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‘Aden - Slave Trade’

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This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, minutes, and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai]. The main correspondents are: the Government of Bombay and Captain Stafford Bettesworth Haines, Political Agent at Aden. It is the fourth in a series of five items concerning the trade in enslaved people (the others are IOR/F/4/2033/92119, 92120, IOR/F/4/2034/92121, and 92123).

The item concerns:

- An accusation that 'Ali 'Abd Allah from Aden purchased a boy and took him to Calcutta [Kolkata], and the subsequent investigation
- Accusations that 'Abd Allah 'Ali imported enslaved people from Zanzibar to Aden, and the subsequent investigation
- The punishment of those convicted of importing enslaved people into Aden
- The emancipation of three Abyssinian boys at Aden
- A request by Haines that an armed cutter be positioned to intercept vessels carrying enslaved people into Aden.

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Bombay.
Political Department.

Letter from, dated 31. October 1843.
s. 71.

Aden,
Slave Trade.

Examiner's Office

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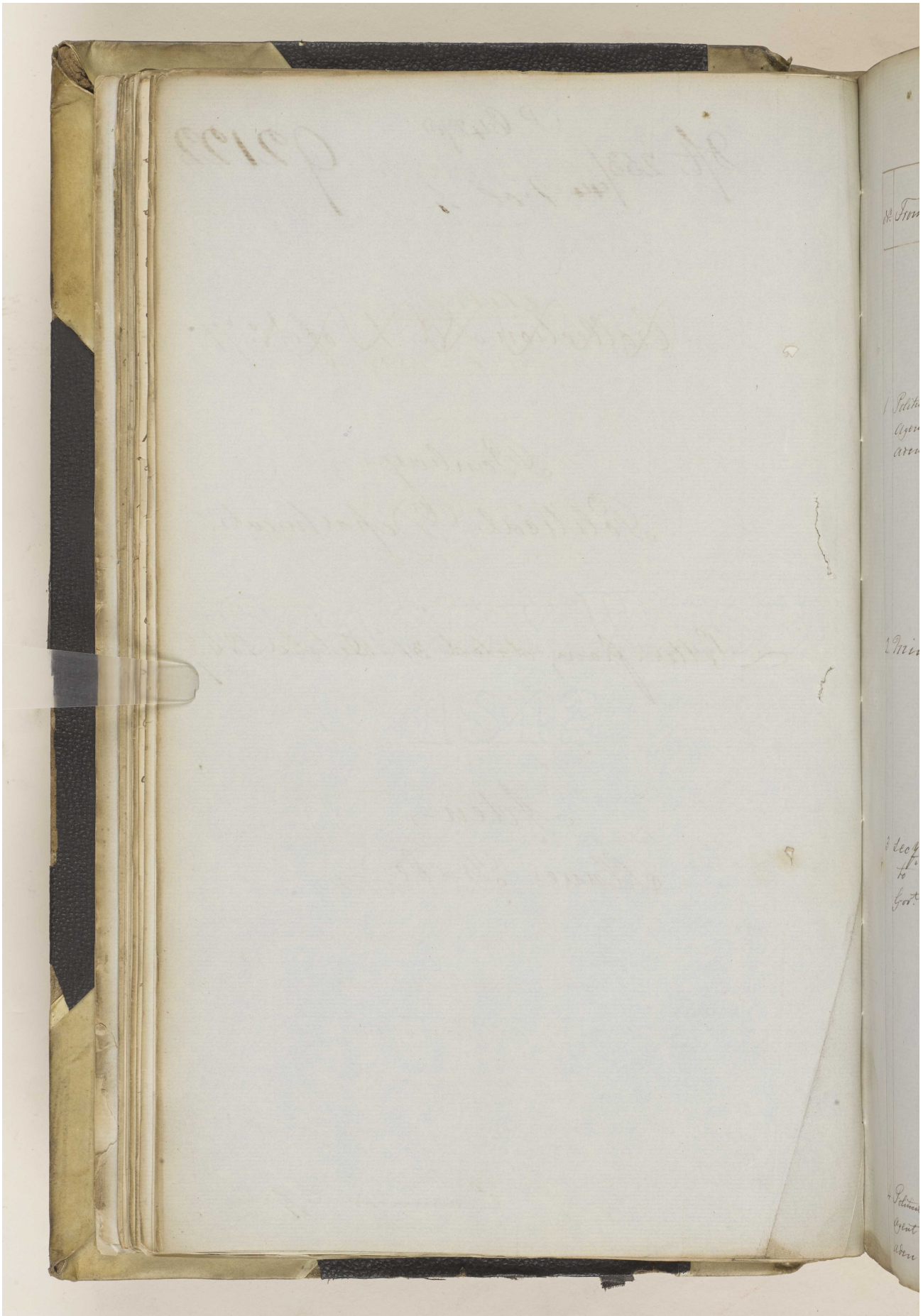


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Bombay Castle
31st Oct. 1843

Mr. Macaulay
Secy to Govt.

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Copied by
Moorad
R. K. P.

N^o 81 of 1843
From Captain A. B. Haines Esq.
Political Agent at Aden,
To, J. A. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to the Government of Bombay
Dated Aden 26th September 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that having accidentally heard some conversation in Arabic relative to a slave being sold in Aden, I immediately sent for the parties, and investigated the case, a copy of which I beg to annex for the information of Government.

2 The fact that a slave had remained, "Nupied" was sold by an inhabitant of Aden, named Ali ibn Hamed for 35 German Crowns is clearly proved, also that the slave was transferred to the purchaser named Ali Abdulla an inhabitant and household in Aden, on his paying 30 German Crowns in money, and deducting

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deducting 5 German Crowns for a previous debt. Both parties are therefore guilty of "felony".

3 The seller, it would appear, was absent from Aden, when slavery was publicly prohibited, and his freely acknowledging the truth, and thereby condemning himself, proves he was ignorant of the enormity of the crime he committed. Under such circumstances I would only recommend one years imprisonment with labour in Aden, as an example to deter others from committing a similar offence.

4 The Purchaser however, has no excuse, he heard the proclamation, and was personally warned, by me against his purchasing or receiving any slave on board the Barque "Aden Merchant" then bound to Bengal, whereof he is the Supercargo, he is culpable in the extreme, and I would respectfully suggest that on the return of the Vessel to Aden, he be tried

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tried, and if convicted, punished with
greater severity than the Seltor.

I have for the present merely
placed the Seltor a prisoner in the Aden
Jail, leaving the sentence and punishment
to the consideration of the Honorable the
Governor in Council, indeed, it is neces-
sary that I should do so, as by an in-
vestigation in another case of intro-
ducing Slaves into Aden, forwarded to
Government by this mail, it will be ob-
served that some of the principal inha-
bitants of Aden (among them, the Senior
Sayed of Hydros) have secretly connived
at the horrid traffic, and received
Slave girls landed in male attire at
night.

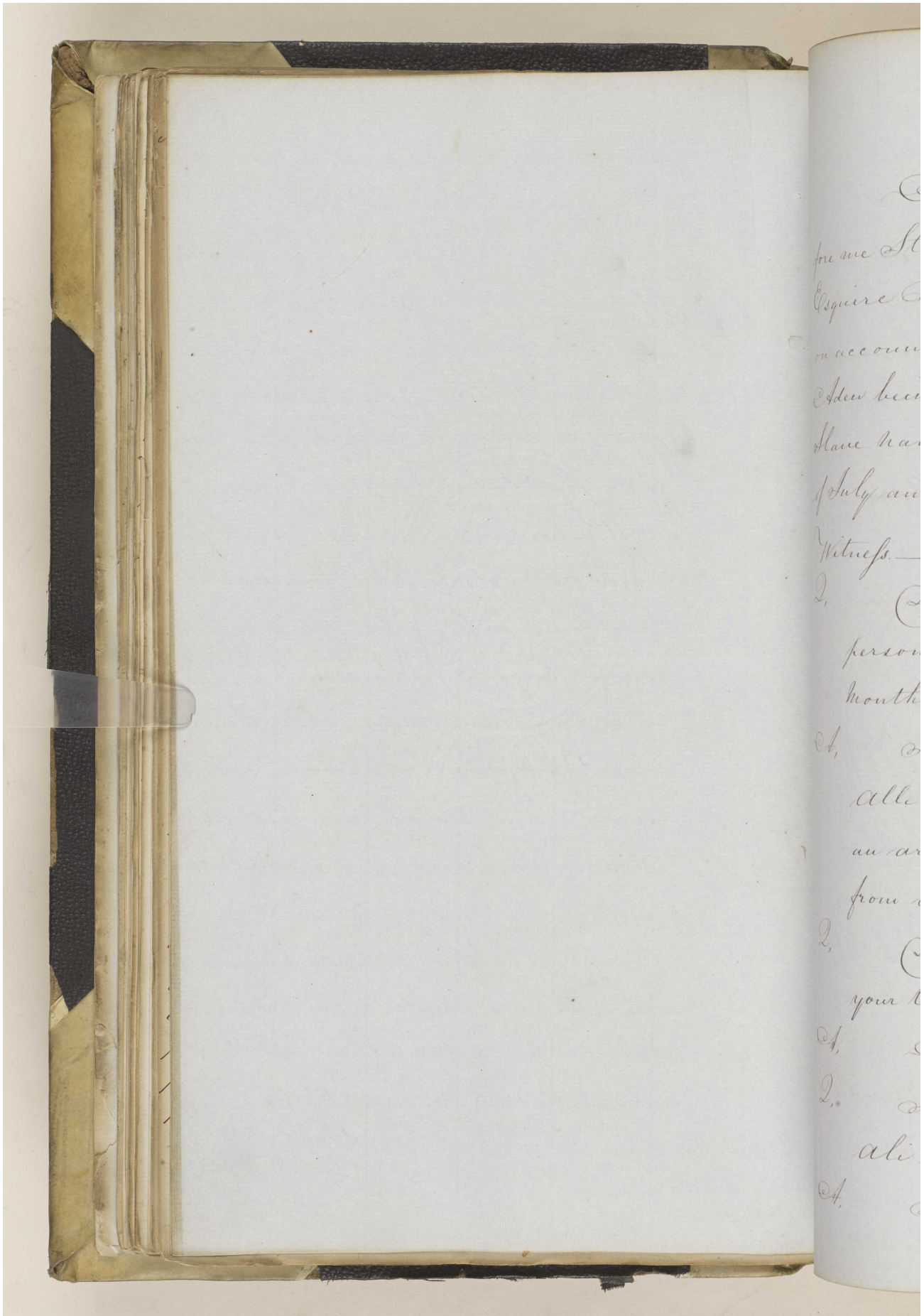
The labours I have spent in ascertain-
ing truth has intimidated the Arab Inhab-
itants of Aden, and will, I have little doubt,
considerably check any further traffic.

Post. Agt's Office
Aden 26th Sept. 1843
Wm. J. Shaw
Capt. of the "Hercules"

I have &c
Signed S. B. Hamies
Capt. R.N.
Post. Agent. Aden

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Aden September 5th 1843.

