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‘Unfriendly conduct of the Dola of Mocha towards the Surat Merchants’

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About this record

The item consists of extracts of Political Letters and Political Consultations from the Government of Bombay concerned with the action taken by the Resident at Mocha, Captain Bagnold, in response to a dispute between Surat merchants and the Dola [Governor] of Mocha. The dispute relates to outstanding accounts owed to the merchants for goods supplied to the Dola. Topics covered include:

- Instructions to the Resident at Mocha regarding the use of an East India Company cruiser with the order not to take action unless authorised by Henry Salt, Consul General at Cairo
- The Resident at Mocha's and the Consul General at Cairo's differing views on how to settle the dispute
- The Pacha [Pasha] of Egypt's offer to write to the Imaum of Senna [Imam of Ṣan'ā', Yemen] on behalf of the Company and the Pacha's general concerns regarding the weaknesses of the Imaum's government
- The Resident at Mocha's unauthorised action of requesting Captain Bremer to bring his squadron to Mocha and the Company's concerns that this move may have caused the Pacha of Egypt and the Turkish Government to suspect that the Company is attempting to widen its influence in the Red Sea

- The death of a Turkish soldier as a result of an affray between 'some of the Factory' at Mocha and a group of Turkish soldiers, and the Company's wishes to stress that this incident was unconnected to the presence of the squadron at Mocha
- The successful settlement of the dispute due to the actions of the Resident at Mocha.

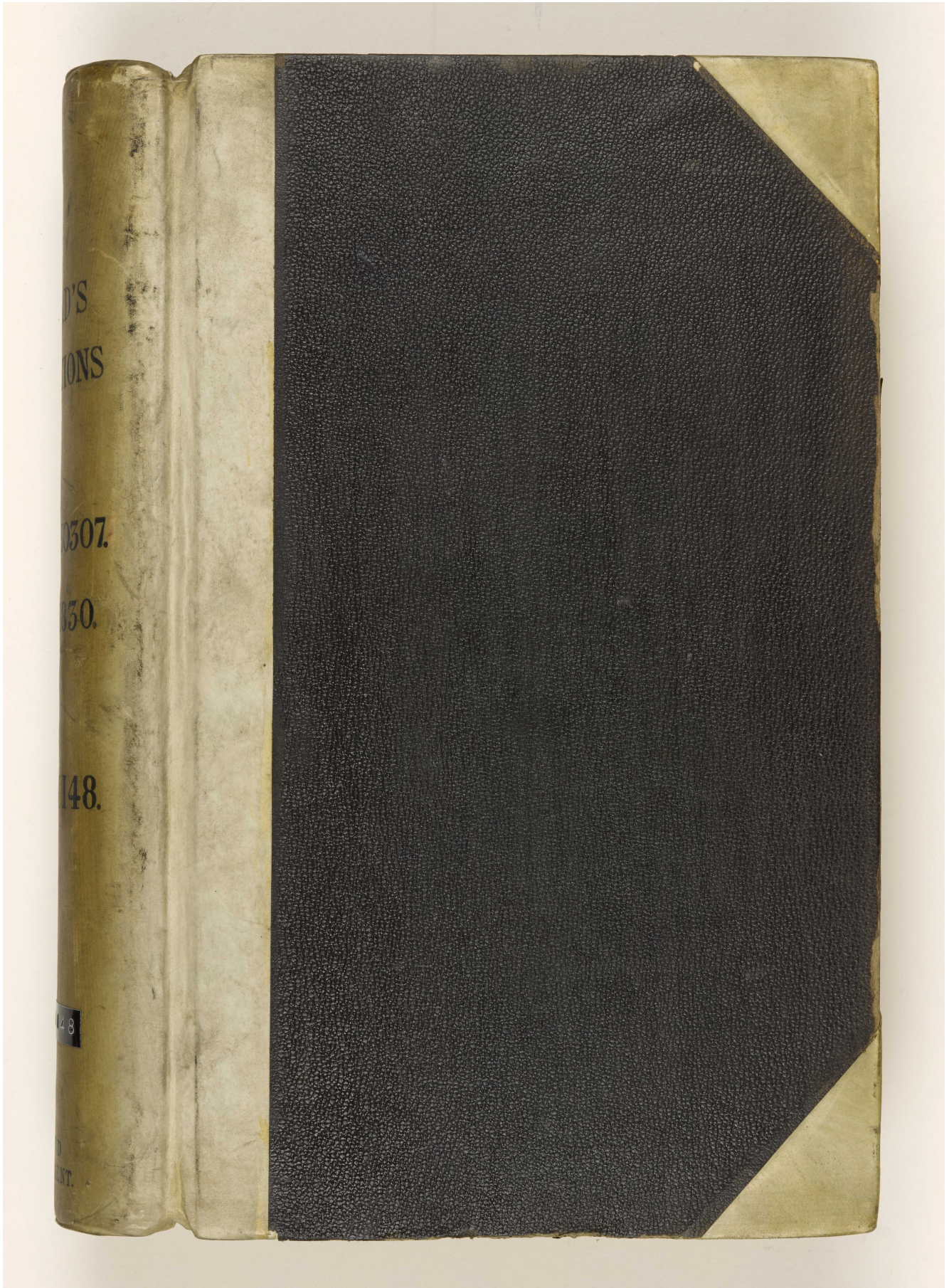
The correspondence consists mainly of letters between the Resident at Mocha and William Newnham, Chief Secretary of the Government of Bombay. The other correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; the Court of Directors; the Agent at Surat; the Secretary of the Government of Bombay; the Secretary of the Supreme Government at Fort William; Syed Abdulla [Sayyid 'Abdullāh, of Mocha]; Imaum H Mehdee [Al-Qasimi, Mahdi Abdullah, Imam of Yemen]; Henry Salt, Consul General at Cairo; Stratford Canning, Ambassador to Constantinople; Admiral William Hall Gage; Captain Bremer; Captain Robert Taylor, Political Agent at Bussora [Basra].

The item also contains a table of contents noting the page number, date, author and recipient of each letter (f 195 recto) as well as a copy of the petition against the Dola of Mocha made by the Surat merchants (ff 203 recto – 206 verso).

The bulk of the item dates from the years 1826 and 1827.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'P.C. 681, Draft 367, 1829/30', 'Collection No. 9' and 'Examiner's Office 1829'.

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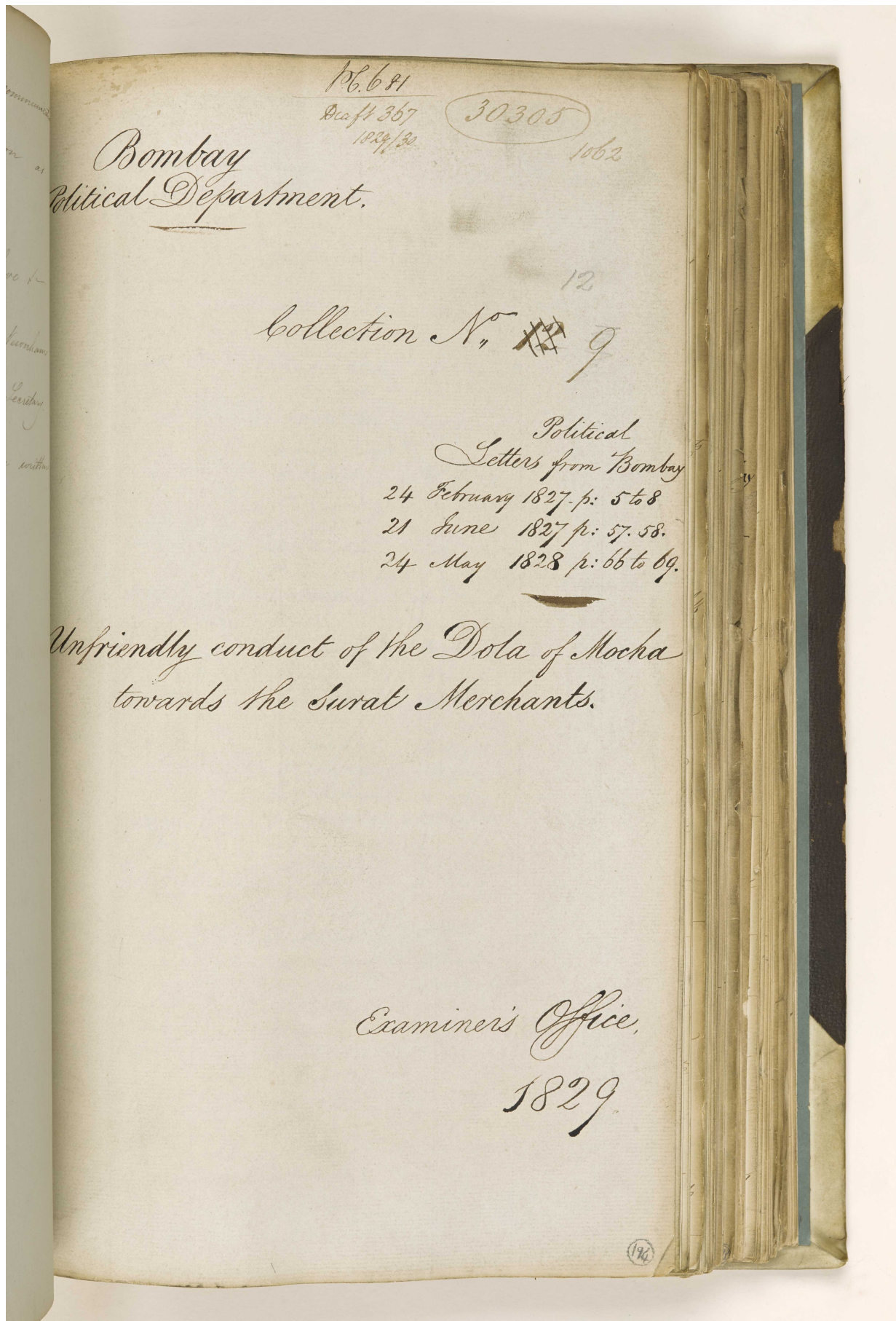
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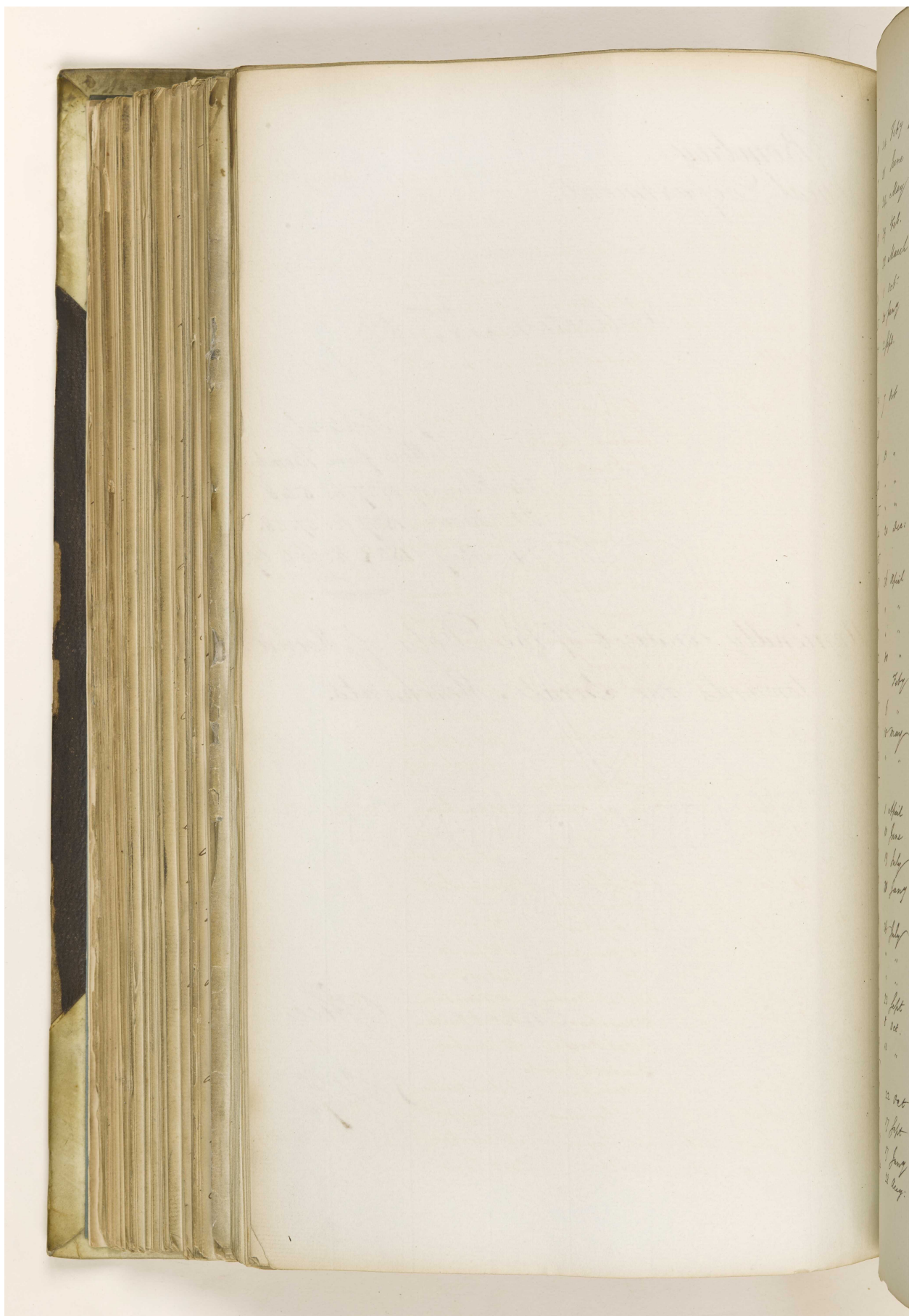
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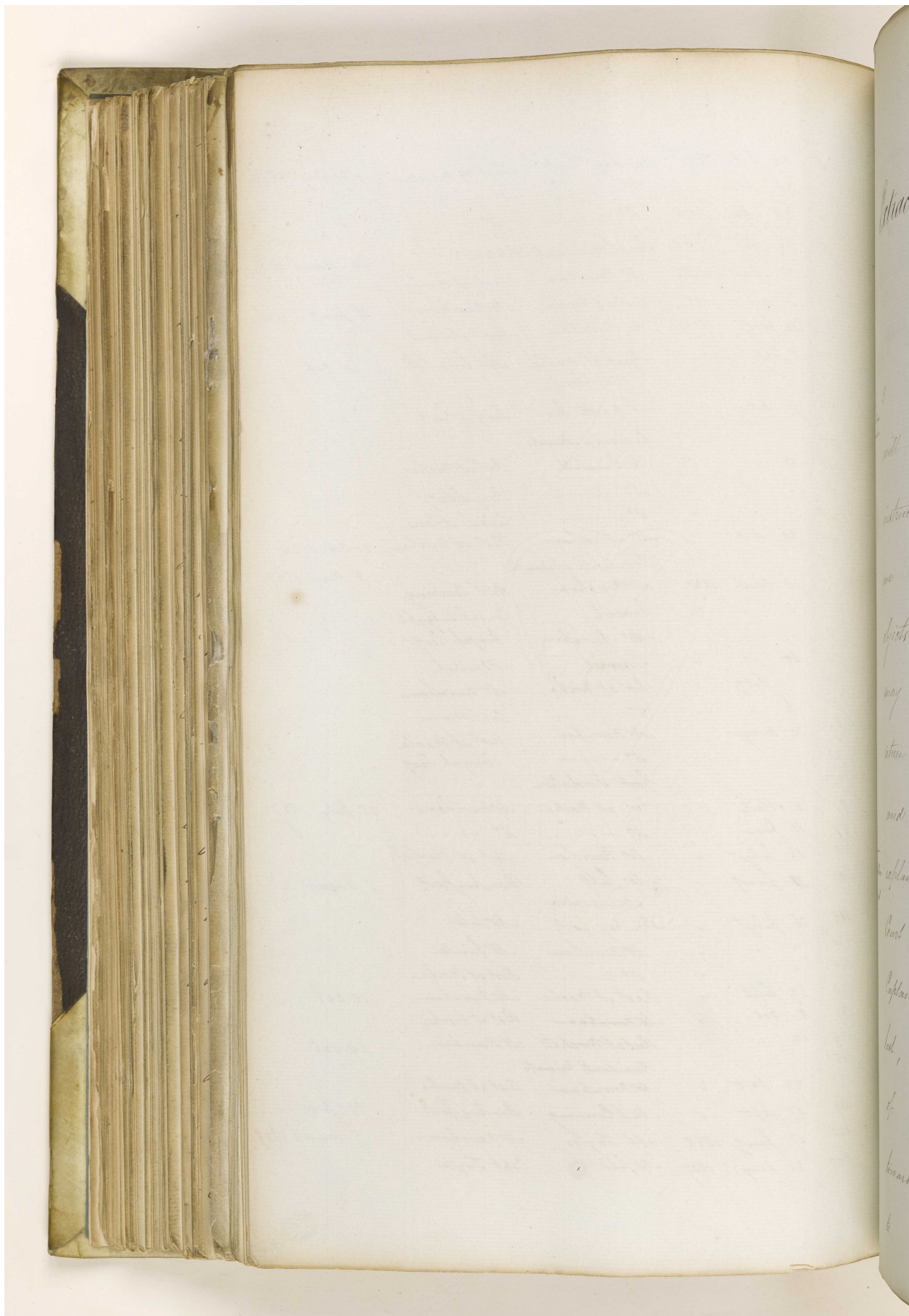
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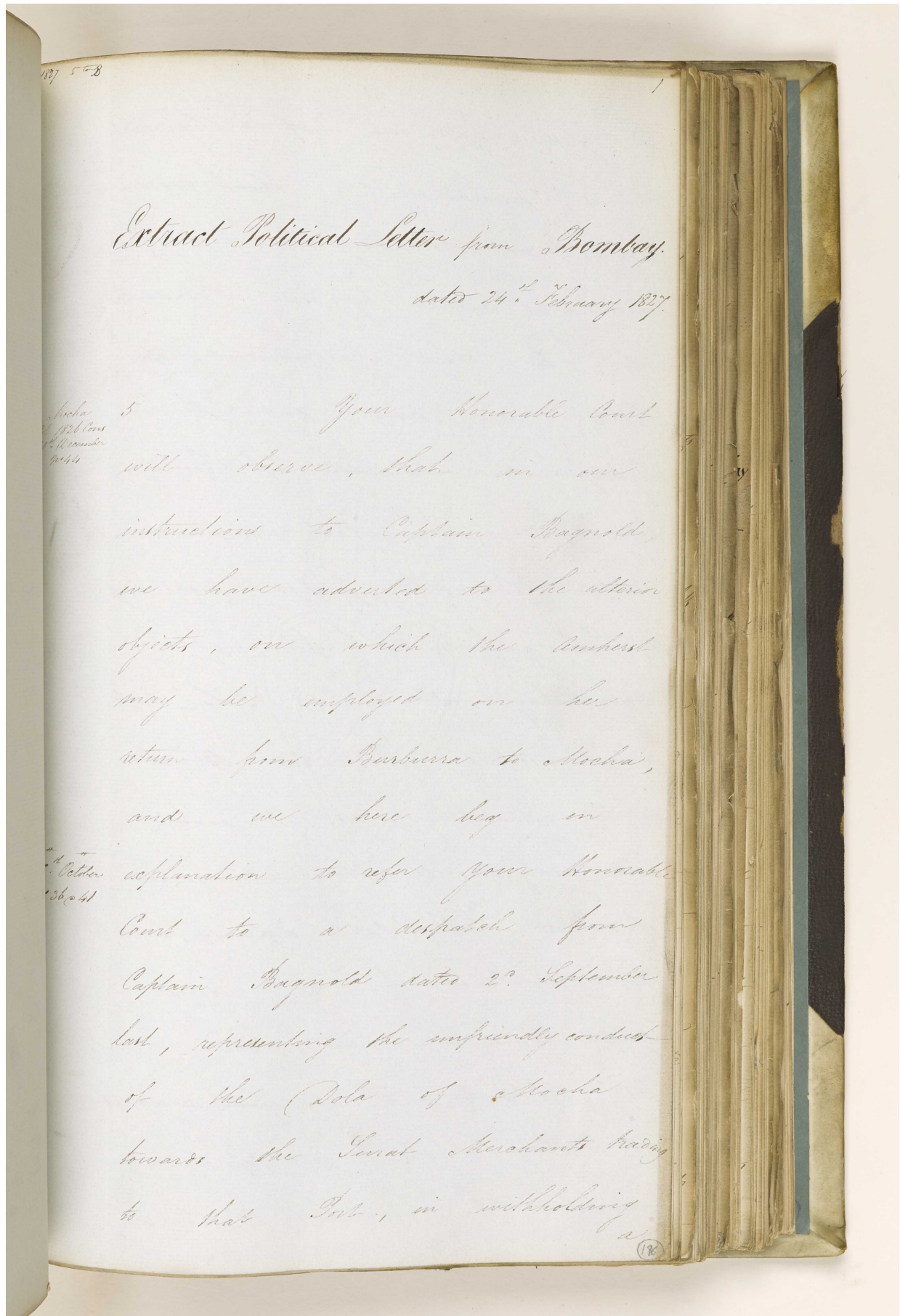
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1	24 Feb 1827	Bombay Govt	Curb of Directors	Bombay Pbl. Cas.
7	21 June "	D ^o —	D ^o —	
11	24 May 1828	D ^o —	D ^o —	
13	29 Feb. 1828	Surat Merchants	Petition	
19	22 March 1824	Mr. Newnham	Rest. at Mocha	24 March 1824
21	1 Oct. 1825	Rest at Mocha	Mr. Newnham	25 Jan'y 1826
25	20 Jan'y 1826	Mr. Newnham	Agent at Surat	
27	2 Sept. "	Agent at Mocha	Mr. Greenhill	18 Oct. "
		Enclosure		
39	7 Oct "	Secy with Gov.	Secy to Govt.	
40		Governor's Minute		
41	19 " "	Mr. Greenhill	Rest. at Mocha	
43	" " "	D ^o —	Bengal Secy	
45	" " "	D ^o —	Consul at Cairo	
49	20 Dec. "	Mr. Newnham	Rest. at Mocha	20 Dec. 1826.
55		President's Minute		
58	26 April 1827	Mr. Newnham	Mr. S. Canning	2 May 1827
65	" " "	Council	Consul in Egypt	
71	" " "	Mr. Newnham	Bengal Secy	
72	30 " "	Council	Admiral	
77	Feb'y "	Rest. at Mocha	Mr. Newnham	
85	6 " "	D ^o —	Capt. Bremer	
87	10 May "	Mr. Newnham	Rest. at Mocha	
93	" " "	D ^o —	Bengal Secy	
95		Govt. Resolution		
97	1 April "	Rest. at Mocha	Mr. Newnham	25 July 1827
99	10 June "	D ^o —	D ^o —	
101	19 July "	Mr. Newnham	Rest. at Mocha	
103	31 Jan'y "	Mr. Salt	Bombay Govt.	1 August. "
		Memorandum		
108	26 July "	Bombay Govt.	Mr. Salt	
120	" " "	Mr. Newnham	Mr. Frinton	
121	" " "	D ^o —	Rest. at Mocha	
123	23 Sept "	Rest. at Mocha	Mr. Newnham.	10 Oct. "
127	8 Oct. "	Mr. Newnham	Rest. at Mocha	
129	10 " "	Rest. at Mocha	Mr. Newnham.	24 Oct. "
135		President's Minute		
137	22 Oct "	Mr. Newnham	Rest. at Mocha	
139	17 Sept "	Mr. S. Canning	Bombay Govt.	28 Dec. "
143	17 Jan'y 1828	Capt. Taylor	Mr. Newnham	5 March 1829
144	28 Aug. 1827	Mr. Salt	Capt. Taylor	

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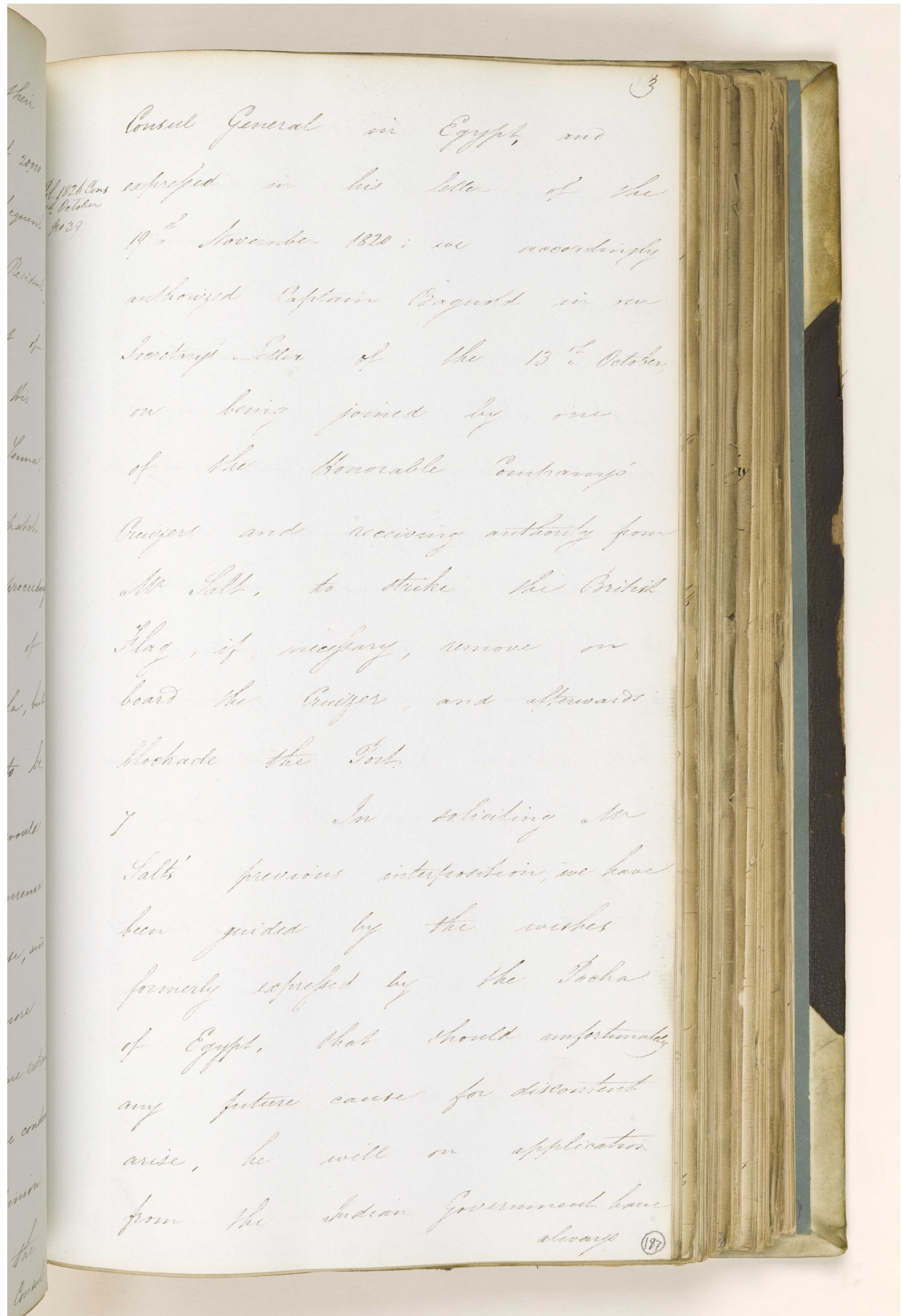
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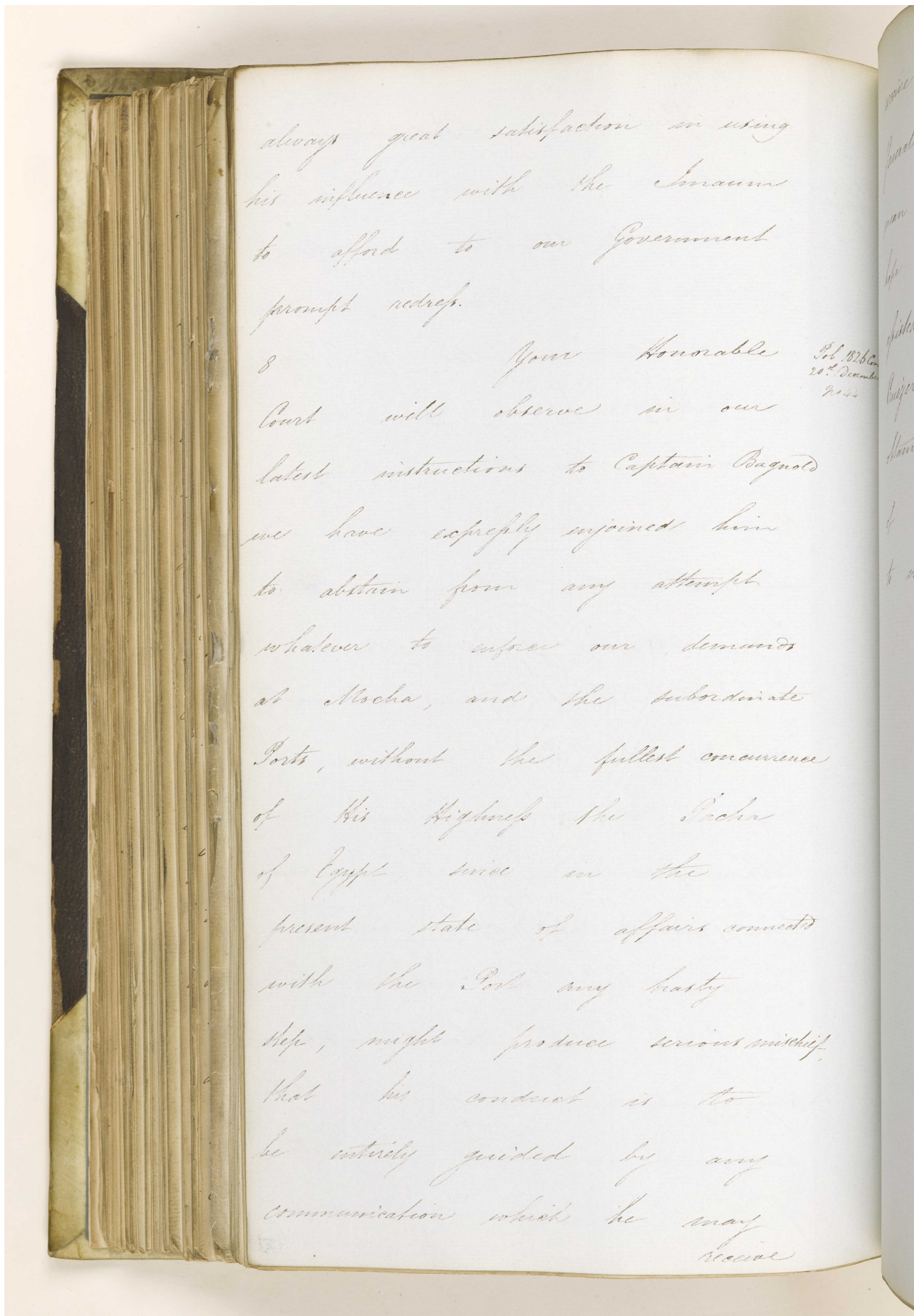
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a just settlement of their
claims, amounting to about 20,000
Dollars, notwithstanding the frequent
remonstrances made by our Resident,
both to the Government of
Mocha, and even to His
Highness the Imam of Sena.
In that despatch
Captain Bagnold proposed proceeding
to Sena, for the purpose of
remonstrating with the Dhola, but
we considered this step to be
wholly unnecessary, as it would
lead only to the incurrence
of an unprofitable expense, and
that measures of a more
decided character, could alone restrain
the arbitrary and oppressive conduct
of the Dhola, an opinion
entertained by Mr Galt, the
Consul.

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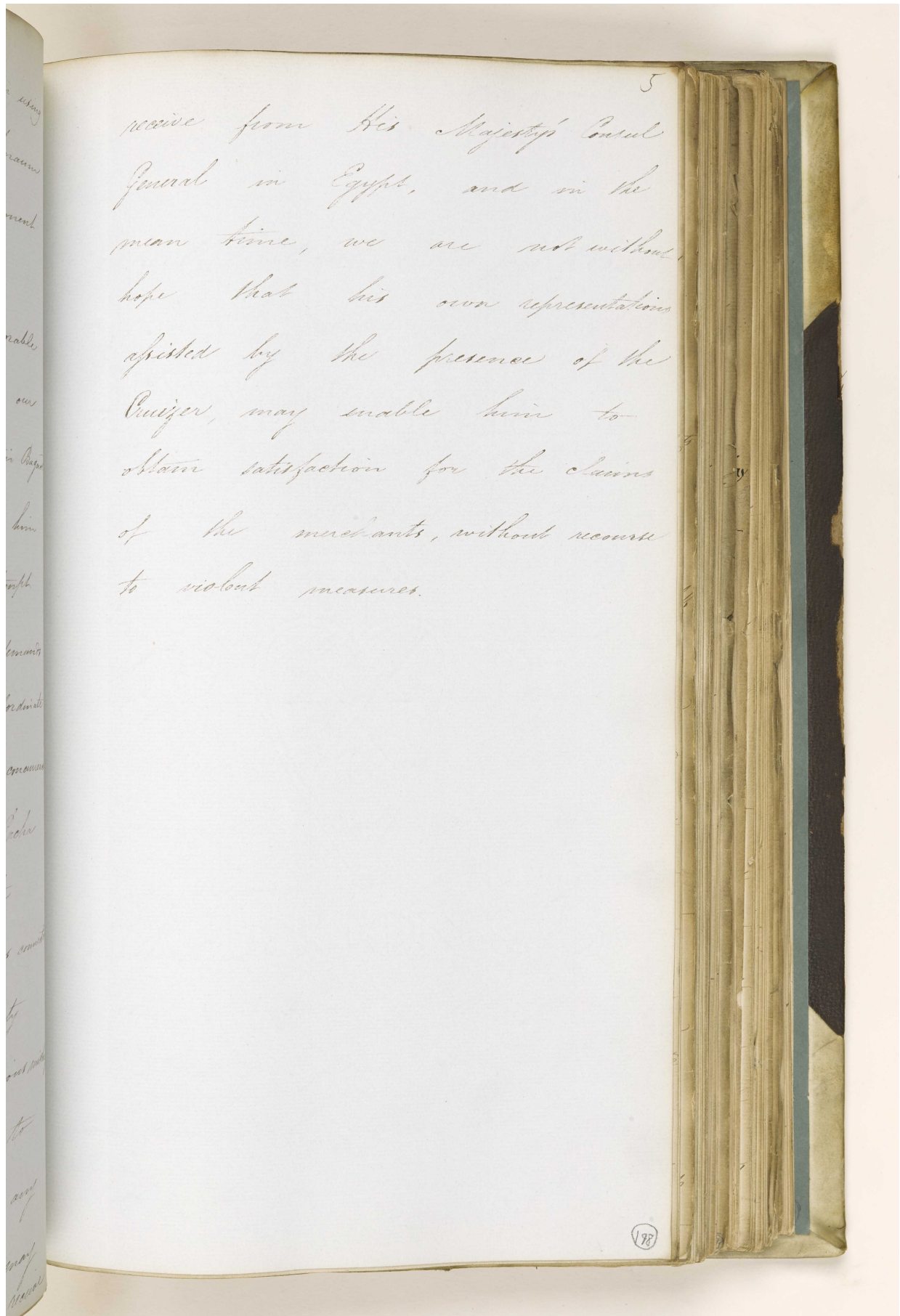


always great satisfaction in using
his influence with the Imam
to afford to our Government
prompt redress.

8 Your Honourable
Court will observe in our
latest instructions to Captain Bagnod
we have expressly enjoined him
to abstain from any attempt
whatever to enforce our demands
at Mocha, and the subordinate
Ports, without the fullest concurrence
of His Highness the Pacha
of Egypt, since in the
present state of affairs connected
with the Port any hasty
step, might produce serious mischief.
That his conduct is to
be entirely guided by any
communication which he may
receive

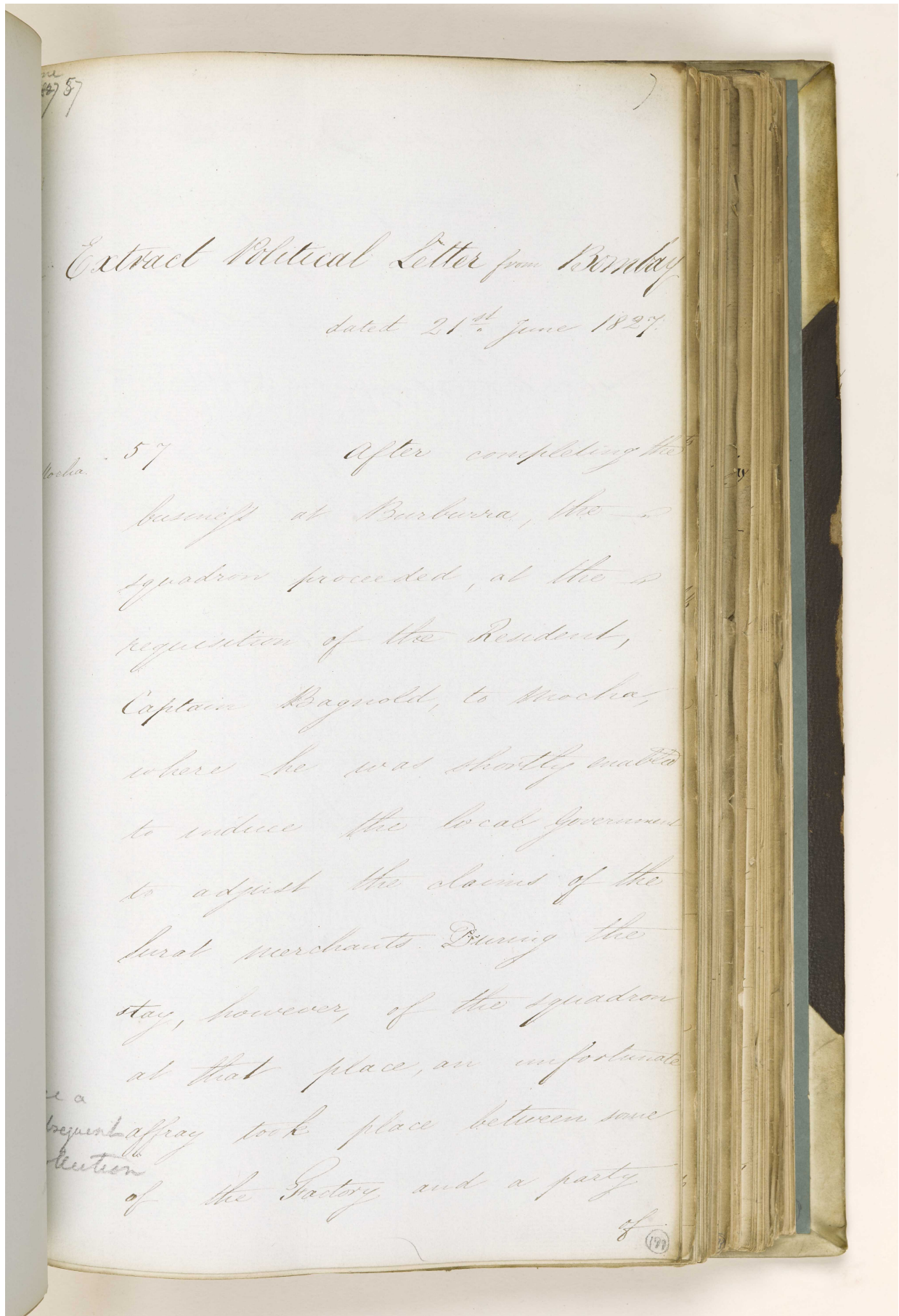
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20. 12. 1824
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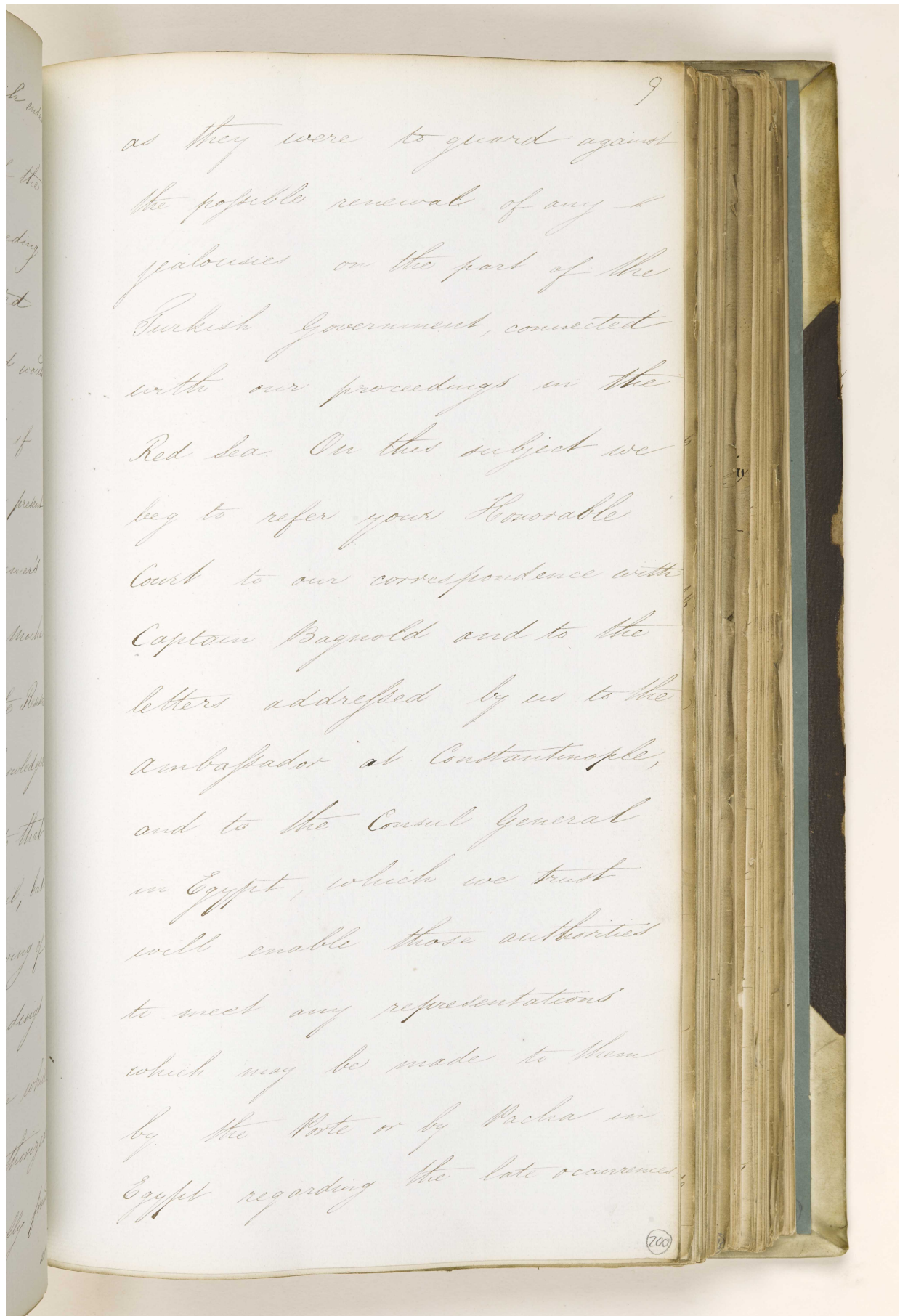


of Turkish soldiery which ended
in the death of one of the
latter. The whole proceeding
was entirely unconnected
with the shipping, and would
equally have happened if
none of them had been present.

