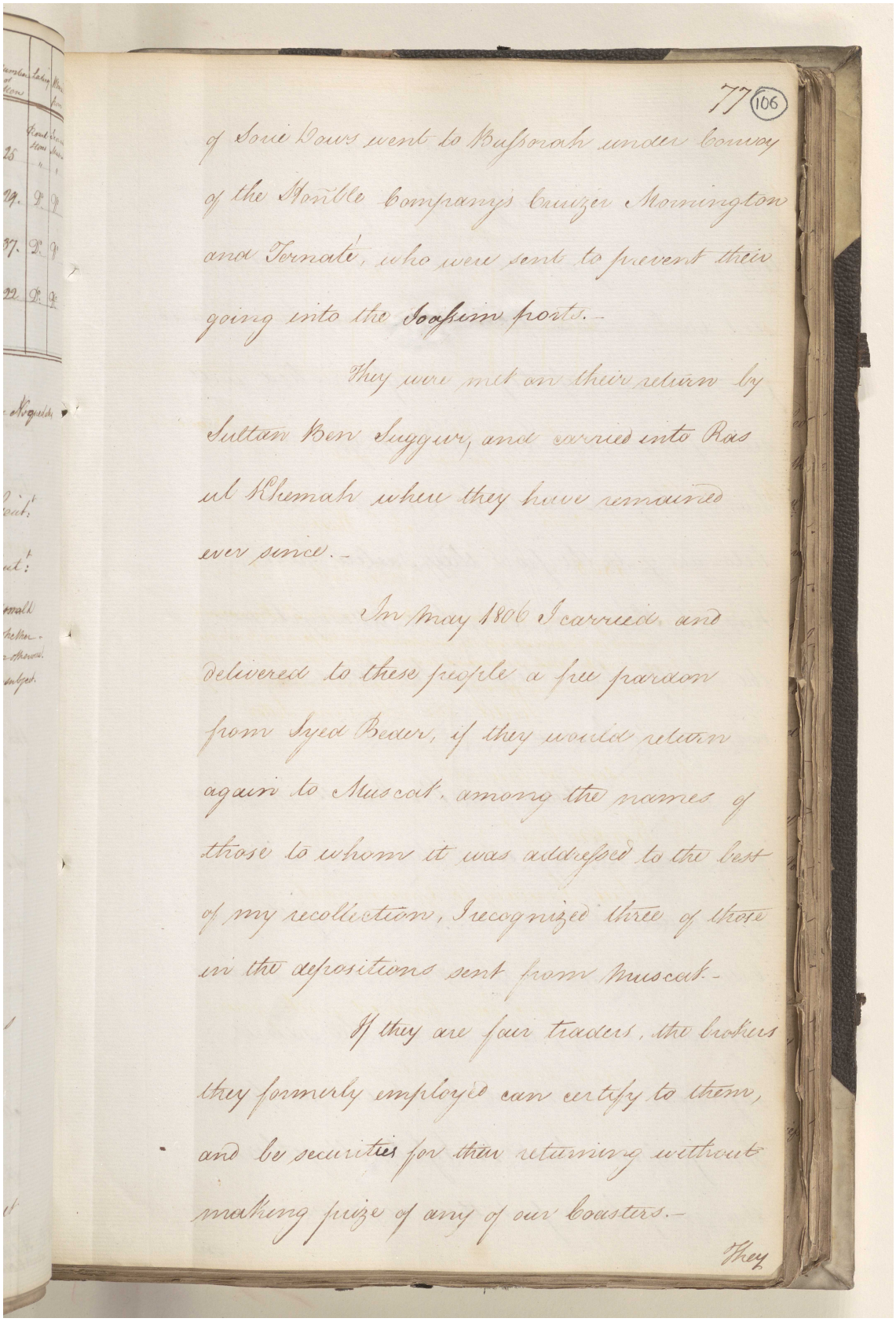

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of Sorie Dows went to Bussorah under Convoy of the Honble Company's Cruizer Mornington and Ternate, who were sent to prevent their going into the Joassim ports.-

They were met on their return by Sultan Ben Suggur, and carried into Ras ul Khemah where they have remained ever since.-

In May 1806 I carried and delivered to these people a free pardon from Syed Beder, if they would return again to Muscat, among the names of those to whom it was addressed to the best of my recollection, I recognized three of those in the depositions sent from Muscat.-

If they are fair traders, the brokers they formerly employed can certify to them, and be securities for their returning without making prize of any of our Coasters.-

They

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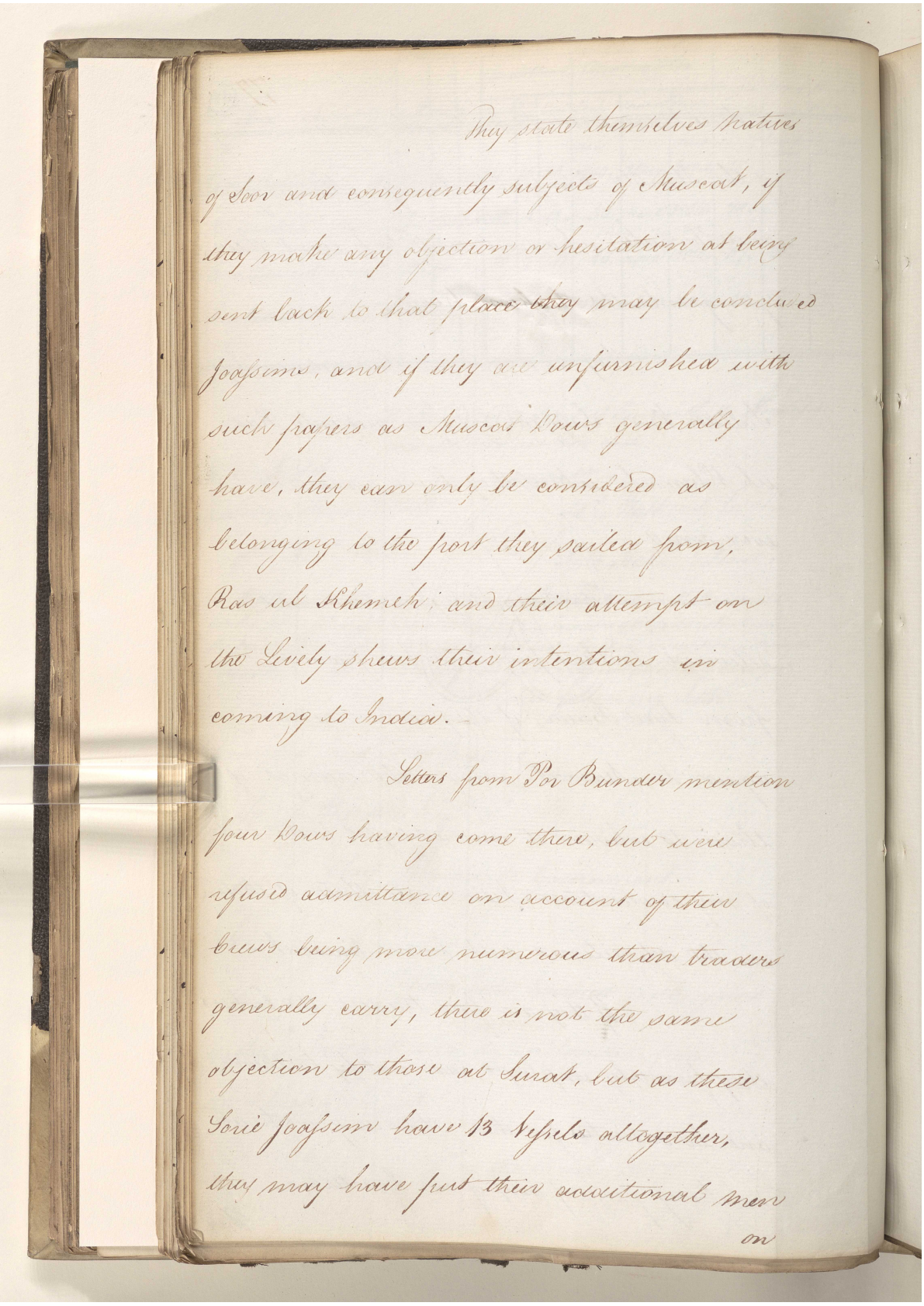

They state themselves Natives
of Soor and consequently subjects of Muscat, if
they make any objection or hesitation at being
sent back to that place they may be conclud
Joasimis, and if they are unfurnished with
such papers as Muscat Dows generally
have, they can only be considered as
belonging to the port they sailed from,
Ras al Khemeh: and their attempt on
the Lively shews their intentions in
coming to India.

Letters from Por Bunder mention
four Dows having come there, but were
refused admittance on account of their
Dows being more numerous than traders
generally carry, there is not the same
objection to those at Surat, but as these
Soor Joasimi have 13 Vessels altogether,
they may have just their additional men
on

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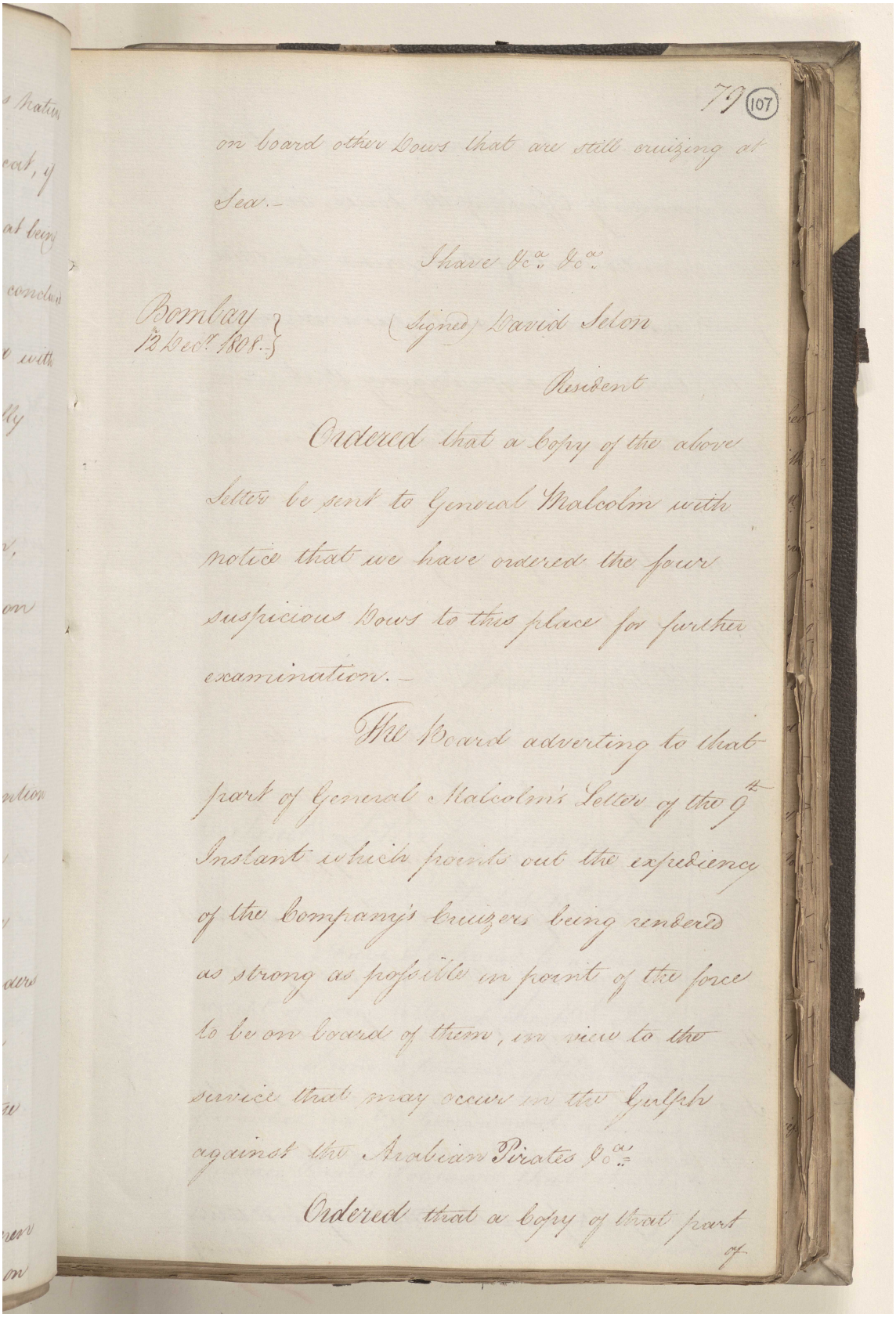

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on board other Dows that are still cruizing at Sea.-

I have &c.a &c.a

Bombay 12 Decr 1808.

(Signed) David Seton
Resident

Ordered that a copy of the above Letter be sent to General Malcolm with notice that we have ordered the four suspicious Dows to this place for further examination.-

The Board adverting to that part of General Malcolm's Letter of the 9th Instant which points out the expediency of the Company's Cruizers being rendered as strong as possible in point of the force to be on board of them, in view to the service that may occur in the Gulph against the Arabian Pirates &c.a

Ordered that a copy of that part of

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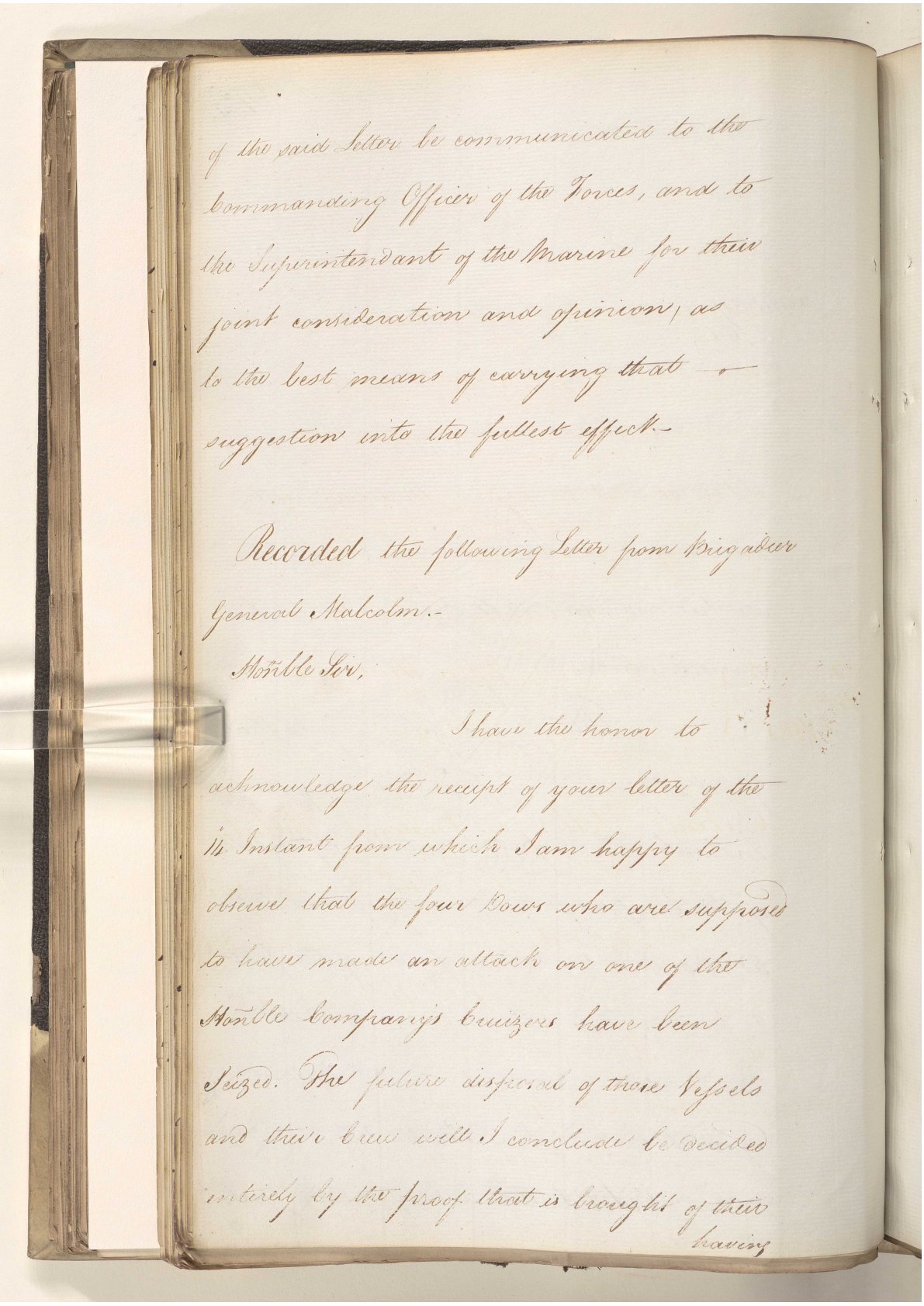

of the said Letter be communicated to the Commanding Officer of the Forces, and to the Superintendant of the Marine for their joint consideration and opinion, as to the best means of carrying that suggestion into the fullest effect.-

Recorded the following Letter from Brigadier General Malcolm.-

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant from which I am happy to observe that the four Dows who are supposed to have made an attack on one of the Honble Company's Cruizers have been Seized. The future disposal of those Vessels and their Crew will I conclude be decided entirely by the proof that is brought of their having

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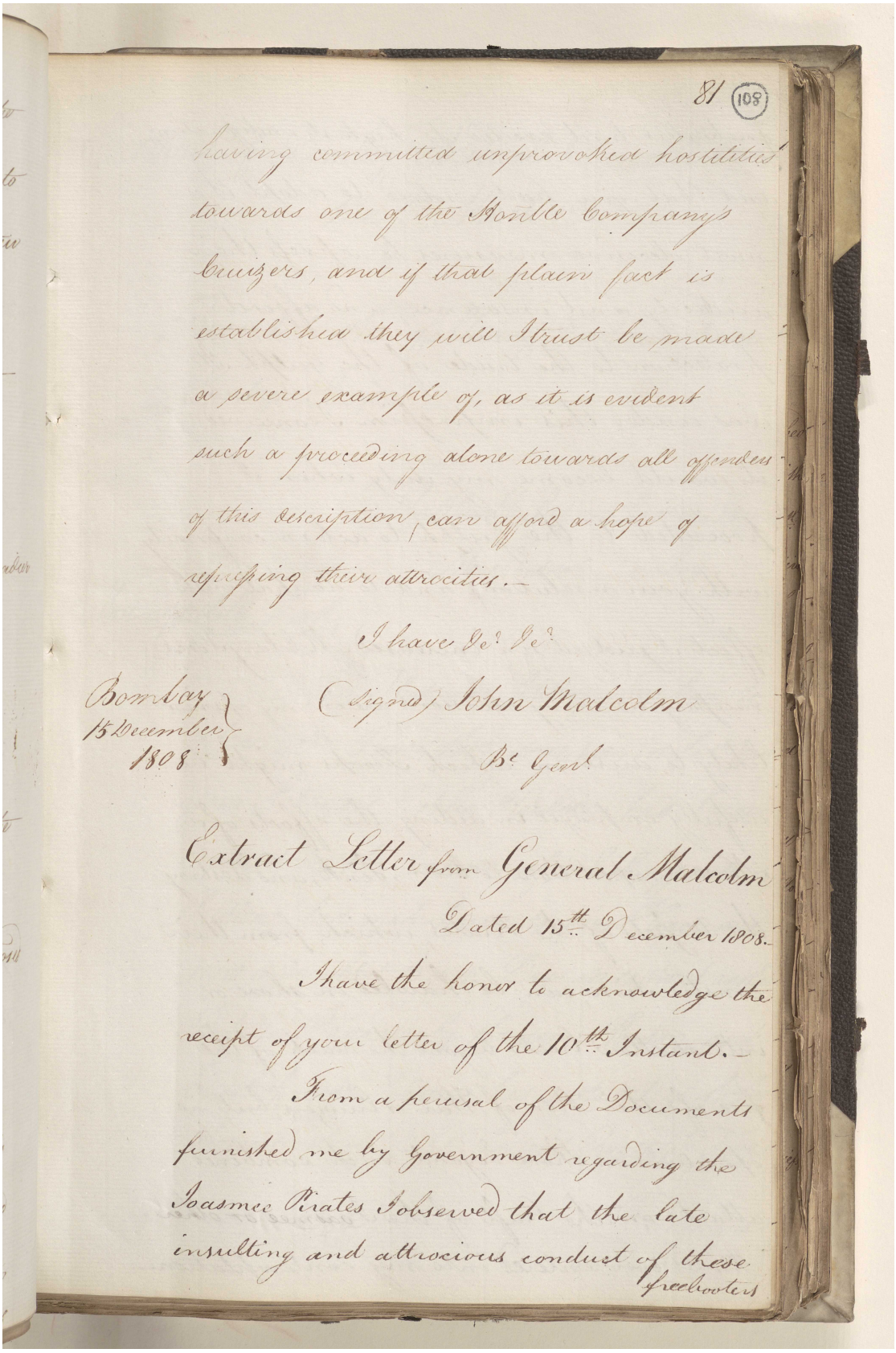

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having committed unprovoked hostilities towards one of the Honble Company's Cruizers, and if that plain fact is established they will I trust be made a severe example of, as it is evident such a proceeding alone towards all offenders of this description, can afford a hope of repressing their attrocities.—

I have &c. &c.

Bombay 15 December 1808

(Signed) John Malcolm
Bt. Genl.

Extract Letter from General Malcolm
Dated 15th December 1808.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant.—

From a perusal of the Documents furnished me by Government regarding the Joasmee Pirates I observed that the late insulting and attrocious conduct of these freebooters

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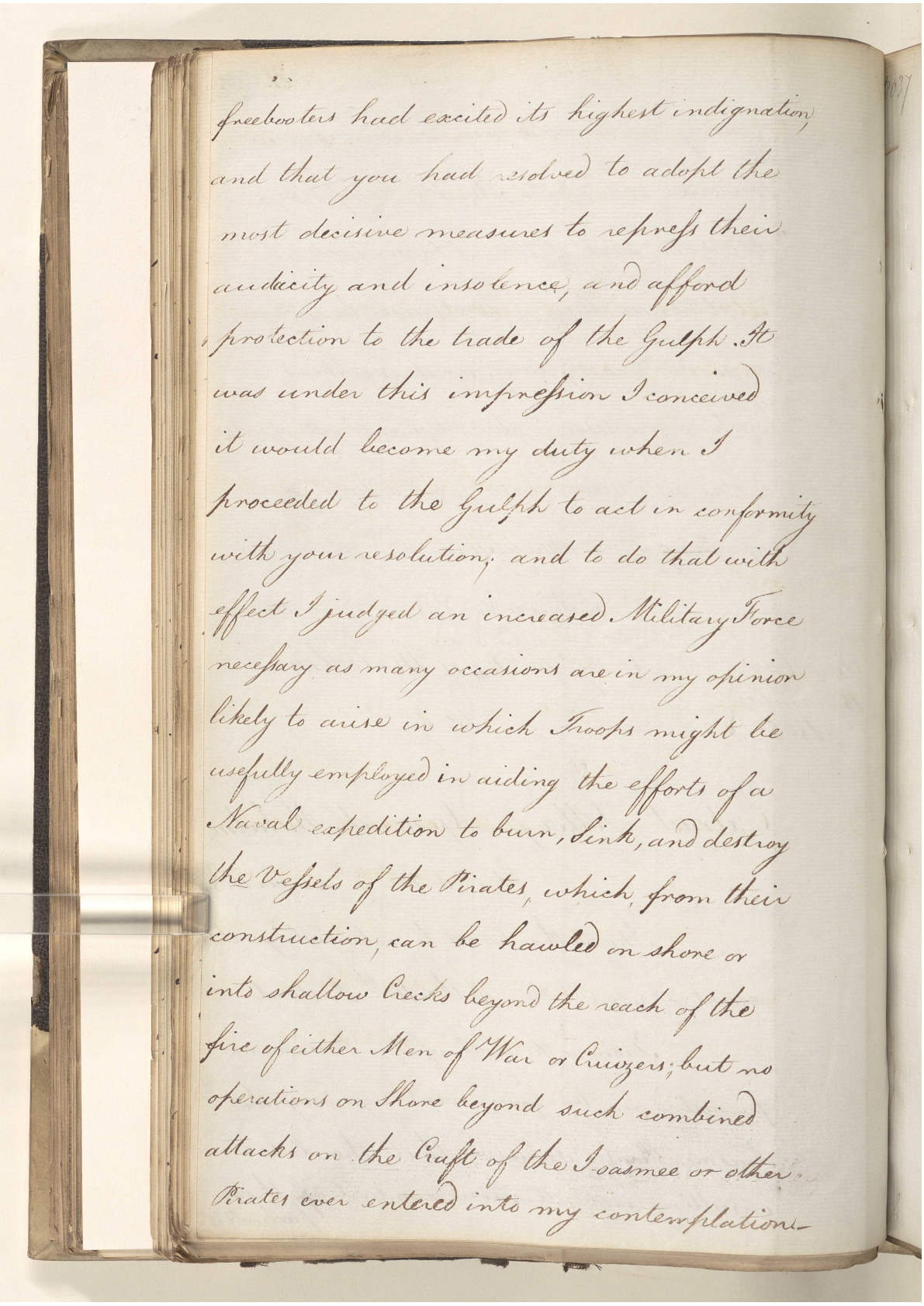

freebooters had excited its highest indignation,
and that you had resolved to adopt the
most decisive measures to repress their
audacity and insolence, and afford
protection to the trade of the Gulph. It
was under this impression I conceived
it would become my duty when I
proceeded to the Gulph to act in conformity
with your resolution; and to do that with
effect I judged an increased Military Force
necessary as many occasions are in my opinion
likely to arise in which Troops might be
usefully employed in aiding the efforts of a
Naval expedition to burn, sink, and destroy
the Vessels of the Pirates, which, from their
construction, can be hawled on shore or
into shallow Creeks beyond the reach of the
fire of either Men of War or Cruizers; but no
operations on Shore beyond such combined
attacks on the Craft of the Joasmee or other
Pirates ever entered into my contemplation.

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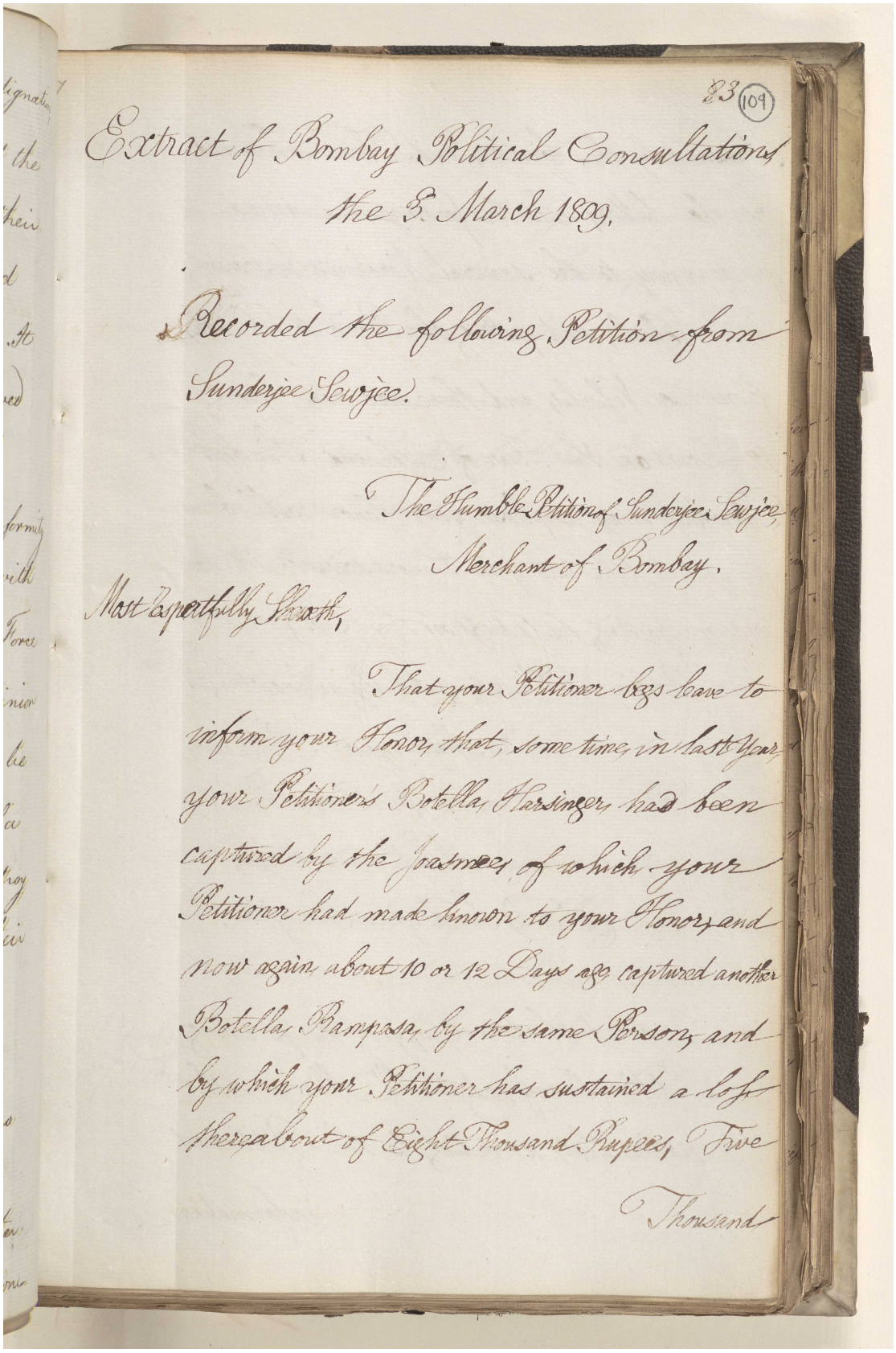

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the 3. March 1809.

Recorded the following Petition from
Sunderjee Sewjee.

The Humble Petition of Sunderjee Sewjee,
Merchant of Bombay.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Petitioner begs leave to
inform your Honor, that, some time in last Year,
your Petitioner's Botella, Harsinger, had been
captured by the Joasmee, of which your
Petitioner had made known to your Honor, and
now again about 10 or 12 Days ago captured another
Botella, Rampasa, by the same Person, and
by which your Petitioner has sustained a loss
thereabout of Eight Thousand Rupees, Five
Thousand

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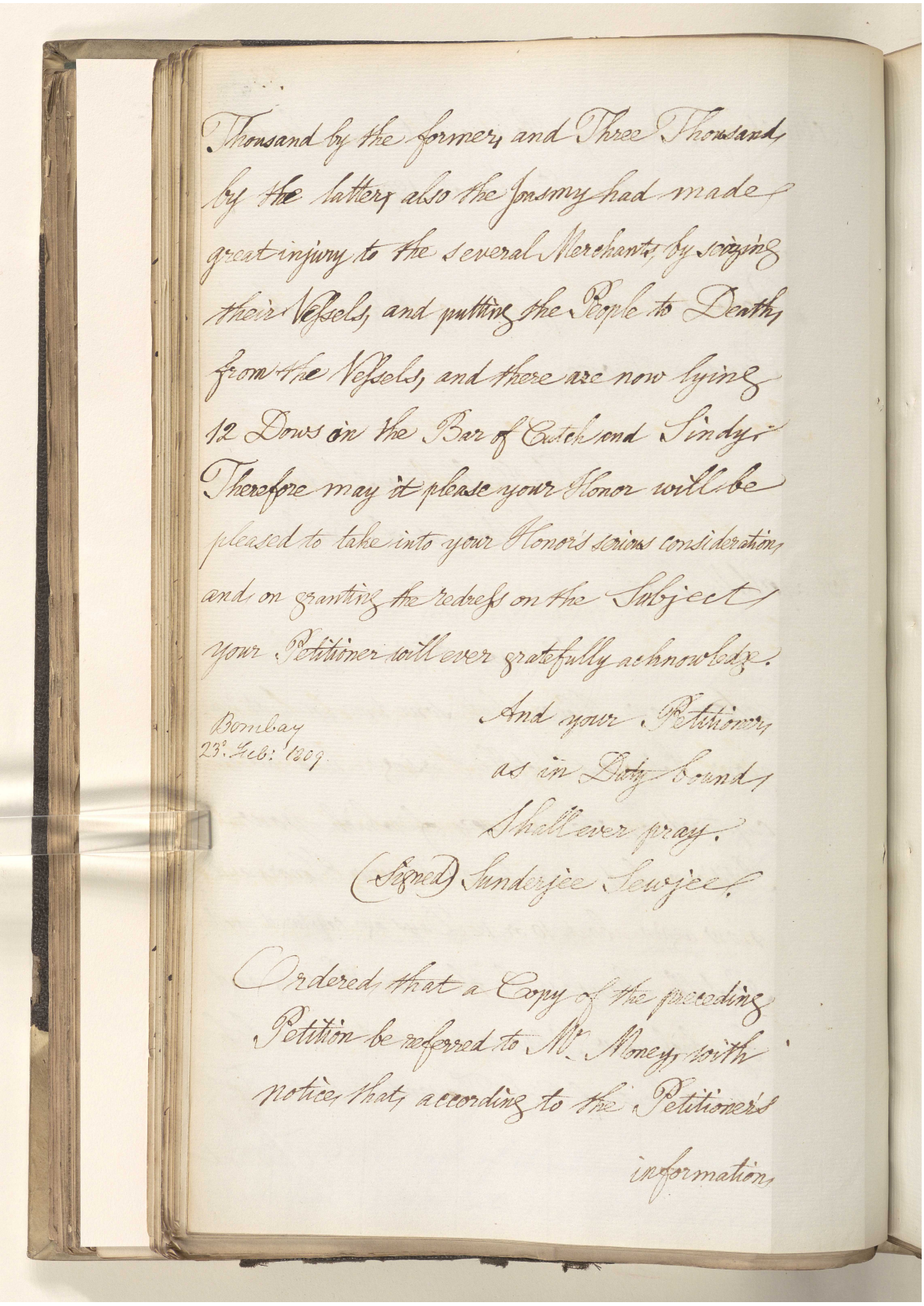


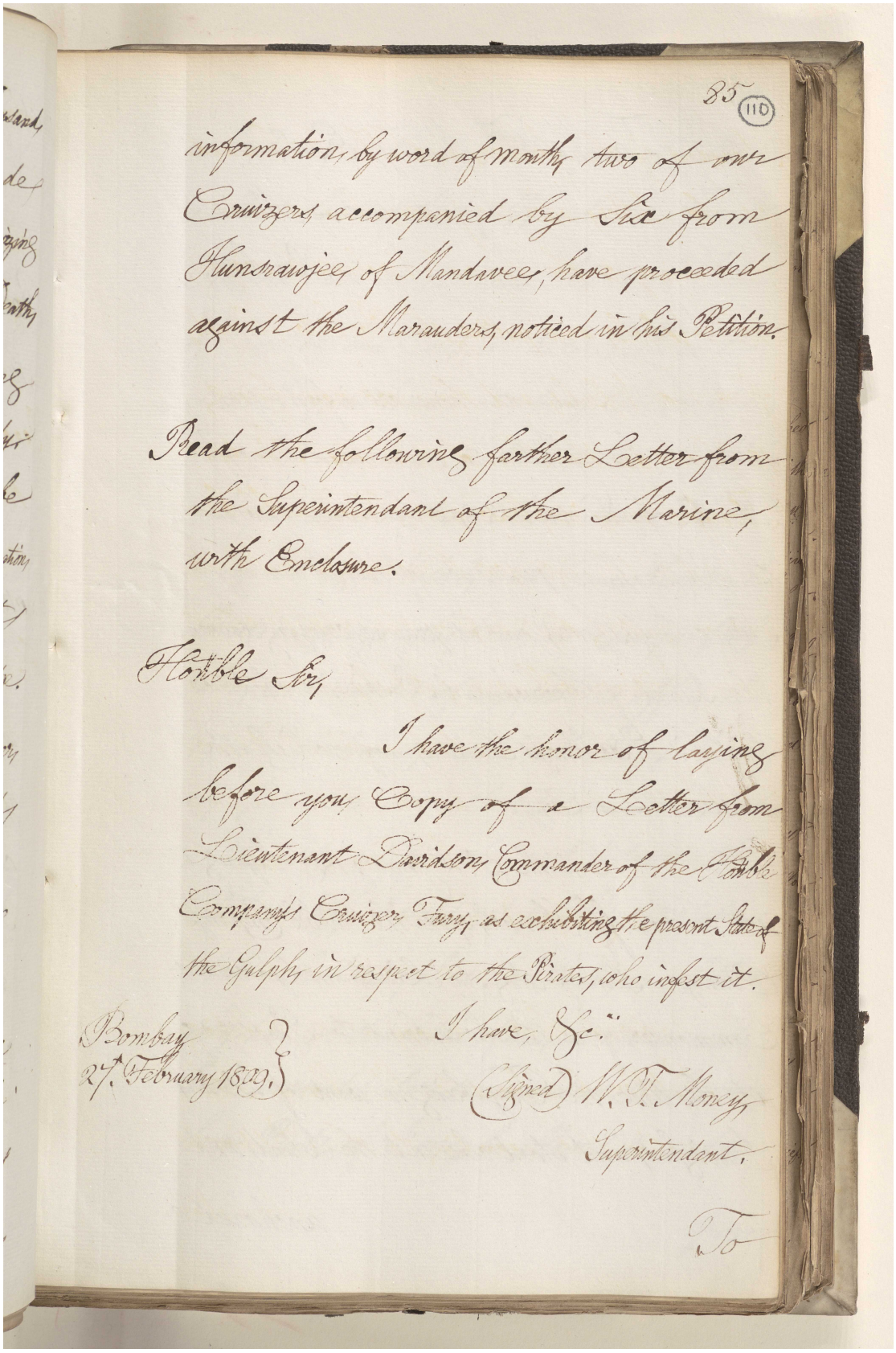
Thousand by the former, and Three Thousand
by the latter; also the Jonmy had made
great injury to the several Merchants, by seizing
their Vessels, and putting the People to Death,
from the Vessels, and there are now lying
12 Dows in the Bar of Cutch and Sindy.
Therefore may it please your Honor will be
pleased to take into your Honors serious consideration,
and on granting the redress on the Subject
your Petitioner will ever gratefully acknowledge.

And your Petitioner,
as in Duty bound,
Shall ever pray.

Bombay
23d Feb: 1809.

(Signed) Sunderjee Sewjee.

Ordered that a Copy of the preceding
Petition be referred to Mr. Money with
notice that according to the Petitioners
information,



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information, by word of mouth, two of our
Cruizers accompanied by Six from
Hunsraujee of Mandavee, have proceeded
against the Marauders, noticed in his Petition.

Read the following farther Letter from
the Superintendant of the Marine,
with Enclosure.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor of laying
before you Copy of a Letter from
Lieutenant Davidson, Commander of the Hon'ble
Company's Cruizer Fury, as exhibiting the present State of
the Gulph, in respect to the Pirates, who infest it.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. T. Money,
Superintendent.

Bombay
27th February 1809.

To

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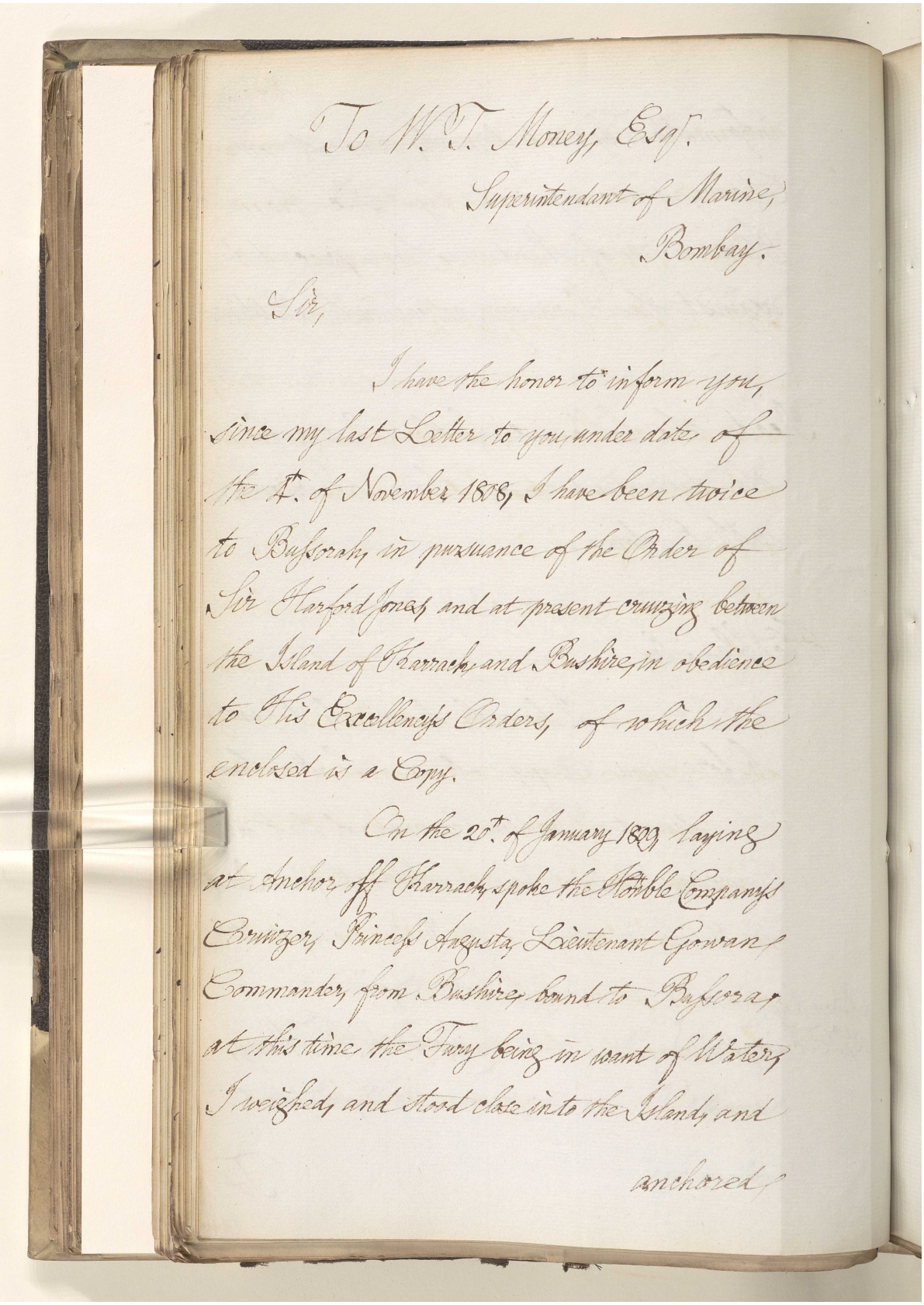

To W. T. Money, Esqr.
Superintendant of Marine,
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, since my last Letter to you under date of the 4th. of November 1808, I have been twice to Bussorah, in pursuance of the Order of Sir Harford Jones, and at present cruizing between the Island of Karrack, and Bushire, in obedience to His Excellency's Orders, of which the enclosed is a Copy.

On the 20th. of January 1809 laying at Anchor off Karrack, spoke the Honble Company's Cruizer, Princess Augusta, Lieutenant Govan, Commander, from Bushire, bound to Bussora, at this time the Ferry being in want of Water, I weighed, and stood close in to the Island, and anchored,

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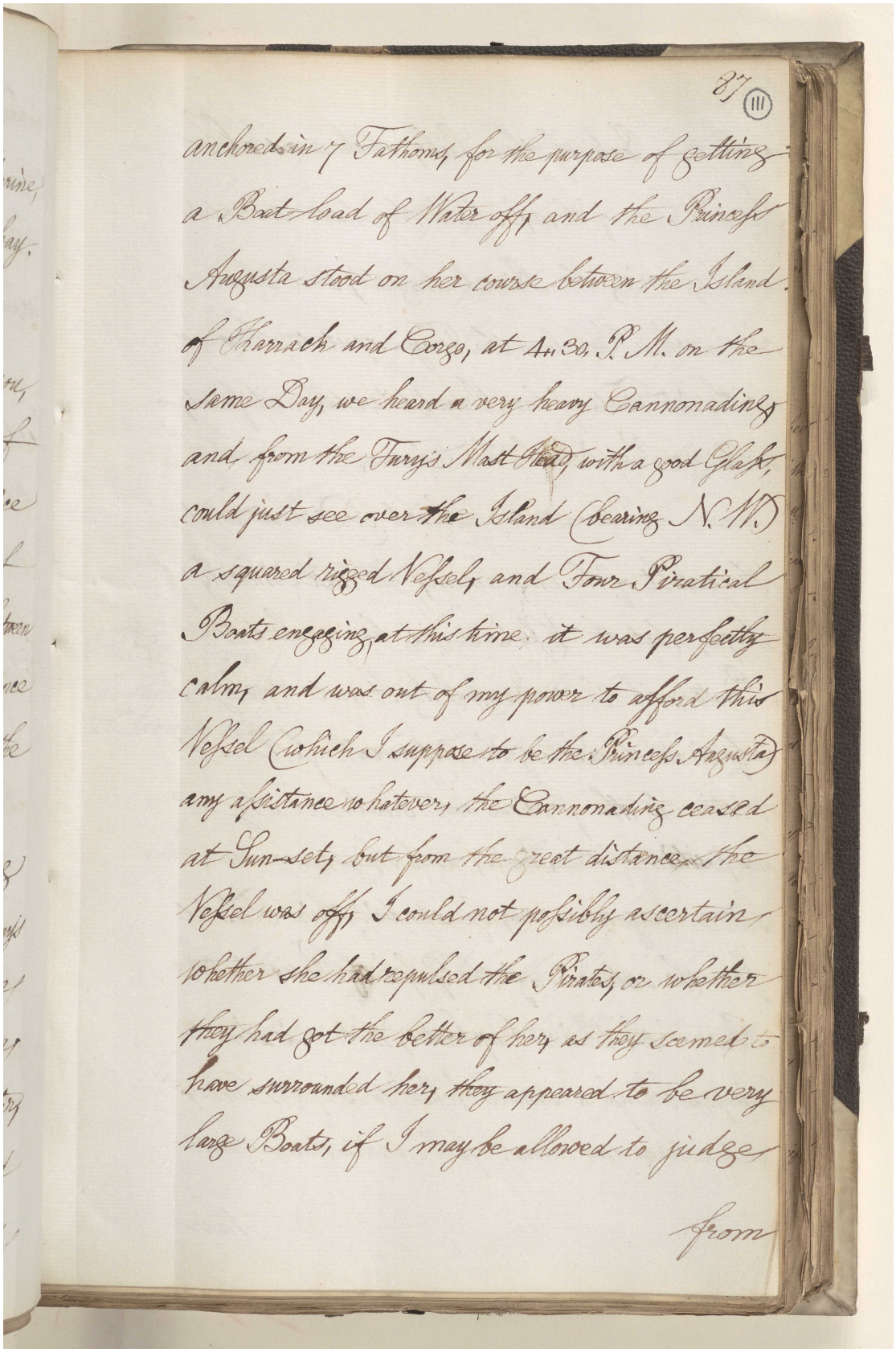

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anchored in 7 Fathoms, for the purpose of getting
a Boat load of Water off, and the Princess
Augusta stood on her course between the Island
of Harrack and Congo, at 4h 30. P.M. on the
same Day, we heard a very heavy Cannonading
and from the Fury's Mast Head, with a good Glass,
could just see over the Island (bearing N.W.)
a squared rigged Vessel, and Four Piratical
Boats engaging, at this time it was perfectly
calm, and was out of my power to afford this
Vessel (which I suppose to be the Princess Augusta)
any assistance whatever, the Cannonading ceased
at Sun-set, but from the great distance the
Vessel was off, I could not possibly ascertain
whether she had repulsed the Pirates, or whether
they had got the better of her, as they seemed to
have surrounded her, they appeared to be very
large Boats, if I may be allowed to judge

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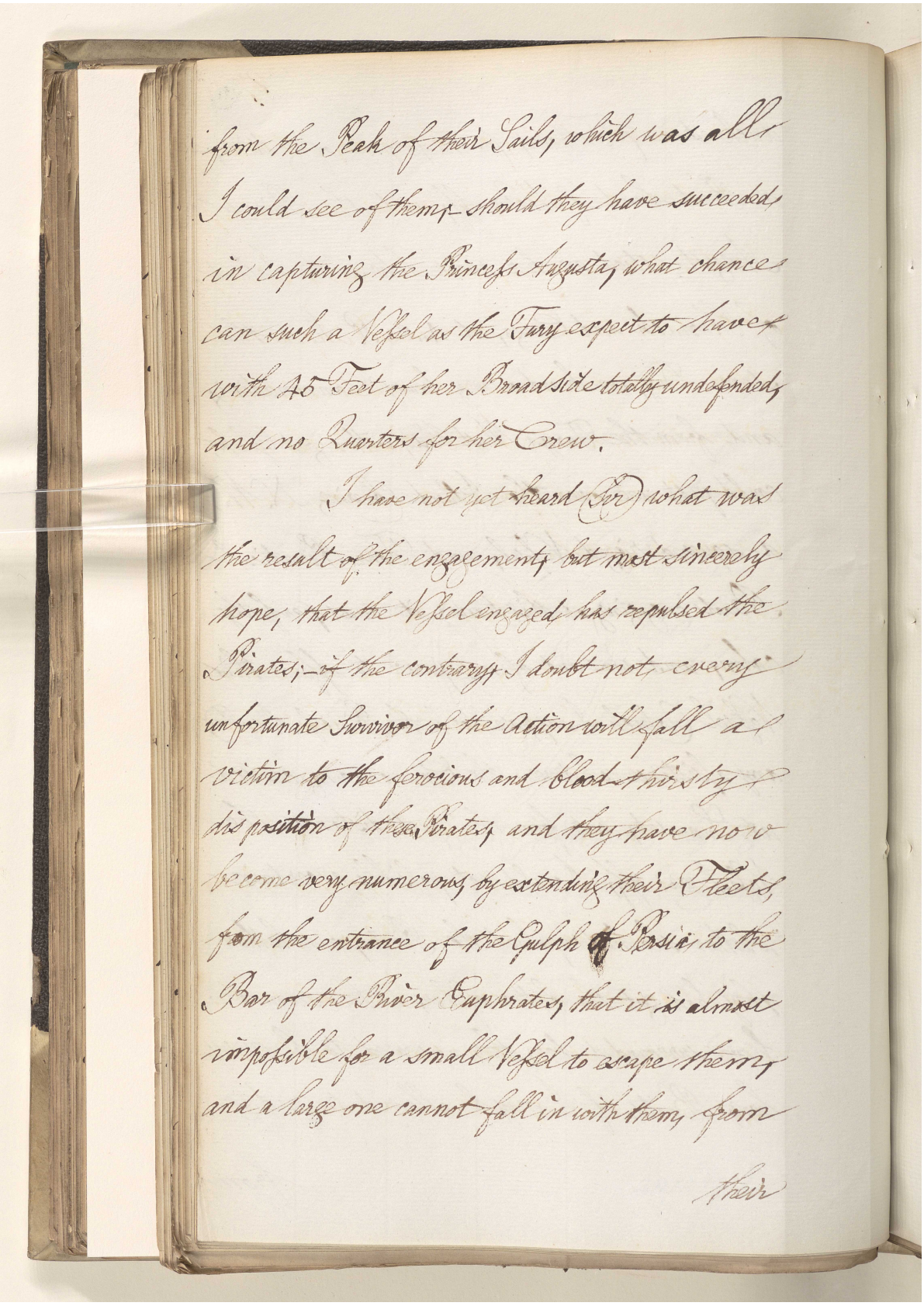

from the Peak of their Sails, which was all I could see of them. Should they have succeeded in capturing the Princess Augusta, what chance can such a Vessel as the Fury expect to have with 45 Feet of her Broadside totally undefended, and no Quarters for her Crew.

I have not yet heard (for) what was the result of the engagement, but most sincerely hope, that the Vessel engaged has repulsed the Pirates; – if the contrary, I doubt not, every unfortunate Survivor of the Action will fall a victim to the ferocious and blood thirsty disposition of these Pirates, and they have now become very numerous, by extending their Fleets, from the entrance of the Gulph of Persia to the Bar of the River Euphrates, that it is almost impossible for a small Vessel to escape them, and a large one cannot fall in with them, from

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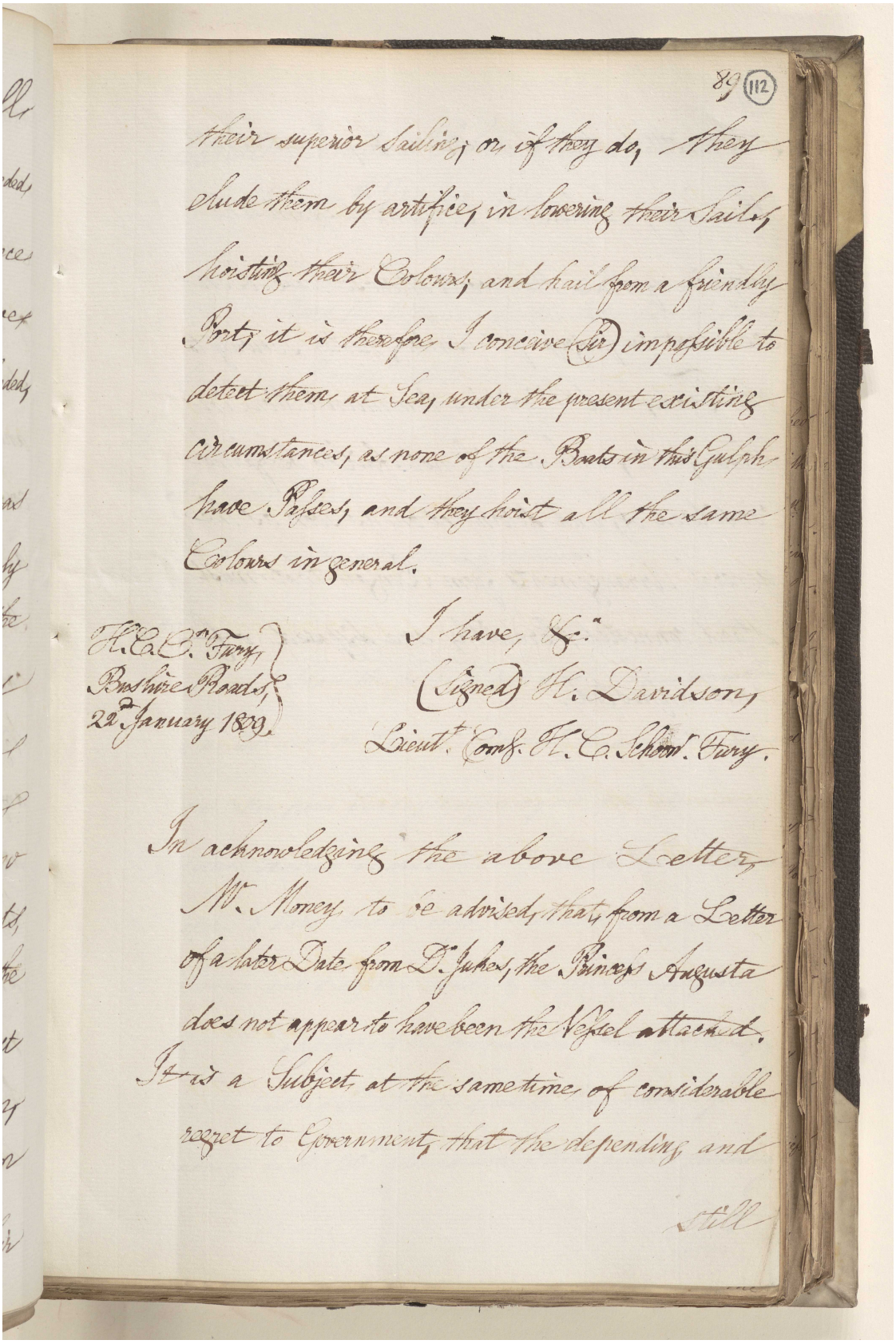

their superior Sailing, or if they do, they elude them by artifice, in lowering their Sails, hoisting their Colours, and hail from a friendly Boat; it is therefore I conceive (Sir) impossible to detect them at Sea, under the present existing Circumstances, as none of the Boats in this Gulph have Passes, and they hoist all the same Colours in general.

I have, &c.
(Signed) H. Davidson,
Lieut. Comg. H.C. Schoon. Fury.

H.C.S. Fury,
Bushire Roads,
22d January 1809.

In acknowledging the above Letter, M. Money to be advised, that, from a Letter of a later Date from D. Jukes, the Brig Augusta does not appear to have been the Vessel attacked. It is a Subject at the same time of considerable regret to Government, that the depending and

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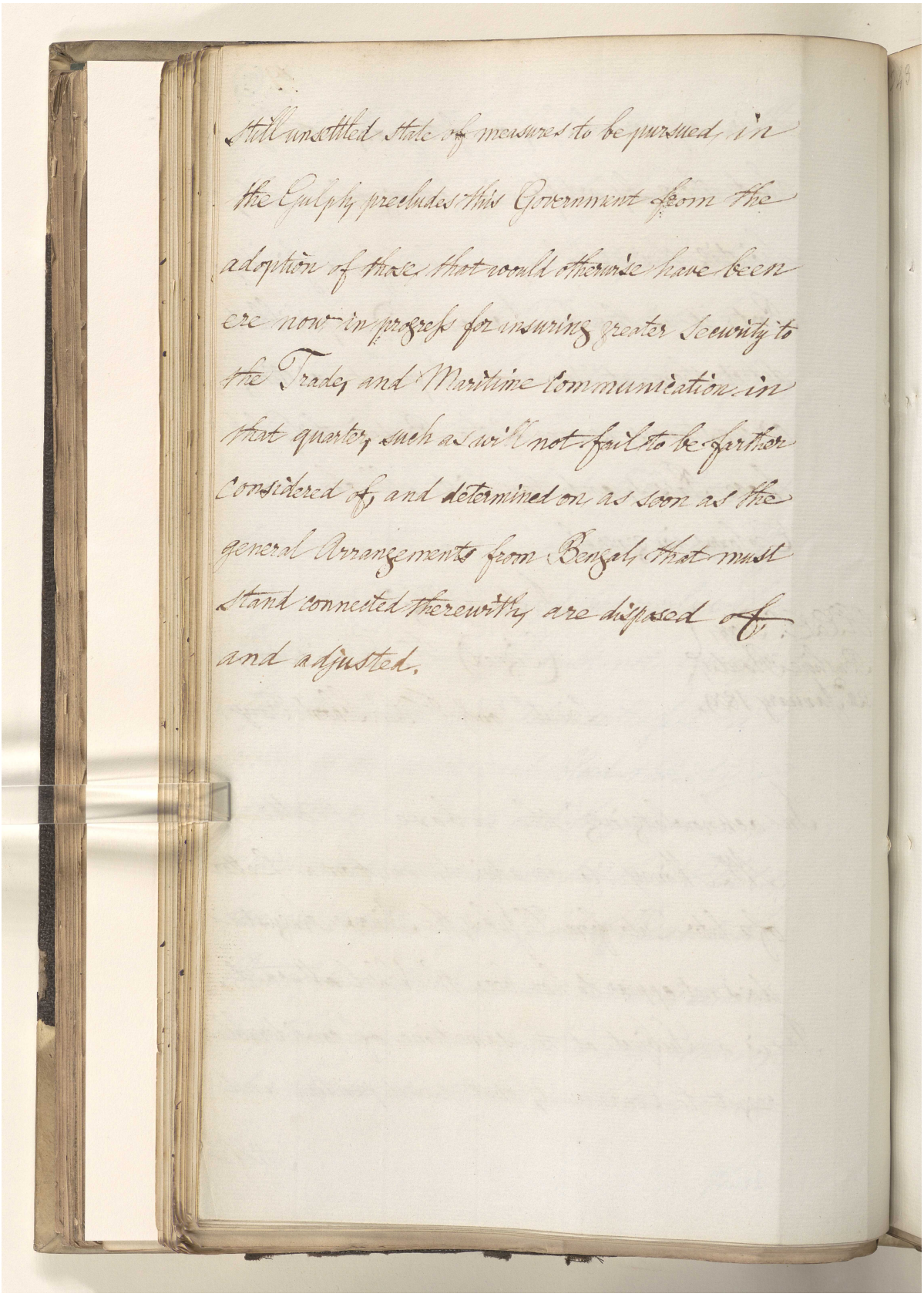

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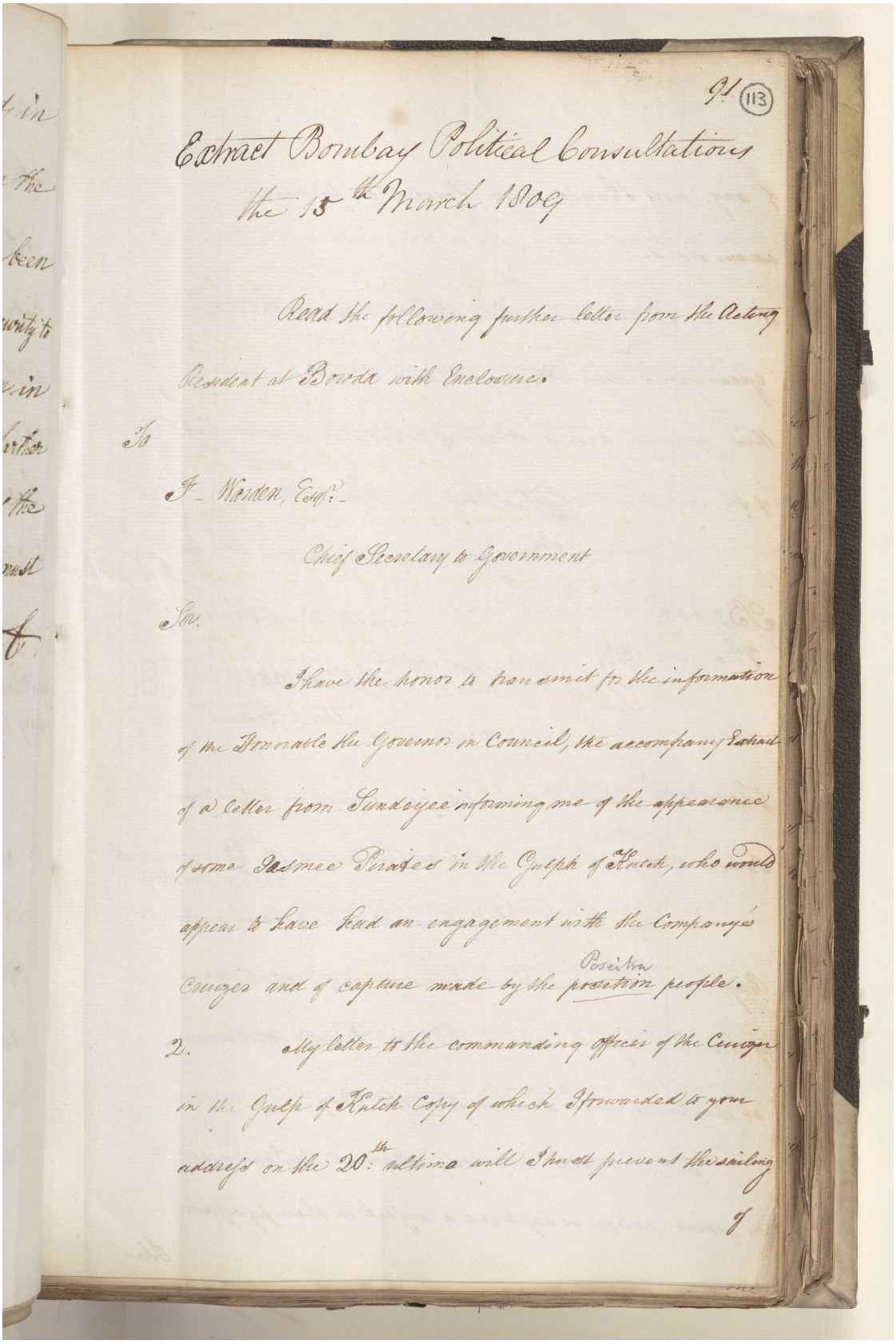

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the 15th March 1806

Read the following further letter from the Acting Resident at Baroda with Enclosure.