The Investigation taken before me Stafford Bettesworth Haines Esquire Political Agent at Aden on account of certain Inhabitants of Aden being concerned in disposing of a Slave named Vasseeb between the 1st of July and 5th September 1843.

Witness. — Ibrahim ibn Esak, a Jew.

Q, Did you sell a slave Boy to any person in the Town during the last two months?

A, I was merely sitting down with Ali Abdulla when he was making an arrangement to purchase a slave from Ali ibn Hamed.

Q, Did you receive any money for your trouble?

A, No.

Q, In what way did you assist Ali Abdulla in the purchase?

A, I was merely a witness to the transaction.

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transaction.-

Q. Did you not go to Ali ibn
Hamed's House?

A. No never, but to Ali Abdul
la for my money.-

Q. Would you know the Slave Kassab?

A. Yes he is about 14 or 15 years old.-

Q. Do you know the price the Boy
was sold for to Ali Abdulla?

A. Yes 35 German Crowns, 5 were
cut in making the payment.-

Q. Why were the 5 cut?

A. It was a debt between Ali
ibn Hamed and Ali Abdulla.-

Q. Did you not act the part of
an Agent in selling the Slave?

A. No.-

Q. Did you see the Slave paid for?

A. Yes - I saw 30 German Crowns
given to Ali ibn Hamed.-

Ali ibn Hamed the seller of
a slave in the Town of Aden.-

Q. Had you not a slave named
Kassab

Kasseeb?

A. Yes.-

Q. What did you do with him?

A. I was sick in my house, when Ali Abdulla came for some money I owed him, I told him I had none, when he said I must have the money either sell me the House or the Boy - He said if not he would complain, I was afraid and told him to take the Boy, he said no, I will buy him.-

Q. Did he buy the Boy?

A. Yes - he gave me 35 German Crowns, but cut 5 for an old debt.-

Q. Were you willing to sell the Boy?

A. Yes I sold it with my will, I did not know of your orders.-

Q. When I issued the proclamation against Slavery did you not hear it?

A. No I was away the year you proclaimed it.-

Q. You say I proclaimed it the year, you were away?

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A Yes.
Q, Pray how do you know the year?
A, I do not know, I swear to it.
Q, You say you sold the Slave to Ali
Abdulla can you tell me where the
Slave is?
A, I do not know.
Q, Did you ever sell any other Slave
in Aden?
A, No.

Sentence.

Ibrahim ibn Esak discharged.

Ali ibn Hamed convicted of selling a
Slave to Ali ibn Abdulla Supercargo of
the Bark Aden Merchant.

Ali ibn Abdulla not present, but
clearly proved to have purchased the slave
Kussuh, and it appears, took him to Bengal
in the Vessel.

Signed / S/B Haines
Captain S/B
Pol. Ag. S/B May at Aden

Copied by,
Deenshaw Hornumji
Comp. S/B P. P. P.

Minute by the Honorable the Governor
concurrent in by the Honorable M^r. Crawford
dated 21st October 1843.

1. The Political Agent's proceedings,
may be approved.
2. Under the peculiar circumstances,
stated in the 3^d paragraph, the punishment
of one year's imprisonment with hard labor,
proposed by Captain Haines, to be inflicted on
Ali ibn Ahmed, the seller of the slave Nafsat,
may as a special case be commuted to imprison-
ment for a period of six months with hard
labor; The grounds of this leniency should
be made public at Aden.
3. The case is altogether different
as regards the purchaser Ali Abdoolah, and on
his return to Aden, he should be proceeded
against in the manner proposed by Captain
Haines, and on conviction should be suitably
punished.

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4 Copy of the Political Agent's letter, and of the reply, should be forwarded to the Government of India, and as the purchaser of the Slave is stated to have taken him to Bengal, he may probably, if a proper inquiry is entered into, be brought to justice at Calcutta.

5. The attention of Captain Hairs should be called to the Government Circulars to his address, dated the 5.th April, 20.th May, and 4 June 1842, directing him to number and endorse the enclosures to all letters addressed by him to Government, and he should be directed carefully to attend for the future to these orders, which for some time past he has omitted to do.

6. These proceedings should be reported to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

21st October
1843.

Signed C. Arthur,
" J. H. Crawford.

Copied by W. H. H. H.

Copied by J. H. H.

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N^o 2693 of 1843
Political Department
From
J. P. Willoughby Esquire...
Secretary to Government.
To
Captain J. B. Haines
Political Agent at Aden
Dated 27th October 1843
Sir,
I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated the 26th
ultimo N^o 81 submitting the result of
the investigation instituted by you in a
case of slave dealing at Aden, and to
inform you that the Honorable the
Governor in Council approves of your
proceedings.
2 Under the peculiar circum-
stances stated in the 3rd para of your
communication, the Governor in Council
is pleased, as a special case, to
commute
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commute the punishment of one years imprisonment with hard labor proposed by you to be inflicted on ali ibn Hamed, the seller of the slave husseb, to imprisonment for a period of six months with hard labor, but directs that the grounds of this leniency be made public at Aden..

3 The Honorable the Governor in Council further directs that, on the return to Aden of Ali Abdulla the purchaser of the above slave, you will proceed against him in the manner proposed by you, and on conviction he should be suitably punished. Copy of your letter and of this reply has, however, been forwarded to the Government of India, in the hope that as Ali Abdulla is stated to have taken the boy Husseb to Bengal, he may be brought to justice at Calcutta..

I am on this occasion desired to draw your attention to the Government Circulars

Recd by Port Secy
18th July

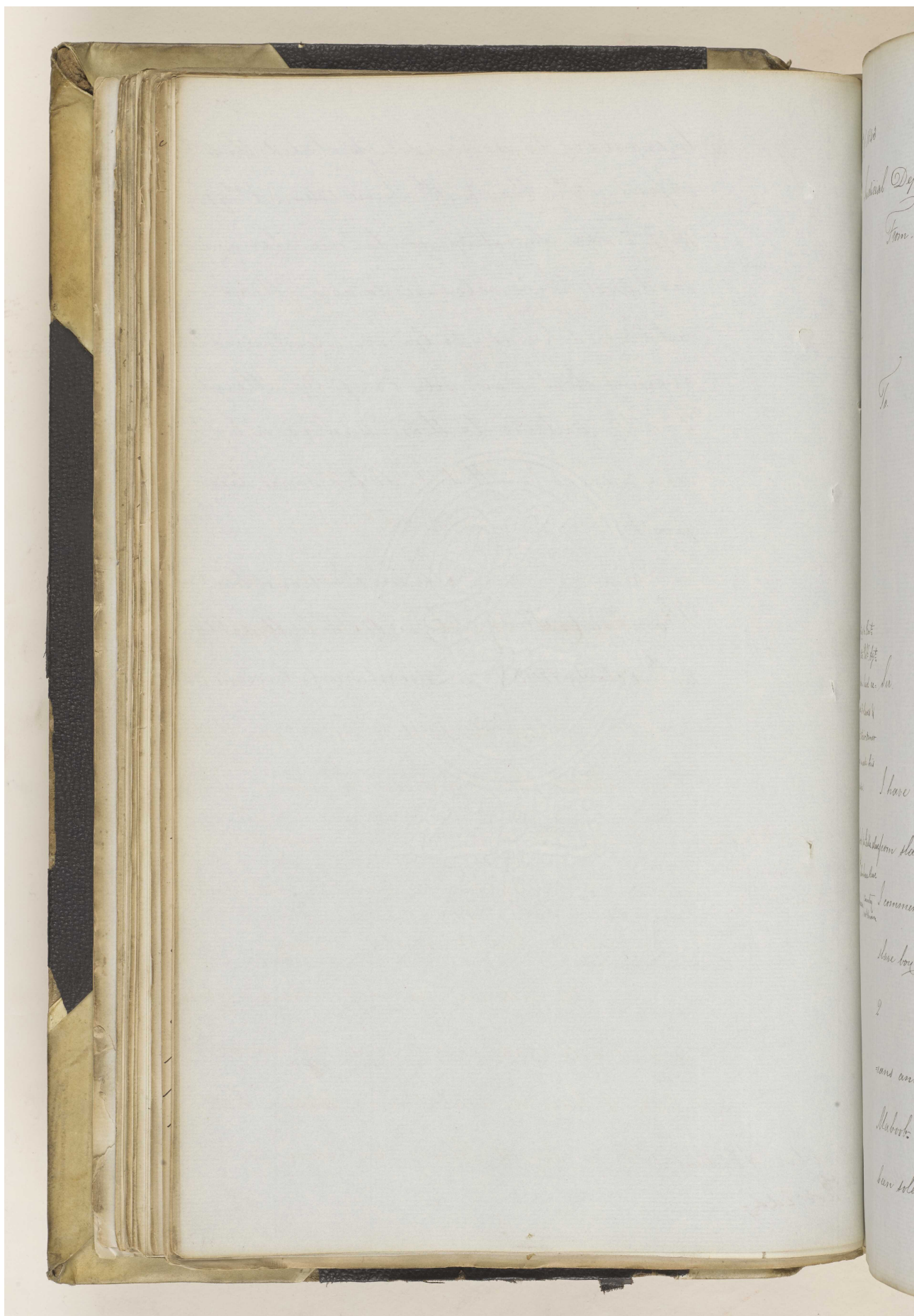
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Circulars to your address dated the 5th
April 20th May & 4th June 1842. Nos. 912,
1399, & 1496, directing you to number and
endorse the enclosures to all letters
addressed by you to Government, and to
request that you will carefully attend
for the future to those orders, which
you have omitted to do for some time
past.

I have the honor to be &c.
Bombay Castle } Signed J. P. Willoughby
27th October 1843 } Secretary to Government

Copied by J. A. Dalila
by Robt Eddy

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No 174 of 1843

No 82. of 1843.

Judicial Department.

From.

Captain S. B. Haines I. N.

Political Agent. Aden.

To.

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to the Government

Bombay

Reporting to Govt
that the Pol. Agt.
at Aden had recd. Sir.
heard 3 slaves &
that their owner
had made his
escape.

Dated. Aden 26th September 1843.

I have the honor to inform you that

I have released three slaves named as per margin

Mabook (a Galla slave from slavery. The owner fled inland immediately

John) Amhara slave

Jerhaan (country not known)

I commenced investigating the case of the sale of the

Slave boy named Nasseeb reported this day.

2 The lads are fine good looking abysinians and will make good servants. One named Mabook. I have no hesitation in saying had been sold to Sayud Aboore ibn Hair for

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36 German crowns, but when discovered at the
Sayud's house, was discarded, and I could not clearly
prove the purchaser.

I have the honor to be Sir

Pol^l Agents Office } signed/ S. B. Haines.
Aden 26th Sept^r 1843 }
Captain S. N.

Political Agent - Aden.

N^o 2694 of 1843.

Political Department.

From

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

To.

Captain S. B. Haines

Political Agent at Aden

Dated 27th October 1843

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated the 26th Ultimo

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No 82. and to inform you that the Honble
the Governor in Council approves of your pro-
ceedings therein reported.

