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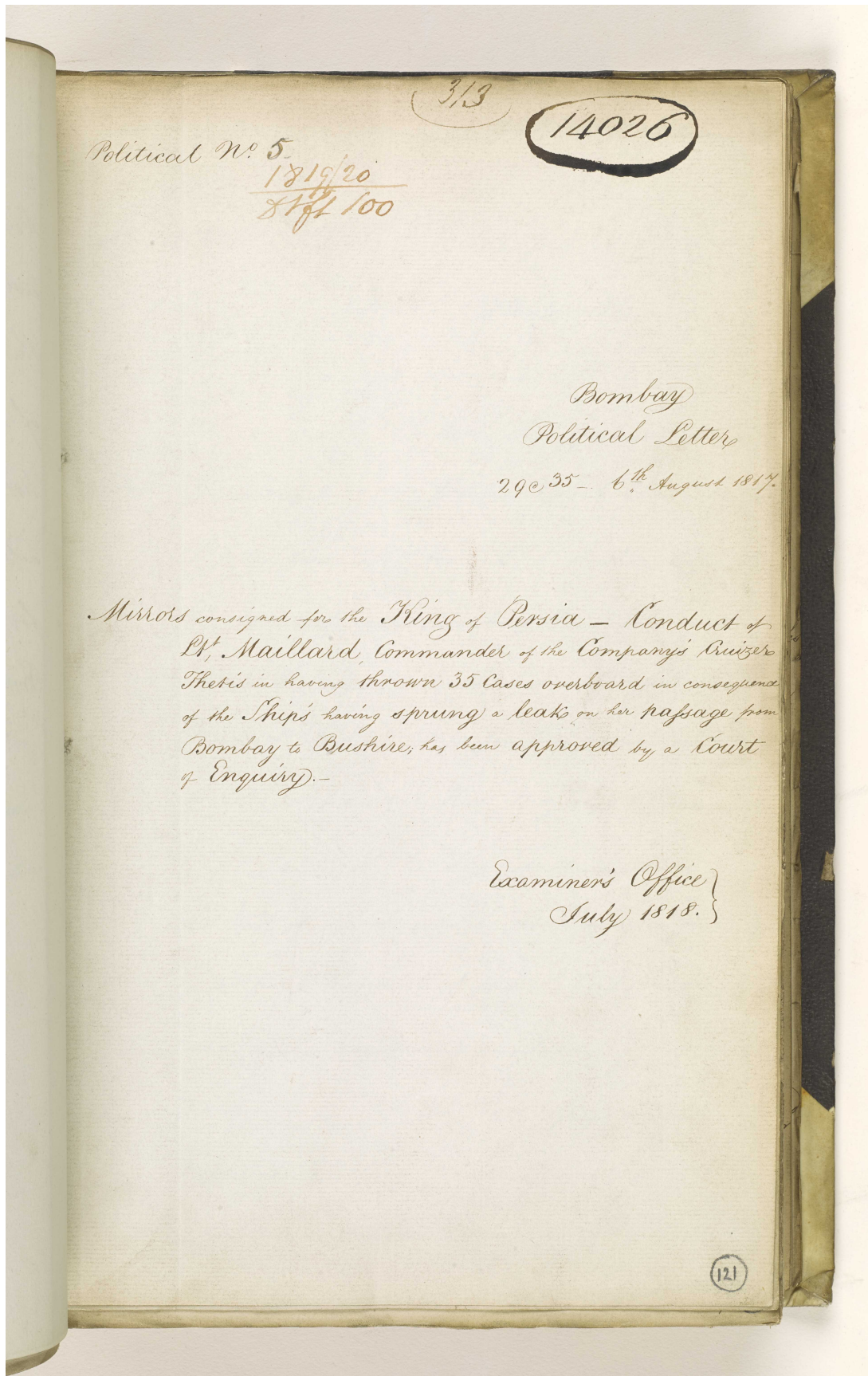
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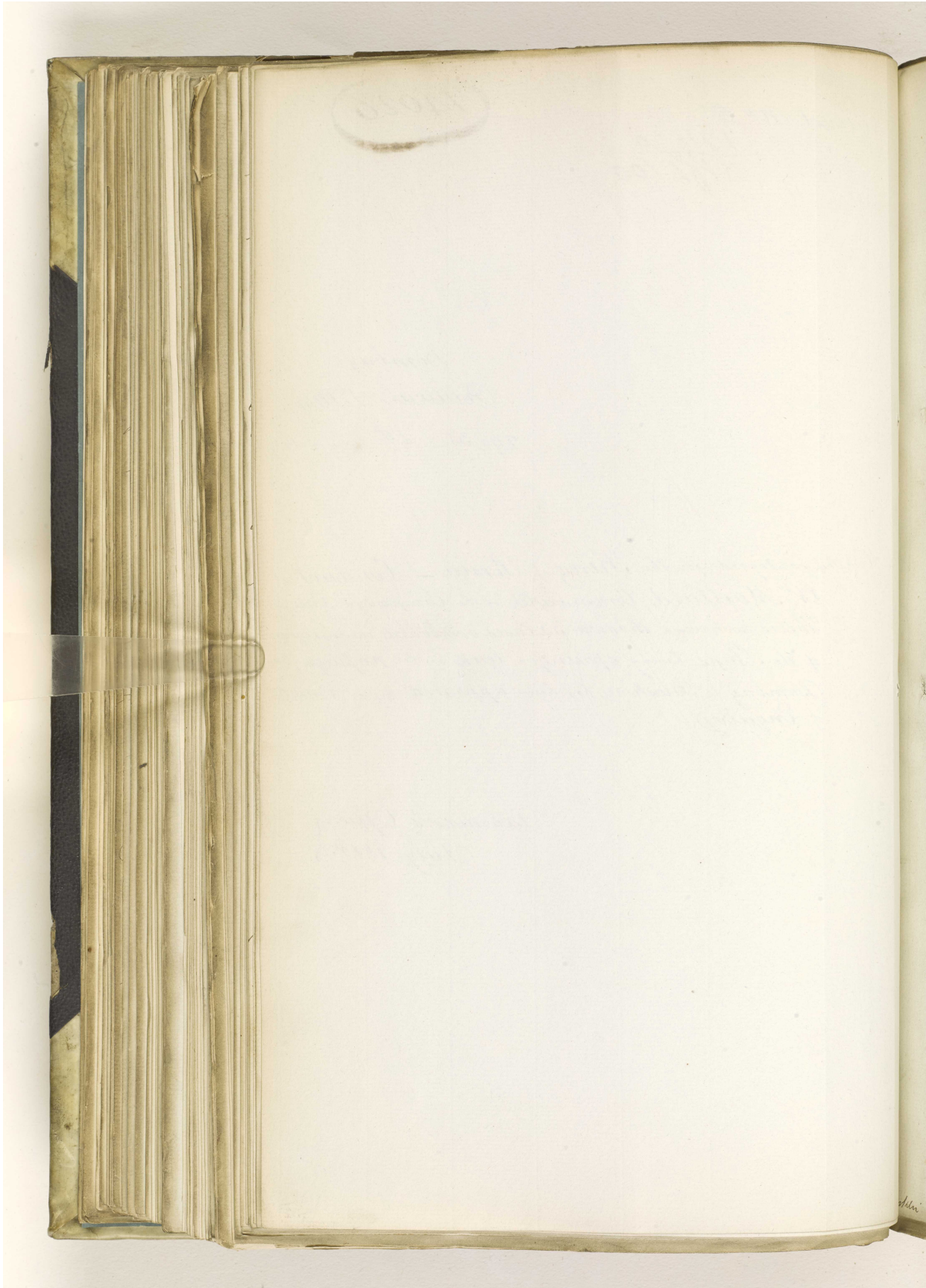
The item relates to an incident in which thirty-five cases containing mirrors for the Shah of Persia [Iran], while being transported on the *Thetis* from Bombay to Bushire, were thrown overboard when the ship sprang a leak. It includes details regarding the request for and consignment of the mirrors; the findings of an initial investigation into their loss carried out by Henry Meriton, Superintendent of Marine; and the proceedings of a subsequent Court of Inquiry into the conduct of Lieutenant Charles James Maillard, Commander of the *Thetis*.

The title page (f 121) of the item contains the following references: ‘Political No. 5, 1819/20, Draft 100’ and ‘Examiner’s Office July 1818’.

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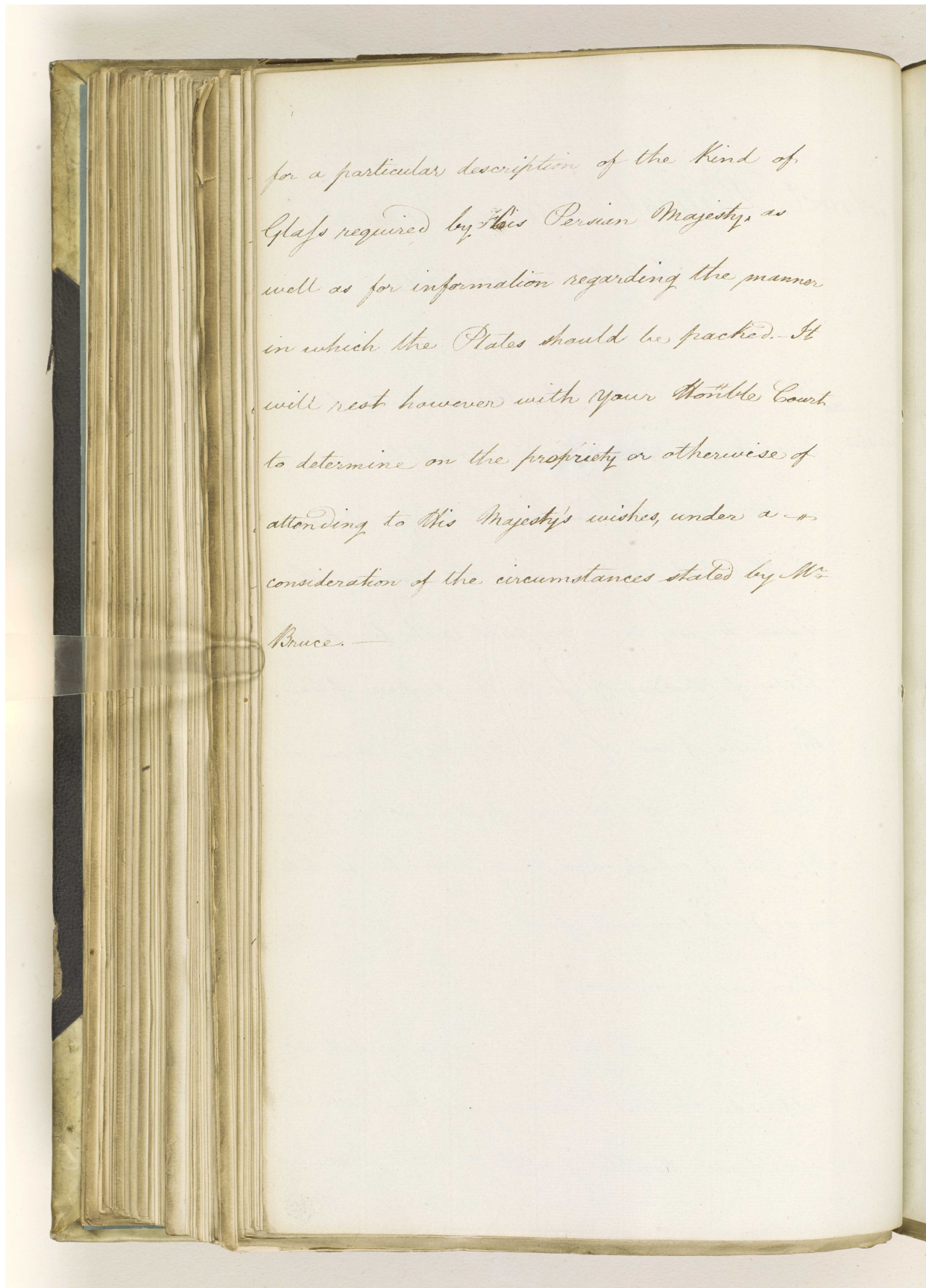
Extract Political Letter from Bombay,

(Dated 21st September 1844.)

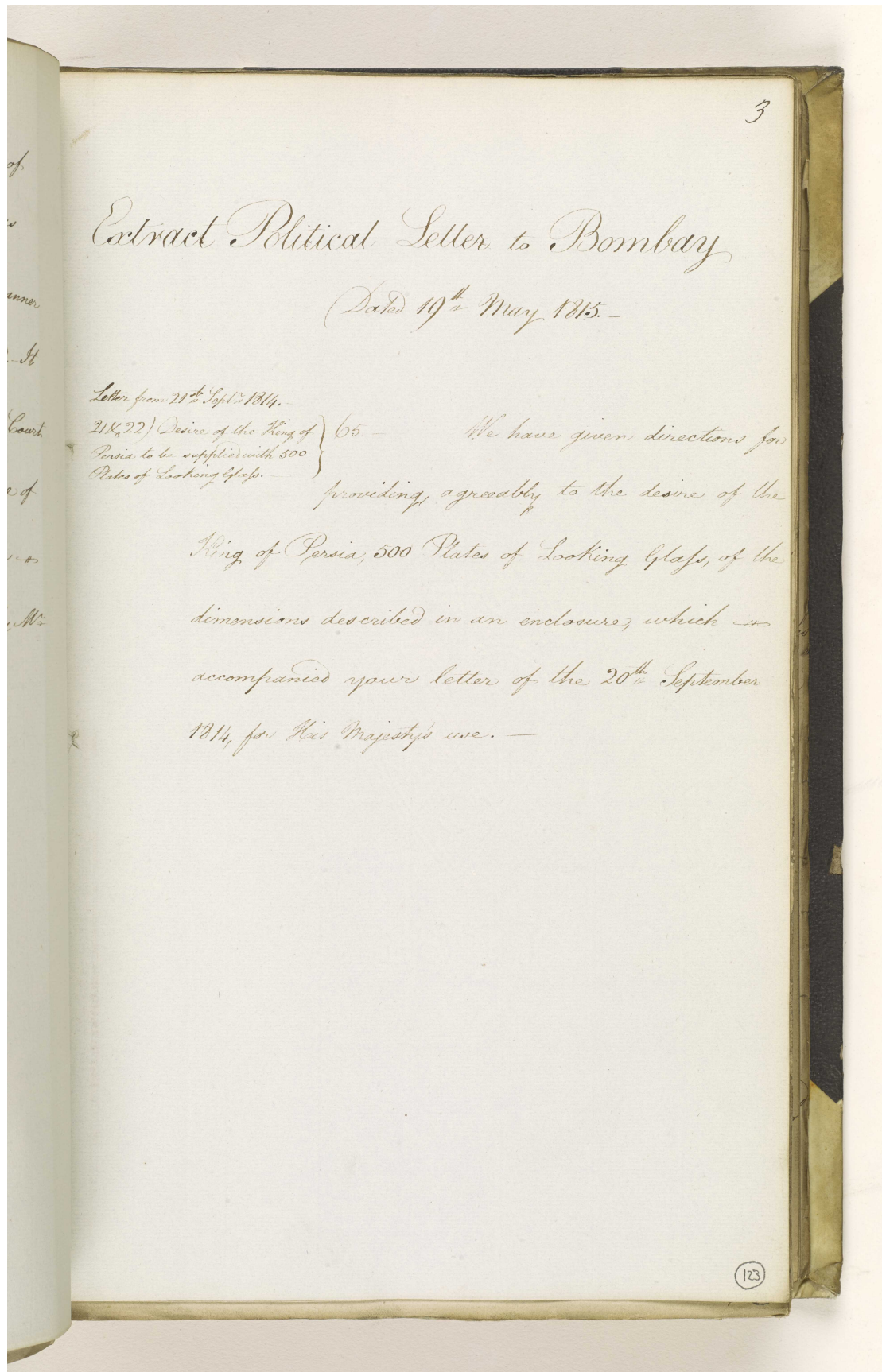
21. — We take this opportunity of forwarding to your Honble Court the Copy of a letter from the Resident at Bushire dated the 3rd May last, communicating the desire of His Persian Majesty to be supplied with five hundred Plates of Looking Glass for the purpose of lining the Walls of one of His Majesty's Palaces, each Plate to be of the size of the enclosed Paper, the Cost of which was to be accounted for either as a part payment of the Subsidy, or in any other more convenient mode.

22. — As the Plate Glass cannot be supplied at this Presidency, we beg leave to refer your Honble Court to Mr Bruce's letter for

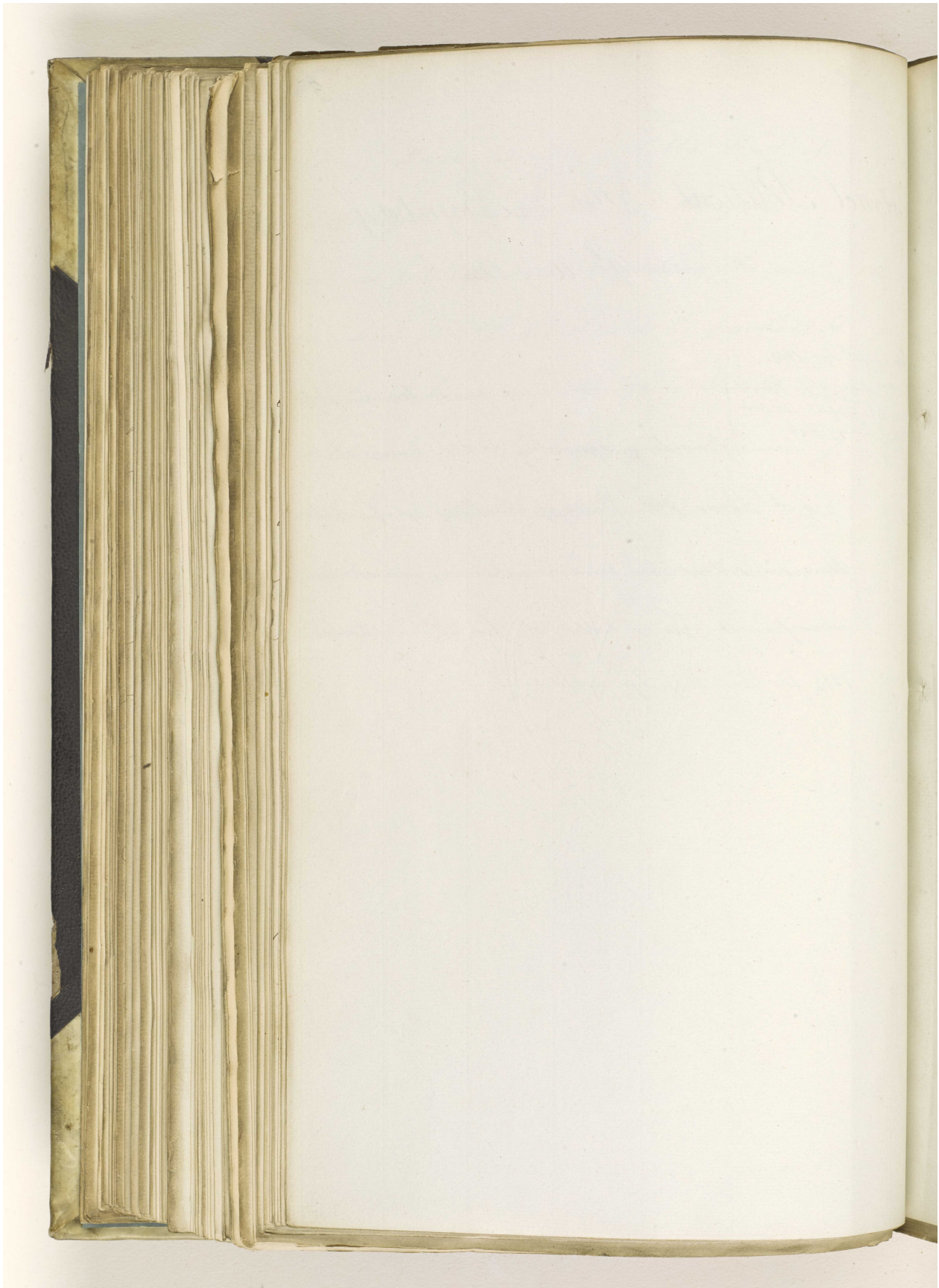
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Extract Commercial Letter to Bombay

