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‘Proceedings regarding Captain Cogan of the Indian Navy being permitted to navigate the Ship Liverpool which His Highness the Imaum of Muscat intends to present to the King of England. – and the measures adopted for securing to her native crew their return to India.’

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About this record

The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence, minutes and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai], Captain Robert Cogan of the Indian Navy, and the Court of Directors of the East India Company.

The item relates to whether the Government of Bombay should allow Cogan to transport the Imaum [Imam] of Muscat's ship, the *Liverpool*, to London, as the Imaum wishes to gift the ship to the King of England [King of the United Kingdom]. The issue of who will pay for the return of the 'native' crew members to India is also discussed.

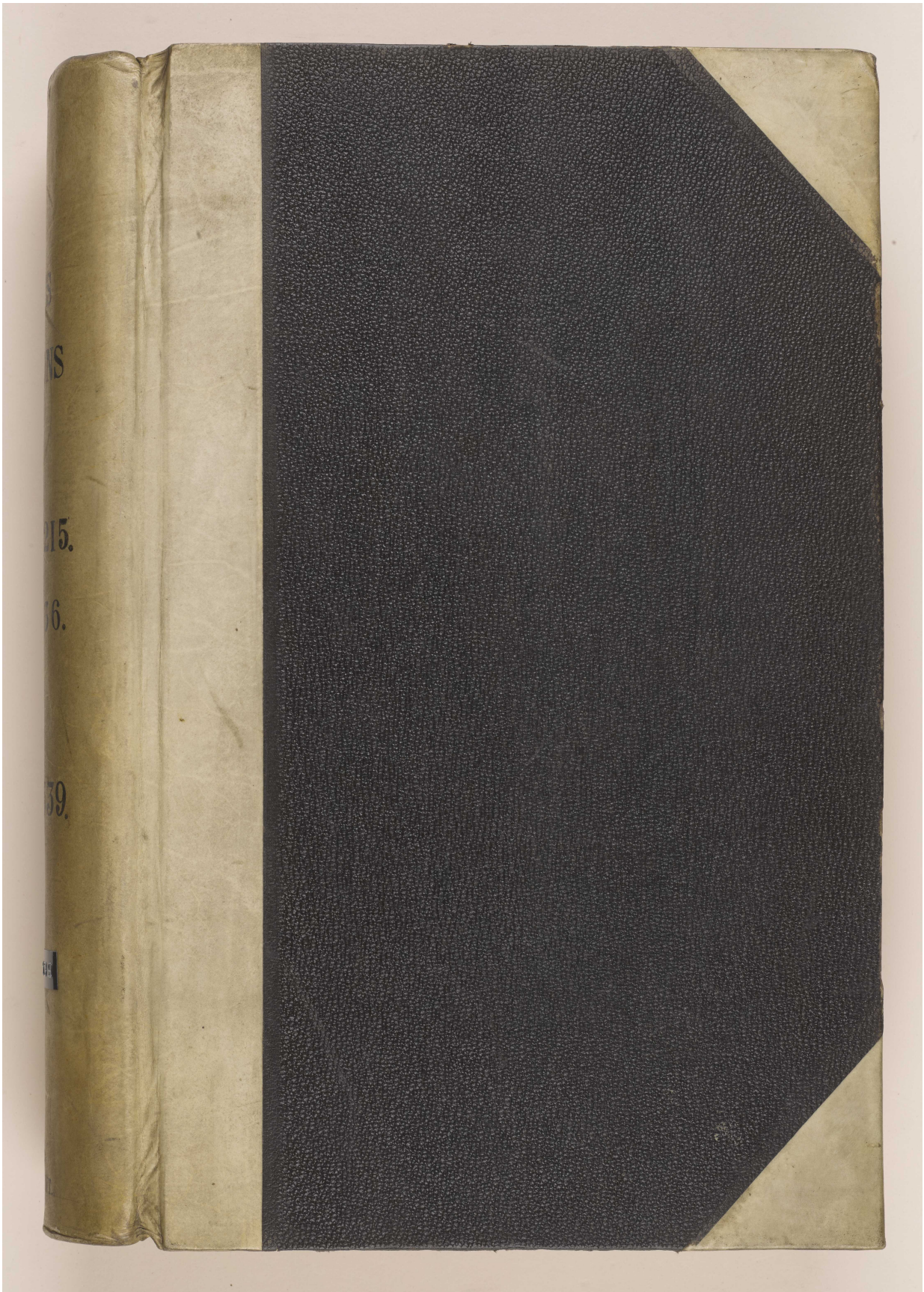
In addition, the item refers to the previous refusal to transport the ship by Captain Hart of HM Naval Forces in India, for diplomatic reasons concerning a treaty between the Imaum of Muscat and the United States of America. The communication between Hart and the Imaum is criticised by the Secret Committee of the East India Company and the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, who emphasise that communication with 'states' such as Muscat should only be undertaken through the Governor-General of India.

Other principal correspondents include: Lord William Cavendish Bentinck, Governor-General of India; Vice-

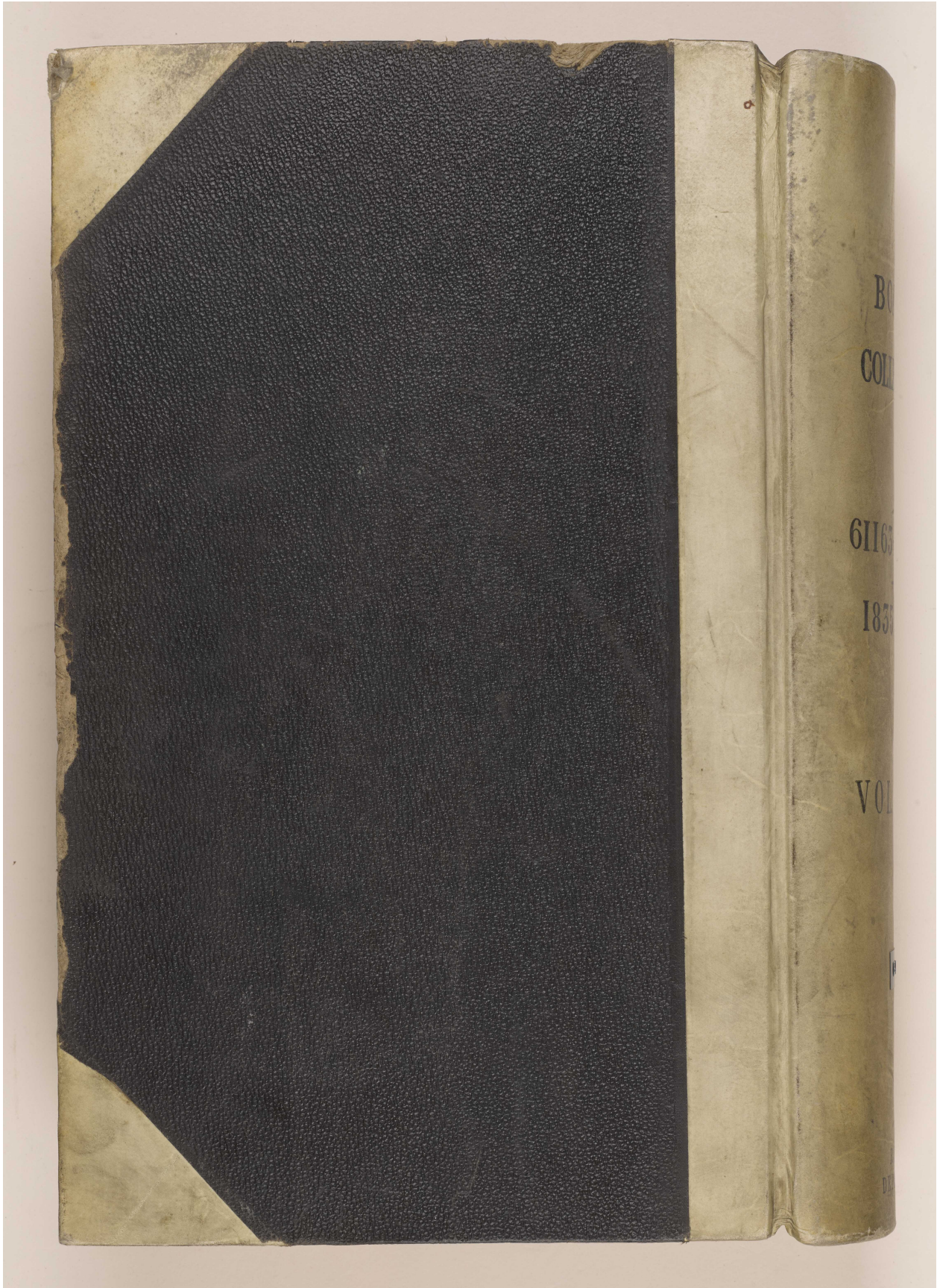
Admiral Sir John Gore, Commander in Chief of HM Naval Forces in India; and Captain Sir Charles Malcolm, Superintendent of the Indian Navy.

