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**‘Pension granted to the Family of a Native Carpenter who was killed on board
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H. Jones’s Mission at Bushire’**

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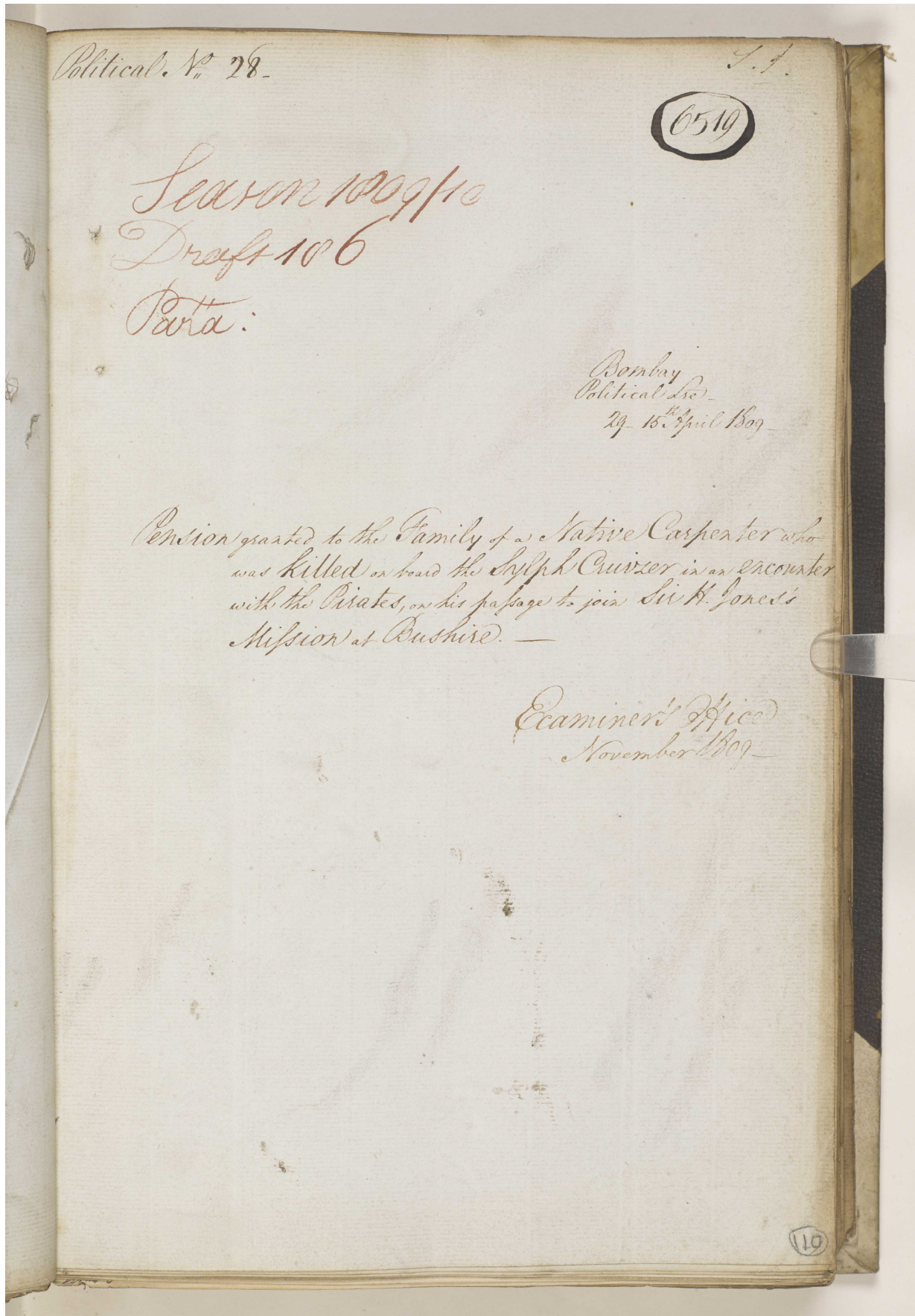


