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'Slave Trade'

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About this record

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; Lieutenant Arnold Burrows Kembell, Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf; Reuben Aslan, Native Agent at Muscat. It is the fifth 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 92122).

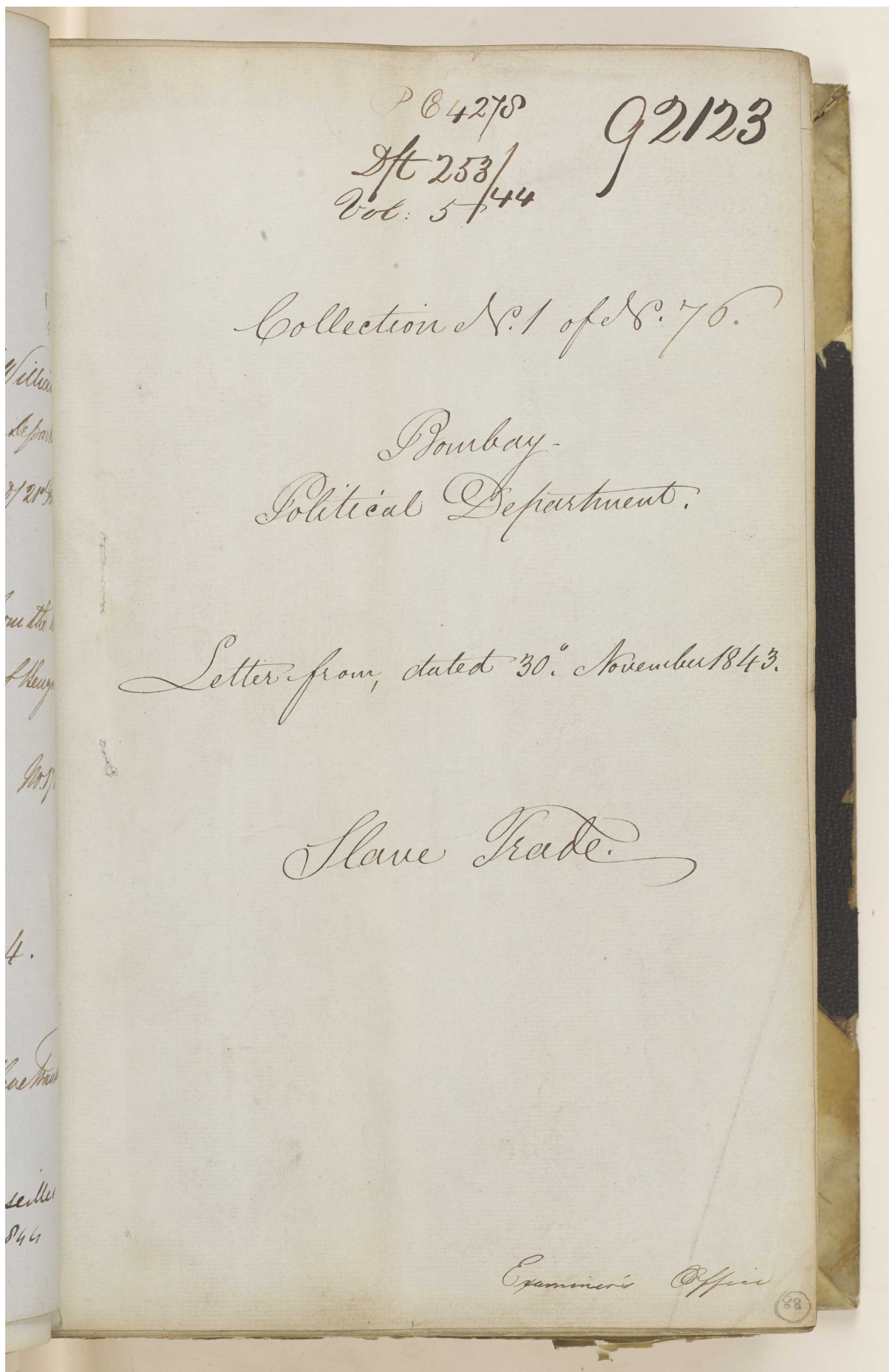
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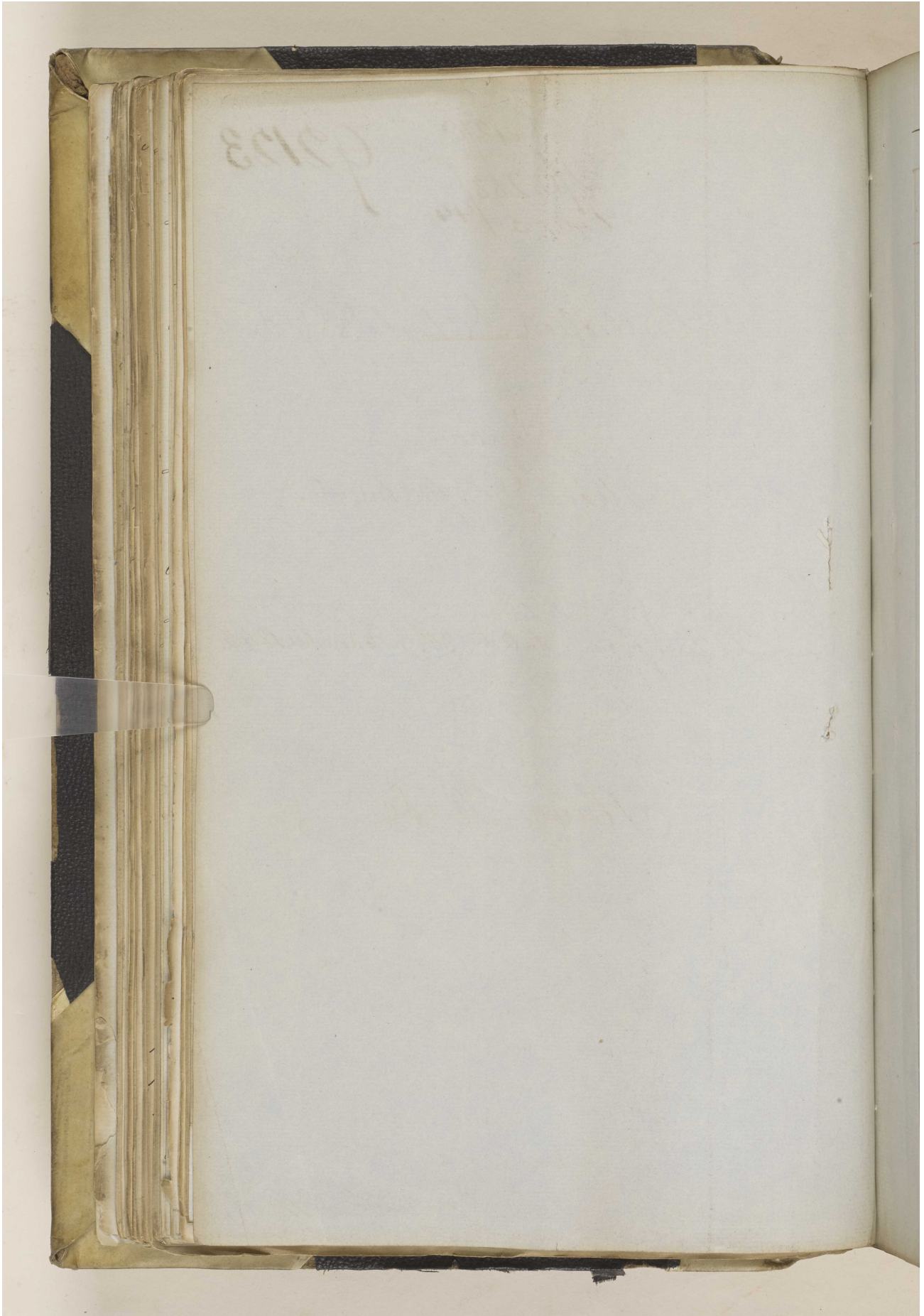
- Reuben Aslan's rescue of an Indian woman, two Indian children, and a Somalee [Somali] child at Muscat, and their statements
- The uncooperative attitude of Syed Soowenee [Sayyid Thuwaini bin Sa'id Al Bu Sa'id, Acting Governor of Muscat] towards Reuben Aslan and his attempts to emancipate enslaved people
- The rescue of an Indian boy at Judda [Jeddah]
- The rescue of a Hyderabadi girl and a discussion of ways to eliminate the trade in kidnapped children from that area to the Gulf
- The sudden imposition of an import levy on goods landed from Arab ships at Mauritius

- The wreck of the *Sir James Cockburn* and the hospitality shown to the crew by Syed Soowenee

- The legality of purchasing enslaved people for the purpose of emancipation.

The item includes a contents page and the title page of the item contains the following references: 'Draft 253, P.C. [Previous Communication] 4278, [Season 18]44', 'Vol: 5', and 'Examiner's Office'.





No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Cons.
			at Bahrain and Muscat, Communicating intel- ligence from those quarters	1843 Augt. 16	1843 No. 2 No. 4905
5.			Minute by the Honorable the Gov ^r Concurred in by the Honble Mr. Loderford		" " No. 4907
6.	decp. to Govt. (Bhopal P. G. G. G.)		Officially acknowledging the receipt of the above & requested, with regard to the Malabar female liberated, & thro' the exertions of the native agent at Muscat, to cause her to be forward- ed to Bombay by the first opportunity, to the charge of the Senior Magistrate of Police	Oct. 26	" " No. 4908
7.	decp. to the Govt of India		Copy of the officiating Resident's letter with enclosures and of the reply thereto, forwarded for submission to the Governor General		" " No. 4909
8.	Ditto	Senior Magistrate of Police	Informing him that the native agent at Muscat		" " No. 4909

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date of Cons.
9.	Extract para: 4		<p>Muscat has been instructed thro' the Resident Persian July, to forward to Bombay to his charge, a Malabar female rescued from slavery</p> <p>the Political Agent at Aden states, with reference to the Malabar lad, mentioned in the 10 para: of Commander Kempthorne's Report, that he has requested Commander Sanders to receive the boy on board the steamer, & under his command and to deliver him to the Senior Magistrate on that vessel's arrival at Bombay July 28</p>	1843 Oct. 26	1843 no. 22 no. 49/0
10.	Extract para: 10		<p>of a letter from Commander Kempthorne. Reporting that he has under his</p>		

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & n ^o . of Court
			his protection a man-labour Boy, who was rescued from slavery by the Vice Consul at Suddah	1843	July 28 th
11	Extract para: 3		of a Minute by the Honourable Board, ordering that a statement be obtained from the boy, stating the place from which he was kidnaped & the manner thereof		Augt 12 th
12.	Extract para: 4		of a Government letter. Stating that the Senior Magistrate of Police has been instructed to receive charge of the boy rescued from slavery by the Vice Consul at Suddah, whose exertions on this occasion, are considered by Government to be highly commendable		28.

Extract

No	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & no. of Consul.
13	Depy to the Govt of Bombay	The Govt of India	Extract paras: 4 of a letter from the Political agent at Aden, and of para: 10 of the communication from Commander Kempthorne, forwarded, and requested to receive charge of the Malabar boy alluded to brought to Bombay, by the steamer "Veniramus" & to obtain a statement of the place & manner in which he was kidnapped Aug. 25		
14			Extract paras: 26 & 27 of a letter to the Honble the secret Committee. Bringing to their notice, the notice signed contained in the 4 th para: of a letter from the Political agent at Aden, & of the 10 th of one from Commander Kempthorne, relative to a Malabar Boy who was rescued from Slavery by the Vice Consul at India		

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date of Conts
			and communicating the instructions issued by this Government con- nected therewith	1843	1843 Aug 25 th
15 th	The Senior Magistrate of Police	(Chief Secy to Govt Bombay)	Forwards Copy of a letter to his address from the Political agent at Aden and states that he has received charge of the Malabar Boy therein alluded to a statement of whose case he also forwards for the in- formation of Govt	15 th	Sept 18 th no. 3708
16			Minute by the Honorable the Govt concurred in by the Honorable Board	Sept 1 st	" "
17	(Chief Secy to Govt Bombay)	The Act. of Govt	Extract para. 4 of the letter from the Political agent at Aden and of para. 10 of the one from Commander Kempthorne together with letter to the Senior Magistrate of Police, forwarded, and informed that on hearing from him		no. 3959

Date of ms.	N ^o	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & n ^o of Cont ^s
				him to that effect the boy therein allud- ed to will be forwarded to Aleppo to the charge of any person to whom he may wish to be sent.	1843	1843
	18.	Senior Magistrate of Police	Chief Magistrate to Govt. (Bombay)	Acknowledges the re- ceipt of Government let- ter dated 26 th August & states that the state- ment of the Slave Boy therein required was forwarded to Govern- ment with his letter of the 15 th Idem, and instructions solicited as to his disposal.	Sept. 9 th	Sept. 13 th n ^o 5970
	19.	The Resident (Barrington)	Ditto	Forwards copy of a report from the Com- mercial Agent at Aleppo relative to the enquiries made after the Malabar Slave Boy's parents at that place, and suggests that the name of his elder Brother adverted to	Aug 26 th	20 th n ^o 1172

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Corres.
			to in the Boy's statement should be communicated with a view to further inquiry	1848 Oct. 12	1848 Nov. n ^o 5248
20.			Minute by the Honorable the Governor concurred in by the Honorable Mr. Crawford	Nov. 6 th	n ^o 5249
21.	copy to Senior Government Magistrate Bombay of Police		Copy of the letter from the Resident at Travancore forwarded, & requested to ascertain from the Malabar Slave Boy, the name of his brother at Alleppee, alluded to in his statement regarding his parentage	n ^o 9 th	n ^o 5250
22.	Senior Magistrate of Police copy to Govt		submits as directed a further statement obtained by him from the Malabar Boy lately rescued from Slavery, giving the name of his elder Brother, and the locality of his residence at Alleppee	n ^o 14 th	n ^o 5242

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Consul.
23	Secy. to Gov. Bombay	The Res ^t at Bombay	Acknowledging the receipt of letter dated 12 th October 1843 and forwarding the above letter with the statement as required by line	1843	1843
24	The Secy. to the Gov. of India	Chief Secy. to Govt. Bombay	Acknowledges the receipt of letter from this Government dated 25 th July 1846 submitting copy of a correspondence regarding an Indian female rescued from slavery by the Native Agent at Muscat	Augt. 19	Sept. 20 th No. 1174
25	Agent at Hyderabad	Id. to	Recommends with reference to the letters from Government to his address relative to the Slave Girl named Mussordee who had been brought to Bombay from Muscat, that she be forwarded to Hyderabad when means will be taken to discover her birth place and parentage. & offers certain suggestions for		

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No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Consol.
			for the suppression of the slave traffic	1843 aug 12	1843 sept 20. N ^o 1257.
25.			Minute by the Honorable the Lord Comrassed in by the Honorable Board	sept 9 th	N ^o 1258.
27.	deq. to Govt of Bombay	Resident at Hyderabad	Informed that the Indian slave Girl alluded to in his letter has become a convert to Mahomedanism & has been placed under the care of a respectable Mahomedan at Bombay, and the Governor in Council is unwilling to send her to Hyderabad against her will, but that the Senior Magistrate has been requested to inform her that she will be sent, if she is desirous of going	" 20.	" N ^o 1259
28.	Ditto	Senior Magistrate of Police	Conveying instructions for the suppression of the trade in kidnaped children, carried on between the dominions of		

No. of Cont.	No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Consuls
29.	29.	Secy. to Govt of Bombay	Col. of Customs Bombay	of His Highness the Nizam and the Court of Arabia Extracts paras: 305 from the letter from the Resident at Hyderabad forwarded & requested to exercise the utmost vigilance to prevent any kidnapped children being taken away from Bombay by Arabs & leaving this Port	1843 Sept 26.	1843 Sept 27. No. 4270.
30.	30.	Ditto	Senior Magistrate of Police	Ditto - Ditto - Ditto	" "	No. 4271 No. 4272
31.	31.	Ditto	The Col. of Customs Tanjore	Extract paras: 305 of the letter from the Resident, Travancore forwarded and requested to cause the utmost vigilance to be exercised to prevent any kidnapped children being carried away from the Sea Ports under his control	" "	" "
32.	32.	Asst. Secy. in charge of Gulf	Secy. to Govt of Bombay	Reporting the notice taken	" "	No. 4273 (94)

No	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No of Consul
			taken by the late of- spirating Resident of a report made to him by the native agent at Muscat, of his having obtained the liberations of an Indian slave Girl by paying her value	1843	1843
33	Minute by the Honorable the	Governor Enclosed in by the Honorable W. Crawford		June 20	Nov. 2 ^d N ^o 4872
34	Copy to Govt of Bombay	Informed that Lieut Colonel Robertson having, in the 1 st para: of his letter to Com- modore Leno, alluded to 5 children being in slavery at Muscat, two only of whom have reached Bombay, directs that he should ascertain & report what has become of her other three children		Oct. 26	N ^o 2094
			Enclosed		

No	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date of Correspondence
35.	Asst. Secy. P. Gulf	Secy. to Govt. Bombay	Encloses translations of letters from the Governor of Muscat, and the native agent there relative to the Indian slave girl whose price was paid by the latter to procure her liberation, also letter from Commodore Lowe report- ing his proceedings at Muscat	1845 July 20 th	1845 Nov. 2 nd No. 5074
36			Minute by the Honorable the Governor Concurred in by the Honorable Mr. Crawford	Oct. 12 th	No. 5075
37.	Ditto	Secy. to Govt. of Bombay	Forwards translated extracts of two letters from the native agent at Muscat, & of his letter to the Govt of that place, relative to four Indians in slavery at Muscat	Augt 2 nd	
38.	Secy. to Govt. Bombay	Asst. Secy. P. Gulf	Informed that his further report on the subject of these slaves will be awaited.	Oct. 26 th	
39.	Ditto	Asst. Secy. P. Gulf	Copy of the officiating Resident's letter forwarded with		

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	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Cons.
			with instructions for his guidance	1843 Oct. 26	1843
40	Secy. to Govt. Bombay	The Secy. to the Govt. of India	Copy of the letter from the officiating Resident Persian Gulf and of its inclosures forwarded, together with the reply thereto relative to the four Indians said to be in slavery at Muscat		
41	Asst. Secy. in charge P ^{er} Gulf	Secy. to Govt. Bombay	Incloses translated extracts from a letter & from the native agent at Muscat, communicating intelligence from that quarter with his observations	Sept. 19	Nov. 22 ^d No. 5344
42			Mminute by the Honourable the Governor, concurred in by the Honourable Mr. Crauford	Nov. 17 th	
43			Substance of a letter from the Native agent at Muscat, communicating intelligence from		No. 5345

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Cons.
				1843	1843
44			Minute by the Honorable the Governor concurred in by the Honorable Mr. Anderson	Oct ^r 6 ^o	Nov ^r 22 ^o n ^o 5346.
45	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Nov ^r 12 ^o	" " n ^o 5347.
46	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	" 20	" " n ^o 5348.
47	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	" 9 ^o	" " n ^o 5349.
48			Substance of a letter from the Native agent at Muscat, communicating intelligence from that quarter	" 13 ^o	" " n ^o 5350.
49			Minute by the Honorable the Governor, concurred in by the Honorable Mr. Anderson	" 9 ^o	" " n ^o 5351.
50	Leapt to Gov ^t of Bombay	Senior Major of Police	Requested to receive charge from the Master of Honorable Company's Schooner "Emily"	" 13 ^o	" " n ^o 5352.

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No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & no. of Council
			<p>"Emily" four liberated slaves brought down from Muscat in that vessel, & submit to Government, any statements they may be able to give of themselves—</p>	1843	1843
51.	<p>Copy to Govt of Bombay</p>	<p>Per Mr Comdant & Agent at Muscat</p>	<p>Copies of the letter from the officiating Resident - Persian Gulf dated 19th September 1841, with enclosure & of Contract para: 1 of one from the native agent at Muscat, dated 20th Oct with enclosure forwarded with a request to bring their contents to the especial notice of H. H. the Imam, in the hope that H. H. will adhere to the existing Treaty against the Slave Trade—</p>	No. 16	<p>Nov. 22nd No. 553</p>
52.			<p>Resolution of Government to the Persian Department—</p>	"	No. 554
			<p>Communicating</p>	"	No. 555

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Consul.
53	Secy, to Govt of Bombay	Secy to the Chamber of Commerce	Communicating the intelligence regarding the wreck of the Merchant Vessel "Sir James Cockburn" on the Island of Souda	1813.	1813.
				Nov ^r 16 th	Nov ^r 22 nd No. 5356.
54	do. do.	Colonial Secy, to the Govt of Mauritius	Forwarding Extract paras: 142 of a letter from the Native Agent at Muscat, on the subject of the rate of duty, alleged to be levied at the Mauritius on goods imported by Arab Vessels trading with that port, together with a copy of the Commercial Treaty between Great Britain and His Highness the Imam.	" "	" " No. 5357.
55	do. do.	Secy, with the Govt. General.	Forwarding an extract from the proceedings of this Government, relative to the liberation of four Children from slavery, thro' the exertions of the Native Agent at Muscat.	" "	" " No. 5358
56	Senior Magistrate of Police	Secy to Govt. of Bombay	Forwards translated substance of a communication to		

No.	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date & No. of Consol.
			to his address, from the Na- tive Agent at Muscat, and states, that of the four libe- rated slaves, sent from Muscat by the Schooner "Emily", three have been delivered over to his charge, and one died on the passage, also statements of them made before him. —	1843	1843 Nov ^r No. 5534
57.			Minute by the Honble the Gov ^r , subscribed to by the Honble Board. —	17 th	" " " No. 5535.
58.	Secy to Gov ^r of Bombay. } Magistrate of Police		Acknowledging the receipt of the above, and communicat- ing instructions on the subject for his guidance. —	27 th	" " " No. 5536.
59.	do do } Secy to the Gov ^r of Agra.		The statement regarding the girl Augera, lately rescued from slavery at Muscat, toge- ther with documents connected therewith, forwarded and re- quested to endeavour to ob- tain any information re- garding her parents and friends. —	" "	" " No. 5537.
60.	do do } Secy with the Gov ^r Genl		Extracts from the further & proceedings of this Gov ^r , relative to the liberation of the four Children		

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N ^o	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date and N ^o of Consul.
			Children from Slavery by the Native Agent at Muscat, forwarded for submission to His Lordship —	1843. Nov ^r . 27 th	1843. Nov ^r . No. 5538.
61.	Advocate General	Secy to Gov ^t . Bombay	Replies to the queries contained in Gov ^t . letter of the 25 th July 1843 No. 1733, relative to the purchase of a Slave by a British Subject in a foreign territory, for the express purpose of emancipation —	Aug ^t . 12 th	Aug ^t . 30 th . No. 3768.
62.	under Secy to the Gov ^t . of In- dia.	Chief Secy to the Gov ^t . Bombay	Acknowledges the receipt of Gov ^t . letter dated 17 th August No. 319, respecting the liability of British Subjects entering into slave transactions in the Persian Gulf —	Sept ^r . 2 ^d	Nov ^r . 2 ^d . No. 3251.
63.	Secy to the Gov ^t . of India.	do. do.	Acknowledges the receipt of Government letter, dated 17 th Aug ^t . No. 350, relative to the traffic in Somallee Slaves carried on by the Soamees in the Persian Gulf —	" "	" " No. 4826.
64.			Minute by the Honble the Governor, subscribed to by the Honble Board —	" "	" " No. 4827.
65.	Secy to Gov ^t . Bombay	Resident in the Per- sian Gulf.	Transmitting original do- cuments relative to the traffic in Somallee Slaves carried on by the Soamees in		

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N ^o .	From	To	Subject	Date of Document	Date and N ^o of Consul.
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66.	Resident in the Persian Gulf	Secy to Govt. (Bombay)	Submits his remarks as called for, on the traffic in Soomallee Slaves carried on by the Soomnees in the Persian Gulf.	1843. Oct. 21 st	1843. Nov. 2 ^d n ^o 4828.
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67.	Secy to Govt. (Bombay)	Secy with the Govt. Genl.	Copy of the letter to the address of the Resident in the Persian Gulf, and of the reply thereto, forwarded for submission to His Lordship.	Nov. 30 th	
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Bombay Castle,
30th Nov^r 1843. -
W. H. Murray
 Secretary to Government.

Copied by
 F. B. O.
 Bombay
 F. B. O.

Office No. 285 of 1843

Cons: No. 78 of 1843

Political Department

From Lieutenant A. B. Kimball

Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf
in Charge

To, J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government
Bombay

Dated 22nd June 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for
the information of Government, translated
Extracts of two letters from Kenben Aslan, &
Agent at Muscat, and to acquaint you that
I have addressed a letter to Syf bin Nubhan
Sheikh of Bunder Abbas expressive of my
satisfaction at his proceedings in liberating
the Indian Slave Woman, which I assured
him, I was about to bring to the notice of
Government.

Kenben ⁽⁹⁹⁾

2. Kenben Aslan has been directed
to return the woman to Bombay by
the first Government Ship that may
touch at Muscat or her way to the Presidency-
Residency in the Persian Gulf. } Have the honor to be
Bushire 22nd June 1843..... } signed A.B. Kemball
Assistant Resident In Charge

Translated Extract of a letter from Kenben
Aslan Native Agent at Muscat, to Lieutenant
A. B. Kemball, Assistant Resident in the
Persian Gulf in Charge, dated 19th Rubezol
Sane (20th May 1843). -

On the 2nd Instant a bugga-
low belonging to Syeds Saeds arrived
with letters from that Chief to his sons and
myself, also one from Captain Hamerton to
my address; on the following day it was
publicly proclaimed in the Bazaar, by
order of the Imaum, that Sowahilee slaves
should no longer be sold by Auction in the
Augrezah

Augreyah (a public Building) or be cried
about in the Bazaar, but only in a private
manner in the Brokers houses.

True translated Extract

Signed A. B. Kemball

Apt^l Resident in Charge

/ True Copy /

Signed A. B. Kemball

Apt^l Resident in Charge

Translated Extract of a letter from Kenben
Ashan, Native Agent at Muscat to Lieutenant
A. B. Kemball Assistant Resident in the
Persian Gulf in Charge, dated 25th Rubeerool
Sance (20th May 1843)

On the 20th Instant a Buggalow
reached from Bunder Abbas with a letter
from Sheikh Syf bin Kubhan to my address
stating that when the buggalow of Hajee
Ahmed Congoonee residing at Bushire &
arrived laden at Bunder Abbas from
Bombay,

Bombay - There were on board Persian and
Indian Passengers, Men and Women on their
way to Kerbelah that on the Cargo being
discharged these landed; and one of the
Persians, exercising deceit, landed one of the
Indian Women, and desired to carry her
away to Shiraz. that he forbade him that
a day after the departure of the Luggalow
one of its Sailors, a slave, who had left
her at Kishm, came to Bunder Abbas
after this woman and made arrange-
-ments with her to carry her into the
interior - that on learning this he impri-
-soned the slave - The woman desired to
go away - but he fearing lest enquiry
should be made on the subject, has sent
her to me. She has arrived - I am awaiting
your orders - She states that she is an inhabitant
of Bombay and was enticed from her house -

True translated Extract
Signed J. B. Kemball

True Copy, 1 Apist. Post. In charge
Signed J. B. Kemball
Apist. Post. In charge Minute

Minute by the Honorable the Governor Concur-
reds in by the Honorable Mr. Crawford-

The female alluded to having
been brought to Bombay in the Honorable Com-
pany's Sloop of War "Elphinstone" in June
last, and made over to the Senior Magistrate
of Police, copy may be sent to the Government
of India and the Honorable Court of Directors-

Signed G. Arthur

" J. H. Crawford.

N^o. 178 of 1843.

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

Bombay
To, A. Thomason Esquire
Secretary to ^{the} Government of India

Dated 26th October 1843.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Chief

Secretary

Secretary, Reid's letter dated the 25th of July
last No. 110 relative to an Indian slave girl
rescued from slavery by the Native Agent at
Muscat, and forwarded to Bombay. I am
directed to transmit to you for submission
to the Right Honorable the Governor General
of India in Council Copy of a Communication
from the Officiating Resident in ^{the} Persian Gulf
dated the 22nd June last No. 48 on the same
Subject. -

Bombay 25th October 1813. I signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

Copied by
J. P. Willoughby
Ex. R. P. Willoughby

Recd
Per
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Office No 365 of 1843
Counsil. No 98 of 1843
Pol. Department
From Lieutt A. B. Kemball
Assist. Resident in the Persian Gulf
in charge
To, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated Bushire 16 August 1843
Sir,
I have the honor to enclose for
the information of Government trans-
lated extracts of a letter from the
Agent at Bahrein, and of three from
the Agent at Muscat. Khojah Reuben
has been directed on no account to
exercise force of any kind in the release
or recovery of Indians or others in slavery
but on all occasions to work out
his object through the local authorities.
Residency in the }
Persian Gulf Bushire }
16th August 1843 }
I have the honor to be,
Signed A. B. Kemball
Assist. Resident Per.
Gulf in charge
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Translated Extracts of a letter
from Hajee Jaffim Agent at Bahrain
to Lieut. A. B. Kemball Assist. Resident
in the Persian Gulf in charge dated
7th Rajab. 14th August 1843 -

A.C. A buggalah by name
"Jowelah" has arrived from Guase, in
her Mahomed bin Saied, Bookwara,
who intends proceeding with Bin
B usheer to the blockade of Derman
the force for this purpose consists of
two buggalahs; and two Buteels. They
start tomorrow -

The Buteel of Bin Asfoor
has arrived from Muscat with 300
Bags of rice and 7 gubmas of coffee as
a present from Syed Soreynee to the
sheikhs also Khilats / Dresses -

True Translated Extracts

True Copy / signed. A. B. Kemball
signed. A. B. Kemball Assist. Resident
Assist. Resid. in charge
in charge -

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Translated Extracts of three
letters from Khojah Reuben Native
Agent at Muscat to Lieutt. A. B.
Kemball, Assist^{nt}. Resident in the
Persian Gulf, in charge, dated 22^d. 23^d.
and 28th. Jumadee ool same - 21st. 22^d. &
27th. July 1843 -

21st. July

On the subject of the
vessel belonging to Iwou bin
Nurman, before brought to your
notice as having been sold to
Aliba Nurman Nurrahee - In
the present time a man from the
latter has arrived to be its Nakhodah.
The Agent of Ba Nurman proceeded
with him, and took charge of the
ship hoisted the flag of Osman
Pasha, and fired guns they intend
proceeding to Java -

On the subject of the Slave
/Indian/ that was with Ibrahim
bin Abbas, Bahreinee. some days
previous to the arrival of the Com-
-modore (103)

modore, I heard of and demanded him.

