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This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay. It is the third in a series of three items about a negotiation by William Bruce (the others are IOR/F/4/894/23288 and 23289). The principal correspondents are the Government of Bombay and Lieutenant John McLeod, Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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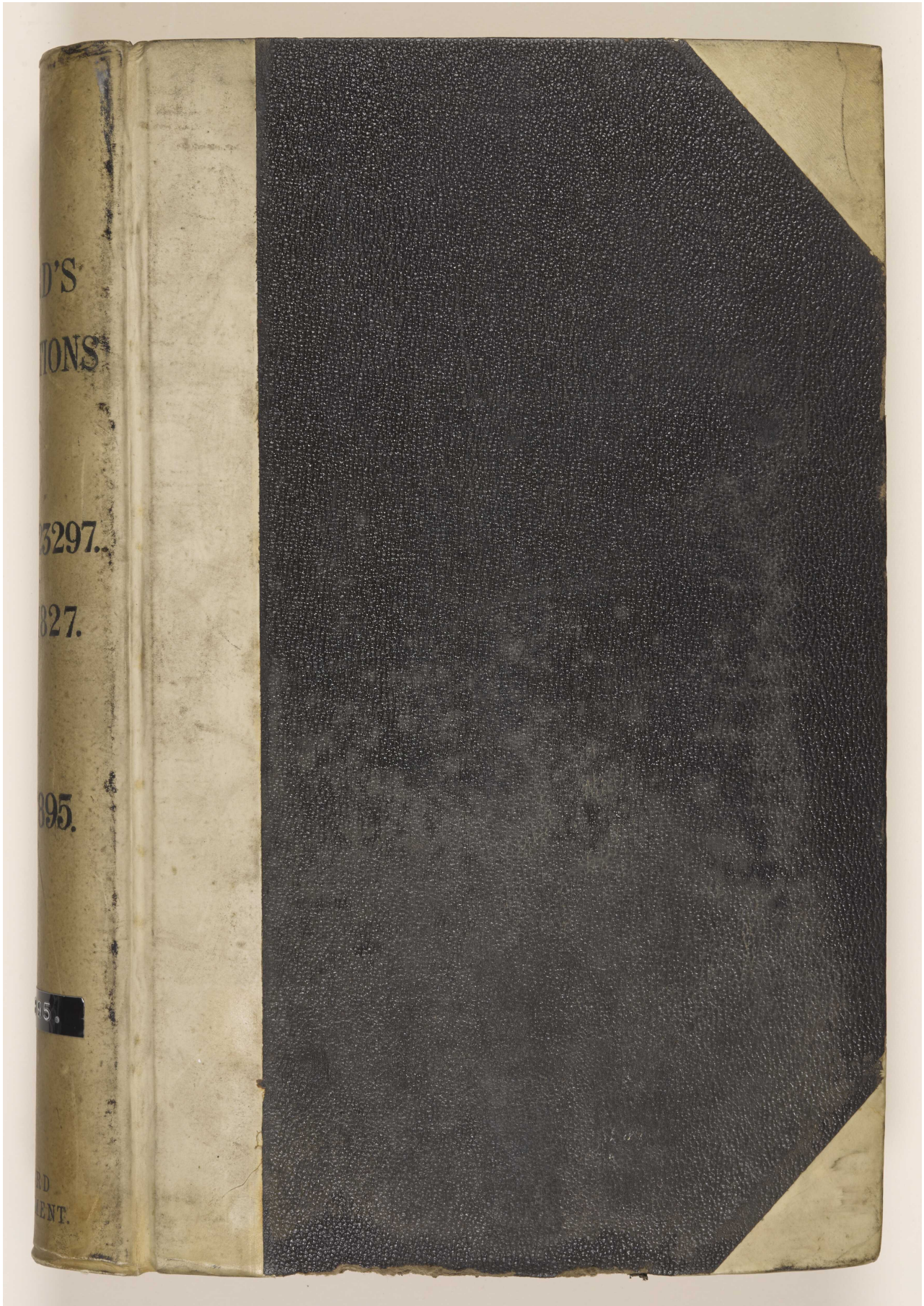
- The potential hostilities between Muscat and Persia
- Muscat’s capture of Meerza Baukir Auhee [Mirza Baqir Ahi], a minister of the Prince-Governor of Fārs, and the governors of Bunder Abbass [‘Bandar-e ‘Abbās] and Minan
- The enforcement of the General Treaty of Maritime Peace of 1819, particularly the system of registers and the difficulty of distinguishing piracy from maritime warfare
- Complaints of Sooltan bin Suggur [Shaikh Sulṭān bin Ṣaqr al-Qāsimī], ruler of Ra’s al-Khaymah and Sharjah, at having to destroy his fortifications
- Negotiations between Persia and Muscat over leasing Bunder Abbass and attacking Bahrein

[Bahrain] in conjunction with bin Suggur

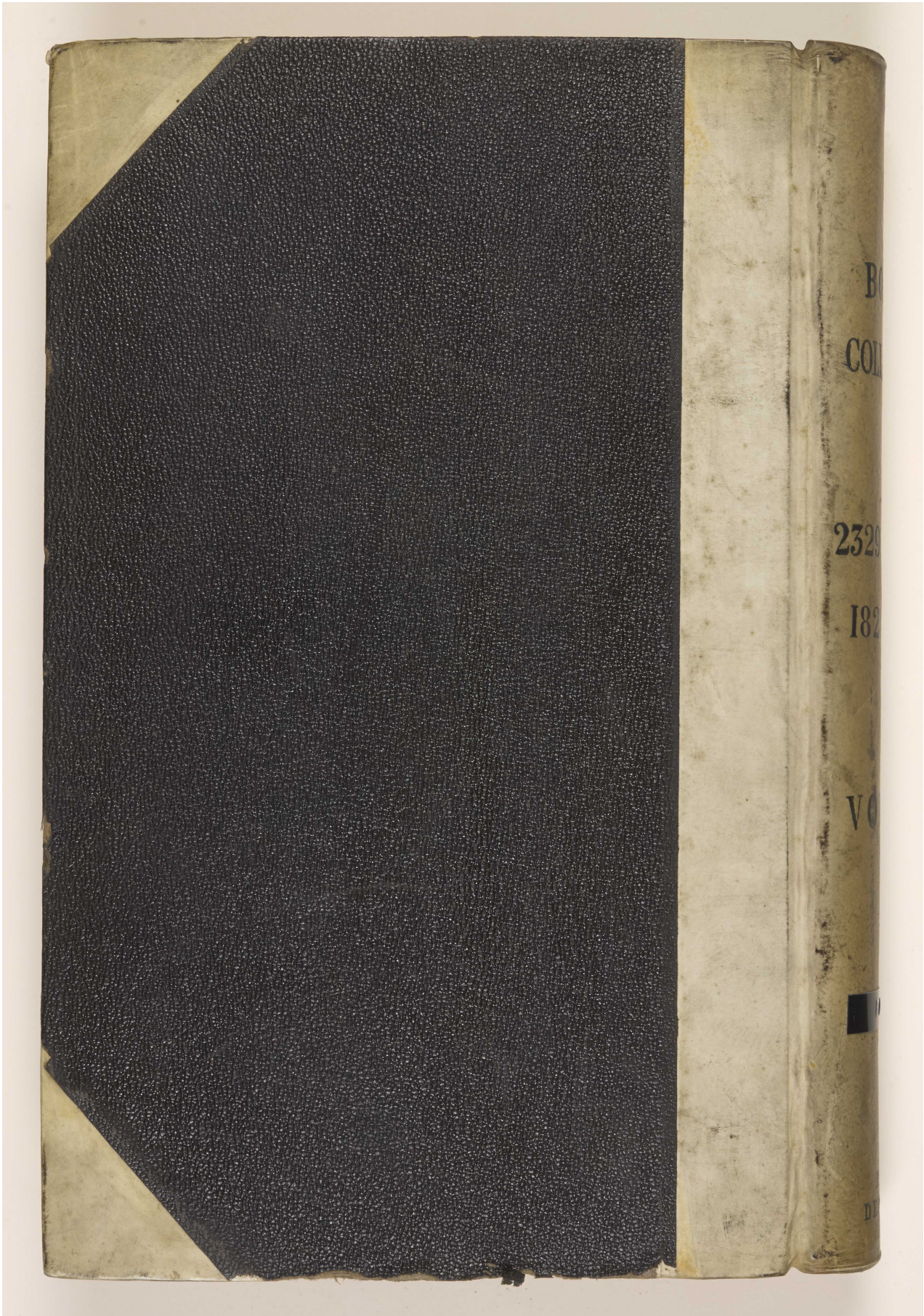
- Moving the rendezvous for cruisers from Moghoo Bay [Moghūyeh] to Bassedar [Bāsaʿīdū]
- The deaths of McLeod, Dr Edward Milward, Captain John F Soilleux and Mr Sturmev, and the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Ephraim Gerrish Stannus to succeed McLeod, R C Money's appointment as his assistant, and J P Rich's appointment as surgeon to the Residency, succeeding Milward.

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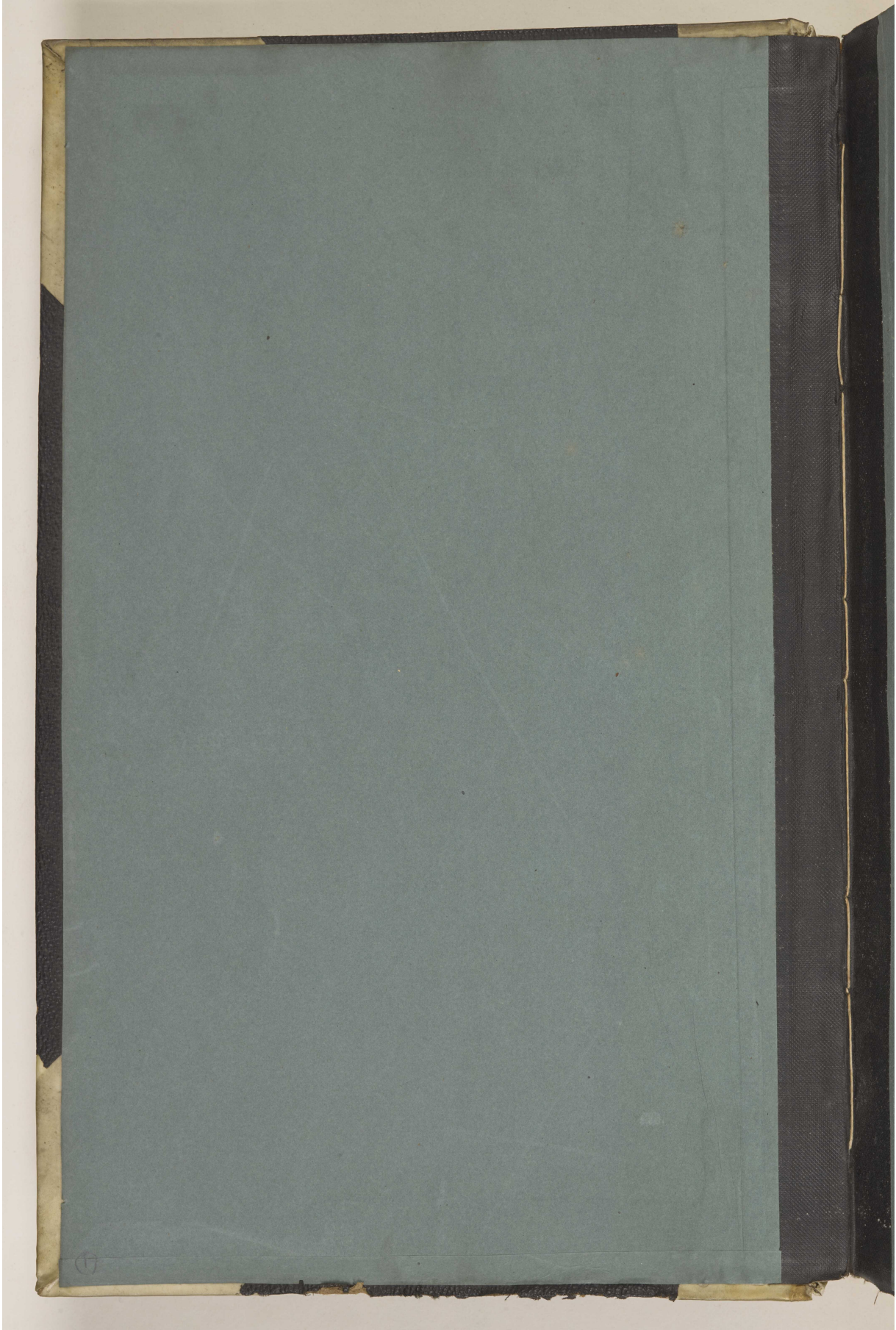
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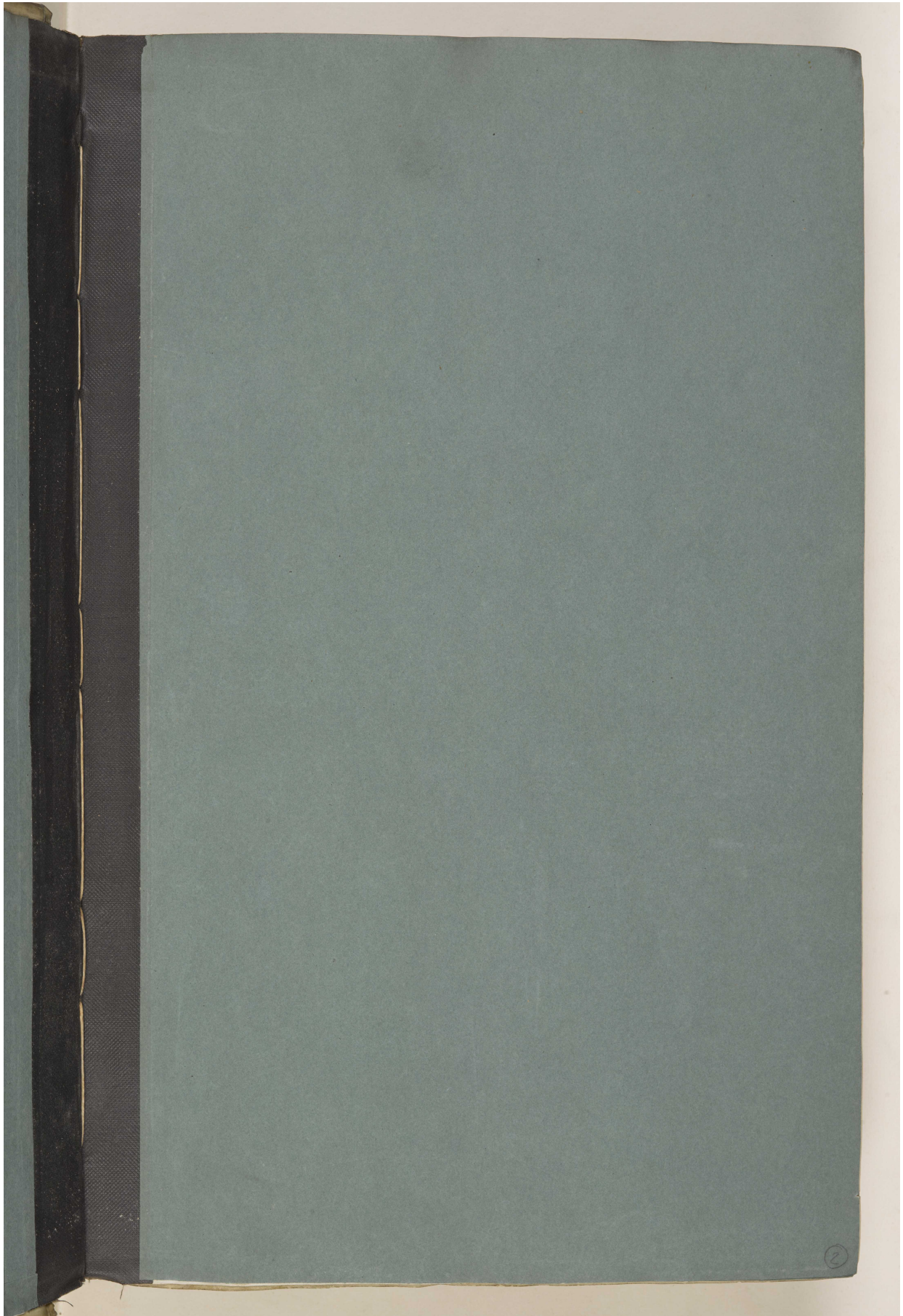
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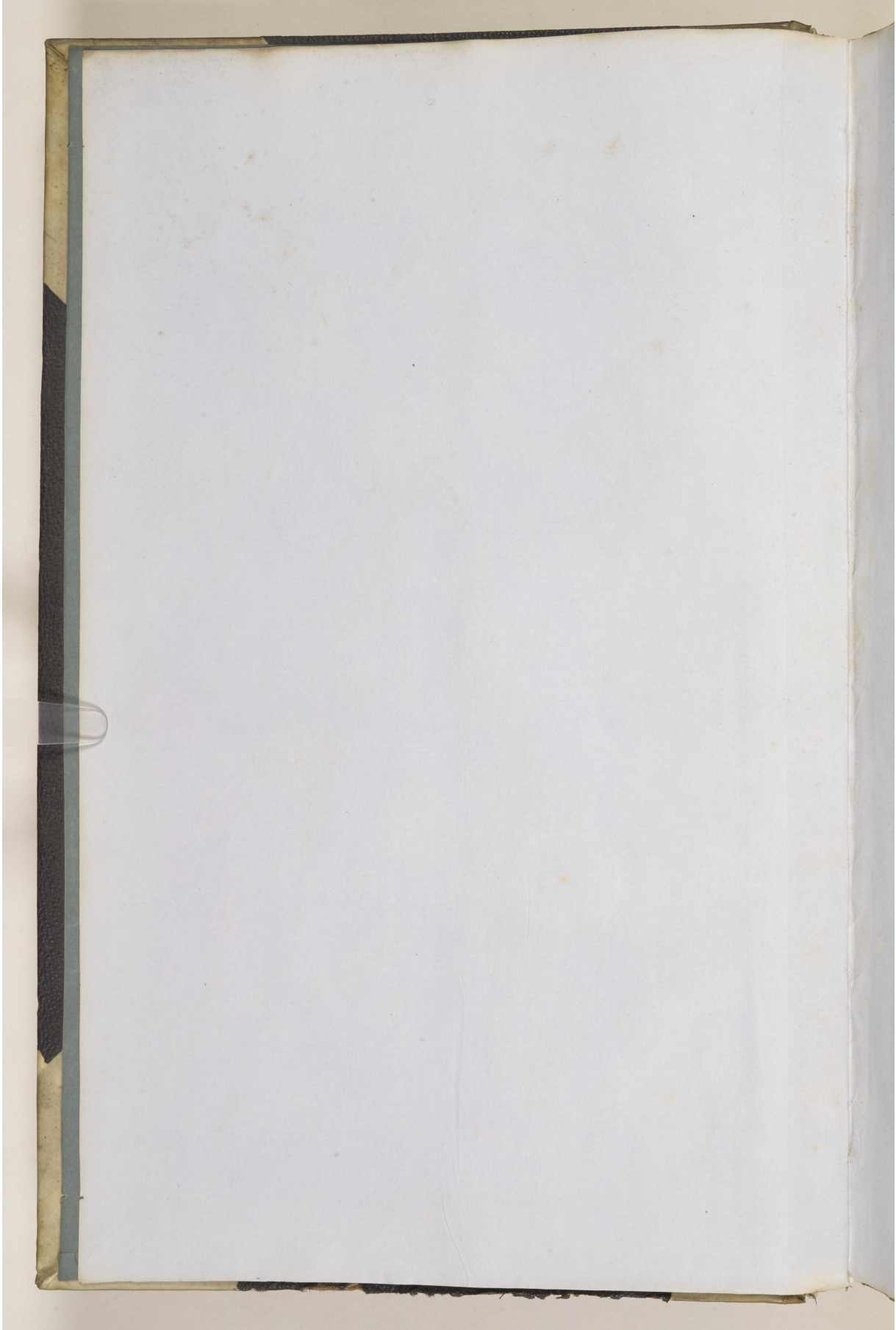


