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The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence, minutes and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, letters from the governments of Bombay [Mumbai], Fort St George [Madras, i.e. Chennai], and the East India Company Court of Directors.

The item relates to proposals by the Court of Directors to change the position of ‘Resident at Bushire’ ([Būshehr], also called the Resident in the Persian Gulf) to ‘Assistant to the Envoy at Tehran’. The Government of Bombay and the Resident, David Anderson Blane, provide their detailed opinions on this proposal and the Court of Directors respond. The main points of discussion are: the experience and diplomatic skills required by the Resident to effectively manage relations with nearby rulers and suppress acts of ‘piracy’; potential reductions in the Residency’s expenses; and an earlier plan to move the Residency from Bushire to the nearby island of Kharrack [Jazīreh-ye Khārk]. Copies of earlier (1828) minutes by the Governor of Bombay regarding the purpose of the Resident at Bushire and the Residency's expenses are included.

The item also refers to proposals by the Government of India to separate the governments of Bengal ([Calcutta], also called Fort William) and Agrah [Agra] and to transfer political authority from the subordinate governments of Bombay and Fort St George to the Government of India. A lengthy minute (ff 120-135)

by the Governor of Bombay detailing his opposition to the latter proposal is included, along with multiple tables (ff 140-174) setting out the different relationships that the Government of Bombay holds with ‘local chieftains’ in the areas surrounding Bombay, notably Guzerat [Gujarat] and Kattywar [Kathiawar]. Some of these tables date back to 1820. The direct reporting of the Political Agent in Turkish Arabia and the Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Government of India, as opposed to the Government of Bombay, is also discussed.

To a lesser extent, the item also relates to the appointment of Major James Morison to the position of Resident in the Persian Gulf, an event complicated by the disclosure that Morison has been granted permission to return to Europe due to poor health.

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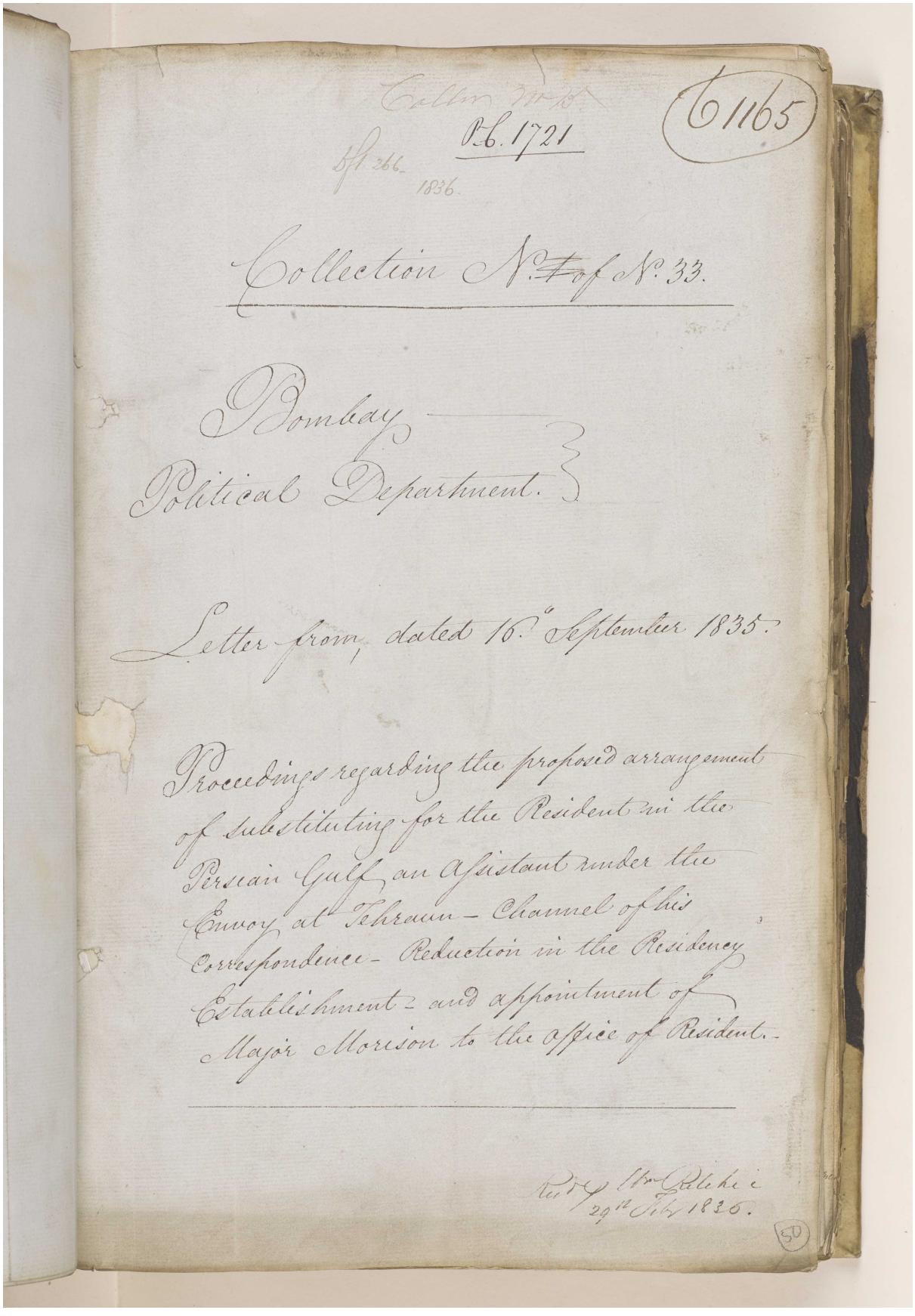
Principal correspondents include: the governments of India, Fort St George, and Bombay; the Court of Directors; and Blane.

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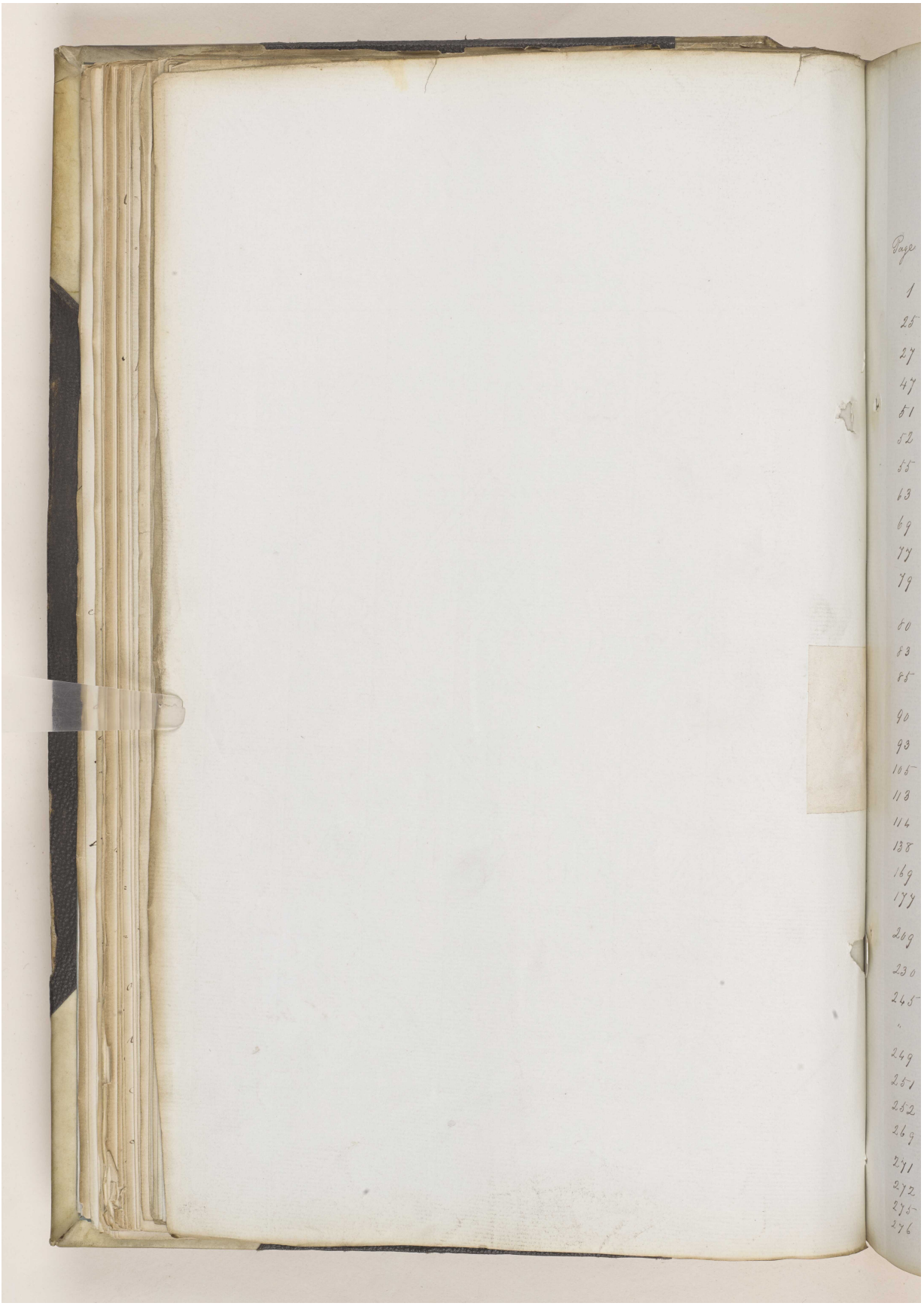


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Letter from, dated 16th September 1835.

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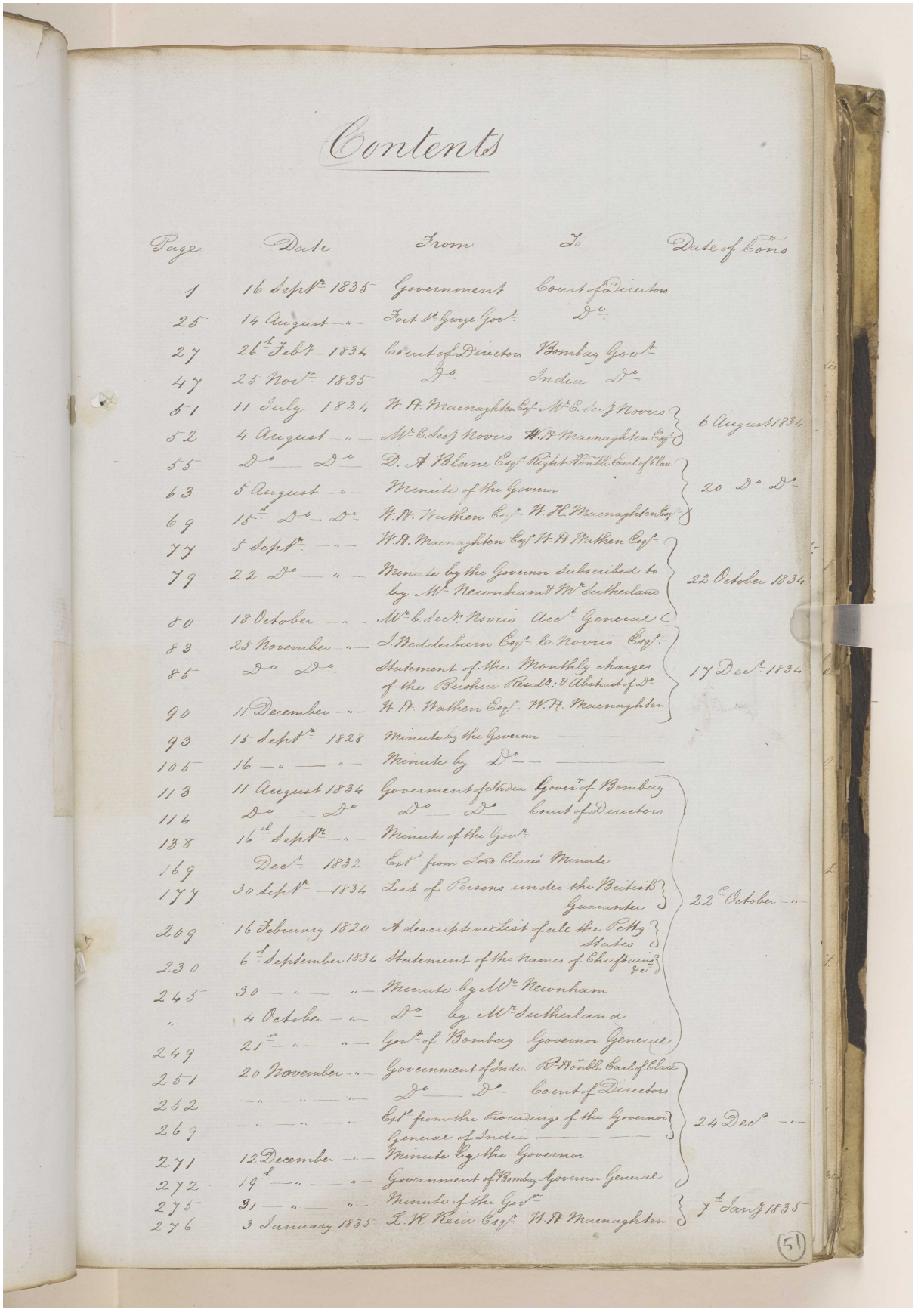
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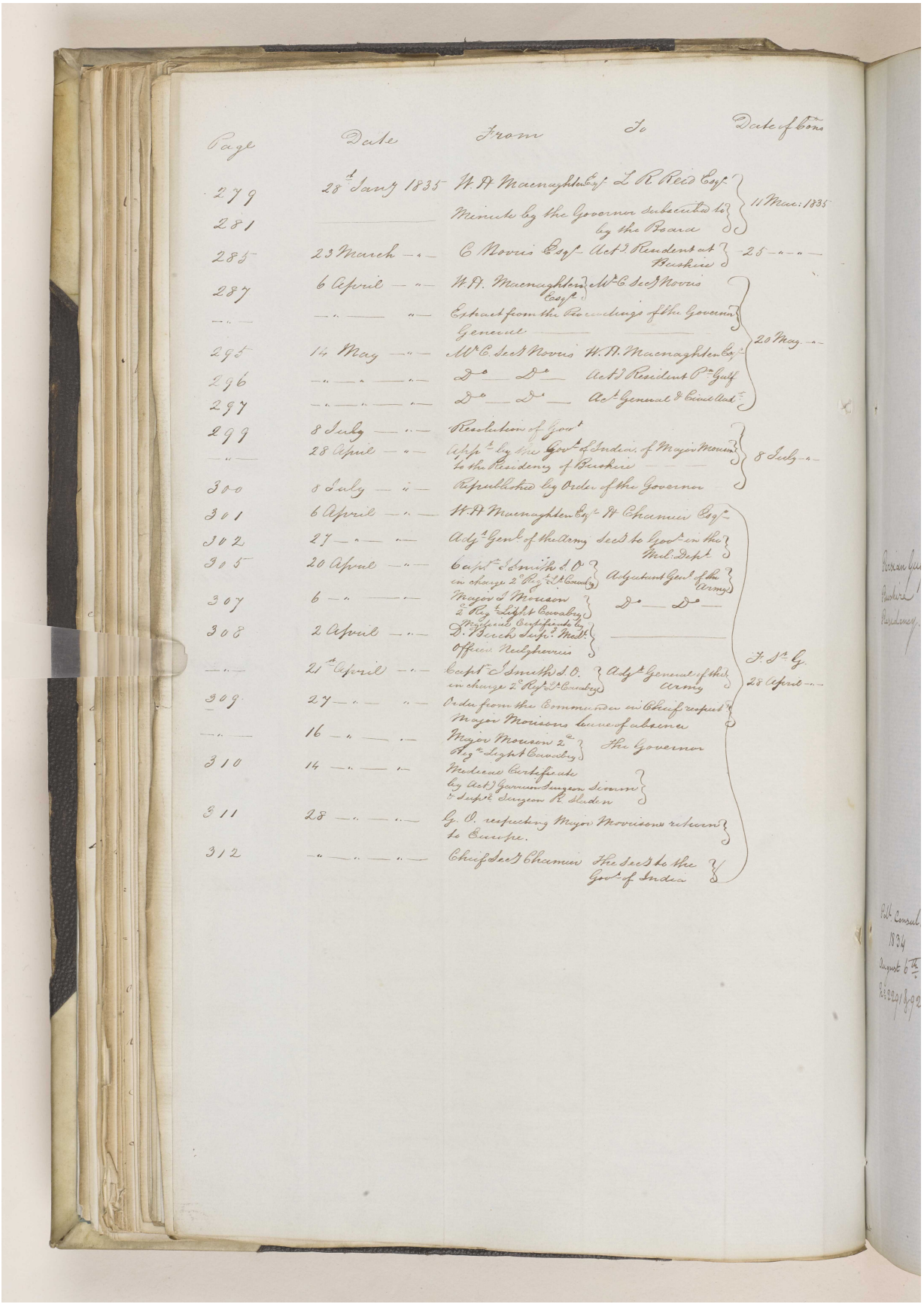
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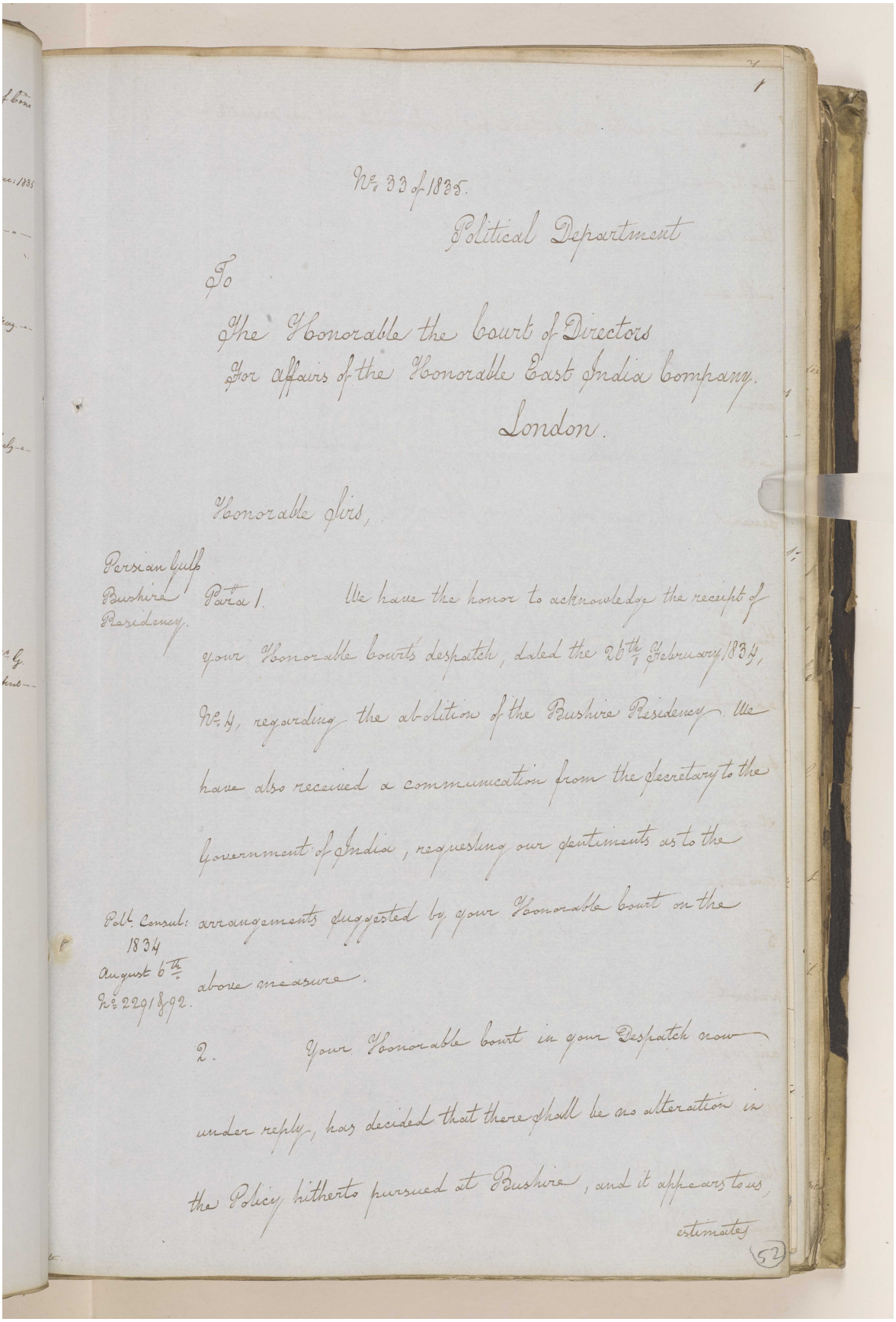
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No. 33 of 1835.

Political Department

To

The Honorable the Court of Directors
for affairs of the Honorable East India Company.
London.

Honorable Sirs,

Persian Gulf
Bushire
Residency.

Para 1. We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honorable Courts despatch, dated the 26th February 1834, No. 4, regarding the abolition of the Bushire Residency. We have also received a communication from the Secretary to the Government of India, requesting our sentiments as to the

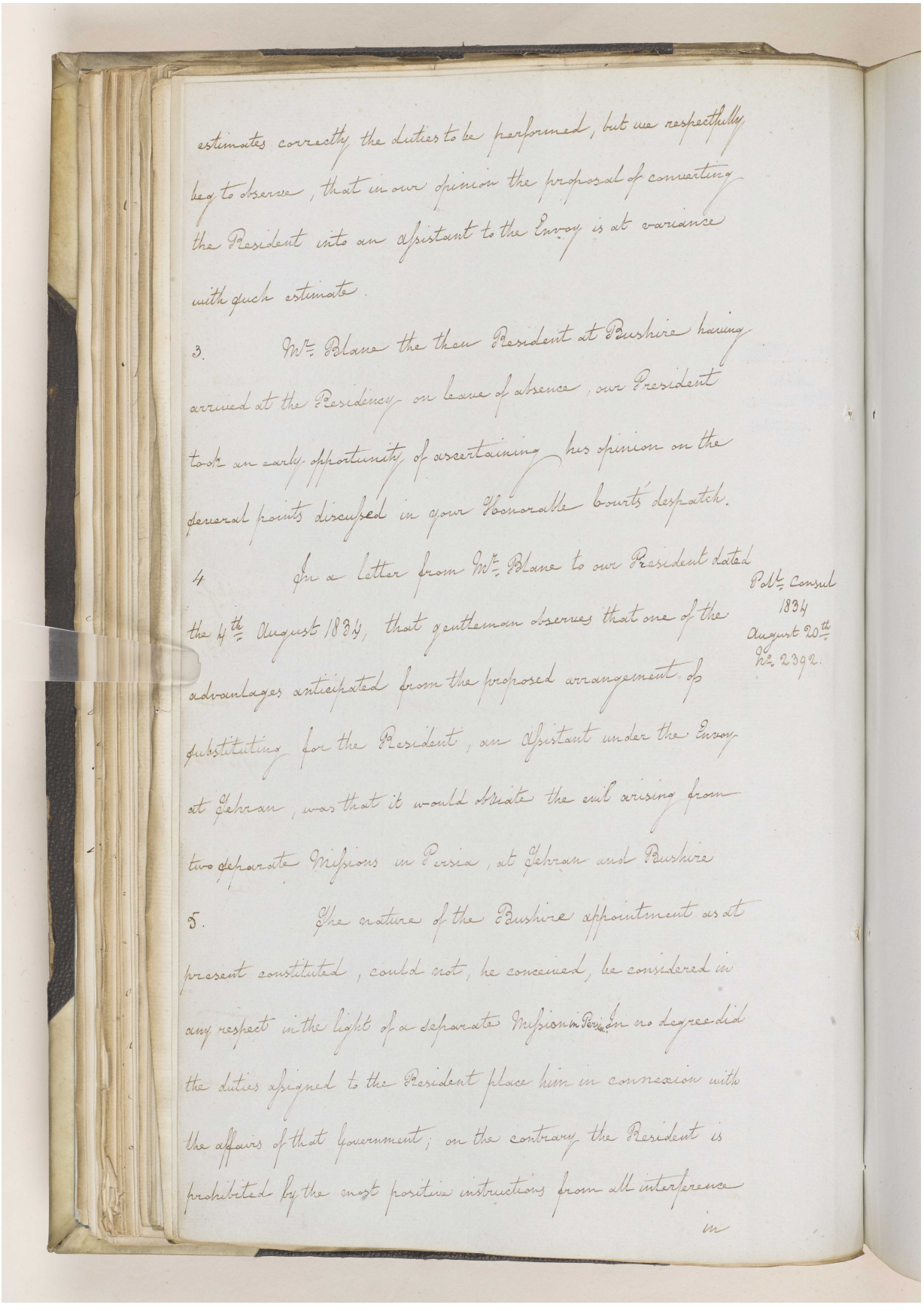
Pol. Consul: 1834 August 6th No. 22918/92. arrangements suggested by your Honorable Court on the above measure.