 From morning till midday he made

 excuses, then sent him to me. on

 his arrival he commenced lamenting,

 and complaining, and tearing the

 clothes of his attendant. For two or

 three hours I tried to have some conver-

 sation with him but without

 success. I perceived that he had been

 prompted so returned him to his

 Master, saying that he would be

 demanded. I asked, whence he got

 him he replied, I brought him of Ahmed

 the son of Syed. Abdool Mahir. I sent

 for this person and asked him the

 same question. he answered, In the

 year of the Hurricane at Calcutta

 I was there and brought him thence

 in the ship belonging to Ibrahim

 Jumaul. I enquired of this person

 and his brother Moollah Ahmed

 Jumaul, who said, "It is contrary

 to fact and slander." the truth,

as

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as I have learnt, is that this Ahmed, the
son of Abdool Khan, was four years
Nakhodah of the buggalah belonging
to Nasser and Ibrahim the sons of
Bin Abbas / Bahreinee / and brought
this boy / aged 11 or 12 years / and a
girl from Malabar. I know not
where he sold the latter, whether in
Shanghai or Bushire —

I have heard that when my
name is mentioned in Muslis,
Syed Sooynee abuses and curses
me saying. "That person is the
cause of all my trouble; but I
have myself made him thus "
audacious until he desires / slaves /
even from my own house". Truly
I have not yet reported all his acts
and proceedings; should I wish to do
so, Paper would be wanting. he
makes excuses both to the Commodore
and myself on the occasion of Inter-
views being solicited that he has
got

got fever; and the very same day
he sends for dancing men both on
Friday, and Saturday nights. I reported
to you that he returned to Muscat
the day after the Commodore's departure.
But the Walee (Ali Dussunukhee)
in my own presence, stated, that the
Imam Syed Sa'ed had himself made
the English thus bold -

I have found out with
regard to the Indian Slaves with the
Walee at first there were two, bought
at a very small price - the good one
he kept by him the other, a bad
one, he sent to Syf bin Nubhan
of Bunder Abbas for sale. He was at
the time engaged in the fight of
Rudoon - His people kept the slave
for 10 months; and one month ago
returned him, saying he would
not bring his value. This was well
judged on the part of Sheikh Syf
after the departure of the Commodore

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I wrote to him that He / the Com-
modore / when at Bapsidore had
heard of his having received from Ali
Dusumkhee of Muscat an Indian
Slave for sale and desired to know
the circumstances - what had become
of him, etc - I added that an answer
was necessary - I am awaiting the
same - when it ^{arrives} should you desire
yourself to make inquiries, Be
pleased to say that you learnt
the affair from the Commodore
the slave has, however, reached
Muscat -

On the 19th at Midday
the nakhodah of a buggalah be-
-longing to Kawasjee Parsee drawn
up in Calbooh came to me, and
said "while I was passing in Calbooh
I heard the cries of a woman
complaining issuing from a store
house which was locked / by padlock /
I went near but could not un-
derstand

derstand since she was speaking
Malabaree I immediately sent a
man of mine Bin Sarreen who
speaks Malabaree with the jemadar
of the Government Hamauls, the
above mentioned Nakhodah, and
some of his sailors, telling the
former to learn her history and
report to me. he did so, that
she was a Malabaree brought
in a buggalah from Funnaee
that they who brought her had ill
treated her and locked her up in
the storehouse. I considered the matter,
that if I informed the Governor time
would be lost and she might slip
through my hands I desired them
to break the lock and bring her
to me. They did so. I questioned her
as to how she had come, she answered
that a person by name Salim bin
Burkat, Murraanee had brought
her from Funnaee in the
buggalah

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buggalah, Ahmedee, belonging to Abdool
Kadir, an inhabitant of the island
of Debeh opposite to Calicut. I sent for
this last who is a good man. He had
settled at Mecca, and this year went
to Cochin to build his buggalah which
carries the Arab Flag. He was seeking
for sailors this person with three
others bringing this woman came
to him, the former said "This is
my wife" He did not know of
what tribe she was until, on sea,
afterwards that she was Malabar,
and had been brought from
Tunarse. he added that the man
very much ill treated her, People
would remonstrate but without
effect. In Muscat It was the same.
He desired to sell her, but Praise
be to God, I have released her. - When-
ever a Government ship is sent
here. Be pleased to give notice to
the Captain that I may send her
down

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down / to the Presidency / I gave one
real to the informer and three reals
to the people who brought her and
have made clothes for her as for the
others —

I sent your letter to Sheikh 22^d July
Syf bin Nubhan of Bunder Abbas
I have made known agreeable to your
directions regarding Seide / the Slave
Trade / on the subject of the Topchee
Mahomed Kera Khan / regarding whom
I wrote to the Sirkar that etc / at
the end of the season he returned
to Muscat I asked him where he
had been - he replied, to Bombay
where he had experienced great kindness
from Government who gave him
this, that, and the other - I learnt
that he had taken up his quarters
in the Fareeah Khana with the
Shirarees, and with them left for
your neighbourhood whether to
Buslure or Bunder Abbas I
know

27th July

27th July-

2^d July

Know not -

On the subject of Iswar ba
Hunnans' ship sold to Ali ba
Murdan and supplied with the
certificate and flag of Osman Pasha.
I afterwards learned that the certificate
had been received from the Sheriff of
Mecca when I saw that accounts
were contradictory I procured the
certificate and took a copy which
is enclosed -

Ali ba Murdan is an in-
habitant of Modeida. his Agent is
purchasing dates, and wheat desiring
to send the ship to Singapore.

On the 15th Instant I learned
that a Soomanlee had been brought
to Muscat and engaged a man to
search every where. On the 23rd
I was informed that a Bedowin
of Musnaah / near swaig / had
brought him from Berberah and
given him into the hands of
Saced

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Saeed bin Bedeyoo, Broker, who sold
 him to Abdollah Moo Sulmanee,
 who sold him, at Muttra to Abdool
 Luteef Bagdader. I took him and
 desired the broker to give back the
 purchase money to Abdolla Moo
 Sulmanee, and the latter to pay it
 over to Abdool Luteef. There remained
 the money of saeed bin Bedeyoo
 Broker (to be repaid) I gave an
 account of the matter to Syed ^{In authority}
 Mahomed bin Salim and requested ^{over Musmah}
 him to give orders to the original
 seller, who had deceived the people
 by saying the slave was a Subshoe
 to return his value to Bin Bedeyoo.
 We sent for the Somanlee that he
 might see him, and then returned
 him to me. I have heard that
 Mahomed bin Salim spoke to
 Bin Bedeyoo, saying, "why did you
 give the Somanlee to the person
 sent by Reuben - and why do you
 go

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go to him? why did you not answer.
Wait till the Governor send to me.
I am at a loss how to act in these
matters for if I inform the Governor,
Difficulties will arise and my object
will never be gained; and If I act
myself they then threaten people -
In short I released the Soomalee
who prays for the British
Government - I had great trouble
in his case for he is foolish, and
they threatened that, if he said
he was a Soomalee, they would
Kill him. His name was Ibrahim.
They named him Amber - six
reals were expended in the discovery
of him -

On the 25th Instant Syed
Soweynee returned from Birka
and Seb -

True translated Extracts
Signed A. B. Kemball
Assist: Resid: in charge

True Copies
Signed A. B. Kemball
Assist: Resid: in charge -

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Minute by the Honble the Governor
concurred in by the Honble. Mr. Crawford.

1. Lieut. Kemball's instructions
to the Native Agent at Muscat
are proper and may be approved.

2. The Indian female, a
native of Malabar, who has been
liberated through the exertions of the
native Agent at Muscat, should be
sent to Bombay, by the first opportunity
to the charge of the Senior Magistrate
of Police.

3. Copy of this letter should be
sent to the Government of India, and
to the Honble the Court of Directors.

Signed by, Arthur
" J. W. Crawford

N^o 2634 of 1843.

Political Department

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government.

To, Lieut. A. B. Kemball
Off^r. Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Dated 26th October 1843

Sir I am directed to acknowledge
the

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the receipt of your letter No. 98, dated the 16th of August last, forwarding translated extracts of a letter from the Native Agent at Bahrein, and of three communications from the Agent at Muscat reporting the news from those quarters, and in reply to inform you that the Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the instructions issued by you to the latter Functionary.

With regard to the Malabar female, liberated through the exertions of the Agent at Muscat you will be pleased to instruct that individual to forward her to Bombay by the first opportunity to the charge of the Senior Magistrate of Police —

Bombay (after) I have the honor to be
20th October 1843. } signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

No. 180 of 1843.
Political Depart.
From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government.
To
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To,

J. Thomason Esquire

Secretary to Government of

India

Dated 26th October 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council to transmit to you
for submission to the Right Hon^{ble} the
Governor General of India in Council, copy
of a letter and of its enclosures from the
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
dated the 16th of August last N^o. 365 and
of my reply thereto of this day's date -

Bombay Castle. I have the honor to be
26th October 1843. } signed J. P. Willoughby

Secy to Govt^y

N^o 2656 of 1843.

Political Depart^t

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Govt^y

To

P. W. LeGeyt Esquire

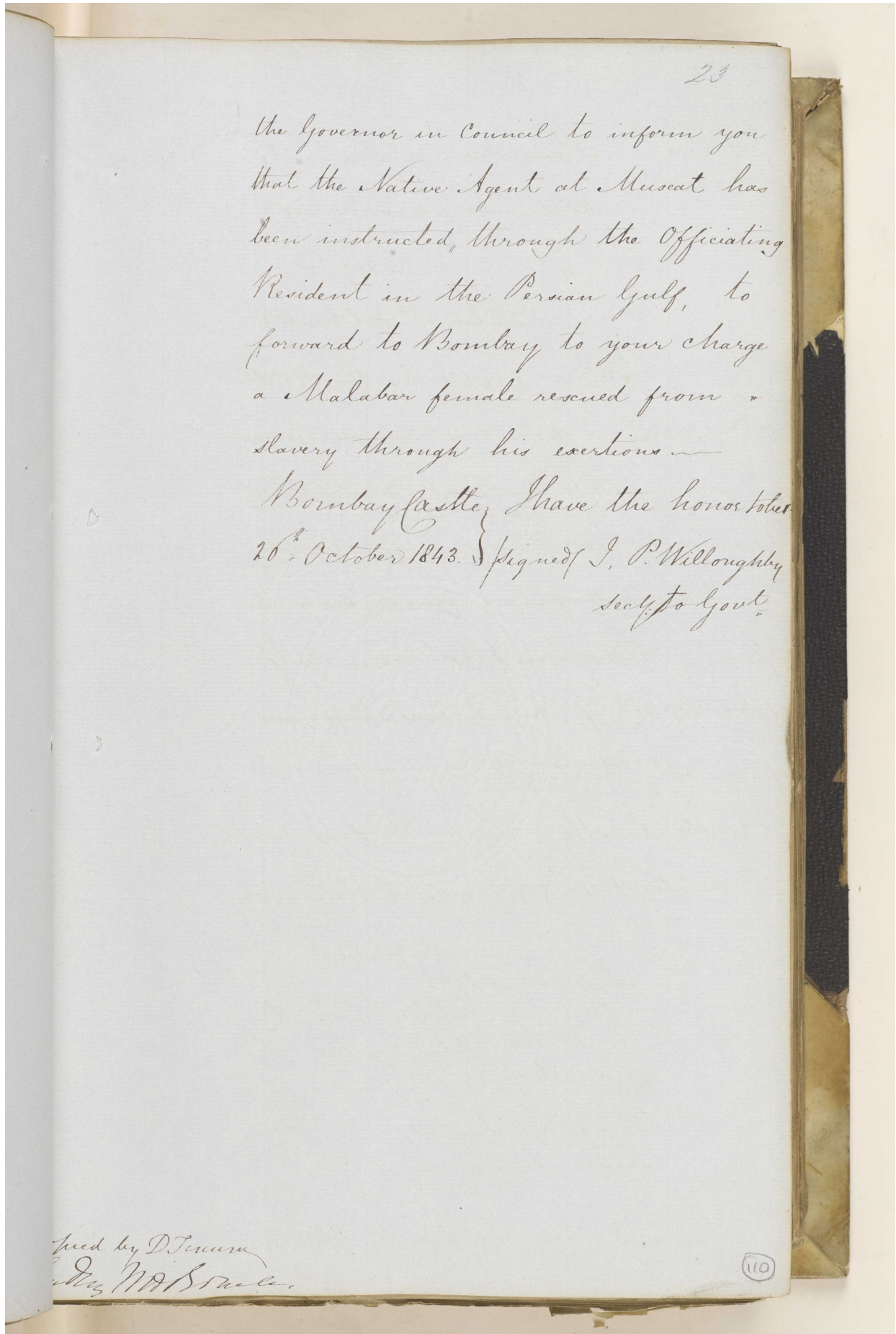
Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 26th October 1843

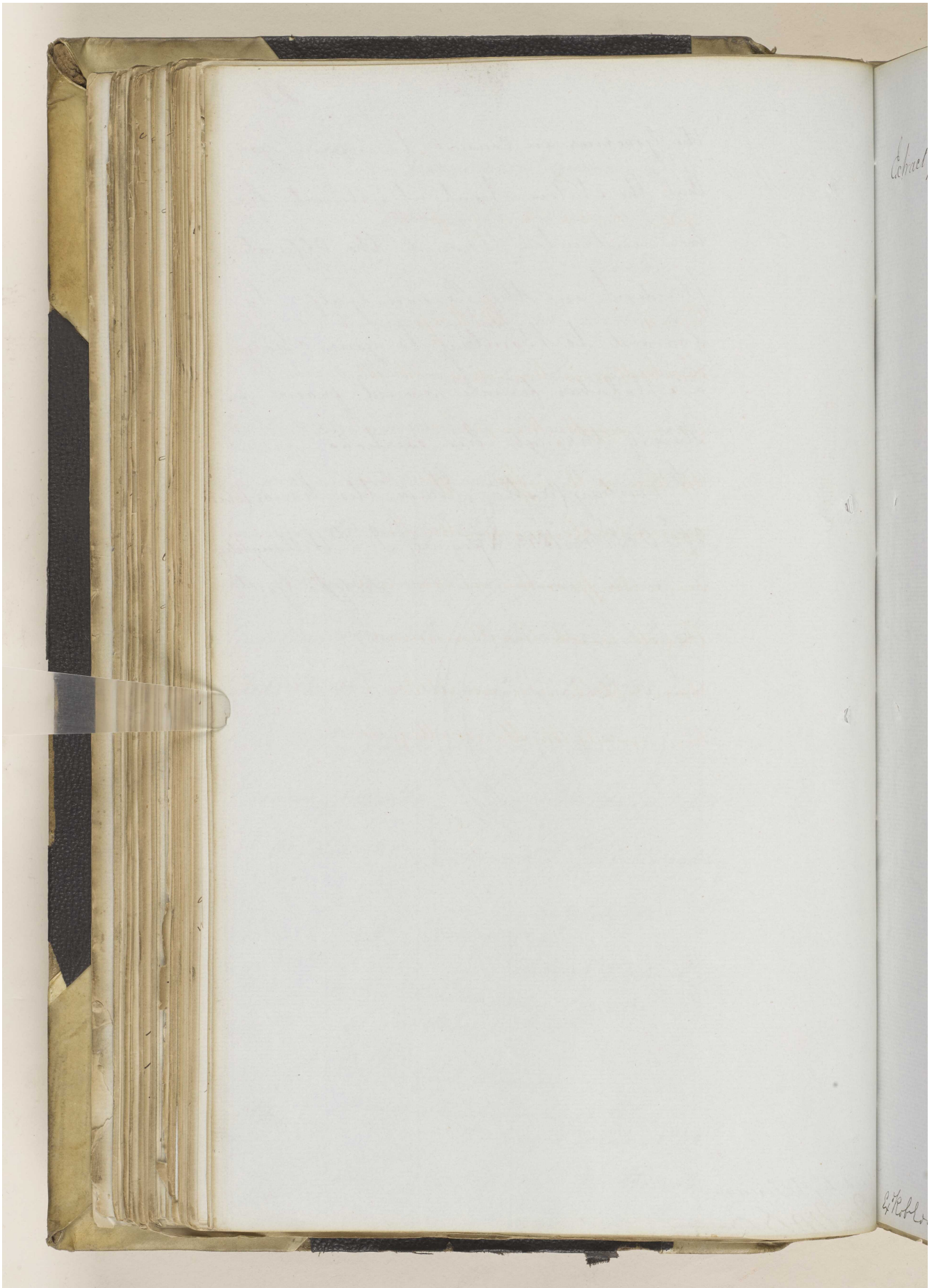
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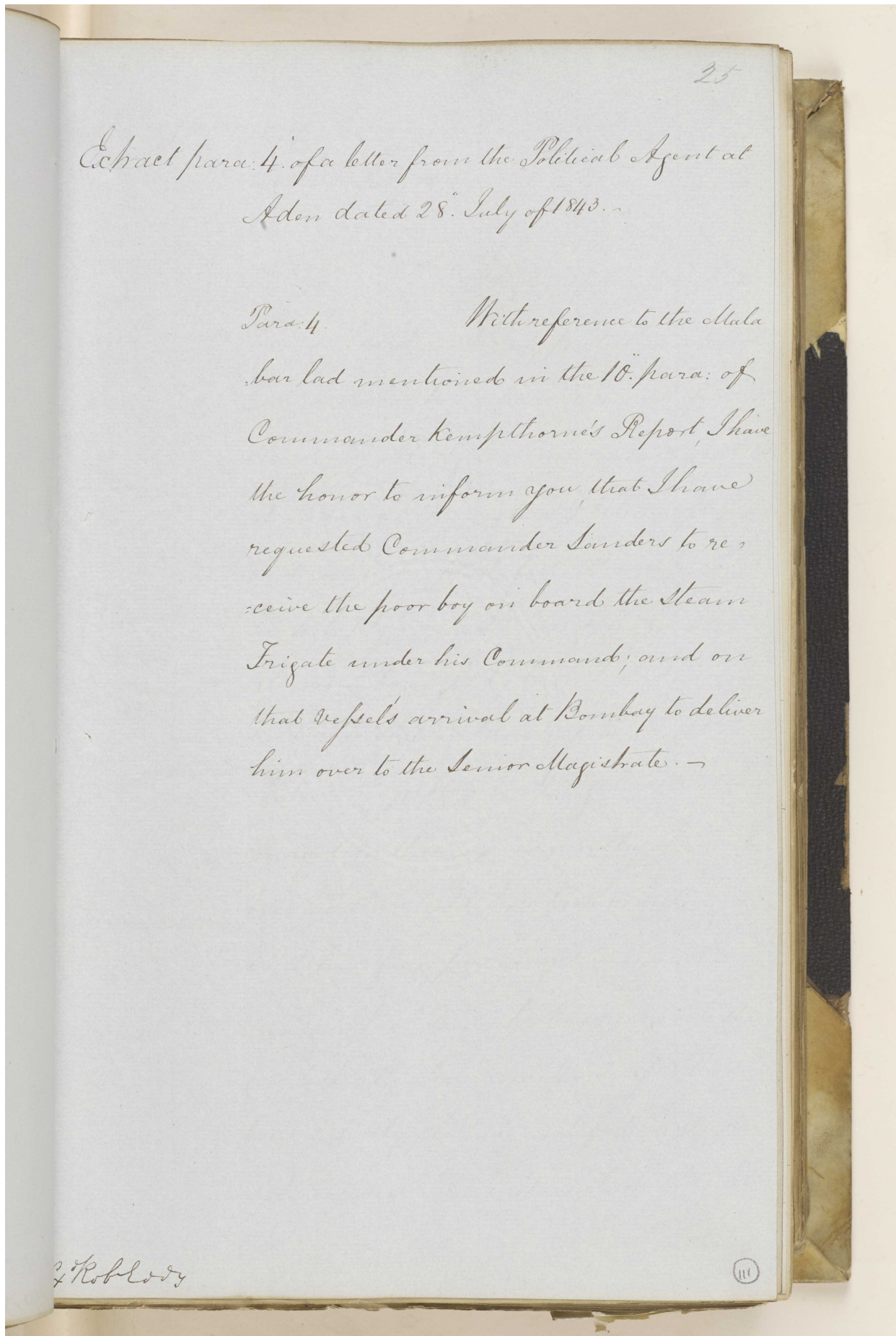
I am directed by the Hon^{ble}
the

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J. P. Willoughby

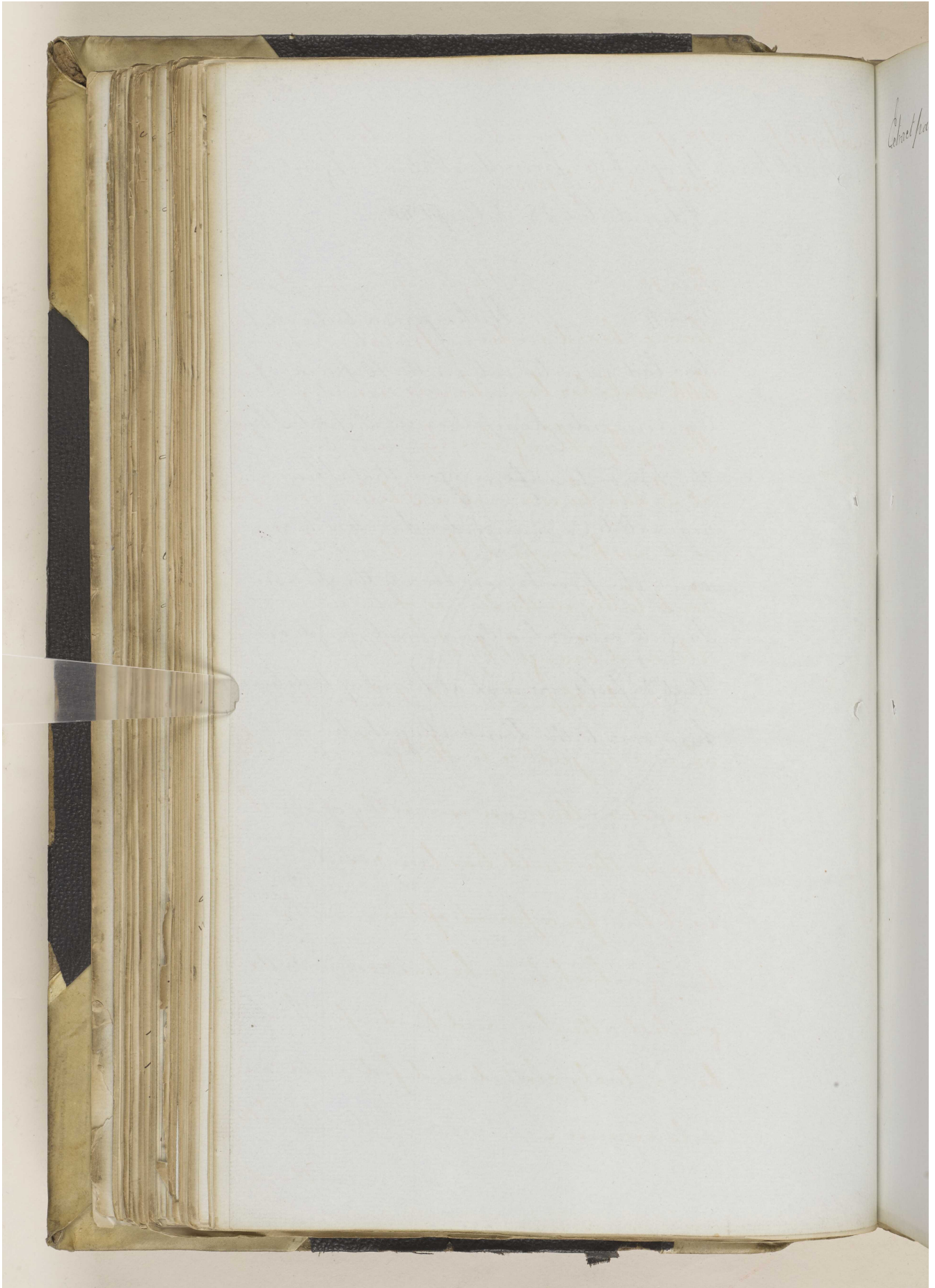


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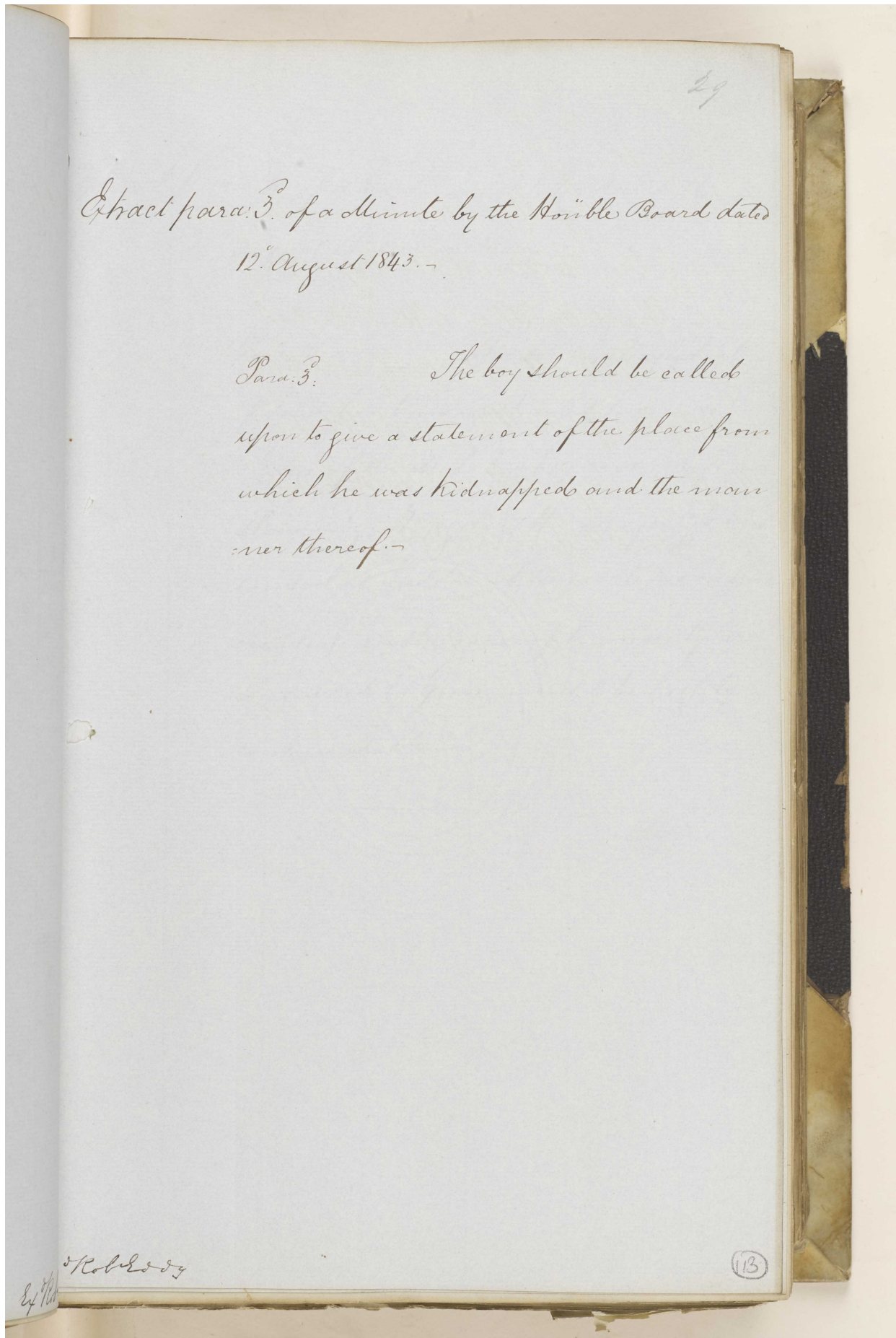
Para: 10. I beg to inform you that I
have on board under my protection a poor
little Malabar boy, who was rescued from
Slavery by Mr. Ogilvie, Esq. Vice Consul
at Sudda, he is a native I believe of Alleppe
and was kidnapped from thence by a
Sout, lately in the service of Allahomed
Ali, and brought by him to Sudda in
an Arab Ship. I think it but right to
observe in justice to Mr. Ogilvie that his
conduct in this case is worthy of much
praise, the child has been residing
with him for a period of two months
during which time he has received the
greatest attention and kindness & has
been entirely clothed and fed at the con-
sul's expense. I cannot conclude this letter