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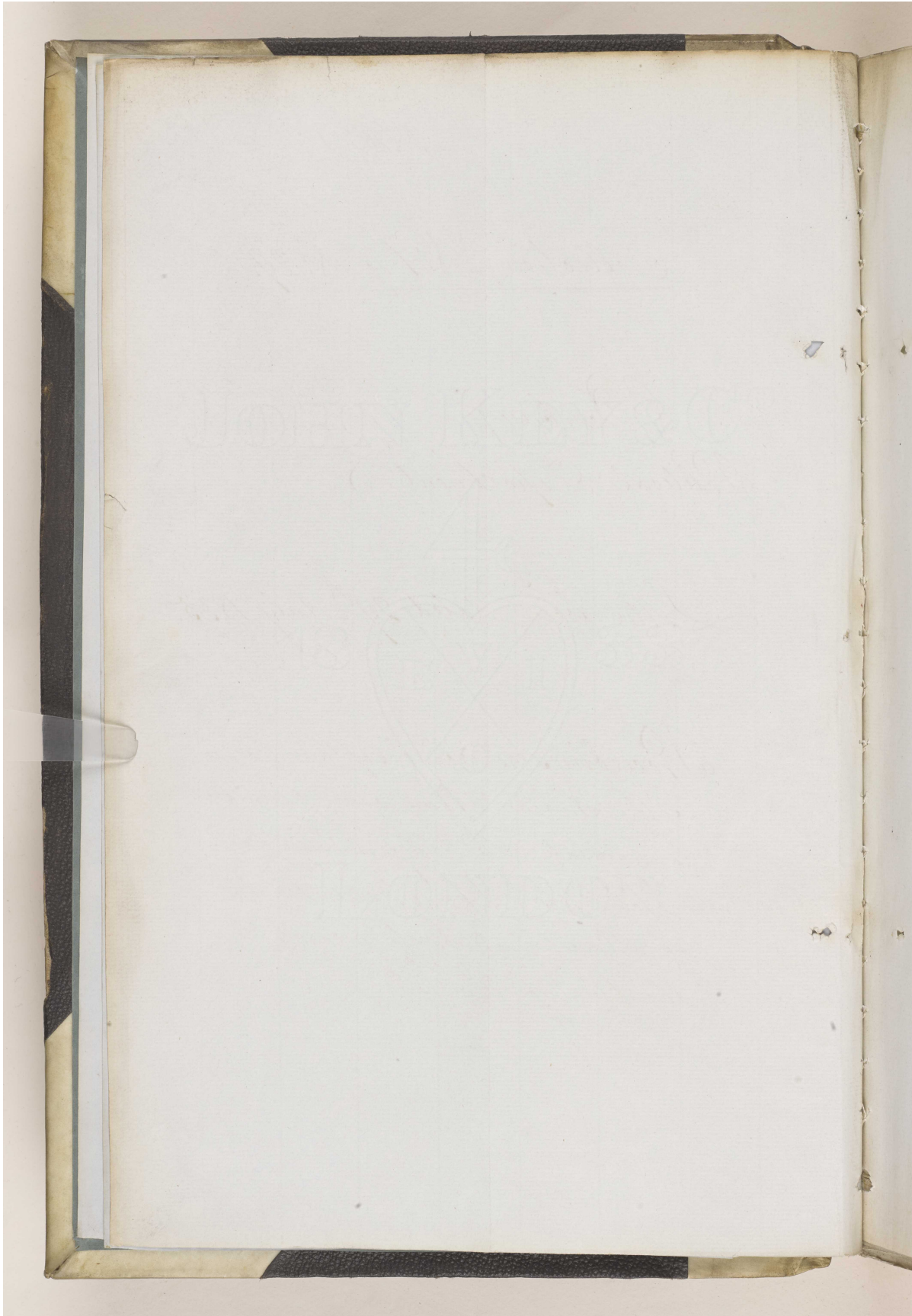
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Political Department. }

Letter from, dated 29th July 1835.

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of the Indian Navy being permitted
to navigate the Ship Liverpool
which His Highness the Imaum
of Muscat intends to present to
the King of England. – and the measures
adopted for securing to her native crew
their return to India.

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A. 29 of 1835

Political Department

To the Honorable the Court of Directors
for affairs of the Honorable East
India Company

Honorable Sirs, London

Muscat. 1 In the 10th and 11th papers
of our letter under date the 30th Sept^r
A. 26 of 1834, we informed your
Honorable Court that His Highness
the Imaum of Muscat had requested
Captain Hart of His Majesty's Ship
Imogene to accept as a Present for
the King of England of his 7th Gun
Ship the Liverpool built some years
ago for His Highness at Bombay which
that Officer declined.

2 Sir John Gore, the late
P^{te} Comm^r. Naval Commander in Chief in his
11th March 1835 A. 37 & 38 letter of the 21st February 1835 signified
to us that the Lords Commissioners of

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of the Admiralty had declined
accepting her. P.L. Cont.

3 I have now the honor 22 July 1855
to lay before your Honorable Council No 1824
translation of a letter from the Imaum
of Muscat dated the 7th April intimating
his intention of sending the above ship
to England as a present to the King
and requesting that Captain Cogan
of the Indian Navy should be allowed
to take charge of her.

4 At first we felt inclined P.L. Cont.
to call on His Highness to reconsider 22 July 1855
his design of presenting the Liverpool No 1825
to His Britannic Majesty as his offer
of her to the King was rejected last
year, and we feared that he was only
preparing for himself a second and
a more expensive disappointment. But
on reflection we did not see how we
could interfere with the intentions of
his design, His Highness does not ask
our opinions on the subject nor afford
us a fair opportunity for volunteering
one by making His Government the
Channel.

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Channel of the overture, He
announces to us the plan as already
formed and though he asks our
aid in carrying it into effect, still
the execution of it is not made to
depend on our compliance with
that request.

5
On the other hand we
have no distinct knowledge of the
motives or considerations which induced
His Britannic Majesty's Government
at Home to decline the offer. Lord
William Bentinck in his Letters to Sir
John Gore of the 18th and 21st April 1834
mentions or rather alludes to some
inconveniences that might result from
the acceptance of such an offer by the
British Government. a similar topic is
touched upon in the correspondence
of the Secret Committee, the Board
of Control and the Admiralty &c
transmitted to us by Sir John Gore
but still we have no such distinct
knowledge of the views of His
Majesty's

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Majesty's Government on this matter
as we could ask upon now is it clear
that we have authority to set upon such
knowledge if we possessed it.

6. We could not therefore
perceive how we could advise or
caution the Imaum in this case,
and we were willing to persuade ourselves
that after all no great injury will
result to His Highness's man should
his splendid tender meet with a
refusal.

7. From a private letter
which our President received from Captain
Cogan it appears that the Imaum's
instructions to him are, that if the Ship
is not accepted, she is to be sold,
in such way as Captain Cogan may
deem most conducive to His Highness's
Interests. It appears therefore that
the Imaum is acting with his eyes
open to the contingency of a refusal, and
with an alternative plan to be adopted
in the event.

8. We conceive the fact
to

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to be that His Highness finds this
Vessel only a magnificent incumbrance;
He intended her, it is said to be
a Frigate with only one gun deck,
when he gave orders for her to be
built, the dimensions he prescribed
for her, being those of a Seventy
four Gun Ship she was completed
in the most perfect and costly manner
as a Ship of that class. She is from
her construction unfit for any purposes
but those of War, and from her size
useless to His Highness on that
character. He is therefore resolved to
part with her for the highest price he
can obtain for money if nothing better
can be had, but if possible for the
useful and powerful gratitude of
His Britannic Majesty.

If the matter comes to
a sale we are inclined to think that
the Pasha of Egypt would give him
the best price, but several reasons may
be conjectured why he should not wish
to

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to see her in the hands of
that Potentate, besides that unless she
proceed to Europe he loses all
chance of procuring in exchange for
her that considerations which he
would prefer to the very highest
money value.

10. Under all these circumstances
we did not conceive any obstacle
to exist to our permitting Captain
Cogan to accept His Highness's offer
of employment on this occasion for
the specific service of navigating
the vessel to England that officer
having already obtained permission however
to proceed to England on Furlough
agreeably to the Regulations

11. We have accordingly
permitted Captain Cogan to navigate
the Ship to England under the following
Instructions. P^{er} to ord.
22 July 1835
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12. That not only is he
to be careful to take no step whatever
to forward the object of procuring the
intended presents to be accepted, but in no
sense

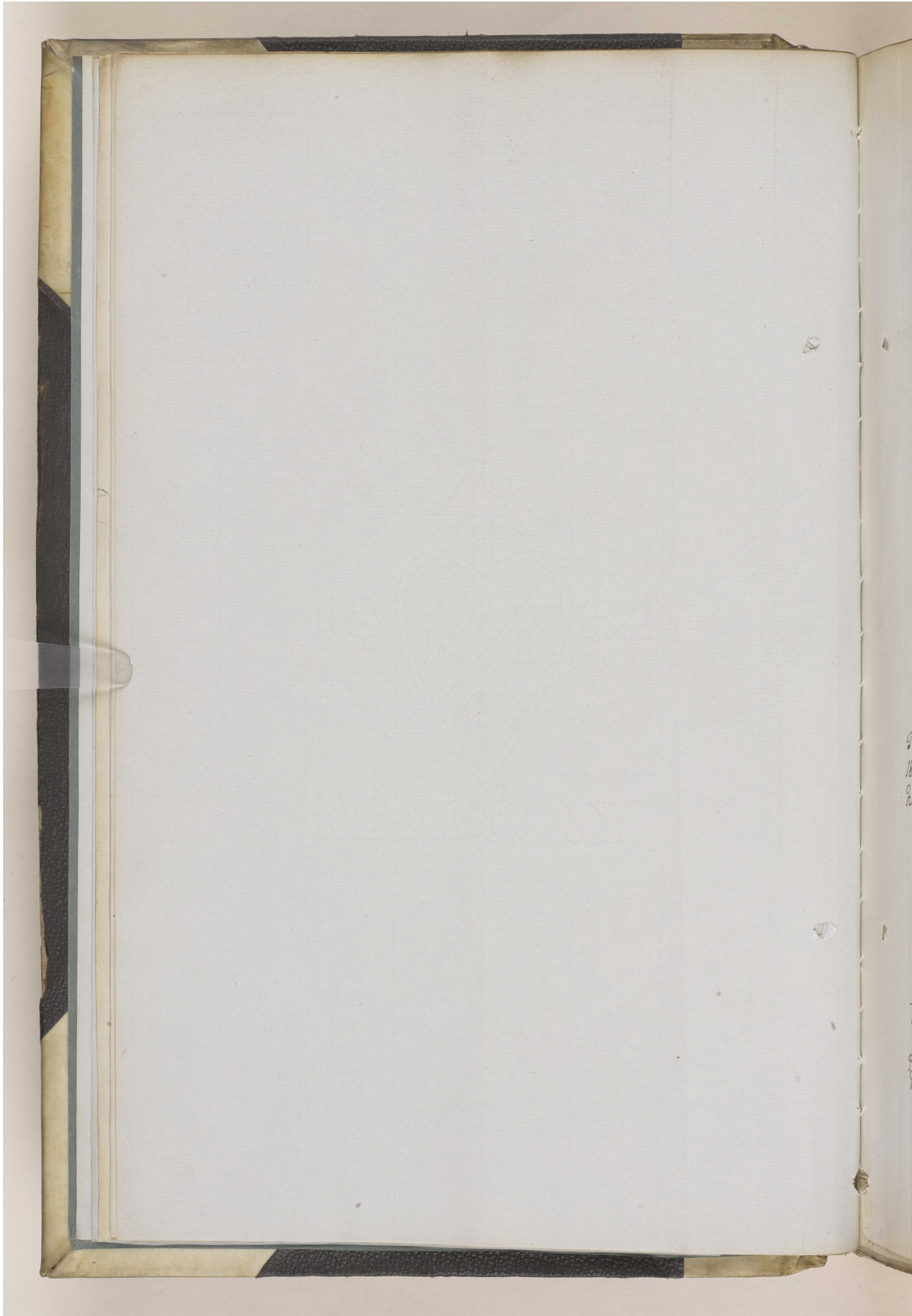
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sense or degree is he to appear
or act as the representative or
Emisary of the Imaum, nor even
as His Highness's Agent until after
the present shall have been refused
(if it is refused) by His Majesty's
Government, when he may proceed
to sell the vessel according to the
Imaum's instructions to him; a copy
of which forms a number in the
Packet.