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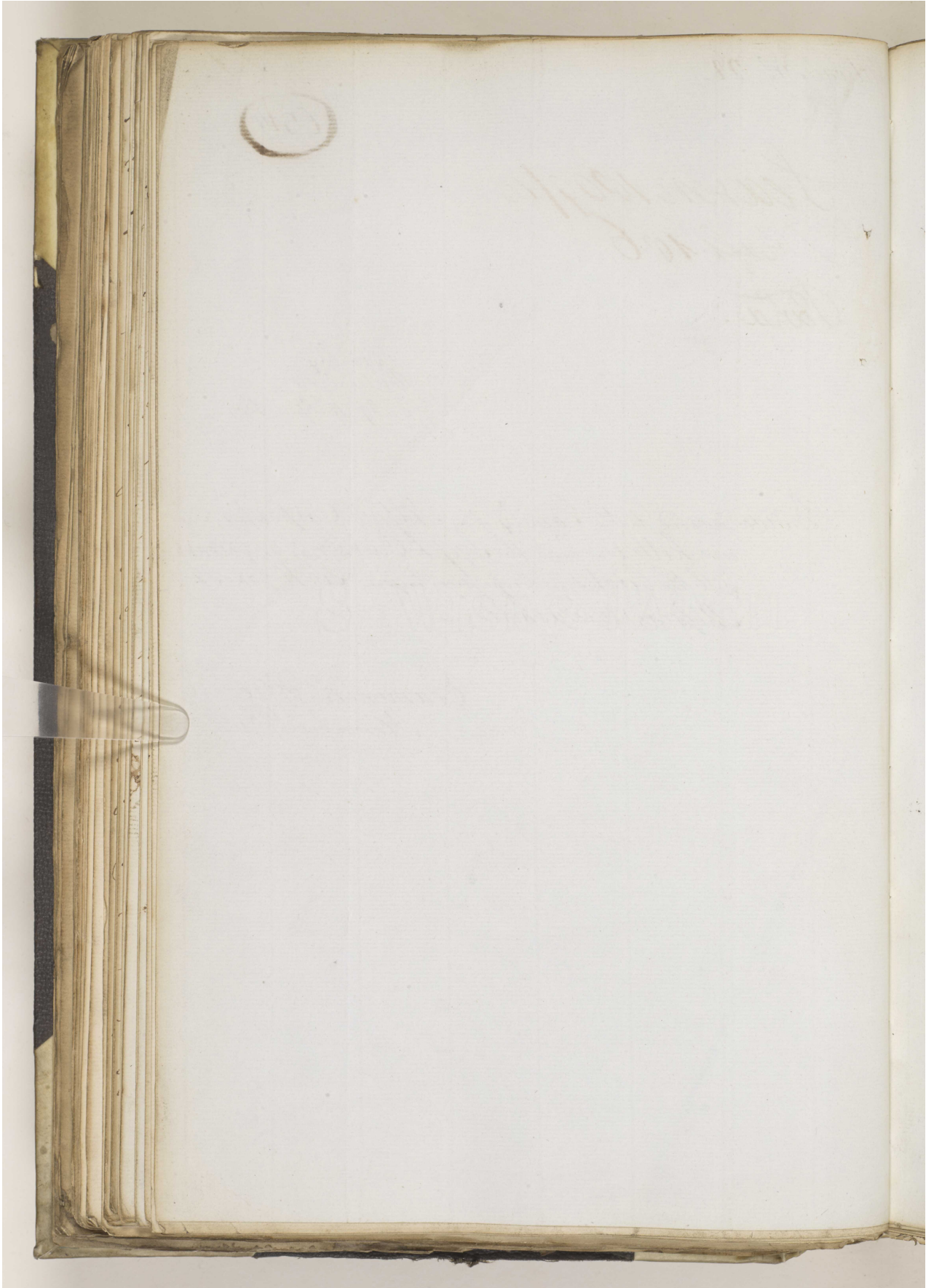
The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, letters to and from the Government of Bombay. The item is concerned with the Government of Bombay's decision to pay a pension of 10 rupees per month to the two widows and child of Seuram Suntagee, a carpenter killed by 'pirates' whilst on board the East India Company ship *Sylph* in the service of Sir Harford Jones during his mission to Bushire [Būshehr]. Correspondence regarding a similar case in 1806 is included in the item.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Political No. 28, Season 1809/10, Draft 186' and 'Examiner's Office November 1809'.