2. Your Honorable Court in your Despatch now under reply, has decided that there shall be no alteration in the Policy hitherto pursued at Bushire, and it appears to us,

estimates

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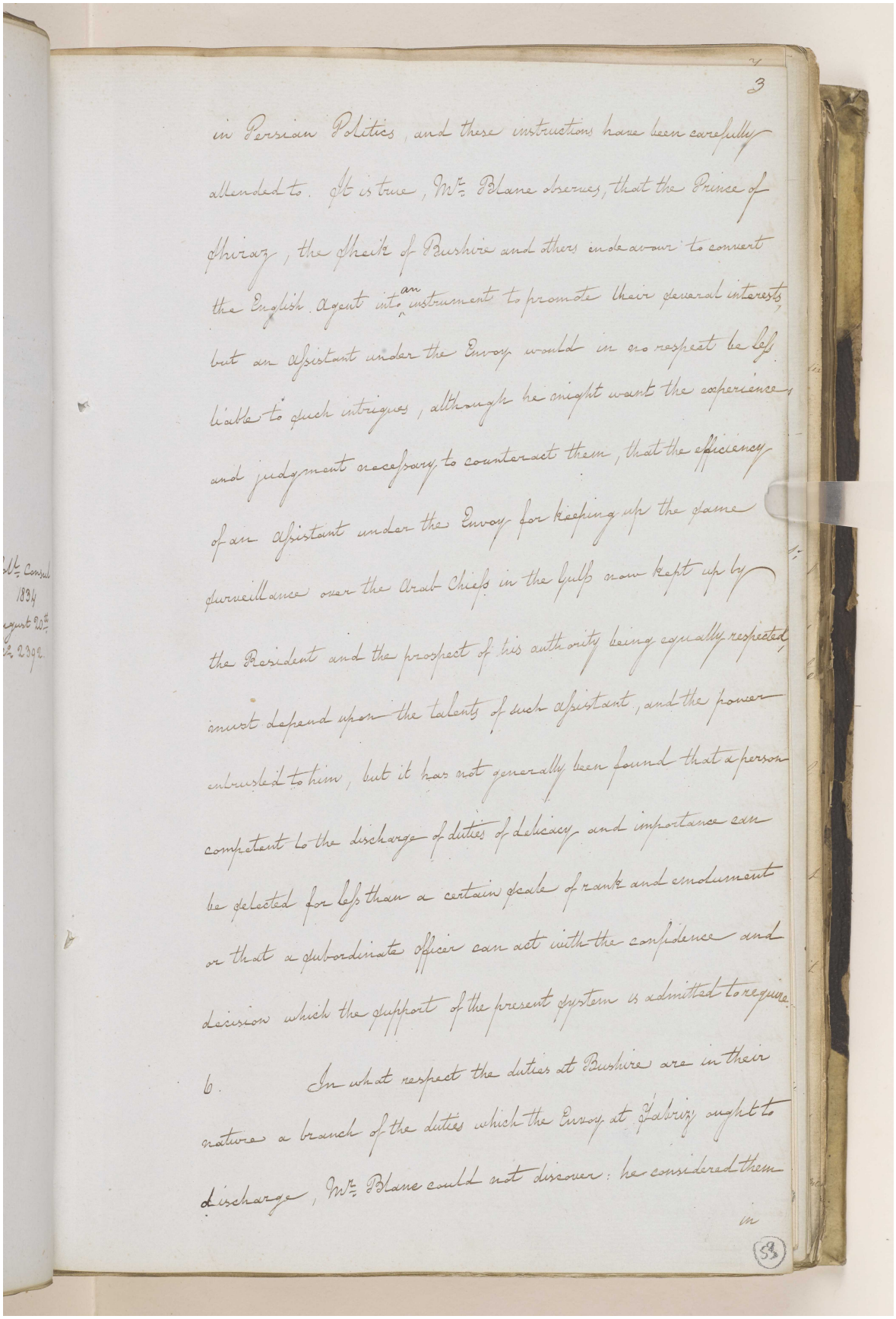
estimates correctly the duties to be performed, but we respectfully beg to observe, that in our opinion the proposal of converting the President into an Assistant to the Envoy is at variance with such estimate.

3. Mr. Blane the then President at Bushire having arrived at the Residency on leave of absence, our President took an early opportunity of ascertaining his opinion on the several points discussed in your Honorable Courts despatch.

4 In a letter from Mr. Blane to our President dated the 4th August 1834, that gentleman observes that one of the advantages anticipated from the proposed arrangement of substituting for the President, an Assistant under the Envoy at Tehran, was that it would obviate the evil arising from two separate Missions in Persia, at Tehran and Bushire

Pol. Consult 1834 August 20th No. 2392.

5. The nature of the Bushire appointment as at present constituted, could not, be conceived, be considered in any respect in the light of a separate Mission in Persia in no degree did the duties assigned to the President place him in connexion with the affairs of that Government; on the contrary the President is prohibited by the most positive instructions from all interference in



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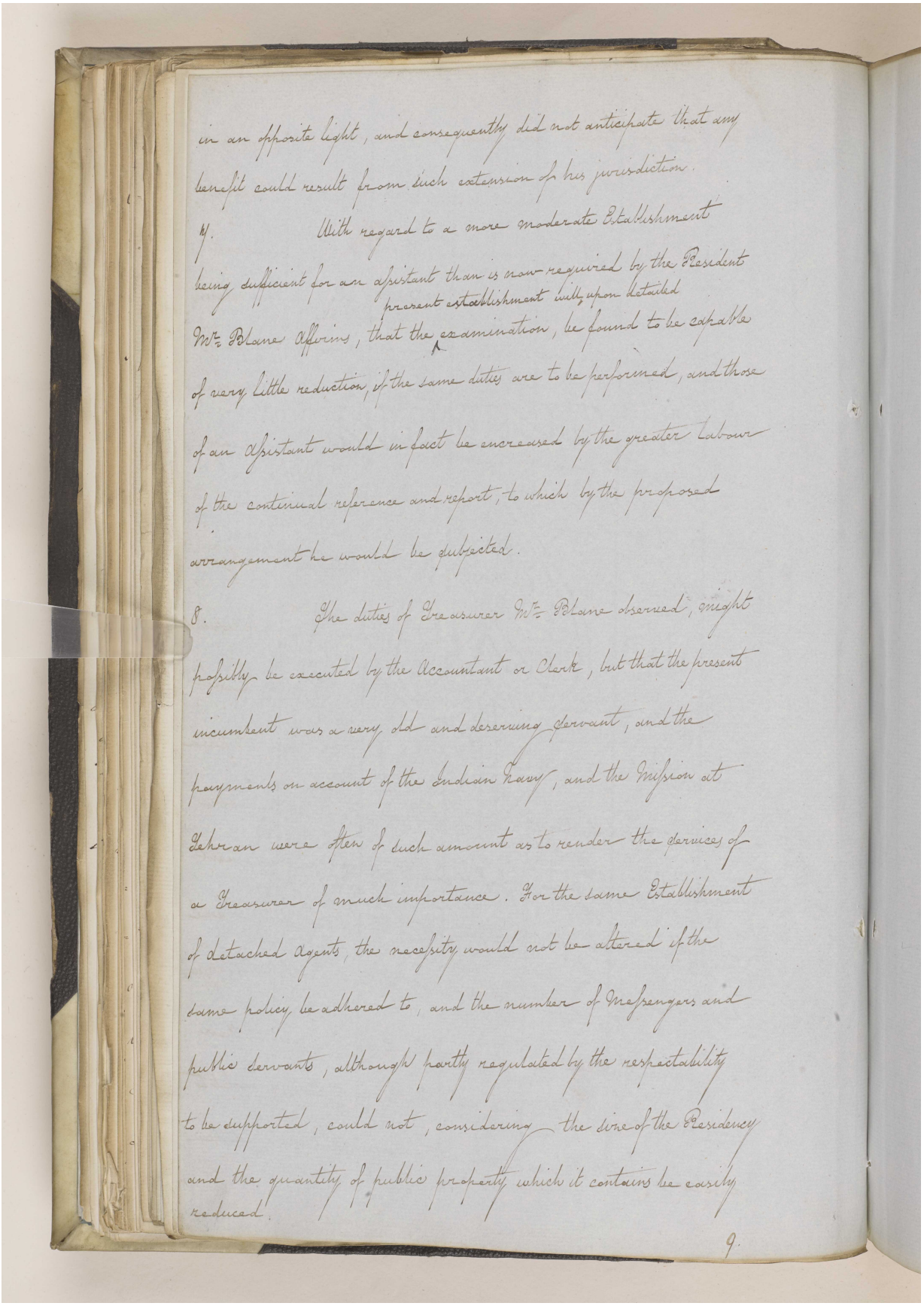
in Persian Politics, and these instructions have been carefully attended to. It is true, Mr. Blane observes, that the Prince of Shiraz, the Sheik of Bushire and others endeavour to convert the English Agent into an instrument to promote their several interests, but an Assistant under the Envoy would in no respect be less liable to such intrigues, although he might want the experience and judgment necessary to counteract them, that the efficiency of an Assistant under the Envoy for keeping up the same surveillance over the Arab Chiefs in the Gulf now kept up by the Resident and the prospect of his authority being equally respected, must depend upon the talents of such Assistant, and the power entrusted to him, but it has not generally been found that a person competent to the discharge of duties of delicacy and importance can be selected for less than a certain scale of rank and emolument or that a subordinate officer can act with the confidence and decision which the support of the present system is admitted to require.

6. In what respect the duties at Bushire are in their nature a branch of the duties which the Envoy at Tabriz ought to discharge, Mr. Blane could not discover: he considered them

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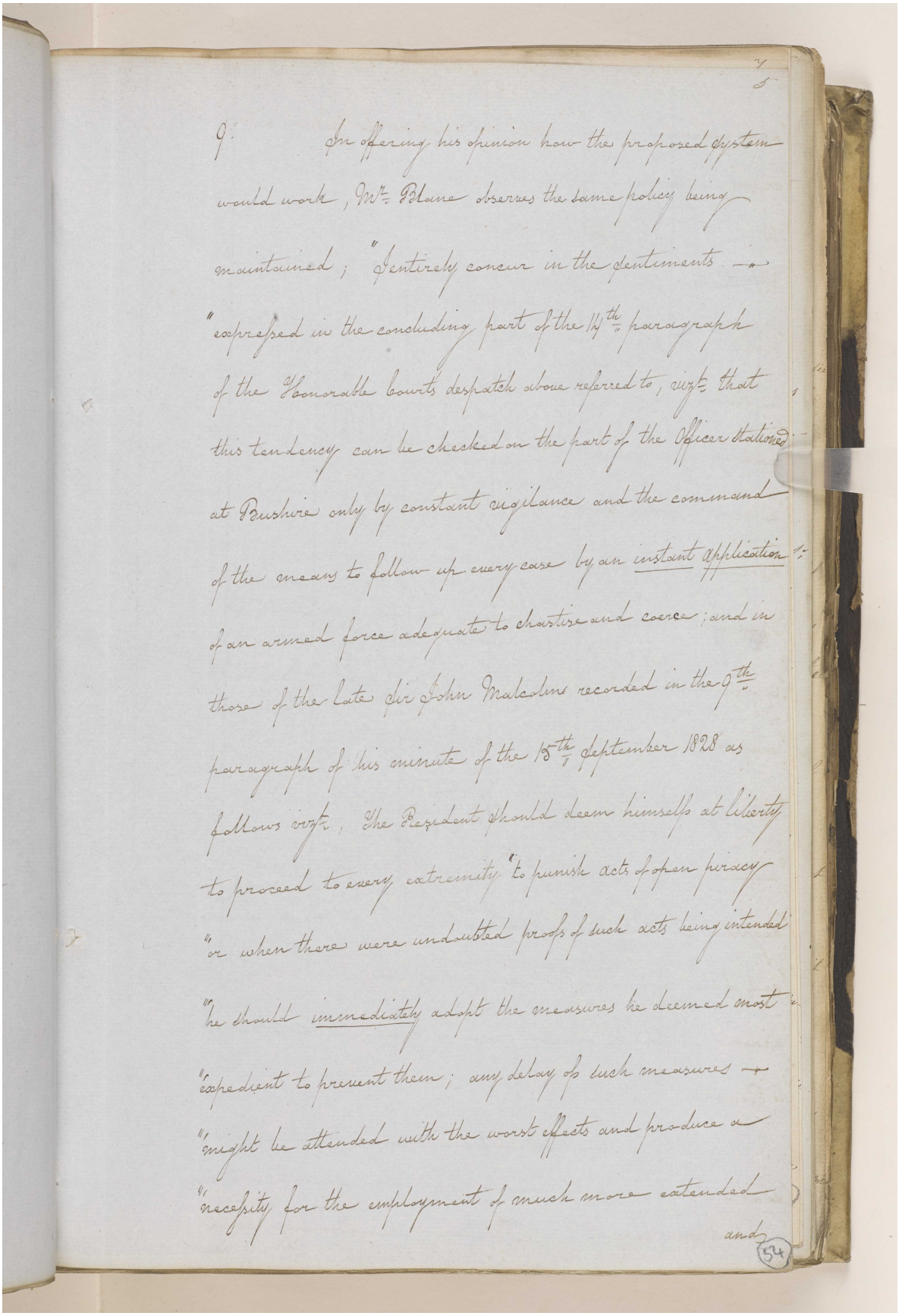
in an opposite light, and consequently did not anticipate that any benefit could result from such extension of his jurisdiction.

7. With regard to a more moderate Establishment being sufficient for an Assistant than is now required by the Resident present establishment will, upon detailed Mr. Blane affirms, that the examination, be found to be capable of very little reduction, if the same duties are to be performed, and those of an Assistant would in fact be increased by the greater labour of the continual reference and report, to which by the proposed arrangement he would be subjected.

8. The duties of Treasurer Mr. Blane observed, might possibly be executed by the Accountant or Clerk, but that the present incumbent was a very old and deserving servant, and the payments on account of the Indian Navy, and the Mission at Tehran were often of such amount as to render the services of a Treasurer of much importance. For the same Establishment of detached Agents, the necessity would not be altered if the same policy be adhered to, and the number of Messengers and public servants, although partly regulated by the respectability to be supported, could not, considering the size of the Residency and the quantity of public property which it contains be easily reduced.

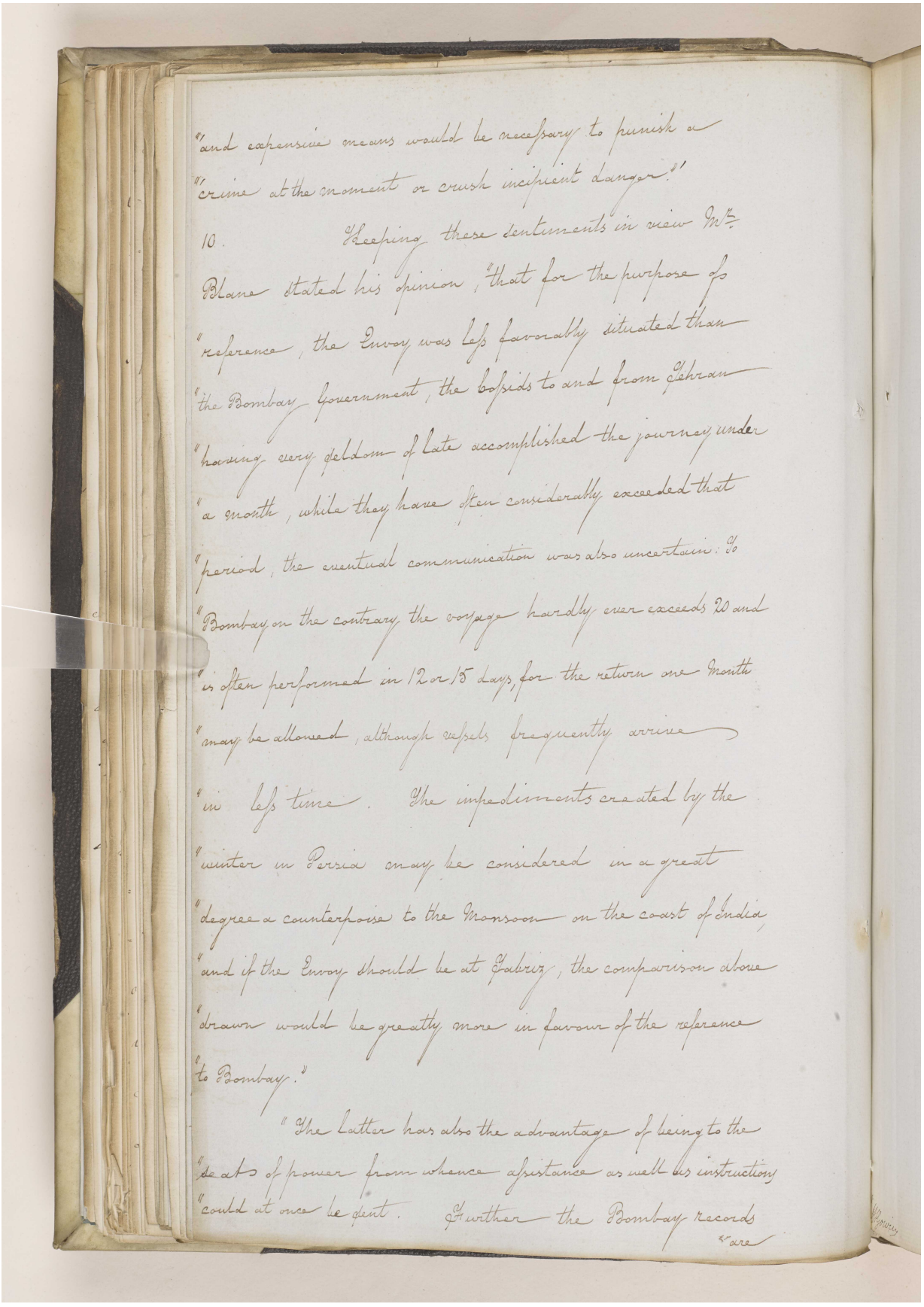
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9th In offering his opinion how the proposed system would work, Mr. Blane observes the same policy being maintained; "I entirely concur in the sentiments "expressed in the concluding part of the 11th paragraph of the Honorable Courts despatch above referred to, viz. that this tendency can be checked on the part of the Officer stationed at Bushire only by constant vigilance and the command of the means to follow up every case by an instant application of an armed force adequate to chastise and coerce; and in those of the late Sir John Malcolm recorded in the 9th paragraph of his minute of the 15th September 1828 as follows viz. The President should deem himself at liberty to proceed to every extremity to punish acts of open piracy "or when there were undoubted proofs of such acts being intended "he should immediately adopt the measures he deemed most "expedient to prevent them; any delay of such measures "might be attended with the worst effects and produce a "necessity for the employment of much more extended and

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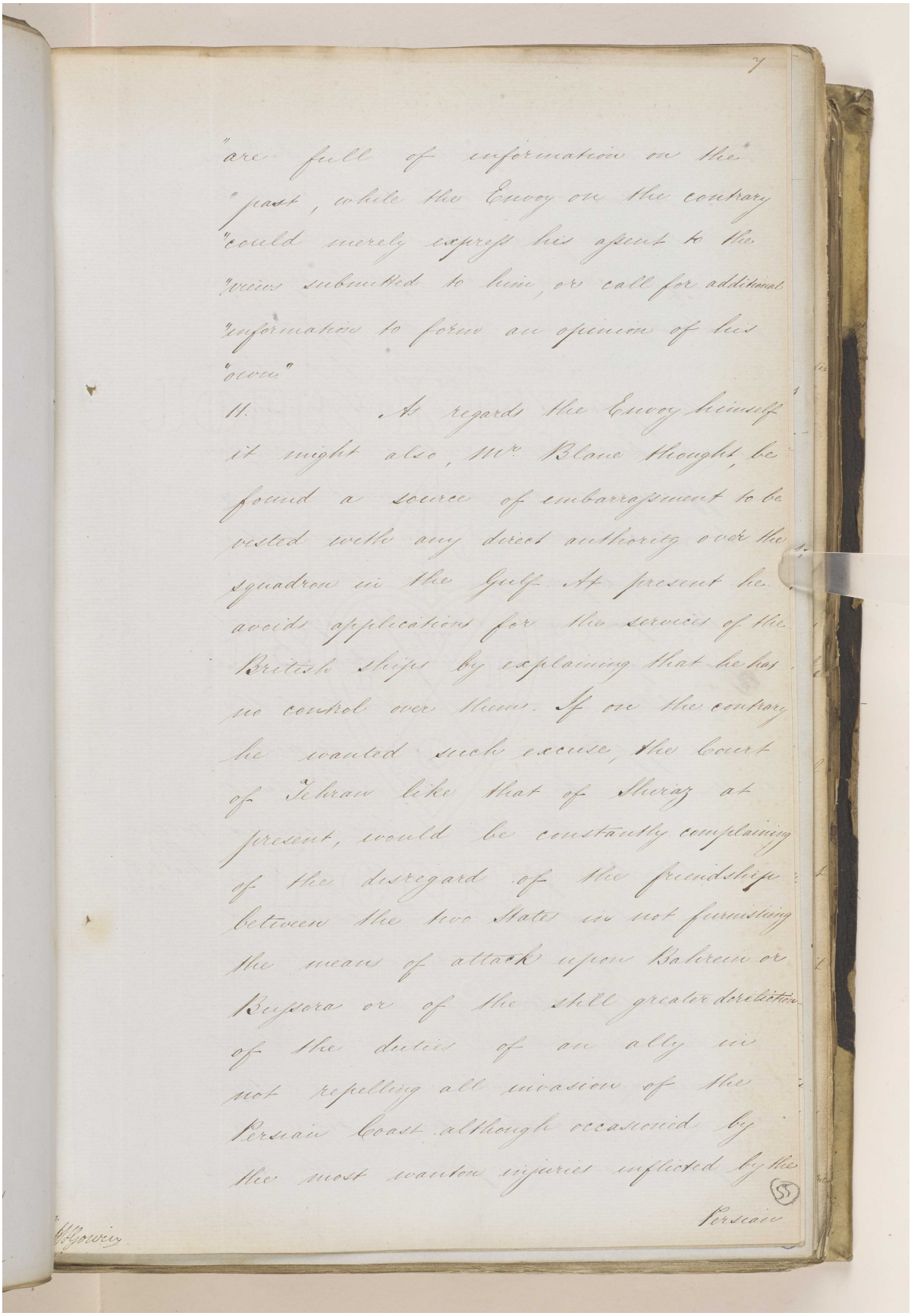


"and expensive means would be necessary to punish a
"crime at the moment or crush incipient danger."

10. Keeping these sentiments in view Mr. Blane stated his opinion, "that for the purpose of
"reference, the Envoy was less favorably situated than
"the Bombay Government, the boats to and from Tehran
"having very seldom of late accomplished the journey under
"a month, while they have often considerably exceeded that
"period, the eventual communication was also uncertain: to
"Bombay on the contrary, the voyage hardly ever exceeds 20 and
"is often performed in 12 or 15 days, for the return one month
"may be allowed, although vessels frequently arrive
"in less time. The impediments created by the
"winter in Persia may be considered in a great
"degree a counterpoise to the Monsoon on the coast of India,
"and if the Envoy should be at Tabriz, the comparison above
"drawn would be greatly more in favour of the reference
"to Bombay."