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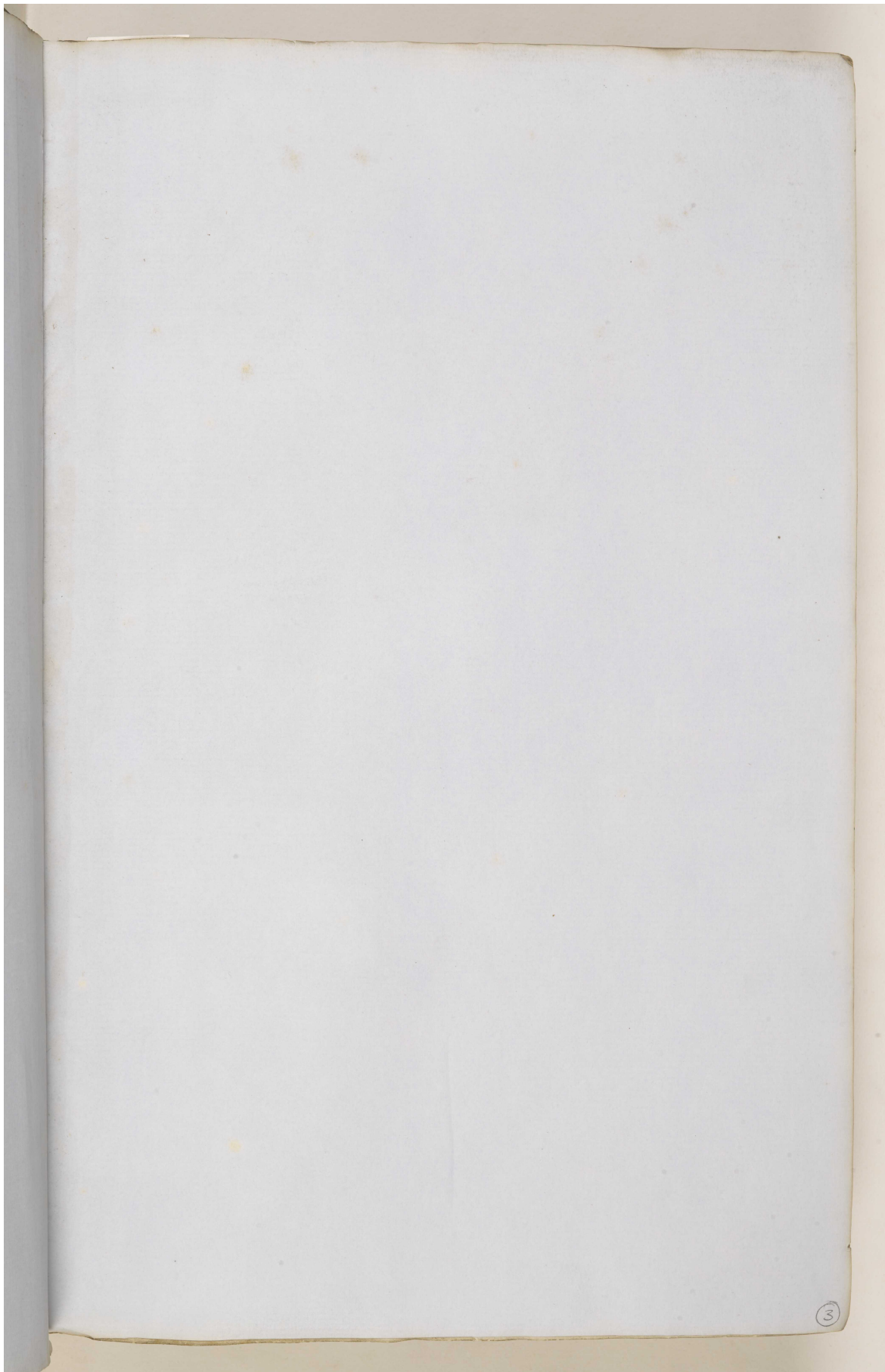


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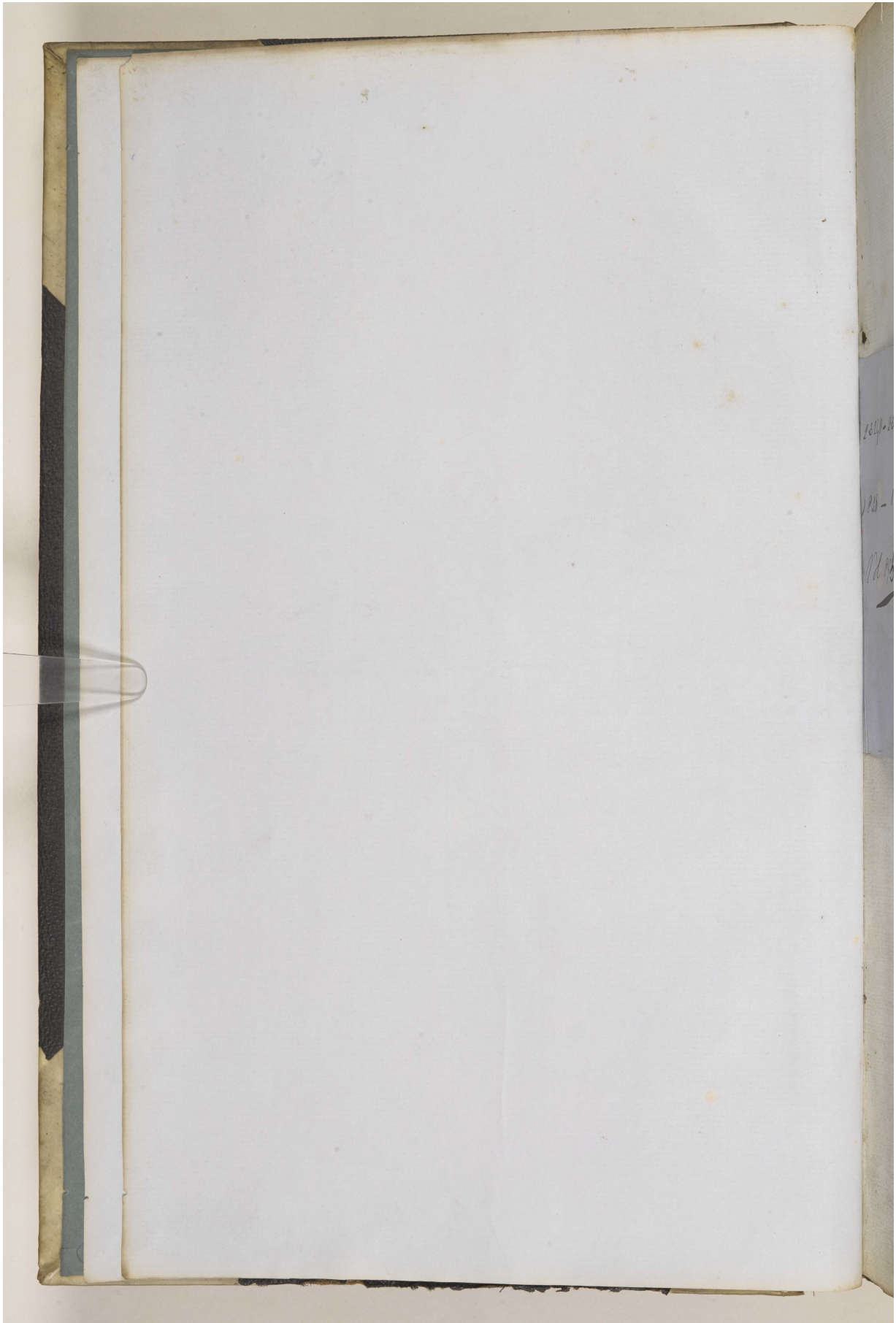