**'Pension granted to the Family of a Native Carpenter who was killed on board the
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Jones's Mission at Bushire' [110r] (1/12)**



**'Pension granted to the Family of a Native Carpenter who was killed on board the
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Jones's Mission at Bushire' [110v] (2/12)**



**'Pension granted to the Family of a Native Carpenter who was killed on board the
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Jones's Mission at Bushire' [111r] (3/12)**

Extract Public Letter to Bombay

dated 2^d May 1805.

Letter from
21st May 1805

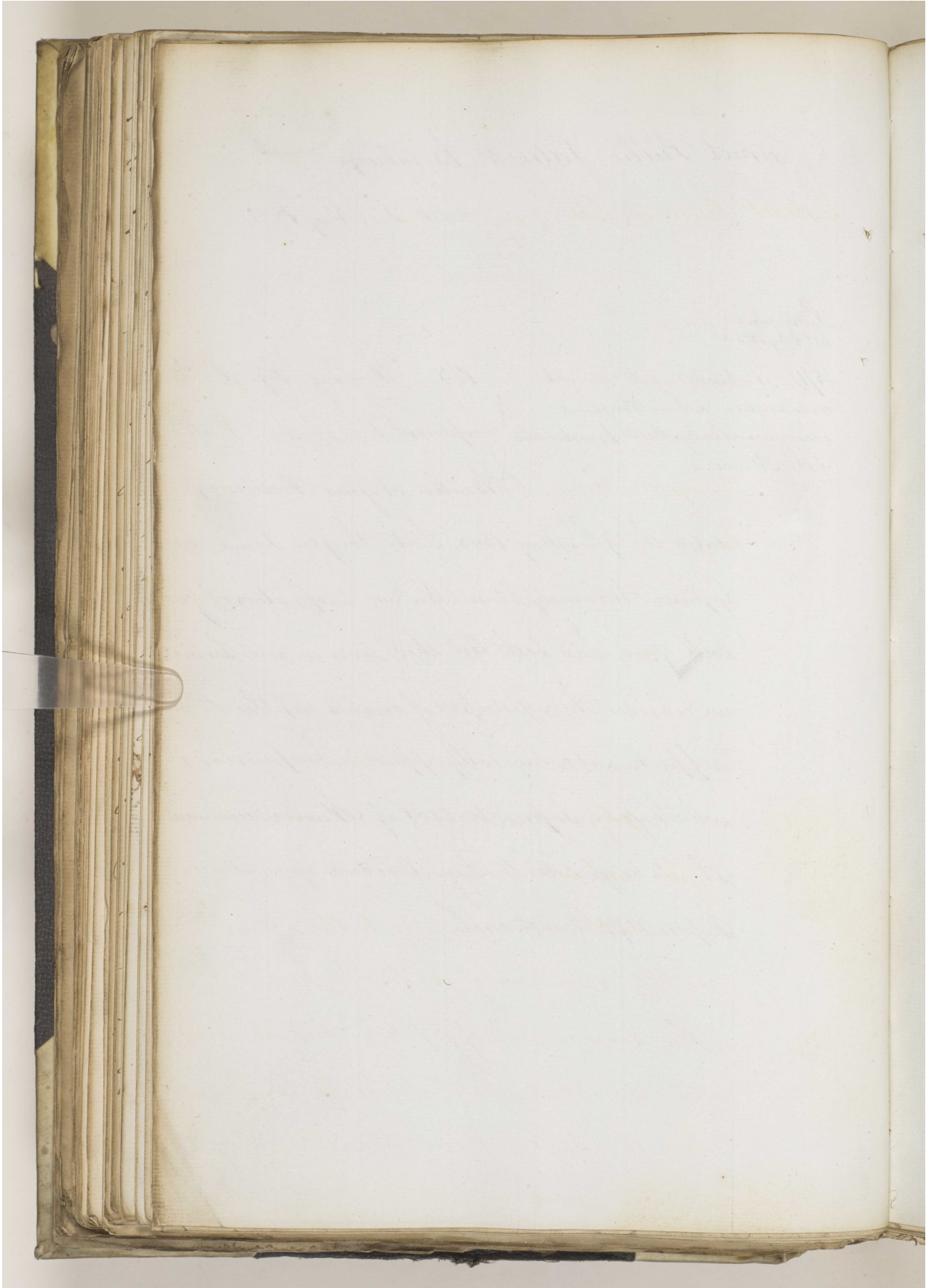
(371) Submitting to Court's
consideration certain Pensions
recommended by the Superintendent
of the Marine.