"The latter has also the advantage of being to the
"seats of power from whence assistance as well as instructions
"could at once be sent. Further the Bombay Records
"are

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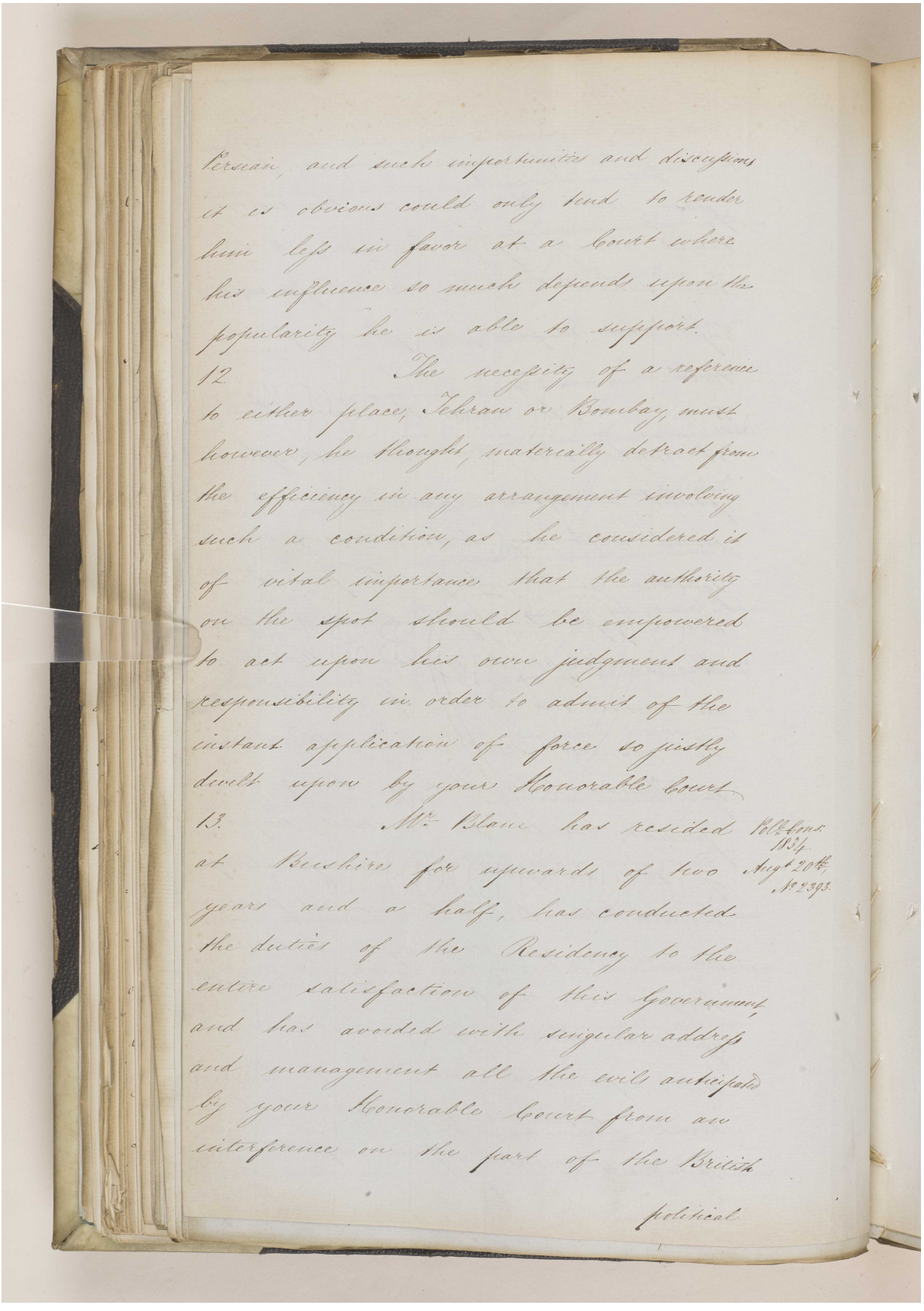
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"are full of information on the
"past, while the Envoy on the contrary
"could merely express his assent to the
"views submitted to him, or call for additional
"information to form an opinion of his
"own."

11. As regards the Envoy himself it might also, Mr. Blane thought, be found a source of embarrassment to be vested with any direct authority over the squadron in the Gulf. At present he avoids applications for the services of the British ships by explaining that he has no control over them. If on the contrary he wanted such excuse, the Court of Tehraun like that of Shiraz at present, would be constantly complaining of the disregard of the friendship between the two States in not furnishing the means of attack upon Bahreen or Bussora or of the still greater dereliction of the duties of an ally in not repelling all invasion of the Persian Coast although occasioned by the most wanton injuries inflicted by the

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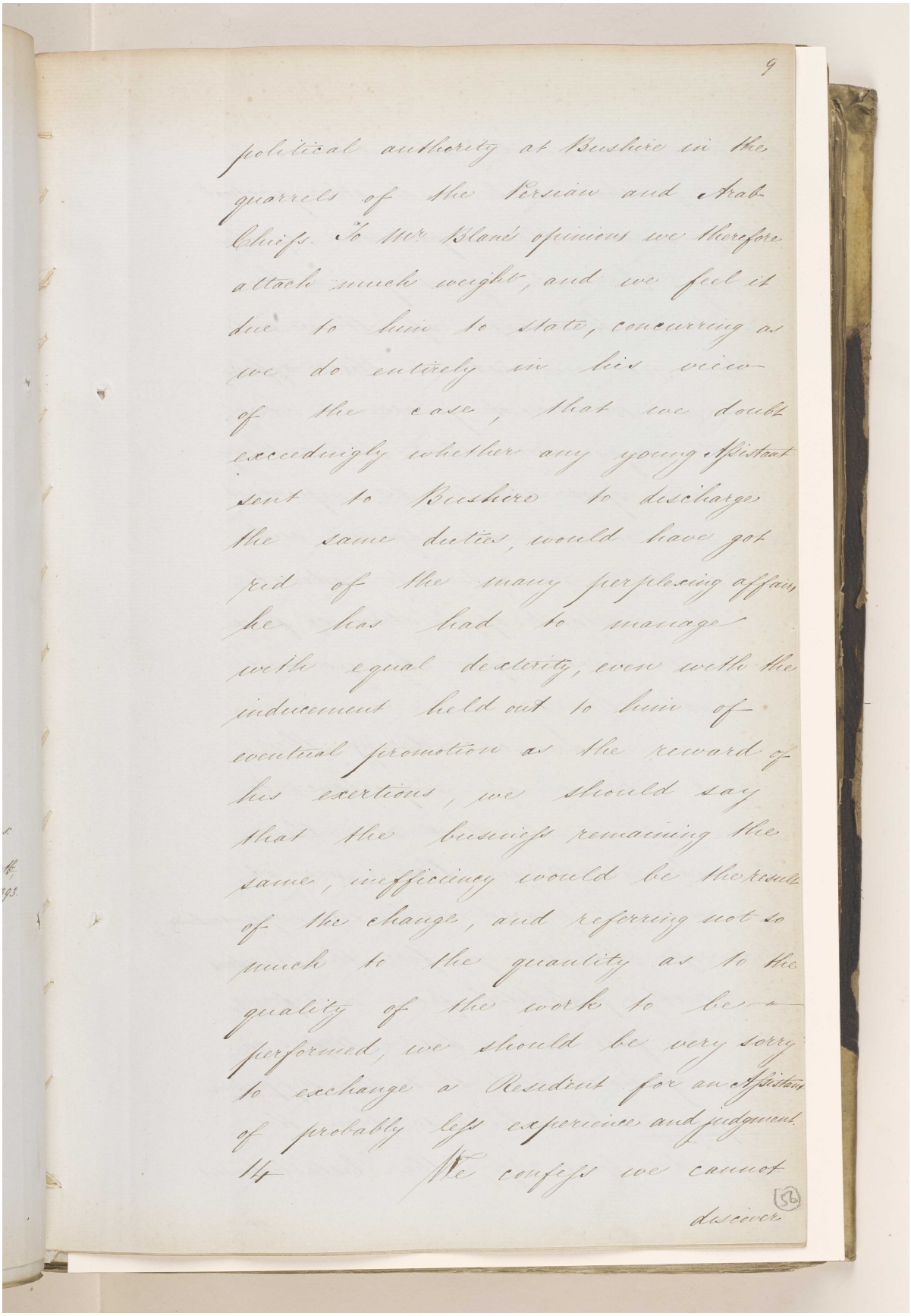
Persian, and such importunities and discussions it is obvious could only tend to render him less in favor at a Court where his influence so much depends upon the popularity he is able to support.

12 The necessity of a reference to either place, Tehraun or Bombay, must however, he thought, materially detract from the efficiency in any arrangement involving such a condition, as he considered it of vital importance that the authority on the spot should be empowered to act upon his own judgment and responsibility in order to admit of the instant application of force so justly dwelt upon by your Honorable Court.

13. Mr. Blane has resided at Bushire for upwards of two years and a half, has conducted the duties of the Residency to the entire satisfaction of this Government and has avoided with singular address and management all the evils anticipated by your Honorable Court from an interference on the part of the British

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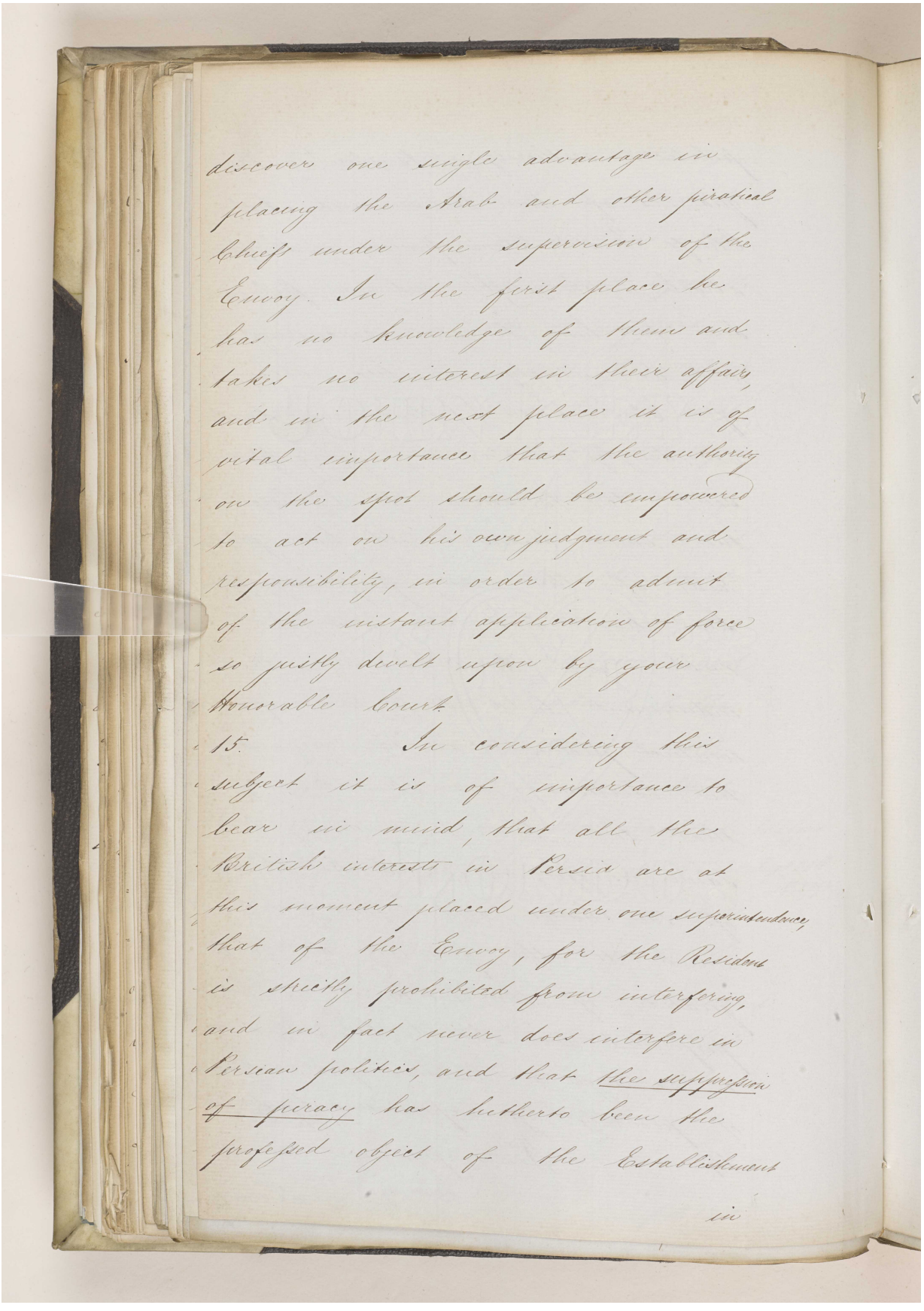
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political authority at Bushire in the
quarrels of the Persian and Arab
Chiefs. To Mr Bland's opinions we therefore
attach much weight, and we feel it
due to him to state, concurring as
we do entirely in his view
of the case, that we doubt
exceedingly whether any young Assistant
sent to Bushire to discharge
the same duties, would have got
rid of the many perplexing affairs
he has had to manage
with equal dexterity, even with the
inducement held out to him of
eventual promotion as the reward of
his exertions, we should say
that the business remaining the
same, inefficiency would be the result
of the change, and referring not so
much to the quantity as to the
quality of the work to be
performed, we should be very sorry
to exchange a Resident for an Assistant
of probably less experience and judgment.
14 We confess we cannot
discover

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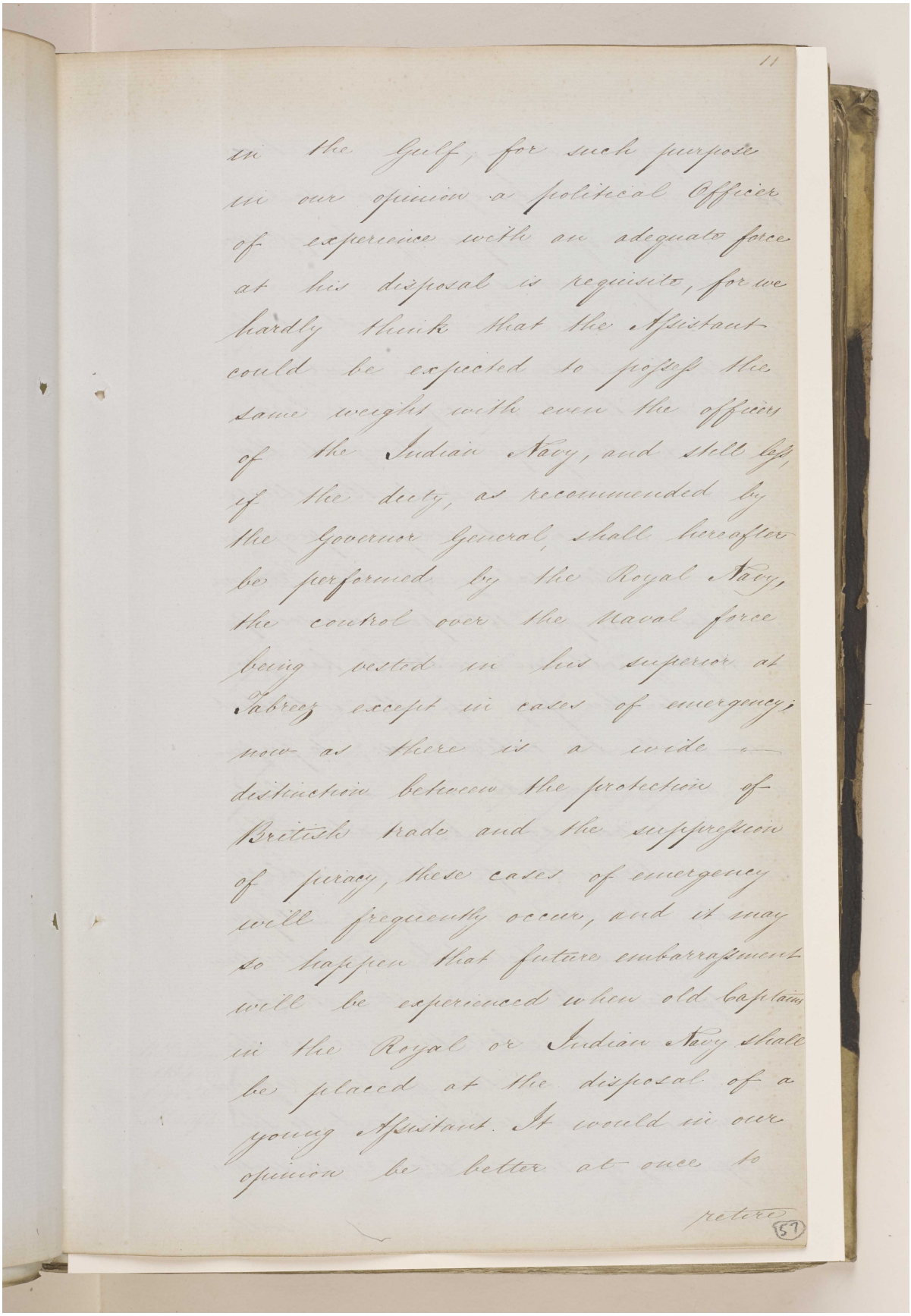


discover one single advantage in
placing the Arab and other piratical
Chiefs under the supervision of the
Envoy. In the first place he
has no knowledge of them and
takes no interest in their affairs,
and in the next place it is of
vital importance that the authority
on the spot should be empowered
to act on his own judgment and
responsibility, in order to admit
of the instant application of force
so justly dealt upon by your
Honorable Court

15. In considering this
subject it is of importance to
bear in mind, that all the
British interests in Persia are at
this moment placed under one superintendance,
that of the Envoy, for the Resident
is strictly prohibited from interfering,
and in fact never does interfere in
Persian politics, and that the suppression
of piracy has hitherto been the
professed object of the Establishment

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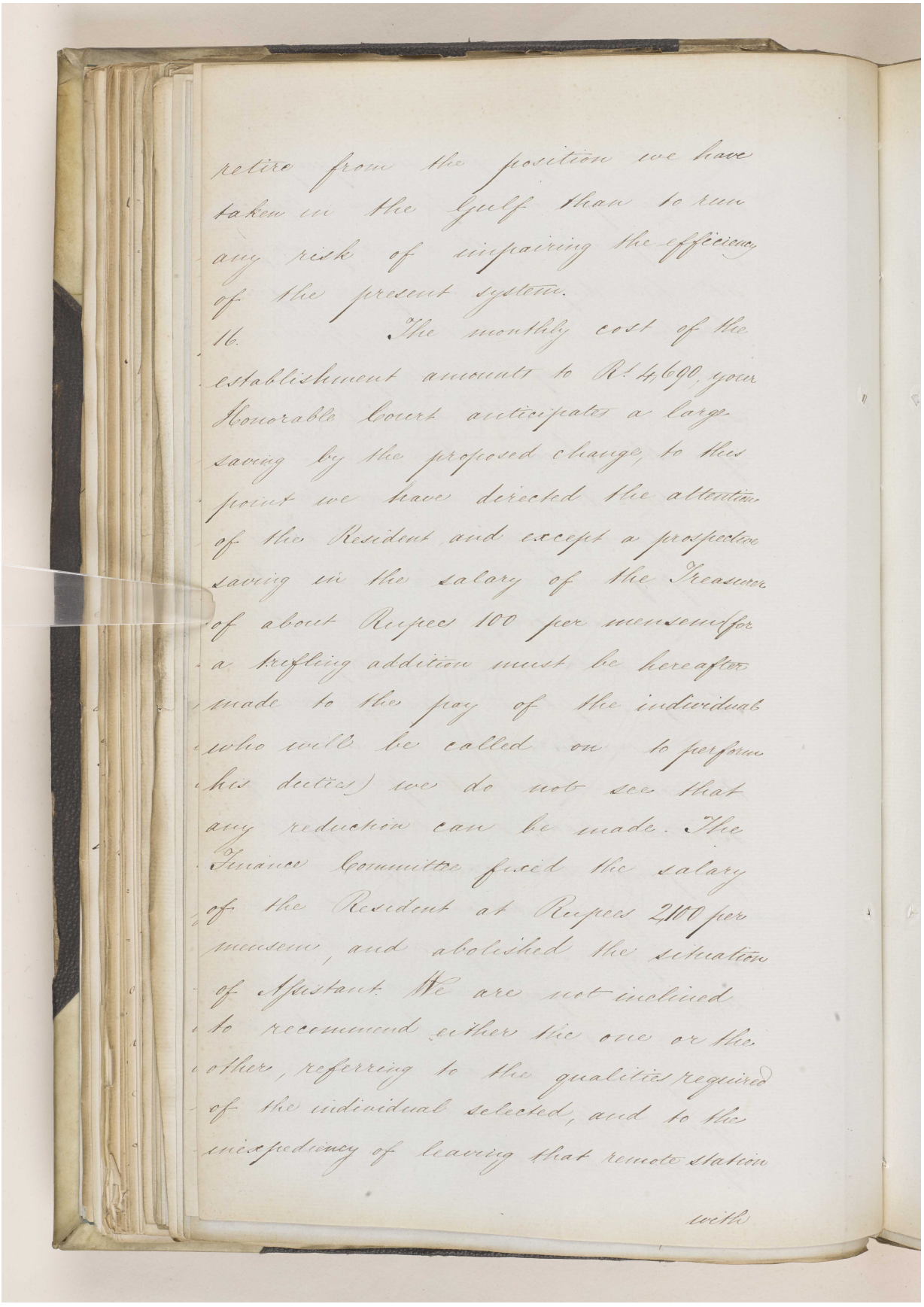


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in the Gulf, for such purpose
in our opinion a political Officer
of experience with an adequate force
at his disposal is requisite, for we
hardly think that the Assistant
could be expected to possess the
same weight with even the officers
of the Indian Navy, and still less
of the duty, as recommended by
the Governor General, shall hereafter
be performed by the Royal Navy,
the control over the Naval force
being vested in his superior at
Sabrey except in cases of emergency;
now as there is a wide
distinction between the protection of
British trade and the suppression
of piracy, these cases of emergency
will frequently occur, and it may
so happen that future embarrassment
will be experienced when old Captains
in the Royal or Indian Navy shall
be placed at the disposal of a
young Assistant. It would in our
opinion be better at once to

retore

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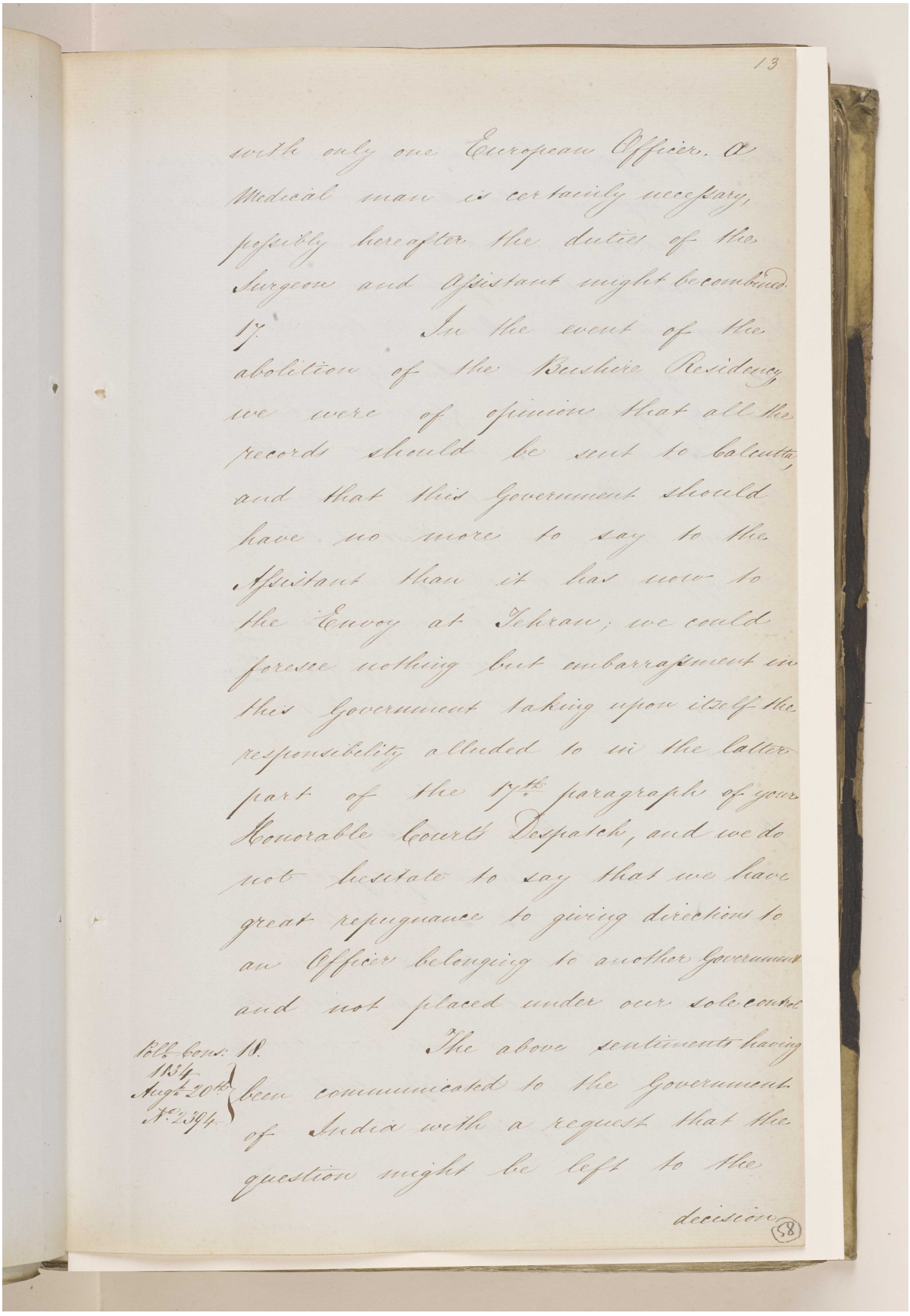


retire from the position we have taken in the Gulf than to run any risk of impairing the efficiency of the present system.

16. The monthly cost of the establishment amounts to Rs. 4,690, your Honorable Court anticipates a large saving by the proposed change, to this point we have directed the attention of the Resident and except a prospective saving in the salary of the Treasurer of about Rupees 100 per mensem for a trifling addition must be hereafter made to the pay of the individual who will be called on to perform his duties) we do not see that any reduction can be made. The Finance Committee fixed the salary of the Resident at Rupees 2400 per mensem, and abolished the situation of Assistant. We are not inclined to recommend either the one or the other, referring to the qualities required of the individual selected, and to the inexpediency of leaving that remote station

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with only one European Officer. A Medical man is certainly necessary, possibly hereafter the duties of the Surgeon and Assistant might be combined.

