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‘Guns sent out for the Imaum of Muscat’

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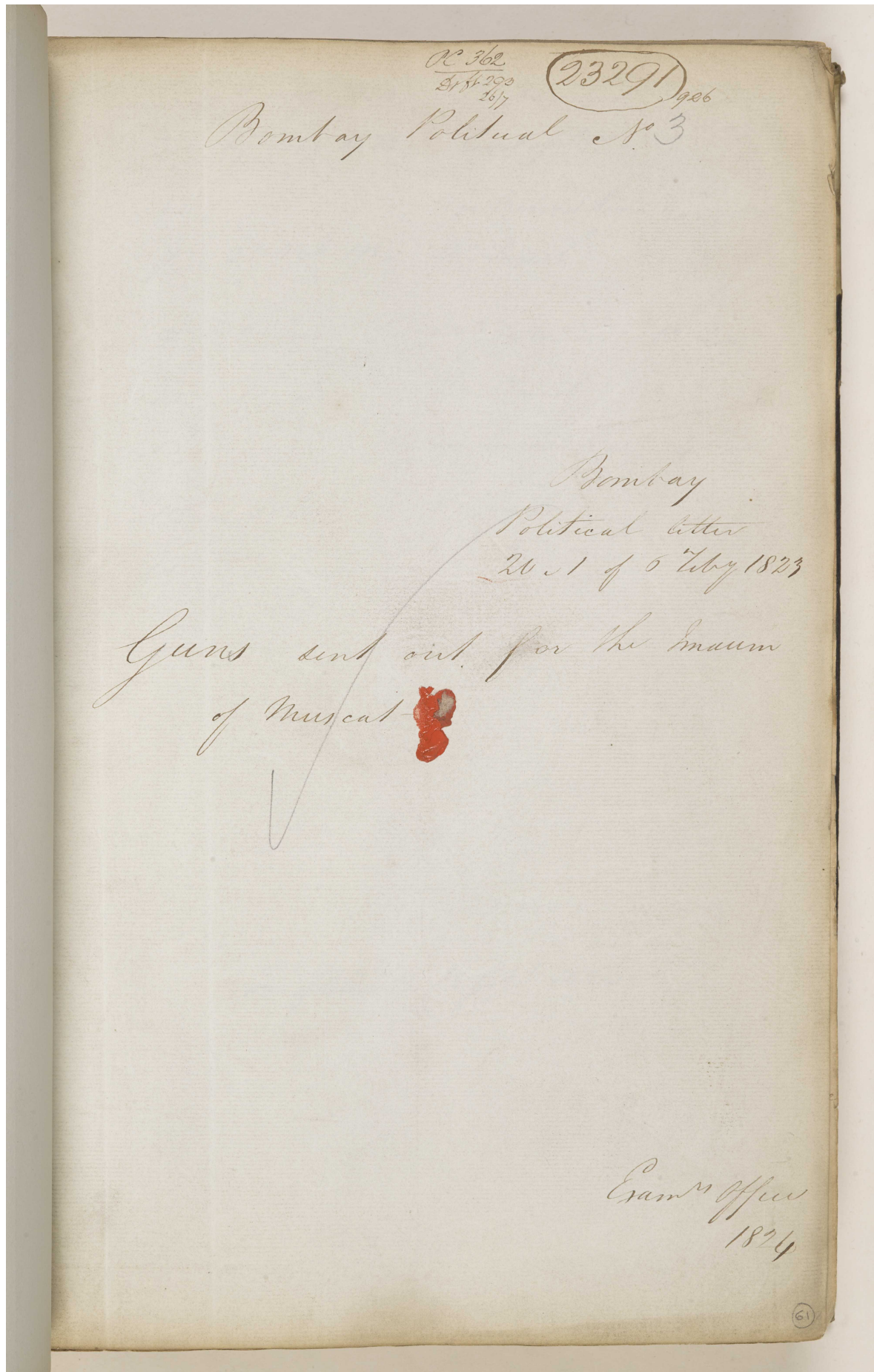
About this record

This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay. The principal correspondents are: Government of Bombay; Government of Bombay Military Department; Aga Mahomed Shoostree [Muḥammad Shushtari, Āghā], an agent of the Imam of Muscat.