13 We have directed Captain
Cogan to present himself to your
Honorable Court in the first place after
his arrival in the River Thames,
and from that moment the instructions
furnished to him here will of course
be subject to those which your Honorable
Court may please to give him.

We have the honor to be Dear
Bombay Castle } (Signed) James Butherton &
29 July 1835. } " Edward Snowden
/ True copy /
(Signed) C. Norris
Chief Secretary.

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N^o 35 of 1835.

Political Department.

To

The Honorable the Court of Directors.

For affairs of the Honorable East India Company.

London.

Honble Sirs,

With reference to our letter of the 29th July last, N^o 29 of 1835, on the subject of the Liverpool 44 gun ship, belonging to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat, proceeding to England as a present from His Highness to the King, we have the honor to report to your Honorable Court, that we received a communication from the Superintendent of the Indian Navy relative to the return to this Country of the Native Crew with which she would probably be manned without expense to the Honorable Company, for which it seemed requisite that provision should be made.

* * * 2.

N^o 2346 B

Sept^r 23rd

N^o 2352 C.

Having called upon our Advocate General for his opinion, that Officer stated that the Liverpool being a vessel of War belonging to a foreign independent power, was not subject to our Municipal Regulations, and that in the event of her being accepted as a present by His Majesty the King of England, His Highness the Imaum

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Imaum must provide for the return of the Seacows at his expense.

3. We accordingly caused the substance of the Advocate P. H. Cons 1835. General's letter to be stated to His Highness's Agent at the Residency, ^{Sept 23rd} _{2552.D} and requested that he would inform Government whether and what provision had been made for the return to India of the Seacows alluded to. In reply, His Highness's agent stated, th _{307 26/10} ^{and 11.} that in the event of the Liverpool not returning to India, funds had been placed at the disposal of Agents in England for the return to India of her native crew; but as it was impossible to say how this arrangement might ultimately be affected, he, the Agent, pledged himself to defray any expense, which from unforeseen circumstances the Honorable Company might be put to.

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

Honble Sirs,

Your most faithful and obedient
humble servants,

(signed) James Futherland
Edward Grouse.

Bombay Castle }
3rd October 1835. }

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J. b. Melvill Esq^r
Secretary to the Honorable the Court of Directors
of the East India Company.

Sir,

In reference to a letter from the Chief Secretary
to Government at Bombay to my address, under date the 16th
of July last, relative to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat's
ship "Liverpool", I have now the honor to report to you
for the information of the Honorable Court of Directors, that the
"Liverpool" arrived at Portsmouth on the 23rd Instant; and I
beg you will favour me with the commands of the Honorable
Court as to the course I should adopt in giving effect to the
intentions of His Highness the Imaum as regards the disposal
of his ship ^{the} "Liverpool" under my charge; the Honorable the
Court of Directors being, no doubt, in possession of all the
circumstances connected with the case.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Hatchets Hotel
N^o. 1. Dover Street
February 25th - 1836.

Your very obedient servant
(Signed) R. Cogan
Capt^l J. R.

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East India House
26th July 1826.

Sir,

I am commanded by
the Court of Directors of the
East India Company to inform you,
in reply to your Letter of the
25th Instant, that they have transmitted
a copy of your Letter to the
Commissioners for the Affairs of
India, to whom they refer you
for the orders of His Majesty's
Government.

I am

Sir Geo^d

(Signed) James C. Melville
Secretary

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Extract paras 10 & 11. of a letter from the Bombay Government to the Honble the Court of Directors in the Political Department Dated 30th September 1834. N^o 26. –

10^A Whilst Captain Hart was at Zanzibar the Imaum requested him to accept as a Present for the King of England, of the ^{or} Liverpool, a seventy-four gun ship, built some year ago for His Highness at Bombay, which point he appeared to press very much, as she was, His Highness observed, too large for his service, but viewing the offer of the Imaum in connexion with the overtures made to Captain Hart to break faith with the Americans who had already begun to quarrel with His Highness, the Governor General doubted the propriety and expediency of accepting this vessel & observed that if under these circumstances His Highness's offer were accepted it might be construed into an intention to support him against the Americans, which it was desirable to avoid. –

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11 The Admiral accordingly addressed His Highness returning the original Treaty brought down by Captain Hart intimating to him he could not pledge himself that the British Government would support him in breaking faith with the Americans and that the acceptance of the Liverpool for the King of England if considered as a pledge for any purpose he must decline it until he received full instructions from England on the subject. –

True Extract –
C Mm
Chief Secretary.

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Consultation 11 March 1835

From

His Excellency

Vice Admiral Sir John Gore

Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Naval Forces in
India

To His Excellency

The Right Honorable the Earl of Clare

Governor in Council

Bombay

My Lord

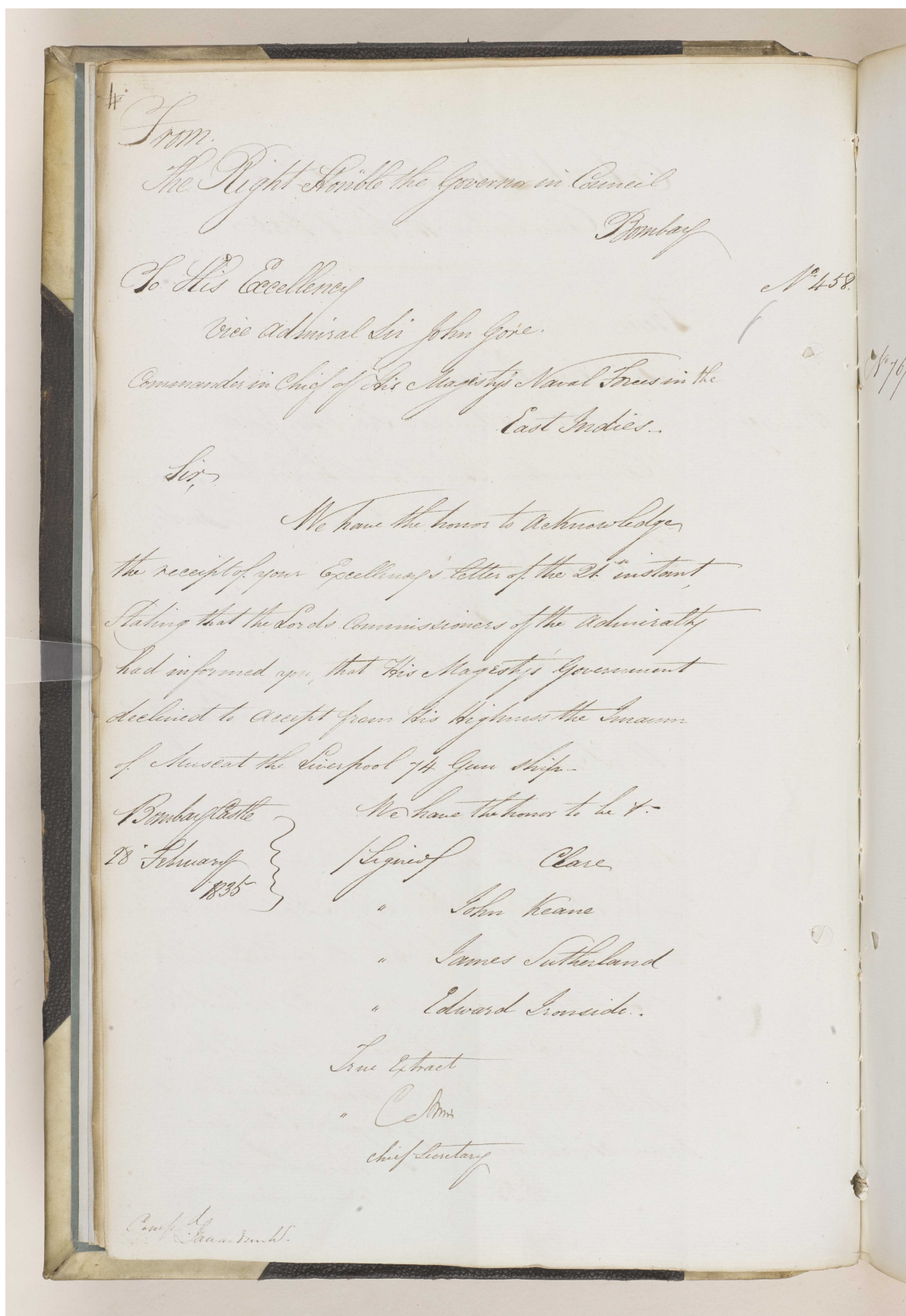
Referring to my former Correspondence
respecting the offer made by the Imaum of Muscat
of the Liverpool 74 Gun Ship, I have now the honor
to inform your Lordship that the Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty have acquainted me that His
Majesty's Government decline to accept her.