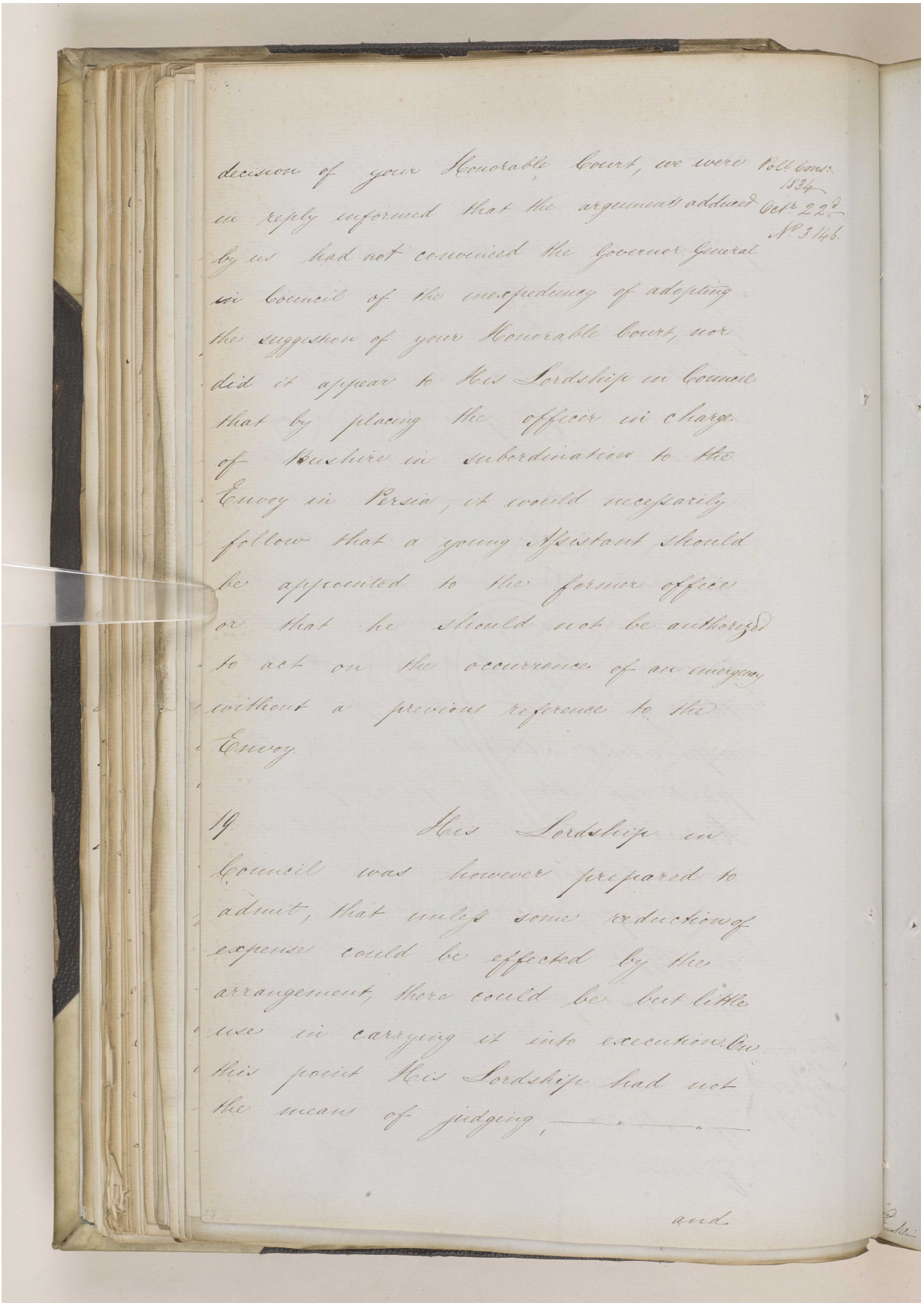
17. In the event of the abolition of the Bushire Residency we were of opinion that all the records should be sent to Calcutta, and that this Government should have no more to say to the Assistant than it has now to the Envoy at Tehraun; we could foresee nothing but embarrassment in this Government taking upon itself the responsibility alluded to in the latter part of the 17th paragraph of your Honorable Court's Despatch, and we do not hesitate to say that we have great repugnance to giving direction to an Officer belonging to another Government and not placed under our sole control.

Bill Comms. 18. 1854 Augt 20th No 294.

The above sentiments having been communicated to the Government of India with a request that the question might be left to the decision

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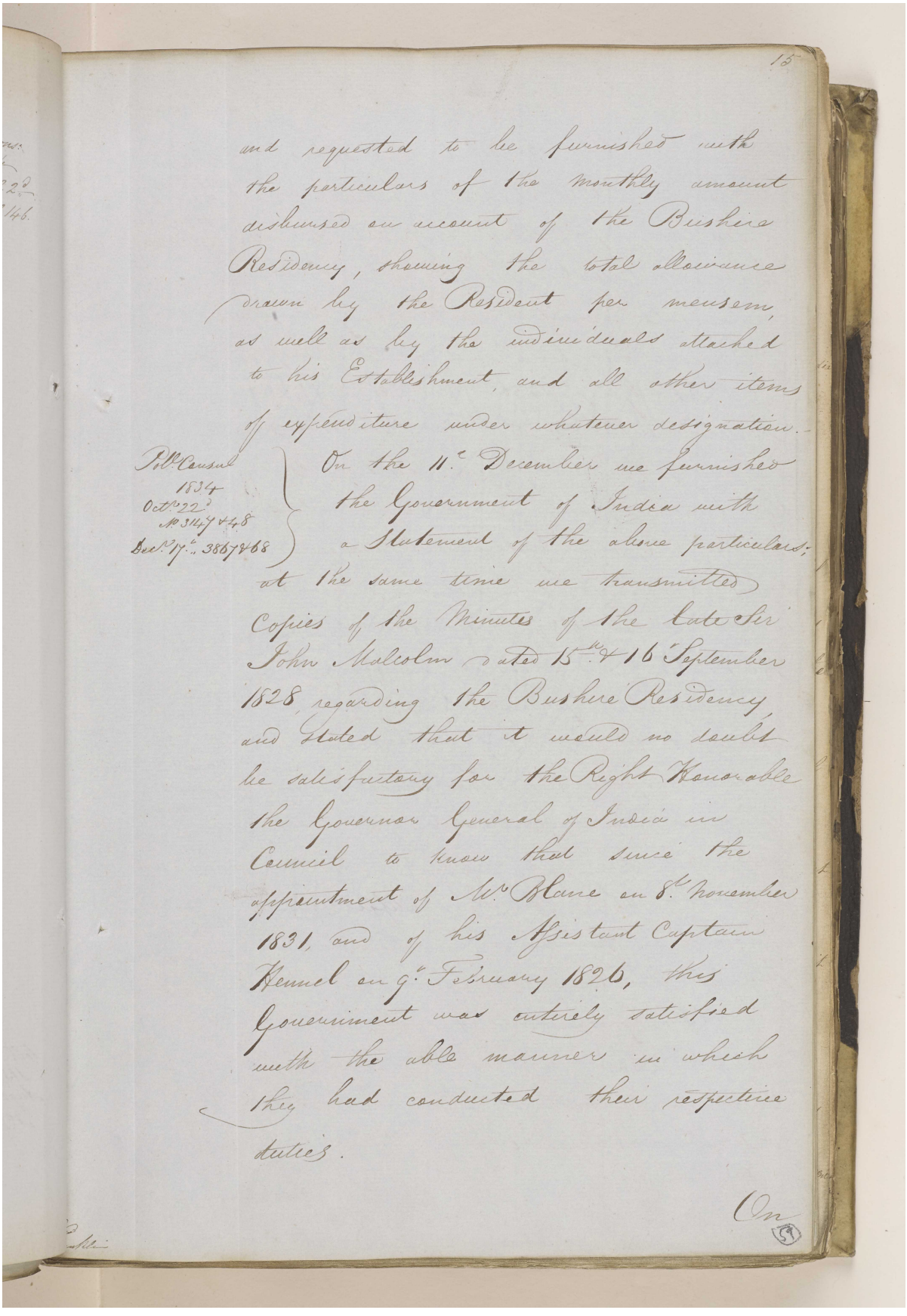
decision of your Honorable Court, we were
in reply informed that the arguments adduced
by us had not convinced the Governor General
in Council of the inexpediency of adopting
the suggestion of your Honorable Court, nor
did it appear to His Lordship in Council
that by placing the officer in charge
of Bushire in subordination to the
Envoy in Persia, it would necessarily
follow that a young Assistant should
be appointed to the former office
or that he should not be authorized
to act on the occurrence of an emergency
without a previous reference to the
Envoy.

19 His Lordship in
Council was however prepared to
admit, that unless some reduction of
expense could be effected by the
arrangement, there could be but little
use in carrying it into execution. On
this point His Lordship had not
the means of judging, ——"——"——

and

Bill Comm.
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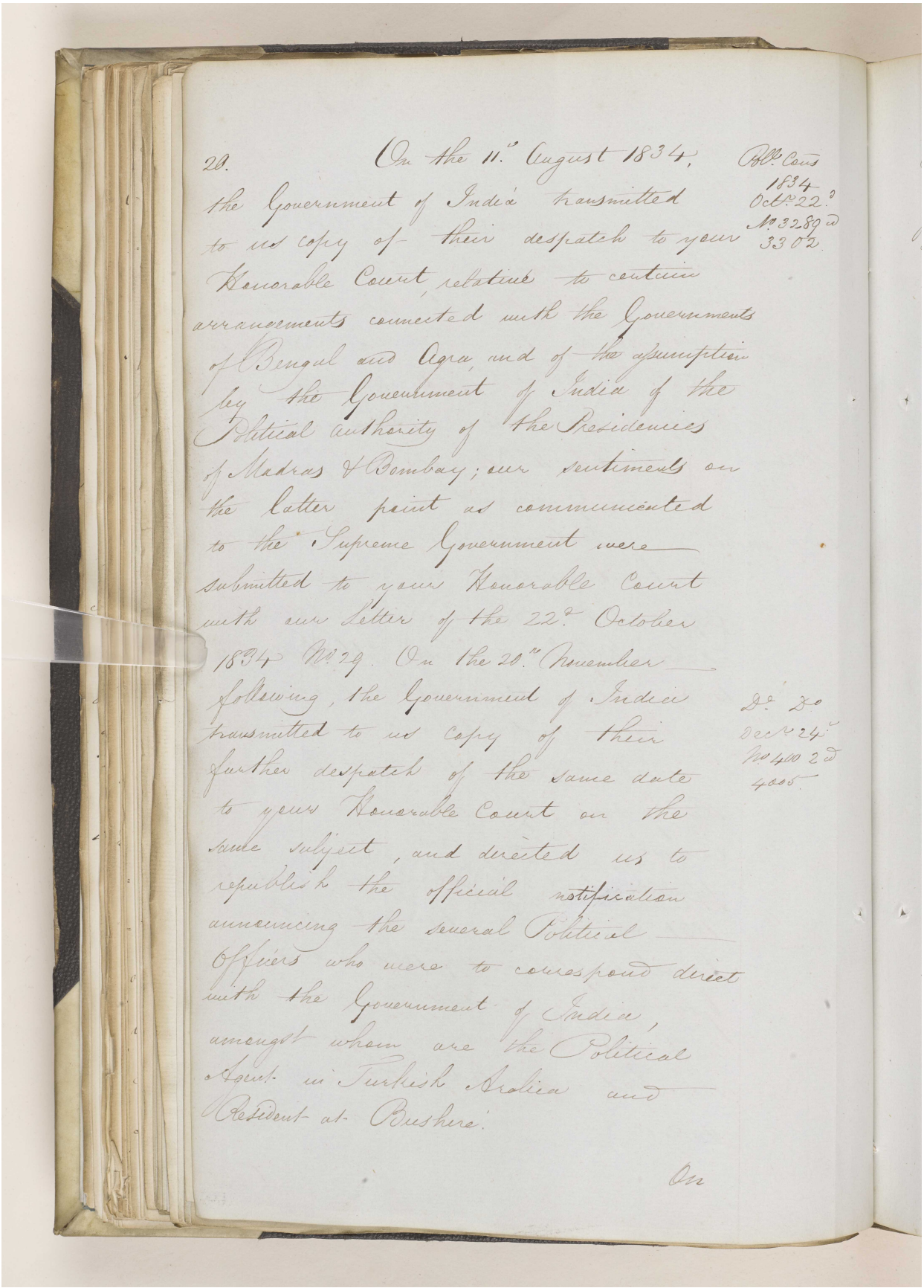
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and requested to be furnished with the particulars of the monthly amount disbursed on account of the Bushire Residency, showing the total allowance drawn by the Resident per mensem, as well as by the individuals attached to his Establishment, and all other items of expenditure under whatever designation.

Pol. Consult 1834 Oct. 22 No 3147 & 48 Dec. 17 " 3867 & 68

On the 11th December we furnished the Government of India with a Statement of the above particulars; at the same time we transmitted Copies of the Minutes of the late Sir John Malcolm dated 15th & 16th September 1828, regarding the Bushire Residency, and stated that it would no doubt be satisfactory for the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council to know that since the appointment of Mr. Blane on 8th November 1831, and of his Assistant Captain Kennel on 9th February 1826, this Government was entirely satisfied with the able manner in which they had conducted their respective duties.

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29. On the 11th August 1834, the Government of India transmitted to us copy of their despatch to your Honorable Court, relative to certain arrangements connected with the Governments of Bengal and Agra, and of the assumption by the Government of India of the Political authority of the Presidencies of Madras & Bombay; our sentiments on the latter point as communicated to the Supreme Government were submitted to your Honorable Court with our letter of the 22d October 1834 No 29. On the 20th November following, the Government of India transmitted to us copy of their further despatch of the same date to your Honorable Court on the same subject, and directed us to republish the official notification announcing the several Political Officers who were to correspond direct with the Government of India, amongst whom are the Political Agent in Turkish Arabia and Resident at Bushire.

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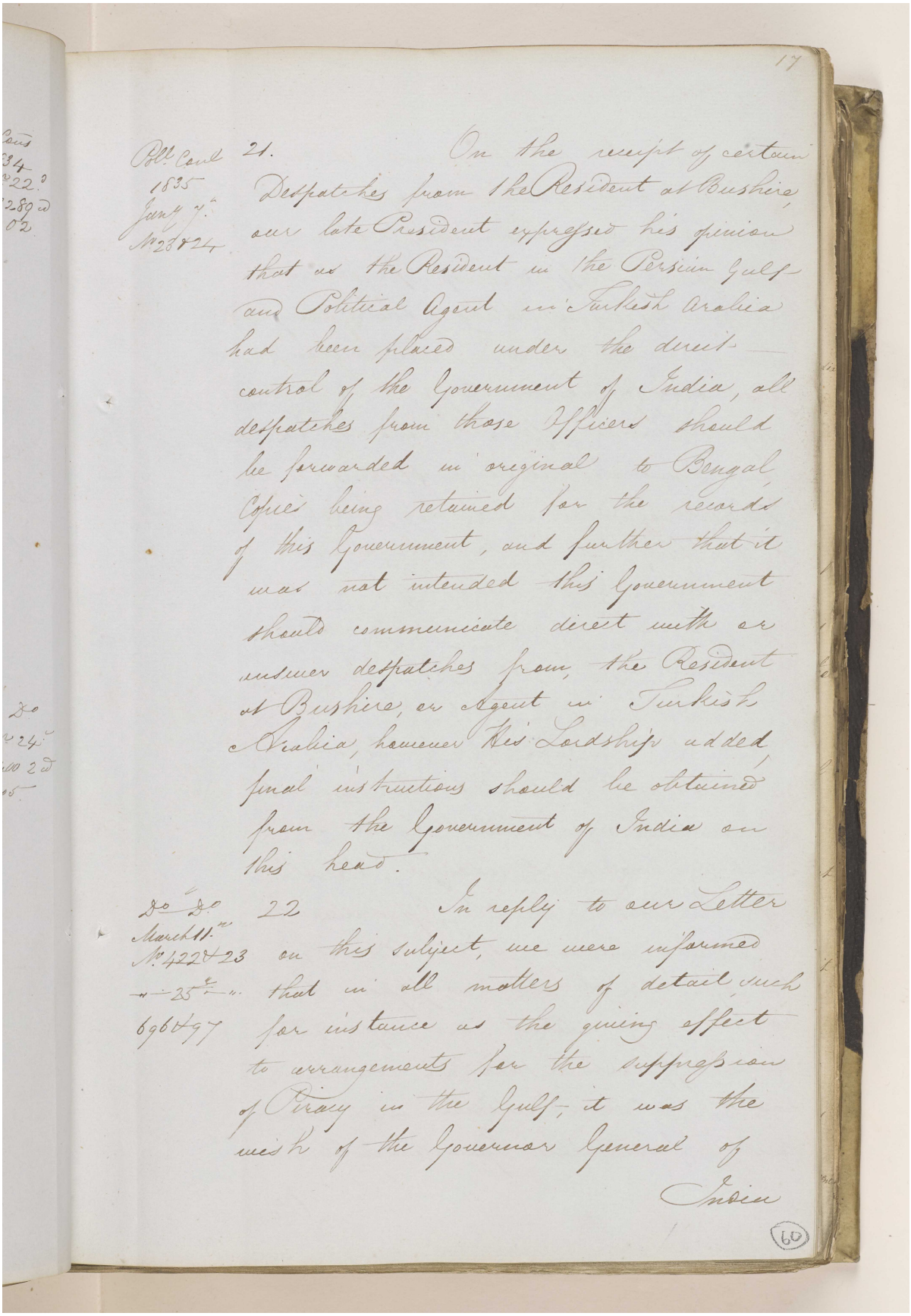
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'Proceedings regarding the proposed arrangement of substituting for the Resident in the Persian Gulf an Assistant under the Envoy at Tehraun – Channel of his correspondence – Reduction in the Residency Establishment and appointment of Major Morison to the Office of Resident.' [60r] (21/320)



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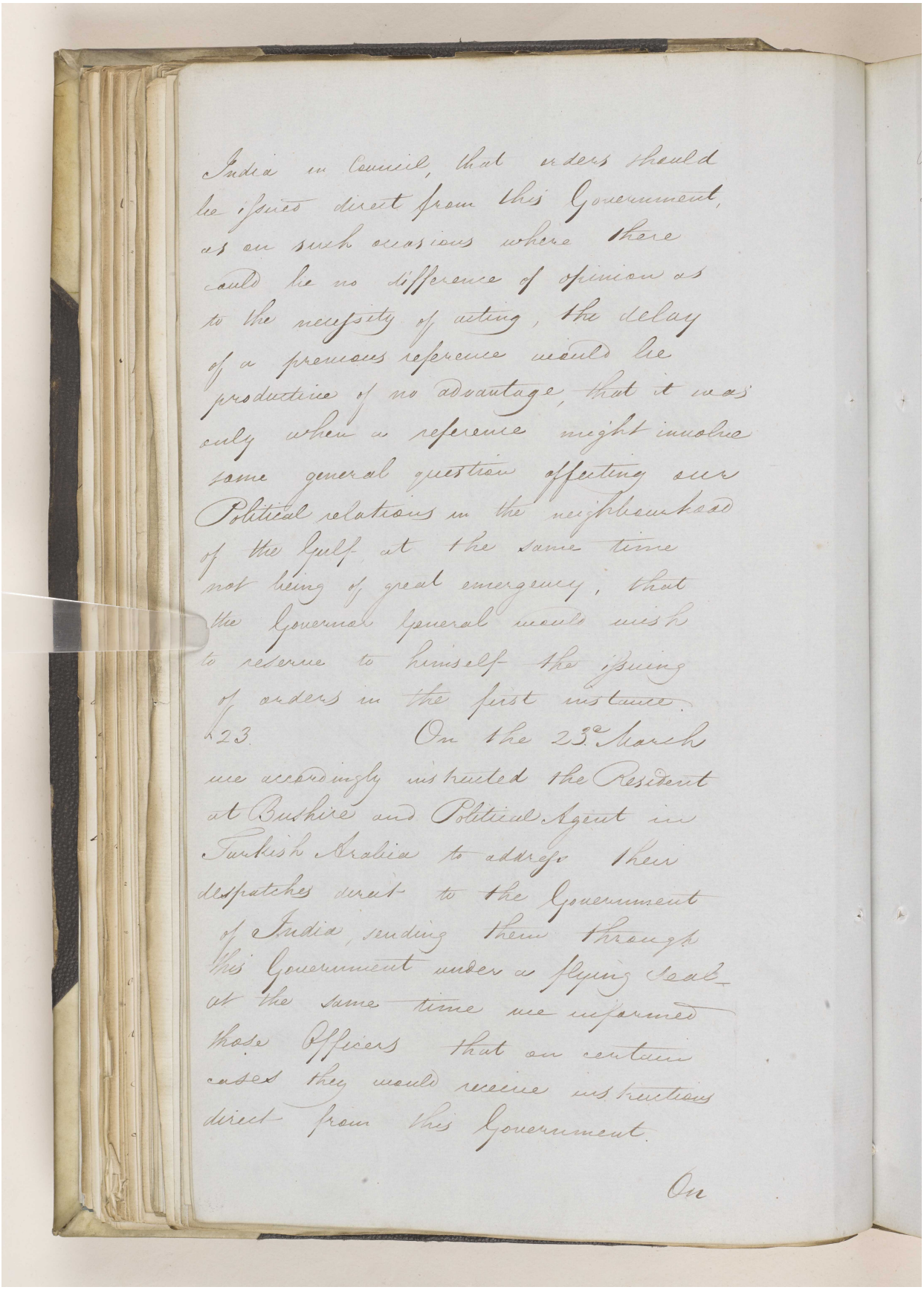
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21. On the receipt of certain Despatches from the Resident at Bushire, our late President expressed his opinion that as the Resident in the Persian Gulf and Political Agent in Turkish Arabia had been placed under the direct control of the Government of India, all despatches from those Officers should be forwarded in original to Bengal Copies being retained for the records of this Government, and further that it was not intended this Government should communicate direct with or answer despatches from the Resident at Bushire, or Agent in Turkish Arabia, however His Lordship added, final instructions should be obtained from the Government of India on this head.

Do Do March 11th No 422 & 23 — 25th — 6960 & 97

22 In reply to our Letter on this subject, we were informed that in all matters of detail such for instance as the giving effect to arrangements for the suppression of Piracy in the Gulf, it was the wish of the Governor General of India

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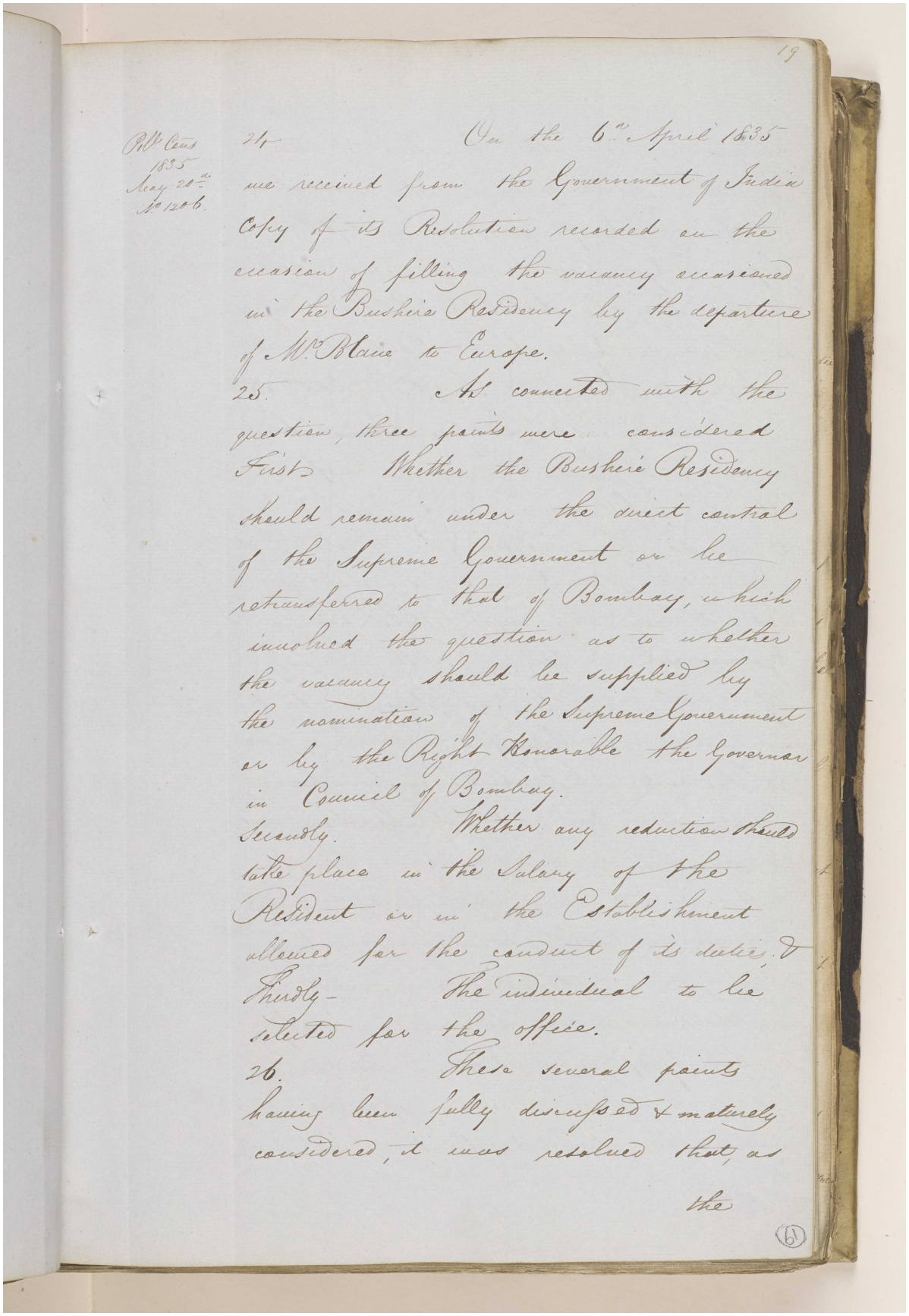


India in Council, that orders should be issued direct from this Government, as on such occasions where there could be no difference of opinion as to the necessity of acting, the delay of a previous reference would be productive of no advantage, that it was only when a reference might involve some general question affecting our Political relations in the neighbourhood of the Gulf, at the same time not being of great emergency, that the Governor General would wish to reserve to himself the issuing of orders in the first instance.