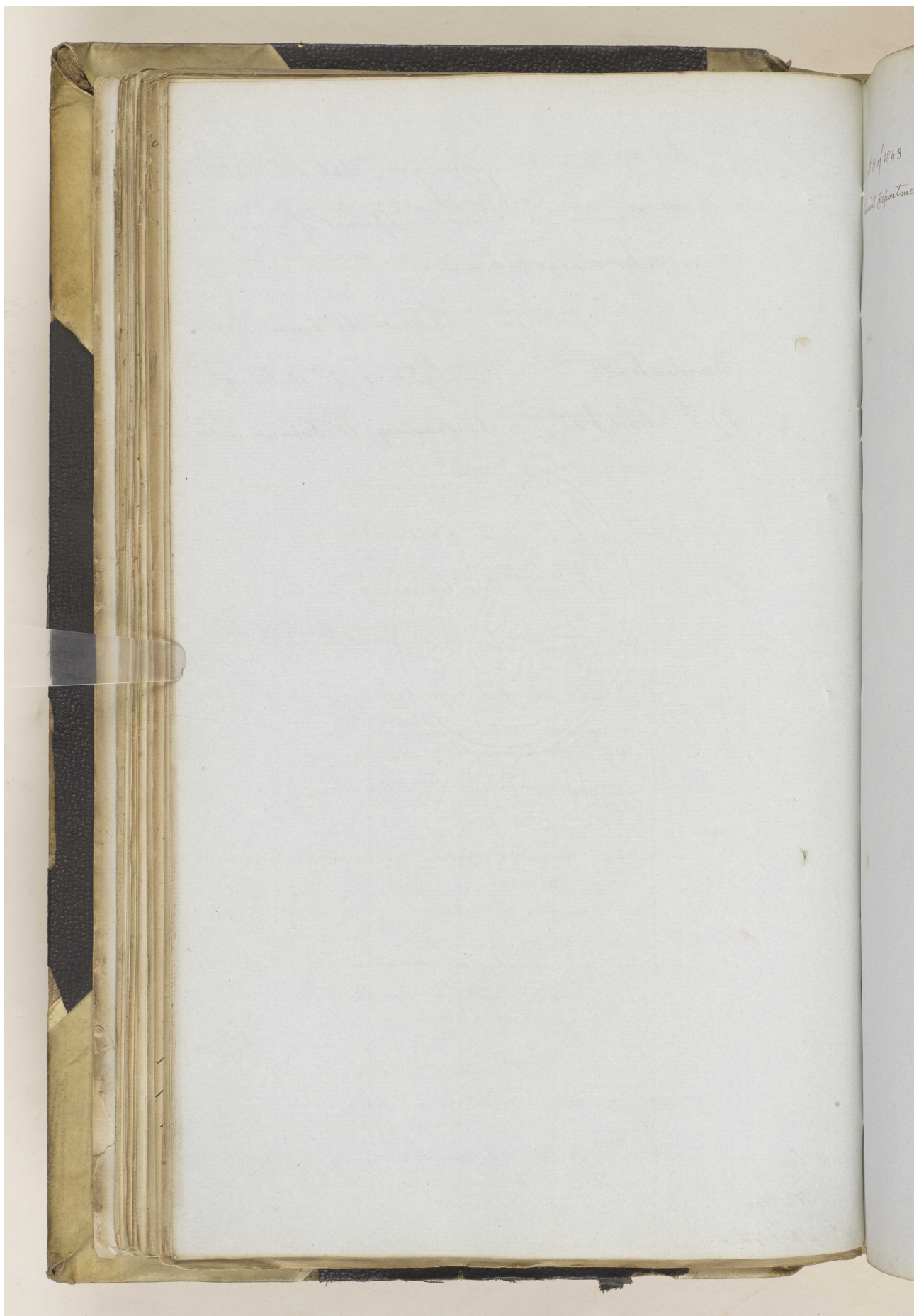
Bombay Castle
27th October 1843

I have the honor &c
/sig^{ty}/ J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government.

Copied by
P. Whetton
J. P. Willoughby

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No 18 of 1843
Judicial Department

Number 83 of 1843

From, Captain J. B. Haines J.N.

Political Agent at Aden.

To,

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government - Bombay

Sir,

Dated Aden 26th Sept^r 1843

I have the honor of transmitting
herewith a copy of an investigation taken
by me in the case of certain slaves
being introduced into Aden by the Portuguese
"Aden" belonging to this Port on her
return voyage from Zanzibar between
the months of April and June whereof
was Macodah or Master "Abdalla Ali"
inhabitant of Aden.

/ 2/ The said Macodah obtained
from Captain Hammerton Her Pri.
Majesty's Consul and Honorable

Compass

Company's agent at Zanzibar, a certificate stating the Bugala sloop had 6 women & male passengers besides her crew - The investigation proves that 2 of the said female passengers were slave girls, purchased at Zanzibar, he, the Nacodah admitting in his evidence that he paid for one himself for "Mahomed Omer". 24 German Crowns who wished to send her to Say-ud Allooce ibn Zain of Hydrosse -

/3/ It further appears that a slave Boy was brought to Aden in the same vessel by Sallem Omennam "and that the 3 were landed at night from the Buga-lou "sloop" lying off Seera Mole. in the boat, which conveyed the Nacodah and his son on shore the female slaves being dressed as

21.
as males to prevent detection —

/4/ Positive proof could not be elicited
to convict all parties without forcibly en-
tering the houses of the parties concerned
which measure I deemed it impolite^{te?} to do,
as it would involve I fear one half the
respectable Arab inhabitants I therefore
after an attentive consideration of the
case deemed it better to wait and obtain
the Commands and advice of Government
on the subject, merely making the
Macodah give security for his appearance
when required and securing the owner
and seller of the slave Boy named
Musseh: he not having friends or
means to obtain Bail —

5 I regret to observe that, suffi-
cient facts have been elicited to
prove that though the British
Flag has waved in Aden near 5
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years the horrid custom of buying
and selling slaves even within Ori-
ental Jurisdiction has not been entirely
exterminated - Time of course is requisite
to erase principles engendered by their
Fore fathers but I did hope that the
punishment I awarded to Hadjee Ah-
dulla for introducing a slave girl into
Aden, and sanctioned by Government
under letter No 23 Judicial Department
dated 28th March 1843 would have
entirely put a stop to the traffic, but
as it did not, it is requisite that
greater caution and vigilance on our
part should be exerted to prevent
repetition -

[57] The *Wacodali* *Abdulla ali*
is a very aged imbecile man per-
haps 70 or 75 years of age, so that
I fear the punishment of imprison-

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ment would immediately cause his
death -

17 / In my letter to the late Lieu-
tenant Colonel Wood dated 4 October
1839, I requested a small vessel with
a gun to be stationed under the mole
of Seera as a guard vessel which was
not granted - The necessity now so
evident compels me to respectfully re-
new my requisition that one of the
small Government Cutters not drawing
more than 8 or 9 feet water with a
commissioned officer and midshipman
be immediately sent on this station
to examine all vessels communi-
cating with Frant Bay - she will
then prevent slavery, smuggling, &
landing at improper hours after
dark, now carried on with impunity,
as only a Naigues Guard on the

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tops of Seera are near, and they are
to protect a powder magazine - A fast
sailing cutter ought to be sent, as she
could chase any vessel endeavouring to
escape -

Political Agents office } I have the honour to be
Aden 2nd Septem } signed J. B. Floures
Dec 1843 } Captain J. N.
Political Agent
Aden.

copied by Lumsden &
Ely
J. Floures

B

"Second Examination"

Aden 6th September 1843.

Examination to ascertain what became
of certain Slaves brought from Zanzibar by the
"Aden" Bugalo before me Stafford Bettesworth
Haines Esquire Political Agent at Aden.

Abdee Rhub Sworn.

Question Did you go to Zanzibar in the
Bugalo "Aden"?

Answer Yes.

Question Did you bring any Slaves?

Answer Yes females

Question How did they come on Shore?

Answer They came on Shore with female
clothes.

Question About what time?

Answer About 12 o'clock in the day

Question Are you sure they did not come
on Shore at night?

Answer I came on Shore in the day with
the women.

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Question How many came?

Answer Six.

Question When you brought them on shore
do you know where they went?

Answer No, I swear I do not

Question How did you buy them at
Zanzibar?

Answer They came and paid their passage
or at least some one did for
them.

Question What kind of women were
they?

Answer I do not know but they are I
believe married.

Question When they were on board, who
took care of them?

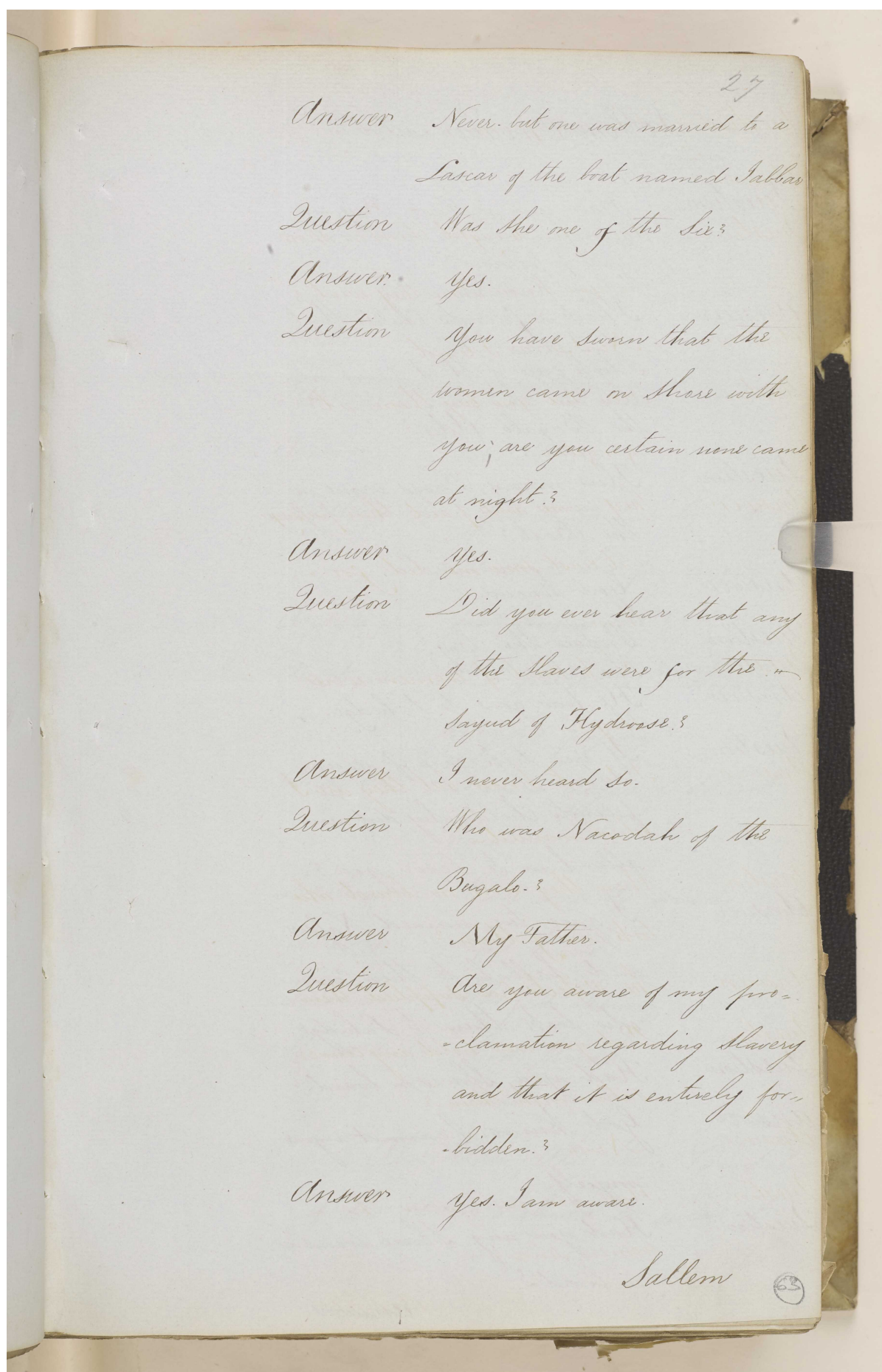
Answer The vessels crew supplied them.