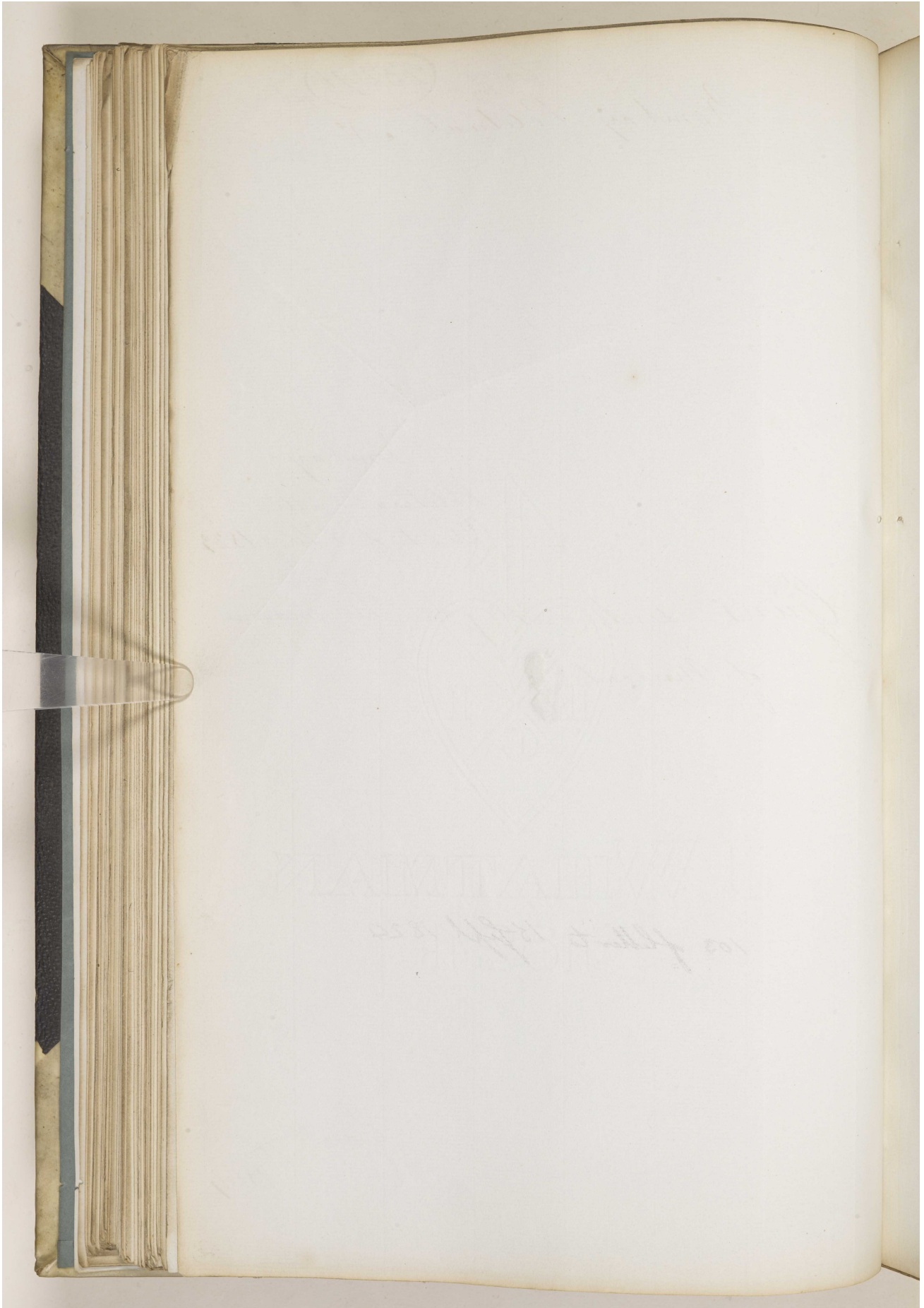
The item concerns the discussion over some guns sent from London to the Imaum [Imam] of Muscat [Sayyid Saʿīd bin Sulṭān Āl Bū Saʿīd] for his ship *Shah Alum*; the guns are now surplus to requirements as the Imaum has purchased his own in the interim. The guns that the Imaum purchased will be sent back to the Bombay Arsenal, and the new guns from London received by the Imaum.