123. Finding by the
representation of the Master

Builder at your Presidency

dated the 9th May 1805, that Loujee Lama and
Gopaul Wammely, two Natives Carpenters of your
Dock Yard, had both lost their lives in our Service;
we consider their distressed families entitled to our
support; and consequently approve the pensions
which your Superintendent of Marine recommended
should be granted to their Widows, amounting to
Rupees 60^{rs} Month each.

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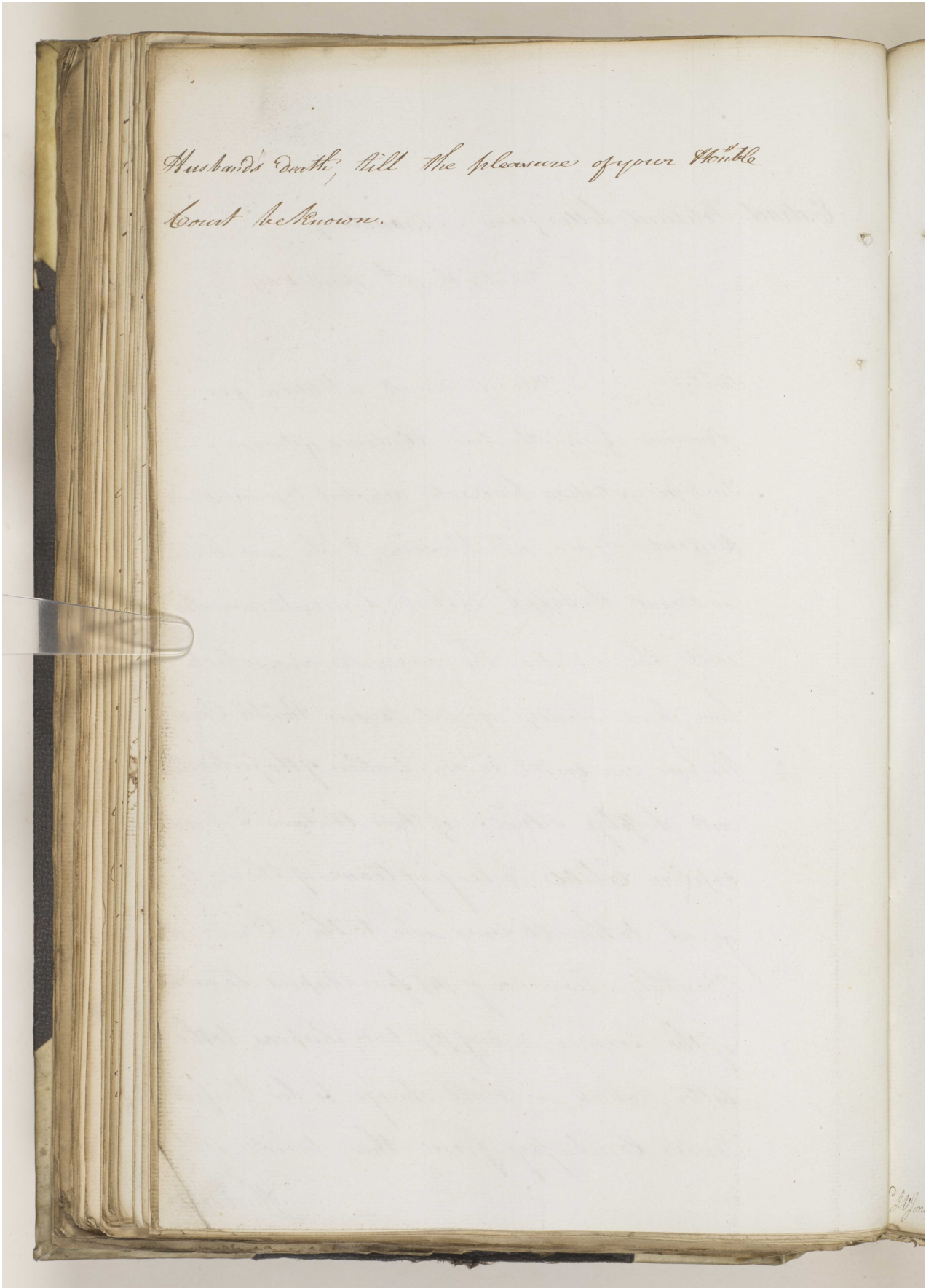
'Pension granted to the Family of a Native Carpenter who was killed on board the Sylph Cruizer in an encounter with the Pirates, on his passage to join Sir H. Jones's Mission at Bushire' [112r] (5/12)