Question Did you ever hold any conver-
sation with them?

Answer Never.

Question Have you never seen the
women since?

Answer



Salleem Omeraan called in.

*Question Have you a Slave Boy in
your possession?*

*Answer I had a friends Child that
I took care of that came in
the Bugalo "Aden"*

*Question How many Slaves came in
the Boat?*

Answer God knows.

Question Produce the Boy?

Answer He has gone to Sahedge.

*Question If you took care of your
friends Child, why did you
allow him to leave you?*

*Answer I gave two, named Naffis
and Sallah to their Cousin
who took them to Sahedge*

Question Had you Slaves on board?

*answer God knows. I cannot imagine
myself.*

*Question Had you any Slave women
on board?*

Answer

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Answer I swear I do not know I am
but a Lascar.

Question Do you know Abdoolah
ali?

Answer Yes.

Question Is he an old man?

Answer Yes.

Question Do you think him too old to
particularize his passengers?

Answer God knows.

Question Did you see any Women
during the passage?

Answer I am a Lascar I do not
know.

Question Where were the women?

Answer God knows.

Question Who fed them?

Answer God knows.

Abdoolah ali the Nocodah
of the Aden declines to swear to
the

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the truth.

Question

Were you in the Bugalo
"Aden" when you came from
Zanzibar?

Answer

yes.

Question

Did you bring any booms
with you to "Aden"?

Answer

Six.

Question

What were they?

Answer

They were of all sizes and
brought with the permission
of the Consul.

Question

Did any person give you
money to bring slaves?

Answer

No but what others did
I do not know. Mahomed
Omar sent two grown slaves
Women from his house at
Zanzibar.

Question

Did the Consul give you
the order?

Answer

No.

Question

31.
Question Where are they now?
Answer one belongs to Mahomed Migaab.
another to Sayud Allooze ibn Yain.
Question Have you seen the one Sayud
Allooze has?
Answer yes she is good looking.
Question How did they get them?
Answer I do not know how they may
^{been} have purchased but another man at
Zanzibar offered me 5 German
Crowns to bring another slave
for Sayud, Allooze and I refused.
Question I have heard that ^{was} for Sheriff Salim.
Answer God knows.
Question What time did they disembark?
Answer I do not know
Question Do you bring them every
year?
Answer Not now but before.
Question Why do you not now?
Answer I am afraid of you, as you
issued orders against it.
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Question

you are aware it was against
orders why did you bring -
them?

Answer

I thought them for marriage
of course.

Ibrahim Abdulla

Question

Were you the Murrani of the
Boat "Aden" when she came
from Zanzibar?

Answer

Yes.

Question

Did the Bugalo bring any
slaves from Zanzibar?

Answer

She brought six women
who were paid for -
me.

Question

Did you see them?

Answer

Yes some are in the Town some were
of light color the others dark.

Question

When did you send them on shore?

Answer

at Sun rise.

Question

When did Abdillah Ali and
Addie Rhub go on shore?

Answer

Copied by
Charles J. Gifford
Esq.
A. Lauck

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A. About 9 P. M.

Q. Did you not bring a Slave Boy?

A. I do not know.

Q. Where did you place the women?

A. Under the poop.

Q. Who brought the females?

A. I do not know.

Q. Will you swear that you did not bring
2 Slave Women and one Slave Boy to Aden?

A. I will not swear to it.

Q. Will you swear you did not bring a Slave
Girl for Sayud Allosse?

A. I will swear I heard that one was for
Sayud Allosse.

Q. Do you think it possible that Sallesm
Omaraan did not see the women on board?

A. He must have seen them.

Sallesm Omaraan Called in.

Q. Did you ever hand the main sheet aft?

A. I am a Sea-Carrier.

Q. Do you hear well?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever hear a female's voice?

A. No, I only paid attention to the Helms.

Q. The Bugab, I believe has Cabins who occupied them?

A. I am a Calafsee, and do not know.

Q. First you told me you were Sea Carrier,
and now you say you are a Calafsee?

A. Oh it does not signify.

Q. Is the Rudder head below the Cabin?

A. Below.

Q. How do the lines run?

A. Upon deck, through the deck.

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Q. Did the lines carry away?

A. yes.

Q. Did you splice and reserve them?

A. yes.

Q. How often did you go down?

A. 5 or 6 times during the voyage.

Q. Will you swear that during the passage between Zanzibar & Aden you never saw a Woman?

A. I swear.

Q. Will you swear you never knew that Slaves were on board?

A. I will not swear, I am a Clafce, and do not know.

This man has acknowledged in the presence of 20 Witnesses that he paid 5 German Notes by the Crowns for the Small lad about 8 years old which he sold in Lahedge. Political Agent.

Abaddie

Q. Were you in the Bugab. Aden?

A. yes I was a Cook.

Q. Did they bring any women in the Bugab?

A. No.

Q. Did any go to your House?

A. No.

Q. What time did the women come on shore?

A. They came on shore at night before 10 O'clock one was married to Jobber and there were 2 other women, one a Somallee.

Q. Where is the Somallee and the other women?

A. I know them.

Q. You first said no women, and now you say 3 were there, no more?

A. I am not certain they may have been under

under the poop, the 3 I have mentioned were
in the Galley.

Q. How did they come from Zanzibar?

A. One was married, the other two I believe had
Shuffa

Q. Did you come from Zanzibar in Ali Abdullah's
Bugalo and what women came with you?

A. Yes Three or Four and there were ^{two} Slave girls

Q. When did you marry?

A. I have been twice married

Q. Where were the Slave Girls placed on board?

A. They were out and in the Cabin

Q. Whom did they come for and where are they

A. One I heard came for Abdullah Ali the other
for Sayed Allosce. I do not know where
they are now

Q. Did no Slave Boys come for any persons?

A. Yes one boy for Sallem & Omeraan -

Q. When did you all come on Shore?

A. The Slave Girls and Boy were landed at
10 at night we anchored after sun set.

Q. When the Slaves landed did you go with them?

A. No we were landed the next day but Abdullah
Ali and Abdee Phub landed with the Slave
Girls -

Saaidce

Q. Did you come in the Ali Abdullah's Bugalo

A. Yes -

Q. How many Slaves came with you?

A. I saw two young Girls, and one Boy -

Q. Do you know whom they came for?

A. I do not know, they took them on Shore at
night

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night and kept us until the next day—

Q. Did you not hear one was for Sayed & Alloosee?

A. Yes for Sayed Alloosee, the other I do not know but the Boy belonged to Sallem Ali.

Q. Do you know the price paid for the Boy?

A. I do not know what Sallem Ali Ameran paid for him.

Somallee Ayesha.

Q. Did you come in the Aden Bugalow from Zanzibar?

A. Yes.

Q. Did any Slave Girls come?

A. Yes two, one Boy and 4 of us—

Q. Do you know whom they came for?

A. One for Sayed Alloosee and one Abdulla Ali.

Q. Whom did the Slave Boy belong to?

A. Sallem Ali Ameran.

Q. When did they land there, and in what clothes?

A. At night in men's clothes, I came in the day time.

Abdee Rhub on his Oath

Q. Are you certain you did not land with your Father and some women on the night of your arrival?

A. I landed with my Father just about the hour time but no women were in the Boat at least I did not notice them.

Q. Did neither your Father nor self send Women on Shore?

A. No.

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Q. When you and your father landed whom
did you find at home?

A. No Men but Women, not even Ali.

Q. When did Ali arrive?

A. In the morning.

Q. Where did you put the women that night?

A. I brought some with me.

Q. How many women did you bring?

A. Six.

Q. Describe them?

A. How could I look in their faces.

Q. Will you swear you never saw their faces?

A. I swear.

Q. How is it that they should come before
me uncovered and be so ashamed
before you?

A. God knows.

Q. Where were they all?

A. Under the Cabin.

Q. Is the woman Saadee a Somallu?

A. I do not know.

Q. Were there any Somallu on board?

A. I heard there was one.

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Q. When your Father left the Bugalo, —
what orders did he leave?

A. He spoke to the Kerannee Ibrahim Muker.

Q. How many slaves have you in your house?

A. Three men 2 Carpenters and 4 women.

Q. How many years have they been in your house.

A. Oh, full 8 years.

Q. There are several witnesses who saw your Father and self bringing the slaves on shore, what do you say now?

A. Oh, God knows.

Abaddee Sworn

Q. Will you now reveal the truth since you must be aware I know it?

A. Yes. Abdee Rhub purchased and brought from Zanzibar the two Girls and one Boy, which they took at night to their House. The slave Girls were Virgins the Boy about 14 years.

Q. Why did Sallah Ali Omeraan tell so many falsehoods?

A. I do not know, he did bring a Slave Boy.

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Indera Muswaideca a
passenger per "Aden"

Q. How many women came in the Bugalo
with you?

A. Six - 2 slave girls and 4 women but the
Nacodah got a paper from the Consul
for six female passengers, not telling
him that 2 of them were slave girls.

Q. What time were the slave girls landed.

A. They were landed at night in men's
clothes while we only landed in the
next morning.

Umber sworn on the Koran

Q. Were you on board the Bugalo.

A. Yes.

Q. Were you at Zanzibar when Abdalla Ali
the Nacodah went to the Consul and
asked for a passage for six married
women as passengers.

A. Yes, and he received it.

Q. Did you see them?

A. Yes.

Q. Were they married?

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A. Only one to jobber.

Q. Were these no slaves?

A. There were 2 both marriageable.

Q. Who brought the slaves?

A. Abdulla Ali brought one for 24 German Crowns for Sayud, Allooce, the other his son Ab-du Rhub purchased but I do not know the price.