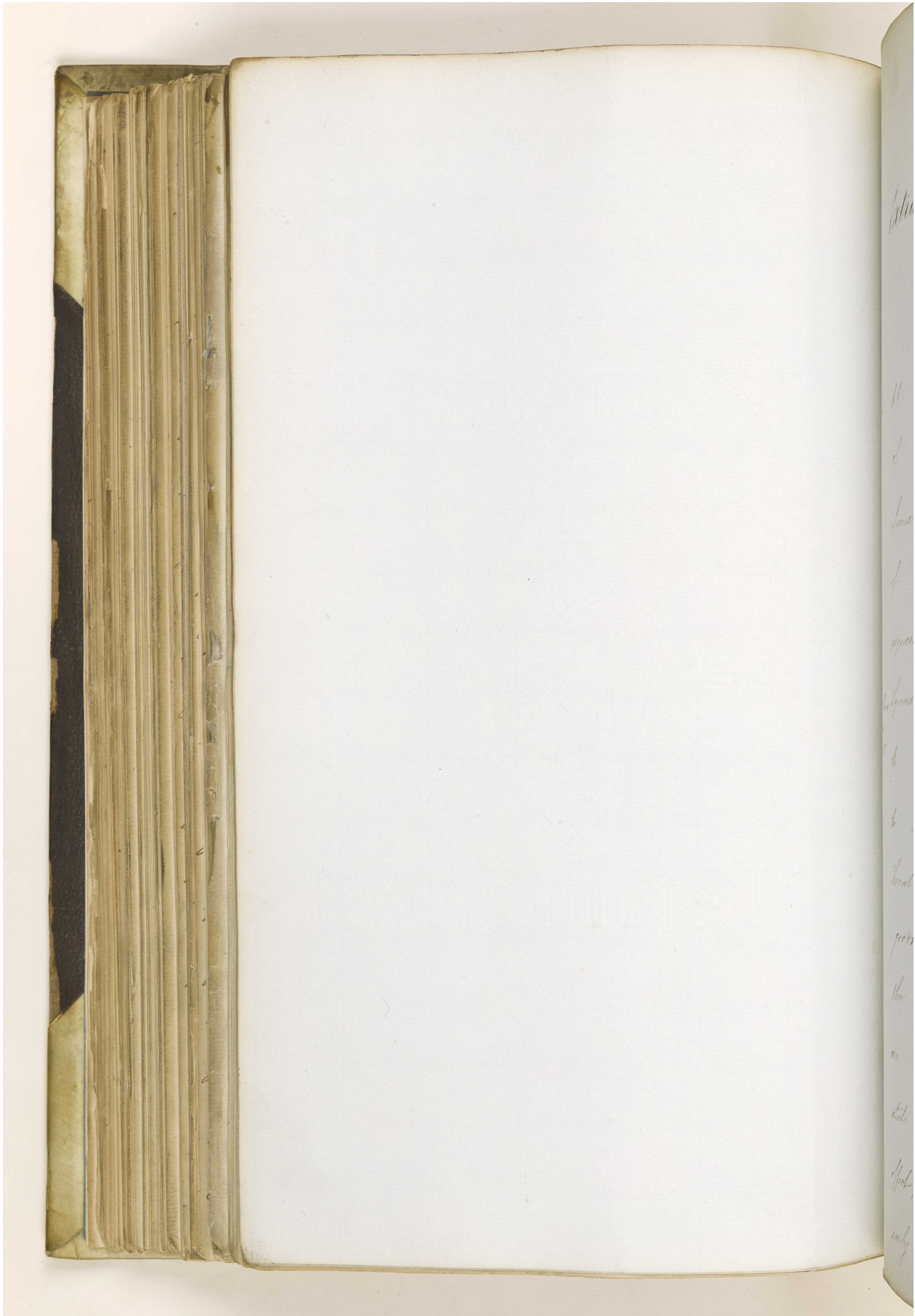
55. Captain Bremer's
conduct in proceeding to Mocha
on the requisition of the Resident
has been cordially acknowledged
by us in our letter to that
Officer of the 20th April; but
we are far from approving of
Captain Bagnold's proceedings
in preferring the requisition which
was by no means authorized
by our instructions, specially framed
at

W. C. C. 1857
May 2nd 1857
18. 2. 57

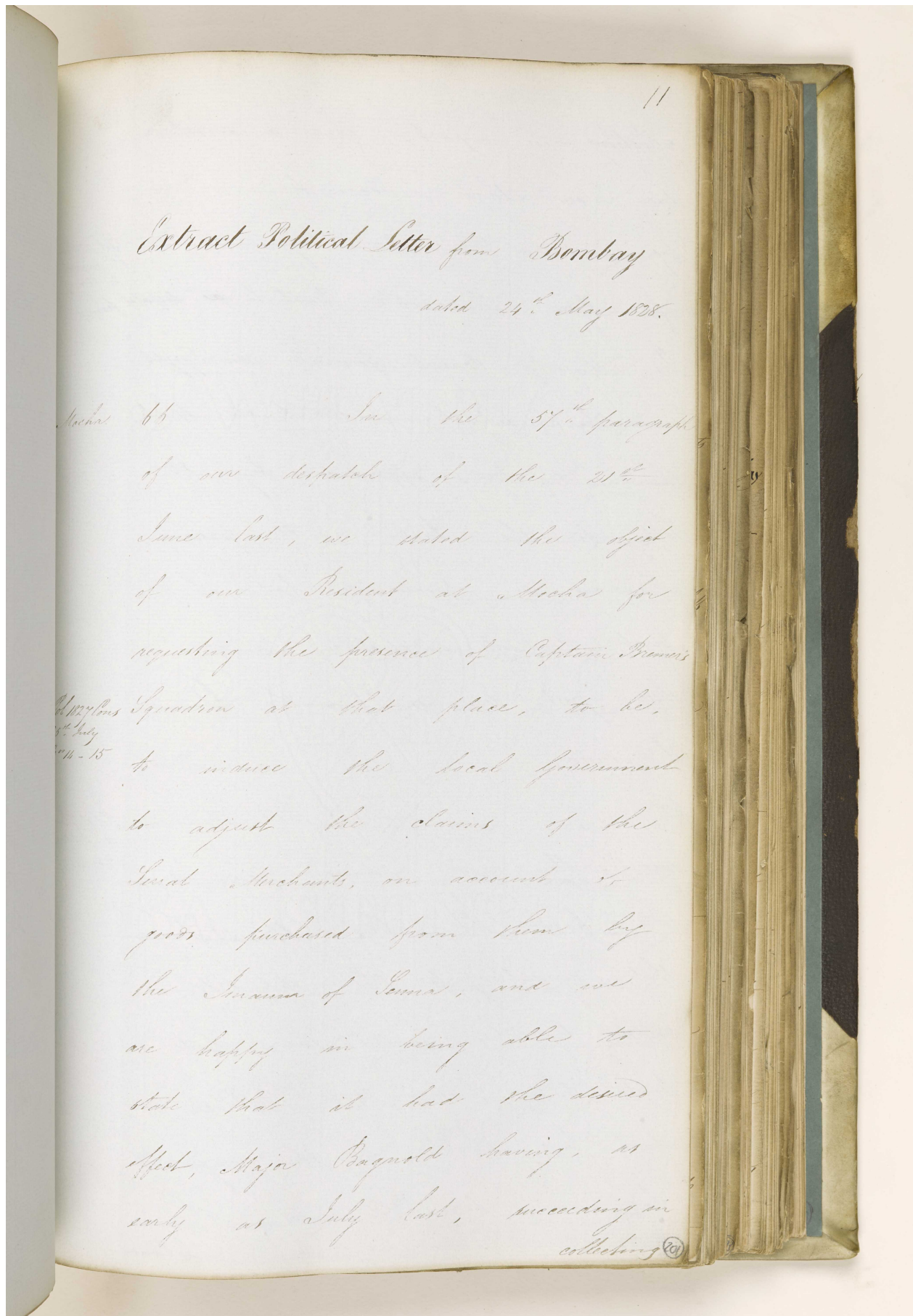
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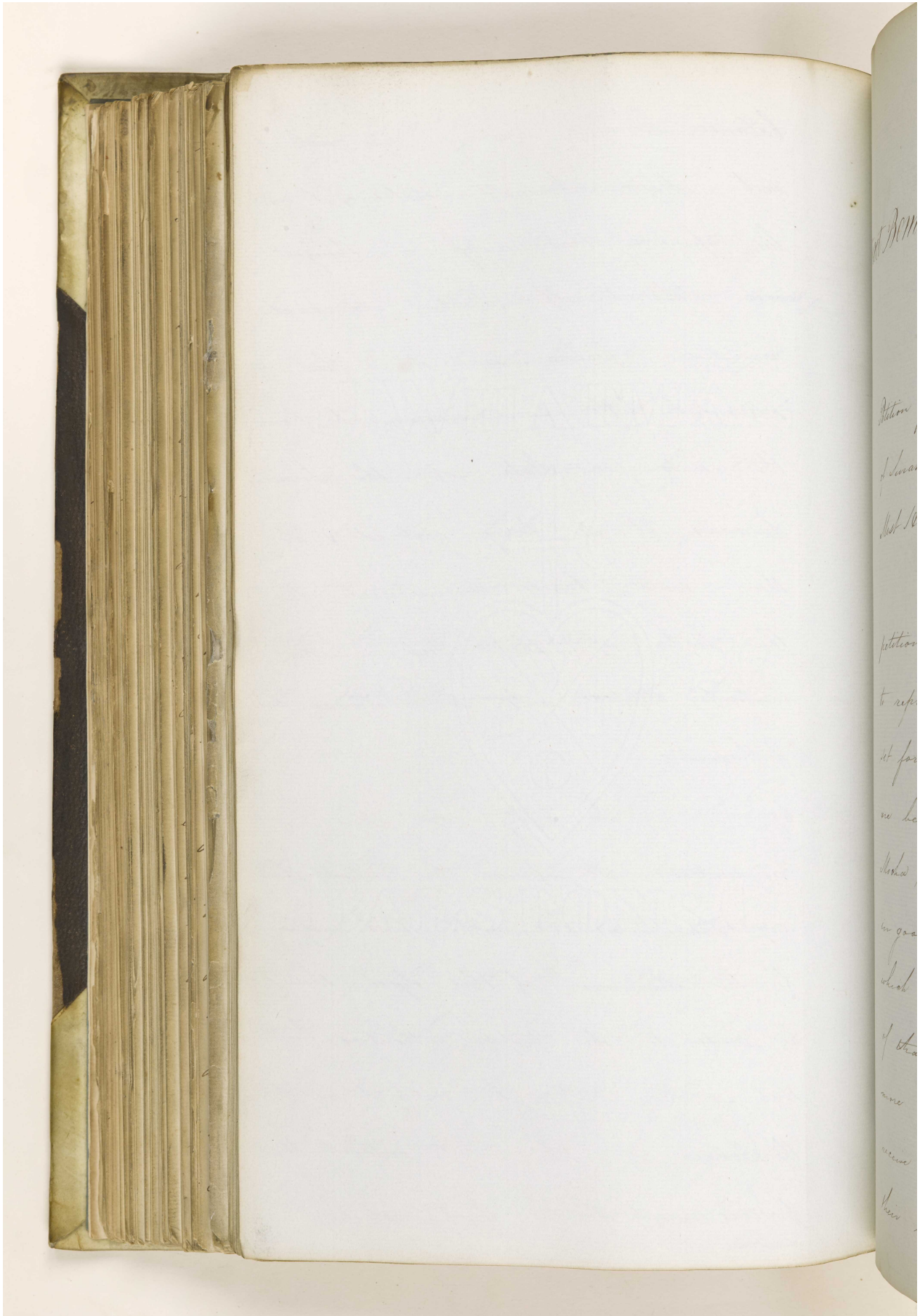
collecting, in part, the amount
due on that account.
by ~~us~~ We also beg to
refer Your Honorable Court to a despatch from
His Majesty's Consul General in Egypt
on the subject, and trust that
the explanations afforded by Mr
Tall to the Pacha will prove
efficacious, in procuring for the
Surat Merchants, satisfaction of all
their just demands on the ~~Government~~
of Sena.
68 Since the above <sup>Pol. Dispatch
12. August
No. 39</sup>
was written we have received a
letter from the Resident, stating,
that agreeable to the stipulations
made by him with the late
Dowla Amir Bakhsh 21,000 Dollars, or
about two thirds of the original
claim, had been liquidated, the
balance

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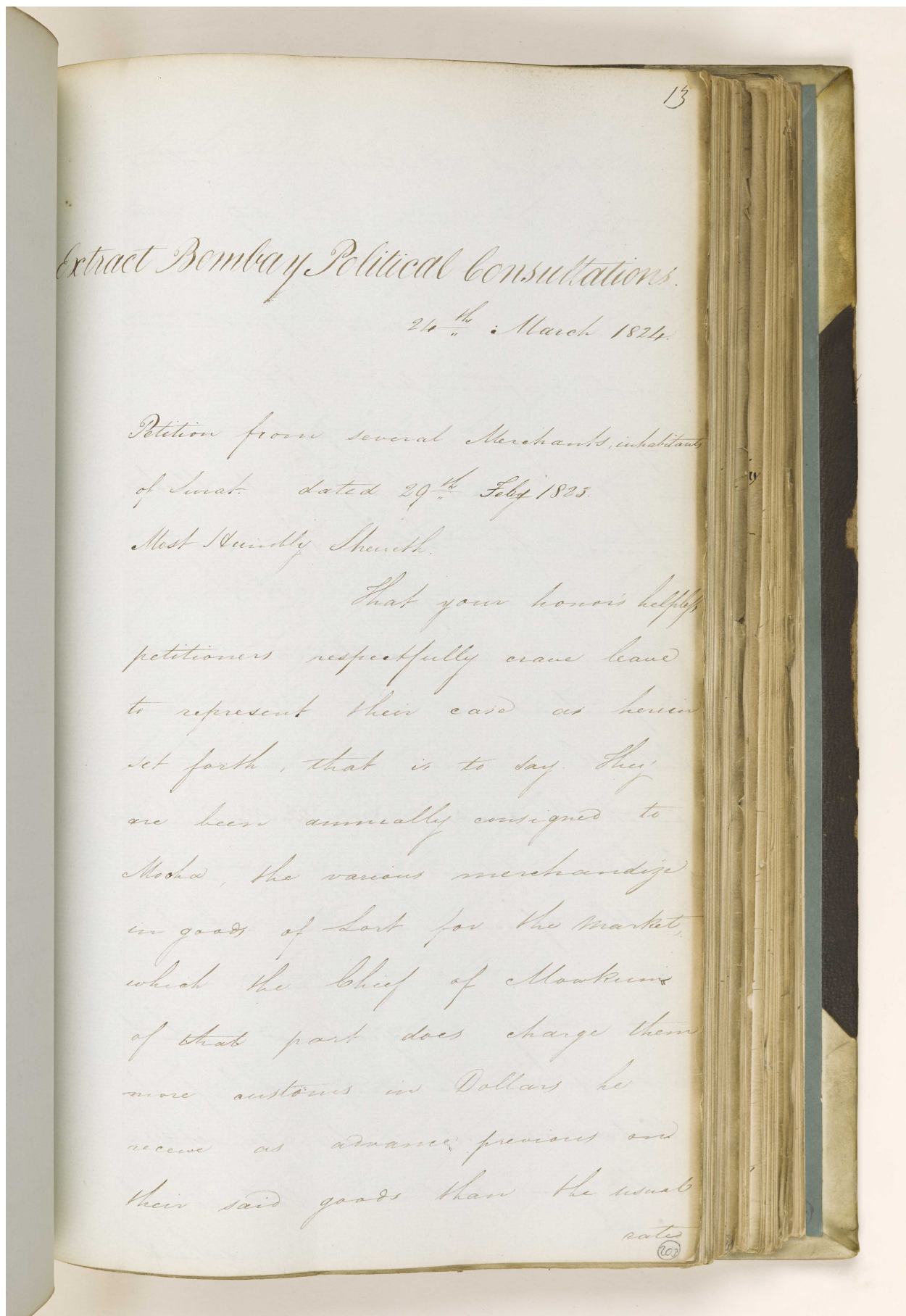
balances becoming due in August
month. Major Bannold states it as
his opinion that unless a Cruiser
was stationed off Mocha to exact
a due performance of the
agreement, little chance remained, from
the embarrassed State of the Anamis
finances, of its being realized & at
the same time recommended that
the trade of the Port be
essentially stopped until the balance be
forthcoming.

by In reply to this
communication, we informed the Resident, that
any remonstrances he might think necessary
for the attainment of this object, should
be made to the proper authorities, but
that no Cruiser could be employed in stopping
the Trade of the Port, without the
previous consent of the Pacha of Egypt.

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rate of such Customs in Dollars
he use to receive the duty, and
after which he does register in
his accounts the said goods, and
granting permission for the
Imports goods to pass, and
also if the said Chief of Mocha
require for his use any
sort of goods from this
petitioners said investment which
he purchases as he wishes, and
that the money of such
purchased goods in Dollars remains
by him outstanding, as well
as the aforesaid advance which
also remains on account the
Customs duty unadjustment, which
account he the said Chief of
Mocha cannot wishes to settle
with your petitioners Vakeels of
which

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which delay he does until the
time of their dispatch from
thence and therefore last year
season having with the Chiefs
of Mocha and between your
petitioners Vakeels had a dispute
for on that account. But
whose great attribute a delay
of settling such accounts with
them. Therefore they are all
the Vakeels of your petitioners
behalf applied the same matter
to the Resident of Mocha,
and was requests by him
to desire that the said Chief
or Kawkum of Mocha may
be pleased to restore them back
of their said Dollars and
may settle the final accounts.
But the Resident of that
port

port did answer to your petitioners
said Wakeels unless the orders
he receive from your Honorable
Board which may be on him
for it, he declines which
matter to hold in hand,
until which he cannot do
for your petitioners at all.
Your petitioners therefore obliged to
make their utmost application
to your Honor in Council
for the redress, because they
are all now and there
become greatly injured by the
said Mocha Chief further
dispatch from thence for our
that account.

Your petitioners therefore
very humbly pray unto your
Honor in Council will be
please

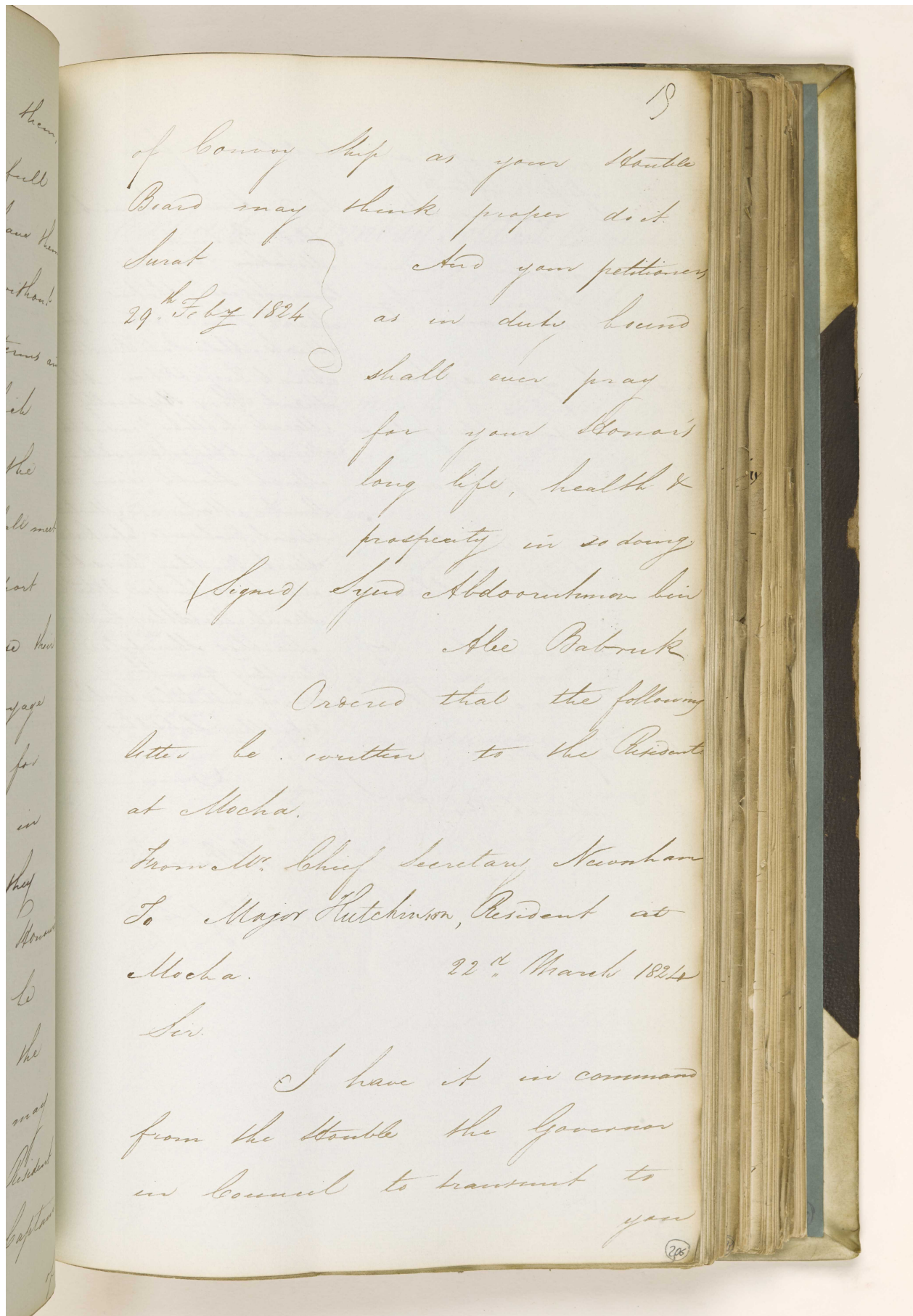
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pleased to do them favour and
protect them in your Honours
power by granting a fair letter
of recommendation to them on
the President at Mocha, and
may be pleased directed him
that if at any time require
of his countenance or such
aid to your petitioners as
Merchants to Surat under British
Government, to whom he may
allow of his assistance in
his power, and some time
be pleased to order that he
should make known to the
Chief of that Port that between
300 Noury should make of
his own final accounts with
the Vakeels of your petitioners
and shall pay this legal money

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so due on him to them,
in such dollars in full
of all demand and have them
dispatch from thence without
hindrance by feasible terms and
in compliance of which
request they are all the
undersigned merchants shall meet
with relief by the support
of the Government because their
trip of the Mocha voyage
only remains 15 days for
sailing from this day in
which time they are all they
Merchants requests your Honor's
said letter one may be
enclosed to them, and the
duplicate on the same may
be forwarded to Mocha Resident
by the care of the Captain
of

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your copy of a petition from
among merchants inhabitants of
Surat, enumerated
the margin, trading
to Mocha and to
request you afford
any reasonable assistance
to these persons
as may enable
them to obtain
a settlement of
their accounts.

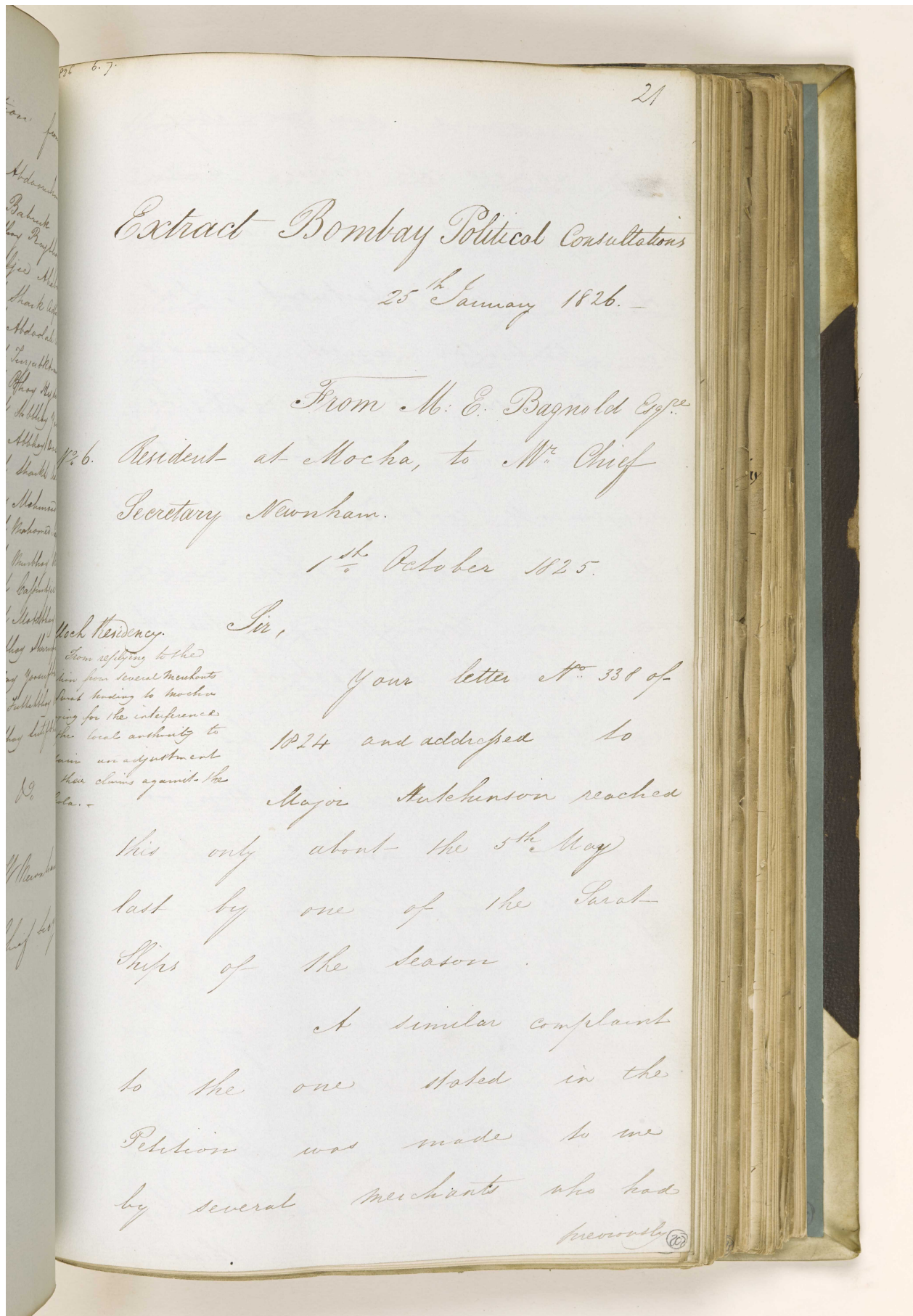
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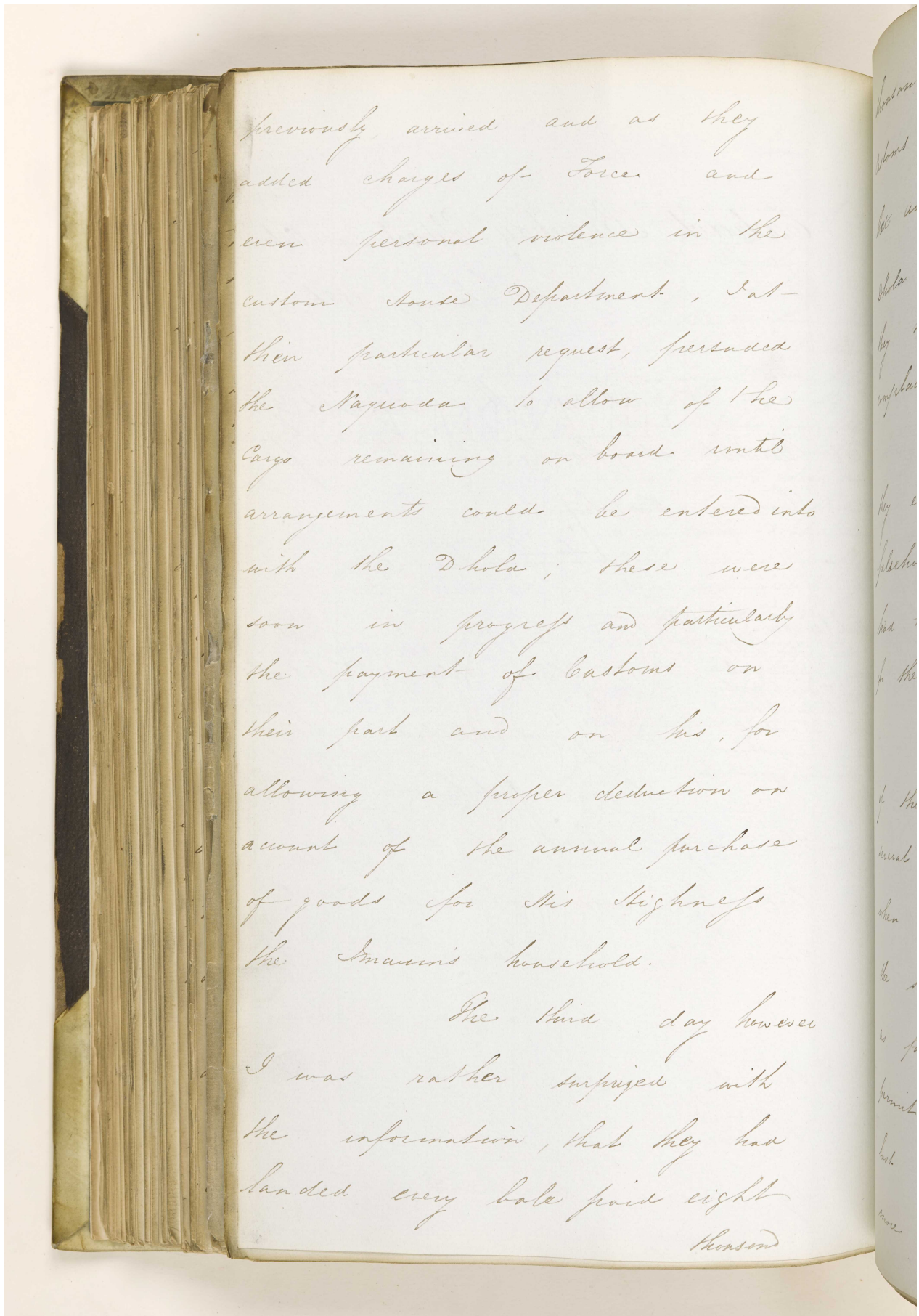
22nd March 1864

Syed Abdoulmanbus
Alec Babruk
Motabhar Raythay
Gomashjee Akhbar
Meeah Shakh Adam Akhbar
Meeah Abdoolali Bunderadee
Meeah Turpabkhan Akhbar
Meeah Akhbar Khyderally
Meeah Akhbar Gousufbhay
Meeah Akhbar Daulabhai
Meeah Shakh Adam Daula
Shakh Mohamed Mostafaa
Meeah Mohamed Efer Khatib
Meeah Meebah Moosabhai
Meeah Gousufbhay Akhbar
Meeah Motabhar Babhai
Meebah Shurufalee
Meebah Gousufbhay
Meeah Fuleebhai Akhbar
Kububhai Lutfbhay.

I have &c

Signed J. W. Nevill
Chief Secy

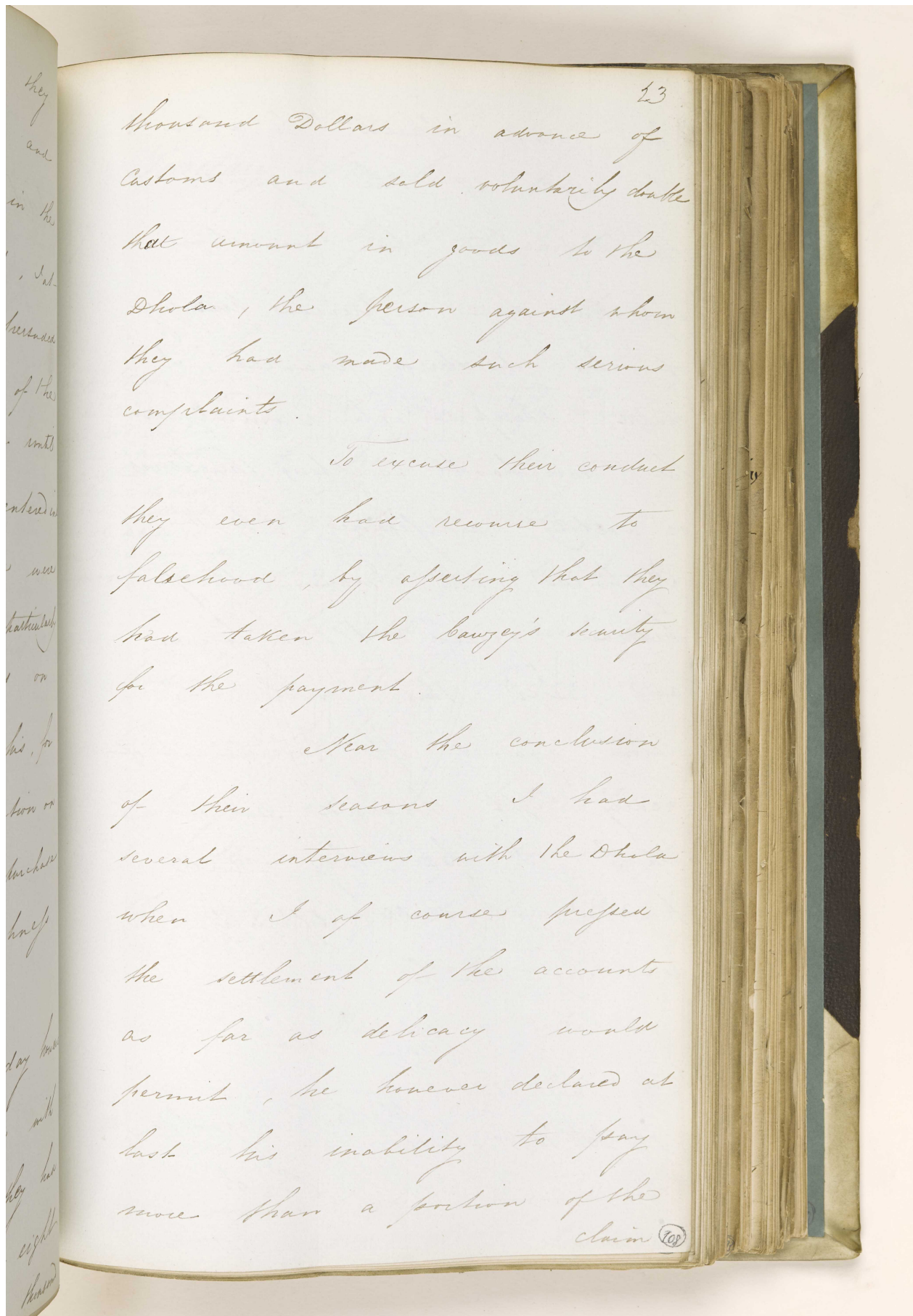




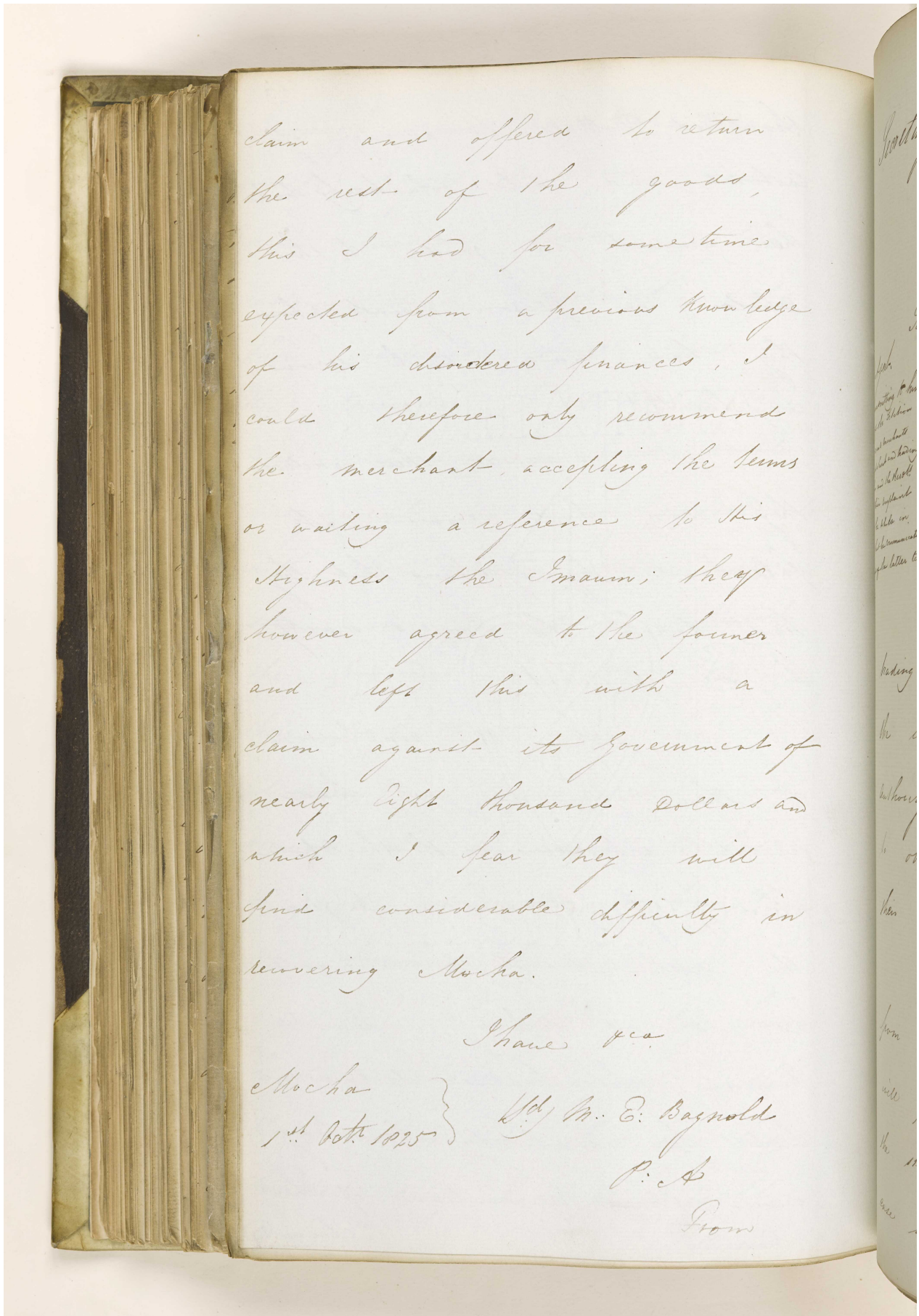
previously arrived and as they
added charges of Force and
even personal violence in the
Custom House Department, Sat-
their particular request, persuaded
the Nagoda to allow of the
Cargo remaining on board until
arrangements could be entered into
with the Dholas; these were
soon in progress and particularly
the payment of Customs on
their part and on his, for
allowing a proper deduction on
account of the annual purchase
of goods for His Highness
the Imam's household.