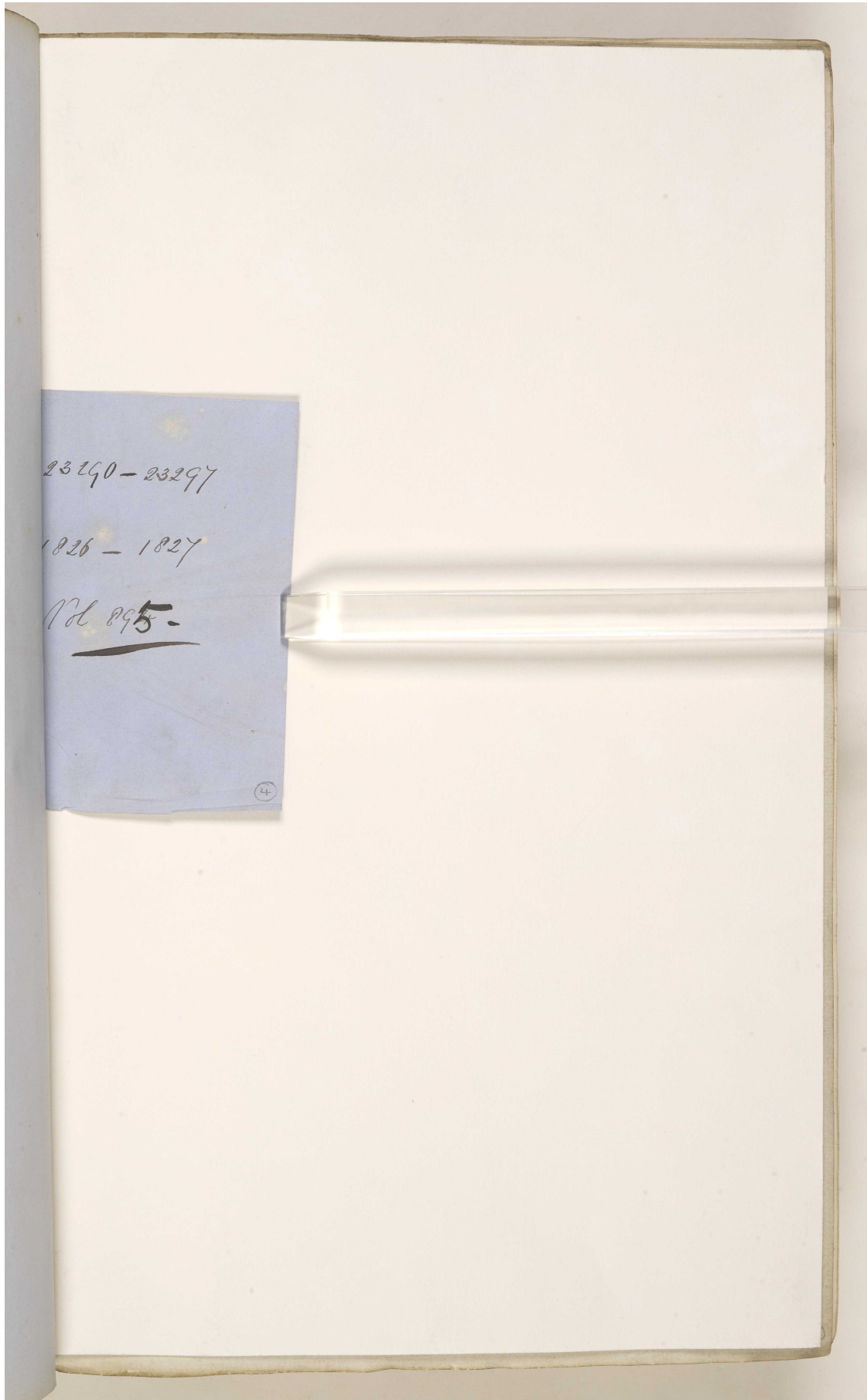
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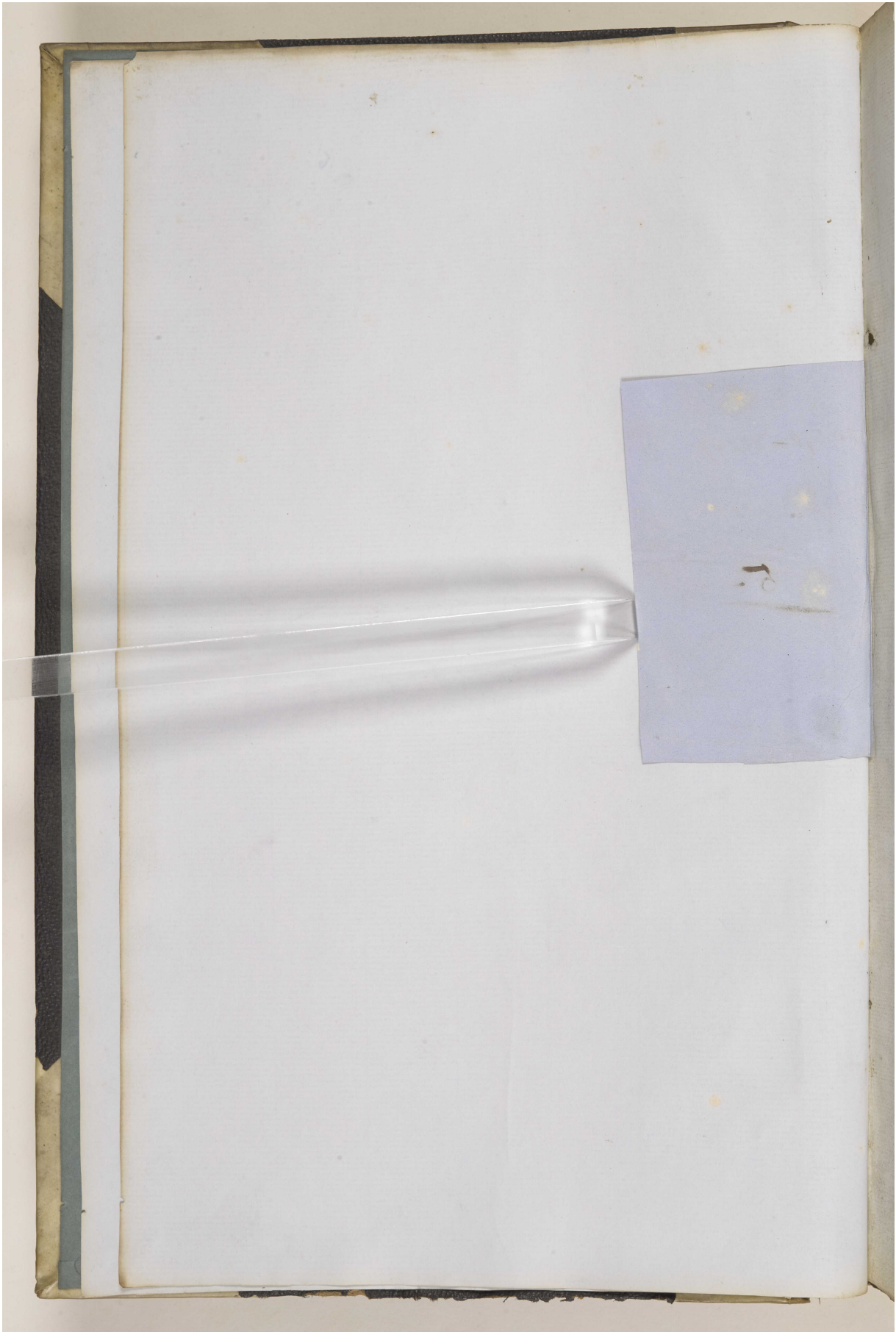
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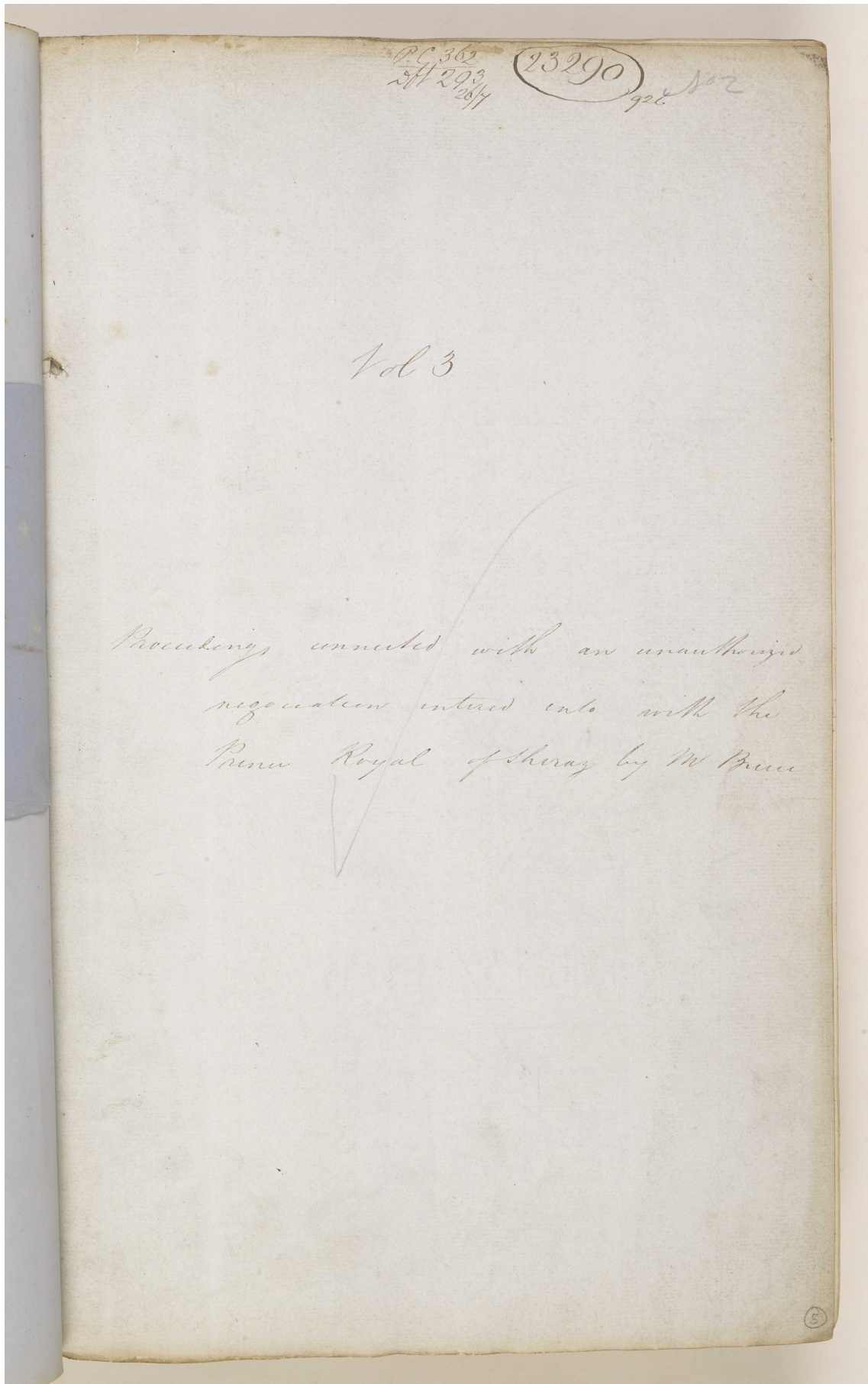
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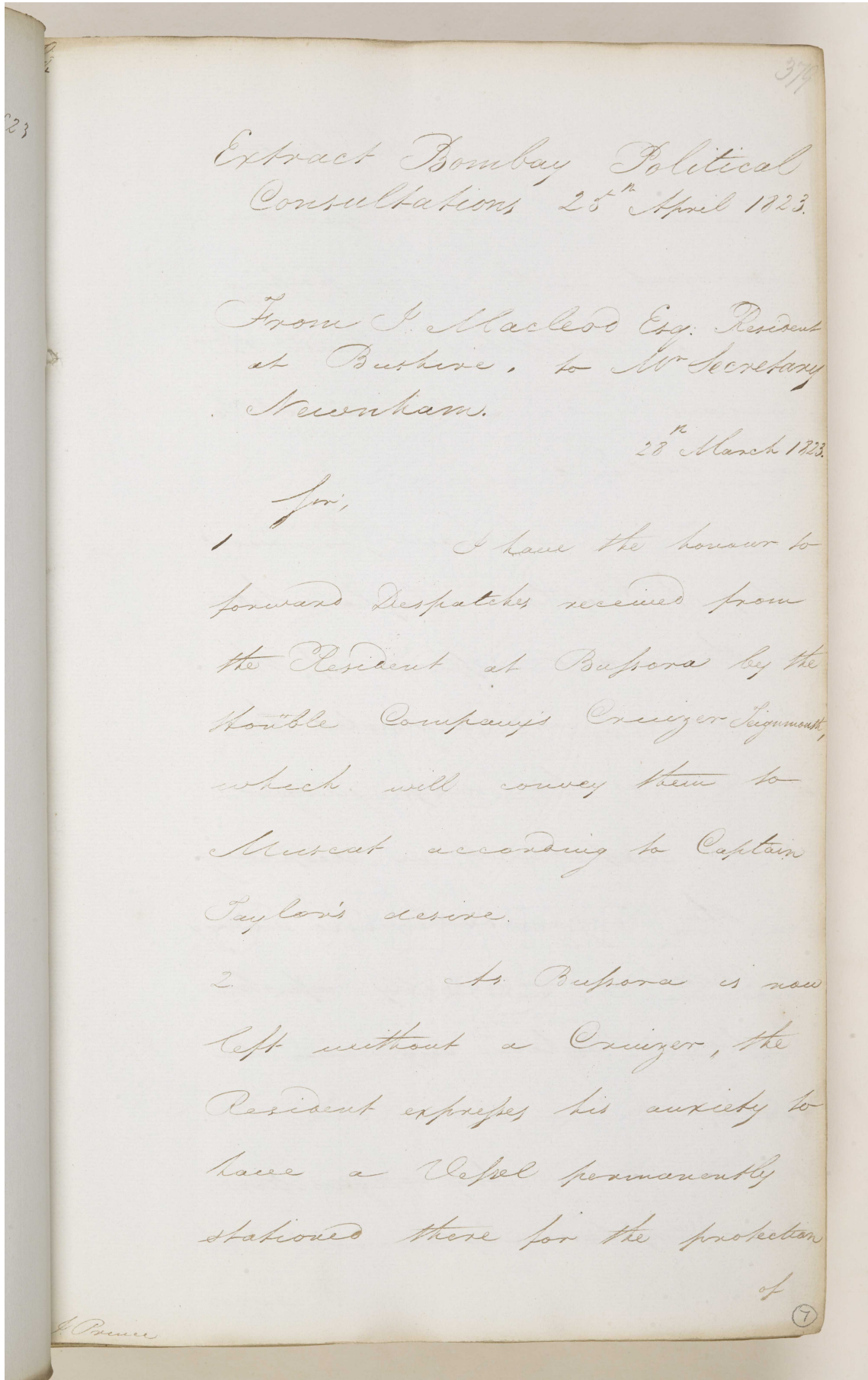
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of the Inade and the Residency,
whenever it may be found
consistent with more pressing
calls, as hostilities between the
Persians and Turks cannot be
long delayed.

3. I have forwarded
Copy of Captain Taylor's Letter
to the Senior Officer of the
Squadron, and requested him
to act as he may judge
most expedient in disposing
of the Teignmouth, and sending
a Vessel occasionally up to
Buzova when any can be
spared.

4. Any requisition
from Captain Taylor will of
course

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courses be immediately supplied
with.

Bushire,
28th March 1823.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. Mackay
Resident

From Mr Secretary Newnham,
to J. Mackay Esq. Resident at
Bushire.

th
24. April 1823.

Sir,

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your Letter of the 28th of last
Month, and to inform you that
the measures which you have
adopted respecting the stationing
a Cruiser at Buspora for
the protection of the trade
are approved by the Honble
the Governor in Council, so

Yours
long

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long as it may be absolutely
necessary under the circumstances
represented by Captain Taylor.

Bombay Castle, Shave, & Co.
24th April 1823. (Signed) H. Newnham
Chief Clerk

From P. Macleod Esq. Resident
at Bushon, to Mr Secretary
Newnham.

31st March 1823.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to
report to you the following
intelligence connected with
the affairs of the Gulf.

2. George Bunker was
sent to Muscat by Luckee
Khan in the month of January.
I am not correctly informed as
to the object of his journey,
but

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but believe it was to make
some demands relative to his
Highness's possessions on the Coast
of Persia, or, perhaps, to
solicit his cooperation in an
attack on Babrein. His Mission
is said to have been unsuccessful,
and he returned to Bender
Abbas last Month to join
Laker Khan.

3. A person named
Mangya Safie has been sent by
Laker Khan to Sharya with
a Khelat for Sooltan bin Suggor
to appoint him Darya Beglar
of the Persian Seas, and engage
his Services for the Prince of
Pers. The Khelat was accepted
and ⑨

and the beaver received with
honour; but I cannot learn
how far the demands of Lachee
Khan have been complied
with. It is said that he is
anxious to procure the aid
of Sooltan bin Suggur to
expel the Incaum of Muscat
from Bunder Abbas & Kishm
4. Lachee Khan has
ordered all the Arab tribes
on the Persian Coast to
aid in the attack of the
Incaum's possessions in that
quarter, and has, I believe,
actually commenced operations
against Meenan. The Incaum
was by the last accounts in
great

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great alarm, and had prepared
two of his Ships of War for
the purpose of proceeding in
person to Bander Abbas.

Bushrose I have, &c.,
31th March 1823. (Signed) J. Macleod
Resident

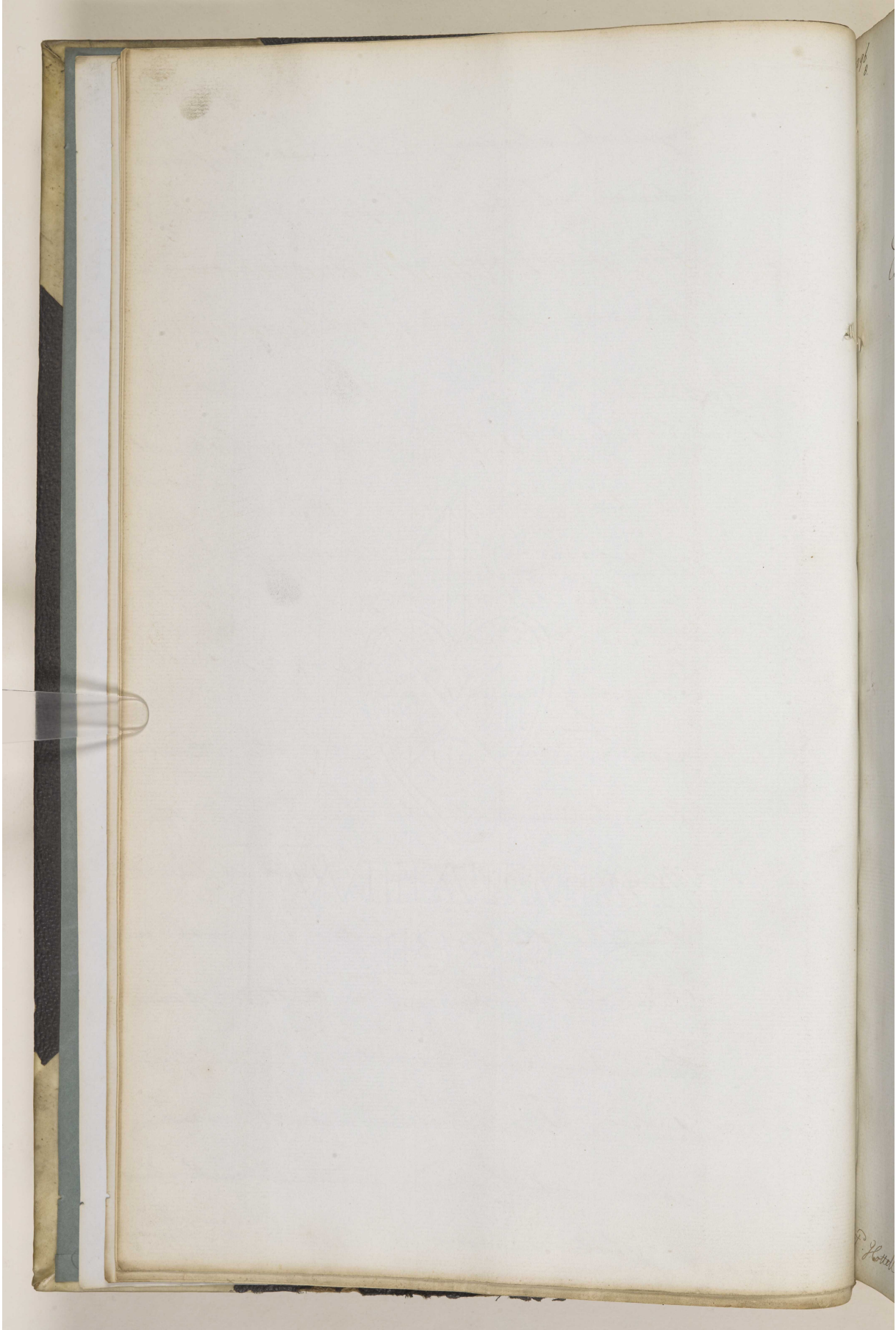
From Mr. Secretary Newham,
to the Secretary to the Supreme
Government. 24th April 1823.

Sir, I have the honour
to transmit to you, for the
purpose of being laid before the
Honble the Governor-General in
Council, Copy of a letter from
the Resident in the Persian Gulf
dated 31st of last month communicating
some intelligence connected with affairs
in that Quarter.

Bombay Castle
24th April 1823.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. Newham
Chief Secy

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

18th June 1823.

From J. Macleod Esq.^{re} Resident at
Bushire, to Mr. Secretary Newhouse.

10th May 1823.

Sir,

In continuation of the
subject of my dispatch N^o 19 in
this department, I have the
honor to report, that after a
very long interval I have
received intelligence that the
expected hostilities between the
Persians and the Emam of
Muscat have ended in a
compromise

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compromise, His Highness having agreed to pay an addition of two thousand tomanours for the rent of his possessions on the Coast of Persia, and sent a present to the Shaikh.

2. The Shaikhs of Ummul Quwyr and Qumaur did I believe join the Smaura at Bunder Abbass and boltare bin Suggur is said to have sent assistance to the Persians from Linga but did not go in person.

3. Meerza Bankir Auker with the Smaurus Governors of Bunder Abbass & minaur after having dined on boare His Highness's ship at

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at Bunder Abbas were lost on
their return to the shore.

Shave & Co
Bushire
10th May 1823 } (Signed) J. Macleod
Residents

From Mr Secretary Newnham to

14th June 1823

Sir,

I have the honor to
transmit to you for the purpose
of being laid before the Honorable
the Governor General in Council copy
of a letter from the Resident in
the Persian Gulph, reporting that
the expected hostilities between the
Persians and the Imam of Muscat

have been compromised. Shave & Co
Bombay Castle
14th June 1823 } (Signed) Wm Newnham
Chief Secretary
From

From H. Prinsep Esq^r Persian
Secretary to the Supreme Government to Mr
Secretary Newnham. (23rd May 1823.)
Sir,

I am directed to
transmit to you for the
purpose of being forwarded to
Major Willock the enclosed
dispatch to his address, which
has been left open for the
information of the Honorable
the Governor in Council: the
original of the copy, contained
in my letter of this date,
was forwarded thro' the Chief
Secretary at Bombay in a letter
dated the 28th of August
last, with a request that it
might

as he says, "given the Arab
"nations liberty one upon the
"other."

2. The report is
probably owing to the misrepresentation
of Rasheed bin Roomied, who
has been to Muscat; and
perhaps the Shaikhs themselves
are anxious to take advantage
of the relaxation of control
which has occurred from the
removal of our Troops, and to
give out that a change of
policy has been the consequence.