McNeill in Bombay
Harbor 21 February
1835

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours faithfully
John Gore
Vice Admiral and
Commander in Chief

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Consultation 5 April 1835.

Extract from the proceedings of Government in
the Marine Department –

From His Excellency
Vice Admiral Sir John Gore.

Commander in Chief

East Indies

To His Excellency the Right Honorable
Sir Robert Grant.

Governor in Council

Bombay.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the
21st ultimo, intimating that His Majesty's Gov-
-ernment had declined the offer of the Liverpool
74 Gun ship, by the Imaum of Muscat, I now
inclose for your Excellency's further information
the grounds upon which the Government came
to that determination.

I have

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Melville in Bombay. Have the honor to be Sir,
Hobart 10th March. 1835. Sir John Gore,
Vice Admiral and
Commander in Chief

From John Barron

To His Excellency Vice Admiral
Sir John Gore K. C. B.
Commander in Chief
East Indies

Sir,

Having laid before my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of
the 10th of April, N^o 35, ^{last} enclosing a Report
from Captain Hart of the proceedings during
his visit to Muscat in His Majesty's ship
Inconstant, I am commanded by their Lordships
to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the
Secretary to the Commissioners for Affairs of
India, with a copy of the one therein referred
to from the Secretary to the Secret Committee
of

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of the East India Company on that Subject,
and I am to acquaint you that their Lordships
entirely concur in the opinion expressed by the
Secret Committee and by the Commissioners for
the Affairs of India, and it is their direction
that you conform thereto accordingly, and
that you caution officers under your Command
to abstain from mixing themselves up with
the political affairs of any of the Nations
of the East.

Admiralty
12th Sept 1834

I have &c
Signed John Barrow.

From J. A. Stuart Mackenzie.

To Captain

The Honble G. Elliot & Co.

per V. V.

Sir

I am directed by the Commissioners
for the Affairs of India to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo with its
enclosures

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enclosures from Vice Admiral Sir John Gore,
reporting the proceedings of Captain Hart
of His Majesty's Ship Porogene, while on a
visit at Muscat in February last.

In reply the Board direct me
to transmit to you for the information of the
Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty copy
of a letter which they have received from
the Secret Committee of the East India Company
on the Subject of these papers.

The Board desire me to
express their Concurrence in the opinion of
the Secret Committee, that no communication
with States like that of Muscat, should be
held except thro' the Governor General of
India in Council, and that they recommend
to the consideration of the Lord Commissioners
of the Admiralty, that an instruction
should be issued to the Naval Commander
in Chief in India, and the officers under
him, cautioning to abstain from any com-
munication with the States in the East on
points

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points of the nature referred to, except in
Concert with the Government of India.

They also Concur in the view
which the Secret Committee take of the Treaty
alleged to have been concluded between
the Americans and the Imaum of Mus-
cat and in the inexpediency of accepting
the Imaum's offer of the Liverpool.

The latter point, in some respects,
appears more properly to rest with His Majesty's
Naval Department, but as it involves also
Considerations of political importance con-
nected with the Administration of India,
the Board instruct me to add, that they
Concur in the opinion expressed by Sir John
Gore, that an acceptance of the vessel
"might be construed into a pledge, in the
King's name, to support the Imaum," – a con-
sequence that could not fail to prove most
embarrassing, the Local Government having
already interfered in favor of the Imaum
of Muscat more frequently and to a greater
extent than in the opinion of the British
Authorities.

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authorities in this Country is considered to be
proper or desirable.

The enclosures to your letter
appearing to be original Papers are returned.
I have &c
Indian Board
2 Septemr 1834
Signed S. A. Stewart Mackenzie

Sir,

I am directed by the Secret
Committee to reply to your letter dated the 9th of
August 1834 relating to the mission of Captain
Hart of His Majesty's Ship Angene under the
orders of Vice Admiral Sir John Gore to the
Sultan of Muscat, and requesting to be
favored with the observations of the Committee
on the Subject of a Treaty formed between
the Sultan and the Government of the
American United States and on the offer
by the Sultan to His Majesty of the present
of a 74 Gun Ship.

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The Committee are not informed of the Circumstances under which an officer was deputed by the Vice Admiral to hold Communication with a Foreign State, whose relations as respects this Country, are solely with the Indian Government, nor are they acquainted with the object to which the mission was directed. But they are well assured of the agreement with them by the Board of Commissioners in the opinion, which also appears, as indicated by the late act of Parliament, to be the opinion of the Legislature, that there ought to be but one Supreme Authority in India.

Under their ignorance of the Circumstances the secret Committee cannot judge of the nature of the justification which may be pleaded for this mission or the particular motive which led to it, but it is evident that unacquainted as Captain Hart appears by his own report to have been with the state of intercourse and relations between

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Between the Indian Government and the
Imaum, with the provision of the Imaum
in relation to his neighbours, and the means
which he possesses of injuring or promoting
the British Interests, he was exposed to
the Commission of errors, which might
have produced serious consequences, and
as it is obvious that the Indian Govern-
ment must be far better acquainted
with all the Circumstances on which
a correct judgment can be formed on
any matter to be adjusted with the
States in India, than any other party, the
Committee trust that the Board will concur
in the necessity of providing, that no
Communication on general Subjects of Govern-
ment shall be held with those States
except thro' the Governor General in Council.
With respect to the Treaty which appears
to Captain Hart, a matter of so much
importance, it may very possibly prove
to be no Treaty at all. There is no evidence
that

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that the individual by whom it was negotiated,
had any authority for what he did. He appears
to have been an American Trader, who first
applied to the Imaum for the recovery of some
debts of several years standing due to him
by the Subjects of the Imaum, and who in
the Course of Conversation introduced the subject
of the Treaty, and may have merely pretended
that he had a Commission for that purpose.
This is the more probable, as it has not been
the policy of the Americans to enter into
engagements of that description in the East.
But supposing the Treaty to be authentic the
Committee do not perceive, that the British
Government are called upon to notice it.
The Americans are not objects of political
jealousy to us in India, and the trifling
trade which they may carry on in their
small vessels with the territory of the Imaum
of Muscat, is not likely to interfere with
our own. We do not seek a monopoly of
the Trade of Muscat. The supposed Treaty
stipulates

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stipulates only for commercial intercourse.
under certain conditions. and all that we
are concerned in demanding is, that we shall
be received on the footing of most favored
nations.

The Vice Admiral requests Instructions
for his guidance on the important points
relating to Muscat. There is our general Ins-
truction which the Committee are of opinion
that he ought to receive without delay,
and that is to leave all such matters to the
Indian Government entirely, tho' he may
be always sure that any information or
suggestion which His Excellency may
have to offer, will be respectfully received
and attended to.

The Committee do not consider
themselves as the proper judges of the question
relative to the Liverpool. One doubt which occurs
to them however is, whether it is consistent
with the dignity of the King of England
to receive a present from the Imaum of
Muscat

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Muscat, without at least a full equivalent but of this the Lords of the Admiralty are the more competent and proper judges, whilst it may, the Committee conceive the proper to remark that no compensation which can be made to the Imaum will remove from his mind the notion that he has conferred upon His Britannic Majesty an obligation which ought to be remembered whenever he has occasion to apply for support, or to solicit a favor, from the Indian Government.

The papers which accompanied your letter are returned herewith as requested.

Have the honor to be Sir
East India House
27 August 1834
Signif W. L. Peacock.

Minute... } Ordered that copies of the
26 March 1835 } letter from Vice Admiral Sir John
Gore, late Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Naval Forces in the East Indies, dated the

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the 16th instant and of its enclosures be.
transferred to the Political Department for
information.

True Extract

/ Signed E. M. Wood.

Lieut Col^y Secretary to the

True Extract.

C. M. M.

Chief Secretary

Copied
J. M. M. L.

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Consulation 22th July 1835.

No. 1823. Extract from the proceedings of Government in the Marine Department.

From Captain Sir Charles Malcolm,
Superintendent of the Indian Navy.

To The Right Honorable Sir Robert Grant, G.C.B.
President and Governor in Council.

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to forward
a Letter from Captain Cogan Indian Navy dated the
23rd instant requesting permission to take charge of the
Ship "Liverpool" on his departure to England agree-
ably to the request of the Imaum of Muscat, which
I trust will meet with the approval and sanction
of your Right Honorable Board.

Sub^d Office
Bombay
26 June 1835

I have the honor to be Sir,
Signed Charles Malcolm,
Superintendent of S. N.

To

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From Captain R. Cogan. I. N.
To Captain Sir Charles Malcolm. K. R. I.
Superintendent of the Indian Navy.
Sir, th Date 25 June 1835.

Being about to proceed to Europe
on Furlough, under the sanction of Government (as
conveyed to me in your Assistant's letter under date
the 22nd instant) and having received a request from
His Highness the Imaum of Muscat to take charge
of his 74 Gun Ship, the "Liverpool" proceeding to
England, I have deemed it right to respectfully re-
quest that you will ascertain if the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council, has any objection to my com-
plying with the request of His Highness the Imaum,
as the circumstance of my going to Europe in charge
of the "Liverpool" would greatly contribute to my
comfort, and convenience, as well as enable me to
comply with the wishes of His Highness.

Bombay
25 June 1835

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Signed, R. Cogan.
Captain I. N.
Minute

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Minute by Mr Sutherland.

Dated 29th June 1835.

I do not suppose that there can be any objections to Captain Cogan's taking the Imaum's Ship Liverpool to England, but he should be distinctly told that this cannot be done with a view to her being presented to His Majesty's Government, as this has already been declined, and he should be restrained from doing any thing whatever with this object in view, and that he is not to promote such an object in any manner.