Extract Political Letter from Bombay.

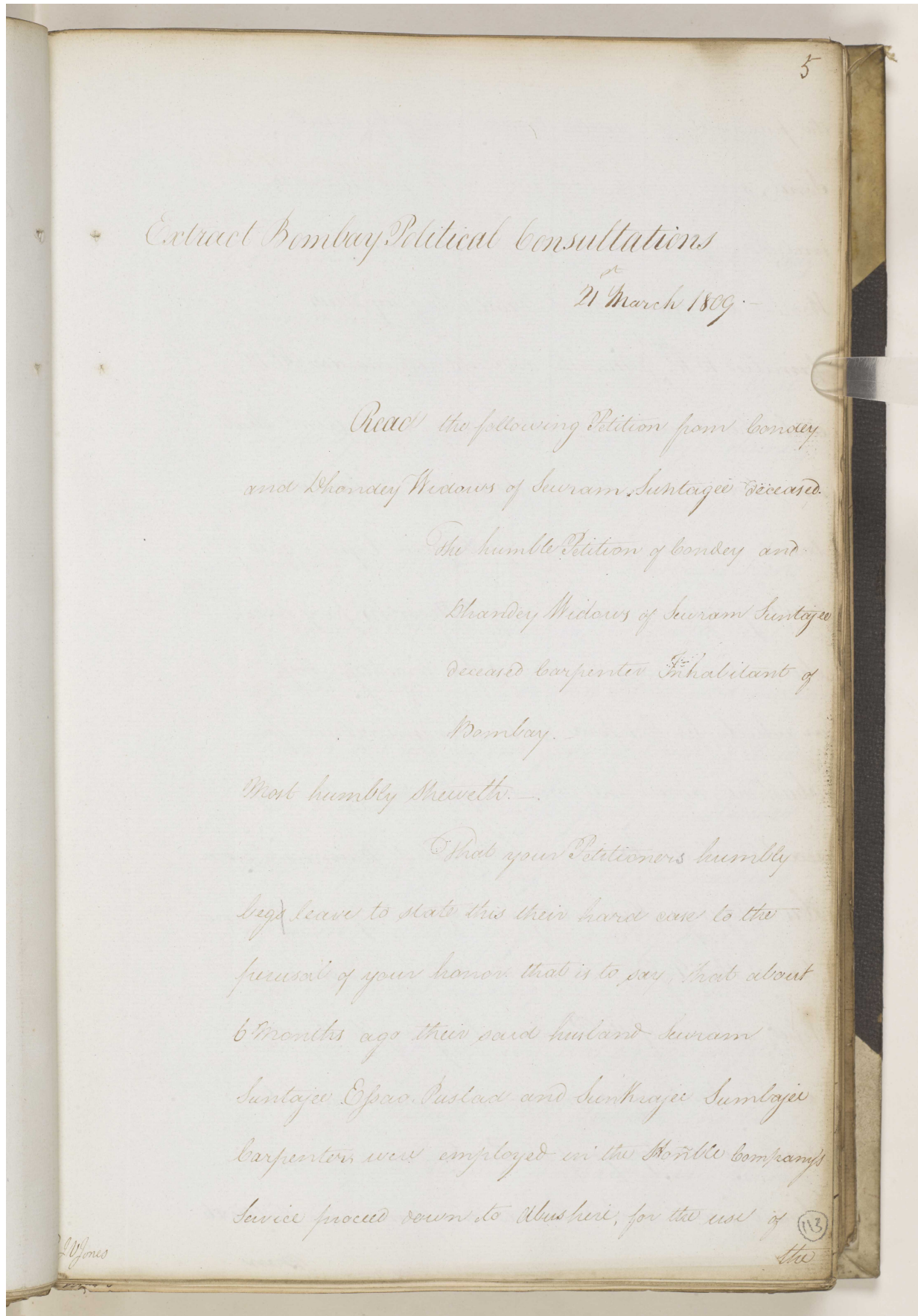
Dated the 15th April 1809.