To

F. Warden, Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Sundeyee informing me of the appearance of some Joasmee Pirates in the Gulph of Kutch, who would appear to have had an engagement with the Company's Cruizer and of capture made by the Position people.

2. My letter to the commanding Officer of the Cruizer in the Gulph of Kutch Copy of which I forwarded to you address'd on the 20th ultimo will I trust prevent the sailing

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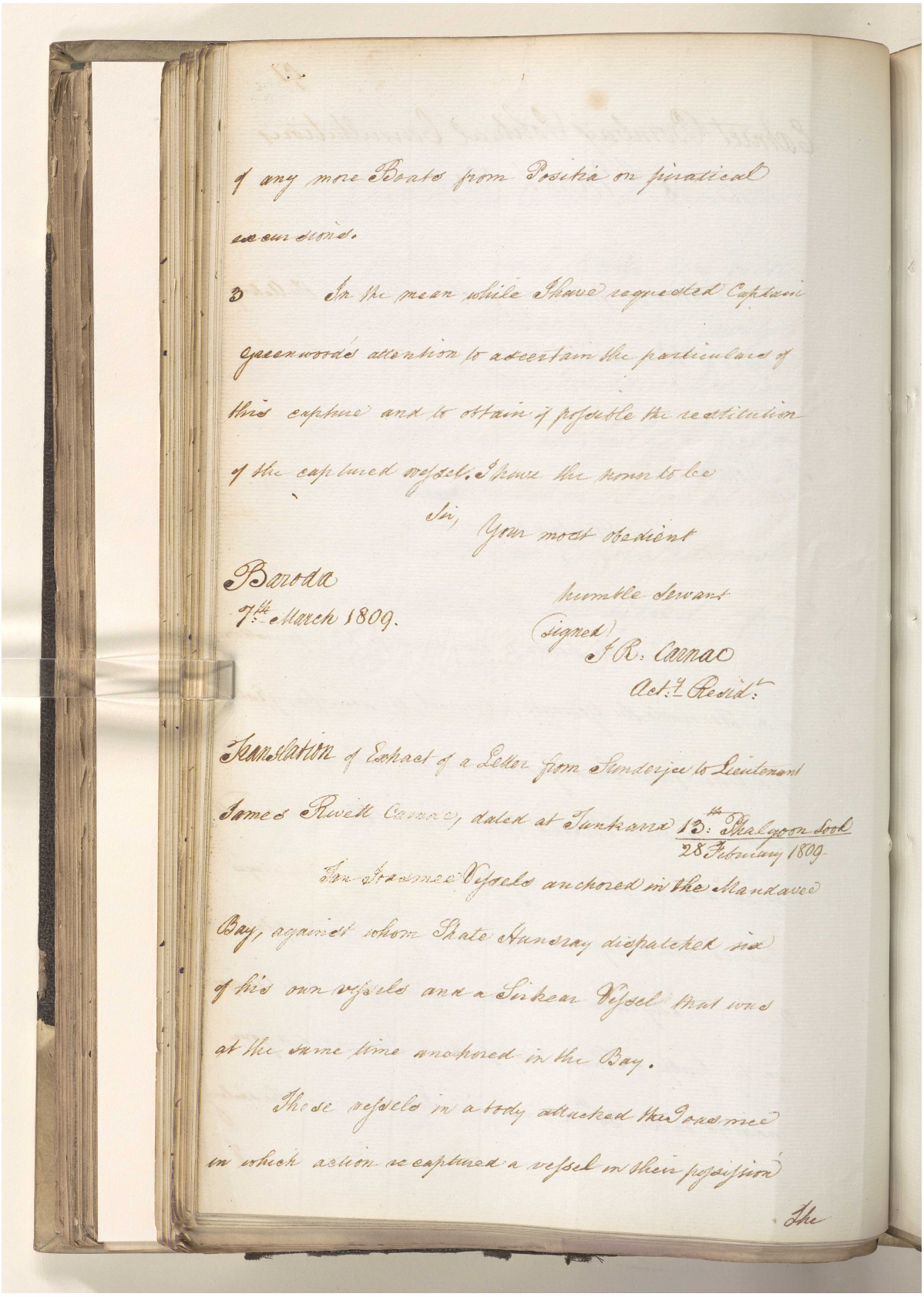

of any more Boats from Positia on piratical excursions.

3 In the mean while I have requested Captain Greenwood's attention to ascertain the particulars of this capture and to obtain if possible the restitution of the captured vessel. I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient
humble servant
(signed)
J R. Carnac
Act.y Resid.t

Baroda
7th March 1809.

Translation of Extract of a Letter from Sunderjee to Lieutenant James Rivett Carnac, dated at Tunkarra 13th Phalgoon Sook
28 February 1809

Ten Joasmee Vessels anchored in the Mandavee Bay, against whom Shate Hunsray dispatched six of his own vessels and a Sirkear Vessel that was at the same time anchored in the Bay.

These vessels in a body attacked the Joasmee in which action recaptured a vessel in their possession

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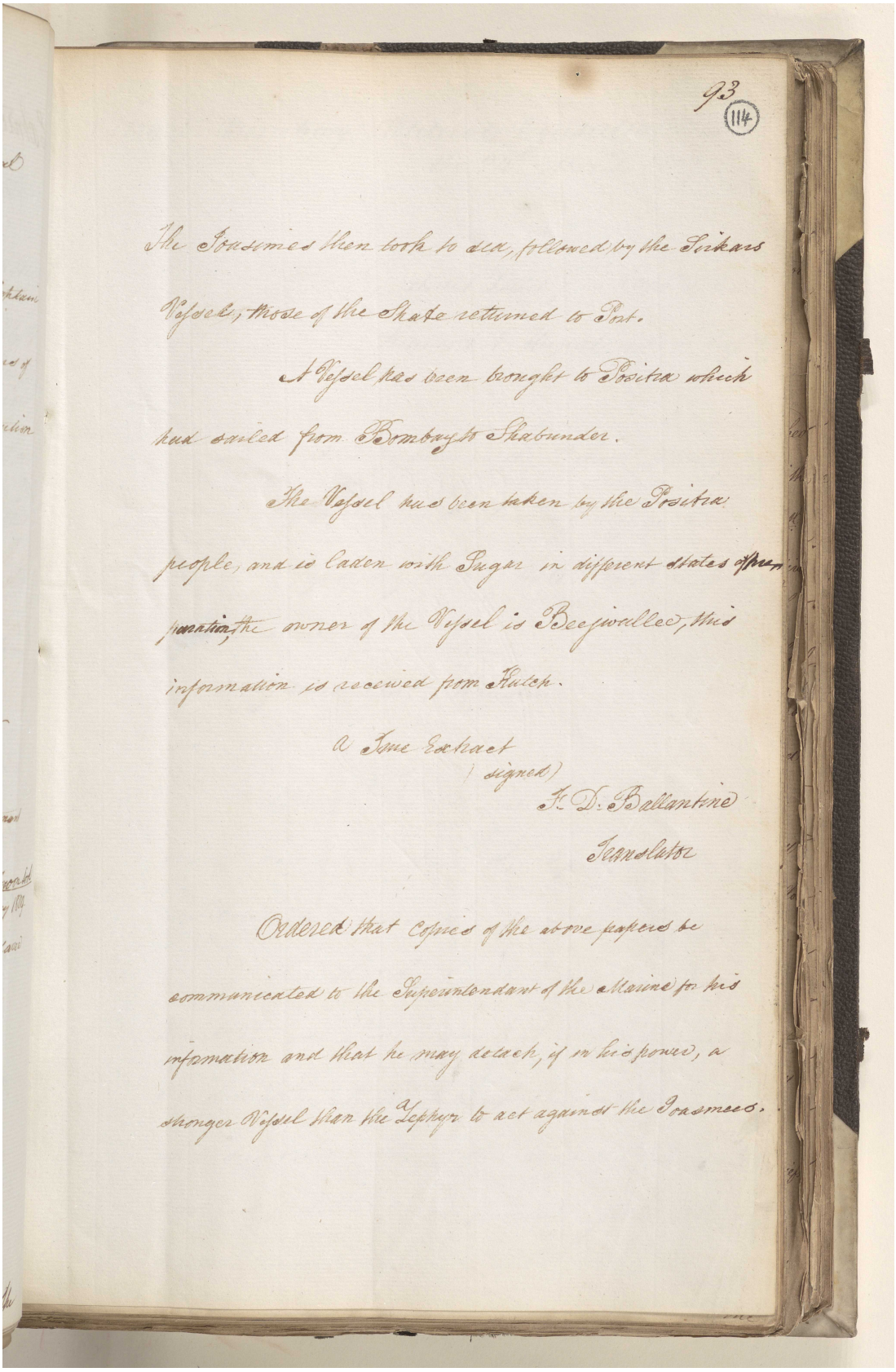

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The Joasmies then both to sea, followed by the Sirkars Vessels, those of the Shade returned to Port.

A Vessel has been brought to Positra which had sailed from Bombay to Shabunder.

The Vessel has been taken by the Positra people, and is laden with Sugar in different states of [illegible] the owner of the Vessel is Beejwallee, this information is received from Hutch.

A true Extract
(signed)
F. D. Ballantine
Translator

Ordered that Copies of the above papers be communicated to the Superintendant of the Marine for his information and that he may detach, if in his power, a stronger Vessel than the Zephyr to act against the Joasmees.

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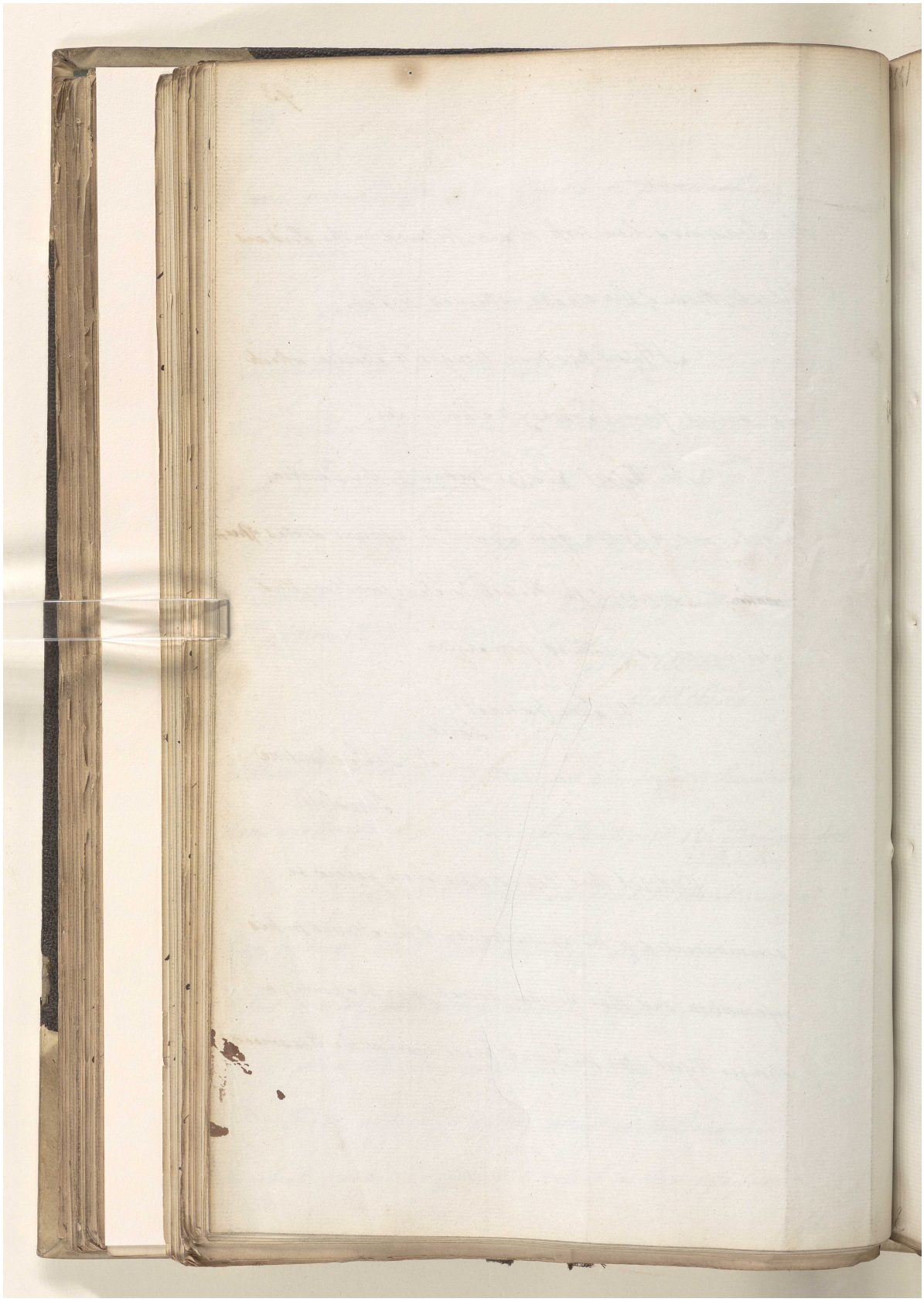

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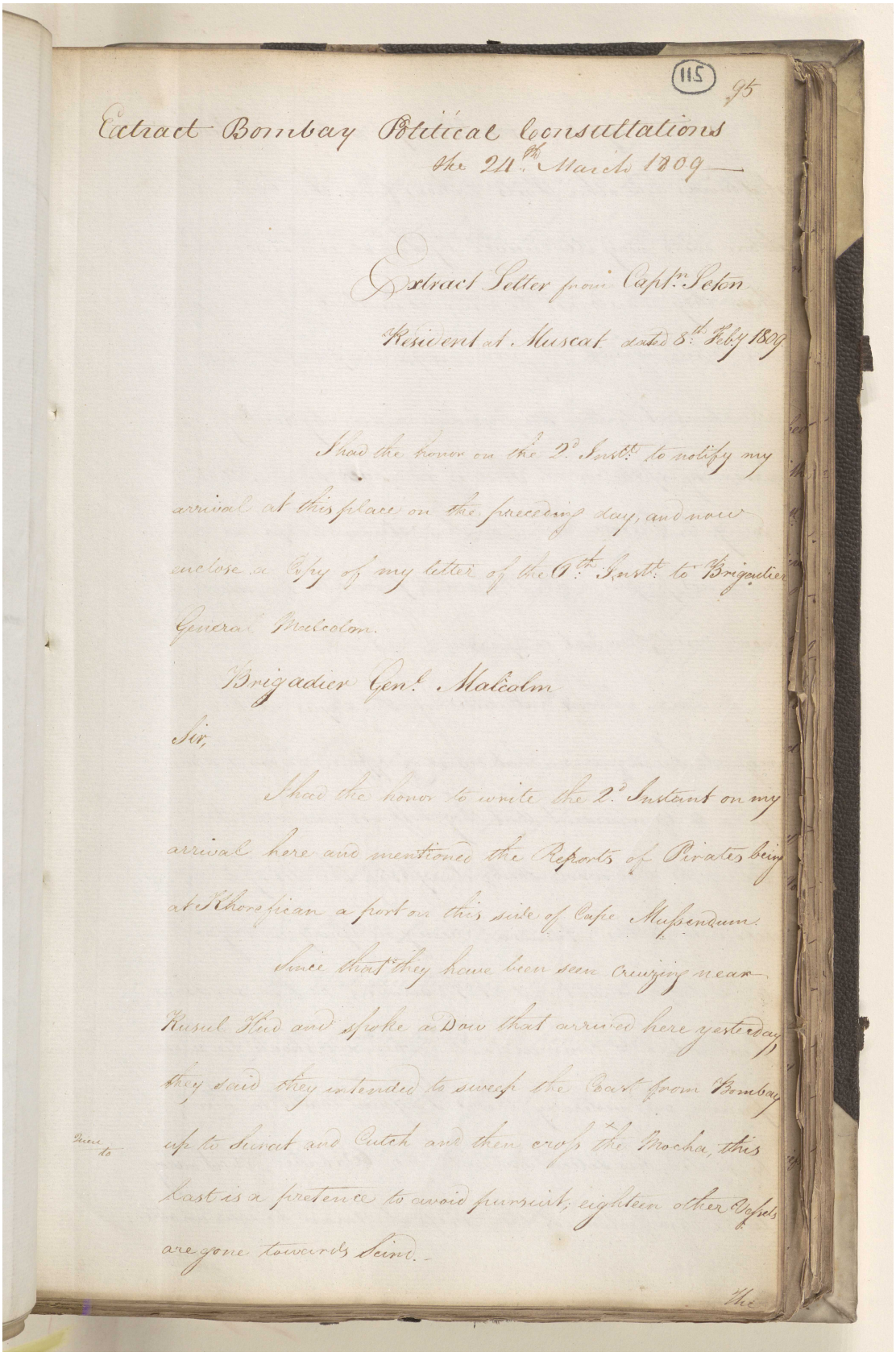

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the 24th March 1809

Extract Letter from Captn. Seton
Resident at Muscat dated 8th Feby 1809

I had the honor on the 2d Instt. to notify my arrival at this place on the preceding day, and now enclose a Copy of my letter of the 6th Instt. to Brigadier General Malcolm.

Brigadier Genl. Malcolm

Sir,

I had the honor to write the 2d Instant on my arrival here and mentioned the Reports of Pirates being at Khorefican a port on this side of Cape Mussendum.

Since that they have been seen Cruizing near Kusul Hud and spoke a Dow that arrived here yesterday, they said they intended to sweep the Coast from Bombay up to Surat and Cutch and then cross the Mocha, this last is a pretence to avoid pursuit, eighteen other Vessels are gone towards Scind.

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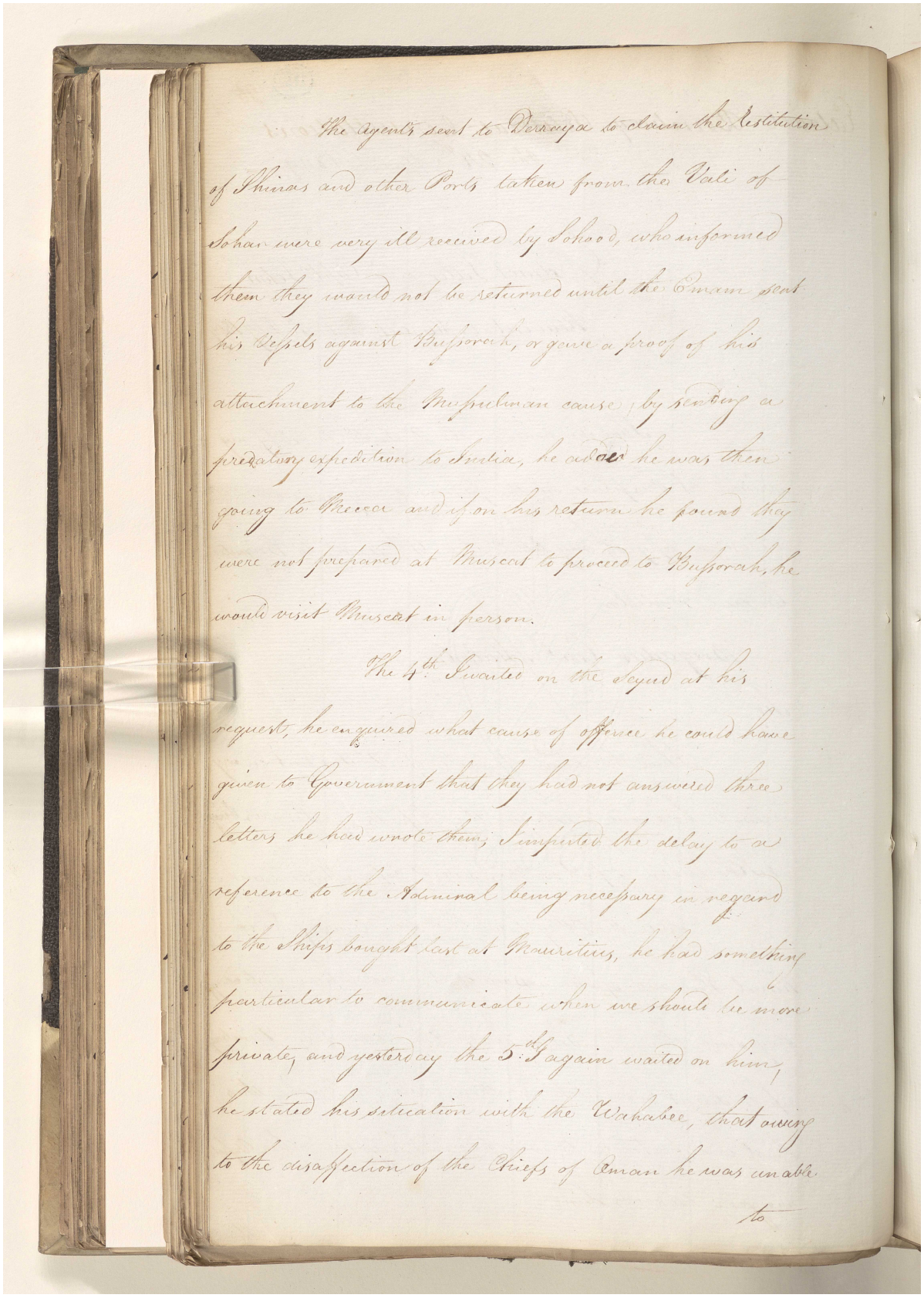

The Agents sent to Muscat to claim the restitution of Shinas and other Ports taken from the Vali of Soham were very ill received by Sohood, who informed them they would not be returned until the Imam sent his Vessels against Bussorah, or gave a proof of his attachment to the Mussulman cause, by sending a predatory expedition to India, he added he was then going to Sheeraz and if on his return he found they were not prepared at Muscat to proceed to Bussorah, he would visit Muscat in person.

The 4th I waited on the Seyud at his request, he enquired what cause of offence he could have given to Government that they had not answered three letters he had wrote them; I imputed the delay to a reference to the Admiral being necessary in regard to the Ships bought last at Mauritius, he had something particular to communicate when we should be more private, and yesterday the 5th I again waited on him, he stated his situation with the Wahabee, that owing to the disaffection of the Chiefs of Oman he was unable

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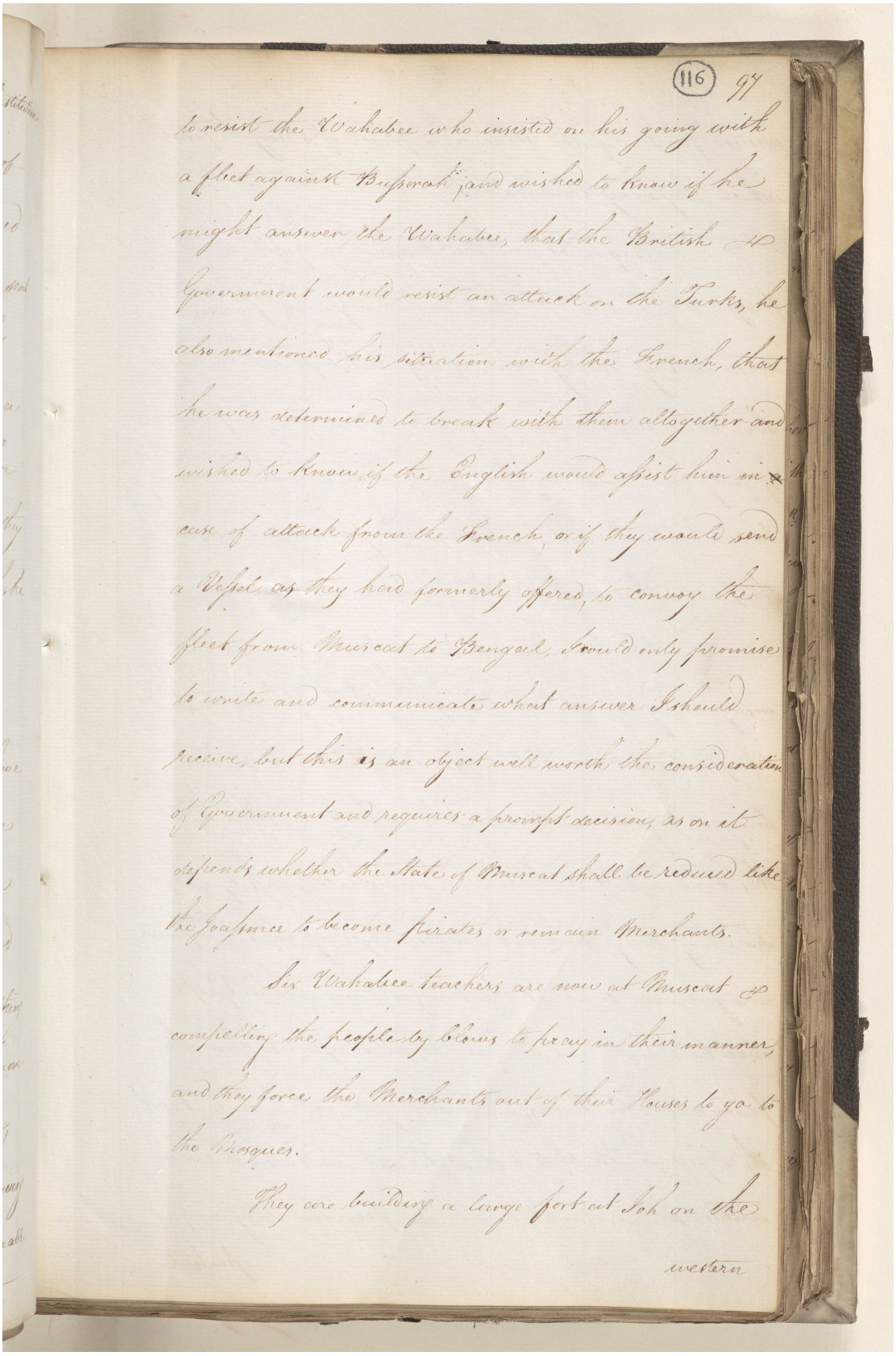

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to resist the Wahabee who insisted on his going with a fleet against Busserah, and wished to know if he might answer the Wahabee, that the British Government would resist an attack on the Turks, he also mentioned his situation with the French, that he was determined to break with them altogether and wished to know if the English would assist him in case of attack from the French, or if they would send a Vessel as they had formerly offered, to convoy the fleet from Muscat to Bengal, I could only promise to write and communicate what answer I should receive, but this is an object well worth the consideration of Government and requires a prompt decision, as on it depends whether the State of Muscat shall be reduced like the Joasmee to become pirates or remain Merchants.

Six Wahabee teachers are now at Muscat compelling the people by blows to pray in their manner, and they force the Merchants out of their Houses to go to the Mosques.

They are building a large fort at Soh on the

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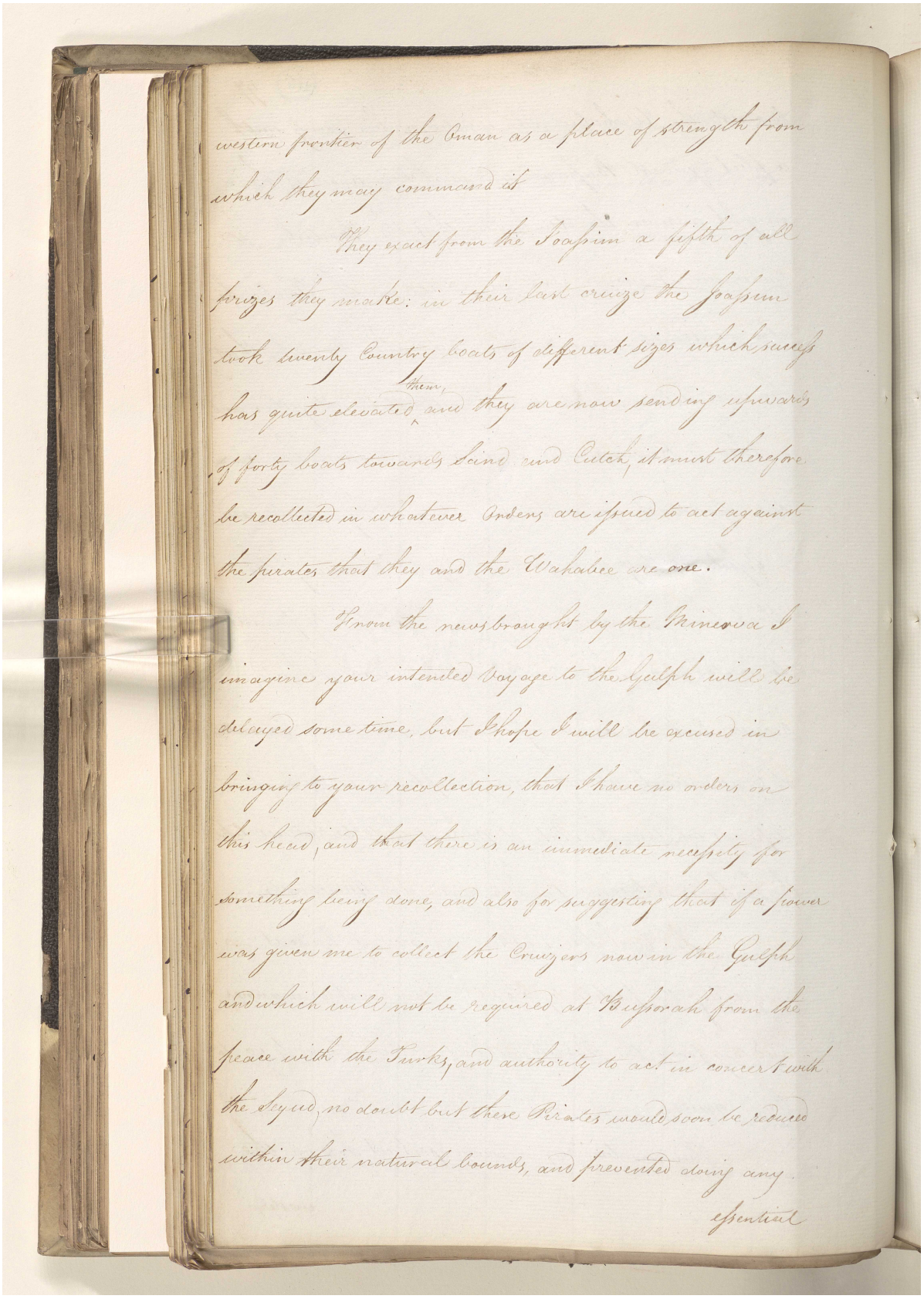

western frontier of the Oman as a place of strength from
which they may command it

They exact from the Joasmi a fifth of all
prizes they make: in their last cruize the Joasmi
took twenty Country boats of different sizes which success
has quite elevated them, and they are now sending upwards
of forty boats towards Laind and Cutch, it must therefore
be recollected in whatever Orders are issued to act against
the pirates that they and the Wahabee are one.

From the news brought by the Minerva I
imagine your intended Voyage to the Gulph will be
delayed some time, but I hope I will be excused in
bringing to your recollection, that I have no orders on
this head, and that there is an immediate necessity for
something being done, and also for suggesting that if a power
was given me to collect the Cruizers now in the Gulph
and which will not be required at Bussorah from the
peace with the Turks, and authority to act in concert with
the Seyud, no doubt but these Pirates would soon be reduced
within their natural bounds, and prevented doing any

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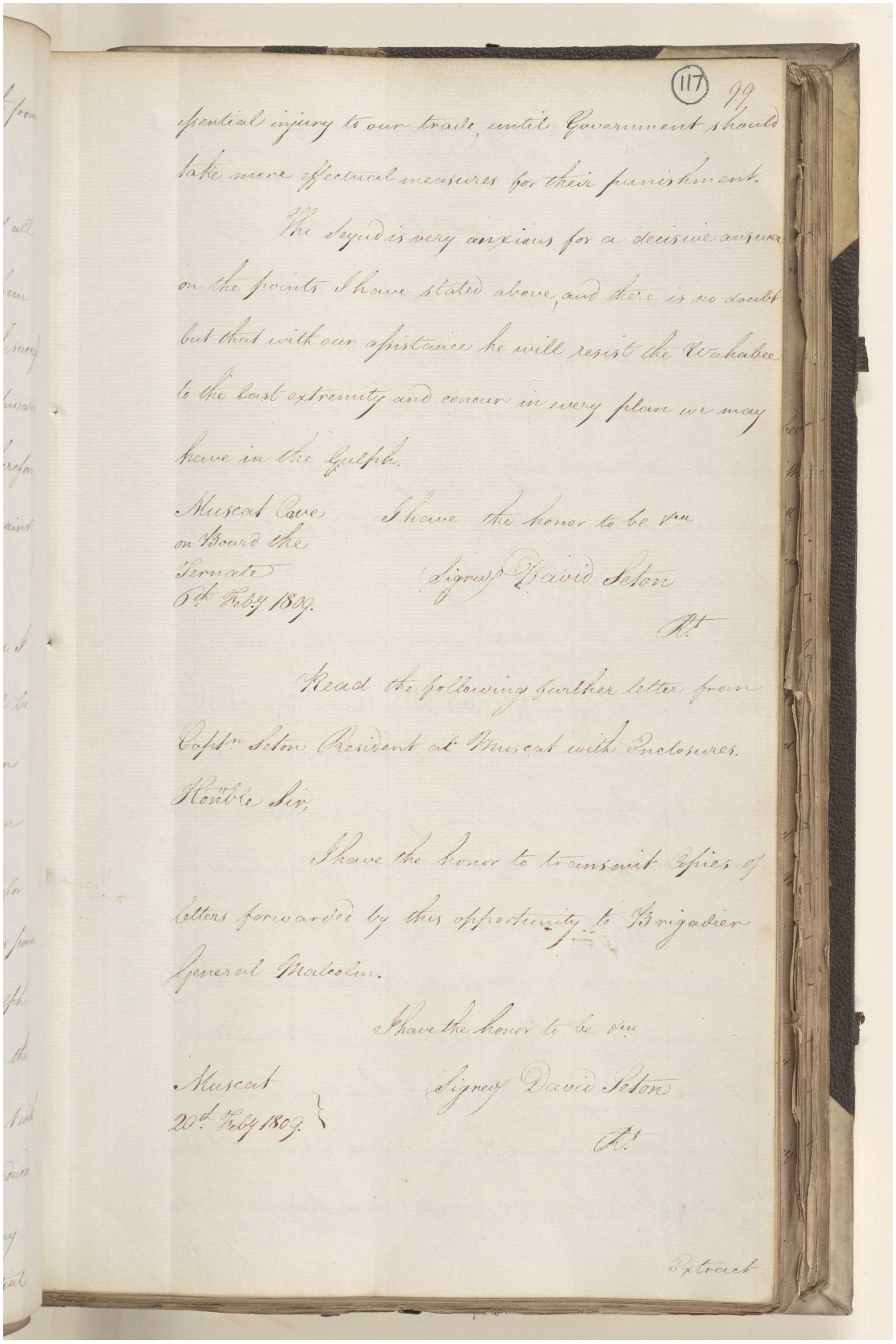

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spential injury to our trade, until Government should
take more effectual measures for their punishment.

The Seyid is very anxious for a decisive answer
on the points I have stated above, and there is no doubt
but that with our assistance he will resist the Wahabee
to the last extremity and concur in every plan we may
have in the Gulph.

Muscat Cove
on Board the
Fernate
6th Feby 1809.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed David Seton
Capt

Read the following further letter from
Capt Seton Resident at Muscat with Enclosures.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Copies of
letters forwarded by this opportunity to Brigadier
General Malcolm.

I have the honor to be &c

Muscat
20th Feby 1809.

Signed David Seton
Capt

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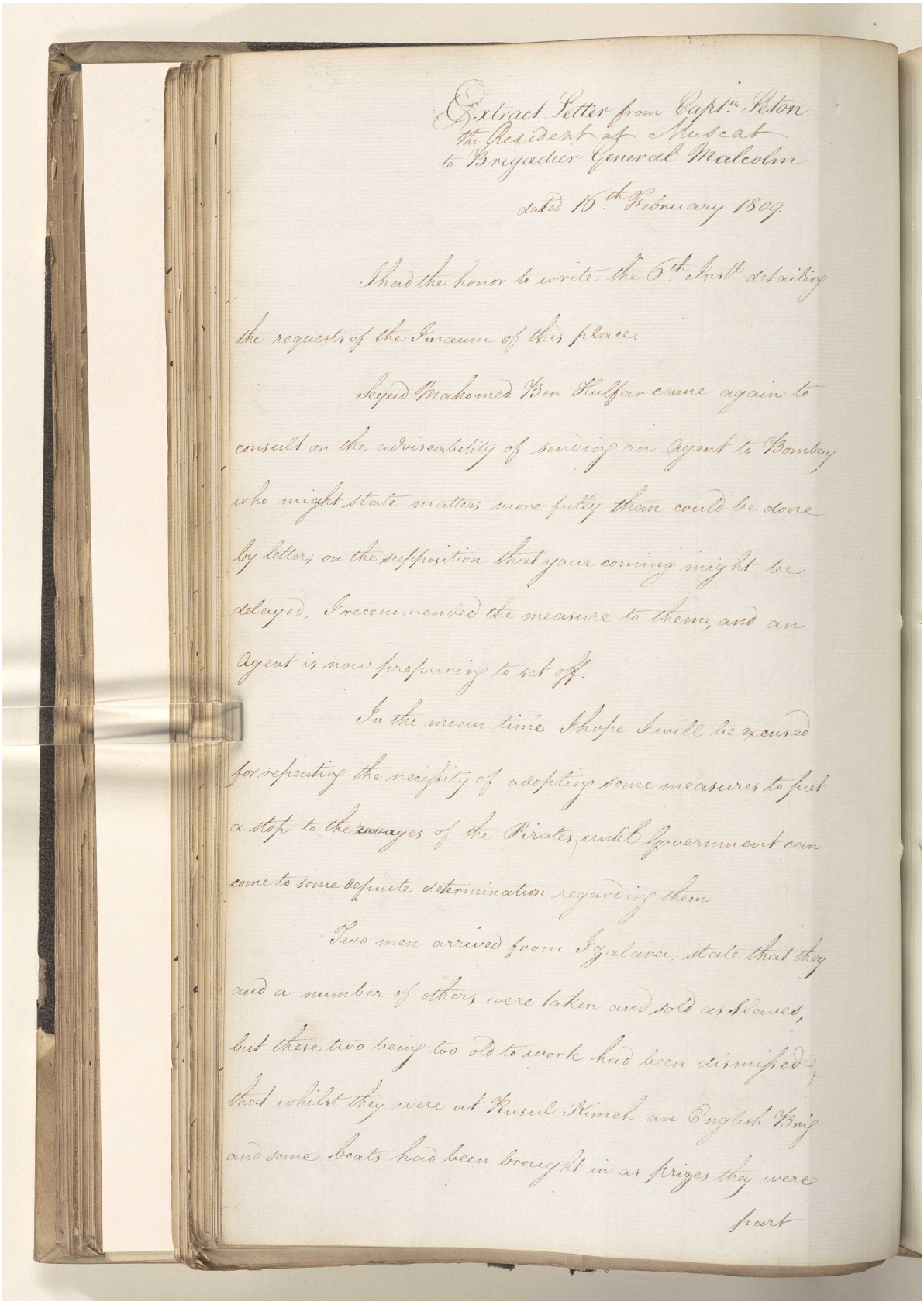

Extract Letter from Capt.n Seton
the Resident at Muscat
to Brigadier General Malcolm
dated 15.th February 1809.

I had the honor to write the 6.th Inst.t detailing
the requests of the Sinaum of this place.

Seyed Mahomed Ben Kulfan came again to
consult on the advisability of sending an Agent to Bombay
who might state matters more fully than could be done
by letter; on the supposition that your coming might be
delayed, I recommended the measure to them, and an
Agent is now preparing to set off.

In the mean time I hope I will be excused
for repeating the necessity of adopting some measures to put
a stop to the ravages of the Pirates, until Government can
come to some definite determination regarding them.

Two men arrived from Izalana, state that they
and a number of others were taken and sold as Slaves,
but these two being too old to work had been dismissed,
that whilst they were at Rusul Kimeh an English Brig
and some boats had been brought in as prizes they were
part

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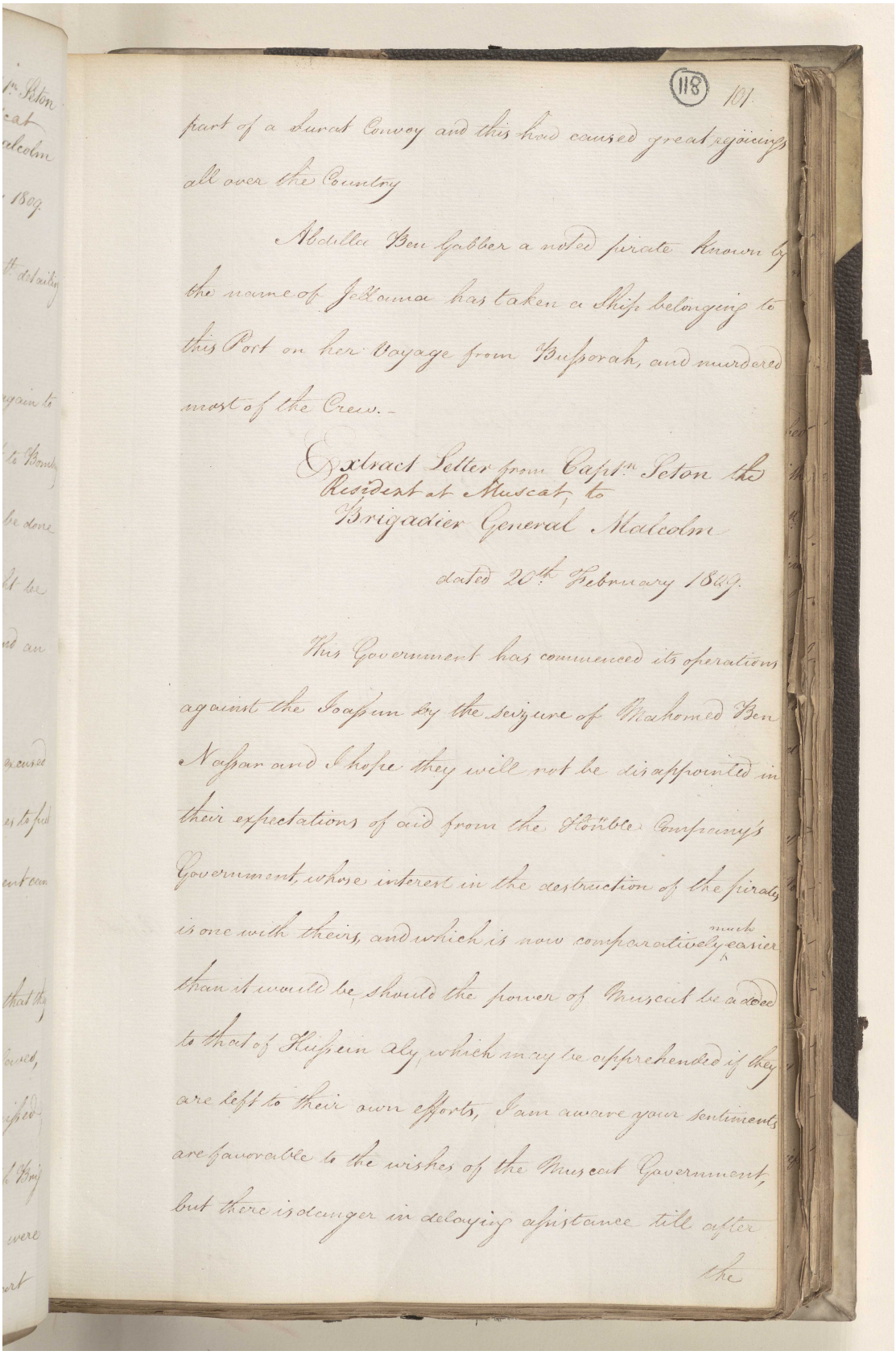

part of a Surat Convoy and this had caused great rejoicings all over the Country

Abdilla Ben Gabber a noted pirate known by the name of Jellama has taken a Ship belonging to this Port on her Voyage from Bussorah, and murdered most of the Crew.-

Extract Letter from Captn Seton the Resident at Muscat, to Brigadier General Malcolm dated 20th February 1809.

This Government has commenced its operations against the Joassun by the seizure of Mahomed Ben Nassar and I hope they will not be disappointed in their expectations of aid from the Honble Company's Government, whose interest in the destruction of the pirates is one with theirs, and which is now comparatively much easier than it would be, should the power of Muscat be added to that of Hussein aly, which may be apprehended if they are left to their own efforts, I am aware your sentiments are favorable to the wishes of the Muscat Government, but there is danger in delaying assistance till after the

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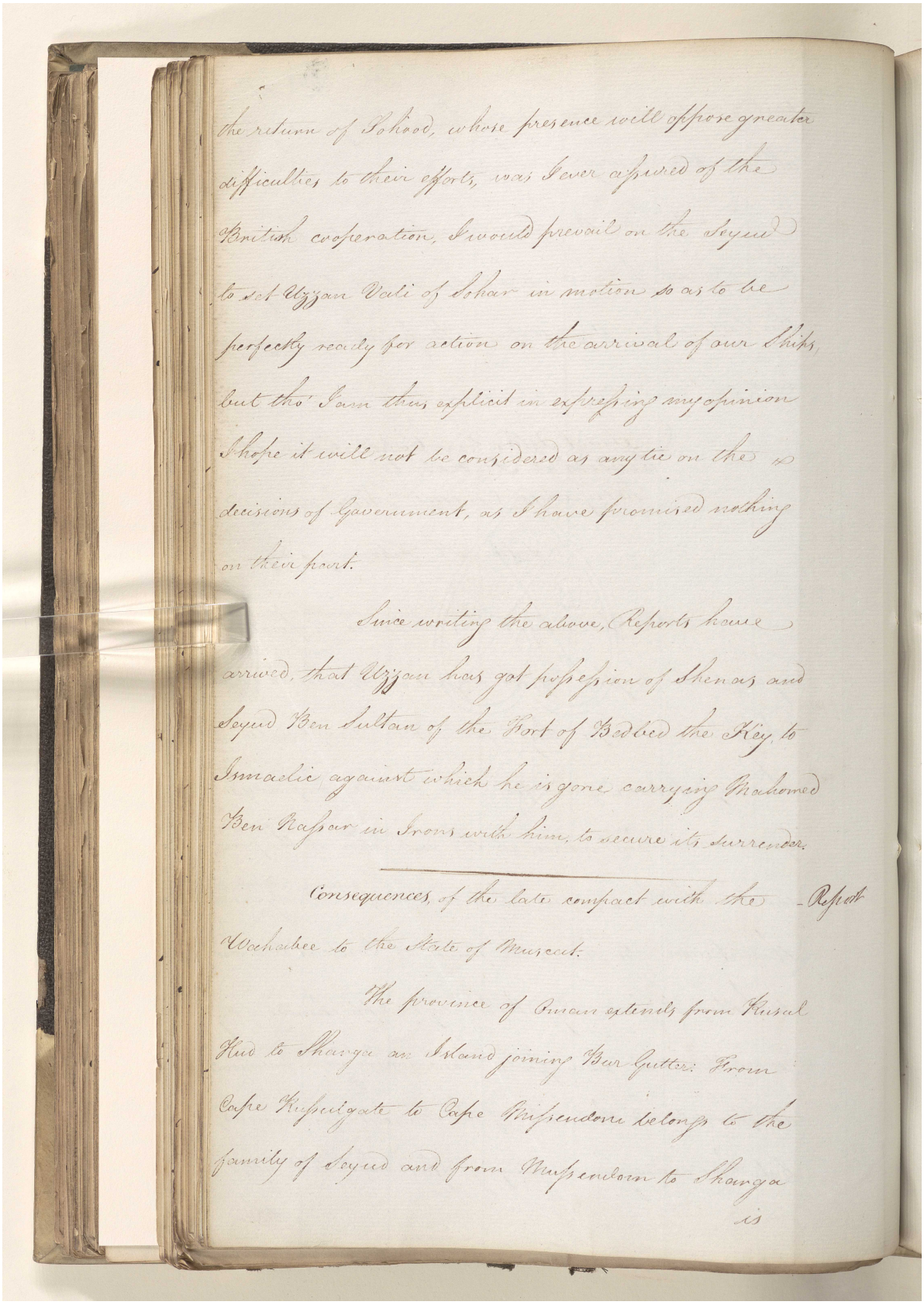
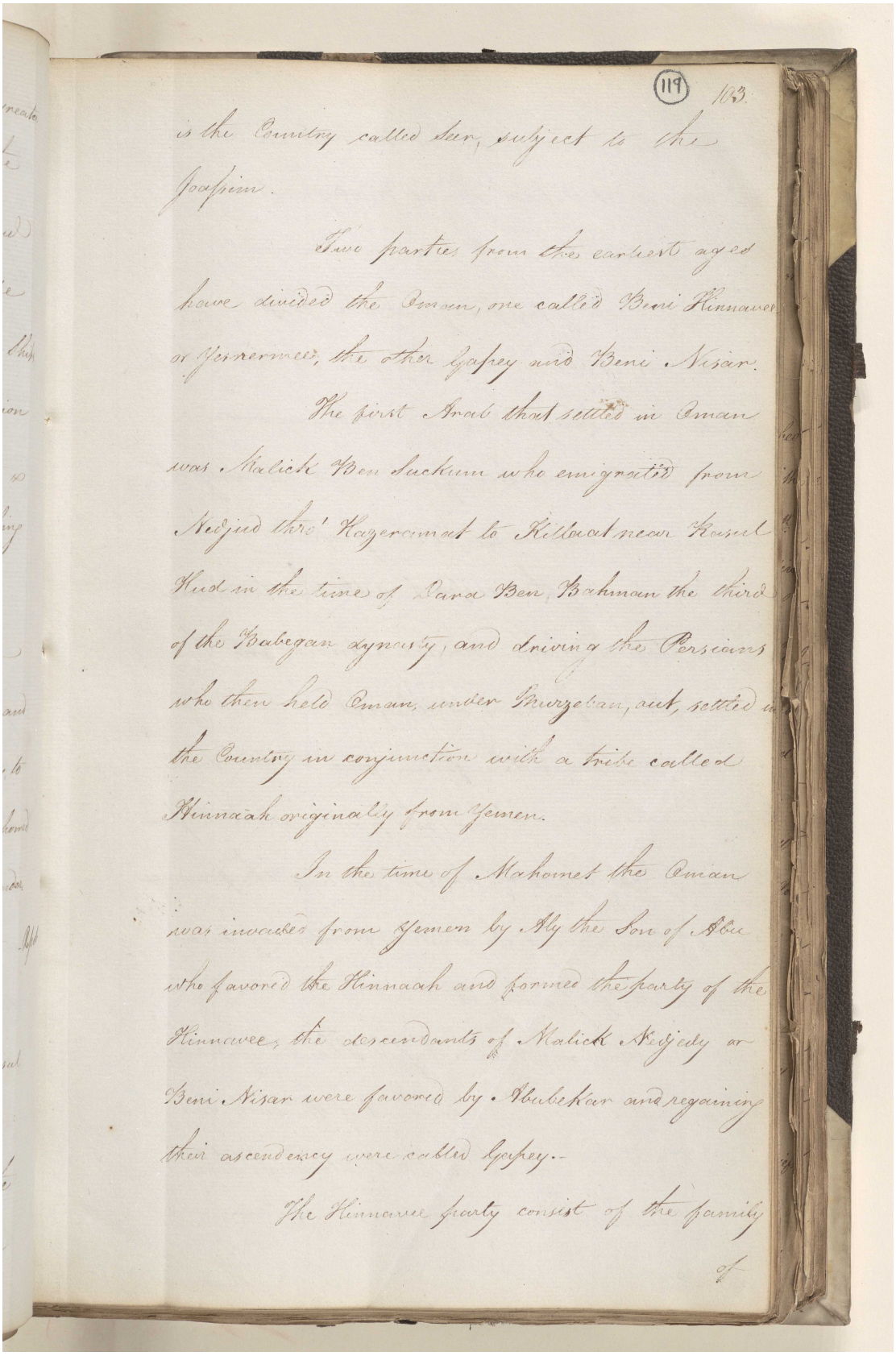


the return of Tohood, whose presence will oppose greater difficulties to their efforts, was I ever assured of the British cooperation, I would prevail on the Seyud to set Uzzan Vali of Sohar in motion so as to be perfectly ready for action on the arrival of our Ships, but tho' I am thus explicit in expressing my opinion I hope it will not be considered as any tie on the decisions of Government, as I have promised nothing on their part.

Since writing the above, Reports have arrived, that Uzzan has got possession of Shenas and Seyud Ben Sultan of the Fort of Bedbed the Key, to Ismaelic against which he is gone carrying Mahomed Ben Nassar in Irons with him, to secure its surrender.

Consequences, of the late compact with the Wahabee to the State of Muscat. — Report

The province of Oman extends from Kusul Hud to Sharga an Island joining Bur Gutter: From Cape Kussulgate to Cape Missendom belongs to the family of Seyud and from Mussendom to Sharga is



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is the Country called Seer, subject to the Joasmee.

Two parties from the earliest ages have divided the Oman, one called Beni Kinnawee or Yemenee, the other Gafery and Beni Nizar.

The first Arab that settled in Oman was Malick Ben Suckum who emigrated from Nedjud thro' Hageramaut to Kilhaat near Kasul Hud in the time of Dara Ben Bahman the third of the Babegan dynasty, and driving the Persians who then held Oman, under Burzeban, and settled in the Country in conjunction with a tribe called Kinnaah originally from Yemen.

In the time of Mahomet the Oman was invaded from Yemen by Aly the Son of Abu who favored the Kinnaah and formed the party of the Kinnawee, the descendants of Malick Nedjedy or Beni Nizar were favored by Abubekar and regaining their ascendency were called Gafery.

The Kinnawee party consist of the family of

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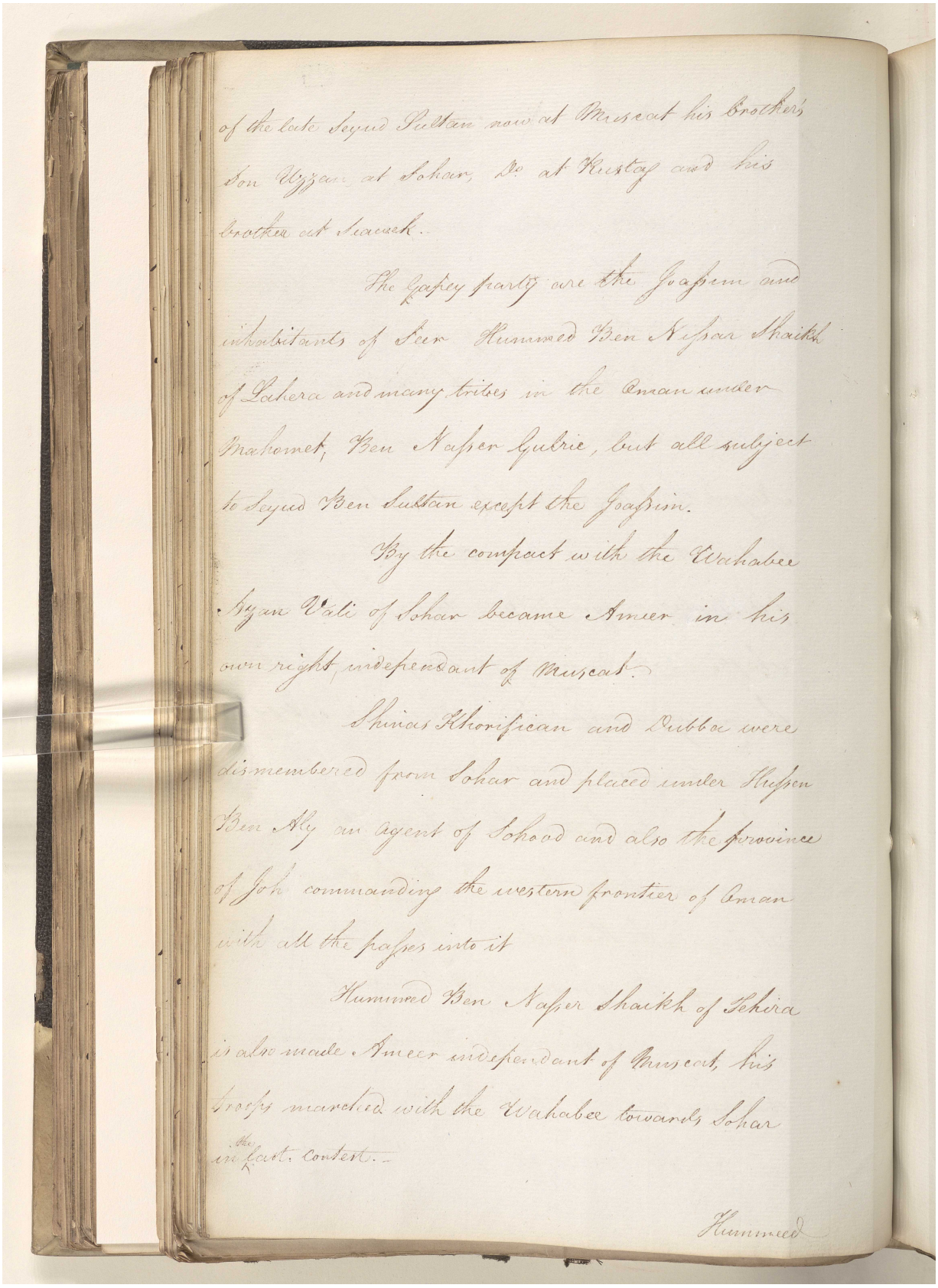

of the late Seyud Sultan now at Muscat his brother's son Uzzan at Sohar, Do at Rustaq and his brother at Seawek.

The Gapey party are the Joassim and inhabitants of Seer Hummed Ben Nissar Shaikh of Lahera and many tribes in the Oman under Mahomet, Ben Nasser Gulric, but all subject to Seyud Ben Sultan except the Joassim.

By the compact with the Wahabee Azan Vali of Sohar became Ameer in his own right, independant of Muscat.

Shinas Khorifican and Dubba were dismembered from Sohar and placed under Hussen Ben Aly an agent of Sohood and also the province of Joh commanding the western frontier of Oman with all the passes into it

Hummed Ben Nasser Shaikh of Tehira is also made Ameer independant of Muscat, his troops marched with the Wahabee towards Sohar in the last contest.

Hummed

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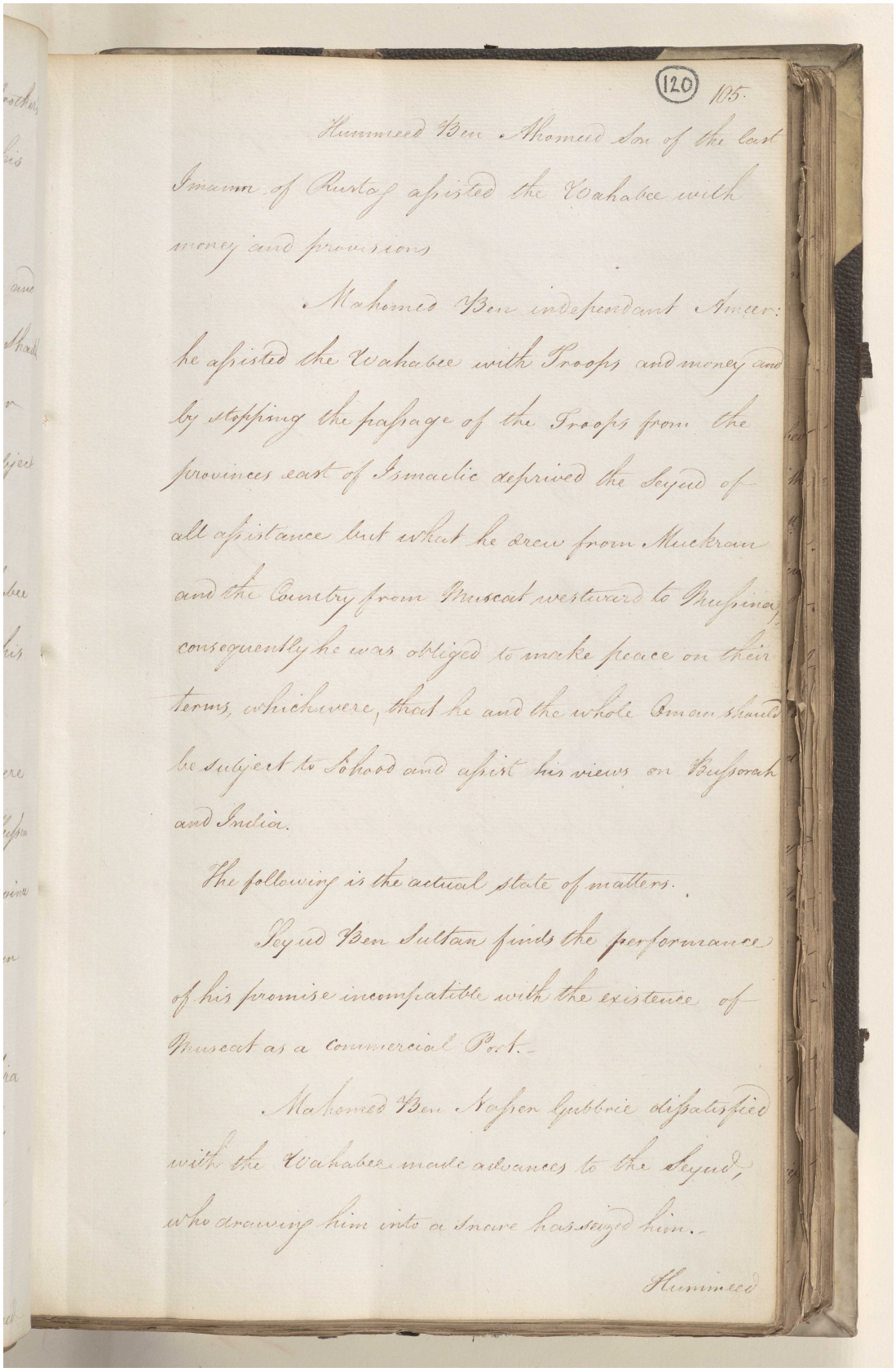

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Hummeed Ben Mhomed Son of the last Imaum of Rustaq assisted the Wahabee with money and provisions.

Mahomed Ben independant Ameer: he assisted the Wahabee with Troops and money and by stopping the passage of the Troops from the provinces east of Ismaelie deprived the Seyud of all assistance but what he drew from Muckran and the Country from Muscat ventured to Bussora; consequently he was obliged to make peace on their terms, whichever, that he and the whole Oman should be subject to Sohood and assist his views on Bussorah and India.

The following is the actual state of matters.

Seyud Ben Sultan finds the performance of his promise incompatible with the existence of Muscat as a commercial Port.

Mahomed Ben Nasser Gubbaie dissatisfied with the Wahabee made advances to the Seyud, who drawing him into a Snare has seized him.