If the Board concurs in this, a communication of the order to be given should be made to the Honble Court and apprized of the intention of the Imaum to send her home. Captain Cogan should also be told that the Court will be informed of the instructions sent to him.

29th June 1835. } Signed, James Sutherland

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Minute by the Right Honourable the Governor
Subscribed by the Board-

On the general Subject of the
proposed present of this Ship by the Imaum of Muscat
to the King of England, I beg to refer to my minute of
yesterday's date.

As to the Instructions to be given
to Captain Cogan, who (as I have said in the Minute
already referred to) may be permitted to navigate
the Vessel to Europe, they should, I think be even
more guarded and precise than those which Mr.
Sutherland proposes.

Not only should he be careful
to take no step whatever to forward the object of pro-
curing the intended present to be accepted, but
he must in no sense or degree appear or act as the
representative or Envoy of the Imaum, nor even
as His Highness's agent, until after the present
shall have been refused (if it is refused) by the British
Government, when he may proceed to sell the Vessel
according

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according to the Imaum's Instructions.

All this should be very distinctly explained to the Honorable Court, to whom Captain Cogan must carefully present himself in the first instance, and from that moment the Instructions he takes home, will of course be subject to those of the Court.

5 July 1825.

Signed, P. Grant.

From Lieutenant Colonel E. M. Wood.

Secretary to Government

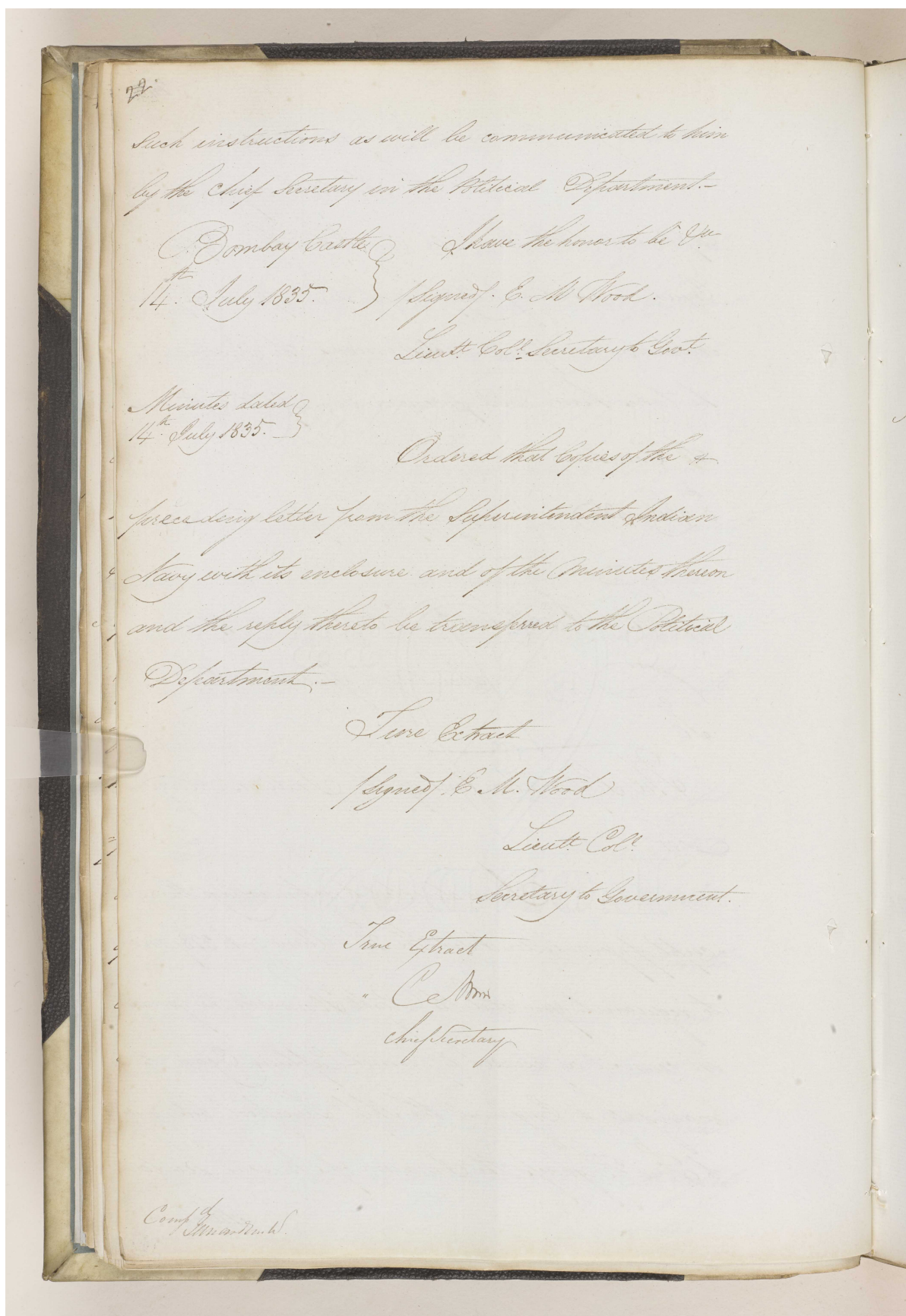
The Superintendent of the Indian Navy.

Sir
I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th ultimo (No 328) and to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to permit Captain Cogan to navigate to England the Ship Liverpool belonging to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat under

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N^o 1824.

Translate of a letter from His Highness the Imaum
of Muscat / Syed Syed / to the Right Honorable the
Governor Dated 2nd Zilhajja / 1st April / and received
23rd May 1835.

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Should your Excellency be anxious
to hear of our situation we beg to inform you that by
the blessing of God we are in the enjoyment of health
and happiness our wish is also to hear good accounts
of your Excellency there is no news in these parts
except such as is agreeable we beg to inform your
Excellency that our heart has for a long time since
been filled with the ardent wish of sending our
Line of Battle Ship the Liverpool / as a present on
our part / to His Majesty the King of Great
Britain and we have now made up our mind

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to send her accordingly. your attached friend there-
fore, begs that you will permit him to have the
man of war conveyed to England, and that you
will allow Captain Cogan to take charge of that
Ship; we have accordingly written to our brother
Mohammed Ruheem Khan to pay the expenses
whatever they may be, which may be incurred
until the Ship is received by His Majesty the
King.

We beg your Excellency to
favour us with your Commands of greater or less
importance in these parts.

Signed J. W. A. Matheson
Secretary to Government.

Minute by the Right Honourable the Governor submitted
to by the Board dated 8 July 1825.

No. 1825.

I felt in the first instance inclined
to call on the Imaum to reconsider his design of
presenting the Liverpool to His Britannic Majesty,
as his offer of her to that Sovereign was rejected
last year, and I feared that he was only preparing
for

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for himself a second and a more expensive dis-
-appointment.

But on reflection, I do not see that we
can interfere with the execution of the design. His
Highness does not ask our opinion on the subject; nor
afford us a fair opportunity for volunteering one, by
making the Bombay Government the channel of
the overture. He announces to us the plan as already
formed, and though he asks our aid in carrying it
into effect, still the execution of it is not made to
depend on our compliance with that request.

On the other hand we have no dis-
tinct knowledge of the motives or considerations
which induced His Britannic Majesty's Govern-
ment at home to decline the offer.

Lord M. Bentinck in his letter to Sir
John Gore of the 18 and 21st April 1834, mentions
or rather alludes to some inconveniences that
might result from the acceptance of such an offer
by the British Government. A similar topic is
touch'd upon in the Correspondence of the secret
Committee of the Directors, the Board of Control,
and

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and the Admiralty, transmitted to the Bombay Government, by Sir John Gore, with his letter of the 16th of last March. But still it remains true that we have no such distinct knowledge of the views of the Government at home on this matter, as we can act upon, nor can I hear that we have authority to act upon such knowledge if we possessed it.

I perceive not therefore, how we can advise or caution the Imaum in this case, and I am willing to persuade myself that after all no great injury will result to His Highness even should his splendid tender meet with a refusal. From a private letter of Captain Cogan's I find that the Imaum's instructions to him given in the prospect of his being allowed to take the ship home, are that if he is not accepted by the British Government, she shall be sold in such way as the Captain may deem most conducive to His Highness's interests. It appears therefore that the Imaum is acting with his eyes open to the contingency of a refusal and with

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with an alternative plan to be adopted in that event.

I conceive the fact to be that he finds this vessel only a magnificent incumbrance. He intended her, it is said to be a Frigate with only one gun deck when some ten years ago he gave the order for building her at Bombay. But the dimensions he prescribed for her being those of an 11 gun ship, she was completed in the most perfect and costly manner as a ship of that class. She is from her construction unfit for any purposes but those of war and from her size useless to His Highness in that character. He is therefore resolved to part with her for the highest price that he can obtain, for money if nothing better can be had, but if possible for the useful and powerful gratitude of the British King.

If the matter comes to a sale I should be apt to think that the Pacha of Egypt would give him the best price but several reasons may be conjectured why he should not wish to see her in the hands of that Potentate, besides that unless she proceeds to Europe he loses all chance

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Chance of procuring in exchange for her that consideration which he would prefer to the very highest money value.

I am not aware of any obstacle to our permitting Captain Cogan to accept His Highness's offer of employment on this occasion, for the specific service of navigating this vessel to England.

The Honorable Court should be apprized of our views on this subject.

8th July 1835.

Signe of R. Grant

From Charles Norris Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
To Captain R. Cogan I.N.

N^o. 1826.

Sir,

With reference to the permission granted to you from the Marine Department to navigate to England the ship Liverpool belonging

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belonging to the Imaum of Muskat, I am com-
manded by the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council to Communicate to you the following
instructions for your guidance.

1. The Governor in Council
directs that you be careful to take no step whatever
to forward the object of procuring the acceptance
of the intended present of the Ship Liverpool
by His Majesty and that in no wise or degree
you appear or act as the representative or
Embassy of the Imaum of Muscat nor even
as His Highness' agent until after the
present shall have been refused / if it is refused
by His M^t Government, when you are at
liberty as far as this Government is concerned
to proceed to sell the vessel according to such
instructions as you may receive from His High-
ness the Imaum.