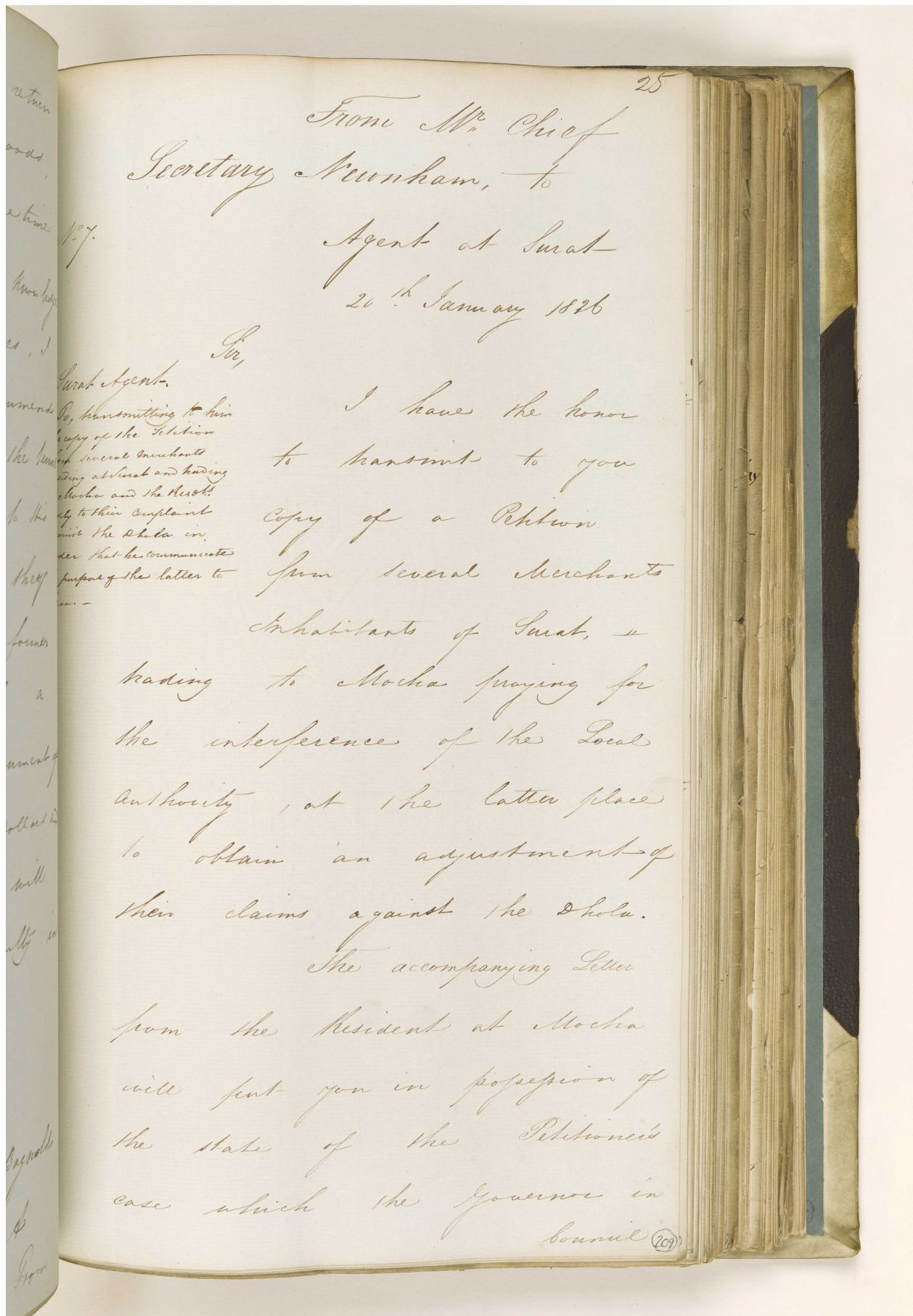
The third day however
I was rather surprised with
the information, that they had
landed every bale paid eight
Thousand

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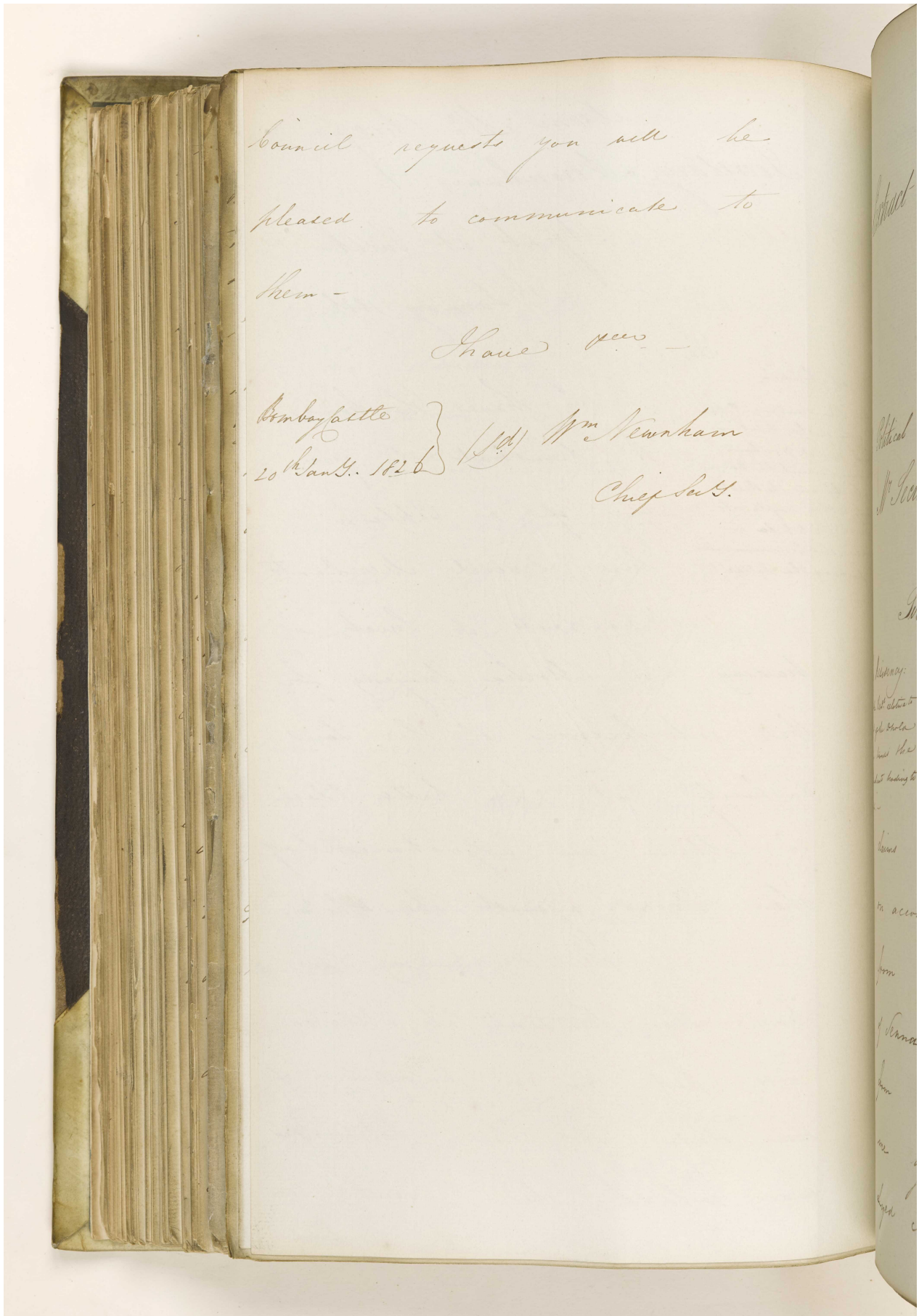


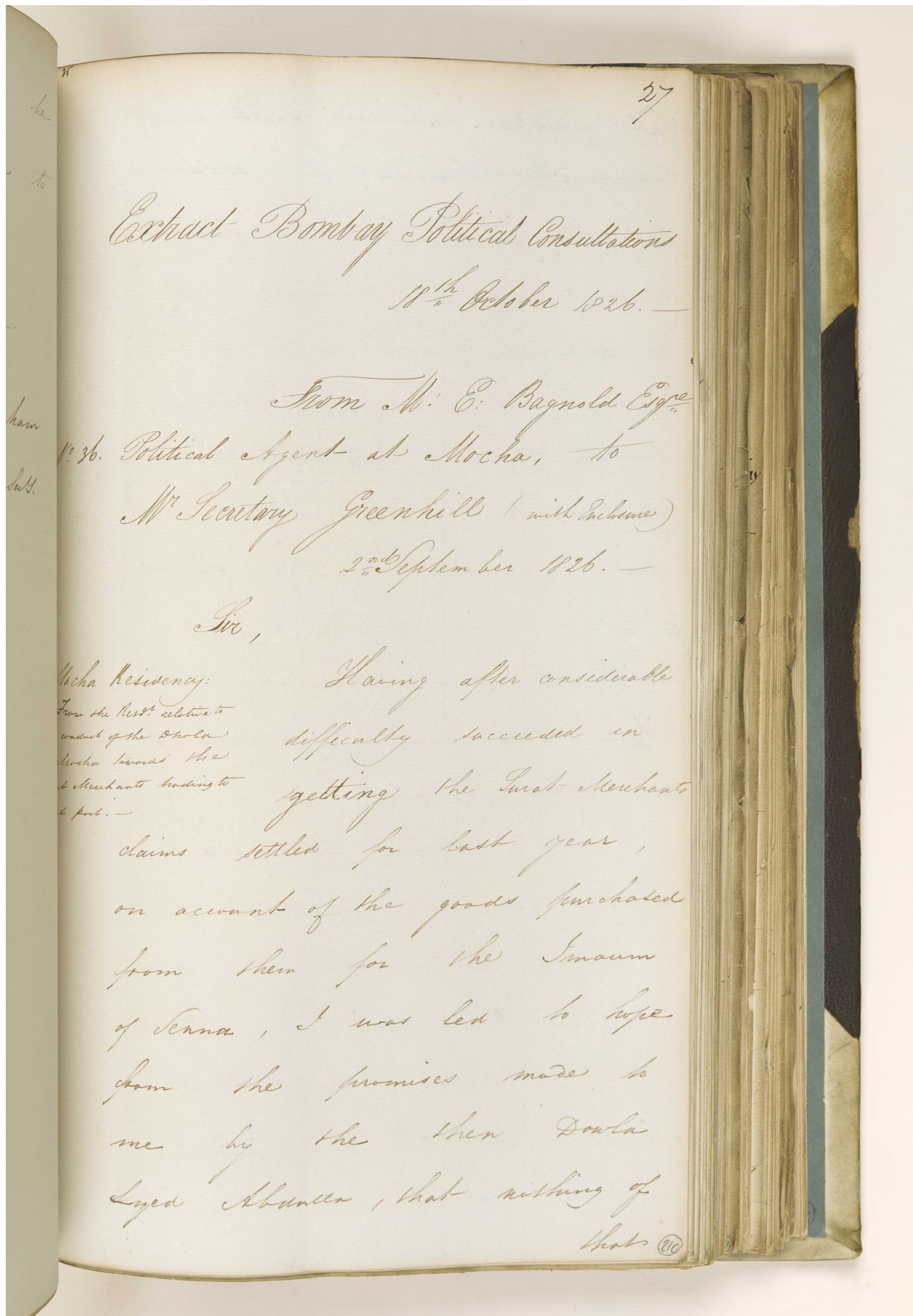
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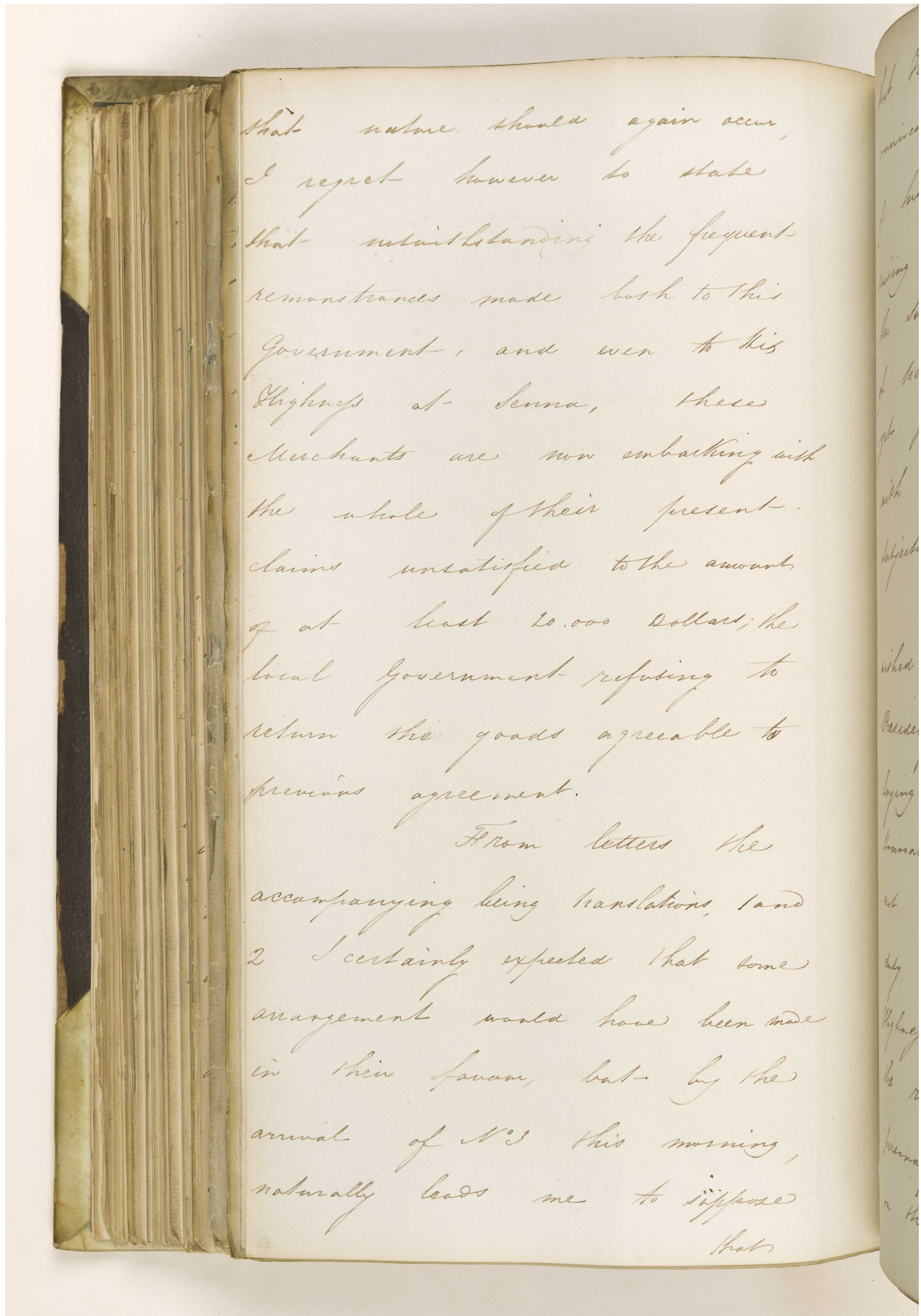


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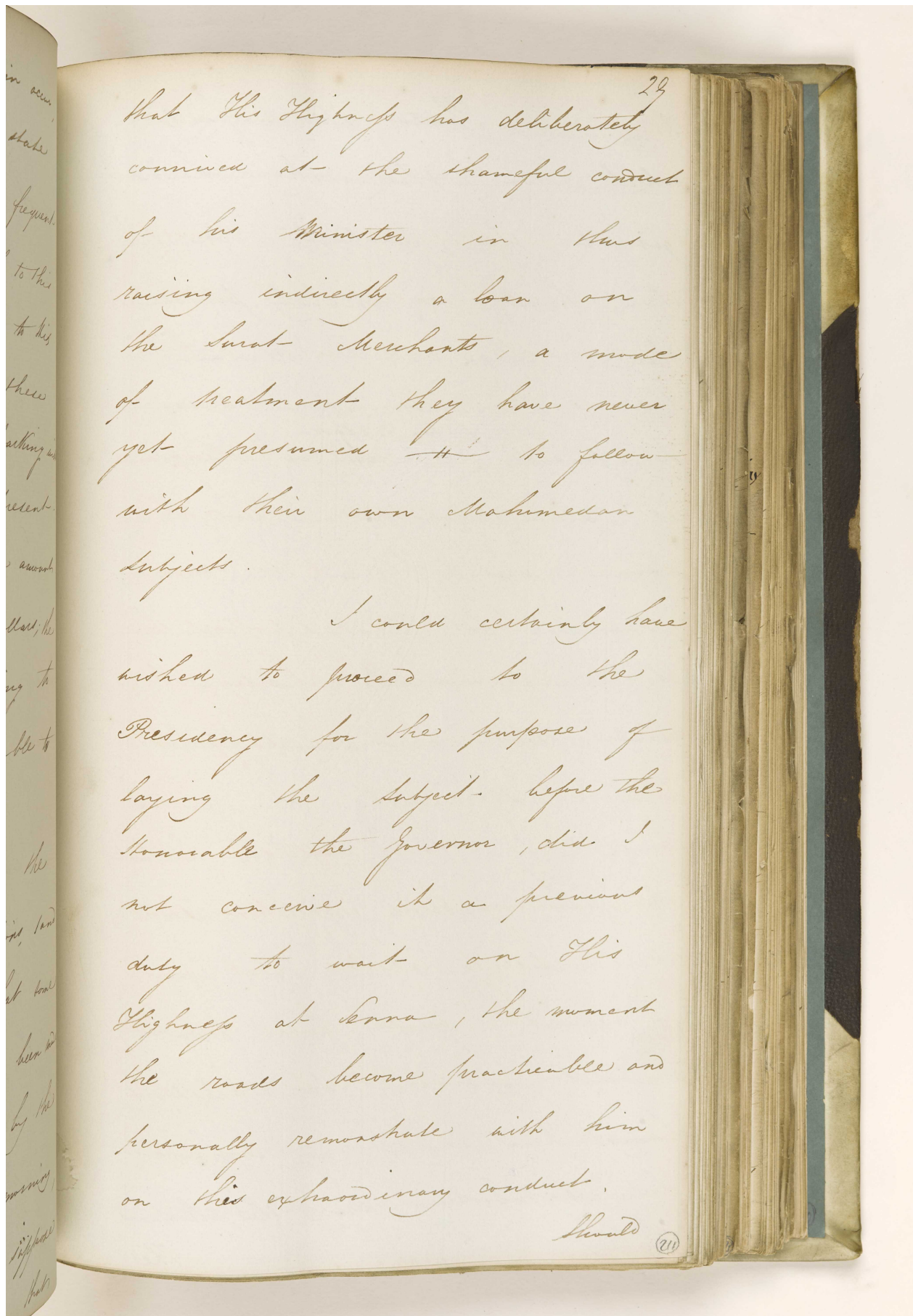
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that nature should again occur,
I regret however to state
that notwithstanding the frequent
remonstrances made both to this
Government, and even to his
Highness at Senna, these
Merchants are now embarking with
the whole of their present
claims unsatisfied to the amount
of at least 20,000 Dollars; the
local Government refusing to
return the goods agreeable to
previous agreement.

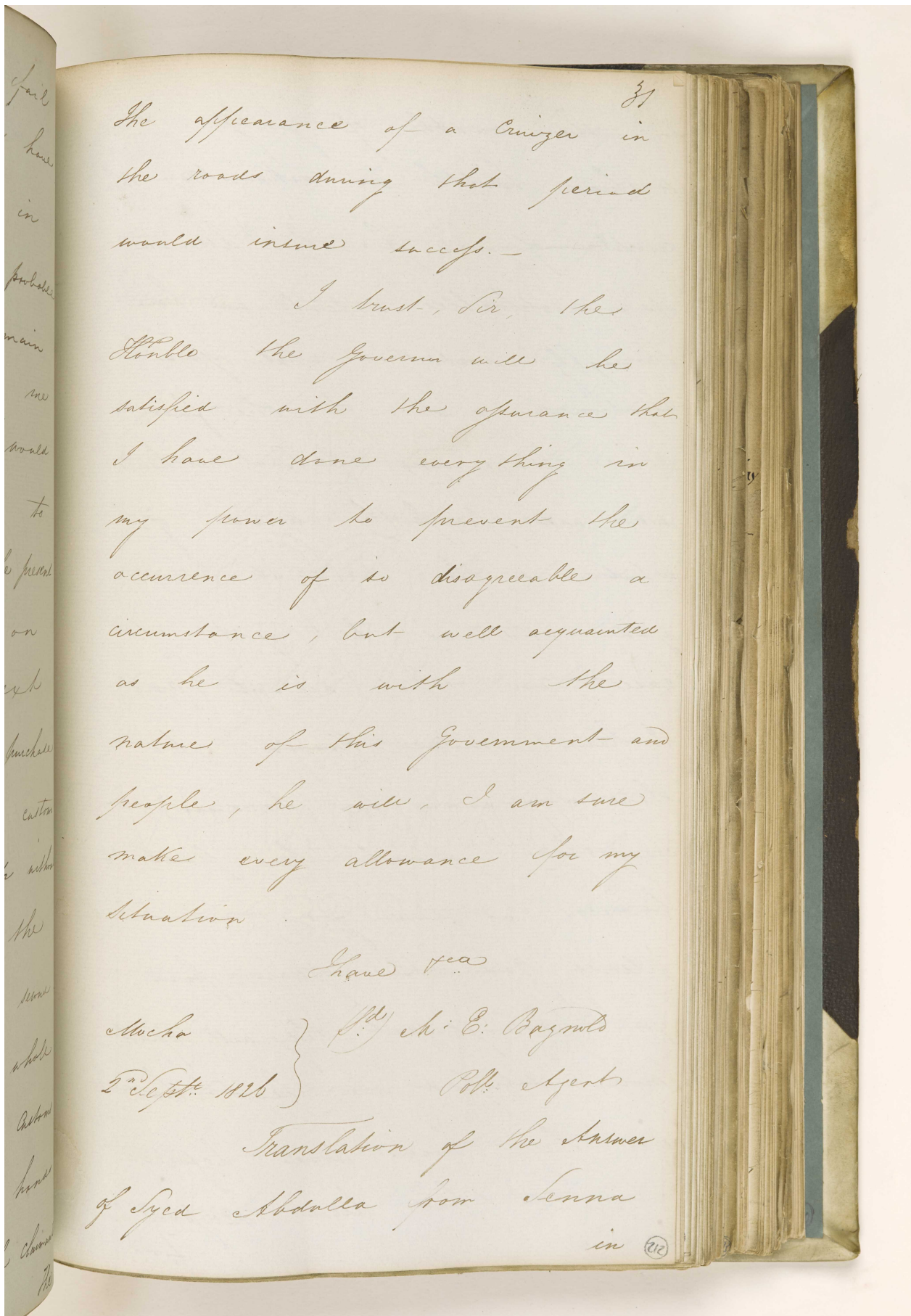
From letters the
accompanying being translations, 1 and
2 I certainly expected that some
arrangement would have been made
in their favour, but by the
arrival of N°3 this morning,
naturally leads me to suppose
that

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Should this fail
which now that they have
got ~~the~~ the property in
their hands is extremely probable
there I fear will remain
but one road for me
to pursue, ^{short of open rupture} which I would
of all things wish to
avoid, this is in the present
instance to prevent, on
the arrival of the next
Surat fleet any animal purchase
being made in the custom
house by the Dowlah without
the full consent of the
Merchant, and in the second
to insist upon the whole
amount of the Surat Customs
being paid into my hands
for distribution among the claimants.
The

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in the month of July.-
 wishing health we acknowledge the
 receipt of your friendly letter and
 its acceptable contents and have
 thoroughly understood what you
 mentioned in it. In the first
 place concerning the Surat Merchants
 we are perfectly aware of
 what is the covenant between
 you and us, be quite at
 ease on that account, and
 I have made known to
 them (meaning the Amam)
 every thing which has passed
 between us and you, and
 please God this year from
 your arrangement they will depart
 more satisfied in heart than
 ever they have done before-
 and it has been necessary
 for

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for your friend (meaning himself)
to go on to Senna, but
my master (whom may God
preserve) has left this place
for a time: and it is
my intention please God to
return to Mocha shortly and
all this business will be
agreeably settled. Be at ease
in your mind and the
two bankrupt banians whom
you have required, we have
sent one of the servants
of our master in search
of them to secure them
and on their arrival in
Mocha they will be put
in close confinement. And I
shall not be cold or
indifferent in this business. I
have (213)

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have written this letter from
Mascara where the Imam now
is on Sunday the fourth
of the month Reja / or the
7th July / in the year 1241
of the Hegira.

The copy And Translate

(Sd) M. E. Bagnold

Pol. Agent

Translation of the letter of the
Imam Mohammed received in July.
The letter of our faithful friend
the English Captain Bagnold whom
may God favour has reached
us and we have understood
it and Ayed Abdulla the
son of Abdulla Doreyt has
explained to me the agreement
made between you and him
and the shangers shall not
depart

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depart dissatisfied please God. And
we have directed Syed Abdoola
to write an order to his
Nayib to ascertain the price
of the goods purchased and
the things which may not
be required will be returned
to the owners and I will
send the banians respecting
whom, you wrote as prisoners
to Mocha, under the charge
of one of my people
and justice will be done
and whatever may appear to
be their just debt they
will be compelled to pay. -
Be at ease and Syed Abdulla
has related to me your
endeavours for my benefit, and
this is my hope, and peace
be

be with you.

(True copy and Translate)

(Sd) M E Baynold

Col. Agent

Translation of a letter of the
Imaum H. Mehdee received the
second of September 1826. —

Your letter respecting
the Surat Merchants has been
received, as also what regards
Sheriff Ulee Soomallee and the
order for money given to
Shaikh Syit and to Mahomed
Saleh. The whole matter shall
be explained to you. He formerly
wrote to you to request
that you would defer those
people's business until the Dhoula's
return, afterwards we resolved to
retain with us our faithful
Servant

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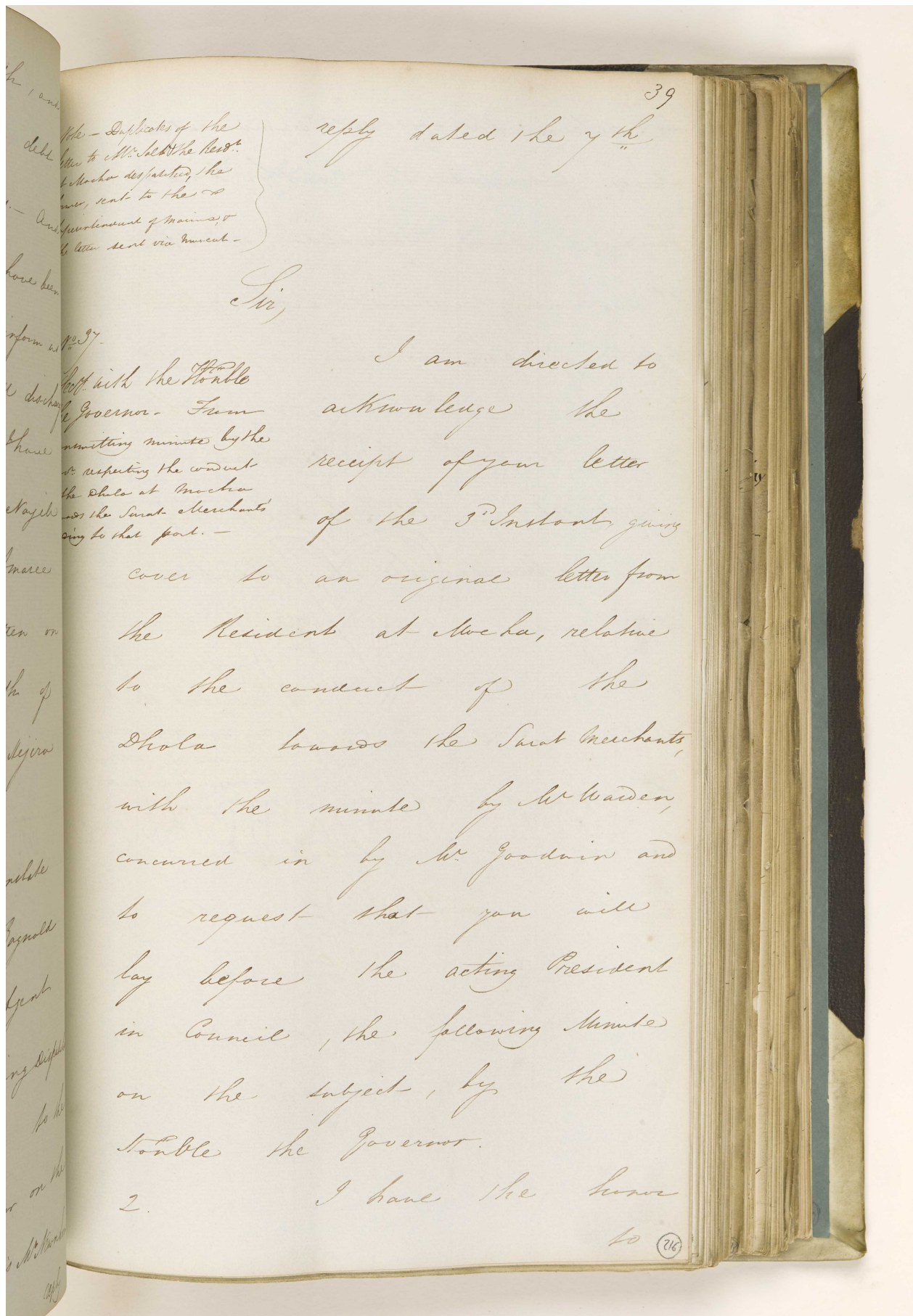
I want Lya Abdulla bin Abdulla
 Doreh for our immediate service,
 as our wazeer for the country
 Shama and the port of
 Mocha, and reflecting that the
 time for the departure of
 the Strange Merchants is drawing
 near, we have resolved to
 appoint a Nagib in Mocha, and
 to direct him to settle
 as quickly as possible the
 claim of the Indian Merchants
 and any other claimants - And
 we beg you will satisfy
 those people and assist the
 Nagib in the business - And
 the Nagib will pay them
 as much as he possibly can
 after having reckoned their accounts,
 which arrangement we hope you
 will ^{be}

will be satisfied with, and
this will be as a debt
between you and us. - And
when these people have been
satisfied by you, inform us
of it, and we will discharge
the debt to you, I have
also written to the Sayid
Mufutte bin Tahib al Amaree
on the subject written on
the 10th of the month of
Moharrum 1242 of the Hegira
- 22nd August 1826. -

True Copy & Translate
Jd. M. E. Bagnold
Pol. Agent

The preceding dispatches
having been submitted to the
Honorable the Governor on the
3rd Inst. the following is Mr. Newnham's
reply

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to return the original communication
above adverted to, with one
from Captain Bagnold of the
1st Instant, received with your
dispatch, and to be
per per

Poona } (M^r W. Newham
7th Oct. 1826 } Sent to the Honble the Gov.

Minute by the Honble
the Governor.

I entirely agree
with my colleagues
in respect to the
measures to be adopted
to procure justice for the
Surat traders

Good in Council
President the Honble
this minute, agreeing with
other members in respect to
measures to be adopted to
procure justice to the Surat
merchants trading to the Port of
Mocha.

(Signed) M^r Alphonstone,

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From Mr. Secretary Greenhill,
to E. M. Baynolds Esq. Resident at
Mocha, 13th October 1826. -

Sir,

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter dated
the 2nd ultimo N^o. 26
regarding the conduct of the
Dhola of Mocha towards the
Surat Merchants, and to communicate
to you, the instructions of
the Governor in Council on
the subject

2. The Governor in Council
considers your proceeding to Sena
for the purpose of demonstrating
with the Dhola in
this occasion wholly unnecessary as
it will lead only to the
inconvenience (27)

*Mocha Residency
Copy to the Resident.
Instructing him in
the manner he should
use to restrain the
disruptive conduct of the
Dhola at Mocha towards
the Surat Merchants trading
there.*

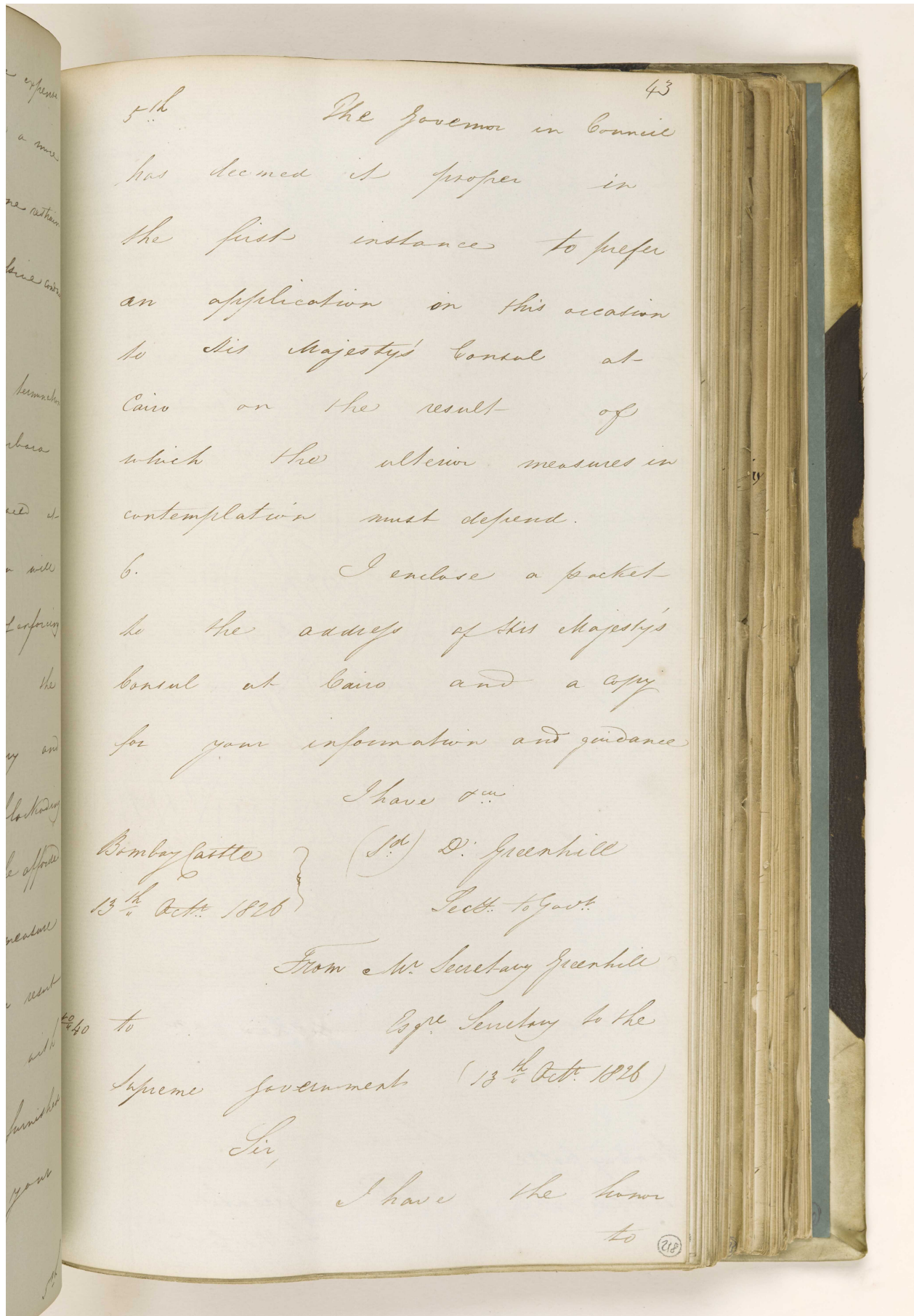
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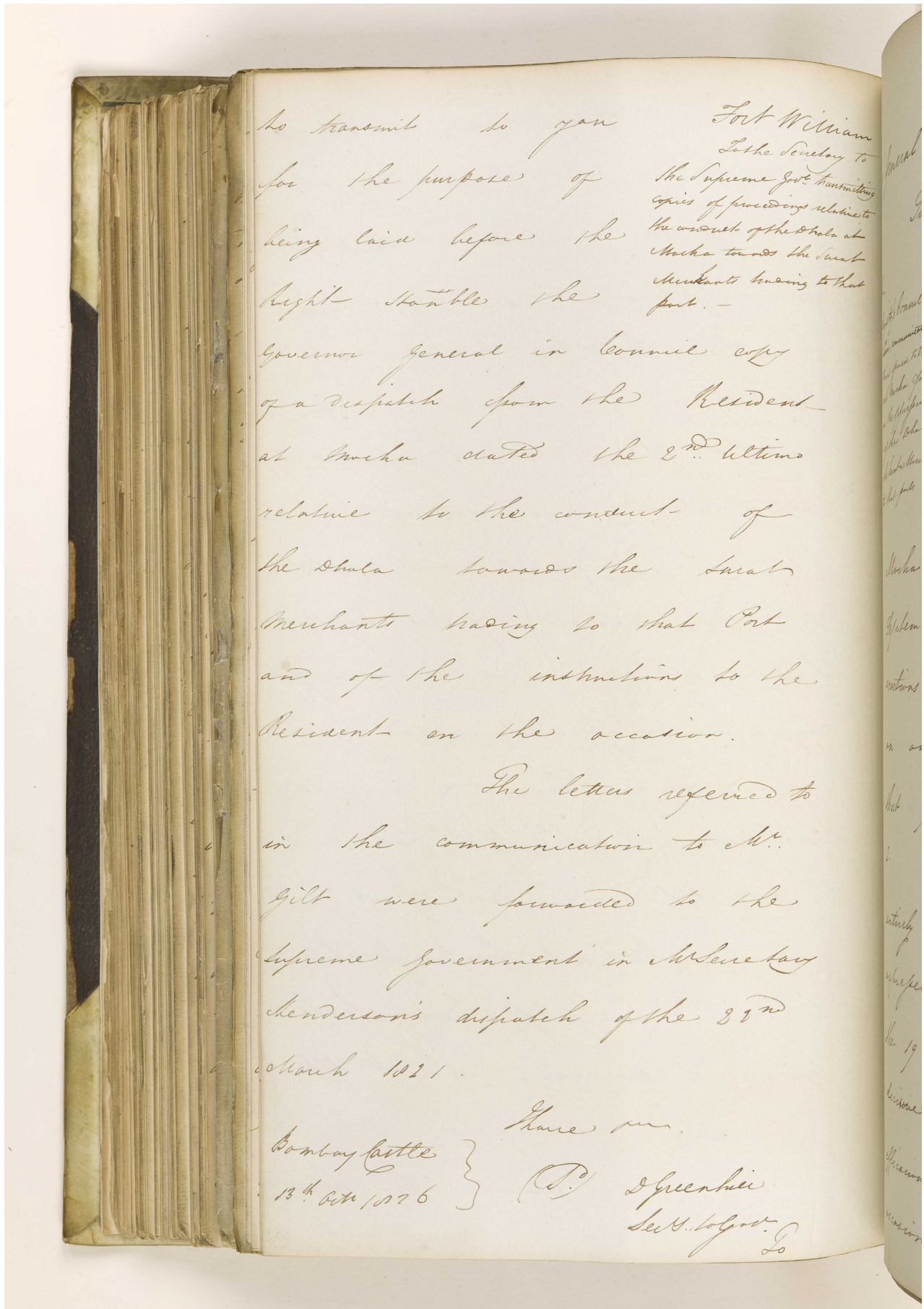
incurrence of an unprofitable expense
and that measures of a more
decided character can alone restrain
the arbitrary and oppressive conduct
of the Dola.

3. After the termination
of the service at Barbara
a Cruiser will be placed at
your disposal, when you will
command the means of enforcing
the demand by striking the
British flag if necessary and
removing or boarding or blockading
the Port in redress be afforded.

4. This last measure
you will not however resort
to, till further orders with
which you will be furnished
by the period of your
return to Mocha.

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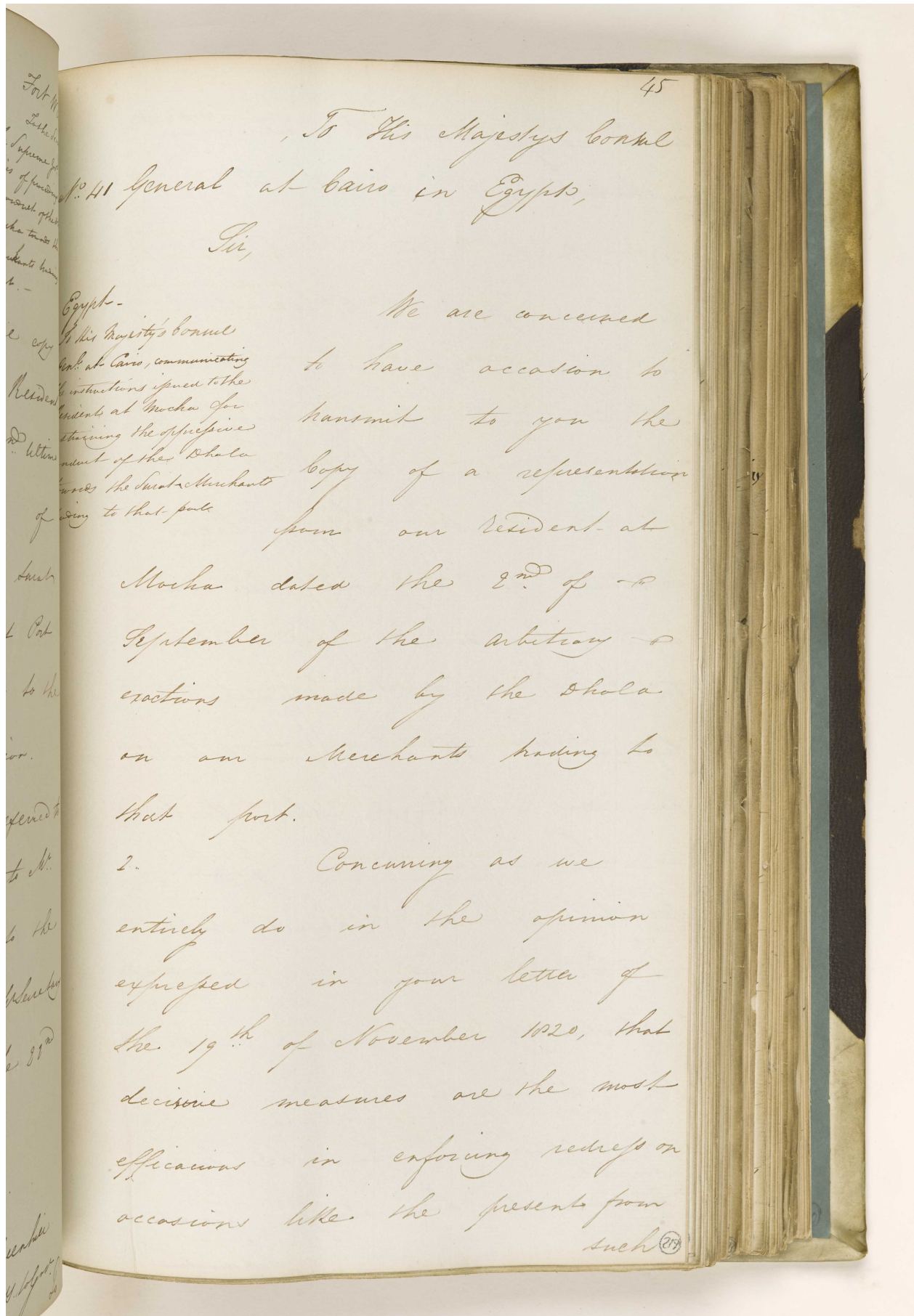


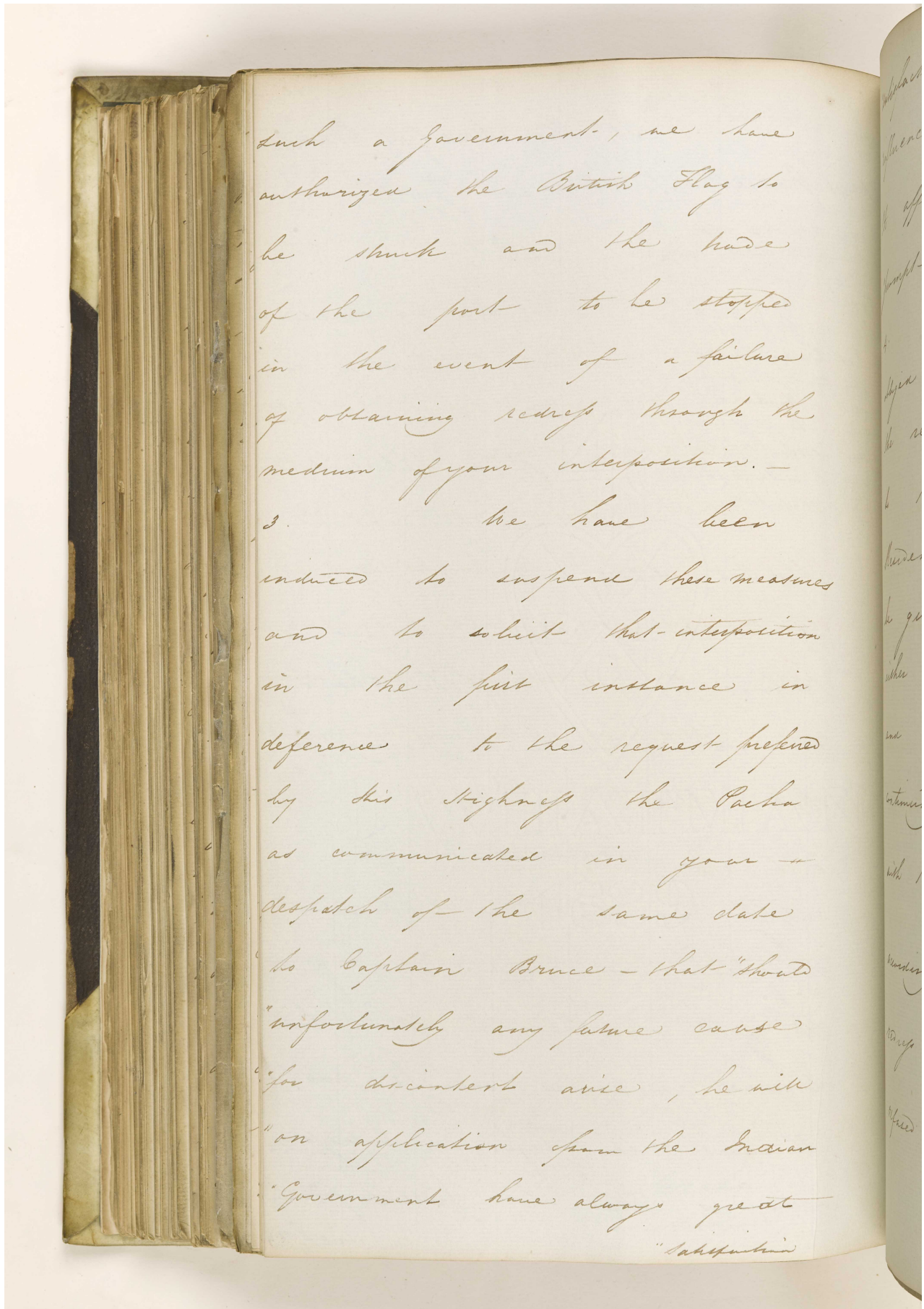
to transmit to you
for the purpose of
being laid before the
right Honble the
Governor General in Council copy
of a dispatch from the Resident
at Mocha dated the 2nd ultimo
relative to the conduct of
the Dola towards the Surat
Merchants trading to that Port
and of the instructions to the
Resident on the occasion.