Hummeed

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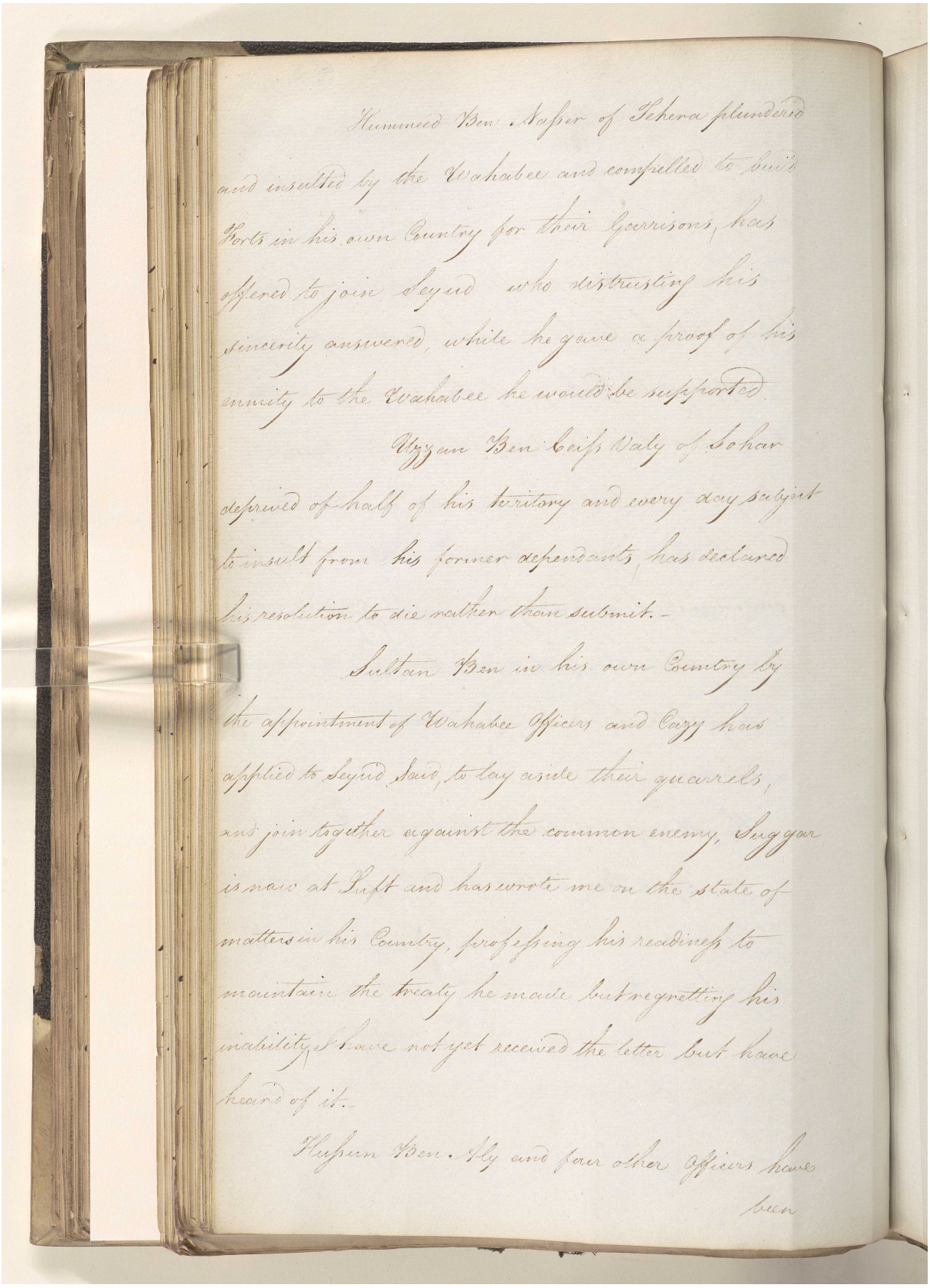

Hummeed Ben Nasser of Sehera plundered
and insulted by the Wahabee and compelled to build
Forts in his own Country for their Garrisons, has
offered to join Seyud who distrusting his
sincerity answered, while he gave a proof of his
enmity to the Wahabee he would be supported.

Uzzan Ben Seif Waly of Sohar
deprived of half of his territory and every day subject
to insult from his former dependants, has declared
his resolution to die rather than submit.-

Sultan Ben in his own Country by
the appointment of Wahabee Officers and Cazy has
applied to Seyud Said, to lay aside their quarrels,
and join together against the common enemy, Suggar
is now at Lift and has wrote me on the state of
matters in his Country, professing his readiness to
maintain the treaty he made but regretting his
inability. I have not yet received the letter but have
heard of it.-

Hufsun Ben Aly and four other Officers have
been

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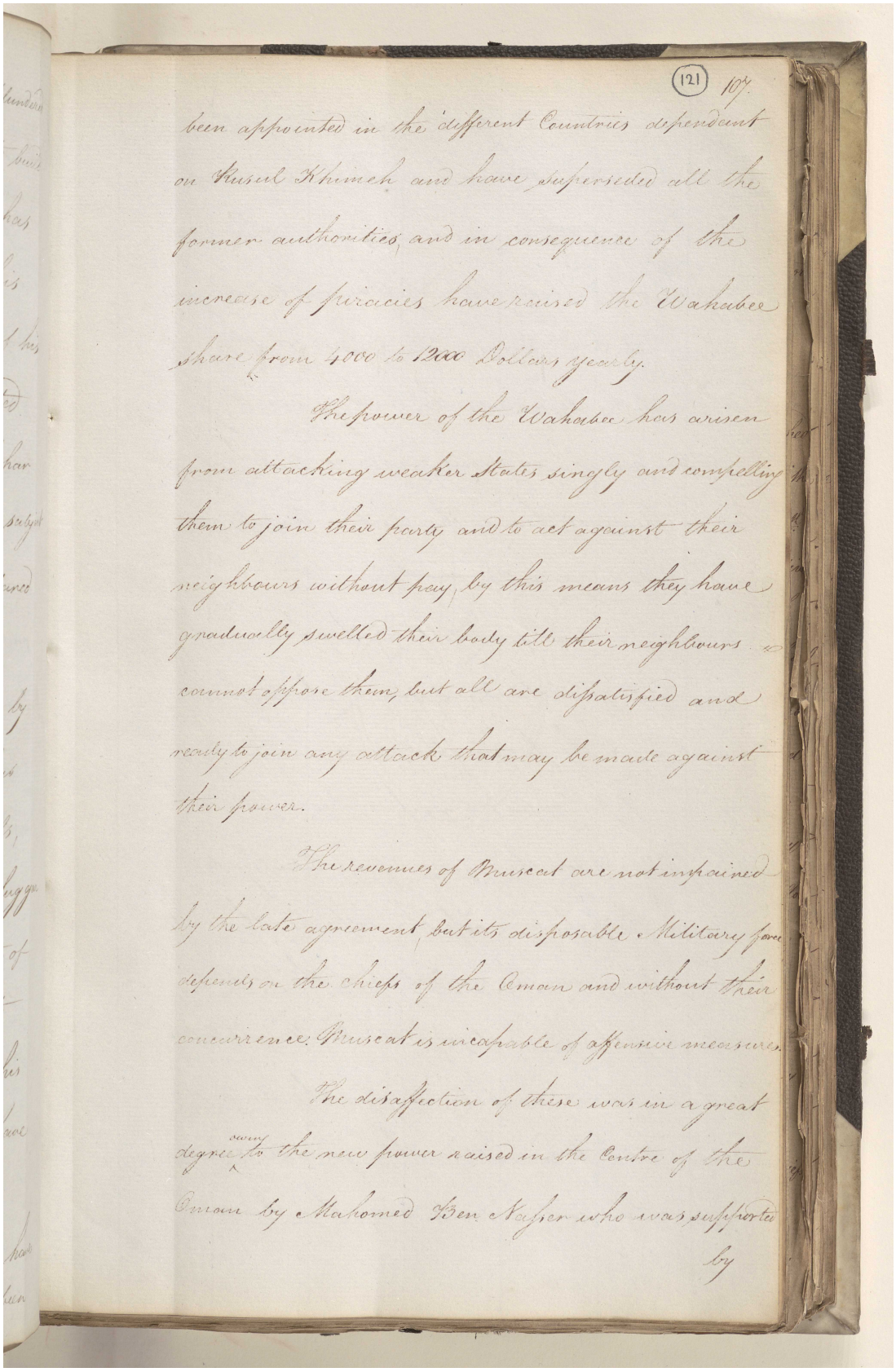

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been appointed in the different Countries dependant on Yusuf Khimeh and have superseded all the former authorities, and in consequence of the increase of piracies have raised the Wahabee share from 4000 to 12000 Dollars yearly.

The power of the Wahabee has arisen from attacking weaker States singly and compelling them to join their party and to act against their neighbours without pay, by this means they have gradually swelled their body till their neighbours cannot oppose them, but all are dissatisfied and ready to join any attack that may be made against their power.

The revenues of Muscat are not impaired by the late agreement, but its disposable Military force depends on the chiefs of the Omaun and without their concurrence Muscat is incapable of offensive measures.

The disaffection of these was in a great degree owing to the new power raised in the Centre of the Omaun by Mahomed Ben Nasser who was supported by

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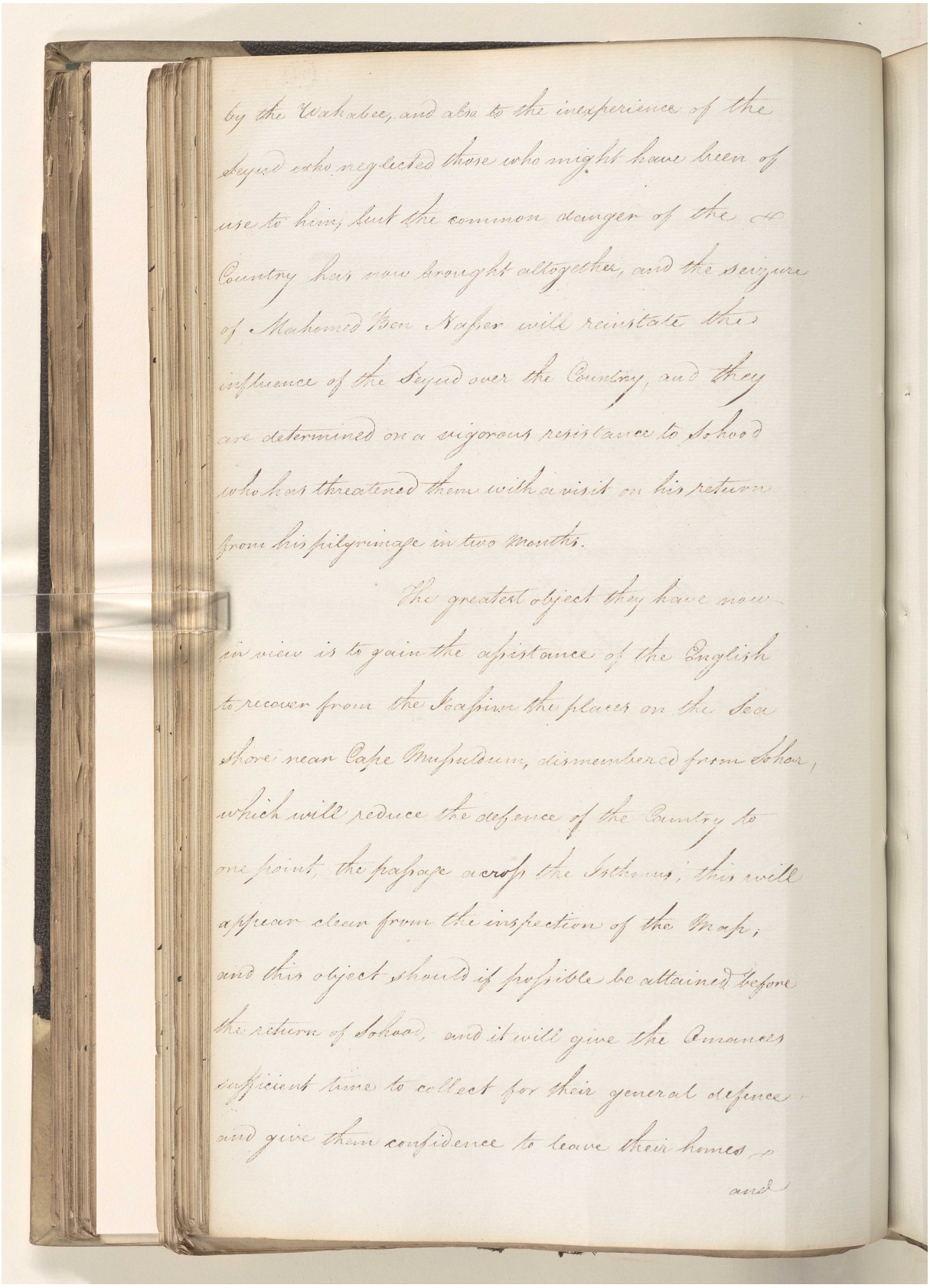

by the Wahabee, and also to the inexperience of the Seyud who neglected those who might have been of use to him, but the common danger of the Country has now brought altogether, and the seizure of Mahomed Ben Nasser will reinstate the influence of the Seyud over the Country, and they are determined on a vigorous resistance to Sohood who has threatened them with a visit on his return from his pilgrimage in two months.

The greatest object they have now in view is to gain the assistance of the English to recover from the Joassim the places on the Sea shore near Cape Mussuldum, dismembered from Sohar, which will reduce the defence of the Country to one point, the passage across the Isthmus; this will appear clear from the inspection of the Map; and this object should if possible be attained before the return of Sohood, and it will give the Omanees sufficient time to collect for their general defence and give them confidence to leave their homes

and

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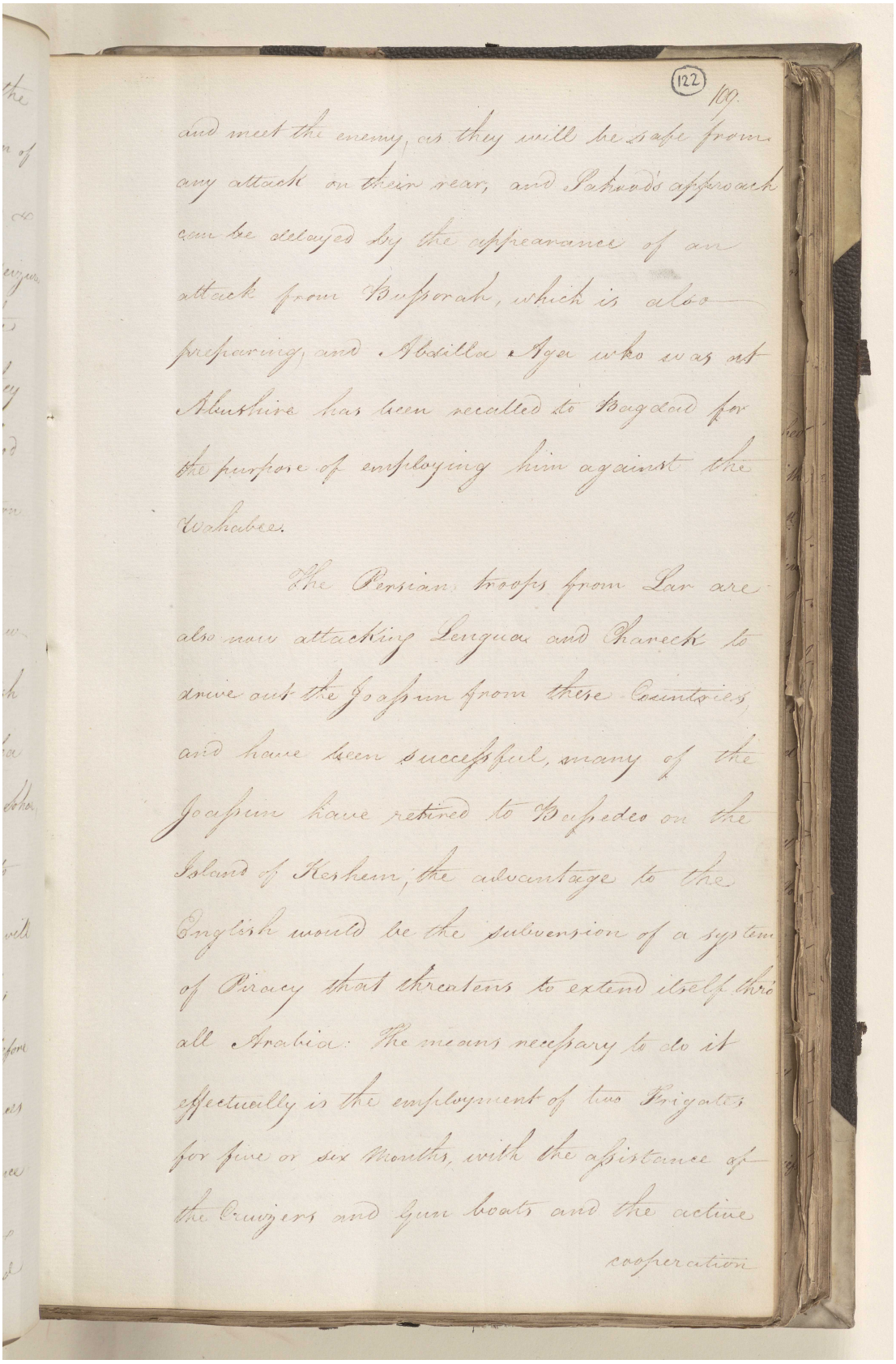

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and meet the enemy, as they will be safe from any attack on their rear, and Sahood's approach can be delayed by the appearance of an attack from Bussorah, which is also preparing, and Abdilla Aga who was at Abushire has been recalled to Bagdad for the purpose of employing him against the Wahabee.

The Persian troops from Lar are also now attacking Lengua and Chareek to drive out the Joassim from these Countries, and have been successful, many of the Joassim have retired to Bassedeo on the Island of Keshem; the advantage to the English would be the subversion of a system of Piracy that threatens to extend itself thro' all Arabia. The means necessary to do it effectually is the employment of two Frigates for five or six Months, with the assistance of the Cruizers and Gun boats and the active

cooperation

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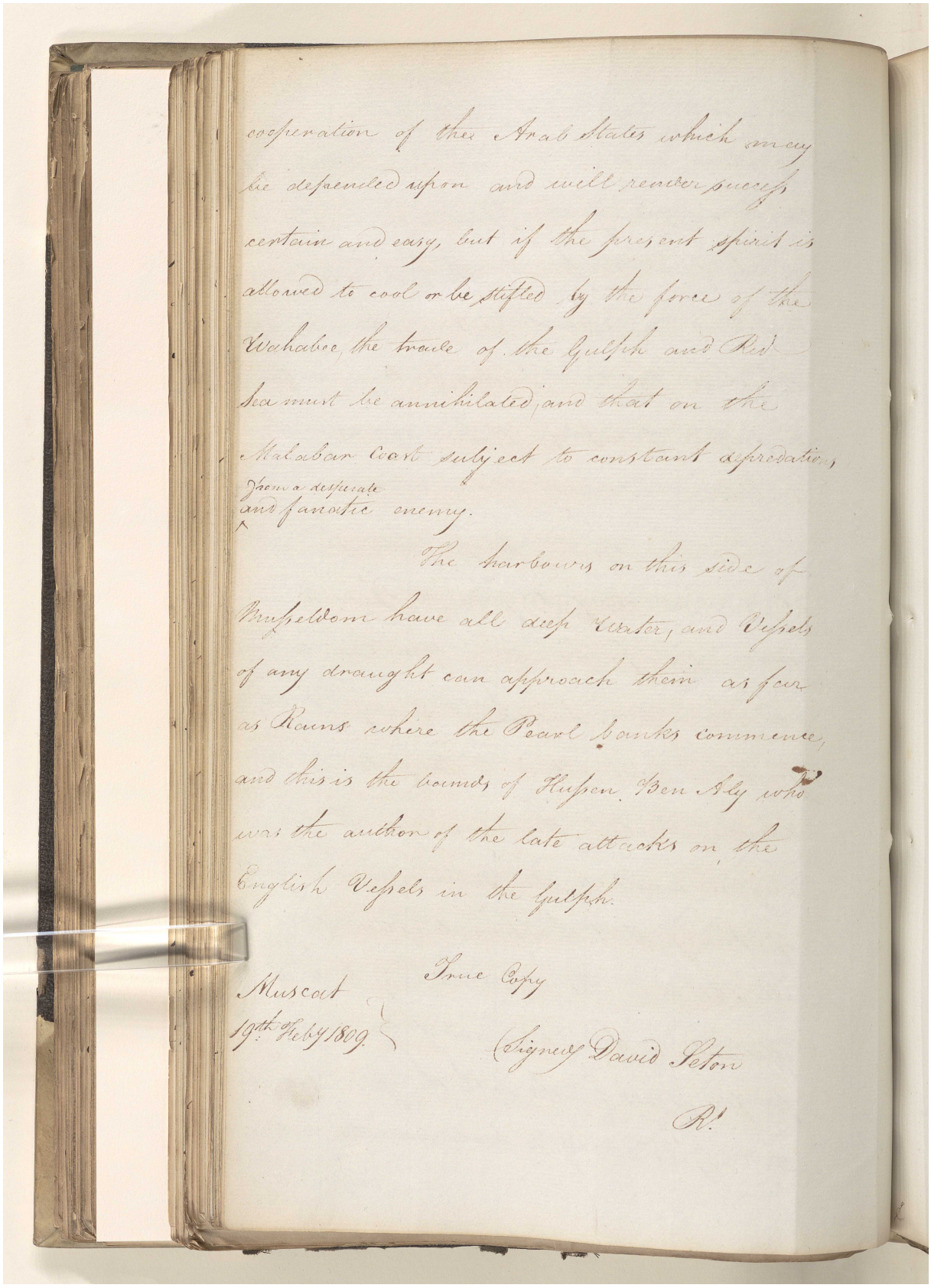

cooperation of the Arab States which may
be depended upon and will render success
certain and easy, but if the present spirit is
allowed to cool or be stifled by the force of the
Wahabee, the trade of the Gulph and Red
Sea must be annihilated, and that on the
Malabar Coast subject to constant depredation,
from a desperate
and fanatic enemy.

The harbours on this side of
Muscheldom have all deep Water, and Vessels
of any draught can approach them as far
as Rams where the Pearl banks commence,
and this is the bounds of Hussen Ben Aly who
was the author of the late attacks on the
English Vessels in the Gulph.

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19th Feby 1809

(Signed) David Seton

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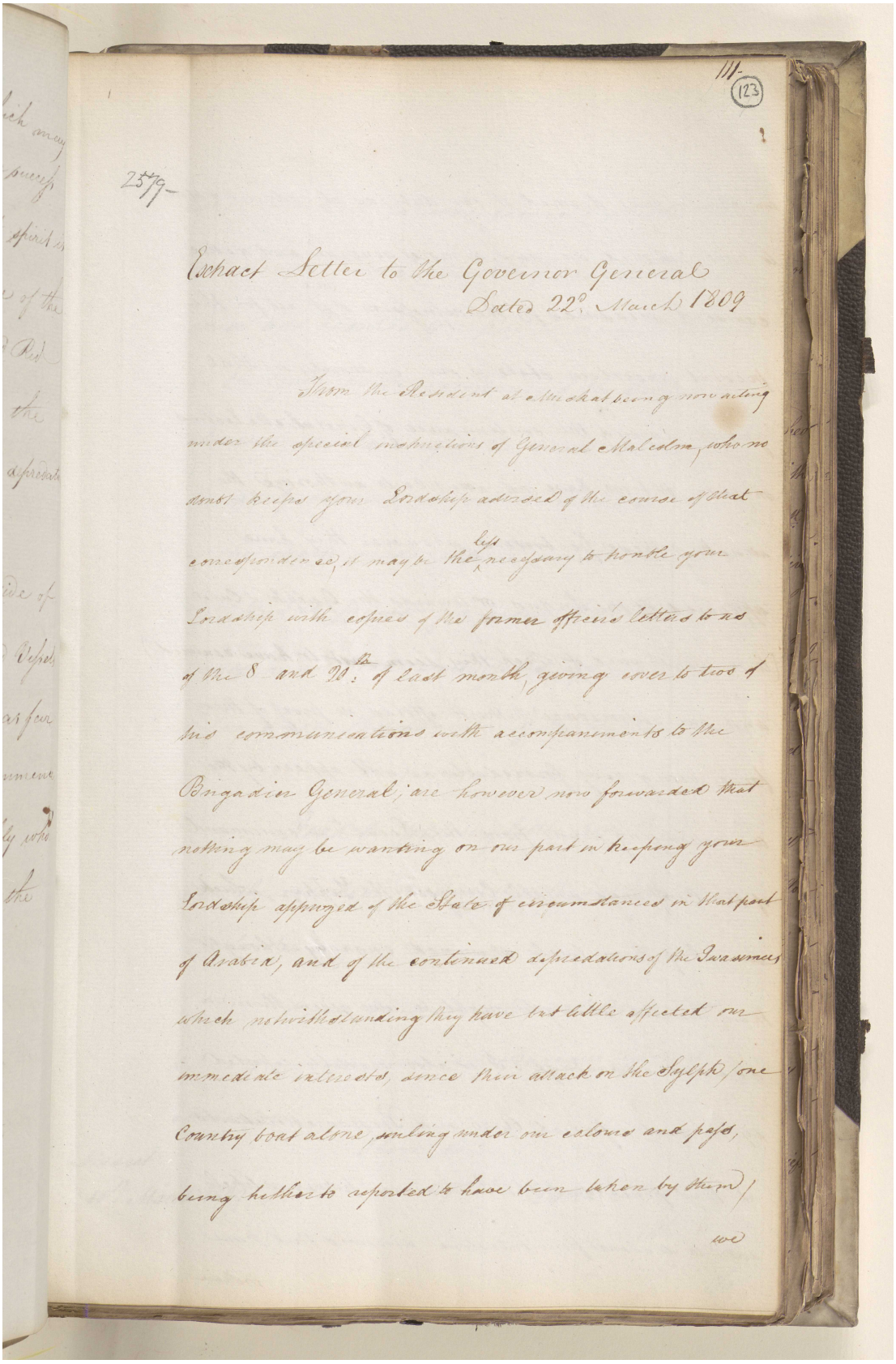

Extract Letter to the Governor General
Dated 22d. March 1809

From the Resident at Muscat being now acting under the special instructions of General Malcolm, whom no doubt keeps your Lordship advised of the course of that correspondence, it may be the less necessary to trouble your Lordship with copies of the former officers letters to us of the 8 and 20th. of last month, giving over to them of his communications with accompaniments to the Brigadier General; are however now forwarded that nothing may be wanting on our part in keeping your Lordship apprized of the State of circumstances in that part of Arabia, and of the continued depredations of the Joasmees which notwithstanding they have but little affected our immediate interests, since their attack on the Sylph / one Country boat alone, sailing under our colours and pass, being hitherto reported to have been taken by them /

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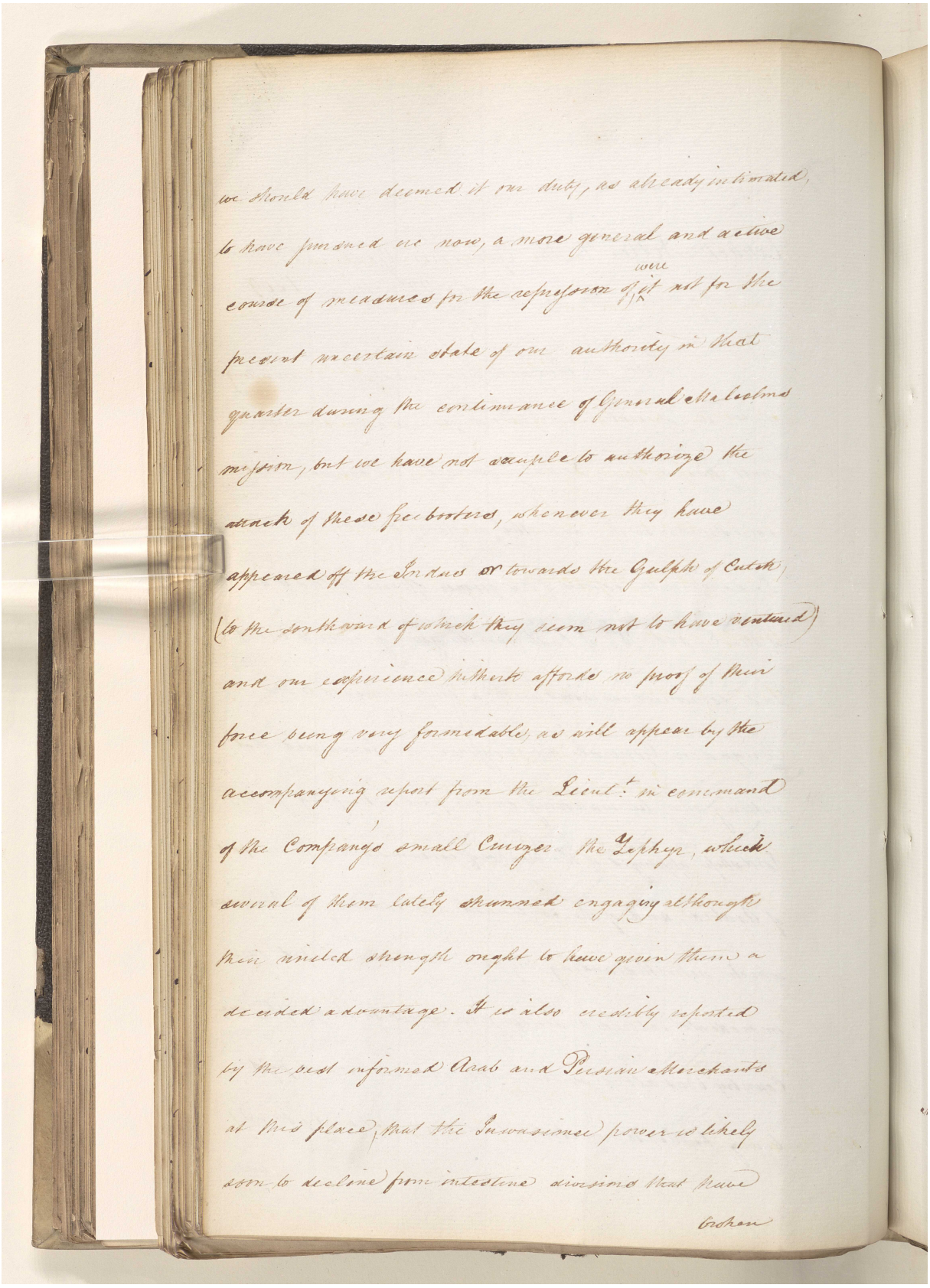

we should have deemed it our duty, as already intimated,
to have joined ere now, a more general and active
course of measures in the repression of it were it not for the
present uncertain state of our authority in that
quarter during the continuance of General Malcolms
mission, but we have not scrupled to authorize the
attack of these freebooters, whenever they have
appeared off the Indus or towards the Gulphs of Cutch,
(to the southward of which they seem not to have ventured)
and our experience hitherto affords no proof of their
force being very formidable, as will appear by the
accompanying report from the Lieut.t in command
of the Company's small Cruizer the Zephyr, which
several of them lately shunned engaging although
their united strength ought to have given them a
decided advantage. It is also credibly reported
by the best informed Arab and Persian Merchants
at this place, that the Invasions power is likely
soon to decline from intestine divisions that have
taken

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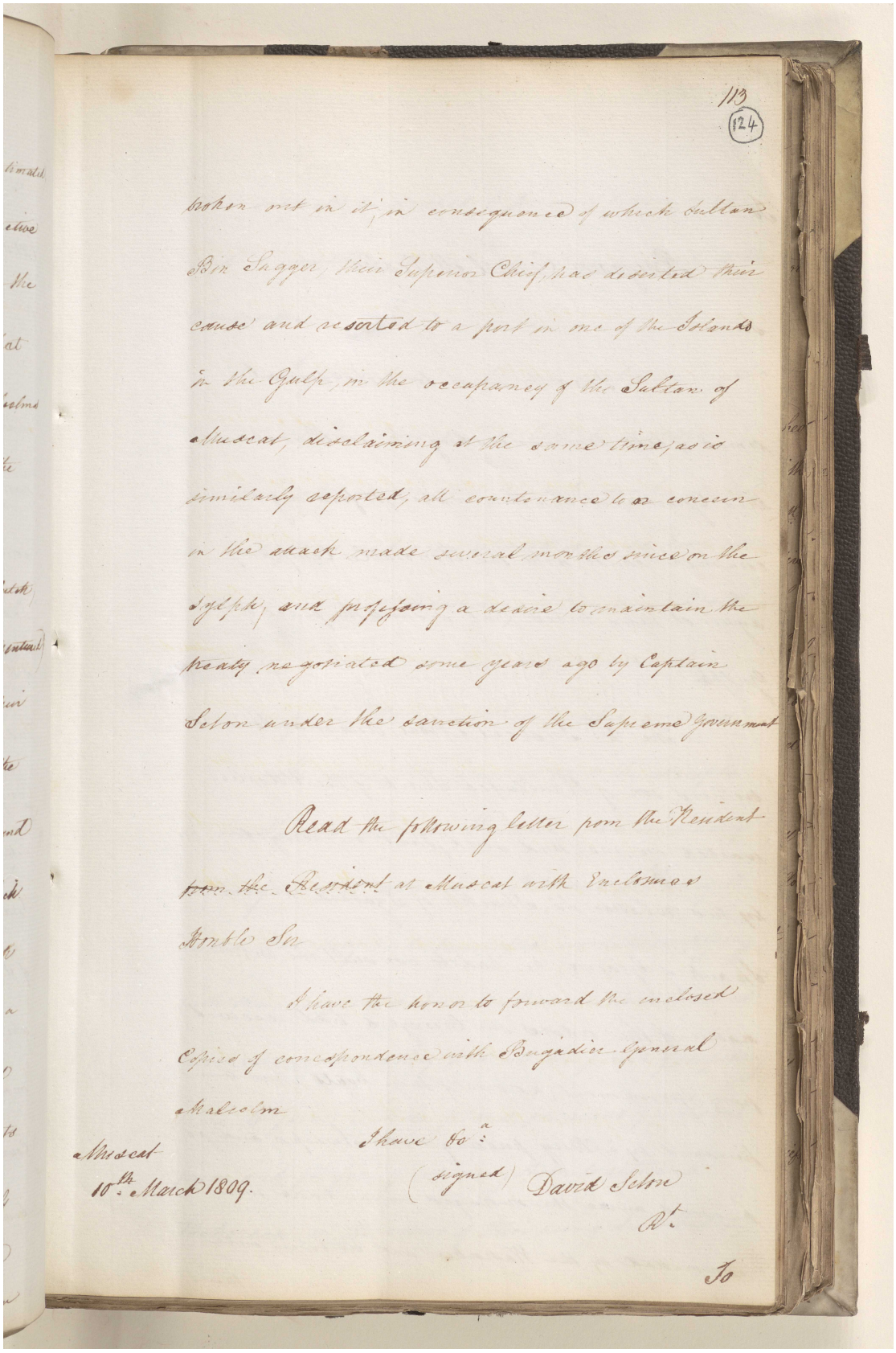

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broken out in it in consequence of which Sultan
Bin Sagger their Superior Chief has deserted their
cause and resorted to a port in one of the Islands
in the Gulph in the occupancy of the Sultan of
Muscat, disclaiming at the same time as is
similarly reported, all countenance to or concern
in the attack made several months since on the
Agent, and professing a desire to maintain the
treaty negotiated some years ago by Captain
Seton under the sanction of the Supreme Govnmt

Read the following letter from the Resident
from the Resident at Muscat with Enclosures

Honble Sir

I have the honor to forward the enclosed
Copies of correspondence with Brigadier General
Malcolm

I have &c.ª
(signed) David Seton
Rt.

Muscat
10th. March 1809.

To

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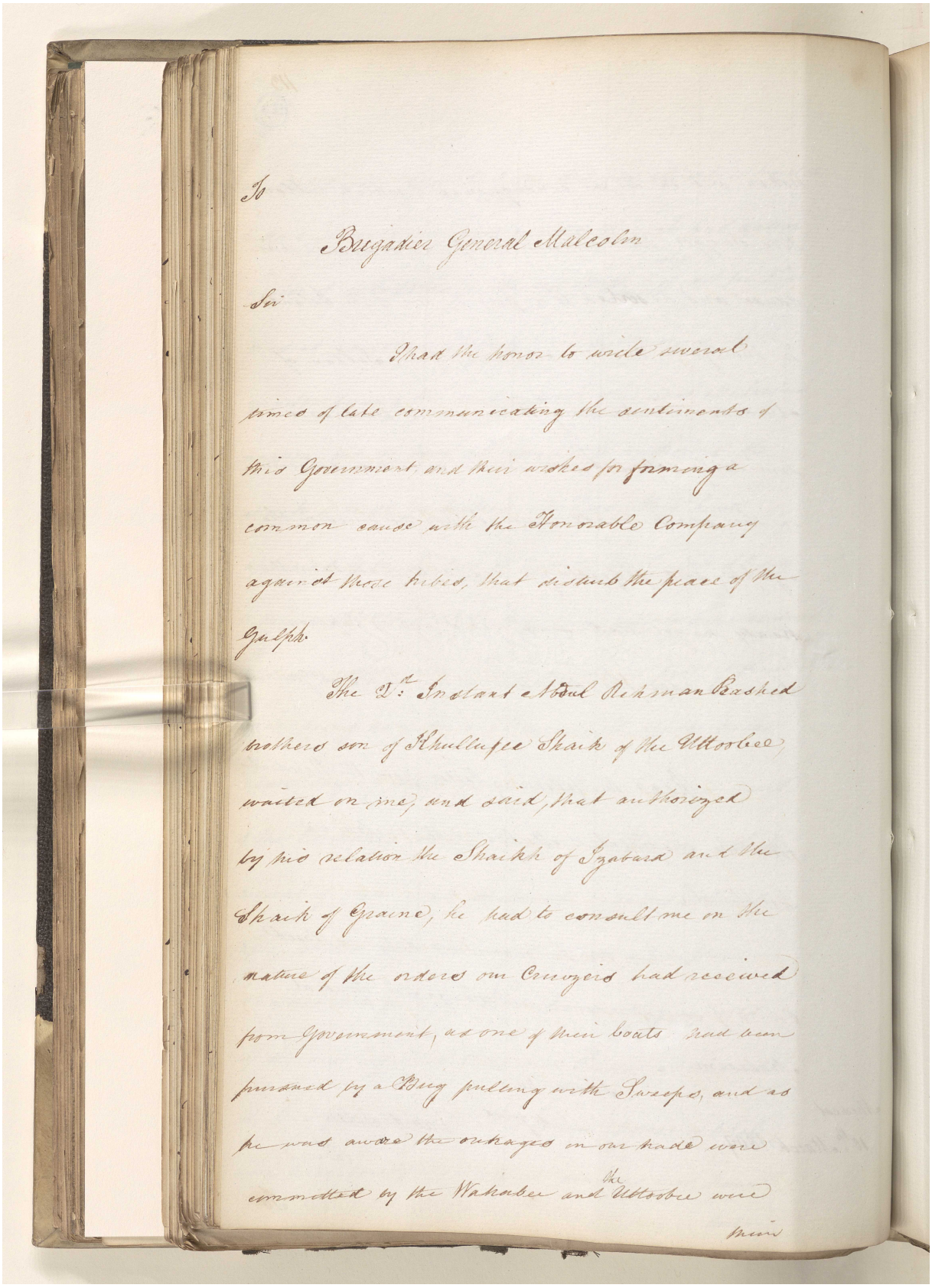

To

Brigadier General Malcolm

Sir

I had the honor to write several times of late communicating the sentiments of this Government, and their wishes for forming a common cause with the Honorable Company against those tribes, that disturb the peace of the Gulph.

The 2d Instant Abdul Rehman Rashed brothers son of Khullufee Shaik of the Uttoobee, waited on me, and said, that authorized by his relation the Shaikh of Izabara and the Shaik of Graine, he had to consult me on the nature of the orders our Cruizers had received from Government, as one of their boats had been pursued by a Brig pulling with Sweeps, and as he was aware the outrages in our trade were committed by the Wahabee and the Uttoobee were

their

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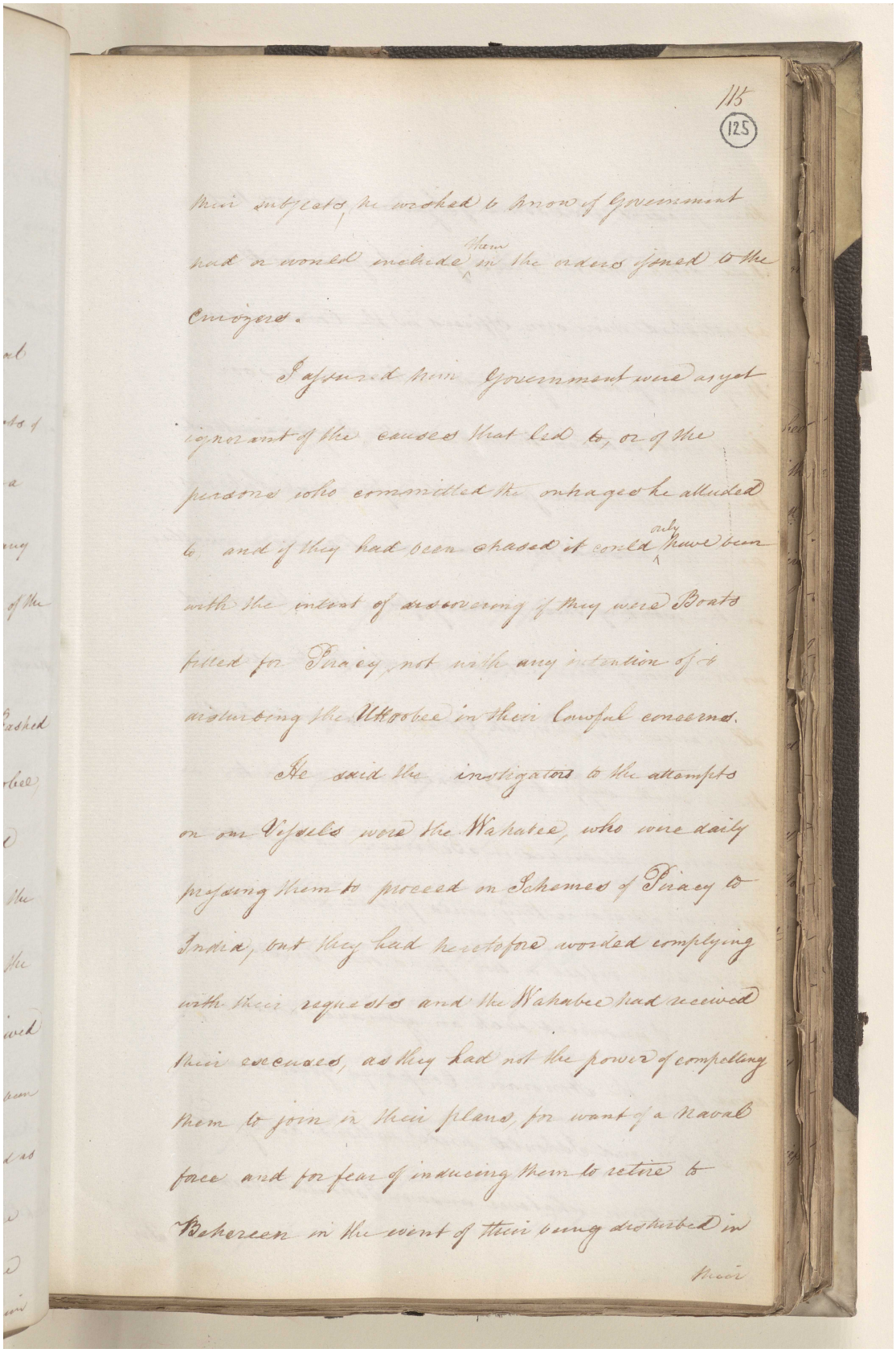

their subjects, he wished to know if Government had or would include them in the orders issued to the Cruizers.

I assured him Government were as yet ignorant of the causes that led to, or of the persons who committed the outrages he alluded to, and if they had been chased it could only have been with the intent of discovering if they were Boats fitted for Piracy, not with any intention of disturbing the Uttoobee in their lawful concerns.

He said the instigators to the attempts on our Vessels were the Wahabee, who were daily pressing them to proceed on Schemes of Piracy to India, but they had heretofore avoided complying with their requests and the Wahabee had received their excuses, as they had not the power of compelling them to join in their plans, for want of a Naval force and for fear of inducing them to retire to Behereen in the event of their being disturbed in

their

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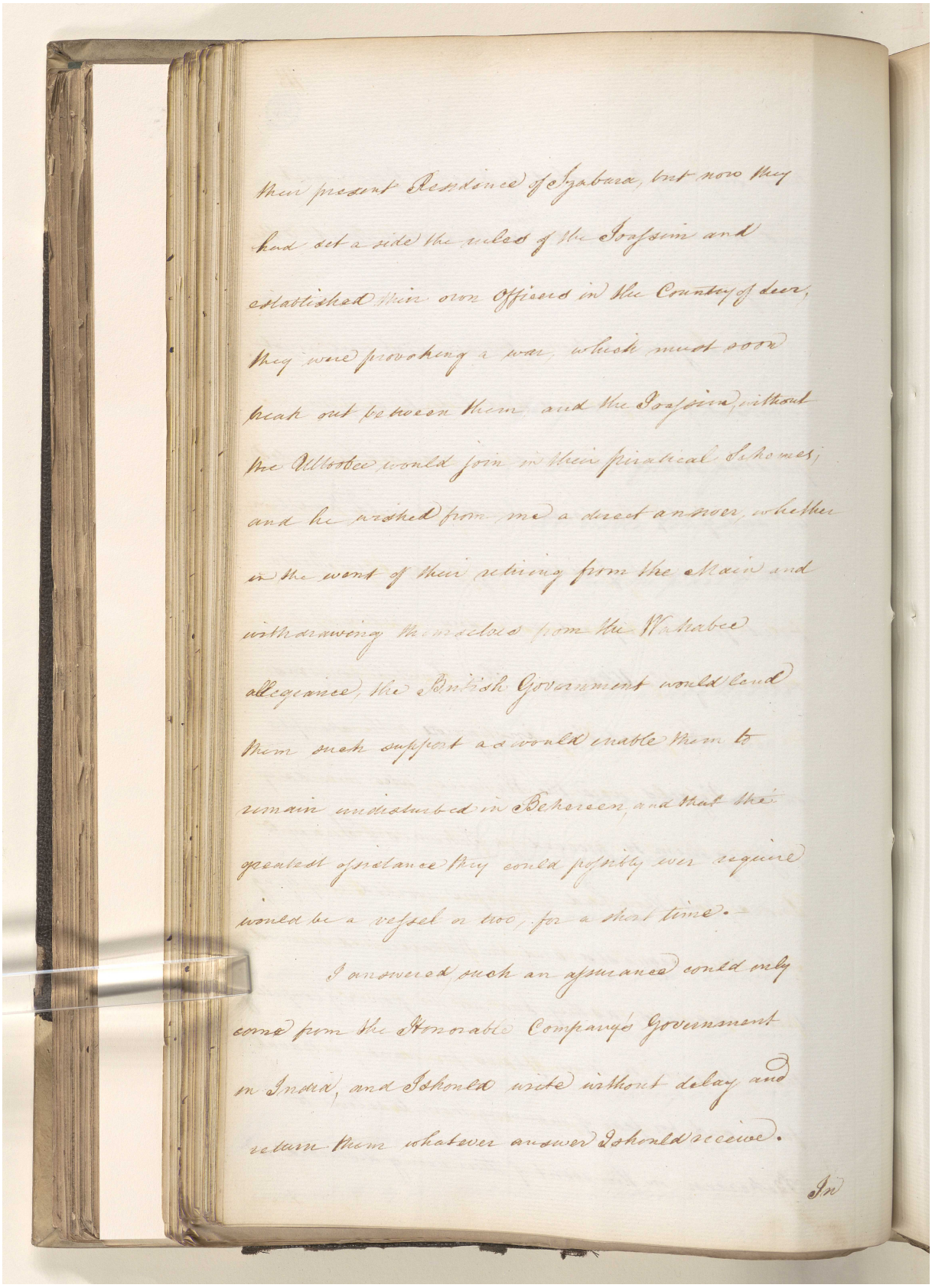

their present Residence of Izabara, but now they had set a side the rules of the Joassim and established their own Officers in the Country of Seer, they were provoking a war, which must soon break out between them and the Joassim, without the Ultoobee would join in their piratical Schemes; and he wished from me a direct answer, whether in the event of their retiring from the Main and withdrawing themselves from the Wahabee allegiance, the British Government would lend them such support as would enable them to remain undisturbed in Behereen, and that the greatest assistance they could possibly ever require would be a vessel or two, for a short time.—

I answered, such an assurance could only come from the Honorable Company's Government in India, and I should write without delay and return them whatever answer I should receive.

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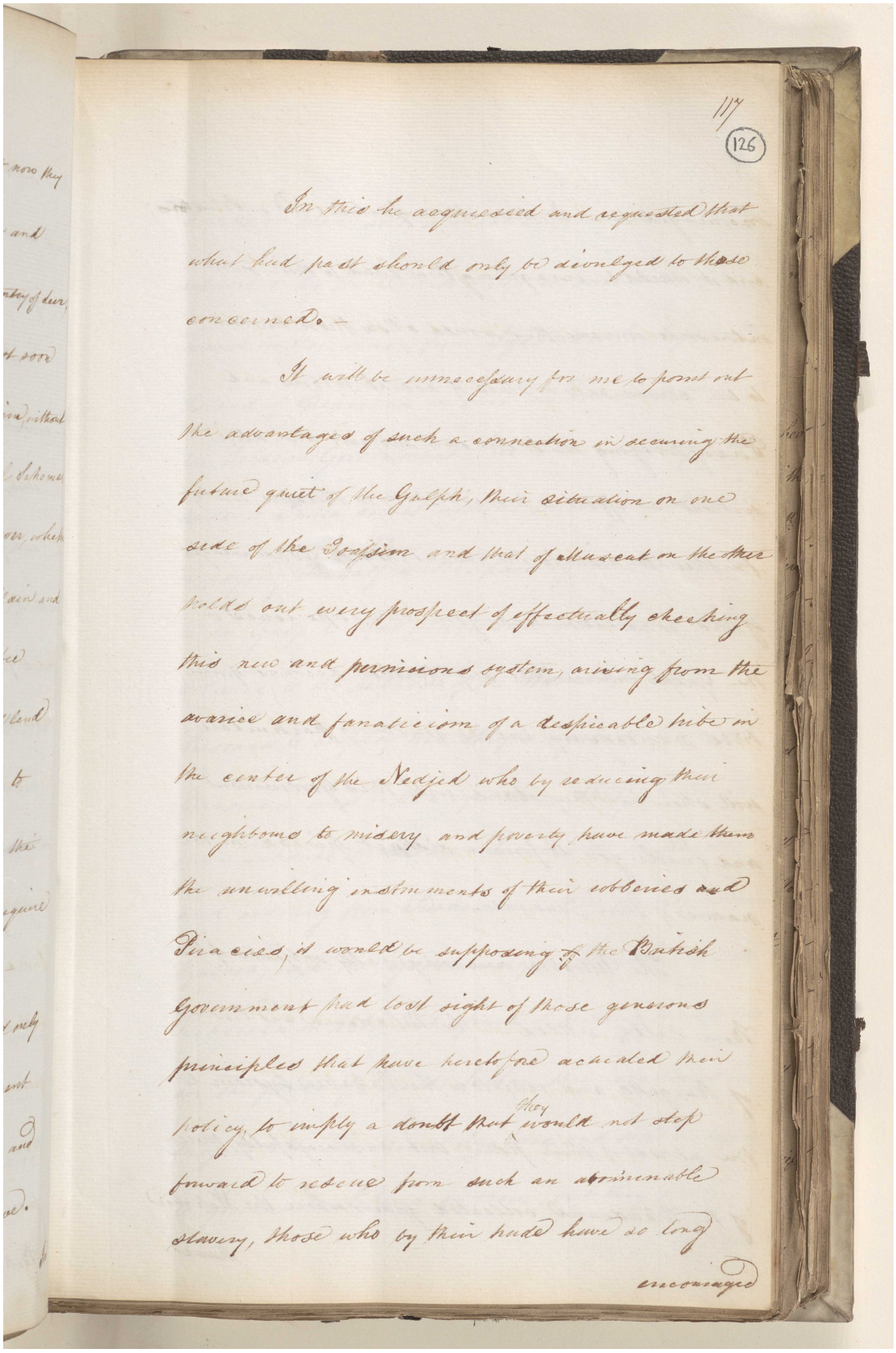

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In this he acquiesced and requested that
what had past should only be divulged to those
concerned. –

It will be unnecessary for me to point out
the advantages of such a connection in securing the
future quiet of the Gulph, their situation on one
side of the Possession and that of Muscat on the other
holds out every prospect of effectually checking
this new and pernicious system, arising from the
avarice and fanaticism of a despicable tribe in
the center of the Nedjed who by reducing their
neighbours to misery and poverty have made them
the unwilling instruments of their robberies and
Piracies, it would be supposing of the British
Government had lost sight of those generous
principles that have heretofore actuated their
policy, to imply a doubt that they would not step
forward to rescue from such an abominable
slavery, those who by their trade have so long
encouraged

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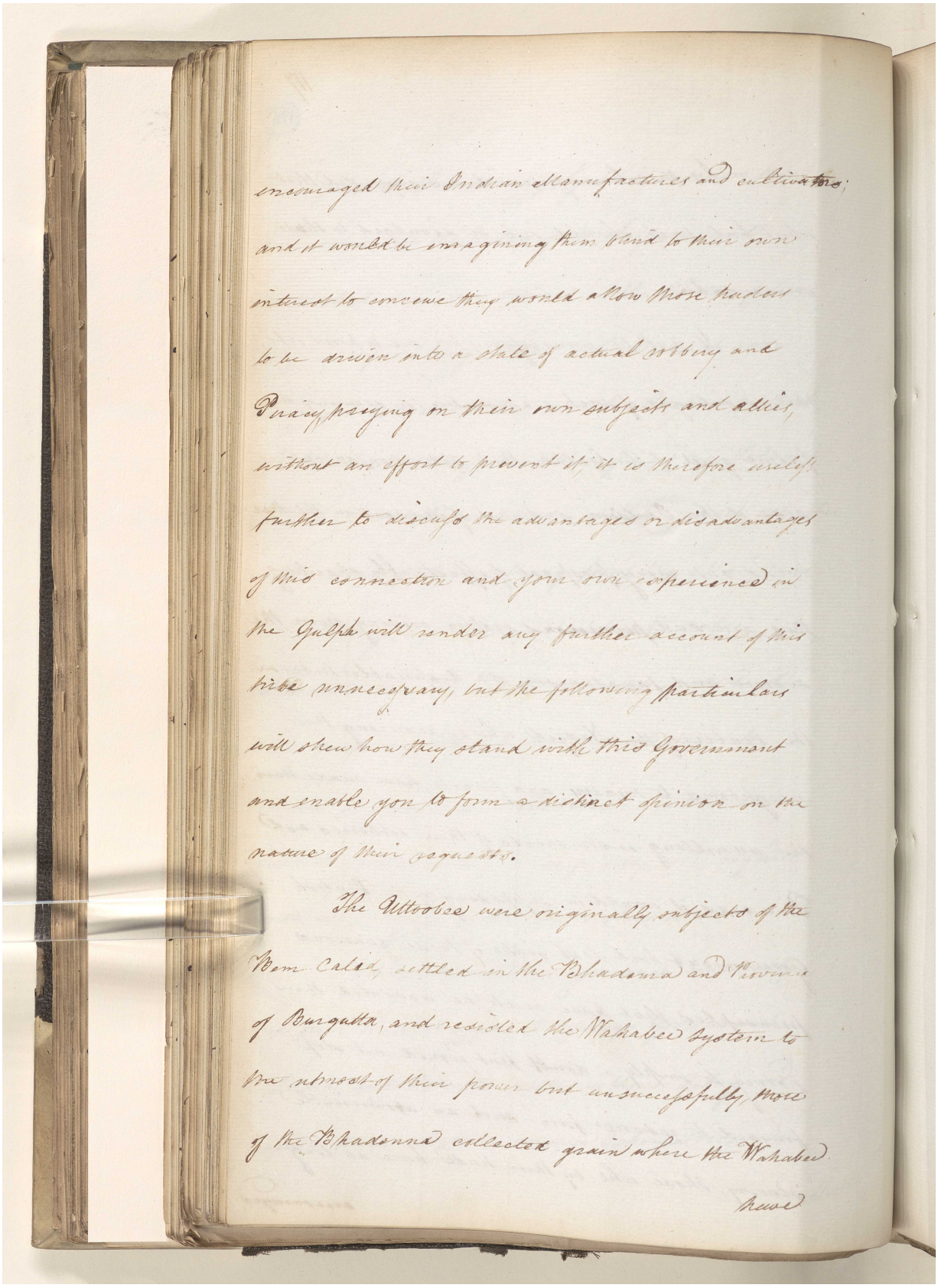

encouraged their Indian Manufactures and cultivation,
and it would be imagining them blind to their own
interest to conceive they would allow those hardies
to be driven into a state of actual robbery and
Piracy preying on their own subjects and allies,
without an effort to prevent it; it is therefore useless
further to discuss the advantages or disadvantages
of this connection and your own experience in
the Gulph will render any further account of this
tribe unnecessary, but the following particulars
will shew how they stand with this Government
and enable you to form a distinct opinion on the
nature of their requests.

The Attoobee were originally subjects of the
Beni Caleb, settled in the Bhadanna and Province
of Burgutta, and resisted the Wahabee system to
the utmost of their power but unsuccessfully those
of the Bhadanna collected grain where the Wahabee
have

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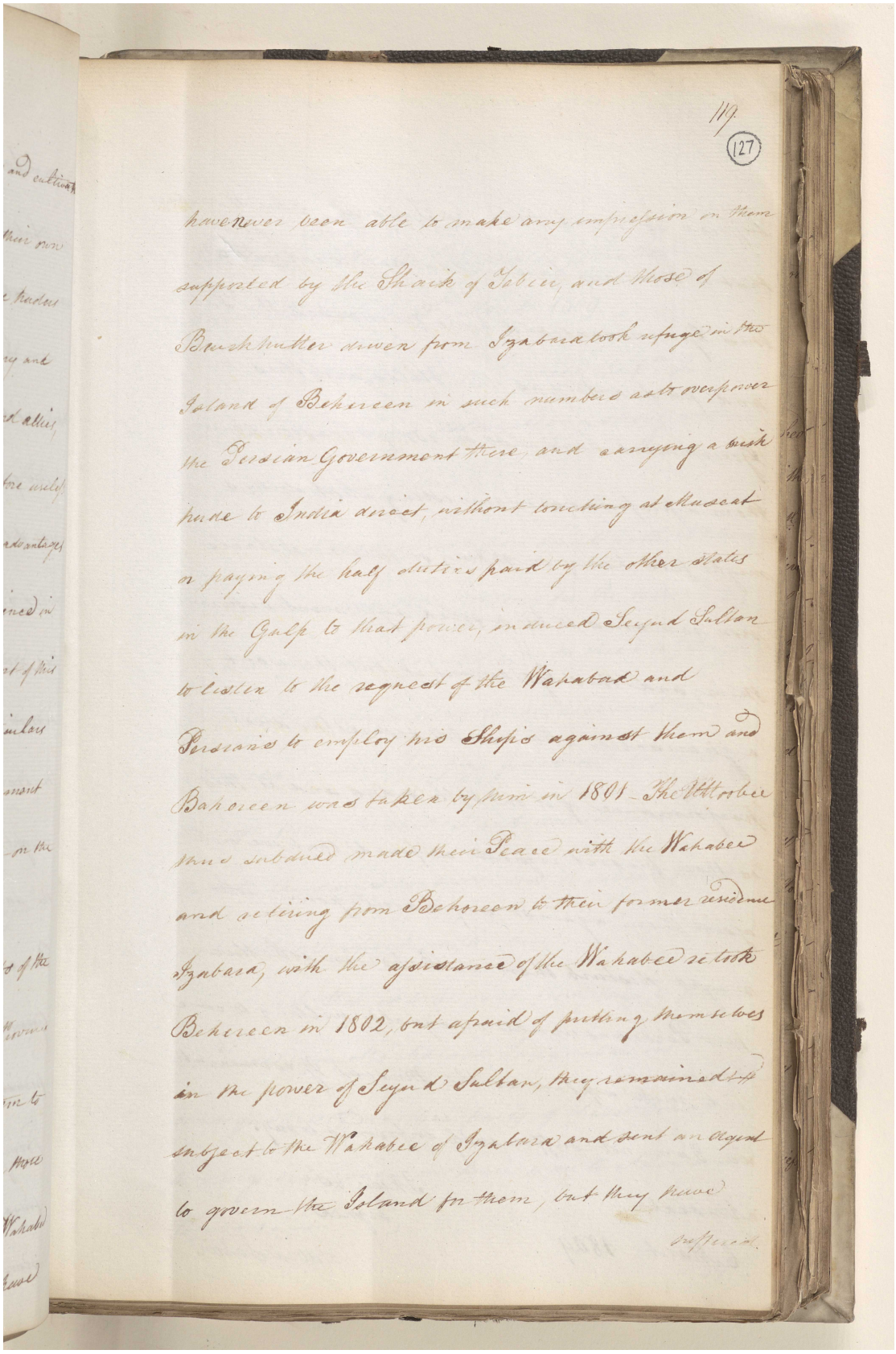

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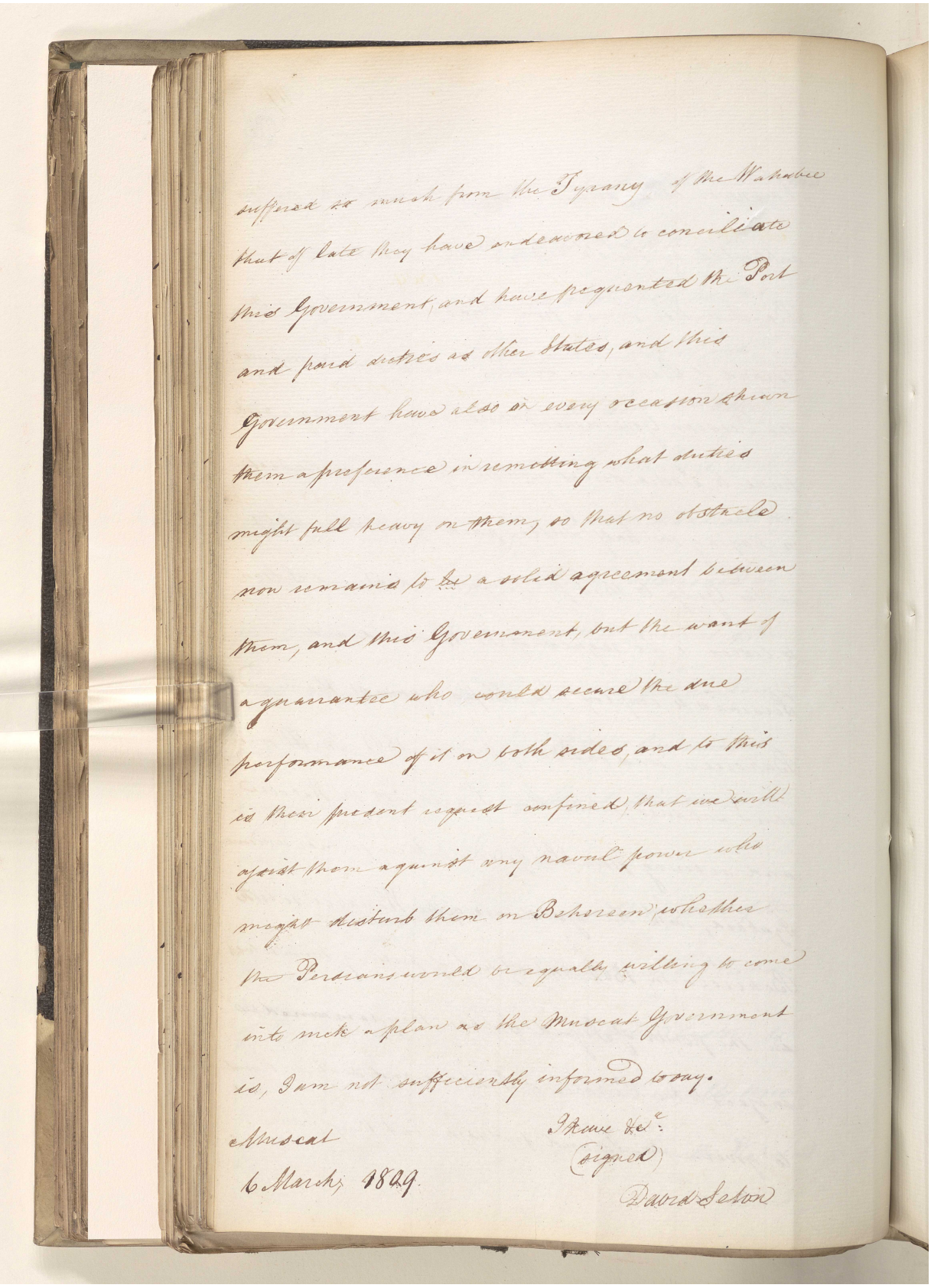

suffered as much from the Tyranny of the Wahabee
that of late they have endeavored to conciliate
this Government, and have frequented the Port
and paid duties as other States, and this
Government have also on every occasion shewn
them a preference in remitting what duties
might fall heavy on them, so that no obstacle
now remains to the a solid agreement between
them, and this Government, but the want of
a guarantee who could secure the due
performance of it on both sides, and to this
is their present request confined, that we will
assist them against any naval power who
might disturb them in Behreen; whether
the Persians would be equally willing to come
into such a plan as the Muscat Government
is, I am not sufficiently informed to say.