3. I have written to
His Highness explaining fully the
tenor of my communications with
the Arab Chiefs, which will I
hope,

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hope convince him that his
alarm is without cause.

4 I was most particular
on my visit to the Pirate
Chiefs, to assert our paramount
right to preserve the peace
of the sea, and although
I disclaimed all interference
whatever at land, and even
at sea in the case of just
hostilities between them and
the Imam or others not
parties to the Treaty, as
alluded to in the 15th Paragraph
of my report so long as
they did not lead to piracy,
yet I promised to use every
endeavour to dissuade those powers,
from

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from attacking them in the
first instance, and to obtain
redress if possible should they
commit aggression. At the same
time I warned the Shaikhs
that our forbearance towards
them could only extend to self
defence on their parts, but
not to acts of retaliation or
aggression in any case at sea;
reserving always most carefully
our right to interfere whenever
we saw that piracy was likely
to be renewed.

5. I dwelt especially
on the general peaceable engagements
of the Treaty, and exhorted them
by all the arguments in my
power

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power to refrain from quarrels
and wars amongst themselves,
as well by land as by sea,
and I insisted on their
abstaining from prosecuting them
in the latter manner; and
whilst I threatened them with
vengeance in case of a renewal
of their former excesses either
on us, or on their neighbours,
I promised them all the
protection we could afford as
long as they should continue to
deserve it.

This was the language
which I held to the Shaikhs
generally and particularly to Sultan
bin Suggur, who questioned me on

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on every point; but at Bahrein
I was careful to avoid any
sort of implication respecting
the probable attack on that
Island, nor did I engage
to interfere in the quarrels
or wars of the Chiefs in
any way further than the
Government may see fit, although
I held out every threat to
prevent their effects at sea as
far as possible.

7 I beg leave to
submit that more defined
instructions will be necessary for
the guidance of the Marine
Department, since those with
which they are at present furnished
will

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will scarcely provide for the cases which are likely to occur, as laid before you in my several dispatches of the 10th January and 27th Ultimo.

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Bushire }
10th March 1823 } Signe / S. Macleod.
Resident.

From S. Macleod Esq^r, Resident in the Persian Gulf, to Mr Secretary Newham. (5th May 1823.)

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 2nd Instant of your Dispatches N^o 379 of the 15th and N^o 393 of the 26th March in this Department.

2. I have in consequence addressed

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addressed a letter to Captain +
Faithfull of which I enclose a
copy; a conference with that
Officer will now enable me to
carry into effect as far as
possible the precautions suggested
in my letter of the 10th January.

3 The annual renewal
of the Registers, will I find, be
an unpopular measure with the
Arabs, and I am not certain
that as the Registry has once
been satisfactorily completed, its
constant repetition will afford
any check that will compensate
for the disgust and trouble
which too great strictness may
occasion, and I shall not
therefore

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Therefore insist on enforcing this
point at present

4. The provisions
respecting Port Clearances will
also be found more difficult
of enforcement than I had
contemplated in the 20th or
Paragraph of my letter of
the 10th January; since I
have reason to think that
the Shaikhs have no sufficient
control to prevent the boats
of their subjects from sailing
without those papers. I doubt
even if they possess a list
of all boats of their Ports
or if they always know
the purpose or destination of
their

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their voyages, and it is certain
that notwithstanding all our
injunctions on this point the
boats very seldom, if ever,
carry a Port Clearance: not a
single document of this nature
has ever come within my
observation or been noticed to
me by any Officer.

5. Although I do not
perceive any reason to doubt
the peaceable inclination of
the Sowasseme tribes towards
the British Government, yet
from the circumstances which
have already happened, I can
easily perceive that no part
of the Treaty will be left
unagitated

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unagitated by him, and that
the most explicit declarations
on every particular point
will be required at our
hands. I was anxious to
avoid this crisis, and to
keep up as far as possible
the impression which I
found had been made on
the Arabs. I still hope that
the general spirit of the
Treaty, will have some
weight, but it is to be
apprehended that this effect
was chiefly produced by the
presence of our troops, and
that we shall soon have
little more to expect from
the

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the Treaty, than the mere letter
of its provisions.

5. The prohibition against
building fortifications must now
be abandoned, and I only
wait for the instructions of
Government on the particular
case which has occurred at
Rasul Khayma; to write to
Soltan bin Suggur on the
subject. I had imbibed the
impression which I found
universal in the Gulf, that
although not specified in the
Treaty, the Arabs had given
some pledge not to rebuild
their works without permission.
In this impression I had been
confirmed

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confirmed by the tenor of the
13th paragraph of Colonel
Kenneth's letter to me of the
10th January, and by the
general proceedings which had
till then been adopted on
this subject with reference to
the instructions of the 1st
August 1821.

7. I found the
greatest difficulty in defining
strictly to the Arab chiefs,
the distinction between piracy
and their maritime warfare,
and I therefore felt myself
obliged to reserve a greater
latitude of control in drawing
the line with them than
could

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could ever have actually been
put in practice. The warning
with however I trust have a
good effect on them as
they fully admitted its
justice, but the precise
definition of the terms may
I fear soon come into
discussion and the caution
against acts tending to piracy
will probably not long be
sufficient; nor will the
definition be very easy to
ourselves, since a previous
declaration is all that is
required to render their wars
at sea lawful, and therefore
is the utmost we can insist
upon

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upon.

8. All the Maritime tribes both on this side the Gulf and the Arabian Coast consider themselves fully entitled to make war on whomever they may consider as an enemy. There is perhaps none of them that has not an ancient feud with some one or more of the other tribes, which they openly avow, and which is known to all their neighbours, although it may not be to us. This feud the Chief can at any time call into lawful war by simply declaring his intention, and

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an excuse will seldom be
wanting when he thinks his
rival weaker than himself. When
hostilities have thus commence^d,
they will spread to other tribes,
and must be considere^d as
acknowledged war, and as
long as they are confine^d to
declared enemies, the murder of
prisoners in cold blood, and
the carrying off of slaves, are
the only acts by which we
can distinguish piracy. These acts
are very difficult to prove, and
are I trust not likely to recur.
The mere capture of the
unarm^{ed} vessels of hostile tribes
will afford no criterion of
piracy

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piracy since it is authorized in
the warfare of civilized
nations.

I trust that the
Honorable the Governor in
Council will not suppose that
I am magnifying the dangers
of the case which have
always been anticipated; on
the contrary, my object is
to shew that the Gulf
may possibly, nay probably,
be involved in very great
disorders, without injury to us
before the commission of
actual piracy may entitle us
to interfere or indeed before
it may be desirable that we
should

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should interpose our arms. I
say desirable, because I have
still every confidence that our
flag will be respected by
the pirates, and I know
not one of the Chiefs in
the Gulf, excepting perhaps
the Imam of Muscat, who
deserves that we should expose
ourselves to a rupture with the
Sawafines by rescuing him from
their hostility. In cases of
undoubted piracy, by whomever
or against whomever committed,
our regard for the public
welfare will imperiously require
our active interposition, although
no offence should have been
committed

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committed against ourselves, but
there is a risk that the
petty warfare of the tribes
may have increase so much
before we can put a stop
to it, as to have spread by
gradual and insensible degrees
into uncontrollable piracy against
all the native powers of the
Gulf.

10 All that our
power and influence can
effect, without having recourse
to force, all that can be
done by mediation, advice, and
remonstrances, shall be put in
practice in order to avert
disorders, and I look with
confidence

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confidence to the activity and
zeal of the Marine Department,
the exercise of which will
now be more than ever
required since the control of
the pirate ports will necessarily
be less direct than had been
anticipated. The success of our
policy will in a great degree
depend on the discretion and
vigilance of the executive Officers
because in cases where we
ought to act, the opportunity
may be lost before a reference
can be made, and on the
other hand, it may be hardly
possible to remove entirely the
bad effects of any incautious
proceedings

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proceedings, or to restore every
thing exactly to its former
condition, in cases where our
interference was not required.

11. In conclusion I
take the liberty to express
my opinion that no measure
could have been so conducive
to the object in view, as
the appointment of Captain
Faithfull to the permanent
command, and I may venture
to assure you that no
exertions shall be wanting on
our parts to give full effect
to the policy of Government,
which under such a guide
for our conduct as the
instructions

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instructions with which you
have now honoured me, will I
trust prove successful in preventing
the renewal of piracy.

Rushice
5th May 1823

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Macleod
Resident.

From J. Macleod Esq^r Resident in
the Persian Gulf to the Officer
Commanding the Marine Force in
the Gulf of Persia / 5th May 1823 /
Sir,

I have the honor to
offer you my congratulations on
your appointment to the permanent
command of the Marine Force in
the Gulf of Persia, an appointment
equally honorable to yourself, as
advantageous

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advantageous to the public service

2. Having received the most full and satisfactory replies from Government to my several references, I lose no time in communicating for your information the enclosed Extracts, as noted in the Margin.

<p>Dispatch of 11th March. Parts 4. 5. 6. 7 & 8. Dispatch of 25th March Parts 2. 3. 9. 11 & 12.</p>	<p>These instructions are so clear as I trust to preclude the chance of any difficulty or misunderstanding whatever on any point connected with our relations with the Arab tribes under the Treaty negotiated by Sir William Grant Keir. You will have the goodness to make the Officers</p>
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under

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under your command acquainted
with the tenor of these communications
in such manner as you may
deem fit.

3. I am still anxious
to avail myself of your
assistance and advice whenever
it may be convenient in making
some arrangements with reference
to these orders and to the
renewal of Registers and Port
Clearances as alluded to in my
Dispatch of the 10th of January
I have &c.

(Signed) S. Macleod

Bushire } Resident.
5th May 1823 }
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From Mr. Secretary Newham to I
Macleod Esq.^{re} Resident at Bushire

17th June 1823/

Sir,

I have had the honor
to receive and lay before the
Honorable the Governor in Council
your letters of the 19th of March
and 5th this month (N^o 14 & 24 of
1823) on the general state of
the Gulf, and in reply to
several dispatches in the month
of March last.

The Governor in Council
approves of your letter to the
late Captain Faithfull of the
5th May which could seem to
preclude the transmission to the
Marine

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Marine Department of more define^d
instructions for the guidance of
the Officer Commanding in the
Gulf as suggestee in the
concluding paragraph of your
letter of the 19th March last.

Under the circumstances
you have stated in the 3rd &
4th para, He also approves of
your intention not to enforce
the provisions regarding the
annual renewal of the Registers
or those in respect to the
Portclearances, documents which appears
to be little understood by the Arabs
in the Gulf.

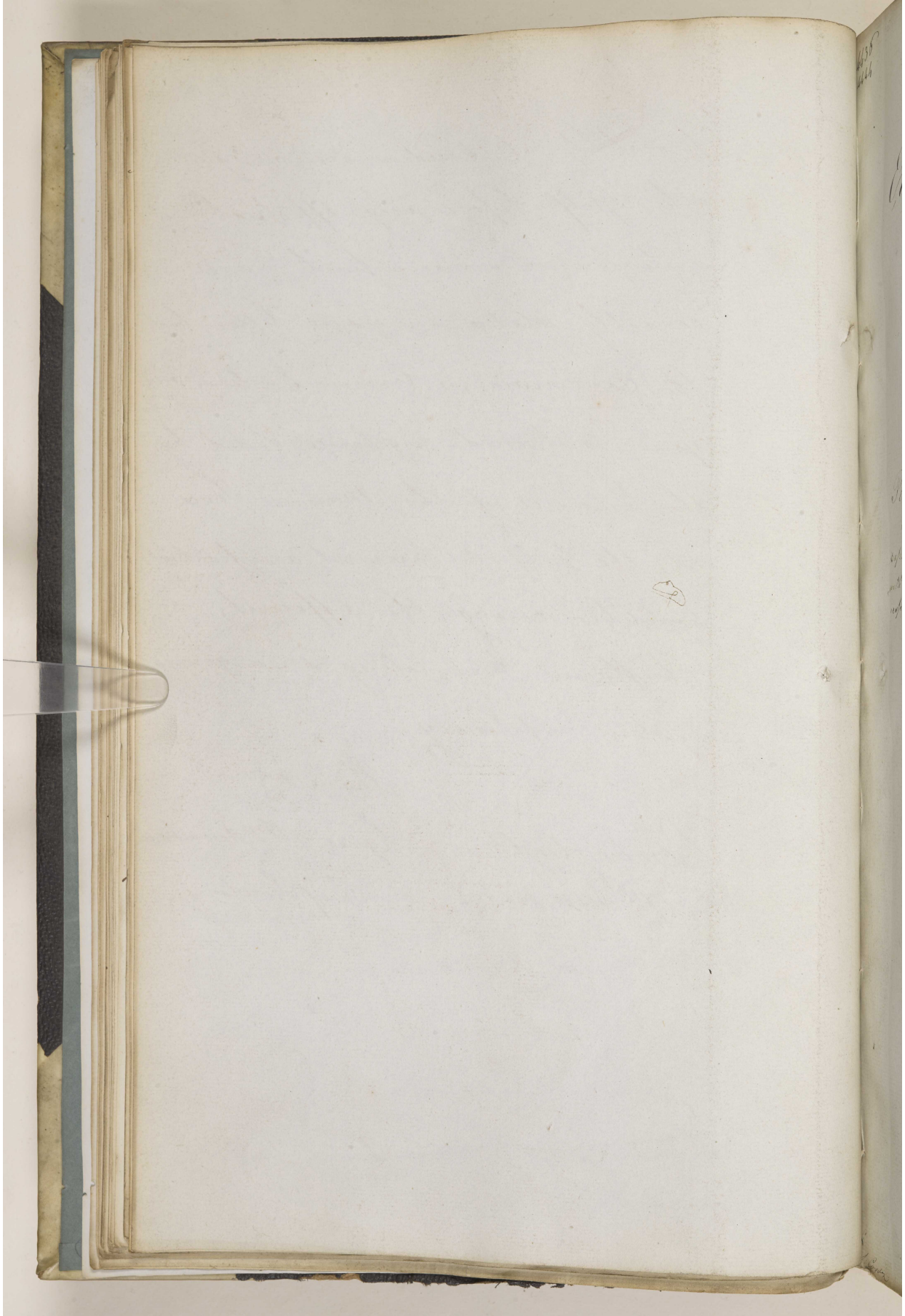
The dangers of
hostilities among the Arabs and the
probability

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probability of disorders occurring in the Gulf before any effectual interference on our part, are correctly stated in your letter, but the Governor in Council relies on your continued vigilance aided by the presence of the Marine Force in the Gulf to prevent any partial hostilities among the different Chieftains terminating in a general system of Piracy.

Shaverza
Signed, Wm Newnham
Chief Secretary
Bombay Castle }
17th June 1823 }

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¹⁶
25 June 1823

From the Resident in
the Persian Gulf, dated 23rd May,
Persian Gulf Sir,
From the Resident,
reporting his correspondence
with Sooltan Bin Suggur
respecting his building Forts.

I have the honor
to inform you, that I
have received a letter from
Sooltan bin Suggur, in reply to
that enclosed in my dispatch
of the 29th March.

2 He expresses himself
much hurt at having been the
only one of the Chiefs, who
has been required to destroy his
Fort, and complains that it is
contrary

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contrary to the Treaty - He also
defends his conduct towards the
Shaikh of Umulquwaja to whom
he has however restored the
place; at the same time he
expresses himself ready to comply
with all our wishes, and willing
to receive the Agent whom I
was desirous of sending to Shiraz.

3 In reply, I have
pointed out to him, that not
he alone, but all the Chiefs
had hitherto been prevented by
my predecessors from building
forts, and that I could not
therefore take upon myself to
remove the restriction without
the orders of Government, which
however

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however. I had already received
so far as to enable me to
declare him at liberty, to complete
the works he had begun at
Sharya.

4 In respect to
Abmulquwyn, I have explained
to him that if he had not
himself written to us against the
Shaik, I should probably not
have taken notice of it. That
it was not the wish of the
British Government to forbid him
to establish his authority over
all who owed him allegiance,
that on the contrary we were
desirous that every one who
owed allegiance, should obey his
rightful

rightful superior, that my letter
was intended merely as a friendly
remonstrance, for fear that he
might be led to such extremity
against the Shaikhs of Demulquayn
as might drive him to despair,
and force him on to the commission
of Piracy.

5 I concluded by
assuring him of the continued
good will of Government towards
him, and that the agent whom
I should send, should make
it his business to cultivate his
confidence and good will, I added
that I should myself visit
him soon, when I should be
in full possession of the sentiments
of

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of Government, and would explain
all doubts and settle every point
in the most friendly manner.

6 The Shaikh of
Umulquwain has recovered possession
of his fort, whether in the
manner represented by Sooltan
bin Suggur or not, I am unable
to say, at all events I rejoice at
this issue of the affair, as it
prevents any immediate disorders,
although I should have been
glad if Sooltan bin Suggur could
have succeeded without endangering
the present tranquillity of the
Gulf.