The letters referred to
in the communication to Mr.
Gilt were forwarded to the
Supreme Government in Mr Secretary
Henderson's dispatch of the 3rd
March 1821.

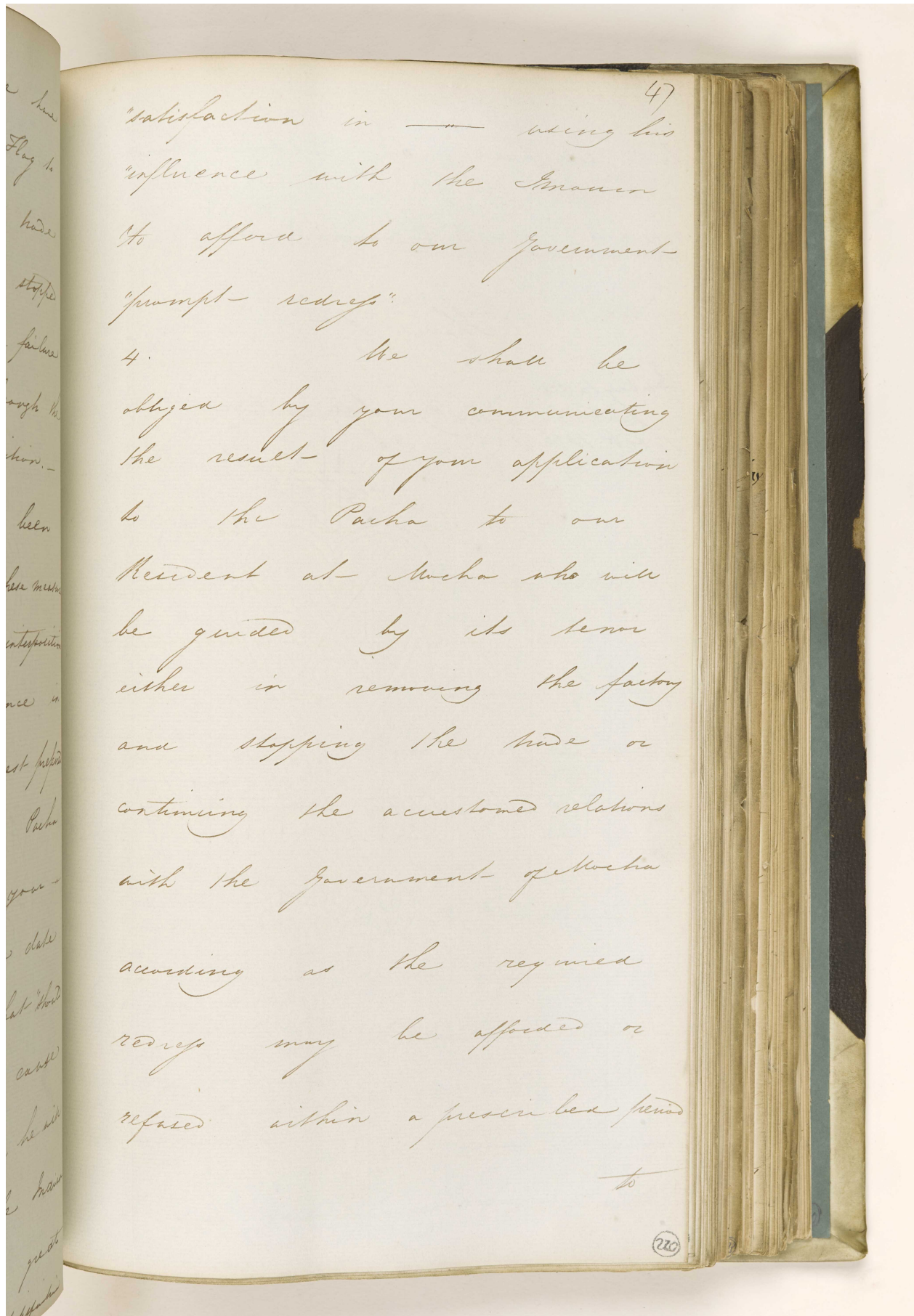
Bombay Castle }
13th Oct 1826 }
D. Greenhill
Secy. to Gov. G.

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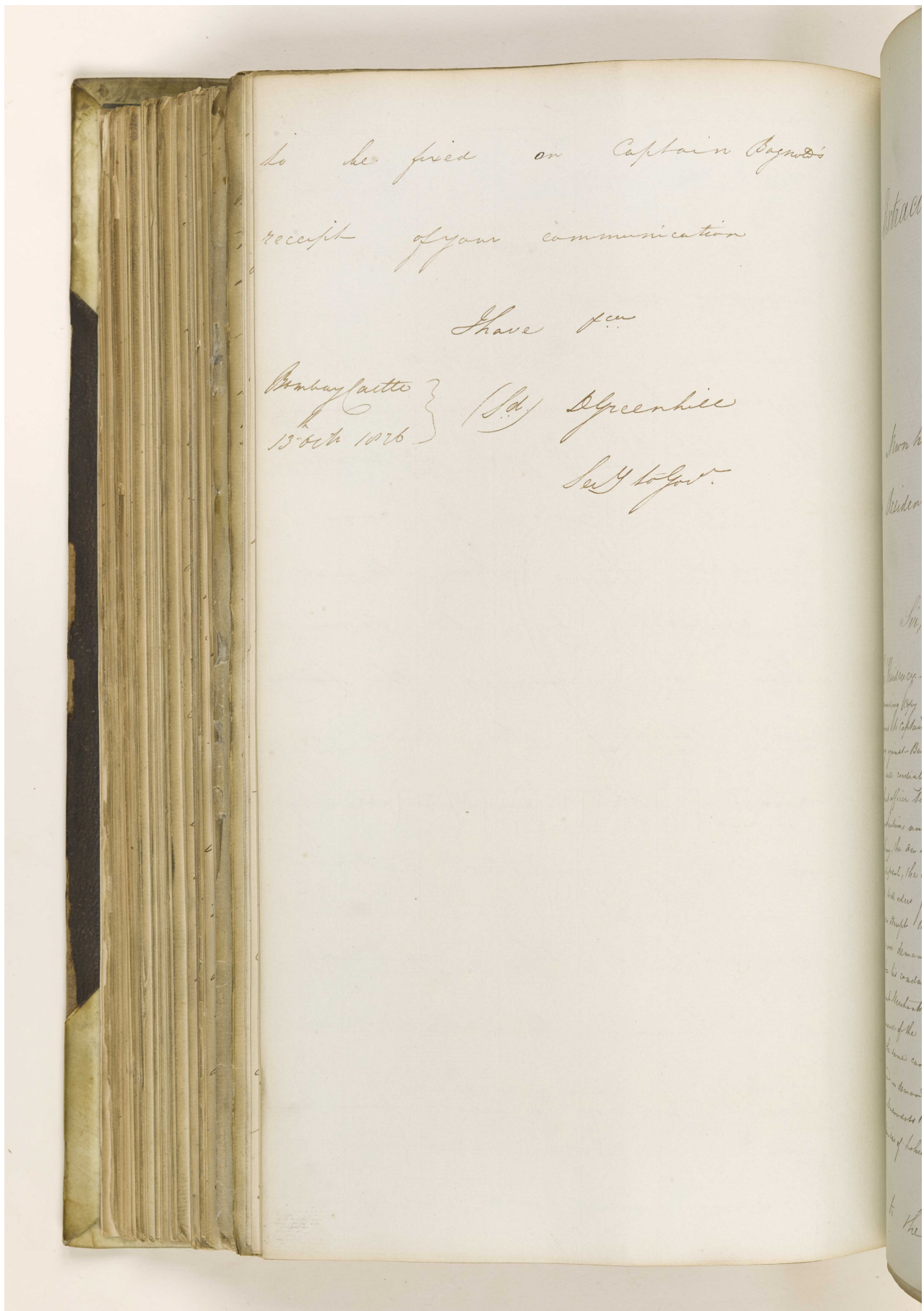


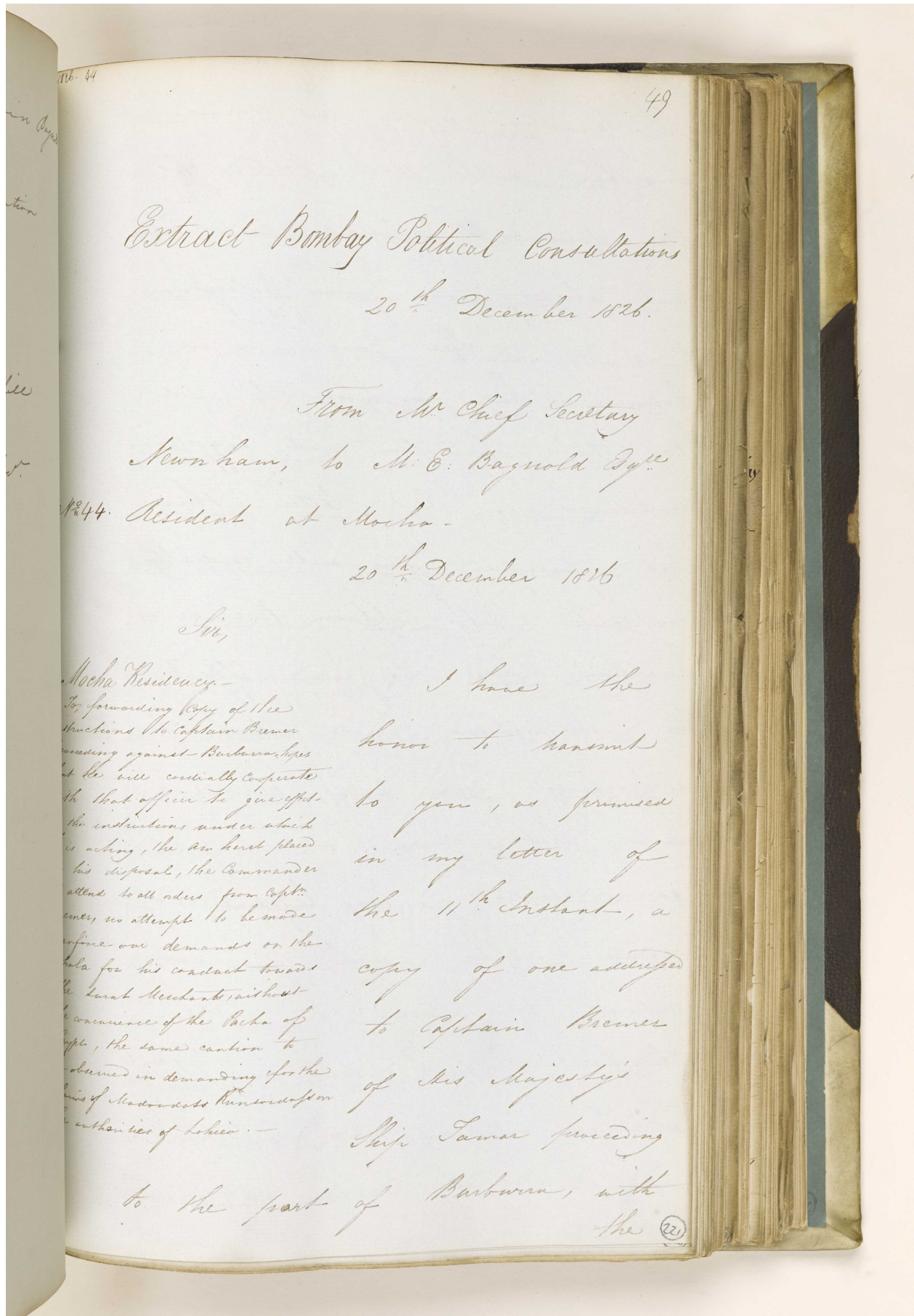
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"satisfaction in — using his
influence with the Emperor
to afford to our government
prompt redress".

4. We shall be
obliged by your communicating
the result of your application
to the Pacha to our
Resident at Mocha who will
be guided by its tenor
either in removing the factory
and stopping the trade or
continuing the accustomed relations
with the Government of Mocha
according as the required
redress may be afforded or
refused within a prescribed period
to

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the Squadron under his command
together with such parts of
the documents referred to as are
not already in your possession.

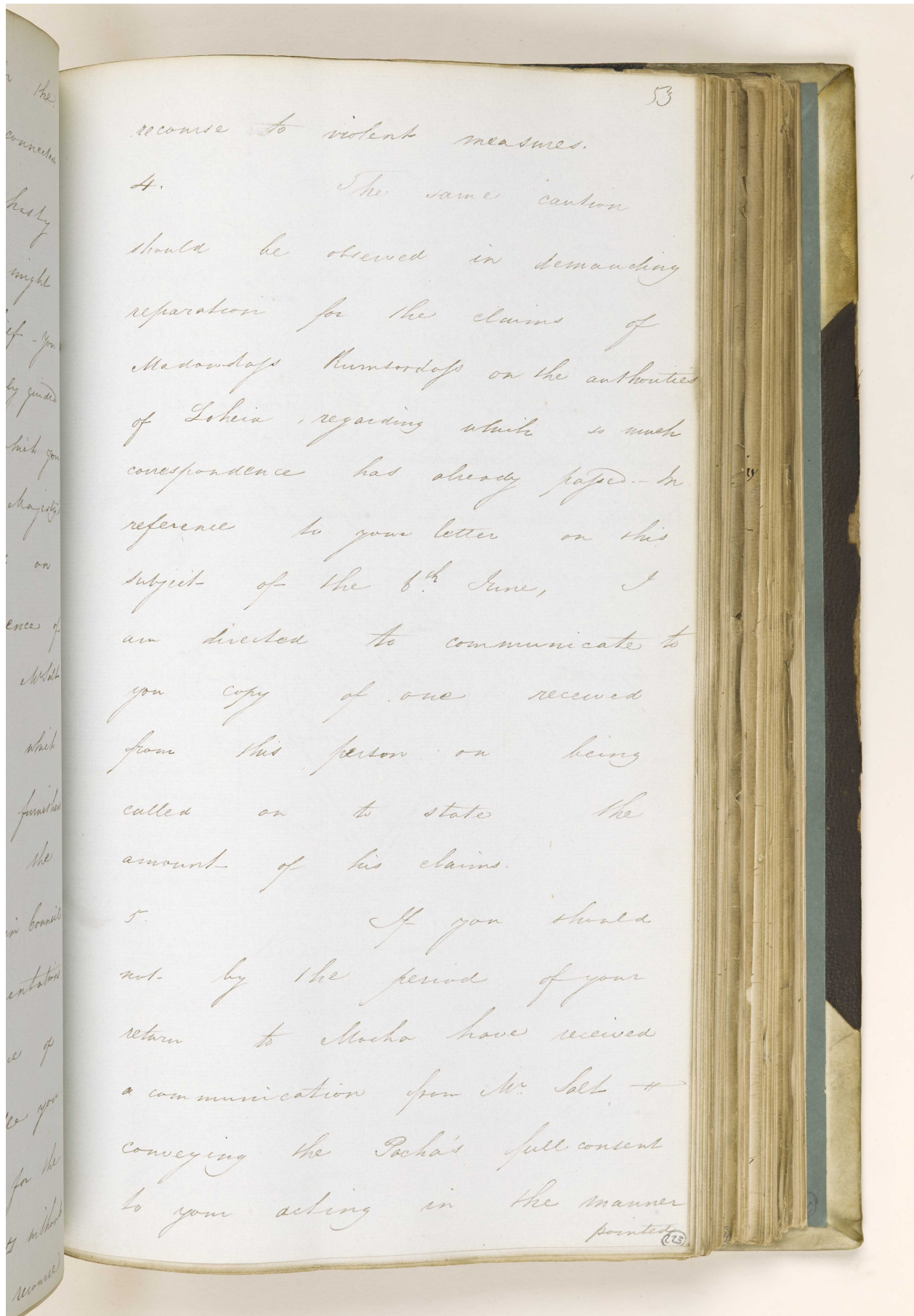
2. The Governor in
Council has nothing to add
to the information and suggestions
contained in that letter than
his assurance you will cordially
cooperate with Captain Bremer in
enabling him to give effect
to instructions under which he
is acting. — You will remain
with that officer as long as
your presence may be considered
requisite, after which you will
return to Mocha in the
Amherst, which has been placed
at your disposal. — on all points
connected with operation during the
time

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time you may remain with
the Squadron, the Commander of
the Amherst will of course be
guided by the instructions he
may receive from Captain Bremer.
3. With regard to the
ulterior objects on which the
Amherst may be employed, I
am directed to refer you to
Mr. Greenhill's despatches of the
13th of October (of which a copy
is now forwarded) on the
subject of the ~~sholes~~ conduct
towards the Surat merchants. I
am further directed to state
that no attempt whatever should
be made to enforce our
demands at Mocha and the
Subordinate ports, without the fullest
concurrence of His Highness the
Pacha (222)

Pacha. of Egypt & since in the
present state of affairs connected
with the ports any hasty
step on our part might
produce serious mischief - You
will therefore be carefully guided
by any communication which you
may receive from His Majesty's
Consul General in Egypt on
this subject in consequence of
the letter addressed to us
by the Government, of which
you have already been furnished
with a copy and in the
mean time the Governor in Council
trusts that your own representations
assisted by the presence of
the Consul may enable you
to obtain satisfaction for the
claims of the merchants without
recourse)

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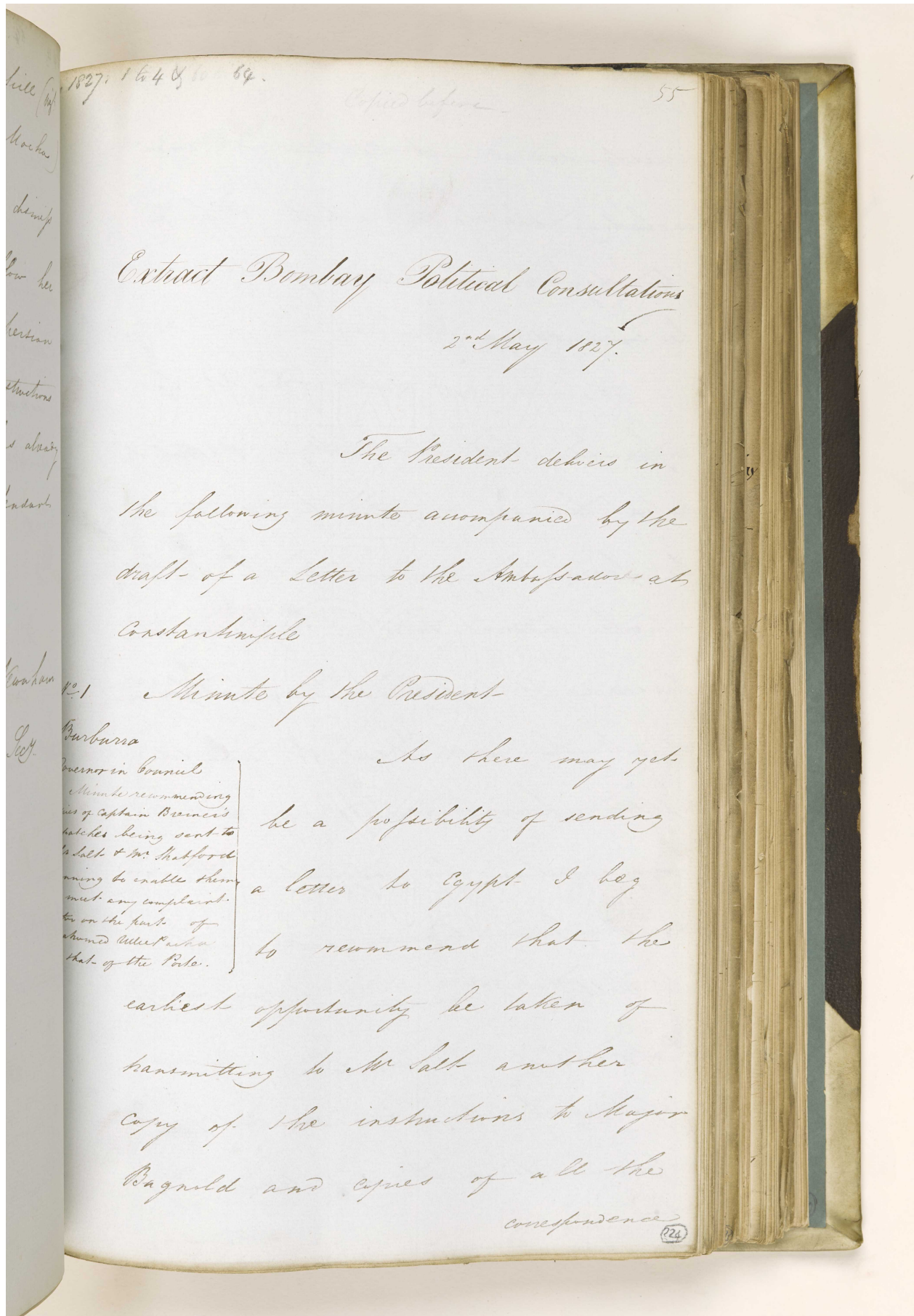
vented out by Mr. Greenhill (sig:
blockading the Port of Mocha)
you are at once to dismiss
the Amherst, and to allow her
to proceed to the Persian
Gulf according to the instructions
which the Commander has already
received from the Superintendant
of the Marine.

I have &c

Bombay Castle }
25th Decr. 1825 }

(Sd) W. Mowbray
Chief Secy.

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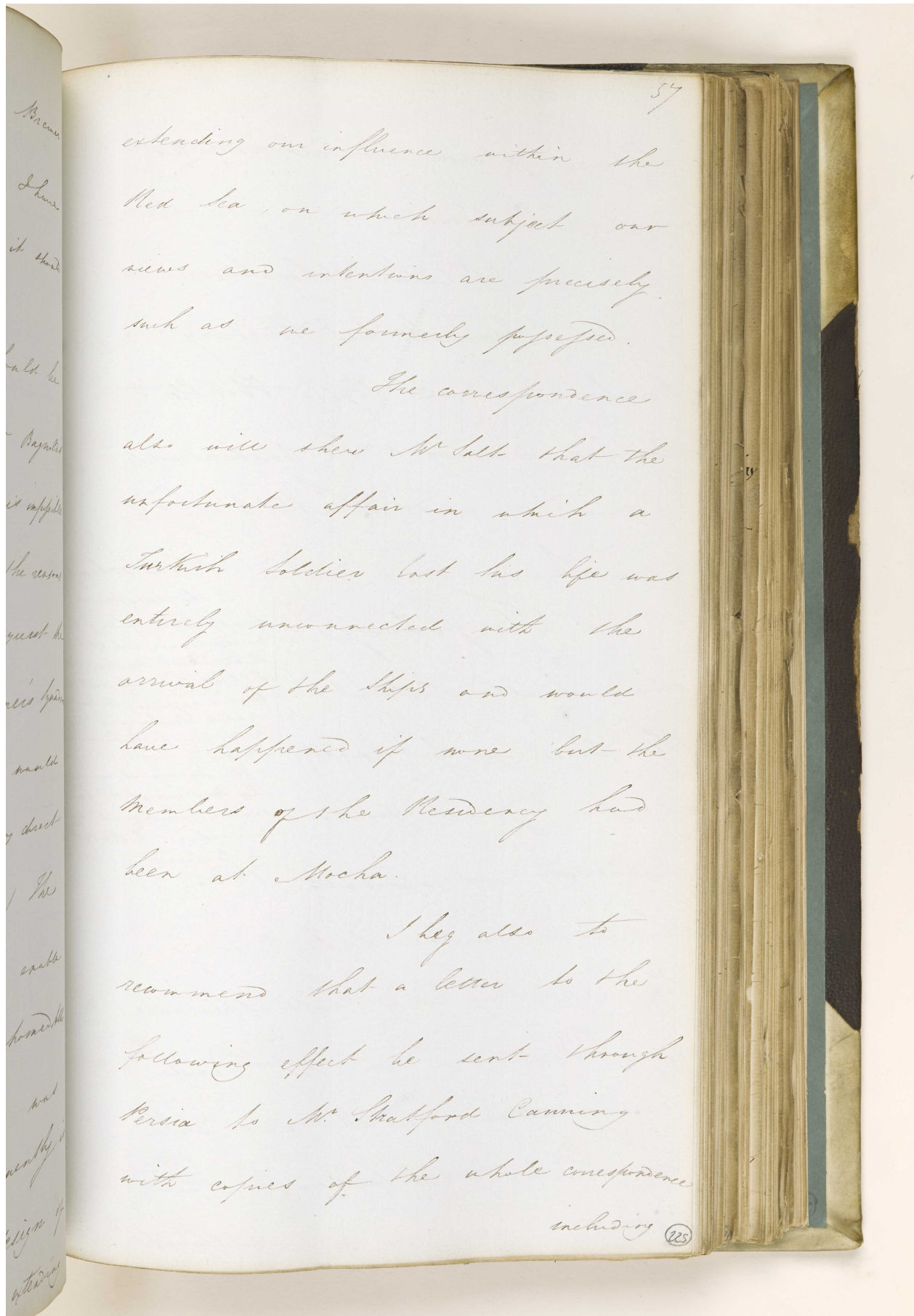


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correspondence with Captain Bremer
including the letter which I have
this day recommended if it should
be concurred in.

Mr Salt should be
informed that until Major Bagin's
dispatches are received, it is impossible
to form an opinion of the reasons
which induced him to request the
presence of Captain Bremer's Squadron
at Mocha (without as it would
appear having received any direct
communication from Egypt). The
correspondence however will enable
Mr Salt to convince Mahomed Ali
Pasha that the measure was
unpremeditated and consequently is
not connected with any design of
extending

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including Captain Bremer's narrative
regarding Barbours

(Sd) M. Elphinstone

From Mr Chief Secretary N^o 2

Newnham, to the Right Honble

Shafford Canning Esq in Constantinople

26th April 1824

Sir,

Constantinople

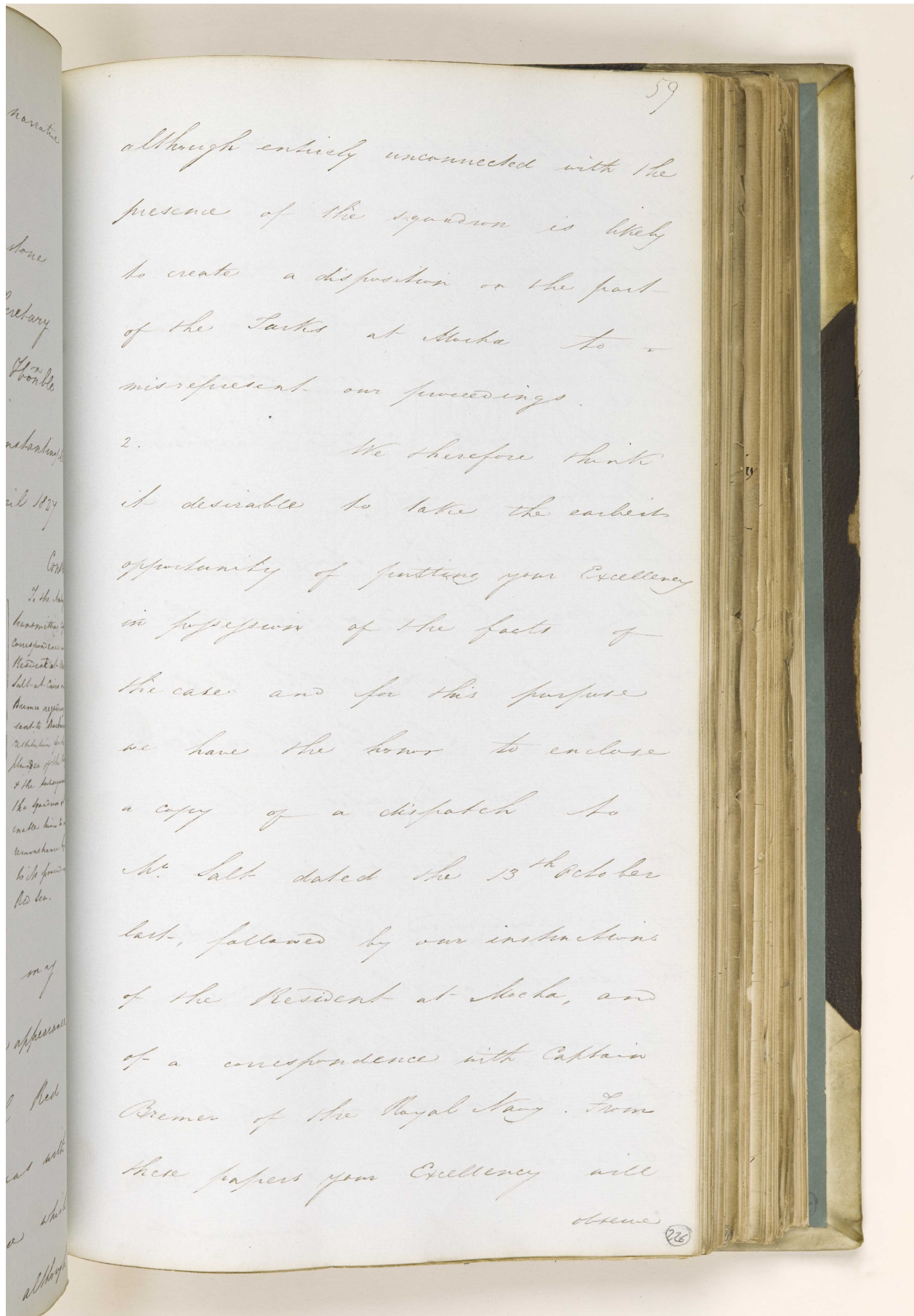
The jealousy

shown by the Porters
the time of the last
expedition against Mocha
makes it not improbable

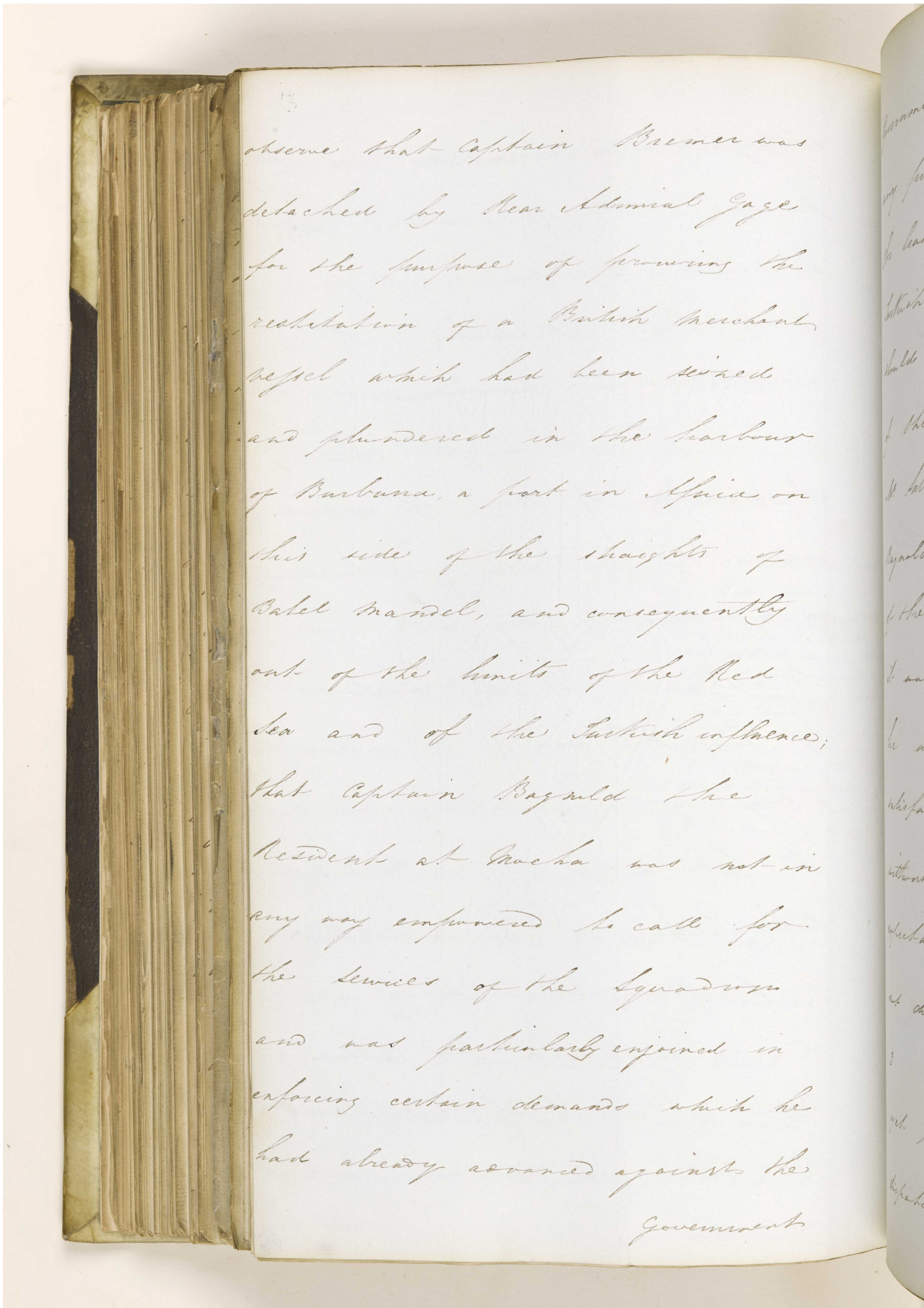
To the Ambassador
transmitting copies of the
correspondence with the
Resident at Mocha, Mr
Salt at Cairo and with Captain
Bremer regarding the Squadron
sent to Barbours to obtain
information about the seizure and
murder of the Brig Maryanne
& the subsequent arrival of
the Squadron at Mocha to
enable him to meet any
unpleasantness by the Porters
to its proceedings in the
Red Sea.

that a similar feeling may
be excited by the late appearance
of a Squadron in the Red
Sea accompanied as it was with
an unlucky disturbance which
although

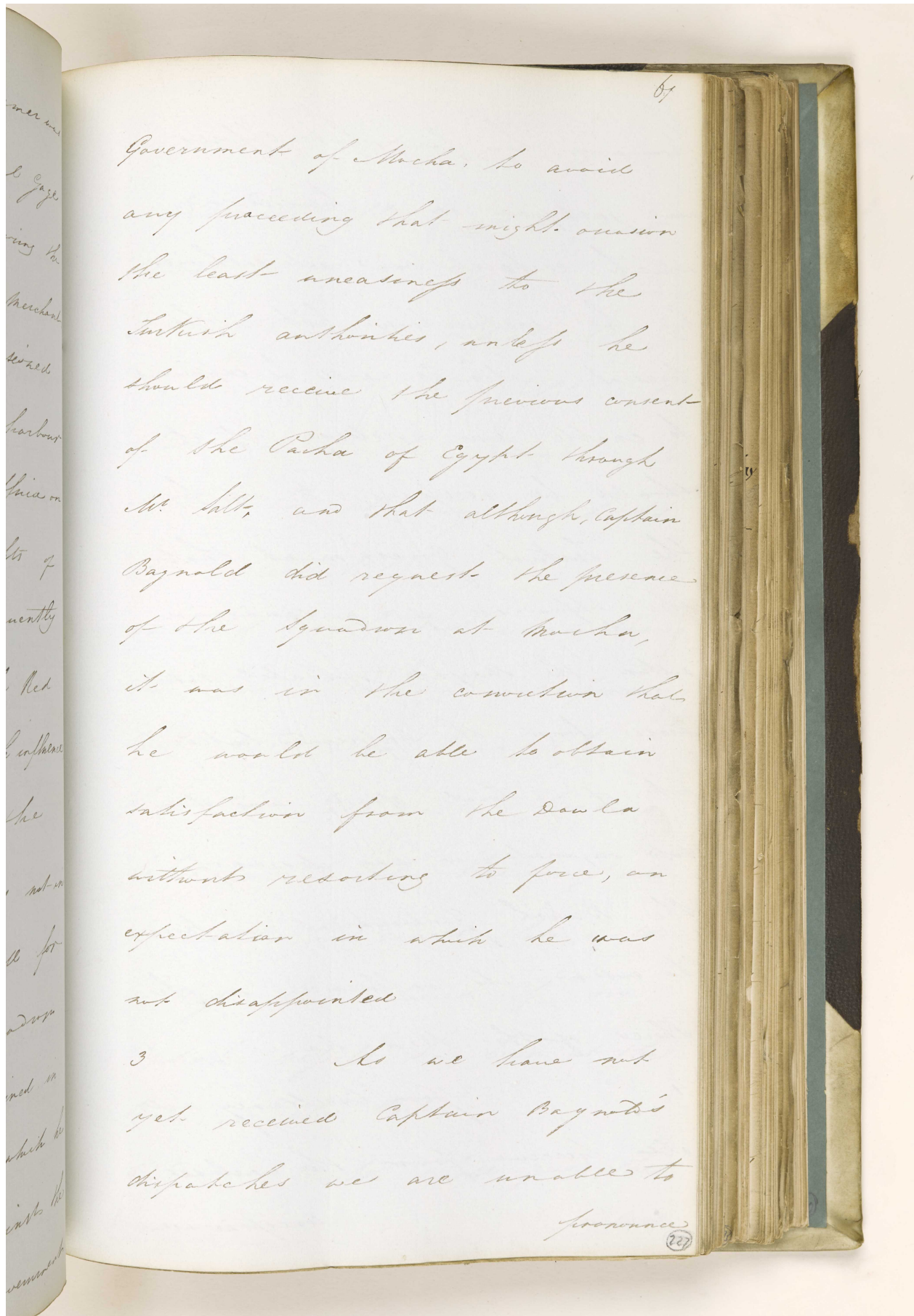
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Government of Mocha, to avoid
any proceeding that might occasion
the least uneasiness to the
Turkish authorities, unless he
should receive the previous consent
of the Pacha of Egypt through
Mr Salt, and that although, Captain
Bagnold did request the presence
of the Squadron at Mocha,
it was in the conviction that
he would be able to obtain
satisfaction from the Dowla
without resorting to force, an
expectation in which he was
not disappointed

3 As we have not
yet received Captain Bagnold's
dispatches we are unable to
pronounce

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pronounce him for that officer
was justified in a proceeding
which certainly was not authorized
by his instructions, but the
present materials will be sufficient
to enable your Excellency (if it
should be necessary,) to satisfy
the Turkish Government that
the appearance of a squadron
within the straits of Bab el Mandeb
arose from the unpremeditated
act of a local officer and did
not originate in any design of
the British Government in India
to extend its influence on the
shores of the Red Sea.

4 Your Excellency will
also perceive from the enclosed
correspondence

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correspondence, the nature of the
unfortunate affair that took
place at Mocha which occasioned
the death of a Turkish Soldier
5. As this affair took
place while the Squadron was
at Mocha it may perhaps
be represented as — — —
connected with that circumstance,
but your Excellency will perceive
that the dispute was from
first to last with persons
belonging to the Residency and
proceeded from causes that would
no less have occurred, if no
British vessels had been at the
time in the Port.
6. We shall give the
earliest

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earliest intimation of these
transactions to Mr Salt, and
as no vessel was left in
the red sea when His Majesty's
ship sth^d quitted it except
the Honorable Company's cruiser
Amherst, which also was on
the eve of proceeding to the
Persian Gulf we trust that
no permanent uneasiness will
be occasioned by the transactions
to which we have adverted

I have &c

Bombay Castle } (Sd) W. Newnham
26th April 1827

Chief Sec^y

P.S. A Duplicate of the Dispatch
to Mr Salt is forwarded under a
flying Seal.

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To the Consul General
in Egypt signed by the Board.

Sir,

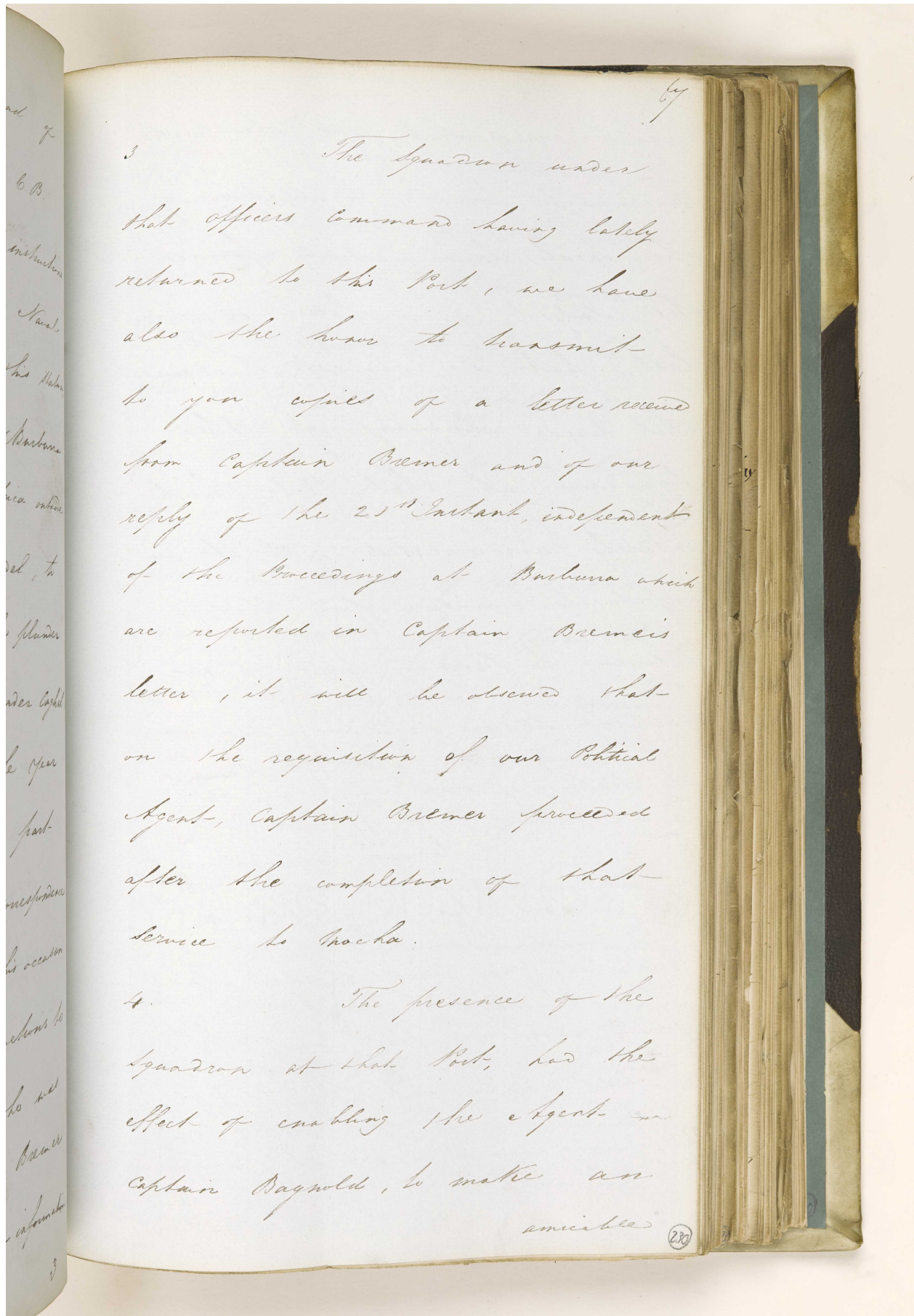
To the Consul General -
informing him of the
proceedings of the Board
to obtain redress
for the services rendered
to the Dola of the King
May also, transmitting
copies of correspondence
with Captain Brewster
the Resident at Mocha
concerning for the
Board proceeding to
Mocha in order that
they may seek any
complaints by the
Dola of Egypt.