I have &c.
(signed)
David Seton

Muscat
6 March 1809

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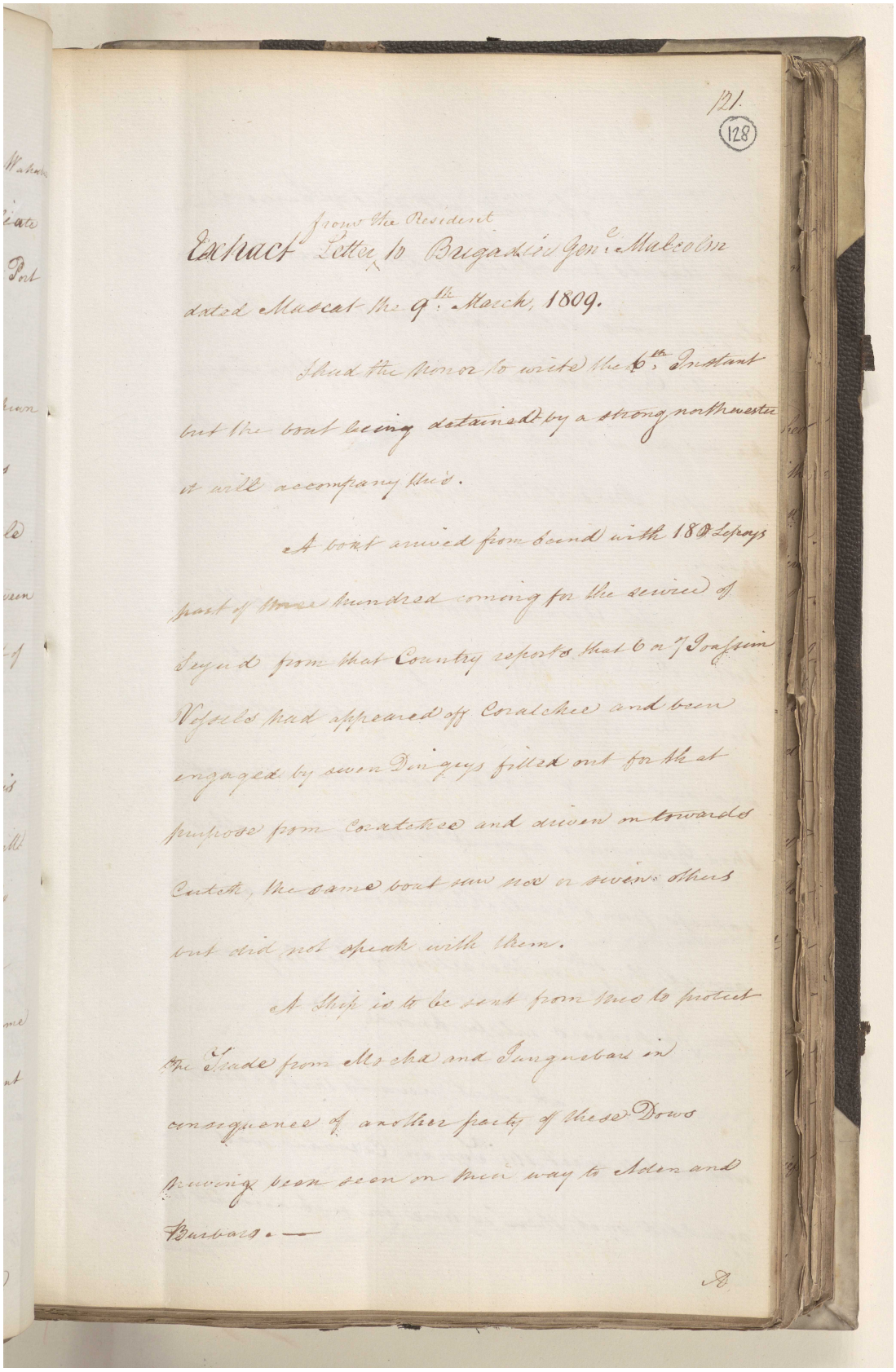

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Extract from the Resident's Letter to Brigadier Gen.l Malcolm
dated Muscat the 9th. March, 1809.

I had the honor to write the 6th. Instant
but the boat being detained by a strong northwester
it will accompany this.

A boat arrived from Sound with 180 Sepoys
part of three hundred coming for the service of
Seyud from that Country reports that 6 or 7 Joasmi
Vessels had appeared off Coradchee and been
engaged by seven Dingeys fitted out for that
purpose from Coradchee and driven in towards
Cutch, the same boat saw now or seven others
but did not speak with them.

A Ship is to be sent from here to protect
the Trade from Mocha and Junjubar in
consequence of another party of these Dows
having been seen on their way to Aden and
Barbara. —

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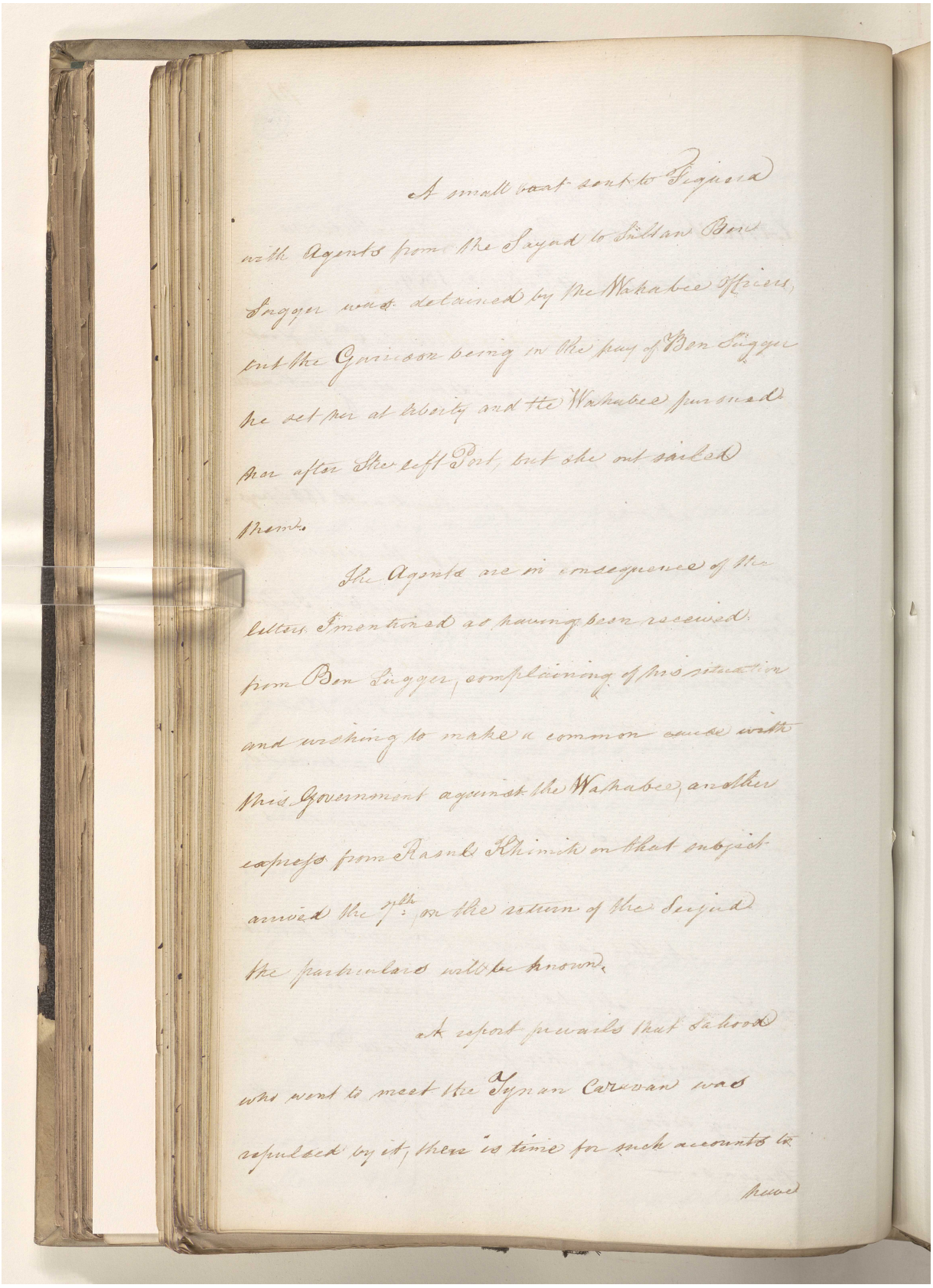

A small boat sent to Figueira with Agents from the Sayad to Sultan Ben Sugger was detained by the Wahabee Officers, but the Garrison being in the pay of Ben Sugger he set her at liberty and the Wahabee pursued her after she left Port, but she out sailed them.

The Agents are in consequence of the letters I mentioned as having been received from Ben Sugger, complaining of his situation and wishing to make a common cause with this Government against the Wahabee, another express from Rasul Khimik on that subject arrived the 7th: on the return of the Seijud the particulars will be known.

A report prevails that Sahood who went to meet the Tynan Caravan was repulsed by it, there is time for such accounts to have

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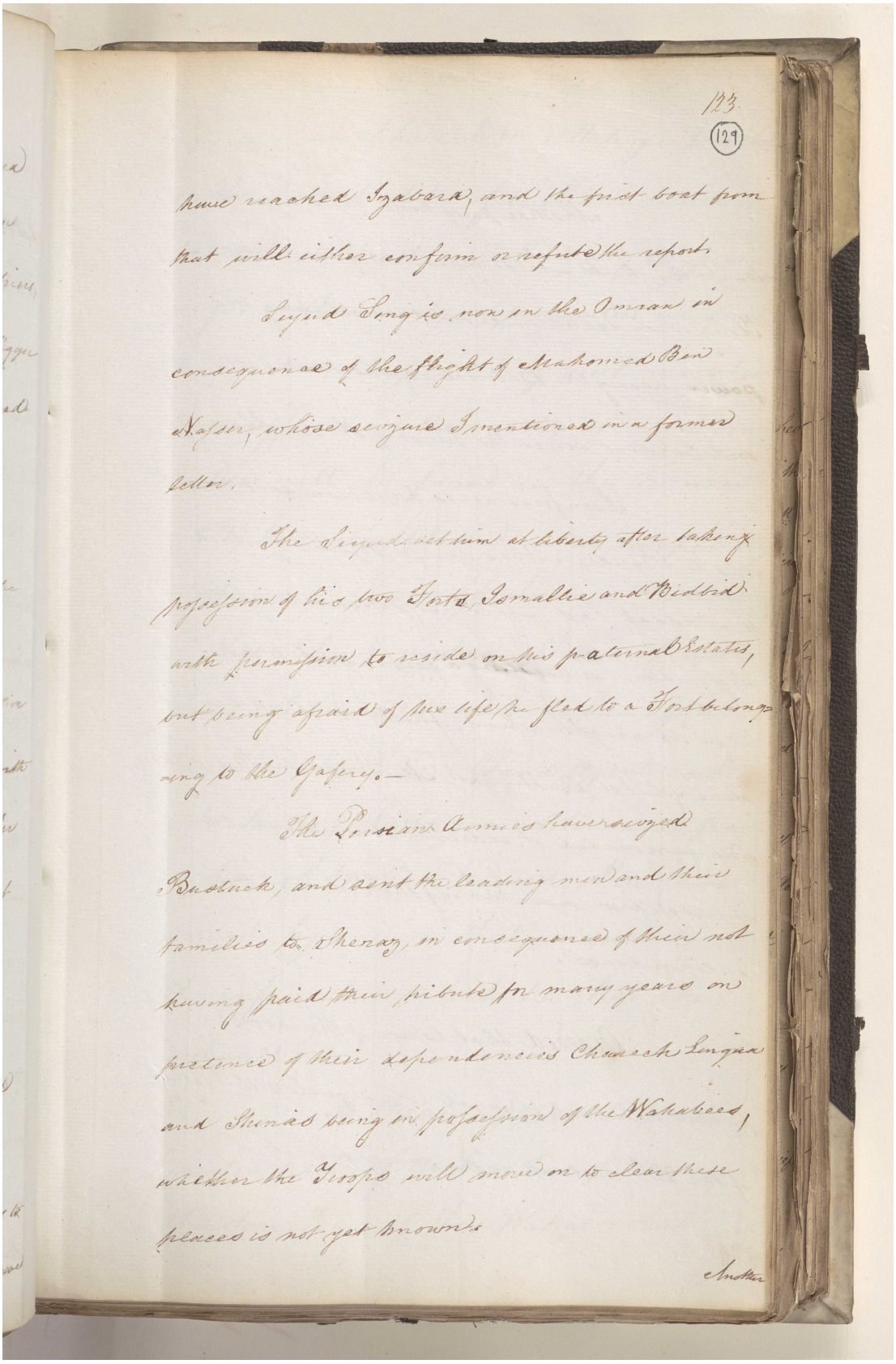


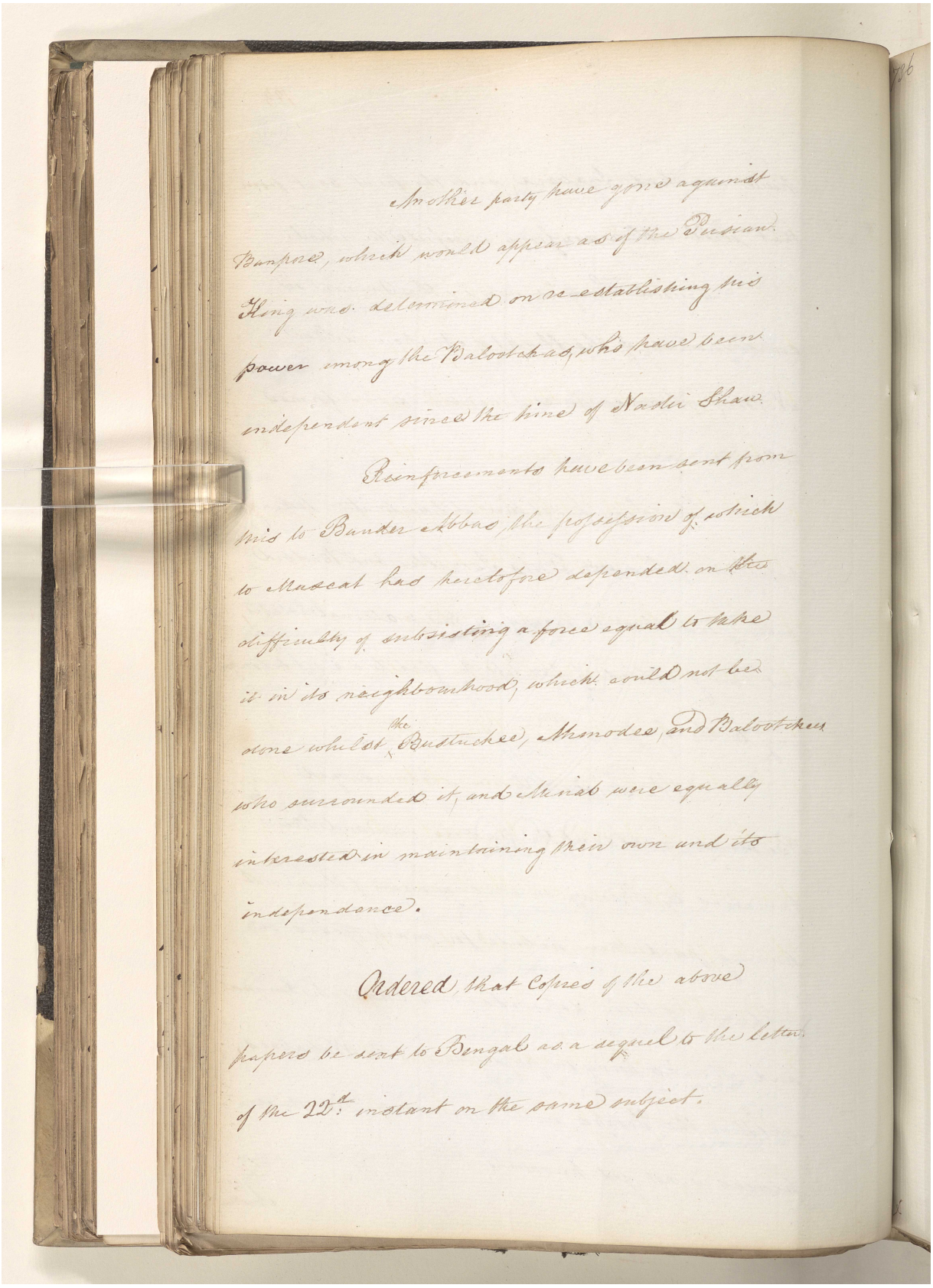
have reached Izabara, and the first boat from that will either confirm or refute the report.

Seyud Sing is now in the Omran in consequence of the flight of Mahomed Ben Nasser, whose seizure I mentioned in a former letter.

The Seyud set him at liberty after taking possession of his two Forts, Ismallie and Bidbid with permission to reside on his paternal Estates, but being afraid of his life he fled to a Fort belonging to the Gafery.—

The Persian Armies have seized Bustuck, and sent the leading men and their families to Sheraz, in consequence of their not having paid their tribute for many years on pretence of their dependencies Charech Linqua and Shinas being in possession of the Wahabees, whether the Troops will move on to clear these places is not yet known.

Another



Another party have gone against Bampre, which would appear as if the Persian King was determined on re-establishing his power among the Baloostaad, who have been independent since the time of Nadir Shaw.

Reinforcements have been sent from this to Bunder Abbas, the possession of which to Muscat had heretofore depended on the difficulty of subsisting a force equal to take it in its neighbourhood, which could not be done whilst the Bustuckee, Mhomdee, and Baloochees who surrounded it, and Meinab were equally interested in maintaining their own and its independance.

Ordered that Copies of the above papers be sent to Bengal as a sequel to the letter of the 22d. instant on the same subject.

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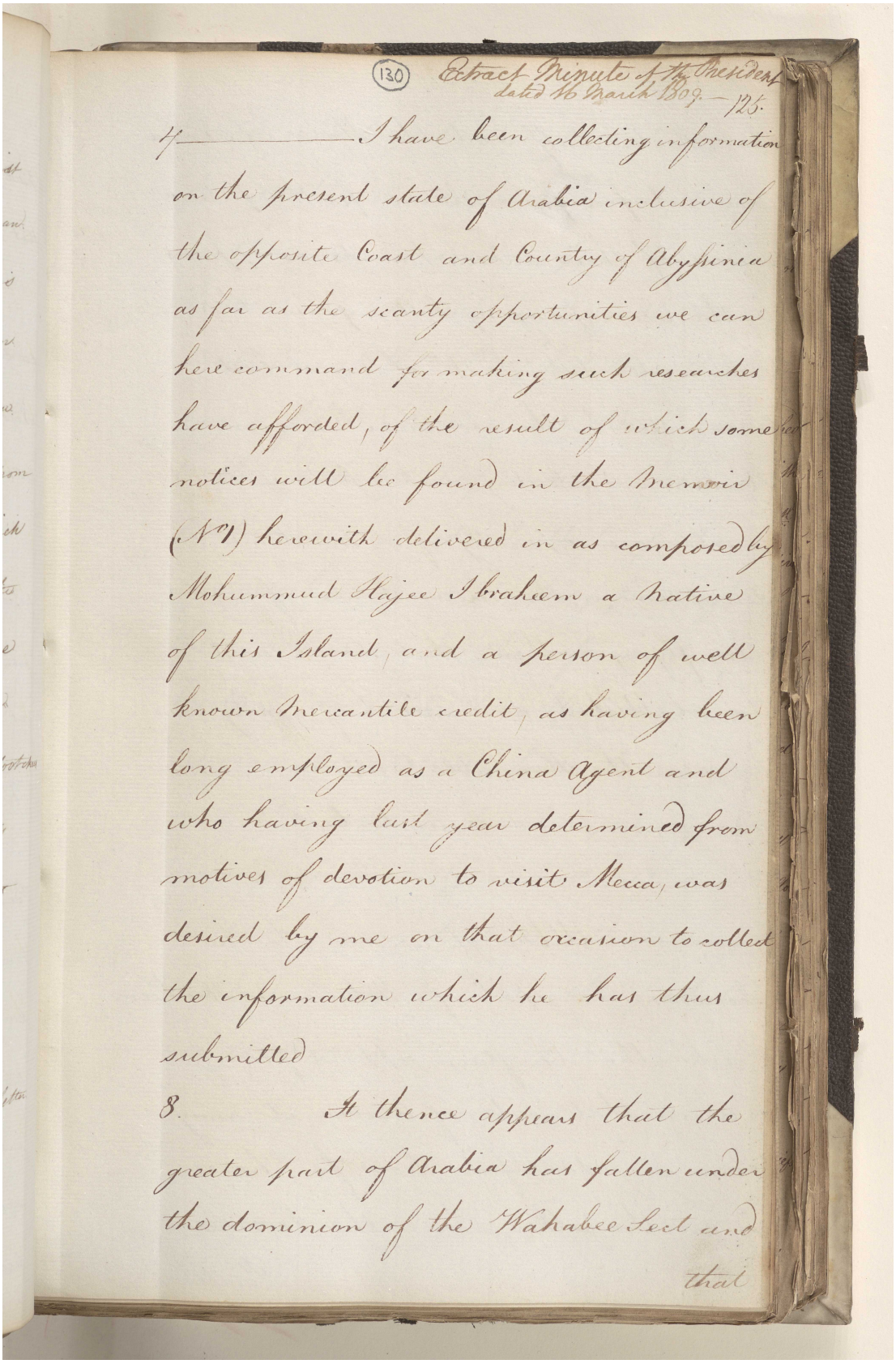
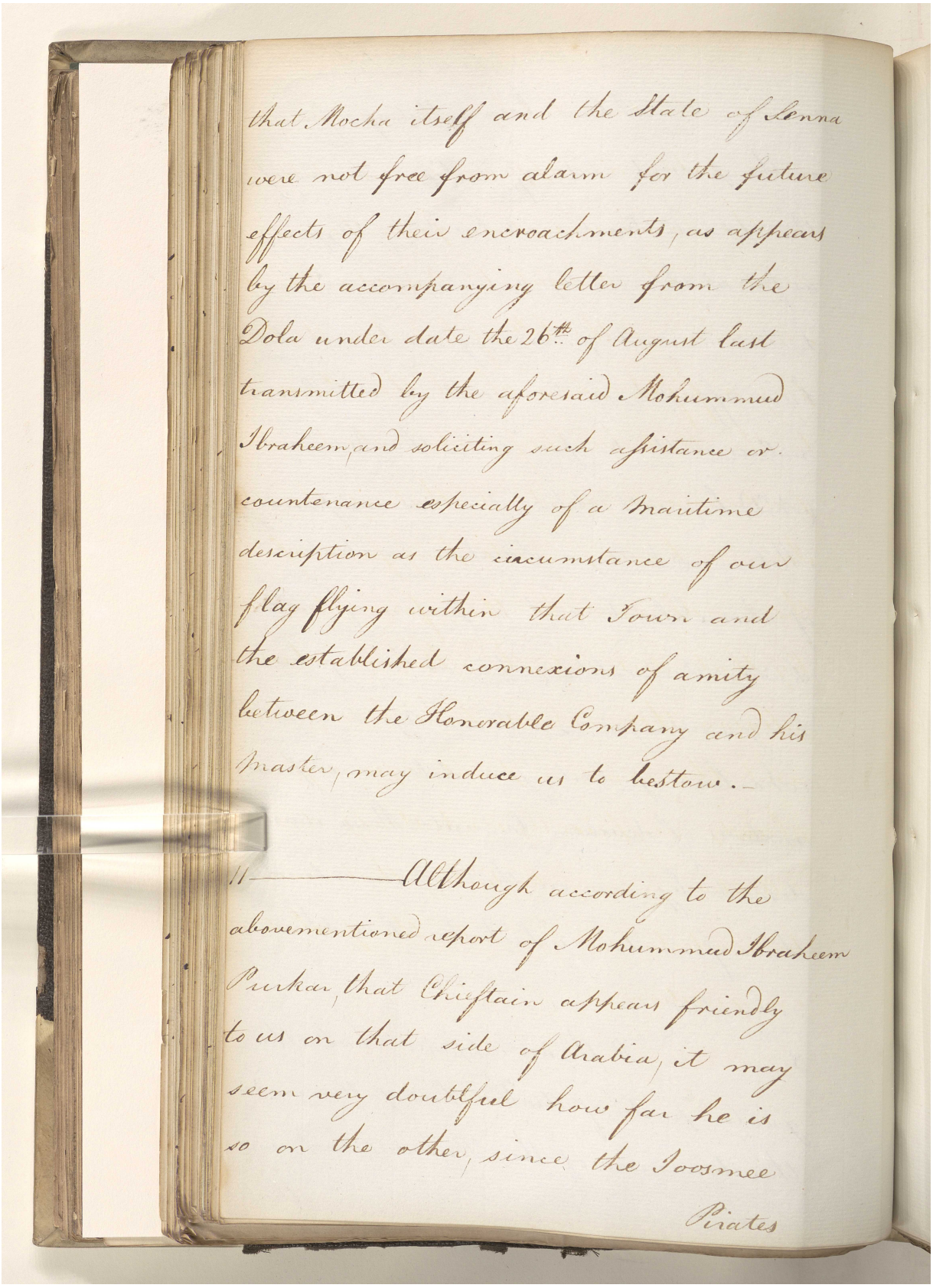


(130) Extract Minute of the President
dated 16 March 1809. — 125.

I have been collecting information on the present state of Arabia inclusive of the opposite Coast and County of Abyssinia as far as the scanty opportunities we can here command for making such researches have afforded, of the result of which some notices will be found in the Memoir (No 1) herewith delivered in as composed by Mohummud Hajee Ibraheem a Native of this Island, and a person of well known Mercantile credit, as having been long employed as a China Agent and who having last year determined from motives of devotion to visit Mecca, was desired by me on that occasion to collect the information which he has thus submitted

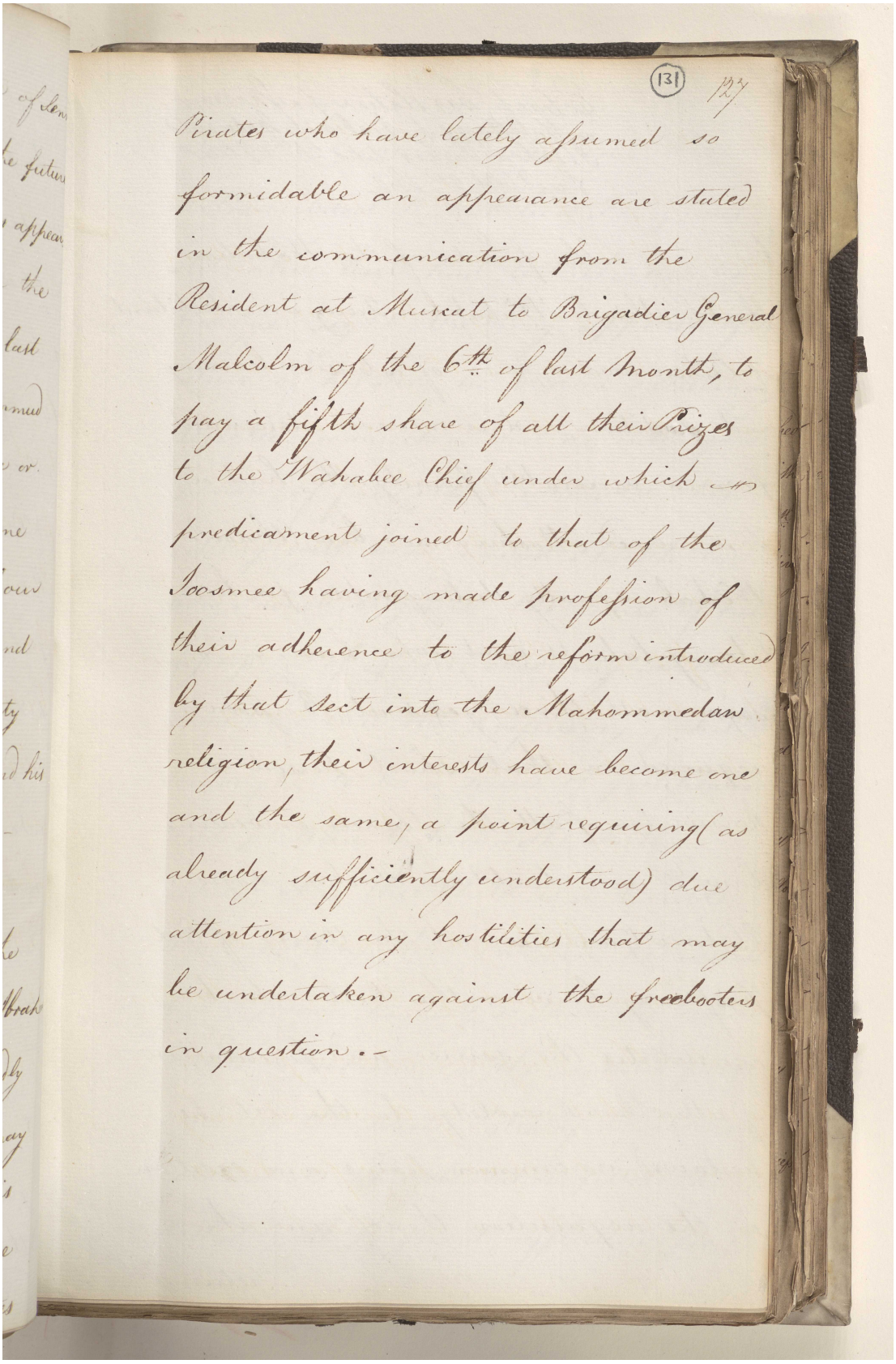
8. It thence appears that the greater part of Arabia has fallen under the dominion of the Wahabee Sect and that



that Mocha itself and the State of Senna
were not free from alarm for the future
effects of their encroachments, as appears
by the accompanying letter from the
Dola under date the 26th of August last
transmitted by the aforesaid Mohummud
Ibraheem, and soliciting such assistance or
countenance especially of a maritime
description as the circumstance of our
flag flying within that Town and
the established connexions of amity
between the Honorable Company and his
Master, may induce us to bestow.—

11 ——— Although according to the
abovementioned report of Mohummud Ibraheem
Purkar, that Chieftain appears friendly
to us on that side of Arabia, it may
seem very doubtful how far he is
so on the other, since the Joosmee

Pirates



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Pirates who have lately assumed so formidable an appearance are stated in the communication from the Resident at Muscat to Brigadier General Malcolm of the 6th of last Month, to pay a fifth share of all their Prizes to the Wahabee Chief under which predicament joined to that of the Joosmee having made profession of their adherence to the reform introduced by that sect into the Mahommedan religion, their interests have become one and the same, a point requiring (as already sufficiently understood) due attention in any hostilities that may be undertaken against the freebooters in question.—

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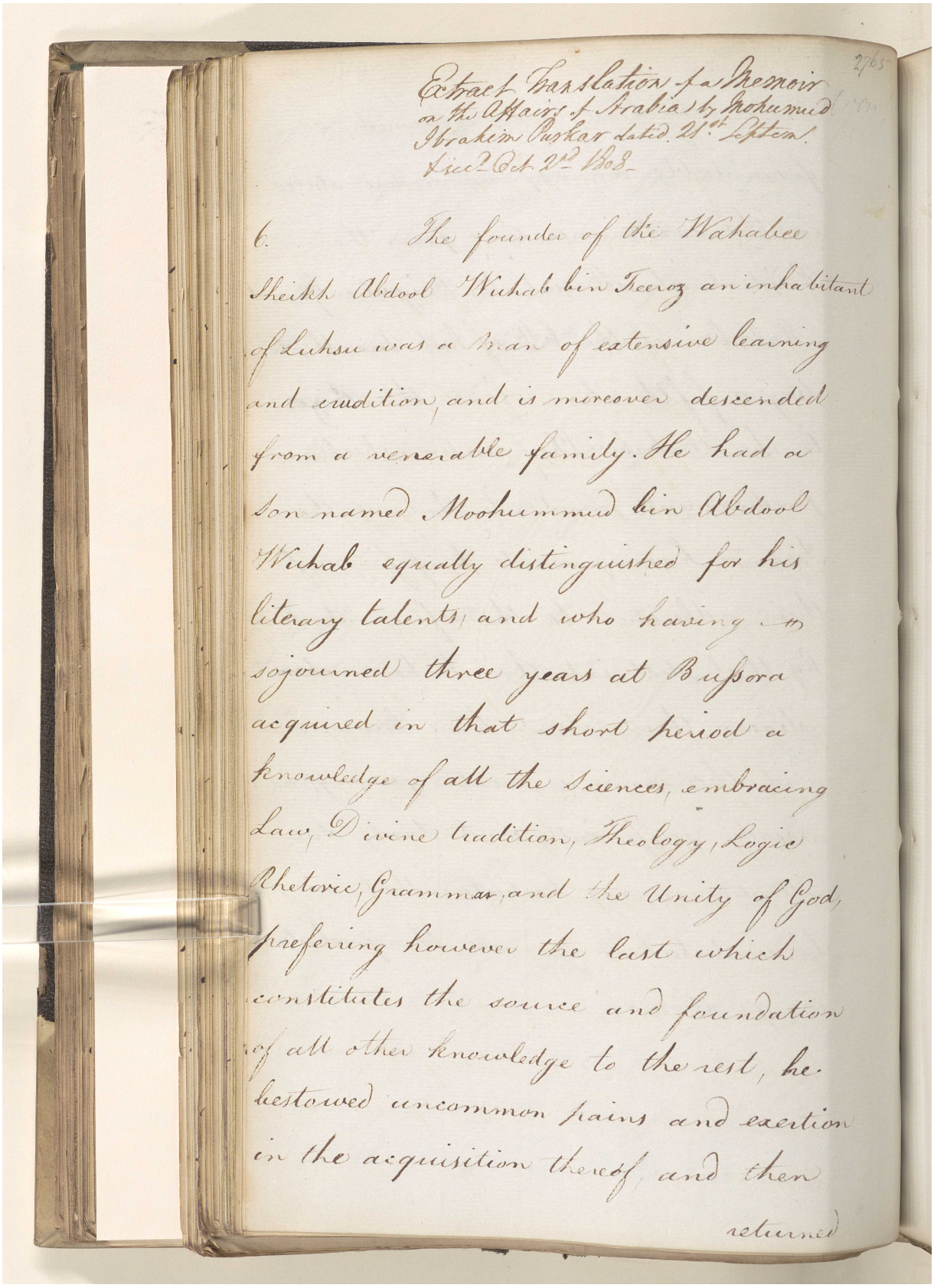

Extract Translation of a Memoir on the Affairs of Arabia by Mohumud Ibrahim Purkar dated 21st Septem. & recd Oct 2nd 1808.

6. The founder of the Wahabee Sheikh Abdool Wuhab bin Feeroz an inhabitant of Luhsu was a man of extensive learning and erudition, and is moreover descended from a venerable family. He had a son named Moohummud bin Abdool Wuhab equally distinguished for his literary talents, and who having sojourned three years at Bussora acquired in that short period a knowledge of all the Sciences, embracing Law, Divine tradition, Theology, Logic Rhetoric, Grammar, and the Unity of God, preferring however the last which constitutes the source and foundation of all other knowledge to the rest, he bestowed uncommon pains and exertion in the acquisition thereof, and then

returned

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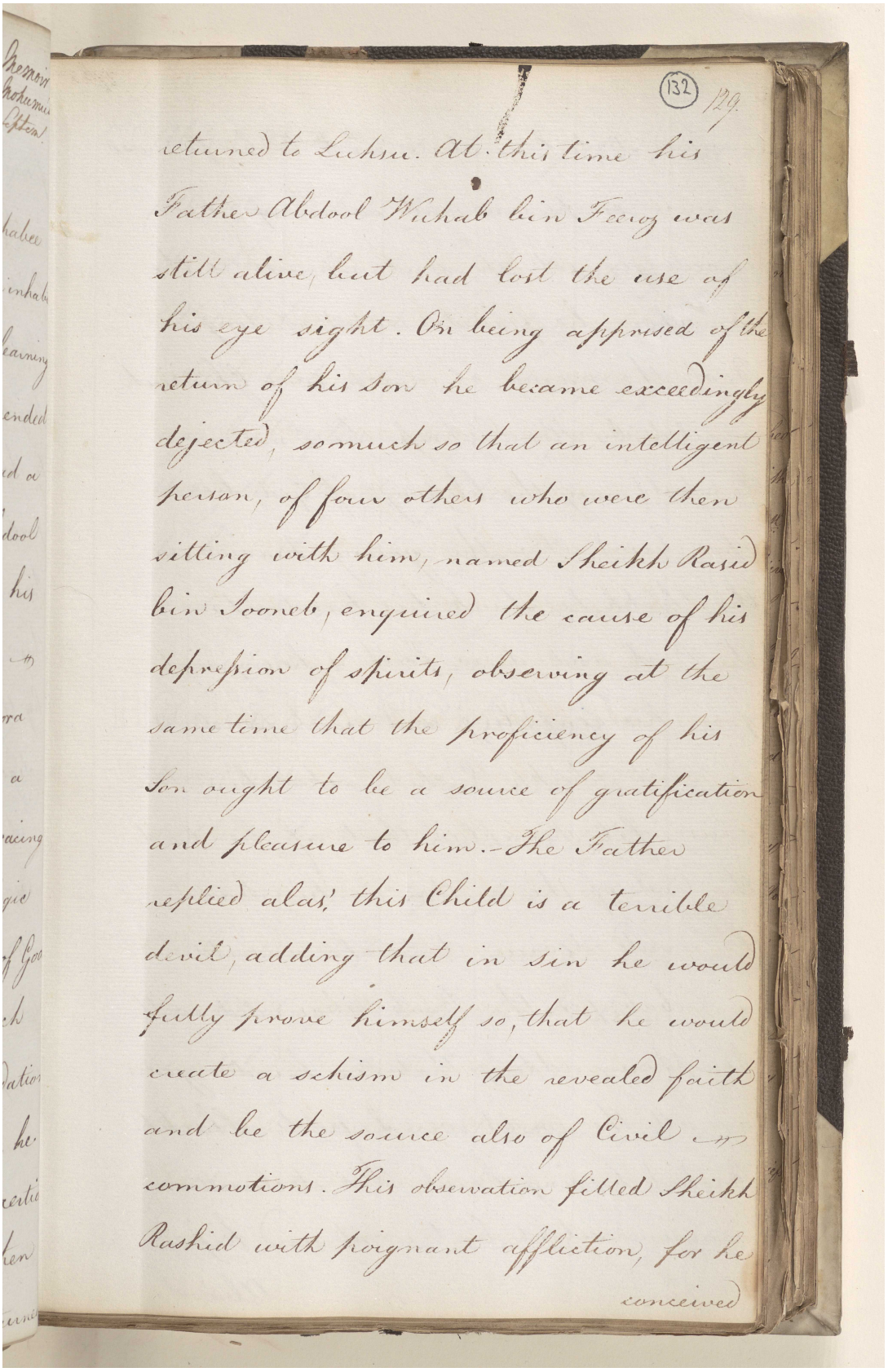

returned to Lichsu. At this time his
Father Abdool Wihab bin Feroz was
still alive, but had lost the use of
his eye sight. On being apprised of the
return of his Son he became exceedingly
dejected, so much so that an intelligent
Persian, of four others who were then
sitting with him, named Sheikh Rasid
bin Soonob, enquired the cause of his
depression of spirits, observing at the
same time that the proficiency of his
Son ought to be a source of gratification
and pleasure to him.- The Father
replied alas, this Child is a terrible
devil, adding that in sin he would
fully prove himself so, that he would
create a schism in the revealed faith
and be the source also of Civil
commotions. This observation filled Sheikh
Rashid with poignant affliction, for he
conceived

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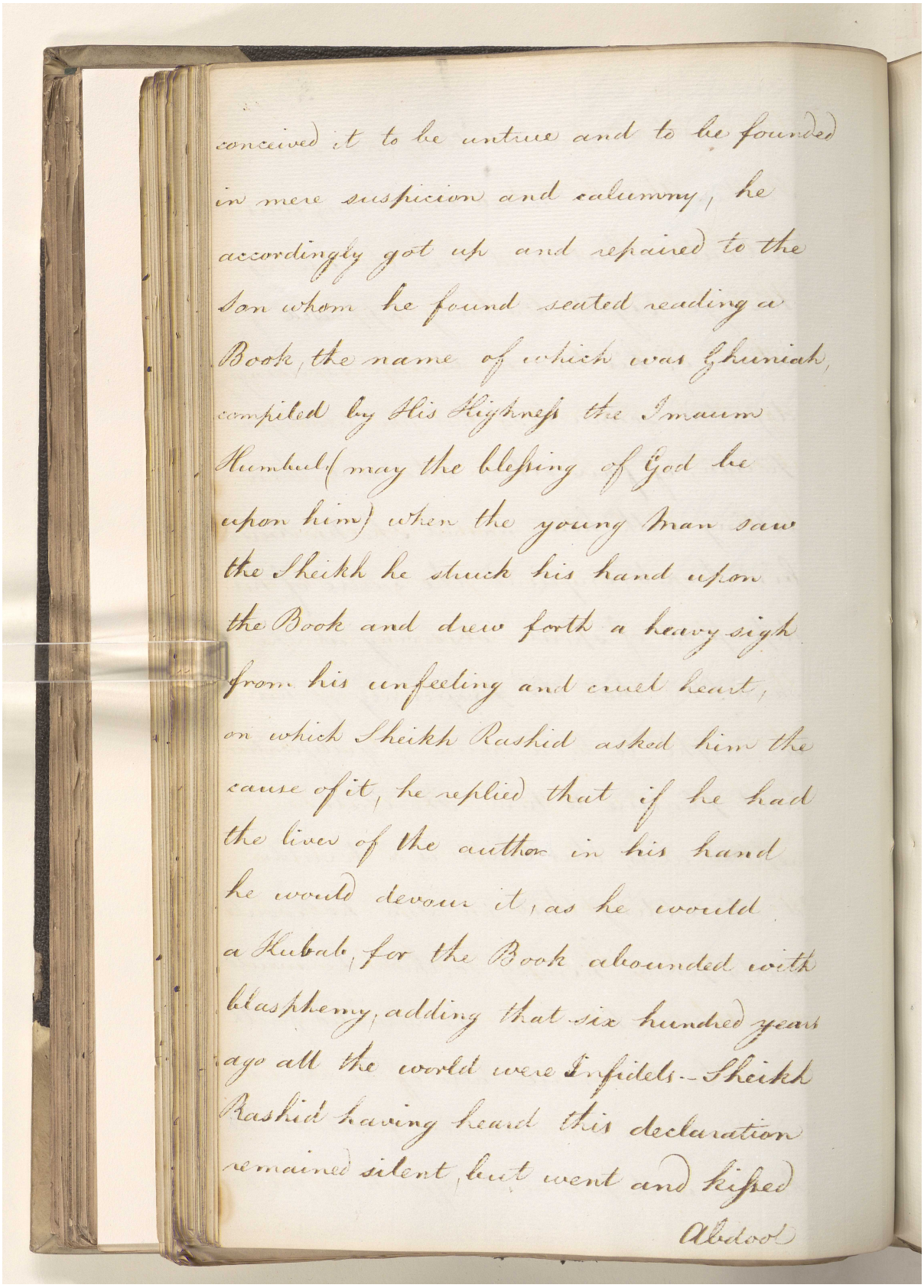

conceived it to be untrue and to be founded
in mere suspicion and calumny, he
accordingly got up and repaired to the
Son whom he found seated reading a
Book, the name of which was Ghuniah,
compiled by His Highness the Imaum
Humbul (may the blessing of God be
upon him) when the young man saw
the Sheikh he stuck his hand upon
the Book and drew forth a heavy sigh
from his unfeeling and cruel heart,
on which Sheikh Rashid asked him the
cause of it, he replied that if he had
the lives of the author in his hand
he would devour it, as he would
a Kubab, for the Book abounded with
blasphemy, adding that six hundred years
ago all the world were Infidels.—Sheikh
Rashid having heard this declaration
remained silent, but went and kissed
Abdool

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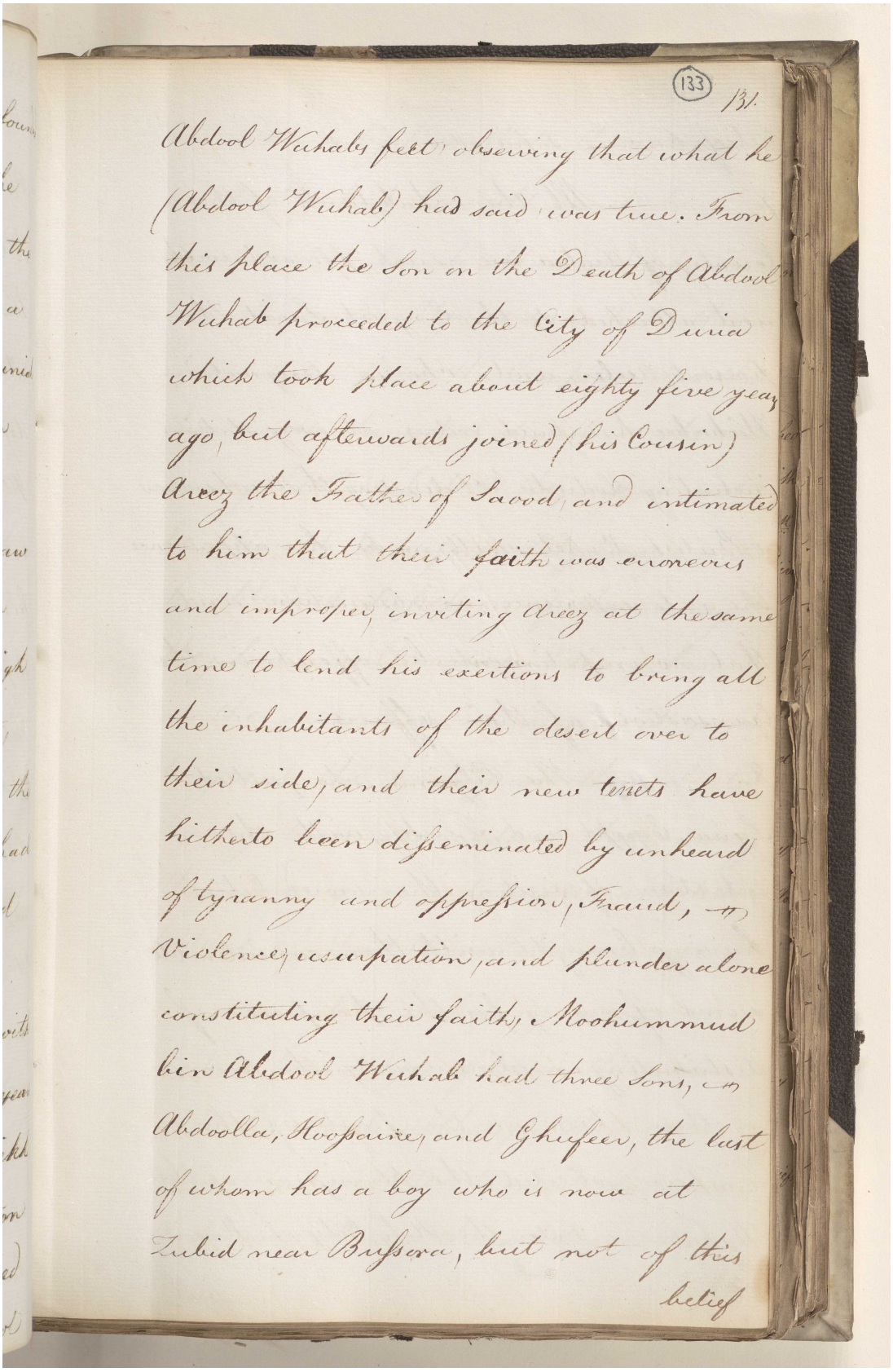

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Abdool Wuhabs sect observing that what he (Abdool Wuhab) had said was true. From this place the Son on the Death of Abdool Wuhab proceeded to the City of Dunia which took place about eighty five years ago, but afterwards joined (his Cousin) Areez the Father of Saood, and intimated to him that their faith was erroneous and improper, inviting Areez at the same time to lend his exertions to bring all the inhabitants of the desert over to their side, and their new tenets have hitherto been disseminated by unheard of tyranny and oppression, Fraud, & Violence, usurpation, and plunder alone constituting their faith, Moohummud bin Abdool Wuhab had three Sons, & Abdoolla, Hoosaine, and Ghufeer, the last of whom has a boy who is now at Zubid near Bussora, but not of this belief

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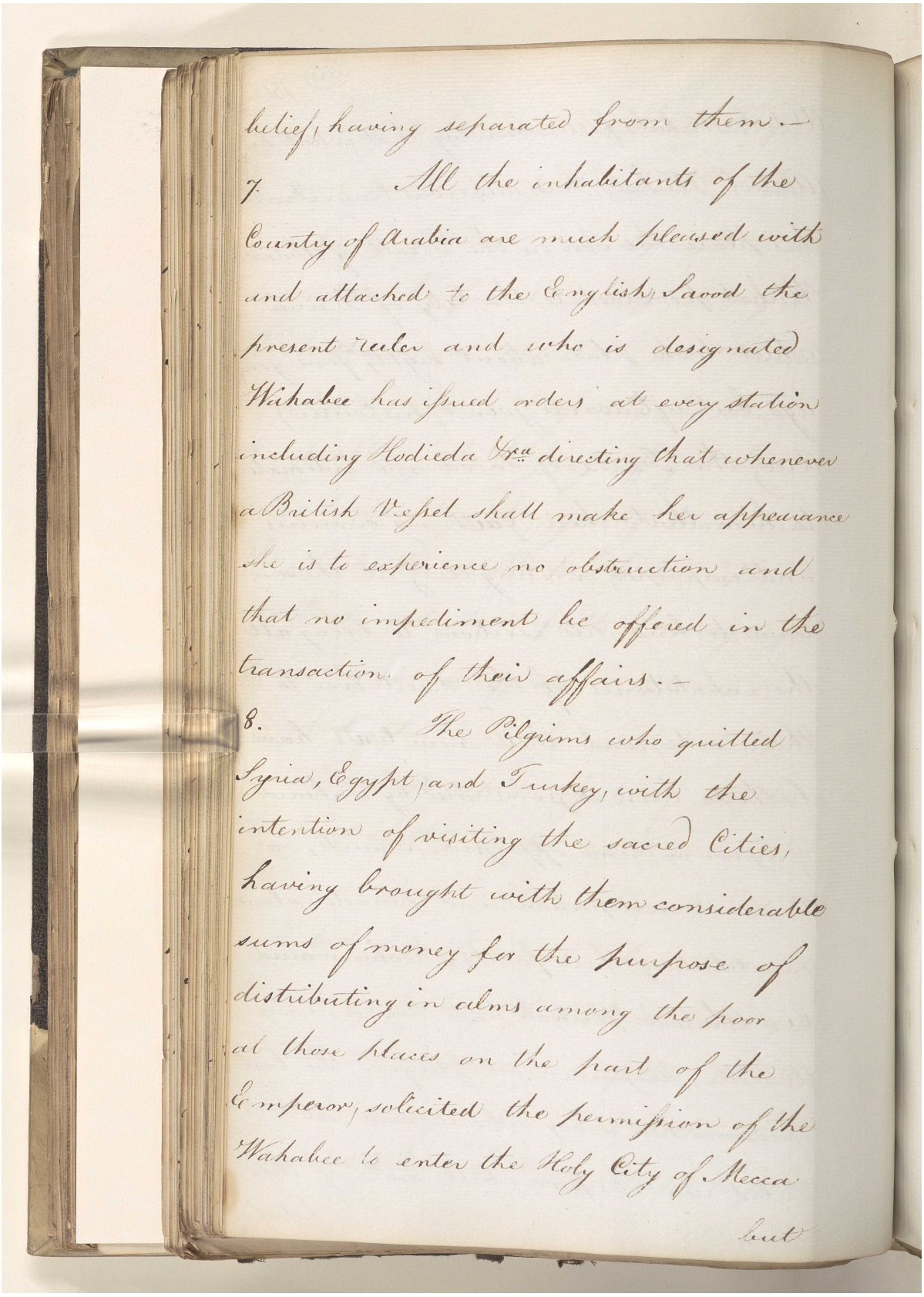

belief, having separated from them.—

7. All the inhabitants of the Country of Arabia are much pleased with and attached to the English, Saood the present ruler and who is designated Wahabee has issued orders at every station including Hodieda &ca directing that whenever a British Vessel shall make her appearance she is to experience no obstruction and that no impediment be offered in the transaction of their affairs.—

8. The Pilgrims who quitted Syria, Egypt, and Turkey, with the intention of visiting the sacred Cities, having brought with them considerable sums of money for the purpose of distributing in alms among the poor at those places on the part of the Emperor, solicited the permission of the Wahabee to enter the Holy City of Mecca

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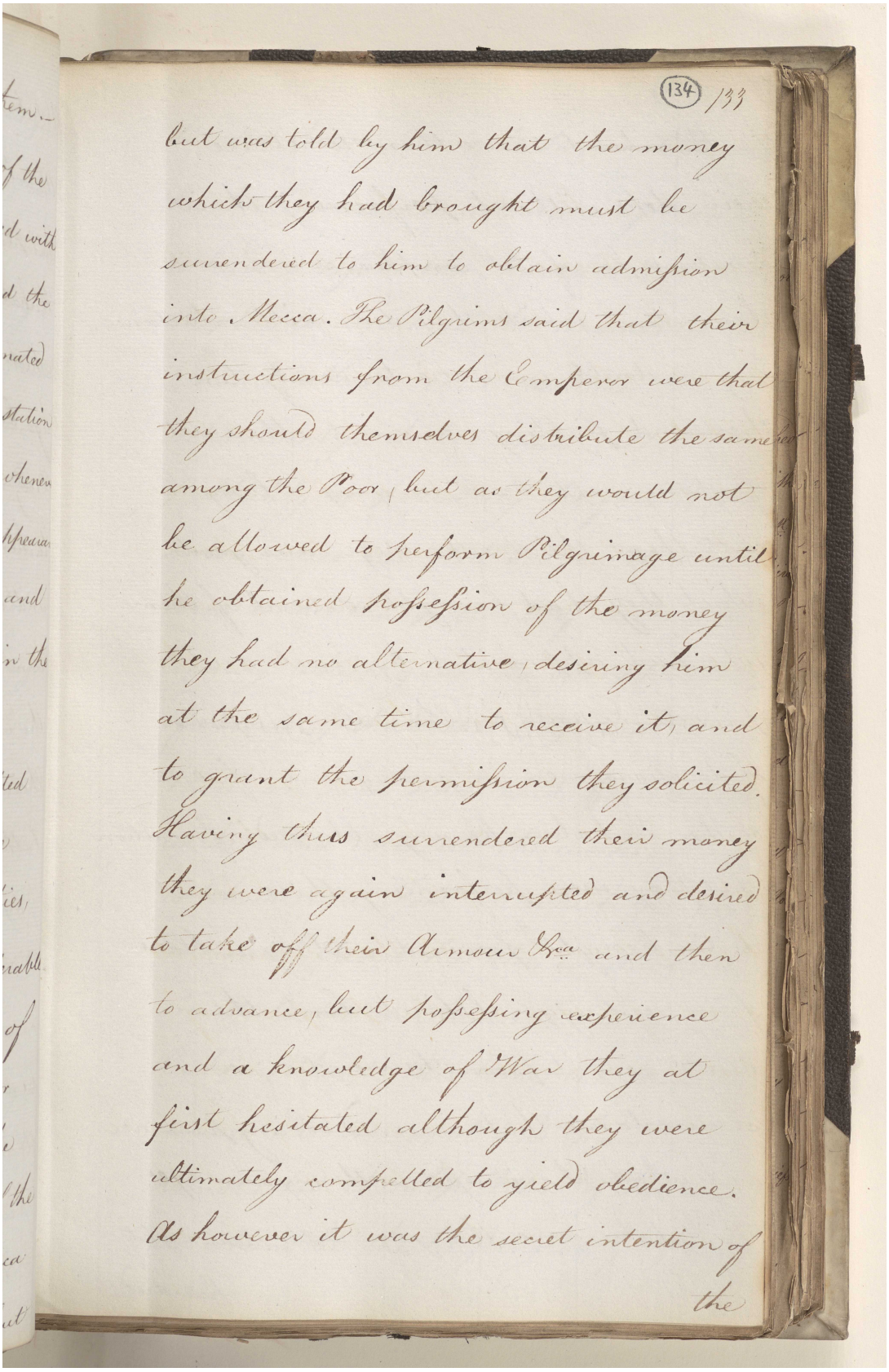

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but was told by him that the money
which they had brought must be
surrendered to him to obtain admission
into Mecca. The Pilgrims said that their
instructions from the Emperor were that
they should themselves distribute the same
among the Poor, but as they would not
be allowed to perform Pilgrimage until
he obtained possession of the money
they had no alternative, desiring him
at the same time to receive it, and
to grant the permission they solicited.
Having thus surrendered their money
they were again interrupted and desired
to take off their Armour &c. and then
to advance, but possessing experience
and a knowledge of War they at
first hesitated although they were
ultimately compelled to yield obedience.
As however it was the secret intention of
the

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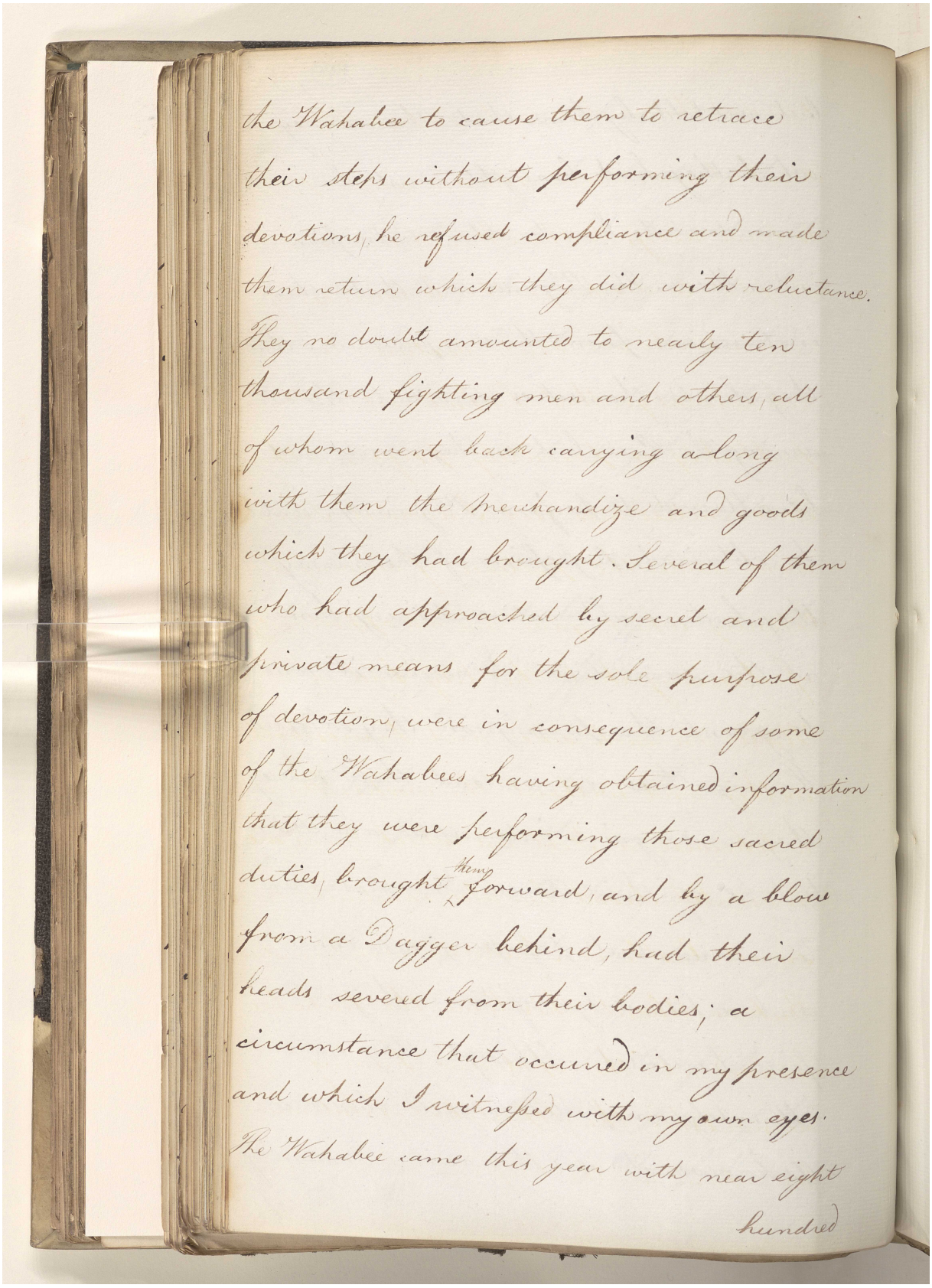
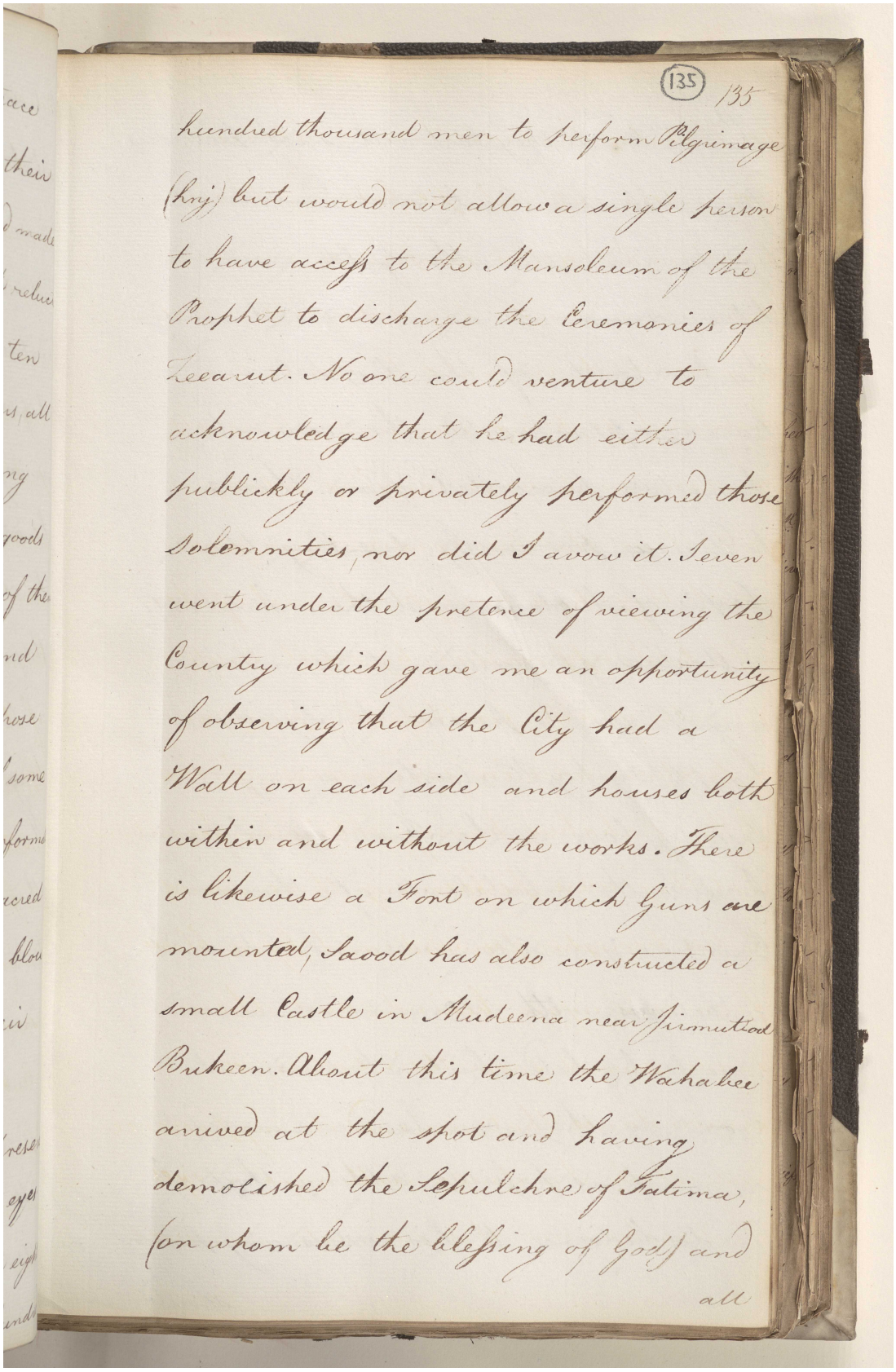


the Wahabee to cause them to retrace
their steps without performing their
devotions, he refused compliance and made
them return which they did with reluctance.
They no doubt amounted to nearly ten
thousand fighting men and others, all
of whom went back carrying along
with them the Merchandize and goods
which they had brought. Several of them
who had approached by secret and
private means for the sole purpose
of devotion, were in consequence of some
of the Wahabees having obtained information
that they were performing those sacred
duties, brought them forward, and by a blow
from a Dagger behind, had their
heads severed from their bodies; a
circumstance that occured in my presence
and which I witnessed with my own eyes.
The Wahabee came this year with near eight
hundred