(Dated 17th Jan^y 1846. -

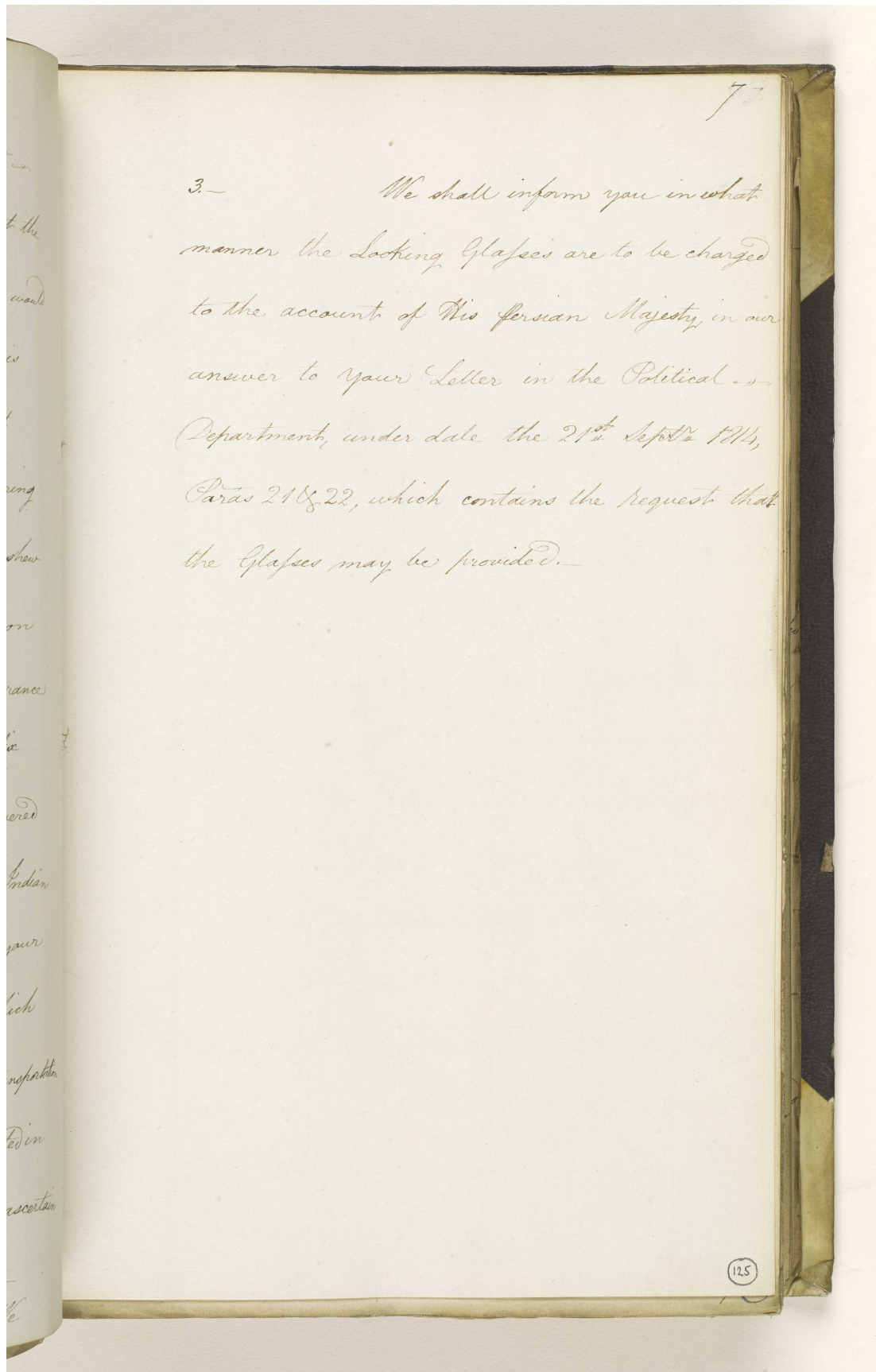
2— We have consigned to you on the
Marquis of Huntly five hundred and fifty
Mirrors for the palace which His Majesty
the King of Persia is rebuilding at Teheran.
We have added fifty to the number of five
hundred for which you indented to supply
the place of any which may be accidentally
injured or broken. The Mirrors are of good
plate Glass, well silvered, and of the size
of the Sheet of paper received from you
Vizt 30 Inches by 20 Inches. Agreeably to the
instructions transmitted by Lieut. Bruce, the
Resident at Bushire, in his letter of the 23rd
May 1844, they have been packed in Boxes, or
then

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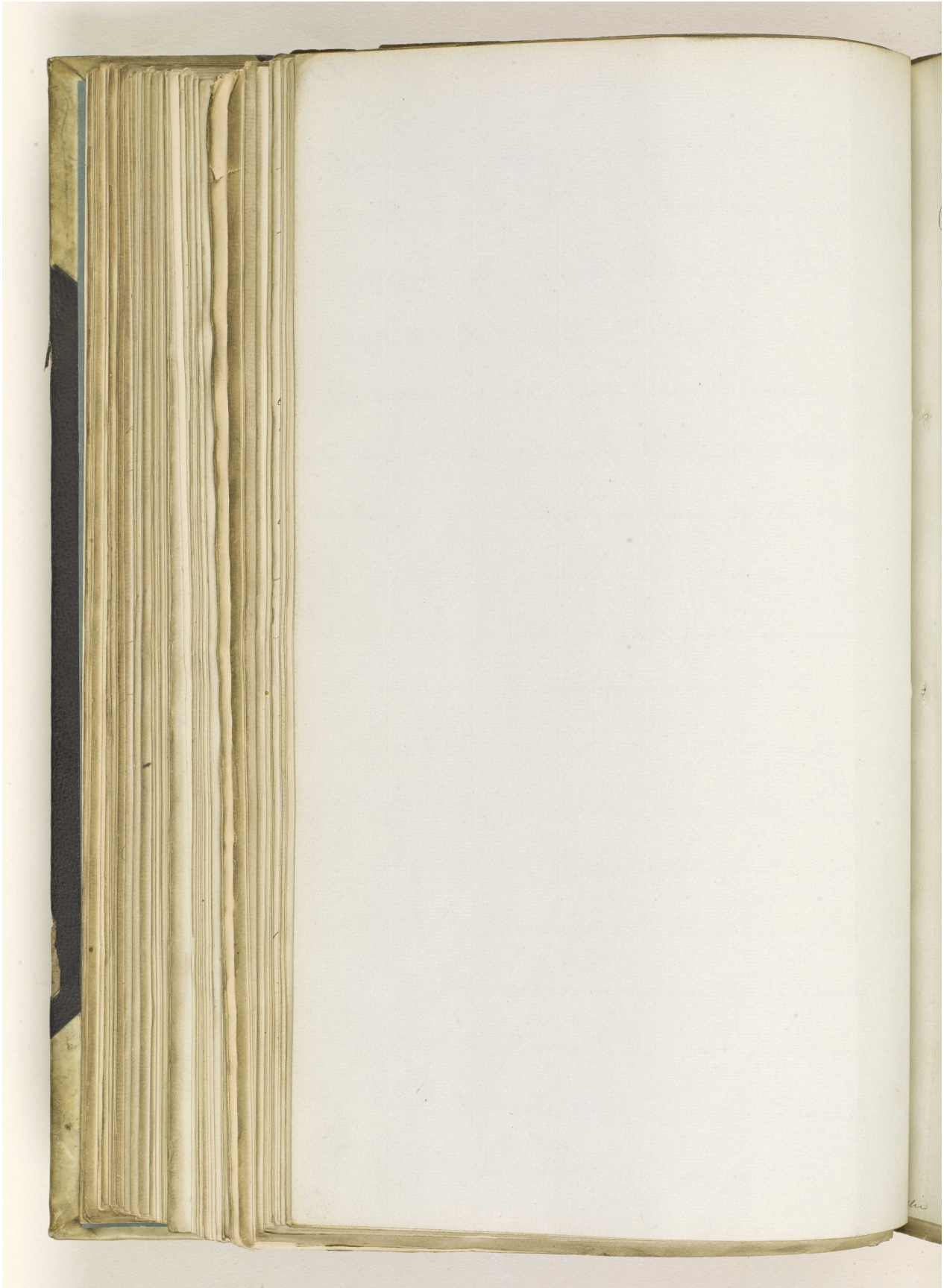
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the weight of which does not exceed 125
Pounds, but instead of pasting paper at the
back (which the manufacturer represents would
certainly destroy the silvering,) each plate is
carefully wrapped in flannel, as the most
effectual means of preventing injury during
the voyage. The London Invoice will show
the prime Cost, including all charges on
board, together with freight and insurance
to Bombay, and Interest of Money for six
Months, which supposes the interest covered
until the Ship's arrival there. The Indian
duties payable on the importation at your
presidency, together with all charges which
may be subsequently incurred in the transportation
of the Goods to Bushire, must be inserted in
the Indian Invoice Cost, in order to ascertain
the ultimate value of the Consignment. —
We

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Extract Political Letter to Bombay

Dated 17th January 1816.

2.— You have been already advised in the 6th Para of our Letter in this Department of the 19th May 1815, that we had given directions for providing agreeably to the desires of the King of Persia 500 Plates of Looking Glass of the dimensions required.

3.— You will have observed by the 2nd Para: of our Letter from the Commercial Department dated the 17th Jan^y 1816 that 550 Mirrors are consigned to your Presidency on the Marquis of Huntley and you will be guided by the mode pointed out in that Letter in calculating the Prime Cost and Charges.

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4.- To guard the Company from eventual loss in this transaction, we recommend to your particular attention the precautionary measures suggested in the last Para: of the Letter from Mr. Bruce to your Government, dated Bushire 23rd May 1814, which relate to some arrangement for the payment previously to the delivery of the Mirrors. We are at the same time desirous, that, in the concert of such arrangement, every possible mark of attention and respect to His Persian Majesty should be kept strictly in view.

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Extract Political Letter from Bombay

Dated 6.th August 1817-

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In reference to the 5.th Paragraph of our letter dated the 5.th of August last, we are much concerned in bringing to your notice the circumstance of 35 out of the 55 cases of Mirrors forwarded by your Honble Court for His Majesty the King of Persia, in the Marquis of Huntly, having been thrown overboard, by the Commander of the Honble Company's Cruiser Thetis, during her passage to Bushire, in the course of which, the safety of that Vessel was endangered by a leak which she had sprung. -

*Pub. Cons. N^o 20 30
2.nd May 1817*

Having called on our Superintendent of Marine to enquire into the circumstances of the case, and report his opinion, how far -

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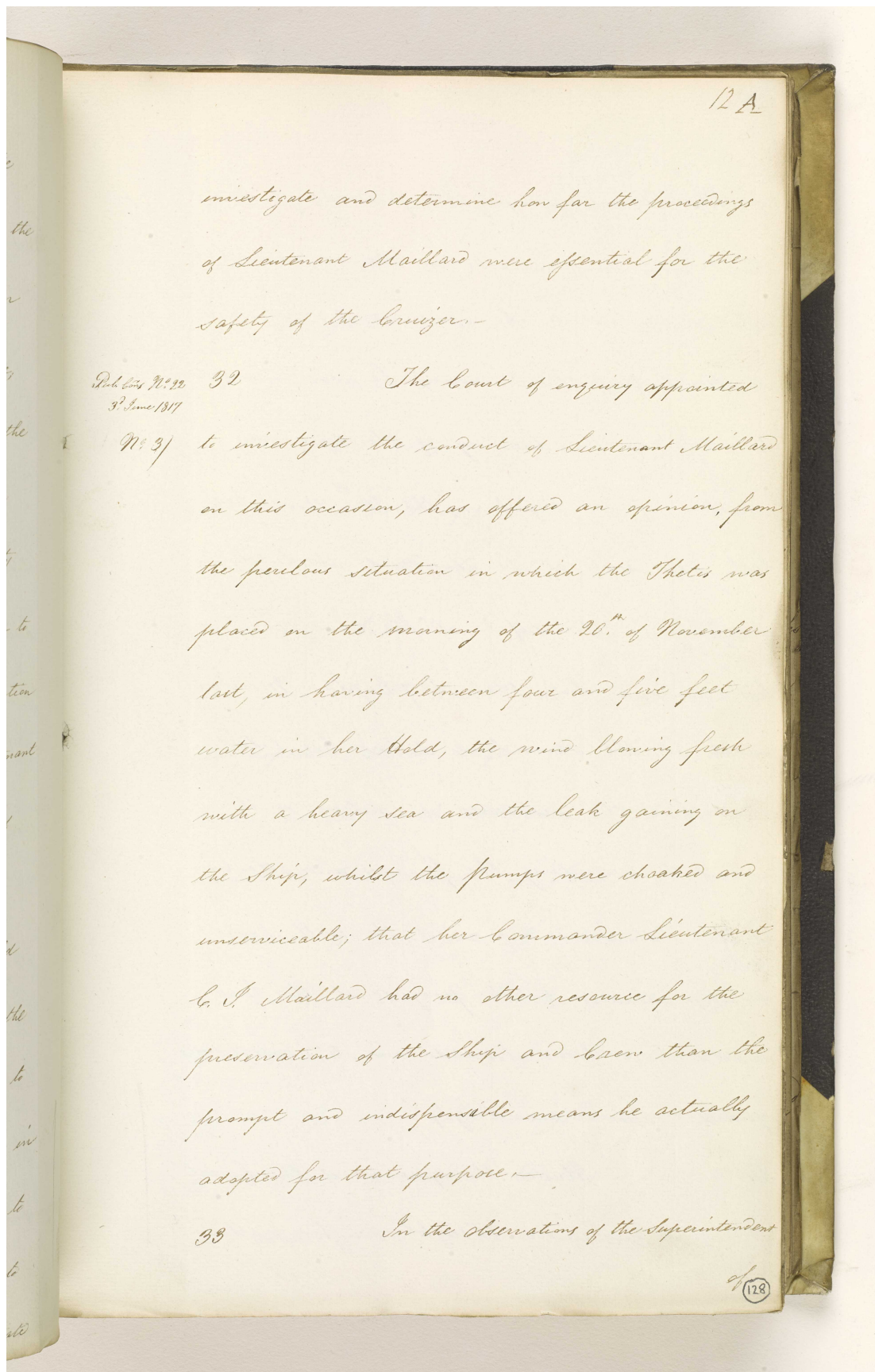
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any necessity existed for this proceeding of the
Commander of the Thetis; it appeared from the
tenor of his reply, that he was of opinion
no absolute necessity existed for such a procedure,
but he felt it due to Lieutenant Maillard, the
Commander, to declare his belief, that the
destruction of the Honble Company's property
arose from an alarm of imminent danger to
the Vessel, created by a want of information
of the progress of the leak, and that Lieutenant
Maillard was not aware of the great value of
the property. -

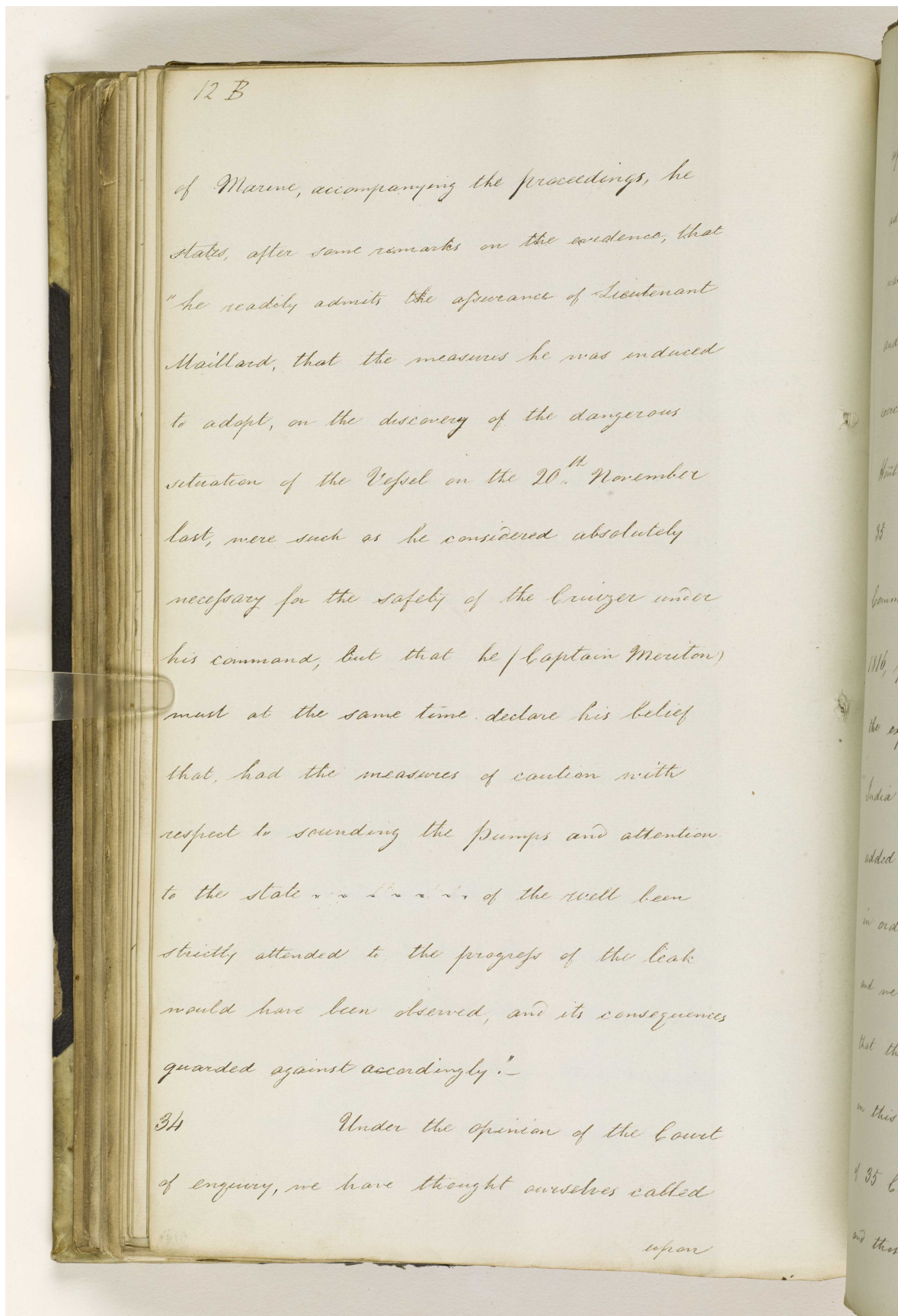
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As your Honble Court would
probably be of opinion, that this report of the
Superintendent would hardly be sufficient to
exculpate Lieutenant Maillard of all blame in
the transaction, we have felt it our duty to
refer the subject to a Court of Enquiry to
investigate