without

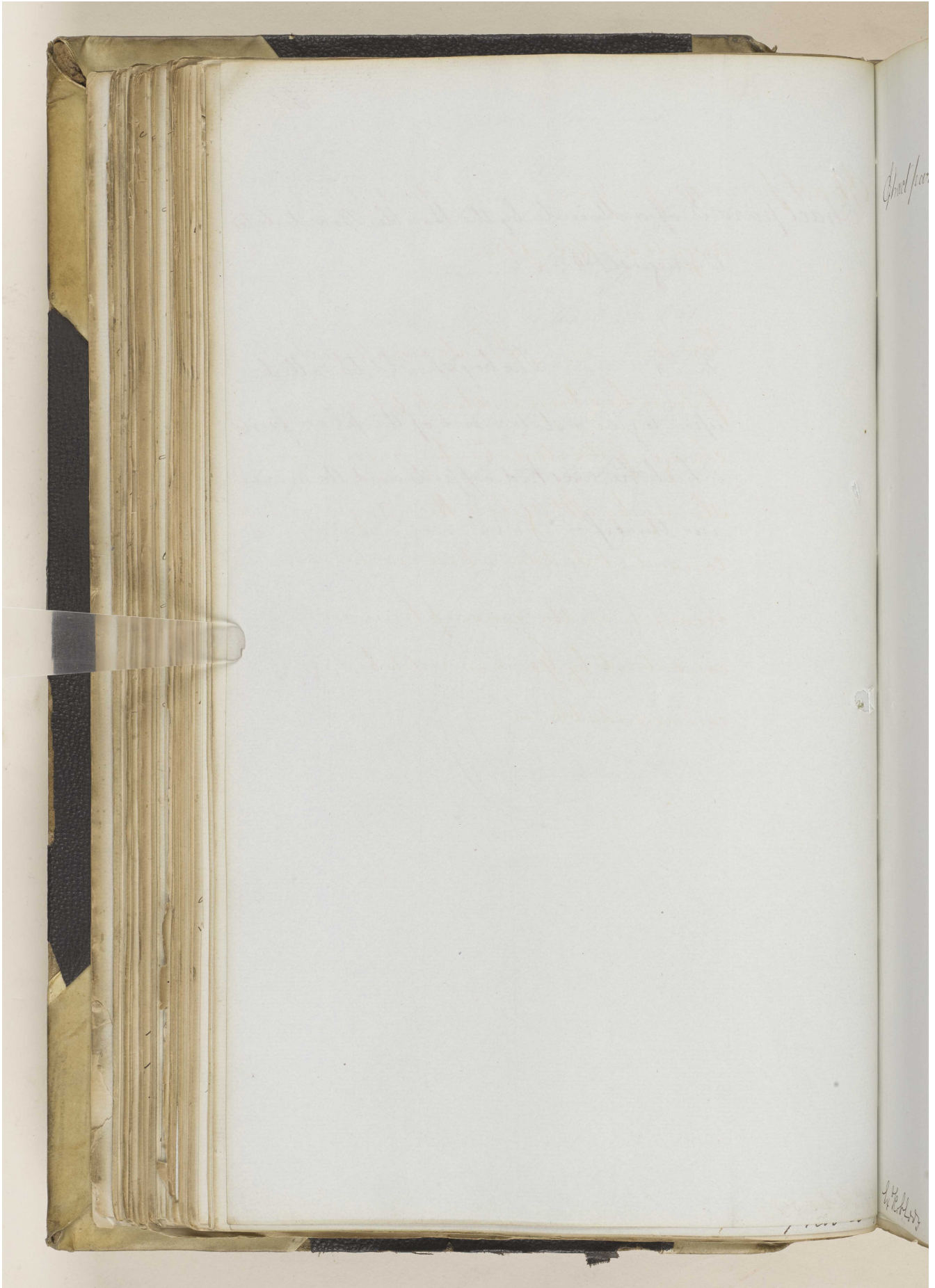
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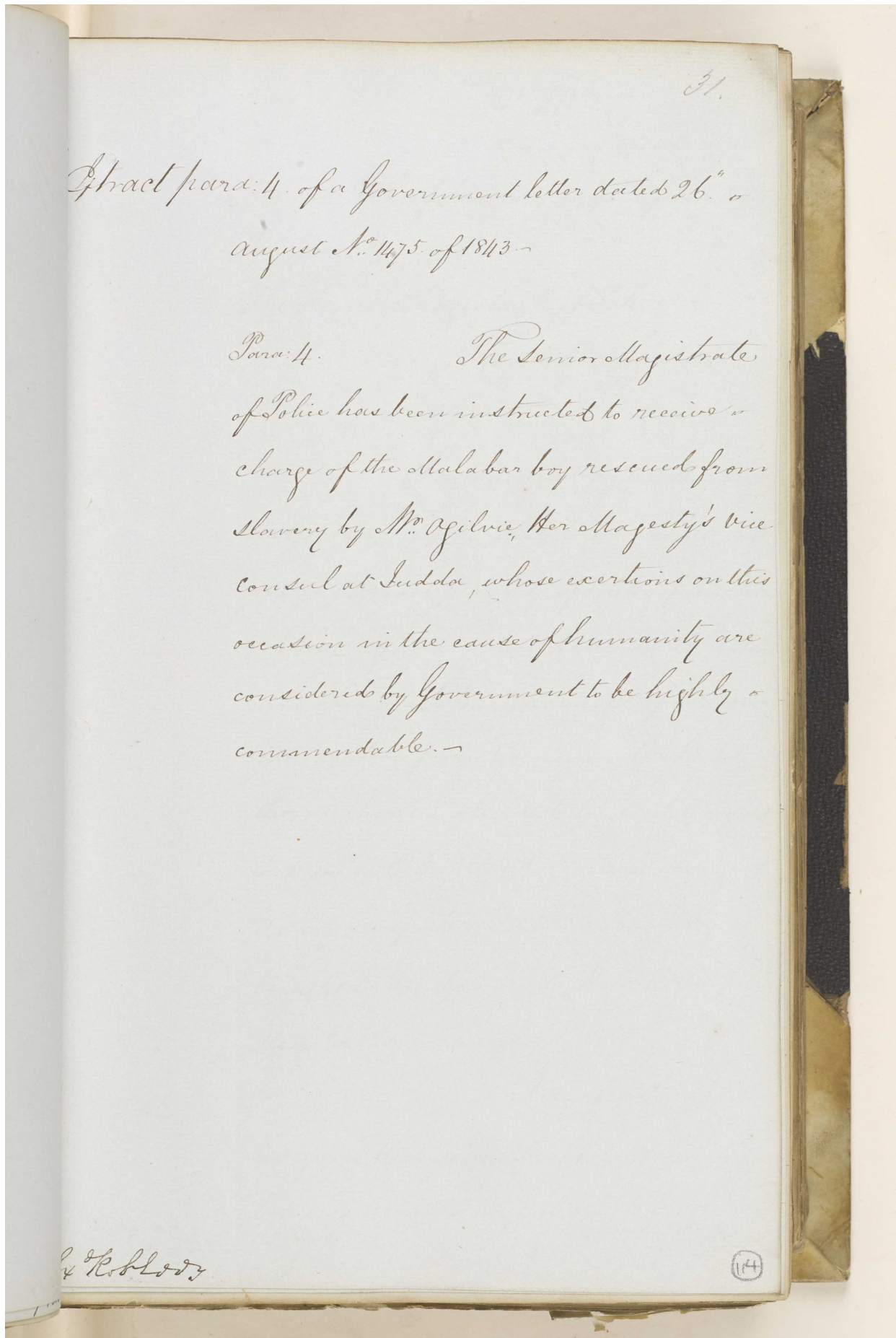
without bringing to your notice that
mainly through the Philanthropic
exertions and zeal in this cause of hu-
manity I understand the Boy at pre-
sent on board the "Clive" is the 3^d British
subject, who has been entirely indebted
to M^o Ogilvie for his liberty and I hope
this fact may not be overlooked in
your report to Government.

By Robert
Ogilvie

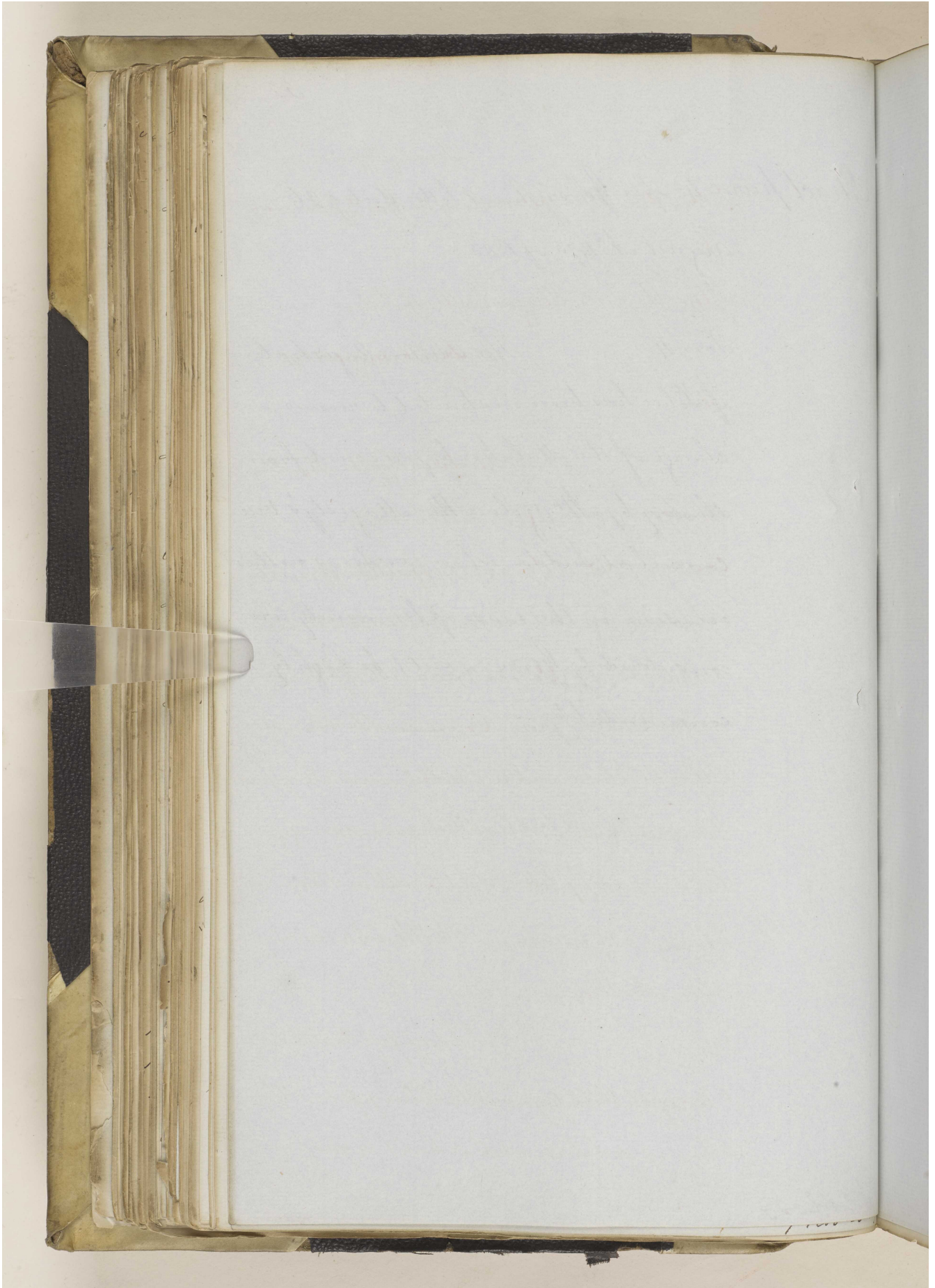


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Secret Department.

From the Chief Secretary to Gov. of Bombay.

To,

The Senior Magistrate of Police.

Dated 26. August 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble
the Governor in Council to transmit to
you an Extract para: 4. of a letter from the
Political Agent at Aden, dated the 28. ultimo
and also an Extract para: 10. of the com-
munication from Commander Kemp-
thorne therein alluded to, and to request
that you will be pleased to receive charge of
the emancipated Indian Slave Boy
brought to Bombay in the Honble Company's
Steamer "Seminamis".

2.

I am further desired
to request that you will obtain from the
boy in question and submit to Government

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a Statement as to the place and manner
in which he was kidnapped.

Bombay Castle }
26 August 1843. }

I have the honor to be

Signed J. R. Reid

Chief Secretary

J. R. Reid

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Extract paras. 26 & 27 of a letter
to the Hon^{ble} the Secret Committee
dated the 26th August 1843. N^o 59.

26. From the 4th para. of
Captain Haines letter dated
the 28th ultimo, and from the
10th para. of the communication
from Commander Kempthorne,
therein alluded to, your Hon^{ble}
Committee will perceive that a
Malabar lad who was kidnap-
-ped and conveyed to Sudda, as
a slave, was released by Mr
Ogilvie the vice Consul at that
place, and sent to Aden. The
exertions of Mr. Ogilvie on this
occasion, in the cause of humanity
are in our opinion highly com-
-mendable (116)

commendable.

27. The Political Agent at Aden having forwarded this emancipated slave to Bombay in the Honble Company's Steamer "Serrisamis," we have directed the Senior Magistrate of Police to take charge of him for the present, and to obtain from him and submit to Government, a statement as to the place and the manner in which he was kidnapped.

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copied
A. P. Row
E. J. A. P. Row

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Extract Bombay Political

Concub. 13th September 1843

N^o 344 of 1843

N^o 3968 From P. M. Selgeyt Esquire

Senior Magistrate of Police
To The Chief Secretary to Gov^t

Dated 15th August 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a letter from the Political Agent at Aden, and to report, for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council, that the boy, Moideen Hoomey, forwarded therewith, has been delivered over to my charge.

I also beg to enclose the statement of the boy, who appears to have little or no recollection of his parents beyond the fact of their residence at Alippey, he is at present in the family of a respectable Mahomedan, & I would respectfully suggest that a reference be made to the authorities at Alippey, to endeavour to find his parents.

Bombay Police Office
15th August 1843

I have the honor to be Dear
Sigs/ P. M. Selgeyt
Senior Magistrate of Police (117)

N. 13 of 1843

Judicial Report

To, P. W. Selgeyt Esquire

Sir, Chief Magistrate

I have the honor to inform you that I have requested Commander Sanders, Commanding the Steam Frigate "Semiramis", to convey a little Mahabar Boy to the Presidency, and to deliver him into your hands.

The lad in question was kidnapped at Alleppey, & conveyed to Judola as a slave, there released by the Vice Consul, & brought to Aden this morning in the Honble Company's Sloop of War "Clive".

I have the honor to be, Sir,

P. W. Selgeyt Esquire
Aden
28th July 1843

Signed, S. P. Haines

Political Agt. at Aden

Statement of Maideen Hoomer,
taken before me P. W. Selgeyt
Esquire, one of Her Majesty's
Justice of the Peace for the Town
and Island of Bombay
the 11th day of August 1843

Who saith, Janwa Mahomedan by caste, and a
native

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native of Allepey on the Malabar Coast, I have
no recollection of either of my father or mother,
who, I have been told are dead; I have an
elder brother with whom I lived in Allepey.
About 7 or 8 months ago, one day about
midday, on my way to the Bazar at Al-
=lepey, an Arab Nacoda, met me and asked
me to follow him, upon my declining doing
so, he sat down close by me, and kept talk-
=ing to me until it got dark, he then laid
hold of me by one of my arms and dragged
me to the sea shore, and put me in a boat
which took us to his Vessel, which sailed
the following evening to Judda, where, after
remaining about a month, some people came
onboard, and took me away with them, and
put me on board another ship which
brought me hither.

Signed

Taken before me The mark or of
the day, month & Maiden Hoomer
year above

Signed/ P. W. DeGeyt

Justice of the Peace / True Copies /

Signed/ P. W. DeGeyt (118)
Senior Magistrate of Police

Minute by the Honble the Governor concurred in by the Board. N^o 2969

1 The Resident at Travancore, under whose superintendance I believe Aleppee, in common with the other possessions of the Raja is placed, should be furnished with an extract parat^h of Capt^o Haines' letter dated the 28th July and parat^h of Commander Kempthorne's communication of the same date, together with a copy of the letter from the Senior Magt^e of Police dated the 15th instant. In forwarding these documents the Resident should be informed that the boy, who has been liberated from slavery, through the exertions of M^r Ogilvie, Her Majesty's Vice Consul at Judda, has arrived in Bombay and is now under the protection of Government.

The Resident should be informed that on hearing from him to that effect, the boy will be forwarded to Aleppee, to the charge of any person to whom he may wish him to be sent.

Dated 1st Sep^r

Signed/ G. Arthur
— G. W. Anderson,
— J. H. Crawford,
N^o 2134

N^o 3969

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N^o 3970 From L. R. Reid, Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
To, The Resident at Travancore.

Dated 9th September 1843

Sir,

1 I am directed to transmit to you
an extract para. 4th of a letter from the Political
Agent at Aden, dated the 28th of July last, and
para 10th of a communication from Commander
Kempthorne of the Indian Navy to the ad-
-dress of that Officer, of the same date, together
with copy of a letter from the Senior Ma-
-gistrate of Police, dated the 15th ultimo relative
to a Malabar Boy who lately has been res-
-cued from slavery, through the exertions of Mr.
Ogilvie Her Majesty's Vice Consul at
Judda.

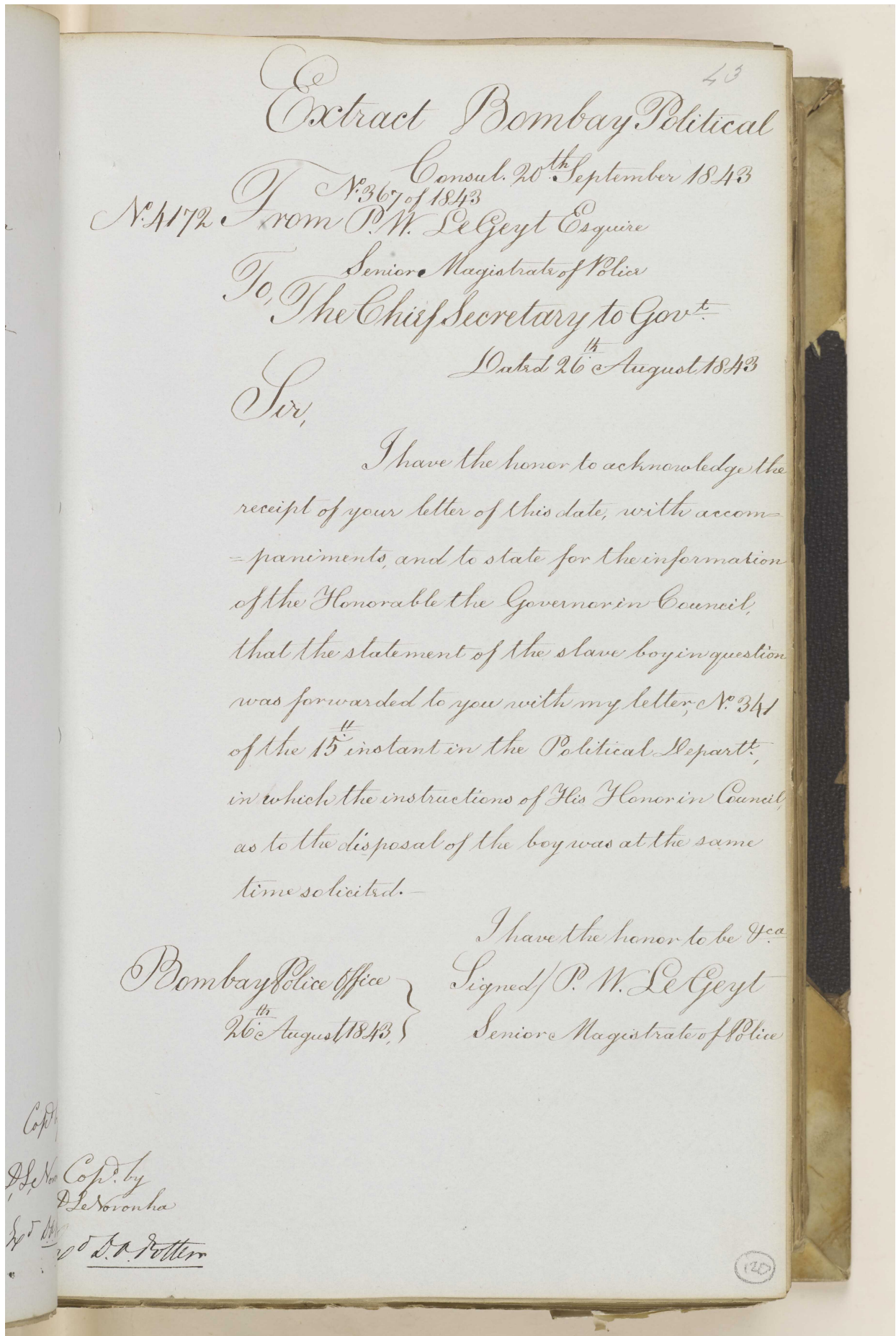
2 In forwarding these documents
I am desired to inform you that this boy has
been brought to Bombay and is under the
protection of this Government and on the receipt
of an intimation from you to that effect, the
boy ^{who} states that his parents are residents of

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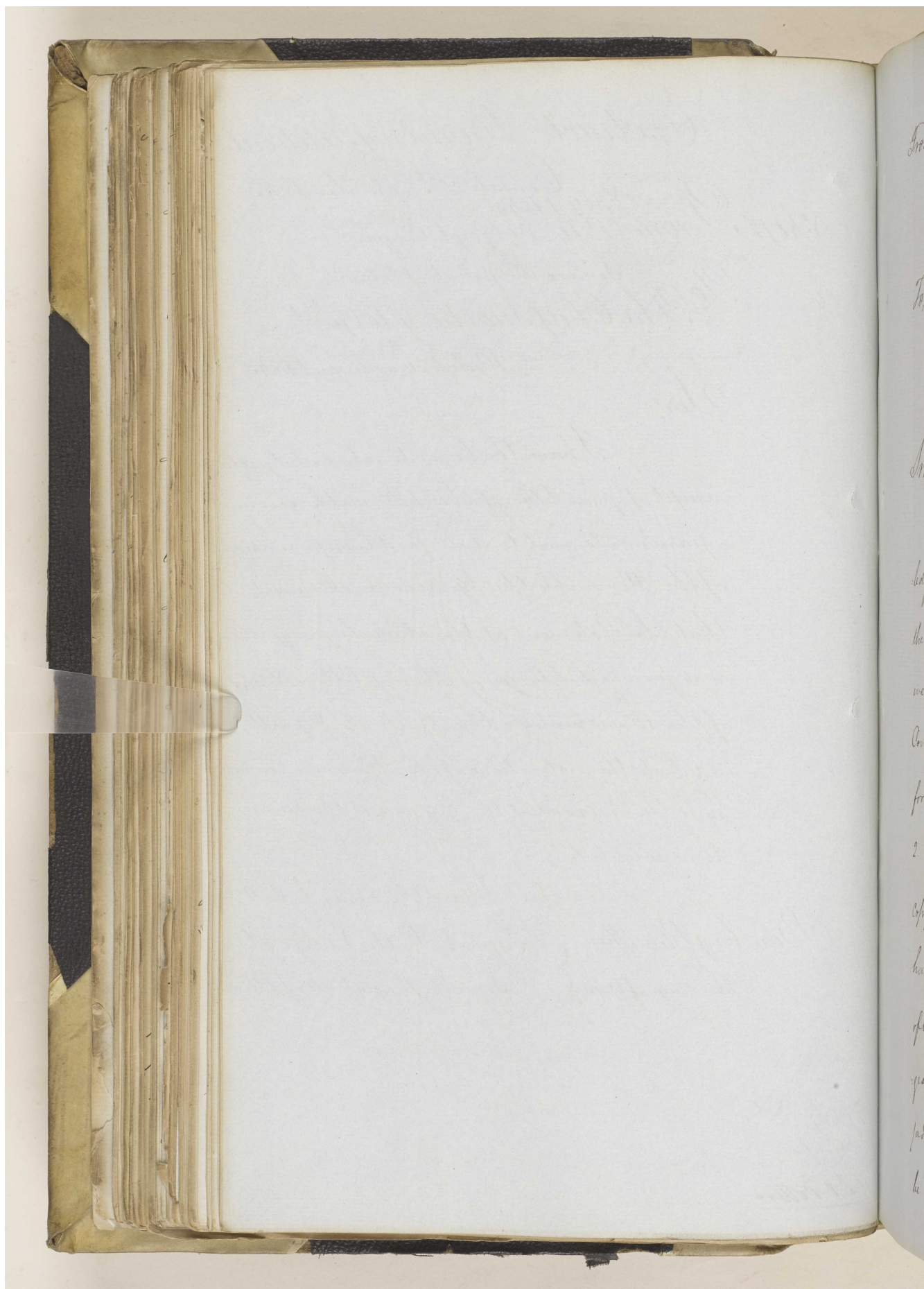
Alleppe will be forwarded to that place to the
charge of any person to whom you may wish
him to be sent.

I have the honor to be Yrs
Bombay Castle, Sig^d L. R. Reid
9th Sep^r 1843 } Chief Secy to Government

Cop'd by
J. Le Noronha
Ex^o J. de Patten



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N^o. 1893. of 1843.

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From

Major General W. Cullen.

Resident of Travancore and Cochin.

To,

L. R. Reid Esq.

Chief Secretary to Government Bombay.

Dated 12. October 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o. 2134. of the 9. ultimo with its enclosures which were immediately forwarded to the Senior Commercial Agent at Allepey M^o. Crawford for his report.

2.

I beg now to transmit copy of that officer's reply stating that he has been unable to discover any thing of the boy's family or relatives, but suggesting that the name of the elder brother (adverted in the boy's statement) should be communicated to M^o. Crawford with

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a view to further enquiry.

Presidents office

Travancore 12^o

October 1843

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(Signed) W. Cullen

President.

N^o 359 of 1843.

To,

Major General W. Cullen.

British Resident in Travancore & Cochin.

Travancore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter N^o 1517, dated the 2^d.
Instant together with the papers accom-
panying it, and as directed therein I have
caused enquiries to be made in every part
of Allepey and its vicinity regarding the
parents or relatives of the boy Moideen
Kooner, I have also caused his statement
as taken by P. W. Leight, Esq. at Bombay
to be translated into Malayalam and
tom-tom, through the Bazar daily since
the

the receipt of your letter, but up to this time ^{4/4} no
one has come forward, or can be found
that has any knowledge of such a boy,
could the name of the elder brother with
whom he lived at Allepy be ascertained
such a clue might lead to the discovery
of his relatives. Should I succeed in ob-
taining any information regarding him
I will immediately communicate the
same.

Com^d office } I have &c &c
Allepy 10 Oct. 1843. } (Signed) J. Crawford.

Commercial agent in charge
of the Police.

True copy.

(Signed) W. Cullen
Resident.

Minute by the Honble Board.

Copy to be sent to the Senior
Magistrate of Police, with reference to his let-
ter dated the 15. August last, with instruc-
tions to endeavor to ascertain from this

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had the name of his brother at Allepey to
whom he alluded in his statement before
^{the} Senior Magistrate, on the 11. of the same
month, in order that this information
may be communicated to the President
at Travancore. —

(Signed) J. Arthur.

" J. H. Crawford.

N^o. 2811 of 1843.

Political Department,

From the Secretary to Government.

To,

The Senior Magistrate of Police

(dated 9. November 1843.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, dated
the 15. August last, N^o. 341. regarding an
Indian boy named Moideen Hoomer,
rescued from slavery at Sudda and sent
to Bombay by the Political Agent at Aden,
I am directed by the Hon^{ble} the Governor
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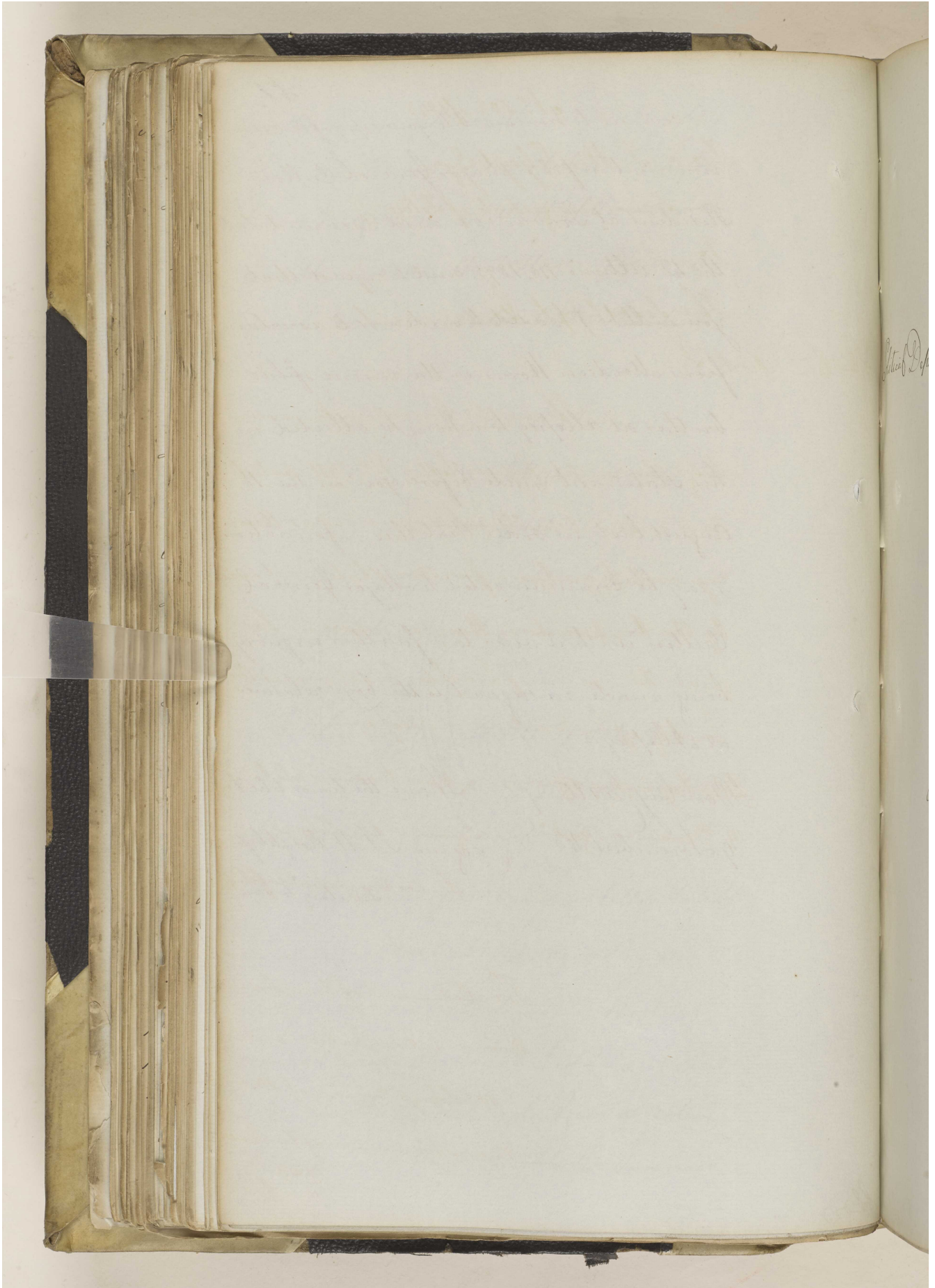
in council to transmit to you copy of a communication from Major General Cullen, President at Travancore and Cochin dated the 12th ultimo No. 1893. and to request that you will be pleased to endeavor to ascertain from Moideen Koomer the name of his brother at Allepy to whom he alluded in his statement made before you on the 11th August last, in order that this information may be communicated to Major General Cullen with a view to a further enquiry being made in regard to the boys relatives at Allepy. -

Dombayfalle }
9th November 1843. } I have the honor to be &
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby.
Secretary to Gov^t.

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N^o 508. of 1843.

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From P. W. Selgeyt Esq,
Senior Magistrate of Police.

To,

The Secretary to Government.

