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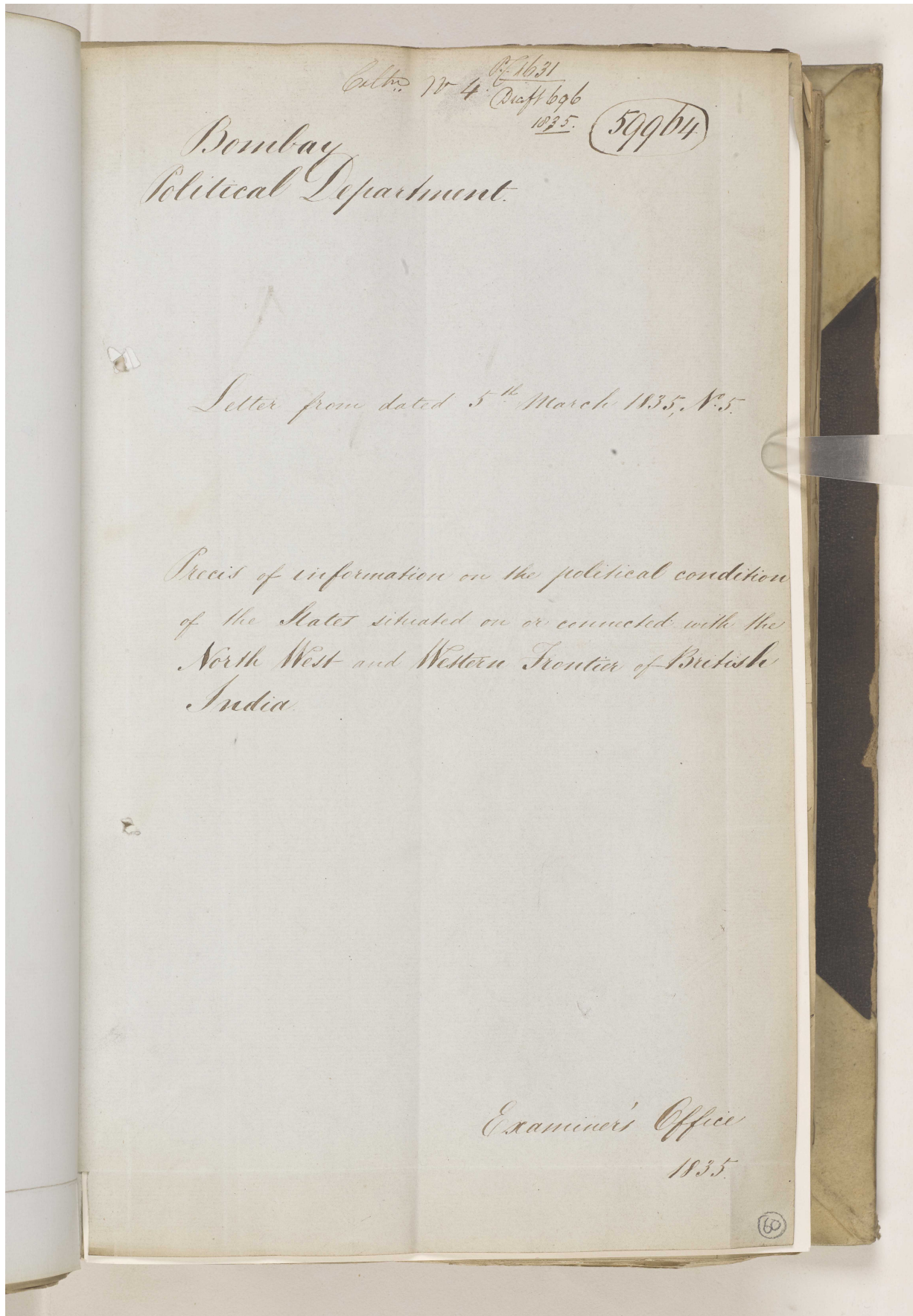
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- 'Scindh' [Sindh]

- 'Persia' [Iran]
- 'Persian Gulf'
- 'The Provinces of Oman in Arabia'
- 'Coast of Arabia from Muskat [Muscat] to the straights of Babeel Mandeel [Bab el Mandeb]'
- 'Red Sea'
- 'Arabia'
- 'Egypt and Nubia'
- 'Abyssinia (Hubbush)' [Ethiopia]
- 'North East and East Coasts of Africa'
- 'East Coast of Africa called by the natives Suwahil [suwāḥil or 'coasts' in Arabic]'

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Political Department.