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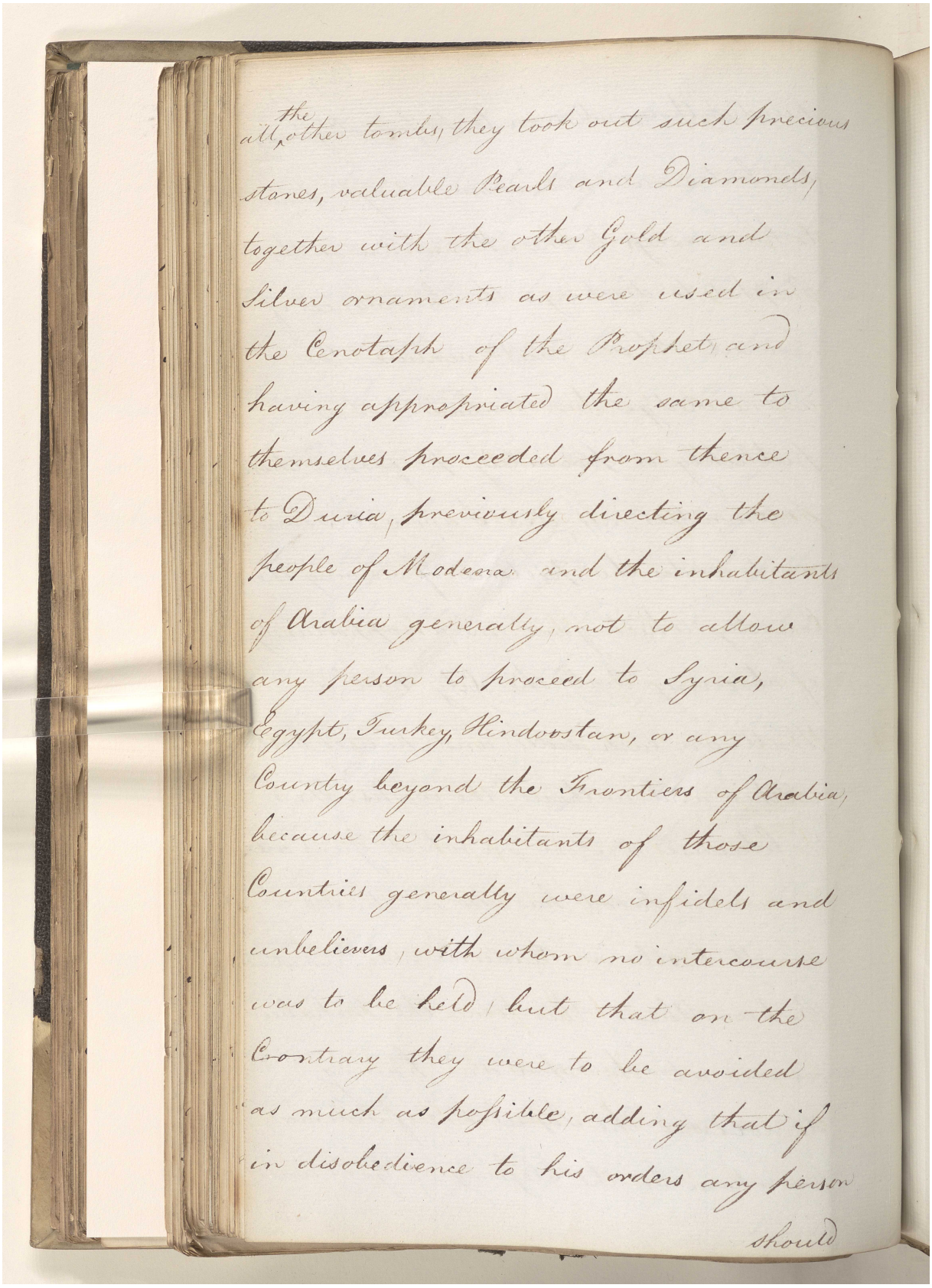
hundred thousand men to perform Pilgrimage
(hij) but would not allow a single person
to have access to the Mausoleum of the
Prophet to discharge the Ceremonies of
Ieeaut. No one could venture to
acknowledge that he had either
publickly or privately performed those
Solemnities, nor did I avow it. I even
went under the pretence of viewing the
County which gave me an opportunity
of observing that the City had a
Wall on each side and houses both
within and without the works. There
is likewise a Fort on which Guns are
mounted, Saood has also constructed a
small Castle in Mudeena near Jirmuttad
Bukeen. About this time the Wahabee
arrived at the spot and having
demolished the Sepulchre of Fatima,
for whom be the blessing of God) and
all



all the other tombs, they took out such precious
stones, valuable Pearls and Diamonds,
together with the other Gold and
Silver ornaments as were used in
the Cenotaph of the Prophet, and
having appropriated the same to
themselves proceeded from thence
to Dunia, previously directing the
people of Modena and the inhabitants
of Arabia generally, not to allow
any person to proceed to Syria,
Egypt, Turkey, Hindoostan, or any
County beyond the Frontiers of Arabia,
because the inhabitants of those
Countries generally were infidels and
unbelievers, with whom no intercourse
was to be held, but that on the
Contrary they were to be avoided
as much as possible, adding that if
in disobedience to his orders any person
should

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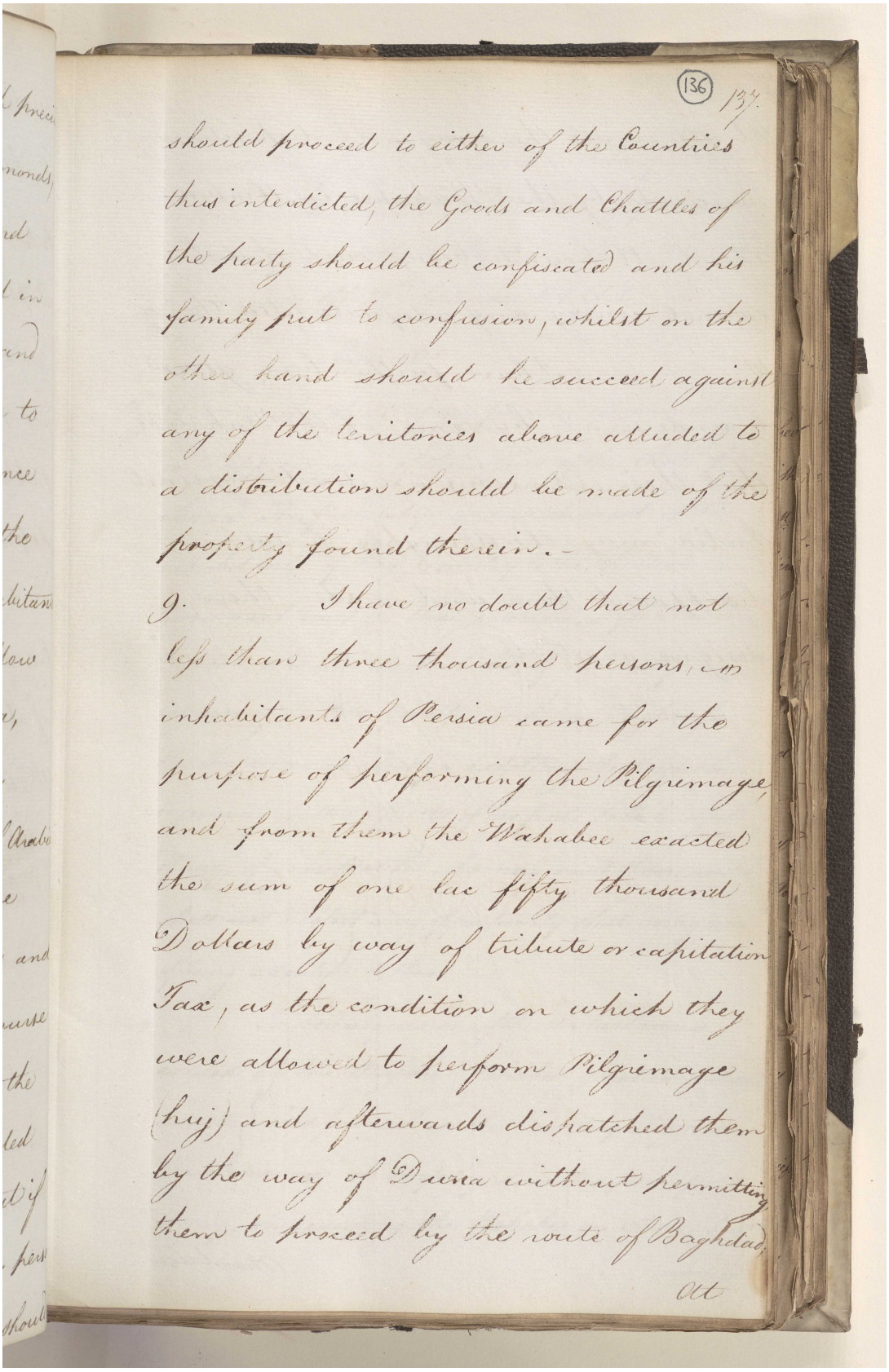

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should proceed to either of the Countries thus interdicted, the Goods and Chattles of the party should be confiscated and his family put to confusion, whilst on the other hand should he succeed against any of the teritories above alluded to a distribution should be made of the property found therein.-

9. I have no doubt that not less than three thousand persons, inhabitants of Persia came for the purpose of performing the Pilgrimage, and from them the Wahabee exacted the sum of one lac fifty thousand Dollars by way of tribute or capitation Tax, as the condition on which they were allowed to perform Pilgrimage (huj) and afterwards dispatched them by the way of Direa without permitting them to proceed by the route of Baghdad,

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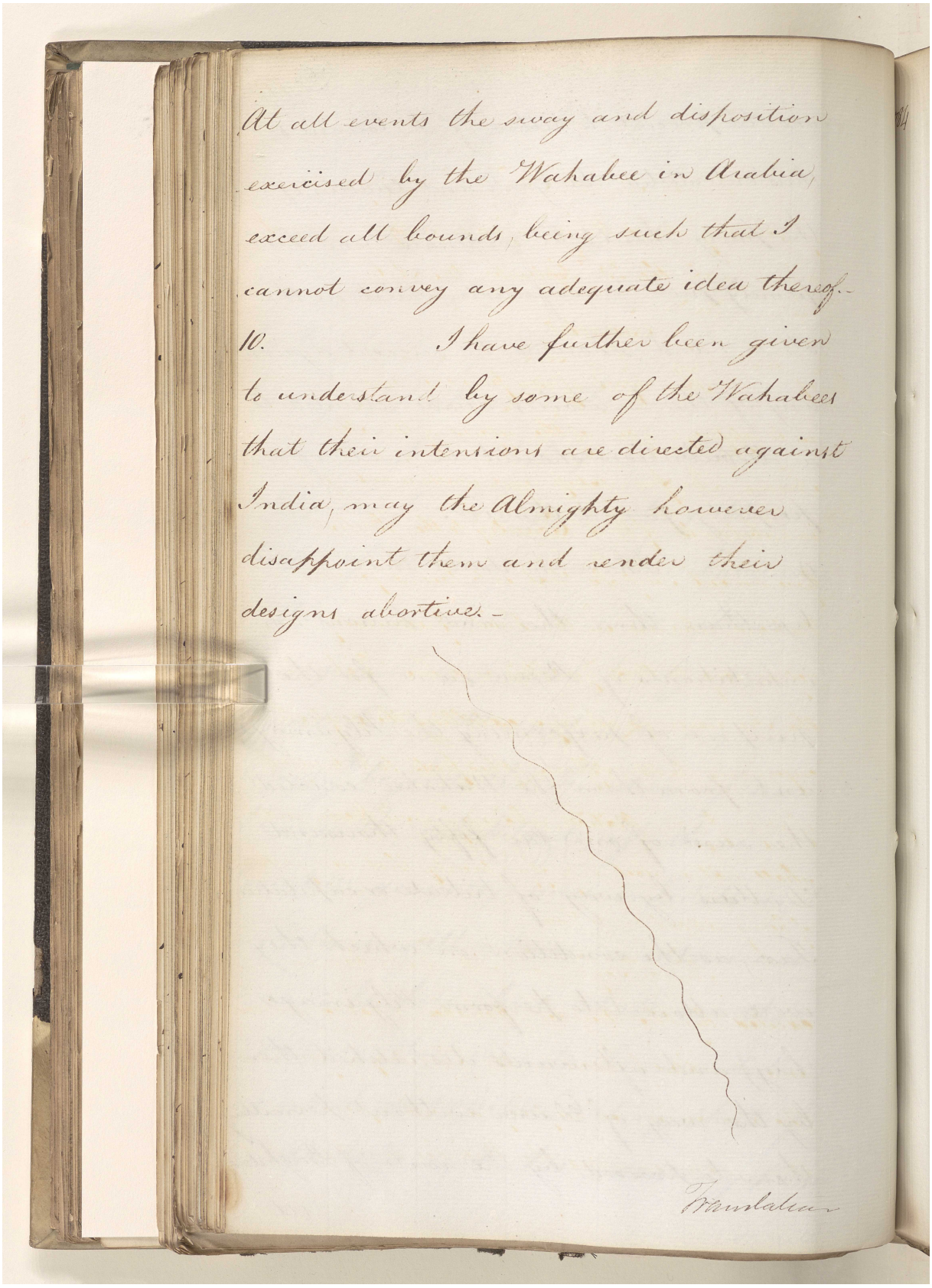
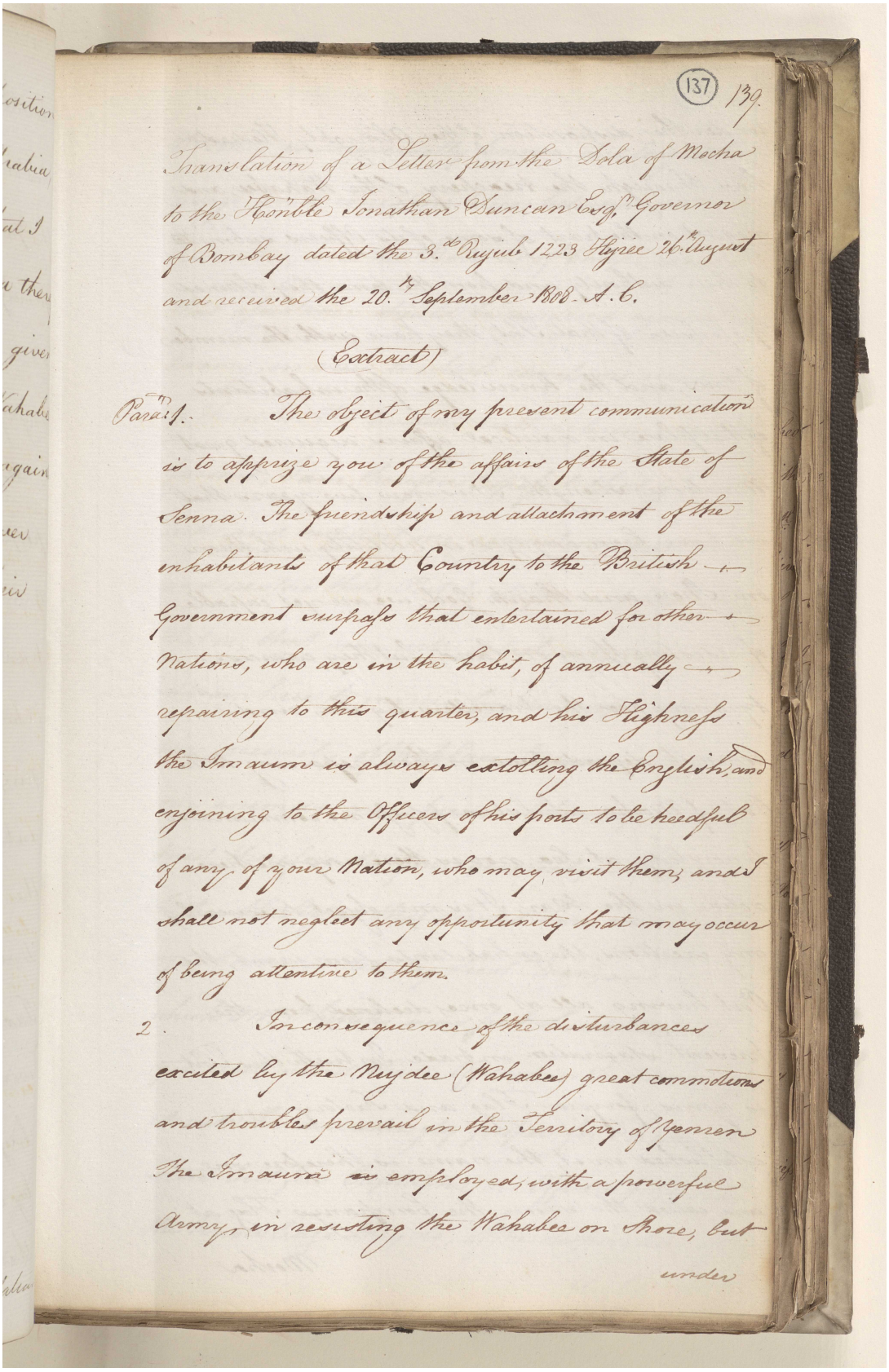


At all events the sway and disposition exercised by the Wahabee in Arabia, exceed all bounds, being such that I cannot convey any adequate idea thereof.-

10. I have further been given to understand by some of the Wahabees that their intensions are directed against India, may the Almighty however disappoint them and render their designs abortive.-

Translation



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Translation of a Letter from the Dola of Mocha to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esq.r Governor of Bombay dated the 3.d Rujub 1223 Hijree 26.th August and received the 20.th September 1808 A.C.

(Extract)

Para.r 1.- The object of my present communication is to apprize you of the affairs of the State of Senna. The friendship and attachment of the inhabitants of that Country to the British Government surpass that entertained for other Nations, who are in the habit, of annually repairing to this quarter, and his Highness the Imaum is always extolling the English, and enjoining to the Officers of his ports to be heedful of any of your Nation, who may visit them, and I shall not neglect any opportunity that may occur of being attentive to them.

2. In consequence of the disturbances excited by the Nejdee (Wahabee) great commotions and troubles prevail in the Territory of Yemen. The Imaum is employed, with a powerful Army, in resisting the Wahabee on Shore, but under

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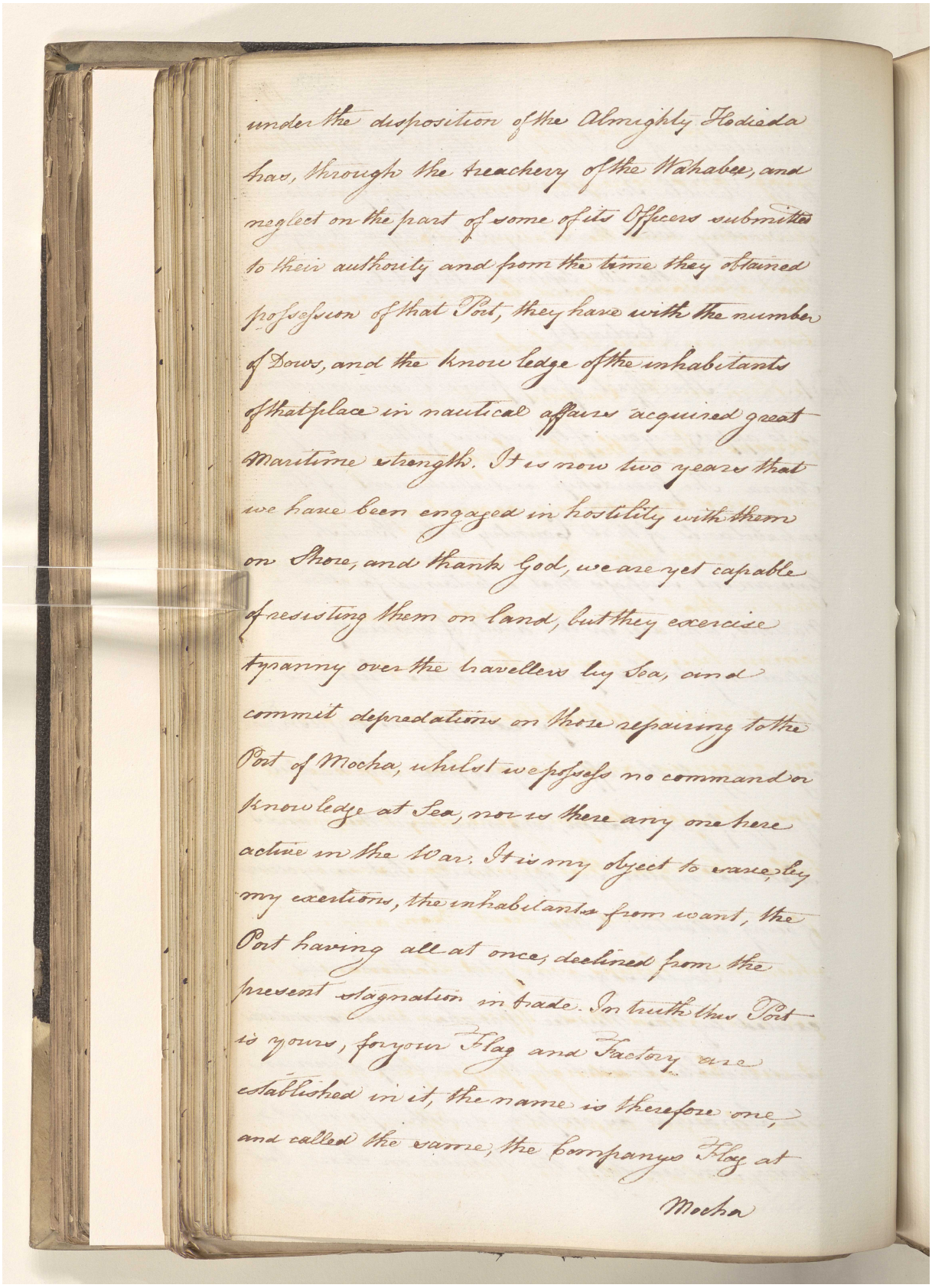
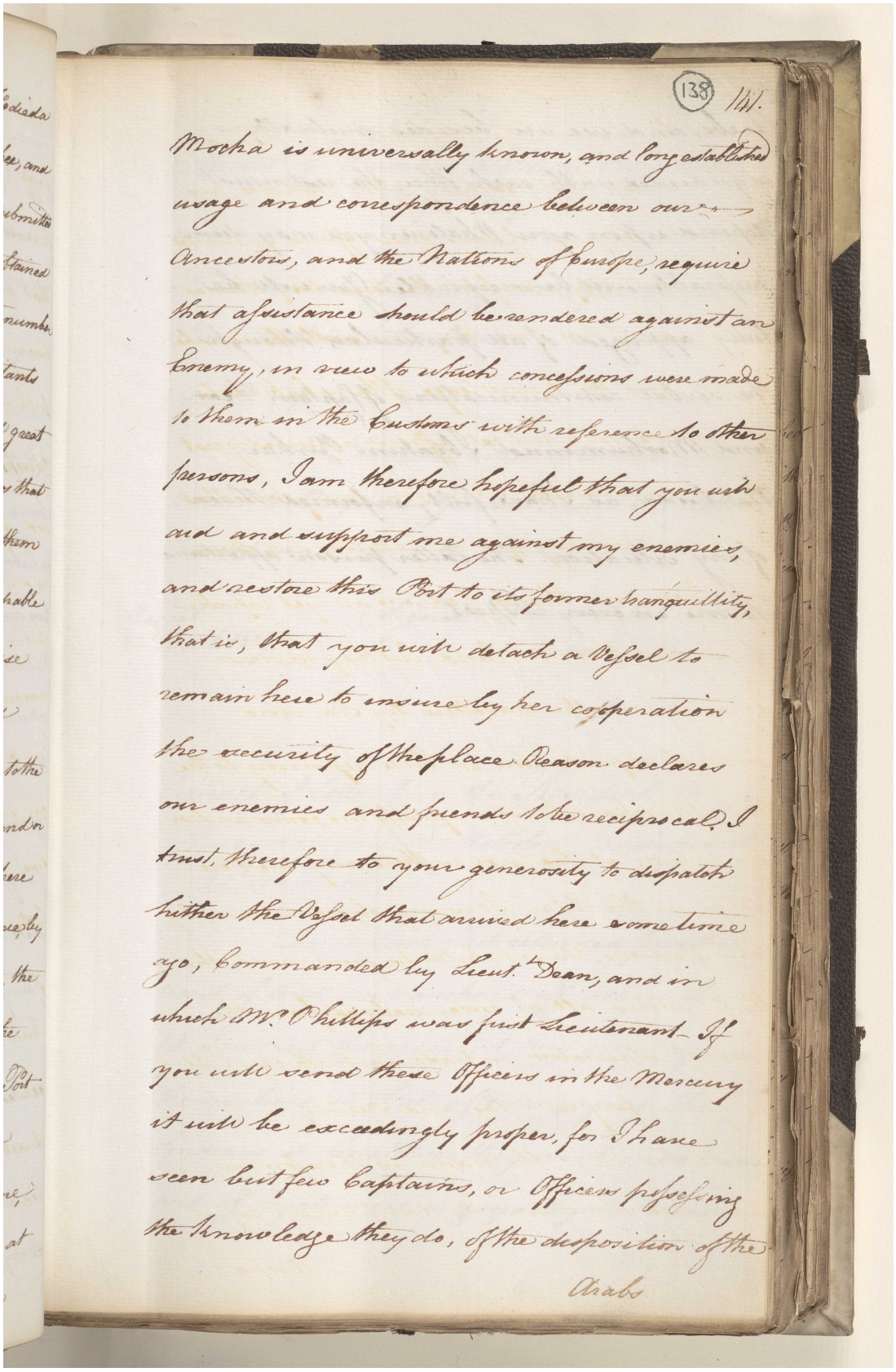


under the disposition of the Almighty Hodieda
has, through the treachery of the Wahabee, and
neglect on the part of some of its Officers submitted
to their authority and from the time they obtained
possession of that Port, they have with the number
of Dows, and the know ledge of the inhabitants
of that place in nautical affairs acquired great
Maritime strength. It is now two years that
we have been engaged in hostility with them
on Shore, and thank God, we are yet capable
of resisting them on land, but they exercise
tyranny over the travellers by Sea, and
commit depredations on those repairing to the
Port of Mocha, whilst we possess no command or
know ledge at Sea, nor is there any one here
active in the War. It is my object to save, by
my exertions, the inhabitants from want, the
Port having all at once declined from the
present stagnation in trade. In truth this Port
is yours, for your Flag and Factory are
established in it, the name is therefore one,
and called the same, the Companys Flag at
Mocha



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Mocha is universally known, and long established usage and correspondence between our Ancestors, and the Nations of Europe, require that assistance should be rendered against an Enemy, in view to which concessions were made to them in the Customs with reference to other persons, I am therefore hopeful that you will aid and support me against my enemies, and restore this Port to its former tranquillity, that is, that you will detach a Vessel to remain here to insure by her cooperation the security of the place. Reason declares our enemies and friends to be reciprocal. I trust, therefore to your generosity to dispatch hither the Vessel that arrived here some time ago, Commanded by Lieut.t Dean, and in which Mr. Phillips was first Lieutenant. If you will send these Officers in the Mercury it will be exceedingly proper, for I have seen but few Captains, or Officers possessing the knowledge they do, of the disposition of the

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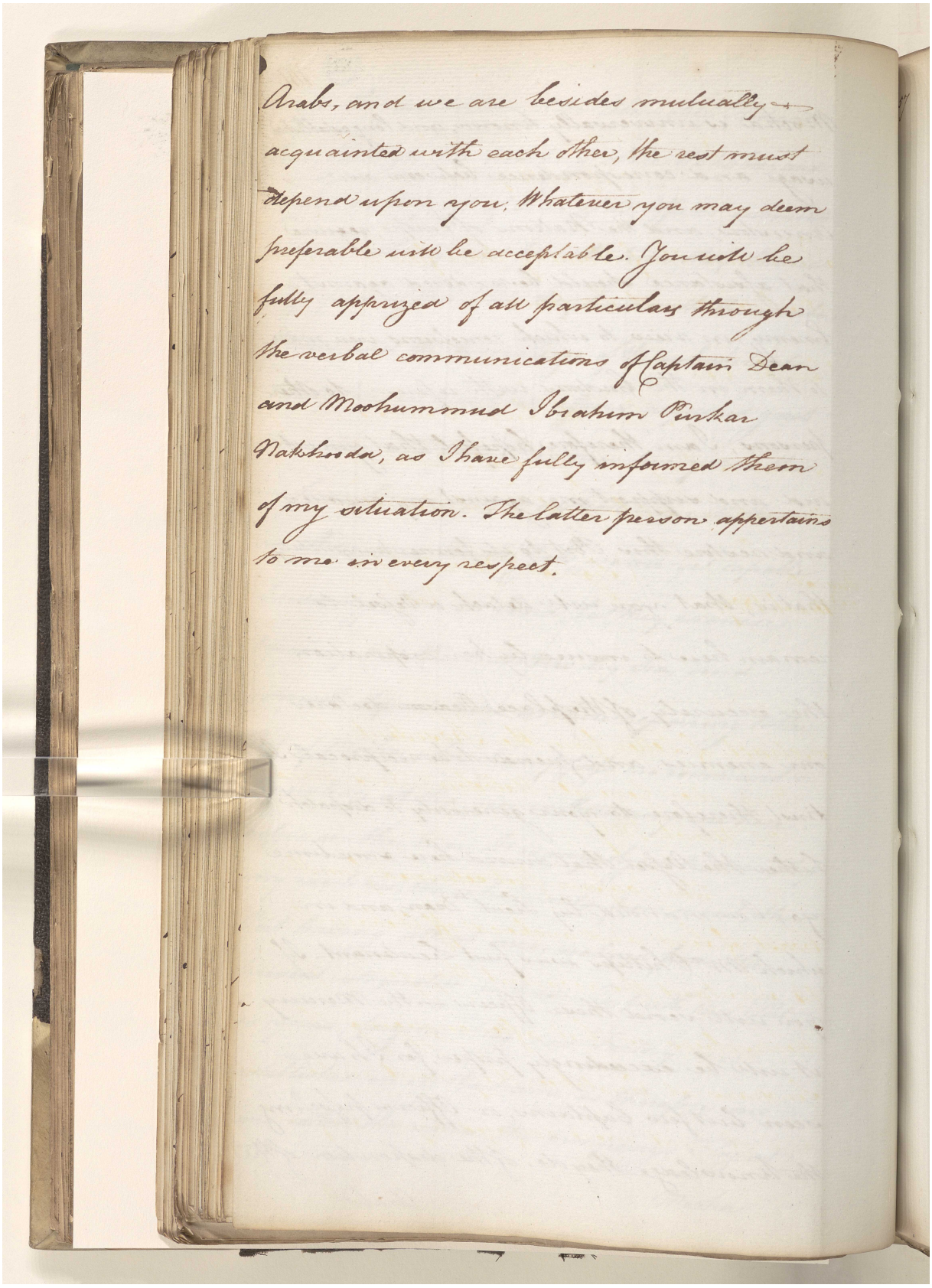

Arabs, and we are besides mutually
acquainted with each other, the rest must
depend upon you. Whatever you may deem
preferable unto be acceptable. You will be
fully apprized of all particulars through
the verbal communications of Captain Dean
and Moohummud Ibrahim Punkar
Nakhooda, as I have fully informed them
of my situation. The latter person appertains
to me in every respect.

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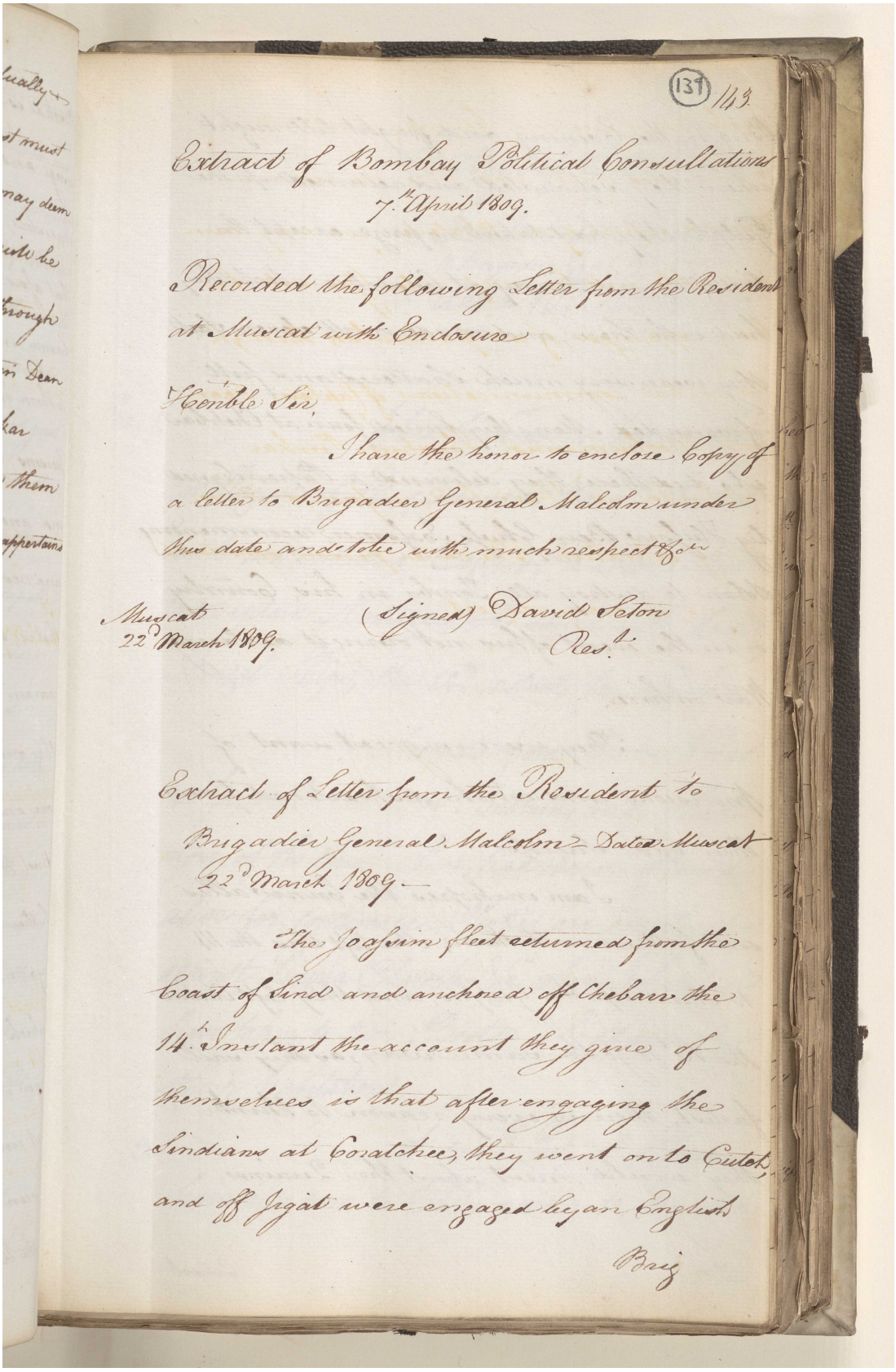

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Extract of Bombay Political Consultations
7th April 1809.

Recorded the following Letter from the Resident at Muscat with Enclosure

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter to Brigadier General Malcolm under this date and to be with much respect &c.

Muscat
22d March 1809.

(Signed) David Seton
Resr.

Extract of Letter from the Resident to Brigadier General Malcolm Dated Muscat 22d March 1809.

The Joasmi fleet returned from the Coast of Sind and anchored off Chebar the 14th Instant the account they give of themselves is that after engaging the Sindians at Conatchee they went on to Cutch and off Jigat were engaged by an English Brig

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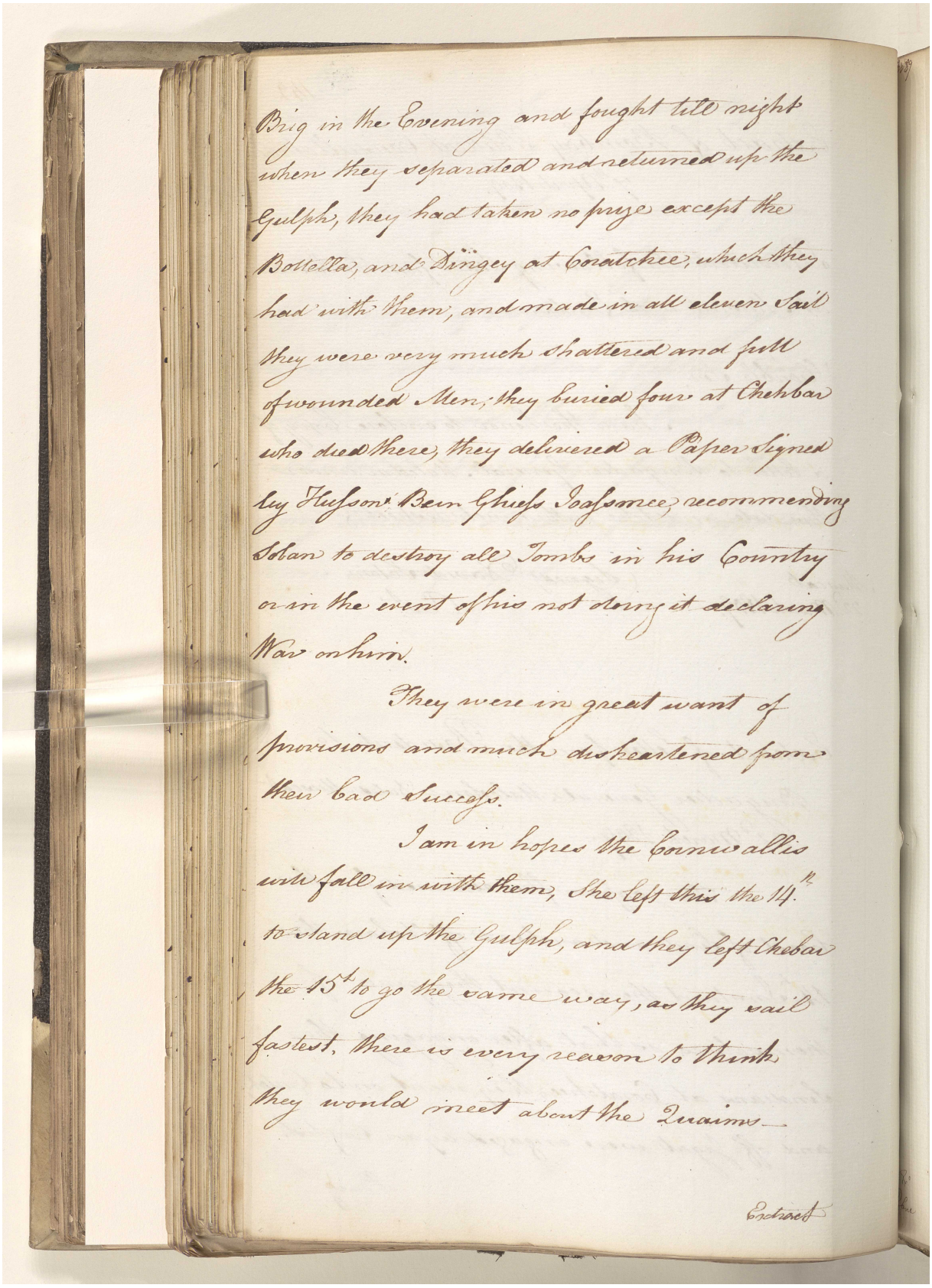

Brig in the Evening and fought till night when they separated and returned up the Gulph, they had taken no prize except the Bottella, and Dingey at Coratchee, which they had with them, and made in all eleven Sail they were very much shattered and full of wounded Men; they buried four at Chehbar who died there, they delivered a Paper Signed by Husson Bein Ghiess Joassmee, recommending Soban to destroy all Tombs in his Country or in the event of his not doing it declaring War on him.

They were in great want of provisions and much disheartened from their bad Success.

I am in hopes the Cornwallis will fall in with them, She left this the 14th to stand up the Gulph, and they left Chebar the 15th to go the same way, as they sail fastest, there is every reason to think they would meet about the Quaims—

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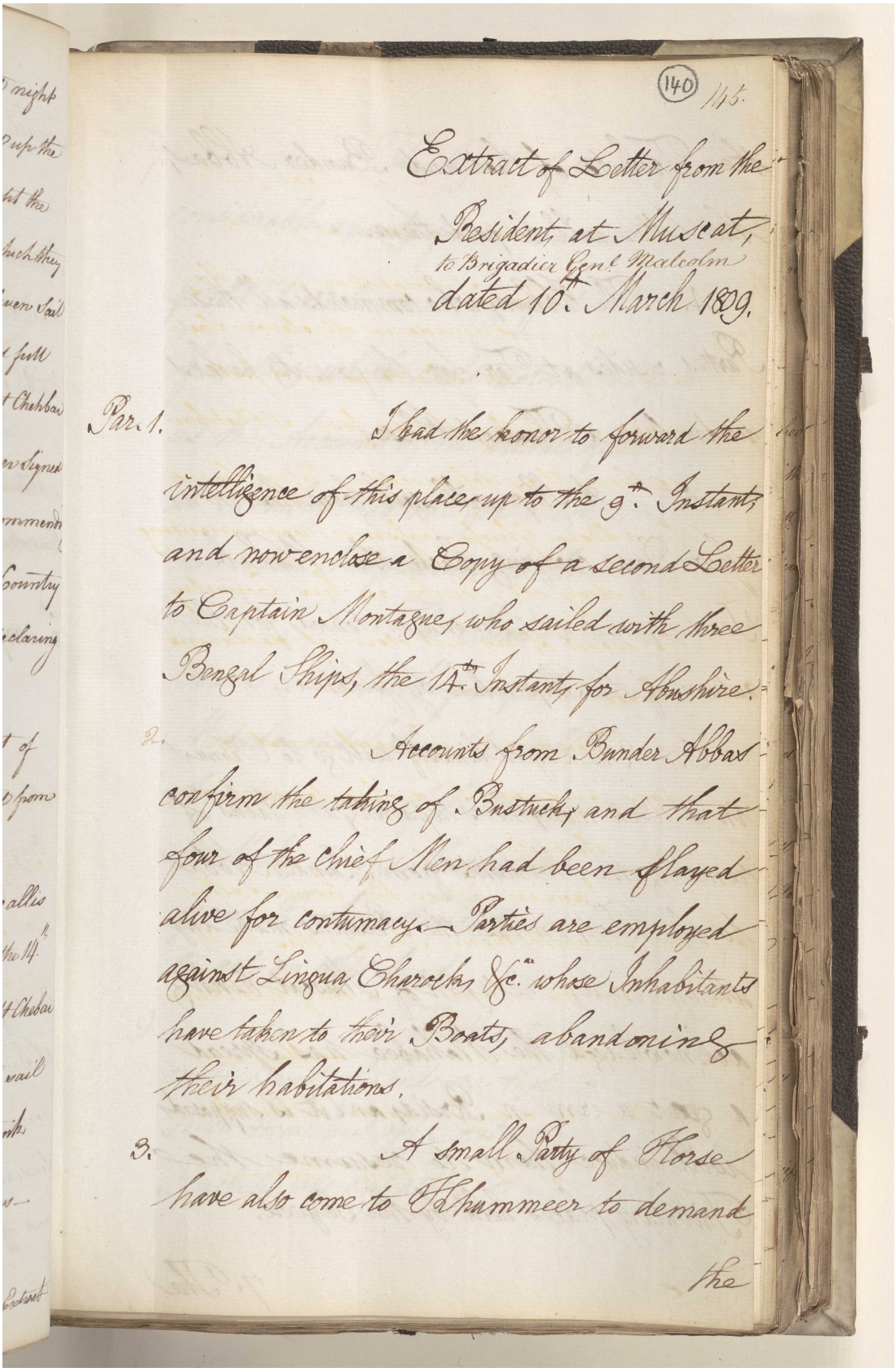

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Extract of Letter from the
President at Muscat,
to Brigadier Genl Malcolm
dated 10th March 1809.

Par. 1. I had the honor to forward the intelligence of this place up to the 9th Instant, and now enclose a Copy of a second Letter to Captain Montagne, who sailed with three Bengal Ships, the 14th Instant, for Abushire.

2. Accounts from Bunder Abbas confirm the taking of Bustuch, and that four of the Chief Men had been flayed alive for contumacy. Parties are employed against Linjua Charcks &c. whose Inhabitants have taken to their Boats, abandoning their habitations.

3. A small Party of Horse have also come to Khummeer to demand the

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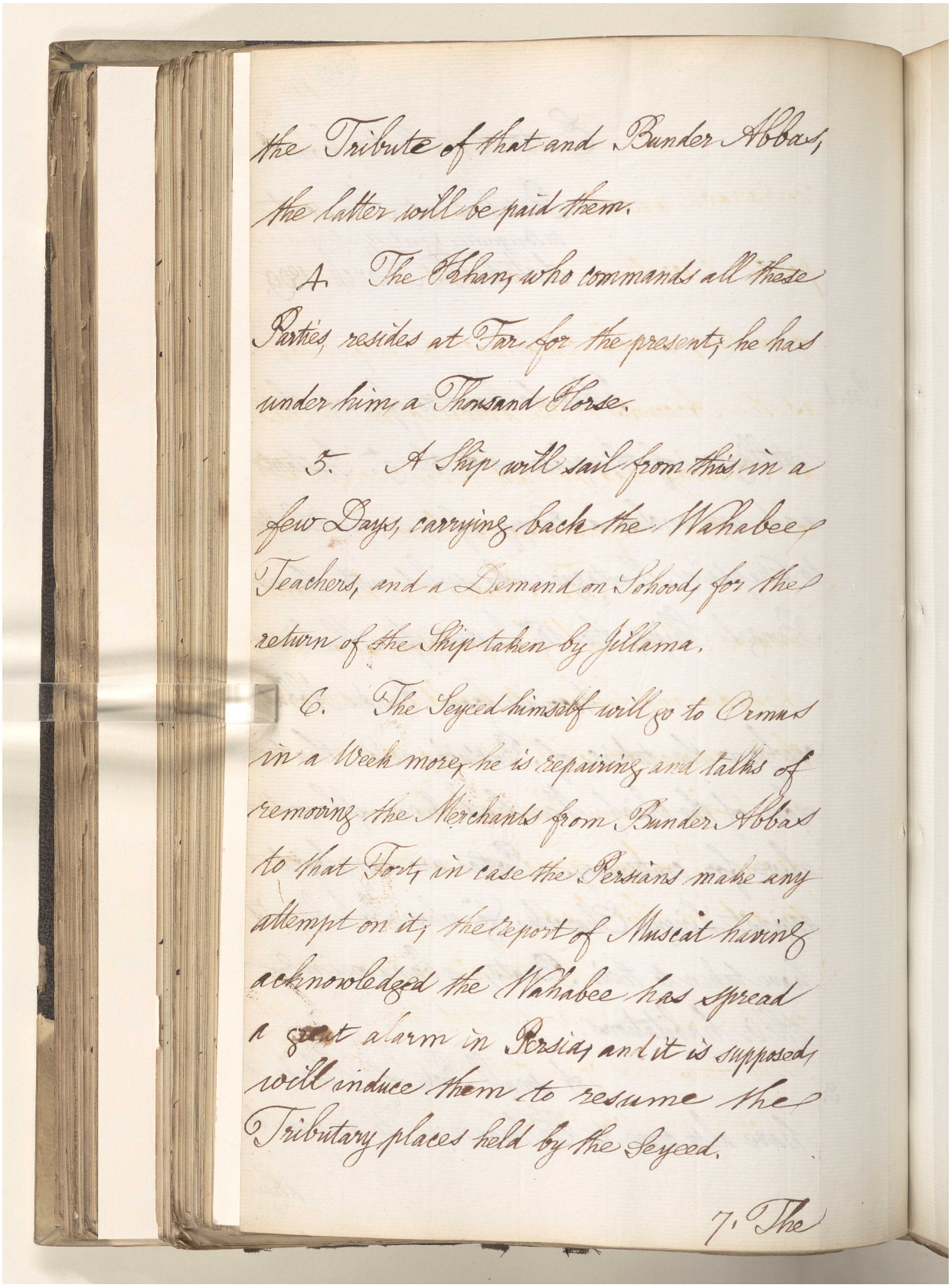

the Tribute of that and Bunder Abbas, the latter will be paid them.

4. The Khan, who commands all these Parties, resides at Far for the present; he has under him a Thousand Horse.

5. A Ship will sail from this in a few Days, carrying back the Wahabee Teachers, and a Demand on Sohood, for the return of the Ship taken by Jillama.

6. The Seyeed himself will go to Ormus in a Week more, he is repairing and talks of removing the Merchants from Bunder Abbas to that Fort, in case the Persians make any attempt on it; the report of Muscat having acknowledged the Wahabee has spread a great alarm in Persia, and it is supposed, will induce them to resume the Tributary places held by the Seyeed.

7. The

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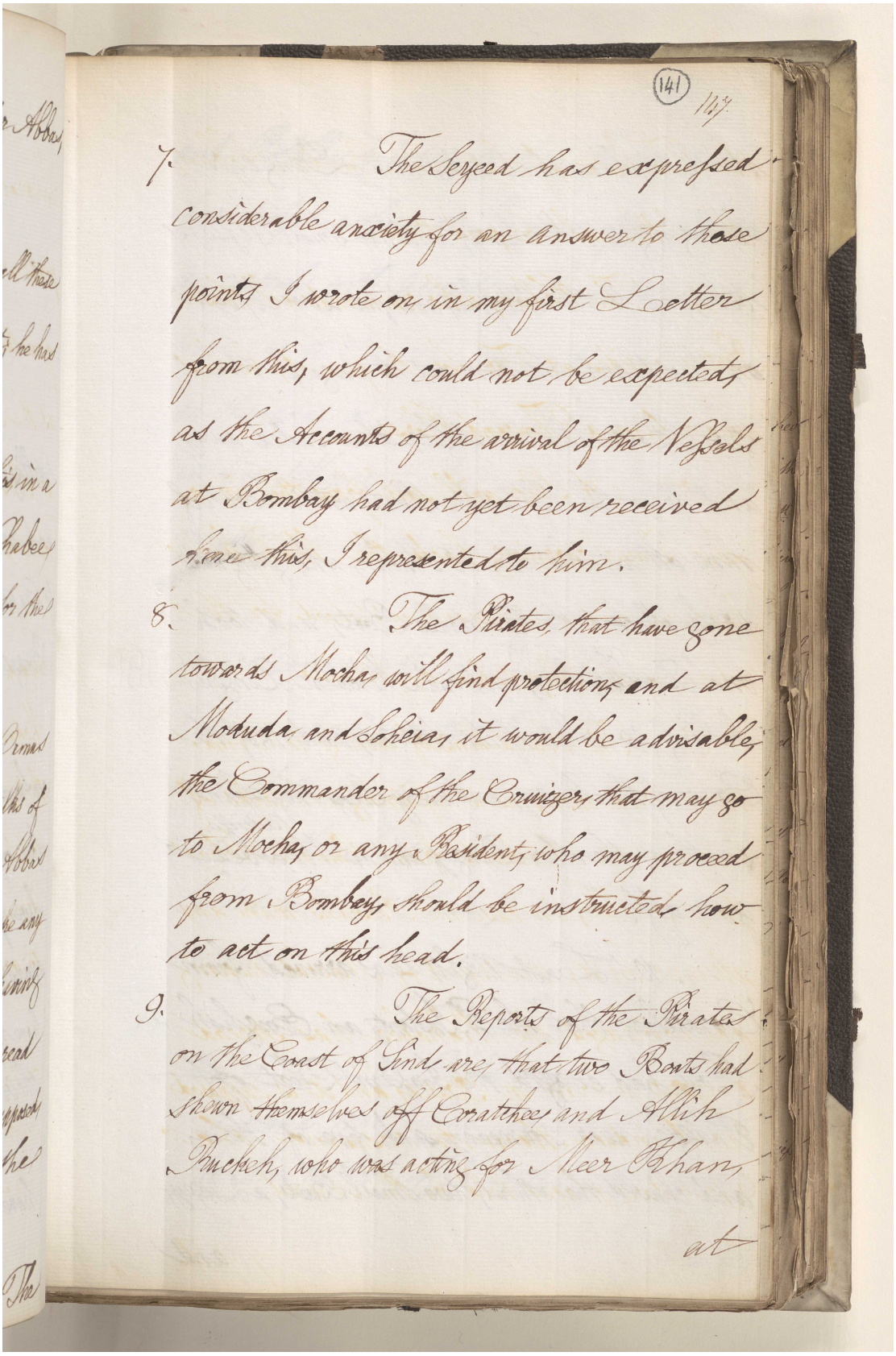

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7. The Seyeed has expressed considerable anxiety for an answer to those points I wrote on in my first Letter from this, which could not be expected, as the Accounts of the arrival of the Vessels at Bombay had not yet been received since this, I represented to him.

8. The Pirates that have gone towards Mocha will find protection, and at Moduda and Sheira, it would be advisable, the Commander of the Cruizers that may go to Mocha or any, Resident, who may proceed from Bombay, should be instructed how to act on this head.

9. The Reports of the Pirates on the Coast of Sind are, that two Boats had shewn themselves off Corachee, and Allah Bucksh, who was acting for Meer Khan,

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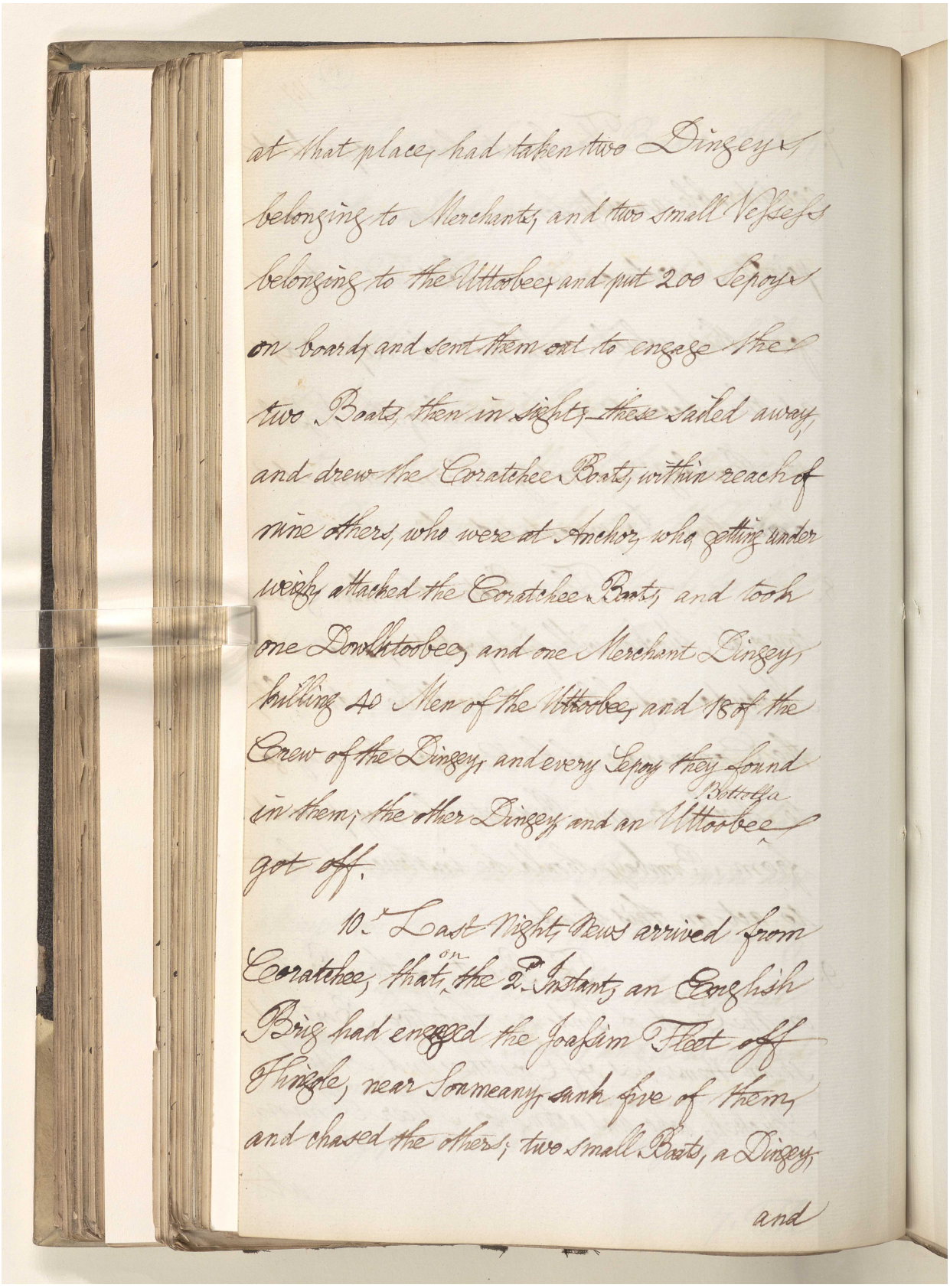

at that place, had taken two Dingeys belonging to Merchants, and two small Vessels belonging to the Uttoobees, and put 200 Sepoys on board, and sent them out to engage the two Boats, then in sight, these sailed away, and drew the Coratchee Boats within reach of nine others, who were at Anchor, who getting under weigh attacked the Coratchee Boats, and took one Dowlatoobee, and one Merchant Dingey, killing 40 Men of the Uttoobees, and 18 of the Crew of the Dingeys, and every Sepoy they found in them; the other Dingeys, and an Uttoobee Battella got off.

10.th Last Night News arrived from Coratchee, that on the 2.d Instant, an English Brig had engaged the Joasim Fleet off Phiggle, near Soameany, sunk five of them, and chased the others; two small Boats, a Dingey,

and

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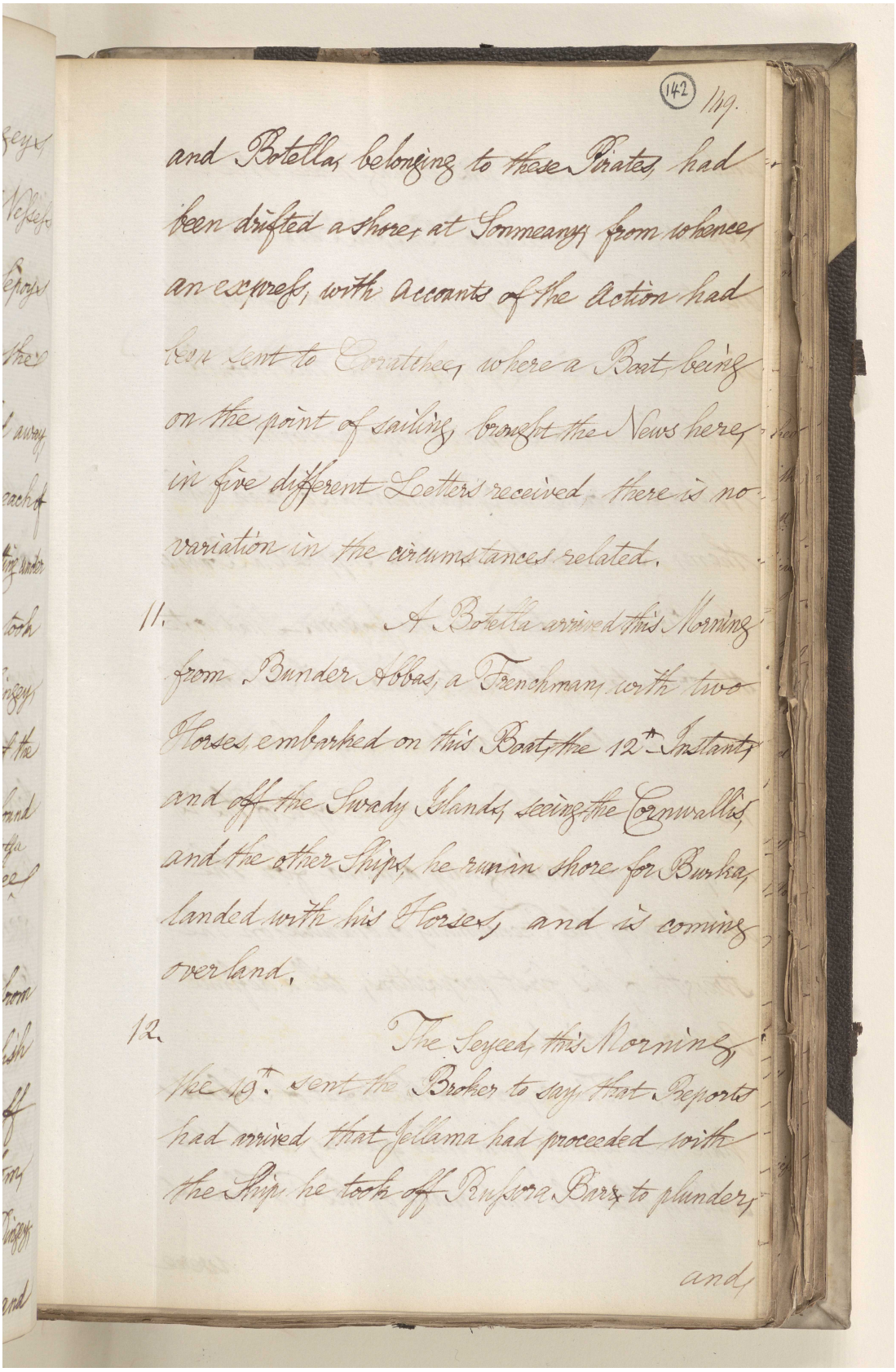

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and Botellas belonging to these Pirates had been drifted a shore at Sonmeany, from whence an express, with accounts of the Action had been sent to Coratchee, where a Boat being on the point of sailing, brought the News here, in five different Letters received there is no variation in the circumstances related.

11. A Botella arrived this Morning from Bunder Abbas, a Frenchman with two Horses embarked on this Boat the 12th Instant and off the Swady Islands seeing the Cornwallis and the other Ships, he run in shore for Burka, landed with his Horses, and is coming over land.