7 I have determined
on transferring the Agent at Katiff
who

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who is a Hindoo, to Bahrain,
in preference to Sharga, for a
variety of reasons, with which
it is not necessary to trouble
you, and have fixed on a
respectable Arab of this place,
whom I propose sending to
Sharga, as soon as the receipt
of the instructions of Government
shall enable me to satisfy Scoltan
bin Suggur on the subject of
the fort at Ravelkhyma

I have the honor

Bushire }
23 May 1823 }

to be Yrs

(Signed) J. Macleod

Resident

Reply.

Persian
gulfic
Reply to

Sir,

I have the honor

to

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to acknowledge the receipt of
your dispatch of the 23^d of last
month, on the subject of your
correspondence with Sultan bin
Suggur relative to his building
Ports.

The Governor in Council
approves of the tenor of your
reply to His Chief, also the
transfer of the Agent at Katoffe
to Bahrain.

Pombay Castle
19th June 1823.

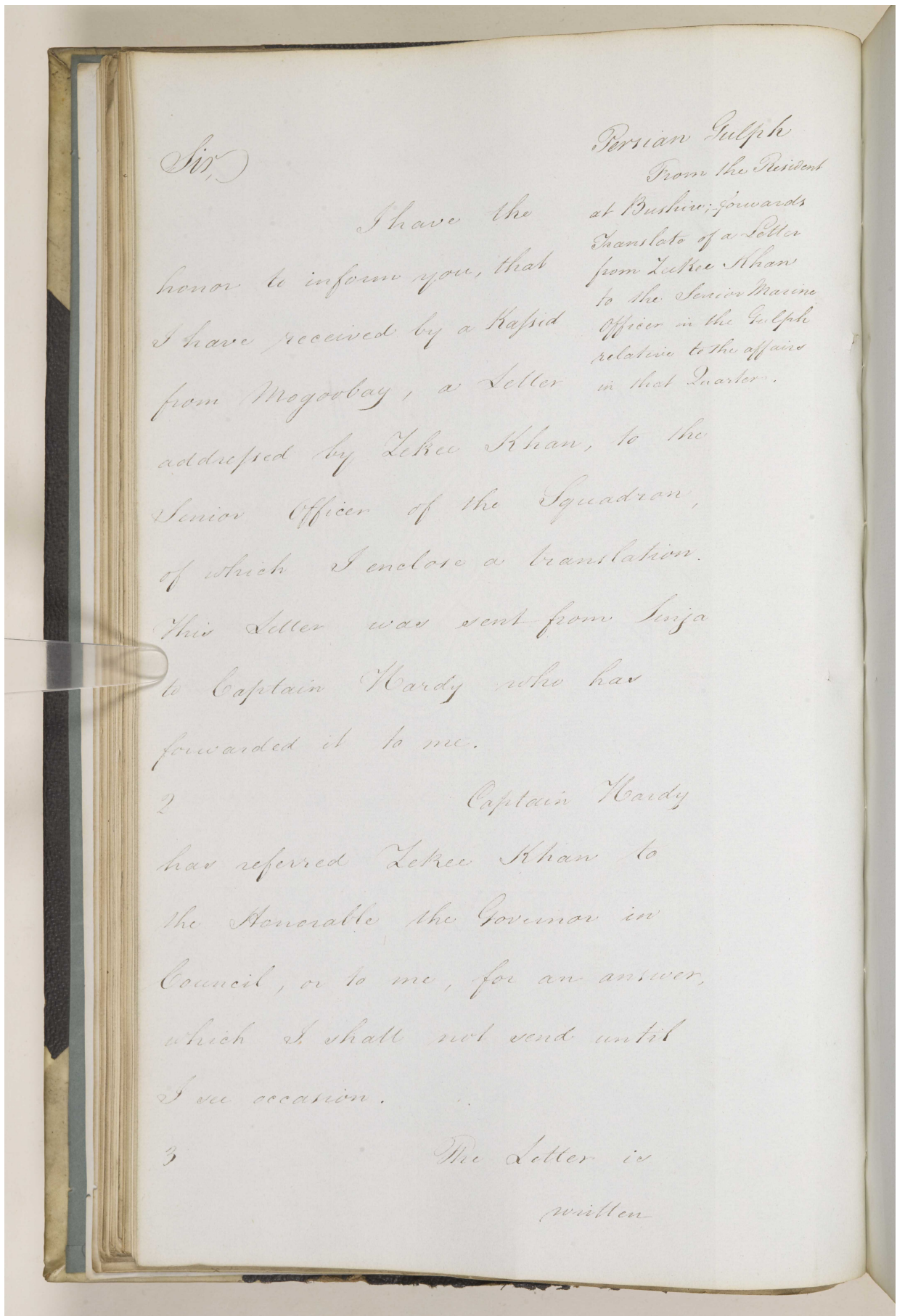
I have the honor
to be Sir Your
(Signed) W^m Mearns
Chief Secretary

From the Resident
in the Persian Gulph dated 23rd
May with Enclosure.

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'Proceedings connected with an unauthorized negotiation entered into with the Prince Royal of Shiraz by Mr Bruce vol 3' [31r] (66/125)

Gulph
the Prince
towards
a letter
Shah
in March
the Gulph
the affairs
arter.

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written by Meerza Bawker Ahee;
The interested person alluded to
is doubtless the Imam of Muscat.

Bushire
23rd May 1823

I have the honor
to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Macleod
Resident

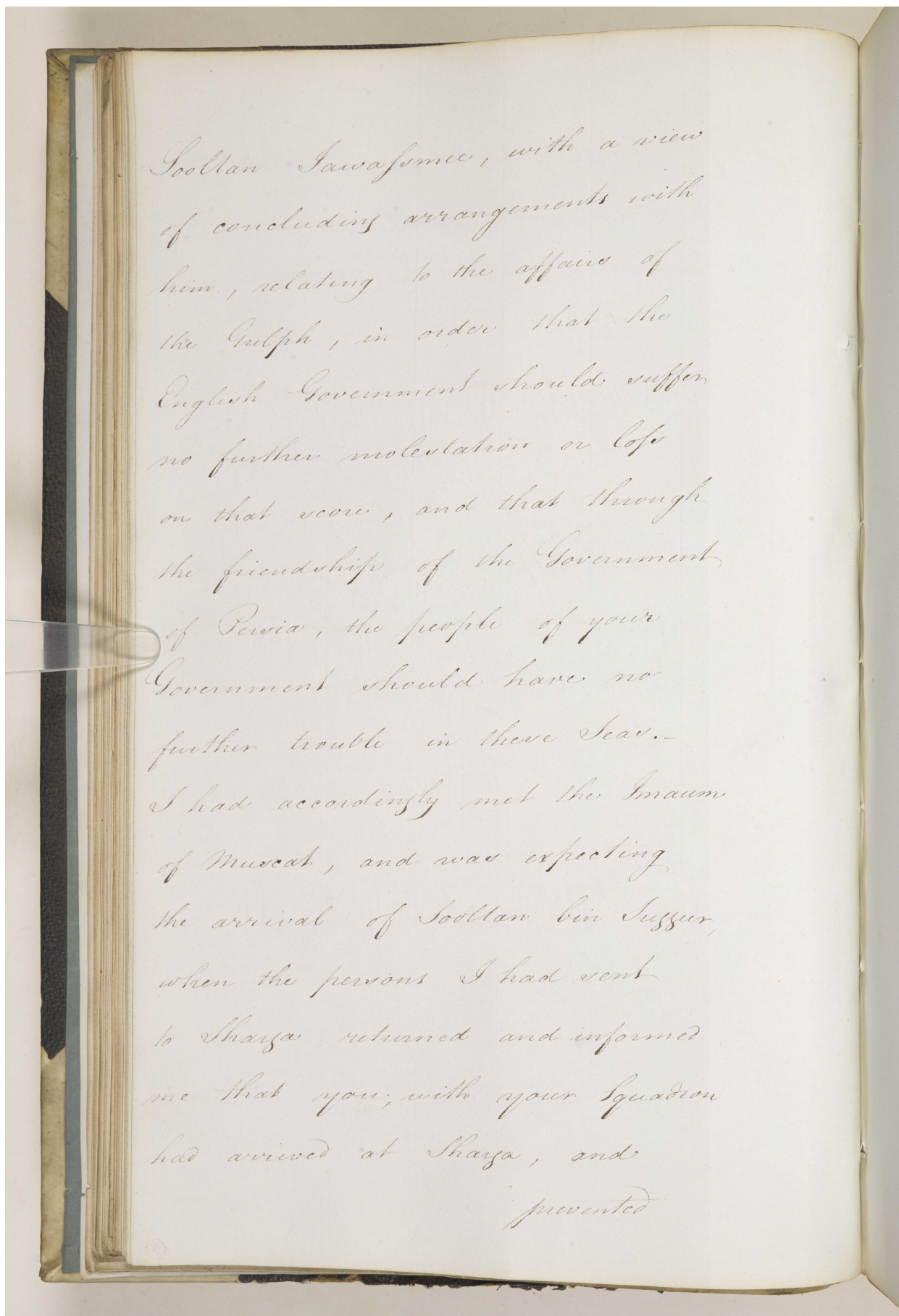
Translation of a Letter from Lokee
Khan to the Commander of the
H.M.S. Company's Cruizer.

A.C.

On the departure
of the Indian Force from these
Seas, it was resolved by the Prince
Regent of Faw, that I should
have an interview with said
Syed the Imam of Muscat, and
also that I should send for Shaikh

Sooltan

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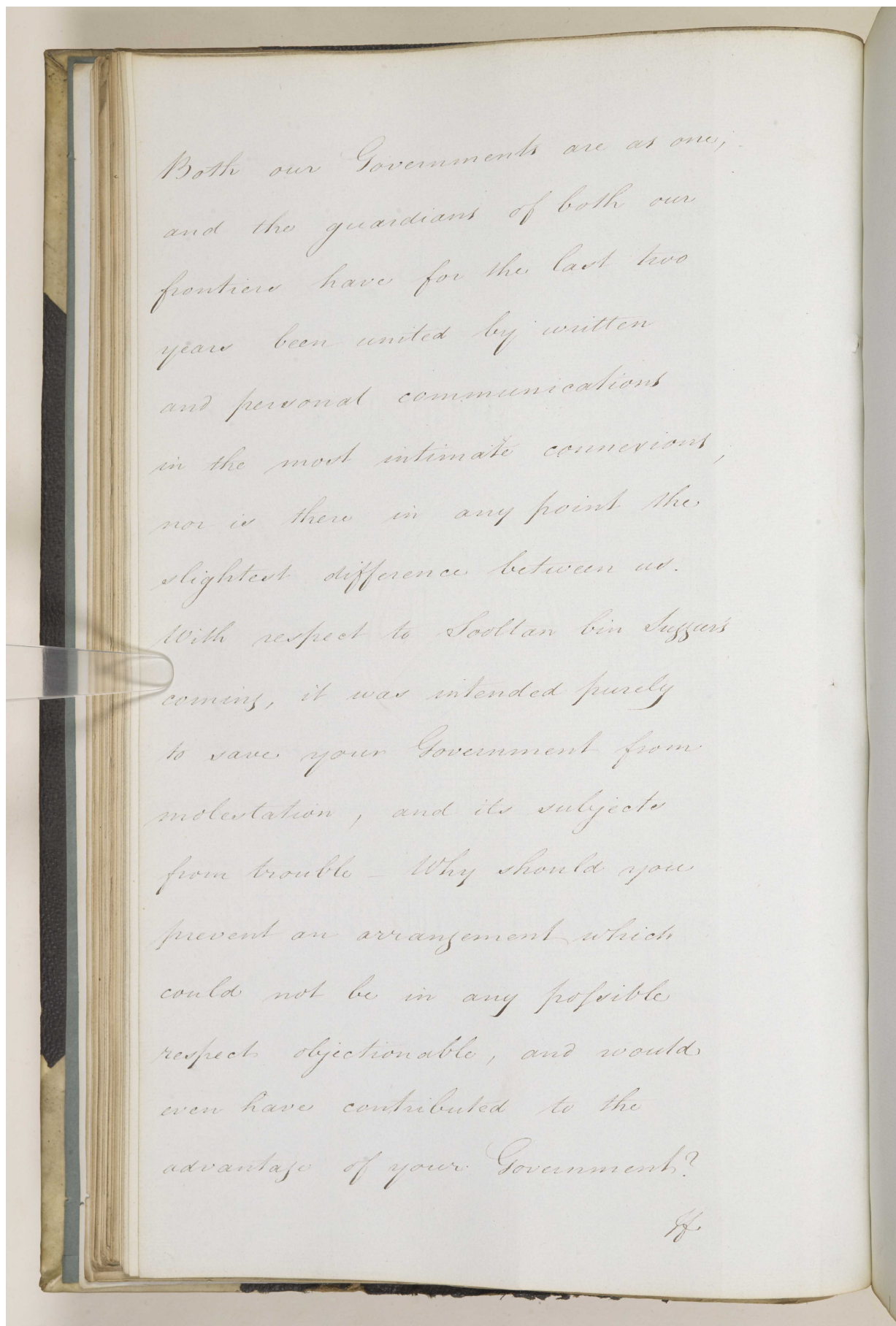
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prevented him from coming, and that you had moreover ordered him to destroy the fortification which he had erected at Ras-el-Ahyma, with the sanction of this Government. I am very much surprised at this intelligence, since I conclude that the English Government commits the charge of such duties to persons of sense and experience, and you doubtless are a man of judgment and discretion, and are aware that these Seas belong to Persia, and that all the Inhabitants of its shores are the subjects and dependents of that Government; how then came you to stop the Shah's

Booth

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If any person has induced you
to do this, be assured that he has
no other purpose than to sow
dissentions between our two Governments.
It is to be regretted that men
of sense should be instigated by
interested persons to such acts
as will bring down disapprobation
from both Governments on themselves,
I have sent one of my own
men, named Mahomed Koollee
Beg for your information, that
you may desist from these
objectionable proceedings, and give
permission for rebuilding that
fortification which you ordered
to be destroyed, and also leave
Sooltan bin Suggur at liberty to
execute

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execute those duties which this
Government may require of him,
and which are entirely conducive
to the advantage of your Government,
and to the security of the
frontiers of India and Persia.

(True Translation)

(Signed) J. Macleod
Resident

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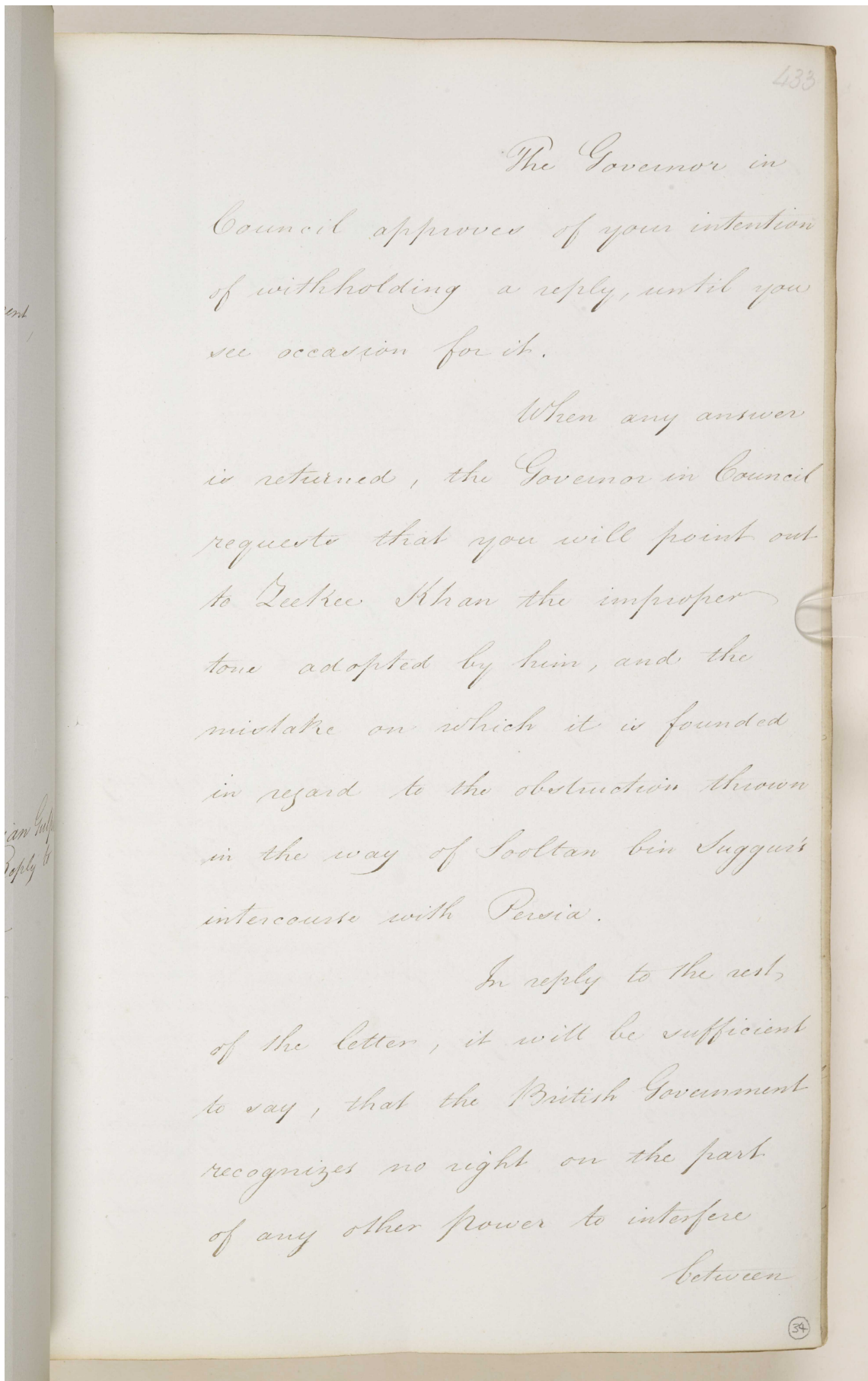
Copies sent to Bengal.