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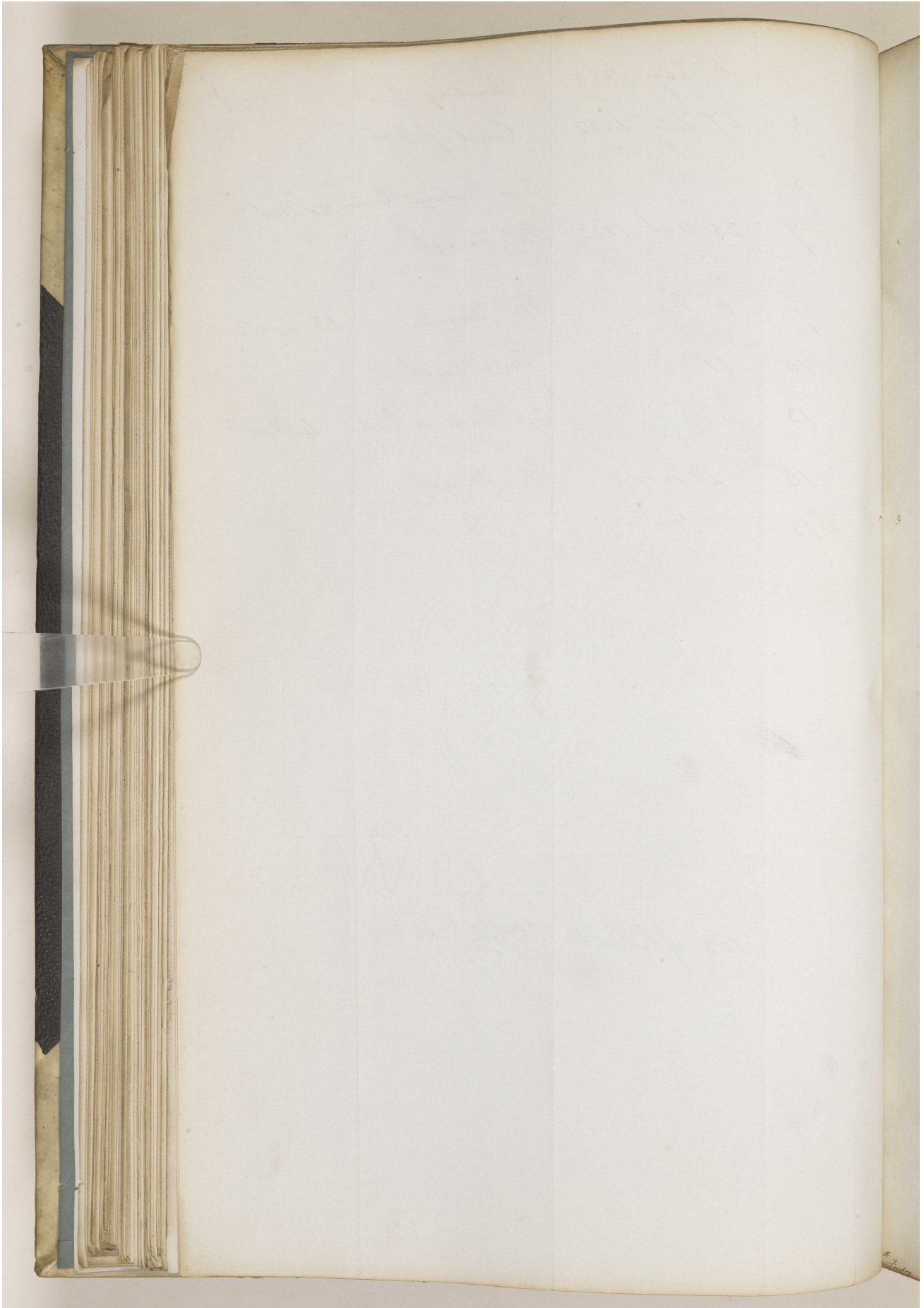


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1	6 July 1833	Bombay Gov.	
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5		Aga Mahomed Kootu	20 Oct
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'Guns sent out for the Imaum of Muscat' [62v] (4/22)



Extract Political Letter from Bombay

Dated 6th February 1823.