12. The Seyeed this Morning the 13th sent the Broker to say that Reports had arrived that Jellama had proceeded with the Ships he took off Bushire Bar, to plunder,

and

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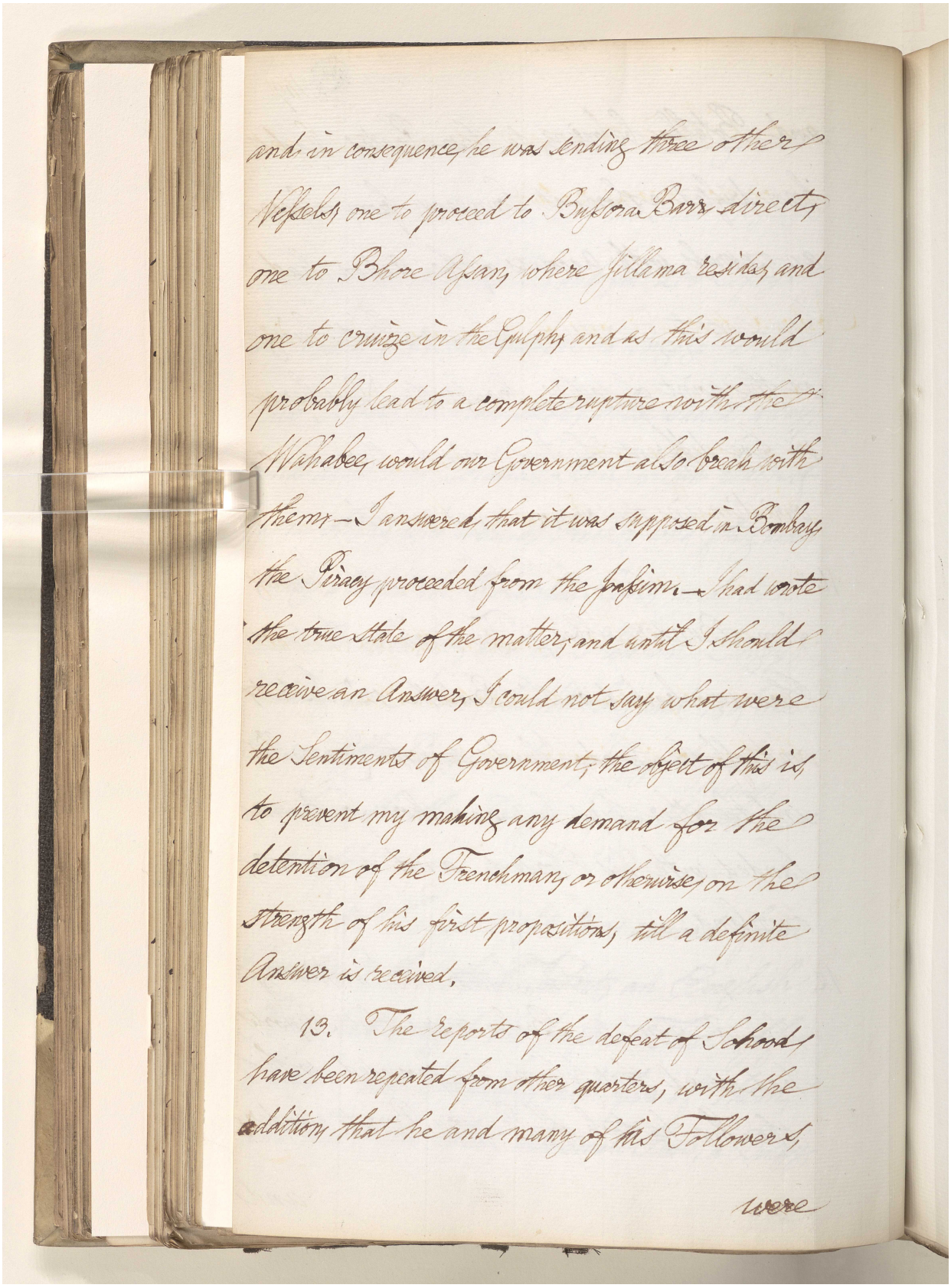

and in consequence he was sending three other
Vessels one to proceed to Bussora Barr direct,
one to Bhore Afsan, where Jillama resides, and
one to cruize in the Gulphy and as this would
probably lead to a complete rupture with the
Wahabee, would our Government also break with
them — I answered, that it was supposed in Bombay
the Piracy proceeded from the Joasimi — I had wrote
the true State of the matter, and until I should
receive an Answer, I could not say what were
the Sentiments of Government; the Object of this is
to prevent my making any demand for the
detention of the Frenchmany or otherwise on the
Strength of his first propositions, till a definite
Answer is received,

13. The Reports of the defeat of Sohood
have been repeated from other quarters, with the
addition that he and many of his Followers,

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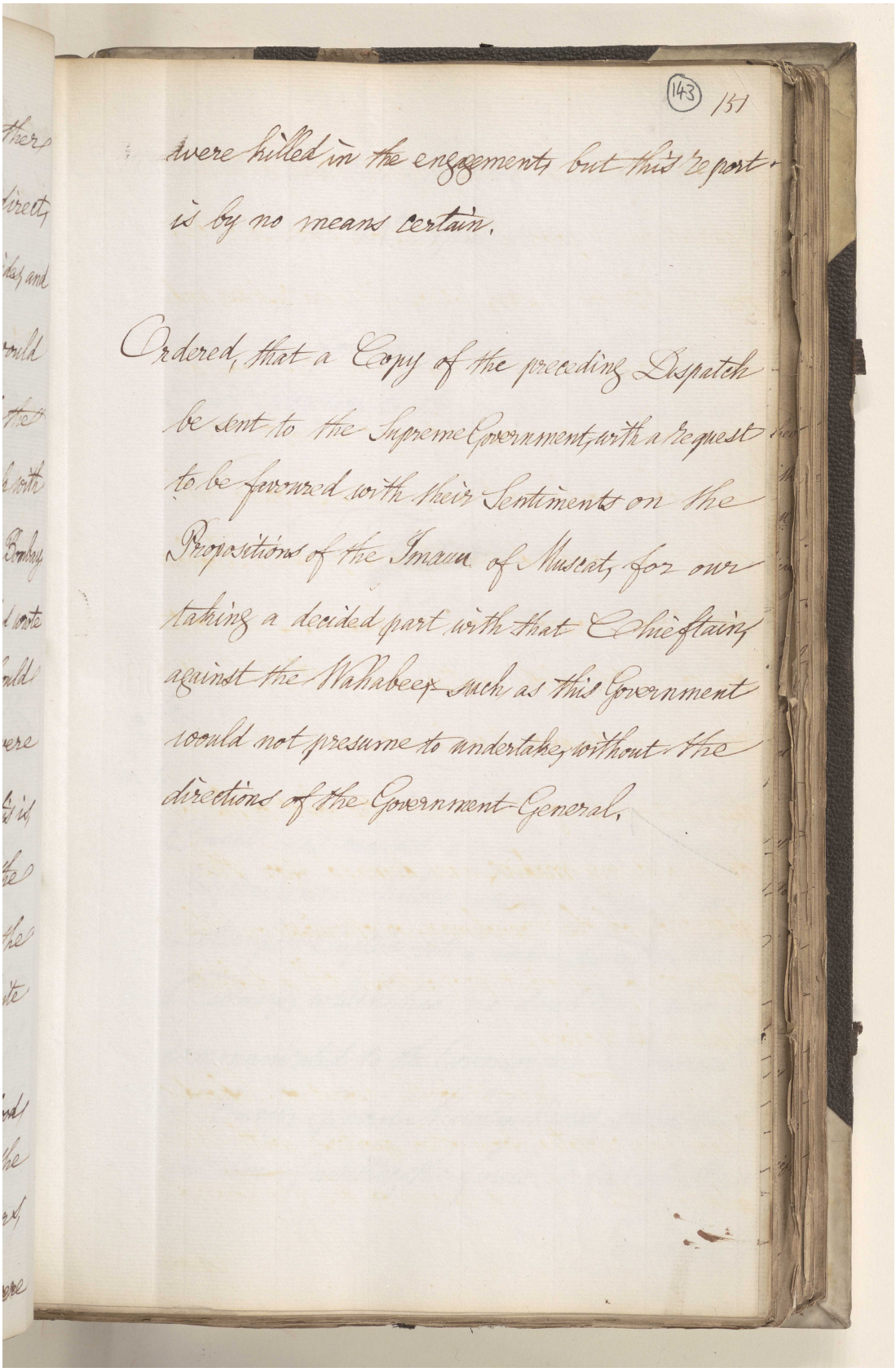

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were killed in the engagements but this report is by no means certain.

Ordered that a Copy of the preceding Dispatch be sent to the Supreme Government with a Request to be favored with their Sentiments on the Propositions of the Imaum of Muscat, for our taking a decided part with that Chieftain against the Wahabees such as this Government would not presume to undertake without the directions of the Government General.

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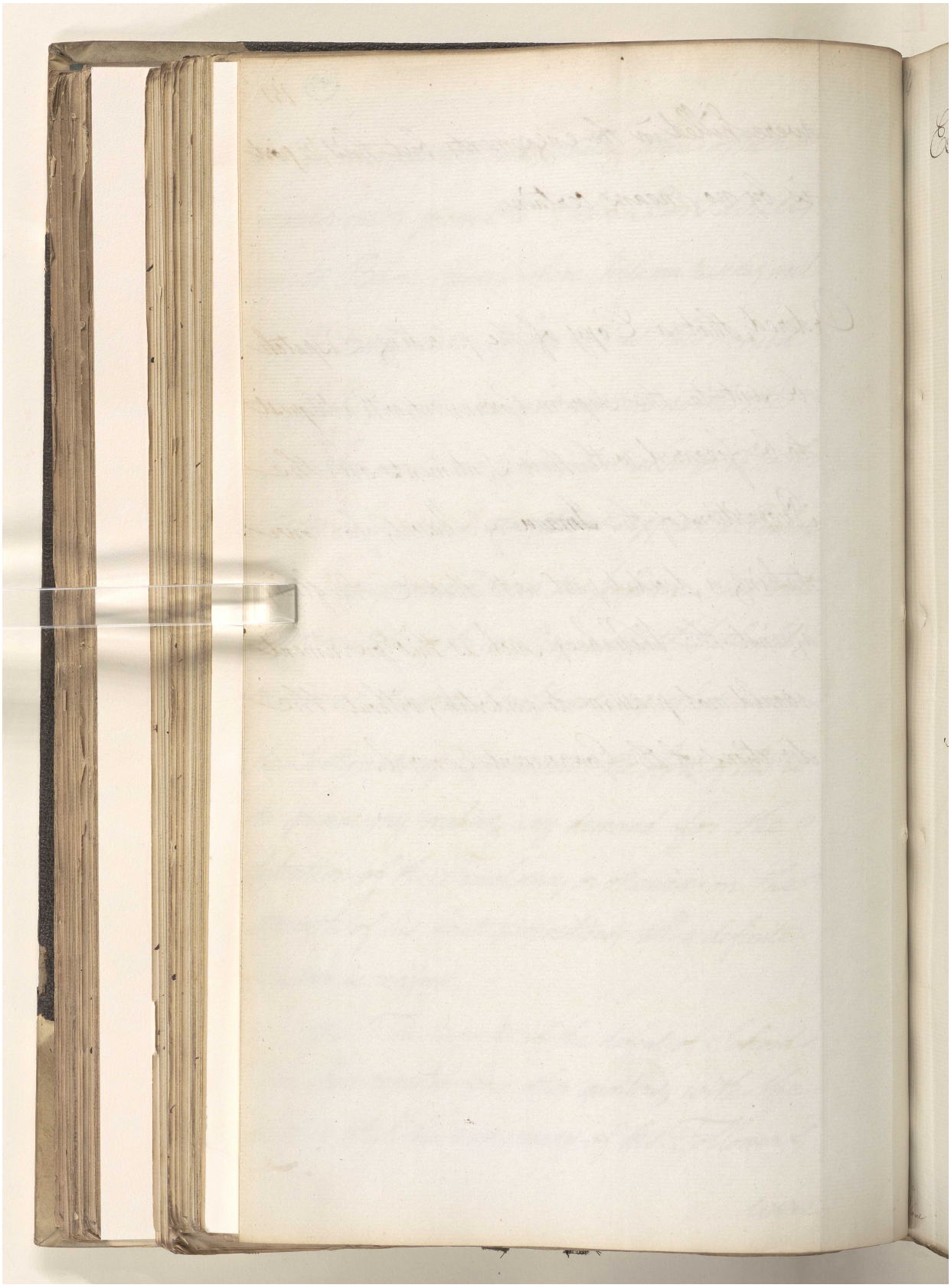

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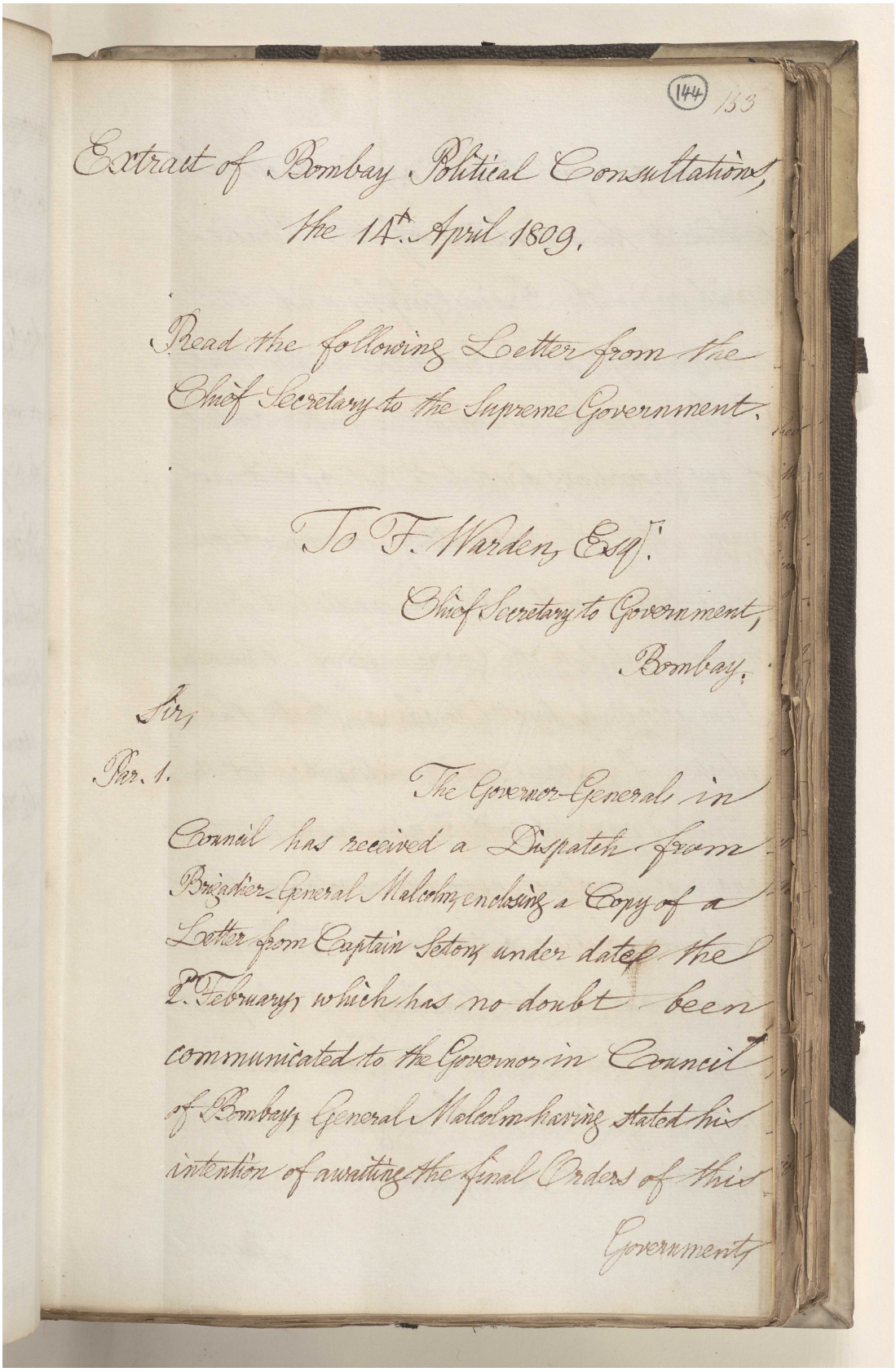

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Extract of Bombay Political Consultations,
the 14th. April 1809.

Read the following Letter from the
Chief Secretary to the Supreme Government.

To F. Warden, Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay.

Sir,

Par. 1. The Governor-General in
Council has received a Dispatch from
Brigadier General Malcolm enclosing a Copy of a
Letter from Captain Seton, under date the
2d. February, which has no doubt been
communicated to the Governor in Council
of Bombay, General Malcolm having stated his
intention of awaiting the final Orders of this
Government

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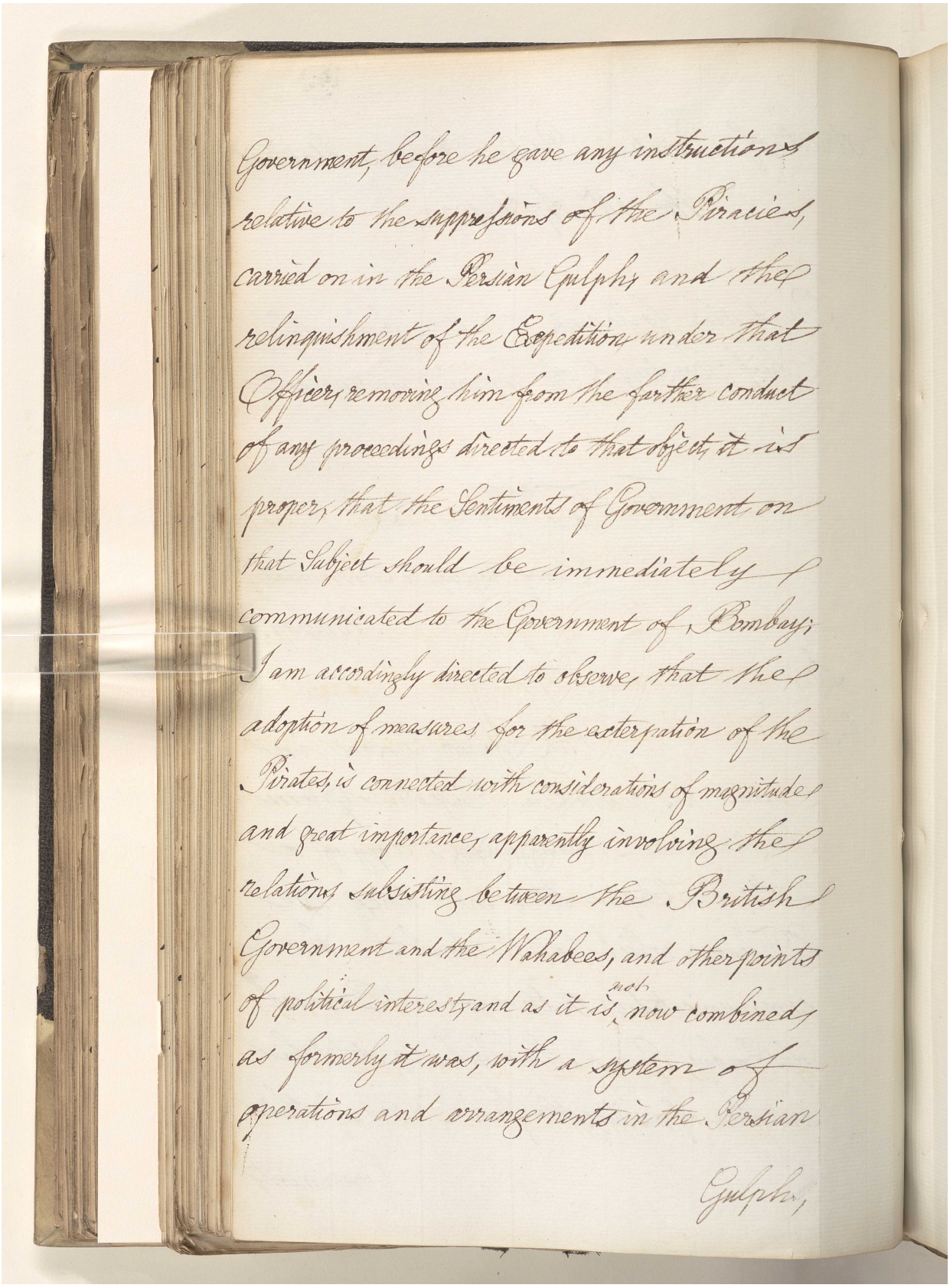

Government, before he gave any instructions
relative to the suppression of the Piracies,
carried on in the Persian Gulph, and the
relinquishment of the Expedition under that
Officer, removing him from the further conduct
of any proceedings directed to that object, it is
proper, that the Sentiments of Government on
that Subject should be immediately
communicated to the Government of Bombay;
I am accordingly directed to observe, that the
adoption of measures for the extirpation of the
Pirates, is connected with considerations of magnitude
and great importance, apparently involving the
relations subsisting between the British
Government and the Wahabees, and other points
of political interest, and as it is not now combined,
as formerly it was, with a system of
operations and arrangements in the Persian
Gulph,

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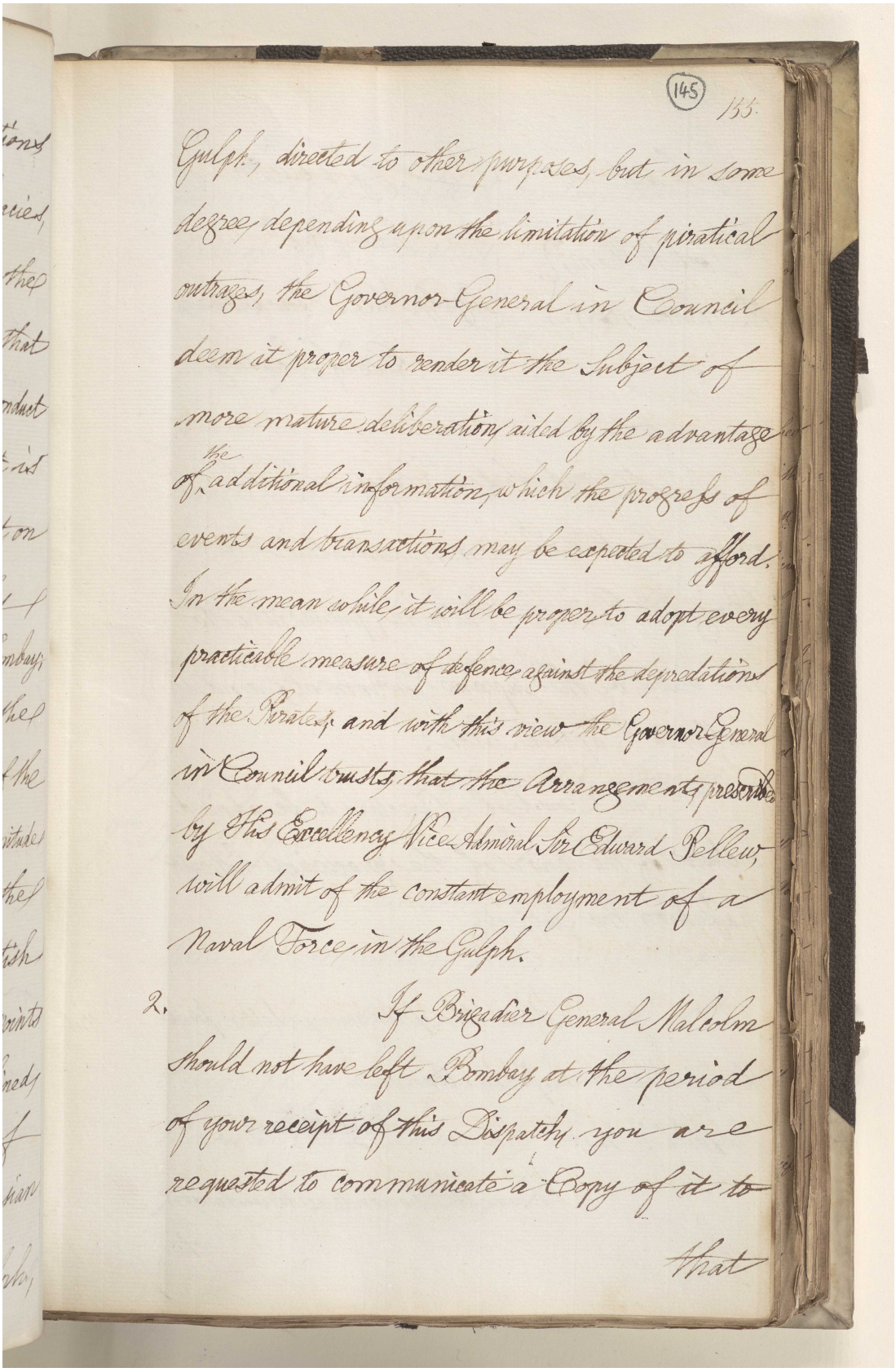

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Gulph, directed to other purposes, but in some degree depending upon the limitation of piratical outrages, the Governor-General in Council deem it proper to render it the Subject of more mature deliberation, aided by the advantage of additional information, which the progress of events and transactions may be expected to afford. In the mean while, it will be proper to adopt every practicable measure of defence against the depredations of the Pirates, and with this view the Governor General in Council trusts, that the Arrangements presented by His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, will admit of the constant employment of a Naval Force in the Gulph.

2. If Brigadier General Malcolm should not have left Bombay at the period of your receipt of this Dispatch, you are requested to communicate a Copy of it to

that

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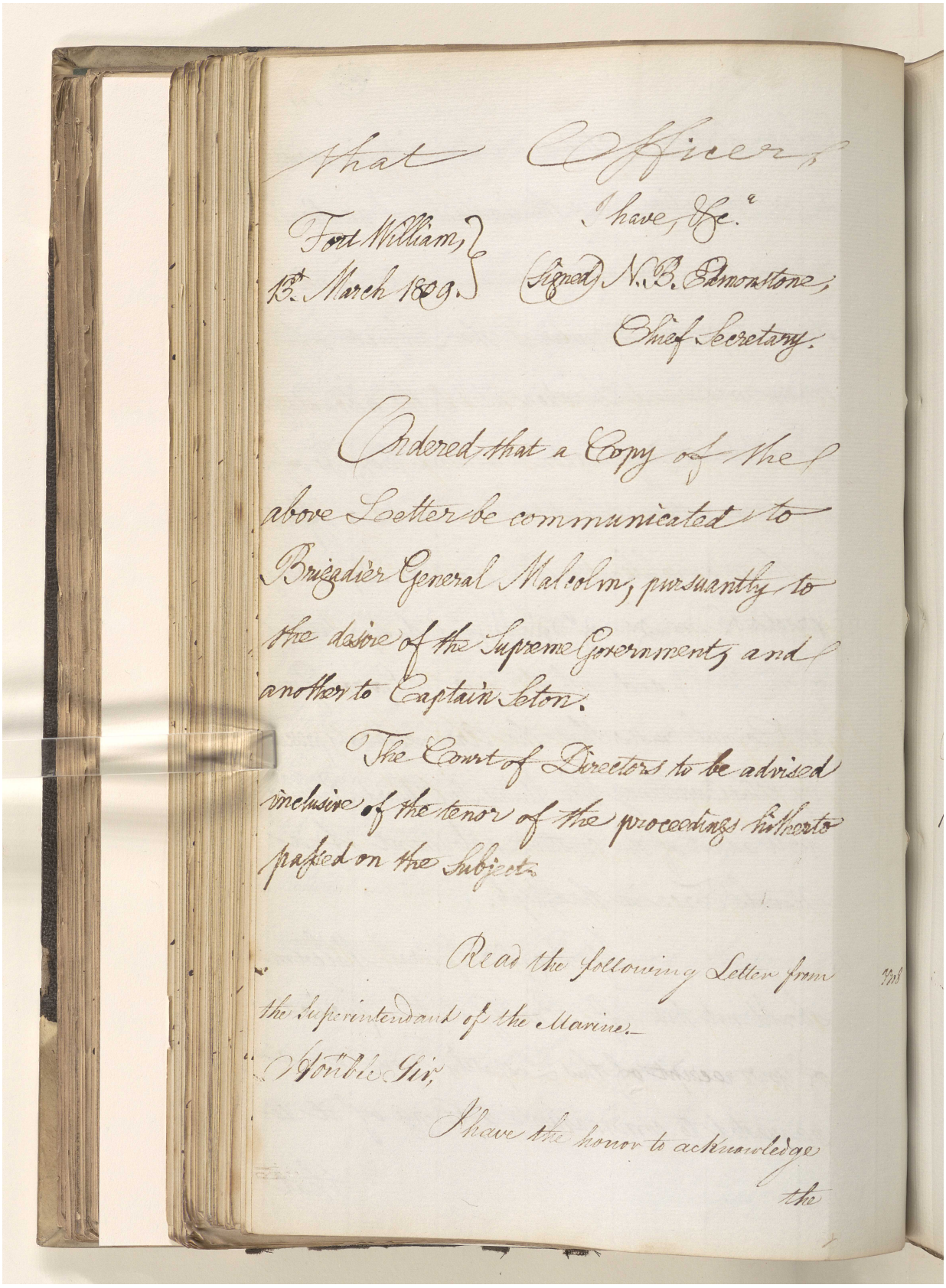

that Officer,

I have, &c.

Fort William,
13th March 1809.

(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter be communicated to Brigadier General Malcolm, pursuantly to the desire of the Supreme Government, and another to Captain Seton.

The Court of Directors to be advised inclusive of the tenor of the proceedings hitherto passed on the Subject.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Marine.

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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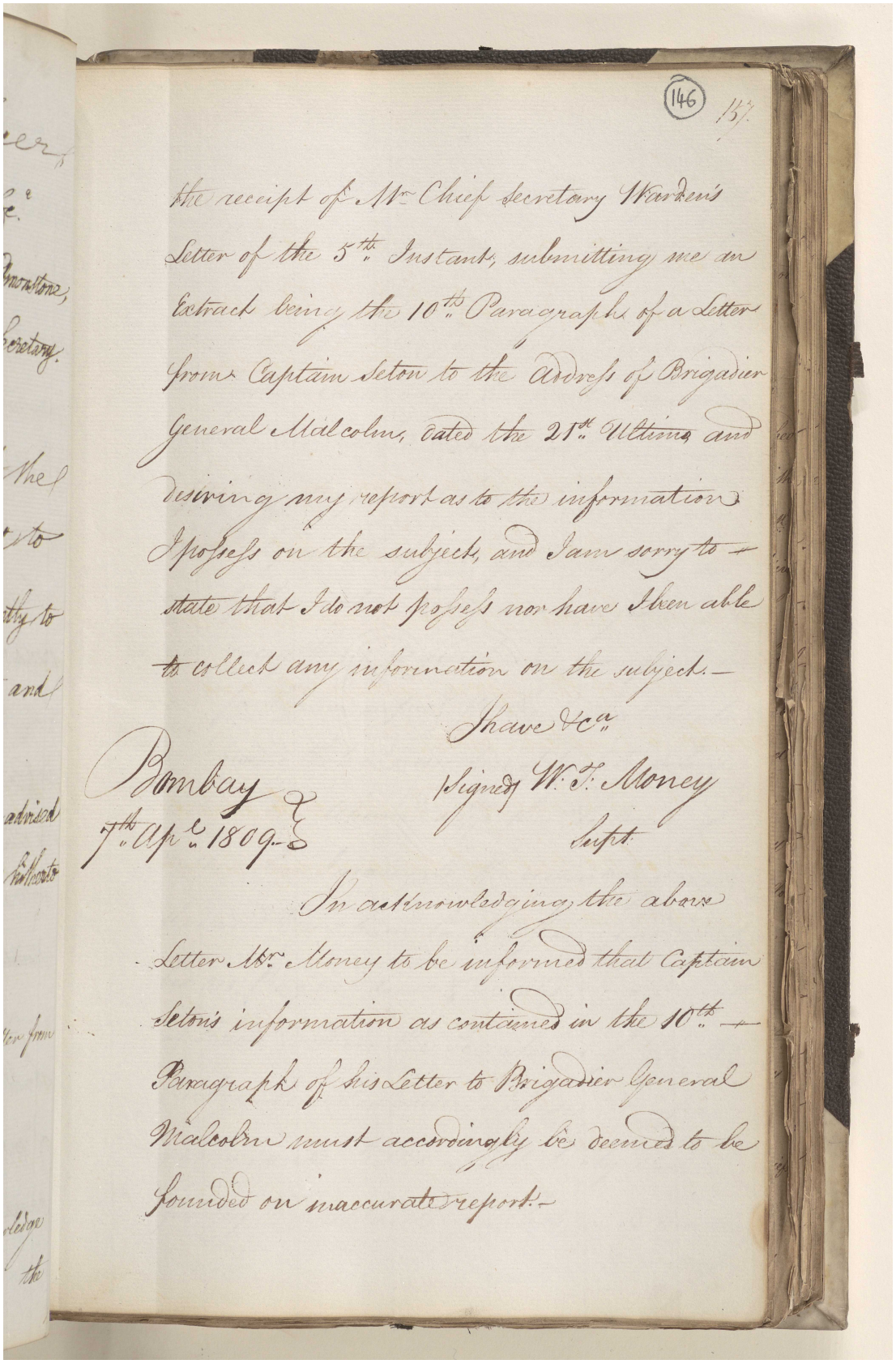

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the receipt of Mr. Chief Secretary Warden's Letter of the 5th. Instant, submitting me an Extract being the 10th. Paragraph of a Letter from Captain Seton to the Address of Brigadier General Malcolm, dated the 21st. Ultimo and desiring my report as to the information I possess on the subject, and I am sorry to state that I do not possess nor have I been able to collect any information on the subject.—

I have &ca.

Bombay
7th. Apl. 1809.

(Signed) W. T. Money
Supt.

In acknowledging the above Letter Mr. Money to be informed that Captain Seton's information as contained in the 10th. Paragraph of his Letter to Brigadier General Malcolm must accordingly be deemed to be founded on inaccurate report.—

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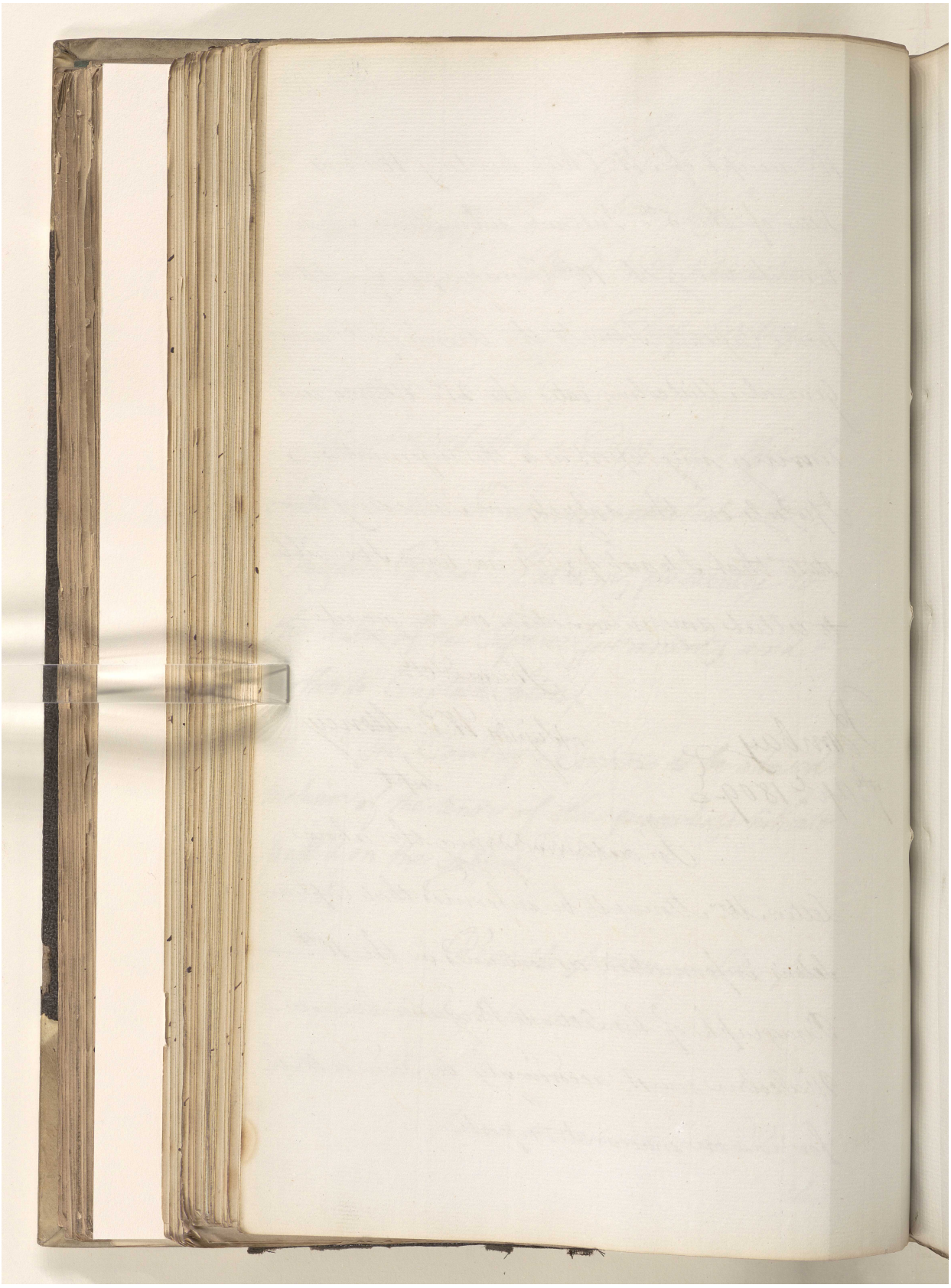

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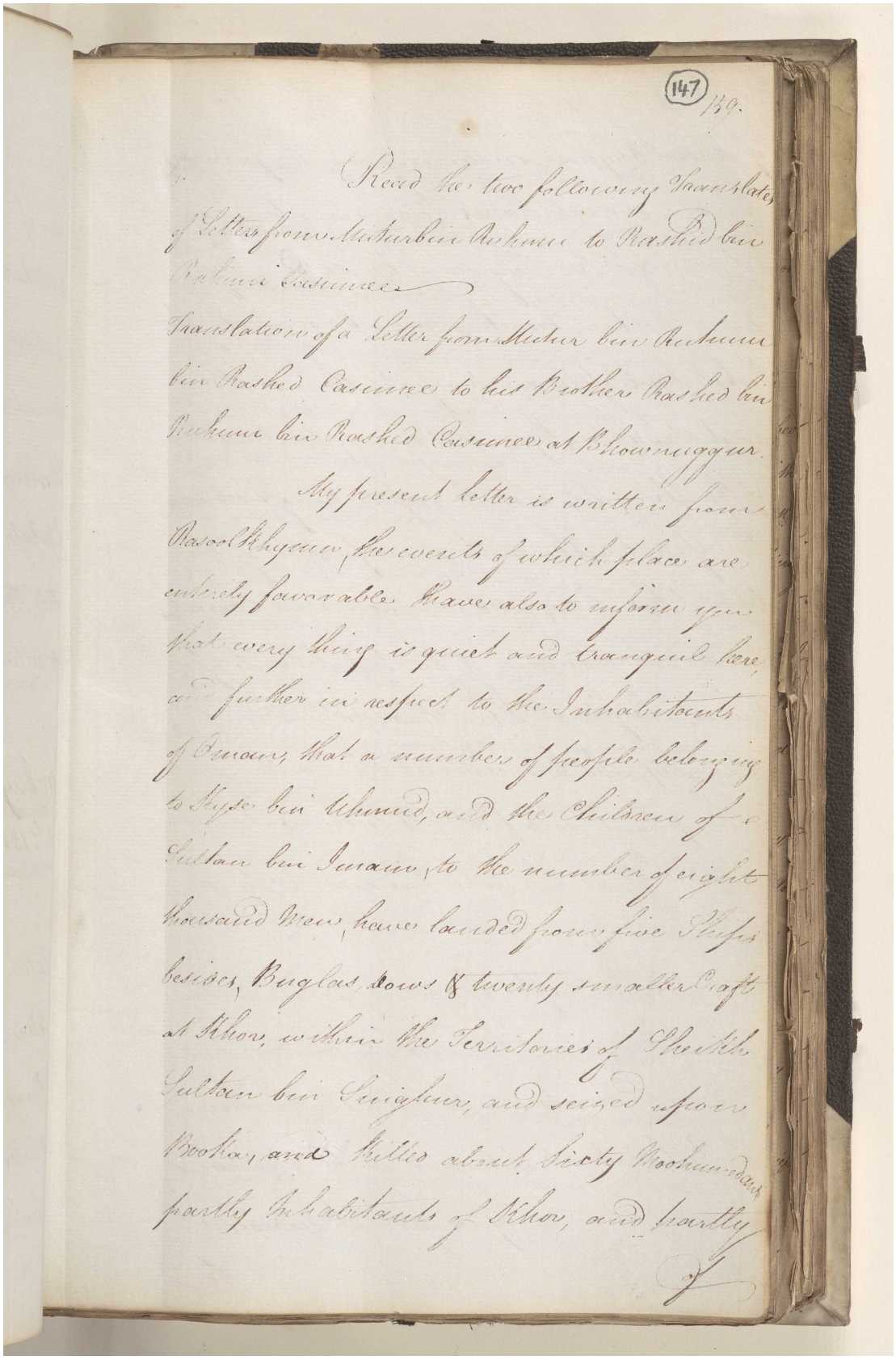

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Read the two following Translates of Letters from Muturbin Ruhmu to Rashid bin Ruhmu Casimee

Translation of a Letter from Mutur bin Ruhmu bin Rashed Casimee to his Brother Rashed bin Ruhmu bin Rashed Casimee at Bhownuggur.

My present letter is written from Rasoolkhymn, the events of which place are entirely favorable. I have also to inform you that every thing is quiet and tranquil here, and further in respect to the Inhabitants of Oman, that a number of people belonging to Kyse bin Uhmud, and the Children of Sultan bin Imam, to the number of eight thousand Men, have landed from five Ships besides, Buglas, Dows & twenty smaller Craft at Khor, within the Territories of Sheikh Sultan bin Singhur, and seized upon Booka, and killed about Sixty Moohumedans partly Inhabitants of Khor, and partly

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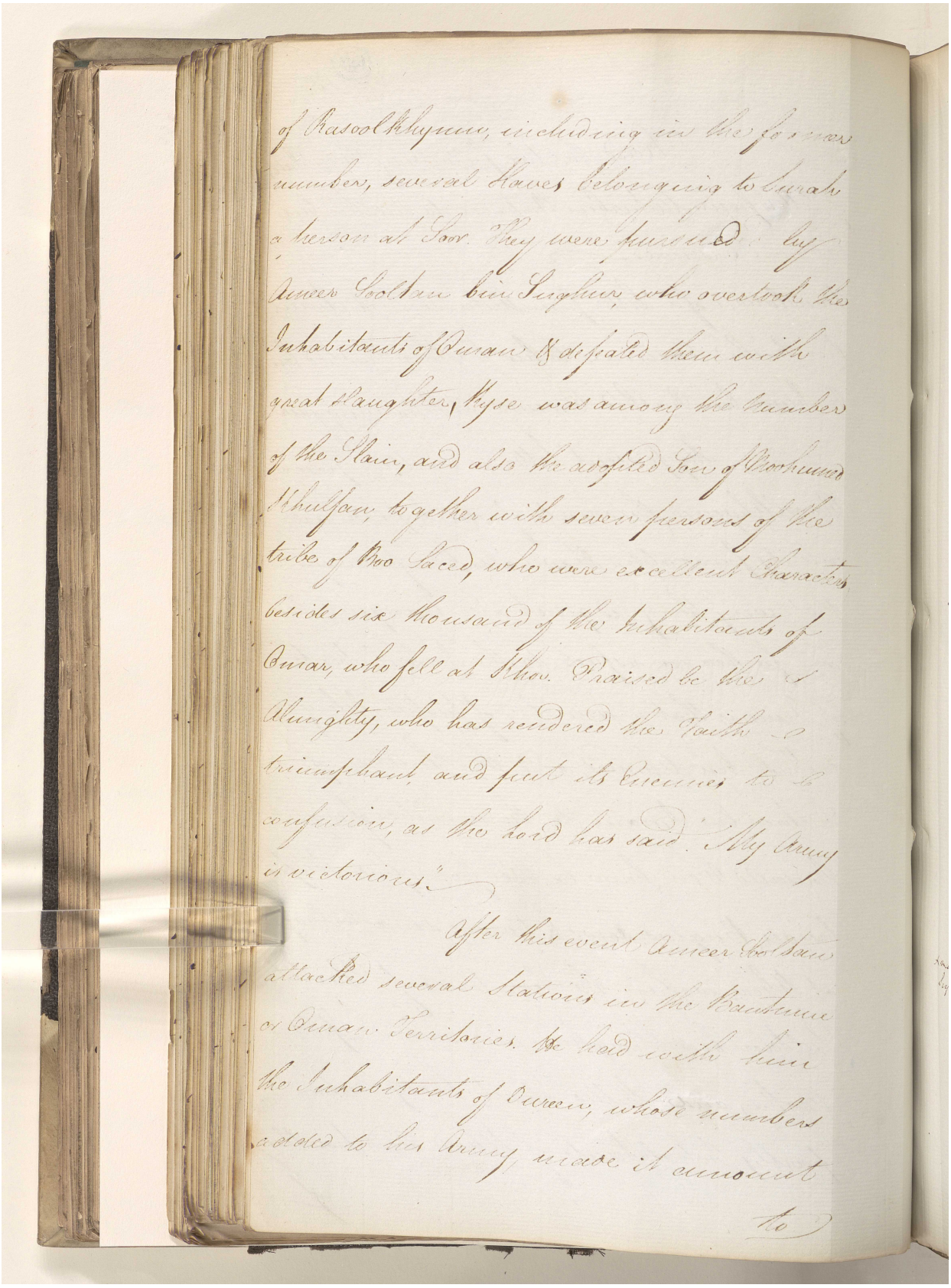

of Rasoolkhymn, including in the former number, several Slaves belonging to Surah a person at Soor. They were pursued by Ameer Sooltan bin Sughur, who overtook the Inhabitants of Oman & defeated them with great slaughter, Kyse was among the number of the Slain, and also the adopted Son of Moohumed Khulfan, together with seven persons of the tribe of Boo Saced, who were excellent Characters besides six thousand of the Inhabitants of Omar, who fell at Khor. Praised be the Almighty, who has rendered the Faith triumphant, and put its Enemies to confusion, as the Lord has said "My Army is victorious."

After this event Ameer Sooltan attacked several Stations in the Bantmin or Oman Territories. He had with him the Inhabitants of Oureen, whose numbers added to his Army, made it amount

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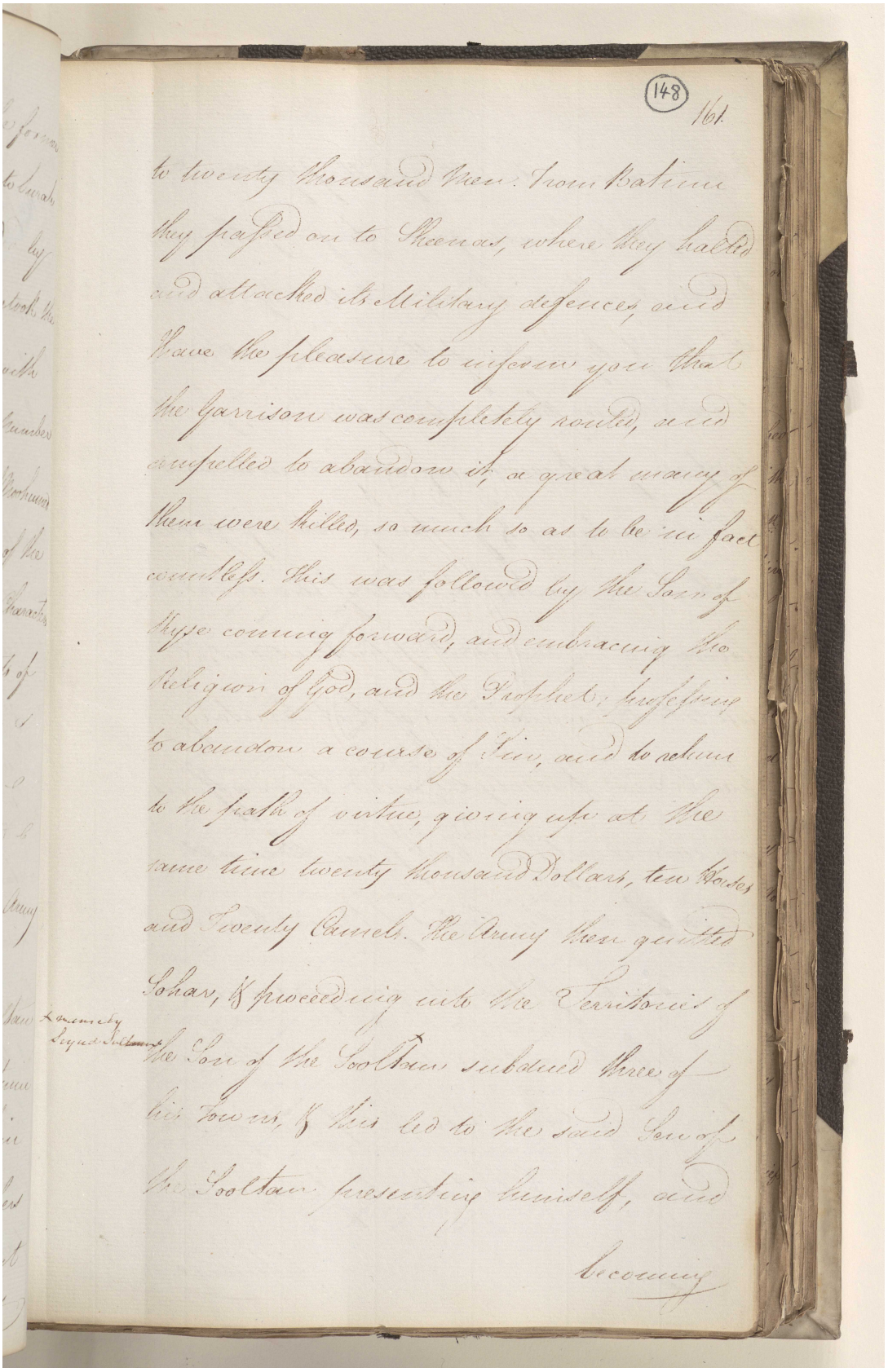

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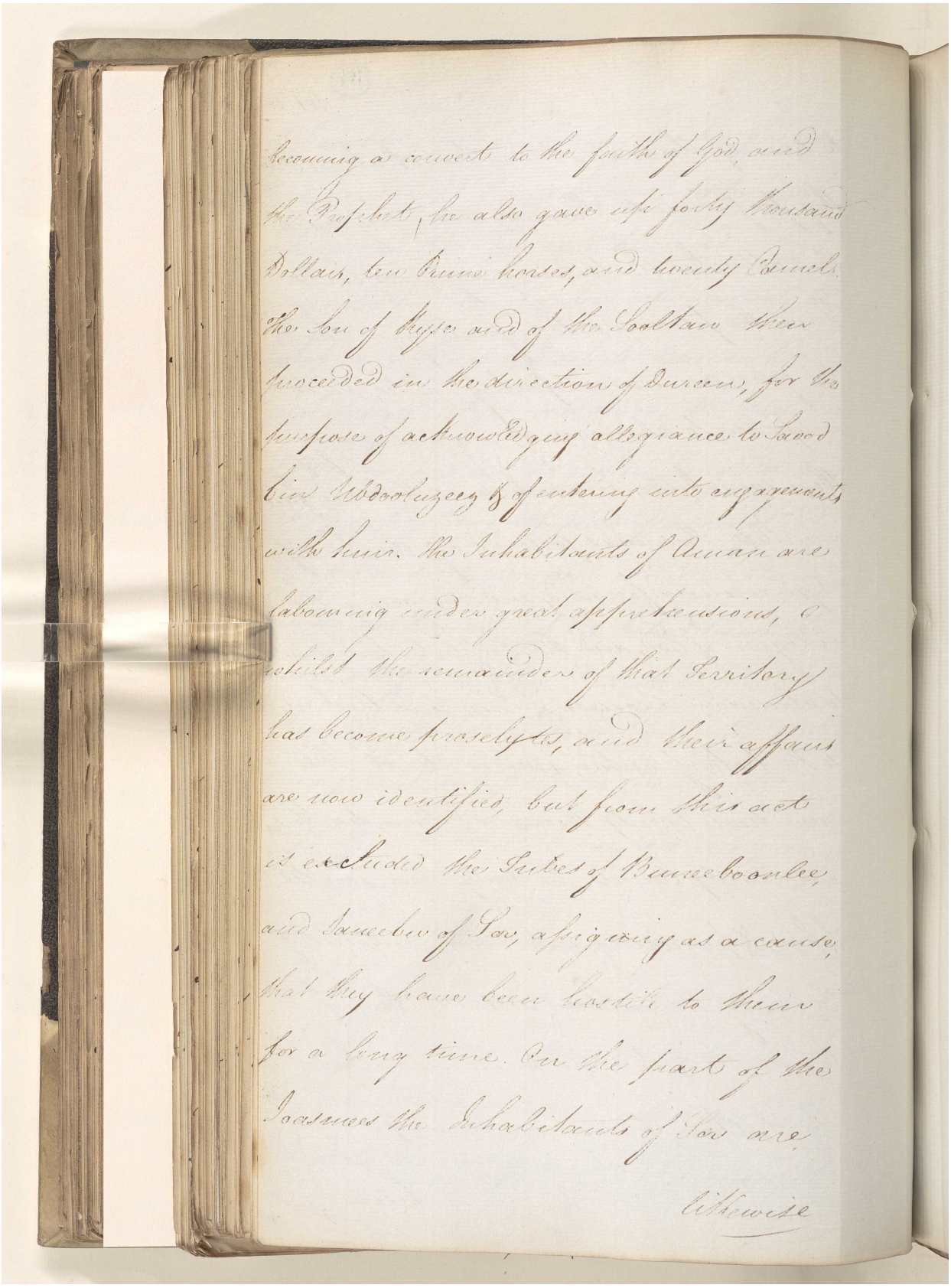

becoming a convert to the faith of God, and
the Prophet, he also gave up forty thousand
Dollars, ten Prime horses, and twenty Camels.
the Son of Ryse and of the Sooltan then
proceeded in the direction of Dureen, for the
purpose of acknowledging allegiance to Savod
bin Ubdooluzeez & of entering into engagements
with him. the Inhabitants of Aman are
labouring under great apprehensions, o
whilst the remainder of that Territory
has become proselytes, and their affairs
are now identified, but from this act
is excluded the Tribes of Bunee boonlee,
and Janeebu of Sor, assigning as a cause,
that they have been hostile to them
for a long time. On the part of the
Joasmees the Inhabitants of Sor are

likewise

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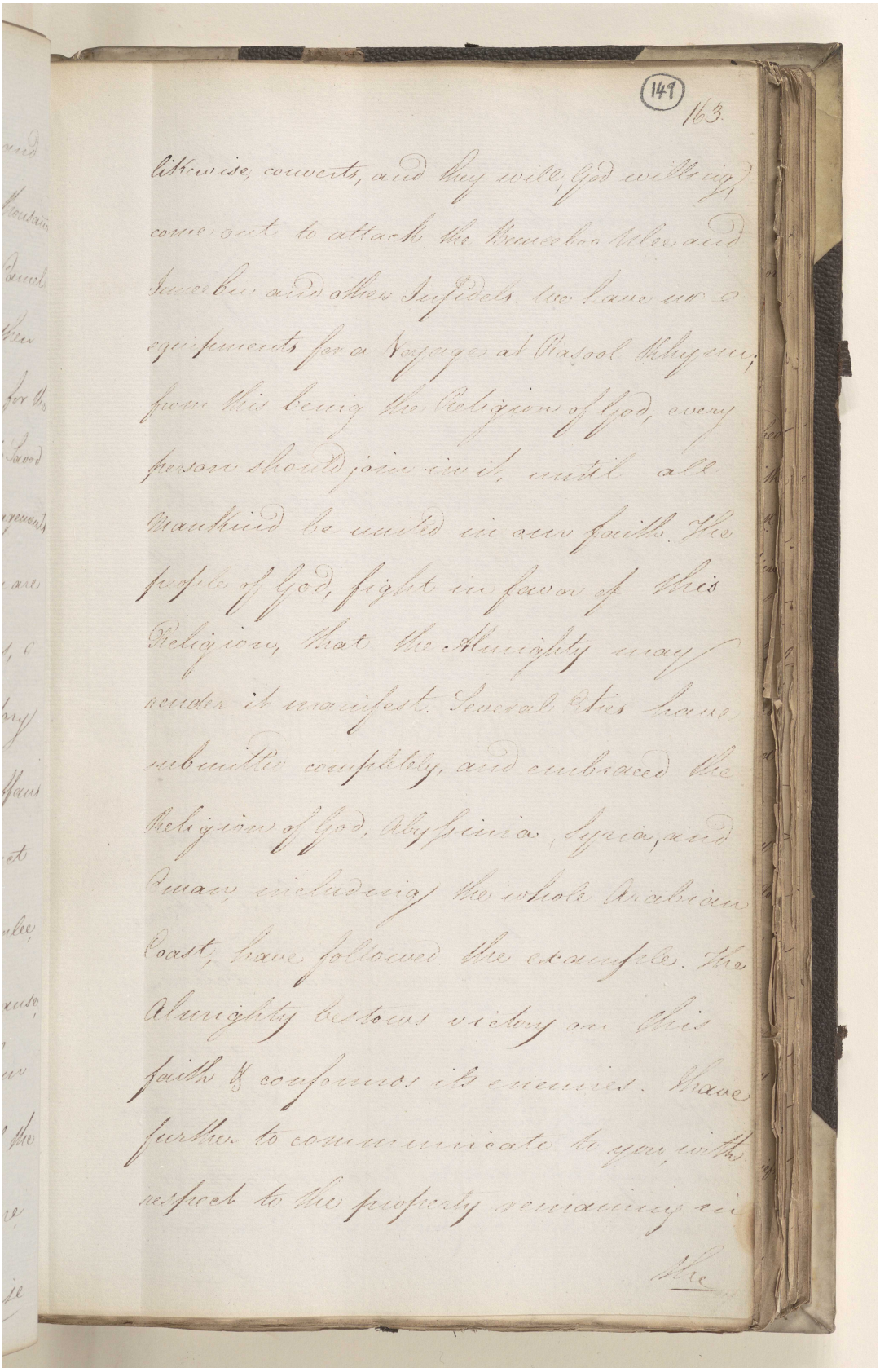

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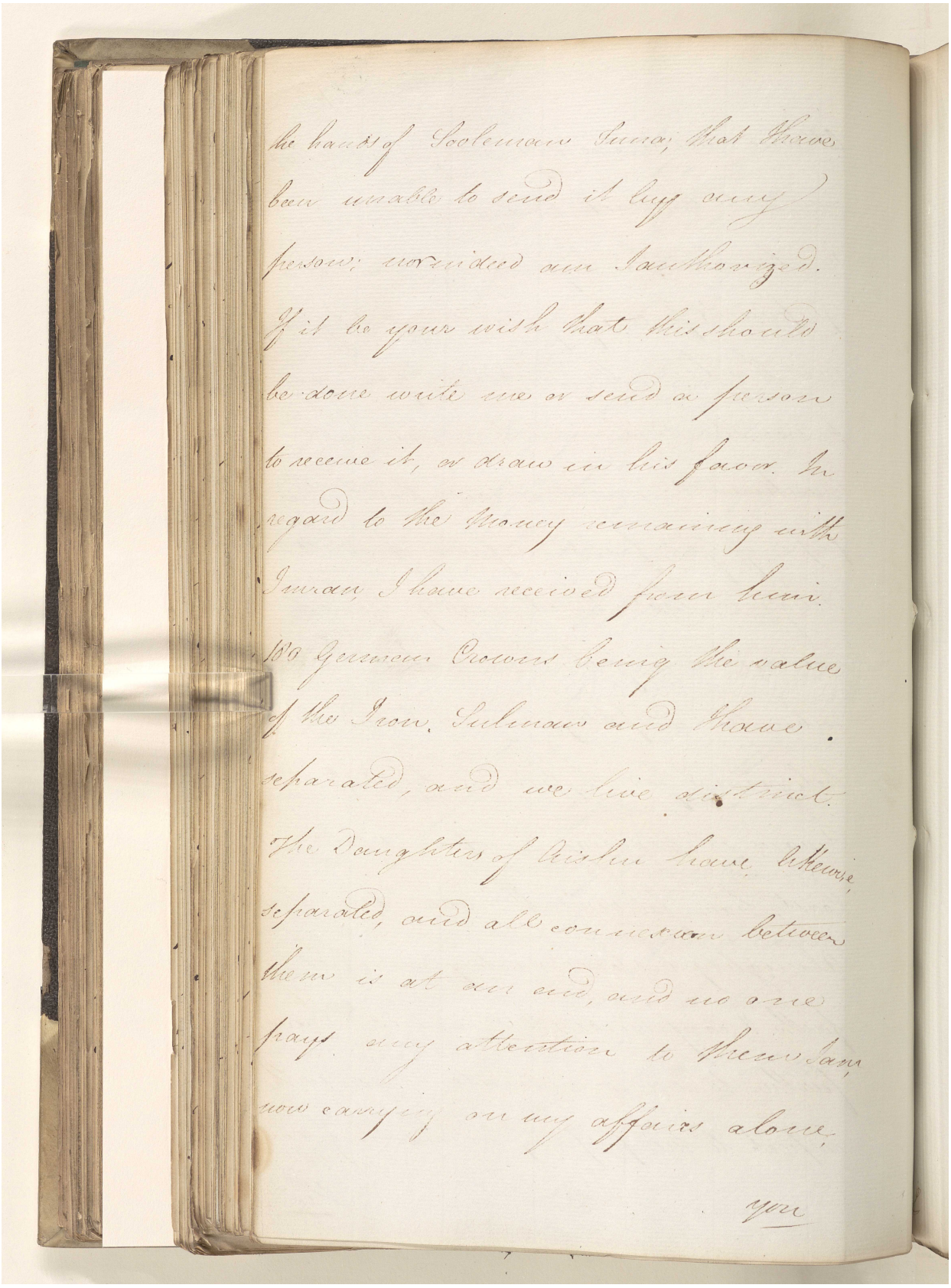

the hands of Sooleman Suna; that I have
been unable to send it by any
person; nor indeed am I authorized.
If it be your wish that this should
be done write me or send a person
to receive it, or draw in his favor. In
regard to the Money remaining with
Imran, I have received from him
180 German Crowns being the value
of the Iron. Sulman and I have
separated, and we live distinct.
The Daughters of Aishu have likewise
separated, and all connexion between
them is at an end, and no one
pays any attention to them I am
now carrying on my affairs alone,

you

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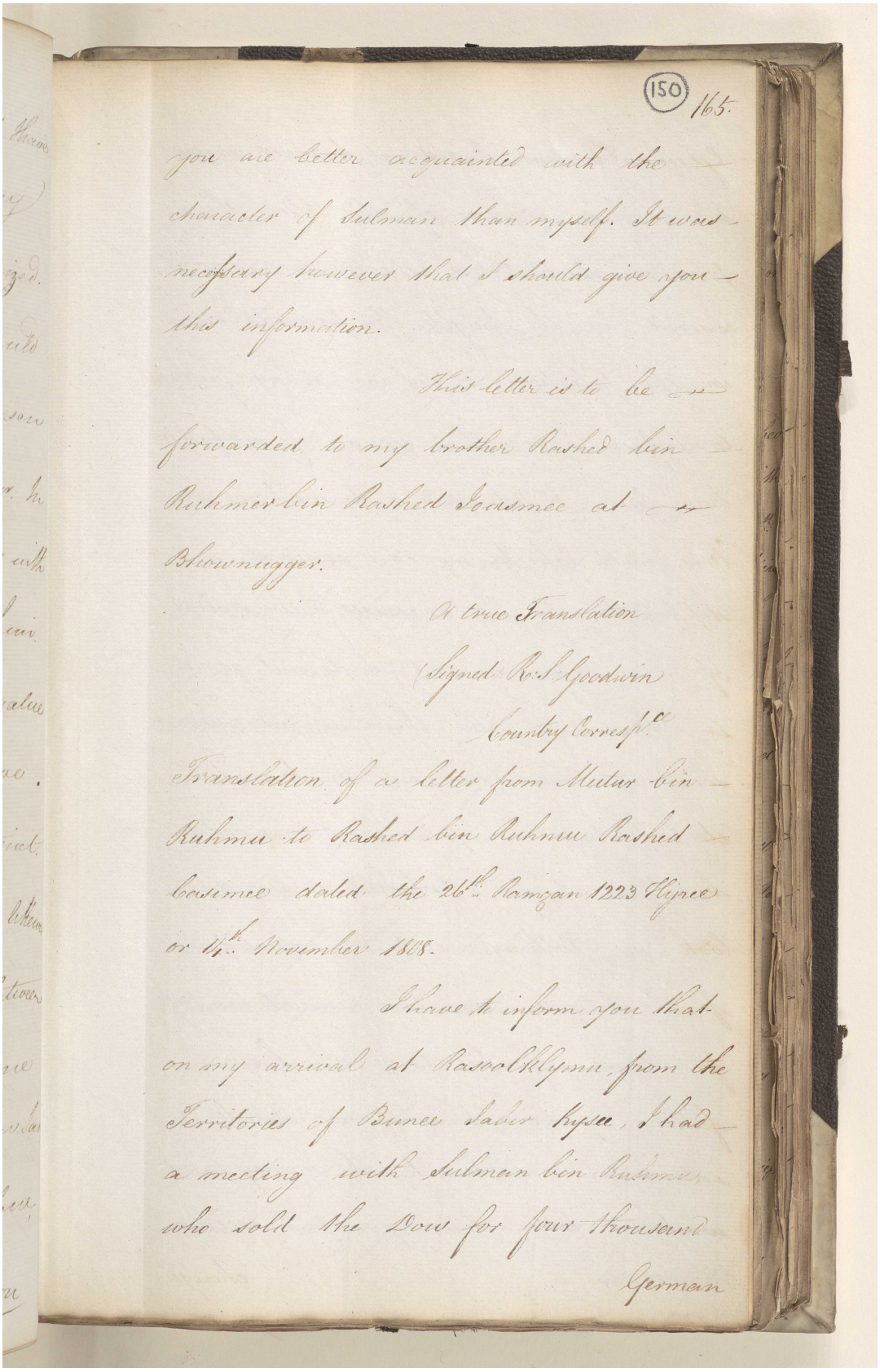

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you are better acquainted with the character of Sulman than myself. It was necessary however that I should give you this information.