Para 29. Having received a Petition for Pensions from the two Widows of ~~Santage~~ Santage a Native Carpenter detached to join Sir H. Mordaunt Jones at Bushire, & who was killed on Board the Sylph in that Cruizer's encounter with the Pirates, (the circumstances of which have been already reported to your Honble Court) We have consented, in consideration of the forlorn and helpless situation of these Widows & of an orphan Child belonging to one of them, to grant to the Widows and to the Child a Monthly allowance of 14/ four Rupees to each of the former, and of 12/ two Rupees to the latter, which we shall charge to Sir Mordaunt Jones's Embassy from the period of the ~~decease~~ ^{death} of the ~~husband~~ ^{husband}.

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the public Service under Comm. and of General
Jones, and settled their pay R^d 22 per Month
including provisions, they then left order on the
Honble Comptrolr Genl Master to pay their
families 10 R^d ^{each} p Month, and the remainder R^d 12
each they to receive on the Service, thereupon that
her said husband and others were embarked on
board a certain Comptrolr's Marine Vessel, after
having received advance of 2 Months pay each,
she sailed under convoy of His Majesty's Ship
in which Sir Horford Jones was embarked for
Bushire, about one Month and 4 days after they
reached at the Bar of a hill called Mumusaluma
His Majesty's Ship was gone off to a great distance
from this Vessel, then and there two armed
Kipels or Boats of the Pirates belonging to thieves
called Mahaly, came on both sides, attacked
her, and the Spongs of the Pirates came on her
board with naked Swords and Arms, and killed 26
Men

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men including their said husband Suram
Suntage Carpenter, and two other Carpenters
were hid in the cabin of the said Vessel they
remained safe.