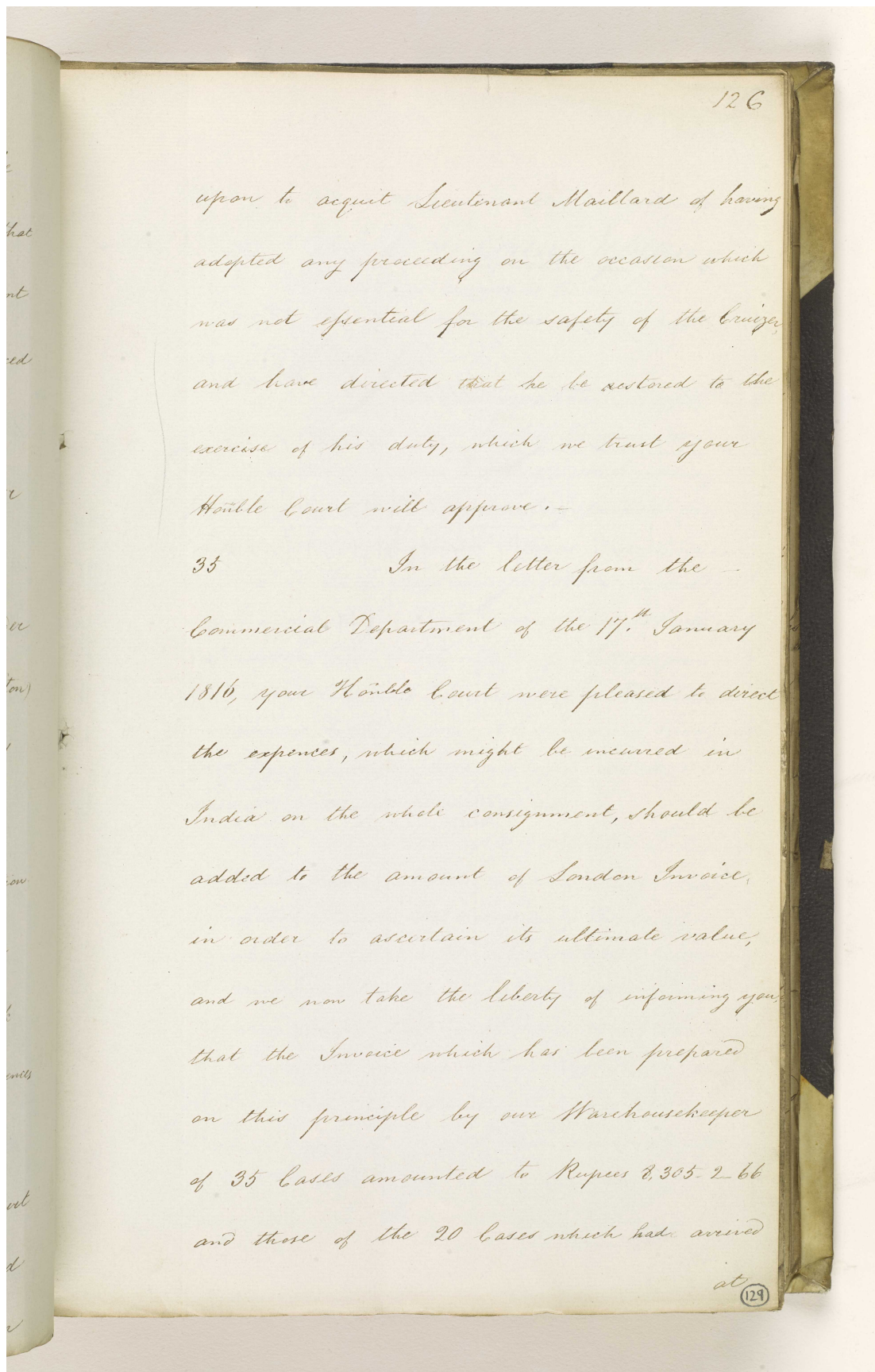
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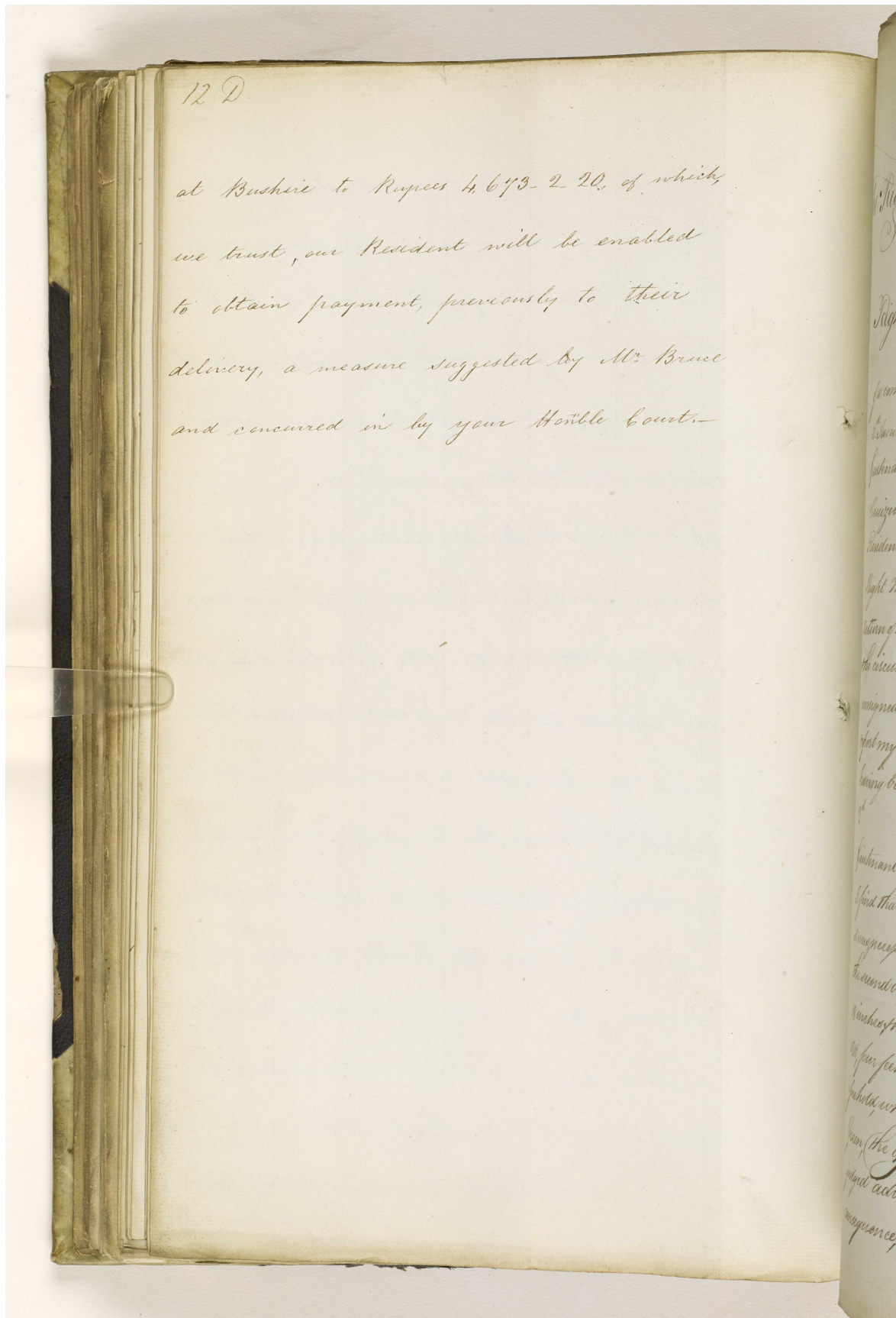
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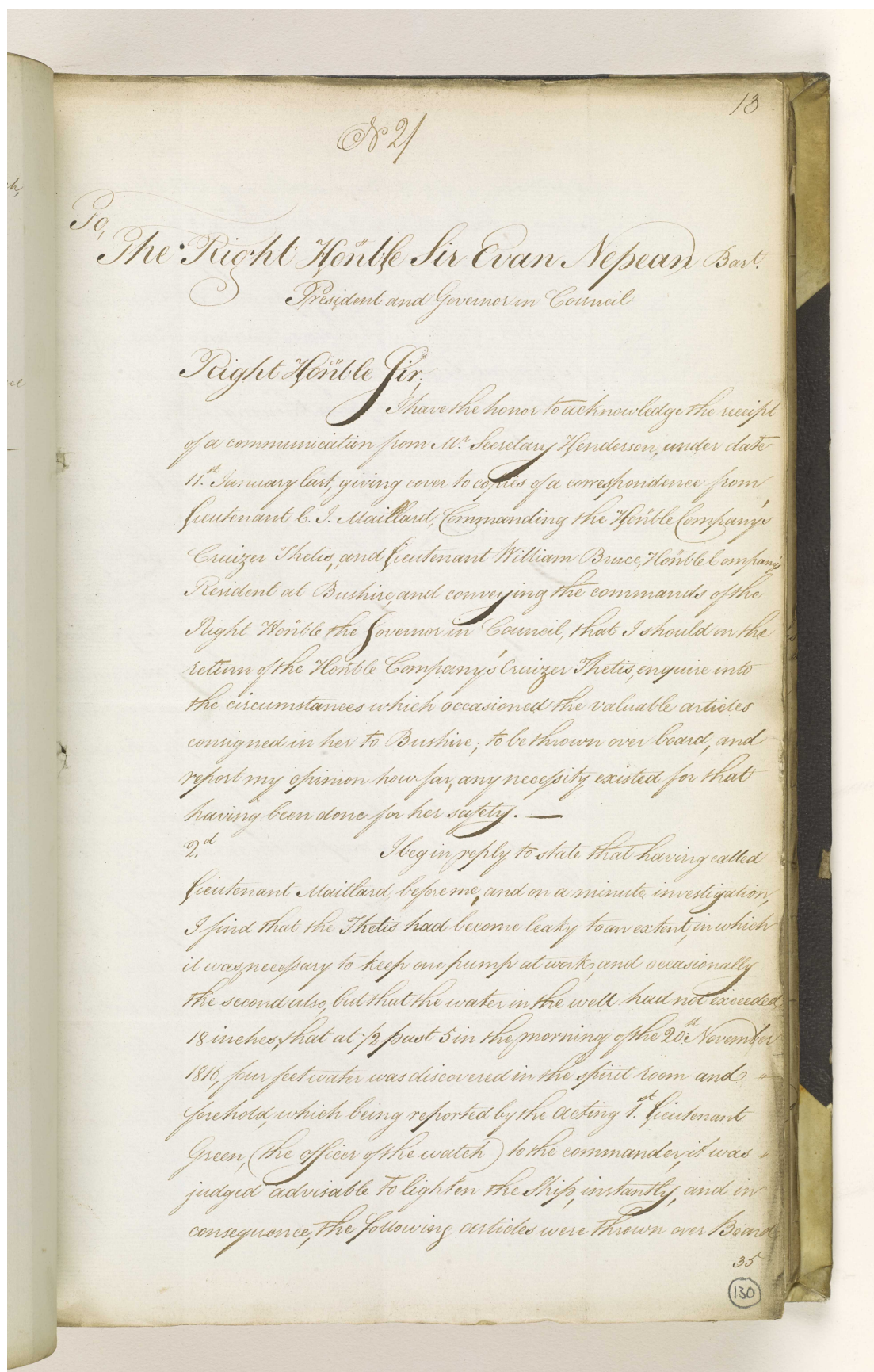
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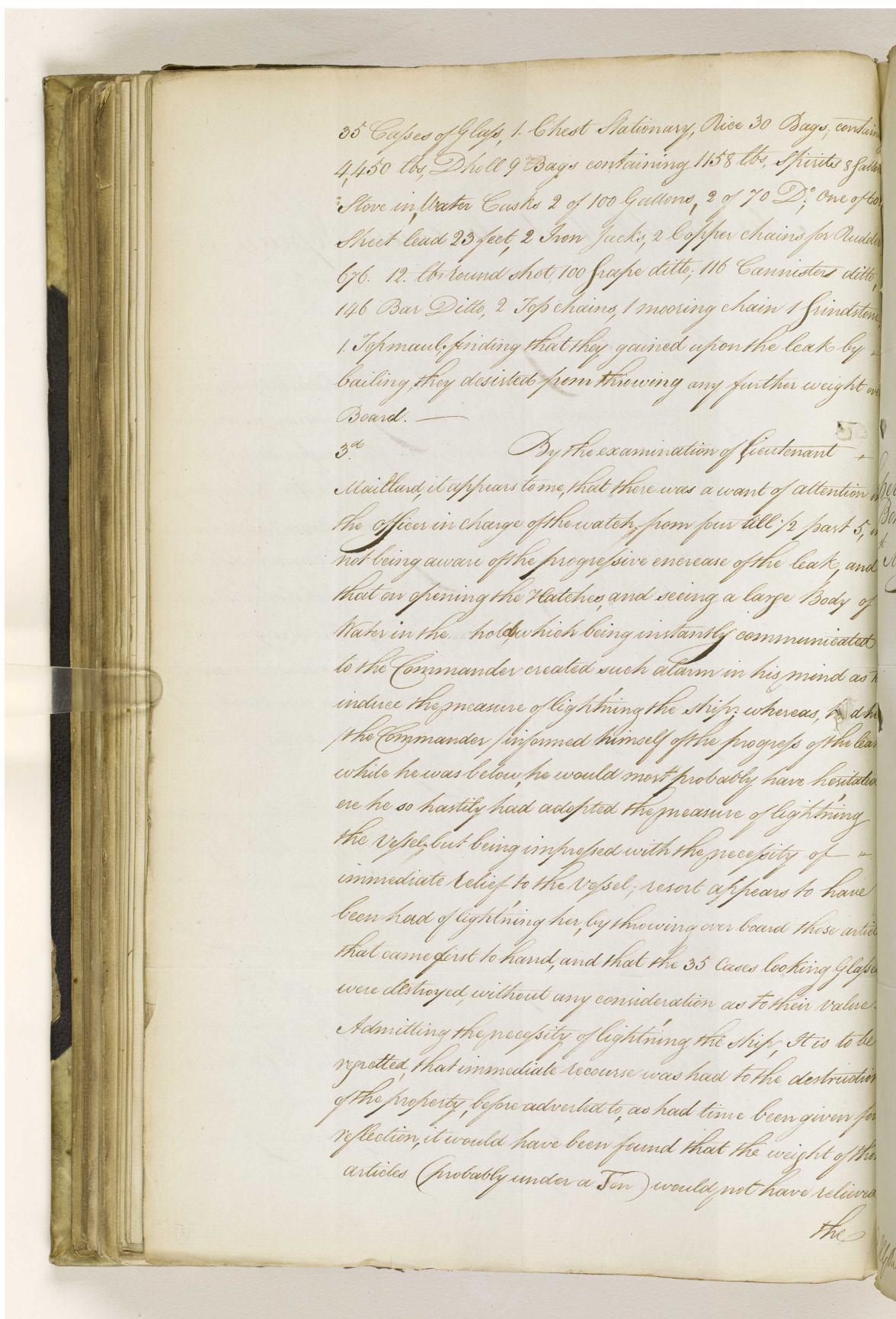
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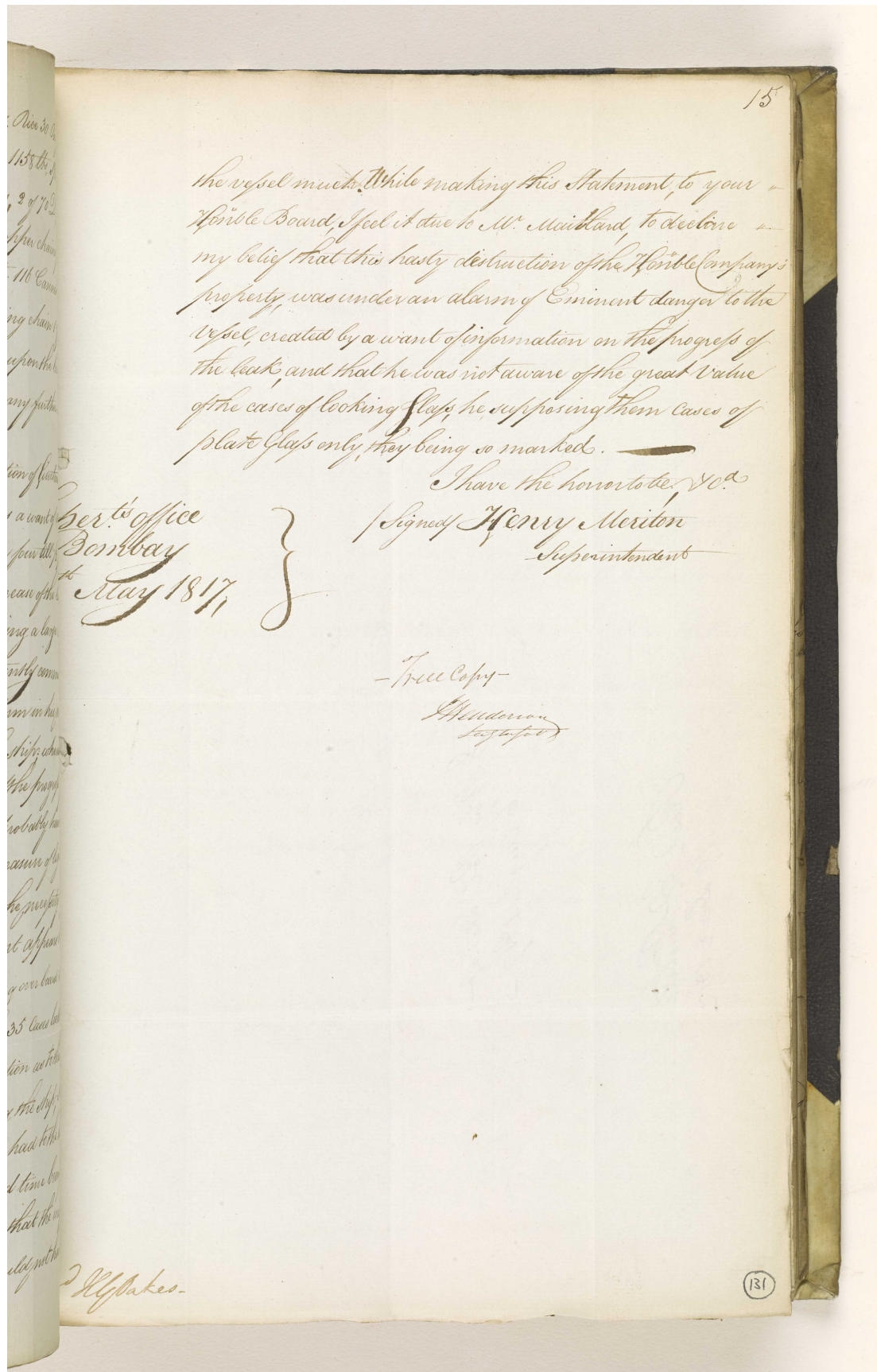
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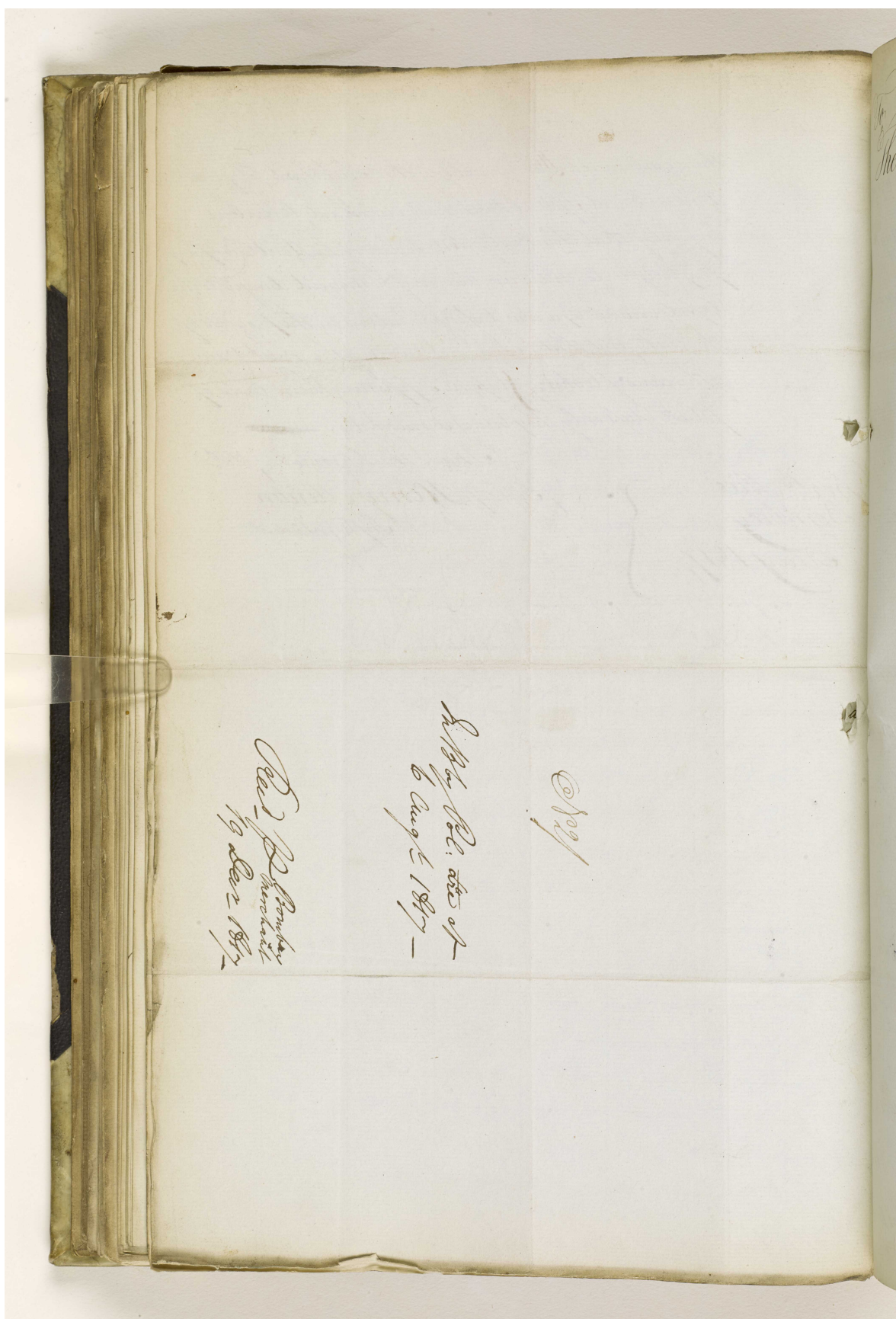
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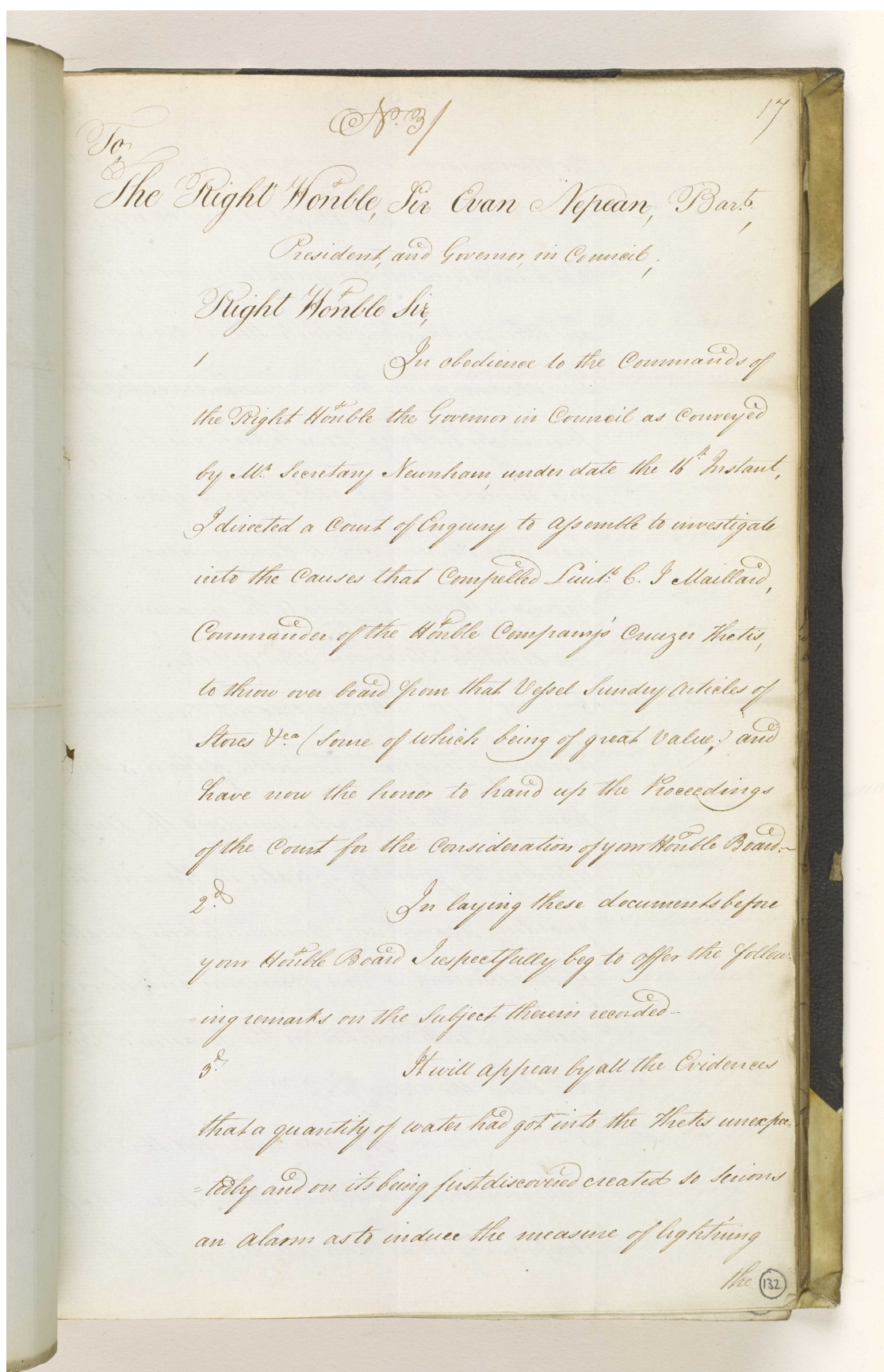
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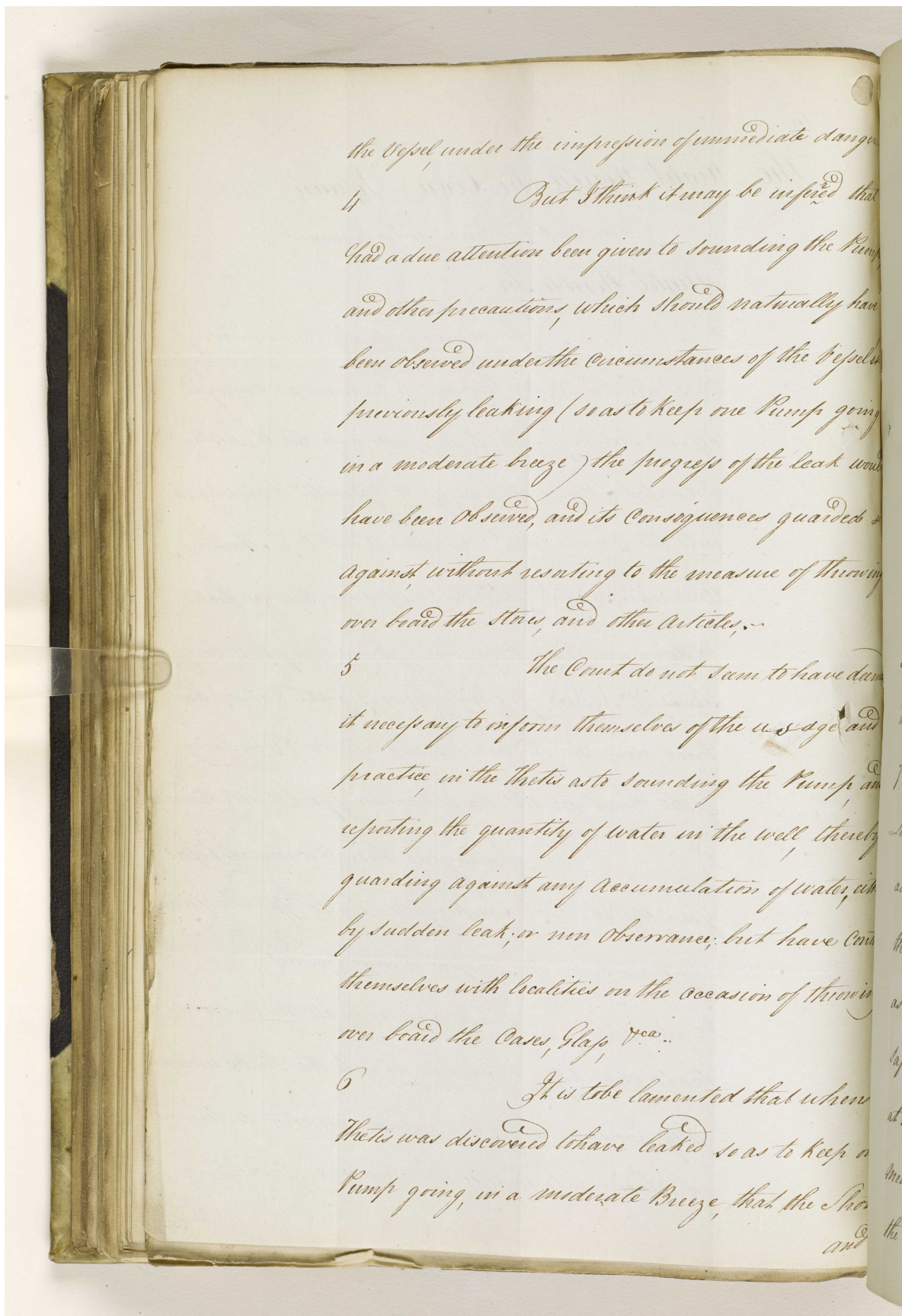
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the vessel, under the impression of immediate danger