This letter is to be forwarded to my brother Rashed bin Ruhmer bin Rashed Joasmee at Bhownugger.

A true Translation
(Signed) R. S. Goodwin
Country Corresp.ce

Translation of a letter from Mutur bin Ruhmu to Rashed bin Ruhmu Rashed Casimee dated the 26th Ramzan 1223 Hijree or 14th November 1808.

I have to inform you that on my arrival at Rasoolklymu, from the Territories of Bunee Jabir Kysee, I had a meeting with Sulman bin Ruhmu, who sold the Dow for four thousand

German

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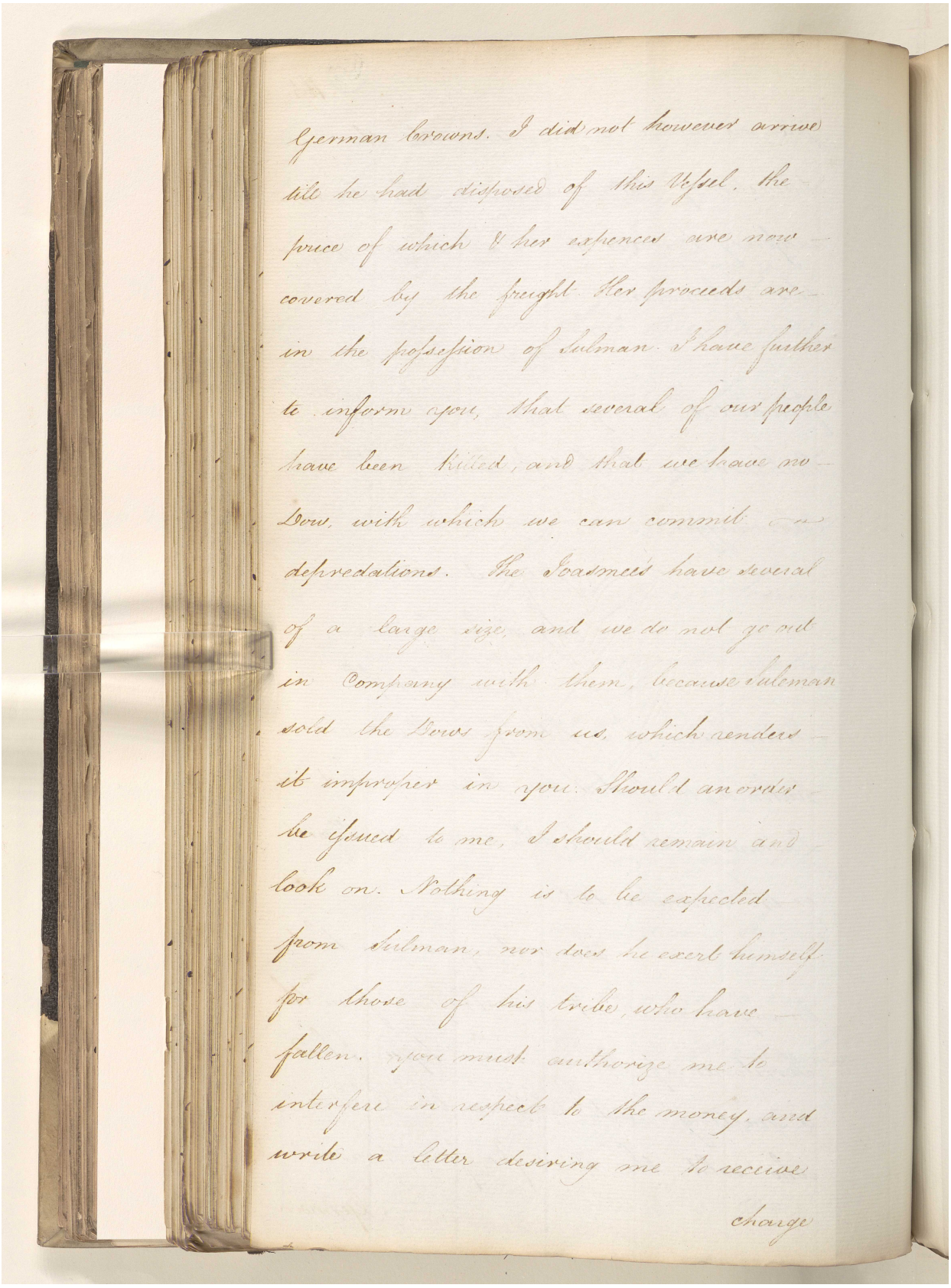
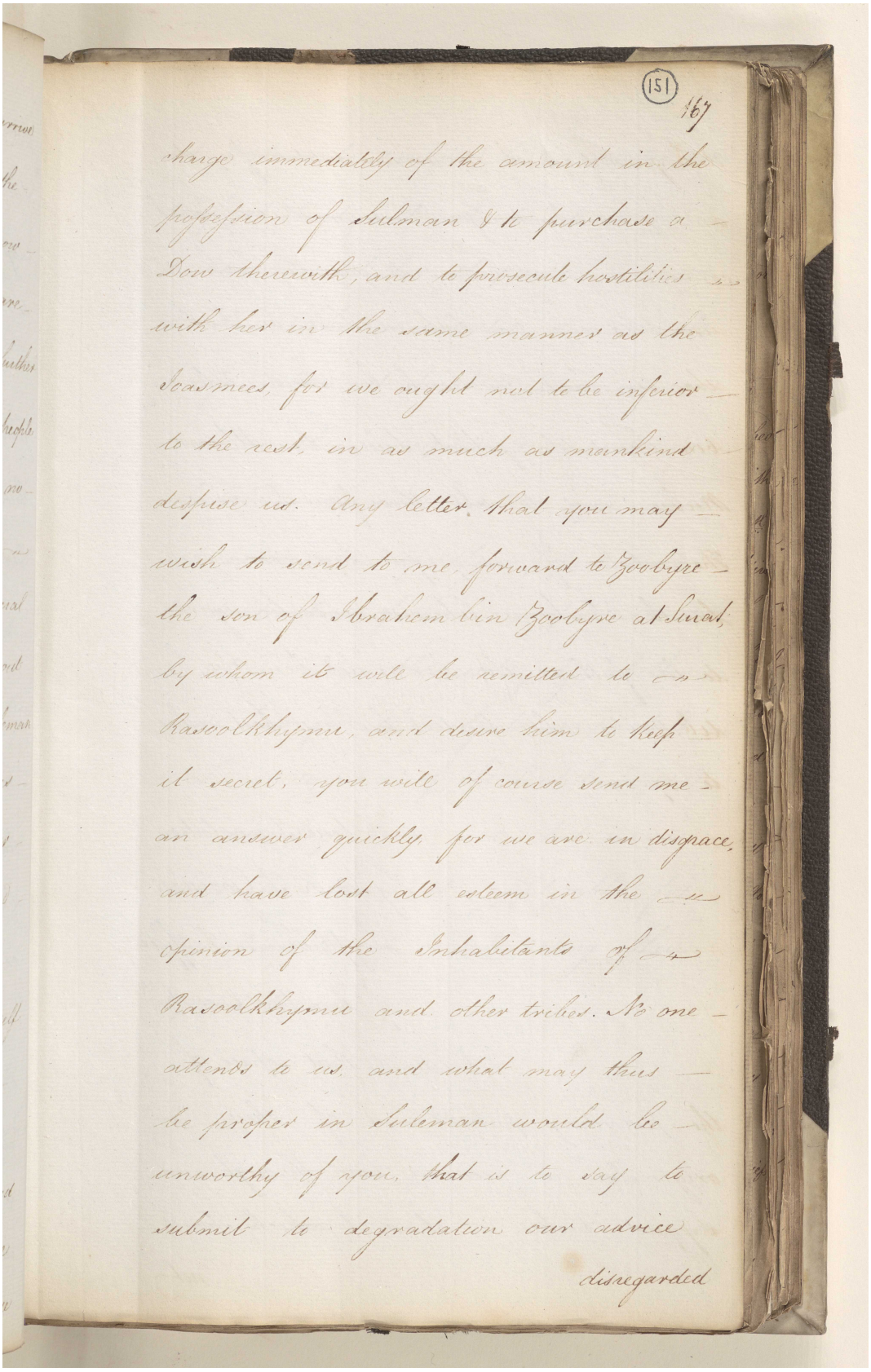


German browns. I did not however arrive
till he had disposed of this Vessel, the
price of which & her expences are now
covered by the freight. Her proceeds are
in the possession of Sulman. I have further
to inform you, that several of our people
have been killed, and that we have no
Guns, with which we can commit
depredations. The Boatmen have several
of a large size, and we do not go out
in Company with them, because Sulman
sold the Guns from us, which renders
it improper in you. Should an order
be issued to me, I should remain and
look on. Nothing is to be expected
from Sulman, nor does he exert himself
for those of his tribe, who have
fallen. You must authorize me to
interfere in respect to the money, and
write a letter desiring me to receive
charge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charge immediately of the amount in the
possession of Sulman & to purchase a
Dow therewith, and to prosecute hostilities
with her in the same manner as the
Joasmees, for we ought not to be inferior
to the rest, in as much as mankind
despise us. Any letter that you may
wish to send to me, forward to Zoobyre
the son of Ibrahem bin Zoobyre at Surat,
by whom it will be remitted to
Rasoolkhymu, and desire him to keep
it secret, you will of course send me
an answer quickly, for we are in disgrace,
and have lost all esteem in the
opinion of the Inhabitants of
Rasoolkhymu and other tribes. No one
attends to us, and what may thus
be proper in Suleman would be
unworthy of you, that is to say to
submit to degradation our advice
disregarded

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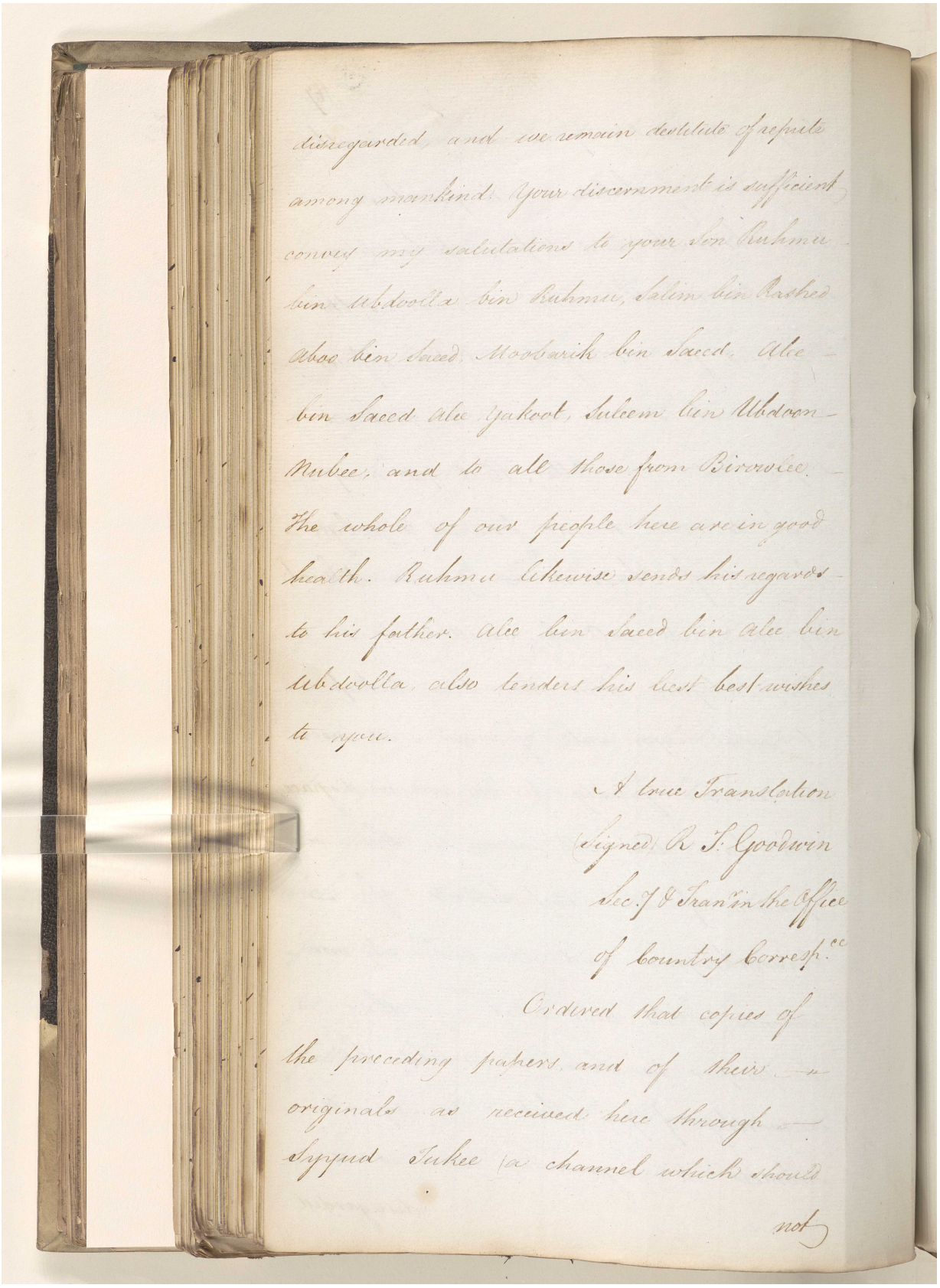

disregarded, and we remain destitute of repute among mankind. Your discernment is sufficient convey my salutations to your Son Ruhmu bin Ubdoolla bin Ruhmu, Salim bin Rashed Aboo bin Saeed, Moobarik bin Saeed, Alee bin Saeed Alee Yakoot, Suleem bin Ubdoon Nubee, and to all those from Birowlee. The whole of our people here are in good health. Ruhmu likewise sends his regards to his father. Alee bin Saeed bin Alee bin Ubdoolla, also tenders his best best wishes to you.

A true Translation
(Signed) R. T. Goodwin
Sec.y & Tran.r in the Office
of Country Corresp.ce

Ordered that copies of the preceding papers, and of their originals as received here through Syyud Tukee (a channel which should

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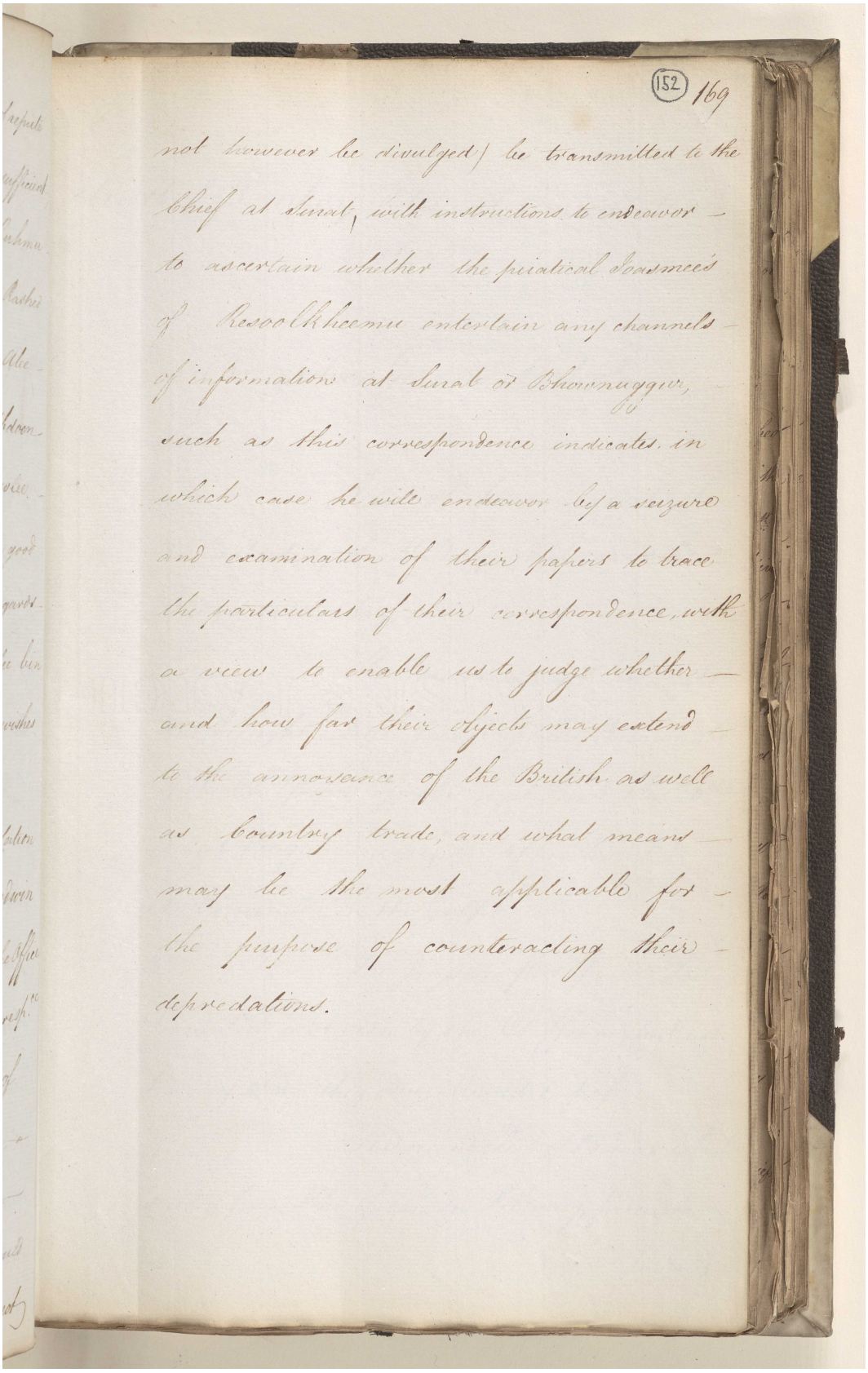

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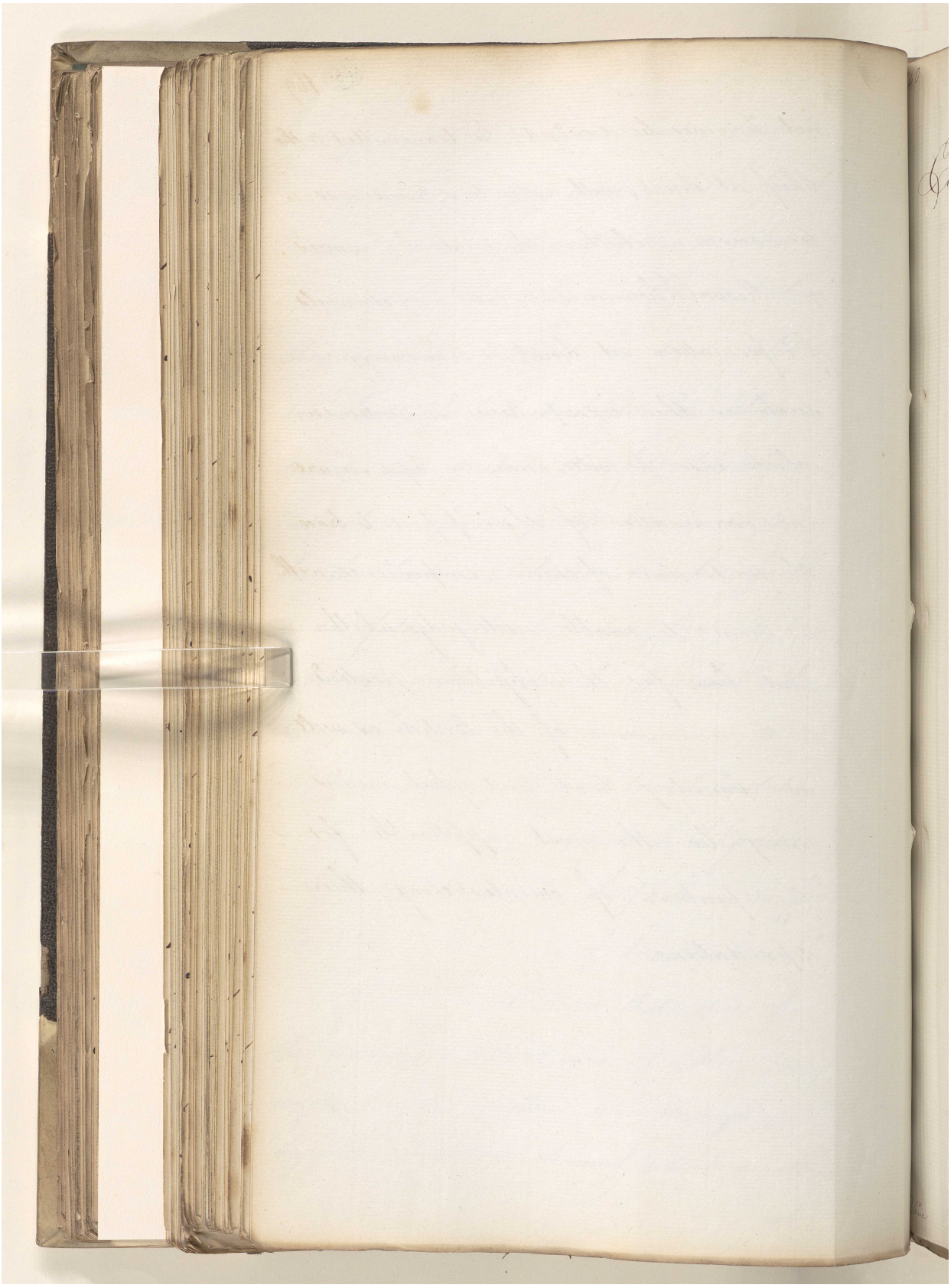

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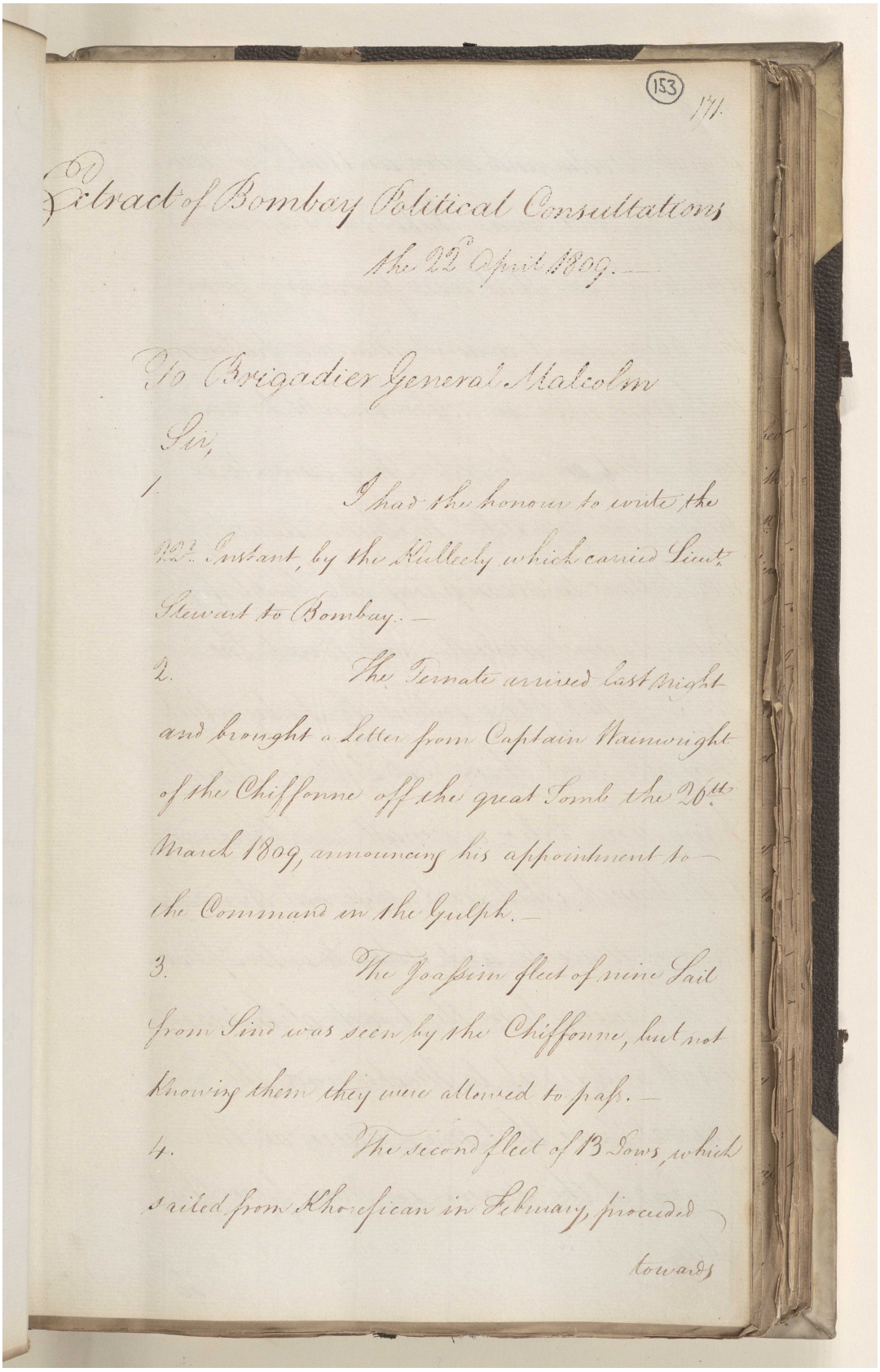

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Extract of Bombay Political Consultations
the 22d April 1809.—

To Brigadier General Malcolm

Sir,

1. I had the honour to write the 22d. Instant, by the Kullely which carried Lieut. Stewart to Bombay.—

2. The Fernate arrived last Night and brought a Letter from Captain Wainwright of the Chiffonne off the great Isond the 26th March 1809, announcing his appointment to the Command in the Gulph.—

3. The Joasim fleet of nine Sail from Sind was seen by the Chiffonne, but not knowing them they were allowed to pass.—

4. The second fleet of 13 Dows, which sailed from Khorefican in February, proceeded towards

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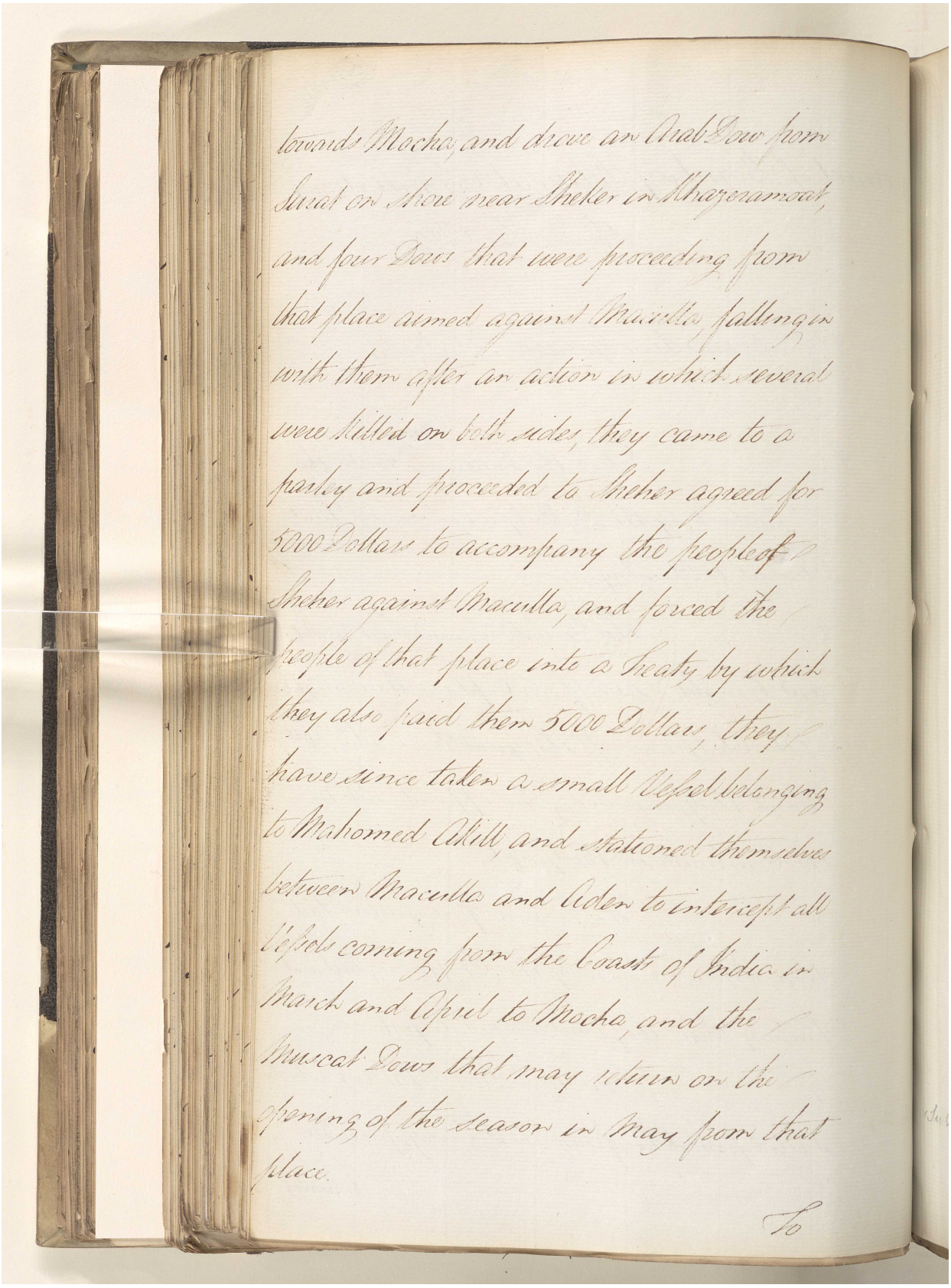

towards Mocha, and drove an Arab Dow from Surat on shore near Sheker in Khazeramoat, and four Dows that were proceeding from that place aimed against Maculla, falling in with them after an action in which several were killed on both sides, they came to a parley and proceeded to Sheher agreed for 5000 Dollars to accompany the people of Sheher against Maculla, and forced the people of that place into a Treaty by which they also paid them 5000 Dollars, they have since taken a small Vessel belonging to Mahomed Akill, and stationed themselves between Maculla and Aden to intercept all Vessels coming from the Coasts of India in March and April to Mocha, and the Muscat Dows that may return on the opening of the season in May from that place.

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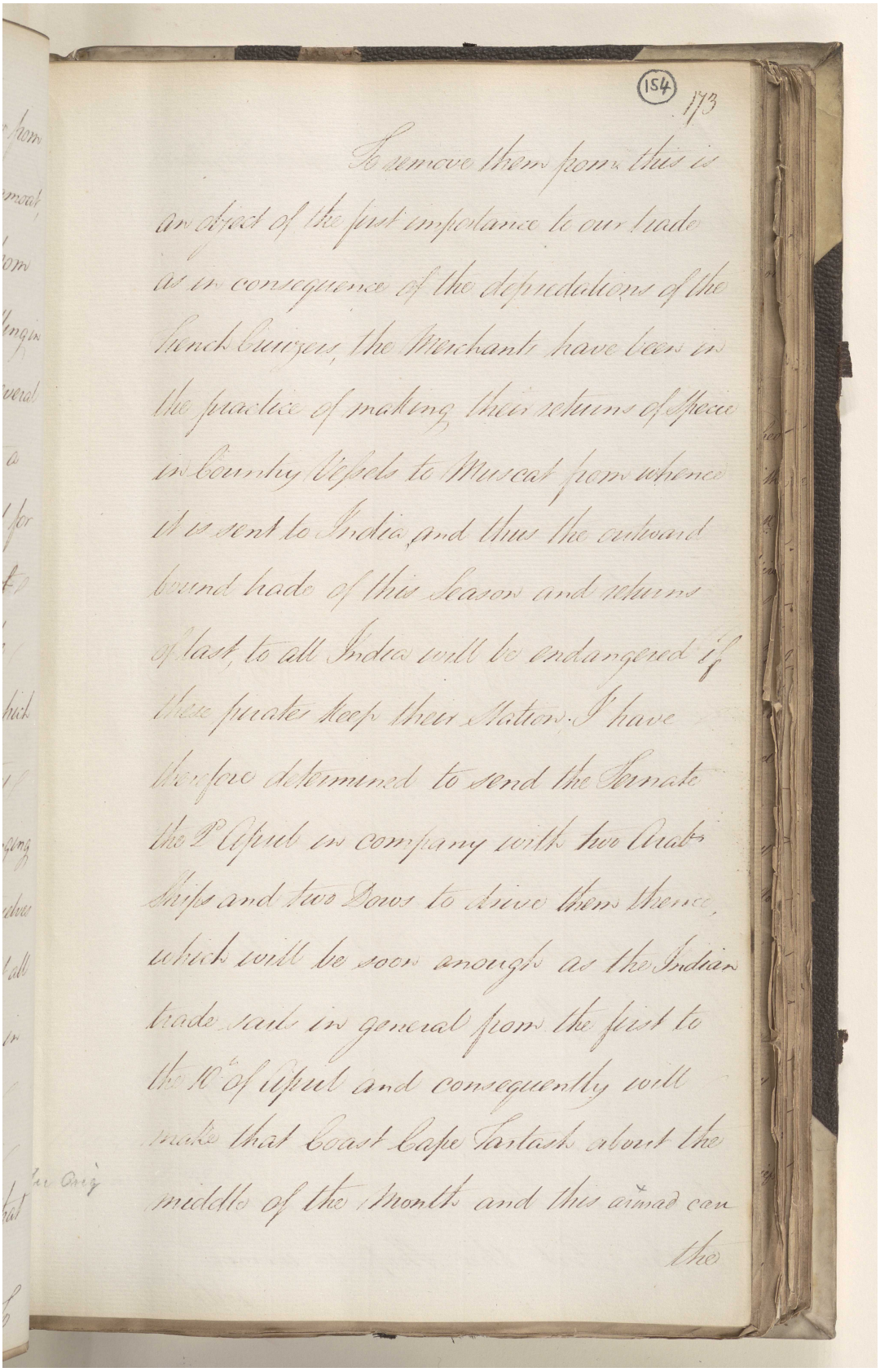

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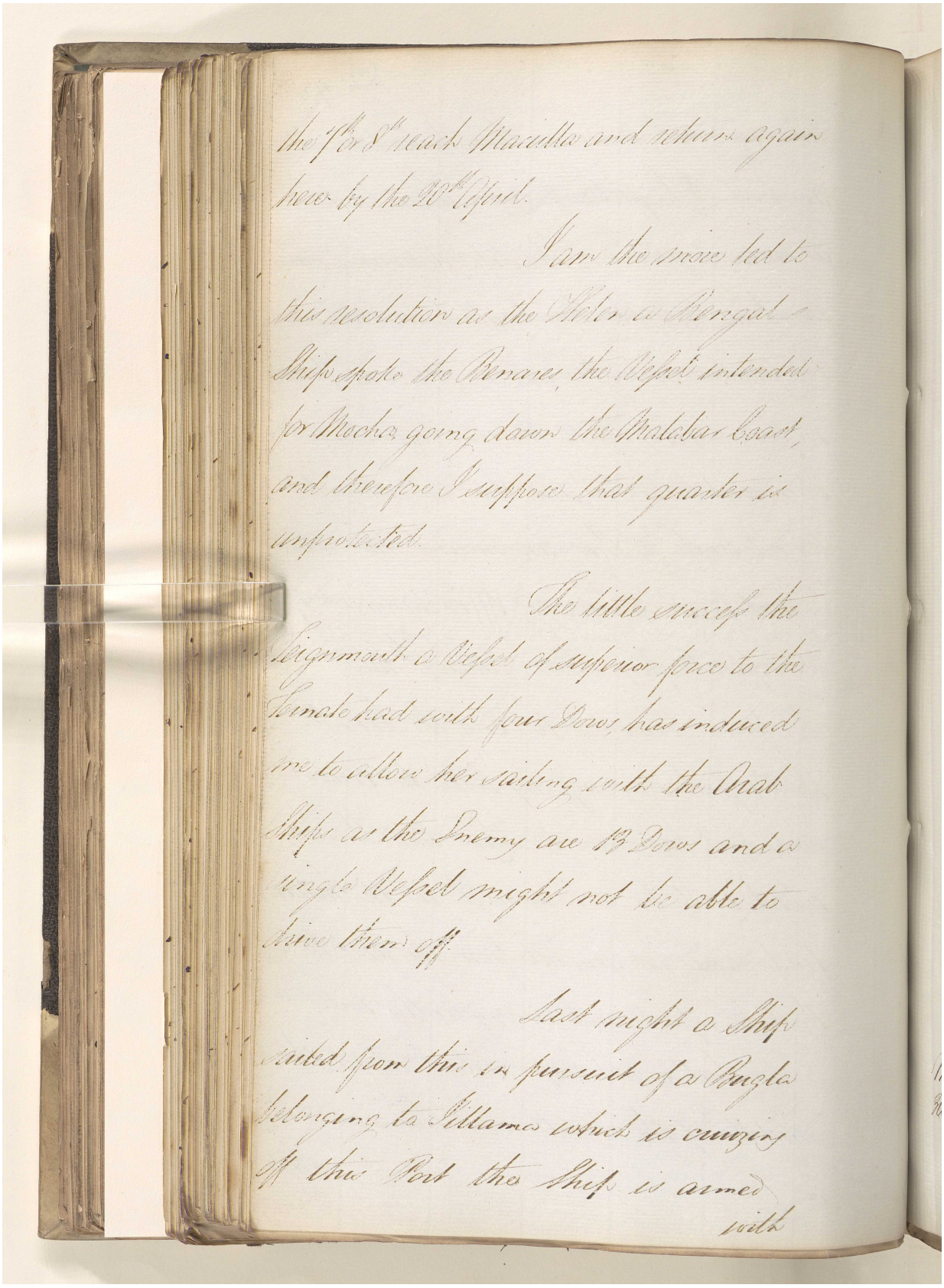

the 7th or 8th reach Macutta and return again here by the 20th April.

I am the more led to this resolution as the Helen a Bengal Ship spoke the Benares, the Vessel intended for Mocha, going down the Malabar Coast, and therefore I suppose that quarter is unprotected.

The little success the Teignmouth a Vessel of superior force to the Ternate had with four Dows, has induced me to allow her sailing with the Arab Ships as the Enemy are 13 Dows and a single Vessel might not be able to drive them off.

Last night a Ship sailed from this in pursuit of a Bugla belonging to Tillama which is cruizing off this Port the Ship is armed with

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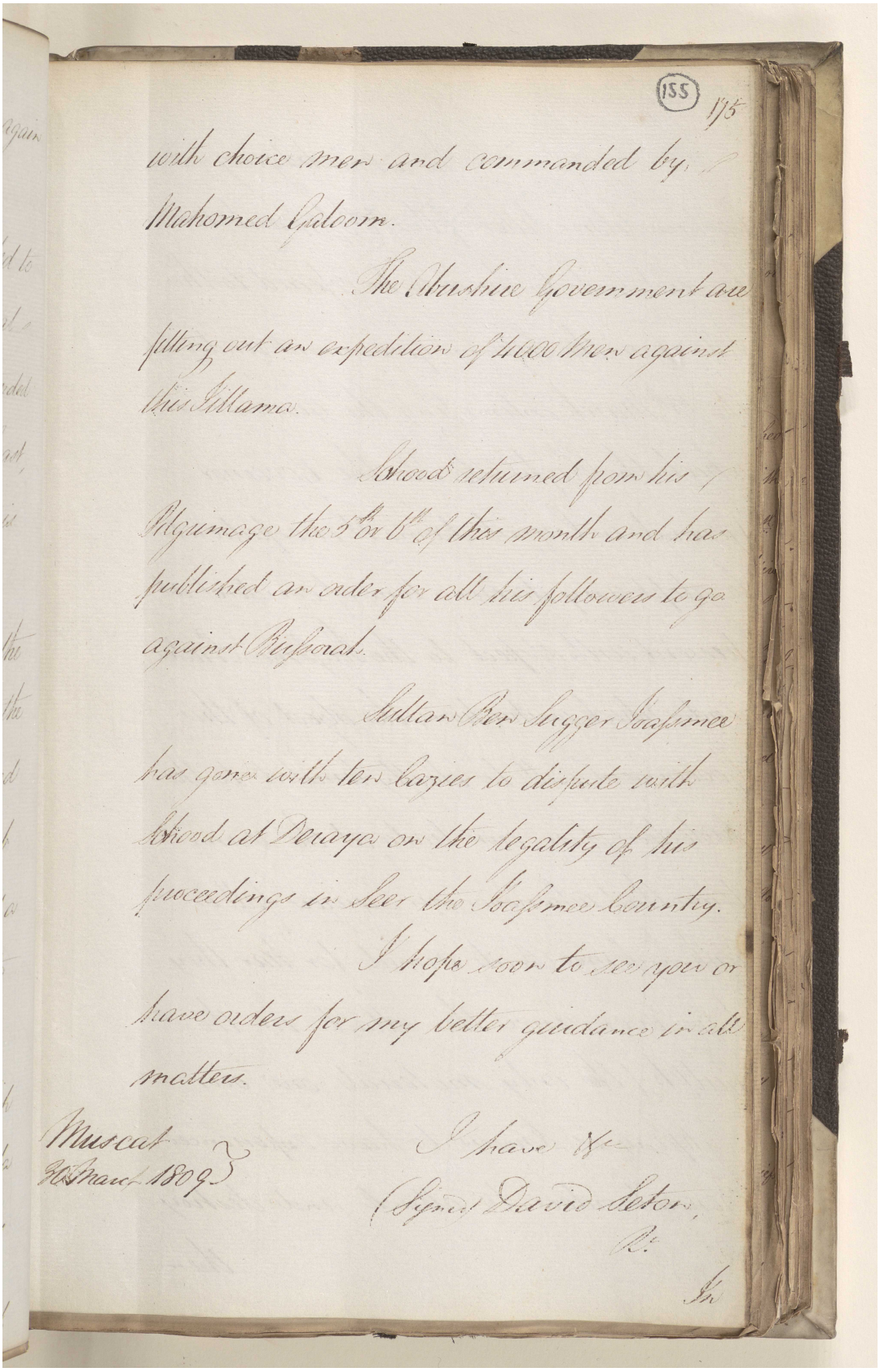

with choice men and commanded by Mahomed Galoom.

The Abushire Government are fitting out an expedition of 4000 men against this Tillama.

Schood returned from his Pilgrimage the 5th or 6th of this month and has published an order for all his followers to go against Bussorah.

Sultan Ben Sugger Joassmee has gone with ten Cazies to dispute with Schood at Deraya on the legality of his proceedings in Seer the Joassmee Country.

I hope soon to see you or have orders for my better guidance in all matters.

Muscat
30 March 1809

I have &c
(Signed) David Seton,
Rt.

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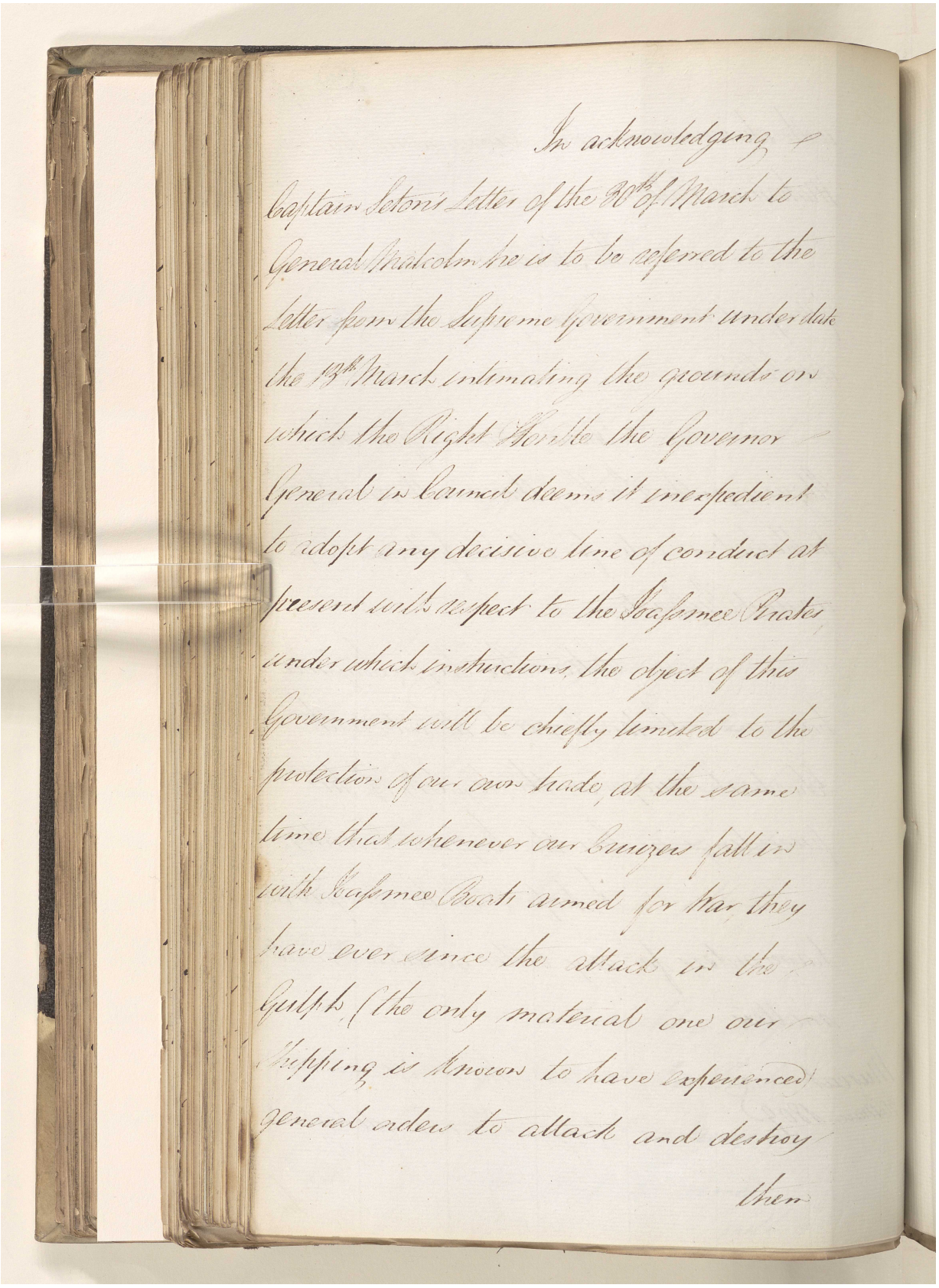

In acknowledging
Captain Seton's Letter of the 20th of March to
General Malcolm he is to be referred to the
Letter from the Supreme Government under date
the 13th March intimating the grounds on
which the Right Honble the Governor
General in Council deems it inexpedient
to adopt any decisive line of conduct at
present with respect to the Joasmee Pirates
under which instructions the object of this
Government will be chiefly limited to the
protection of our own trade, at the same
time that whenever our Vessels falling
with Joasmee Boats armed for War they
have ever since the attack on the
Gulph (the only material one our
Shipping is known to have experienced)
general orders to attack and destroy
them

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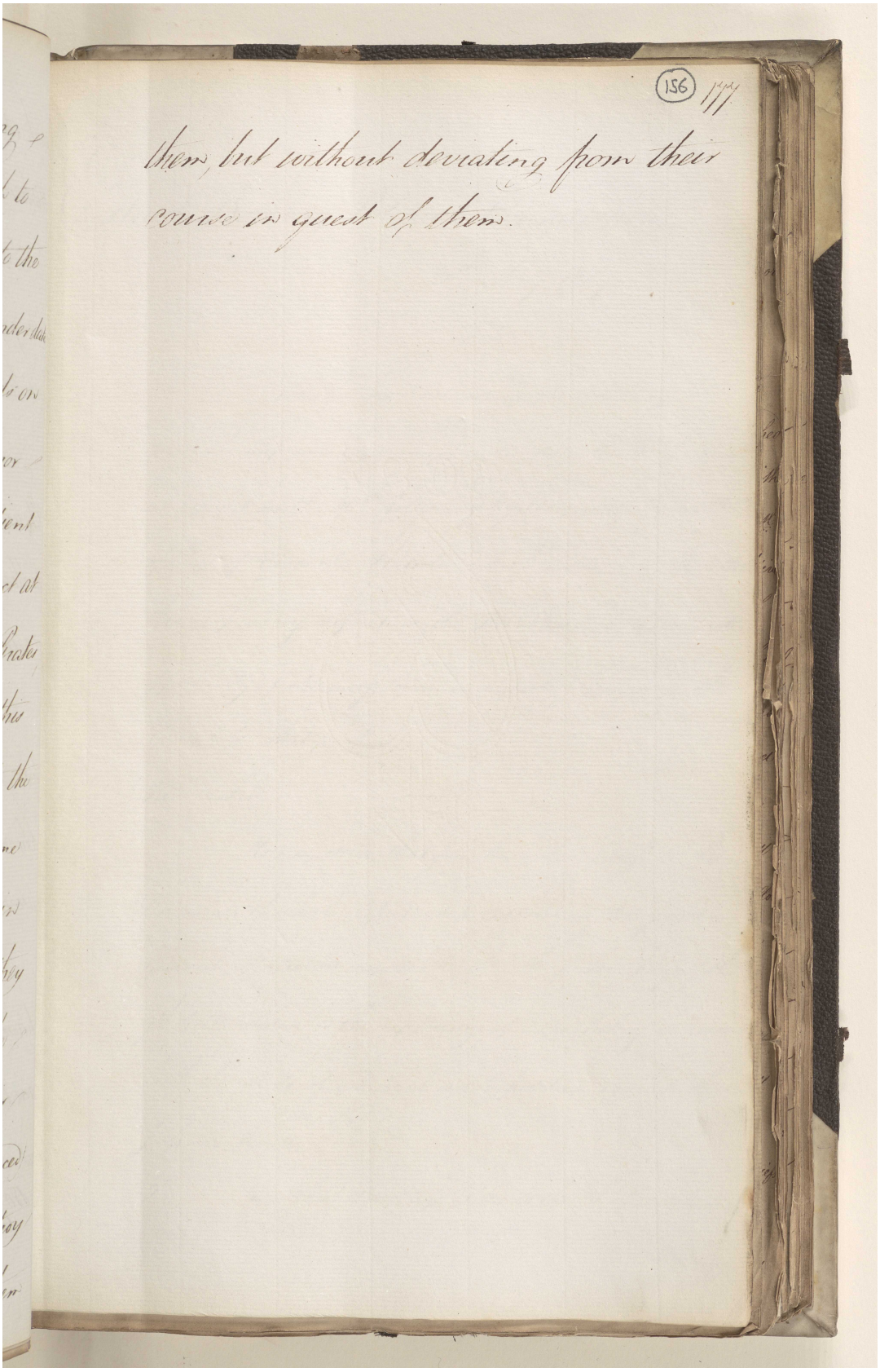

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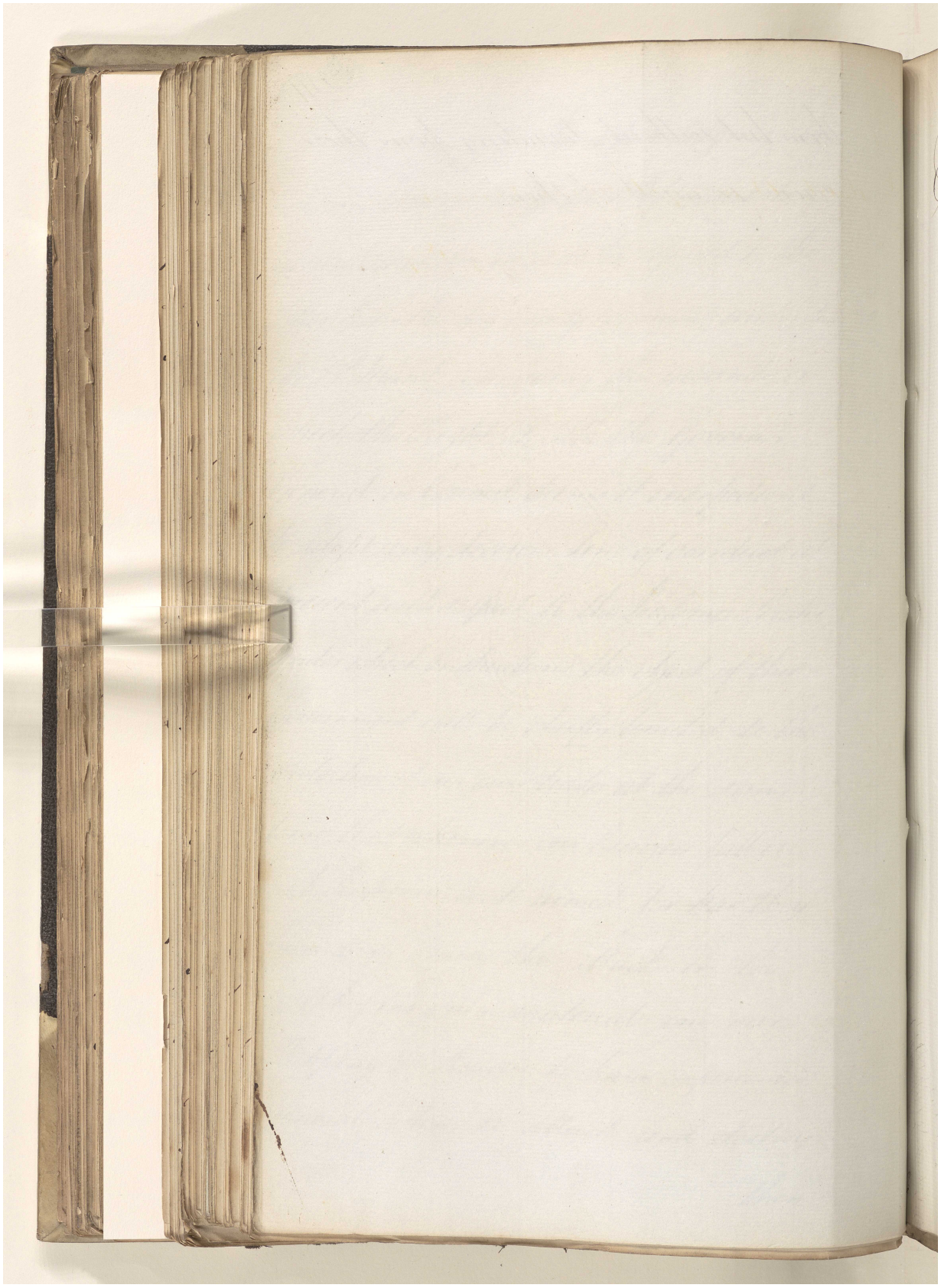

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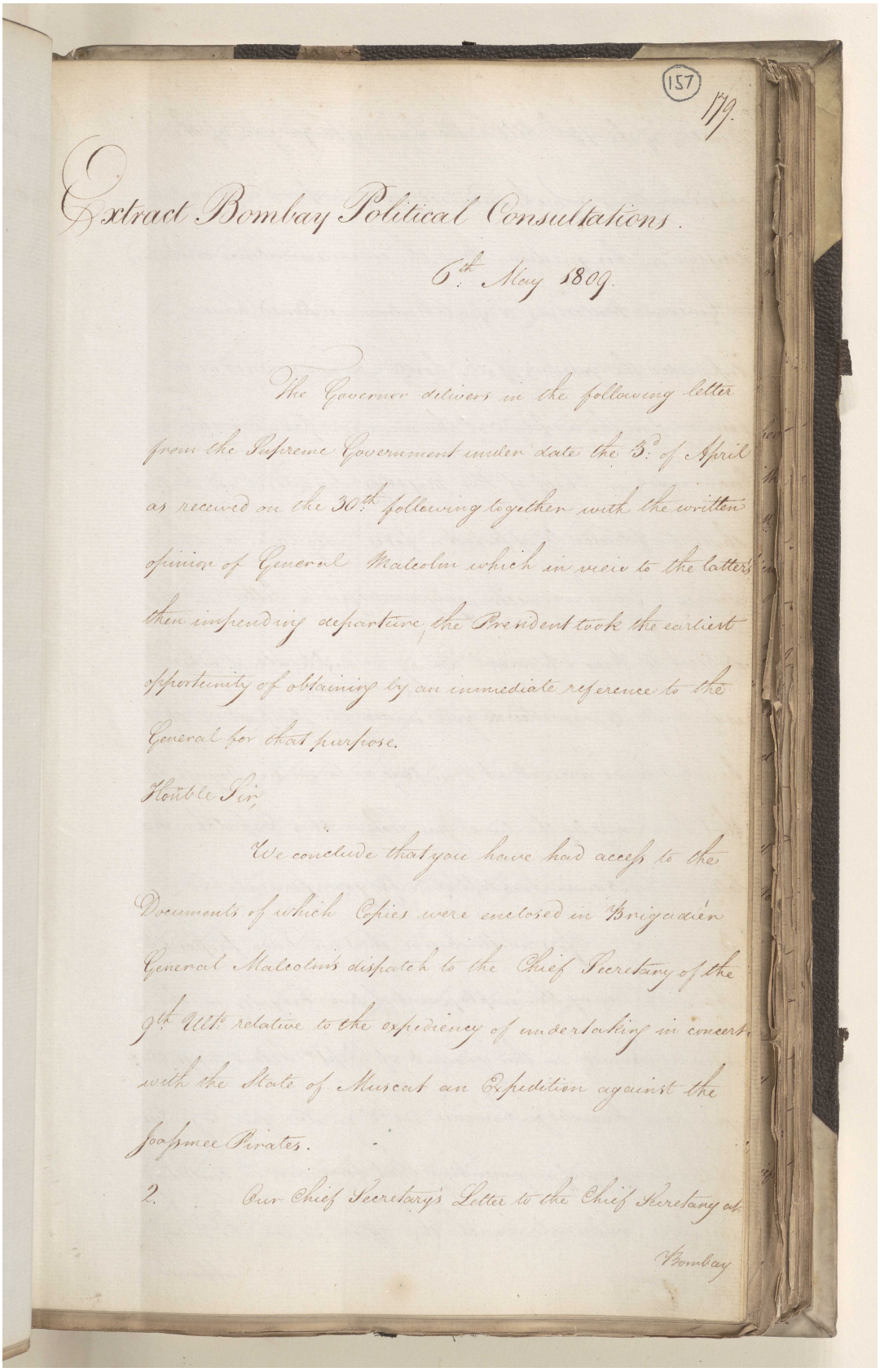

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations.

6th May 1809.

The Governor delivers in the following letter from the Supreme Government under date the 3d of April as received on the 30th following together with the written opinion of General Malcolm which in view to the latter's then impending departure, the President took the earliest opportunity of obtaining by an immediate reference to the General for that purpose.

Honble Sir,

We conclude that you have had access to the Documents of which Copies were enclosed in Brigadier General Malcolm's dispatch to the Chief Secretary of the 9th Ult. relative to the expediency of undertaking in concert with the State of Muscat an Expedition against the Joasmee Pirates.

2. Our Chief Secretary's Letter to the Chief Secretary at Bombay

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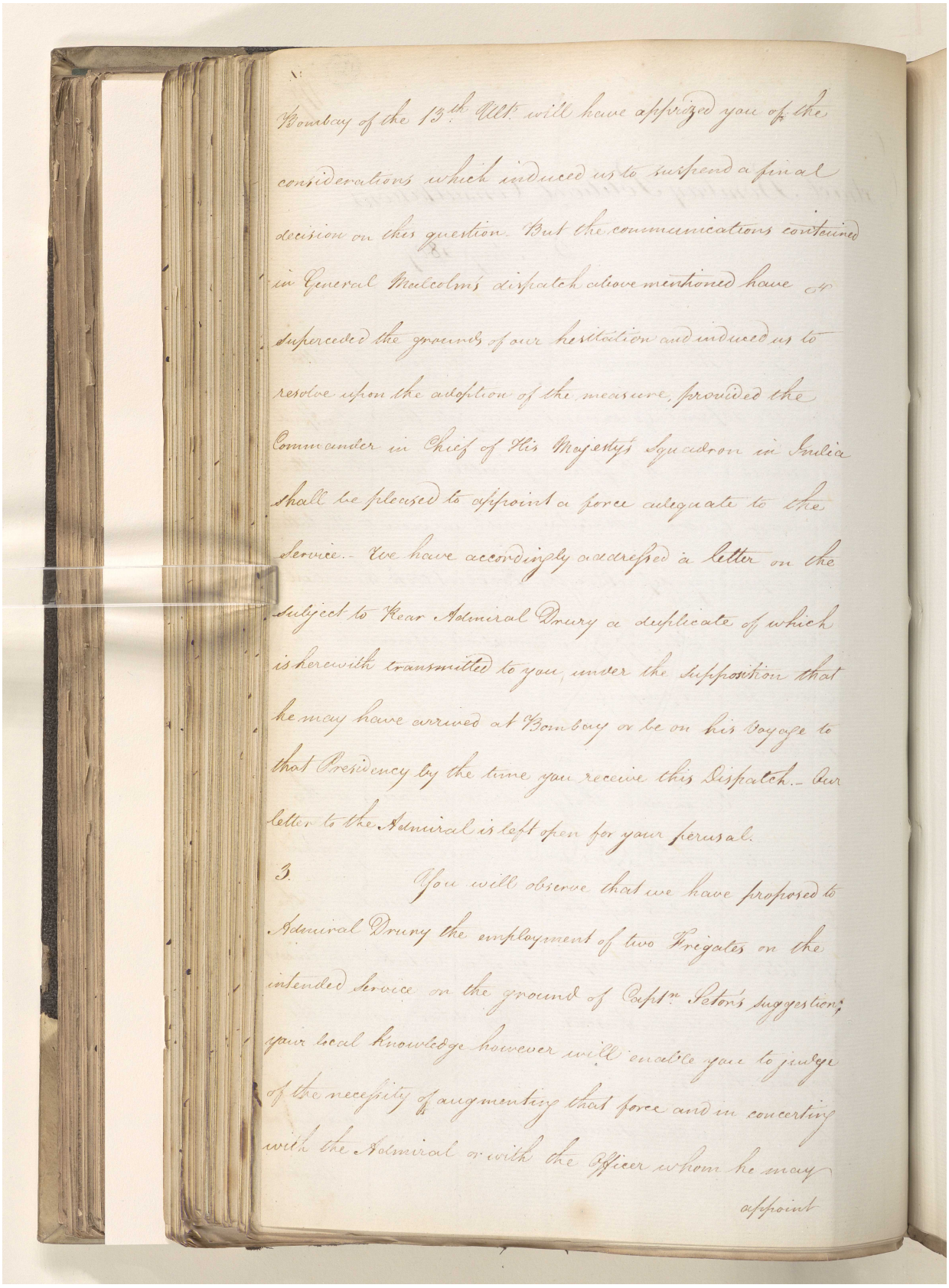

Bombay of the 13th Ult. will have apprized you of the considerations which induced us to suspend a final decision on this question. But the communications contained in General Malcolm's dispatch above mentioned have superceded the grounds of our hesitation and induced us to resolve upon the adoption of the measure, provided the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in India shall be pleased to appoint a force adequate to the service. We have accordingly addressed a letter on the subject to Rear Admiral Drury a duplicate of which is herewith transmitted to you, under the supposition that he may have arrived at Bombay or be on his Voyage to that Presidency by the time you receive this Dispatch. Our letter to the Admiral is left open for your perusal.