123. On the 23d March we accordingly instructed the Resident at Bushire and Political Agent in Turkish Arabia to address their despatches direct to the Government of India, sending them through this Government under a flying seal, at the same time we informed those Officers that on certain cases they would receive instructions direct from this Government.

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24. On the 6th April 1835 we received from the Government of India Copy of its Resolution recorded on the occasion of filling the vacancy occasioned in the Bushire Residency by the departure of Mr. Blane to Europe.

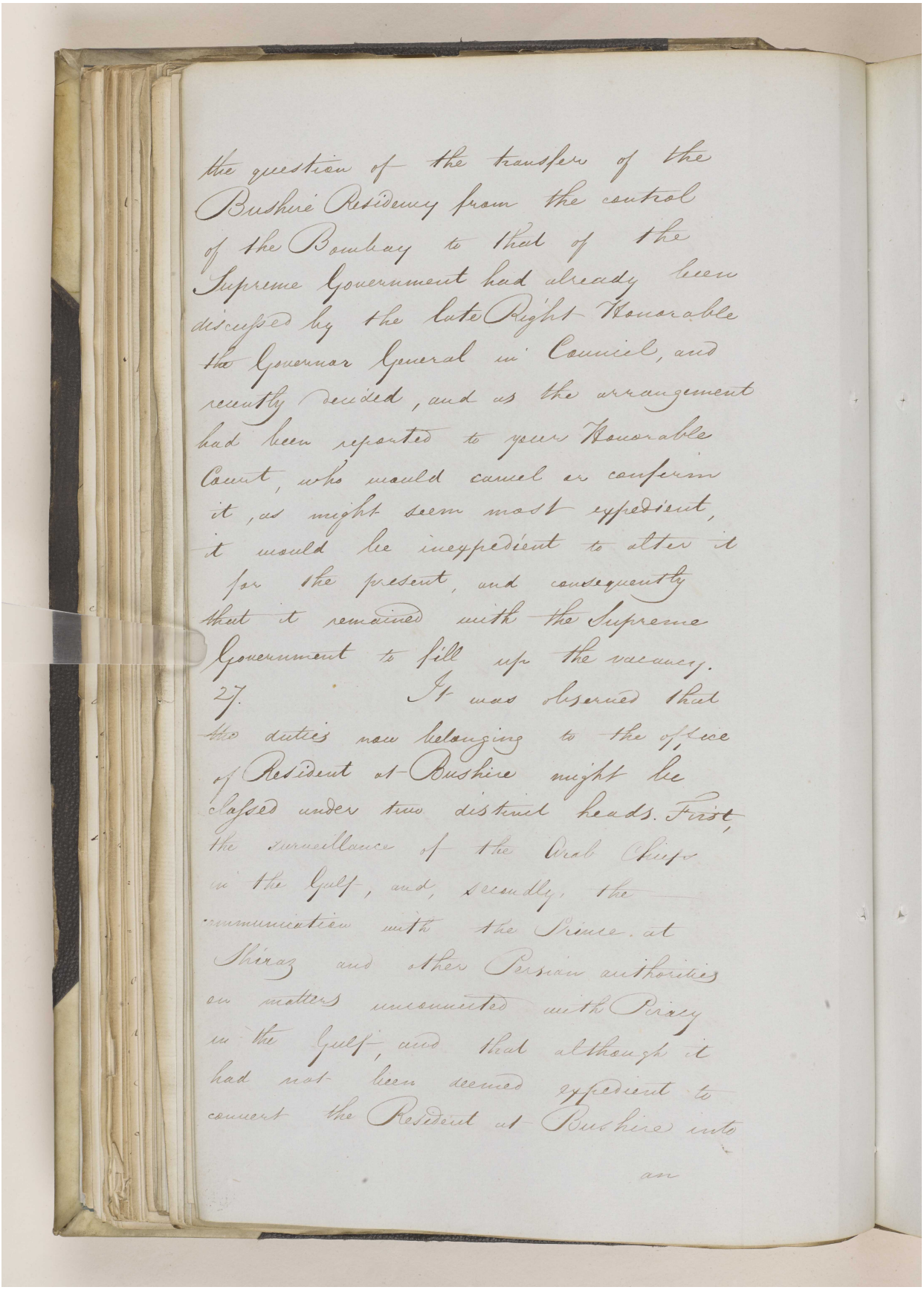
25. As connected with the question, three points were considered First Whether the Bushire Residency should remain under the direct control of the Supreme Government or be retransferred to that of Bombay, which involved the question as to whether the vacancy should be supplied by the nomination of the Supreme Government or by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay.

Secondly. Whether any reduction should take place in the Salary of the Resident or in the Establishment allowed for the conduct of its duties.

Thirdly- The individual to be selected for the office.

26. These several points having been fully discussed & maturely considered, it was resolved that, as the

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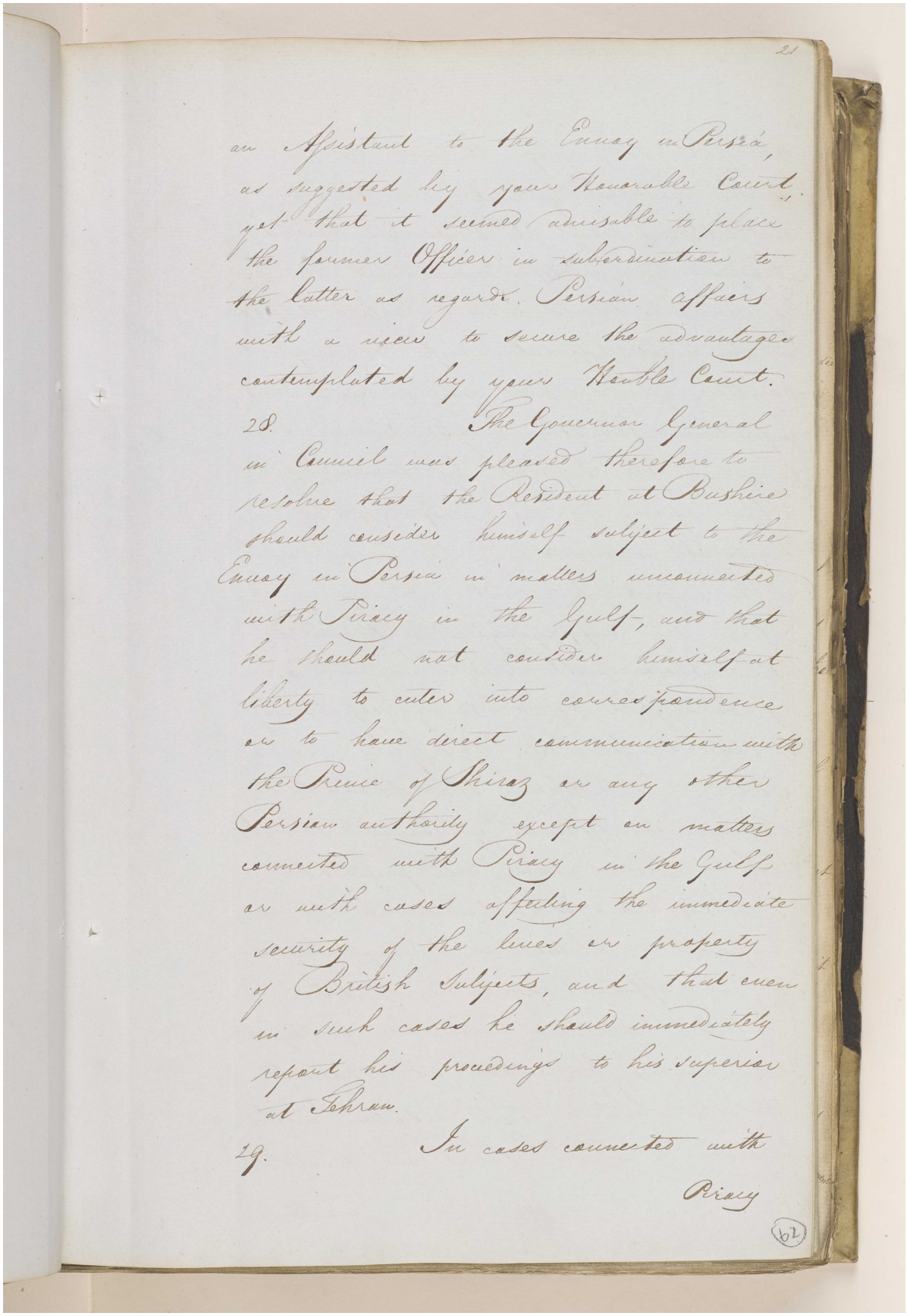


the question of the transfer of the Bushire Residency from the control of the Bombay to that of the Supreme Government had already been discussed by the late Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, and recently decided, and as the arrangement had been reported to your Honorable Court, who would cancel or confirm it, as might seem most expedient, it would be inexpedient to alter it for the present, and consequently that it remained with the Supreme Government to fill up the vacancy.

27. It was observed that the duties now belonging to the office of Resident at Bushire might be classed under two distinct heads. First, the surveillance of the Arab Ships in the Gulf, and, secondly, the communication with the Prince at Shiraz and other Persian authorities on matters unconnected with Piracy in the Gulf, and that although it had not been deemed expedient to convert the Resident at Bushire into

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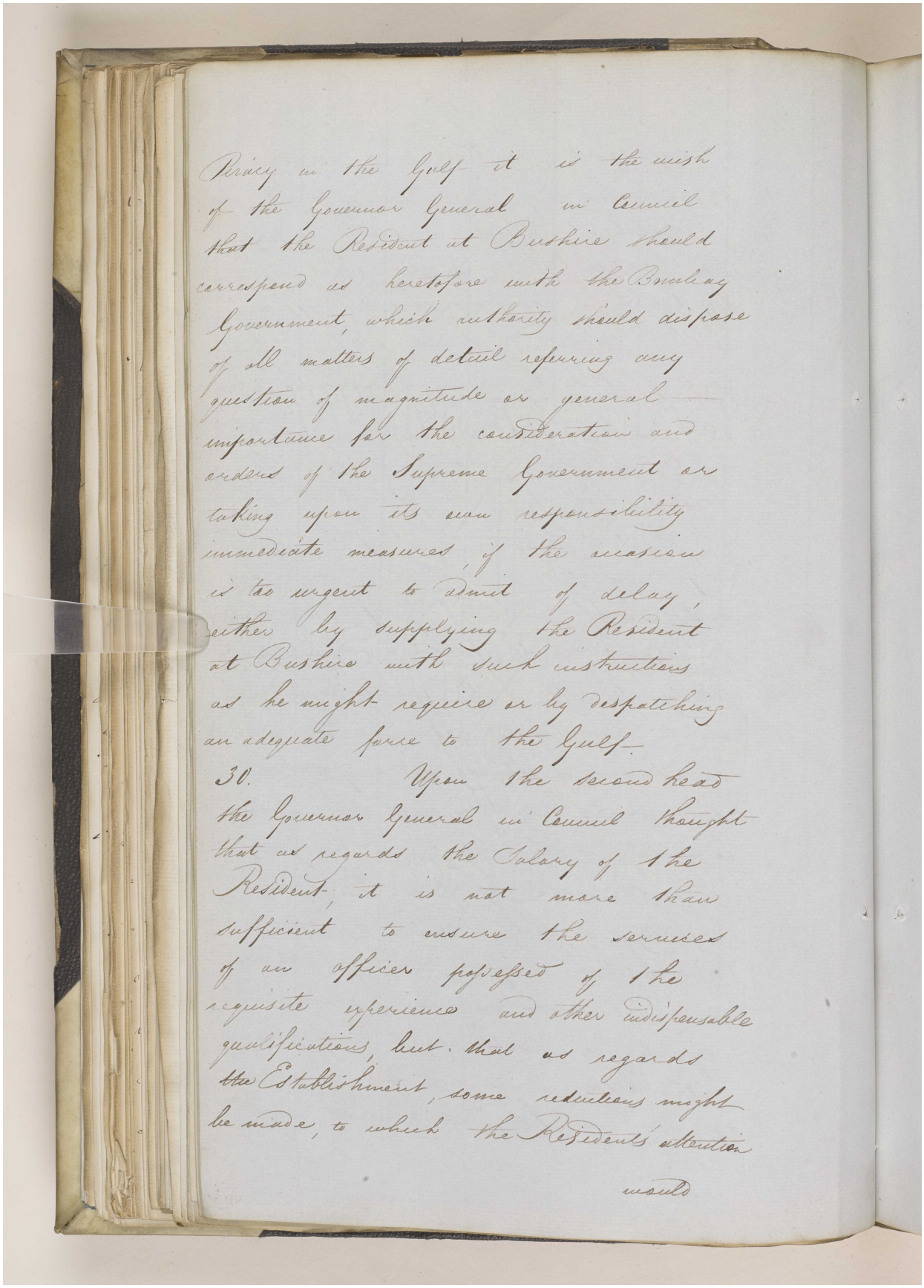
an Assistant to the Envoy in Persia, as suggested by your Honorable Court, yet that it seemed advisable to place the former Officer in subordination to the latter as regards Persian affairs with a view to secure the advantages contemplated by your Honble Court.

28. The Governor General in Council was pleased therefore to resolve that the Resident at Bushire should consider himself subject to the Envoy in Persia in matters unconnected with Piracy in the Gulf, and that he should not consider himself at liberty to enter into correspondence or to have direct communication with the Prince of Shiraz or any other Persian authority except on matters connected with Piracy in the Gulf or such cases affecting the immediate security of the lives or property of British Subjects, and that even in such cases he should immediately report his proceedings to his superior at Tehraun.

29. In cases connected with Piracy

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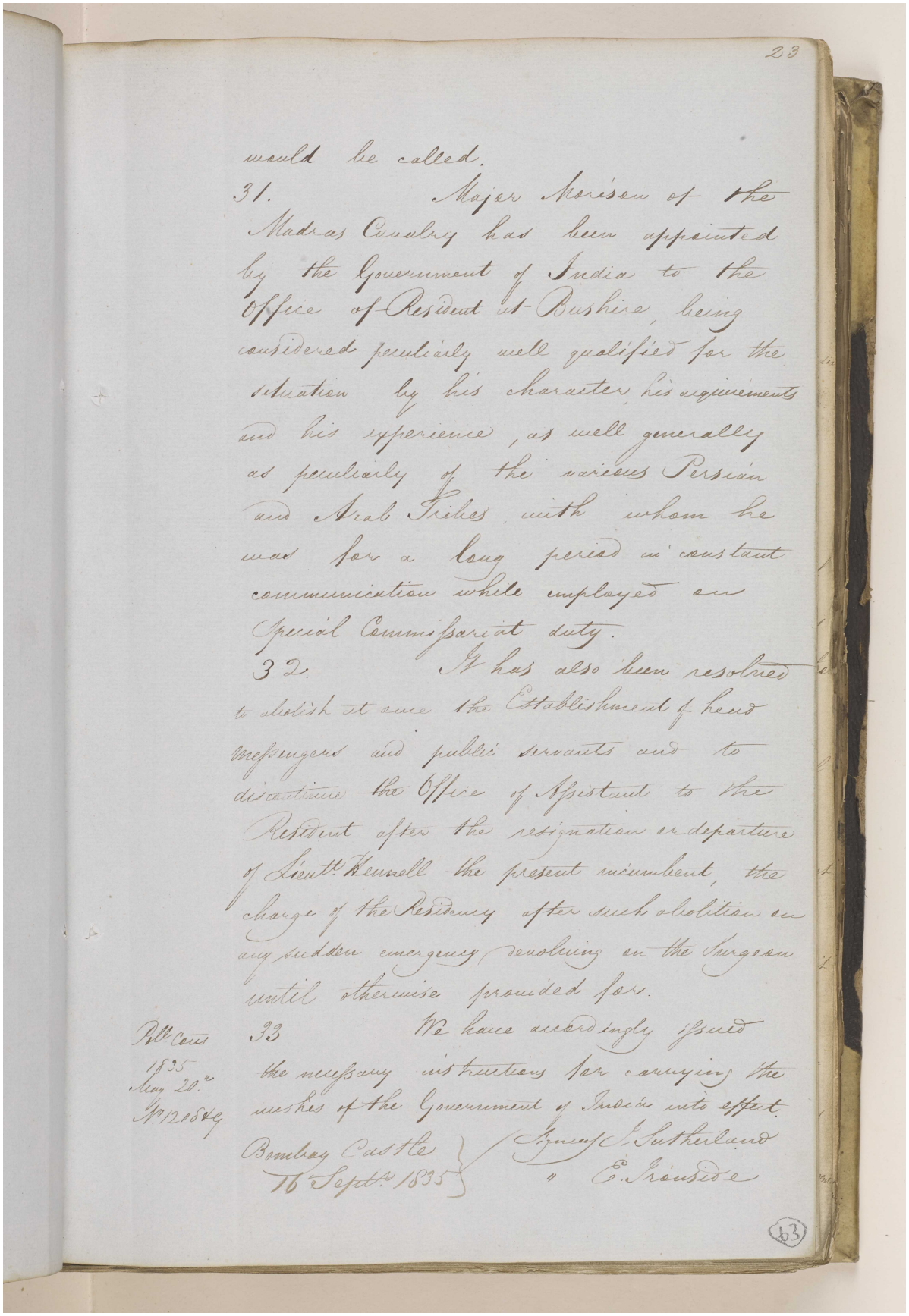
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Piracy in the Gulf it is the wish
of the Governor General in Council
that the Resident at Bushire should
correspond as heretofore with the Bombay
Government, which authority should dispose
of all matters of detail referring any
question of magnitude or general
importance for the consideration and
orders of the Supreme Government or
taking upon its own responsibility
immediate measures, if the occasion
is too urgent to admit of delay,
either by supplying the Resident
at Bushire with such instructions
as he might require or by despatching
an adequate force to the Gulf.

30. Upon the second head
the Governor General in Council thought
that as regards the Salary of the
Resident, it is not more than
sufficient to ensure the services
of an officer possessed of the
requisite experience and other indispensable
qualifications, but that as regards
the Establishment, some reductions might
be made, to which the Resident's attention

would



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would be called.

31. Major Morison of the Madras Cavalry has been appointed by the Government of India to the Office of Resident at Bushire, being considered peculiarly well qualified for the situation by his character, his acquirements and his experience, as well generally as peculiarly of the various Persian and Arab Tribes with whom he was for a long period in constant communication while employed on Special Commissariat duty.

32. It has also been resolved to abolish at once the Establishment of head messengers and public servants and to discontinue the Office of Assistant to the Resident after the resignation or departure of Lieut.t Kemball the present incumbent, the charge of the Residency after such abolition on any sudden emergency devolving on the Surgeon until otherwise provided for.

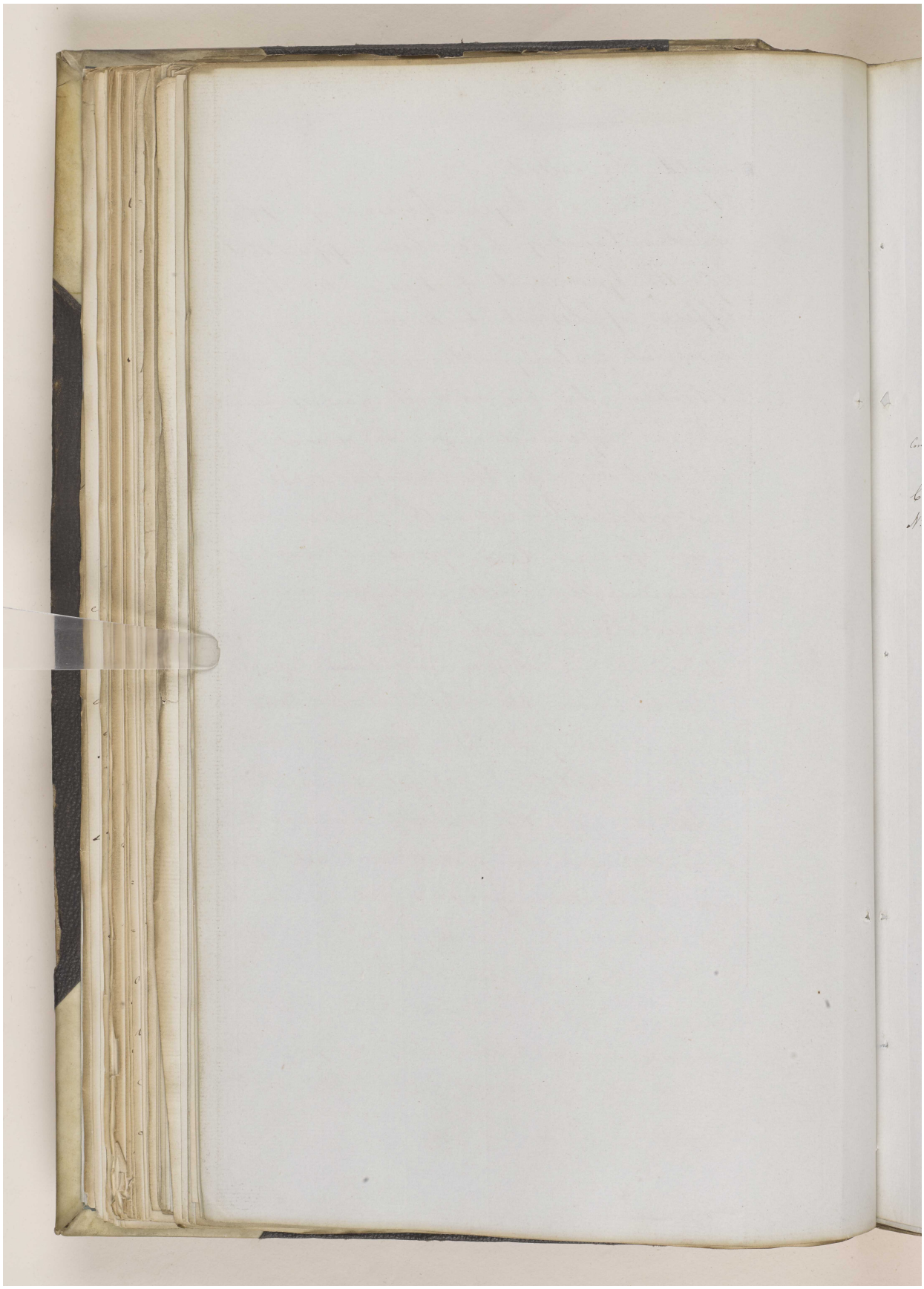
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33 We have accordingly issued the necessary instructions for carrying the wishes of the Government of India into effect.