Political Department Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 2811. dated the 9th instanc, with enclosures, and as therein required to enclose a further statement made by the boy Moideen Hoomer, wherein he gives the name of his elder brother and the locality of his residence at Allepoy -

Bombay Police office } I have the honor to be
14th November 1843. } (Signed) P. W. Selgeyt.

Senior Magistrate of Police

The statement of Moideen
Hoomer taken before me
P. W. Selgeyt Esq one of Her
Majesty's Justices of the Peace

for
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for the Town and Islands of
Bombay on the 13th day of Novem-
ber 1843.

who saith, I am, as I have stated before a Resi-
dent at Allephey, on the Malabar Coast, where
I lived with my brother whose name is
Saeallah, he lived near the sea shore about
half a mile from a house occupied by some
Parsees, one of whose names is I believe
Sapoorjee, further I say not.

Taken before me the day, The \times mark of Moideen
Month, and year, above written. Hoomeer.

(Signed) P. W. Selgeyt.

Justice of the Peace.

True copy.

(Signed) P. W. Selgeyt.

Senior Magistrate of Police.

From

By Robert Selgeyt

No. 2865. of 1843. 53

From the Secretary to Government of Bombay.
To Major General W. Cullen.
Resident at Travancore.

Political Departt.

Dated 16. November 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 12th Ultimo No. 1893. and to transmit to you copy of a communication from the Senior Magistrate of Police dated the 14th Instant No. 508. forwarding a further statement made by the boy Moidoon Boomer lately rescued from Slavery at Sudda giving the name of his elder brother, also his place of residence, and the name of one of his neighbours.

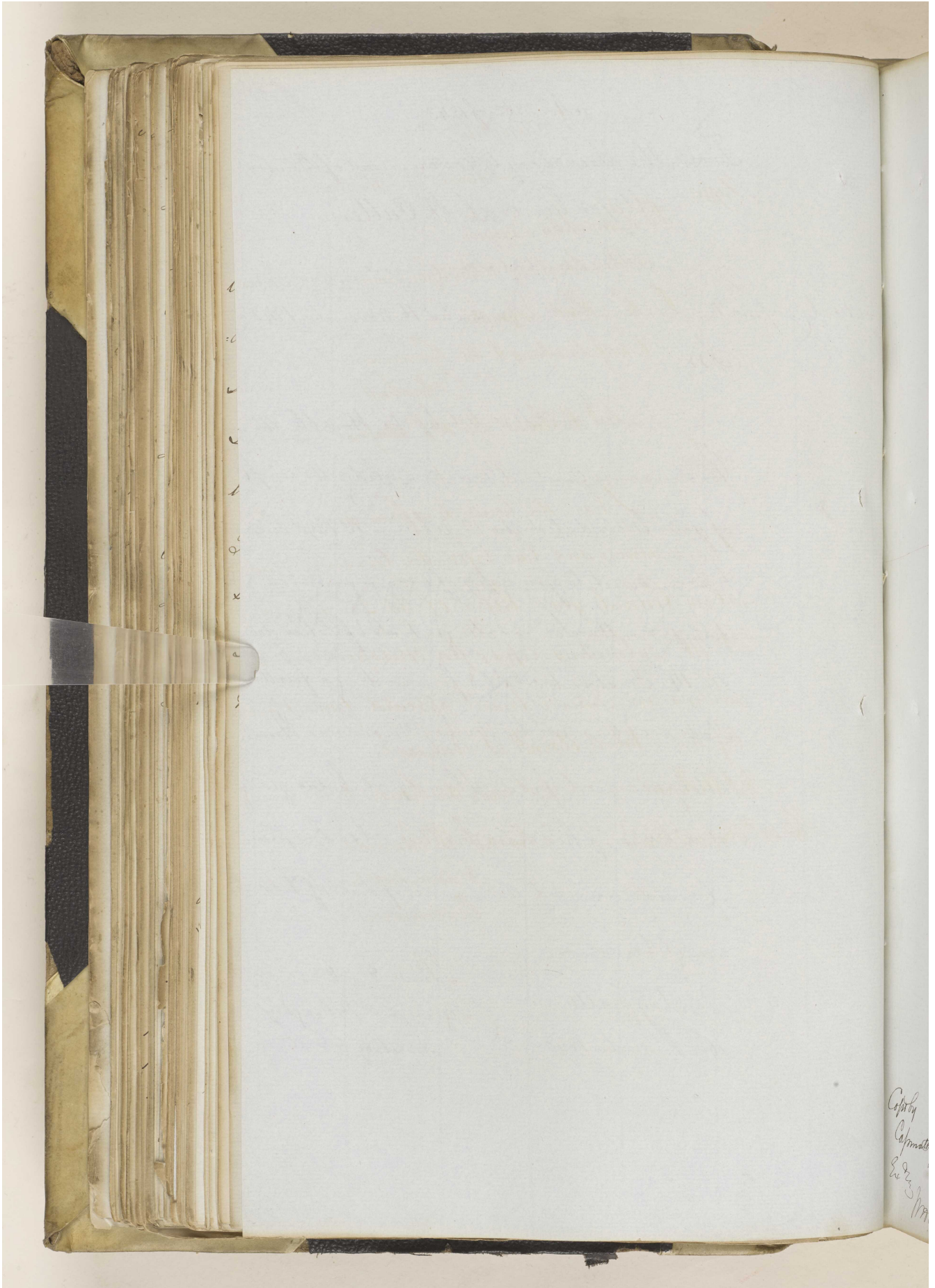
Bombay Castle
16. November 1843.

I have &c &c
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

Wm. R. Roberts

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No 529 of 1843.

Foreign Department

From M. Edwards Esquire
Under Secretary to the Government of India

To L. R. Reid Esquire
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bombay.

Fort William, the 19th August 1843.

Sir,

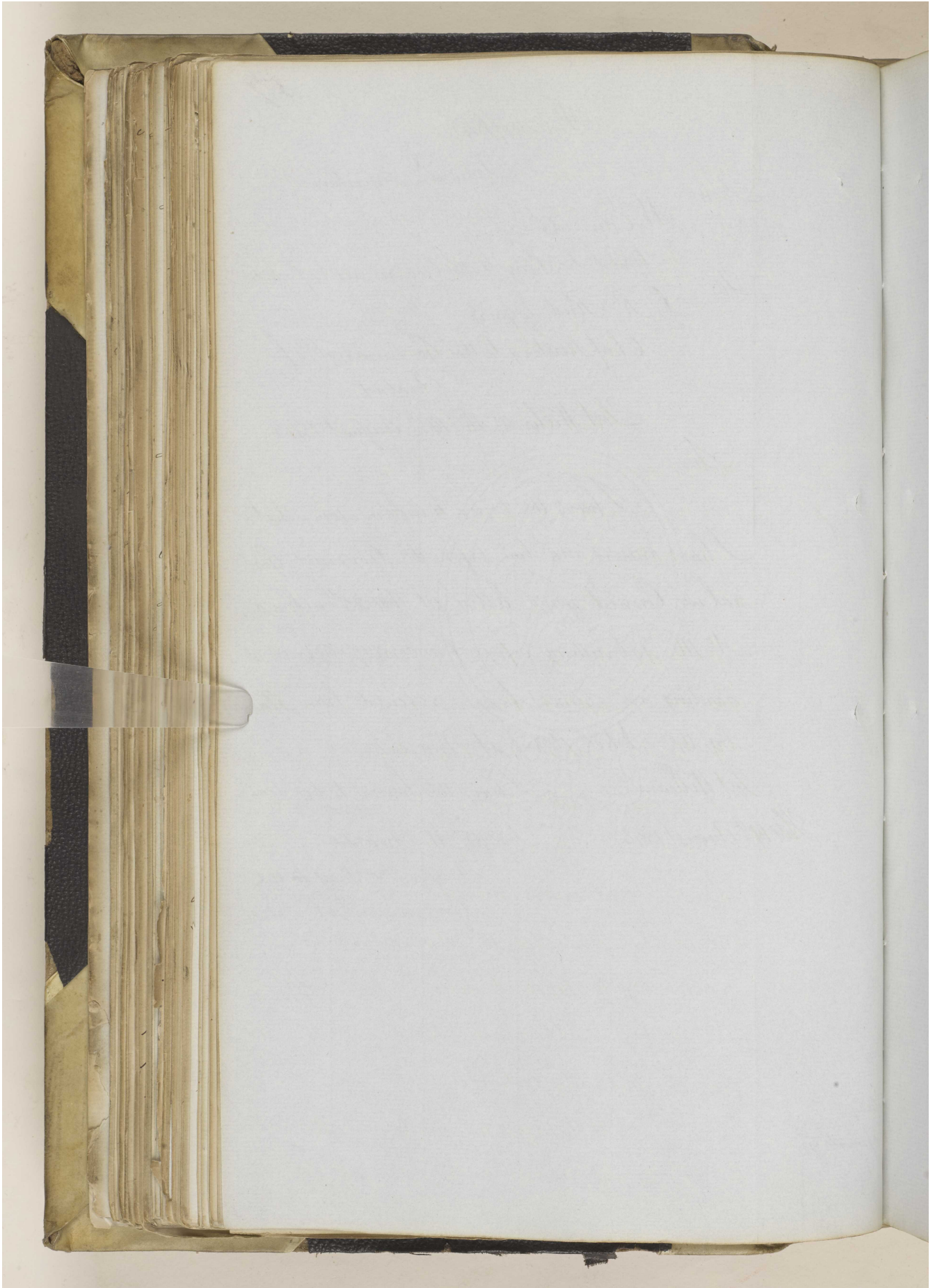
I have the honor to inform you, that
I have received and laid before the Governor Gen-
-ral in Council your letter of the 25th ultimo,
No 116, submitting copy of a correspondence re-
-garding an Indian female rescued from slavery
by the Native Agent at Muscat.

Fort William } I have the honor to be your
the 19th August 1843 } Servant
M. Edwards
Under Secretary to the
Government of India

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Carmath
M. Edwards

'Slave Trade' [126v] (78/198)



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N^o 11 of 1843.
From Major General J. S. Fraser
Resident at Hyderabad
To The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bombay -

Dated 12th August 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters N^{os} 1644, 1658, and 1731, under date respectively the 17th, 20th and 25th July 1843.

2. The first and last of these despatches refer to the Slave Girl named Mussoda, who has been brought to Bombay from Muscat on the Honble Company's Ship of war 'Elphinstone', and on this subject I would beg to recommend, in concurrence with a suggestion from His Highness the Nizam's Minister, that the Girl should be forwarded to Hyderabad, where means will be taken to discover her birth place and parents, which otherwise would I fear be quite impracticable.

3. With reference to your letter of the 20th July regarding the trade of kidnapped Children (12)

Children carried on between His Highness the
Nizam's Dominions and the coast of
Arabia, as there can be no doubt that this
traffic is conducted principally by the Arabs
themselves now in this Country, the most ef-
fectual check to this evil will be found in
the removal of the whole tribe from the
Nizam's Country, and their transmission
to Arabia, which has already been the
subject of a frequent communication
from me to the Supreme Government,
and will I hope be carried into effect
as soon as the debts due to these persons
can be liquidated, coincidently with an
improved state of the administration in gene-
ral.

4. Until this decided and compre-
hensive measure is effected, I can suggest
no better means for checking the traffic
of kidnapped children than the exercise
of a vigilant supervision on the part of
the officers of the Company's Government
in the territories between this and the
Western

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Western Coast, and more especially of the Bombay Police, and Superintending Officers of the Port of that Presidency.

5. Any Arabs from the Nizam's Dominions proceeding across the Company's Territory without a passport from us, are, under recent orders, the nature of which has been communicated to the Nizam's Government and to the Arabs themselves, liable to detention on the road; and an opportunity is thus afforded of ascertaining by what children or other persons the Arabs are accompanied, and of checking, at least in a considerable degree, the evil we are desirous to repress.

6. With regard to the embarkation from the subordinate Ports of the Western Coast under the Bombay Government, of any kidnapped children or slaves who may have escaped the observation of the authorities in the interior, the detection of this practice may I think be most suitably looked for from the local authorities at the several

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several places on the sea coast where the of-
-fence may be attempted.

7. I shall urge upon the at-
-tention of the Nizam's Government the
necessity of making fully known to the whole
of the Arabs under their authority that the
kidnapping of children, or purchase either of
children or adults as slaves, is considered a
most serious crime, and that it will be pu-
-nished with the utmost severity whenever it
is discovered.

Hydrabad }
Residency }
12th August 1843 }

I have the honor to be Sir
Signed / J. S. Fraser
Resident.

Minute by the Honble the Governor con-
-curred in by the Board dated 9th September
1843.

1. The Girl alluded to in para: 2,
has been placed under the care of a respectable
Mahomedan in Bombay. She is 12 years
of age, and has become a convert to Mahom-
-medanism - she has a very slight recollection
of

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of her parents who were Hindoos. -

2. Under these circumstances I doubt the expediency of sending her to Hyderabad against her will, but she should be informed Government will send her if she is desirous of going. -

3. On the subject generally a Circular should be issued, with extracts from this letter, enjoining all public officers to be particularly vigilant in detaining all Arabs and ascertaining whether any children are in their possession - much may be done by vigilance in the interior, but Bombay, Surat and other seaports ought in particular to be guarded and watched. -

9th Sept 1843

Signed / George Arthur
" G. W. Anderson
" J. H. Crawford

No. 2305 of 1843

Political Department
From J. P. Milloughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To Major General J. S. Fraser
Resident at Hyderabad

Dated 26th September 1843

Sir,
I am directed by the Honble the Governor (129)

Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 11, dated the 12th ultimo, and to inform you that the Girl alluded to in the 2^d para: thereof named "Mustooda" having become a convert to Mahommedanism has been placed under the care of a respectable Mahomedan in Bombay - she is 12 years of age and has a very slight recollection of her parents who were Hindoos.

2. Under these circumstances the Governor in Council doubts the expediency of sending this Girl to Hyderabad against her will, but the Senior Magistrate of Poona in Bombay has been instructed to inform her that this Government will send her if she is desirous of going.

3. With reference to the 3^d & 5th paras of your letter I am desired to state that a circular has been issued enjoining all public Officers under this Presidency to be particularly vigilant in detaining all Arabs and ascertaining whether any children

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Children are in their possession. —

4 Adverting to the 6th para: the Col-
-lector of Customs in Bombay and the Col-
-lector of Continental Customs have been
directed to cause the Ports under their
control to be carefully watched and guarded
to prevent any kidnapped Children being
taken away by Arabs leaving India.

Bombay Castle I have the honor to be Sir
26th Sept 1843 signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

No 2306 of 1843

Political Department

From J. P. Willoughby Esq;

Secretary to Government

To, The Magistrate of Poona

Dated 26th September 1843.

Sir,

With reference to the Circular letter
from this Department No 1659 dated the
20th July last relative to the trade in kid-
-naped Children carried on between the
dominions of His Highness the Nizam
and (130)

and the Coast of Arabia, I am directed to transmit to you an Extract paras: 3 @ 5 of a letter from Major General Fraser the Resident at Hyderabad dated the 13th ultimo N^o 11, and again to impress upon you the necessity of causing your Establishment to exercise the utmost vigilance in detaining all Arabs passing through the Territories under your controul, and ascertaining whether they have any children in their possession.

2. The Honble the Governor in Council further desires me to request that in cases where children may be found in possession of Arabs passing through the Territories under your controul, you will adopt the measures directed in the Circular letter above quoted.

Bombay Castle
26th Sept: 1843

I have the honor to be very
signed / J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

To the Magistrate of Ahmednuggur
" " Kandeish
" " Sholapore
" " Puntagheerree
" " Townah
" " Surat.
The same as above

From

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No. 2307 of 1843

Political Department

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To H. H. Glap Esquire
Collector of Customs

Bombay -

Dated 26th September 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor
in Council to transmit to you an Extract paras: 3 & 6
of a letter from Major General Fraser Resident at
Hyderabad, dated the 12th ultimo, No. 11, and to
request that you will be pleased to instruct your
Establishment to exercise the utmost vigilance in
order to prevent any Kidnaped Children being
taken away from Bombay by Arabs leaving
this port.

Bombay Castle

26th September
1843

I have the honor to be

Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

No. 2308 of 1843

To

P. W. Selwyn Esquire
Senior Magistrate of Police
The same -

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No 2309 of 1843

Political Department

From J. P. M'Cloughby Esq^r
Secretary to Government

To The Collector of Continental Customs
Tanna.

Dated 26th September 1843

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Go-
-vernour in Council to transmit to you an
Extract paras: 3 & 6 of a letter from Major
General Fraser, the Resident at Hyderabad,
dated the 12th ultimo No. 11, and to request that
you will be pleased to instruct your Assis-
-tants and Establishments to exercise the utmost vigi-
-lance, in order to prevent any kidnaped Chil-
-dren being carried away by Arabs leaving India
through the Sea Ports under your control.

Bombay Castle }
26th September 1843 }

I have the honor to be Sir,
Signed J. P. M'Cloughby
Secretary to Govt.

Copied by
Capt. M'Cloughby
17/10/1843

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Office No. 283 of 1843
Cant. No. 77 of 1843
Political Department

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Lieutenant A. B. Remball
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf
In Charge

To
A. P. W. Haughly Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

Dated 20th June 1843

Sir

In reply to your letter
Duplicate No. 715 A dated 31st March
1843, desiring to be informed what notice
was taken by Colonel Robertson of
the report made to him by the Agent
at Muscat relative to the Indian Slave
Girl whose liberation was procured
by him on the payment of a sum
of Money - I have the honor to inform
you that translations of Reuben Astors
letter

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letters detailing his proceedings, formed
Enclosures to Colonel Robertson's letters
No. 38 and 40 in this Department in the
Letter of which was given a summary
of the instructions issued in reply
to the Native Agent.

2 I beg to enclose a copy of
a letter from the late officiating Res-
ident to Commodore Lowe on this subject,
from the date of which no vessel
however left the Gulf previous to the
sailing of the Emily on the 17th April.

3 When at Baspidore I
addressed a letter to Commodore Lowe
in which I brought to his notice, as
I did again verbally on writing him
at sea / as reported in 12th paragraph
of my letter dated 10th. I stated the
advisability of the first opportunity
being taken to send the six Arab
prisoners to Muscat, and thence

to

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to Convey the Indian Slaves released
by the exertion of Peulicri Astar to
Bambay. He expressed his intention
of performing these duties himself
in the Honourable Company's Sloop
of War Effluinstone, and his report
will doubtless have been laid before
Government ere this letter reaches
you.

Residency in the
Persian Gulf
Bushire 20th
June 1843

I have the honor to be
signed A. B. Kemball
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf
In Charge
No. 152 of 1843

To,

W. Lowe Esquire
Commodore in the Persian Gulf
Bassadore

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that in Muscat it is said there
are three Indian Girls, two in a
building (133)

building belonging to Syed Saeed called
the Augreezah, and the other in the
house of Syed Mohammed bin Salim
and also that there are a boy and a
Girl in the house of Ali Dornuggie
the Walee of Muscat.

I request you will have the
goodness to direct the Commodore
of any vessel you may send to Muscat
to deliver the enclosed letter to Syed
Saeeyne the Son of His Highness
the Imam, in which I have begged
him to assist the Officer in obtaining
possession of those Indians who are
represented to have been brought to
Muscat as Slaves - It will be necessary
that the Officer should deliver the
letter and intimate to Syed Saeeyne
his readiness to take Charge of the
Indians immediately on his arrival at
Muscat to prevent, if possible, their
being sent out of the way. I also
enclose

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enclose a letter to Buben a law, the
Government Agent, on the same subject
requesting him to give his assistance in
discovering them.

3 Should no ship from Bas-
sadore visit Muscat before the 20th
of April, it is possible I may be able
to pick up these children in my way
to Bombay in the Emily - but in case
the Emily should not go into Muscat
it will be as well to keep the enclosed
letters by you, and send them by the
first vessel of the Squadron going
to Muscat at any time.

4 On obtaining possession
of them the children should be
sent by the first opportunity
to Bombay to the care of
the Senior Magistrate of
Police with a report of
who they are and how

received.

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received

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 28th March 1843

I have
Signed H. D. Robertson
off J. Res^{nt} Pers^{ia} Gulf

True Copy

(Signed) A. B. Kimball

Assistant Resident in Charge.

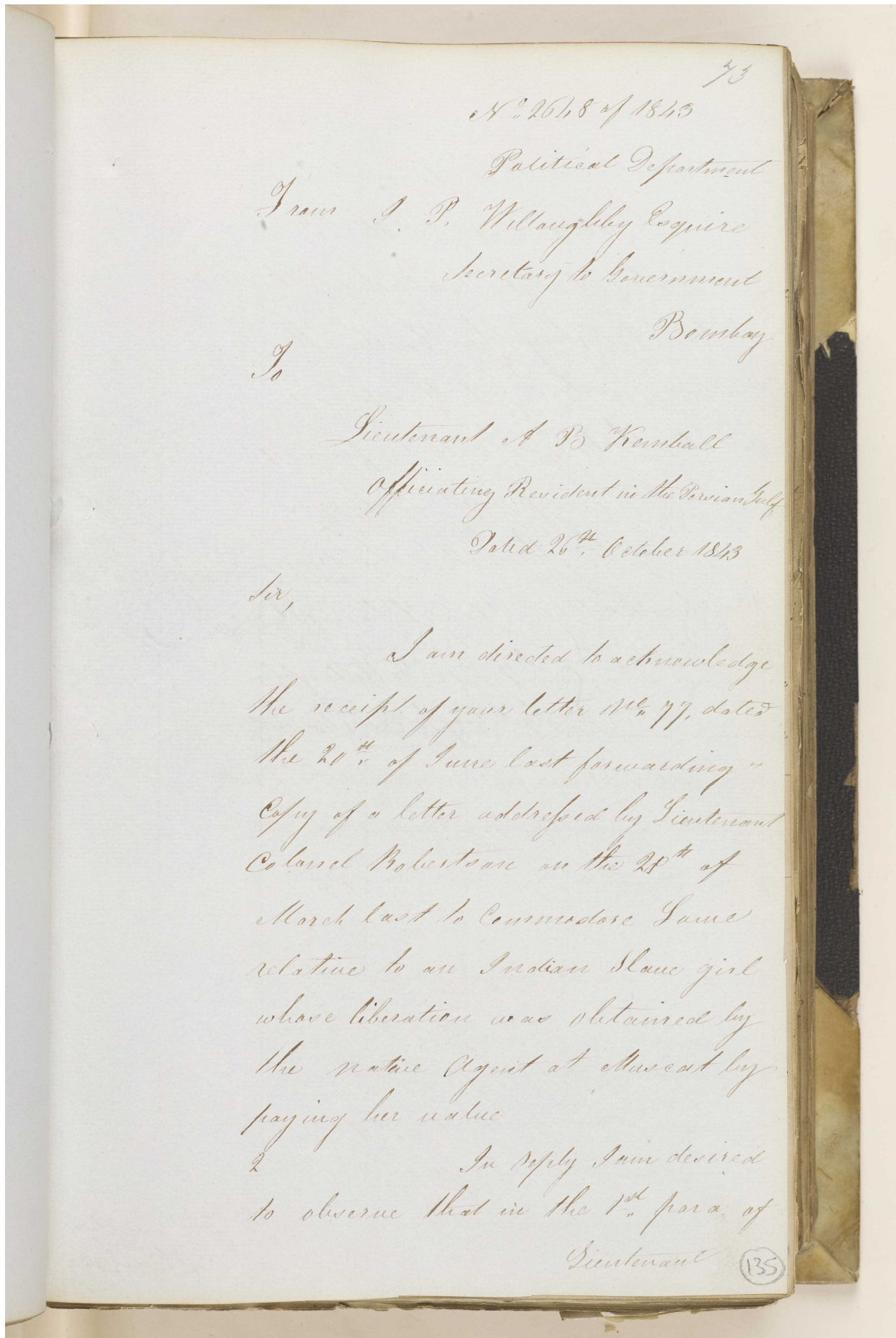
Minute by the Hon^{ble} the Governor
concurred in by the Hon^{ble} M^r
Crawford.

Lieutenant Colonel Robertson
having in the first paragraph of
his letter to Commodore Lums, dated
the 28th March last, alluded to five
Children being in Slavery at Muscat
two only of whom have reached Bombay,
Lieutenant Kimball should be directed
to ascertain and report what has
become of the three other Children.

Signed G. Arthur

" J. H. Crawford

True



Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's letter
above mentioned, that officer alludes
to five Children being in Slavery at
Mussat, two of whom only have
reached Bombay. The Honble the
Governor in Council therefore re-
quests that you will be pleased
to ascertain and report what has
become of the three other Children
Bombay Castle. I have the honor to be &c
20th October } Signed J. P. Willoughby
1813 } Secretary to Government

Copied by Gilliam
L. K. Roberts

Office No. 321 of 1843.

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Com No. 88 of 1843.

From

L^t A. B. Kemball

Asst^t Resident in the Persian Gulf in charge

To

J. P. Willoughby Esquire.

Secretary to Government.

Bombay.

Dated Bushire 20th July 1843.

Political Departments.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government translations of a letter from Syed Soueyyeh Governor of Muscat, and of one from the Native Agents at that place, to the address of Colonel Robertson (late officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf) on the subject of the Indian slave girl, the price of whom was paid by Rajah Ruben in order to procure her liberation.

2. I take this opportunity of forwarding also a copy of Commodore Loo's letter to my address reporting his arrival at and intended departure from Muscat; his proceedings relative to certain Indian

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Indian Girls said to be in slavery there, and
his having made over five Arab prisoners / seized
at Chero / to Syed Lowaynee.

I have the honor to be Dear
Residency, in the Persⁿ Gulf. } Signed / A. B. Kimball
Bushire 20th July 1843 } Asst^o Resident in charge

Translation of a letter from Syed Lowaynee Regent at Muscat
to the address of Col^l H. D. Robertson (late Officiating Resident in the
Persian Gulf) dated 10th Semaster-ool-Awwal / 17th June /-

A.C. Your letter dated 5th Rubee-ool-Awwal / 16th
April / reached me in the beginning of the present
Month. Its contents have been understood. You
wrote that in the Month Saffur, you had address-
ed me a letter, in it explaining the orders -
communicated to you by Government on the sub-
ject of the Indian Girls brought to Muscat, -
and directing that they should be produced
and given over to the Captains. As yet, neither
that letter nor a Government ship have arrived.
It was not known to me that Indian Girls
had of late been brought to Muscat, whenever
your agent Khojah Ruben quined, and gave
me

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 me intimation of their presence, I immediately
 issued orders for their liberation agreeable to
 the wishes of Governments. With reference to
 what you say that you have laid a full
 account before Governments and await their
 answer, doubtless it will be as they desire.

On receiving your letter I gave orders that the
 amount paid by Khojeh Reuben as the
 price of the Indian Girl, should be returned.

(True translation)

Signed / A. B. Kimball
 Assistant Resid^t in the Persian Gulf

(True copy) in charge.

(S^d) A. B. Kimball.

Ass^t Resid^t in charge

Translated Extract of a letter from Khojeh Reuben
 Agent at Muscat to Lieut^t Colonel Robertson (late Officiating
 Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 14th Jumadee-ool-awoul
 13th June.)

A.C. and excusing himself for having given money
 for the Indian Slave Girl. I am aware that
 I should not have given money but a person

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"on the spot is aware of what cannot be known to one absent." It is certain that I should not have got possession of her, but by satisfying the Owner with money.

I informed you that I wrote several notes to Syed Soweeynee and received no answer, besides I did not give the money without his cognizance. Had I delayed until I could communicate with you, and receive your reply there is no doubt she would have gone and I should have lost her except at the risk of creating some misunderstanding, but I was quite sure that on hearing from you, they would return the money. So it has been. on the receipt of your letter Syed Soweeynee sent to Mahomed bin Sulmin from whom I had taken a receipt for the money - and informed him; after some consultation, they sent for me - and asked me what was the amount - I told them - The Imam's Waitee by name Mahomed bin Shureef brought me the money - (65½ reals and 1 abassee).

True Copy/
A. B. Kemball
Asst. Resett. in charge.

True translation,
[sig.] A. B. Kemball
Asst. Resett. in the Persian Gulf.
in charge.

From

Commodore W. Love J. N.

Commanding Gulf Squadron

To

Lieut^{nt} A. B. Kemball

Assistant Resident in Charge.

Persian Gulf

Dated 18th June 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived at this place in the afternoon of the 16th Instant, after a long and tedious passage, from Bassadore, of seven days and six hours; and leave again this day for Bombay.

On my arrival at Bassadore I found that one of the Prisoners had died two days before, the other five I have made over to Syed Loweyree Governor of this place. In consequence of the illness of Syed Loweyree, who is at presents about two hours ride from Muscat, I have not been able to see him personally, but wrote to him respecting the Indian Slaves mentioned in the Officiating Resident's letter to my address.

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No. 142 of 1843 dated 28th March last, his reply was that, when he got a letter from the Resident before on the subject, he had made enquiries and could not find any, and that since then he had given orders strictly prohibiting any Indians as slaves at Muscat.

I have received two Guls belonging to Hyderabad, whom I now take on with me to Bombay, and the Agent tells me that there are many others, but of course I cannot interfere any further, than writing to Syed Soveyree, which I have done.

Syed Soveyree appears to me, not to wish to see me on this subject, and the Agent tells me that he has avoided him ever since he had received the Resident's letter about these Indian Guls, and that his illness is only an excuse to avoid seeing me.

A/S Ship of War Elphinstone
Muscat on June 10th 1843

I have the honor to be Dear

Signed / W. Lowe

Commodore S. N.

(true Copy)
of B. Kemball.

Commanding Gulf Squadron

Asst. Resdt., Persⁿ Gulf in Charge.

Copied
at Bombay

Sp. S. N. Lowe

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Office No 232 of 1843
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From Lieutenant A B Kemball
Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf in charge
To J P Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government Bombay

Toll Depart^{ts} Dated Bushire 2^d August 1843

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the
information of Government, translated Extracts of
two letters from the Agent at Muscat; also a trans-
-lation of my letter of this day's date to Syed Sowe-
-rynee, Governor of that place, which I trust may lead
to the liberation of the four Indians in slavery
alluded to by Khojah Renben.

Residency in the Gulf } I have Dec
Bushire 2^d August 1843 } sigd A B Kemball
Asst. Res. Pers. Gulf in charge

PS The Agent has been directed to inform
Government to the effect of my letter upon Syed
Sowerynee

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Soweynee.

Syff A. B. K.