14 But I think it may be inferred that had a due attention been given to sounding the Pump, and other precautions, which should naturally have been observed under the circumstances of the vessel previously leaking (so as to keep one Pump going in a moderate breeze) the progress of the leak would have been observed, and its consequences guarded against, without resorting to the measure of throwing over board the Stow, and other Articles.

5 The Court do not seem to have deemed it necessary to inform themselves of the usage and practice in the Thetis as to sounding the Pump, and reporting the quantity of water in the well, thereby guarding against any accumulation of water, either by sudden leak, or non observance; but have confined themselves with localities on the occasion of throwing over board the Cases, Gaps, &c.

6 It is to be lamented that when Thetis was discovered to have leaked so as to keep one Pump going, in a moderate breeze, that the Stow and

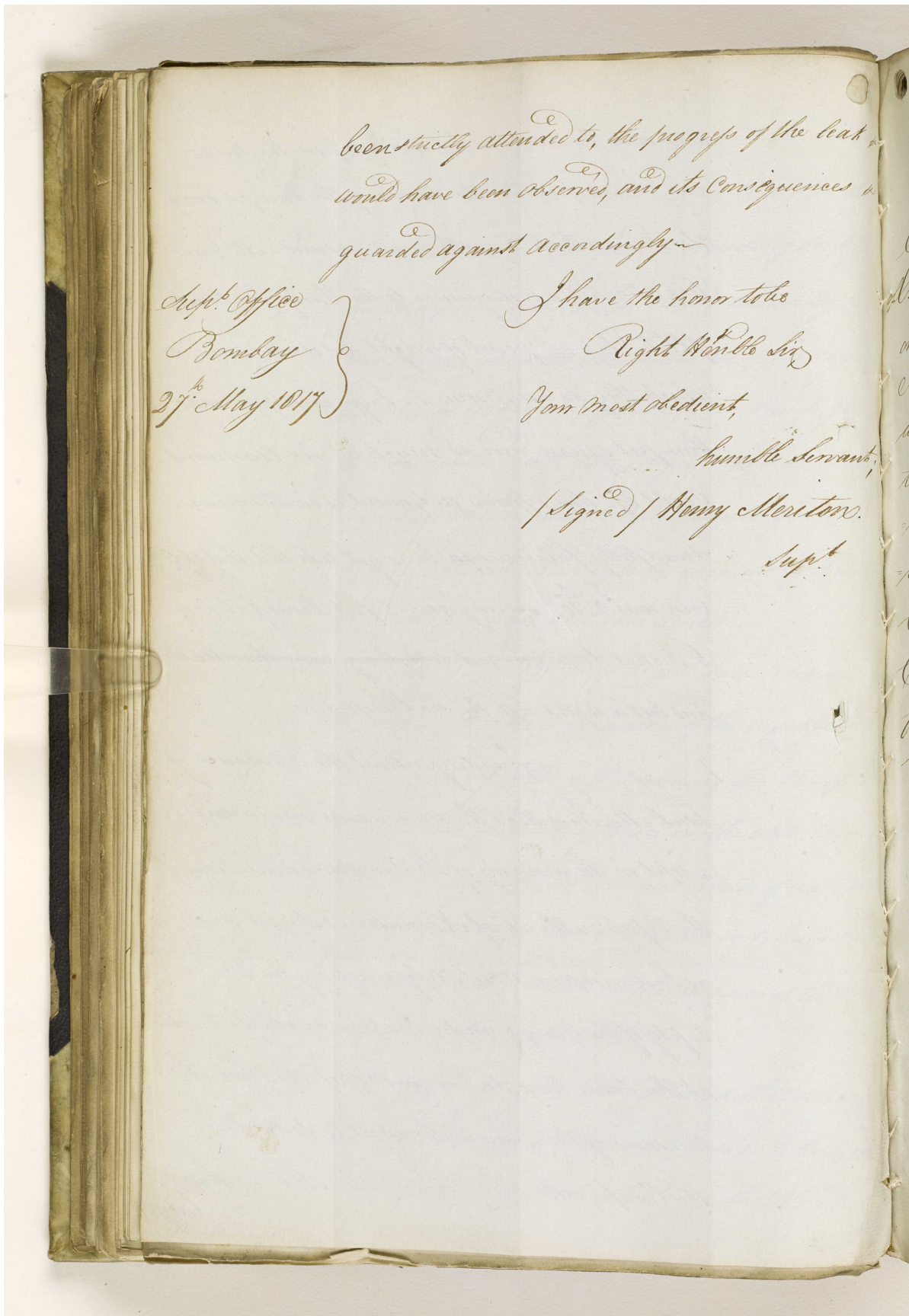
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and other matter was not removed from the Pump
well, so as to preclude the danger of the Pumps being
choaked, with dirt, or otherwise injured - Mr. Greer
has attached a consequence to the thirty five Chests
of Plate Glass in point of weight and dimensions &
which they do not desire, he says each Case was
three feet square and as much as six Europeans
could lift, this Officer's judgment is on this occasion
dreadfully fallacious, for he is yet to be told that each
Case was ^{5. 10.} 2. 10. long and 2 feet broad, but only
6 inches deep and not weighing more than 100 lbs.
and but a light lift for six Europeans -

7 I readily admit the appearance of
Lieut. Maillard, that the measures he was induced to
adopt, on the discovery of the dangerous situation of
the Vessel on the 20th of November last were such
as he considered absolutely necessary for the
safety of the Cruiser under his Command, but I must
at the same time declare my belief that had the
measures of Caution with respect to sounding
the Pumps and attention to the state of the well
been

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Minutes of Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry, held at the Marine Office, Bombay, The 22^d May 1817, by Order of Henry Meriton Esq^r Superintendent of Marine, under the authority of the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council, and by adjournment, until the 24th following. – for investigating the causes, that compelled Lieutenant J. Maillard, Commander of the Hon^{ble} Company's Cruiser Thetis, to throw over-board from that Vessel, sundry valuable articles, belonging to the Honorable Company. –

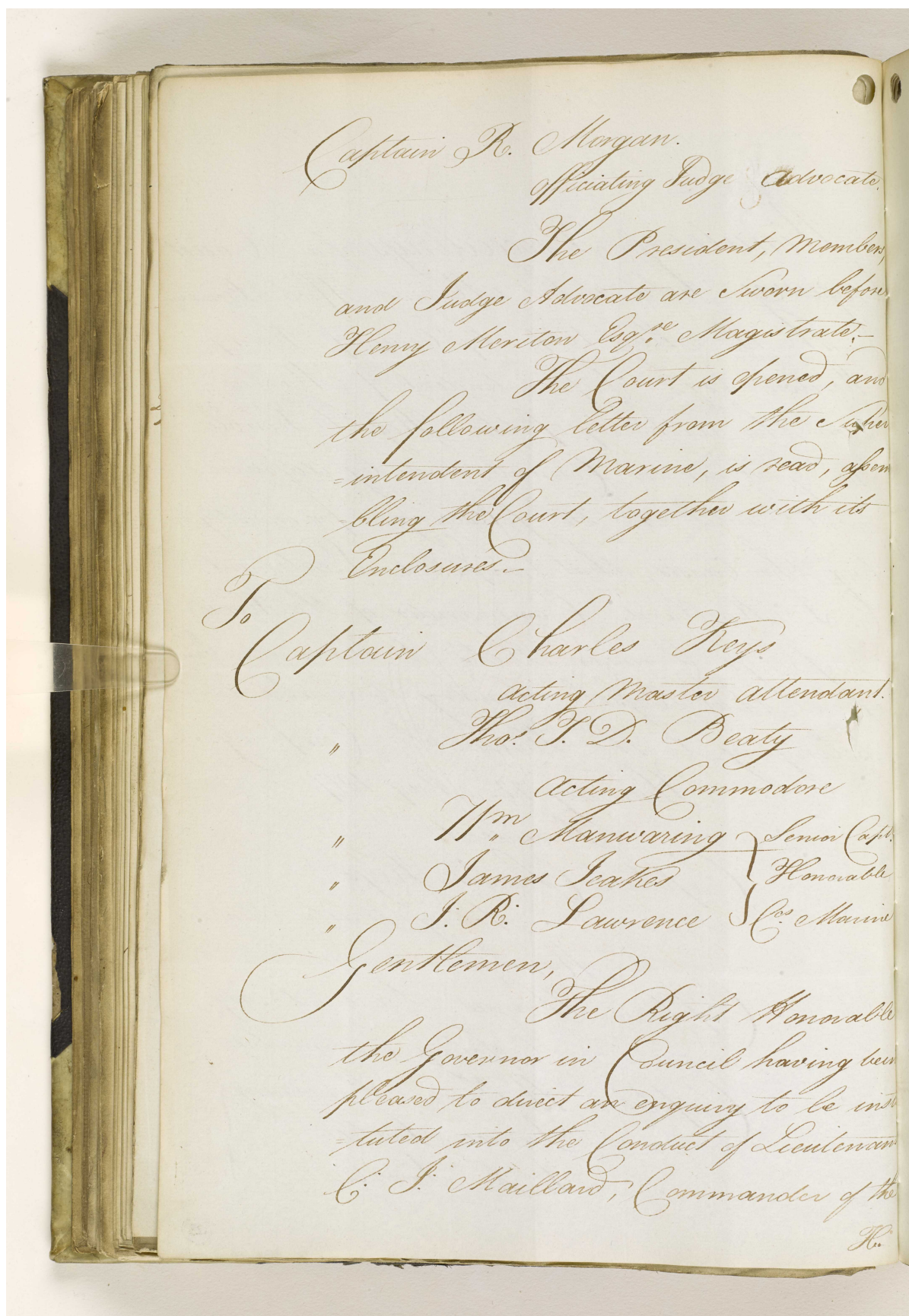
Thursday 22^d May 1817.

President.
Captain Charles Keys
Acting Master attendant

Members.
Captain Thomas Dade Beatty
Acting Commodore
Captain William Hamwaring
" James Seabrook
" J. R. Lawrence

Hon^{ble} Company's Marine
Captain
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Captain R. Morgan.
Officiating Judge Advocate.