3. You will observe that we have proposed to Admiral Drury the employment of two Frigates on the intended Service on the ground of Capt.n Seton's suggestion; your local knowledge however will enable you to judge of the necessity of augmenting that force and in concerting with the Admiral or with the Officer whom he may appoint

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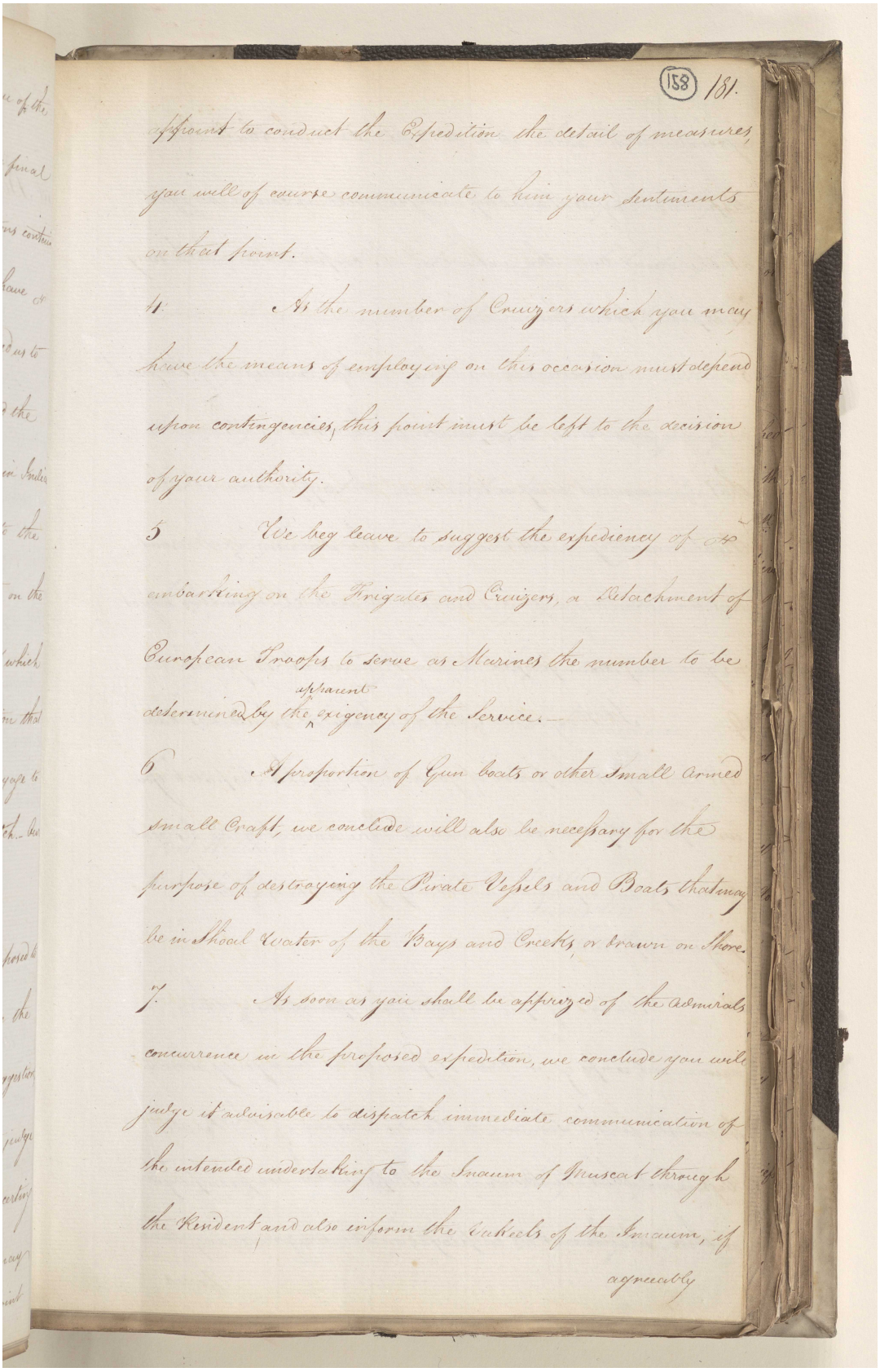

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appoint to conduct the Expedition the detail of measures, you will of course communicate to him your sentiments on that point.

4 As the number of Cruizers which you may have the means of employing on this occasion must depend upon contingencies, this point must be left to the decision of your authority.

5 We beg leave to suggest the expediency of embarking on the Frigates and Cruizers, a Detachment of European Troops to serve as Marines the number to be determined by the apparent exigency of the Service.

6 A proportion of Gun boats or other Small armed Small Craft, we conclude will also be necessary for the purpose of destroying the Pirate Vessels and Boats that may be in Shoal Water of the Bays and Creeks, or drawn on Shore.

7 As soon as you shall be apprized of the Admirals concurrence in the proposed expedition, we conclude you will judge it advisable to dispatch immediate communication of the intended undertaking to the Imaum of Muscat through the Resident and also inform the Cutcheh of the Imaum, if agreeably

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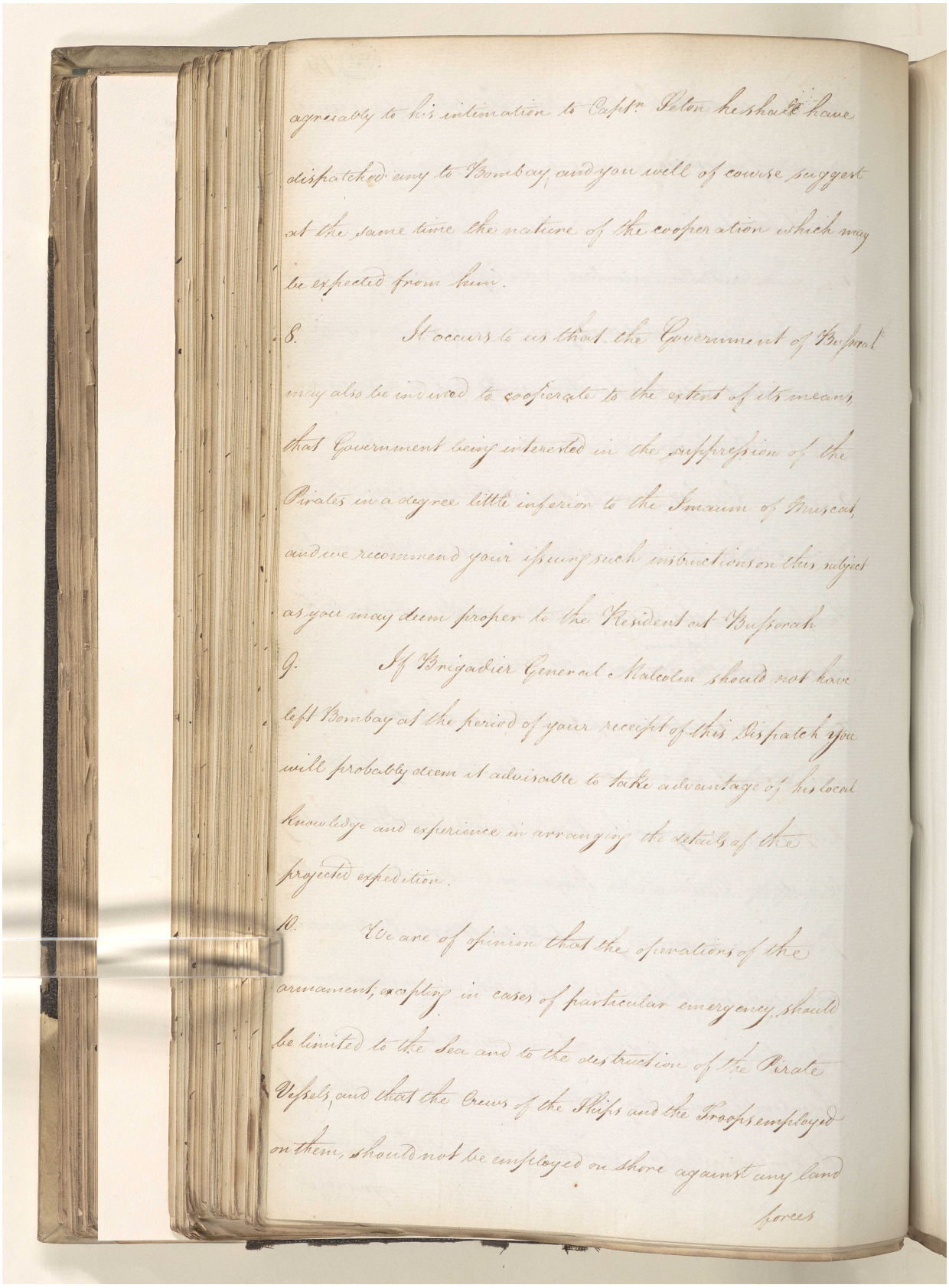

agreeably to his intimation to Capt.n Seton he shall have
dispatched any to Bombay, and you will of course suggest
at the same time the nature of the cooperation which may
be expected from him.

8. It occurs to us that the Government of Busserah
may also be induced to cooperate to the extent of its means,
that Government being interested in the suppression of the
Pirates in a degree little inferior to the Imaum of Muscat
and we recommend your issuing such instructions on this subject
as you may deem proper to the Resident at Busserah.

9. If Brigadier General Malcolm should not have
left Bombay at the period of your receipt of this Dispatch you
will probably deem it advisable to take advantage of his local
knowledge and experience in arranging the details of the
projected expedition.

10. We are of opinion that the operations of the
armament, excepting in cases of particular emergency, should
be limited to the Sea and to the destruction of the Pirate
Vessels, and that the Crews of the Ships and the Troops employed
on them, should not be employed on shore against any land
forces

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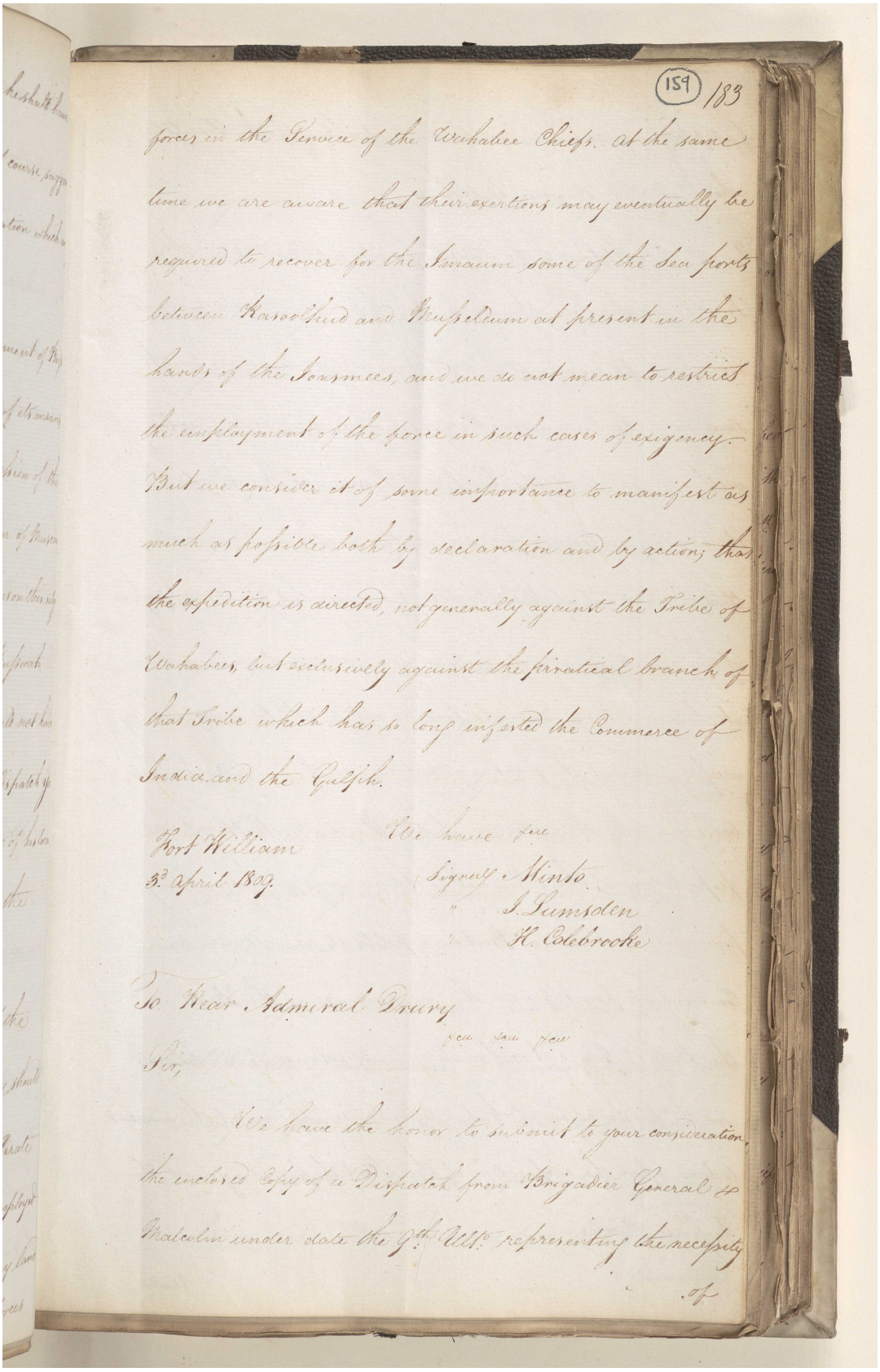

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forces in the Service of the Wahabee Chiefs. At the same time we are aware that their exertions may eventually be required to recover for the Imaum some of the Sea ports between Rasoolhud and Musseldum at present in the hands of the Joasmees, and we do not mean to restrict the employment of the force in such cases of exigency. But we consider it of some importance to manifest as much as possible both by declaration and by action; that the expedition is directed, not generally against the Tribe of Wahabees, but exclusively against the piratical branch of that Tribe which has so long infested the Commerce of India and the Gulph.

Fort William
3d April 1809.

We have &c.
(Signed) Minto
" J. Lumsden
" H. Colebrooke

To Rear Admiral Drury
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

We have the honor to submit to your consideration the enclosed Copy of a Dispatch from Brigadier General & Malcolm under date the 9th Ult. representing the necessity of

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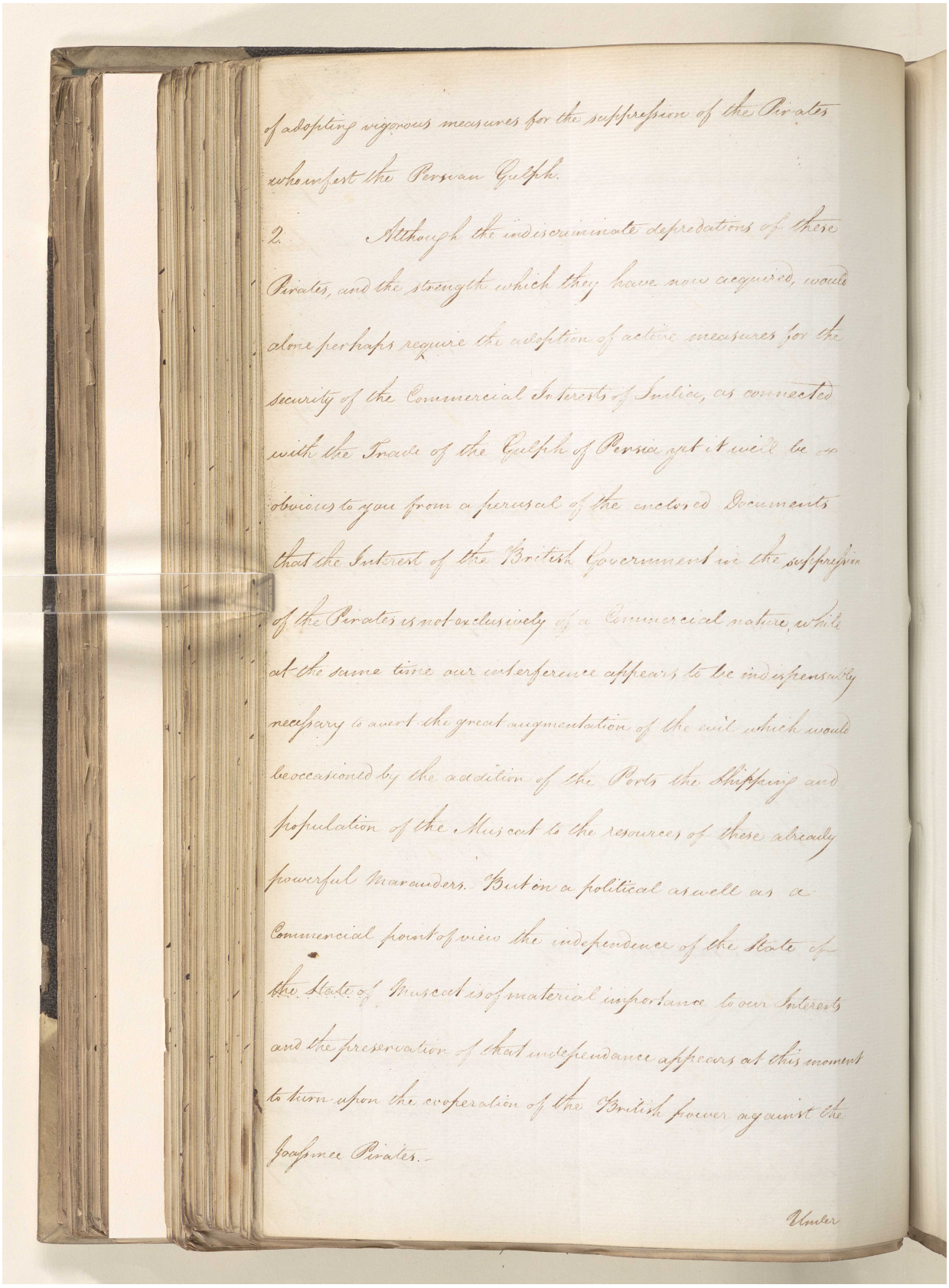

of adopting vigorous measures for the suppression of the Pirates who infest the Persian Gulph.

2. Although the indiscriminate depredations of these Pirates, and the strength which they have now acquired, would alone perhaps require the adoption of active measures for the security of the Commercial Interests of India, as connected with the Trade of the Gulph of Persia yet it will be too obvious to you from a perusal of the enclosed Documents that the Interest of the British Government in the suppression of the Pirates is not exclusively of a Commercial nature, while at the same time our interference appears to be indispensably necessary to avert the great augmentation of the evil which would be occasioned by the addition of the Ports the Shipping and Population of the Muscat to the resources of these already powerful Marauders. But on a political as well as a Commercial point of view the independence of the State of the State of Muscat is of material importance to our Interests and the preservation of that independance appears at this moment to turn upon the co-operation of the British power against the Joasmee Pirates.

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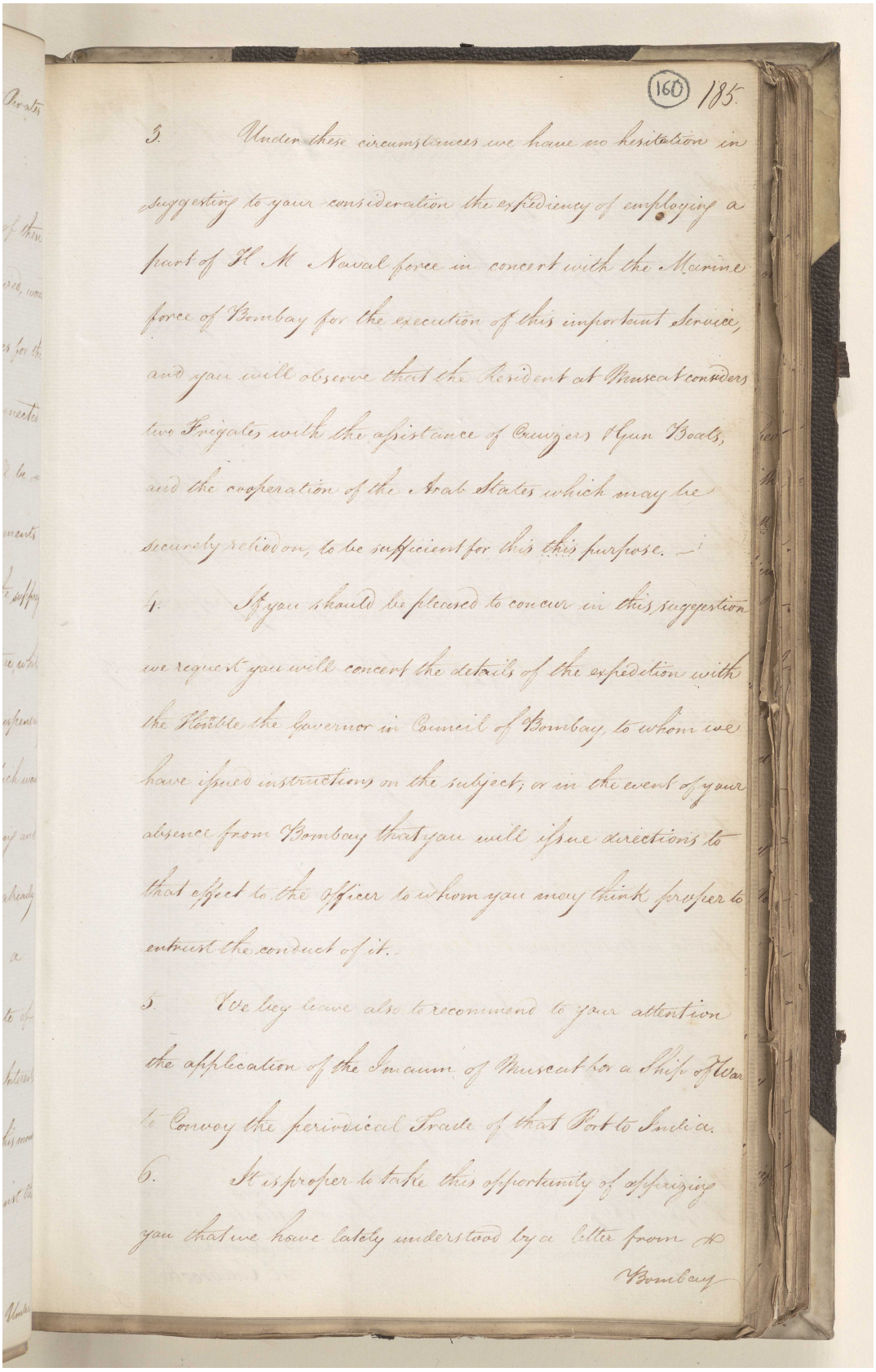

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3. Under these circumstances we have no hesitation in suggesting to your consideration the expediency of employing a part of H M Naval force in concert with the Marine force of Bombay for the execution of this important Service, and you will observe that the Resident at Muscat considers two Frigates with the assistance of Cruizers & Gun Boats, and the cooperation of the Arab States which may be securely relied on, to be sufficient for this this purpose.

4. If you should be pleased to concur in this suggestion we request you will concert the details of the expedition with the Honble the Governor in Council of Bombay, to whom we have issued instructions on the subject; or in the event of your absence from Bombay that you will issue directions to that effect to the Officer to whom you may think proper to entrust the conduct of it.

5. We beg leave also to recommend to your attention the application of the Imaum of Muscat for a Ship of War to Convoy the periodical Trade of that Port to India.

6. It is proper to take this opportunity of apprizing you that we have lately understood by a letter from Bombay

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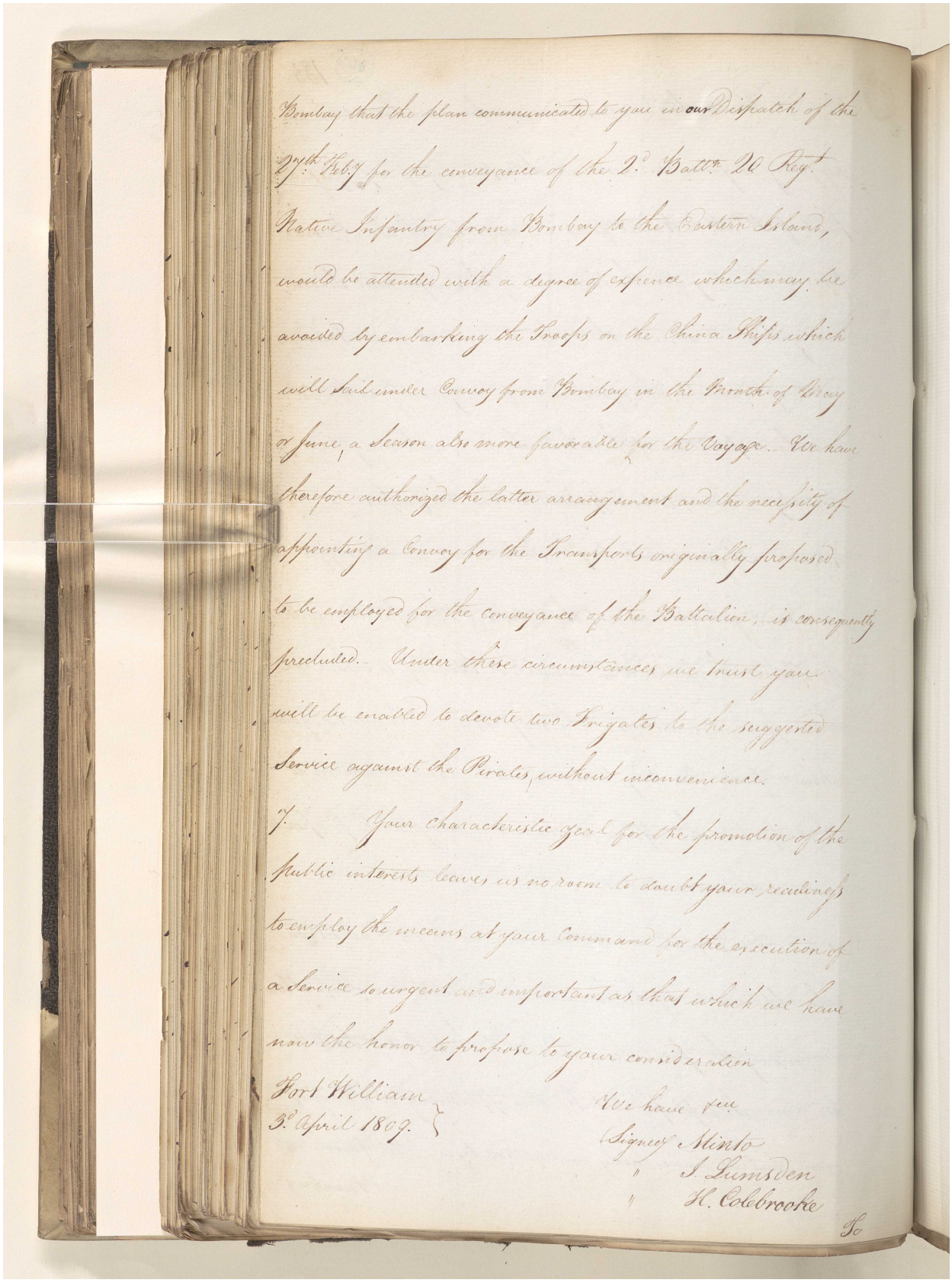

Bombay that the plan communicated to you in our Dispatch of the
29th Feby for the conveyance of the 2d Batt.n 20 Reg.t
Native Infantry from Bombay to the Eastern Island,
would be attended with a degree of expence which may be
avoided by embarking the Troops on the China Ships which
will sail under Convoy from Bombay in the Month of May
or June, a Season also more favorable for the Voyage. We have
therefore authorized the latter arrangement and the necessity of
appointing a Convoy for the Transports originally proposed
to be employed for the conveyance of the Battalion, is consequently
precluded. Under these circumstances we trust you
will be enabled to devote two Frigates to the suggested
Service against the Pirates, without inconvenience.

7. Your characteristic zeal for the promotion of the
public interests leaves us no room to doubt your readiness
to employ the means at your command for the execution of
a Service so urgent and important as that which we have
now the honor to propose to your consideration

Fort William
3d April 1809.

We have &c.
Signed Minto
" J. Dumsden
" H. Colebrooke

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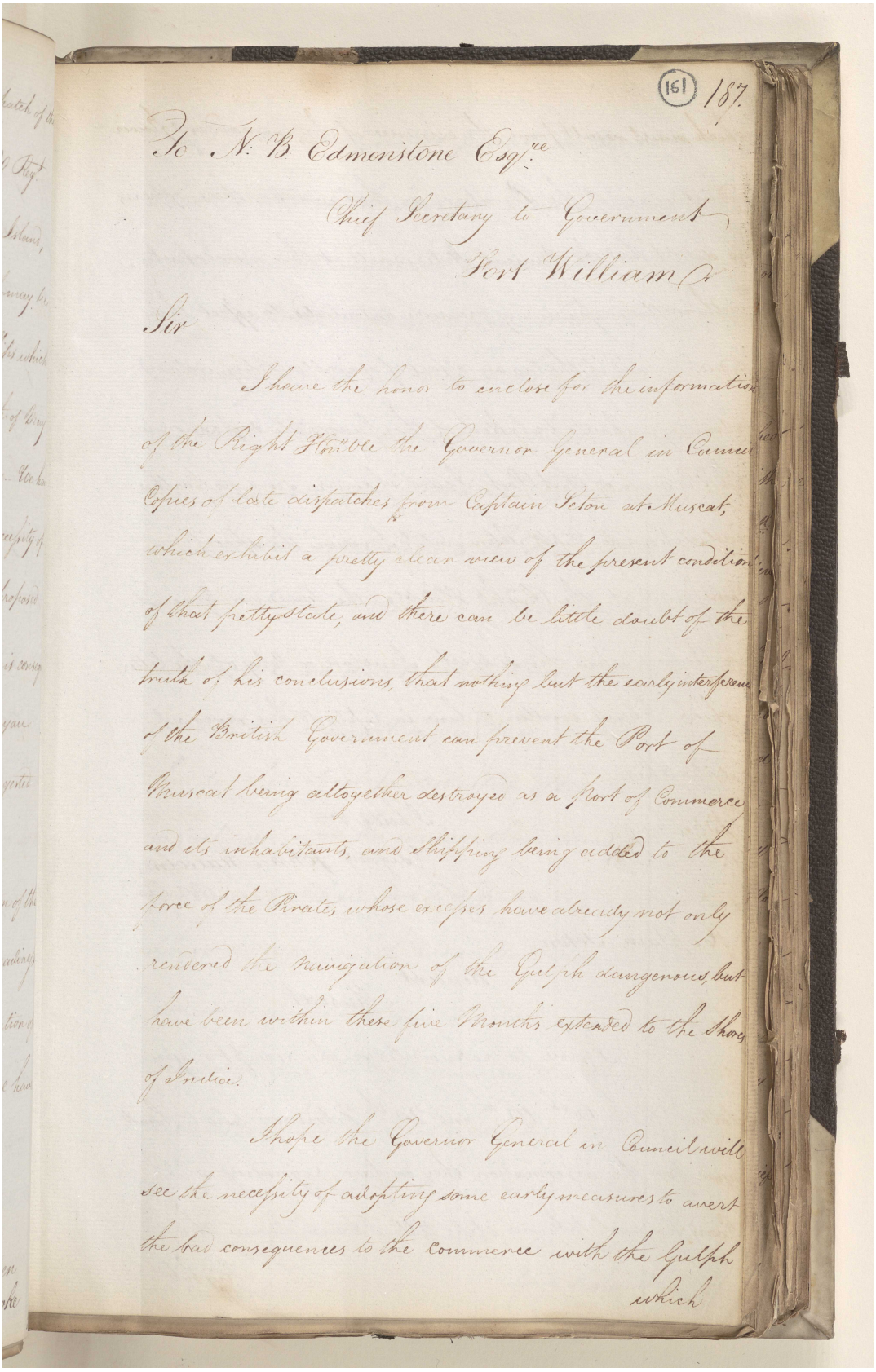

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To N. B Edmonstone Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort William &

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the information
of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council
Copies of late dispatches from Captain Seton at Muscat,
which exhibit a pretty clear view of the present condition
of that petty state, and there can be little doubt of the
truth of his conclusions, that nothing but the early interference
of the British Government can prevent the Port of
Muscat being altogether destroyed as a Port of Commerce
and its inhabitants, and Shipping being added to the
force of the Pirates, whose excesses have already not only
rendered the navigation of the Gulph dangerous, but
have been within these five Months extended to the Shores
of India.

I hope the Governor General in Council will
see the necessity of adopting some early measures to avert
the bad consequences to the Commerce with the Gulph
which

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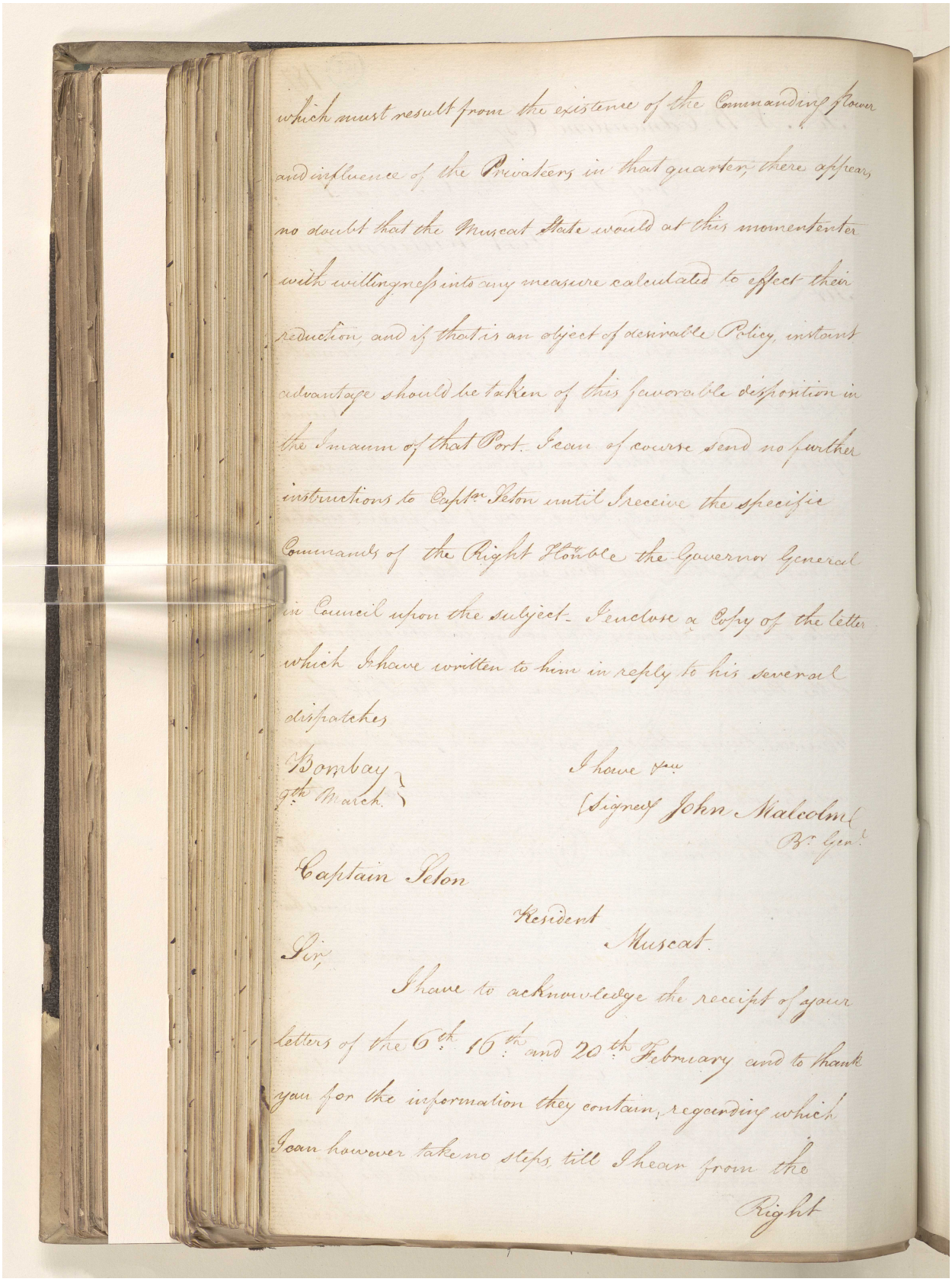

which must result from the existence of the Commanding flower and influence of the Privateers in that quarter, there appears no doubt that the Muscat State would at this momententer with willingness into any measure calculated to effect their reduction, and if that is an object of desirable Policy, instant advantage should be taken of this favorable disposition in the Imaum of that Port. I can of course send no further instructions to Captn. Seton until I receive the specific Commands of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council upon the subject. I enclose a Copy of the letter which I have written to him in reply to his several dispatches

Bombay
9th March.

I have &c.
(Signed) John Malcolm
Br. Genl.

Captain Seton
Resident
Muscat.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 6th. 16th. and 20th. February and to thank you for the information they contain, regarding which I can however take no steps till I hear from the

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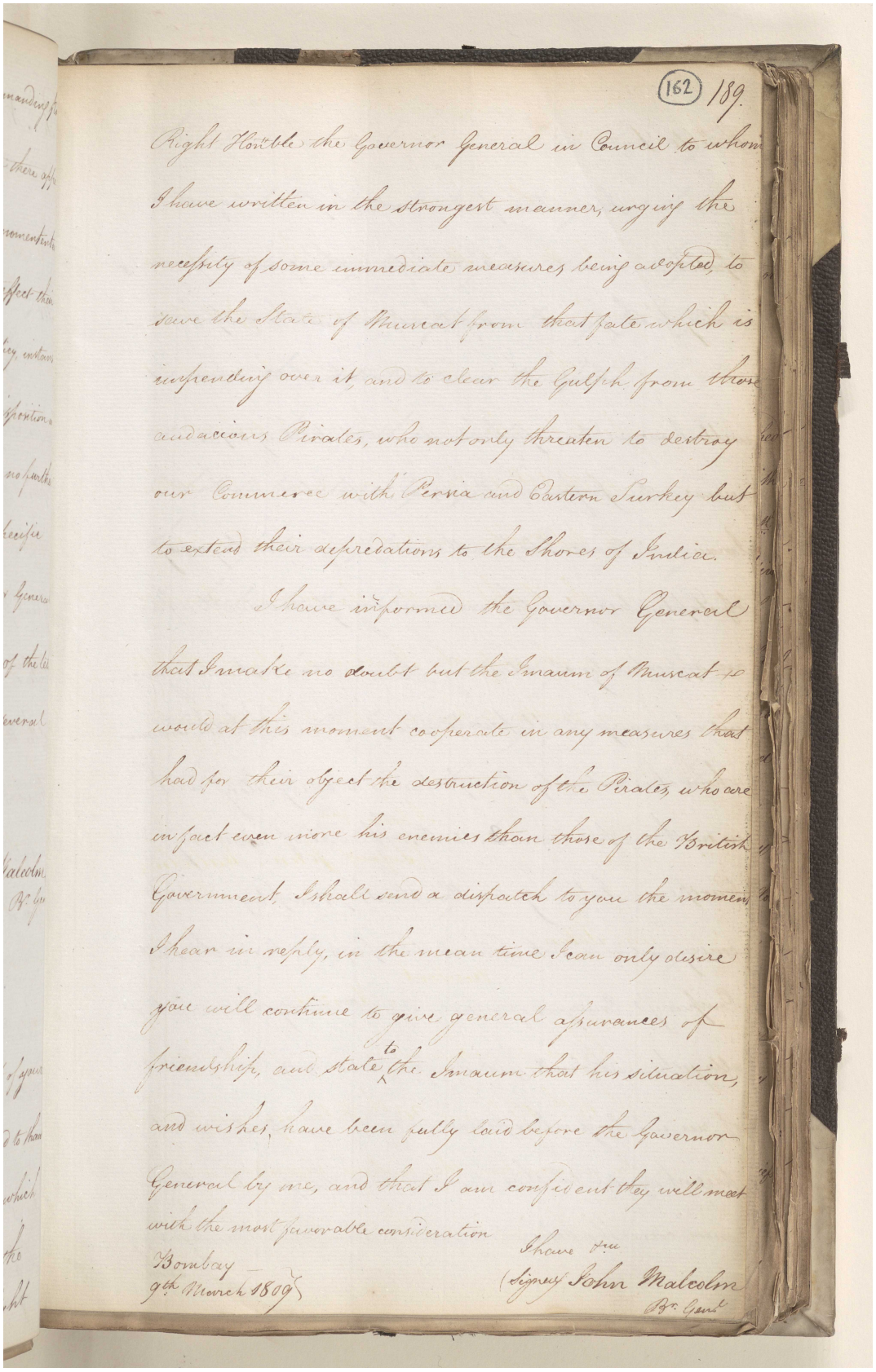

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Right Honble the Governor General in Council to whom I have written in the strongest manner, urging the necessity of some immediate measures being adopted, to save the State of Muscat from that fate which is impending over it, and to clear the Gulph from those audacious Pirates, who not only threaten to destroy our Commerce with Persia and Eastern Turkey but to extend their depredations to the Shores of India.

I have informed the Governor General that I make no doubt but the Imaum of Muscat would at this moment cooperate in any measures that had for their object the destruction of the Pirates, who are in fact even more his enemies than those of the British Government. I shall send a dispatch to you the moment I hear in reply, in the mean time I can only desire you will continue to give general assurances of friendship, and state to the Imaum that his situation, and wishes, have been fully laid before the Governor General by me, and that I am confident they will meet with the most favorable consideration

I have &c
(signed) John Malcolm
Br. Genl

Bombay
9th March 1809

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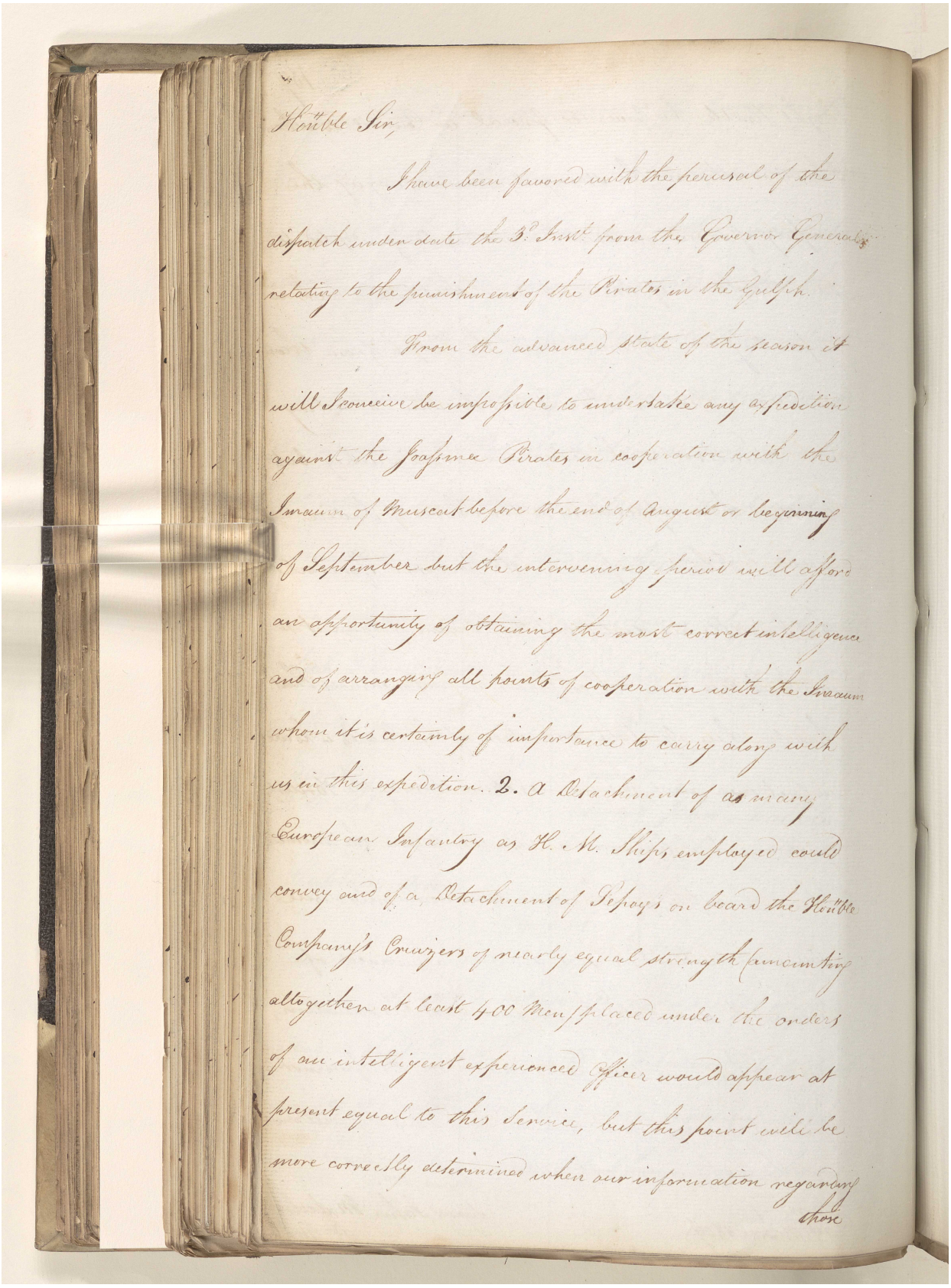

Honble Sir,

I have been favored with the perusal of the dispatch under date the 3d Inst from the Governor General relating to the punishment of the Pirates in the Gulph.

From the advanced state of the season it will I conceive be impossible to undertake any expedition against the Joasmee Pirates in cooperation with the Imaum of Muscat before the end of August or beginning of September but the intervening period will afford an opportunity of obtaining the most correct intelligence and of arranging all points of cooperation with the Imaum whom it is certainly of importance to carry along with us in this expedition. 2. a Detachment of as many European Infantry as H. M. Ships employed could convey and of a Detachment of Sepoys on board the Honble Company's Cruizers of nearly equal strength forming altogether at least 400 Men placed under the orders of an intelligent experienced Officer would appear at present equal to this Service, but this point will be more correctly determined when our information regarding those

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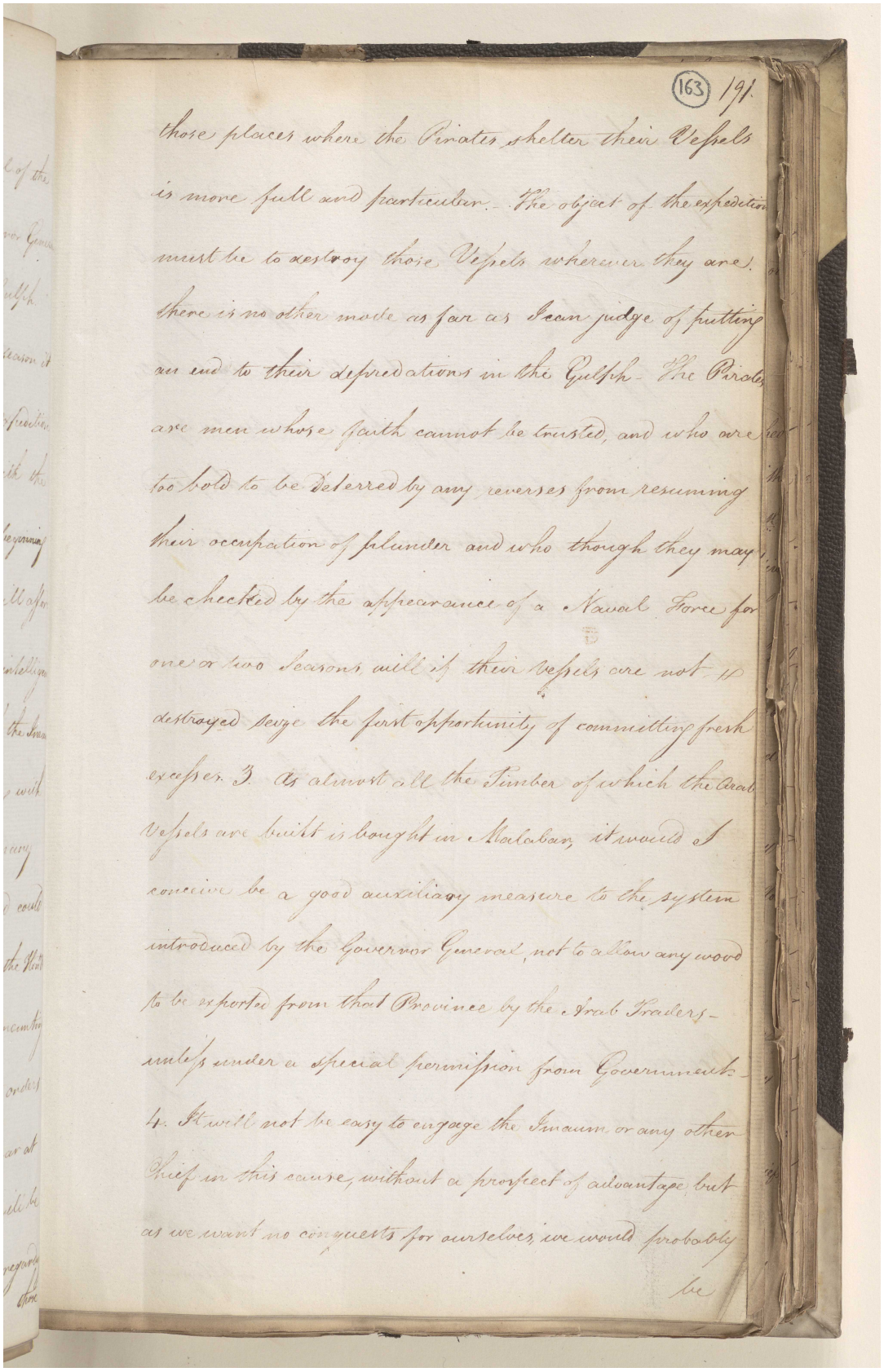

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those places where the Pirates shelter their Vessels is more full and particular. The object of the expedition must be to destroy those Vessels wherever they are. there is no other mode as far as I can judge of putting an end to their depredations in the Gulph. The Pirates are men whose faith cannot be trusted, and who are too bold to be deterred by any reverses from resuming their occupation of plunder and who though they may be checked by the appearance of a Naval Force for one or two Seasons will if their Vessels are not destroyed seize the first opportunity of committing fresh excesses. 3. As almost all the Timber of which the Arab Vessels are built is bought in Malabar, it would I conceive be a good auxiliary measure to the system introduced by the Governor General, not to allow any wood to be exported from that Province by the Arab Traders unless under a special permission from Government. 4. It will not be easy to engage the Imaum or any other Chief in this course, without a prospect of advantage, but as we want no conquests for ourselves, we would probably be

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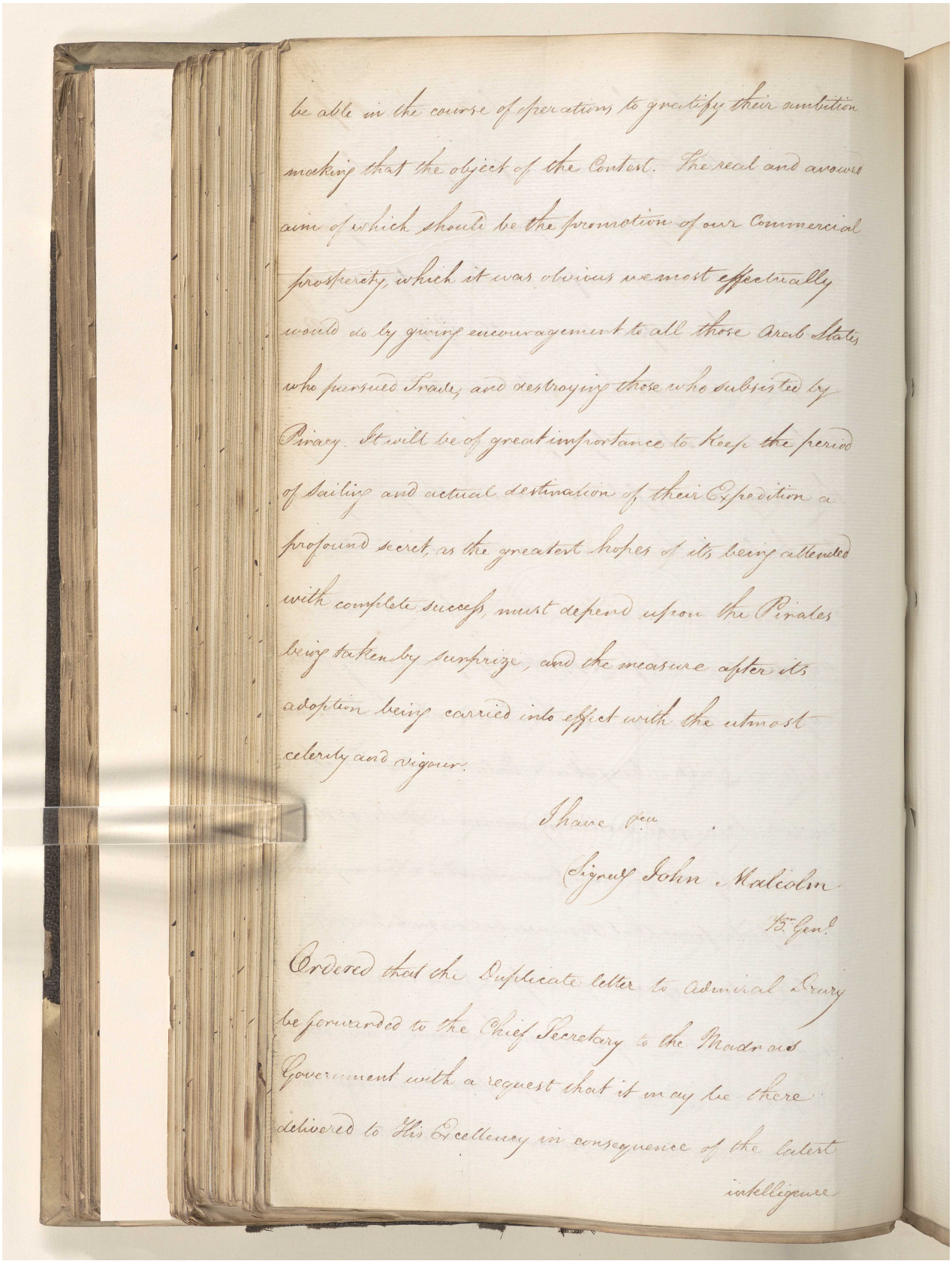

be able in the course of operations to gratify their ambition making that the object of the Contest. The real and avowed aim of which should be the promotion of our Commercial prosperity, which it was obvious we most effectually would do by giving encouragement to all those Arab States who pursued Trade, and destroying those who subsisted by Piracy. It will be of great importance to keep the period of Sailing and actual destination of their Expedition a profound secret, as the greatest hopes of its being attended with complete success, must depend upon the Pirates being taken by surprize, and the measure after its adoption being carried into effect with the utmost celerity and vigour.

I have &c.

Sigrd John Malcolm

Br. Genl.

Ordered that the Duplicate letter to Admiral Drury be forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Madras Government with a request that it may be there delivered to His Excellency in consequence of the latest intelligence

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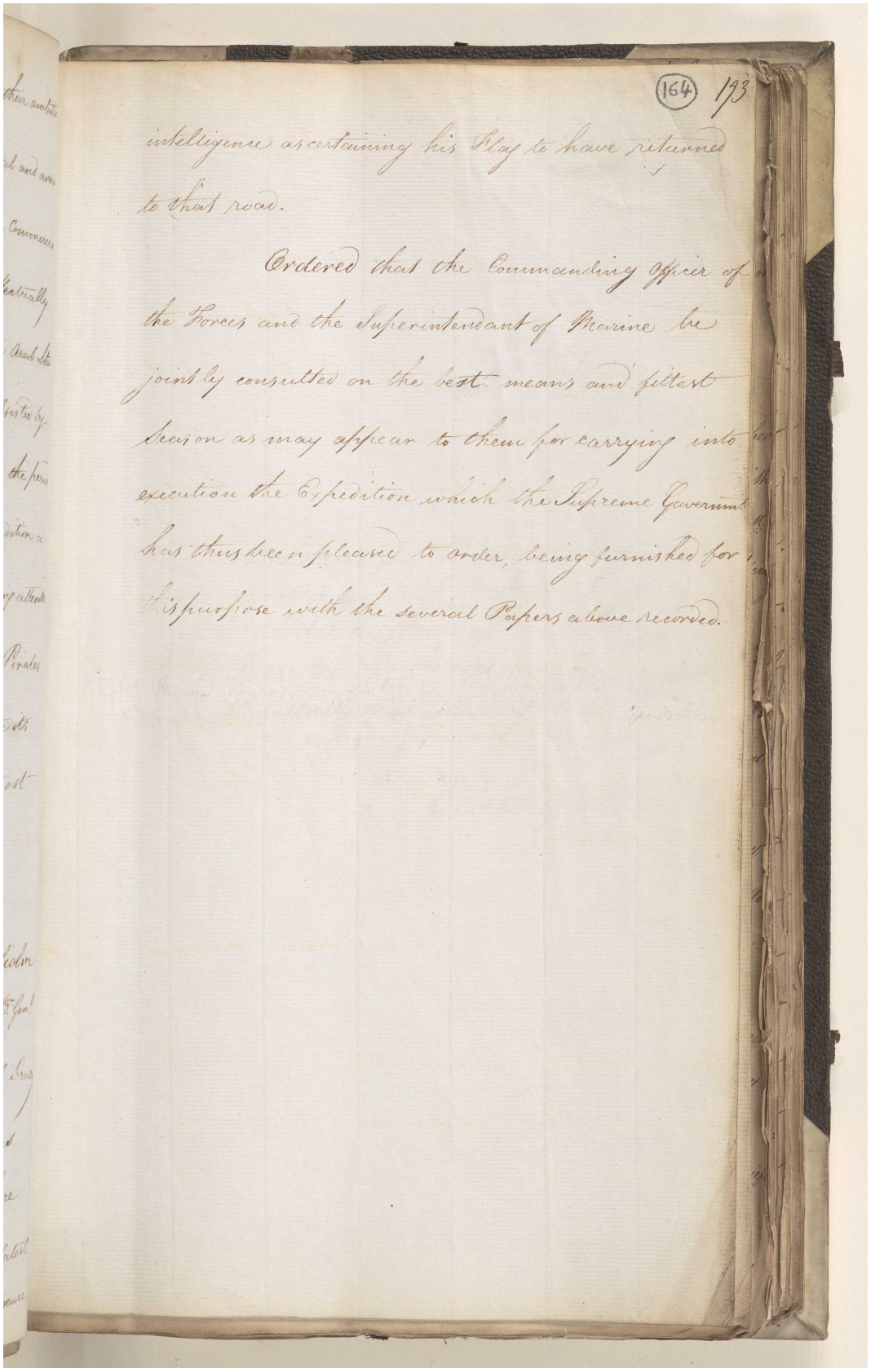
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intelligence ascertaining his Flag to have returned to that road.

Ordered that the Commanding Officer of the Forces and the Superintendant of Marine be jointly consulted on the best means and fittest Season as may appear to them for carrying into execution the Expedition which the Supreme Government has thus been pleased to order, being furnished for this purpose with the several Papers above recorded.

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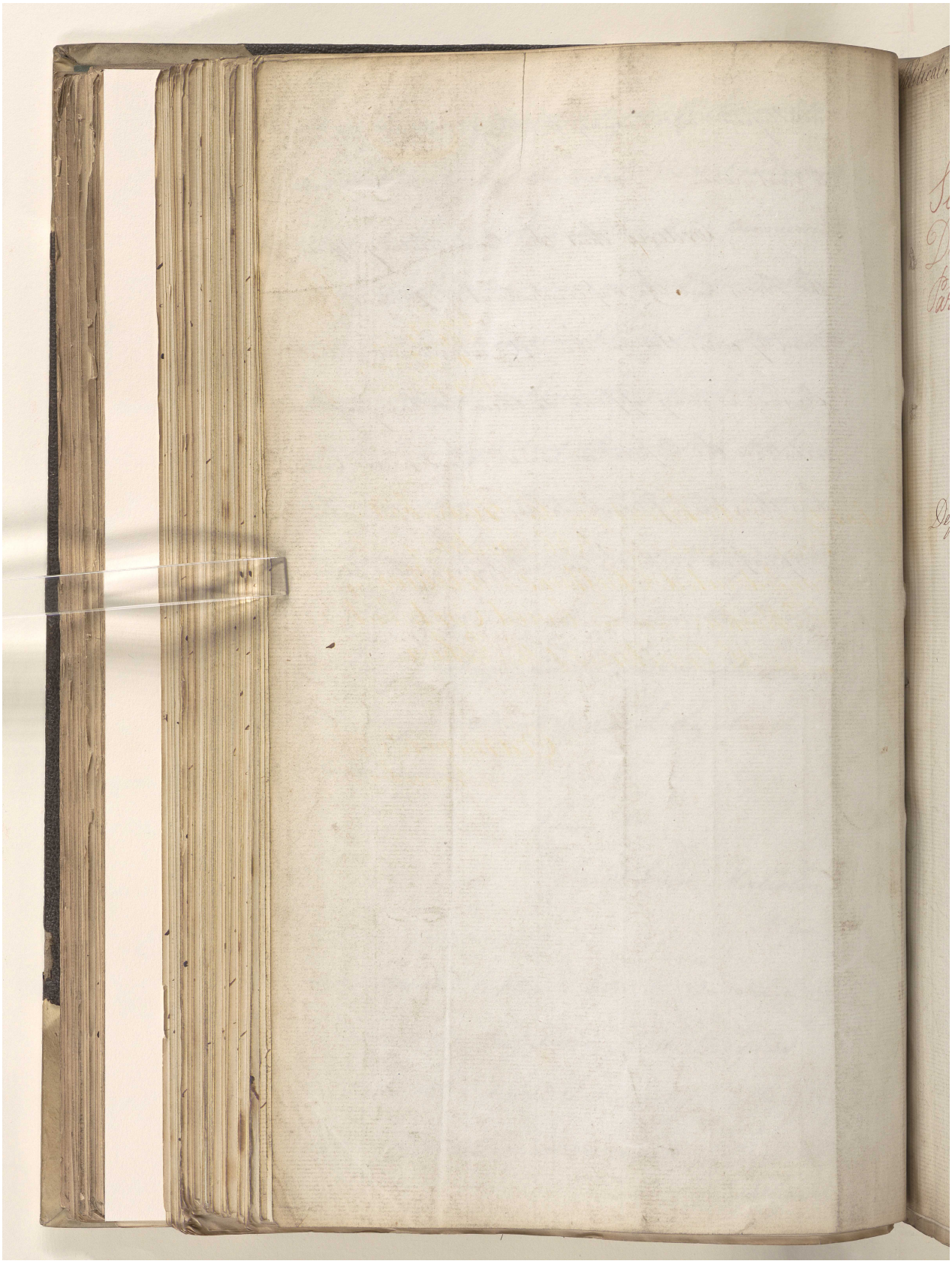

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