Translated Extracts of two letters from Khojah Reshwan
Agent at Muscat to Lieutenant A. B. Kennell
Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf in Charge
dated 3rd 1259^h Jumadee-ool Saneer 1259 (30th June and
1st July 1843)

H. On the 19th Ultimo the Ship
Elphinstone left for Bombay on the subject
of the two Indian girls, the one received from the
Sister of the Imam, and the other from Sheikh
Syff bin Nubhan of Bunder Abbas. I sent them
to Bombay with the Commodore.

With regard to the 6 Bedouin
delinquents, one of them died at Bassadore, the
other 5 arrived here. We brought them to the cus-
tom house, and sent for the Uncle, Ali bin Abdallah
Dummutkee, the (Muallim) Lieut^{ant} handed
them

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them over to him, who immediately took them to
Sira (one of the small forts at the mouth of the
Cove) and imprisoned them, Judging from what
he himself said - They were to remain there for the
rest of their lives - No one asked them (the prisoners)
what is your business? or what is your crime?

After the departure of the Ship
on the 20th Syed Soveynee came into Muscat, and
on the following day held a Durbar, to which
I went; I saw that his appearance was sourd
No conversation took place - I turned over in my
mind for the space of four or five days how
I should prove the presence of the Indians since
that person (Syed Soveynee) has no adviser or
Minister and is not disposed to consult with
wise men nor like - and his mind is not engaged
in the Affairs of his Country

Certain ignorant ill disposed persons
are collected around him who do not wish to

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allow a well disposed person to hold conversation
with him - but I met with one of the Merchants
in the habit of attending upon him, and advised
him, saying "It is not possible that this business
can be, since the Commodore, in the two days he was
here, learnt of the people who had communication
with his ship, that two Indian Girls were in
the Geroyza, one old and one young, and one Girl
in the house of Ali Dummukkee whom they
say he has feed and married, and one boy is well
known - also one boy with Ibrahim bin Abbas
of Bahain whom I some days since brought
to my house, he cried and made a disturbance
since he had been instructed so to do. Now this
is advisable that he Syed Sowezynee should take
these four and hand them over to me, that I may
write and inform the Resident that I have received
them and that no misunderstanding may take
place - I wish well to him (Syed Sowezynee)
Perhaps

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Perhaps a vessel will come especially for these Slaves
or Government will address His Highness the
Imam on the subject - It is not good that it should
be so - he approved of my words - went and explained
to Syed Sawynee and brought back a satisfactory
answer viz Be at ease: I am under obligations
for his advice and Please God on Friday the 24th
Jummadie ool aumil will first take the Slaves
that are with ale Dummakkee, and Iba Abbas,
and will then go to the Goreyza and take the In-
dians and send all together to his house - On that
day, agreeable to his word, the two Slaves with
the first named, were taken to his house, he then
went to the Goreyza to claim the Slaves there -
I remained in expectation. On the following day
(25th) It became known to me that the two
abovementioned had been returned to their owners
and that those in the Goreyza remained as they
were - I did not know the reason - I have
two

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two or three times sought the intercessor he excused himself saying "I go but am not allowed to see Seyed Sovereign" It struck me to write a note and see what answer I should obtain I wrote - after two days received an evasive reply refusing - which I send for your information I have used every endeavour in my power - On the subject of the girl before brought to your notice, who was in the house of Mahomed bin Salmin, I sent some women to his house unexpectedly - they saw nothing - I questioned the girl - "How said you that in the house of Mahomed bin Salmin there was another young Indian girl" she answered "on the night I was sold they said to me "see, here is your sister, a little Indian girl" Perhaps she was a Habshie and not Indian and I was mistaken". -

H^{ty} Sumadaool Sauro
On the subject of the Ship belonging
to

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to Suruz bin Humman, of which I reported to you
as going to Sudda I heard that he desired to take
the flag of those parts - I have learnt for certain
from the Ships lately arrived from those parts
that Suruz bin Humman had sold his ship to
a person belonging to Soderda, by name Bach-
undan Aurzaneer who has taken the flag
of Osman Pasha, the Governor of Sudda, and
a Man from him is about to come here to take
away the ship -

Syed Sowerree is this day getting
ready the Schooner Nasree, desiring to go to
Siband Binka - Syed Humood bin Azwan is
in Sohar

True Copies True translated Extracts
Sgt/ A.B. Kimball Sgt/ A.B. Kimball
Asst. Rest Prof. J. P. in charge Asst. Rest Prof. J. P. in charge
in charge

Translation of a letter from Lieut. A.B. Kimball

Asst.
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Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf in
charge to Sir John Smeaton Governor of Muscat
dated Bushire 2^d August 1843.

A. C. Your letter, in reply to mine
delivering over the Arab pirates, and requesting that
punishment adequate to the great crime they have
committed may be awarded them, has been received
and its contents have been understood. You say
"Please God, They will meet with fitting punish-
ment." Since it remains with you I doubt not
such will be the case.

It was with much regret I
heard from Commodore Lowe an officer of high
rank in the service of the British Government
that he had not had the good fortune of an
interview with you, altho' he had informed you
that he was charged personally with the delivery
of letters from the Resident to your address
and

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and the transaction of business of importance

The Commodore informed me also that his endeavours to obtain thro you, the liberation of four Indians (British subjects) known to be in slavery at Muscat had been successful.

I have heard that on your return to Muscat the day after the Commodore's departure, you intimated your intention of delivering over the above mentioned Slaves to the British Agent for the purpose of being sent to Bombay and eventually to their homes. My object in now troubling you is to express my hope that the same may be fulfilled, since such a proceeding would give pleasure to the British Government and be in accordance with the repeatedly expressed orders and wishes of your father (H.H.) the Imam.

True copy
Sigt/ A.B. Kemball
Apptd Post in Charge

True Translation
Sigt/ A.B. Kemball
Apptd Post in Charge

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Minute by the Honble the Governor con-
curred in by the Honble W Crawford without
date

1 Lieutenant Kimball should be
informed that his further report on this subject,
will be awaited.

2 Copy of this letter should be
sent to Captain Hamerton, with instructions to
furnish His Highness the Imam, with a
copy of Lieutenant Kimball's letter to Syed
Sovereign, the Governor of Muscat, dated the
2^d August last, with a request that His Highness
will take such notice as he may consider proper
of the slight which was shown to Commodore
Low, in the instance to which Lieutenant
Kimball alludes, with the view of preventing the
repetition of a similar recurrence.

3 Copy of this letter should be sent
to the Government of India, and to the Honble
The

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the Court of Directors
S^r J. G. Arthur
" J. P. Crawford
N^o. 2650 of 1843.
Political Department
From The Secretary to the Government of Bombay
To, Lieutenant A. B. Kemball
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
Dated 26th October 1843

S^r,
I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with enclosures N^o 91 dated the 2^d of August last, relative to four Indians said to be in slavery at Muscat, and to inform you that the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council will await your further report on the subject.

2. Copies of these documents have been forwarded to Captain Hamerton and that Officer requested to furnish His Highness the Imam with

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with a copy of your letter to Syed Sowaynee the
Governor of Muscat, dated the 2^d of August last,
with a request that His Highness will take such
notice as he may consider proper of the slight which
was shewn to Commodore Lowe in the instance
to which you allude, with the view of preventing
a similar recurrence.

Bombay Castle } I have the
26th October 1843 } signed
J P Willoughby
Sec^y to Gov^t

N^o. 2651 of 1843

From the Secretary to the Government of Bombay
To Captain A Hamerton
Her Majesty's Consul & Honble Company's
agent in the Dominions of H H the
Imam of Muscat.

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Dated 26th October 1843

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I am directed by the Honble
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The Governor in Council to transmit for your information copy of a letter and of its enclosures from the officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf N^o 91 dated the 2^d August last relative to four Indians said to be in slavery at Muscat.

2. In forwarding these documents I am desirous to request that you will be pleased to furnish His Highness the Imam with a copy of the officiating Resident's letter of the 2^d August to Syed Sowaynee the Governor of Muscat, with a request that His Highness will take such notice as he may consider proper of the slight which was shewn to Commodore Lowe in the instance to which Lieutenant Kemball alludes with the view of preventing a similar recurrence.

Bombay Castle
26th Octr 1843

I have &c
Sgt J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt

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N^o 179 of 1843

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From the Secretary to the Government of Bombay

To. J Thomason Esquire

Secretary to the Government of India

Dated 26th October 1843

Sir

I am directed by the Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council to transmit to you for
submission to the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor
General of India in Council, copy of a letter
and of its enclosures from the officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf N^o 91 dated the 2^d August
last, and of my reply thereto of this date, relative
to four Indians said to be in slavery at Muscat -

Bombay Castle } I have been
26th October 1843 } Secy J P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt

J. P. Willoughby
J. P. Willoughby

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 22. November 1843

No. 415 of 1843

From Lieutenant A. B. Nomball,
Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf
in charge

To, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government - Bombay

Dated Bushire, 19th September 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
for the information of Government trans-
lated extracts of a letter from the Agents
at Muscat.

2 It would appear that the suc-
cessful exertions of Khojah Meuben towards
the liberation of Slaves have given great
offence to the local Authorities of Muscat
and, if the reason he reports be the
true, although it cannot be the ostensi-
ble or acknowledged one, have earned
their dislike to extend and display itself

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in an overt act of oppression, towards his
personal friend, Mahomed bin, Salamin.

3. I would venture most res-
pectfully to suggest that, should Captain
Hennell touch at Muscat on his way to re-
join his appointment here, his visit togo-
ther with such remonstrances as Govern-
ment might see fit to make him the
medium of conveying, would probably
lead to stricter, if not more willing,
adherence on the part of, the Governors, to
the Articles of the Treaty relative to Slaves
entered into with the Imam.

4. The Slaves liberated by
Khojah Reuben, with the exception, of two
of the Somalee tribe (which is Hoos), have
been natives of India, and British subjects
the traffic in Africans, so lucrative
to the Imam, has hitherto been un-
interrupted on the Western side of the
Restrictive line from Cape Delgado
to Mussem.

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5 In requesting correction
of an Error in the last paragraph of
enclosure No. 2 to my letter in this De-
partment No. 98, where the name "Ma-
homed bin Salimian" is erroneously written
for "Mahomed bin Salimian".

I have the honor to be

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 19th September 1843

Signed A. B. Kemball
Apt. Mes^r in charge

Translated Extracts of a letter from
Khojah Reuben Agent at Muscat to Lieut^t.
A. B. Kemball Assistant Resident in the
Persian Gulf in Charge - dated 20th Rejjeb
17th August.

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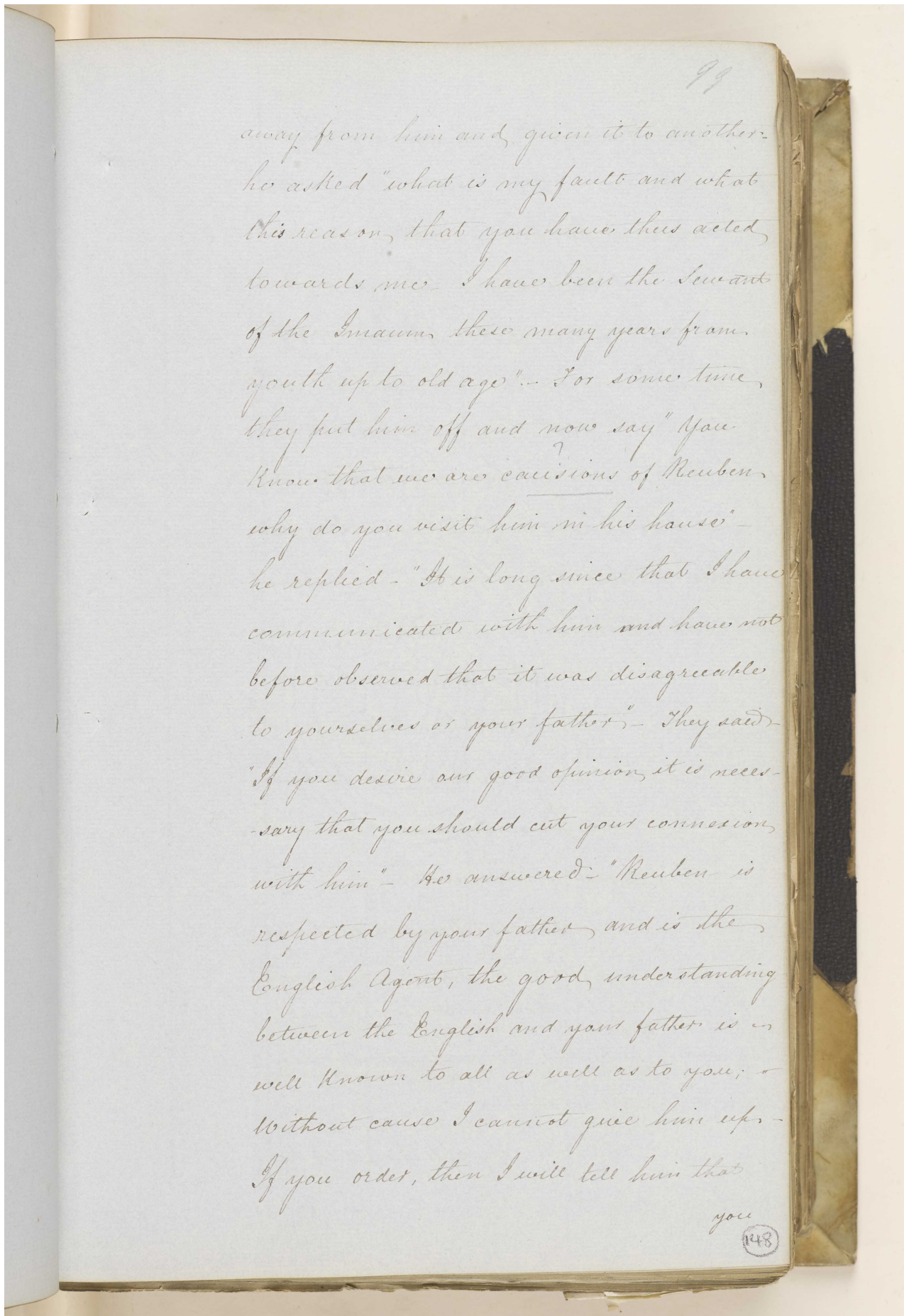
A letter has reached me from
Captain Hamerton, at Zanzibar, saying
that he had been ordered to direct me to
inform him of the dates of arrival of
any ships carrying English Colors that
may come to Muscat, also whence they

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are - what freight they have - the names
of the Captain, and Mate, and the number
of sailors and the same on their departure.

2. The proceedings and conduct
of the Government of this place are not
pleasing to me - since the people cannot
tell whether the acts they commit are ini-
-mical or friendly - for myself I am cer-
-tain, that when they see me - They fancy
I desire to take their lives - Their enmity
is open - I have heard that by the
Imam's Schooner they sent a complaint
against me to their father - Again Syed
Mahomed bin Salim, the Imam's Mate,
-nal Uncle has been my friend from the
day of my arrival at Muscat up to the
present date and has always visited
me - He is respected by the Imam who
about 20 years ago gave him the charge
of the district of Seeb - neither Good or Evil
has particularly marked his conduct -
In the present days they have taken Seeb
away



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away from him and given it to another.
 he asked "what is my fault and what
 this reason, that you have thus acted,
 towards me. I have been the servant
 of the Imam, these many years from
 youth up to old age". - For some time,
 they put him off and now say "You
 know that we are cousins of Reuben,
 why do you visit him in his house" -
 he replied - "It is long since that I have
 communicated with him and have not
 before observed that it was disagreeable
 to yourselves or your father". - They said -
 "If you desire our good opinion, it is neces-
 sary that you should cut your connexion
 with him". - He answered - "Reuben is
 respected by your father, and is the
 English Agent, the good understanding
 between the English and your father is
 well known to all as well as to you; -
 Without cause I cannot give him up -
 If you order, then I will tell him that

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you have forbidden, my visiting him,
"They answered" "You best know. we
have no care for him or others."

I have heard that an order
some days since reached byed bin. Khufan,
Muallim, from America, appointing him,
American, Consul. In the present days
when the American, ship Wendar arrived,
he went on board in his boat carrying
the American, Flag. Previously, this was
not publicly known, in Muscat.

⁺ This word written
in the Arabic the
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True translated Extract

Signed/ A. B. Kimball

Apt. Resident in Charge

True Copy

Signed/ A. B. Kimball

Assistant Resident in Charge

Minute by the Honorable the Governor;
Concurred in by the Honorable Mr. Anderson,
dated 15 November 1813.

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I think copy of this should be
sent to Captain Hamerton with orders to
take

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take a convenient opportunity of commu-
nicating the contents to His Highness the
Amir, in the hope that His Highness
will issue strict orders to those acting
for him at Muscat to adhere to the exist-
ing Treaty against the Slave Trade.

* This was
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to me

Copy to be sent to the Govern-
ment of India, and the Honorable Board
of Directors.

Signed G. Arthur
G. W. Anderson,

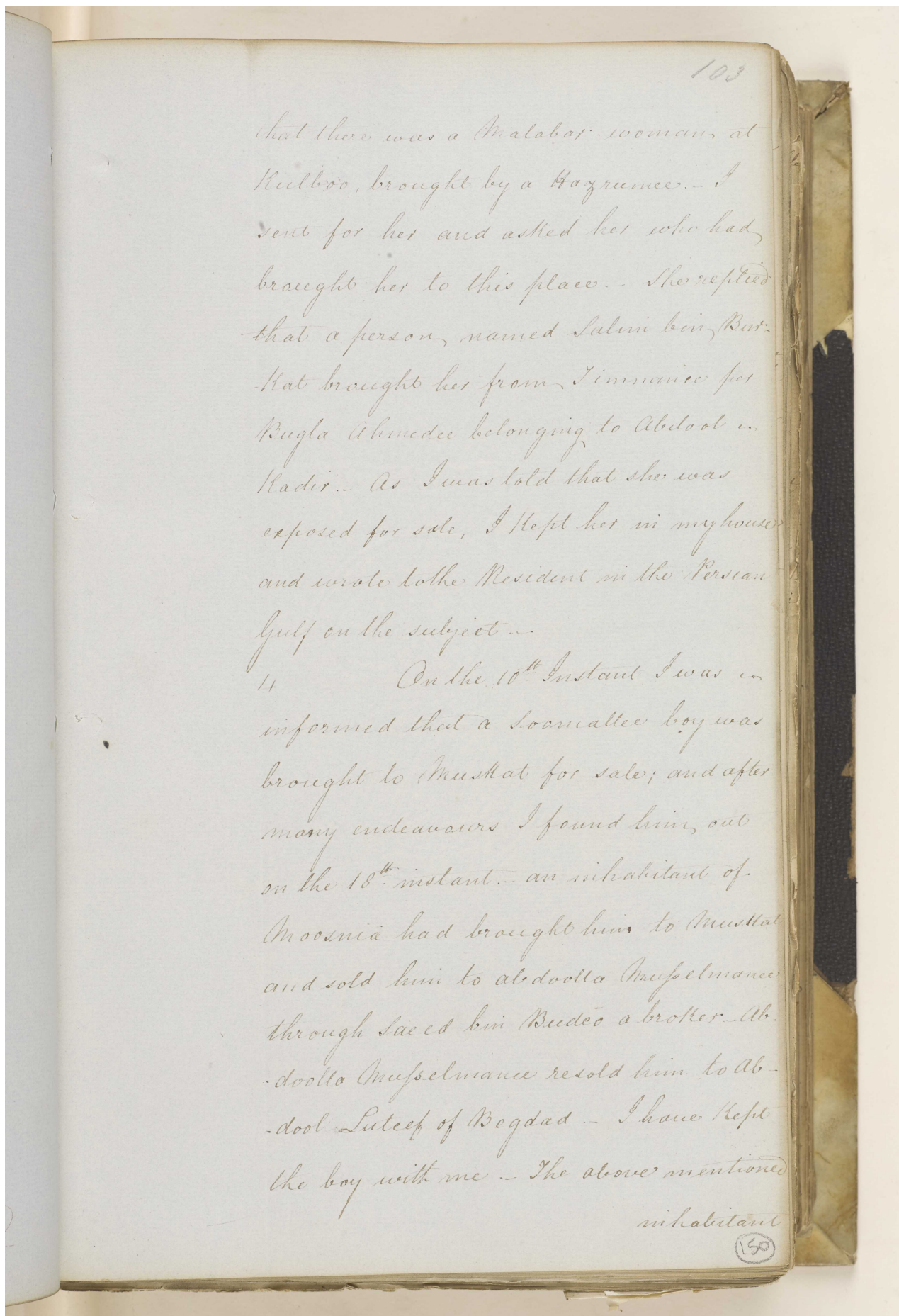
Substance of a letter from Mubil bin,
Uslan, Native Agent at Muscat, to the
Persian Secretary to Government dated 23^d
September and received 6th October.

Hajie Abdoola Abdool Karim
Alli Jumal Nakhoda of Mliatool Muhi-
-men has brought intelligence that
before departure from Mascate were
issued there directing the levy of duty
from the Arabs at the rate of 14 per cent.

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The said Hajee wrote to His Highness
the Imam, what he had heard, on the
subject. - He has now received a reply
from His Highness, the purport of which
I am given to understand, is as follows -
? What you have written,
on the subject of duty does not appear
to be probable; for it is inconsistent
with the treaty which has been con-
cluded between me and the British. -
I do not think that her Majesty the Queen,
will consent to this. - I have written,
to the Governor of Mauritius on the
subject and soon expect a reply. - In
consequence of these proceedings Syud
Shoence told the Nathoda of Shath'Forat
which was sailing for Mauritius, that
if the intelligence in question, should be
true, he was only to land after there and
that he should take to Bourbon all such
articles as were subject to duty. -
On the 18th July last I was informed
that



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 that there was a Malabar woman at
 Kullboo, brought by a Hazrumee. I
 sent for her and asked her who had
 brought her to this place. She replied
 that a person named Salim bin But-
 hat brought her from Timmanee for
 Bagla Ahmedee belonging to Abdool
 Hadir. As I was told that she was
 exposed for sale, I kept her in my house
 and wrote to the Resident in the Persian
 Gulf on the subject.

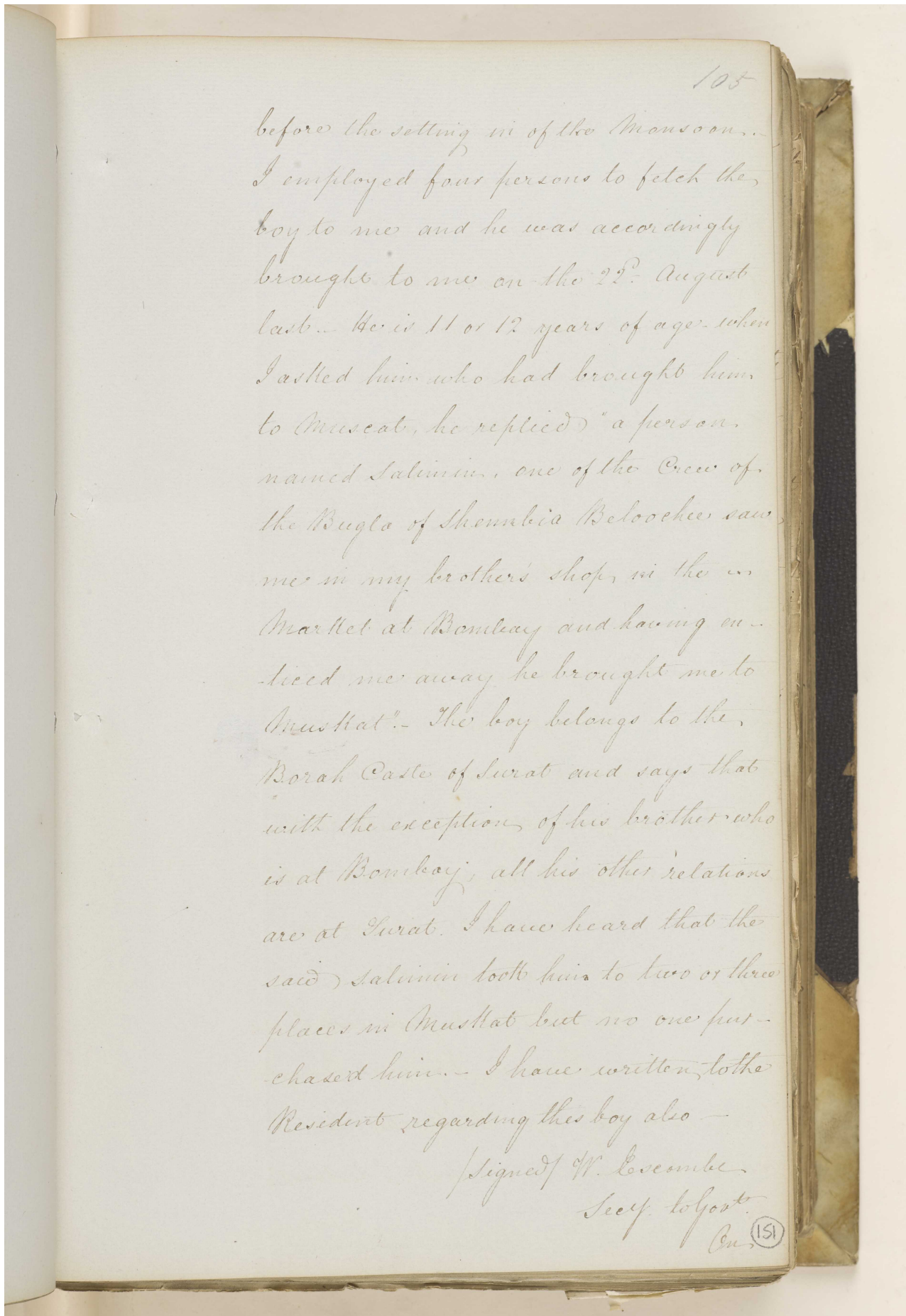
On the 10th Instant I was in-
 formed that a Soomallee boy was
 brought to Muskat for sale; and after
 many endeavours I found him, out
 on the 18th instant. an inhabitant of
 Moosnia had brought him to Muskat
 and sold him to Abdoolta Anpelmance
 through Saed bin Budeo a broker. Ab-
 doolta Anpelmance resold him to Ab-
 dool Lutcep of Bagdad. I have kept
 the boy with me. The above mentioned

inhabitant

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inhabitant of Moosnea says that the boy is an Abyssinian, and that he purchased him from an inhabitant of Soor. But as several competent persons declared him, to be a Sornatter, I told the said inhabitant of Moosnea that I could not allow a free born subject to be enslaved. The boy himself told me that he was prevented on pain of death from professing to be a Sornatter in the Arab Country, that his former name was Ibrahim, which was changed into Umber. I spent 6 German Crowns in looking for this boy and providing him with clothes. I have written all the particulars to the Resident and I await his orders for my guidance on the subject.

5 On the 21st August last I was told that an Indian boy was brought from Bombay by a Beloochee for Bugla belonging to Shumbia Beloochee before,



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before the setting in of the Monsoon.
I employed four persons to fetch the
boy to me and he was accordingly
brought to me on the 22^d August
last. He is 11 or 12 years of age when
I asked him who had brought him
to Muscat, he replied "a person,
named Salimim, one of the Crew of
the Bugla of Shennbia Belcochee saw
me in my brother's shop in the
Market at Bombay and having en-
-ticed me away he brought me to
Muscat". The boy belongs to the
Borah Caste of Surat and says that
with the exception of his brother who
is at Bombay, all his other relations
are at Surat. I have heard that the
said Salimim took him to two or three
places in Muscat but no one pur-
-chased him. I have written to the
Resident regarding this boy also -

Signed/ W. Escombe
Secy. to Govt.
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On a separate sheet of paper dated,
the 21th September, 1848.

About the beginning of this
Month a Beloochee Girl, was brought here
from Kook Shurky and sold to Jaffer, the
master of the Imraun's horse for 60 German
Croions. This person sold her to Imraun,
a servant of Syud Thoveene, who however
soon returned her to him. Jaffer then
sold her to Syud Mahomed bin Salim.
Some time ago a Beloochee boy was
similarly brought and sold, Syud Thoveene
was aware of it. I am also told that
two other Beloochee Girls were sold
at Muttra. As I do not possess any
orders. I did not interfere with these pro-
ceedings. I have written this for your
information.

Signed W. Escombe
Secy. to Govt.

Minute by the Honorable the Governor,
Concurred in by the Honorable M^r. Anderson
Dated 13th November 1848.