The President, Members,
and Judge Advocate are sworn before
Henry Meriton Esq.^r Magistrate.

The Court is opened, and
the following letter from the
intendant of Marine, is read, open-
ing the Court, together with its
Enclosures.

To Captain Charles Keys
Acting Master attendant.

" Thos. D. D. Beatty

" Acting Commodore
Wm. Manwaring Senior Capt.

" James Seakes Honorable

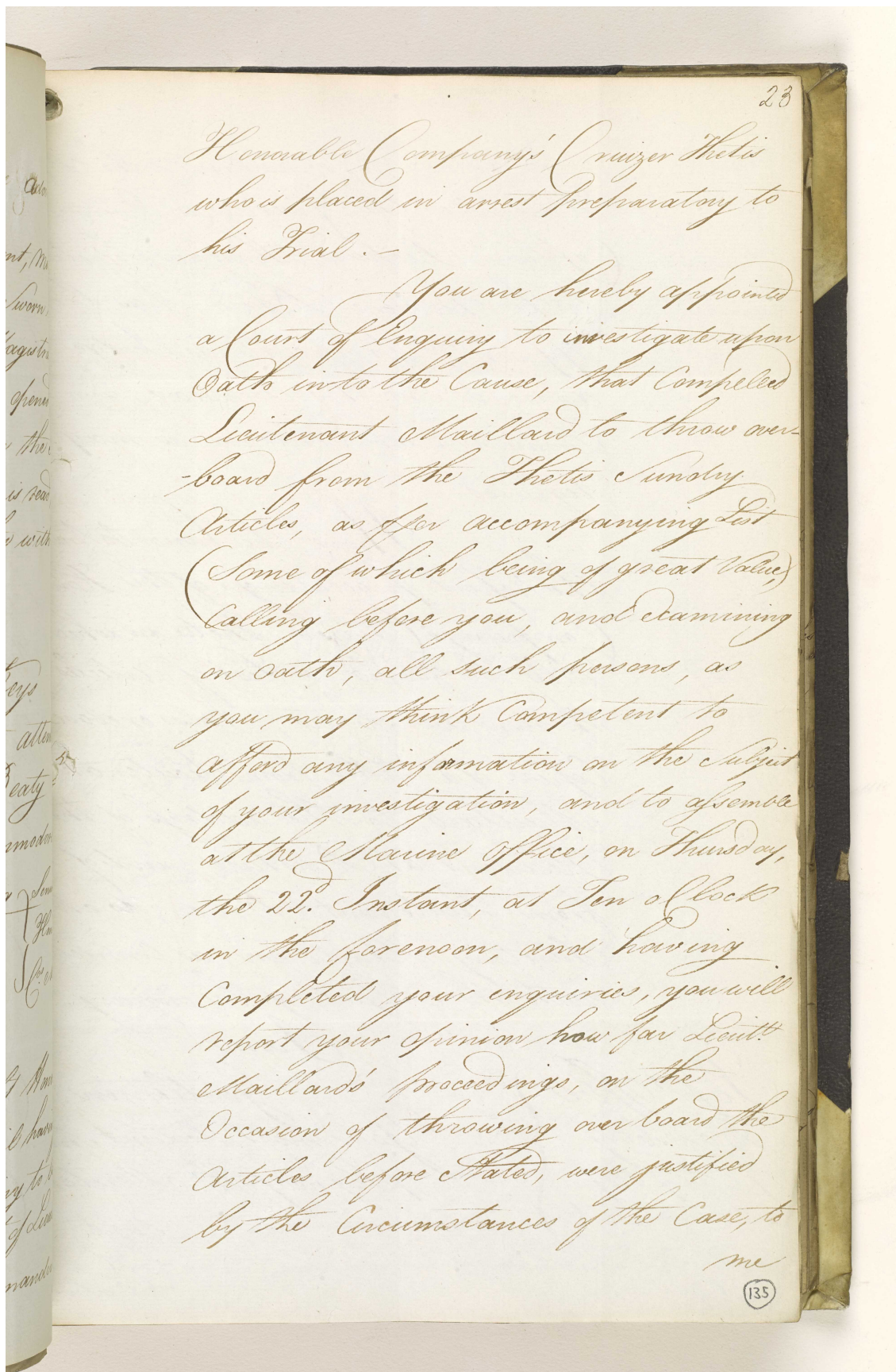
" J. R. Lawrence Esq. Marine

Gentlemen,

The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council having been
pleased to direct an enquiry to be insti-
tuted into the Conduct of Lieutenant
C. J. Maillard, Commander of the

Thetis

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me, for the information of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council,
Captain Richard Morgan, Secretary
to the Marine Board, has been
appointed to officiate as Judge or
advocate, on this occasion, and will
Summon such Evidences as may be
required.

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I have the honor to transmit
the report proceedings of the Honble
Company's Cruiser Thetis in which
will be found, a List of Articles
thrown over-board; I also enclose
Copies of a Letter from Lieutenant
Maillard, to the address of the
Resident at Bushire, and of one
from Lieutenant Bruce, to Mr.
Secretary Henderson, as connected
with the subject, of this enquiry.

Supt. Office
Bombay
19th May 1857

I am
Gentlemen.
Your most obedient Servant
Signed / H. Clarendon
Supt.
Extract

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Extract from the Report Proceedings of the
in Ld. C. Cruiser Thetis.
in Ld. C. Cruiser Thetis from Bombay Towards
has 2 Saffora. - Lieutenant C. J. Maillard Commander

	F	Remarks	Wednesday November 20 th 1866.
3	6	M.P. & S.B.	Light Breezes & Cloudy M. vessel
as miz	4		labouring much a short swell from
3	2		the S.B.
3	"		Sunset Mustered at quarter.
4	2		Moderate Breezes & Cloudy M. In fast
of the	3		Reef of Topsails Carried away the Jaff-
his miz	4		Sent down Royal Yards - The vessel labouring
of the	4		very heavy under reduced sail on that account.
los only	6		At half past 4 A.M. finding the leak
Reuter	4	one pump	gaining on the vessel got the Starboard
prop of	2	Continually	pumps to work at 5 it choked & shortly
and	4	going 18 inches	afterwards the larboard one took off the
ce, to	"	18 inches S.B.	hatches & found near four feet water in
as Com	4		the Fore Hold and up to the Hatches in
engines	2	S.B.	the after hold, Reduced sail to the Top.
3	2	S.B.	sails and Foresail kept the vessel before
afternoon	3		The wind got the Spirit Room clear and
Reuter	"	The following Anti-	Commenced bailing with Buckets & at
2. Call		clothes thrown over-	every hatchway, hoisted the Pumps up
3		board besides the	got
		Glass & Stationary	
		light	
		Since 30 Besser	
		44.50 lbs. Shell	
		9.30 or 11.50 lbs.	
		Shells & Gallons	
		stone.	

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H	K	F	Courses	Winds	Remarks
			Store in Water Casks 2. of 100 Gallons 24 70.1 of 60 - shot lead 23 feet 2 Iron Jacks, 2 Copper Boulder Chains 576-12 ft. Round shot 110 Grape 30 116 Camister 2 146 Bar 2. 2 Lbs Chains one Mooring Chain one Greenstone one Lbs maul.		got one clear and to work; the Bar in the other one having swollen so much that we were obliged to take it in pieces - Stowed to the South East, the wind at North East, as the principal Leak was in the larboard Bow finding we did not gain on it & the only thing left to enable me to prosecute my voyage was by lightening the ship, I Command by heaving overboard the following articles vizt 35 Cases of Glass 1 Chest Stationary, 30 or 40 Bags of River Shell &c about 1000-12 lbs and sundry heavy stores. Finding now we gained upon the leak, got some of the Rontledge aft into the stor- room & started several Butts of water forward, reserving sufficient to allow to proceed on my voyage at a short allowance. - At noon gained fast upon the Leak which I now suppose must be nearly above water.
Signed / J. W. Greer Lieut.					Signed / C. F. Maillard Commander. Latitude Obs 21.00 N. Long

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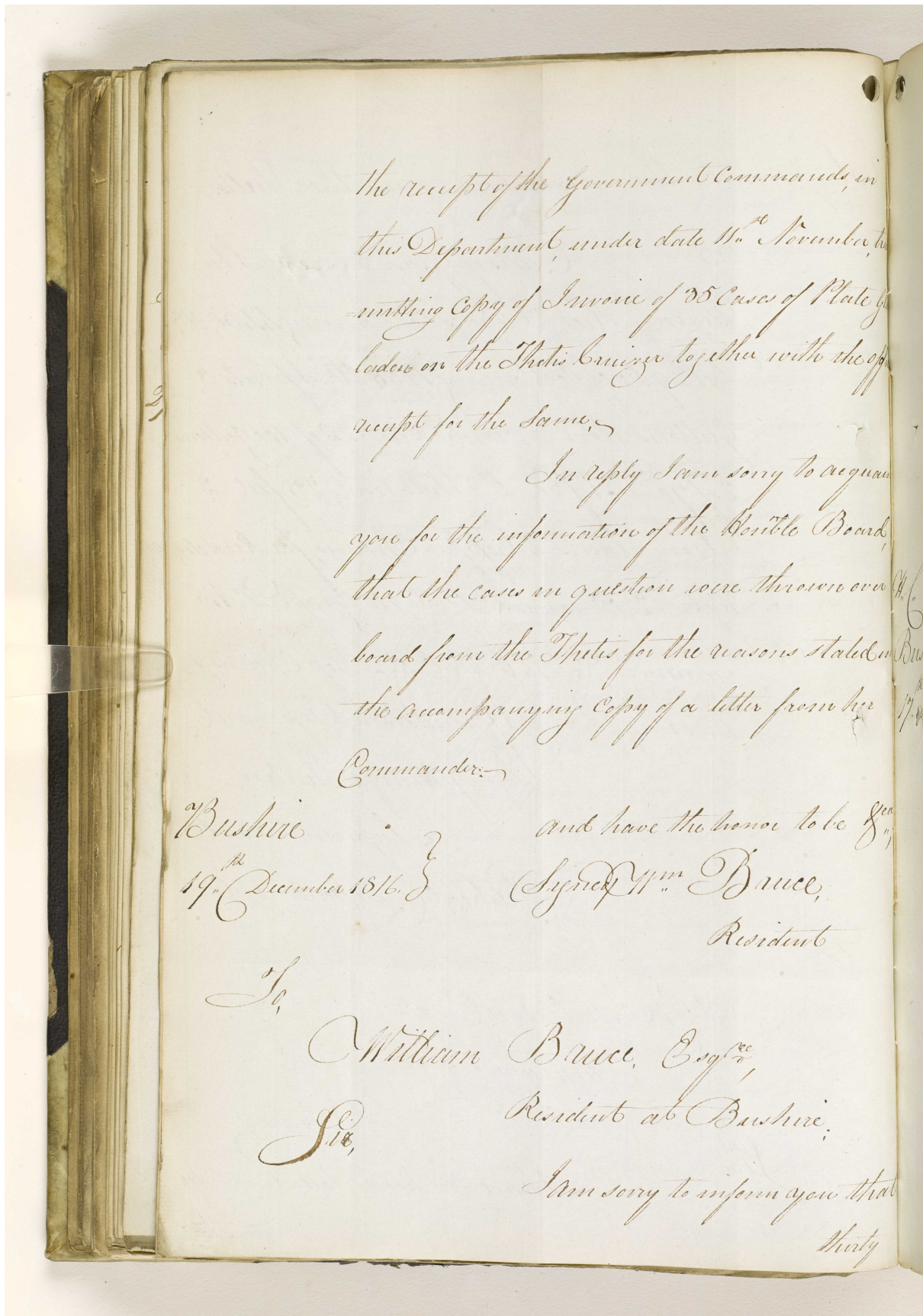
List of articles thrown over board from the Thetis.

35 Cases of Glass, 1 Chest Sta-
tionary, Rice 30 Bags, containing 1/2 50 lbs
Doll 9 bags, containing 1/2 50 lbs, Spirits, 8
Gallons, stove in water Casks, 2 of 100 Gallons,
2 of 70 D. 1 of 60, D. Sheet lead, 22 feet 2
Iron Sacks, 2 Copper Chains, for Rudder,
6/6 12 lb round Shot, 110 Grape D. 116
Carminator D. 1/6 Bar D. 2 Top Chains, 1
mooring Chain, 1 Grindstone, 1 Topmanub.,
Signed Henry Maillard,
Superintendent.
Political Department.

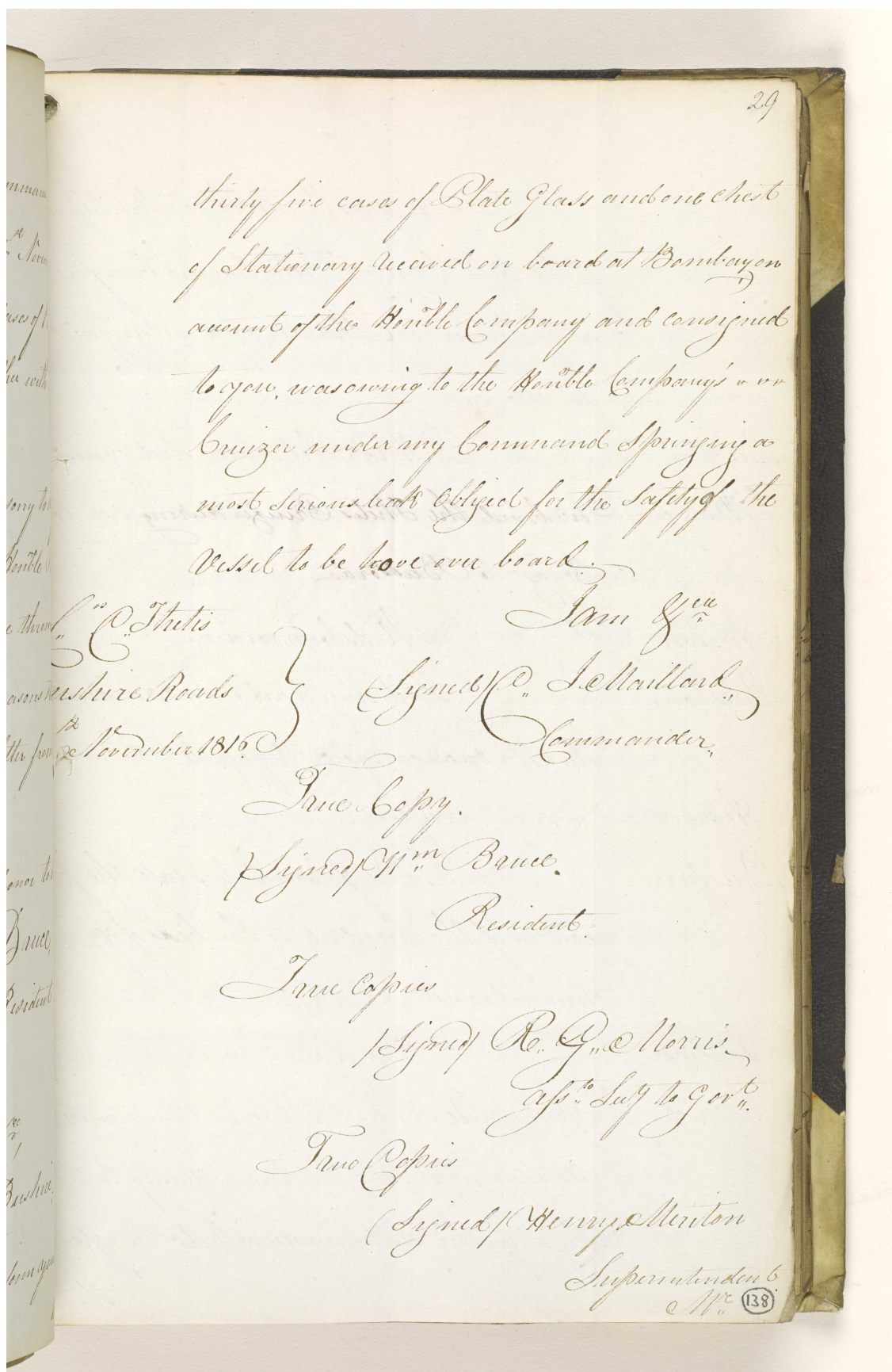
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Secretary to Government,
Bombay.
Sir,
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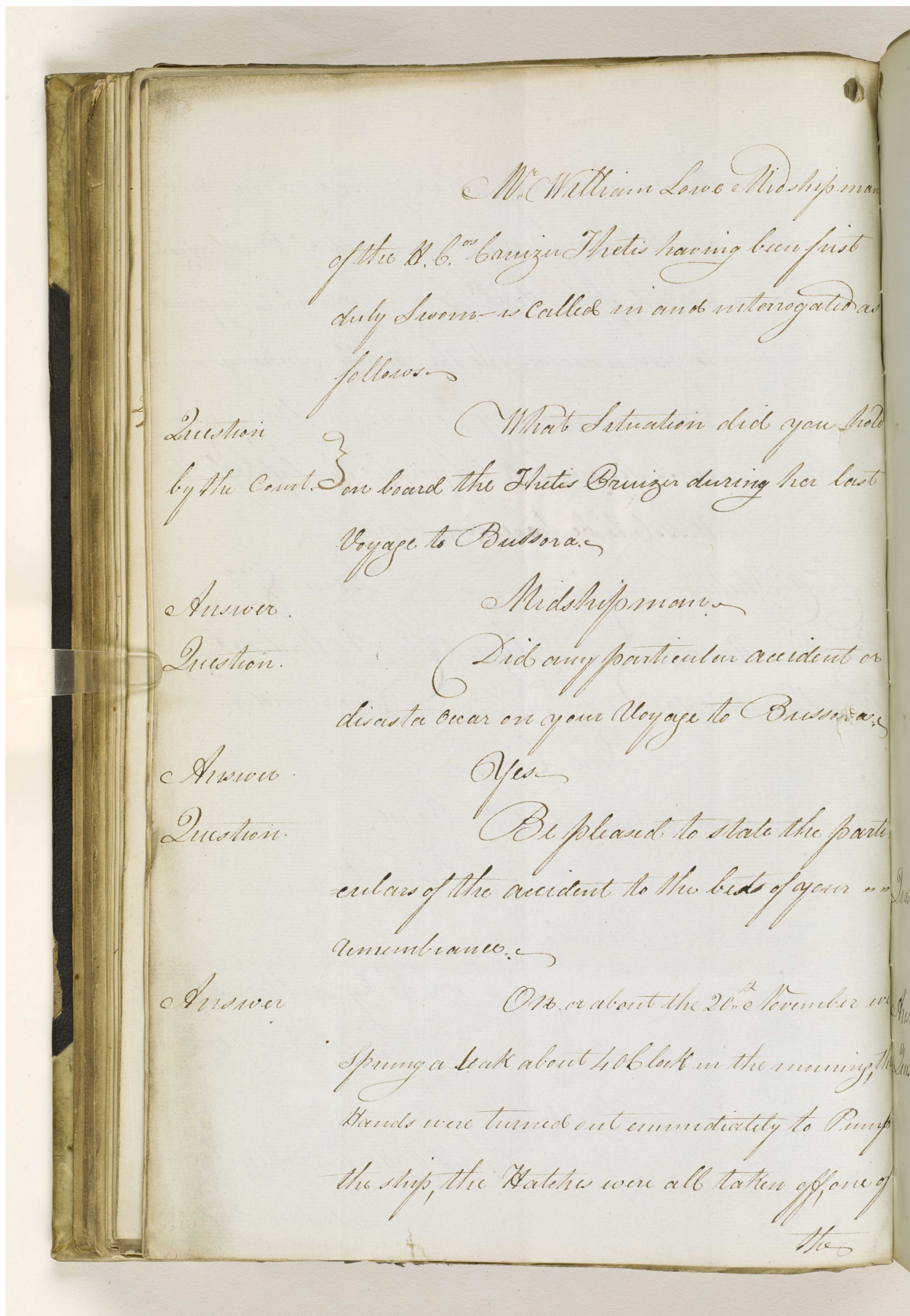
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the Pumps choked, we then commenced to
bail out with Buckets; Shortly after the other
Pump choked, hoisted up the Pumps got one
serviceable again, and put it down, finding
the leak gain upon us, Laundry articles were
thrown over board, amongst them, were 35
Cases of Glass, a thousand Shot, about 40 Bags
of Rice, and Shells, and several other heavy
Stores, besides staving in some water casks,
we then by pumping, and bailing got the
vessel clear of a great deal of water and
gained upon the Leak.