Q. When the Bugalo anchored, who went on shore with the slaves?

A. Abdulla Ali and his son took them on shore in men's clothes.

Q. You are on your oath, how do you know the slave was for Sayud Allooce?

A. The purchaser and the Nacodah's son told me so.

Q. Were there no male slaves on board?

A. Two.

Q. Whom did they belong to?

A. One to the old Nacodah the other to a Sea-cunny.

Q. Where is the slave girl that was brought for Sayud Allooce?

A.

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A. They took her to their House in man's clothes

Q. Did you not hear them mention there was fear in bringing them to Aden?

A. Yes, we spoke on the subject but they said it was on the Sayud's Account.

Q. Did Abdee Rhul and yourself speak on the subject of the Slave Girl?

A. Yes he was afraid of you and that was the reason they were brought on shore at night.

Q. Did all the Women on board go on shore together?

A. No. The Slaves at night, the others next day.

Abdalla ali

Q. Do you know that man pointing to Umber?

A. Yes.

Q. When you bought the slaves, was he with you?

A. Yes Mahomed ibn Ameer Ali first bought for 25 German Crowns. the Owner was not satisfied and went away when Umber went with me to look after them and we found the Girl by a Shop and they

they said she was for sale and 25
German Crowns was offered when Ma-
homed having said I want her for
Sayud Allooe I bought her for 24 Ger-
man Crowns. Mahomed ibn Omar was
to pay me again which he did in his
accounts.

Q. Did Sayud Allooe send for one?

A. I don't know, but another man wanted
to send one for Sayud Allooe.

Q. If you were not afraid of the order rela-
-tive to slaves why did you apply to the
Consul?

A. I was afraid, but that one was for Hydrouse
and I thought you could not injure him.

Abdee Rhub

Q. Do you know Umber

A. Yes.

Q. Will you swear that you did not bring
a slave?

A. Yes I only brought a woman.

Q. Where did you convey her?

A. I never noticed where she went.

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Umber

Q. You have just heard the reply of Abdee
Rhub read, is it true?

A. It is false - They took 2 slaves with them to
their House.

Sentence

Abdulla ali - Guilty of purchasing a slave
Girl at Zanzibar and introducing her into
Aden for sayed Allowee ibn Zain of Hydrouse -
Abdul Rhub - Guilty of aiding and abetting
the introduction, if not, a participator in the
profits.

Salleem Omeraan - Guilty of introducing a
Slave Boy into Aden.

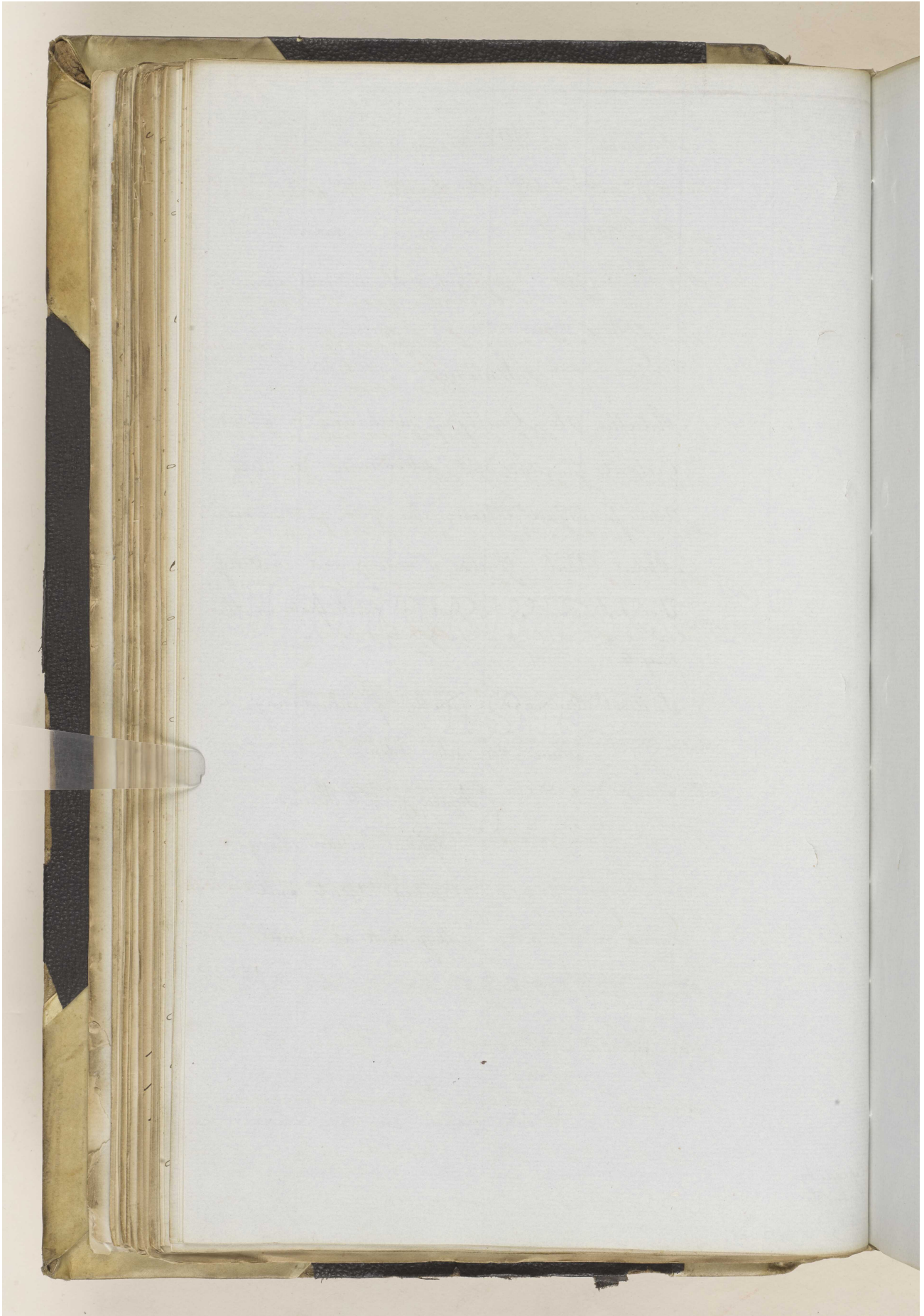
(Signed) L.B. Haines
Captain Indian Navy
Political Agent and
Magistrate at Aden.

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W. W. Brooks

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Minute by the Honorable the Governor
concurring in by the Honble Mr Crawford -
without date.

1. The Political Agent has evi-
-dently had much difficulty in arriving
at the truth in this case, in conse-
-quence of the prevarication of the
greater part of the witnesses, but
the conclusions, at which he has
arrived, appear correct, and his pro-
-ceedings may be approved.

2. Abdulla Ali, the Macoda
of the Bungalow in which these
slaves were conveyed to Aden
from Zanzibar, has been found
guilty by Captain Haines, of "purcha-
sing a slave girl at Zanzibar,
and introducing her into Aden,
for Syed Alloon ibn Zain of Hy-
-droose." Captain Haines however
states that the Macoda is "a very aged
"imbecile man," (40 or 45 years of age) and

and that he fears that the punishment of imprisonment, if inflicted on him, would cause his death. Under these circumstances a heavy fine should be inflicted, and this individual should at the same time, be informed that, if he should hereafter be found again engaged in the traffic of slaves, he will not be so leniently dealt with.

3. Should the *Nacoda* not have any interest in this vessel, her owners should be informed that, if any slaves are hereafter found on board of her, she will be confiscated; a public notice should at the same time be issued by Captain Haines, intimating that, for the future, any boats or vessels coming to Aden, with slaves on board, will

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will be seized and confiscated, and that all persons aiding or abetting in the importation of such slaves, will, in addition to the forfeiture of the boat or vessel, in which they are brought, be severely punished on conviction.

4. Abdee Rchub and Sallim Omeram, the two other Individuals, who have been convicted by Captain Haines, the former of aiding and abetting the introduction of one of the slave girls into Aden, if not participating in the profits, and the latter found guilty of introducing a slave boy into Aden, & should each be imprisoned with hard labour, for a period of one year.

5. The last paragraph of Captain Haines' letter, should be referred to the Superintendent of the ⁽⁷³⁾Aden

Indian Navy for report. I can & scarcely think, a separate boat can be required, and Captain Haines must bear in mind that every stem of expense is a consideration which must be most carefully regarded

6. Copy of this letter and enclosure should be sent to Captain Hamerton to put him on his guard in granting for the future certificates of the nature mentioned in the 2^d paragraph.

7. Copy of this letter, and of the reply to Captain Haines, should be sent to the Government of India, and these proceedings should be reported to the Honble the Court of Directors.

Signed J. Arthur.
J. H. Crawford.

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J. H. Crawford
8/25/1845

N^o 2695 of 1843

Political Department

From The Secretary to the Government of Bombay

To Captain S. B. Haimes

Political Agent at Aden.

Dated the 27th October 1843

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th ultimo N^o 83 reporting the result of your enquiry into the conduct of Abdolla Ali the Nacoda of the Bugla called "Aden" found introducing slaves into that Port, and to inform you that the Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to approve of your proceedings. -

2. Under the circumstances stated in the 6th para: of your communication the Governor in Council is not disposed to deal severely with Abdolla Allee but directs that a heavy fine be imposed on him, and that you will at the same time inform him that if he should again be found engaged in the traffic of slaves, he will not be leniently

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dealt with..

3. Should Abdoolah ali not have any interest in the "Bugla" "Aden", you will be pleased to inform the owners of that vessel, that if any slaves are hereafter found on board of her, she will be confiscated. A public notice should at the same time be issued by you intimating that for the future, any boats or vessels coming to Aden, with slaves on board will be seized, and confiscated, and that all persons aiding or abetting in the importation of slaves, will, in addition to the forfeiture of the boat or vessel, in which they are brought be severely punished.

4. The Honorable the Governor in Council is further pleased to direct that .. Abdee Phub and Sallen Omceran, the two other individuals convicted of having been concerned in introducing slaves into Aden should each be imprisoned with hard labor for a period of one year..

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5. The instructions of Government
on the Subject of the last para: of your letter
will hereafter be communicated to you, I am
however desired to observe that in the Opinion
of the Governor in Council a separate vessel
can scarcely be required for the duty mentioned
by you, and that it must be borne in mind
that every item of expence is a consideration
which must be most carefully regarded.

6. A copy of your letter, and en-
closure has been forwarded to Captain Hamer-
ston M. M. Council and Honorable Company's
Agent in the Dominions of His Highness the
Imam of Muscat, in order to put him on
his guard in granting for the future certifi-
cates of the nature mentioned in the 2 para:

Bombay Castle
27 October
1843.

I have the honor to be &c.
Sg. J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

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N^o 2696 of 1843.

Political Department

From The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

To. Captain Sir R. Oliver R. N.

Superintendent of the Indian N.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit for your report an Extract, para: 7, of a letter from the Pol^t Agent at Aden dated the 26th ultimo, N^o 83, recommending that a vessel be stationed under the mole of Seera, for the duty therein mentioned.

I have the honor to be Sir

Bombay Castle
27 October 1843

Sig. J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government.