Sir,

Persian Gulph
Reply to

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter of the 23rd of last month,
forwarding translate of a Letter
from Zeekee Khan to the Senior
Marine Officer in the Gulph.

The



between it and the Chiefs of Arabia,
with regard to whom it will
be guided by its engagements
with the Chiefs themselves.

I have the honor
to be Y^r Y^c
(Sima) M^r Nawnham
Chief Secretary

From the Resident in
the Persian Gulph dated 26th May.

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that
His Royal Highness Hoossein
Ali Meerza is daily expected
at Shiraz, accompanied
by his Brother Hassan
Ali Meerza, to whom a
portion of the Revenue
of Fars have been assigned,
and that Meerza
Bauker and the
Governors of Bander,
Abbas and Minore are
confined in irons, in
a Fort at Muscat.

proceedings

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portion of the Revenues of Ius
have been assigned.

2 It appears that
Meerza Bankir Auker, and the
Governors of Bunder Abbas and
Minau, were not lost in landing
from the Imam of Muscat's
Ships, but were secretly conveyed
on board His Highness's Frigate
Caroline, and that they are now
confined in irons in a Fort at
Muscat.

Bushire }
26th May 1823 }

I have the honor
to be Sir - Serv.

(Signed) J Macleod
Resident

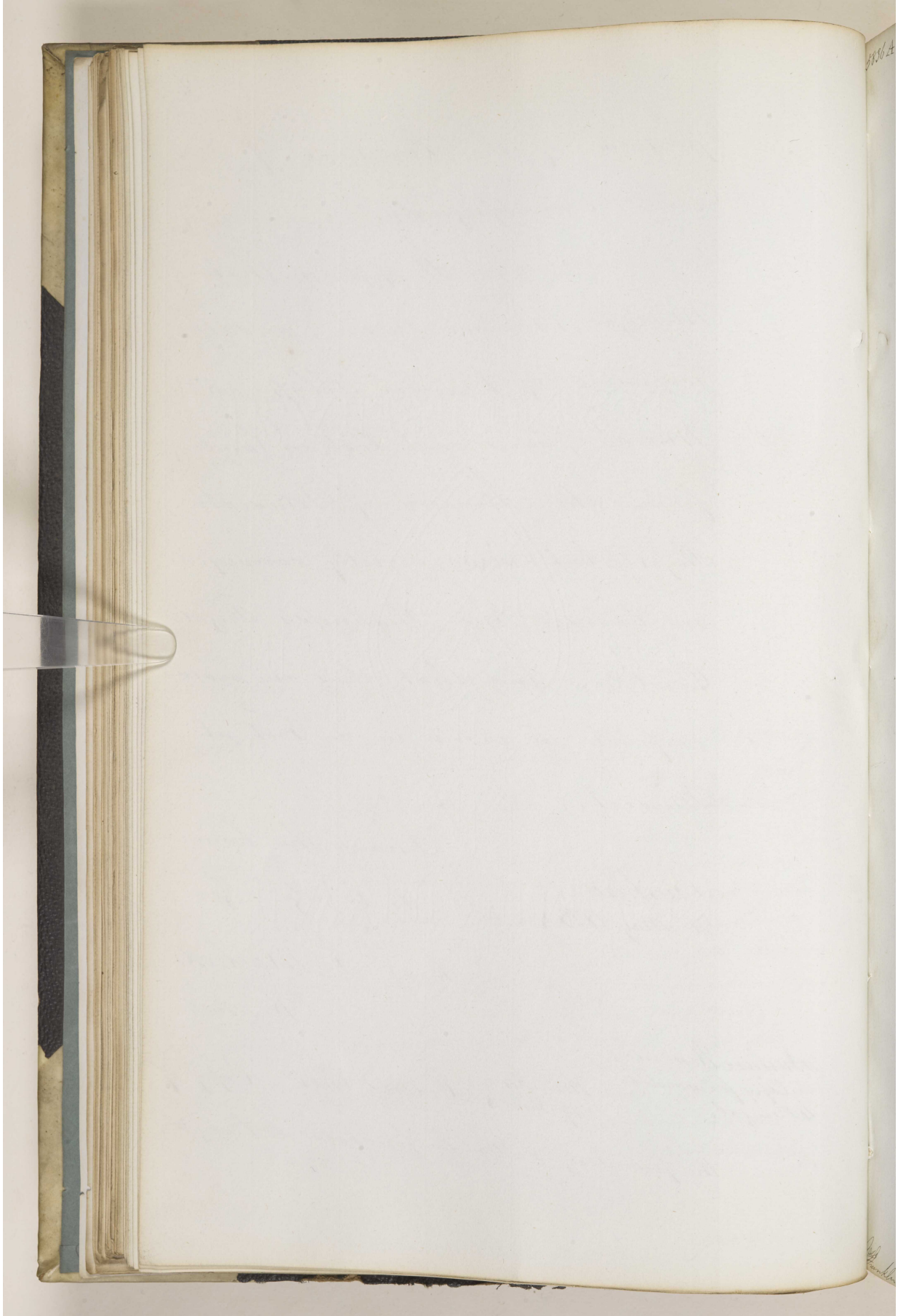
Bushire Residency
Copy forwarded
to Bengal.

Minutes }
19 June }

Ordered that a Copy of
the preceding Letter be forwarded to Bengal.

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10th September 1823

From the Company's Broker at Muscat, to

Muscat. Mr Secretary Newnham.

From the Company's Broker
communicating the object of
Zukee Khan Noore's visit
to the Imam at
Bunderabbas and the
confinement of ^{at Shiraz} Firza
Baker, in one of the
Ports there.

Dated 26th April

Zukee Khan Noore left

Shiraz professedly for the

purpose of effecting some arrangement
regarding Bunderabbas and the Ports
adjacent, but in fact to get them
into his possession out of the hands
of the Imam. The Imam, as
soon as he was informed of the real
views of Zukee Khan, set sail with
his two Ships for Bunderabbas, where
he entered into terms of pacification
with

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with Zukce Khan, by which it was
 settled, that for each of the two
 coming years the Imaum should pay
 1,000 Toomans over and above the
 stipulated tribute already yielded, and
 that after the expiration of the
 two years the usual amount of
 tribute only should be required by
 Persia. The Imaum presented Zukce
 Khan with 500 Toomans, & he returned.
 After Zukce Khan's departure Mirza
 Bunker arrived in a vessel, bringing
 with him two persons who had
 formerly been subjects of His Highness,
 but had cast off their allegiance
 and joined with the Persian, and
 were now desirous to be reconciled
 to the Imaum, these were Hoofsein
 Ali

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Ali Khan, Hakim, of Bunderabbas, and
Ali Khan, Hakim of Menau. The
Imaam received them on board his
Ship with apparent kindness and
presented them with Kullats, after which
they, with Mirza Bunker, left the
Ship in a Muchwa, which had
not gone far when it sunk and
all in her perished, this was the
report I heard at first, but on the
Imaam's return to Muscat I made
strict enquiries and have now no doubt
that these persons were seized on board
His Highness's Ship & conveyed to Muscat,
where they are now confined without
hope of life in the Fort.

[Signed] Wm Simson

Acty Perm Secy to Gov^t

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Note - A letter which I had written to Mirza Bamber, with two Telescopes as a present from Mr. Mathews have been returned to me with the letter from which the above intelligence is drawn -

(Signed) W. Simson.

From the Imam of Muscat to Mr. Muscat Secretary Newnham, Dated 7th June. -

A C.

[From the Imam acknowledging letter received from the British the former notices his having given his consent to Mohamed bin Uthi proceeding to visit Bombay.

This is sent to enquire of your health and condition which I trust continues prosperous, through the favor of the Almighty. Your letter dated 12th Rajab (26th March) reached me in an auspicious moment from the good accounts it brought me of your yourself, and especially as it informed me

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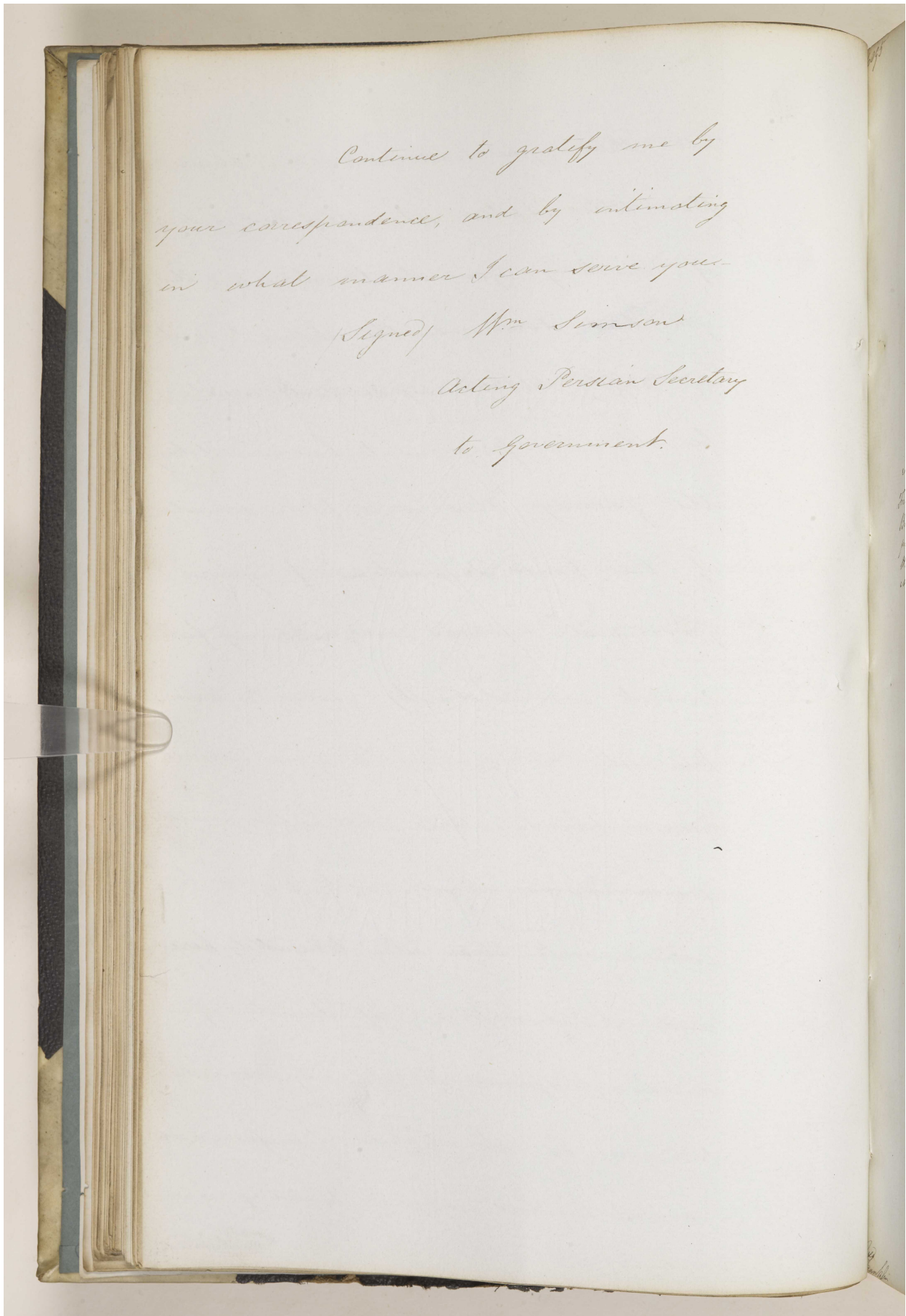
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me that you had received Mahomed
Ben Abbi's letter, intimating his desire
of visiting you at Bombay, and that
you had done me the honor to write
in reply, that my consent must
be obtained previous to his undertaking
the journey; this is a plain demonstration
of the kind disposition of your
Government towards me, and my full
consent was instantly given to Mahomed
Ben Abbi to proceed to your service.
Your reply to his own address will
arrive soon. I have nothing new to
communicate, we are all in tranquillity here,
and I take this opportunity of
conveying assurances of my regard
to you by the hand of a friend who
is now on his way to Bombay. -

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Muscat
the same
nothing
occurred
with the
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being your
subject to
and Ben
returning to
Bombay

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17th September 1823.

From J. M^cLeod Esq, Resident in the Persian

Gulph. to Mr Secretary Newnham,

7th August 1823.

Presents

From the Resident at
Bashire reporting the
present made by Capt
Hardy to the Shaick of
Moghoo of 100 Dollars

Sir,

I have the honor to

inform you that I have received a letter
from the Senior Officer of the Squadron,
Captain Hardy, stating that in consequence
of the civility of the Shaick of
Moghoo during the long stay of the
Cruizers in that Bay, he had made
him a present on the public account
amounting to 100 Dollars, for which he
solicits the sanction of Government.
Captain Hardy further suggests that

it (39)

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it would be very conducive to the maintenance of the good understanding between us and the native Chiefs if he were furnished with a few presents for the use of the Squadron as occasion may require. -

2. I beg leave accordingly to recommend that the present made by Captain Hardy may be sanctioned, and I shall take upon myself to supply him with a few articles for the purpose he wishes. -

3. I intend myself to send a small present to the Shaikh of Moghoo whose conduct under peculiar circumstances has been very praiseworthy -

Bushire
7th Aug^r 1823 }

I have &c

(Signed) J. M. Leach - Resident

From

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Reply to of Auditor advised.

Presents
sanctioned. From Mr Secretary Newnham, to J. M. Leach
Esq. Resident in the Persian Gulph
16th Sept 1823.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th of last month, and to acquaint you that the present made by Captain Hardy to the Shaikh of Moghoo of 100 Dollars has been sanctioned.

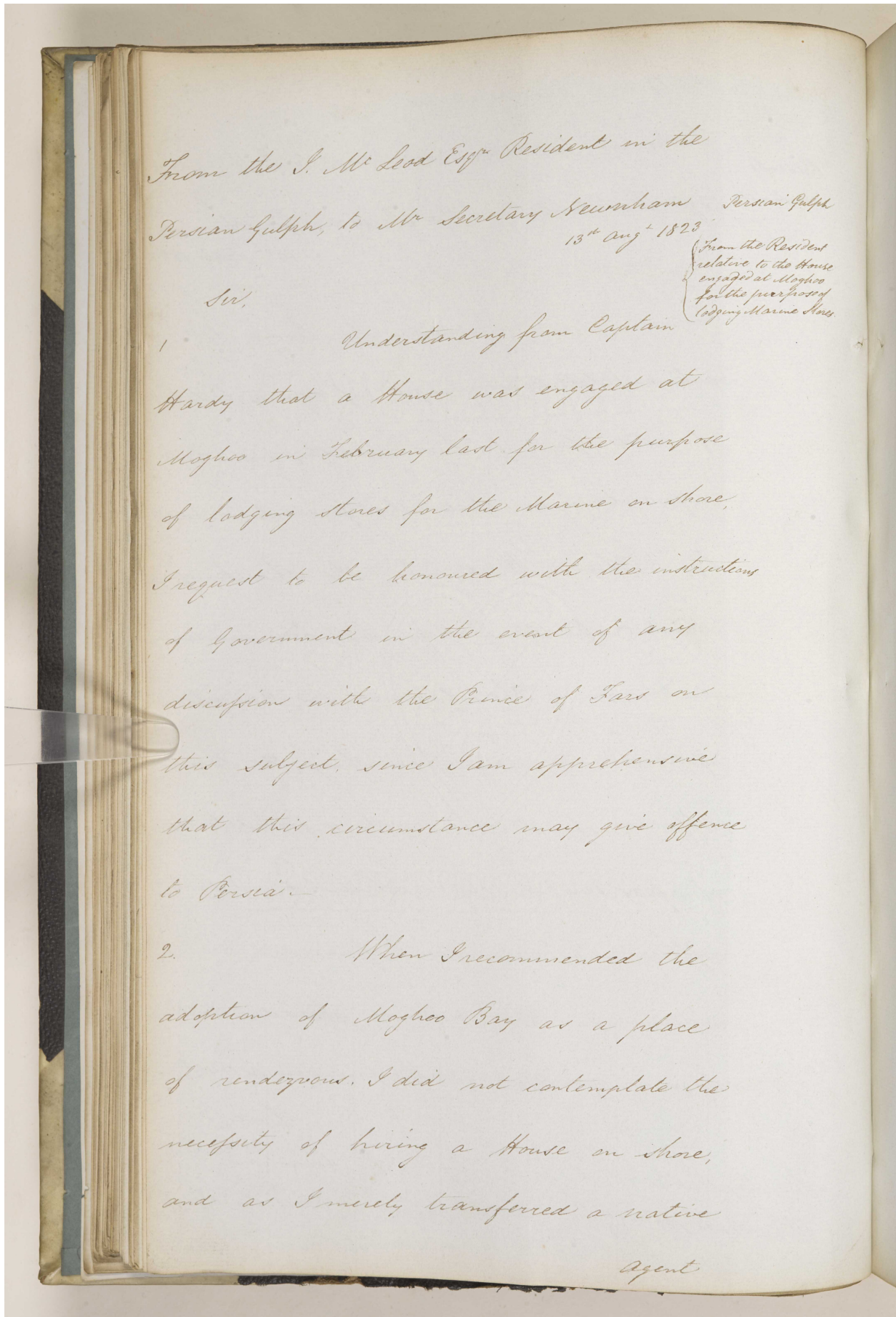
The Governor in Council approves of your furnishing the Senior Officer of Marine with a few articles of presents to be distributed as that officer may see occasion for.