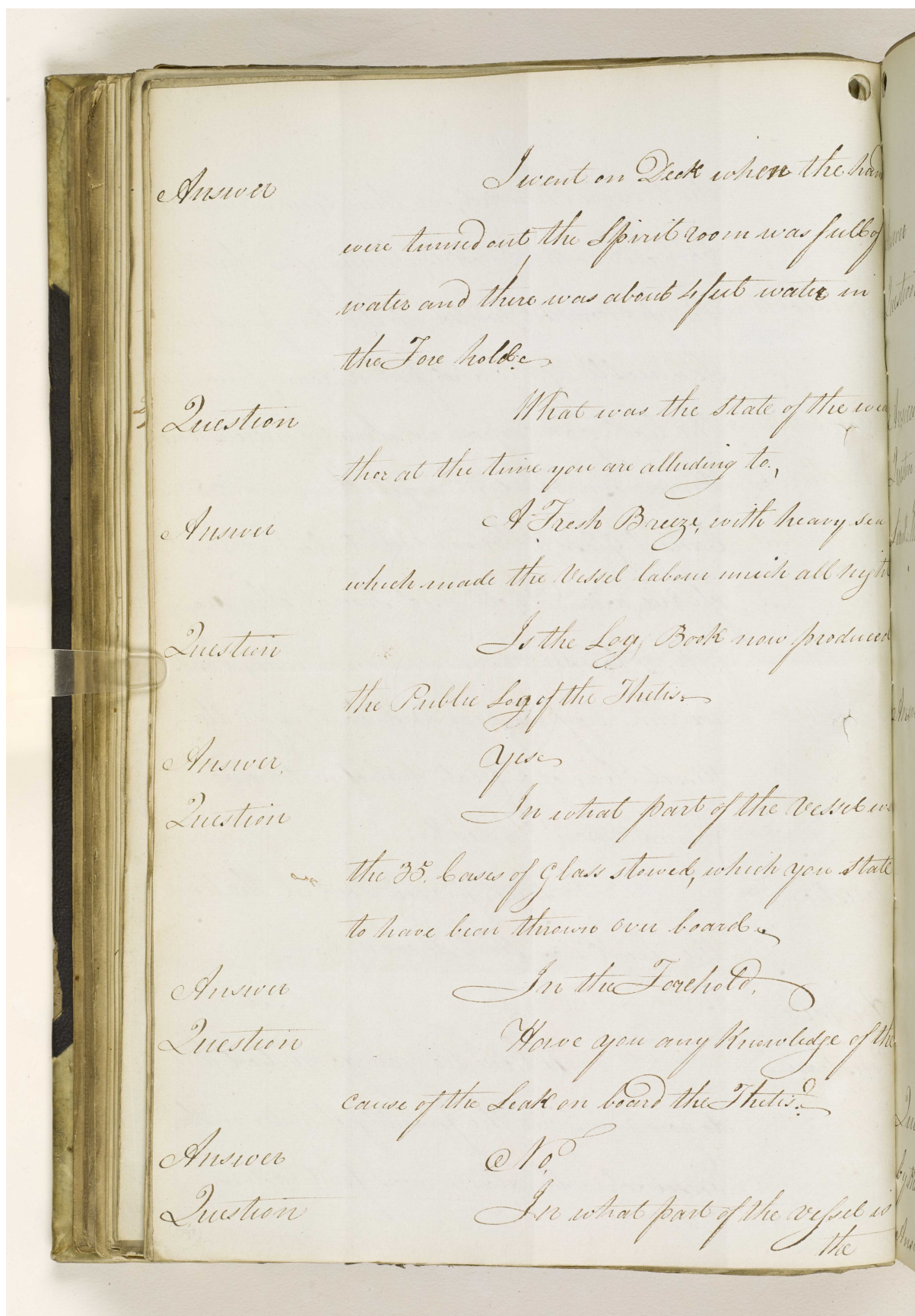
Was you on Deck at the time
the Leak was first discovered.

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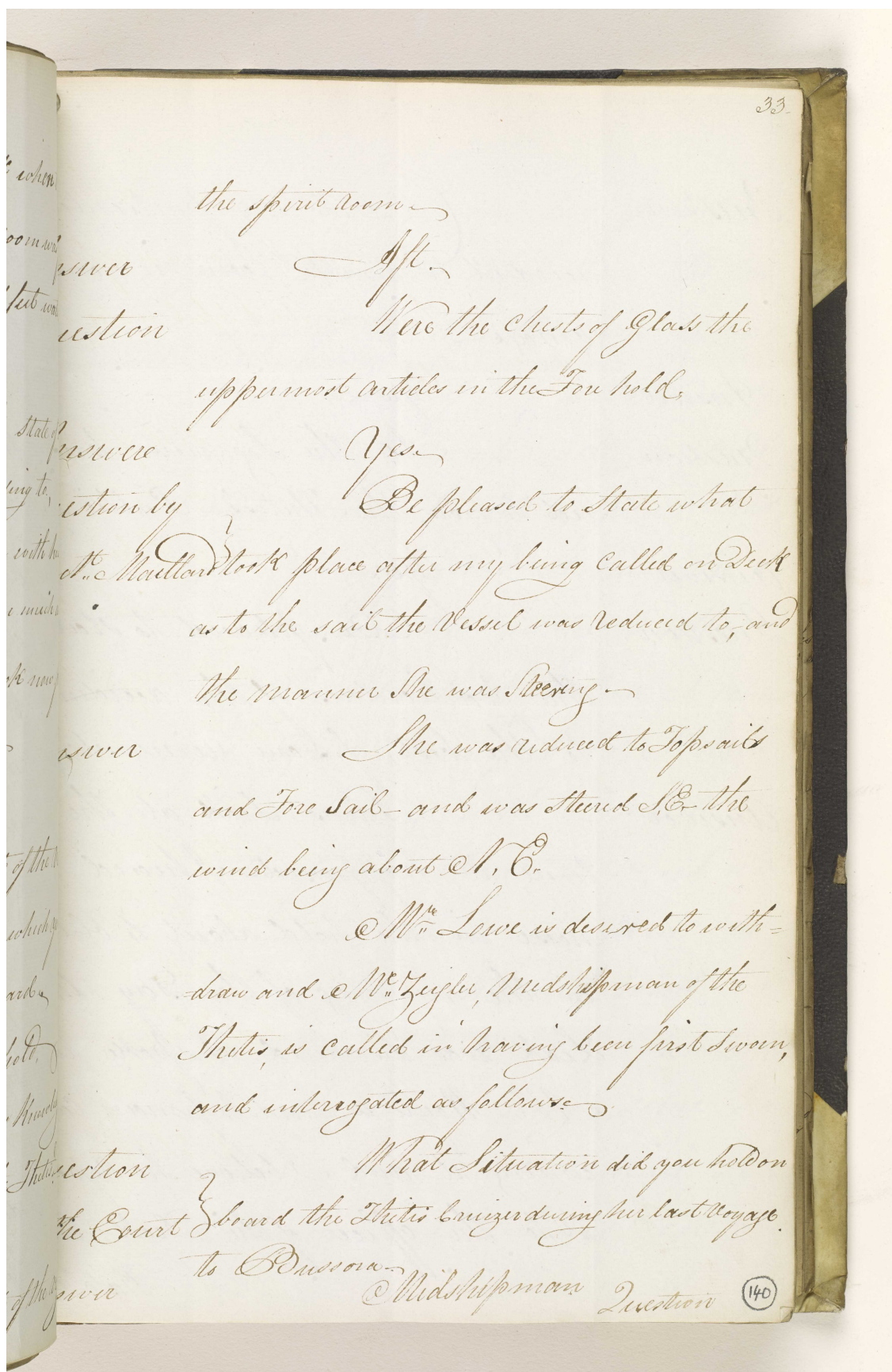
When did you go on deck and
do you remember the quantity of water in the
vessel when the alarm was first taken.

Answer (139)

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Question

Did any particular accident or disaster occur on your voyage?

Answer

Yes

Question

Is the Log now produced to you, the Thetis's Public Log?

Answer

Yes

Question

Be pleased to state the particulars of the accident to the best of your remembrance.

Answer

I was Sick at the time, it happened. I heard a noise in the hold about 4 o'clock in the morning of the Day the Leak was discovered. I spoke to Mr. Hoyle a Midshipman concerning it and I believe he reported it to the officer of the Deck, the
Batches

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Hatches were immediately opened & when the water was above the Comings of the Spirit Room, immediately abreast of my Bath and near the Pump well, a short time after I went upon Deck, on going forward I saw the water above the water Casks in the Forehold - when I returned again to my bath, I saw them bailing with Buckets out of the Spirit room, I remained about an hour in my Bath, when I went again on Deck and saw the people throwing some Shot, and one Rudder Chain, over board, one of

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of the Pumps, was put down
the after Hatchway, which had
been previously choaked, but
had been made again serviceable
this is all that I saw of the
proceedings. —

Question by } Have you any knowledge
the Court, }
of the Packages of glass & Stationary
being thrown over board.

Answer I heard that they were,
thrown over board, but I did not see
it. —

Question Have you any knowledge
how so large a quantity of water, got
into the Vessel? —

Answer

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Answer, I believe from the Bows being open.

Question } What was the State of the
the Court } Weather when the Circumstance of the
asked, } Leak, Occurred.

Answer, It was blowing hard from the N.E. and there was a heavy swell on.

Mr. Ziegler, is desired to withdraw, and acting Lieutenant J. Gayer of the Thetis is called in, having been first sworn, and examined as follows.

Question } What Situation did you
the Court } fill on board the Thetis, during her
last voyage to Bushira?

Answer } Acting first Lieutenant.

Did the Log Book now produced to you, the Public Log of the Thetis, during her last voyage.

Yes.

Did any particular accident, or disaster, occur to the vessel on her late voyage, from hence to Bushira.

Answer } She sprung a Leak.

Question } Be pleased to relate to the

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the Court, the particulars of the Occurrence from beginning to end, to the best of your Remembrance.

Answer.

On or about the 20th of November last, about 4 A.M., discovered that there was a quantity of Water in the Hold, and only 10 Inches, in the Well; got the Pumps to work; a short time afterwards, they were both choked, got them out, to clear them. About 5 O'Clock, the water being up to the Hatch, began to Back and put the vessel before the Wind; at this time, the Leak gaining upon us fast, stow a number of the Water Casks, in the Fore hold, and have overboard 35 Chests of Glass, a Box of Stationary, and other articles, as Log Book, for the safety of the vessel. The vessel being thus considerably lightened, we began to get clear of the Water, and gain on the Leak.

Question

by the Court } Who was the officer in charge of the Deck when the water was first discovered in the Hold.

Answer.

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I was.
What was the state of the winds and Weather at that time and what sail was she under?
A Fresh Breeze from the N.E. and heavy sea, the vessel laboring much, then under Top Gallant Sails, but she was reduced to Top Sails on discovering the water, in the hold.
To what Cause, do you attribute the Collection of so Large a quantity of water, in the vessels' Hold.
To her having Sprung a Leak, supposed about the Starboard Bow.
In what part of the vessel, were the Packages of Glass, and Stationary Stowed?
In the Fore - Hold.
Had the vessel been leaky, previous to the morning of the 20th November.
One Pump had been constantly going, previous to that time when ever there was a moderate breeze.

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Question

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Question by the Court } Did the Thetis appear damaged
on proceeding to sea, on her last voyage
or Can you state her Draft, of water,

Answer } Forward, 9 feet, aft 9 feet
6 Inches, was her Draft She did not
appear very Deep.

Question } What size were the Packages
of Glass, and their probable weight.

Answer } About 3 feet square, and
the weight of each Package as much
as six Europeans could lift.

Question } Did it appear to you
Absolutely necessary to throw over
board the 35 Chests of Glass, and other
Articles, for the safety of the
Cruiser.

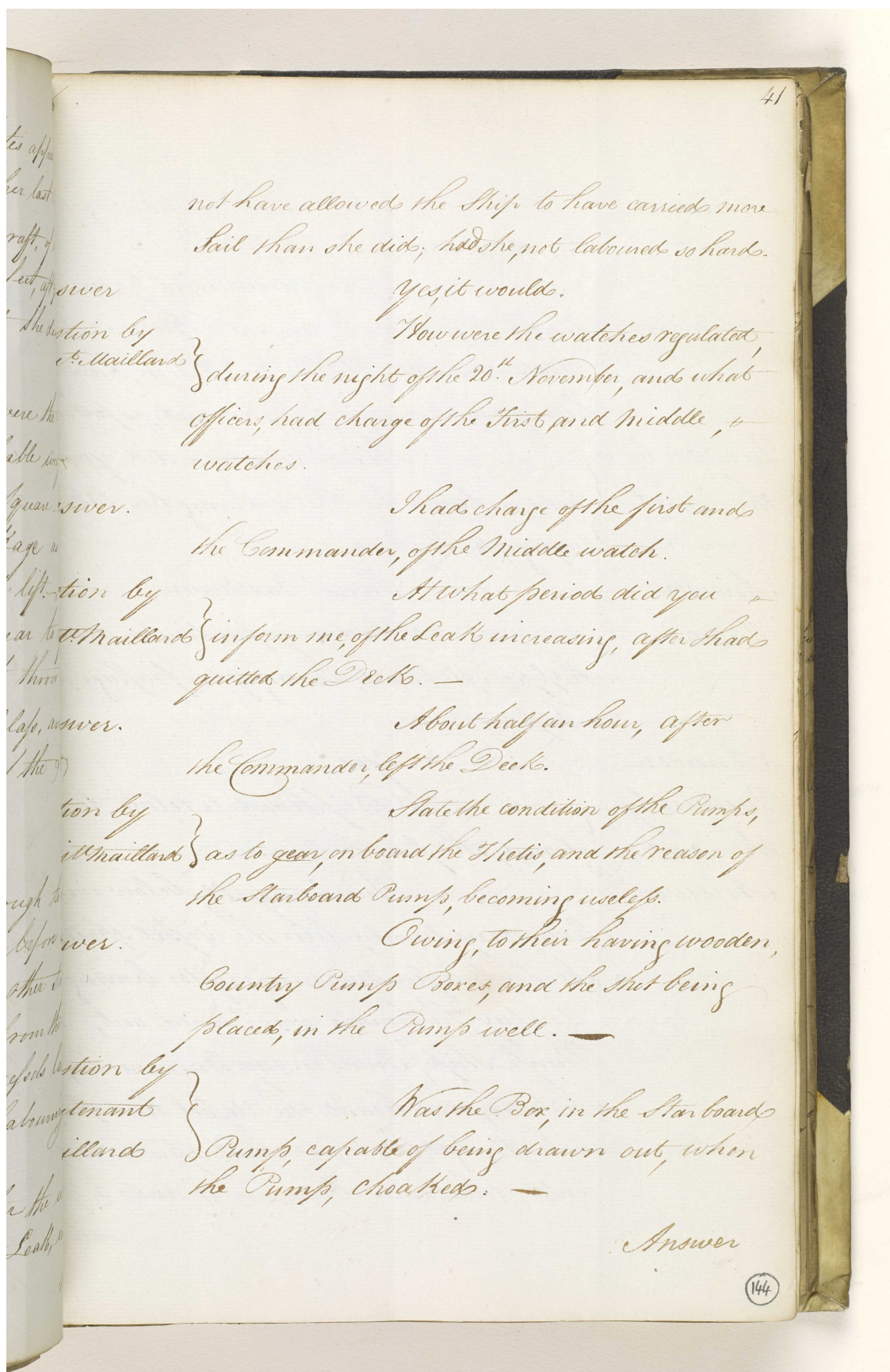
Answer } Yes.

Question by } Be good enough to state
Lieut. Maillard } whether on the evening before the
Leak, the Royals, and other small
Sails, were taken in, from the strength
of wind, or from the vessels labouring

Answer } From the labouring of
the vessel.

Question by } State, whether the wind,
Lieut. Maillard } on the morning of the Leak, would
not.

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Answer.

No, we were obliged to get the Pump out, and take it, to pieces.

Acting Lieutenant Greer is desired to withdraw, and Mr. Thomas Jones, Boatswain of the Thetis, is called in, having been first Sworn, and Examined, as follows.

Question by the Court

What situation did you hold, on board the Thetis, during her late Voyage, to Bushora.

Answer.

I was Boatswain.

Question

Did any particular accident happen, on board, during your passage, to Bushora. —

Answer.

Yes.

Question by the Court.

Be pleased to relate to the Court, the particulars. —

Answer.

I was very ill, below with liver complaint, when the Vessel sprung a Leak, a few mornings after leaving Bombay the hands were turned out, to Pump Ship, I was in my Hammock, at the time, and heard the Vessel had sprung a Leak, I got out, to give what assistance, I could; there was between 4 and 5 feet water

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water in the Fore hold at the time, and the
water Casks knocking about; I assisted in
getting the shot out of the Pumps well, which was
full of shot, the rest of the crew, were busily
employed in lightening the vessel, and getting
the Pumps to work; to the best of my recollection,
the water gained upon us, from an hour, to
an hour and a half; one of the Pumps, was
put down in the spirit room, and the water,
bailed out at the Hatches, and several things
thrown over board, to give room for bailing;
after this, I retired to my Hammock, again,
being as before mentioned, very ill. —

Mr. Jones, is desired to withdraw
and Bastio de Souza, Portuguese Carpenter,
of the Thetis, is called in, having been first
sworn, and Examined, as follows.

What situation were you in,
on board the Thetis, during her late,
Voyage, to Bushora? —

I was Carpenter.
Do you remember, the
Vessel

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Vessel's being discovered to have made a great deal of water, soon after she left Bombay.

Answer.

Question by the Court;

Answer.