N^o 2697 of 1843.

Political Department

From The Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

To. Captain A. Hamerton

H. M^o Consul and Honorable Company's agent in the Dominions of H. H. the Imam of Muscat.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the

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the Governor in Council to transmit to you
copy of a letter from Captain Haines dated
the 26th ultimo, N^o 83, and of its enclosure,
reporting the result of his enquiry into the
conduct of the Nacoda of the Bugla called
"Aden" found introducing Slaves into that
Port, and to draw your attention to the 2^d.
para: with the view of placing you upon
your guard in granting for the future cer-
tificates of the nature mentioned therein.

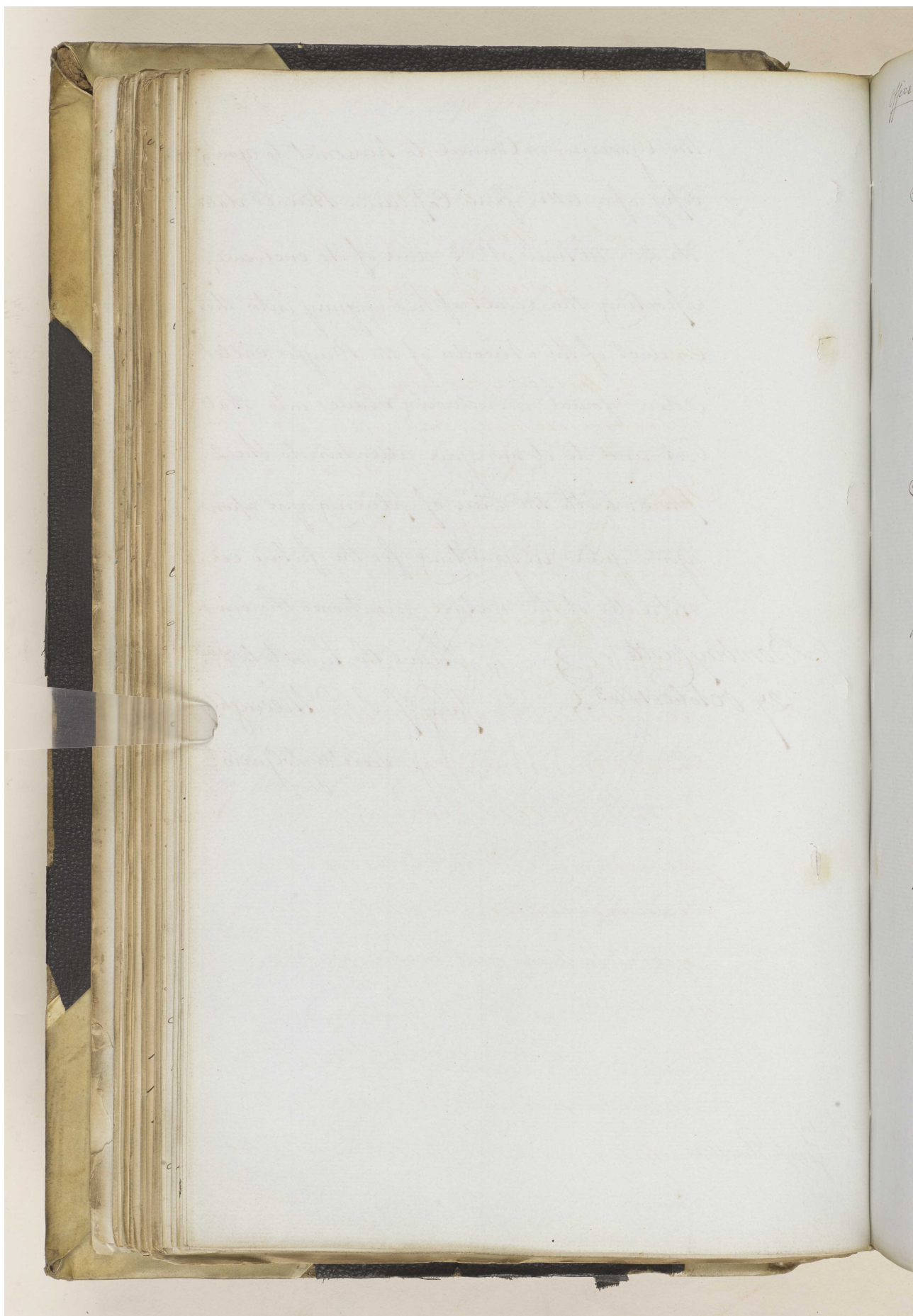
Bombay Castle
27 October 1843

I have the Honor to be &c.
Sd^o J. P. McLaughry
Secretary to Govt.

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Office N^o. 2698.

N^o. 183 of 1843.

Political Department
From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government of
Bombay

To, J. Thomason Esquire
Secretary to the Government of India
Dated 27th October 1843.

Sir,
I am directed by the Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council to transmit
for submission to the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor General of India in Council
copies of three letters from the Poli-
tical Agent at Aden dated the 26th
Ultimo, N^{os} 81, 82, & 83, reporting his
proceedings in three cases of slave
dealing at Aden, together with my
replies to those communications of
this date.

2. With reference to Captain
Haines's letter N^o 81, I am desired
to state that as the purchaser of the
Slave

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slave therein alluded to, is stated to
have taken him to Bengal in the
Barque "Aden Merchant," he may
probably, should a proper enquiry
be instituted, be brought to justice at
Calcutta.

I have &c.
Bombay Castle } signed I. P. Willoughby
24th October 1843 } Secy to Govt

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M. S. Ballalagobai
4th Nov 1843

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N^o 71¹/₂ of 1843.

From
 Captain R. Oliver, R.N.
 Superintendent I.N.

To,
 The Honble Sir G. Arthur Bt. K. C. H.
 President and Governor in Council
 Political Department. Bombay 28th October 1843.

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Wil-
 lowby's letter, N^o 269 of the 27th Instant,
 enclosing for my report an Extract, Para
 7th of a letter from the Political Agent at
 Aden, relative to a fast sailing cutter
 being stationed at that place, to lay off
 the Mole of Seera, to prevent smuggling
 and other irregular proceedings.

2nd In reply, I have to represent
 to your Honorable Board that there
 is not a vessel available for this duty
 neither

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neither if there were, are there Officers to
spare for her. - A Decked Vessel of
40 Tons burthen fitted with a Gun,
expressly for service at Aden, and also
the Clive's Launch attached to the
Charger, were supplied on a similar
application from the Political Agent,
I would therefore suggest that Officer
be advised to make use of them for
the service for which they were originally
intended..

Superintendent's Office } I have the honor &c.
Bombay 20th October } Signed, R. Blair
1843 } Capt^{ro} R. N.
Supt. of S. N.

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Minute by the Honorable the Governor
Concurred in by the Honble W. Crofton
Copy to be sent to Captain
Haines with an intimation that his
request cannot be complied with.

It would be desirable to know
how the De-mol'd Vessel of 40 Tons & the
cliv's Launch are employed.

Signed, G. Arthur

Signed, J. H. Crofton

N^o 2733 of 1843.

From,

J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Chief Secretary to Gov^t.

To,

Captain J. B. Haines

Political Agent at Aden

Dated 31st October 1843.

Political Department.

Sir,

With reference to the 7th para
of your letter, N^o 03. dated the 26th

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ultims recommending that a fast sailing
Cutter may be stationed under the Mole
of Seera, to prevent Smuggling and other
irregular proceedings - I am directed to
transmit to you Copy of a Communication
from the Superintendent of the Indian
Navy, dated the 20th instant, N^o 714, and
to acquaint you that, under the circum-
stances therein stated, the Honble the
Governor in Council cannot comply with
your request.

2. The Governor in Council desires
me to request that you will be pleased
to report, how the two vessels alluded
to in the 2^d para of Sir R. Oliver's letter
are employed.

Bombay Castle } I have the honor &c &c
31st October 1843 } Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

True Copies. -

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Secretary.

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Ant. Khazanjari
Ex. H. B. L. O. D.

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Copy
No. 264 of 1843.

From F. Currie Esqre
Off Secy to the Govt of India
To T. J. Halliday Esqre
Secy to the Govt of Bengal
Of Fort William, the 11. Nov. 1843.

Sir

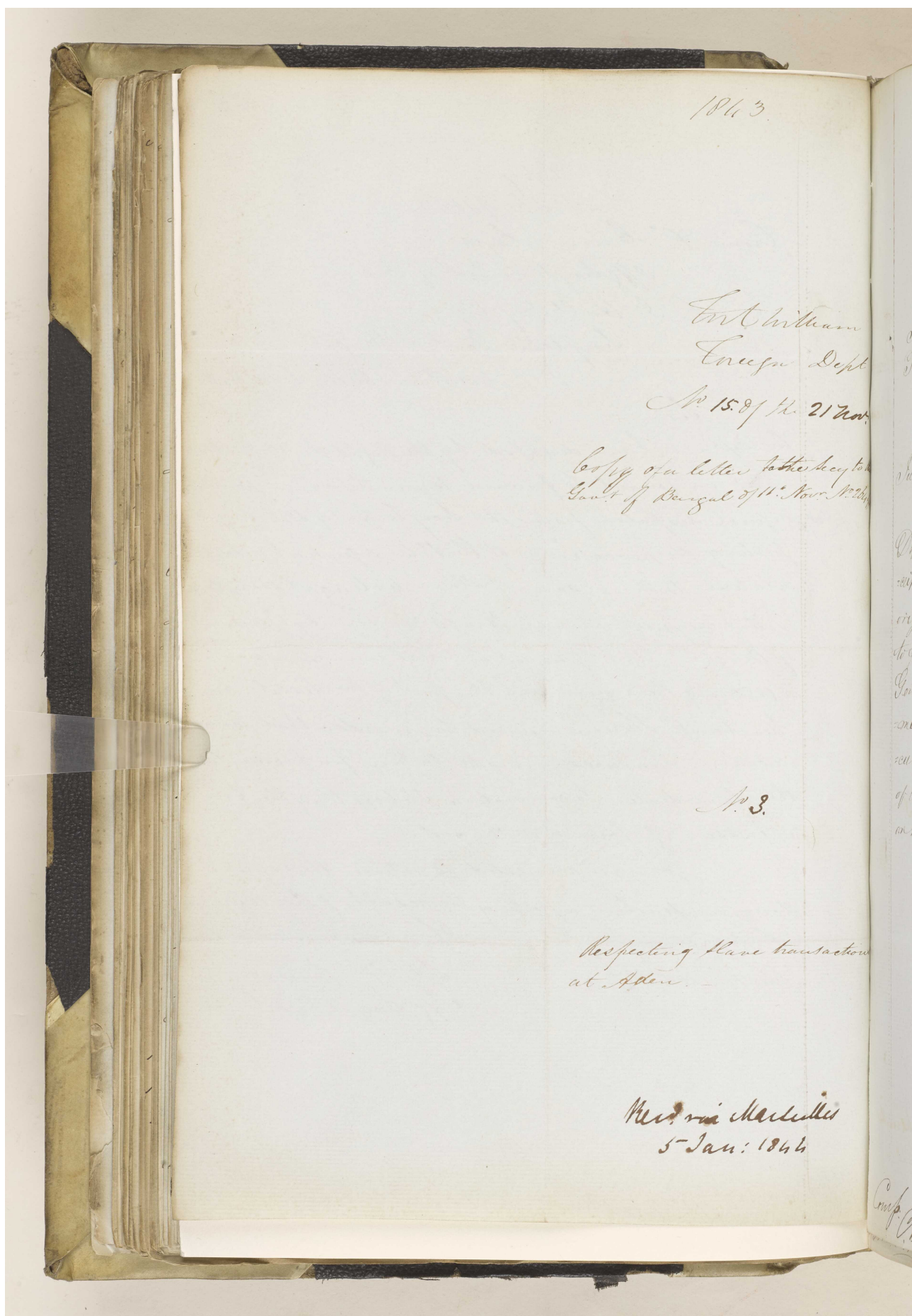
En: Deft I am directed by the Right Honble the Govt
Genl in Council to forward to you the accompanying
original despatch from the Secy to Govt of Bombay re-
porting the proceedings of the P. & A. agent at Aden
relative to three cases of Slave dealing at that place
with a request that the Honble the Deputy Governor
of Bengal will be pleased to direct immediate enquiry
regarding the arrival at this port of the Vessel "Aden
Merchant" therein referred to, in order that the ne-
cessary measures may be taken for prosecuting
the slave dealer to conviction & liberating the boy
Kussat if found on board.