Imaum of Muscat } Referring to your
The Guns sent out } Dispatch dated the 27th of Feb^r
not required by him } and therefore received into
the arsenal } relative to the Guns sent for

the use of His Highness the Imaum
of Muscat, we have the honor to
acquaint your Honorable Court that

Pol. Court. His Highness has represented that owing
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to the period which had elapsed before
the arrival of these Guns, he had furnished
his new ship Shah Allum for which they
were required with other Guns, and has therefore
no occasion for those now sent out by
Your Honorable Court, but that if the Guns
which

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which His Highness had purchased for the Ship might be returned at the price which he paid for them, he would send them back and receive in exchange the new guns provided for him.

21 On reference to the Military Board it appears that the guns in question are in every respect the same as those used in the British service, and there being no possible objection to the measure of permitting the Imaum to keep what he now has, we have assented to the wishes of His Highness to retain those he now has and directed that the new guns be brought on the arsenal returns at this Presidency.

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Political Department.

Our Governor in Council
at Bombay.

Para. 1 Our last letter to you
in this Department was dated the
21st November last.

2. In compliance with the
application of the Imaum of Muscat,
communicated in the 50th paragraph
of your Political Letter of the 7th
January, 1819, to be supplied with
a number of guns for the purpose
of arming a vessel belonging to
His Highness now building at
Bombay, we have given the necessary
directions.

J. P. P.

directions for causing the iron guns
and Carronades for which he has
applied, to be provided in the
Commercial Department.

3. A statement of the cost
will be transmitted to you from
that Department, in order that the
same may be adjusted with His
Highness. But, as the manufacture of
brass ordnance is entirely transferred
from this country to Bengal, we
refer you to the Supreme Government
for the two six pounder brass Guns,
which, we observe, are of an
unusual size, only two feet long.

We are &c.

London }
27th July 1822 } [Signed] J. Reid

Jas. Pattison

&c &c

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations,
30th October 1822.

From Aga Mahomed Shostree
on the part of the Imaum of
Muscat, without date.

Muscat

Sir,

From the Imaum's
agent reporting that
His Highness has no
need for the Guns
sent out for him from
England, as he has
supplied himself
with others.

Be it represented to
the Honble the Governor in
Council that I duly informed

His Highness the Imaum of the arrival
at Bombay of the Cannon that had
been procured for him at his own
request from London, and that I have
now received the following reply from
His Highness on this subject, vizt. -

That as the arrival of
these (35)

these Guns has been delayed for nearly
three years, he has now no need of
them; that they were required for the
Ship Shah Alum which he had newly
built at Bombay, but that in
consequence of the delay shewn in sending
the Guns which he had commissioned
from England, he was compelled to furnish
his Ship with others, and has
consequently no occasion for those lately
sent out by the Honourable the Court
of Directors; that if the Guns which
His Highness procured in Bombay at
that time for the Ship Shah Alum
may be returned to your Government
at the price for which he first purchased
them, he has no objection to send them
back, and to receive in exchange that
lately

lately sent out from London. -

I myself to be favoured
with your decision in this matter for
the information of His Highness the Imaum

(A true translation)

[Signed] W. Simson

Deputy P^r Sec^y to Gov^t

From J. Farish Esq^r Secretary to Government
to the Military Board. (25th Oct^r 1822)

Muscat Gentlemen,

To the M^{il}y Board,
desiring them to
report on the nature
of the guns sent
out for His Highness
the Imaum -

Referring to the
communication made to you under
date the 29th July last, I am directed
to transmit to you the accompanying
copy of a Memorandum from the
Agent of His Highness the Imaum
of Muscat, and to request you to report
the nature of the guns sent out by
the

the Honble the Court of Directors for
the use of His Highness the Imaum
of Muscat, since if they were of
unusual proportions, & cast for the
special purpose, the arrangement proposed
may be desirable, on which your
opinion is requested -

Bombay Castle

25th Octr 1822

I have for

} signed J. Farish

Secretary to Government

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

13th November 1822

From P. Pearson Esq^r Secretary to the
Military Board, dated the 6th Instant.