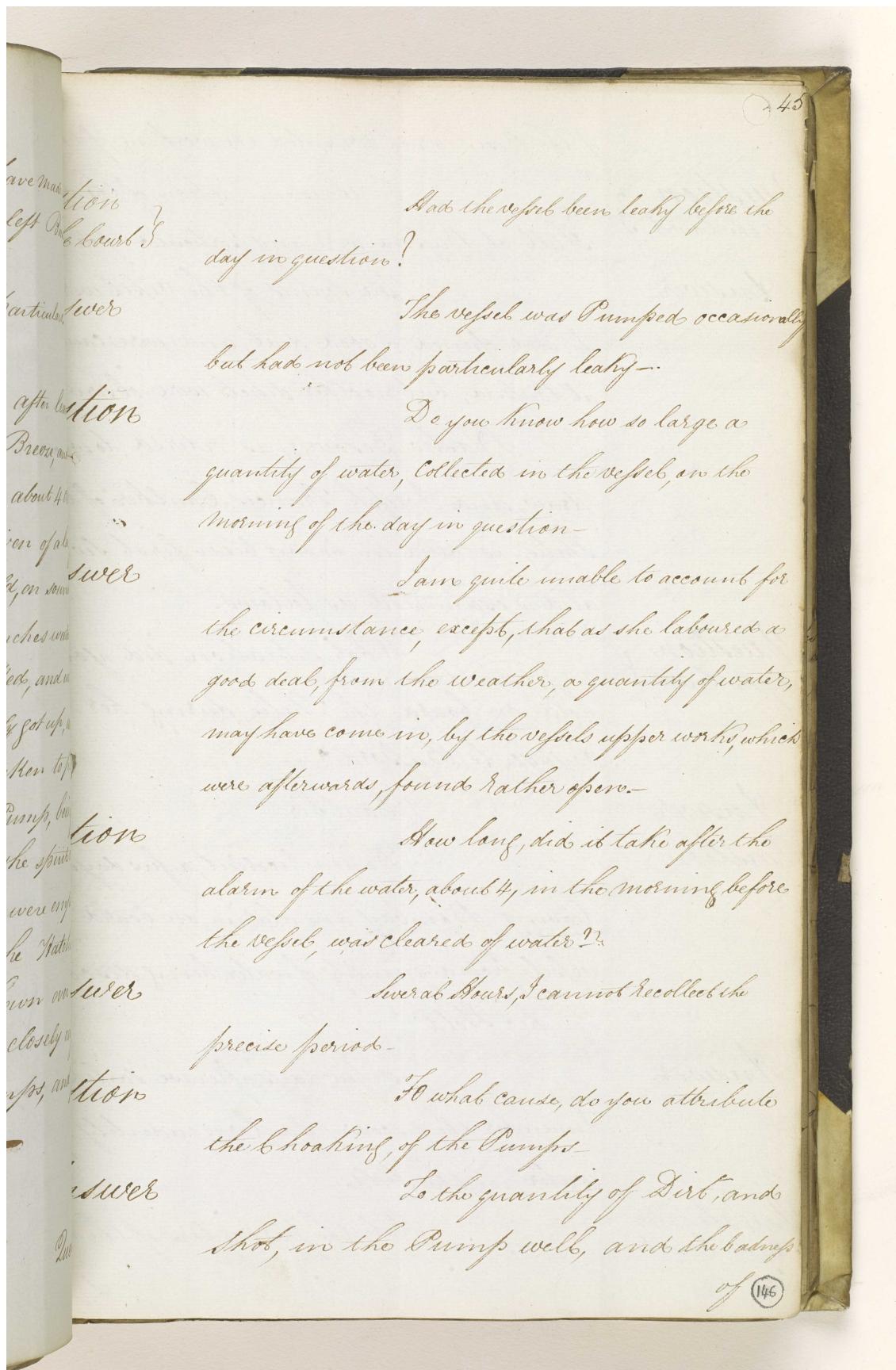
Yes.

Relate the particulars.

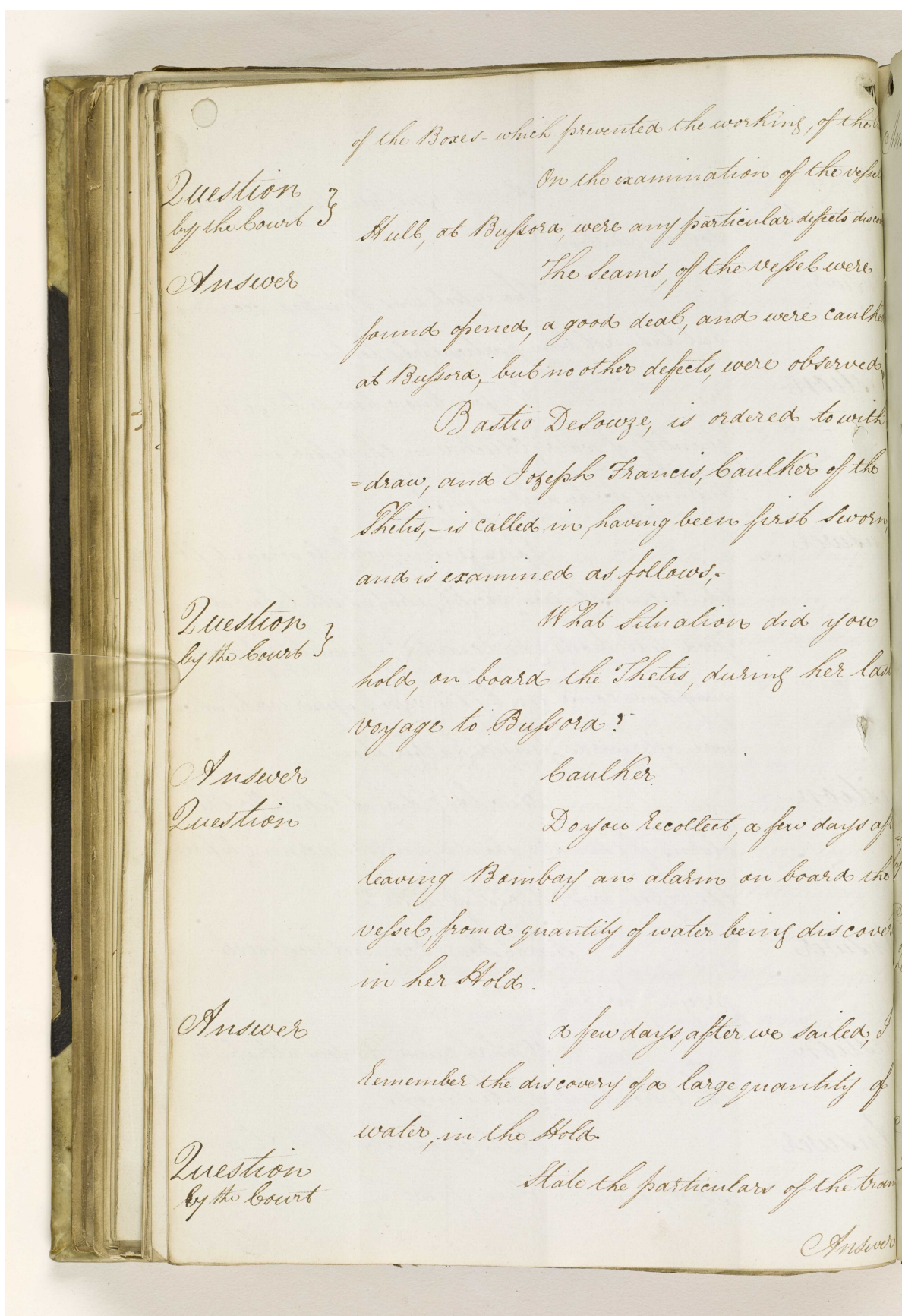
A few days after leaving Bombay, we had a fresh Breeze, and the Vessel began to make water; about 4 o'clock, in morning, an alarm was given of a large quantity of water in the Hold, on sounding, the Pumps, I found only 18 Inches water, by the Rod, the Pumps were choaked, and would not work they were immediately got up, and one Pump, was obliged to be taken to pieces, & get out the Box, the other Pump, being repaired was put down again in the spirit room; in the mean time, the Crew were employed bailing the water out, at the Hatchway, a number of things were thrown over board, from the Vessel; I was closely engaged in attending to the Pumps, and fitting the unserviceable one.

Question

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Answer - On the Discovery of the water, the Pumps were, sounded, and only 18 Inches water, found by the Lead, the Pumps would not work, and were immediately got up, for examination, and repair. The People were in the mean time, bailing out the water, from the Hold, with Buckets, one Pump was taken to pieces, to repair, the other, was immediately refitted, and put down in the Spirit room, - but the Leak increasing, to 4 feet several articles, were thrown over board to lighten her, which succeeded in lightening her, and the water, was got clear off.

Had the vessel been leaky before the day, in question?
No.

Do you know, how so large a quantity of water happened to collect, at this Particular time.

I don't know.

How long after the discovery of the water in the Hold at 4. Am was it

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it, before the ship, was freed—
several hours.

Answer—
To what Cause do you
Question by the Court } attribute the Pumps being choked?

Answer—
To the quantity of Dirt
and shot, in the well.

Question—
On examining the vessel's
Bottom, at Busora, what state
was it found to be in?

Answer—
The seams, in several parts
of the upper works and about
the water Line were found sprung
and were Caulked, accordingly, no
other defects of importance were
observed.

Joseph Francis, is desired
to withdraw, and the Court adjourns
until ten o'clock, in the morning
of Saturday next, the 24th Instant
Saturday the 24th of May 1817.

The Court met pursuant
to adjournment, all the members
present.

The Court is opened— and
proceeds with the investigation. Lt.
Maillard, being present.

C. M.

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Mr. C. H. Hoyle midshipman
of the H. C. "Cruiser Thetis", being
sworn, is examined as follows -

What situation did you
hold on board the Thetis, on
her last voyage, to the Gulf?
Midshipman.

Do you remember any
particular accident, happening on
the voyage -

Yes, we sprung a Leak.
Relate the particulars
of the accident, you allude to.

A few days after leaving
Bombay, we sprung a Leak, early
in the morning watch. I was
my watch at the time, I went
down to get some thing out of my
Bith, and heard the Castle Com-
bling in the Spirit room. I went
up on the Quarter Deck to Mr.
Greer, who was the officer of the
watch, and Reported to him the
noise, I had heard; he ordered me
to go down and open the Spirit
room, and see, what was the matter

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I accordingly, Called a quarter master
and went down, and opened the
Hatches of the Spirit room, and
found it nearly full of water, and
the Casks, floating about etc. I green
Ordered me to get the Casks up
as quick as possible which I
accordingly did; one of the Pumps
was hoisted up being Choked and
when put to rights in the Spirit room was
put down; in the meantime, the people
bailing, at the after Hatchway; for
a long time, we did not gain on
the leak, we therefore got the Shot
Out of the Spirit room, and the
Locker, and threw them over board.

Question } What was the state of
by the Court } the Weather, on the morning, on
which the Leak, was Discovered

Answer - There was a heavy sea
on, the wind was blowing fresh from
the N.E.

Question Have you any know-
ledge of the Packages of Glass, being
thrown over board, and the Station

Answer . Yes that were.

Question

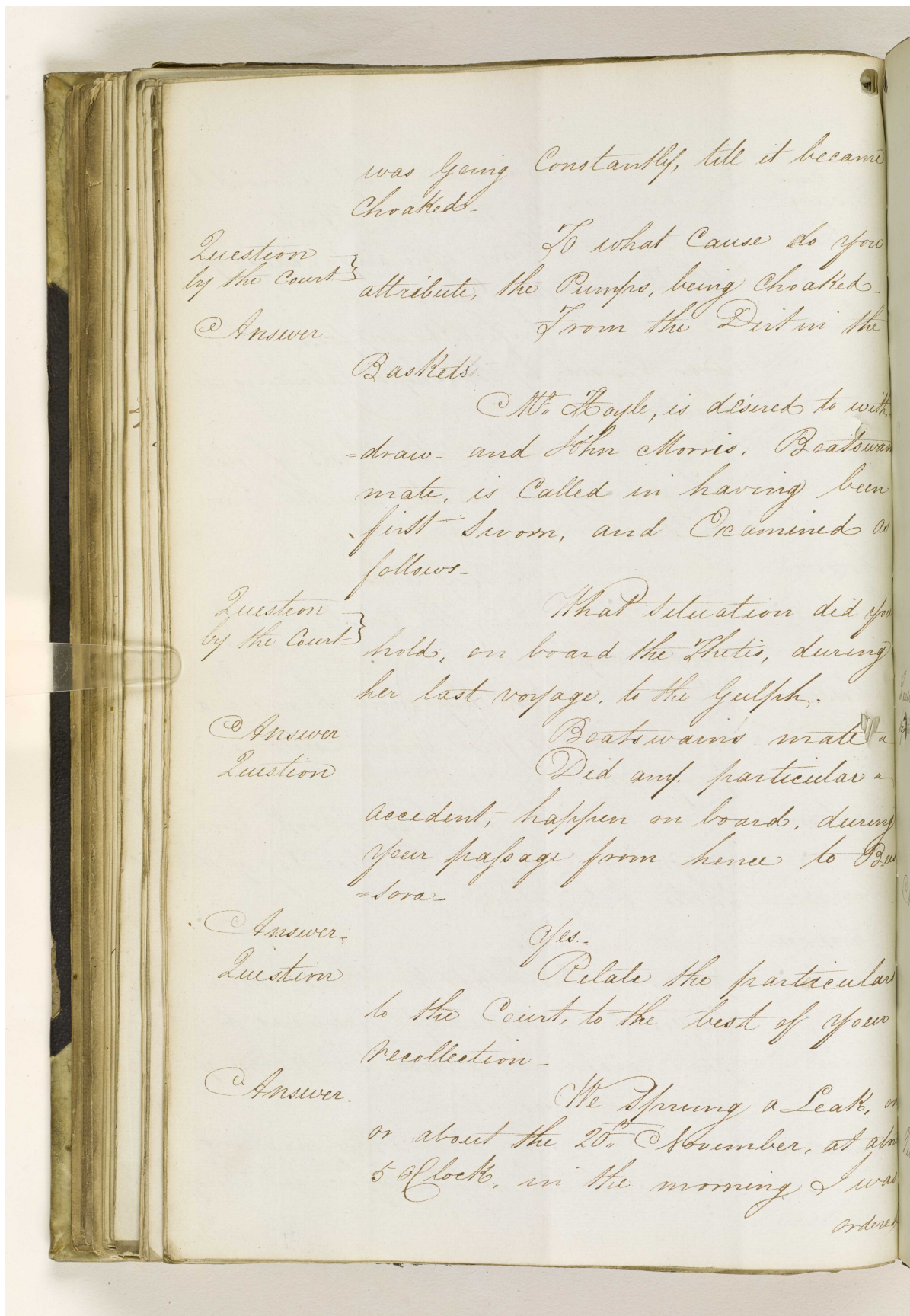
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Where, were they Stowed?
In the Fore-Hold.
Have you any idea, of
the Cause of the Leak.
I should suppose, it
was Caused, by the Ships labouring so
hard.
Were the Chests of Glass
Stowed upper most, in the Fore
hold.
Yes, they were.
Were the Chests of Glass
very heavy.
Yes, they were heavy and
as much as four men could a
Carry.
Is the Log Book, now
Shewn to you, the Public Log of the
Thetis barge?
Yes.
Had the Thetis, been
Observed to be leaky, previous to
the morning, when the alarm of
a Leak, was given.
She had been making
water, all the night, before, our Pump,
was.

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Ordered down with the first Lieutenant, to Clear the Fore Hold; we found the water, up to the Hatch. Some Boxes were handed up from the Hold, and thrown over board, we began to bail out with a Buckets, both Pumps were Choked, the Leak still gained upon us for about 2 hours, we bore up and the vessel, being lightened by the things thrown over board, we at last began to gain on the leak, and get the water clear.

Question } You have stated, that
the Court } Some Boxes, were thrown over board
from the Fore hold How were
they stowed and do you know what
they contained.

Answer } They were the upper
most articles, in the Hold, I don't
know what they contained, but
they were heavy, - and as much as
four men. Could hand up the
Hatchway.

Question } Was there sufficient room
to have Bailed at the Fore Hatch
way.

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way. without getting up the Board
you allude to.

Answer *Yes.*

Question by the Court } Have you any Conception
how so large a quantity of water,
got into the vessel?

Answer From the Leaky State
of the vessel, about the Board.

Question. What was the State
of the winds, and weather, when
the alarm was given of Water
in the Hold, and what watch
had you that night?

Answer I had the middle
watch, there was a stiff Breeze,
and a great swell on.

Question Had the vessel been
or Pumping often, previous to the
alarm, on the morning of the 20th
November.

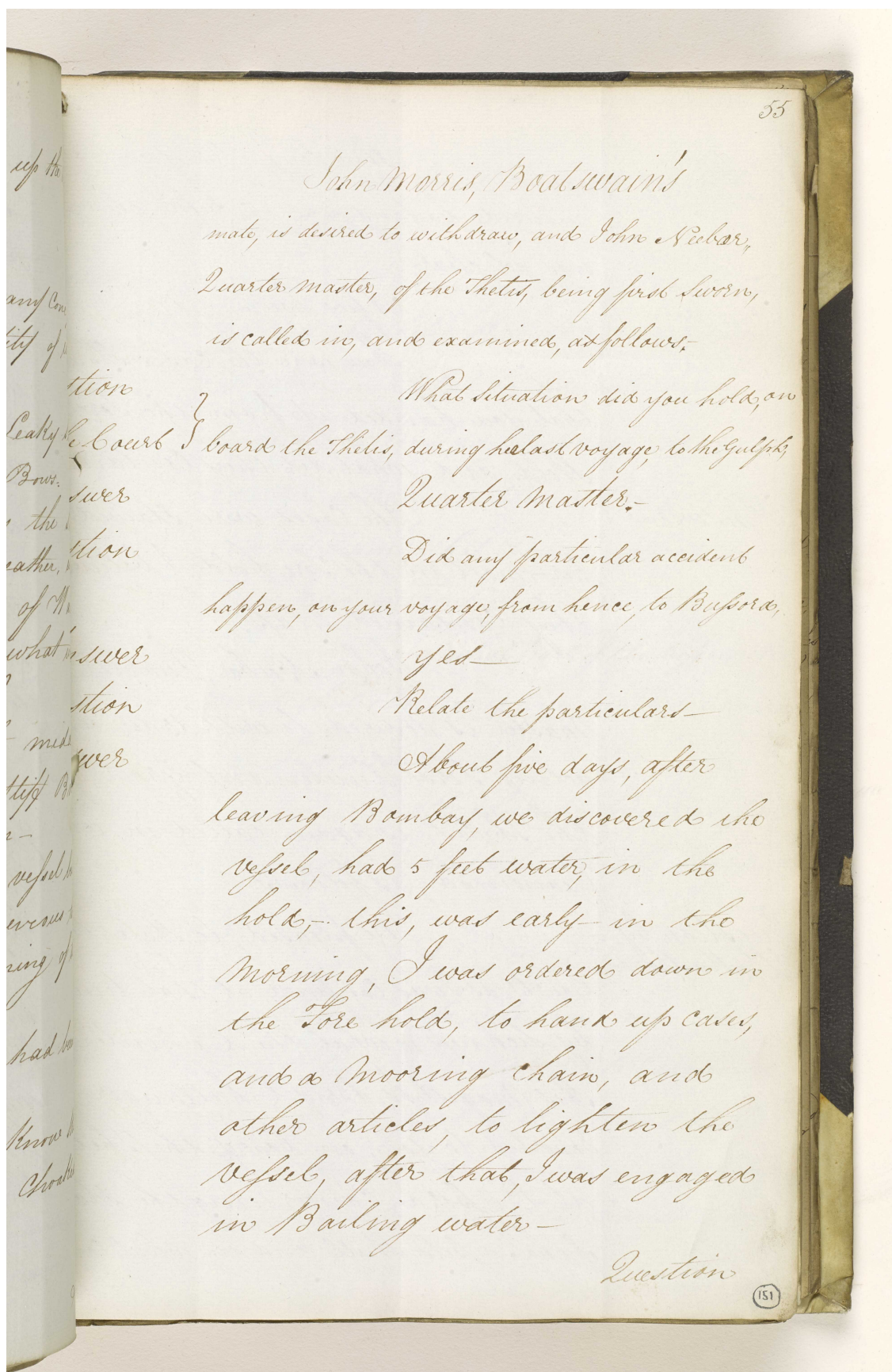
Answer Yes, she had been Pump
often.

Question Do you know the Cause
of the Pumps, being Choked, in the
morning, of the leak.

Answer I do not.

John

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Question
by the Court }

How long after you com-
menced bailing, was it, before the vessel
was got clear –

Answer

A few hours.

Question

How were the Cases stowed,
that you handed up from the Fore-
Hold, and what did they contain?

Answer

The Cases, were stowed up-
per-most in the Fore hold, I believe,
they contained Glass.