2. You are requested to return the original
documents when reporting the result of this reference.

Fort William, }
The 11. Nov. 1843. } Have the honor to be &
Yr F. Currie
Off Secy to the Govt of India

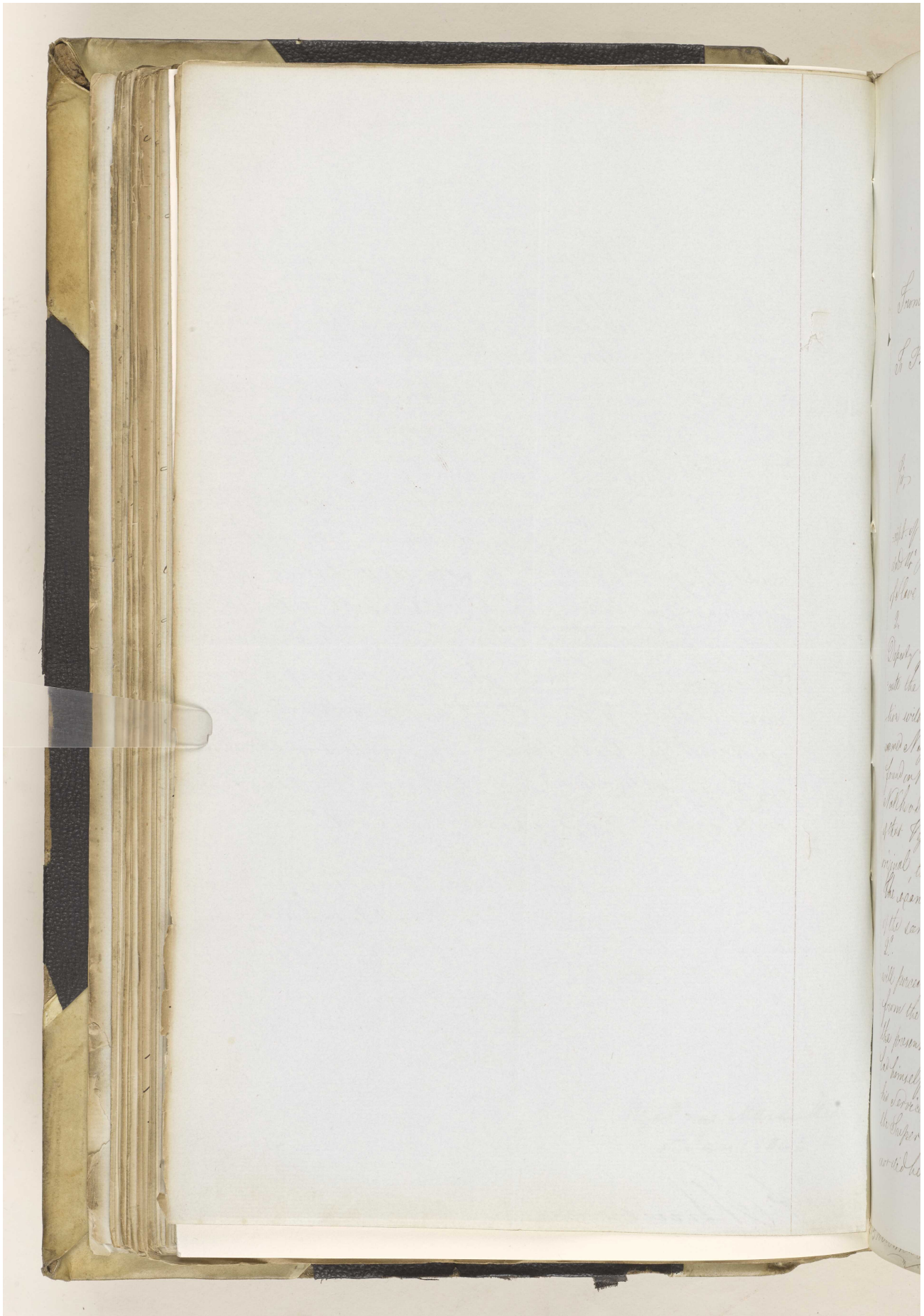
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No. 413.

From J. H. Pakenham Esq.,
Chief Magistrate of Calcutta,
To F. J. Halliday Esq.,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.
Judicial Dept.
Calcutta, 20th Nov 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Mr Under Secy. Parnall's letter No. 1093, dated 14th Instant, with its enclosures, regarding three cases of Slave dealing at Bombay.

2. An Extract of the orders of the Hon^{ble} the Deputy Governor of Bengal, who measures to prosecute the enquiries I was required to make in connection with the Ship "Eben Merchant." The lad I named Nupat mentioned in the correspondence, was found on Board and appeared before me with the Nakhodah the Chief Officer and the Head Lineal of that Vessel, and I have the honor to forward in original, the Depositions made by these individuals. The examination of Ali Abdollah, the Supercargo of the same Ship is also transmitted.

2.^d With these Papers before him, His Honor will perceive that the accused is clearly exonerated from the crime of Slave dealing, and he accounts for the present charge being brought against him. The lad himself distinctly states that he volunteered his services as a Wholasee, that he never saw the Supercargo at his Master's house at Eben, nor did he hear of, or see money paid on his account.

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account. He declares he is comfortable on board the
"Aden Merchant", and has no objection to return
to Aden in the same ship. The other witnesses
likewise corroborate the same statement.

3^d. The original papers received with
Mr Turnbull's letter are herewith returned.

Attest
Police Office.
- Nov 1843

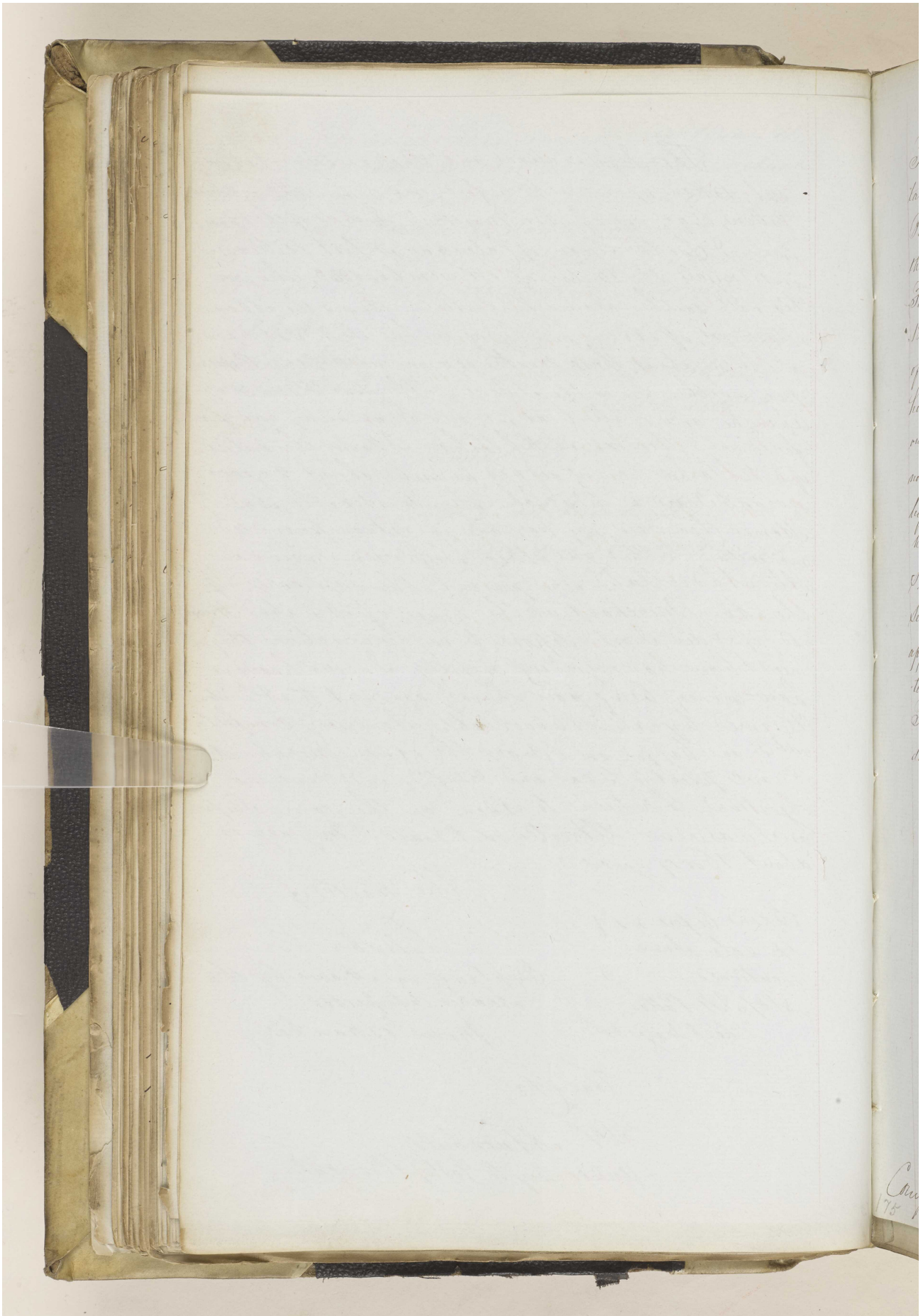
I have the honor to be &c.
J. J. Patton,
Chief Magistrate

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J. J. Turnbull,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Comd. M. A.