You will be pleased to include the amount expended by Captⁿ Hardy in your accounts.

Shave you

[Signed] W. Newnham
Chief Secretary

Bombay Castle }
16th Sept 1823 }
From (W)



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Agent from Senga to that place for the purpose of collecting intelligence and forwarding dispatches. I did not think it necessary to make any communication whatever to the Persian Government; but the occupation of a House on shore for public stores would somewhat alter the character of the station if objected to by Persia. -

3 In the event of our being obliged to abandon Moghoo altogether, I am anxious to know whether the objection started in the 5th paragraph of my letter of the 10th of January to any place on the Island of Rishm would, in the opinion of the Honble the Governor in Council, be strong enough to forbid the Cruizers resorting (41)

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resorting to Bafsedar as a place of rendezvous, where a House might be obtained for the occasional refreshment of the sick on shore, and also for the preservation of small stores. -

I have &c

Bushire
13th Aug^r 1823

(Signed) J. McLeod

Resident

From Mr Secretary Newnham, to J. McLeod

Esq^r Resident in the Persian Gulph

16th Sept^r 1823

Persian Gulph
to be given up if
suggested to by the
Persian Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of last month relative to the House engaged at Moghos for the purpose of lodging Marine stores. -

The Governor in Council directs that the House be given up if

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if objected to by the Persian Government.

The Persians must be fully convinced that we have no intention of retaining a Military Station on Rishm, in which case Bassador seems undjectionable as a place of rendezvous, and where a House might be obtained for the reception of Marine Stores.

I have &c

Bombay Castle }
16th Sept^r 1823. }

[Signed] M. Newnham
Chief Secretary

From J. M. Lead Esq^r Resident in the Persian

Gulph, to Mr Secretary Newnham. -
Persian Gulph 16th Aug^r 1823.

From the Resident reporting his unsuccessful endeavours to effect a reconciliation between the Shaikh of Bahrein & Ramah bin Amber

Sir,

1.

I have the honor to

enclose for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council copy of my letter of this days date to Captain Hardy.

Yours
(42)

2. You will regret to perceive
that all my endeavours to effect a
reconciliation between the Sheik of
Bahrein and Ramah bin Sauber have
failed since the period when I last
addressed you on this subject (12th April).
I have had a very long correspondence
with the parties, and have suggested
various plans for the settlement of the
dispute, all of which have been
rejected by Abdoolah bin Ahmed. There
is little doubt that Chief has more
cause of complaint than Ramah bin
Sauber, but no persuasion will induce
him to forego the atonement of blood,
and he now complains that we have
so long restrained him from seeking
his own revenge without procuring him
redress

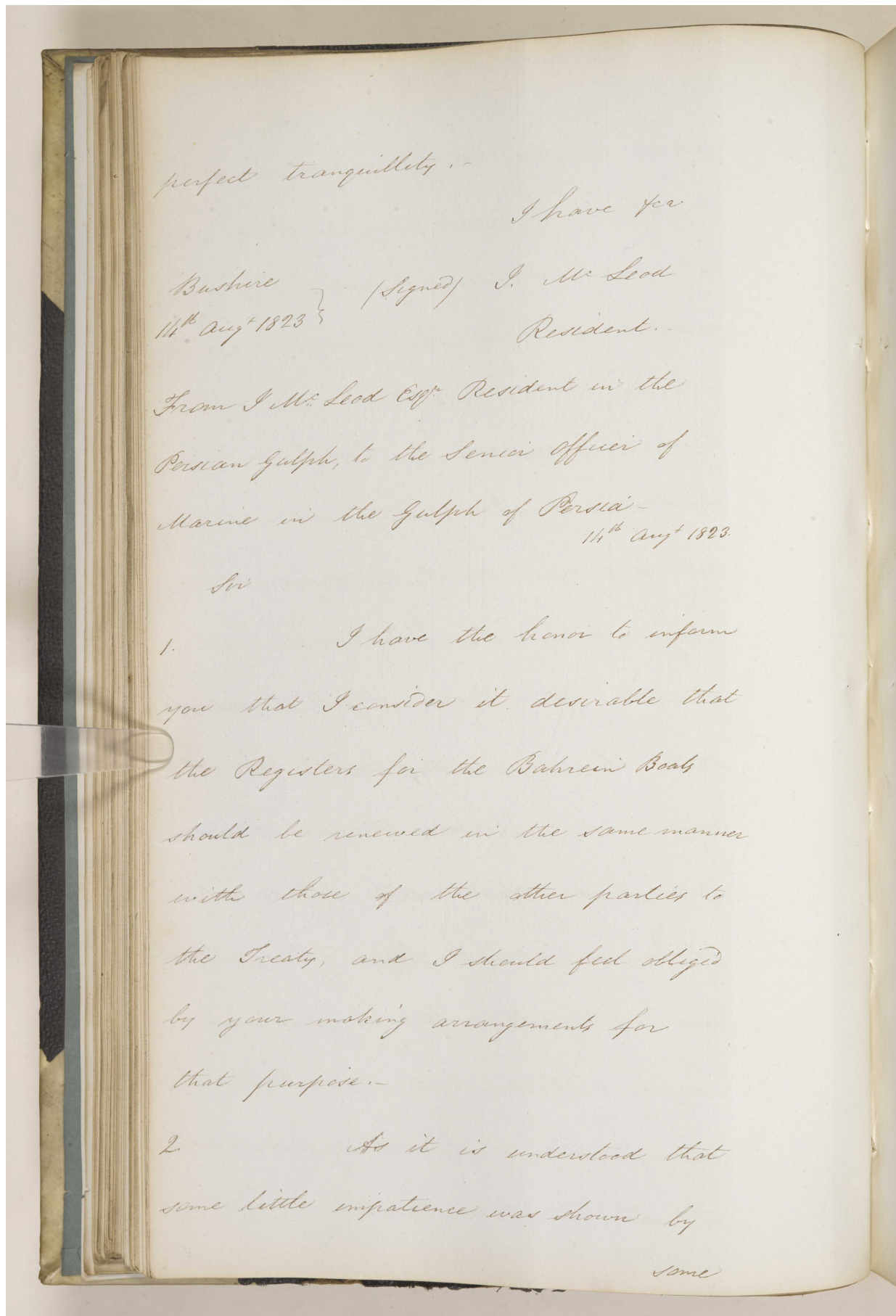
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redress. I have therefore been compelled to tell him that my mediation is at an end, but I have once more warned him of the consequences, and required him to give me due notice before he proceeds to hostilities. I have made a similar communication to Remah, who seems I think to dread the vengeance of the Ultoobees, I have therefore still some slight hopes left that they may not proceed to extremities.

3 I have the satisfaction to report that with the exception of a complaint from Sharga, that two of Sooltan bin Suggers' men in a pearl boat had been killed by the people of Ejiraun: the whole of the Arabian Coast is in perfect

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perfect tranquillity. -

I have per

Bushire } (Signed) I. M. Leod
14th Aug^r 1823 } Resident.

From I. M. Leod Esq^r Resident in the
Persian Gulph, to the Senior Officer of
Marine in the Gulph of Persia -
14th Aug^r 1823.

Sir

1. I have the honor to inform
you that I consider it desirable that
the Registers for the Bahrein Boats
should be renewed in the same manner
with those of the other parties to
the Treaty, and I should feel obliged
by your making arrangements for
that purpose. -

2. As it is understood that
some little impatience was shown by

some

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some of the Shaiks of the pirate coast in respect to the trouble they experienced on the registering of their boats, I am anxious that as much consideration as may be consistent with the object in view should be shown to the irregular habits and prejudices of the Natives of Bahrein with regard to their Registers.

3. I regret to inform you that all my endeavours to settle the dispute between Ramah bin Sauber and the Shaikh of Bahrein have been ineffectual, and although I have required the Shaikh to give me due notice of his determination to seek his own vengeance on Ramah bin Sauber, yet the terms on which those two Chiefs

now (44)

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now stand border so closely on open hostility that we should not be justified in interfering directly further than to prevent their quarrel from extending to other tribes. Should they therefore break into open hostilities every endeavour must be used to prevent other tribes from joining in the war and any attempt of the parties to induce any other tribe peaceably employed must be immediately checked by detaining the offenders and remonstrating with their Chiefs. Every occurrence of this nature must of course be instantly reported to you or me.

It is I think extremely desirable that a vessel should be employed in cruising about the various
pearl

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pearl banks, particularly in the vicinity
of Bahrein during the diving season,
and if you could spare a Cruiser for
that purpose, it would mainly conduce
to the preservation of tranquillity; an
occasional visit to the Persian coasts
about Ajedoo would also be very advisable.

I have you

Bushire }
14th Augt 1823 }

(Signed) J. McLeod

Resident

Persian
Gulph
From Mr Secretary Newnham, to J. McLeod Esq
Resident in the Persian Gulph.

Proceedings
approved.

16th Sept 1823.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 14th
of last month, reporting the failure
of your endeavours to effect a reconciliation
between the Shaick of Bahrein and

Rammah (45)

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Rammah bin Jamber, together with copy
of your communication to the Senior
Officer of Marine in the Gulph.

The Governor in Council
approves of your instructions issued
to Captain Hardy for maintaining a
tranquillity in the Gulph, and for the
removal of the Registers of the
Bahrein boats.

I have &c

Bombay Castle }
16th Sept 1823 }

(Signed) W. Scunham

Chief Secretary

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations,

8th October 1823.

Persian Govt

From the Secy
in charge of the
British Mission
at Shiraz -
expressing his
fears that the
Persian Govt
will take
alarm at
Moghad having
been fixed
upon as a
rendezvous
for the Cruizers
in the Gulph

From G. Willock Esq. Secretary in charge of

His Majesty's Mission at Shiraz, to

Mr Secretary Newnham -

15th July 1823.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt
of your despatch of the 20th of March
last, I have the honor to inform you
that the fullest attention shall be paid
to the instructions offered for my guidance
by the Honble the Governor in Council

Captain M. Leod has
furnished me with a copy of his
despatch on the state of the Persian
Gulph, at the same time reporting that

zekec (46)

Zske Khan, the Minister of the Governour General of Fars, had failed in inducing the Imam of Muscat and Sultan Ben Suggur to afford their cooperation towards the reduction of Bahrein, and consequently this prospect had been for the present relinquished. The conduct of the Arab tribes on the Persian Coast shall be brought to the notice of the Persian Government, whenever I learn that they have proceeded to such extremes as may render my representations obviously necessary.

The rendezvous fixed upon at Moghaa Bay for the Honble Company's Cruizers will, I conceive, in some measure excite afresh the groundless apprehensions and jealousy of this Government: as yet
this

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this circumstance has remained unnoticed,
and I hope that either Captain M. Loos
or myself will succeed in removing
any objections which may hereafter be
advanced against it; however I beg to
be informed of the sentiments of the
Honble the Governor in Council in the event
of the Persian Minister refusing to admit
of the Port of Moghoo as a place of
resort for the vessels employed in watching
the piratical powers of the Gulph.

I have the
[Signed] George Mellock.

Tabriz }
15th July 1823 }

From Mr. Secretary Newnham, to Mr. Mellock
Secretary in charge of His Majesty's Mission at Tabriz
3rd Octr 1823.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 15th of
July (47)

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July last, and to acquaint you that the Cruizers have already been withdrawn from Moghee, and Captain Mr. Leed has been directed not to establish their rendezvous again at any point in the Persian territory, without previously consulting with you.

I have &c

Bombay Castle

3^d Oct^r 1823.

(Signed) Mr Secunham

Chief Secretary

From J. Mr Leed Esq^r Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mr Secretary Secunham.

25th Aug^t 1823. Persian Gulf

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day received despatches from Major Willock, which I have requested Captⁿ Hardy to forward to Muscat for transmission to Bombay.

From the Resident, advising of his having received advices from Major Willock at Tabree, intimating his fears that the rendezvous at Moghee for our Cruizers will be objected to, & of his having in consequence directed the withdrawing of all stores from this place.

Major

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been left at Moghee should be
removed, and the House given up. I am
extremely anxious to receive the instructions
of Government on this subject generally,
as soon as possible. -

Major Willock has remonstrated
with the Persian Government on the
subject of the destruction of the tomb
of the late Mr Rich, and Doctor
Taylor, and also on the new impost
on Horses. -

Bushire
28th Aug^r 1823 } I have &c
(Signed) J. M. Leod Resident
in the Gulph of Persia

From Mr Secretary Newnham, to J. M. Leod Esq
Resident in the Persian Gulph. -
3^d Oct^r 1823.

Sir,

In reply to your letter
of the 28th of August last, representing
the

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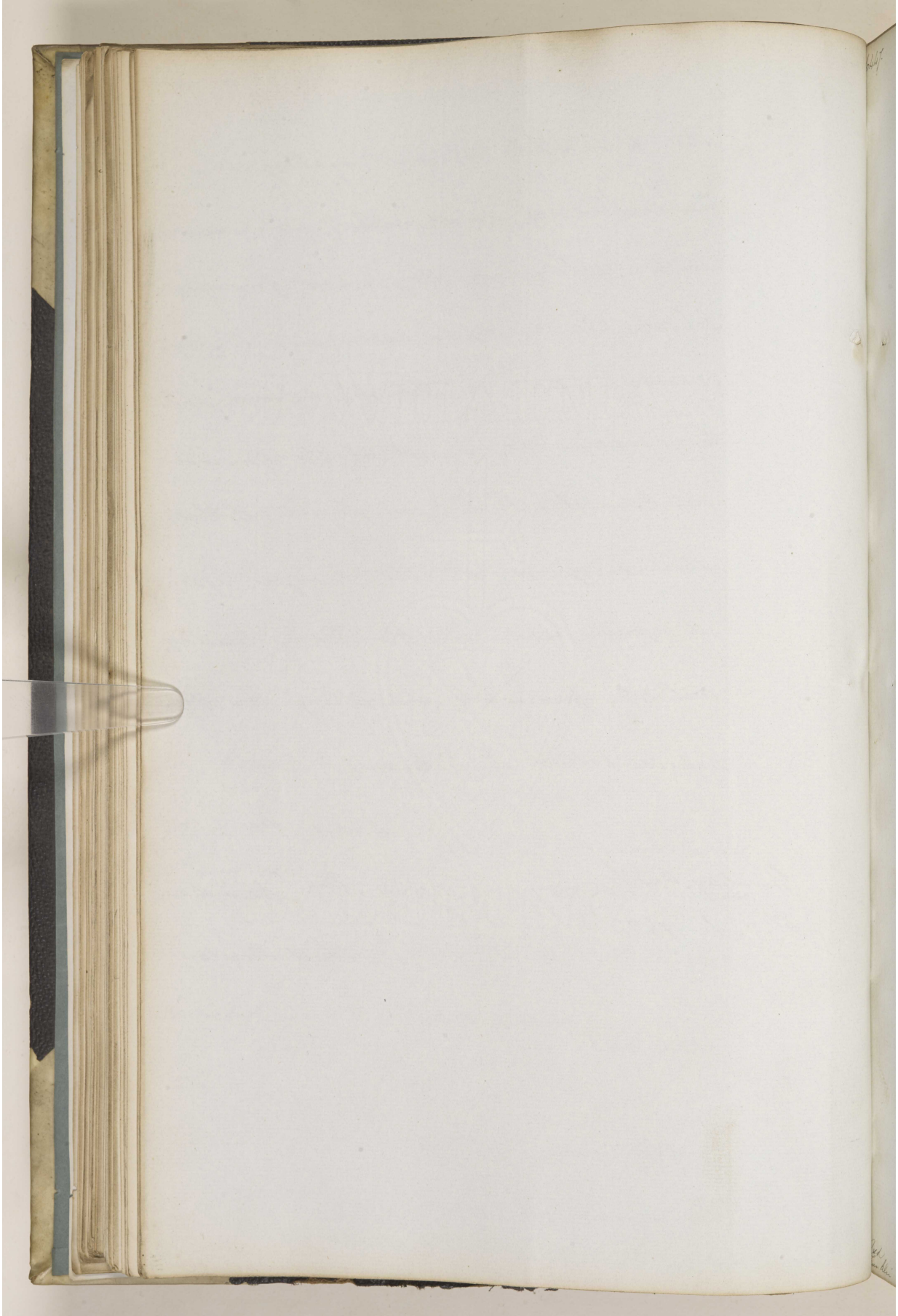
the probability of our making a rendezvous of Moghoo Bay being viewed with jealousy by the Persian Government, I have the honor to refer you to my communication of the 16th ultimo, and to convey the request of the Governor in Council that you do not establish the rendezvous of the Cruizers again at any point in the Persian territory, without previously consulting His Majesty's representative at Tehran.