2. On your arrival in the River,
Thames you will be careful to present yourself
in the first instance to the Court of Directors
and from that moment place yourself
under

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under the instructions of the H. C.^{ty} as to your
future Conduct.

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be Sir
16th July 1835. } Signed Charles Norris
Chief Secretary.

Resolution of Government.

N^o. 1827.

With reference to the translate
of a letter from His Highness the Imaum of Muscat,
intimating his desire to send his line of Battle ship
the Liverpool as present to the King of England, &
ordered that a suitable reply be prepared to His
Highness by the Secretary to Government in the
Persian Department, stating that agreeably to his
request Government has permitted Captain
Cogan to proceed to England for the purpose
of taking His Highness's ship to that Country.

16th July } I have the honor to be Sir
1835. } Signed Charles Norris
Chief Secretary

Draft

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Draft of a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor
to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat Dated 16th Sept
1835.

A.C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your
Highness very friendly epistle dated the 2^d of July,
the perusal of which has filled my heart with
great pleasure and satisfaction in as much as
it conveyed the welcome news of your good health
and prosperity. may God preserve you from
all evils and misfortunes."

Secondly- With reference to your request
that Captain Cogan be allowed to take charge
of your Line of Battleship the Liverpool to
England, in order that she may be offered as
a present on your part to His Majesty the
King of Great Britain, I have very great pleasure
in informing your Highness that Government has
been pleased to grant the abovementioned official
leave of absence for the purpose of conveying
your Highness's ship to that country.
For the rest I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

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From Charles Norris Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government.

To
Captain Sir Charles Malcolm
Superintendent of the Indian Navy.

N^o 1839.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accom-
panying letter to His Highness the Imam of
Muscat and to request that you will forward
the same by the Euphrates with instructions
to her Commander to deliver it to His Highness
on his arrival at Muscat.

Bombay Castle
20th July 1835.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Charles Norris
Chief Secretary.

True Extract

C. Norris
Chief Secretary.

Conf. d.
Gundam W.

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1839.
From
Lord W. C. Bentinck
Governor General of
India
To His Excellency
Vice Admiral Sir John Gore
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Naval Forces
Sincere Sir
I have perused your Excellency's letter to the
address of the Political Secretary under date the 12th
instant, in which you intimate a wish to obtain
my opinion on the point therein referred to.
I request you will accept my best acknow-
ledgment for this communication. The fact therein
stated of a Treaty having been concluded between
the Imam of Muscat and the Americans, has
before been brought to my knowledge and though
I saw reason to regret that such an arrange-
ment had been entered into, yet I could not
discover any tenable ground upon which our
interference to annul or to modify its provisions
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Could be exercised.

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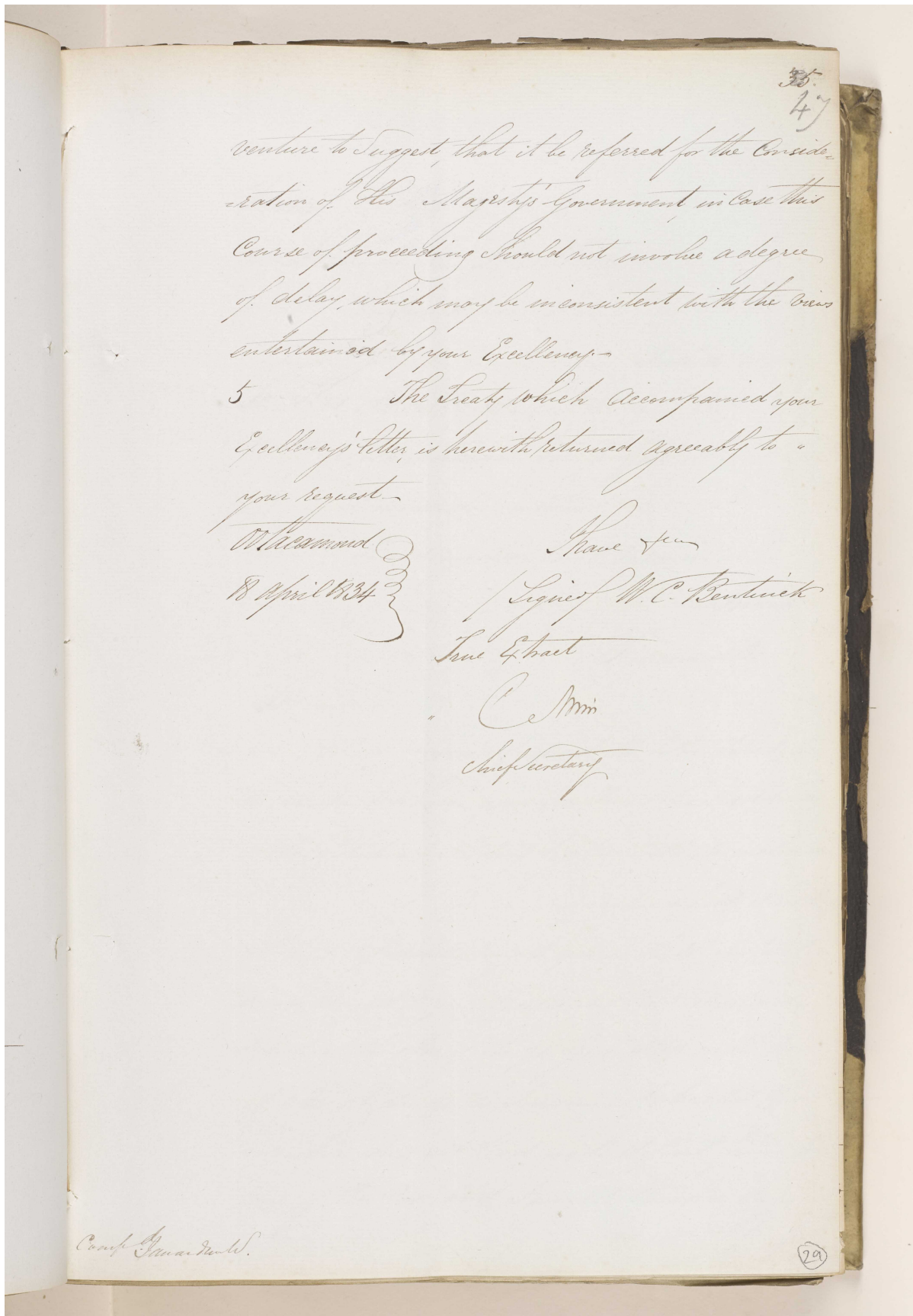
Viewing the offer of the Imaum of Muscat in connection with the overtures made to Captain Port, I should very much doubt the propriety and expediency of accepting it. His Highness has not concealed his desire of breaking the Treaty into which he has entered with the Americans who have already begun to quarrel with him and if under these circumstances the 74 Gun Ship were accepted as a present for the King of England, it might certainly as your Excellency observes, "be construed into an intention to support him against the Americans" of which, as we should not be justified in putting it into practice, it would be as well to avoid the appearance.

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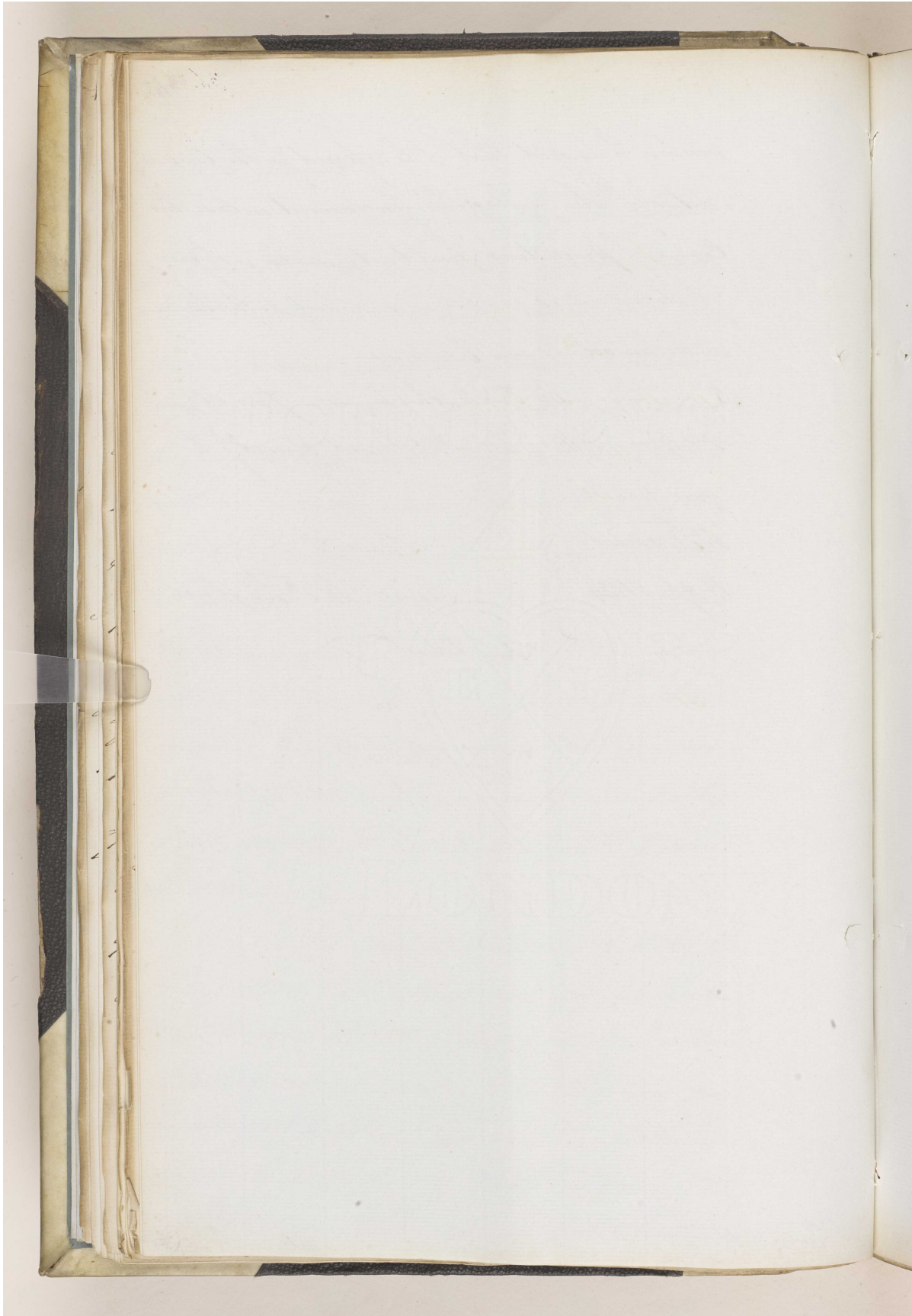
This is the Conclusion at which I have arrived from the perusal of your Excellency's letter, and I shall be very glad to find that it is in concurrence with your own. If however your Excellency should still feel doubt as to the propriety of declining the offer, I would venture