Bombay Castle 16 Sept.r 1835

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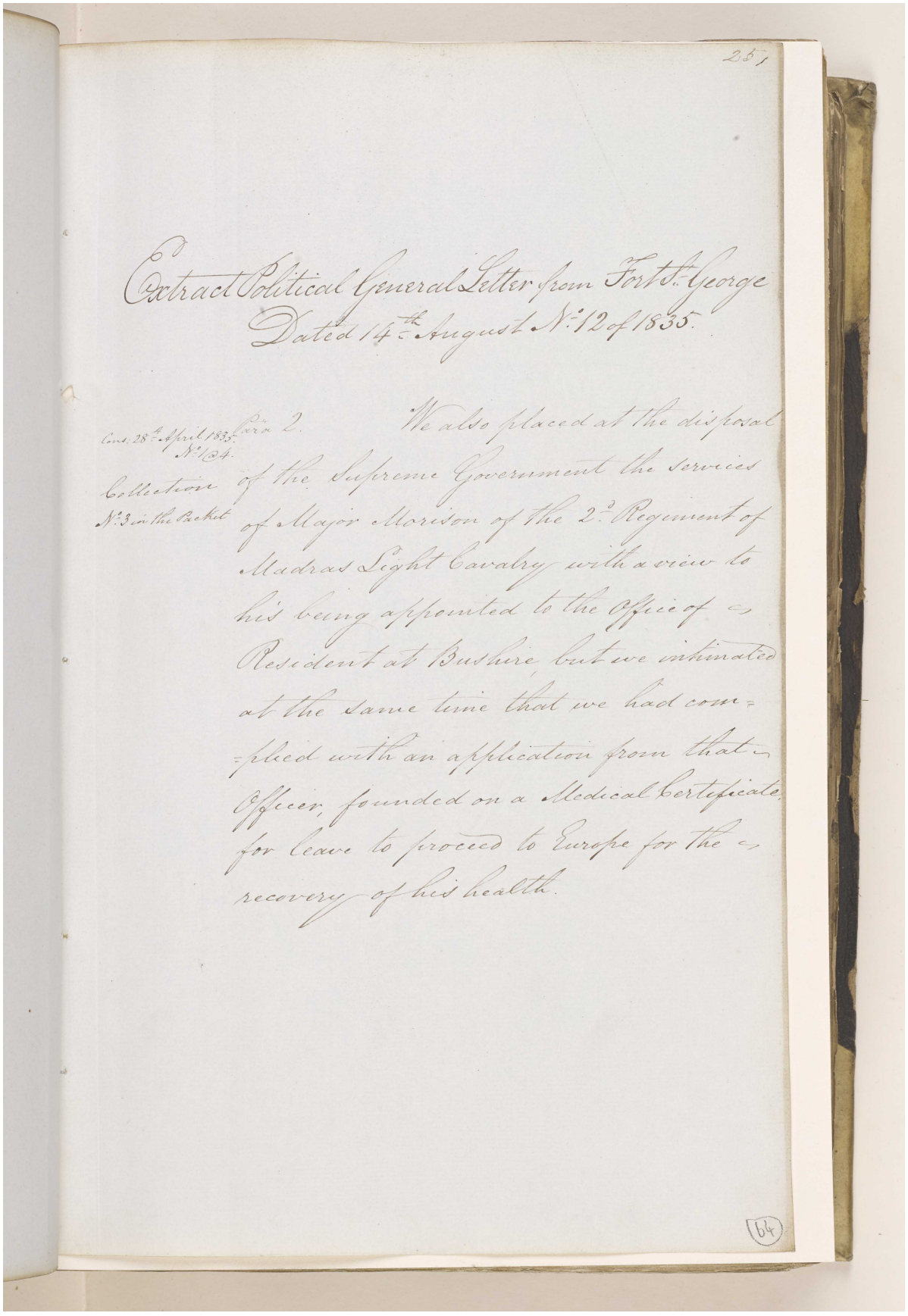
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Extract Political General Letter from Fort St. George
Dated 14th August N.o 12 of 1835.

Cons. 28th April 1835. N.o 124.
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Para 2. We also placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government the services of Major Morison of the 2d Regiment of Madras Light Cavalry with a view to his being appointed to the Office of Resident at Bushire, but we intimated at the same time that we had com= =plied with an application from that Officer, founded on a Medical Certificate, for leave to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health.

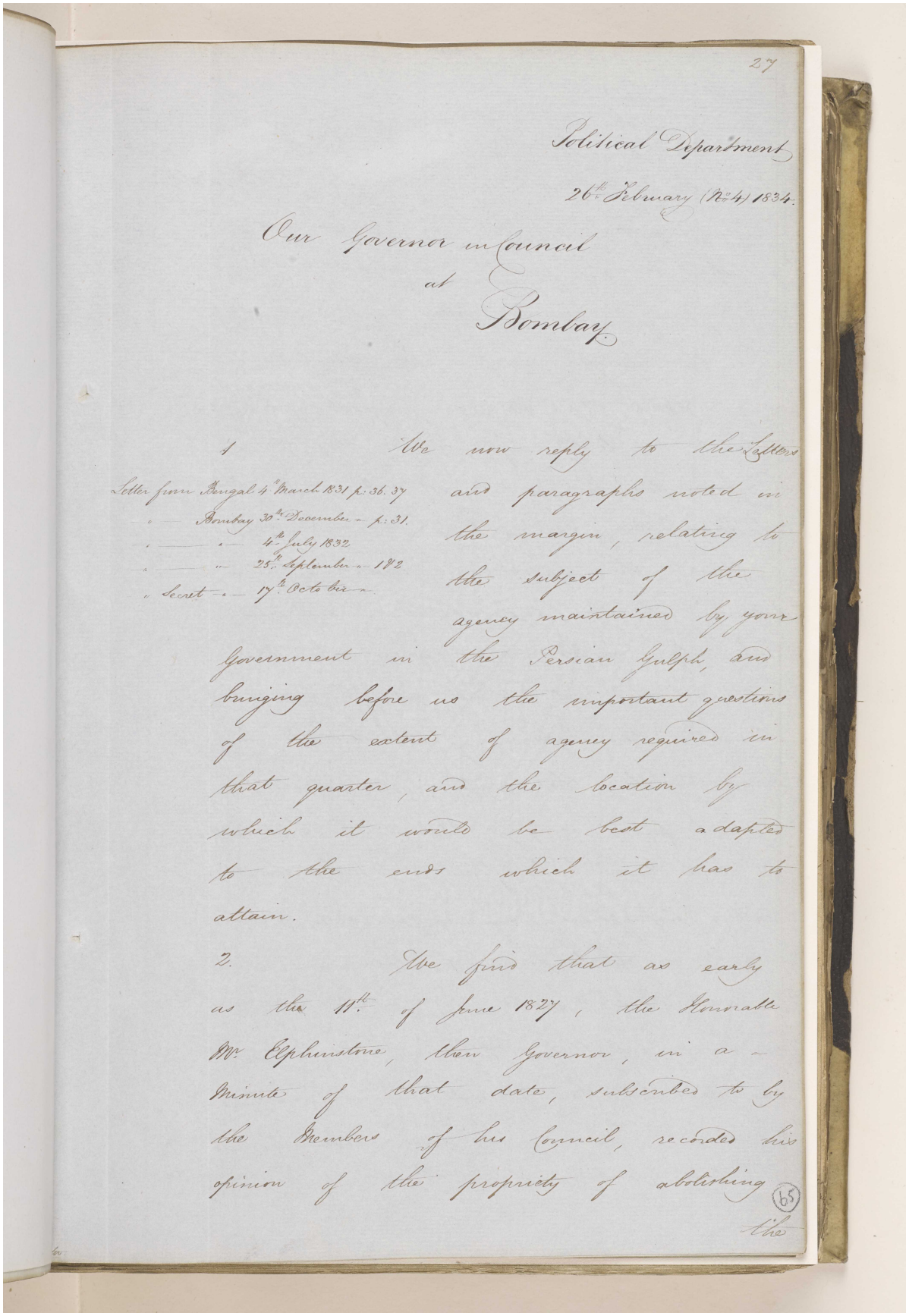
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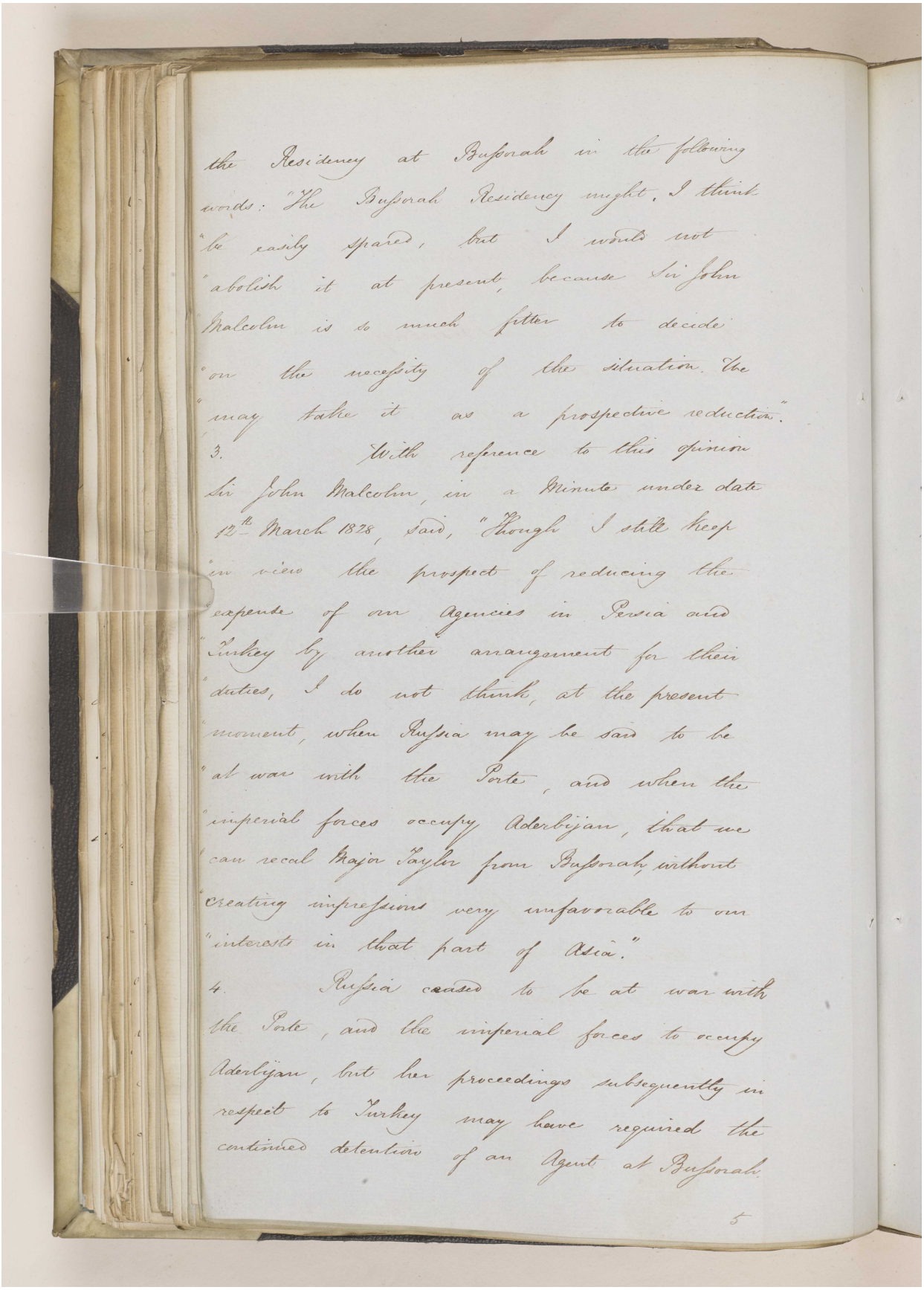
26th February (No 4) 1834.

Our Governor in Council
at
Bombay.

1 We now reply to the Letters and paragraphs noted in the margin, relating to the subject of the agency maintained by your Government in the Persian Gulph, and bringing before us the important questions of the extent of agency required in that quarter, and the location by which it would be best adapted to the ends which it has to attain.

Letter from Bengal 4th March 1831 p: 36. 37
" Bombay 30th December " p: 31.
" " 4th July 1832
" " 25th September " 1&2
" Secret " 17th October "

2. We find that as early as the 11th of June 1827, the Honorable Mr. Elphinstone, then Governor, in a Minute of that date, subscribed to by the Members of his Council, recorded his opinion of the propriety of abolishing (65) the



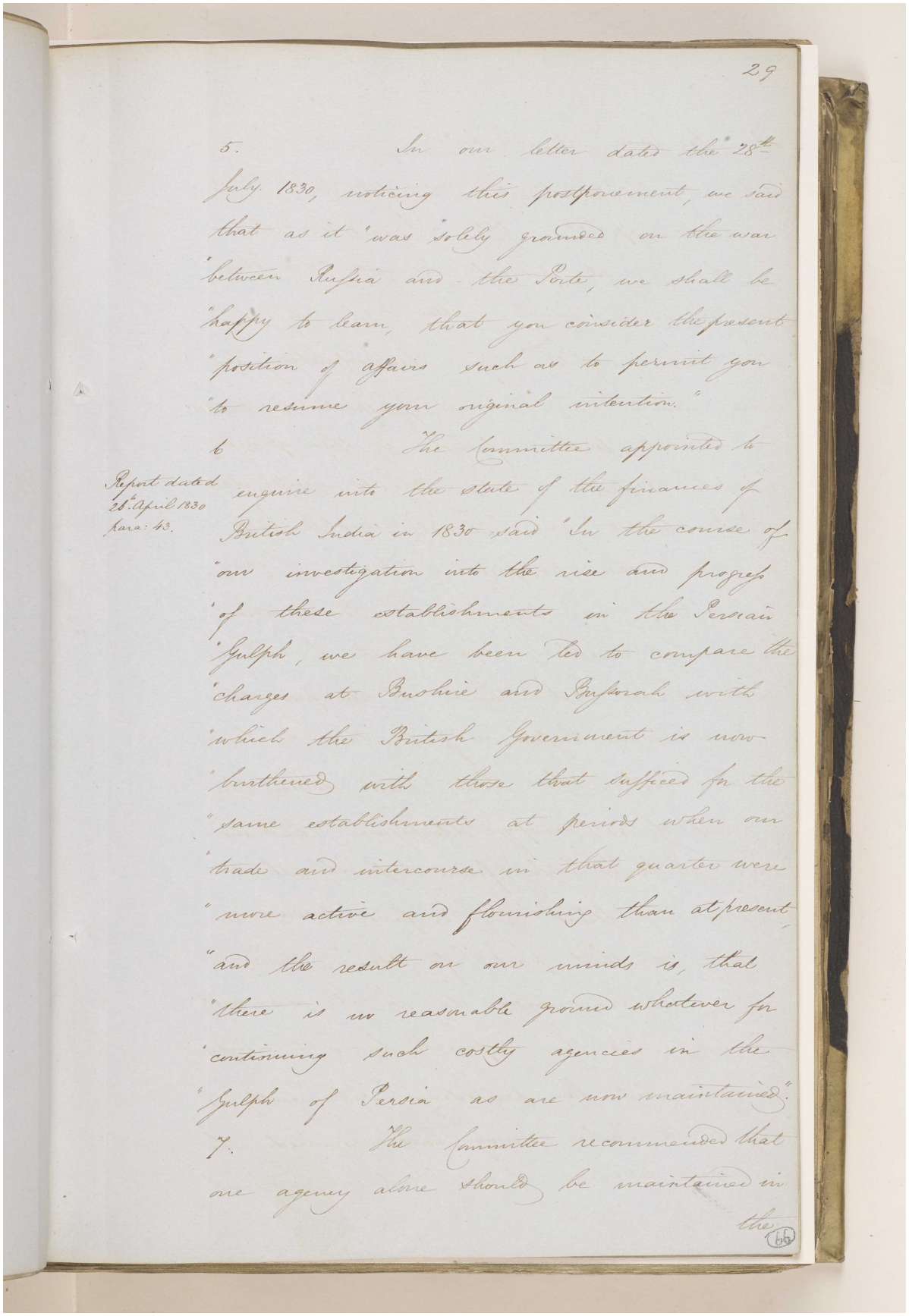
the Residency at Bushorah in the following words: "The Bushorah Residency might, I think "be easily spared, but I would not "abolish it at present, because Sir John "Malcolm is so much fitter to decide "on the necessity of the situation. He "may take it as a prospective reduction."

3. With reference to this opinion Sir John Malcolm, in a Minute under date 12th March 1828, said, "Though I still keep "in view the prospect of reducing the "expense of our Agencies in Persia and "Turkey by another arrangement for their "duties, I do not think, at the present "moment, when Russia may be said to be "at war with the Porte, and when the "imperial forces occupy Aderbijan, that we "can recal Major Taylor from Bushorah without "creating impressions very unfavorable to our "interests in that part of Asia."

4. Russia ceased to be at war with the Porte, and the imperial forces to occupy Aderbijan, but her proceedings subsequently in respect to Turkey may have required the continued detention of an Agent at Bushorah.

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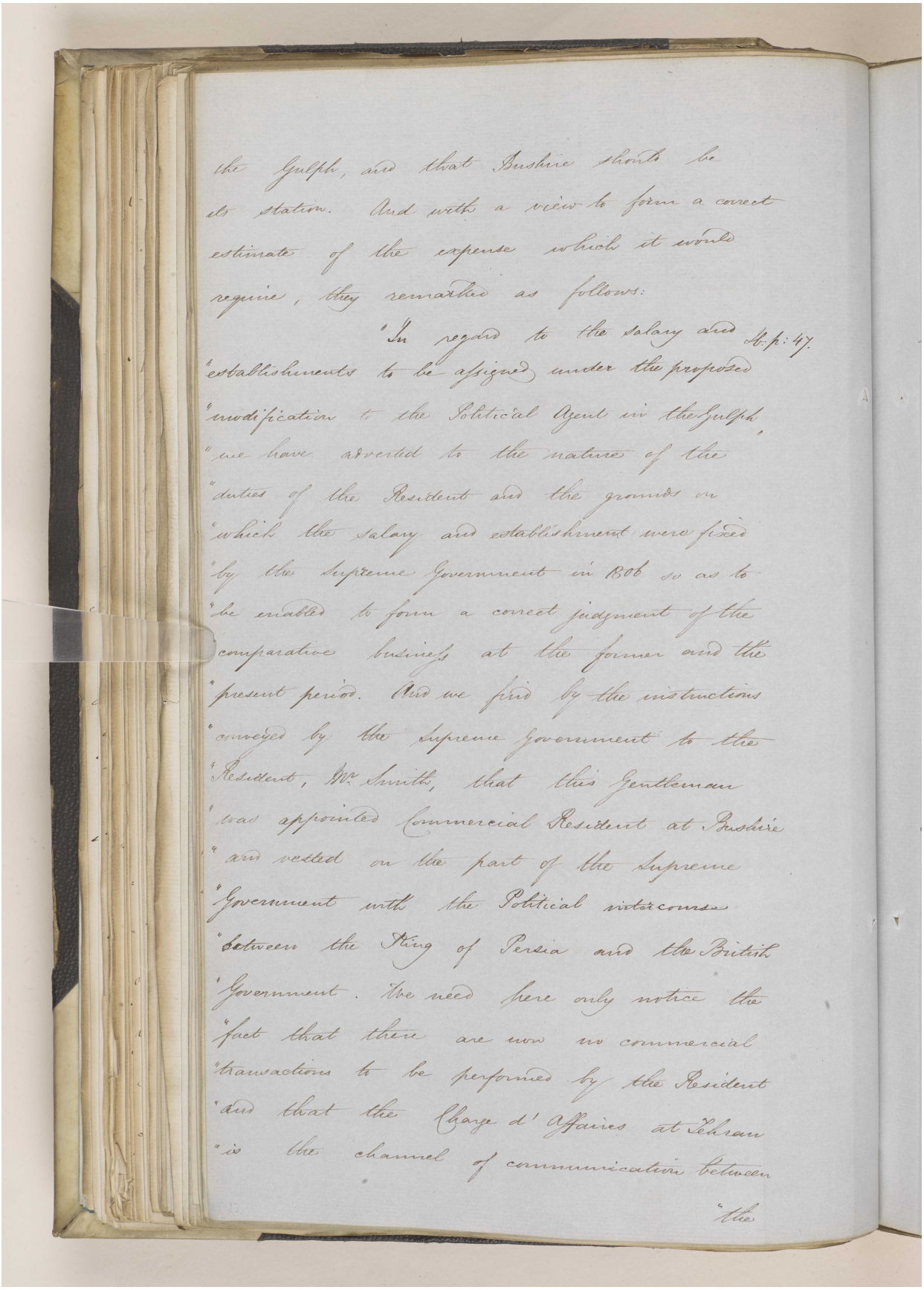
5. In our letter dated the 28th July 1830, noticing this postponement, we said that as it "was solely grounded on the war "between Russia and the Porte, we shall be "happy to learn, that you consider the present "position of affairs such as to permit you "to resume your original intention."

6 The Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the finances of British India in 1830 said "In the course of "our investigation into the rise and progress "of these establishments in the Persian "Gulph, we have been led to compare the "charges at Bushire and Bussorah with "which the British Government is now "burthened with those that sufficed for the "same establishments at periods when our "trade and intercourse in that quarter were "more active and flourishing than at present, "and the result on our minds is, that "there is no reasonable ground whatever for "continuing such costly agencies in the "Gulph of Persia as are now maintained".

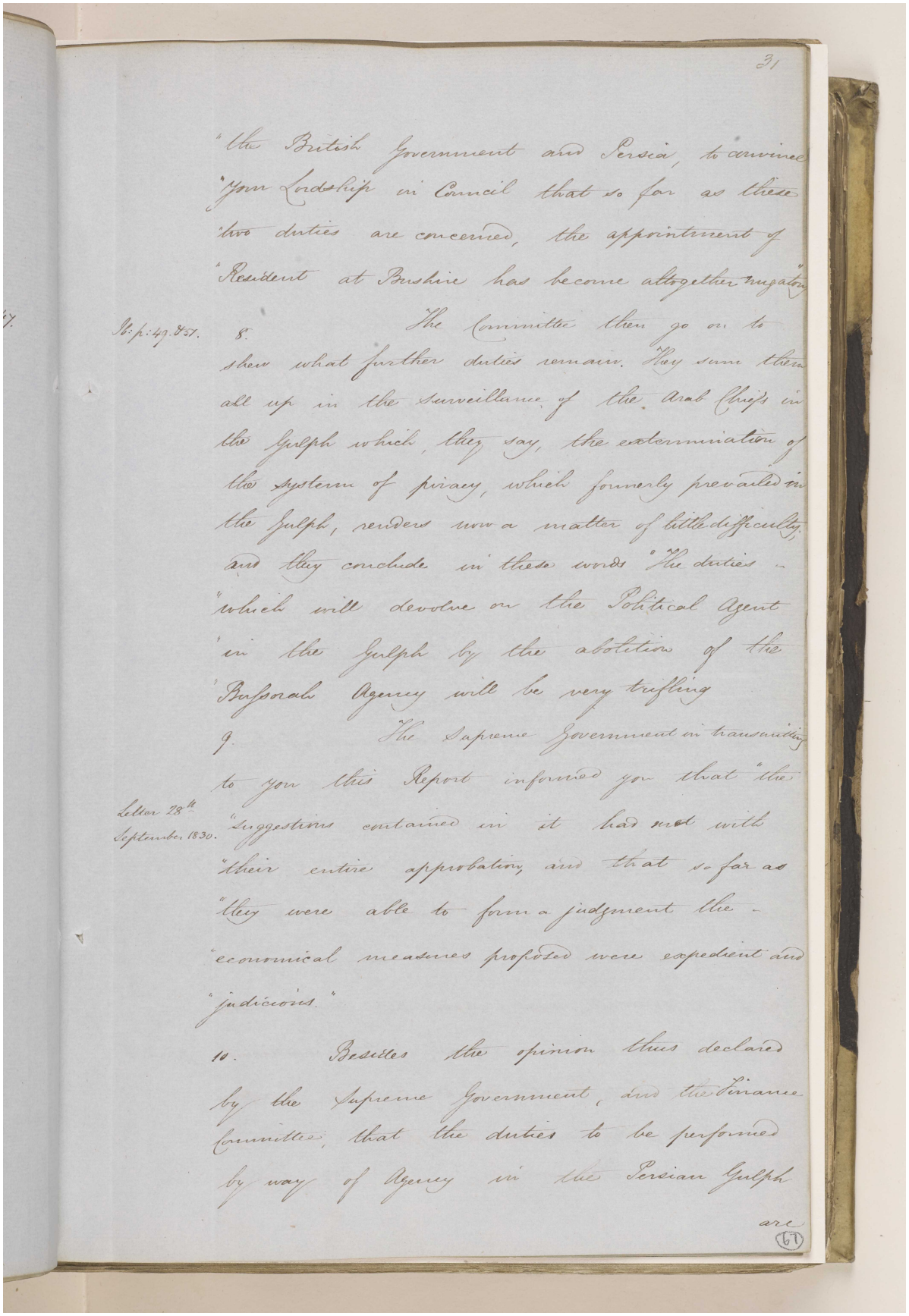
Report dated 28th April 1830 para: 43.