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An Extract para: 1 and 2
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of this letter may be sent to the Govern-
-ment of the Mauritius for informa-
-tion, with a copy of the Commercial
Treaty with His Highness the Imam of,
Muscat dated 31st May 1839. —

2 The 3 liberated slaves alluded
to in para 3 @ 5 are no doubt those
who have ^{arrived} in the Emily and an
extract of those paras should be sent
to the Senior Magistrate of Police, with
reference to my separate Minute of
this date on a letter from the Native
Agent dated the 27th Ultimo. —

3. Copy to be sent to the Govern-
-ment of India, and to the Honorable
Court of Directors. —

(Signed) G. Arthur,
" G. W. Anderson,

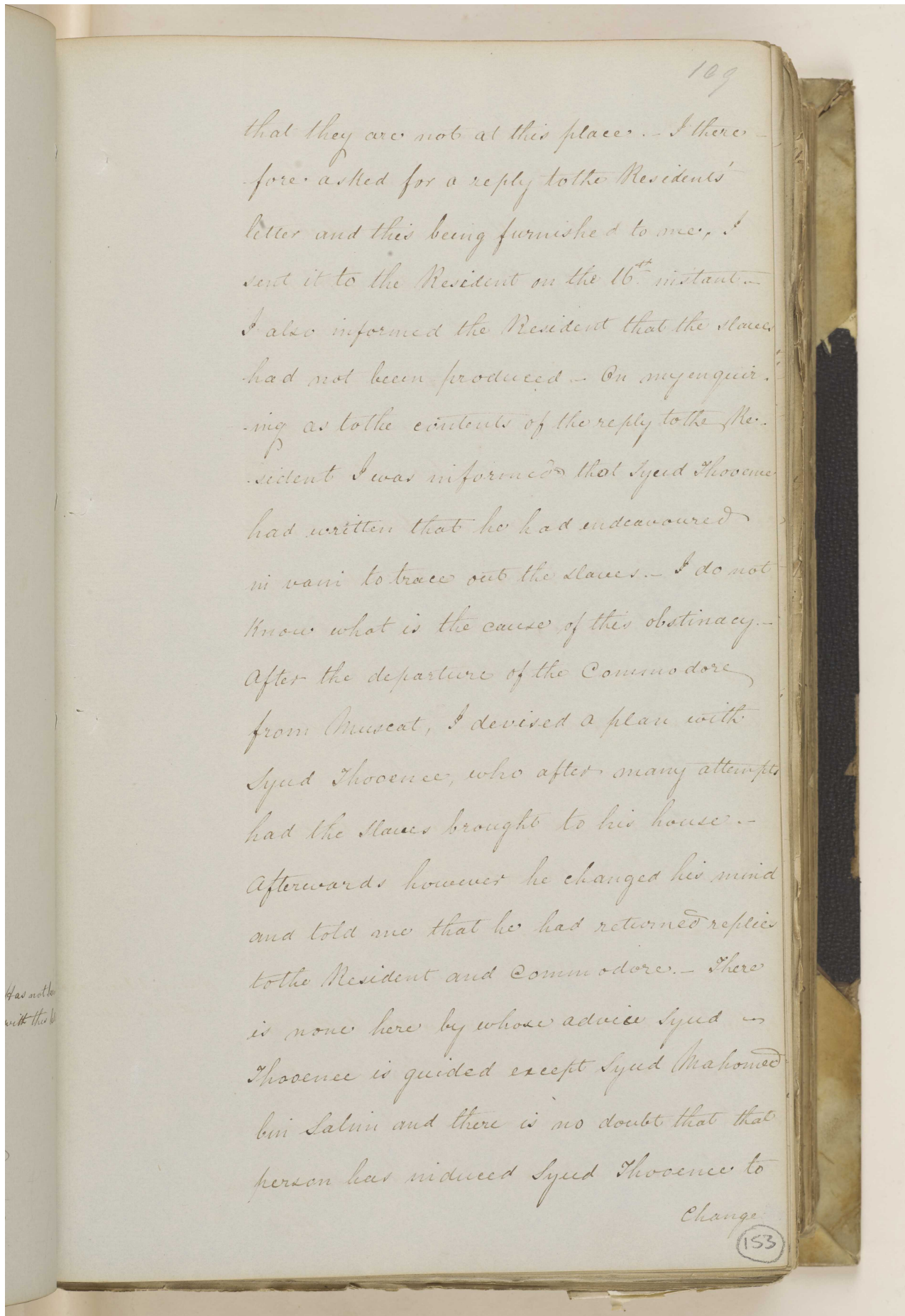
Substance of a letter from Ruben
bin Mslan, Native Agent at Muscat
to the Persian Secretary to Government
dated

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dated 20th October and received 9th November 1818.

On the 8th instant I received a letter dated 2^d August last from the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf. This letter was brought to Muscat by a French vessel from Bombay, whether the vessel by which it was despatched from Bushire had proceeded without touching at Muscat. The Officiating Resident enclosed to me a letter for Syud Shoenee on the subject of the release of the females regarding whom a negotiation had been carried on through the Commodore. The Officiating Resident directed me to inform him and Government whether or not Syud Shoenee would comply with his/the Resident's requisition to release the slaves and to make them over to me. I beg to enclose herein ⁺copies of the Resident's letter. agreeably to the Resident's order, I delivered the letter to Syud Shoenee but he has not yet produced the slaves and persisted in his former assertion that

⁺ Has not been
with this letter



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that they are not at this place. - I there-
fore asked for a reply to the Residents'
letter and this being furnished to me, I
sent it to the Resident on the 16th instant.
I also informed the Resident that the slaves
had not been produced. - On my enquir-
ing as to the contents of the reply to the Re-
sident I was informed that Syed Shoence
had written that he had endeavoured
in vain to trace out the slaves. - I do not
know what is the cause of this obstinacy.
After the departure of the Commodore
from Muscat, I devised a plan with
Syed Shoence, who after many attempts
had the slaves brought to his house.
Afterwards however he changed his mind
and told me that he had returned replies
to the Resident and Commodore. - There
is none here by whose advice Syed
Shoence is guided except Syed Mahomed
bin Salim and there is no doubt that that
person has induced Syed Shoence to
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change his mind, for I have heard that
Syed Mahomed bin Salim says "what
did Government do to Mahomed bin
ally, Maith of Jalleem - when he plundered
Narree and did not restore any thing
more than 400 Mooras of rice - In short
the slaves are at Muscat, one lies in the
house of Juzera - Of the two slaves who
are with ally Doornoolhee, one was
sent to Sheikh Saif bin Nubhan for
sale, but he refused to receive her
and returned her back - I have learned
this from a statement which I received
from Sheikh Saif and of which I forwarded
a copy to the Resident - I have written
this for your information, and await your
orders -

A Kessel by name Sir James
Cockburn, Captain, Davies belonging to a
Merchant in London, has been wrecked
on the island of Sonda near Moria -
All the crew took to the boats and after eight
days

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days sailing arrived at Muscat on the
morning of the 6th instant. When I learned
this, I sent for the Captain, and inquired
into the case. He told me that he met
with the Misfortune at night but that
the persons on board amounting to 31 were
all safe. I immediately wrote to Syed
Thoenne on the subject and requested him
for a place to accommodate these people.
Syed Thoenne accordingly provided them
with lodgings on board the Kefel. He also
supplies them with provisions. When they
leave Muscat I shall inform you of the
same.

On another sheet of paper dated
21st October 1843.

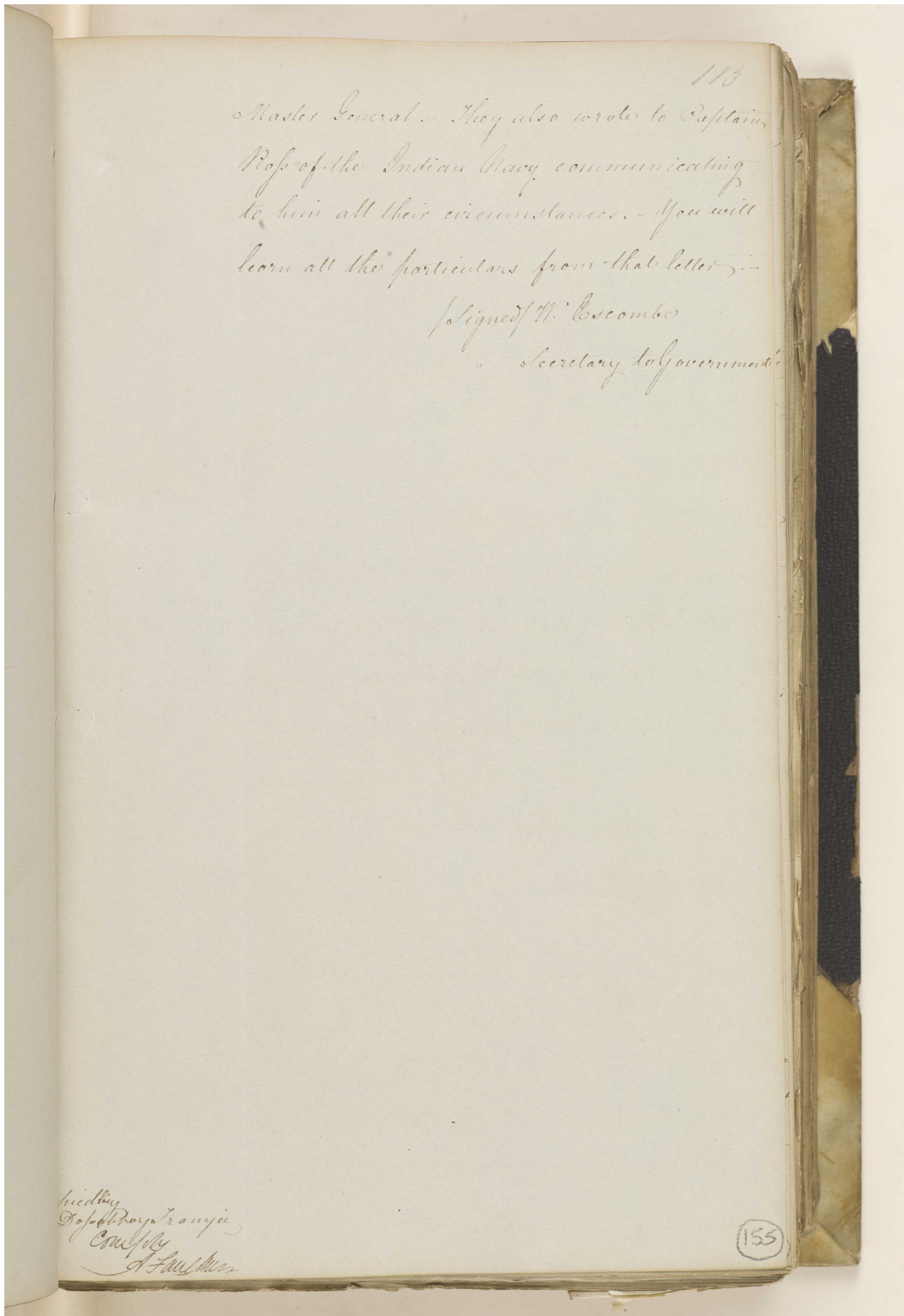
With regard to the 31 persons
of the Sir James Coekburn, I beg to inform
you that during their stay at Muscat,
Syed Thoenne daily supplied them with
2 Muscat Maunds of Meat, one 1/2 Maund

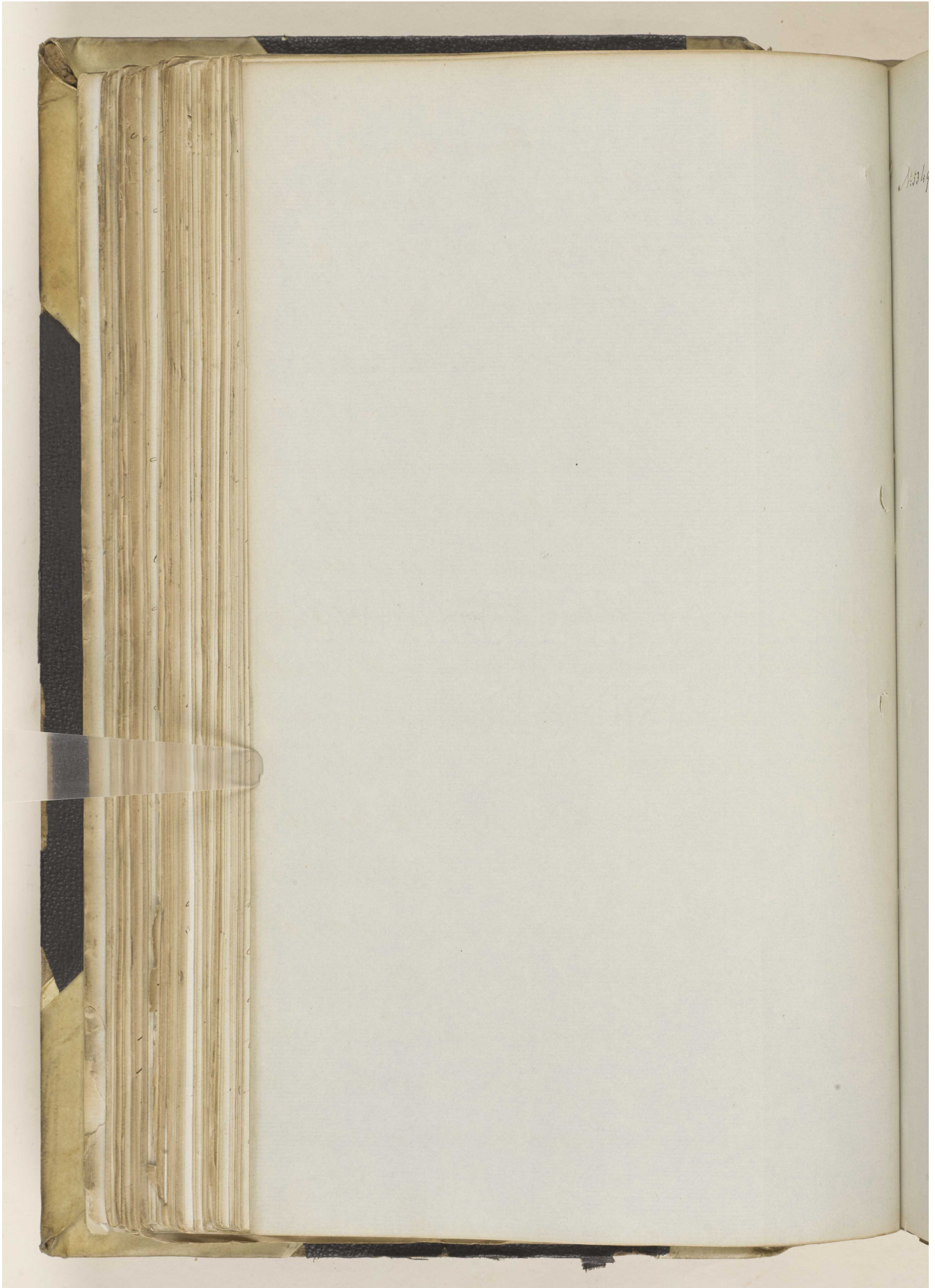
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of rice, 3 pounds of Ghee, and 20 piece for
Vegetables, fish &c. Captain, Davies and
other men have remained here with the
intention of going to Gouzibar and thence
to Mauritius. The second mate and five
men have embarked on board the Cabras
for Calcutta. One man went on board
the Despatch, Captain, Brenne. I have
procured passage for the remaining 17 men
to Bombay on board the Begla Tuthool
Mhyer, Nalthoda Ibrahim bin Gapsan. for
60 Riials. I intended to draw on Government
for this amount but when Syed Thosence
learned this, he paid me the passage money,
which I gave to the Nalthoda and took
his receipt. Syed Thosence has also provided
these men with provision for their voyage,
consisting of 5 Gunies of rice, 5 Duras of
dates, 300 pieces of dried fish, 10 pounds of
Ghee and Vegetables. The party remaining
here wrote letters and gave them to these
17 passengers to be delivered to the Post

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Persian Department.

Substance of a letter from Rubil bin
Uslan, Native Agent at Muskat, to the
Persian Secretary to Government, dated
22nd October and received 9th November 1843.

In my letter of the 20th Instant,
I stated that that letter was accompanied
by a copy of the Resident's letter but I
beg to inform you, that through some
mistake the enclosure was not sent
to you, I now beg to forward it you with
this and beg you will excuse me for
the mistake.

(Signed) W. Escombe

Secy: to Government.

On another sheet of paper dated the
24th October 1843.

On the 18th Instant I was inform-
ed that a man from Sucknaw had brought
a female slave to Muskat and wished

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either to sell her or exchange her for a male
Slave from Suwahil. on further enquiry
I learned that a broker had taken a
Suwahil male Slave to his (the Lucknow
man's) house for exchange. on this I went
for the man in question and asked him
to what Country, and Government ^{he} belonged,
in Reply he said that he was a British
subject, and a Native of the Mooradatas
Zillah. I then told him that it was
very surprising that he should com-
mit the crime of exposing for sale or
exchange an Indian female Slave, and
I asked him whether he was not aware
of the prohibition of this trade by the
British Government. To this he replied
that she was his slave that he had
purchased her, that if there should
be an offer to buy her he would sell her,
and if to exchange, would exchange
her

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her. and that if he should not suc-
ceed in disposing of her, at Muskat,
he would take her to another place,
on this I took the slave from him,
his name is Mahomed Buksh Heidee
and he is a native of the Moradabad
zilla. He lived at Sursee. the slave
is a native of Ferozkhabad and had
been sold to him by another person,
she is about 10 or 11 years old. Mahomed
Buksh accompanied by 30 pilgrims
has set out from his native Country
and came to Muskat via Ferozpoor,
Lukkur, Hyderabad Tatta, and Currocha
I have been informed by his com-
panions that he sold 2 or 3. Slaves at
Hyderabad in Scinde. the pilgrims
went to Meccu and the Mahomed
Buksh wishes to proceed to Persia.
The slave girl lives in my house

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and I await the orders of the Resident
to despatch her to Bombay along with
the slaves who have already been resto-
red to liberty.

(Signed) W. Escombe.
Secy: to Government.

Persian Department.

Substance of a Copy of a letter
from Captain Kemball, officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf dated 2^d August 1843.

I duly received your
letters and understood their contents,
with regard to the Indian Slaves who
are kept in a state of servitude at
Muskat, I have to inform you that
I have written a letter to Syud Thasnee
requesting him to release them and
to make them over to you. Should Syud
Thasnee in the receipt of my letter
endeavour

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endeavour to release the slaves and make
them over to you, the object of my letter
would be gained and you are to inform
of the same by the report which brings you
Government, of the letter. Should Syed
Thoaence not restore the slaves to liberty
you should write to Government as well
as to me, on the subject.

(Signed) W. Escambe
Secy: to Government.

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Minute by the Honorable the Governor
Subscribed to by the Honorable Mr. Anderson,
dated 13th November.

The liberated slave alluded
to in the letter of the 24th Ultimo, is no doubt
one of the four brought down in the Emily
and Copy of that letter should be sent to
the S. M. of Police with reference to my
Separate Minute of this date.

2^d an extract para: 1 of the Native
Agent's letter dated the 20th Ultimo and Copy

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of Mr. Kemball's letter should be forwarded to Captain Samerton with instructions to bring the subject therein mentioned to the special notice of H. H. the Imam.

3. An extract para: 2^d of the last mentioned letter and copy of the letter dated the 21st Ultimo should be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for information.

4. A letter should be written to the authorities at Muskat thanking them for the kindness and hospitality they have shown to the crew of the wrecked whales.

5. And I think this is a good opportunity for expressing regret at the frequent instances of slave dealing which have lately come to light in violation of the existing Treaty with H. H. the Imam and our confident hope that that Treaty will be carefully observed for the future.

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6. Copy to be sent to the Government
of India and the Honble Court of Directors.

13th Nov?

(Signed) by Arthur

by W. Anderson.

Persian Department,

Substance of a letter from Kabil
bin Uslan Native Agent at Muskat, to
the Persian Secretary to Government dated
27th October and received 9th November 1813.

The Schooner Emily. Captain
Lichfield arrived here on the 28th Instant
bringing a letter for me from the officia-
ting Resident in the Persian Gulf. In
this letter it was directed that I should
make over the slaves whom I had releas-
ed. to Captain Lichfield and write a
letter to the Senior Magistrate of Police
at Bombay informing him of all the
circumstances regarding the slaves
and punishing him with their description.

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I have accordingly delivered to the Captain
the Slaves who are four in Number. one
is a Malabaree girl. the other an arab boy
of Soomal. the third a boy of the Korah
Caste. who was carried away from Bombay,
and the fourth, an Indian girl regarding
whom I wrote to you in my letter of the
22^d Instant. the Schooner leaves this
today. let it be known to you that I have
released the above Slaves without
Communicating with the authorities here,
for had I done so, I should not have
been able to restore them to liberty as
happened on former occasions.

I hear that a misunderstanding
has taken place between Syud Thosense
and Syud Mahomed bin Salim to such
an extent that the former performed the
Ceremonies of the Kumzan Eed at Barka
while the latter did not go out even to
prayers

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prayers but shut himself up in his house,

(Signed) W. Escambe.

Secy: to Government,

N: 5352..

Minute by the Honorable the Governor
Subscribed to by the Honorable Mr. Anderson
dated 13th November.

The Senior Magistrate of
Police should be directed to receive
charge of these four liberated slaves
and submit to Government whatever
account they are able to give of themselves,
from whence they came and how they
were enslaved in order that they may
be restored to their friends.

2^d Copy to be sent to the Gov^t of
India and to the Honorable Court of

Directors.

13th Nov^r

(Signed) G. Arthur
G. W. Anderson.

From

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N^o 2866 of 1843.

From J. P. Willoughby Esq.
Secretary to Government.

To.

Bombay.

N^o 5353.

P. W. Selvey Esq.
Senior Magistrate of Police,
Bombay.

Dated 16th Nov^r 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable
the Governor in Council to transmit to
you copies of the documents noted in the
margin and to request that you will receive
charge from the Master of the *Hamble Com-*
pany's schooner "Emily" of the four liberated
slaves brought down from Muskat in
that vessel.

* Extract paras 3 & 4 of
a letter from the Hon^{ble}
Agent at Muskat dated
Sept^r 1842. translation
of a letter from D^r B^r
dated 24 October 1842
D^r W. D^r 11th 1843
Oct^r 1843.

2^d You will be pleased to submit
to Government any account these children
may be able to give of themselves, ascertaining
from whence they came and how they

were

* Letter from
to the Hon^{ble}
Agent in charge
of the vessel
enclosed
Extract from
letter from the
Agent at Muskat
dated 24 Oct^r
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were enslaved, with the view of their being
restored to their friends.

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be
16th November 1813. } (Signed) J. P. Willoughby,
Secy: to Government.

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N^o 2867 of 1813.

From J. P. Willoughby Esq:
Secretary to Government.

N^o 5354.

To
Bombay
Captain A. Hamerton.

Her Majesty's Consul and Honble
Company's Agent in the Dominions
of His Highness the Imam of
Muscat.

Dated 16th November 1813.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable

the Governor in Council to transmit to
the Resident in the Persian
Gulf in Charge dated
Sept. 25th of 1813. with your copies of the documents noted in the
enclosure. -
I enclose also in Margin, and to request that you will be
pleased to take a convenient opportunity
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Extract from
a letter from
Agent at Muscat
Sept. 1813
of a letter from
dated 26th
D. D.
Oct. 1813.

of bringing their contents to the special
notice of His Highness the Imam of Muskat,
in the hope that His Highness will issue
strict orders to his authorities at Muskat
to adhere to the existing Treaty against
the slave trade.

2^d. A translation of the letter
addressed to the Governor of Muskat
expressing the thanks of this Government
for the kindness and hospitality shown
by him and his officers to the crew of
the merchant vessel "Sir James Cockburn"
lately wrecked, and the regret of the
Honble the Governor in Council at the
frequent instances of slave dealing
which have lately been brought to notice,
is enclosed for your information.

Bombay Castle
16th November
1843.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) S. P. Willoughby,
Secy. to Government.
Resolution

Muskat

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N^o 5355. - Resolution of Government in the Political Department. Dated 16th November 1813.

With reference to the translation of a letter from the Native Agent at Muskat dated the 20th Ultimo, ordered that the Secy: to Government in the Persian Department be requested to prepare a letter for the signature of the Honble the Governor to the address of the Governor of Muskat, expressing the thanks of this Government for the kindness and hospitality shewn by him and his officers to the Crew of the Merchant Vessel "Sir James Cockburn" lately wrecked, ordered also that at the same time the regret of the Honble the Governor in Council be Communicated to the Governor of Muskat at the frequent instances of slave dealing which have lately been brought to notice.

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in violation of the existing Treaty with
His Highness the Imam as well as the
Confident hope of Government that that
Treaty will be carefully observed for the
future. -

16 November } (Signed) J. P. Willoughby
1843. } Secy: to Government.

N. 2509 of 1843.

From J. P. Willoughby Esq:
Secretary to Government

To, J. J. A. Scott Esq:
Bombay N. 5356.
Secy: to the Chamber of Commerce

Dated 16th November 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble
the Governor in Council to transmit to
you for the information of the Chamber
of Commerce an extract from the transla-
tion of a letter from the Native agent
at Muskat, dated the 20th ultimo. Reporting
the

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the wreck of the merchant vessel 'Sir
James Blackburn' on the Island of Souda,
the whole of her crew having been saved.

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be
16th November 1843. } (Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy: to Government.

N^o 2870 of 1843.

From J. P. Willoughby Esq:
Secretary to Government.

Bombay.

N^o 5357-

N^o 5357

To,
The Colonial Secy: to Her
Majesty's Government at the
Mauritius.

Dated 16th November 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable
the Governor in Council to transmit
to you for submission to His Excellency
the Governor of the Mauritius, Extract
paras: 1 & 2 of the translation of a letter
from

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from the Native Agent at Muskat dated
the 23^d September last, on the subject of
the rate of duty alleged to be levied at
the Mauritius on the goods imported
by the Arab Vessels trading with that Port,
together with a Copy of the Commercial
Treaty entered into by Great Britain
with His Highness the Imam, under
date the 31st May 1829.—

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to
16th November } (Signed) J. P. Willoughby
1843. } Secy: to Government
N^o: 4 of 1843.

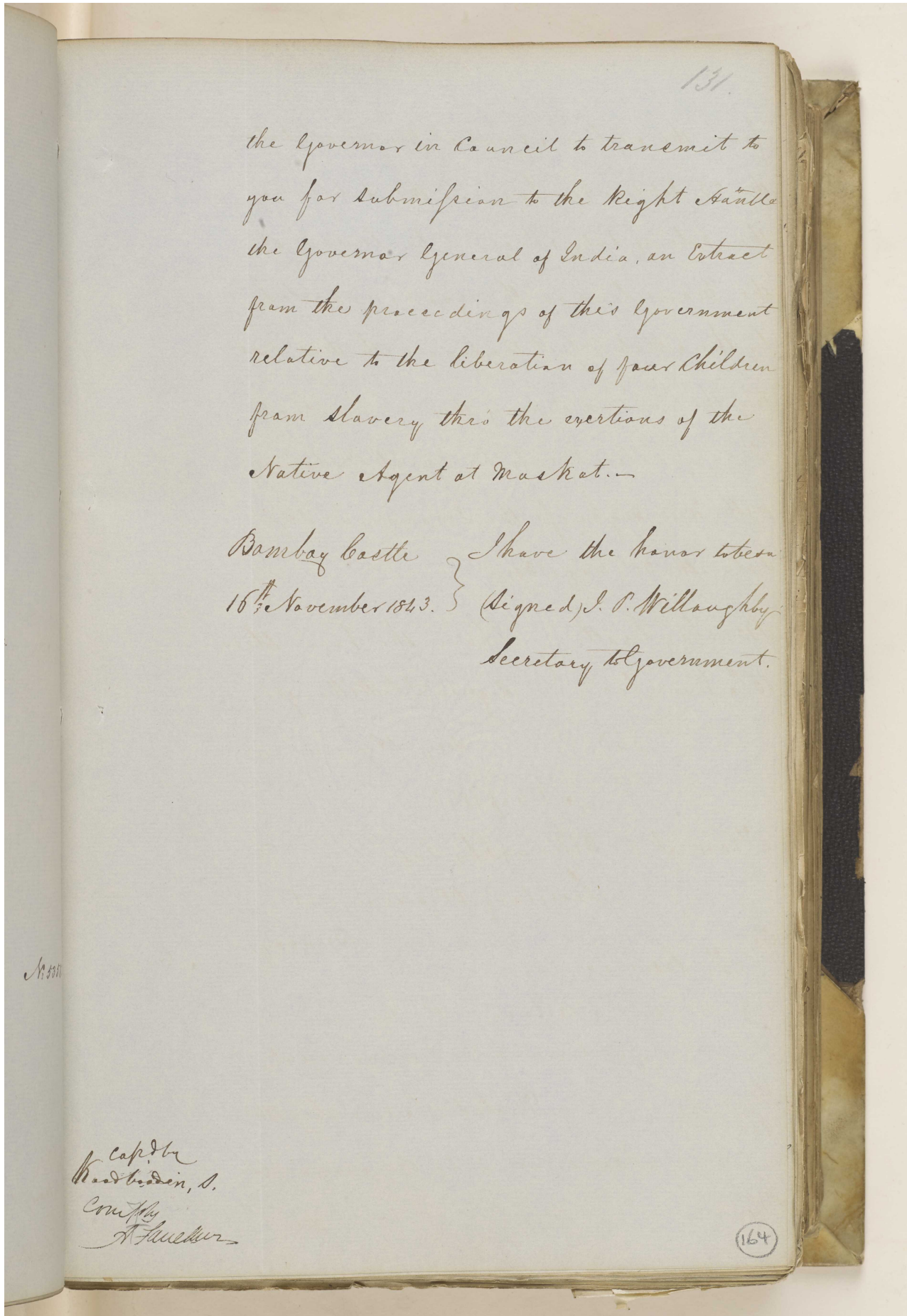
From J. P. Willoughby Esq^r
Secretary to Government.

To, J. Currie Esquire } Bombay. N^o: 5358.
off: Secretary to the Government,
of India with the Governor Gen^l.

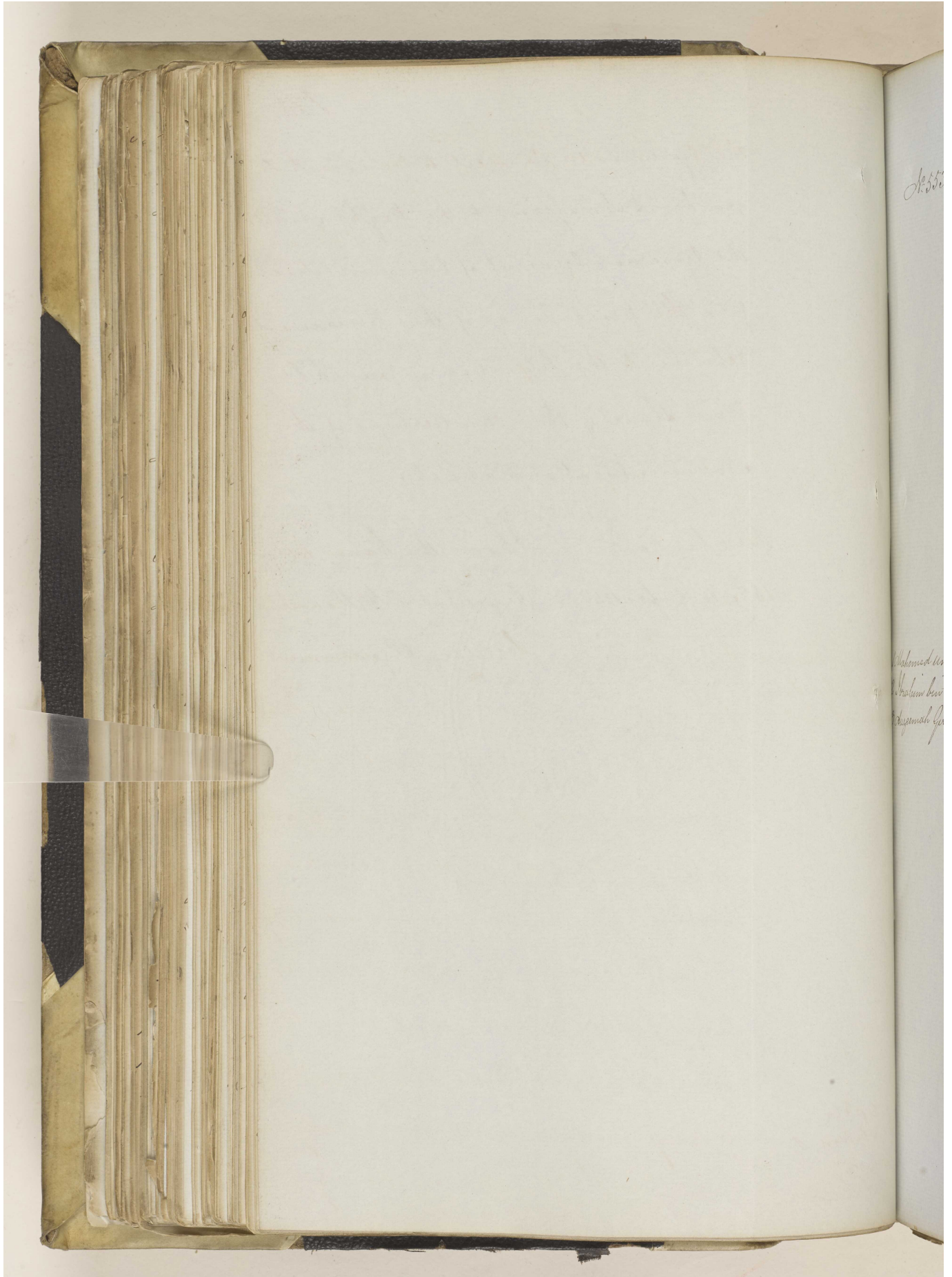
Dec. Dated 16th November 1843.