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From
Lord M. C. Bentinck
Governor General of
India
To His Excellency
Vice Admiral Sir J. Gore.
Commander in Chief
His Majesty's Naval Forces in
India
Trincomallee

Sir,

I have perused the letter dated the 15th instant which your Excellency had addressed to the Political Secretary together with its enclosure. In the communication which I had the honor of addressing to you on the 18th instant, I explained to your Excellency the view which I took of the offer of the 74th Gun Ship on the part of His Highness the Imaum of Muscat. Further reflection does not lead me to depart from that view of the case, and I would therefore suggest
for

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for your Excellency's Consideration whether it
would not be expedient to alter that part of
your draft, which relates to His Highness's offer.
It would be sufficient in my opinion, were
your Excellency to notice that branch of the
subject by intimating to His Highness that
you feel it to be your duty to decline the offer,
until you receive authority from England for
its acceptance.

3 The other portions of your Excel-
lency's proposed letter (which is herewith returned)
appear to me to be perfectly unexceptionable.

Cotacamund
The 21st April
1834

Yours Very

Lieut. W. C. Bontle

True Extract
C Mm
Chief Secretary

Copy to
H.M. Bontle

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No. 2346A

*From The Superintendent of the
Indian Navy.
To The Right Honorable Sir R. Grant
G. C. B.
President and Governor in Council.*

Dated 1st Sept. 1835.

Right Honorable Sir,

*In forwarding the enclosed
letter from the Master Attendant, I beg to
draw the attention of Your Right Honorable
Board to one peculiarity in this case, had
the Liverpool been under the English Flag,
there would have been no difficulty, but she
goes home under the Flag of the Imaum of
Muscat, for the express purpose of being
disposed*

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disposed of in England, when her crew will,
in all probability, be paid off, part of this
crew are Lascars of the Port of Bombay,
the question, therefore, is, who is to be answer-
able for sending those men home to their
Native Country.

Sup^t. Office
Bombay
1st Sep^r. 1835.

I have the honor to be Y^{rs}
Signed/ Charles Malcolm.
Superintendent of the
Indian Navy.

From D^r. Ross Esquires.

Inspector of the Port.

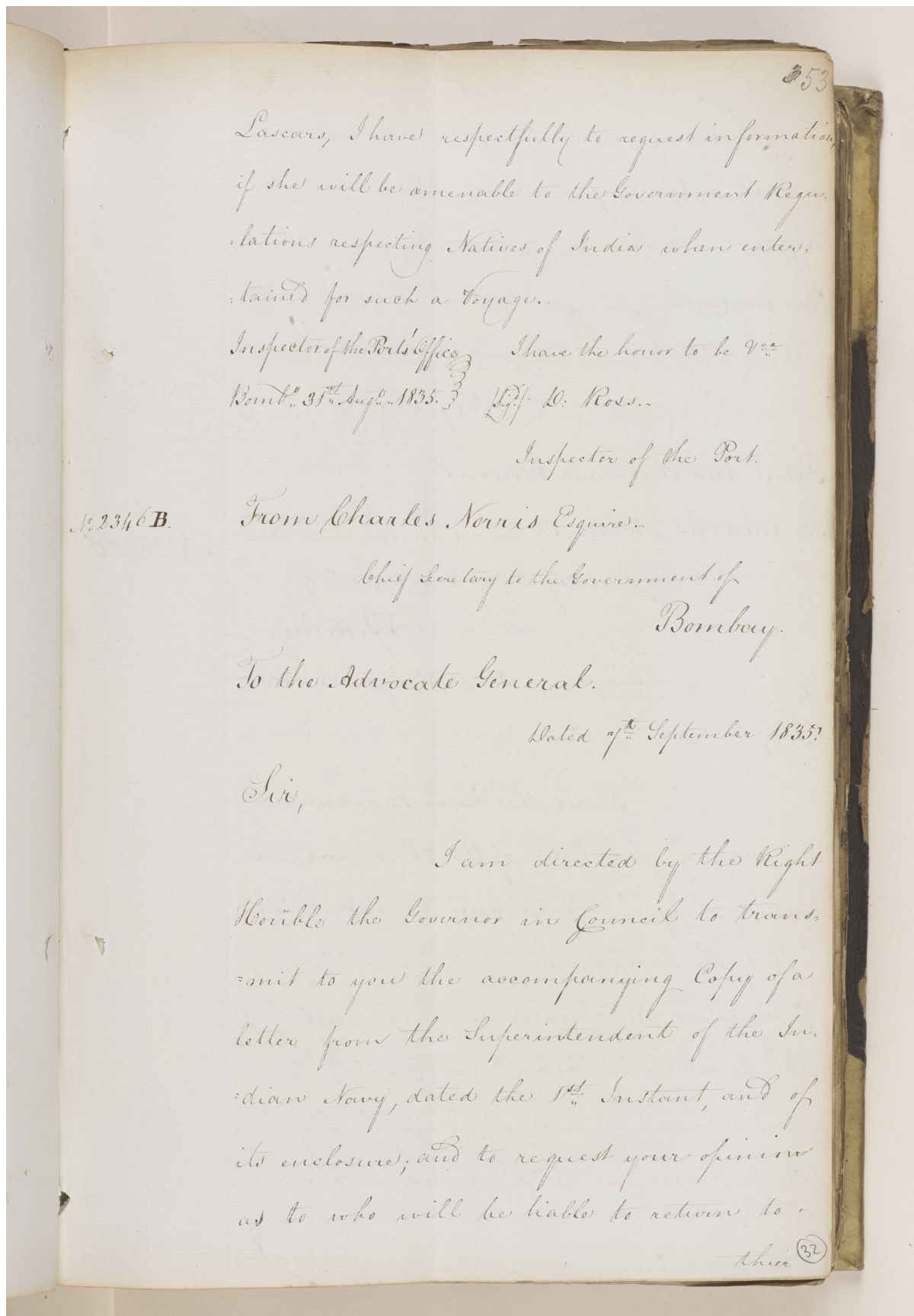
To, the Superintendent of the Indian Navy.

Dated 31st August 1835.

Sir,

His Highness the Imaum of
Muscat's Ship Liverpool will soon be fitting for
a Voyage to England, and believing that it will
be the first instance of a Foreign Ship doing
so from this Port, in the event of her shipping
Lascars

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their Native Country the Lascars proceeding to
England in the Ship Liverpool belonging to His
Highness the Imaum of Muscat.

Bombay Castle
Sept. 7th 1835.

I have the honor to be V^{rs}

Signed/ Charles Norris.

Chief Secretary

From the Advocate General.

To, Charles Norris Esquire.

Chief Secretary to the Government of

Bombay.

N. 2552 C.

Dated 11th September 1835.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, trans-
mitting copy of a letter from the Superinten-
dent of the Indian Navy, with its enclosures,
and requesting my opinion as to who will be
liable to return to their Native Country the
Lascars proceeding to England in the Ship
Liverpool belonging to His Highness the Imaum

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of Muscat.

The Liverpool being a Vessel of War belonging to a foreign independent power, is not subject to our Municipal regulations. And as her intended Voyage to England is with the express object of being presented to his Majesty the King of England in the event of the present being accepted, His Highness will have to provide for the action of the Passers at his expence, unless His Majesty's Government or the Court of Directors, under the circumstances out of compliment and courtesy, should do so at their own. It cannot affect the question submitted to me, whether the Vessel goes to England under the Command of one of the Imaum's own Native subjects or of a British Officer. In either case the Vessel is not amenable to the Government Regulations referred to in Captain Ross' letter respecting Passers entertained for a Voyage to England. but the Agents of the Imaum, I should think, would, on the matter being brought

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brought to their notice, provides against the con-
tingency and before-hand arranges for the return
of the Pascares in the event of the Ship not re-
turning. This, I understand, has been done. Capt.
Cogan himself (the Officer who is to take the
Liverpool home) has informed me, that every
arrangement necessary has been made. Govern-
ment (should it think fit) might apply to
Captain Cogan to know what has been done.

Bombay...
11th Sept. 1835

I have the honor to be &c
Signed/ A. Le. Messurier.

Advocate General.

Resolution of Government in the Political
Department. Dated 18th Sept. 1835.

N^o. 2552D.

Ordered that an Extract from
the proceedings of Government respecting the
Pascares proceeding to England in His Highness
the Imam of Muscat's Ship Liverpool, be
transferred to the Persian Department, with
a request, that the Persian Secretary will

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cause the case to be stated to His Highness' Agent to the effect contained in the Advocate General's letter, and that he will ascertain from the Agent, whether any and what provision has been made for the return to India of the Lascars alluded to –

18th Sept. 1835.

Wm. Charles Norris.
Chief Secretary.