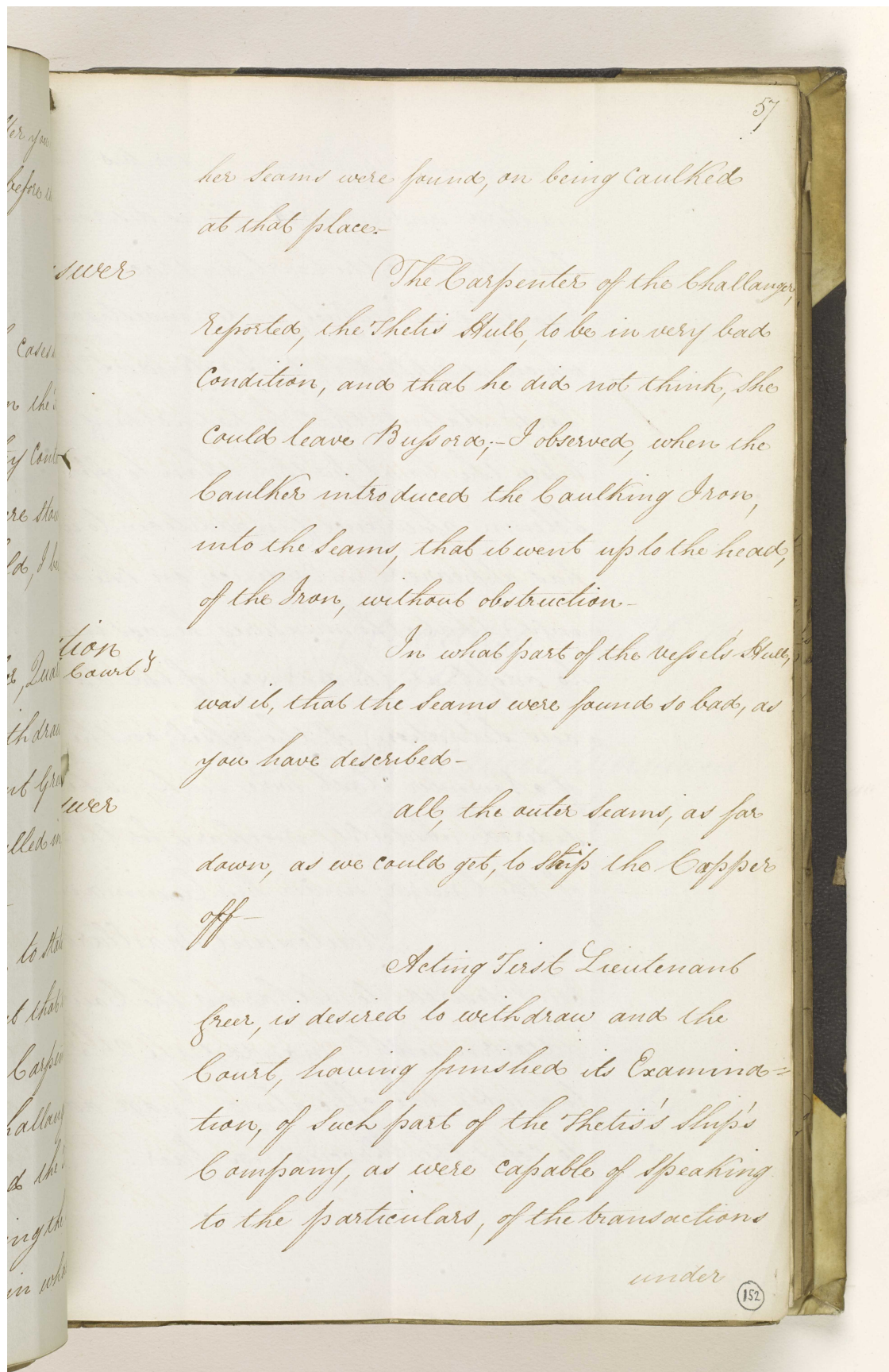
John Niccol, Quarter

Master is desired to withdraw and
acting First Lieutenant Greer of
the Thetis, is again called in, and
Examined, as follows –

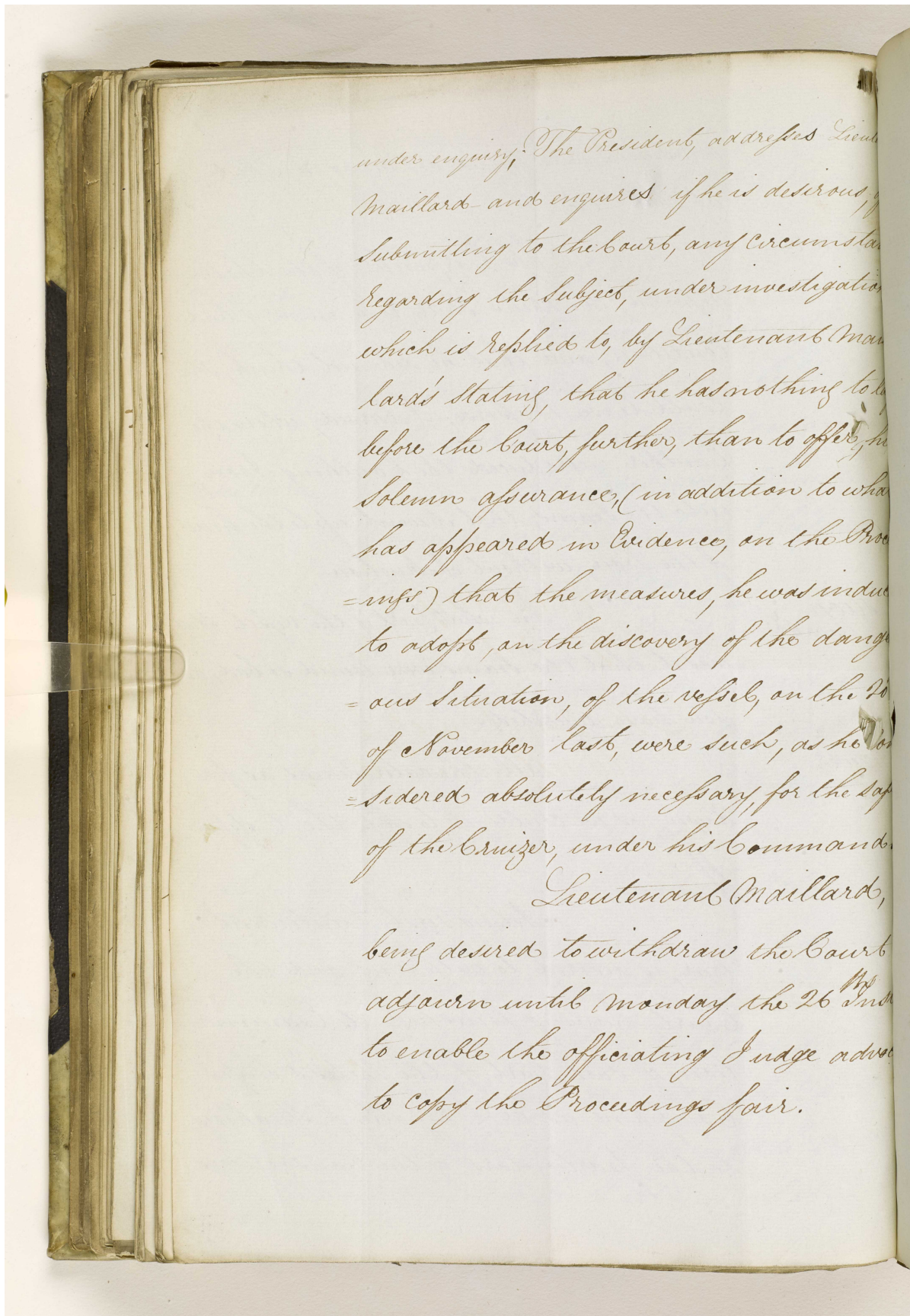
Question by
Lt Maillard }

Be pleased, to state to the
Court, (as I was confined at that time,
by sickness), what the Carpenter, of
His Majesty's Brig Challenger,
reported to you, on board the Thetis,
at Bushora, concerning the state
of that vessel's Hull, and in what condition
her

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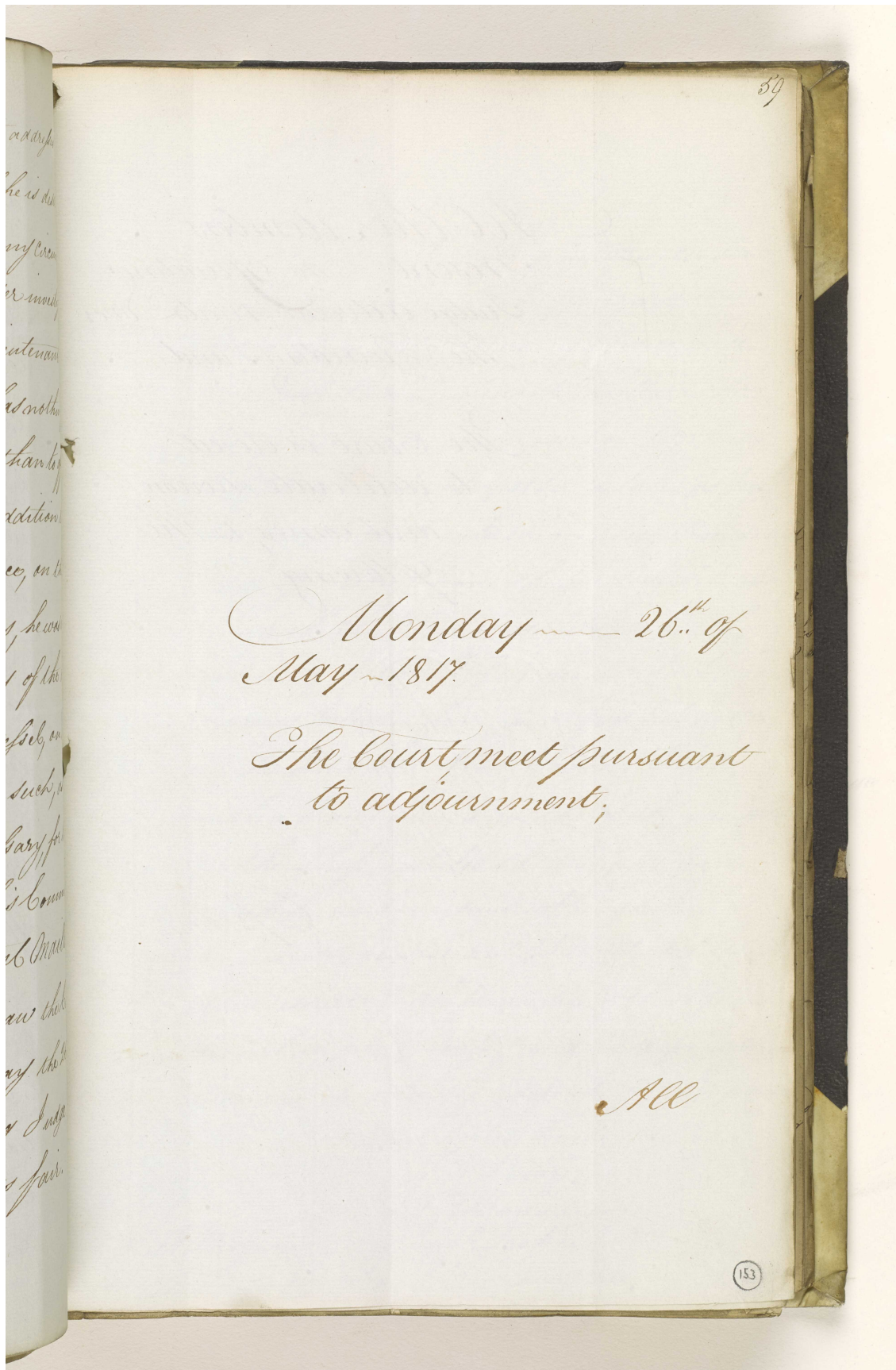
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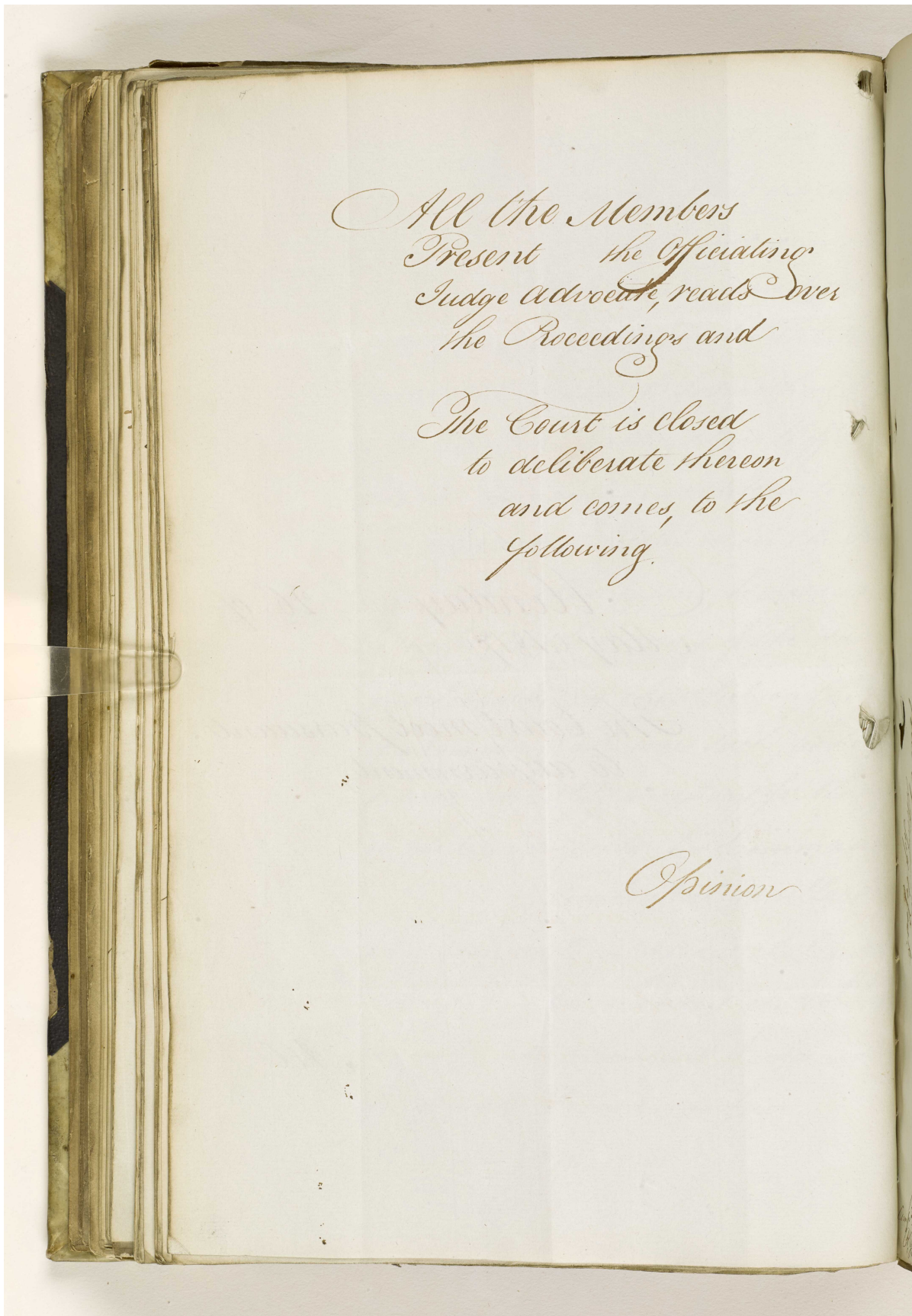
under enquiry, The President, addresses Lieutenant Maillard and enquires if he is desirous of submitting to the Court, any circumstances regarding the subject, under investigation which is replied to, by Lieutenant Maillard's stating, that he has nothing to offer before the Court, further, than to offer, his solemn assurance, (in addition to what has appeared in Evidence, on the Proceedings) that the measures, he was induced to adopt, on the discovery of the dangerous situation, of the vessel, on the 20th of November last, were such, as he considered absolutely necessary, for the safety of the Cruizer, under his Command.

Lieutenant Maillard, being desired to withdraw the Court adjourns until Monday the 26th inst. to enable the officiating Judge advocate to copy the Proceedings fair.

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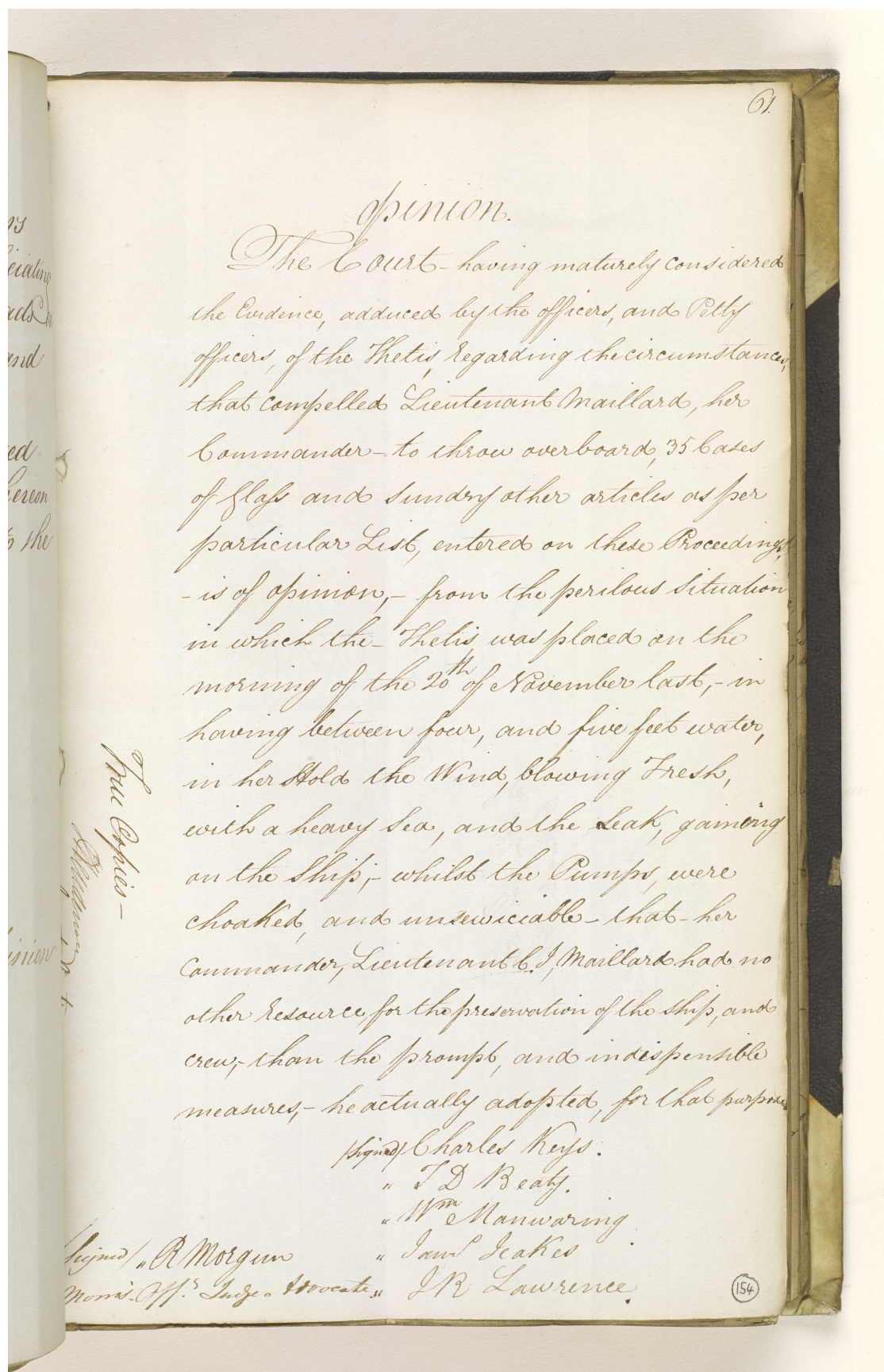


*All the Members
Present the Officiating
Judge advocate, reads Over
the Proceedings and*

*The Court is closed
to deliberate thereon
and comes to the
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Opinion

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