7. The Committee recommended that one agency alone should be maintained in the

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the Gulph, and that Bushire should be
its station. And with a view to form a correct
estimate of the expense which it would
require, they remarked as follows:
"In regard to the salary and S.P. 47.
"establishments to be assigned under the proposed
"modification to the Political Agent in the Gulph,
"we have adverted to the nature of the
"duties of the Resident and the grounds on
"which the salary and establishment were fixed
"by the Supreme Government in 1806 so as to
"be enabled to form a correct judgment of the
comparative business at the former and the
"present period. And we find by the instructions
"conveyed by the Supreme Government to the
"Resident, Mr. Smith, that this Gentleman
"was appointed Commercial Resident at Bushire
"and vested on the part of the Supreme
"Government with the Political intercourse
"between the King of Persia and the British
"Government. We need here only notice the
"fact that there are now no commercial
"transactions to be performed by the Resident
"and that the Chargé d' Affaires at Tehran
"is the channel of communication between
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"the British Government and Persia, to convince
"your Lordship in Council that so far as these
"two duties are concerned, the appointment of
"Resident at Bushire has become altogether nugatory"

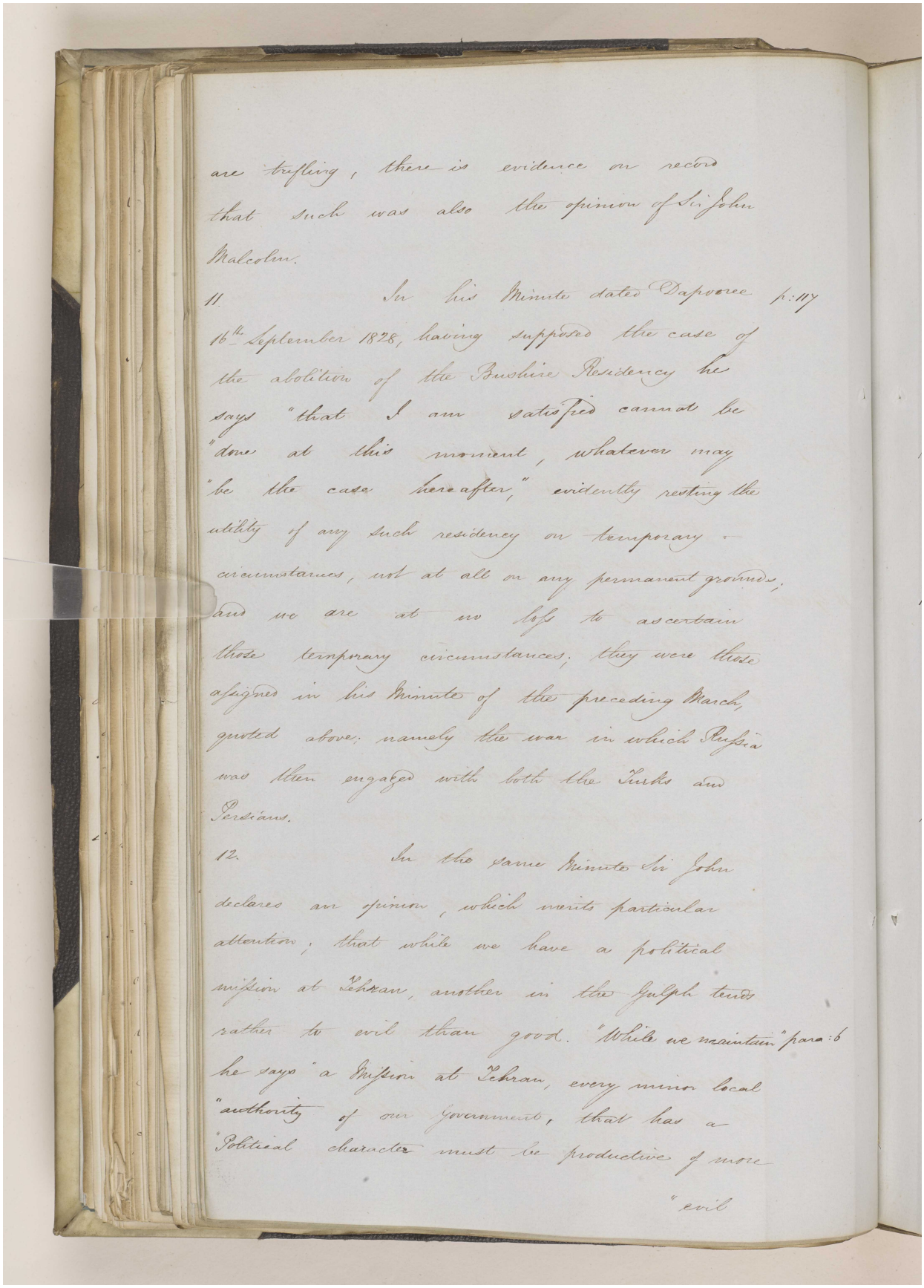
Vide p. 49 ante. 8. The Committee then go on to show what further duties remain. They sum them all up in the surveillance of the Arab Chiefs in the Gulph which, they say, the extermination of the system of piracy, which formerly prevailed in the Gulph, renders now a matter of little difficulty, and they conclude in these words "The duties
"which will devolve on the Political Agent
"in the Gulph by the abolition of the
"Bassorah Agency will be very trifling

9. The Supreme Government in transmitting to you this Report informed you that "the
Letter 28th September 1830. "suggestions contained in it had met with
"their entire approbation, and that so far as
"they were able to form a judgment the
"economical measures proposed were expedient and
"judicious."

10. Besides the opinion thus declared by the Supreme Government, and the Finance Committee, that the duties to be performed by way of Agency in the Persian Gulph

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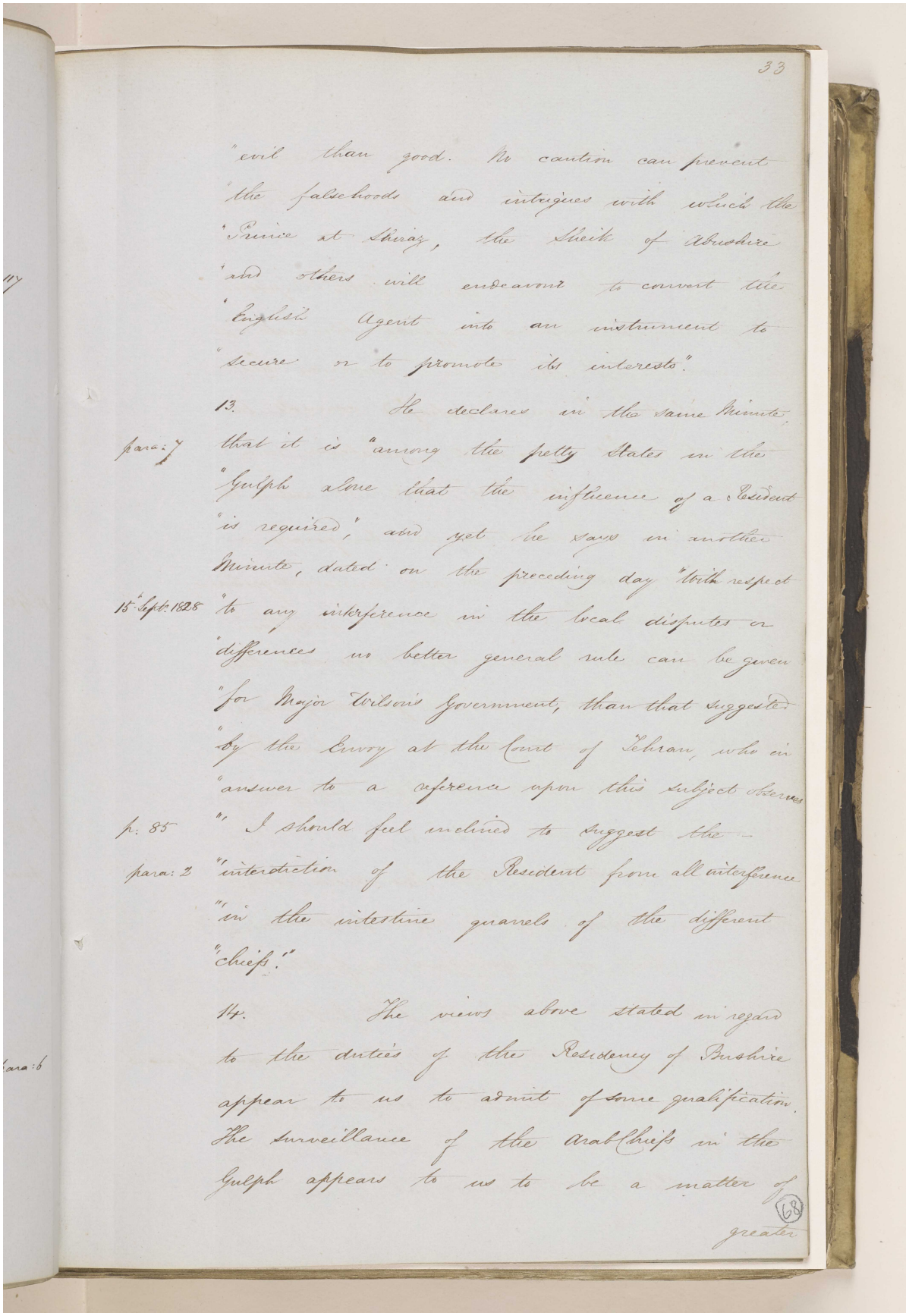
are trifling, there is evidence on record that such was also the opinion of Sir John Malcolm.

11. In his Minute dated Dapooree 16th September 1828, having supposed the case of the abolition of the Bushire Residency he says "that I am satisfied cannot be "done at this moment, whatever may "be the case hereafter," evidently resting the utility of any such residency on temporary circumstances, not at all on any permanent grounds, and we are at no loss to ascertain those temporary circumstances, they were those assigned in his Minute of the preceding March, quoted above, namely the war in which Russia was then engaged with both the Turks and Persians. p: 117

12. In the same Minute Sir John declares an opinion, which merits particular attention, that while we have a political mission at Tehraun, another in the Gulph tends rather to evil than good. "While we maintain" para: 6 he says "a Mission at Tehran, every minor local "authority of our Government, that has a "Political character must be productive of more

"evil

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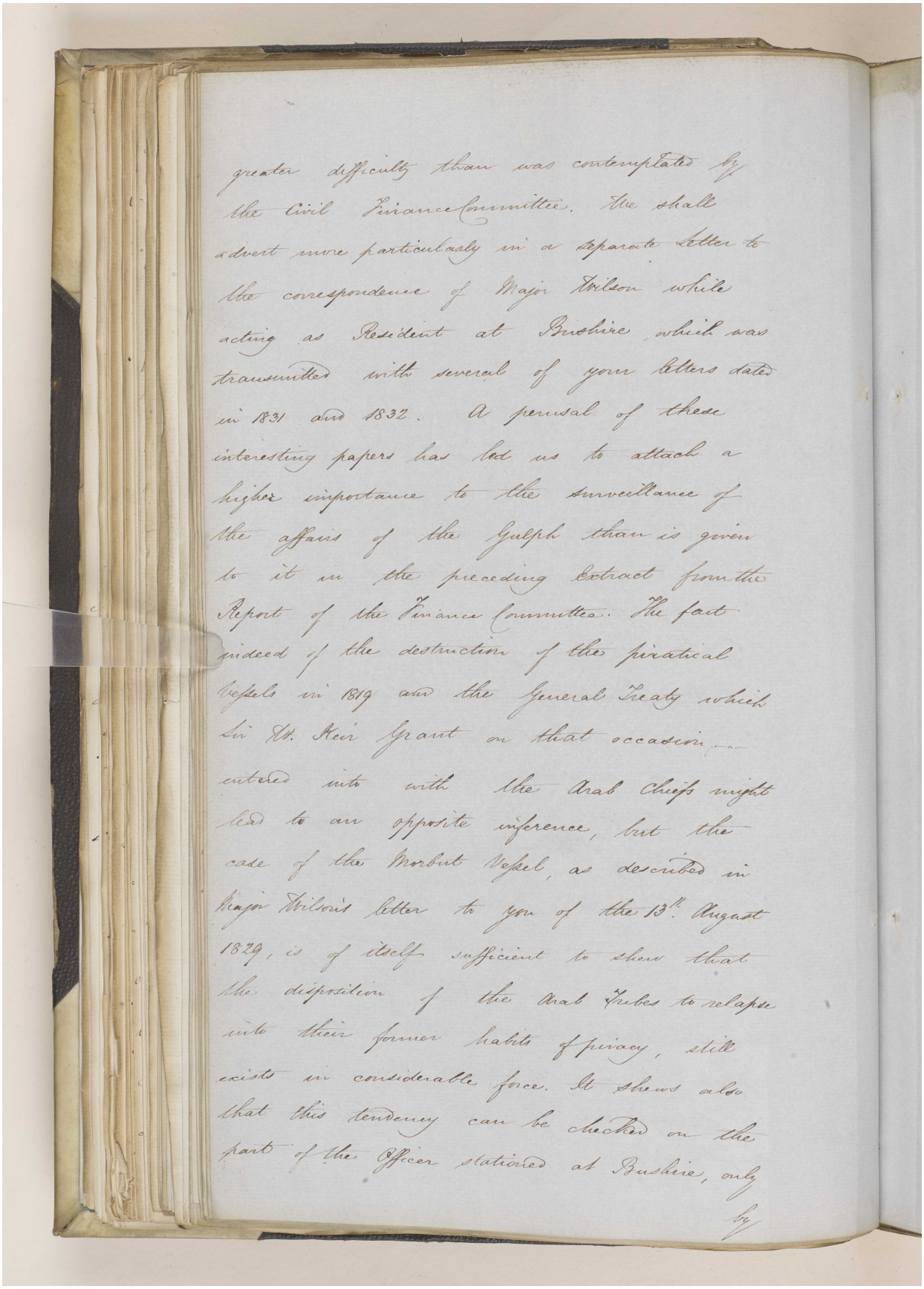
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"evil than good. No caution can prevent
"the falsehoods and intrigues with which the
"Prince at Shiraz, the Sheik of Abushire
"and others will endeavour to convert the
"English Agent into an instrument to
"secure or to promote its interests".

13. He declares in the same Minute,
para: 7 that it is "among the petty States in the
"Gulph alone that the influence of a Resident
"is required," and yet he says in another
Minute, dated on the preceding day "With respect
15 Sept: 1828 "to any interference in the local disputes or
"differences no better general rule can be given
"for Major Wilson's Government, than that suggested
"by the Envoy at the Court of Tehran, who in
"answer to a reference upon this subject observes
p: 85 "I should feel inclined to suggest the
para: 2 "interdiction of the Resident from all interference
"in the intestine quarrels of the different
"Chiefs."

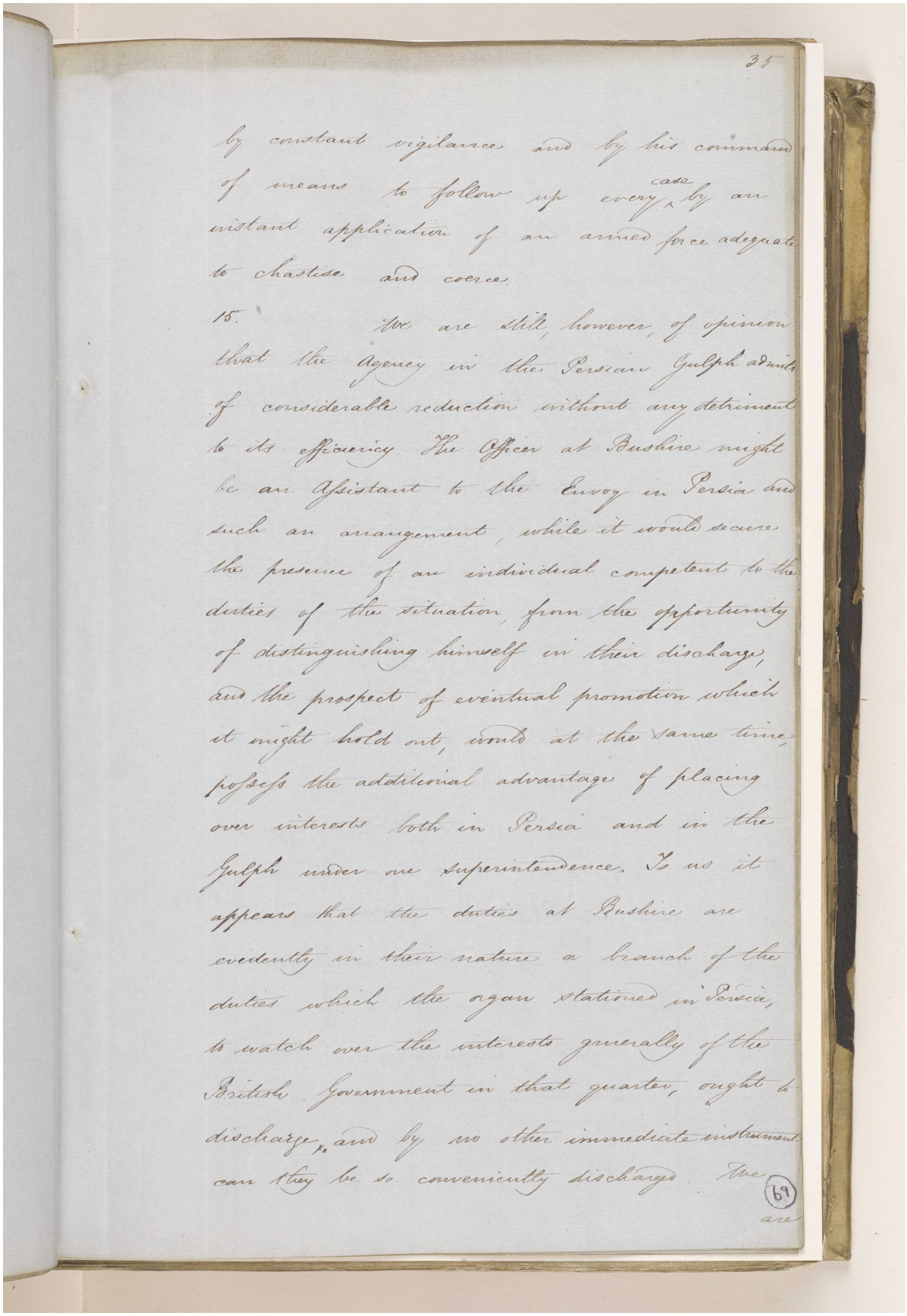
14. The views above stated in regard
to the duties of the Residency of Bushire
appear to us to admit of some qualification.
The surveillance of the Arab Chiefs in the
Gulph appears to us to be a matter of
para: 6 greater

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greater difficulty than was contemplated by the Civil Finance Committee. We shall advert more particularly in a separate Letter to the correspondence of Major Wilson while acting as Resident at Bushire, which was transmitted with several of your letters dated in 1831 and 1832. A perusal of these interesting papers has led us to attach a higher importance to the surveillance of the affairs of the Gulph than is given to it in the preceding Extract from the Report of the Finance Committee. The fact indeed of the destruction of the piratical Vessels in 1819 and the General Treaty which Sir H. Keir Grant on that occasion entered into with the Arab Chiefs might lead to an opposite inference, but the case of the Morbut Vessel, as described in Major Wilson's letter to you of the 13th. August 1829, is of itself sufficient to show that the disposition of the Arab Tribes to relapse into their former habits of piracy, still exists in considerable force. It shews also that this tendency can be checked on the part of the Officer stationed at Bushire, only by

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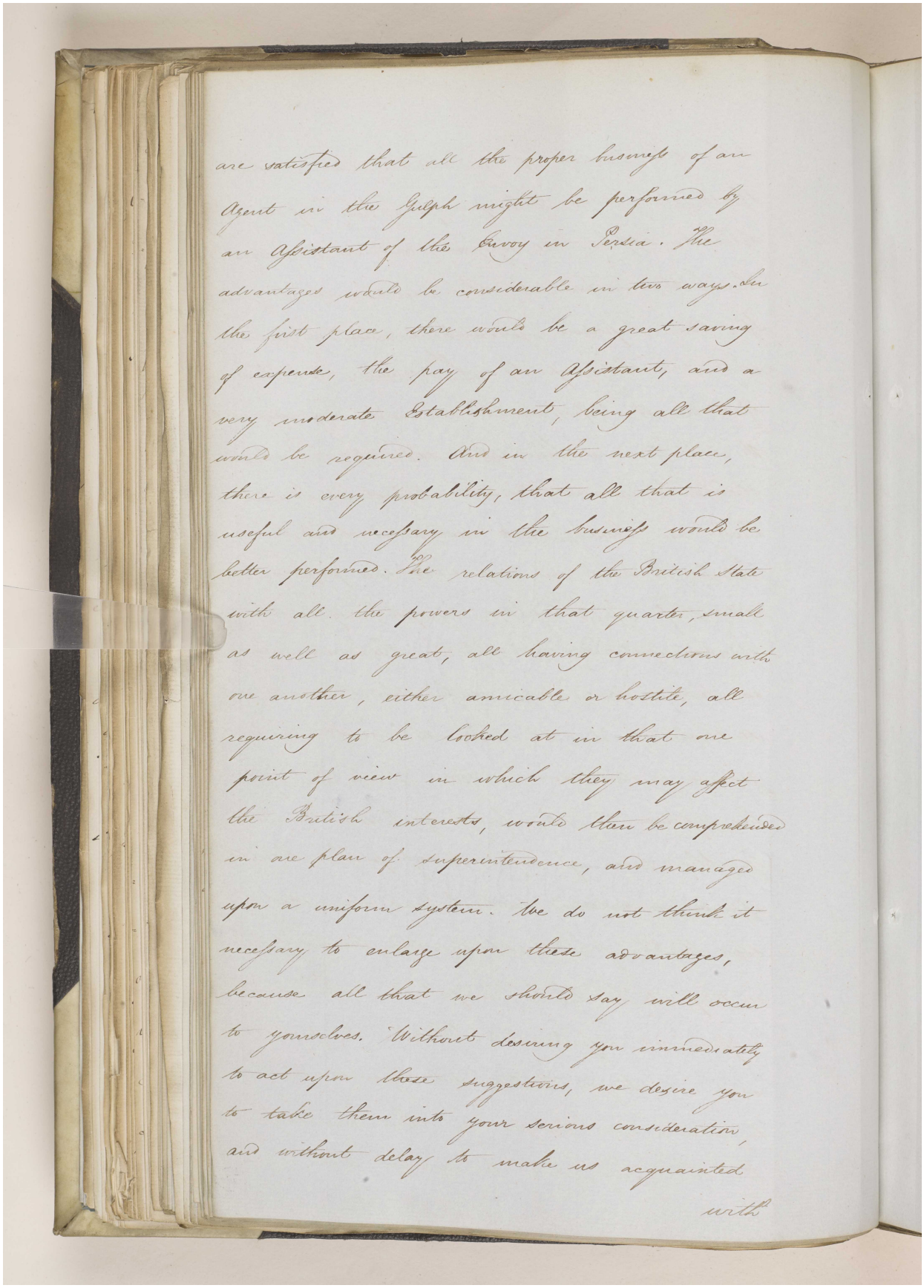
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by constant vigilance and by his command of means to follow up every case by an instant application of an armed force adequate to chastise and coerce.