I am directed by the Honorable
the

for Capt^l
W. ...
C. ...
A. ...



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No. 555, of 1843

No. 5554 From C. W. Selgeist Esq.
Senior Magistrate of Police -

To,
The Secretary to Government of
Bombay

Dated 13th November 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to
enclose for the information of the Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council, the substance
of a communication addressed to me by
the Native Agent at Muscat, with
accompanying Arabic documents, and
to state, that of the four liberated
Slaves forwarded from Muscat by
the Honorable Company's Schooner
"Emily" three, whose names are in the
margin, have been delivered over
to my charge, one named Hadijah
having

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having, as reported by the Commander
of that vessel, died on the passage—

2. I beg to enclose copy of
the statements of these persons made
before me, from which His Honor in
Council will observe, that the first
named mahomed unweir, is provided
for, having returned to his relations
residing at this place. The statement
of his brother, meya Abdoolla, is also
enclosed—Should the Arab Bugla, "thumbe"
return to Bombay this season, the case
against the parties concerned in the
taking away of this boy into slavery,
will be strictly enquired into.—

3. The Somallee, Ibrahim
bin Farrak, is a stout lad of about
eighteen years of age, and I would
recommend that he be permitted
to get employment at this place which

He

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He is anxious to do, such assistance being
at first rendered to him by this Depart-
-ment, as may appear necessary to
attain that end.

H The girl, Anzeema appears
to have no recollection whatever of her
parents, nor of the village in the zillah
of Mooradabad in which she was born.
I would therefore, suggest, that pen-
-ding any reference His Honor in
-Council may deem it expedient to make
to the authorities at that place, she be
placed in the family of a respectable
Mahomedan, where she would be
forthcoming should it be hereafter
decided to send her to her own
Country.

Bombay Police Office
13th November 1845

I have the honor to be &c
Signed A. W. Selcote
Senior Magistrate of the

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Substance of a letter from the Native
Agent at Muscat, to the Senior Magistrate
of Police at Bombay, dated the 3^d of Shawal
1259-

Honored Senior Magistrate Sahib

After friendship be it
known to your worship, that on the 3^d
of Shawal, I received a letter dated 10th
of Ramzan from Captain Campbell the
Resident of Persian Gulf by the Schooners
Captain, Sitchfield, directing your friend
to deliver over all the persons that
may have been freed from slavery
at that place to the aforesaid Captain,
and I have accordingly forwarded
papers of their descriptions and state-
ments, and conformably to the Order,
I gave four persons in charge of the
Captain that were in my possession, two
of them are males, one of Somalee tribe
and

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and Native of Honor, and the other
Soortee Phoree whose relations are at
Surat, and his Brother is at Bombay,
and two are females, one of them is of
Mulbar Elder than the Other, who is
of Hindoostan, and their age and a
Statement are written in the four
papers, both in Arabic and English,
I hope you will receive them safe and
to please my Master the Honorable
Sarkar I have undergone the trouble
in procuring them, Dated the 3rd of
Shawal 1259.-

Bombay 11th November 1842.

Mahomed unwar Saith - Sam
about 12 years of age, - I formerly lived
with my brother in Butchers Street.
In the beginning of the month of -
Mohurrum last, one day, about ten
O'clock in the forenoon, my brother

sent

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me to the Bazaar; and I met in the
Market one Salmin seedee; who gave me
Some Sweetmeats, and enticed me to the
Boree Bunder, and thence on board
of an Arab Bugla named the "Shumbee"
Kacodas' name I do not recollect, the
Same night, the Bugla sailed from
Bombay and in fourteen days arrived
at Muscat, where the said Salmin took
me on shore to his House. I remained
with seedee Salmin six or seven
Months, during which time he took
me to the Houses of two or three
different persons and Offered me for
Sale, but he did not find a purchaser
when I was, one day, in the Custom
House at Muscat, gathering dates, a
man in the employ of the Sirkars
Vakeel, seized me and took me
to the house of the Vakeel, who treated
me

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me kindly, and sent me with three or
 others to Bombay I have found my
 brother with whom I lived before I left
 Bombay; and I will return to his house.
 Stated before me
 on the date above Mark X of Mahomed
 mentioned unsworn.

(Signed) P. W. Selgey
 Senior Magistrate of Police.

Bombay 11th November 1843.

Ibrahim bin Sarah bin
 Mahomed, Saith - I am a Somali,
 and a native of Hurrar my parents
 died when I was very young - My
 father was a cultivator, and after his
 death I lived with my relations - one
 day, when I was very young, a Bedouin
 kidnaped me from my village,
 and took me to Muscat, where he sold
 me for 25 Dollars, through Bedew
 Dullal.

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Dullal, to Abdoola Mussulman, a
resident at that place - Abdoola, four
or five days afterwards, sold me to
Abdool Latiff Bagdadee, a merchant
of Bussora, for thirty five dollars -
My new master told me to say that
I was a Fubshee, and not a Somalee
and that my name was Amber, some
dispute about this took place, and the
British Agent sent for me, and kept
me in his house for three or four
months and then sent me to Bombay -
Stated before me
on the date above
mentioned -

Signed J. W. Seligson
Senior Magistrate of Police

Bombay 11th November 1843

Auzeemah girl, saith I am
about eleven years of age - I was born
in

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born in the zilla of Mooradabad in
Hindoostan - I do not remember my par-
-ents, I was taken from my village,
the name of which I do not know, to
that town and placed in the house
of a person named Mahomed Bux
Hindee, where I remained three or
four years - He left that place to
proceed on a pilgrimage to Mecca -
taking me with him - There were thirty
or forty persons set out together, We proce-
-ded to Shirharpoore, thence down the
Indus to Patta, at that place we
embarked in a large vessel, and
arrived at Muscat after having
been several days at sea - At
Muscat, the said Mahomed Bux
Hindee took me on shore, and
endeavoured to exchange me for
a Seede boy while he was doing

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say the man of the six Mers Nakeel took
me to the House of Reuben, the Nakeel
who took me under his Charge, and
sent me with three others on board a
Ship for Bombay.

Stated before me
on the date above

Mentioned

Signed A. M. De Graft
Senior Magistrate of Police.

Bombay 11th November 1843

The Statement of Merza
Abdoola, who saith I keep a Shop
in Chuckerla, and I reside in But-
chers Street in this Town on the 2^d of
Mohurrum last (2^d February) I sent
my younger brother Mohamed who
is now present, to the Bazaar to
make some purchases for the house.
He did not return I searched for
him

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him all over Bombay, and reported
the circumstance to the Police, but I
could get no tidings as to what had be-
come of him. This day, about eleven
o'clock in the forenoon, I saw my said
brother pass my house with some other
children. I followed them to the police
office, where I learned that he had
been kidnaped by an Arab, and sent
from Muscat by the British Agent at
that place.

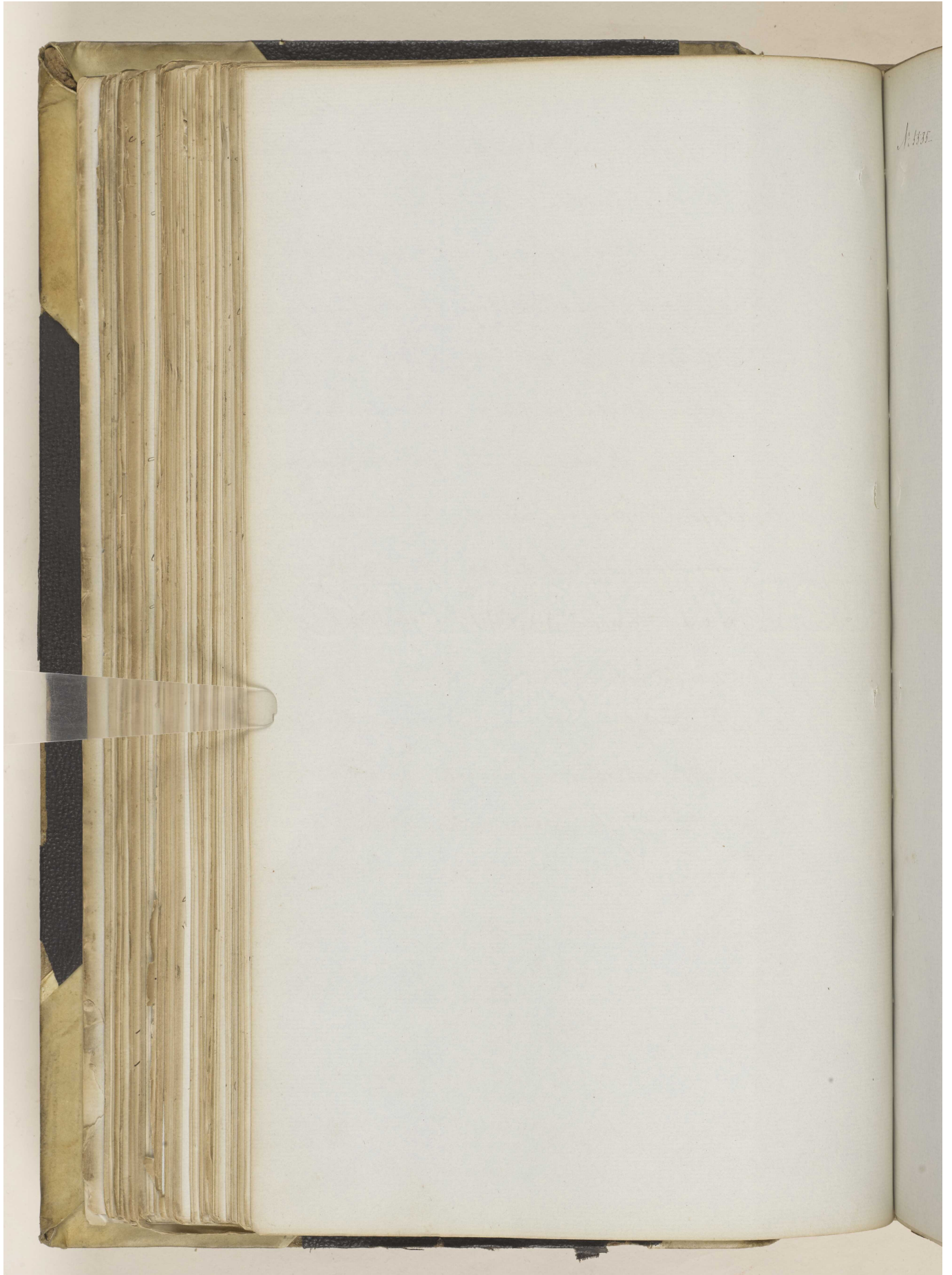
Stated before me (Signed) Meerza Abdulla
on the date above

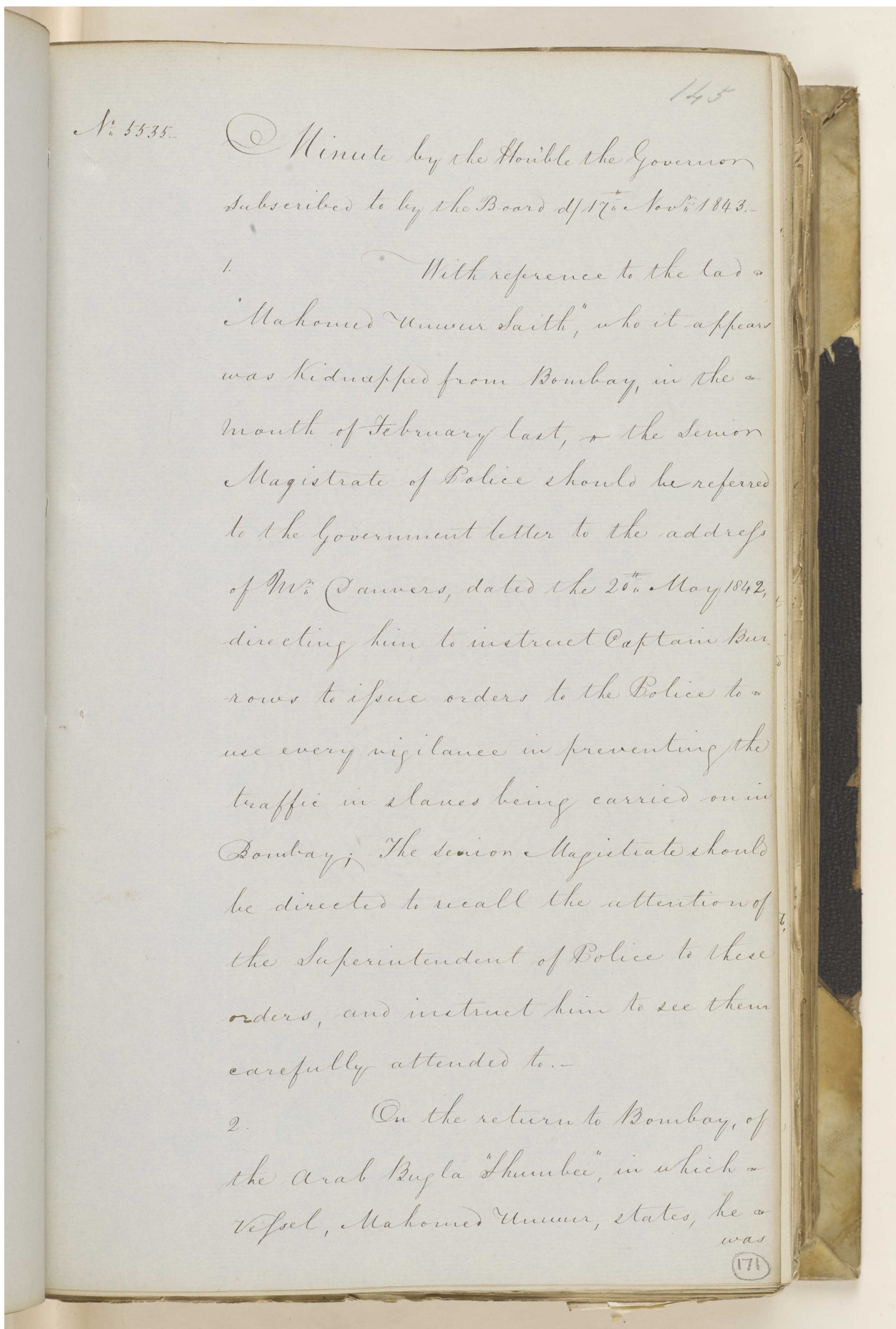
mentioned
(Signed) P. W. Selgeft
Senior Magistrate of Police

(True Copies)
(Signed) P. W. Selgeft
Senior Magistrate of Police

Copied by
Bernard Shaw
John Martin

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Minute by the Honble the Governor
Subscribed to by the Board of 17th Nov^r 1843.

1. With reference to the lad
'Mahomed Unnur Saith,' who it appears
was kidnapped from Bombay, in the
month of February last, & the Senior
Magistrate of Police should be referred
to the Government letter to the address
of Mr. Cammers, dated the 25th May 1842,
directing him to instruct Captain Bur-
rows to issue orders to the Police to
use every vigilance in preventing the
traffic in slaves being carried on in
Bombay; The Senior Magistrate should
be directed to recall the attention of
the Superintendent of Police to these
orders, and instruct him to see them
carefully attended to.

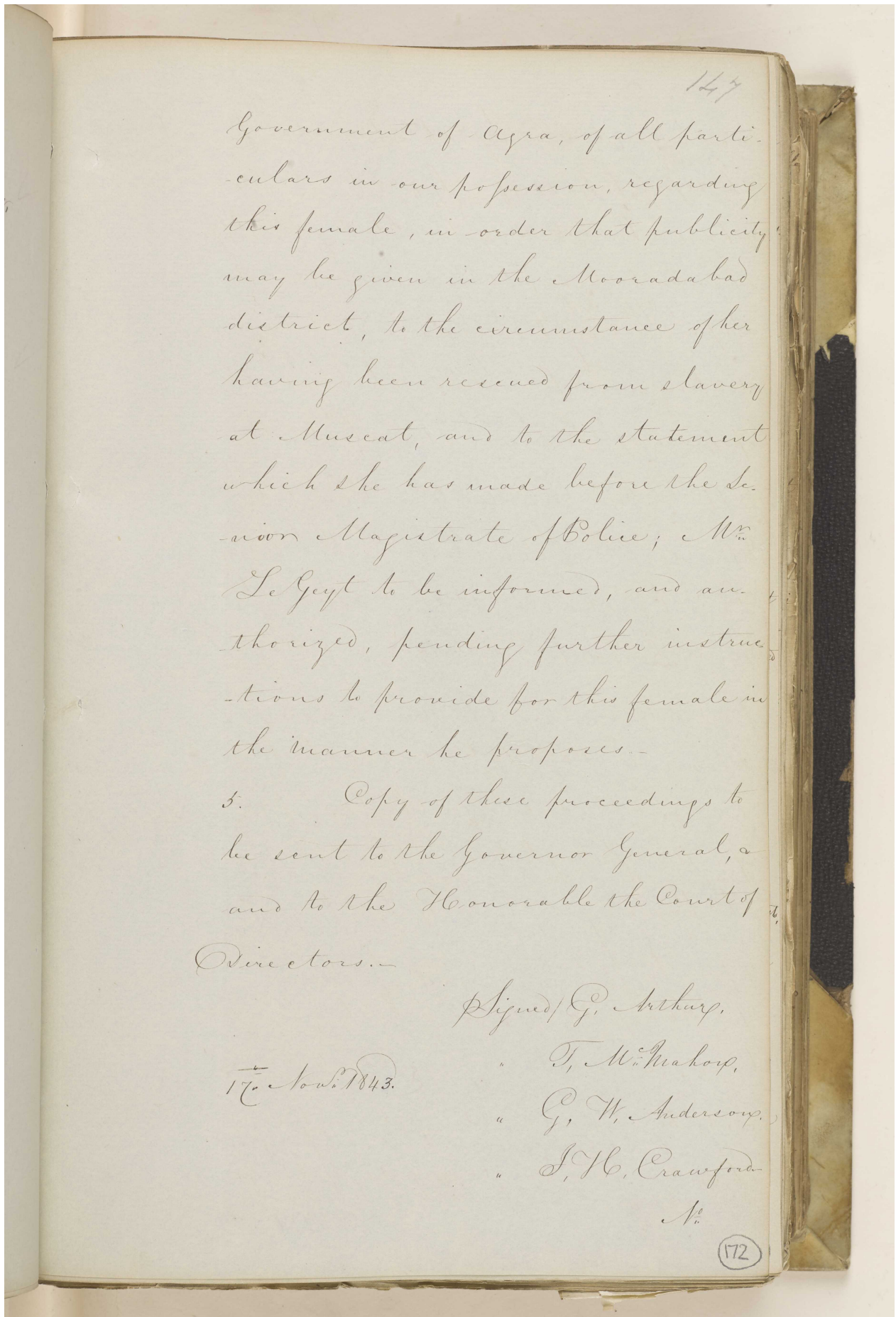
2. On the return to Bombay, of
the Arab Buzla "Shumber", in which
vessel, Mahomed Unnur, states, he
was

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was inveigled away, the Maguoda of the vessel, and any other individuals, whom this lad may be able to identify, should be brought to trial before the Supreme Court, on a charge of slave dealing, if the evidence should, in the opinion of the Senior Magistrate, be sufficient to ensure conviction.

3. The Soomallee alluded to in the 3rd para: may be disposed of in the mode proposed by the Senior Magistrate.

4. With reference to the female alluded to in the last para: of Mr. Lejeune's letter, I fear that as she has no recollection of her parents, nor of the village in the Zillah of Mooradabad, in which she was born, we shall be unable to trace out her friends; An intimation should however be made to the Government



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Government of Agra, of all parti-
-culars in our possession, regarding
this female, in order that publicity
may be given in the Mooradabad
district, to the circumstance of her
having been rescued from slavery
at Muscat, and to the statement
which she has made before the Se-
-nior Magistrate of Bolice; Mr
Segeyt to be informed, and au-
-thorized, pending further instruc-
-tions to provide for this female in
the manner he proposes.

5. Copy of these proceedings to
be sent to the Governor General,
and to the Honorable the Court of
Directors.

Signed, G. Arthur,

" T. M. Mahony,

" G. W. Anderson,

" J. H. Crawford

N^o

17th Nov 1843.

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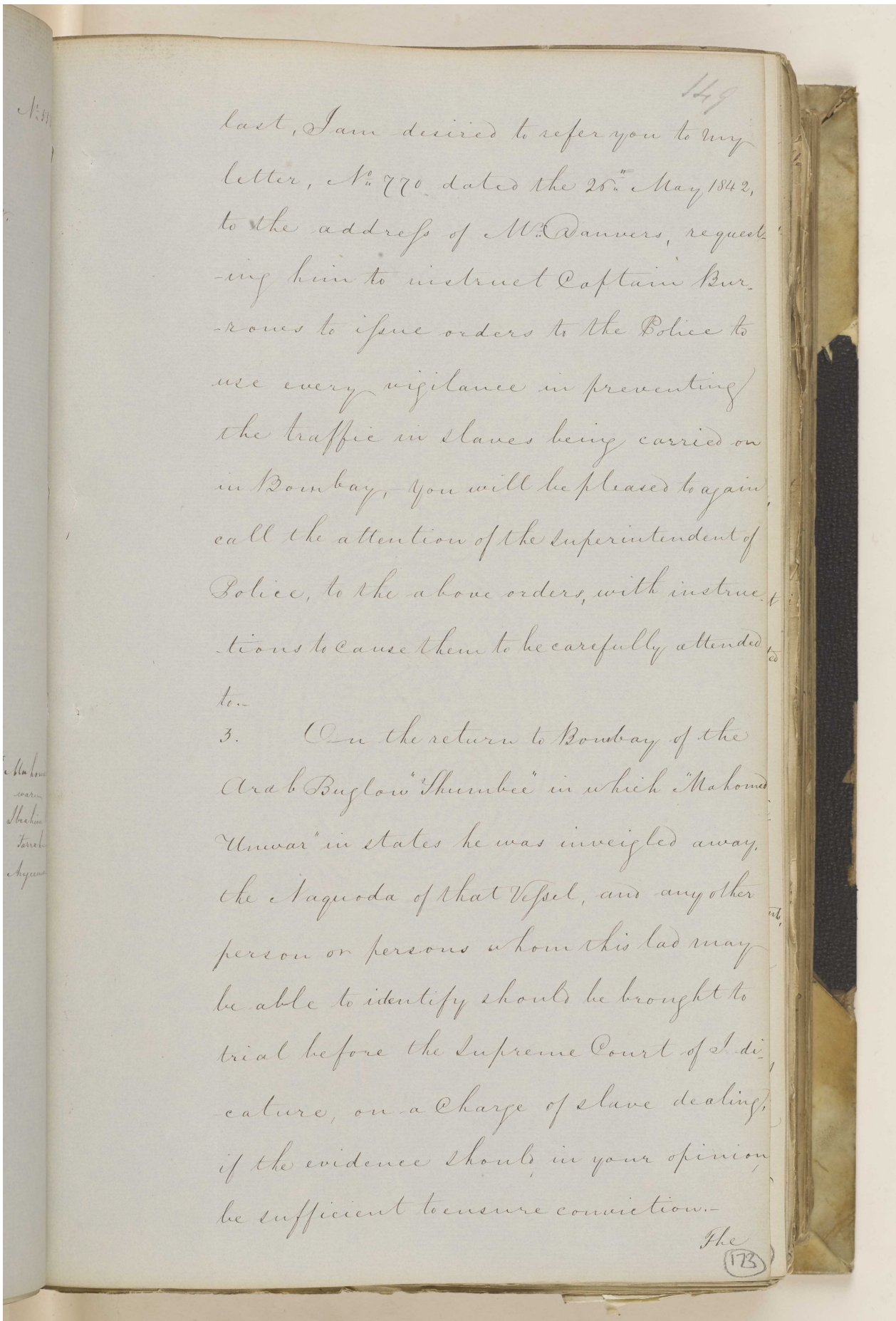
From, J. B. Willoughby Esquire,
Secretary to Gov^t of Bombay.

To, P. H. Le Geyt, Esquire,
Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 2th Nov^r 1843.

Sir

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, N^o 505, dated the 13th instant, stating that of the four liberated Slaves forwarded from Muscat in the Honble Company's Schooner "Emily" three* have been made over to you, one named Hadyah + having died on the passage, and forwarding the depositions made by them before you on the 11th idem.
 - 1. * Mahomed Uwar
 - 2. Ibrahim bin Tarak
 - 3. Ayemah
2. In reply, and with respect to the lad named "Mahomed Uwar" who it appears was kidnapped from Bombay in the month of February last,



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last, I am desired to refer you to my
letter, N^o 770. dated the 26th May 1842,
to the address of Mr. Danvers, request-
ing him to instruct Captain Bur-
rows to issue orders to the Police to
use every vigilance in preventing
the traffic in slaves being carried on
in Bombay. You will be pleased to again
call the attention of the Superintendent of
Police, to the above orders, with instruc-
tions to cause them to be carefully attended
to.

3. On the return to Bombay of the
Arab Brigalow "Shumbie" in which "Mahomed
Unwar" is stated he was inveigled away,
the Magoda of that Vessel, and any other
person or persons whom this lad may
be able to identify should be brought to
trial before the Supreme Court of S. di-
cature, on a Charge of slave dealing,
if the evidence should, in your opinion,
be sufficient to ensure conviction.

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Handwritten marginal notes in Arabic script on the left side of the page.

4. The Governor in Council authorizes the disposal of the Loomallee alluded to in the 3rd para: of your letter, in the mode therein proposed, and all particulars in the possession of Government, in regard to the female alluded to in the last para: will be communicated to the Government of Agra in order that publicity may be given in the Moradabad district, to the circumstance of her having been rescued from slavery at Muscat, and to the Statement made by her before you.

5. Pending further instructions, you will be pleased to provide for this girl in the manner proposed in your letter.

Bombay Castle }
27th Nov: 1843.

I have the honor to be
Signed J. P. Willoughby,
Sec^y to Gov^t.

N^o: 2900.

N^o: 55

Transla
letter from
sent at
date 28.11.43
with encl
abstract for
letter from
re: Mrs
of Police de
No: 1143
Statement
James for

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N^o 5537.

N^o 2968

From, J. P. Willoughby, Esquire,
Secretary to Gov^t of Bombay.

The Secretary to the Government
of Agra in the Political Deptⁿ

Dated 27th Nov^r 1843.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you,
for submission to the Honourable the
Lieutenant Governor of the North West
Provinces, Copies of the documents noted

^x Translation of a in the margin, regarding a female
letter from the Native
Agent at Muscat of the name of Anjema, rescued
dated 22nd Oct^r 1843.
with enclosure
extract para: 4 of from slavery at Muscat by the Bri-
a letter from the de-
-mission Magistrate tish Native Agent at that place-
of Police, dated 15th
Nov^r 1843, N^o 505
Statement of An-
-jema, girl

2. In forwarding these documents,
I am desired to state, that the Honourable
the Governor in Council is fearful
that as this girl has no recollect of
her parents, nor of the Village in the
Zillah of Mooradabad, where she was
born,

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born, it will be almost impossible to trace
out her friends.

3. The Governor in Council however
requests that the Government of Agra will
be pleased to cause publicity to be given
in the Mooradabad district to the circum-
-stance of this girl having been rescued
from slavery at Muscat, and to the
statement made by her before the Senior
Magistrate of Police at this Presidency.

I have the honor to be &c
Bombay Castle } Signed J. B. Willoughby.
27th Nov^r 1843. } Sec^y to Gov^t

N^o 10 of 1843. N^o 5538.
From, J. B. Willoughby, Esquire, (Official: 299)
To, Sec^y to Government of Bombay,
T. Currie, Esquire,
Off^o Sec^y to the Gov^t of India
with the Right Hon^{ble} the Gov^r Gen^l
Camp.

Dated 27th Nov^r 1843.

Sir,
1. With reference to my letter, N^o 4A,
dated

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Census
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dated the 10th instant, relative to the libera-
tion of four Children from slavery on
through the exertions of the Native Agents
at Muscat, I am directed by the Hon^{ble} the
Governor in Council, to transmit to you
for submission to the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor General of India, an Ex-
tract from the further proceedings of
this Government, on the subject.