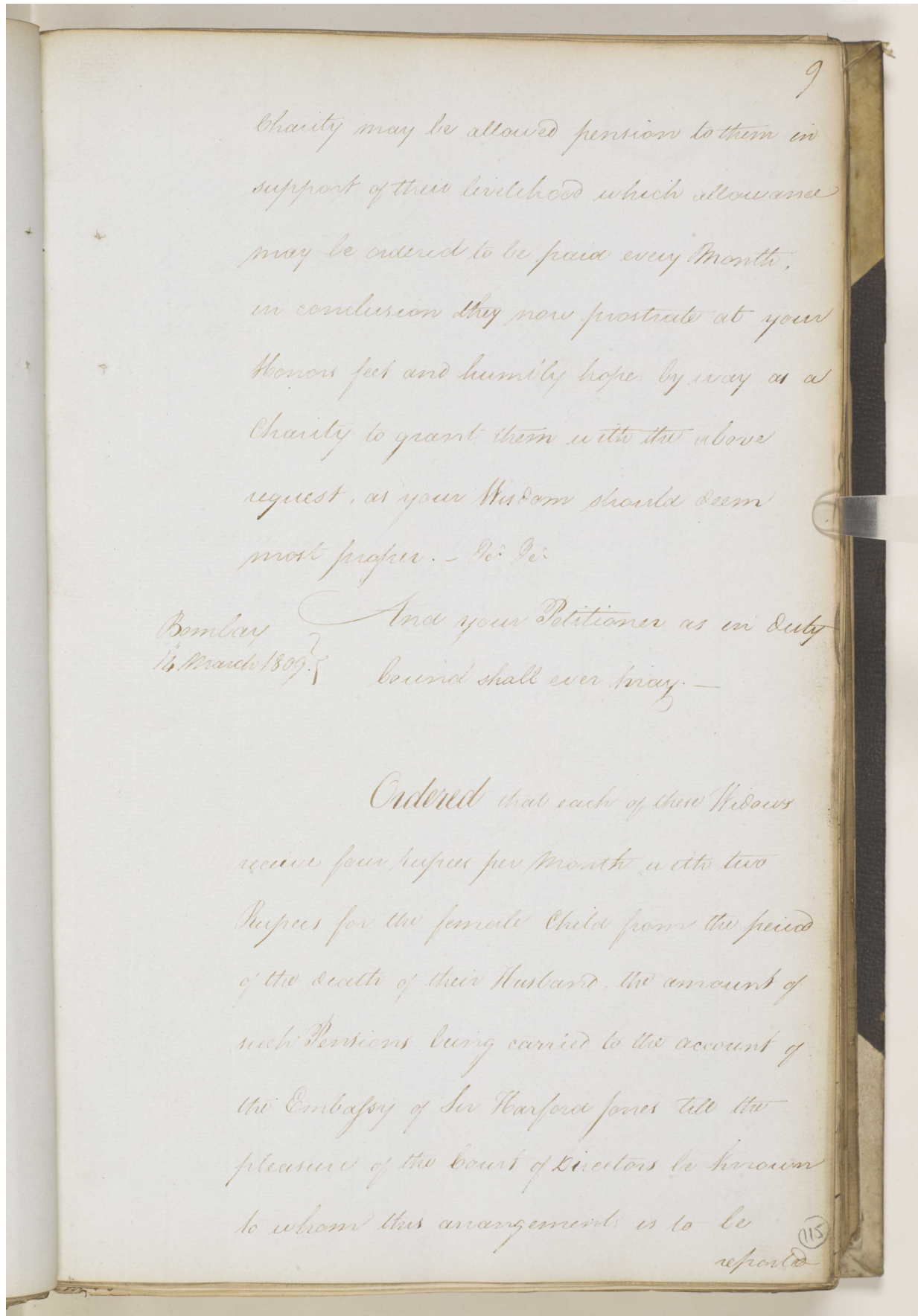
This Petitioner further states that
on the 27th Ult. Efoo Purlad & Sunkrajiv Sumbajee
N^o arrived at this Presidency, they gave them
notice of the Death of their said Husband, and
informed them as herein before stated and
set forth - Since which these Petitioners became
Widows and an infant female Child, & that
their husband left no property whatsoever
that they could live upon & now, nothing
by them, & starving for want of Food -
These Petitioners humbly beg leave to state
that their said husband was under employ
in the Company's public Service, and being
killed by the Pirates aforesaid. These Petitioners
were

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we induced to submit this their application
to your honor for redress. These Petitioners
being poor Widows and have no one that
could assist them in support of their
maintenance without the Charitable aid
and assistance of your Honor, being a
father and protector to these poor helpless
Petitioners.

Your Petitioners therefore
most humbly pray to your honor the
promises considered, and will be pleased to
implye kindly pity and mercy towards
their miserable circumstances if thought
proper, that the pay of their deceased husband
may be paid in like manner, will be
paid by the Company to the other two
Carpenters Epos Purlad & Suntragie Sunlage,
and that at the same time by way as a
Charity

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