On the 13th October
last we had the honor
of addressing you on the
subject of the arbitrary
exactions made by the Dola
of Mocha on the Surat
Merchants trading to that port,
and on the measures which
we conceived should be pursued
with the previous sanction of
His Highness the Pacha of Egypt
for obtaining indemnification.

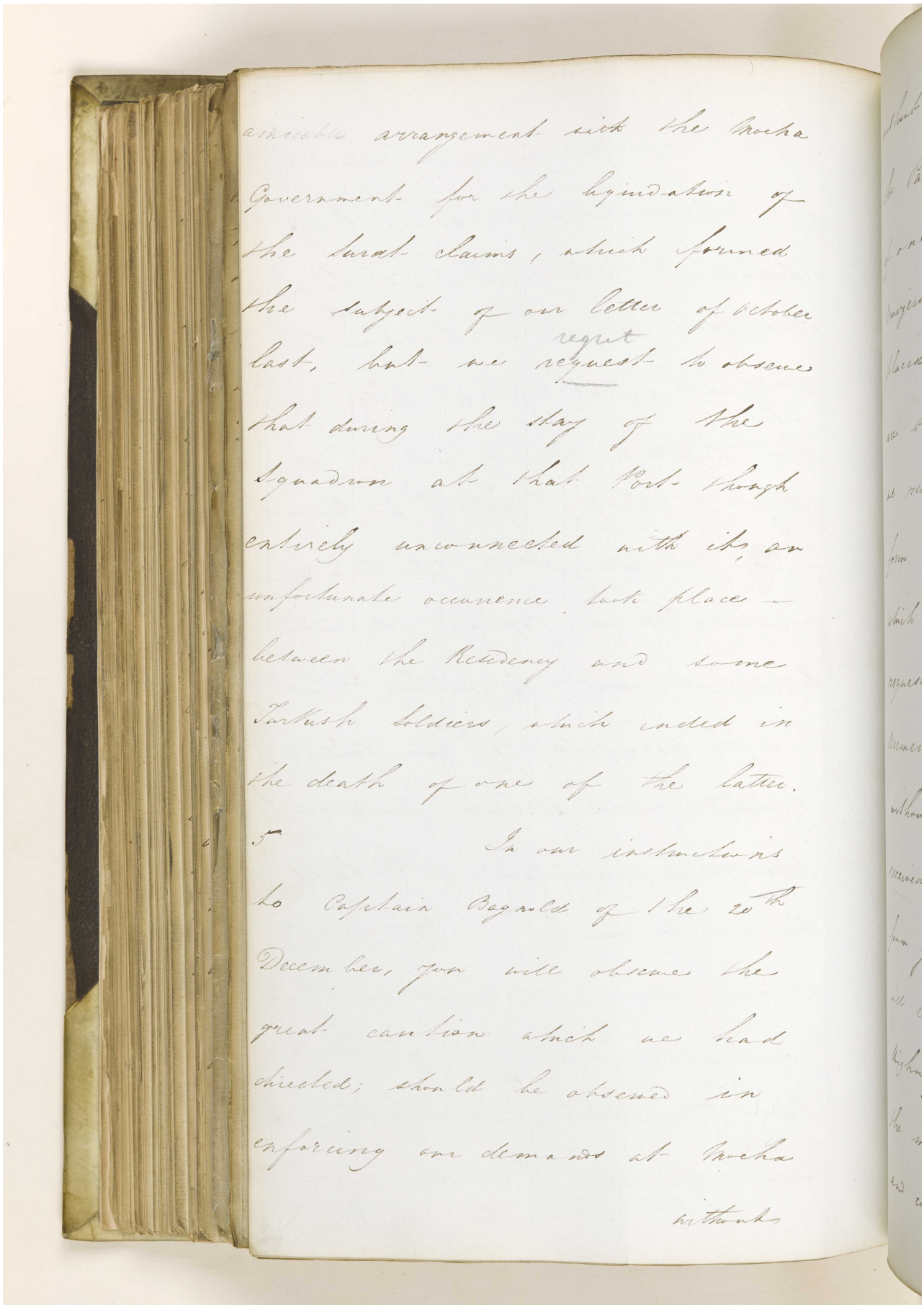
2 In the month of
December following a Squadron
consisting of three of His Majesty's
Ships (229)

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without the previous authority from
the Pacha even with the presence
of one of the Honble Company's
Counsellors which had above been
placed at his disposal, and we
are therefore unable until
we receive his dispatches, to
form an opinion of the reasons
which induced that officer to
request the presence of Captain
Brenner's Squadron at Mocha,
without, as it would appear, having
received any direct communication
from you. The correspondence however
will enable you to convince his
Highness Mahomed Ali Pacha, that
the measure was unpremeditated
and consequently is not connected
with

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with any design of extending our
influence in the Red Sea, on
which subject our views are
precisely such as those formerly
professed.

6 From the above
correspondence you will also perceive
that the unfortunate affair in
which a Turkish soldier lost his
life, was entirely unconnected with
the arrival of the ships at
Mocha, and would have happened
equally if none but the members
of the Residency had been at
that place.

A copy of our letter
to the Ambassador at
Constantinople, is also inclosed
for

copies of letters this day addressed
to the Ambassador at Constantinople
and to the Consul General in
Egypt regarding the affairs at
Mocha

I have gen.
Bombay letter } (Sd) W. M. M. M.
26 April 1827 } Chief Secy

Resumed consideration
of a letter from Captain Bremer
of His Majesty's Ship Tamar dated
the 14th April and recorded in our
proceedings of the 25th of the
same month N^o 62 & 63

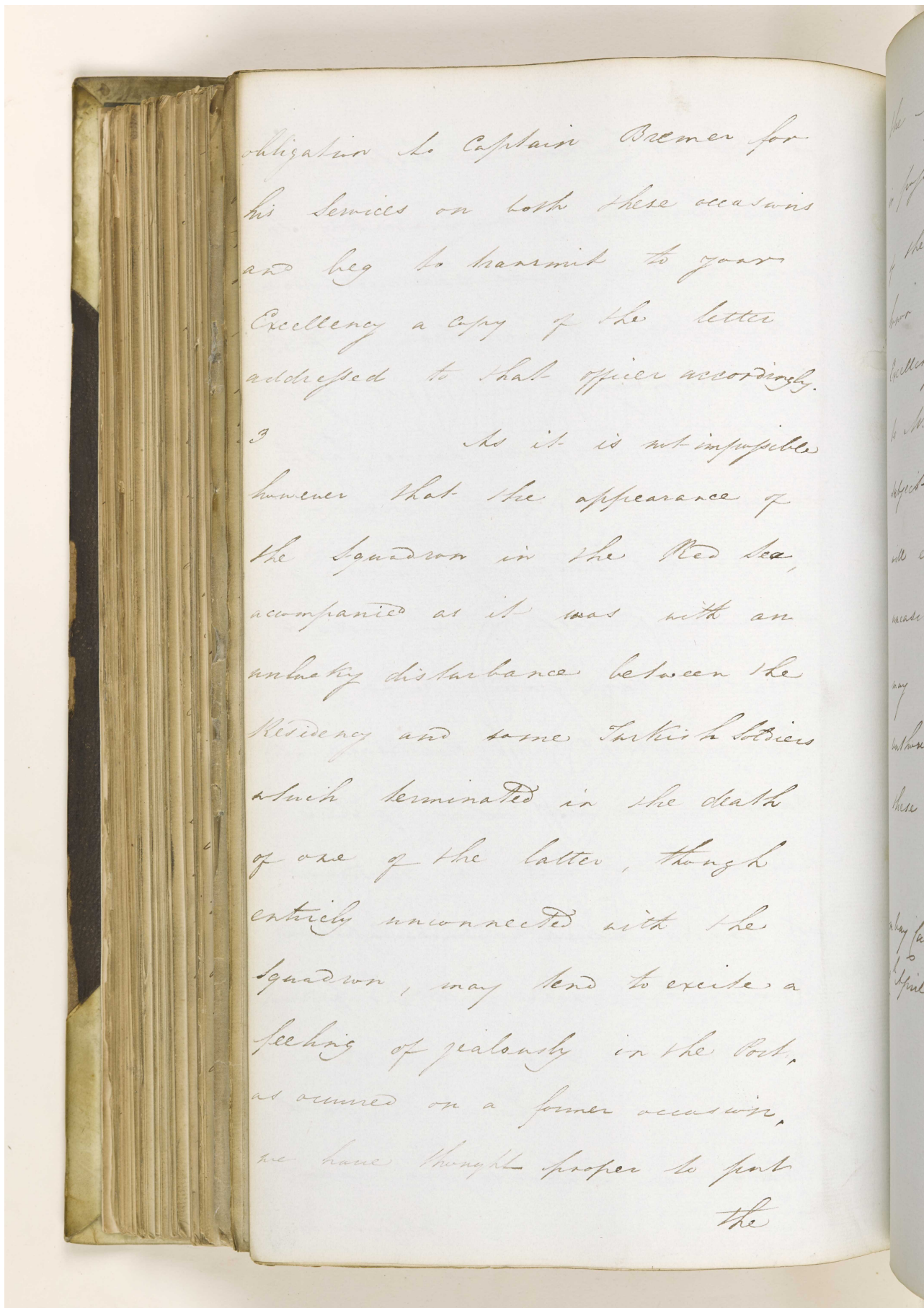
The following letter is addressed
to the Admiral signed by the Board
of

In our letter
of

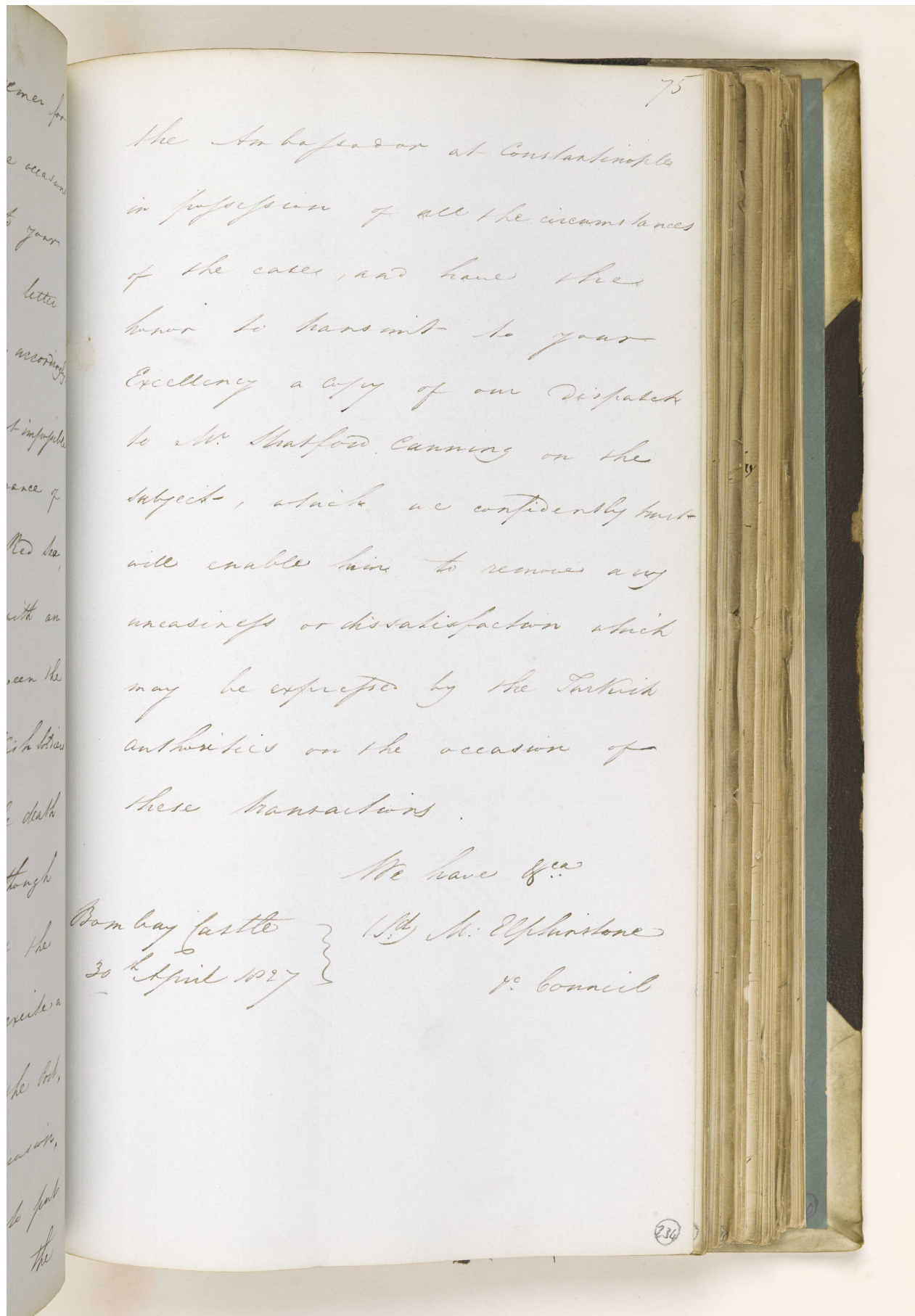
King's Ship Flag
To Rear Admiral Gage
informing him of the failure of
jealousy excited in the East in
consequence of the appearance
of the Squadron under Captain
Bremer at Mocha, after the
termination of the affairs at
Bombay

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of the 26th December last, we
had the honor of communicating to
your Excellency, copies of our correspondence
with Captain Bremer previous to his
leaving Bombay for the Coast of
Africa. The Squadron having lately
returned to this Port, Captain
Bremer has obligingly favored us
with an Extract of his letter to
your Excellency dated the 9th
February regarding his Proceedings at
Barbaria, and with copies of his
Correspondence with the Resident
at Mocha which induced Captain
Bremer to proceed with his Squadron
into the Red Sea.
2 We have had much
Pleasure in acknowledging our
obligation

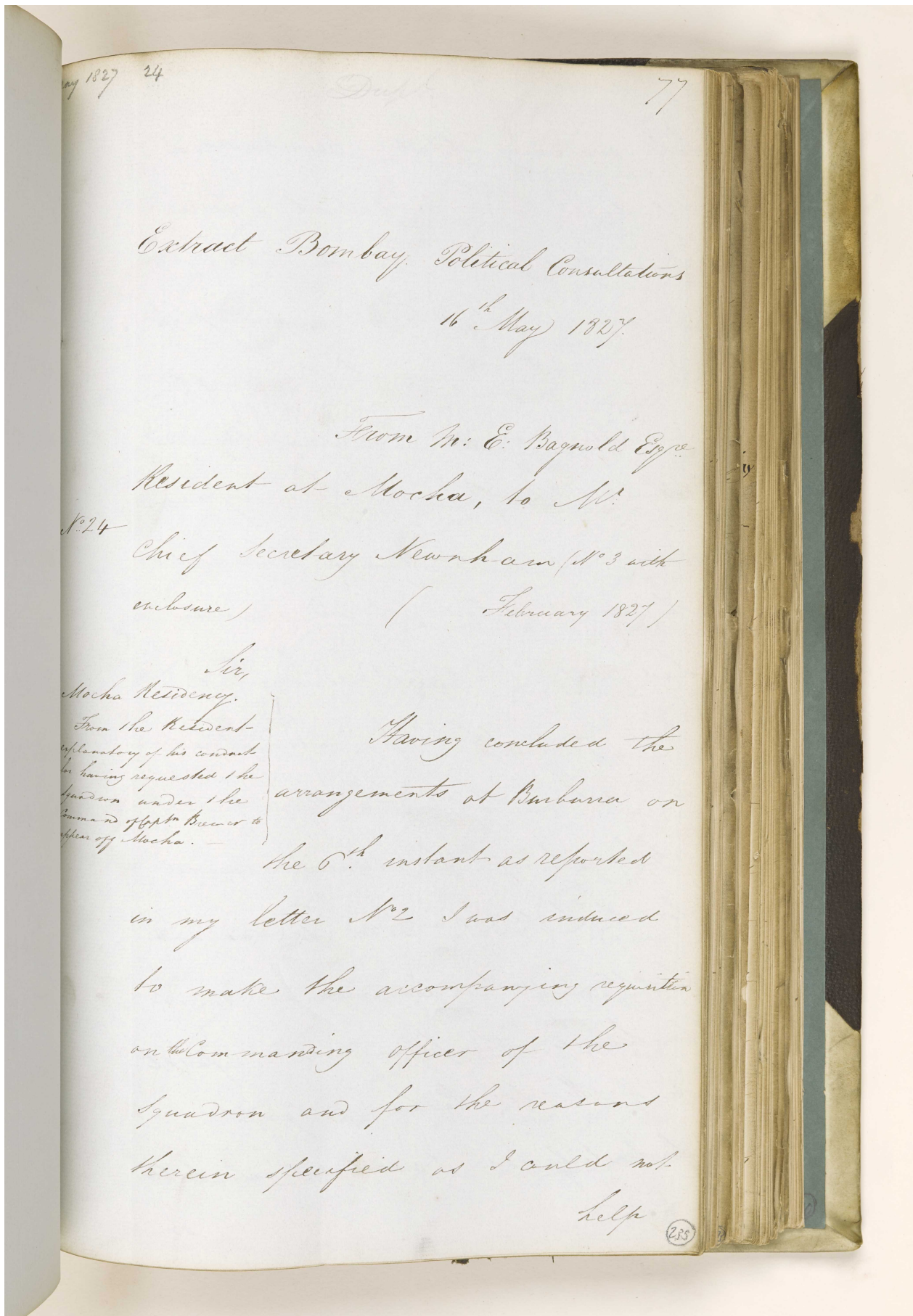


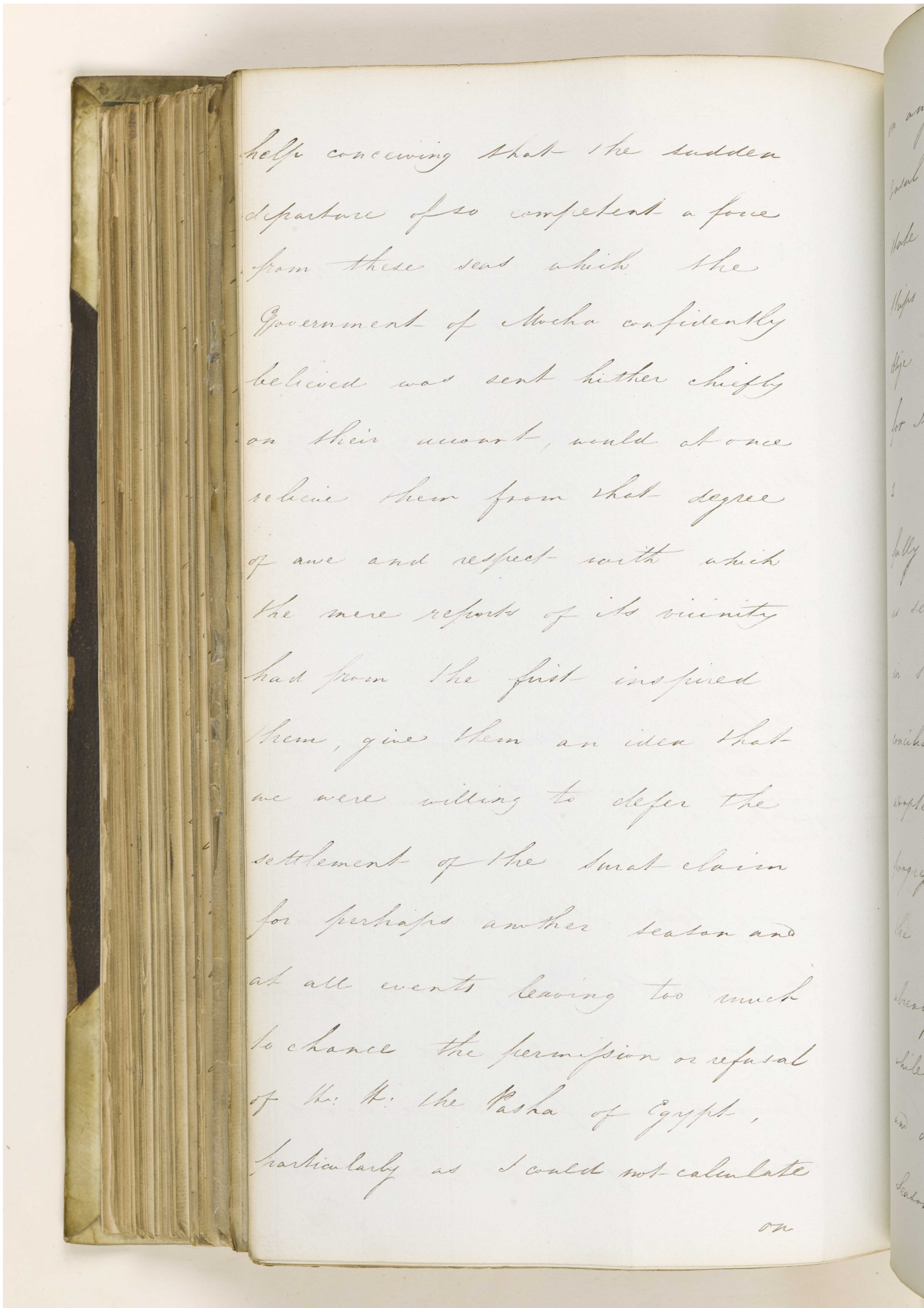
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on any communication from our
Consul General, therefore the
state of Provisions in the several
ships would in all probability
oblige Captain Bremer to sail
for India.

2 The result had
fully answered my expectations,
as scarcely had we anchored
in the roads before a most
conciliatory line of conduct was
adopted and arrangements in
progress for the liquidation of
the debt, under which I have
already realised 15,000 Dollars
while the transfer of the Surat
and other British customs of the
Season, will I trust adjust
the

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the balance particularly should
I be able to detain the Ambassadors
on the station until the latter
part of April, this I must
endeavour to do for the settlement
of the Barbours balance unless
the present sickly state of the
Aren should render her departure
absolutely necessary.

I have been induced
to acquiesce in this mode of
settlement from a conviction that
the deranged state of the finances
here renders the success of
my making a higher demand
extremely doubtful. His Highness
the Imam has also of late
made some concessions which I
have

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I have been anxious to obtain
ever since my arrival here, which
together with the heavy punishment
he had inflicted on the late
Dowla Syed Abdulla for his misconduct
together with the appointment
of a more reasonable character
as his successor makes me
willing to avoid pushing matters
beyond positive necessity.

4 I must now Sir,
revert to the claims of Kunsoordag
on the part of Lhoya for
property lost in that town
when plundered by the Gomey
tribes.

5 In the petitions of
that merchant to Government,
much

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much stress is laid on the
circumstance of the Captain and
Supercargo of the vessel having
applied to the Doola for permission
to reshipe their cargo previous
to the sacking of the Town.

6 I have had several
conferences with His Highness'
Vakil and some intelligent persons
from that quarter on the subject
by which it would appear
that taking for granted the
Captain's statement to be correct
(which they deny) such a demand
could not have been complied
with without endangering the
safety of the place, closely pressed
as it was by a powerful enemy.

His

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His Highness of Egypt has also,
I am informed relinquished his
claim for Turkish property lost
there under the same circumstances,
to the amount of 70,000 Dollars
and although I would not presume
to put my judgement in
competition with that of the
Honble the Governor on the
propriety or justice of using
coercion in this case, I respectfully
beg leave to bring these remarks
to his notice as well as that
of Laheja and Mocha, both
belonging to the same sovereign,
my blockading the former during
the present season would prevent
the amicable adjustment of matters here.

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As I had no
instructions regarding Mukalla or
Shahar I did not conceive I should
be authorized to proceed in that
quarter; however among the many
good effects resulting from the
appearance of our Squadron is
that by a letter lately received
from the Chief of Mukalla, it
appears he has paid a large
proportion of claims against him.
I shall now Sir
conclude with drawing your attention
to the necessity of an armed
vessel appearing next year in
this direction, as also my being
favored with the wishes of
the Honble the Governor regarding
both

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bath Loheya and Thakor

Mocha
Feb. 1827

I have the honor to be Sir
Ed. M. E. Bagnold
P. A.
From M. E. Bagnold Esq.
J. J. G. Bremer Esq.

to Captain J. G. Bremer, Commanding
a Squadron of His Majesty's Barbetta
6th February 1827

Sir,

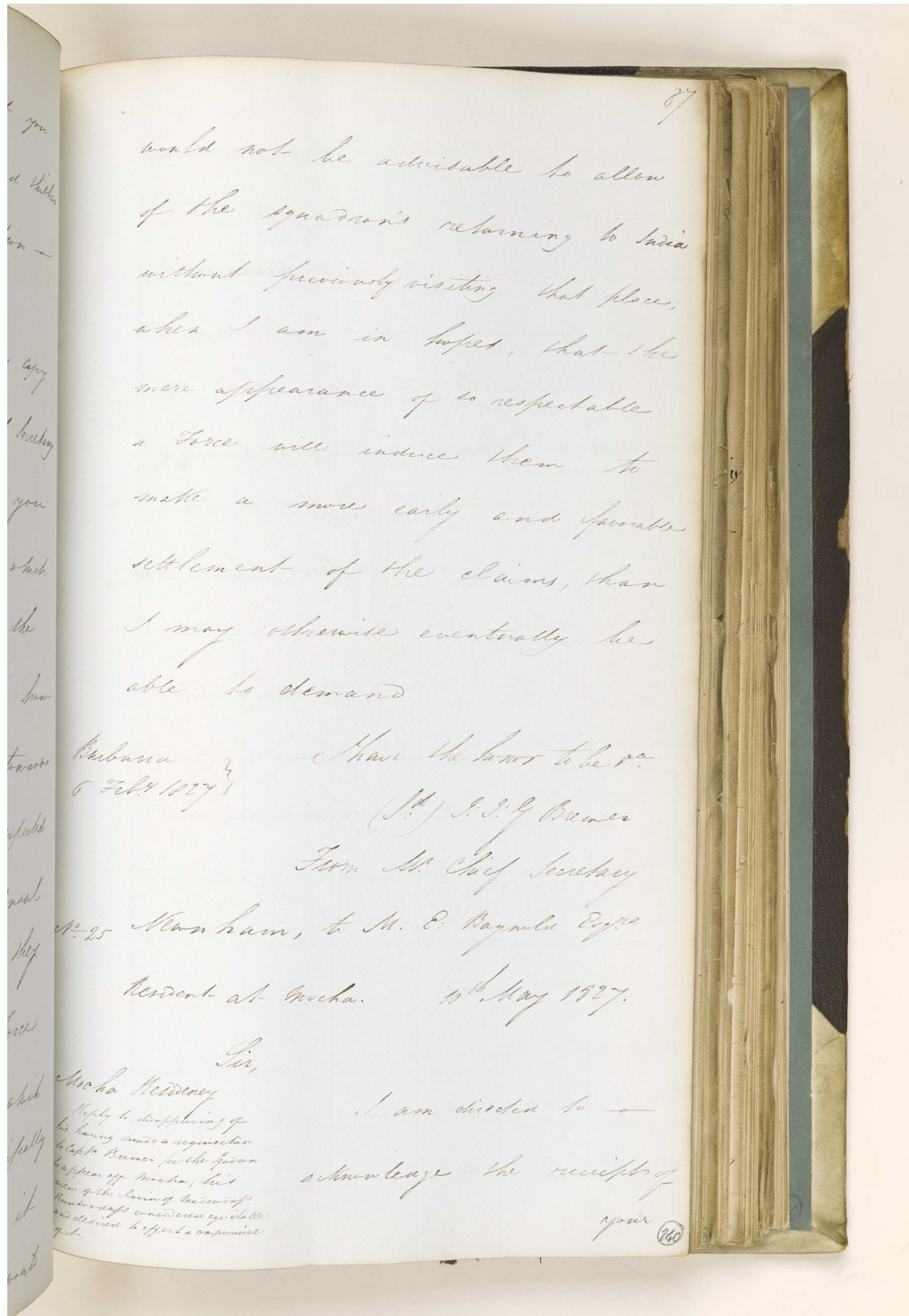
As the attendance of
the Squadron under your Command
will I presume no longer be necessary
at this place, I beg leave to
express to you my opinion that
its appearance at Mocha might
at this moment materially benefit
the British interests in that
quarter.

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quarter, and my hopes that you
will be enabled to proceed thither
should no previous instruction —
prevent it.

The accompanying copy
of a letter from the Chief Secretary
to Government will give you
an idea of the terms on which
we are at present with the
authorities at Mocha, and how
much my future conduct towards
them must depend on the expected
communication from H. M. Consul
General in Egypt, but as they
are perfectly aware of a Force
being in these seas and which
they believe was sent principally
on their account, I think it
wants

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your letter N^o 3 dated February reporting
the application made by you to
Captain Bremer for the presence
of his Squadron before Mocha,
and to intimate to you that the
Governor in Council cannot approve
of your proceedings on that occasion

Had you been left to
suppose that the recovery of the
money of the Surat Merchants was
the sole or even the primary object
of our policy in relation to the
States on the Red Sea, your
awaiting yourself of the presence of
the force might have been proper
although even then it ought not
to have escaped you that the
Governor in Council would himself
have

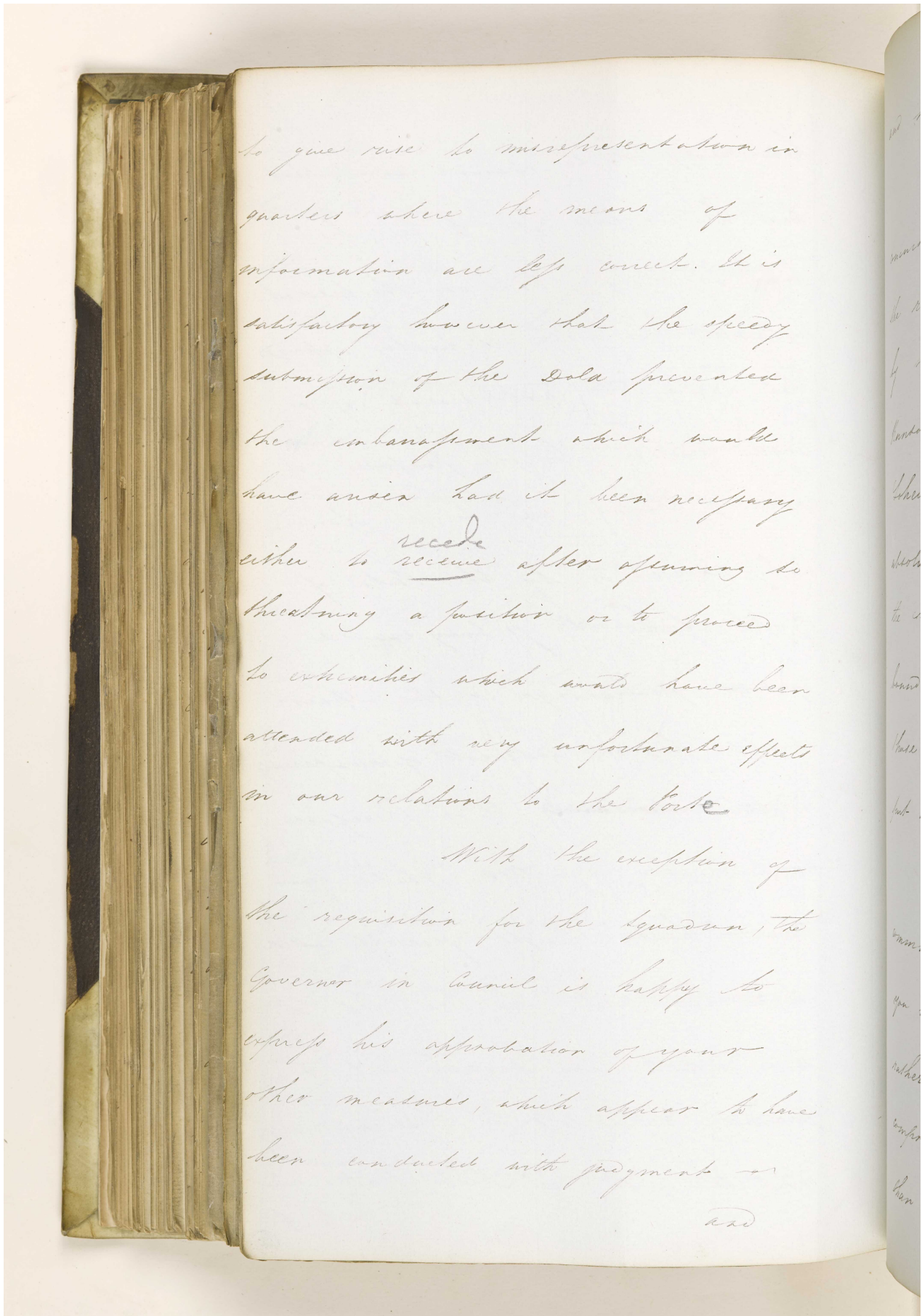
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have adopted so obvious an expedient
had he conceived it to be free
from objection. But in the present
instance you were distinctly apprized
that even the employment of a
single Cruiser for the purpose of
enforcing claims, was to be forborne,
unless agreed to by the Pasha of
Egypt, lest the jealousy excited
by our proceedings in this affair
should hazard interests of incomparably
greater importance. It is therefore
much to be regretted that you
should have thought yourself called
on to bring into the Red Sea a
force which can scarcely fail to
produce uneasiness to those immediately
connected with the Arab States and
the

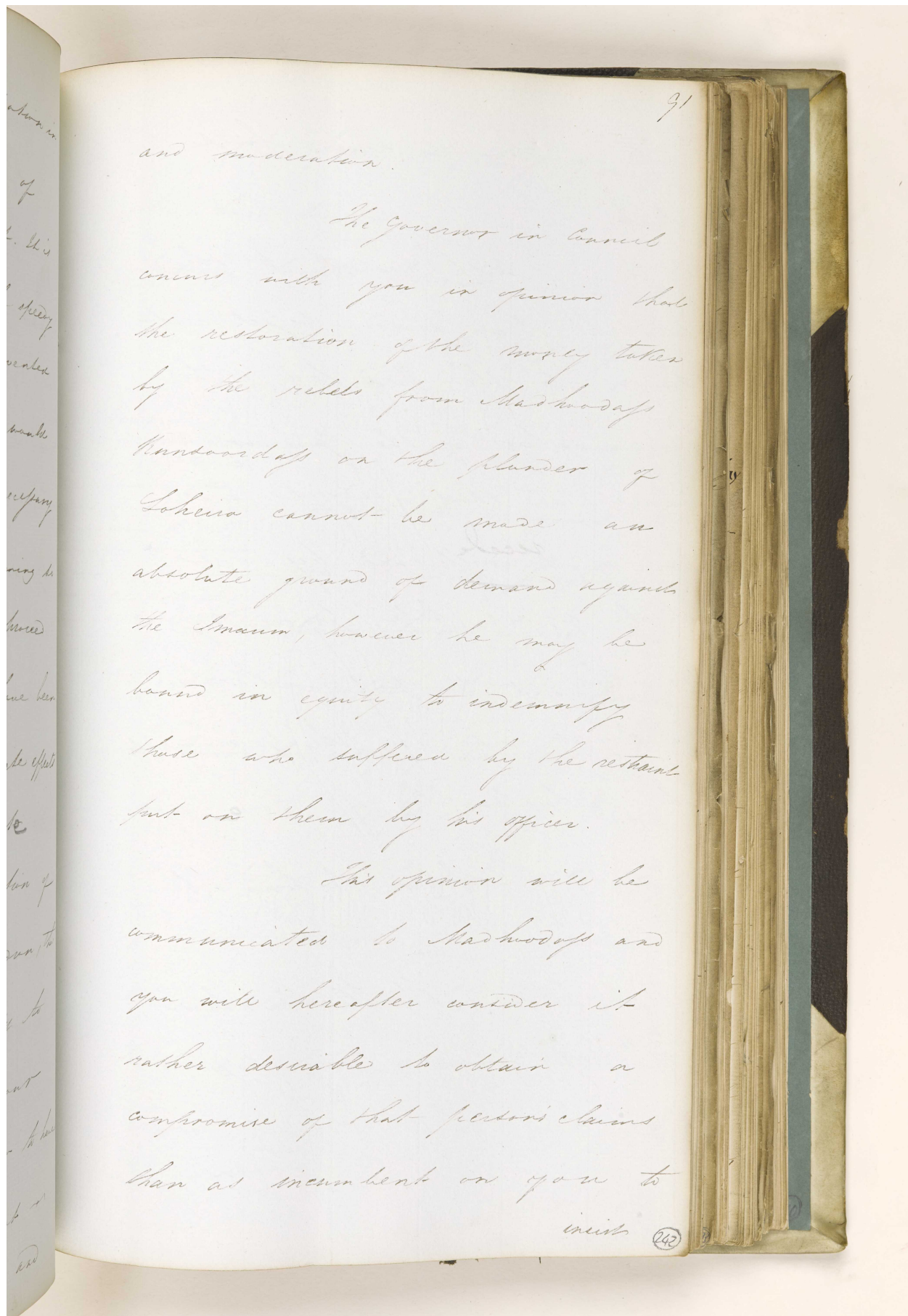
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to give rise to misrepresentation in
quarters where the means of
information are less correct. It is
satisfactory however that the speedy
submission of the Dola prevented
the embarrasment which would
have arisen had it been necessary
either to ^{recede} ~~recede~~ after assuming so
threatening a position or to proceed
to extremities which would have been
attended with very unfortunate effects
in our relations to the Port.

With the exception of
the requisition for the Squadron, the
Governor in Council is happy to
express his approbation of your
other measures, which appear to have
been conducted with judgment and



insist on them to their full
extent.

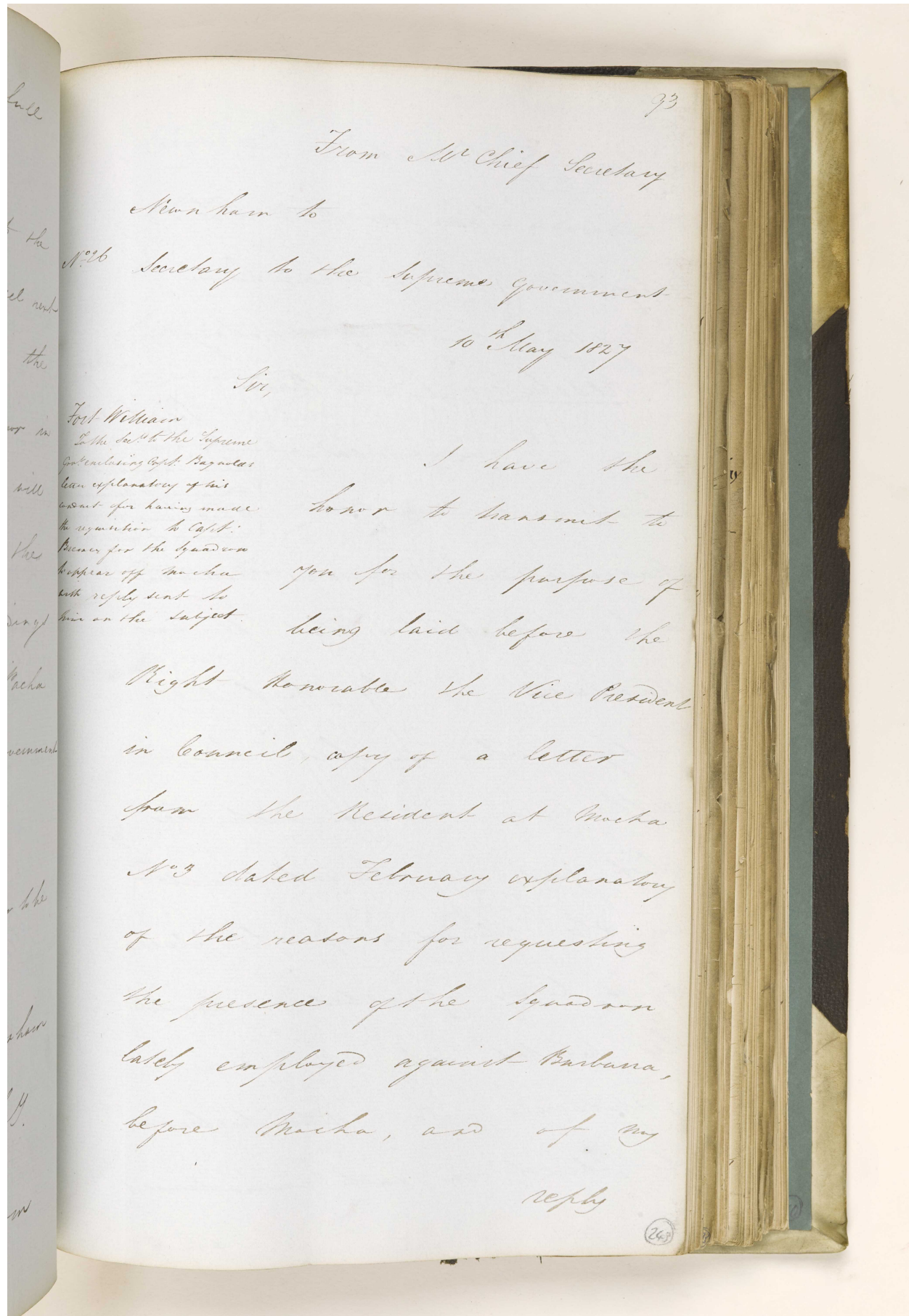
With respect to the
dispatch of an armed vessel next
season to the Red Sea, the
determination of the Governor in
Council on that subject will
be much influenced by the
effect of the late proceedings
on the mind of the Pacha
of Egypt and on the Government
of Constantinople.