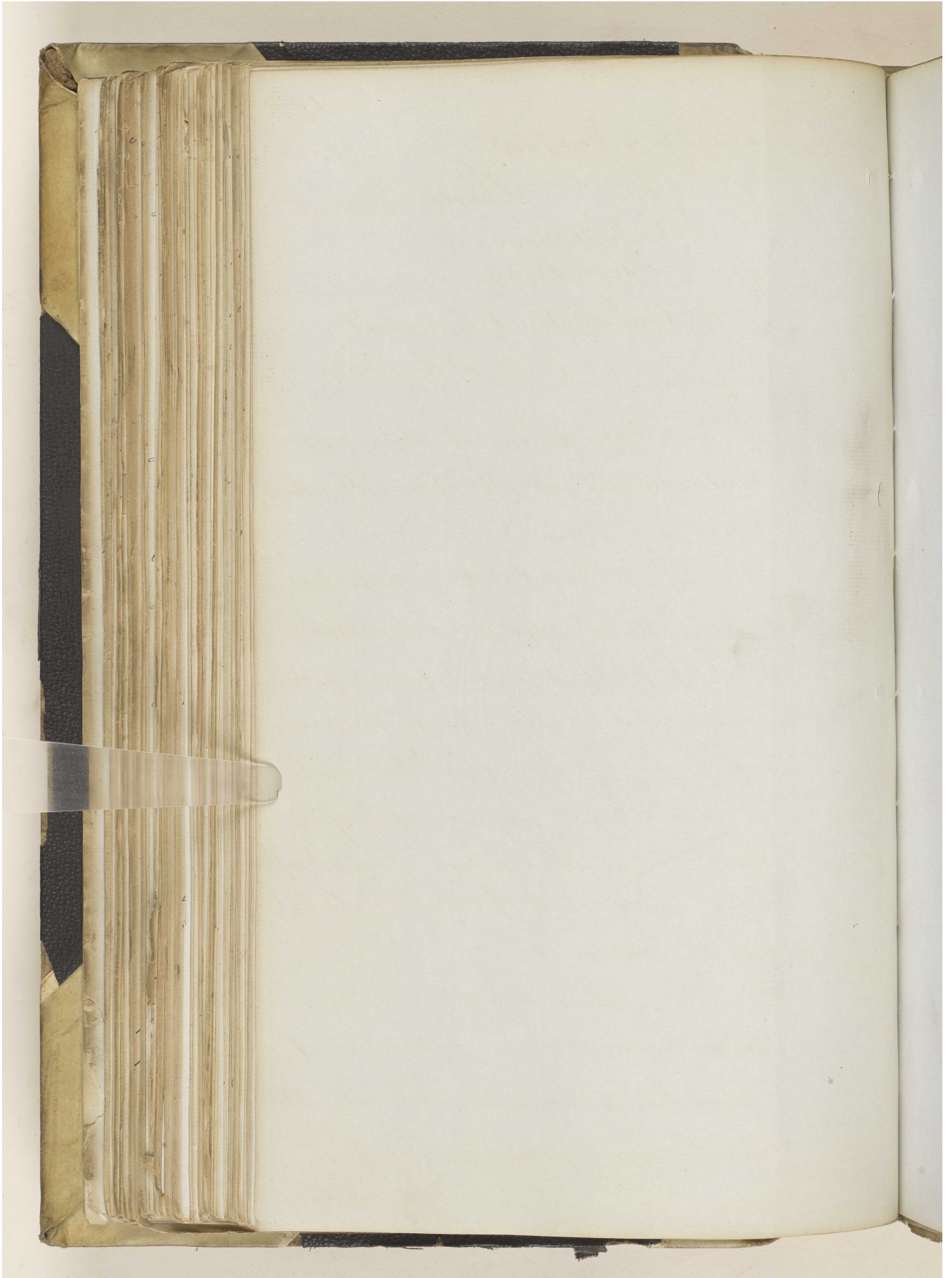
2. From the letter of the Senior
Magistrate of Police, dated the 13th
instant, His Lordship will perceive
that one of these children died on
the passage to Bombay.

Bombay Castle
27th Nov^r 1843.

I have the honor to be
Signed J. B. Willoughby
Secy to Govt

Copied by,
Deane had, Formuig,
G. D. M.
W. P. S. M. S.

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From A. S. Le Messurier
Advocate General
Political Department -

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 12th August 1843

Sir,

I have the honor of replying to the
queries contained in your letter of the 25th ultimo
N^o 1733.

1. I think that the purchase of a
slave by a British subject in a foreign territory
though for the express purpose of emancipation
is illegal, but if the place where the purchase is
made is not in a territory of a Native Prince
of India in alliance with the British Govern-
-ment, I think the Criminal Jurisdiction
of the Supreme Court of Bombay would not
reach the crime.

2. I think that the purchase in a
foreign territory of a slave by a subject of
a foreign state holding employment under the
British Government for the express purpose of
emancipation

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Emancipation is not an offence under the slave
laws and punishable by those laws. -

And referring to the last para:
of your letter the act would not be an offence
in the Individual therein described. -

Advocate General's
Office Bombay }
12th August 1843 }

I have the honor to be Yu
Signed / A. S. LeMessurier
Advocate General

Captain
C. S. P. M. S.
C. S. P. M. S.

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N^o 111 of 1843.
From W. Edwards, Esq^r.
Under Secretary to Government of India

L. P. Reid Esq^r.
Chief Secretary to Government - Bombay
Dated the 2^d September 1843

Sir

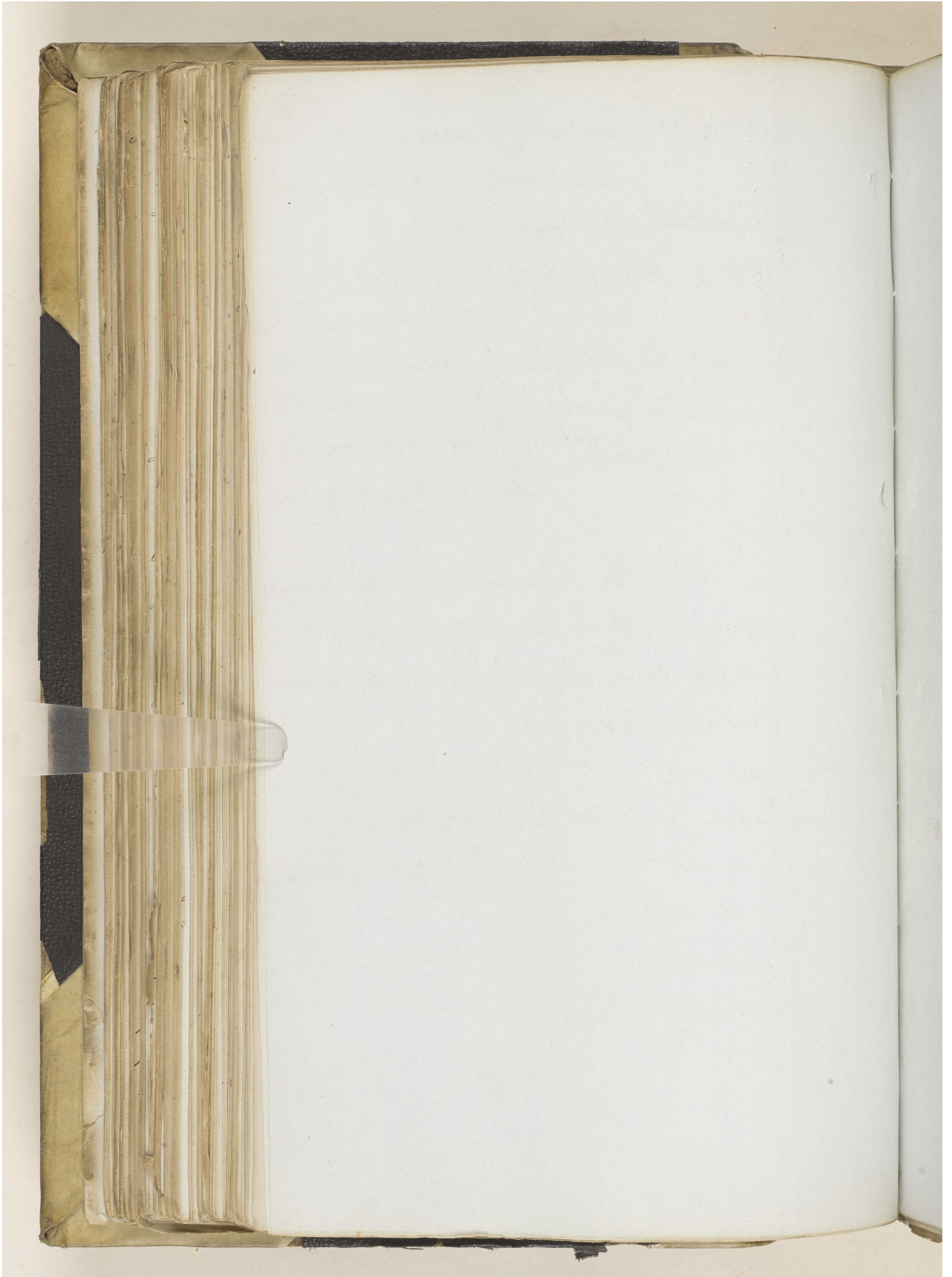
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 17th ultimo, N^o 349 respecting the
liability of British Subjects entering into Slave transac-
tions in the Persian Gulf.

Fort William
2^d September 1843.

I have &c
Signed W. Edwards
Under Secy to Gov^t of India

Copied by
H. L. D'Amello
Capt
A. L. S. L. S. L.

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Secret Department

From J. Thomason Esquire

Sey to the Government of India

To,

L. R. Reid Esquire

Chief Sey to Government
of Bombay

Dated 2^d September 1843.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your despatch, No 350,
dated 17th ultimo, relative to the traffic
in Soomalee Slaves carried on by the
Joasmees in the Persian Gulf, and to
state that the Governor General in
Council has no further instructions to
give on the subject.

Wm. Millican
2^d Sept^r 1843

I have the honor &c.
Signed J. Thomason
Sey to Govt of India

Minute

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Minute by the Honorable the Governor
subscribed to by the Board, without date.

1. On this subject, they to
refer to my minute dated the 2^d August
last.

2. From this letter, it would
appear that the Right Honorable the
Governor General of India in Council
adheres to the views communicated to
this Government, in Mr. Secretary Mad-
dock's letter, dated the 30th January last,
which confirmed the sentiments of the
late Governor General in Council as
communicated in Mr. Secretary Maddock's
former letter dated the 28th February
1842. These sentiments are quoted at
length in the 5th para. of my minute
dated the 2^d August last.

3^d. As Captain Ansell is
now at the Presidency, I request that
the Honorable Courts despatch dated
the 21st September n^o. 15 of 1842, relative
to the traffic in the Gulf in Somal-
Slave

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Slaves, and of the subsequent correspond-
ence thereon may be forwarded to
Captain Ansell in original with a
request that he will submit for the
consideration of Government, any re-
marks which he may have to offer, -
with reference to the sentiments of the
Honorable Court, contained in their
despatch above alluded to.

Signed/ G. Arthur
G. W. Anderson
S. H. Crawford.

N^o 2613 of 1843.

From J. S. Willoughby Esquire
Secy to Government.

To,

Captain S. Ansell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf-
Bombay.

Dated 21st October 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable
the Governor in Council, to transmit to
you, the accompanying original do-
cuments (179)

documents as per annexed list, relative
to the traffic in Soomalee Slaves
carried on by the Soomalees in the
Persian Gulf, and to request that
you will be pleased to submit for
the consideration of Government, any
remarks which you may have to offer,
with reference to the sentiments of
the Honorable the Court of Directors, -
contained in their despatch, dated
the 21st September No: 15 of 1842.

2. you will be pleased
to return with your report the original
documents herewith forwarded.

Roubaux Castle I have the honor 2/6
21st October 1843 } signed J. D. Willoughby
Secy to Government

List of original documents forward-
ed with the letter to Captain S. Munnell
President in the Persian Gulf dated 21st
October 1843, No: 2613.

1. From the Honorable the Court of Directors
dated 21st Septbr No: 15 of 1842, with enclosure

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2. To the Secretary to the Government of
India dated 10th Jan'y. N^o. 3 of 1843.
 3. To the Appointing Resident, in the Persian
Gulf dated 10th Jan'y. N^o. 55.
 4. To Captain A. Hamerton.
dated 10th Jan'y. N^o. 55 of 1843.
 5. Circular to all Political Authorities
dated 10th Jan'y. N^o. 57 of 1843.
 6. Transfer to the Judicial Department
dated 10th Jan'y. N^o. 58.
 7. Ditto Ditto Persian Department
dated Ditto N^o. 59.
 8. Memorandum by the Persian Secretary
dated 13th Jan'y. 1843, with Incls.
 9. Minute by the Honorable Board
dated 8th February 1843.
 10. Notification, dated 22nd April 1843.
 11. Circular to all Political Authorities
dated 22nd April 1843.
 12. Transfer to the Judicial Department
dated 22nd April 1843 N^o. 867.
 13. To the Off^r. Resident in the Persian Gulf
dated 26th Sept^r. N^o. 72 of 1842, with Incls.

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- 14 Minute by the Honorable Board.
 15. To the Secy to Government of India
with the Governor General
dated 13th February 1843 N^o 26.
 16. To the officiating Resident in Persian
Gulf dated Ditto N^o 110.
 17. From the Secretary to the Government
of India with the Governor Genl
dated 1st March N^o 257 of 1843
 18. Minute by the Honorable Board
dated 2^o March 1843.
 19. From the Secretary to the Government
of India with the Governor
General dated 4th July N^o 712
of 1843.
 20. From — Ditto — Ditto — dated 3^o Jan^y:
N^o 163.
 21. Minute by the Honorable Board
dated 2nd August 1843.
 22. To the Assistant of Charge of the
Persian Gulf Residency, dated
17th August 1843. N^o 1418.
 23. To Captain A Hamerton, dated ditto
N^o 1419.
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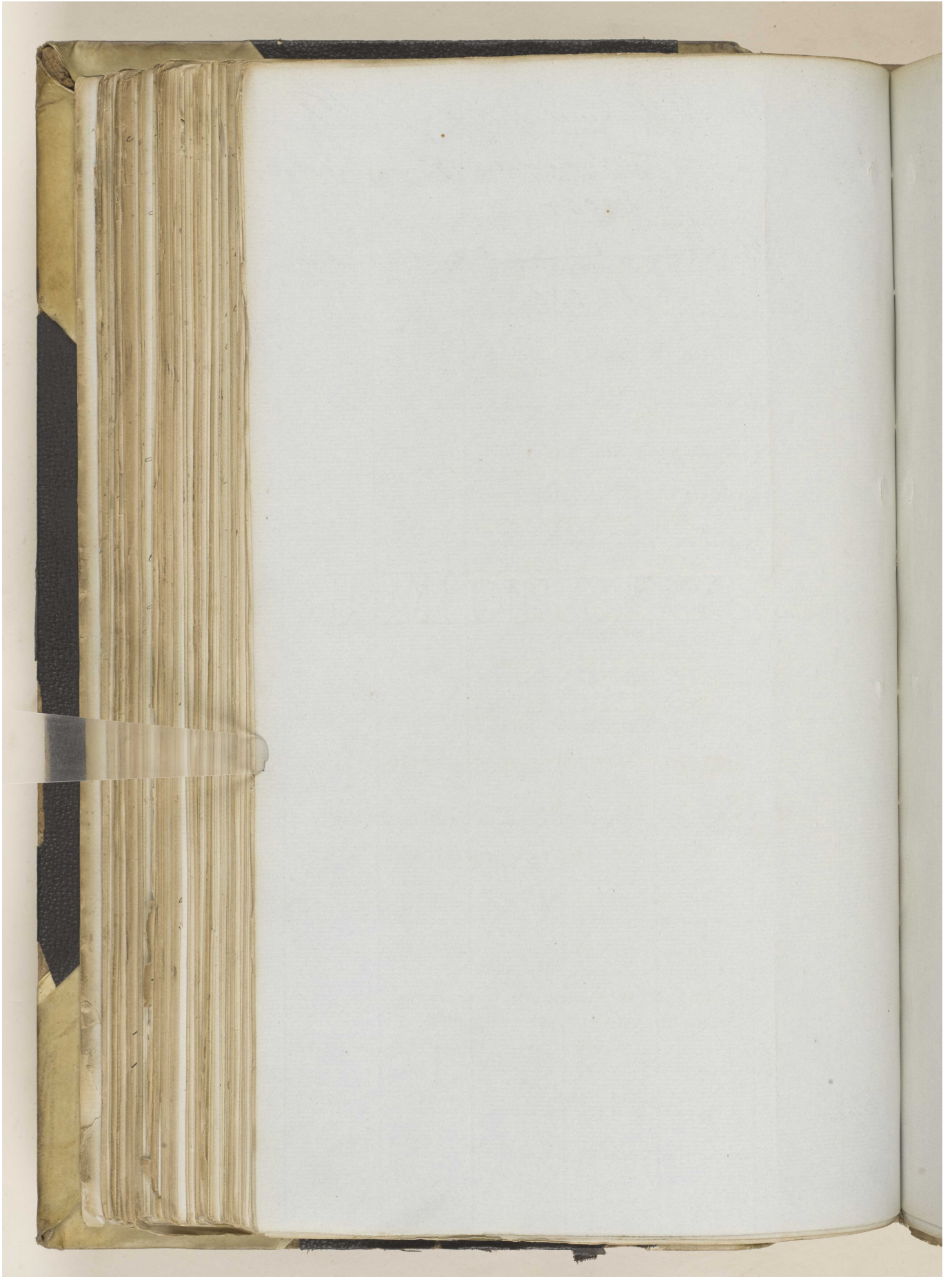
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24. To the Secretary to the Government
of India dated 17th August 1843.
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25. To — Ditto — Ditto dated Ditto —
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From

The Resident in the Persian Gulf

To,

Secretary to the Government of

Bombay

Dated 23^d October 1843.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter No. 2613 in this Department under date the 21st Instant, transmitting certain original documents as per annexed list, relative to the traffic in Soomalee Slaves, carried on by the Joasmees in the Persian Gulf, and directing me to submit for the consideration of Government, any remarks I may have to offer with reference to the sentiments of the Honorable the Court of Directors, contained in their despatch dated the 21st September No. 15^o of 1843.

After an attentive perusal of the Court's letter, and the accompanying documents, two points only, appear to me, to call

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for any remark. - The first relates to the degree of penalty to be imposed upon the Members of the Treaty of 1839, in the event of an infraction of those stipulations, which prohibit the traffic in Soomalees. - This subject is discussed in Paras 11 & 14 of the Courts despatches.

The truth and force of the reasoning of the letter from the Government of India, dated the 21st February 1842, on the general question of the Slave Trade, with reference to the inexpediency of weakening our own political influence by the adoption of too stringent or pressing measures, for the suppression of this traffic, and thus diminishing our power, for eventually promoting the interests of humanity among the Tribes of Eastern Africa and Arabia, cannot I think, be disputed. - The case however of Soomalees might perhaps be taken as an exception, - agreeably to the tenets of the Mahomedan religion, the
Soomalee

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Soomalee is considered by birth and sect
as one of the "Aharar" a freemen, and
consequently the carrying away, purchase
or sale, of one of this class by a Mussulman
is a direct violation of his own faith. - our
interference therefore for the protection of the
Soomalee from Slavery (however much it
may be disliked in each individual case,
upon which it is brought to bear) will not,
I am inclined to think, excite a general
feeling of irritation, or endanger our political
influence. -

In proposing to make the
chief of any Tribe, violating this engagement
subject to a penalty of greater amount than
the actual value of each Soomalee taken
as a slave, I was actuated, by the conviction
that with all our vigilance many cases
of breach of Treaty must escape our notice. -
In exacting therefore simply the restora-
tion of the slave, or his value, the question
appeared to me to resolve itself, into one

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of mere profit and loss; and as the chances
of discovery or evasion were perhaps equal,
I was under the impression that a great tempta-
tion would still be held out to the Arab to
continue the importation of Soomaloo Slaves.
I was therefore desirous by the imposition
of a double fine, to make the prospect of
actual loss sufficiently certain, to ensure the
extinction of this inhuman traffic. By
the terms of the Treaty we are entitled to
insist upon the offending party, suffering
the pains and penalties of Piracy, and it
appeared to me, in substituting a fine
to the extent proposed, instead of exacting
what we had a right to demand, the
bias was rather to the side of leniency than
otherwise. Although I have no doubt
whatever, that all the Arab sheiks, whose
subjects are engaged in this traffic, derive
a pecuniary advantage in every case, still,
in proposing they should be made liable
to a fine I was guided by the general
principle

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principle of holding each chief responsible for
the acts of his people, at the same time
I was well aware, that whatever sum
might be levied upon the Sheik, the full
amount would be exacted by him from the
guilty parties.—

The second point, calling for
remark is the one adverted to in the 15th and
16th Paras of the Courts despatches regarding the
extent to which my proposition for the seizure
of Boats belonging to individuals guilty
of bringing up Soomalee slaves to the
Gulf was supposed to reach. However ambiguously I may have expressed myself
on this subject, I fully intended it be un-
derstood, that the proposition on question
(which was suggested only as an alterna-
-tive) extended solely to those Parties with
whom we have Treaties. That I did not
contemplate its application to others than
those referred to will I think, be proved,
by my having so frequently brought to

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the notice of Government, the little prospect
of the suppression of the slave trade, in
the Gulf, whilst so large a proportion of
the inhabitants of its coasts, who are subjects
of Turkey, and Persia, are enabled (in the
absence of slave treaties with those countries)
to carry on a traffic in human flesh without
let or molestation.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir

Yours faithfully,
S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

P.S.

I have the honor to return
the original documents forwarded with
your letter of the 24th Instant.

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Cousby
A. ...

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by
...

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Minute by the Honorable the
Governor subscribed to by the Board
dated 20th November 1843.-

1. Captain Hennell's explanation
appears to me to be clear and satisfac-
tory; a copy should be sent to the Go-
vernour General, with reference to Mr. Se-
cretary Thomason's letter to this Govern-
ment, dated the 2nd September last, ac-
companied by a copy of our letter to Cap-
tain Hennell to which this is a reply.

2. Copy of this letter should
also be sent to the Honorable the Court
of Directors with reference to their des-
patch dated the 21st September 18th 21.
of 1843.-

Signed J. Arthur.

" J. McMahon.

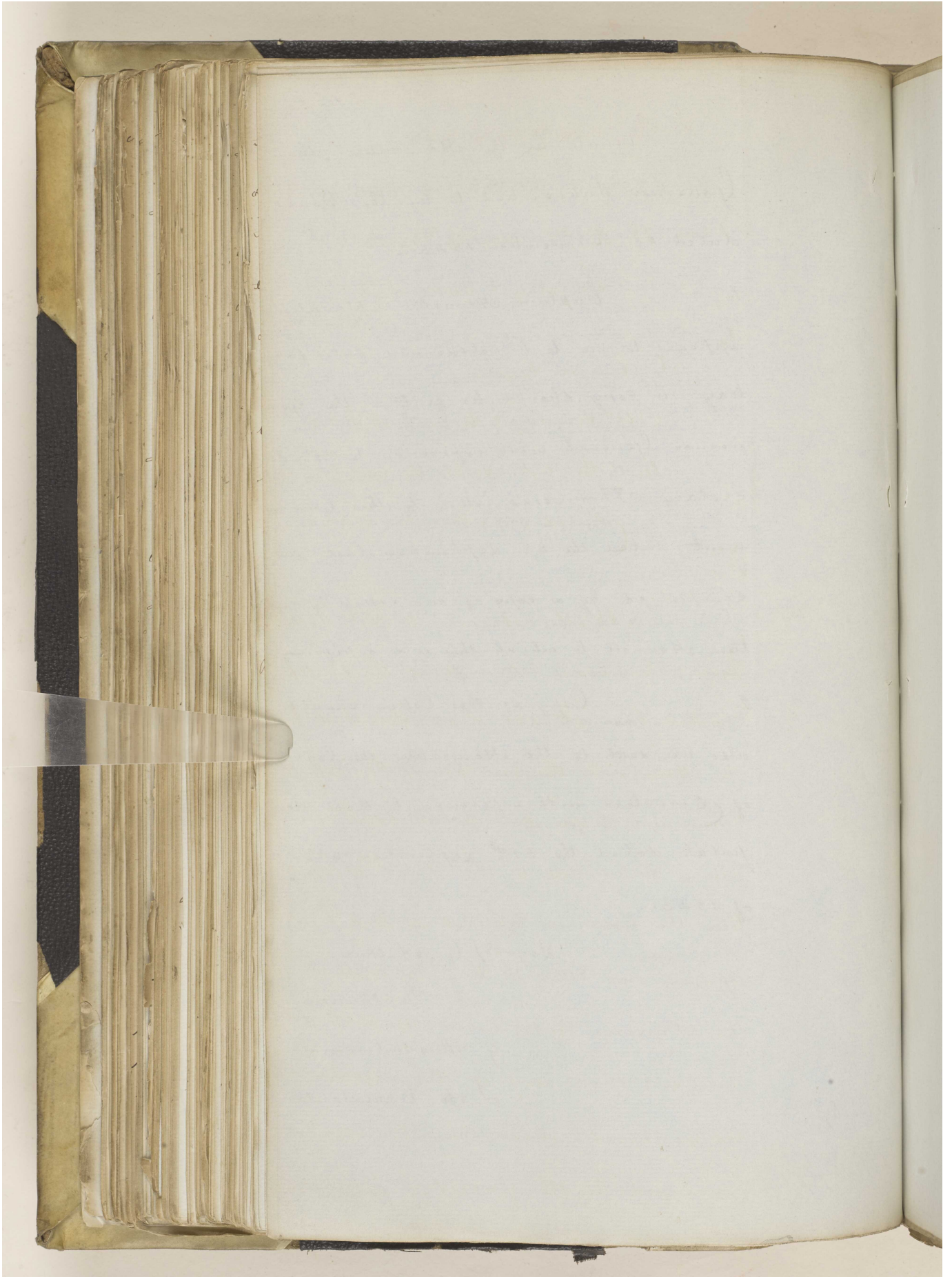
" G. W. Anderson.

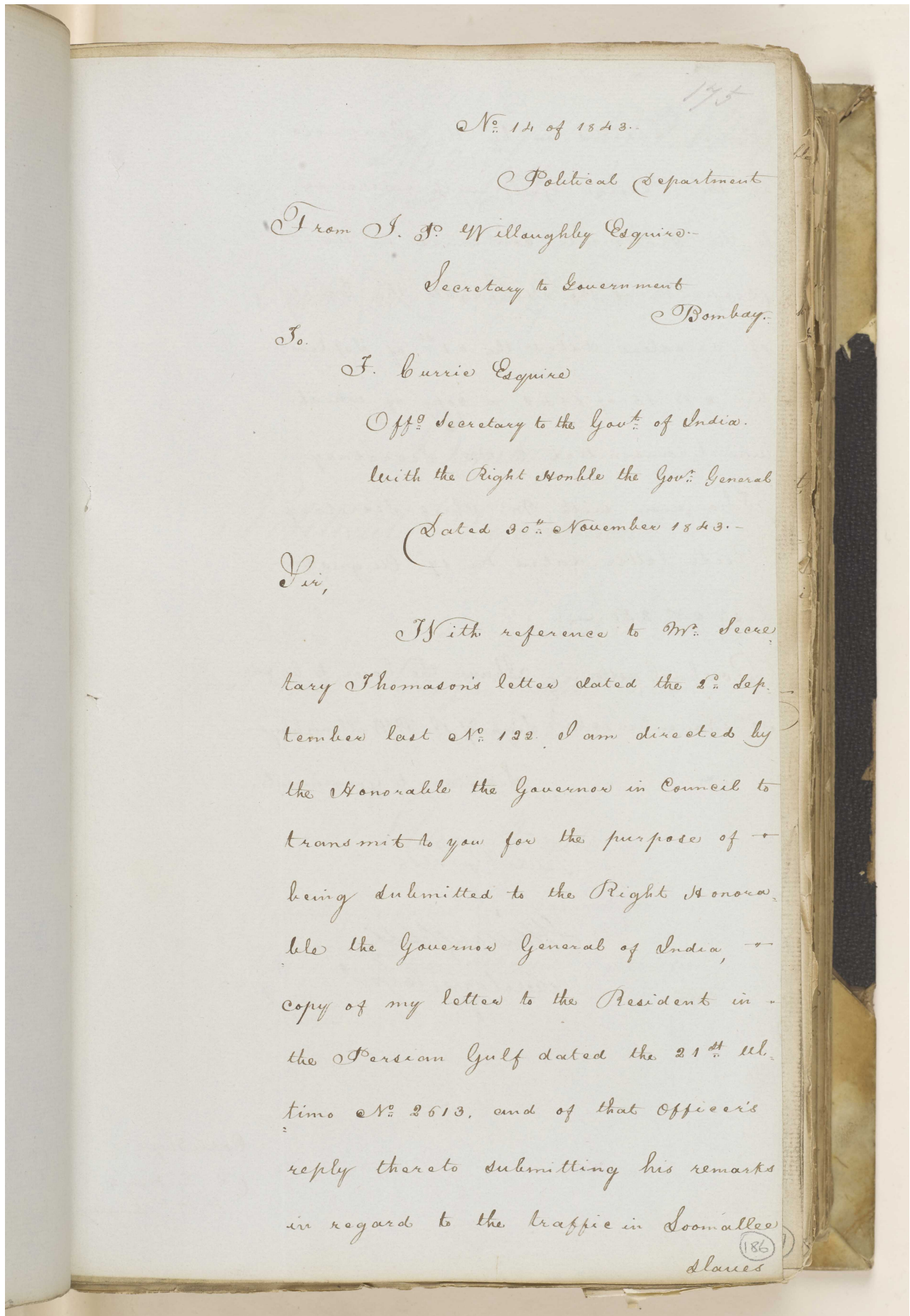
" J. A. Crawford.

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Political Department

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire-

Secretary to Government

Bombay.

To.

J. Currie Esquire

Off^r Secretary to the Govt^y of India.

With the Right Honble the Gov^t General

Dated 30th November 1843.-

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Secre-
tary Thomason's letter dated the 2^d Sep-
tember last N^o. 122. I am directed by
the Honorable the Governour in Council to
transmit to you for the purpose of
being submitted to the Right Honora-
ble the Governour General of India,
copy of my letter to the President in
the Persian Gulf dated the 21st ul-
timo N^o. 2513, and of that Officer's
reply thereto submitting his remarks
in regard to the traffic in Soomallee
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slaves carried on by the Boasmees
in the Persian Gulf with reference
to the sentiments contained in the
Despatch of the Honorable the Court
of Directors dated the 21st of Septem-
ber N^o: 15 of 1842, a copy of which
was transmitted to M^r: Secretary
Thomason with M^r: Chief Secretary
Reid's letter dated the 17th August
last N^o: 350.

Bombay Castle - I have the honor to be
30th November 1843 Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government.

True Copies.

J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

Copied by
C. Furdooji
E. by Willoughby