*To, The Honble the Court of Directors
For affairs of the Honble East
India Company.
London.*

Honble Sirs,

Precis of Information.

We beg to transmit

*to your Honble Court the accompanying
copy of a ^{information on} Precis of the political condition
of the states situated on or connected
with the North west and Western
Frontier of British India.)*

2. H. Consul: 1835.

Feb'y 18. N. 277.

*This document, which
has been so carefully compiled by our
talented Secretary in the Persian
Department*

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Department, we deem worthy of being
submitted for the information of your
Honble Court, as containing the most
authentic and latest information relating
to Countries beyond our frontier; a copy
of it has also been transmitted to the
Government of India.

We have the honor to
be, with the greatest respect,

Honble Sir,

Your most faithful & obedient
humble Servants,

" A. W.

Bombay Castle,
5th March 1835.

" John Leake

" James M. M. M.

" Col. Mansie

Col. Mansie

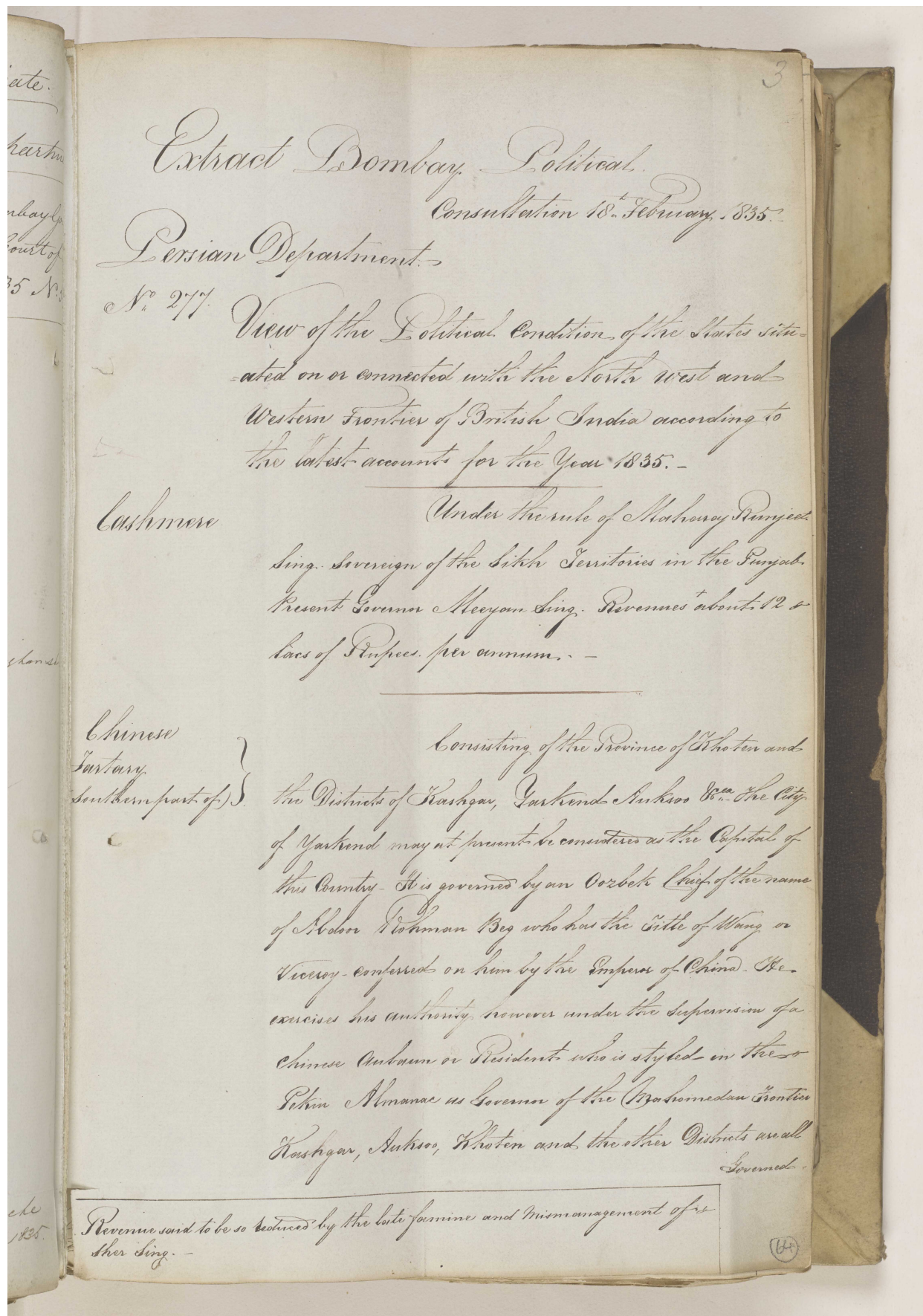
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governed in like manner, by Native Mahomedan Princes,
each being, under the control of a Resident appointed
+ + + from Peking. These Chinese Residents have at
their disposal the Chinese Troops stationed at the princi-
pal Towns where they reside. The Chinese Force at
present stationed in the Southern Provinces of Chinese
Tartary, is said to amount to 20,000 Men who are dis-
tributed as follows at Kashgar 8,000 Yarkend 2,000 +
Akhoro 2,000 Khotan 2,000 Turfan 8,000 10,000.