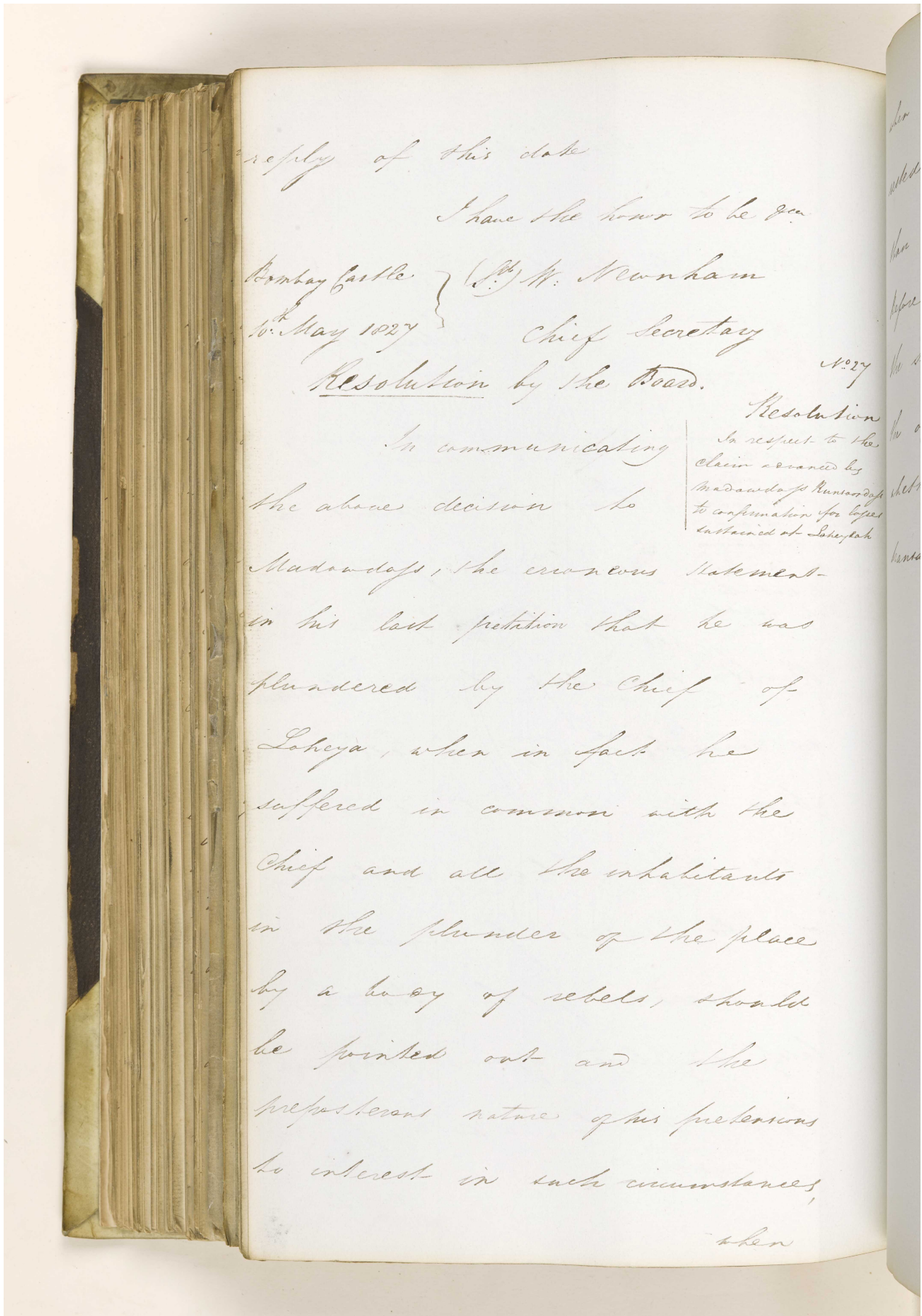
I have the honor to be
Yours

Bombay letter } (Ed) W. Marsham
10th May 1824 }
Chief Secy.

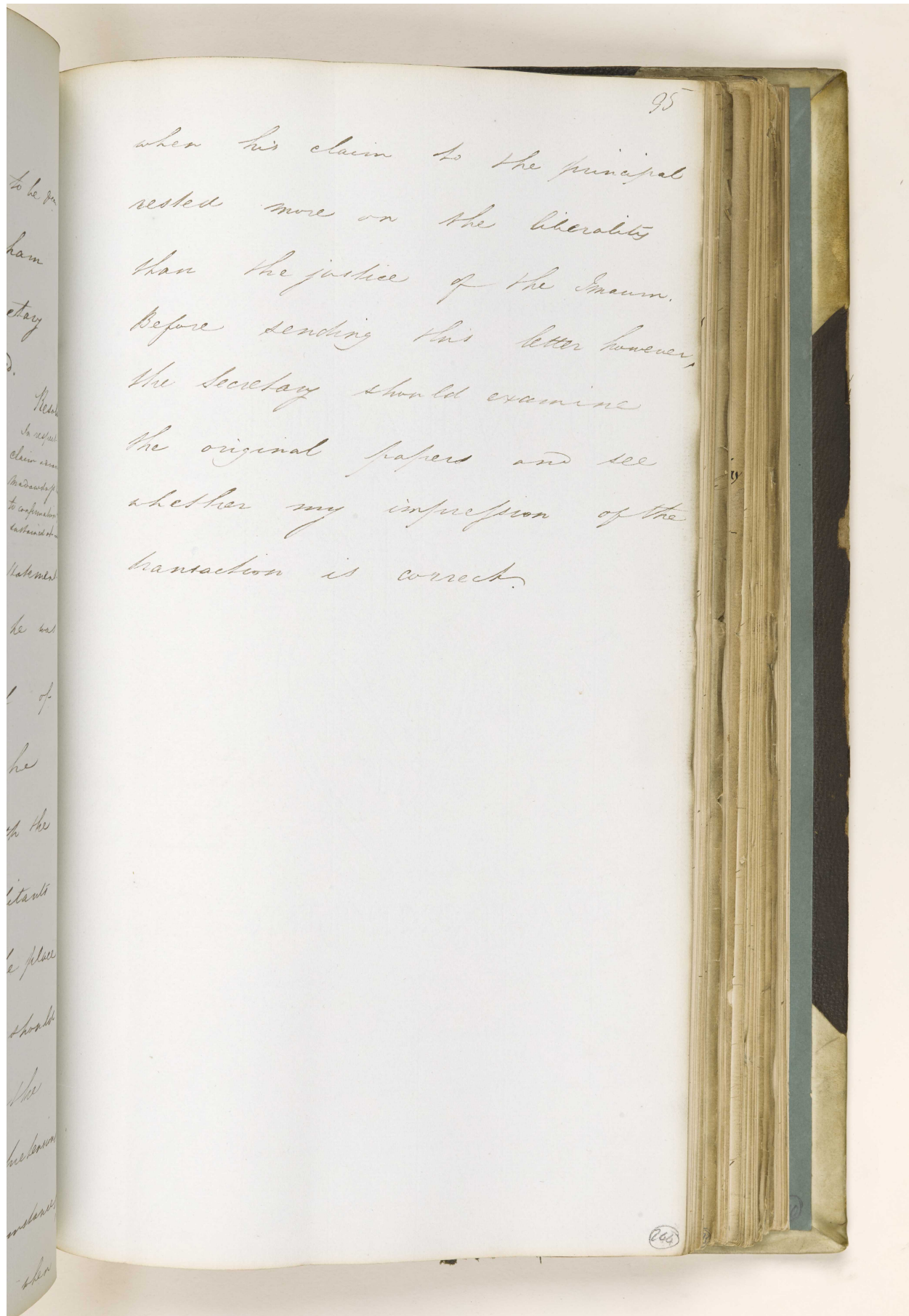
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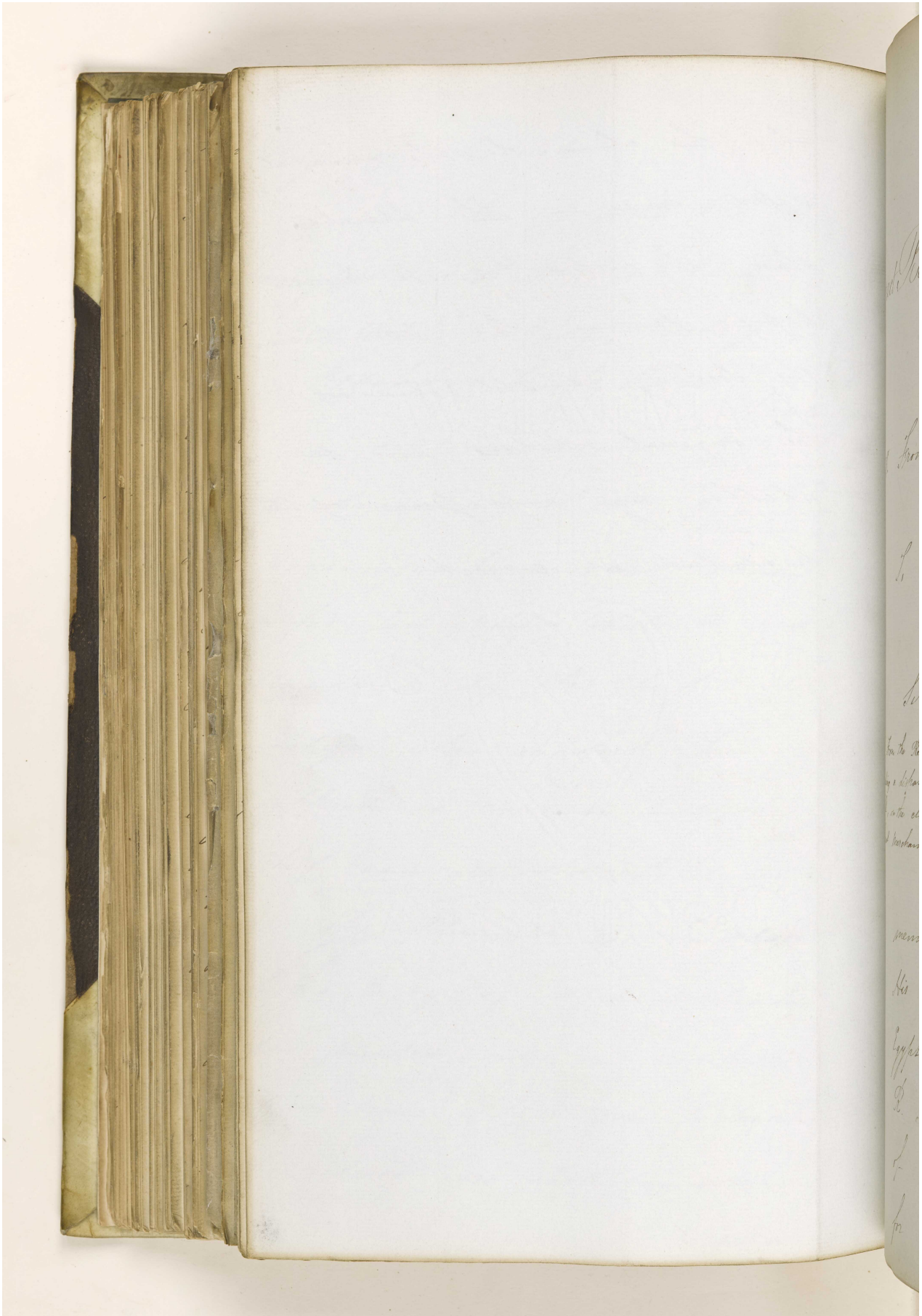


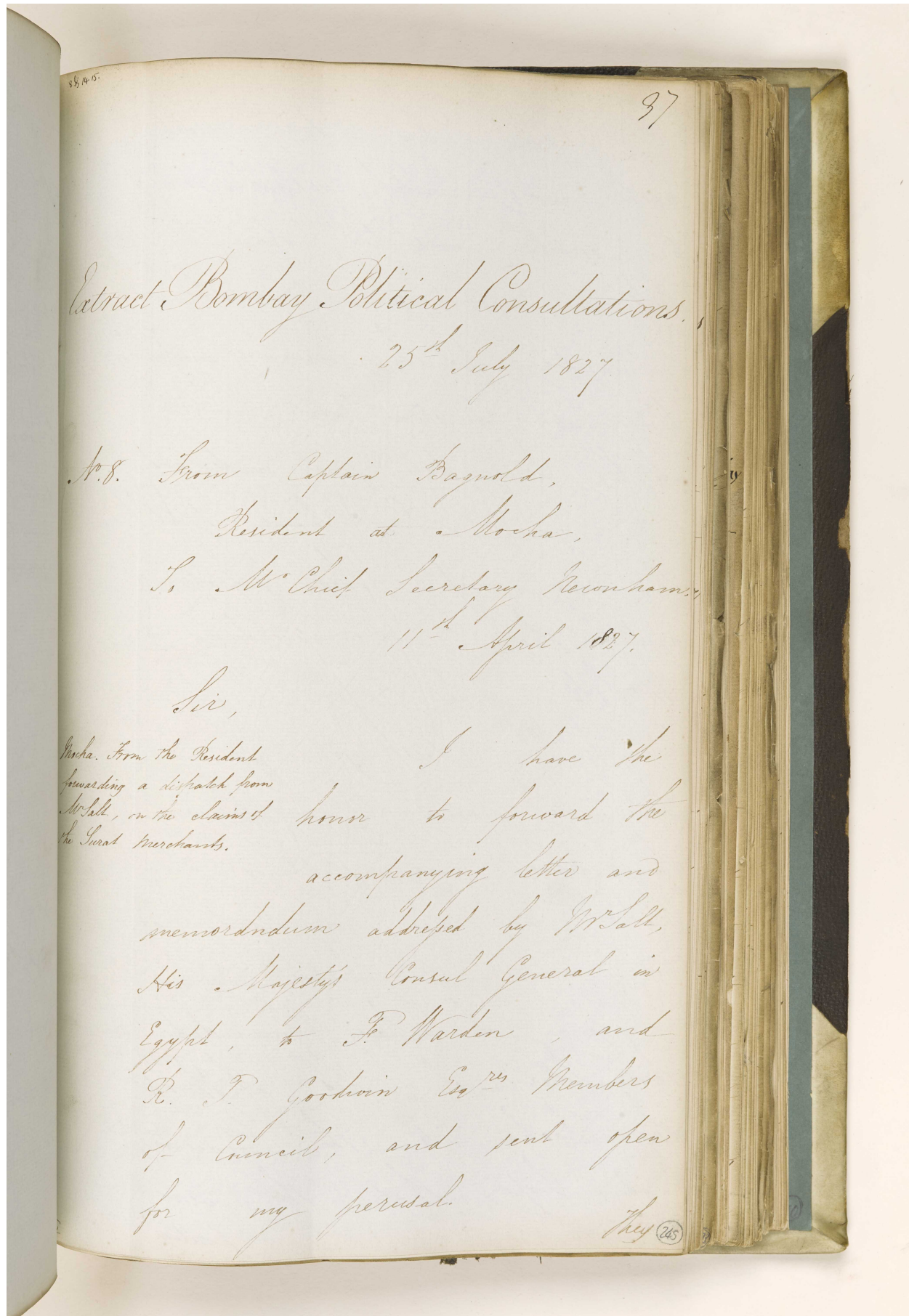


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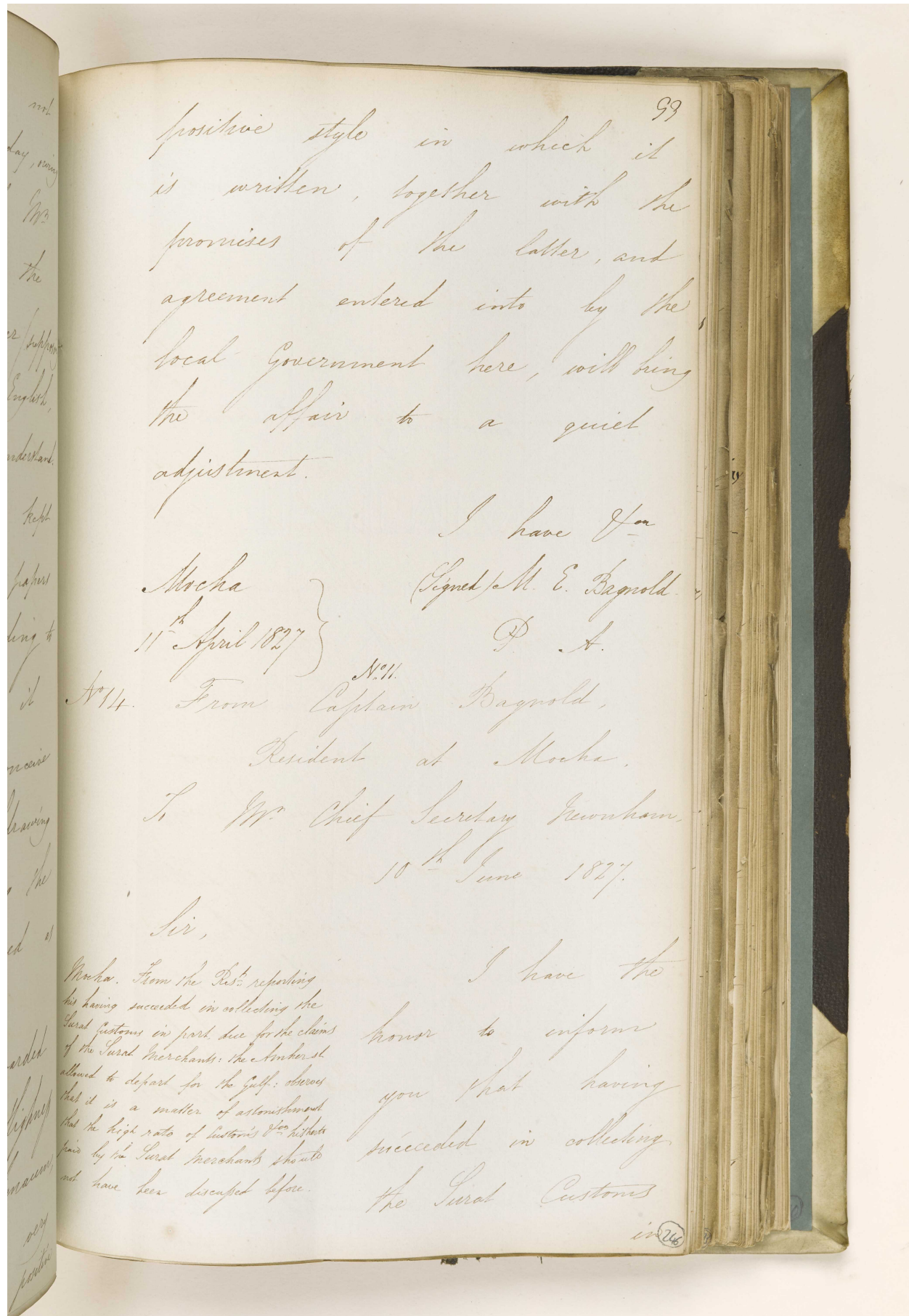


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They did not reach me until yesterday, owing to some mistake of Mr Salt, in writing to the Commander of the Schooner (supposing him an European) in English, which he does not understand.

I have kept a copy of these papers and shall act according to Mr Salt's wishes, as it appears he does not conceive that our eventually withdrawing the Flag and stopping the trade, can be considered as an act of hostility.

I have forwarded the letter of His Highness the Pacha, to the Imam, and hope that the very positive

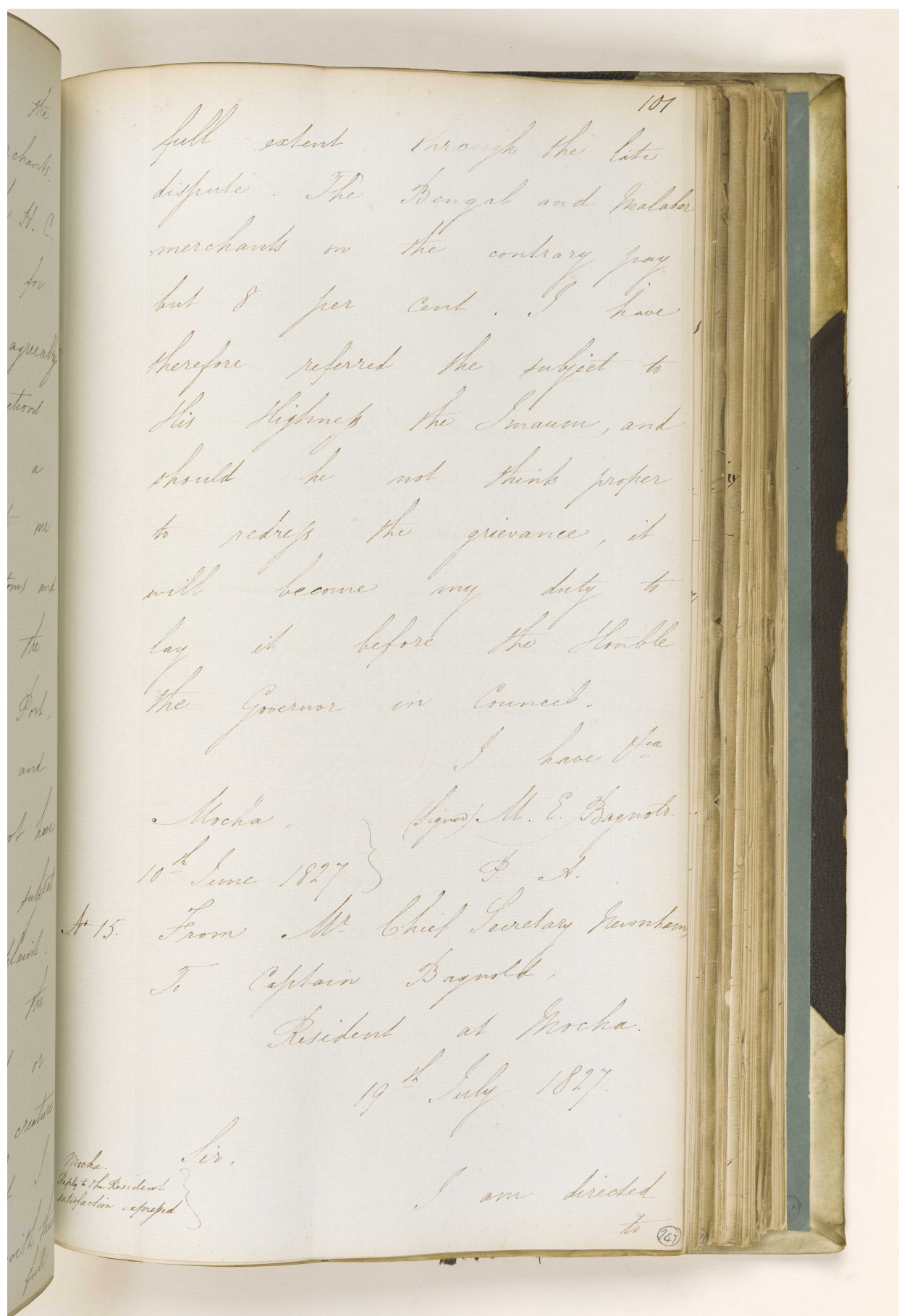


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in part, due for the
claims of the Surat Merchants,
I have permitted the H. C.
Cruizer Amherst to sail for
the Gulf of Persia, agreeably
to the Commander's instructions.

It is a
matter of astonishment to me
that the exorbitant Customs and
fees hitherto paid by the
Surat Merchants at this Port,
amounting to between 20 and
30 per cent, should not have
been sooner made a subject
of discussion and complaint:
such however has been the
address of their Shait or
Agent here, a mere creature
of the Government, that I
only became acquainted with their
full

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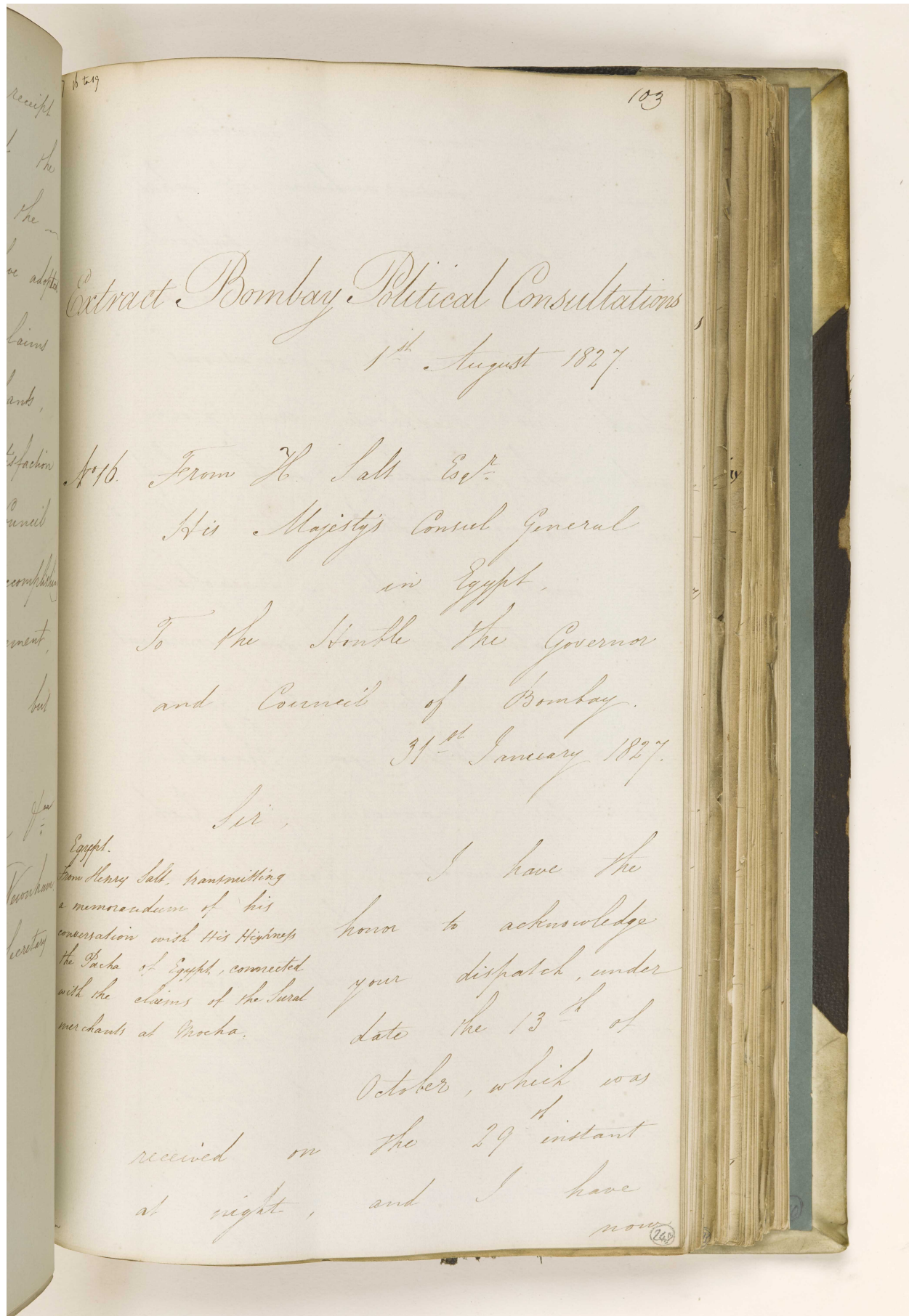


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to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter, dated the
15th ultimus, reporting the
measures which you have adopted
for adjusting the claims
of the Surat merchants,
and to express the satisfaction
of the Governor in Council
at your success in accomplishing
so difficult an arrangement,
without resorting to any but
friendly language.

I have &c
(Signed) W. Kerouham.
Chief Secretary

Bombay Castle
19th July 1827 }



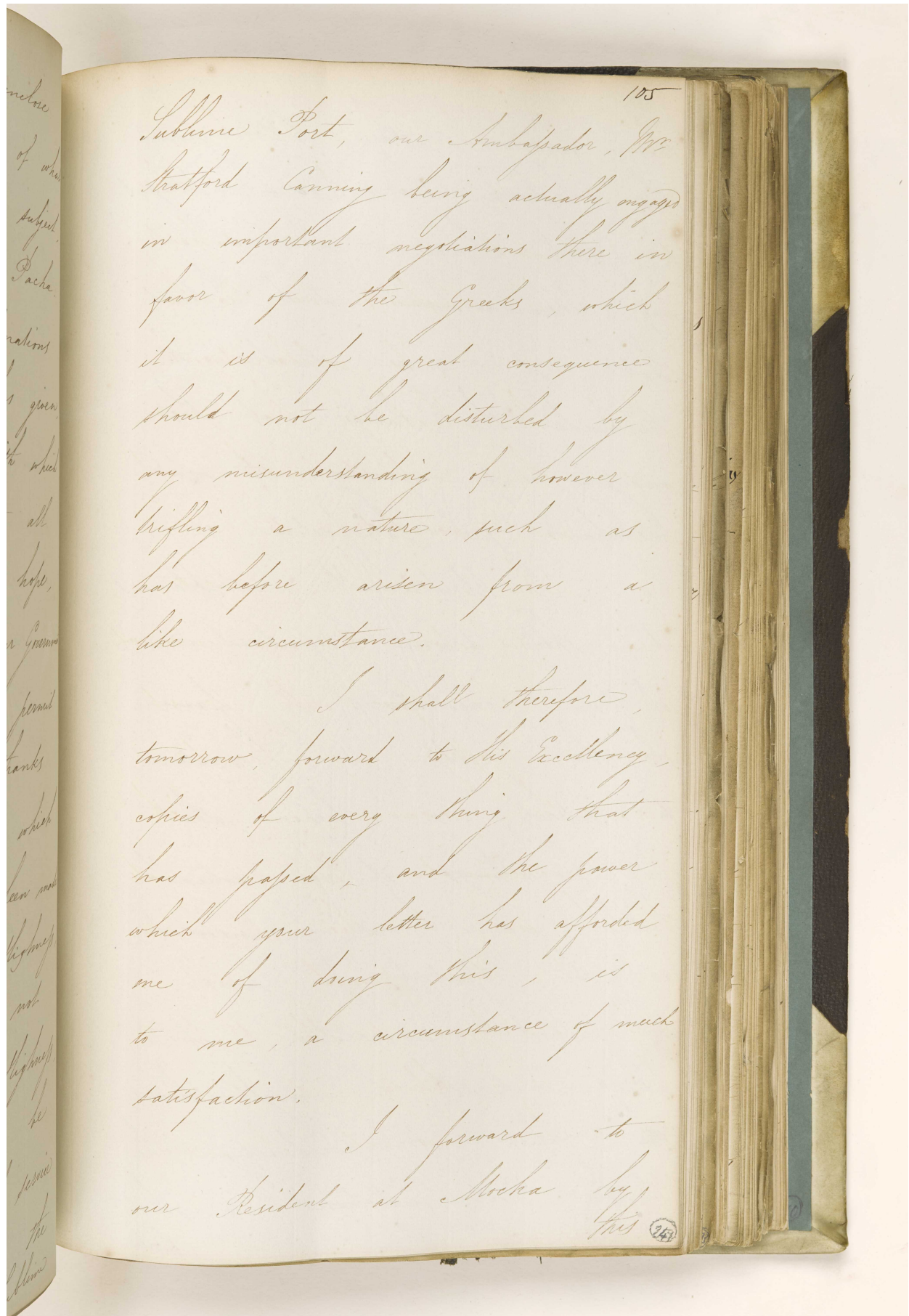
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now the honor to enclose
you a memorandum of what
has passed on the subject,
with His Highness the Pacha.

The explanations
which His Highness has given,
and the readiness with which
he has acceded to all
my wishes, will I hope,
prove satisfactory to your Government.

You will permit
me to express my thanks
for the manner in which
this communication has been made
through me to His Highness,
as it has proved not
only gratifying to His Highness,
but is likely to be
at this moment, of service
to our interests at the
Sublime

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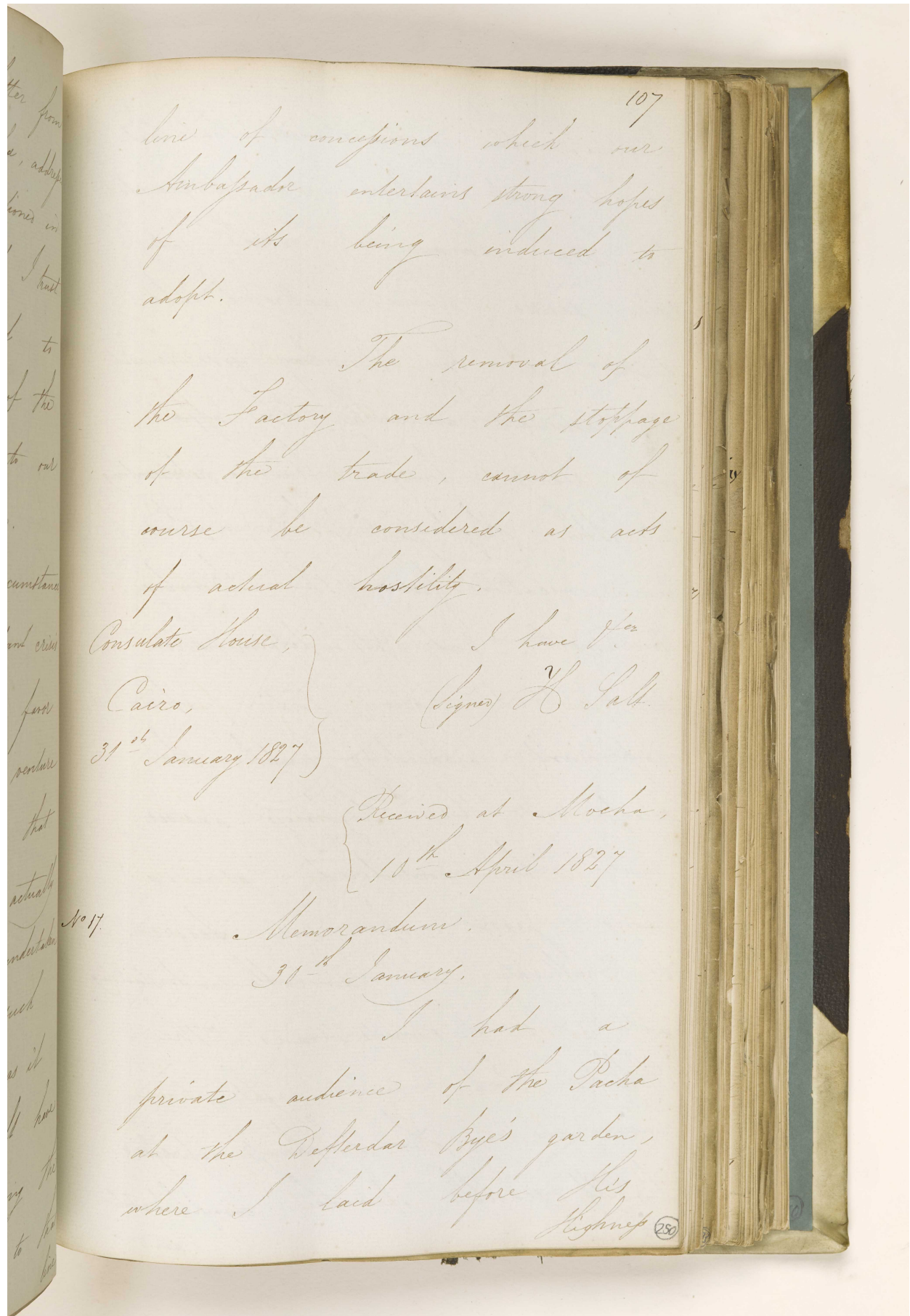


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On this occasion, the letter from
His Highness the Pacha, addressed
to the Imam, mentioned in
my Memorandum, and I trust
that it may tend to
persuade the latter, of the
necessity of giving to our
merchants just satisfaction.

Under all circumstances,
at the present important crisis
of our negotiations in favor
of the Greeks, I venture
to express a hope that
no proceedings of an actually
hostile nature may be undertaken,
as the report of such
a proceeding, exaggerated, as it
would naturally be, might have
the effect of rendering the
Sublime Porte indisposed to that
line

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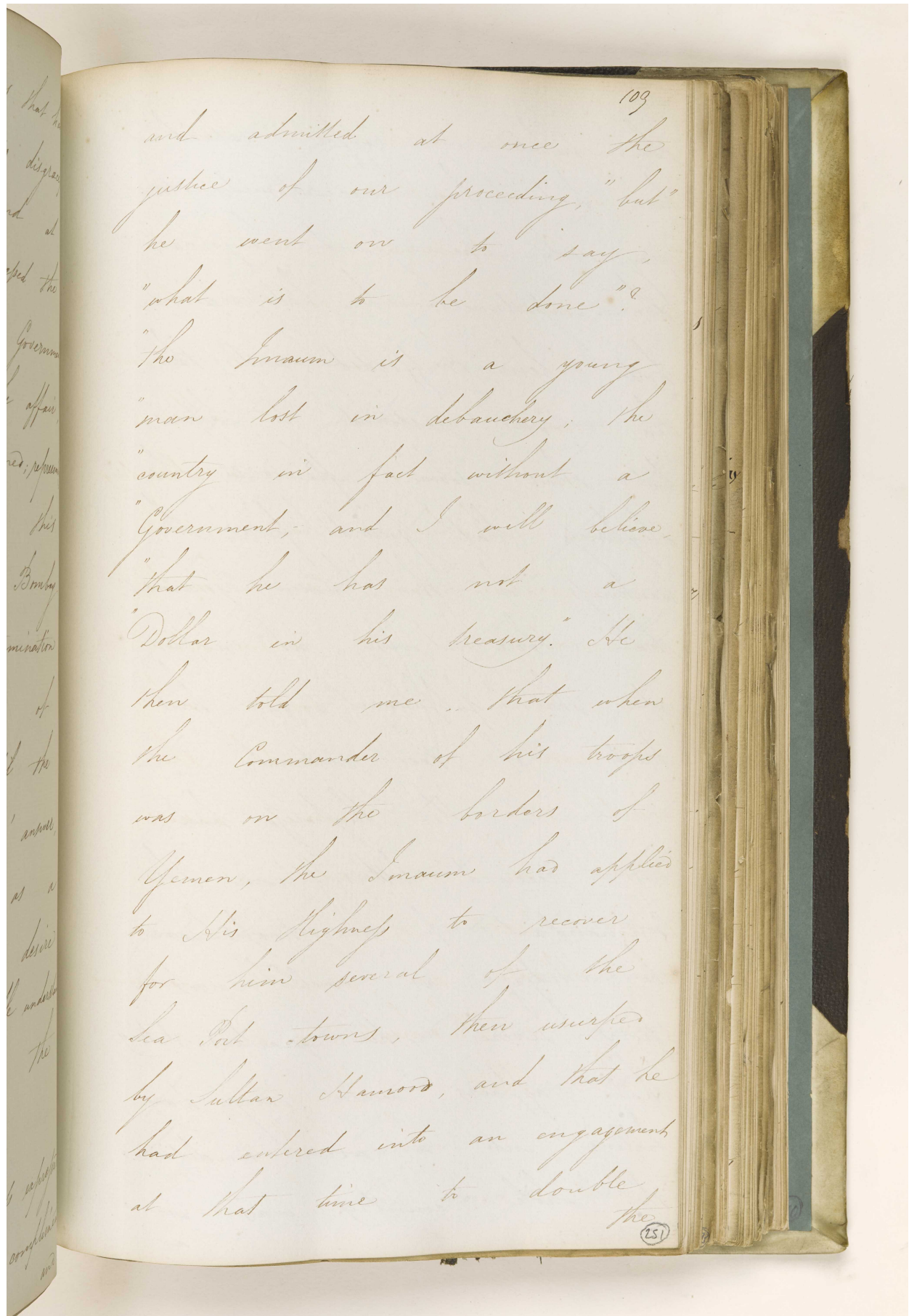


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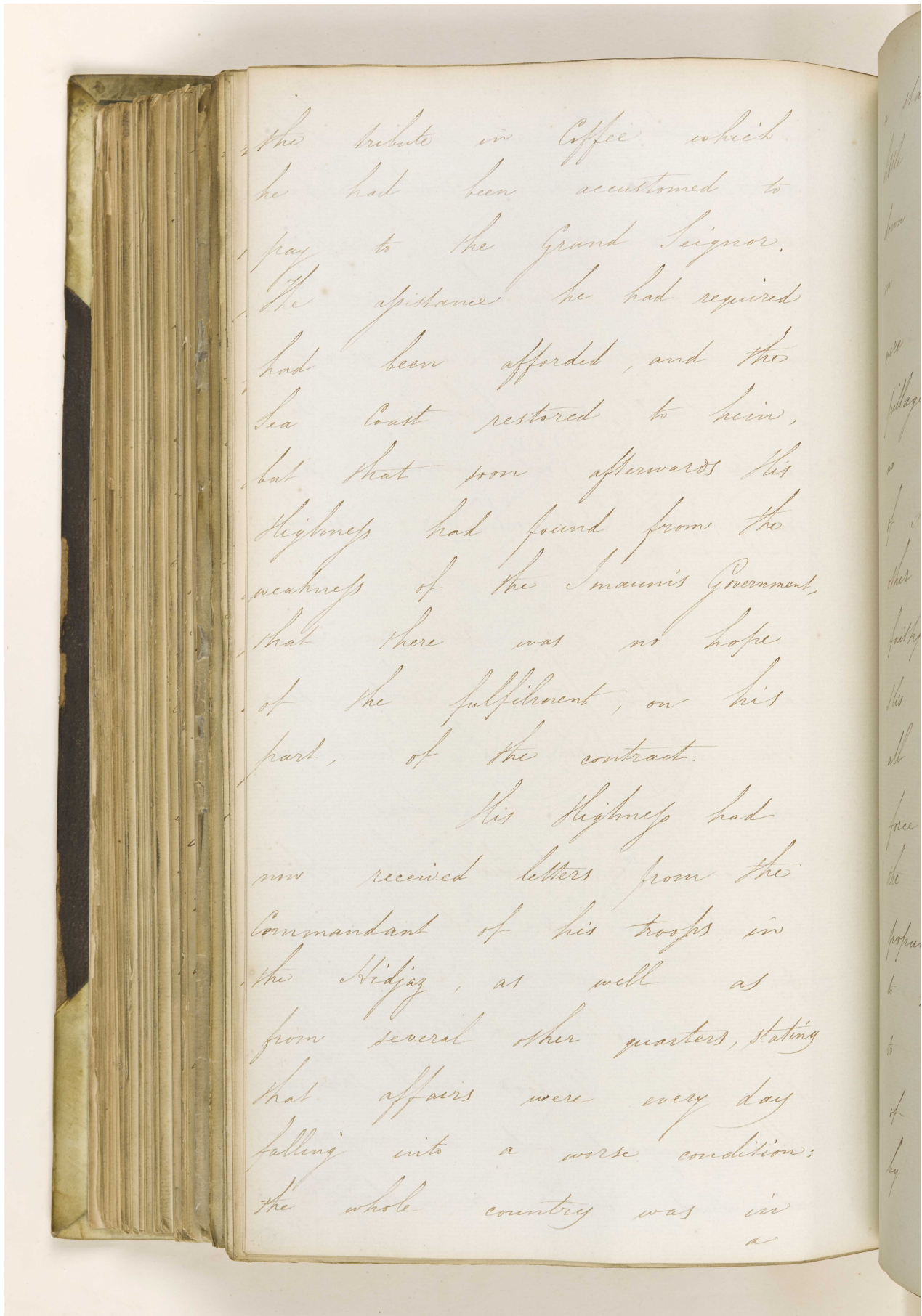
Highness the circumstances that had
occurred at Mocha, so disgraceful
to the Imam, and at
the same time expressed the
desire of the Bombay Government
to terminate amicably the affair,
on redress being obtained, representing
to His Highness that this
communication from the Bombay
Government, and its determination
to suspend any sort of
unpleasant proceeding, until the
receipt of His Highness' answer,
must be considered as a
strong proof of our desire
to cultivate an amicable understanding
with His Highness and the
Sublime Port.