I have &c

Bombay Castle }
3^d Octr 1823 }

(Signed) W^m Newnham
Chief Secretary

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22nd October 1823.

From Assistant Surgeon Mr Tavish dated
20th September, and from Captain Hardy of the
26th of the same Month to Mr Secretary Newnham

Persian Gulph Sir

From Asst Surgeon
Mr Tavish reporting
the death of Capt
Mr Lead the Resident
in the Persian Gulph
& Dr Milward the
Surgeon of the Residency

I am sorry to have the
painful tidings of Captⁿ Mr Lead's
death to communicate to you.

he was attacked with fever on the
13th instant which continued with
unabated violence until the 19th when
the fever subsided, but left him in
an unrecoverable state of debility, which
terminated with his death this day.

I was obliged to leave

Bufoorah

Bussorah on the 11th instant on account
of ill health: two days before my
arrival here Dr. Milward, who was
attached to this Residency, I am sorry
to add expired of the same disease:
Captain Poilleaux died about a month
before, and Mr. Sturmer, who was
residing at this place, being taken
ill at Bussorah about the time I
got sick, and accompanied me to
this place, died the evening of our
arrival. As I was the only Company's
officer here, Captain Mr. Loos requested
(being perfectly sensible of his dangerous
state) that should anything happen
to him, I would remain in charge
until the orders of Government were
known. And as there were no Cruizers
here

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here to hire a boat, to go to Muscat
with the above intelligence, I have
sent an accompanying letter to the
Honble Company's Native Agent at that
place to forward this with all
possible despatch. He also desired me
to send an express to Captain Taylor
at Bussorah, and to write to Captain
Willock at the Persian Court.

I have &c

[Signed] C. M. Jarvis
Capt Surgeon

Bushire }
20th Sept^r 1823 }

From Captain Hardy Senior Commander in the
Persian Gulph, to Mr Secretary Newnham
26th Sept^r 1823.

Persian Gulph }
From Capt Hardy reporting }
the death of the Resident }
in the Persian Gulph, & }
of B. Melward & stating }
his intention of proceeding }
to Bushire to take charge }
of the Residency. - }
Sir,

I have the honor to
acquaint you for the information
of the Honble the Governor in Council
that I yesterday received the painful
intelligence of the death of Lieut M^r Leo

Resident
(S)

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Resident in the Gulf, and of Mr
Assistant Surgeon Melward, attached
to the Residency, and that it is my
intention, as the next superior authority
in the Gulf to proceed to Bushire
to take charge of the Residency for
the benefit of the public service,
deeming it my duty to do so until
the pleasure of the Honble the Governour
in Council be known, and that they
may hear of it as early as possible,
I have despatched the Aurora forthwith
to Bombay—

I also forward a letter
to your address from Mr Mr Tarish.

I have Yea

Honble Companys Cruiser
Seignemuth, Bussadore
Roads
26th Septe 1823

(Signed) H. Hardy

Commander & Senior Officer

in the Gulf.

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From Mr Secretary Newnham, to Mr McTurish
Assistant Surgeon. 18th Octr 1823.
Replay to

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive, and lay before the Honble the Governour in Council, your despatch of the 20th September, conveying the very painful intelligence of the death of Lieutenant McLeod, the Resident at Bushire, of Mr Milward the Surgeon, and of Mr Sturmev from Buforah.

The Governour in Council directs me to acquaint you that he fully approves of your having taken charge of the Residency on the death of the late Resident; a duty of which you will ere this be relieved by Captain Hardy the senior marine officer.

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Officer in the Gulph, who has reported his intention of proceeding to Bushire for that purpose -

I have the

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18th Octr 1823

(Signed) W. Newnham
Chief Secretary

From Mr Secretary Newnham, to Captain

Hardy Senior Marine Officer in the Gulph

18th Octr 1823. Persian Gulph

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive, and lay before the Honble the Governor in Council, your despatch by the Aurora, dated the 26th September, and I am directed to acquaint you that the Honble the Governor in Council approves of your intention to proceed to Bushire to assume charge of the Residency, in consequence of the

3. Capt. Hardy Senior Officer in the Persian Gulph, approving of his intention to take charge of the Residency on the death of Lieut. M. B. & advising him of Colonel Stannard having been appointed Resident.

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the lamented death of Lieut^r McLeod,
and of the Assistant Surgeon Mr Melward.

I take this opportunity
of acquainting you that Lieut^r Colonel
Stannus has been appointed to succeed
Lieutenant McLeod as Resident at
Buckin, and will shortly proceed to
assume the duties of that station.

I have &c

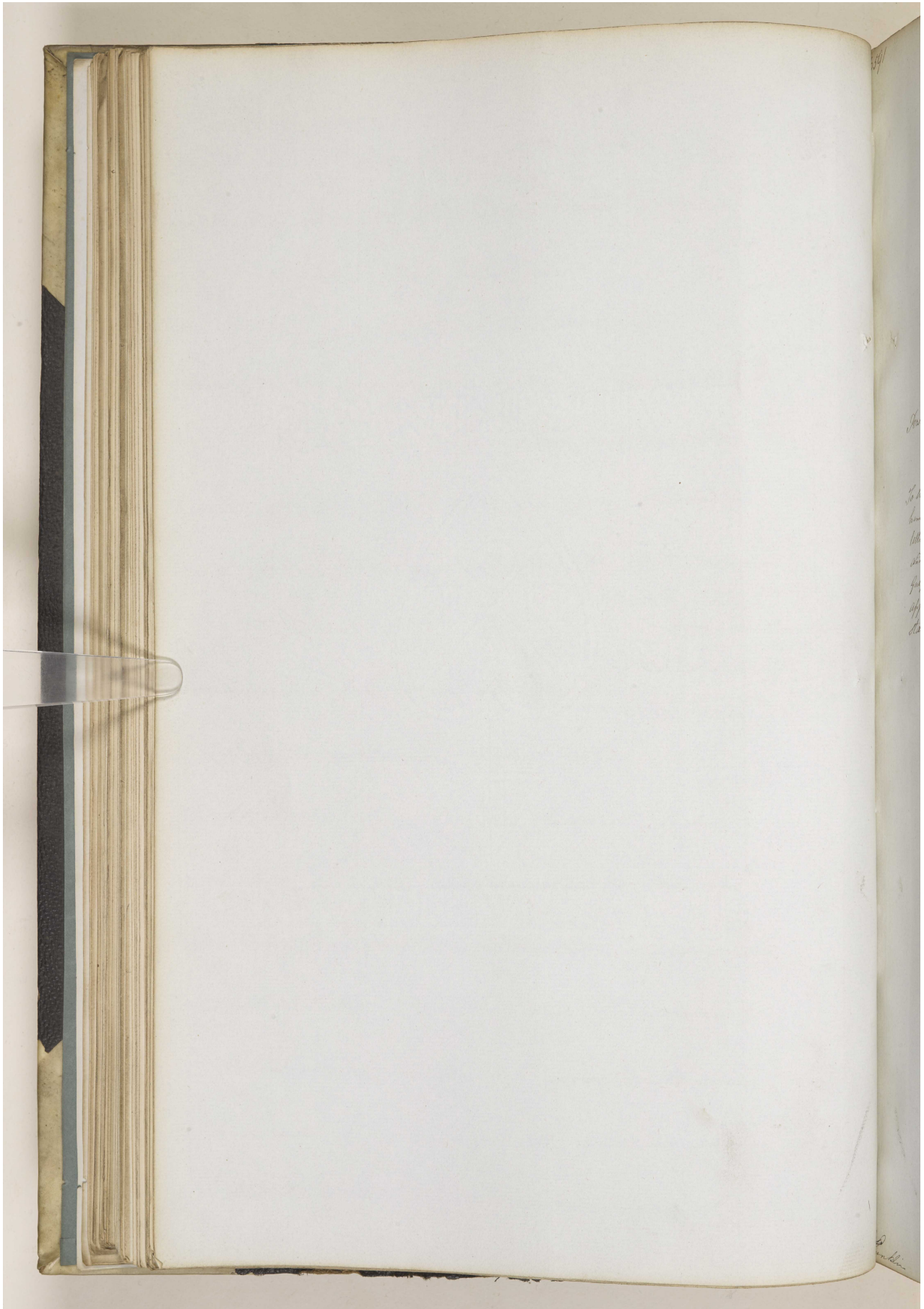
Bombay Castle }
18th Octr 1823

[Signed] W. Scumham

Chief Secretary

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12th November 1823.

From Mr Secretary Newnham, to the
Persian Gulph officiating Persian Secretary. - 6th Novr 1823.

To the Dep^y Secy requesting
him to prepare the usual
letters to the different Chiefs
and authorities in the
Gulph, notifying the
appointment of Lieut Col^l
Stannus Resident at Bushire

Sir,

Lieutenant Colonel Stannus

having been appointed to

succeed the late Lieutenant Mr Sed
as Resident in the Persian Gulph,
I have to request that the usual letters
notifying this appointment may be
prepared for the different Chieftains &
Native authorities in the Gulph in
correspondence with this Government.

I have &c

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6th Novr 1823 }

[Signed] W. Newnham

Chief Secretary

Resdant

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Resumed consideration of
the two Despatches from
Assistant Surgeon Mr Jarvis,
and Captain Hardy, commanding
the Gulph Squadron dated
the 20th and 26th of September,
reporting the death of Mr McLeod the
Resident, and Mr Milward the Surgeon,
and recorded in our proceedings of
the 22^d October last.

Persian Gulph
Resumed consideration
of the two despatches
from Assistant Surgeon
Mr Jarvis & Captain
Hardy dated the 20
and 26th Sept^r last
reporting the death
of Lieut McLeod the
Resident in the Persian
Gulph, & recorded in
the proceedings of
the 22^d October.

The following Minute by the
Governor on delivering in the preceding letters,
and in nominating a successor to the
late Resident, is now entered on record.

It is with sincere
regret that I have to lay before
the Board the official accounts
of the death of Lieutenant

Governor in Council
President the Honble
His Minute on the
Appointment of Lieut Col
Stannus to be Resident
in the Persian Gulph
in the room of Lieut
McLeod deceased

McLeod

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Mr. Leod Resident in the Gulph of Persia: in him the public has lost an officer of much promise and a political servant equally remarkable for the quickness of his talents, and for his indefatigable zeal and diligence.

In proposing a successor to the Office thus vacated, I conceive that I have a task of some difficulty and importance to perform. The numerous expeditions which we have been obliged to send to the Gulph sufficiently prove of how much consequence it is to check the piratical spirit from which we have already suffered so severely, while the reports of the late Resident exhibit too plainly the slender means which we possess of preserving tranquillity.

tranquillity, and the necessity of making
up for the want of positive power
by the wisdom and energy of the
Agent to whom the management of
these turbulent and untractable tribes
is to be entrusted.

I can think of no person
so well suited to this trust as
Lieut^t Col^t Stannus, having been employed
as the principal Officer on the Staff
during the two expeditions of Sir H. G.
Reis and Sir L. Smith, he is acquainted
with all past transactions, and has
visited the Residencies of almost all
the Chiefs of the Gulph; his situation
as my private Secretary has given
him opportunities of knowing our policy
on all questions & his whole distinguished
abilities

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abilities, judgment, and firmness, complete the qualities which are to be desired for such a station.

I therefore beg to propose him to the Board with perfect confidence in the success of any measures committed to him.

(Signed) M. Elphinstone

Persian Gulf

The Members of the Board concur in the President's Minute appointing Lieut Colonel Stannus Resident in the Persian Gulf, & to be allowed to draw the full salary fixed for the situation when filled by a Civilian viz. Rs. 1500 per month in addition to the other allowances &c. Table for as drawn by his predecessor.

The other Members of the Board entirely concurring in the President's nomination of Lieut Colonel Stannus to be Resident in the Persian Gulf,

it is resolved that he be appointed accordingly, and in consideration of his rank and talents and the advantages expected to be derived from his Agency he be allowed to draw the full salary

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fixed for the situation when filled by
a Civilian, vizt Rupees 1500 p. Mensum,
in addition to the other allowances for
Table fee as drawn by his predecessor -

Mr R. C. Manley who
has lately passed his examination
in the Native Languages is, on the
nomination of the President, appointed
Assistant to the Resident in the Gulf
on a salary of R^o 400 p. Mensum.

*Persian Gulf
Mr R. C. Manley -
appointed Assistant
to Col^l Stannus on
a salary of R^o 400
p. Mensum.*

Assistant Surgeon Rich
is also appointed Surgeon to the
Residency -

*Assistant Surgeon
Rich appointed to
succeed the late
S^r McLeod at
Rushire*

From Mr. Secretary Newnham to Lieut^{nt}
Colonel Stannus. -

Sir,

8th Novr 1823

*To Lieut^{nt} Col^l
C. G. Stannus -
advising him of
his appointment
as Resident in the
Persian Gulf in
the room of Mr
McLeod.*

In consequence of the lamented
death of Lieutenant McLeod, the late
Resident

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Resident in the Persian Gulph, which happened at Bushire on the 20th Septe last. I have it in command to acquaint you that the Honble the Governor in Council placing the fullest confidence in your abilities, judgment, and firmness, and in your knowledge of the character of the different Arab Chiefs, acquired in the high staff situation which you held on the two Expeditions of Sir William Grant Kerr and Sir Lionel Smith, has been pleased to appoint you to succeed Lieut McLeod in that important situation.

2 The Honble Company's Cruiser Aurora now in the harbour, will be held in readiness to convey you to your station whenever you shall be ready to proceed. —

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3. The Honble the Governor in Council deems it unnecessary at the present moment to furnish you with any further instructions than to refer you to those issued from time to time to the late Resident, and which were so ably executed by that Officer. To the whole of these Proceedings I am directed to afford you ready access during the time you may remain at Bombay.

4. The Governor in Council is pleased to fix your salary at the sum of Rupees 1500 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mensem in addition to the contingent allowance noticed in the Margin.

1/2 m. allowance p. mensem 600
Establishment & House rent 600
including the Book Crew 150
Contingencies Rs 1350.

5. In addition to those allowances you will be permitted to draw Rupees

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500 ρ . Menson when absent from Bushire
on duty (as granted to your Predecessor)
in lieu of all contingencies, excepting
travelling expenses by land, or such
a remuneration to the Commander of
the Cruiser on which you may embark,
as may be thought proper.

6. Two Native Agents at
Rupees 200 each having been allowed in
a former scale of Establishment for the
Residency in the Gulph, though it is
not understood, that any ^{have} yet
been appointed, the Governor in Council
authorized you to engage one or two
Agents, as may appear to you most
desirable, provided the expense on
this account does not exceed the
established allowance.

you

Establishment of Messrs and
including the same amount 500
including the same amount 500
including the same amount 500
including the same amount 500

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7. You will be furnished on leaving the Presidency with letters to the Imam of Muskat, to the Prince of Shiraz, and the other native authorities in the Persian Gulf in correspondence with the Government.

8. Mr R. C. Money has been appointed your Assistant on a salary of Rupees 400 p. Mensem.

I have &c

Bombay Castle }
8th Nov 1823 }

(Signed) W. Newnham

Chief Secretary

From Mr Secretary Newnham, to the

Secretary to the Supreme Government.

all other Departments being advised.

18th Nov 1823

Sir,

It is with much concern

I have to acquaint you, by the directions of the Honble the Governor in Council,

with

Persian Gulf
To the Secy to the
Supreme Govt -
announcing the
death of
Mr Leed, the
Resident in the
Persian Gulf &
the appointment
of Lieut Col Stammers
his successor

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with the death of Lieut^t Mr. Leod,
the Resident in the Persian gulph,
which took place at Bushire on the
20th September, after an attack of
fever of only six days. In this
melancholy event, the Governour in Council
has to lament the death of an
Officer of much promise, and of a
Political Servant equally remarkable for
the quickness of his talents and for
his indefatigable zeal and diligence.

2. The situation of Resident
in the Persian gulph at the present
moment, is one of considerable delicacy
and importance. The numerous expeditions
which the British Government has been
obliged to send to the gulph sufficiently
prove of how much consequence it is

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to check the piratical spirit from
which we have already suffered so
severely; while the reports of the late
Resident, which have received the
approbation of the Supreme Government,
exhibit too plainly the slender means
which we possess of preserving tranquillity
and the necessity of making up for
the want of positive power by the
wisdom and energy of the Agent
to whom the management of these
turbulent and untractable tribes is to
be entrusted. —

3. Under these circumstances
the Honble the Governor in Council
has selected Lieutenant Colonel Stammers
to fill the vacant situation of Resident
in the Persian Gulph. This officer having
been

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been employed as the principal officer on the staff during the two Expeditions of Sir William Grant Keir and Sir Lionel Smith. is fully acquainted with all past transactions, and has visited the Residencies of almost all the Chiefs of the Gulph, circumstances, which added to his distinguished abilities, the judgment, and firmness of his character, seem to point him out as peculiarly fitted for the situation. —

I have the

Bombay Castle }
8th Nov^r 1823 }

/Signed/ W. Scawthorn

Chief Secretary

Col^l Stannus has reported on the Gulph
Tranquillity of the Gulph

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