Muscat

Sir,

From the Secretary to the
Military Board stating
there does not exist any
objection to the Imaum
keeping the Guns he has
already been supplied
with in lieu of those
sent out for His Highness
from Europe

In acknowledgment of your
letter of the 25th Ultimo, and
with reference to its enclosed

Memorandum regarding the Guns sent
out for His Highness the Imaum of
Muscat. I am directed by the Military
Board to report for the information of
the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council
that as the Guns have never been
removed from the Arsenal and are
in every respect the same as those

used (67)

used in the British Service the
Board is of opinion that there is
no possible objection to the measure
of permitting the Imaum to keep
what he now has, and the Commissary
of Stores instructed to bring on his
Returns the Guns sent out by the
Honble the Court of Directors for His Highness.

I have &c

Bombay
Military Board Office } (Signed) P. Fearon
6th Nov 1822

Secy Mily Board

Reply to, of which the Agent of the
Imaum and the Honorable Court are
to be advised. (11th Nov 1822)

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
Secretary's letter of this month and

Muscat
To the Military
Board directing
the Commissary
of Stores be
directed to
bring on his
Returns the
Guns brought
out for the
use of the
Imaum

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to acquaint you that the Honble
the Governor in Council approves
of your suggestions and requests the
Commissary of Stores may be instructed
to bring on his Returns the Guns
sent out by the Honble Court for
the use of His Highness the Imaum
of Muscat.