The Kingdom of Kokon (properly Independent
Khotend) containing the Towns and Districts of Tartary.
Keningau, Margidau, Andeeau, Corootappa,
Khotend, Tashkend, Soorkistan and Soorah, is under
the Government of Moohammed Ally Khan, an
Orzbek Prince.

Bokhara, Samarkend, Balkh &c.
Present King, Bahadur Khan.

Denauz this Country and that of Countries
Kumategen are governed by a Prince of Sanjikh extraction. Formerly dependent
Khoodoor Khookm and Budekshan or in the vicinity
are at present under Moohammed Moasad Beg Afghan State.

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of Kandooos.

Afghan }
Territories — }

Kabool Shizme, Persian B^{na} with districts yielding a revenue of about 20 Lacs of Rupees, are ruled by Surdar Dost Moohammed Khan & Bamkzye.

Deshaiver has lately been conquered by Runjet Sing and its Chief Soottun Moohammed Khan is said to have taken refuge with his half brother Dost Moohammed at Kabool.

Kirat — this City (with a few surrounding villages) situated on the Persian Frontier, is still ruled by Shah Ladoke Khaman, son of Shah Mahmood the last King of the Sadoozye Dynasty who reigned in Afghanistan.

Khandahar with its dependent districts is held by Behmdil Khan and Sohmudil Khan. Bamkzye's half & brothers of Dost Moohammed Khan of Kabool Revenue about ten lacs of Rupees.

Kelaut — the chief of this province is Akhat Khan

An unsuccessful attempt was made during the last year by Shah Nooja to secure possession of this Country.

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Khan of Belooch extraction. -

Are involved in anarchy and chaos. Beloochestan
is now and are governed by numerous petty Chiefs & ^{8.} ~~Muchran~~
who live by mutual plunder and rapine. -

This small state the capital of which is ^{The small province}
Belw and the sea port Sonmiani, is governed by a Chief ^{Sees situated to the}
who bears the title of Jamm Meer Khan. The present ^{Westward of Seem}
Jamm is a minor of about 12 years of age. The port above-
mentioned is the great entrepot through which the
whole trade between Bombay, Kandahar, Kabul and
central Asia at present passes. -

May be said to be divided at present ^{Scind.}
into three distinct Principalities - First Northern Scind,
the capital of which is Rajpore held by the sons of
Sohrab Khan Talpoore. Meer Noorunn Khan, Meer
Mohammed Khan and Meer Nasir Khan - Their
revenues are said to amount to 12 Lac Rupees annually.
Second Southern Scind, of which Hyderabad is the capi-
tal and Karachi Bunder the sea port. Its present
rulers are four in number First Meer Gookhann
Khan Son of the late Meer Gookhann Ally Khan the
two sons of the late Meer Gookhann Ally Khan vizt. 2nd
Meer

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Mier Nour Mohammad Khan & B. Mier Nasir &
Khan & B. Lobdan Khan son of the late Mier Faruk
Ally Khan these are all descendants of the four &
principal Ancestry of Scind of the Talpoor Family
they are at present ostensibly on good terms of unity
with each other but actually the greatest jealousy
prevails amongst them Mier Nour Mohammad
Khan appears at present to have more influence
and Authority than the others Revenue about 2 Lacs.