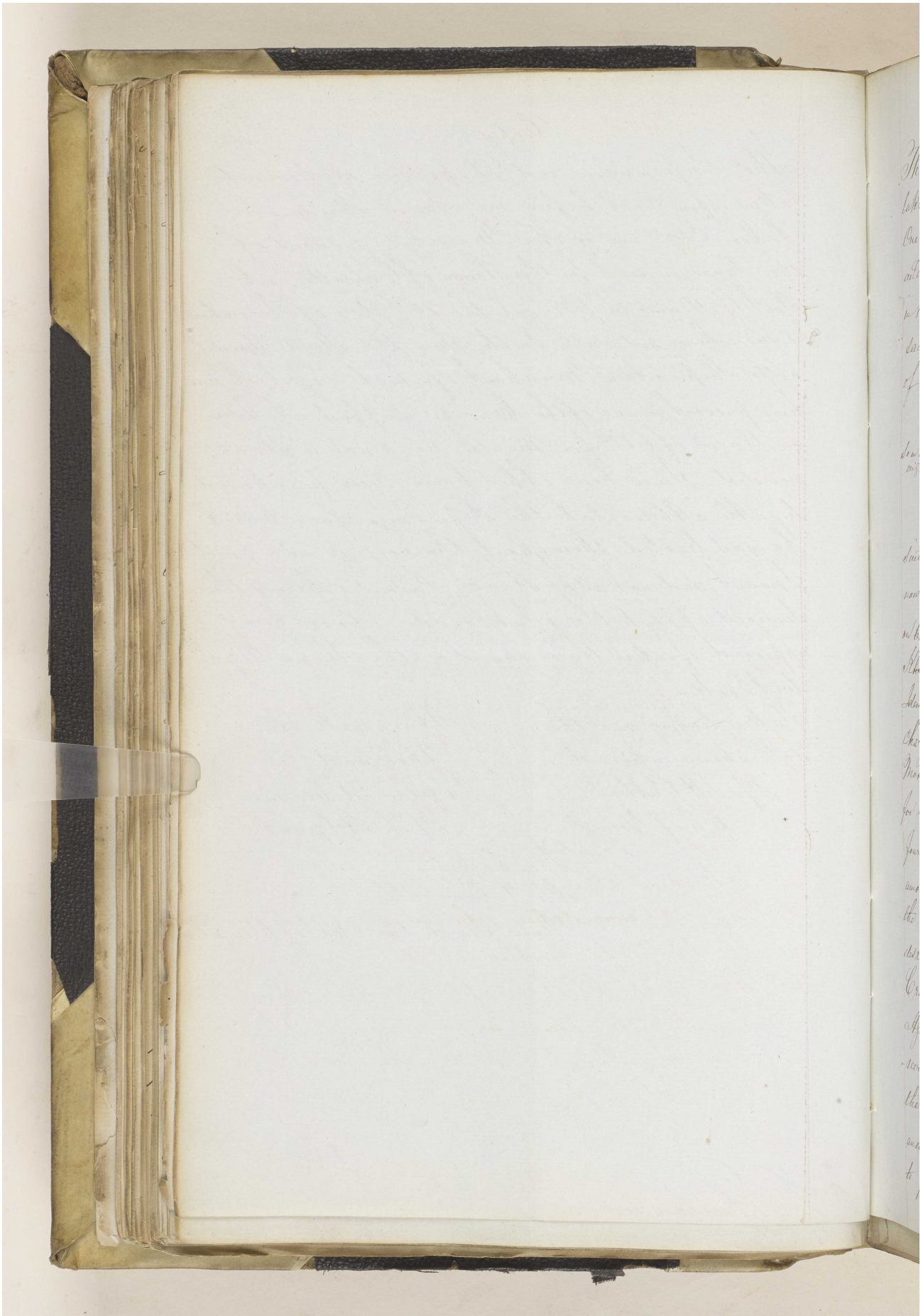
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The Examination of Ali Abdollah-
taken before me James Handwische Patten Esquire
One of Her Majestys Justices of the Peace, in
and for the Town of Calcutta at Fort William
in Bengal the 15th day of November 1843, The
said Examinant being charged on the Oath
of

do swear
on 85

that Sam Suporango of the Ship Aden a Merchant
now in this Port. I know Supor, he is a Vchlashee
on board while at Aden he came to me with other
Vchlashees offering his services which was accepted
I am purchasing him from Ali ibn Ahmed. this
charge has been got up against me by one Jaffer a
Moomshee in the employ of Capt. Haines this makes
for the following reasons vizt the said Jaffer about
four months ago invited many persons to his house
amongst whom I was one of the invited, Jaffer in
the course of conversation abused and spoke very
disrespectfully of a Gentleman of the name of Mr
Crutken the Deputy of Capt. Haines the Port
Agent, and with whom I am acquainted. this con-
versation I mentioned to Mr Crutken who brought
the circumstance to the notice of Capt. Haines
and as I was the principal witness I was called
to prove, which I accordingly did and not knowing
any

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any other method of revenge has instigated others
to name me in this case

Taken before me
the date above mentioned

By J. H. Pakken
Chief Magistrate

By

Explained in the Arabic
Language by the Arabic
Interpreter

By Moses Eschahary

(True copy)

By J. Turnbull

Under Secy to the Govt. of Bengal

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The information and Deposition of Mochah Meah
taken upon oath before me James Harowick
Patton Esq: one of Her Majesty's Justices of the
Peace, in and for the Town of Calcutta at Fort
William in Bengal the 20th Day of November 1843.
Who on his oath saith; I am Nathoodah
of the Ship Aden Merchant I know Mus-
seeb the Person here present, his name is
registered as one of the Crew I shipped him
at Aden and gave him an advance of 3
Months wages at the rate of 6 Rupees
per Month - He offered his services and I
accepted of them - I never heard of Musseeb
being the slave of Ali ibn Hamed nor did
I hear of Ali Abdoolah, the Supercargo
having purchased him I entered the name
of Musseeb Khashee in the Ship's Regis-
ter Book - on the arrival of my vessel in
this Port I furnished the custom House au-
thorities with a list of the Ship's Crew - Mus-
seeb is mentioned in that list as one of
the crew.

Taken before me the
Date above mentioned

J. S. H. Patton
Chief Mag^{te}

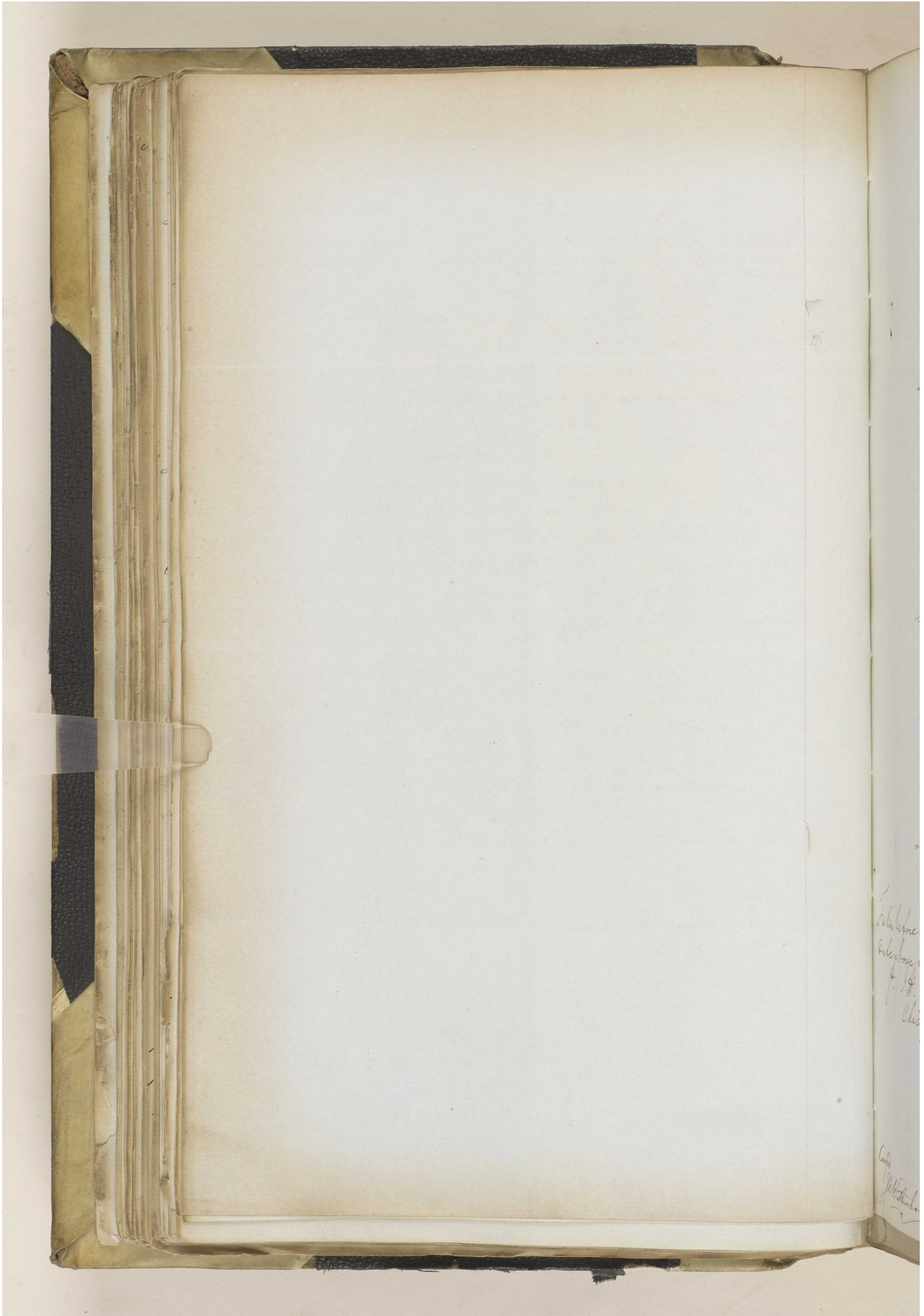
Explained by me
J. W. H. Grant

True copy

A. T. P. Bull
Under Secy to the Gov^t of Bengal.

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The Information and Deposition of Shams-
-Shooddeen taken upon oath before me
James Hardwicke Patton Esq. one of
Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace,
in and for the Town of Calcutta at
Fort William in Bengal, the 20th day
of November 1843, who on his oath
saith, I am Chief Officer of the Ship
Sea Merchant of which Vessel At-
-chah Meah is Takhoodah I know
-Tussee the Boy here present who is a
Khalashee of our Ship and as such
shipped at Aden in the Month of
Aug^t last on wages of 6 Rs per month
I did not hear of Tussee being a
Slave purchased by Ali Shoodallah
our Ship's Supercargo. He was re-
-ceived on board and treated ever
since as the rest of the Crew.

Taken before me the
-sake above mentioned
J. H. Patton
Chief Mag^{te}

Explained by me
J. H. Grant

True Copy
A. Henshall
Master Secy to the Gov^t of Bengal

Confid
M. W. Henshall

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Fort William
Foreign Department

No. 15, 21st Nov.

Copy of a letter from the Under
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21st Nov.

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