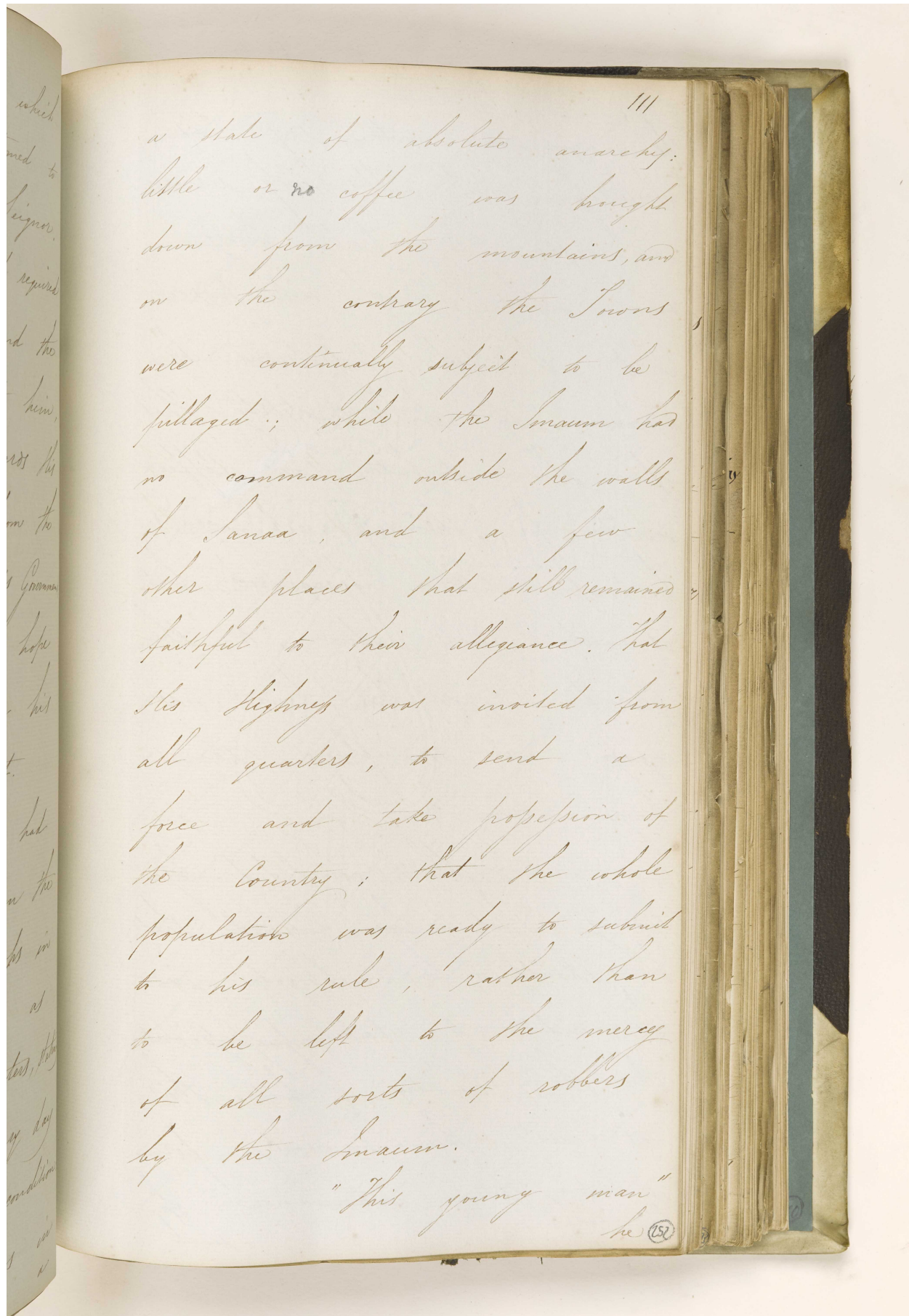
His Highness expressed
himself sensible of the compliment
and

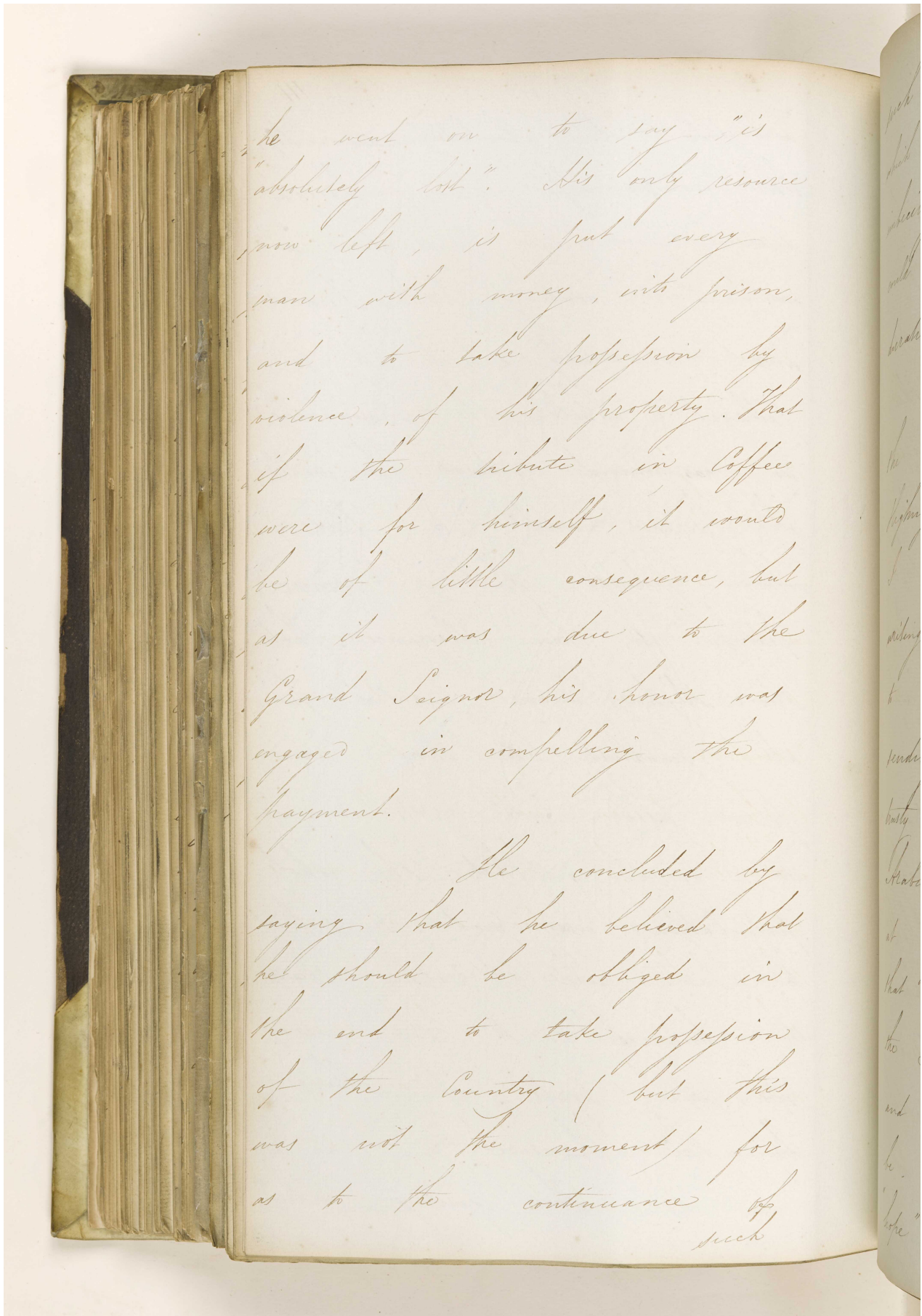
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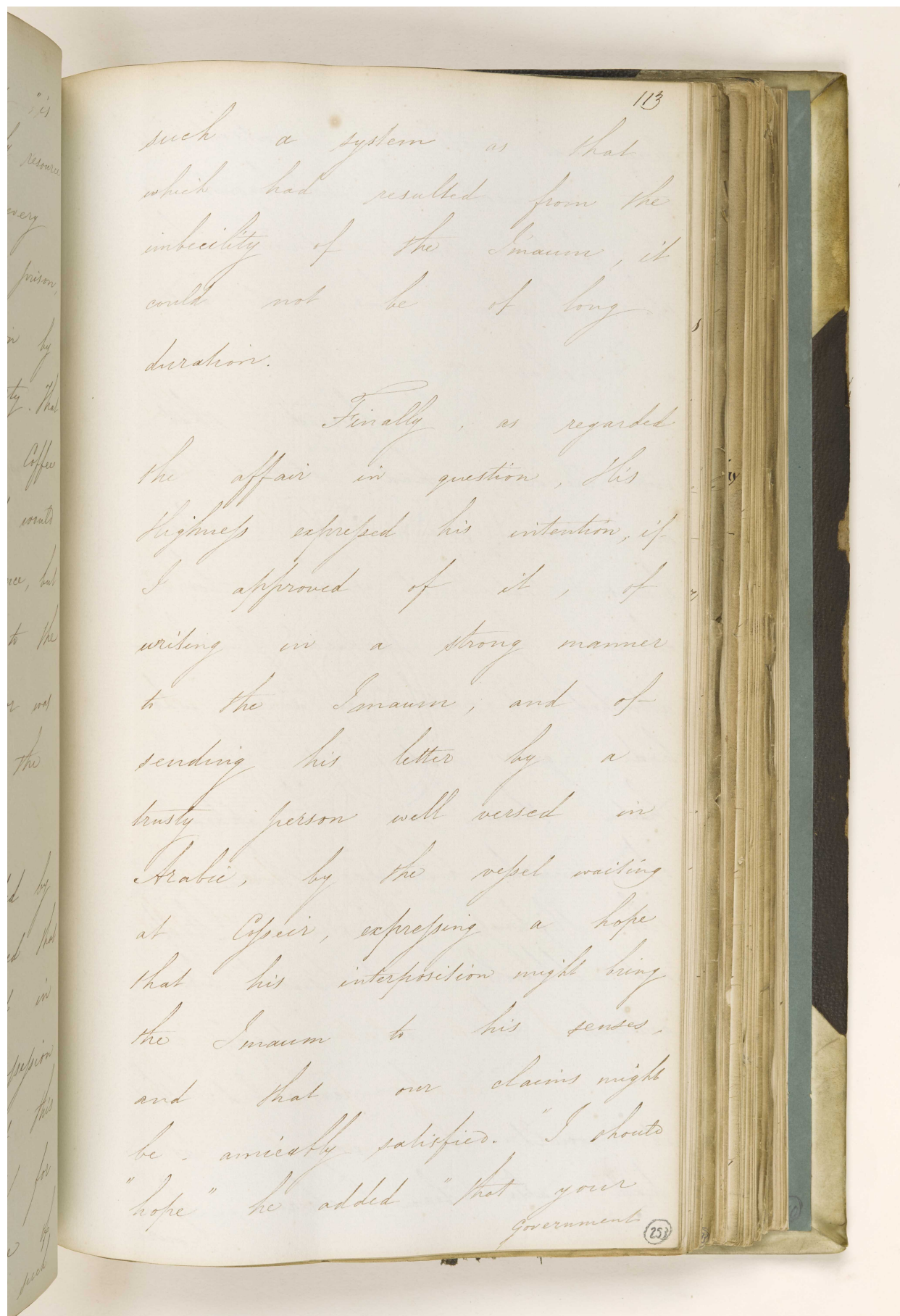
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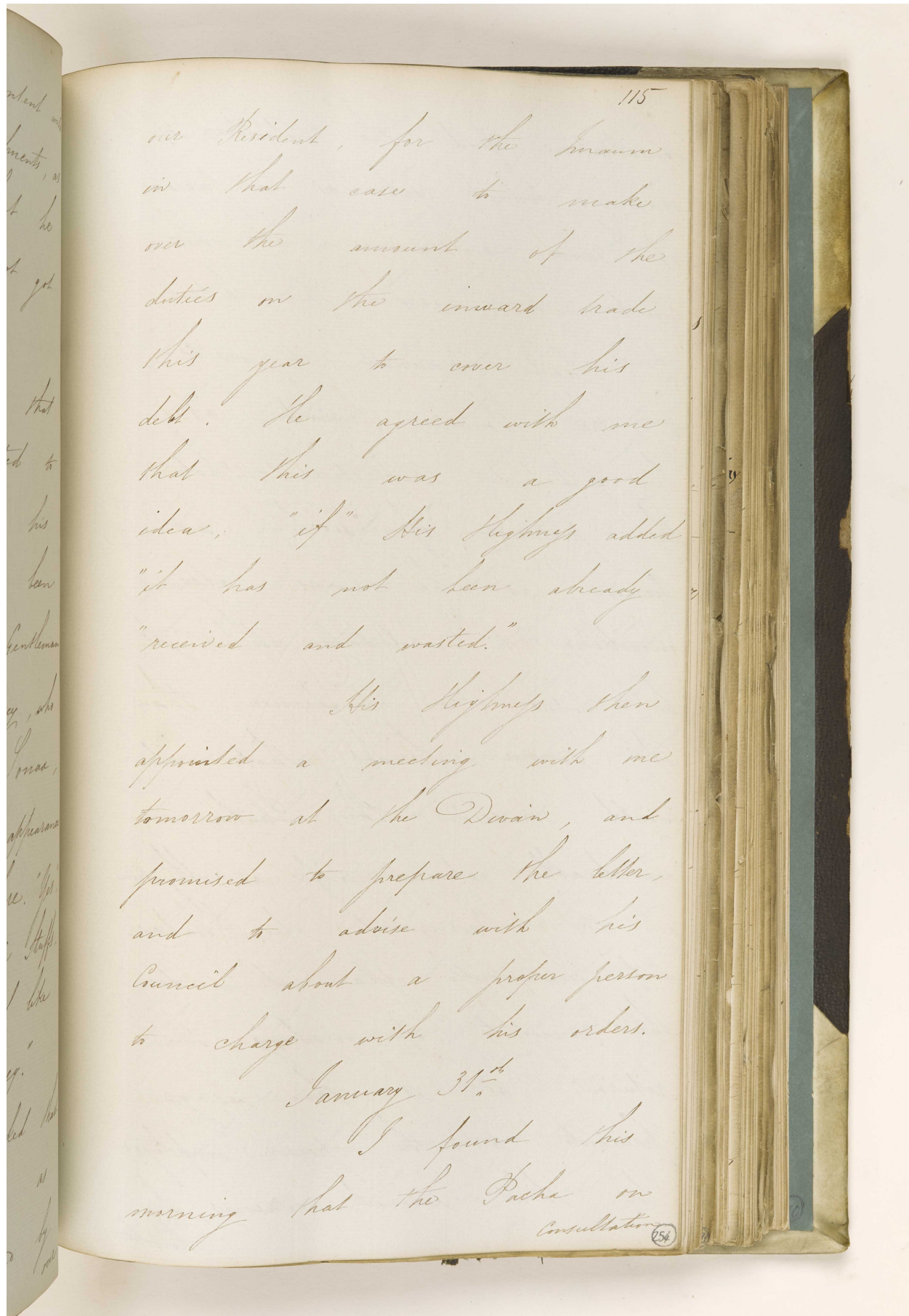
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Government will be content with
the payment by instalments, as
I feel assured that he
the Imam, has not got
a Dollar.

I observed that
our Resident had stated to
me in one of his
letters, that it had been
observed by a Medical Gentleman
attached to the Residency, who
had gone up to Souda,
that there was the appearance
of much luxury there. "Yes",
his Highness replied "in Stuffs,
and Shawls, and such like
articles, but no money."

I remarked that
it would be easy, as
had also been observed by
our

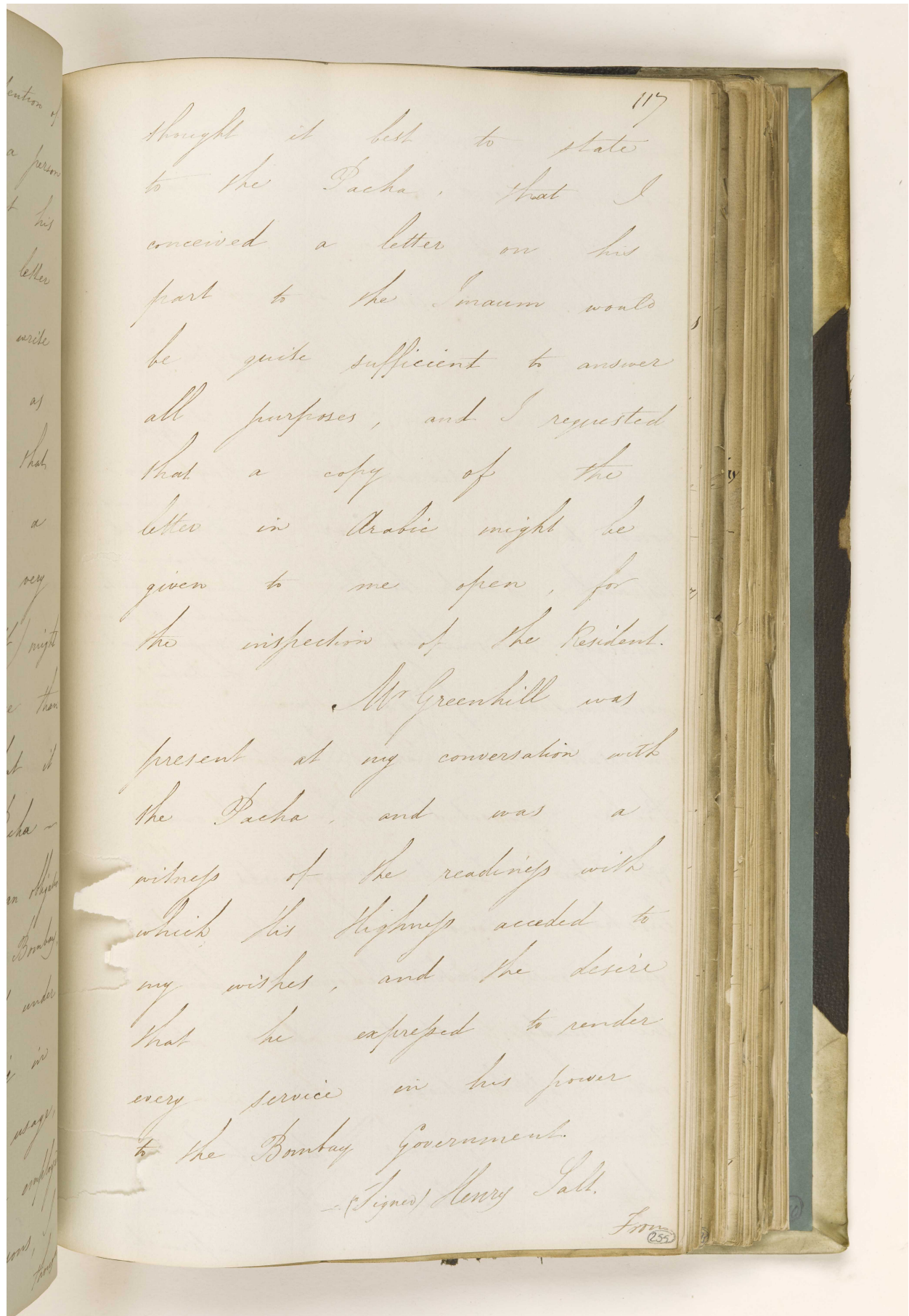
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consultation had the intention of
naming Saduck Gihallas, a person
of some consequence at his
Court, to carry the letter
he had promised to write
to the Imam, but as
I felt on reflection that
the presence of such a
person (as he was very
unwilling to undertake it) might
be rather a hindrance than
of service, besides that it
would occasion the Pacha a
considerable expense, confer an obligation
on the Government of Bombay,
and consequently place it under
the necessity of making in
return, as is the usage,
presents to the person employed;
for these several reasons, I
thought

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From the Honble. W. Alphenstone, Agent,
Governor, and Council,
To H. Salt Esq.
His Majesty's Consul at Cairo,
20th July 1827.

Sir,

We have had the
honour to receive your
dispatch, dated the 31st
January, transmitting a
memorandum of your
conversation with His Highness the
Pacha, connected with the claims
of the Surat Merchants at
Mocha, and beg to offer
you our acknowledgments for
the ready attention paid to
our application.

2. Our dispatch dated
the 20th April will have
informed

Egypt.
Reply to Henry Salt
The subsequent explanation
with it is hoped prevent
the appearance of the
Squadron at Mocha, from
disturbing the favourable
impression made on
the Pacha.

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informed you that Captain Bagnols
was enabled to effect an
amicable arrangement of these claims
with the Mocha Government,
and we are happy to
state that the same has
since been carried into complete
effect.

3 We trust the
explanations which we have had
the honor to offer in
our letters of the 20th
April, and 12th May regarding
the presence of Captain Bremer's
squadron in the Red Sea,
will prove satisfactory to the
Pacha and not tend in
the remotest degree to disturb
the favorable impression which
His Highness appears to
entertain (256)

entertain regarding our proceedings
at Mocha.

We have seen
Bombay Castle } (Signed) M. Elphinstone
20th July 1827 } Council.
From W. Chief Secretary Newnham, No 18
To G. Swinton Esq^r
Secretary to the Supreme Government,
(forwarded under a flying Seal
to W. Stirling).

20th July 1827.

Sir,

With reference
to Mr Secretary Greenhill's
letter, dated the 13th
October last, regarding the conduct
of the Dola of Mocha,
towards the Surat Merchants, trading
to that port, and my
subsequent letters of the 20th
April

Fort William
To the Sec^y to the Supreme Gov^t
forwarding copy of Mr Stirling's
dispatch, regarding the
claims of the Surat
Merchants.

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April, and 12th May, I
am directed to transmit to
you, for the purpose of
being laid before the Right
Honble the Governor General in
Council, copy of a despatch
from His Majesty's Consul at
Cairo, dated the 31st January
last, transmitting a memorandum
of his conversation with His
Highness the Pacha, followed by
copy of the reply returned
to His Salt under this date.

I have &c
Bombay Castle }
20th July 1827 }
Signed W. Newnham
Chief Secretary

No 19 From Mr Chief Secretary Newnham, to Captain
Bagnato, Resident at Mocha (20th July 1827)

Mocha Residency
to the Res^t transmitting copies of the reply
returned to the Consul General in reply
relative to the claims of the Surat
Merchants

Sir,
I am directed
to

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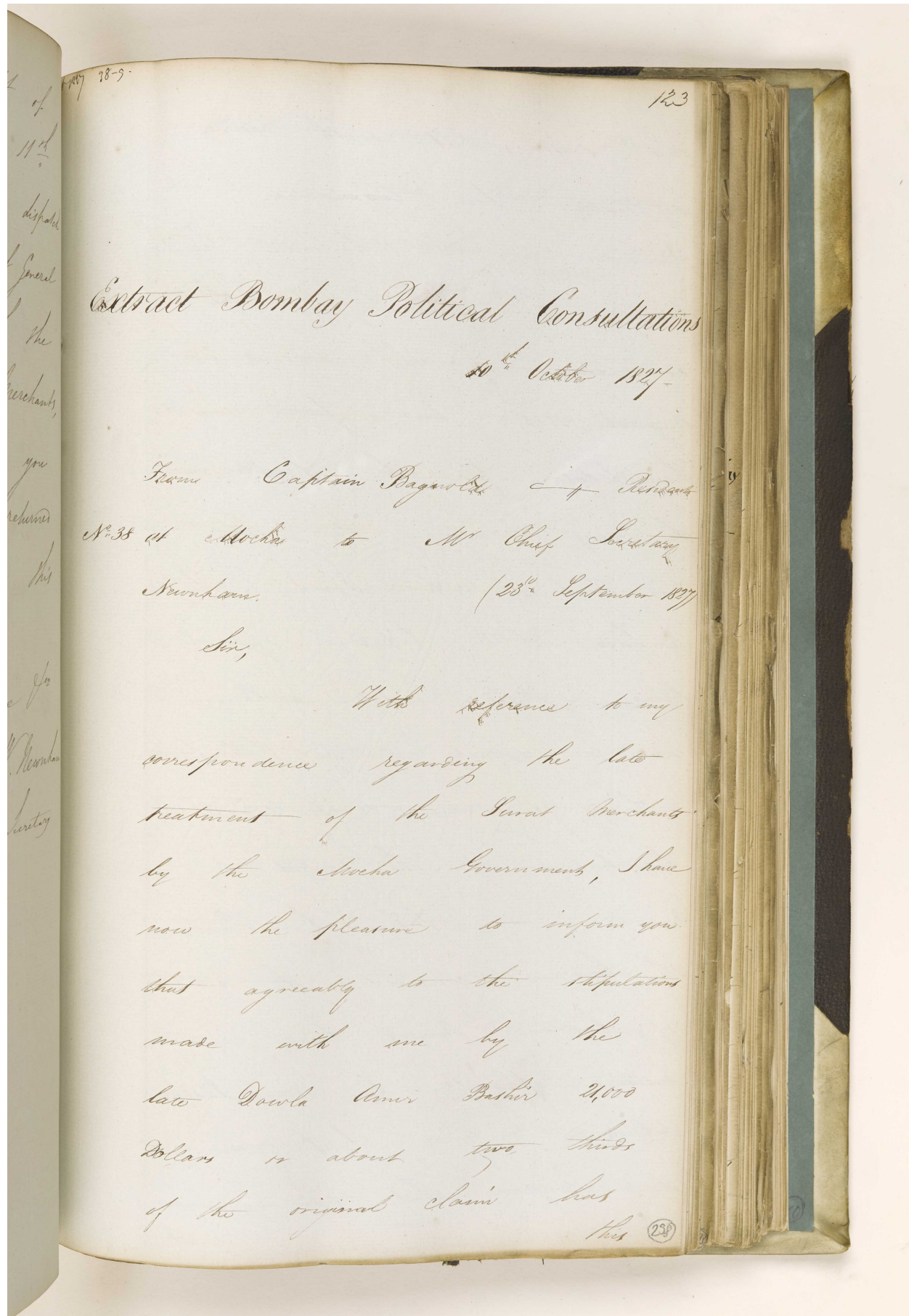
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to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter, dated the 11th
April last; forwarding a dispatch
from His Majesty's Consul General
in Egypt, connected with the
claims of the Surat Merchants,
and to transmit to you
copy of the reply returned
to that gentleman under this
date.

Bombay Castle }
25th July 1827 }

I have &c
(Signed) W. Newnham.
Chief Secretary

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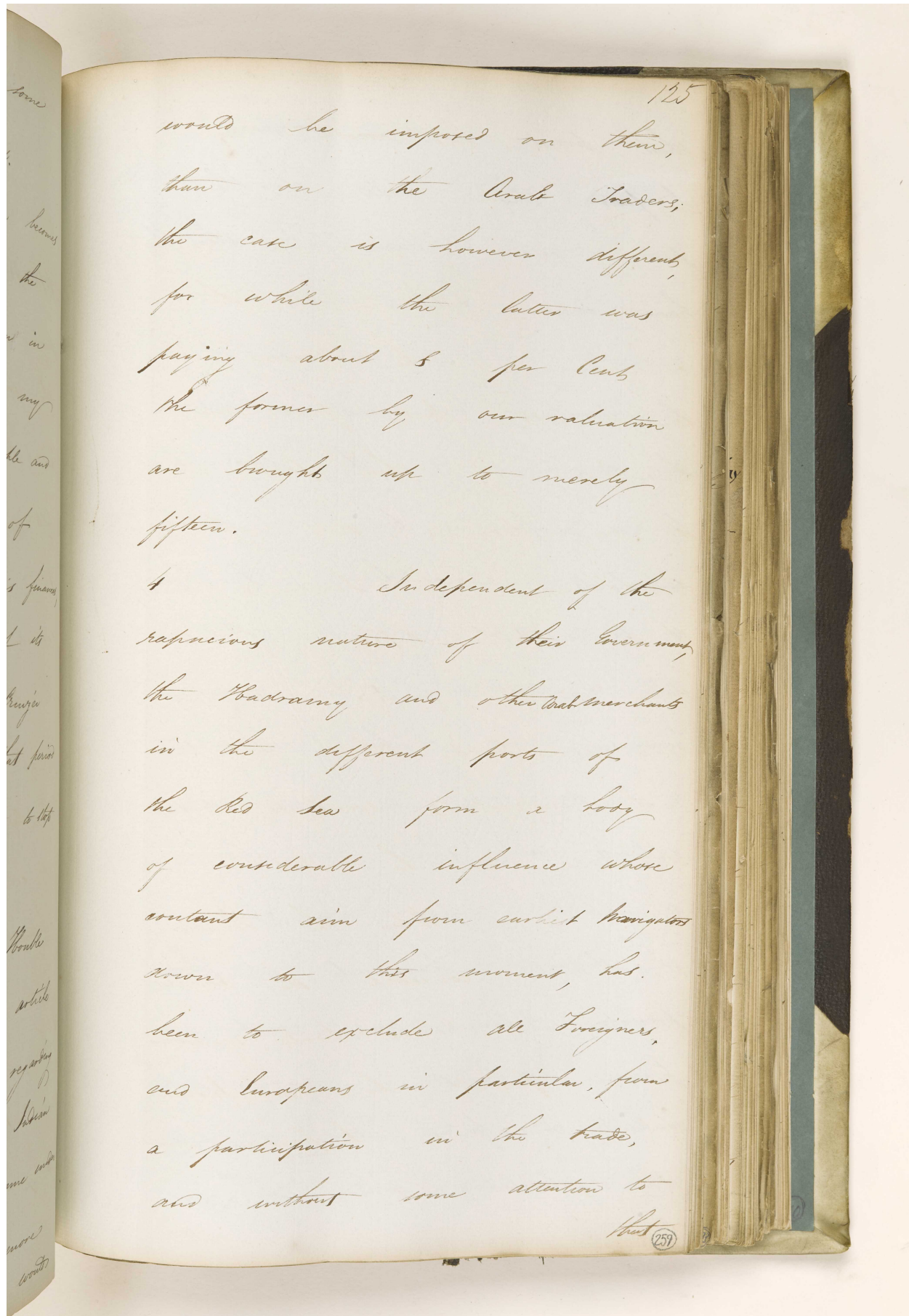
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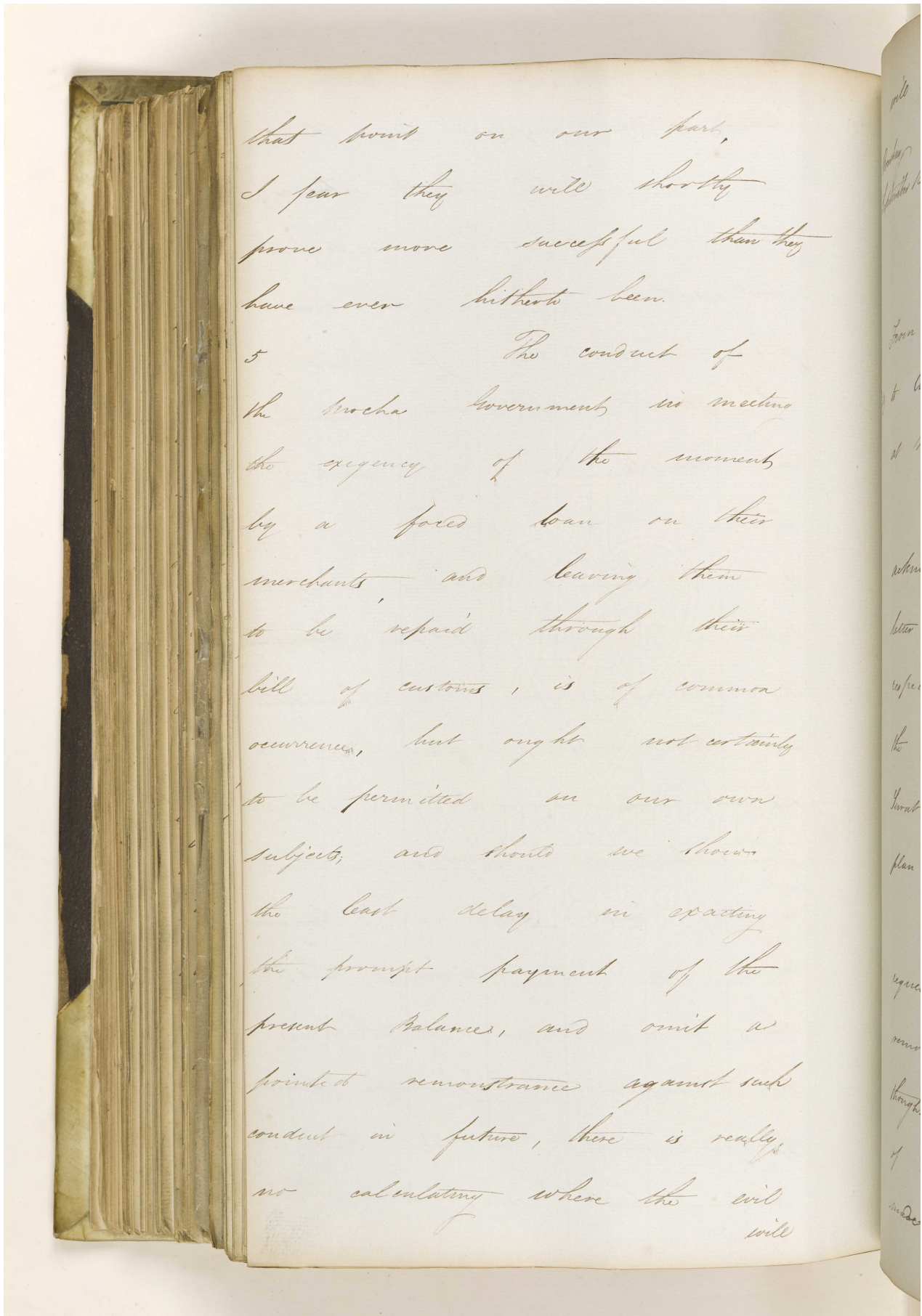
this season, but with some
difficulty been liquidated.

2. The balance becomes
payable on or before the
conclusion of the season in
August 1828, but from my
knowledge of these people and
the very deranged state of
this Kingdom the Surann's finances,
I have little hopes of its
being realized, unless a Cruiser
can be spared about that period
with instructions eventually to stop
the trade of the Port.

3. When the Honble
the Governor conceded the article
of Captain Bruce's treaty regarding
customs payable by our Indian
subjects, it was I presume under
the impression that no more
would

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that point on our part,
I fear they will shortly
prove more successful than they
have ever hitherto been.

5 The conduct of
the Mocha Government, in meeting
the exigency of the moment,
by a forced loan on their
merchants, and leaving them
to be repaid through their
bill of customs, is of common
occurrence, but ought not certainly
to be permitted in our own
subjects; and should we shew
the least delay in exacting
the prompt payment of the
present balance, and omit a
pointed remonstrance against such
conduct in future, there is really
no calculating where the evil
will

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will terminate

Bombay
23rd September 1827 } I have just
signed Mr E Baynolds
P.O. by ^{the}

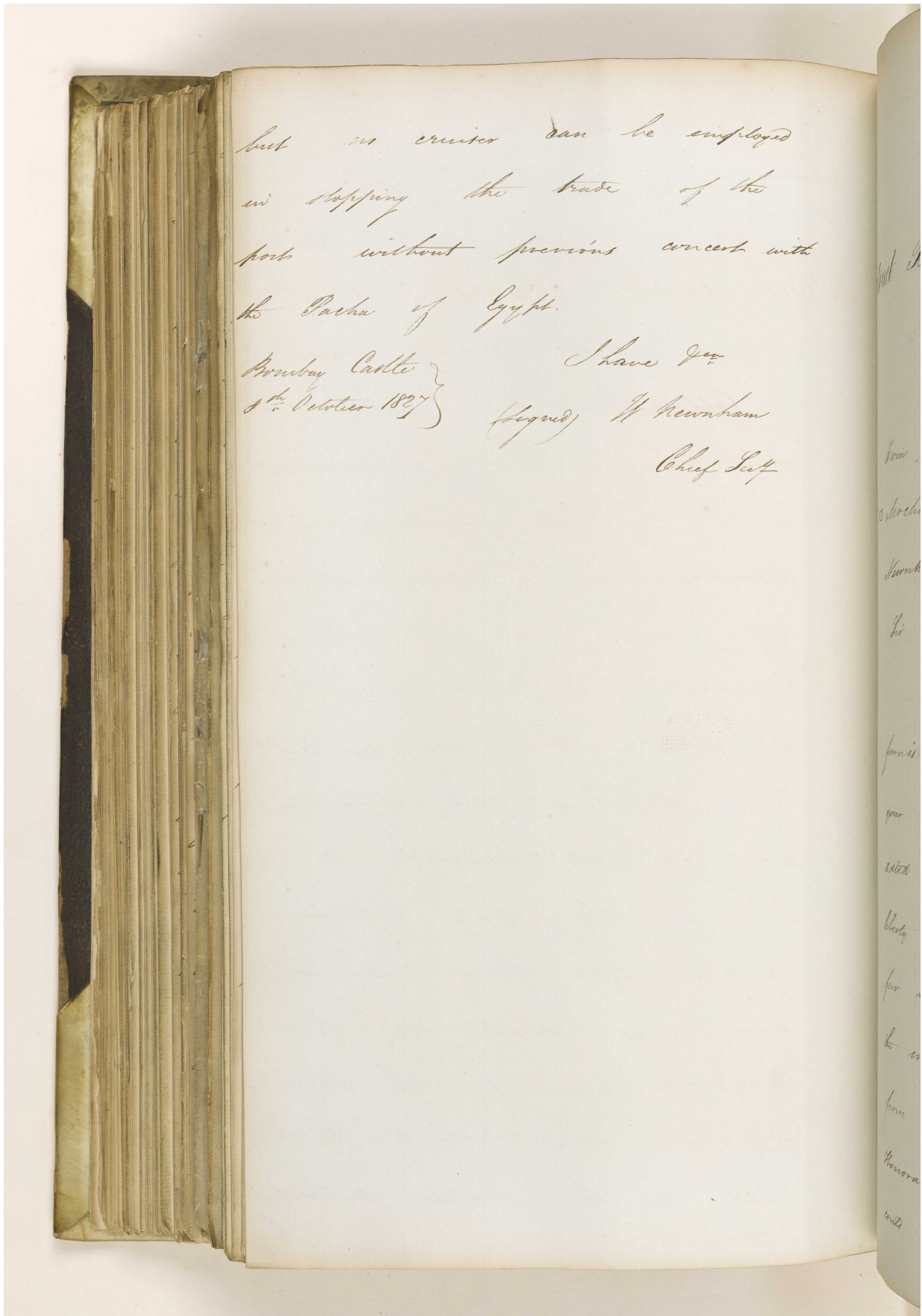
From Mr Chief Secretary Newnham
N^o 39 to Captain Baynolds Resident
at Mocha. (8th October 1827)

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 23rd ultimo
respecting the balance due by
the Mocha Government to the
Surat Merchants, and suggesting a
plan for its recovery.