Third Western Scind is under Chief
Mli (Mural) Khan son of the late Mier Khara &
Talpoor this division is comparatively of minor im-
portance as to its revenue &c. but is contiguous to
the British Frontier of Puteh and Guzerat.

Persia

This Country is plunged into a state of
anarchy by the death of its late sovereign Fath Ali
Shah Najar, it remains to be seen which of the Princes
will gain the ascendancy in the contest which will pro-
bably take place for the throne.

Persian Gulf -

Bushira is still in the hands of the
Prince of Shiraz whose Son Asad Nader Najar is
its Governor.

Braspa
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Busra is under the authority of Ally Pasha of Bagdad.

Bahrain is held by Sheikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khaleef of the Arab Tribe of Buneet.

Qumra and Lahara are under the authority of the Wahabee Chief, Ismail son of Ismael who is at present engaged in hostilities with the Sheikh of Bahrain the power of the Wahabees has been much weakened by the assassination of the Chief Ismael bin Saad which took place lately.

Little Chiefs situate along the Coast between Bahrain and Oman or the Muskat Territories these barbarous and piratical tribes are constantly engaged in reciprocal warfare, and it is only the presence of a British Naval Force in the Gulf which restrains them from committing open acts of Piracy.

This Country is nominally subject to His Highness the Imam of Muskat but of late years the districts in the interior have almost entirely been wrested from his possession so that at present scarcely any thing remains to His Highness except the port of Muskat and

The Province of Oman in Arabia

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and he holds it, it may be said, more from the dread
his rebel Cousins have of British interference in his
Highness's favor than by any means of his own.

East of Arabia
from Muscat to
the Straights of
Babel Mandeb.

Under the various petty Chiefs
of Dhafir, Muskhalla, Rasheer and Aden.
The Island of Socatra belongs to the second
named Chief.

Red Sea.

Mocha and district are at present
^{been} held by Napsun, Yahia under the influence of
the great Bedouin tribe of Ubeir.

Socia, Hodeida, Jeddah &c. these
ports are under the Government of His Highness
Mohammed Ally Pasha, the Viceroy of
Egypt.

Arabia

Mosca and Medina these Cities
reputed as sacred by the Musulmans are under
the authority of His Highness Mohammed Ally
Pasha.

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This Highness is at present engaged in a War with a powerful tribe of Bedouins called Bune Usee who have lately risen into consequence and subjected great part of the interior. From the nature of the Country occupied by them, the issue of His Highness's undertaking, must be viewed as extremely doubtful. -

Sovereign His Highness - Egypt and
Mohammed Ally Pasha. - Arabia.

The interior of this Country is governed by various Native Chiefs its Sea ports of Suakin and Mocha are under the influence of His Highness the Viceroy of Egypt. - Abyssinia / Arabians

Bombura this Country is occupied by the barbarous tribe of Soomalee, the port affords an extensive market for the export and import of articles of trade into the interior of Africa during the months of September to April an extensive Bazar of huts is erected and large Caravans come down from the interior chiefly by way of a Town called Gurre situated about half way between Abyssinia and the Sea Coasts -

Bombura.

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East Coast of Africa.
Called by the Natives
Suwahili. —

Bombasa is a place properly
belonging to His Highness the Imam of Muscat
but at present in a state of rebellion against him. —

The whole of this Coast as far as the
Mozambique Sea-coast is more or less under the in-
fluence of His Highness the Imam of Muscat &
whose Capital is situated on the Island of Zanzibar. —

The Island of Zinboa Pemba &c. &c.
also belong to the same Chiefs. —

N. B. For the Geographical situation of
these Countries the reader is referred to the Map
 lately published at Calcutta by Mr. Sefton. —

Signed W. H. Warren
Secretary to Government.

Signed W. H. Warren.

True Extract.

C. M.

Chief Secretary.

W. H. Warren

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