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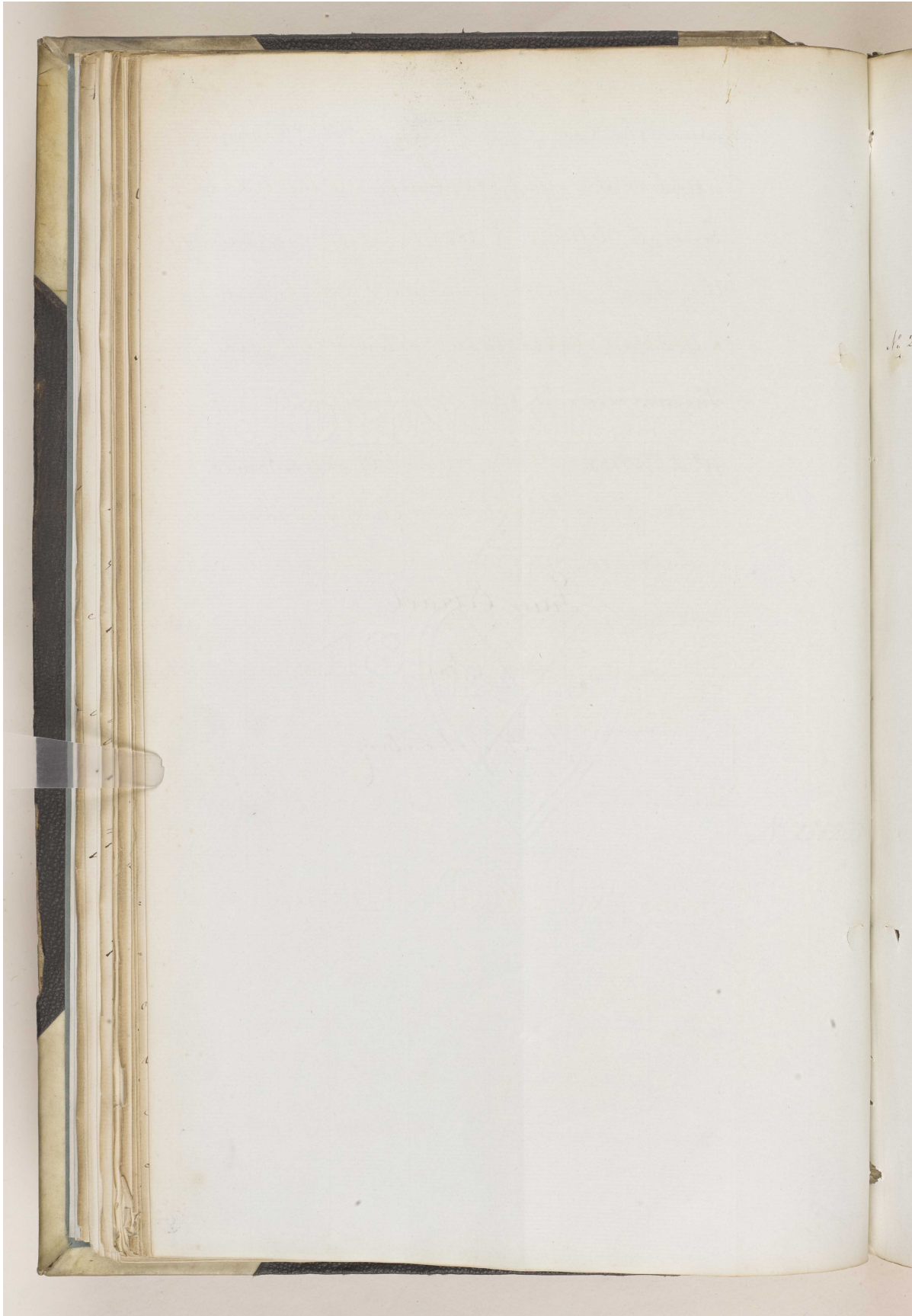
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Consultation 30th September 1835.

N^o 2610. Memorandum by the Dep^y Persian Secretary.
Agreeably to the orders of Govern^{ment}, dated 18th Instant, the Deputy Secretary in the Persian Department communicated with the Agent of His Highness the Imaum of Muscat, and has now the honor to submit the answer received from him for the information of the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council.

24th Sept^r 1835.

Signed H^o Hebbert.

Deputy Sec^y Persⁿ Department.

From Aga Mahomed Rahim Shirazee.

Agent for His Highness the Imaum.

To H^o Hebbert Esq^r.

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Dated 22nd Sept^r 1835.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
yours

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Your letter in the Persian language of yesterday respecting the Lascars of His Highness the Imaum of Muscat's Ship "Liverpool".

In reply, I have the honor to inform you, that in the event of the Liverpool not returning to India, the most effectual measures have been taken by me, to return to this Country the whole of the Native crew of that Ship and which will prevent the possibility of any expense devolving on His Government.

Bombay

22nd Sept. 1835

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
Aga Mahomed Rahim Sheerazee.

Agent for His Highness the Imaum.

From Charles Norris Esquire

Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bombay.

To Aga Mahomed Rahim Sheerazee.

Agent for His Highness the Imaum of Muscat.

Sir,

Dated 28th Sept. 1835.

With reference to your letter of the
22nd

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22nd Instant to the Address of Mr. Herbert Esq.
puty Persian Secretary to Government, I am
directed by the Right Honble the Governor in
Council to request, that you will have the
goodness to state, what the effectual measures
are, that you have adopted for securing to the
Lascars of the Liverpool their return to this
Country, in the event of that Vessel being dis-
posed of in England.

Bombay Castle
28th Sept. 1835

I have the honor to be
[signed] C. Norris.

Chief Secretary

From Aga Mahomed Rahim Sheerawze
Agent for His Highness the Imaum of
Muscat.

To, Charles Norris Esq.

Chief Secretary to the Government of

Bombay.

Dated 29th Sept. 1835.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-

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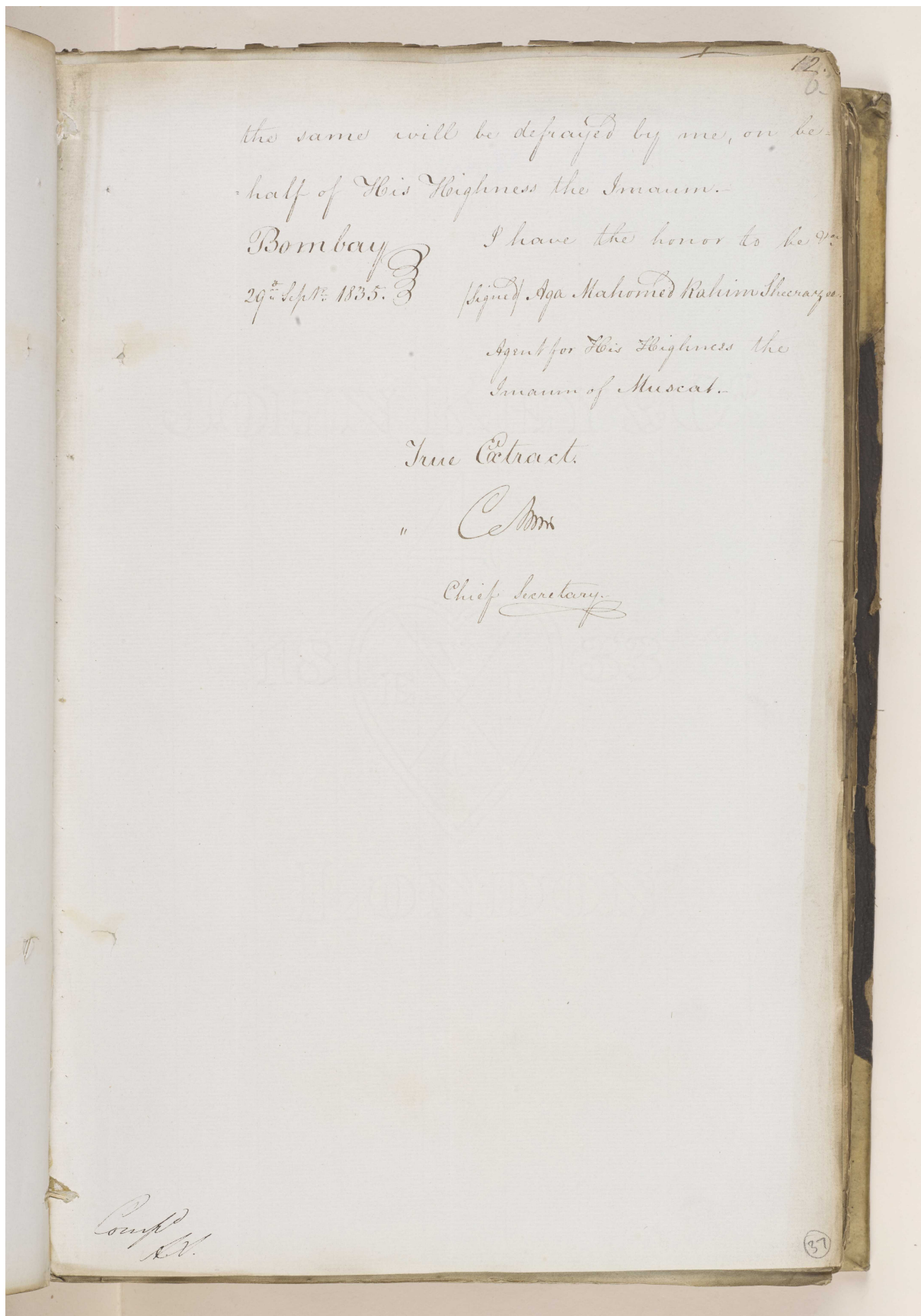
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I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, relative to the lascar of the Liverpool's crew proceeding to England.

In reply, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, that in the event of the Liverpool not returning to India, Funds have been placed at the disposal of Agents in England with instructions to return to India every one of her Native Crew keeping in view the most economical mode of so doing, it is, therefore, impossible to say how the arrangement may ultimately ^{be} effected.

As the matter, however, appears of considerable importance to Government, I beg to intimate, that, should any unforeseen circumstance of necessity involve the Honourable Company in any expence regarding the return to India of the Liverpool's Crew, the

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