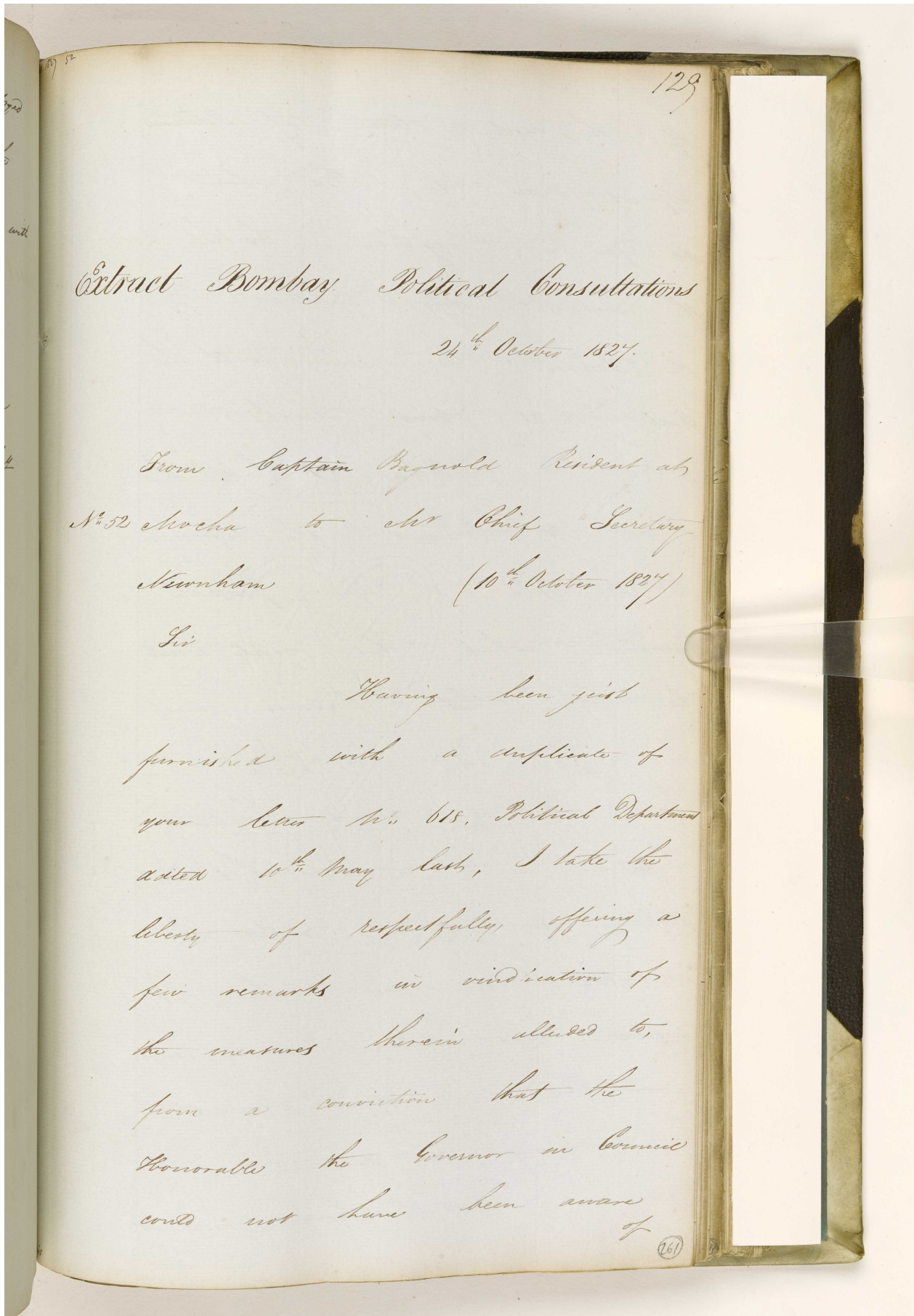
In reply I am
requested to observe that any
remonstrances which may be
thought necessary for the attainment
of this object should be
made to the proper authorities

but
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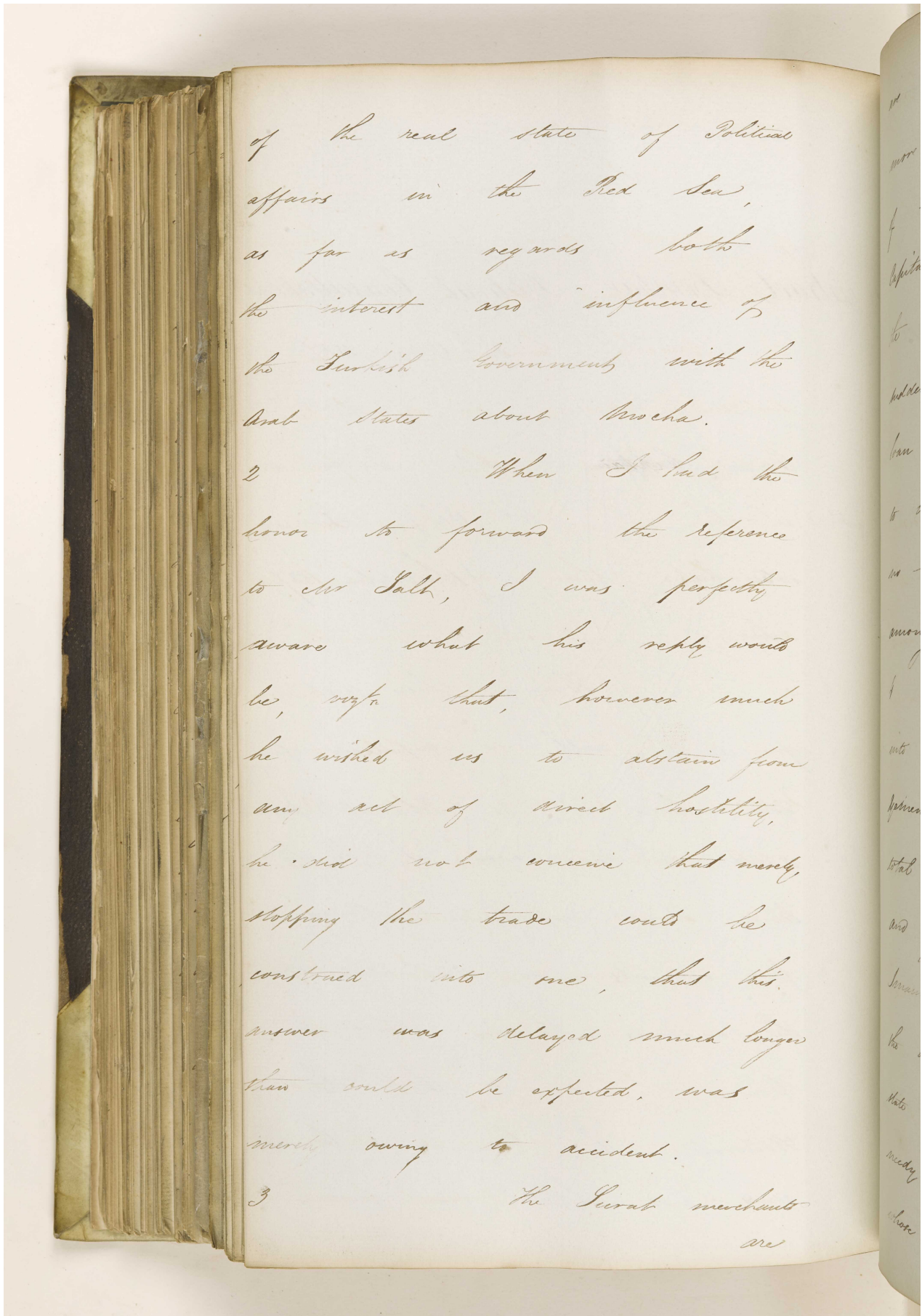
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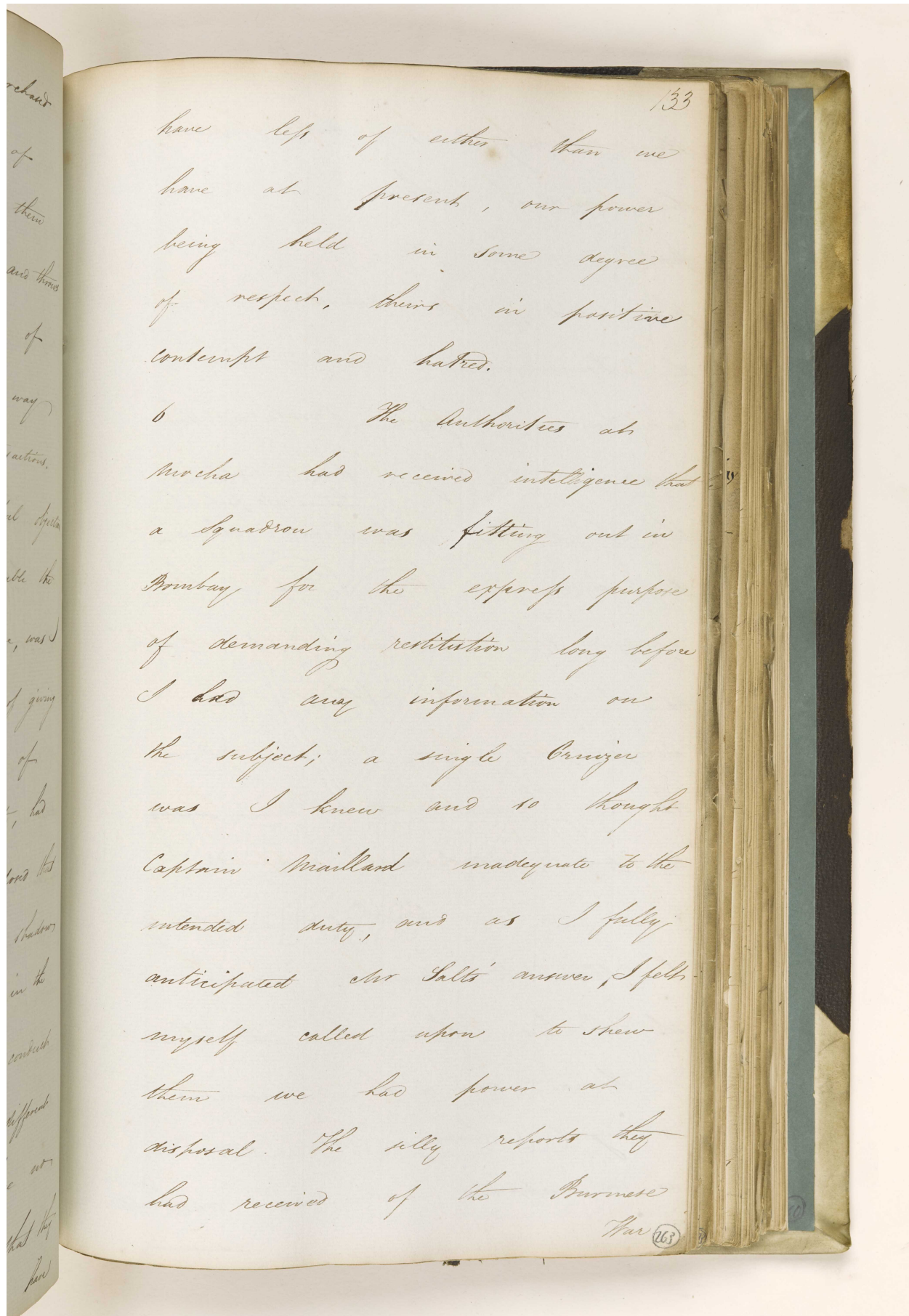


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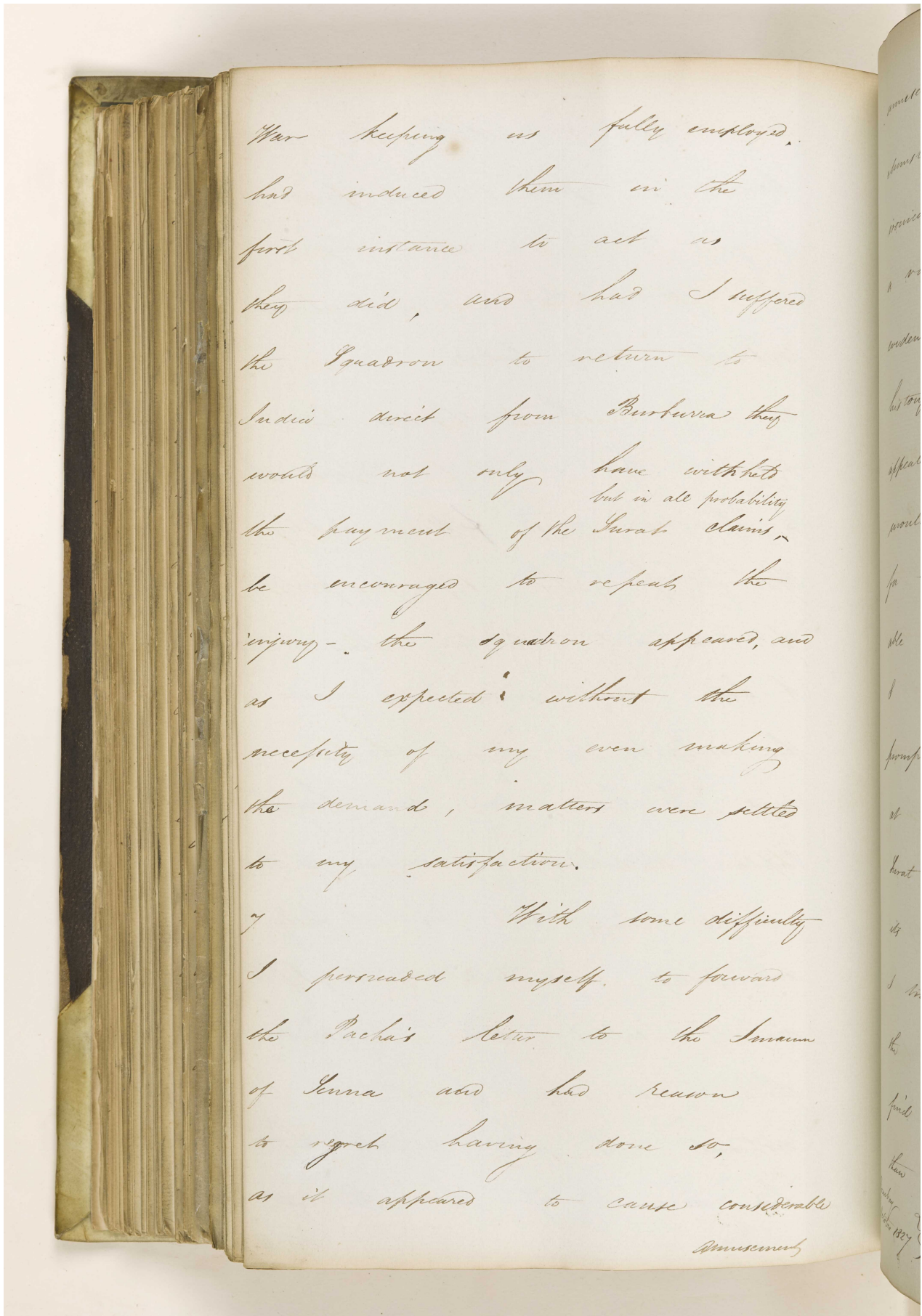
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are now reduced to little
more than mere annual traders
of small and mostly borrowed
capitals, and the conduct of
the Mocha Government in
suddenly raising an involuntary
loan upon them in preference
to their own subjects, caused
no less than eight bankrupts
among the most respectable.
+ The state of anarchy
into which the whole of
Yemen is now fallen, the
total ruin of their finances
and general inefficiency of the
Imam's Government, has filled
the different offices of the
state with men of the most
needy and rapacious characters,
whose frequent removal from
situations (262)

situations they have purchased
 stimulates them to acts of
 oppression while it screens them
 from eventual punishment and throws
 the odium and difficulty of
 restitution on others every way
 unconnected with the transactions.
 5 The principal objection
 however of the Honorable the
 Governor to my procedure, was I
 presume the probability of giving
 offence to the Pacha of
 Egypt and sublime Porte, had
 I for a moment supposed that
 they possessed even the shadows
 of influence or power in the
 affairs of Yemen, my conduct
 would have been very different
 on the contrary I have no
 hesitation in asserting that they
 have

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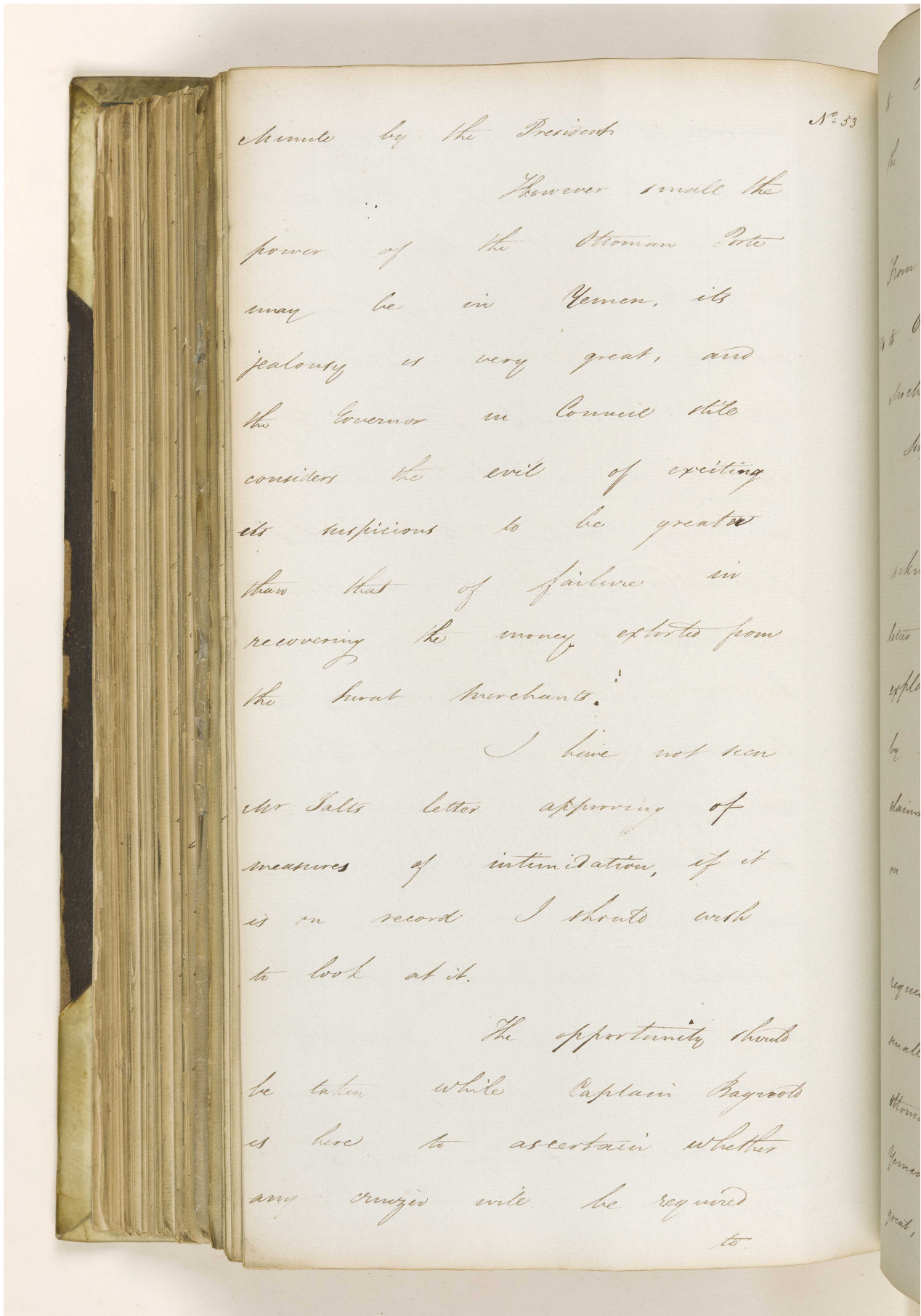
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unintentionally to His Highness and
cousins, and called forth the
ironical remark that I was
a vastly clever fellow, and
evidently well read in Arab
history, inasmuch as I had
appealed to a broken staff, a
mouldering canoe, to do that
for me which I was better
able to do for myself.

I In thus acting with
promptness and decision I have
at all events saved our
Surat trade from annihilation and
its merchants from ruin, and
I trust that the Honble
the Governor will eventually
find reasons to approve rather
than censure my conduct.

Bombay
10th October 1807 } I have Yrs
Signed M. E. Baynes

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shunde by the President

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However small the
power of the Ottoman Porte
may be in Yemen, its
jealousy is very great, and
the Governor in Council still
considers the evil of exciting
its suspicions to be greater
than that of failure in
recovering the money extorted from
the Surat Merchants.

I have not seen
Mr. Sales letter approving of
measures of intimidation, if it
is in record I should wish
to look at it.

The opportunity should
be taken while Captain Bagroote
is here to ascertain whether
any cruizes will be required
to

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to complete the recovery of
the Burburra instalments.
(Signed) M. Sphinstone
From Mr Chief Secretary Newnham
N^o 54 to Captain Baynold Resident at
Mocha (22nd October 1897)
Sir,
I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 10th instant
explaining the measures adopted
by you for adjusting the
claims of the Surat Merchants
on the Government of Mocha.
In reply I am
requested to observe that however
small the power of the
Ottoman Porte may be in
Yemen, its jealousy is very
great, and the Governor in
Council (165)

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Council still considers the evil
of exciting its suspicions to be
greater than that of failure
in recovering the money extorted
from the Surat Merchants.

I am directed also
to observe that the measure
of bringing a Naval force
up to Mocha, was of a
different character from that of
removing the Residency, and stopping
the trade, which, alone were
contemplated by Mr Salt.

I take this
opportunity of requesting you will
state whether in your opinion
any cruises will be required
to complete the recovery of
the Barbours Insultments

Bombay Castle
22^d. October 1827

I have &c
(Signed) W. P. M. P.
Chief Secy

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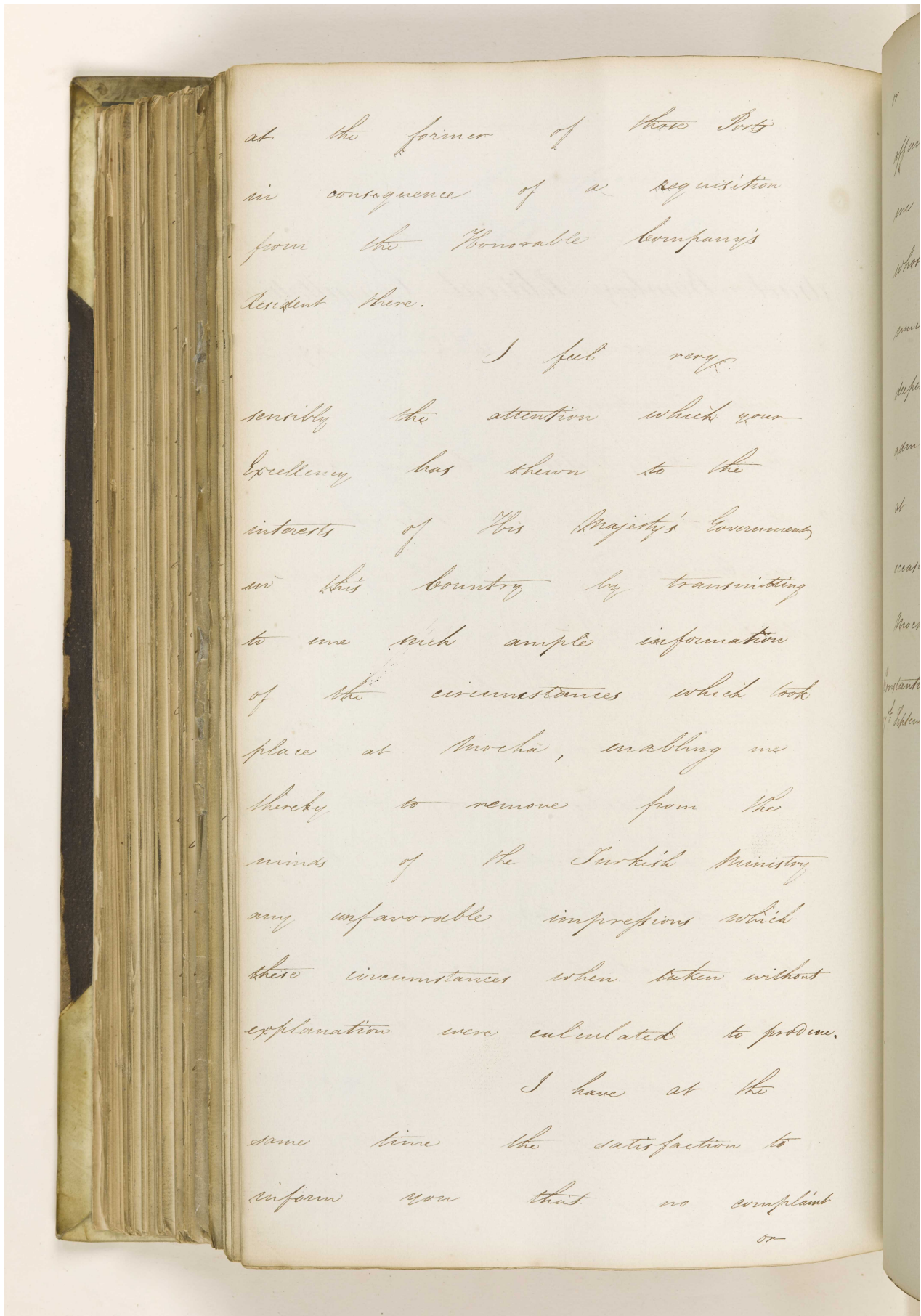
Extract Bombay Political Consultations

31st December 1824—

From Mr. Stratford Canning. Superintendent
N^o 2 at Constantinople to the Governor
in Council. (17th September 1824)

Humble Sir

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of
two dispatches addressed to me
by your Excellency in Council,
and bearing date respectively the
26th of April and 10th of May,
relating to certain transactions at
Mocha and Burburra and the
appearance of a part of
His Majesty's East India Squadron
at (26)



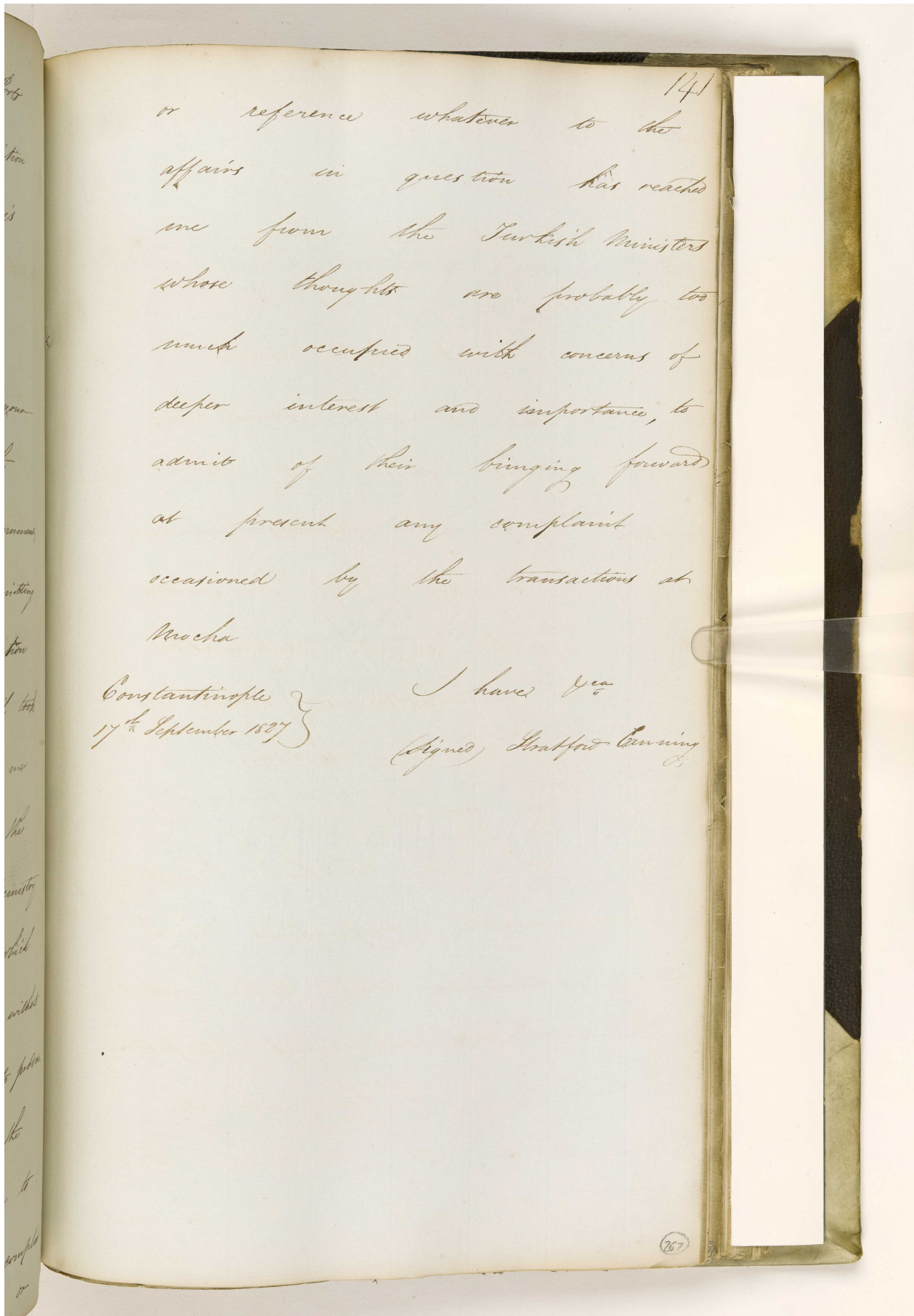
at the former of these Ports
in consequence of a requisition
from the Honorable Company's
Resident there.

I feel very
sensibly the attention which your
Excellency has shewn to the
interests of His Majesty's Government
in this Country by transmitting
to me such ample information
of the circumstances which took
place at Mocha, enabling me
thereby to remove from the
minds of the Turkish Ministry
any unfavorable impressions which
these circumstances when taken without
explanation were calculated to produce.

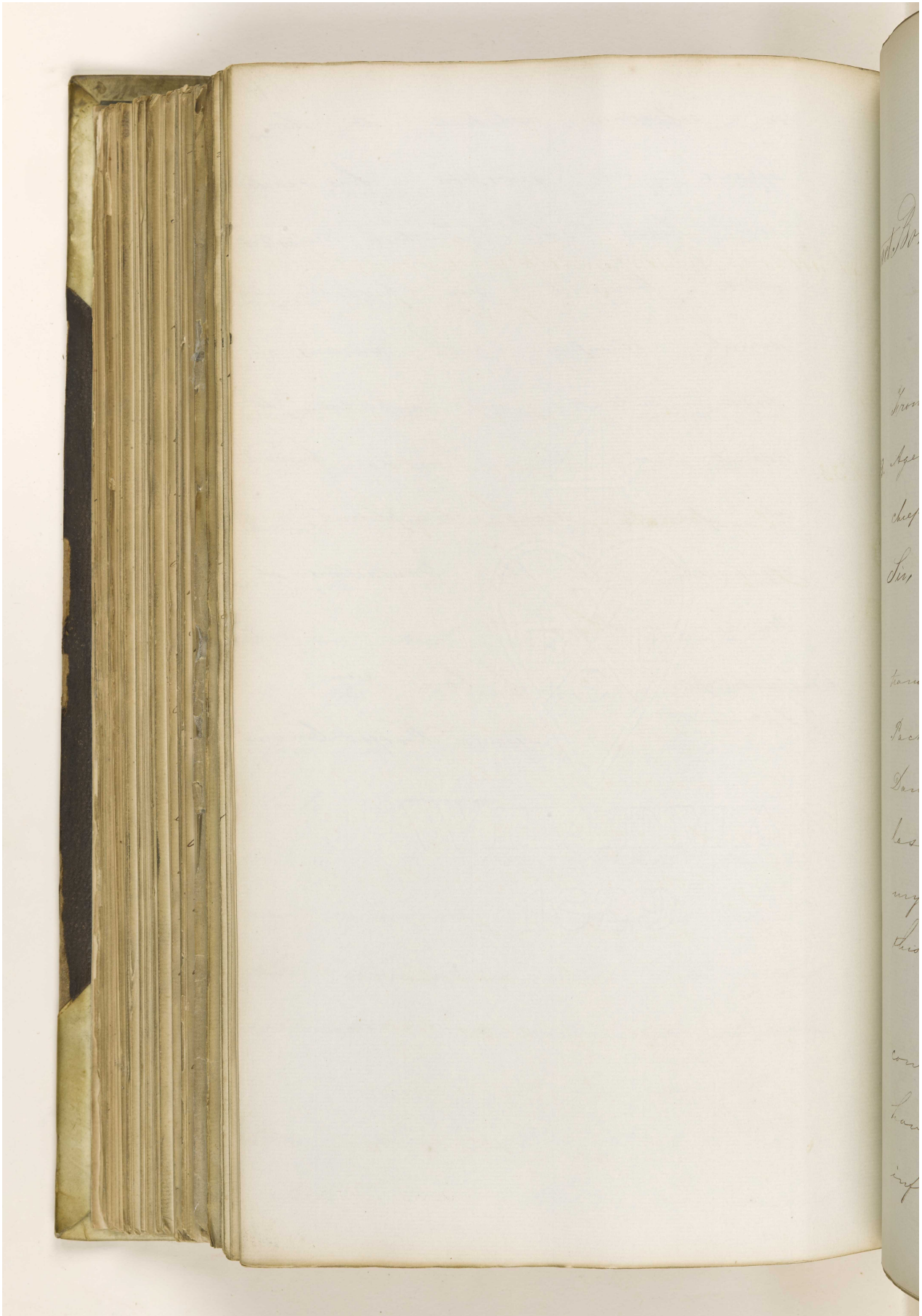
I have at the
same time the satisfaction to
inform you that no complaint

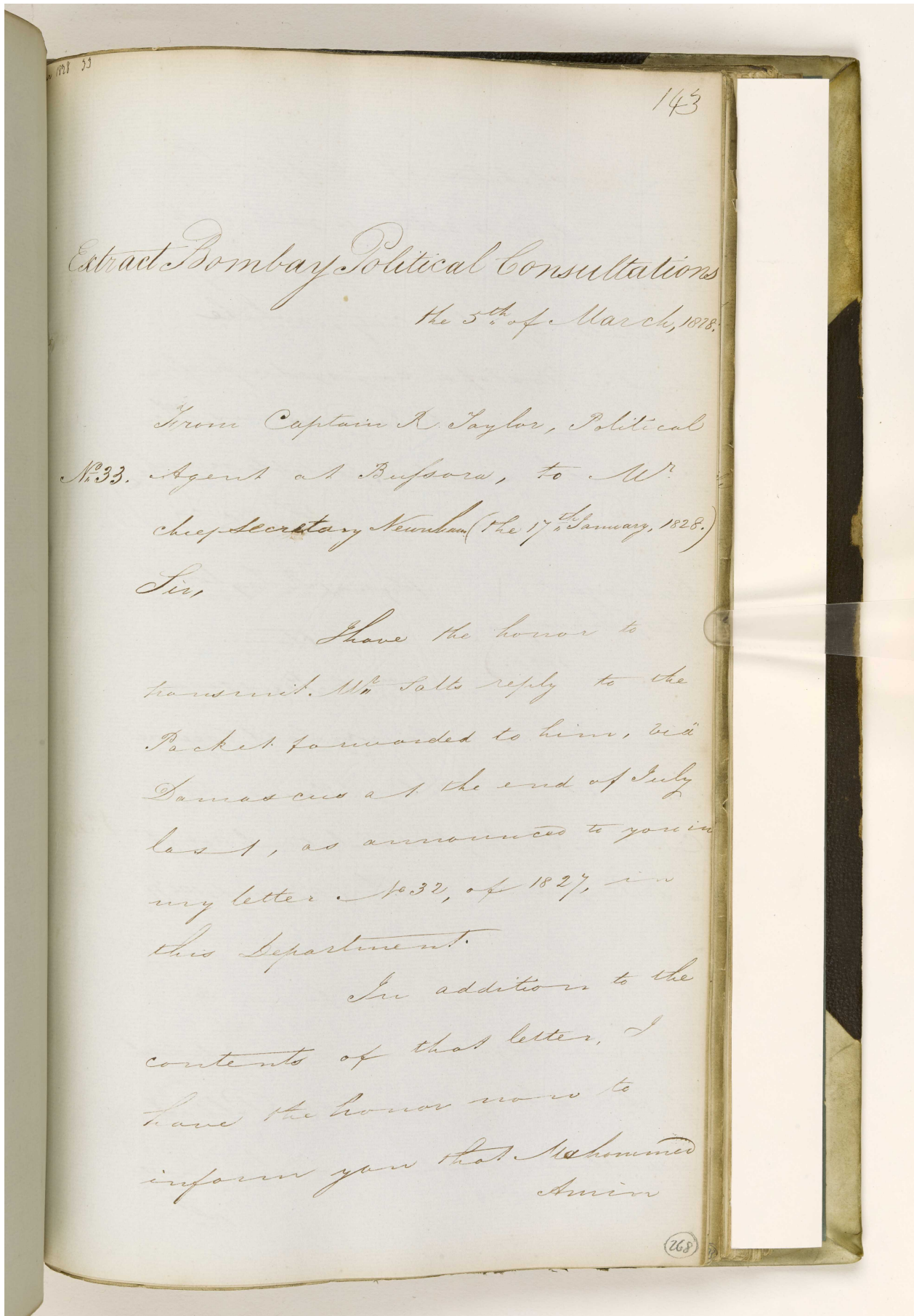
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Arrive Chalabee of Aleppo has
consented to attend zealously
to the transmission of any
packets by that city, while
Syed Mostofa Bayazadee performs
this service at Damascus. They
are both most respectable merchants.

Shave & ca

Bussora
the 17th January,
1828.

Phymer, N. Taylor

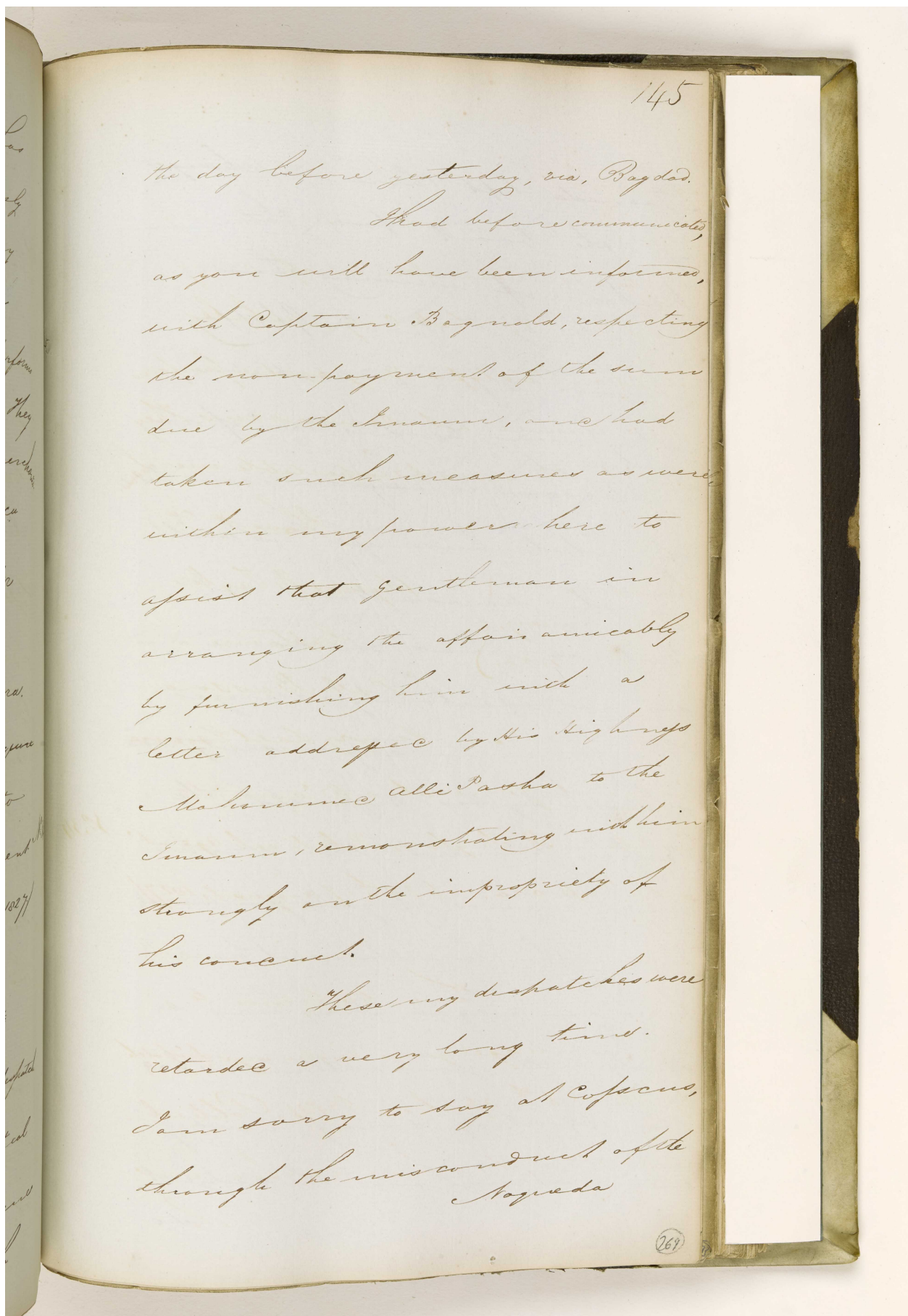
Captain.

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From — Henry Salt Esquire
Consul general at Cairo, to
Captain N. Taylor, Political Agent N^o 314
at Bussora. (28th of August, 1827.)
Sir,

Shave the honor to
acknowledge your Excellency's despatch
of the 26th April, N^o 531, Political
Department, which reached me
the

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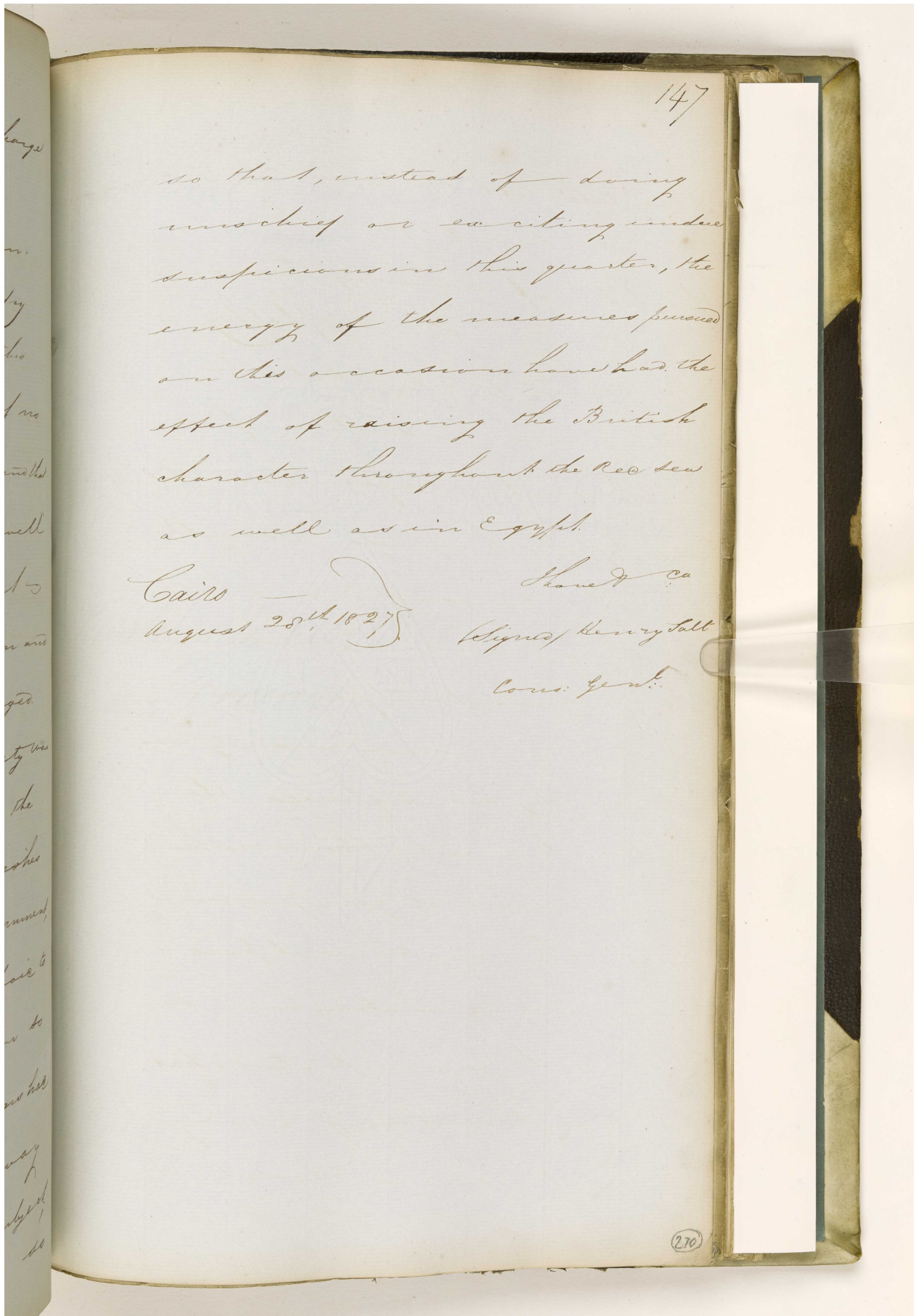


Agueda left there in charge
of the boat for the
purpose of receiving them.

I am truly happy
however to find that this
delay was productive of no
unpleasant consequences and that
the whole business as well
as the transaction at
Burbura was so soon and
so satisfactorily arranged.

Every anxiety was
shown by His Highness the
Pasha, to meet the wishes
and views of your government,
and the compliment paid to
him in acquainting him so
early with your intentions had
the effect of doing away
all distrust on the subject;
so

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