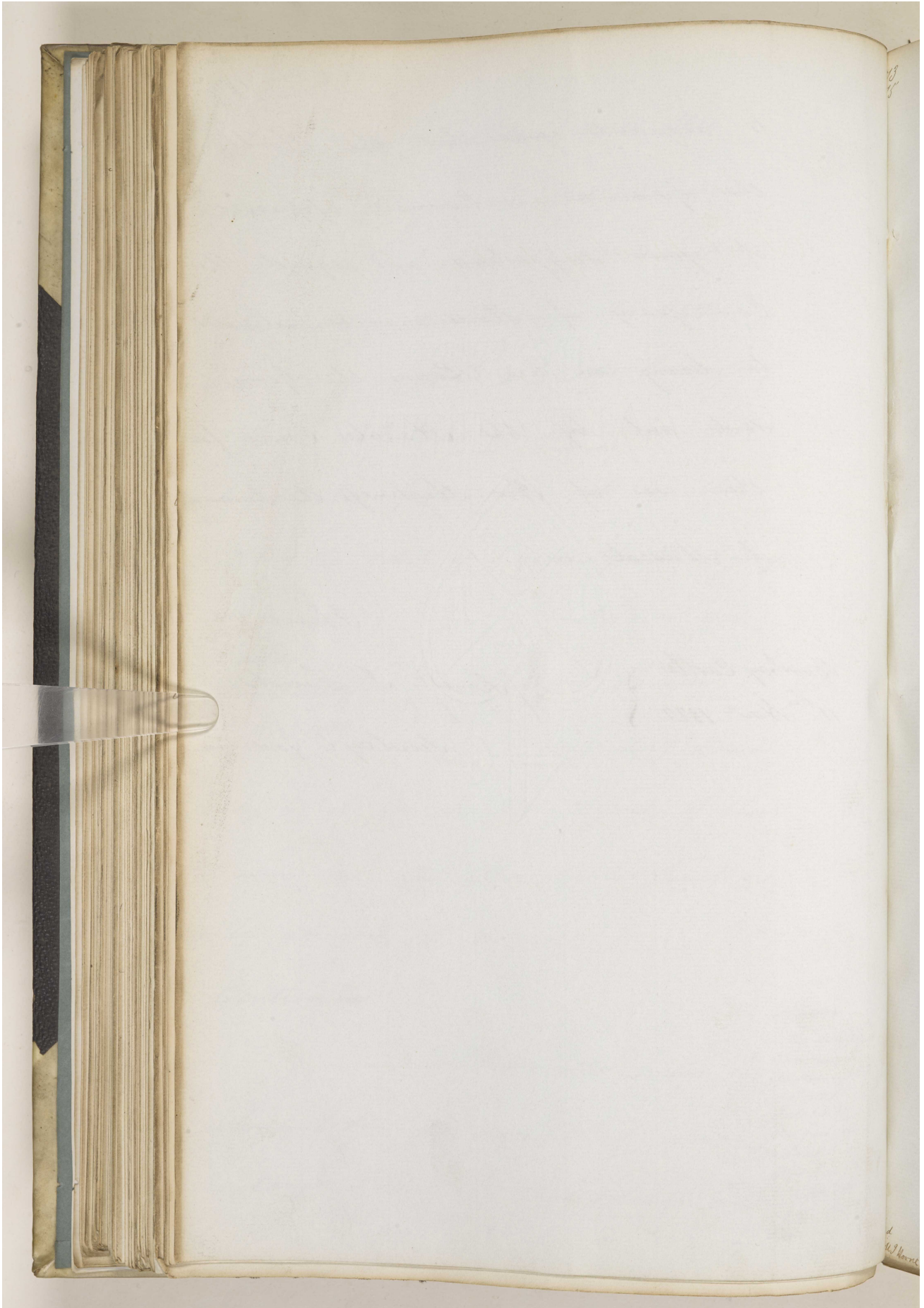
I have Yca

Bombay Castle }
11th Nov^r 1822 }

[Signed] J. Farish

Secretary to Government

'Guns sent out for the Imaum of Muscat' [68v] (16/22)



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Extract, Bombay, Political Consultations

4th December 1822.

Muscat.
From the Imaum's Agent
reporting 42 pieces of
Cannon to have arrived
to be exchanged for the
56 from London.

From Aga Mahomed Shoostry.

Syud Sued has sent
down from Muskat 42 pieces of
Cannon in order that they may be
returned to the States, and 56 of the
Guns that have just been received
from London taken in their stead, on
this account whatever difference there
may be in the price of these
several Cannon I will make good.
The 42 Cannon abovementioned
are those that were taken
a year or two back by
His

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His Highness for the Ships Shah
Alum.

A true translation

(Signed) W. Simson

Depy Persⁿ Secy to Govt.

From Mr Secretary Farish to W. Simson Esq

Deputy Persian Secretary the 28th November 1822.

Sir,

To the Deputy
Persian Secy &
transmission of
the 56 guns being
ordered to be delivered
to the Imaum's
Agent in lieu of
the 42 returned by
him.

I have the honor to convey
the directions of the Honble the
Governor in Council that you acquaint
Aga Mahomed Shooabree, the Agent of
His Highness the Imaum of
Muscat, in reply to his Memorandum
without date that orders have been
issued to cause the 56 Guns lately
arrived from England to be delivered
to him and that the 42 pieces
of

15
of Cannon returned by His Highness
be received into the Honble Company's
Store, His Highness having credit
for the sum paid on their account
in adjusting the price of the new
Guns.

I have &c
Bombay Castle }
28th Nov^r 1822 } Signed / J. Farish

Sec^y to Government

Muscat From Mr Secretary Farish to the Military Board
28th November 1822.

To the Military Board
authorizing the 56 guns
arrived from England
be delivered over to the
Imaum's Agent and
the 42 returned by
him be received into
Store.

Gentlemen,

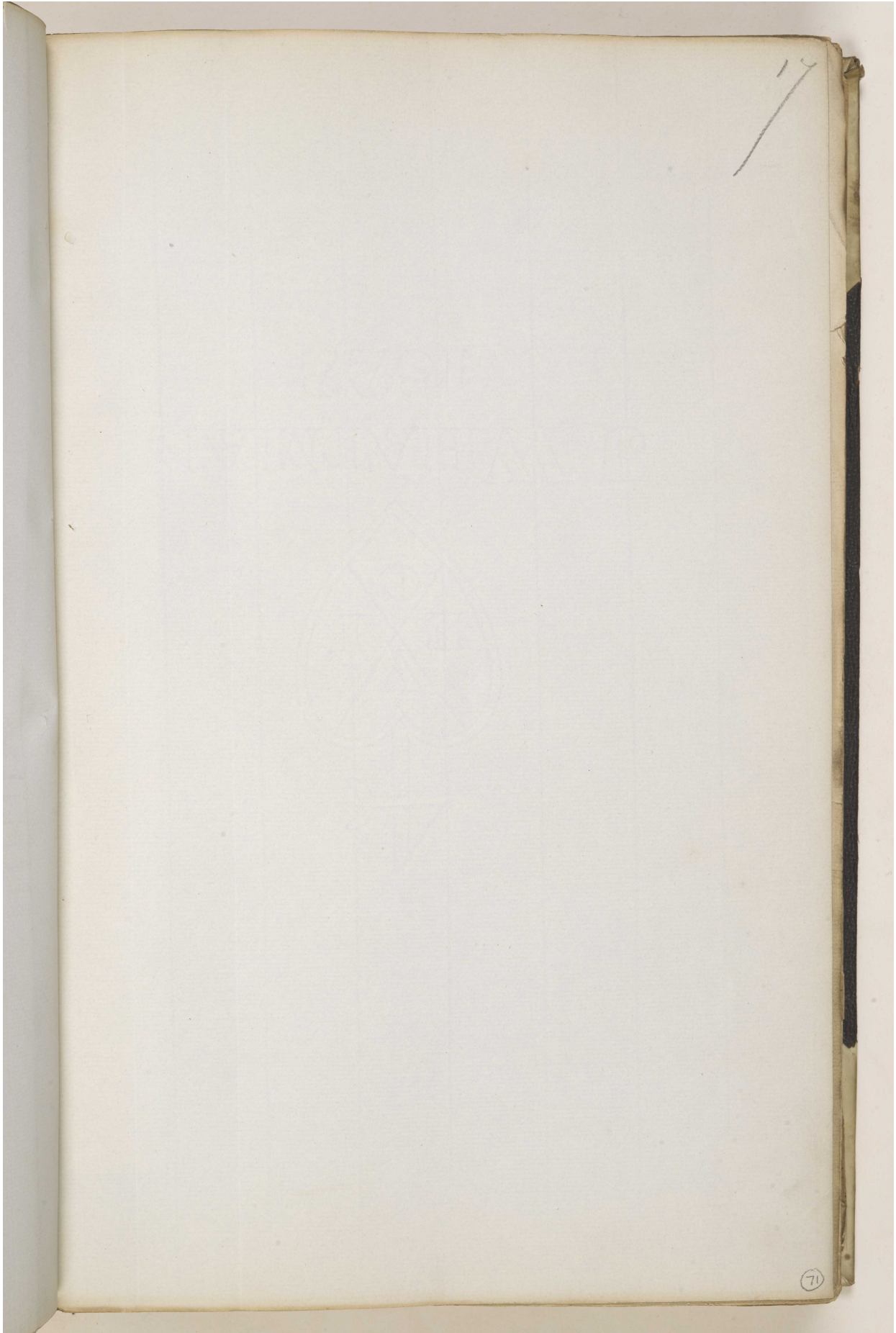
I have the honor to
acquaint you that His Highness
the Imaum of Muscat having sent
down 42 pieces of Cannon to be returned
into the Honble Company's Stores
and having expressed a wish that
the 56 Guns lately arrived from
London

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London he made over to him
in their stead, the same has
been complied with by the Honble
the Governor in Council. The instructions
conveyed to you in my communication
of the 11th Instant are accordingly
superseded, the 42 old guns are
to be received back into store &
the amount which has been paid
for them is to be allowed for
in adjusting the price of the
56 new ones.

Bombay Castle } I have &c
28th Dec^r. 1822 } (Signed) J. Farish
Secy to Gov^r

'Guns sent out for the Imaum of Muscat' [71r] (21/22)



'Guns sent out for the Imaum of Muscat' [71v] (22/22)