15. We are still, however, of opinion that the Agency in the Persian Gulph admits of considerable reduction without any detriment to its efficiency. The Officer at Bushire might be an Assistant to the Envoy in Persia and such an arrangement, while it would secure the presence of an individual competent to the duties of the situation, from the opportunity of distinguishing himself in their discharge, and the prospect of eventual promotion which it might hold out, would at the same time, possess the additional advantage of placing over interests both in Persia and in the Gulph under one superintendence. It is as it appears that the duties at Bushire are evidently in their nature a branch of the duties which the agent stationed in Persia, to watch over the interests generally of the British Government in that quarter, ought to discharge, and by no other immediate instrument can they be so conveniently discharged. We

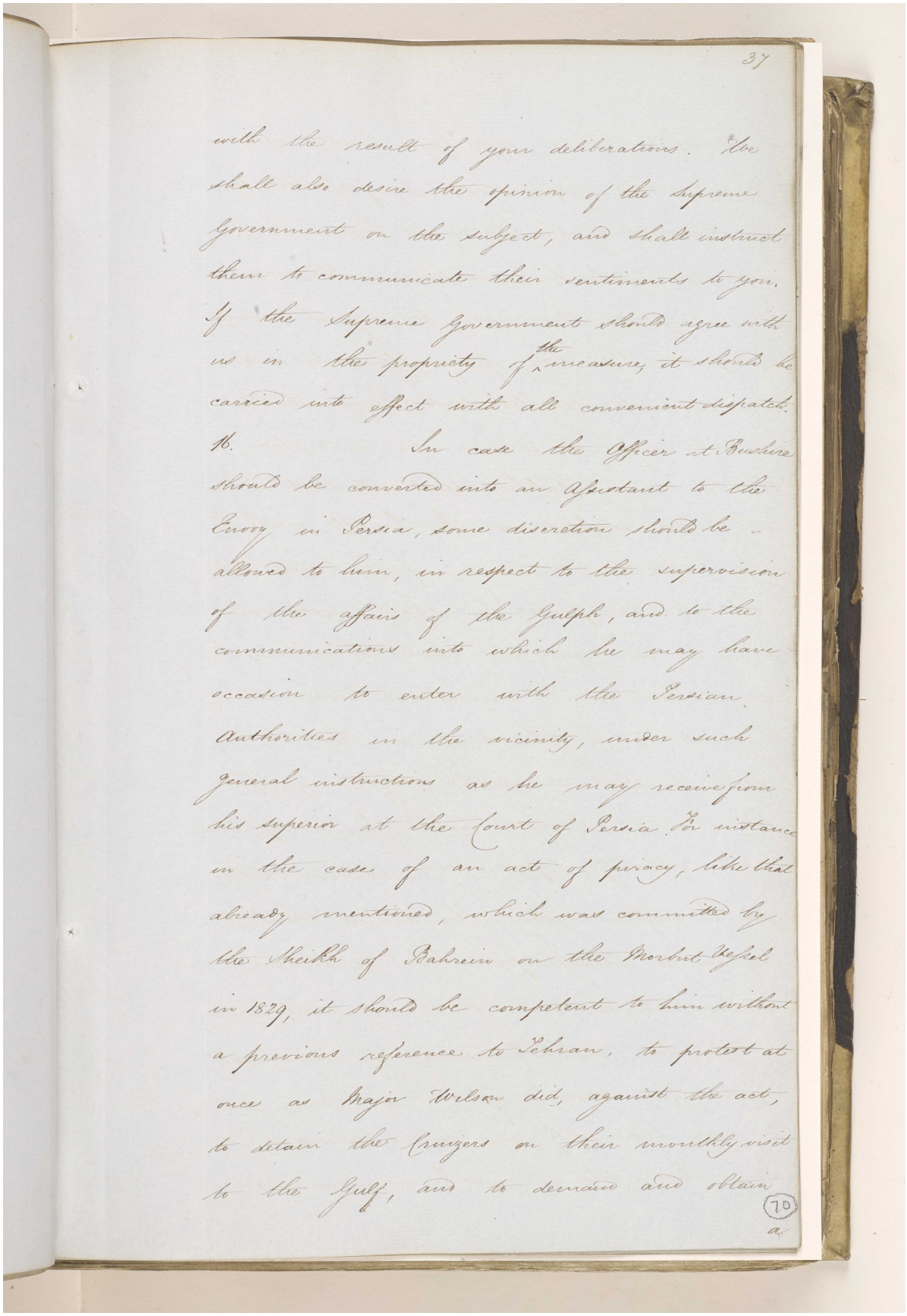
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are satisfied that all the proper business of an Agent in the Gulph might be performed by an Assistant of the Envoy in Persia. The advantages would be considerable in two ways. In the first place, there would be a great saving of expense, the pay of an Assistant, and a very moderate Establishment, being all that would be required. And in the next place, there is every probability, that all that is useful and necessary in the business would be better performed. The relations of the British State with all the powers in that quarter, small as well as great, all having connections with one another, either amicable or hostile, all requiring to be looked at in that one point of view in which they may affect the British interests, would then be comprehended in one plan of superintendence, and managed upon a uniform system. We do not think it necessary to enlarge upon these advantages, because all that we should say will occur to yourselves. Without desiring you immediately to act upon those suggestions, we desire you to take them into your serious consideration, and without delay to make us acquainted with

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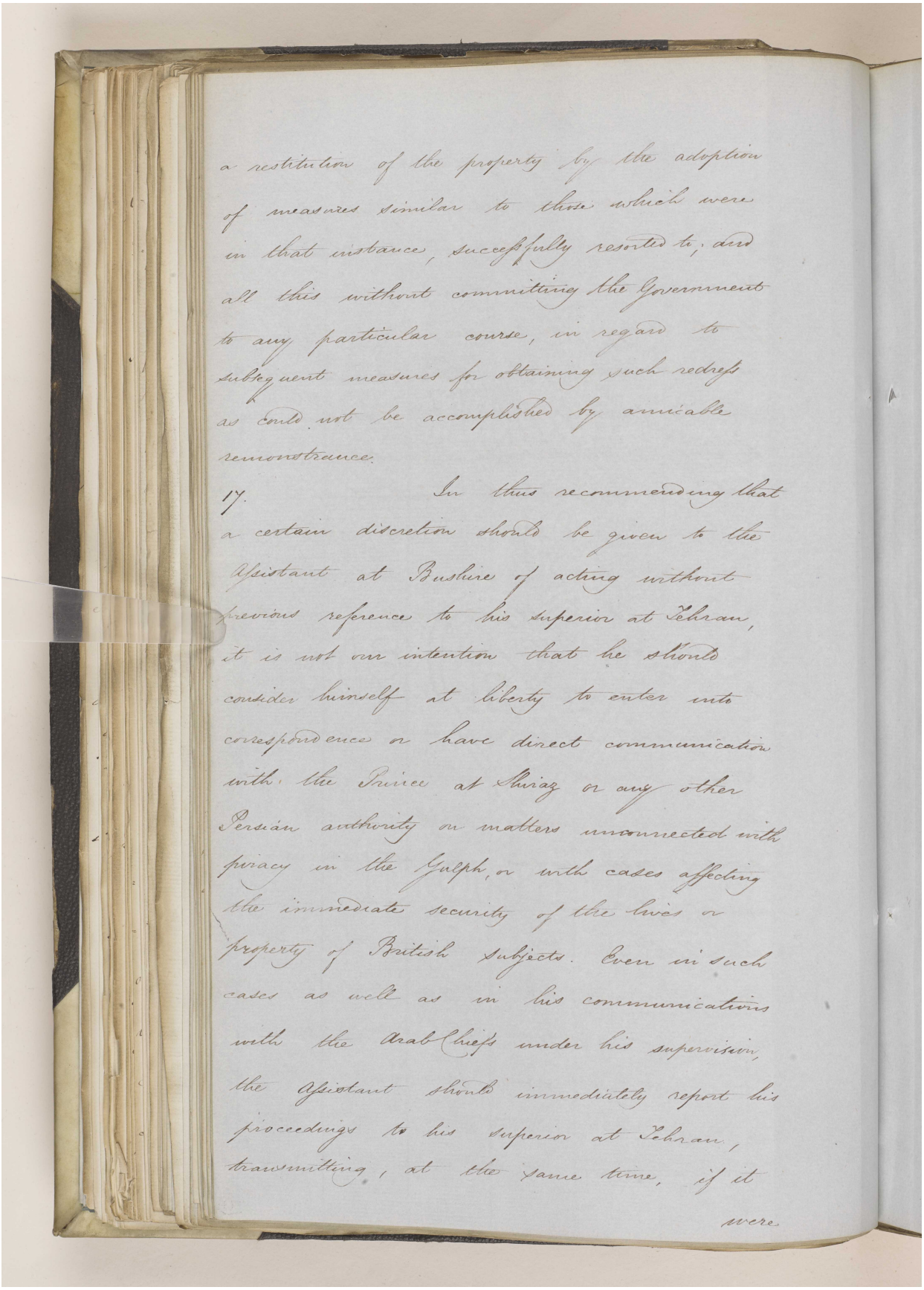


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with the result of your deliberations. We shall also desire the opinion of the Supreme Government on the subject, and shall instruct them to communicate their sentiments to you. If the Supreme Government should agree with us in the propriety of the measure, it should be carried into effect with all convenient dispatch.

6. In case the Officer at Bushire should be converted into an Assistant to the Envoy in Persia, some discretion should be allowed to him, in respect to the supervision of the affairs of the Gulph, and to the communications into which he may have occasion to enter with the Persian Authorities in the vicinity, under such general instructions as he may receive from his superior at the Court of Persia. For instance in the case of an act of piracy, like that already mentioned, which was committed by the Sheikh of Bahrein on the Mocha Vessel in 1829, it should be competent to him without a previous reference to Tehran, to protest at once as Major Wilson did, against the act, to detain the Cruizers on their monthly visit to the Gulf, and to demand and obtain

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a restitution of the property by the adoption of measures similar to those which were in that instance, successfully resorted to; and all this without committing the Government to any particular course, in regard to subsequent measures for obtaining such redress as could not be accomplished by amicable remonstrance.

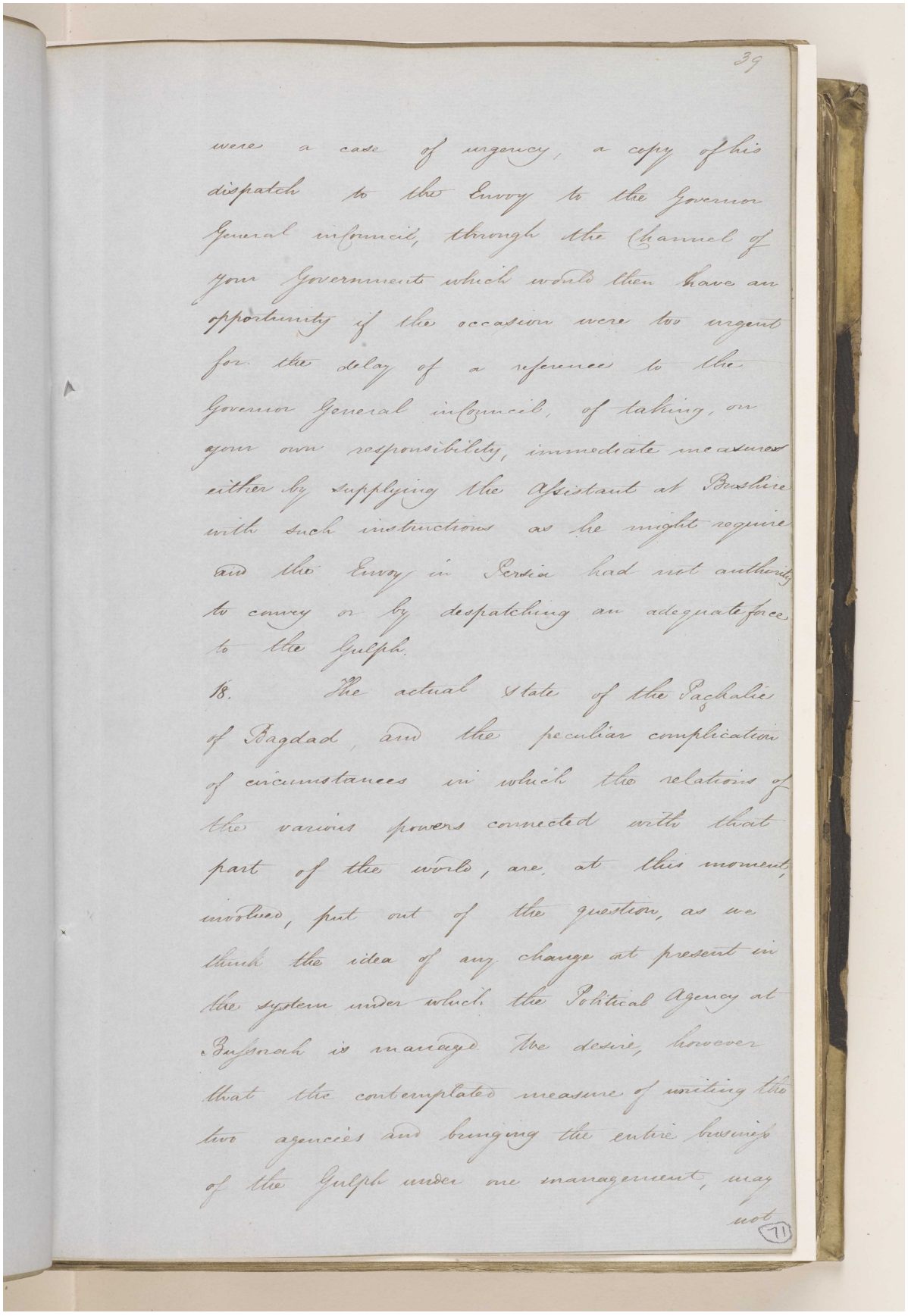
17. In thus recommending that a certain discretion should be given to the Assistant at Bushire of acting without previous reference to his superior at Tehran, it is not our intention that he should consider himself at liberty to enter into correspondence or have direct communication with the Prince at Shiraz or any other Persian authority on matters unconnected with piracy in the Gulph, or with cases affecting the immediate security of the lives or property of British subjects. Even in such cases as well as in his communications with the Arab Chiefs under his supervision, the Assistant should immediately report his proceedings to his superior at Tehran, transmitting, at the same time, if it

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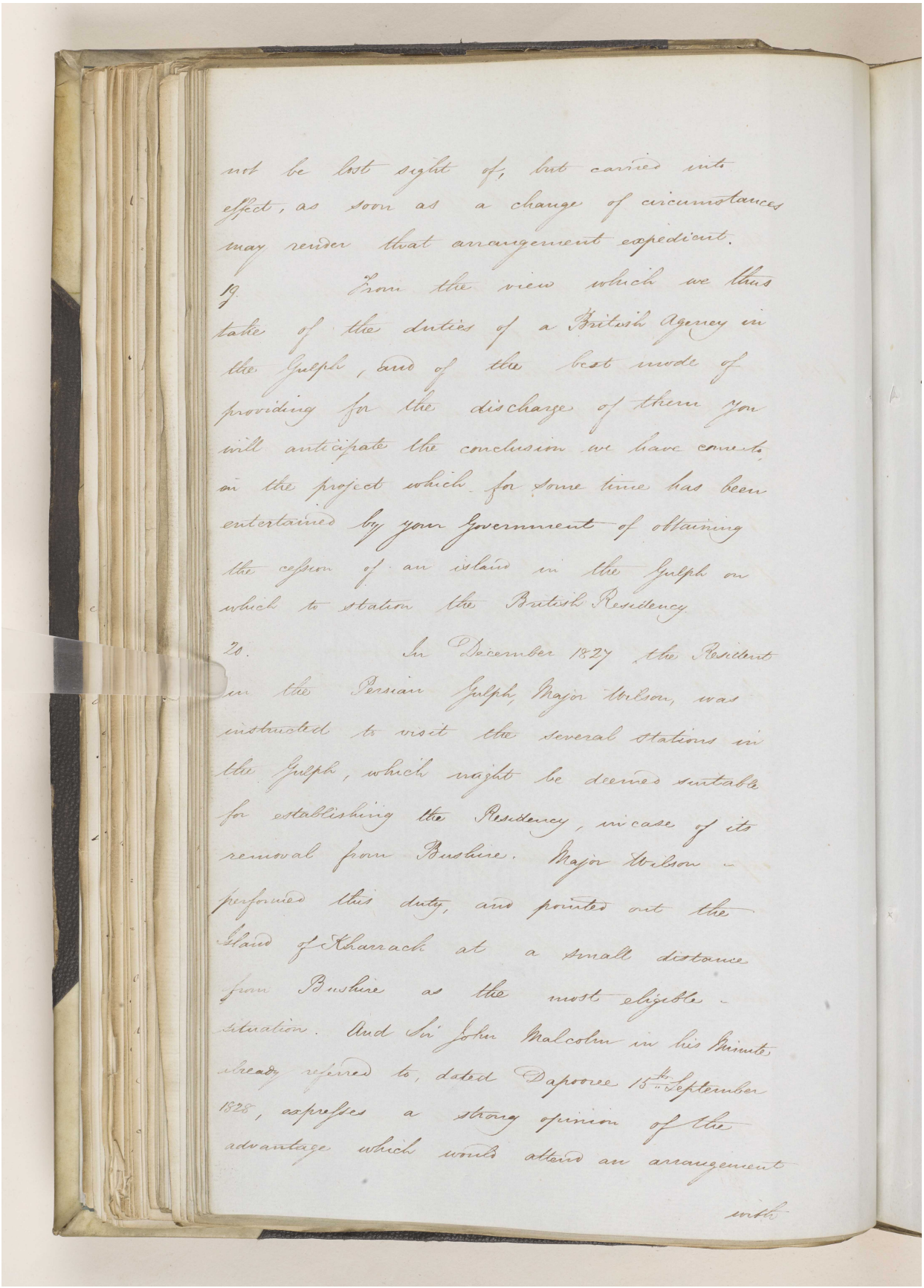


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were a case of urgency, a copy of his dispatch to the Envoy to the Governor General in Council, through the Channel of your Government which would then have an opportunity if the occasion were too urgent for the delay of a reference to the Governor General in Council, of taking, on your own responsibility, immediate measures either by supplying the Assistant at Bushire with such instructions as he might require and the Envoy in Persia had not authority to convey or by despatching an adequate force to the Gulph.

18. The actual state of the Pachalic of Bagdad, and the peculiar complication of circumstances in which the relations of the various powers connected with that part of the world, are at this moment involved, put out of the question, as we think the idea of any change at present in the system under which the Political Agency at Bussorah is managed. We desire, however that the contemplated measure of uniting the two agencies and bringing the entire business of the Gulph under one management, may not

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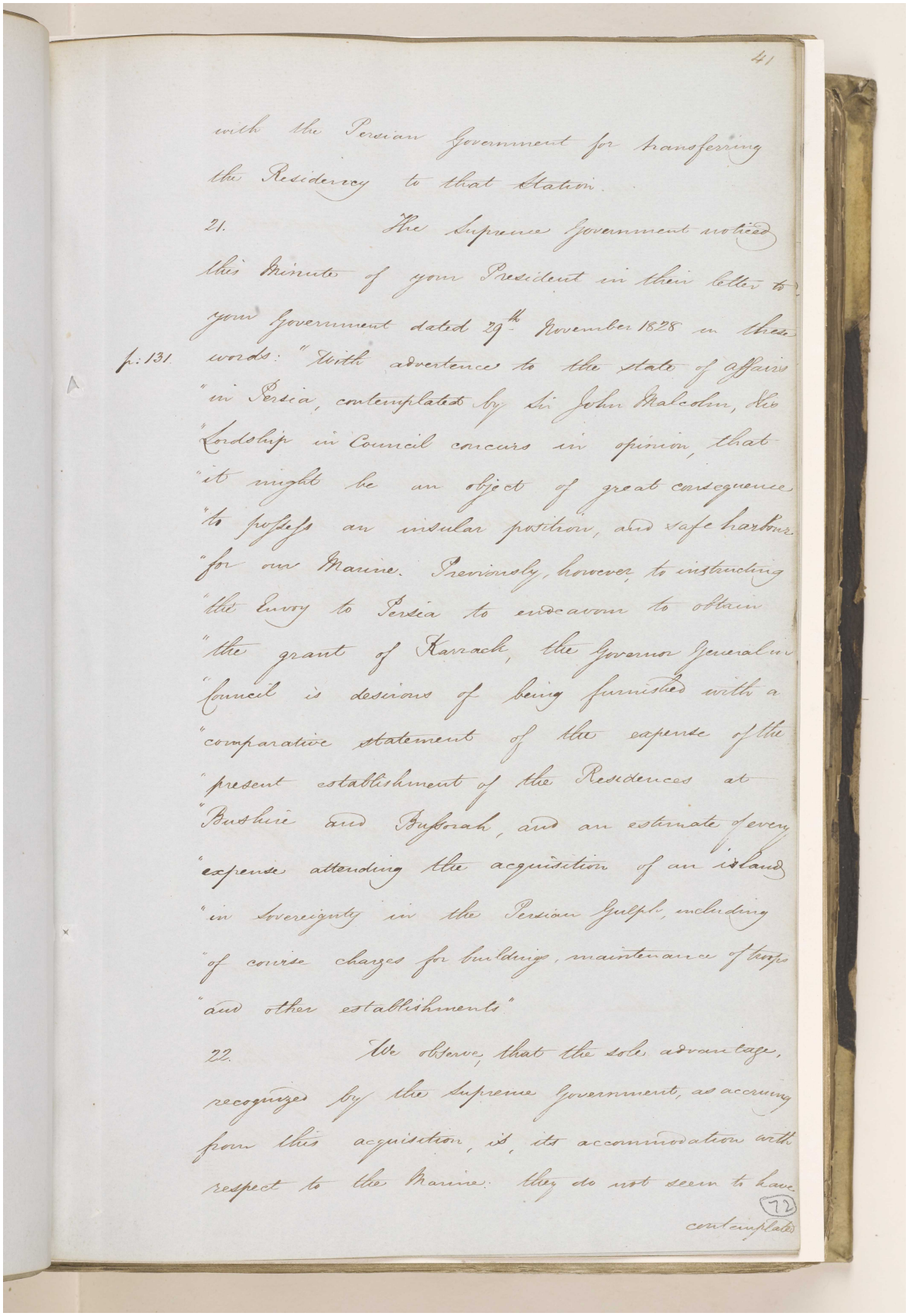
not be lost sight of, but carried into effect, as soon as a change of circumstances may render that arrangement expedient.

19. From the view which we thus take of the duties of a British Agency in the Gulph, and of the best mode of providing for the discharge of them you will anticipate the conclusion we have come to in the project which for some time has been entertained by your Government of obtaining the cession of an island in the Gulph on which to station the British Residency.

20. In December 1827, the Resident in the Persian Gulph, Major Wilson, was instructed to visit the several stations in the Gulph, which might be deemed suitable for establishing the Residency, in case of its removal from Bushire. Major Wilson performed this duty, and pointed out the Island of Kharrack at a small distance from Bushire as the most eligible situation. And Sir John Malcolm in his Minute already referred to, dated Dapooree 15th September 1828, expresses a strong opinion of the advantage which would attend an arrangement

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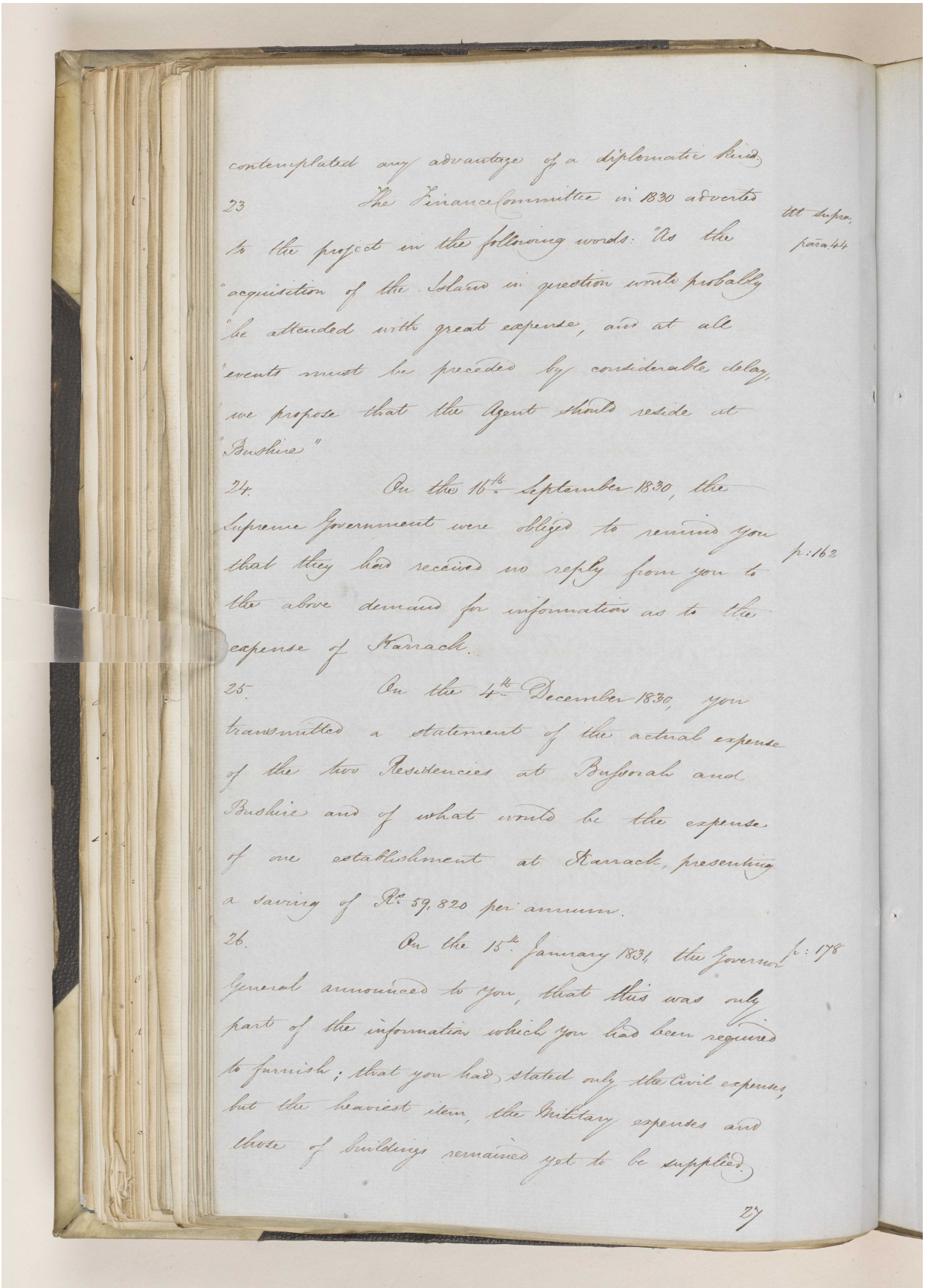
with the Persian Government for transferring the Residency to that Station.

21. The Supreme Government noticed this Minute of your President in their letter to your Government dated 29th November 1828 in these
p: 131 words: "With advertence to the state of affairs "in Persia, contemplated by Sir John Malcolm, His "Lordship in Council concurs in opinion, that "it might be an object of great consequence "to possess an insular position, and safe harbour "for our Marine. Previously, however, to instructing "the Envoy to Persia to endeavour to obtain "the grant of Karrack, the Governor General in "Council is desirous of being furnished with a "comparative statement of the expense of the "present establishment of the Residences at "Bushire and Bussorah, and an estimate of every "expense attending the acquisition of an island "in sovereignty in the Persian Gulph, including "of course charges for buildings, maintenance of troops "and other establishments."

22. We observe, that the sole advantage, recognized by the Supreme Government, as accruing from this acquisition, is, its accommodation with respect to the Marine: they do not seem to have

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contemplated any advantage of a diplomatic kind.

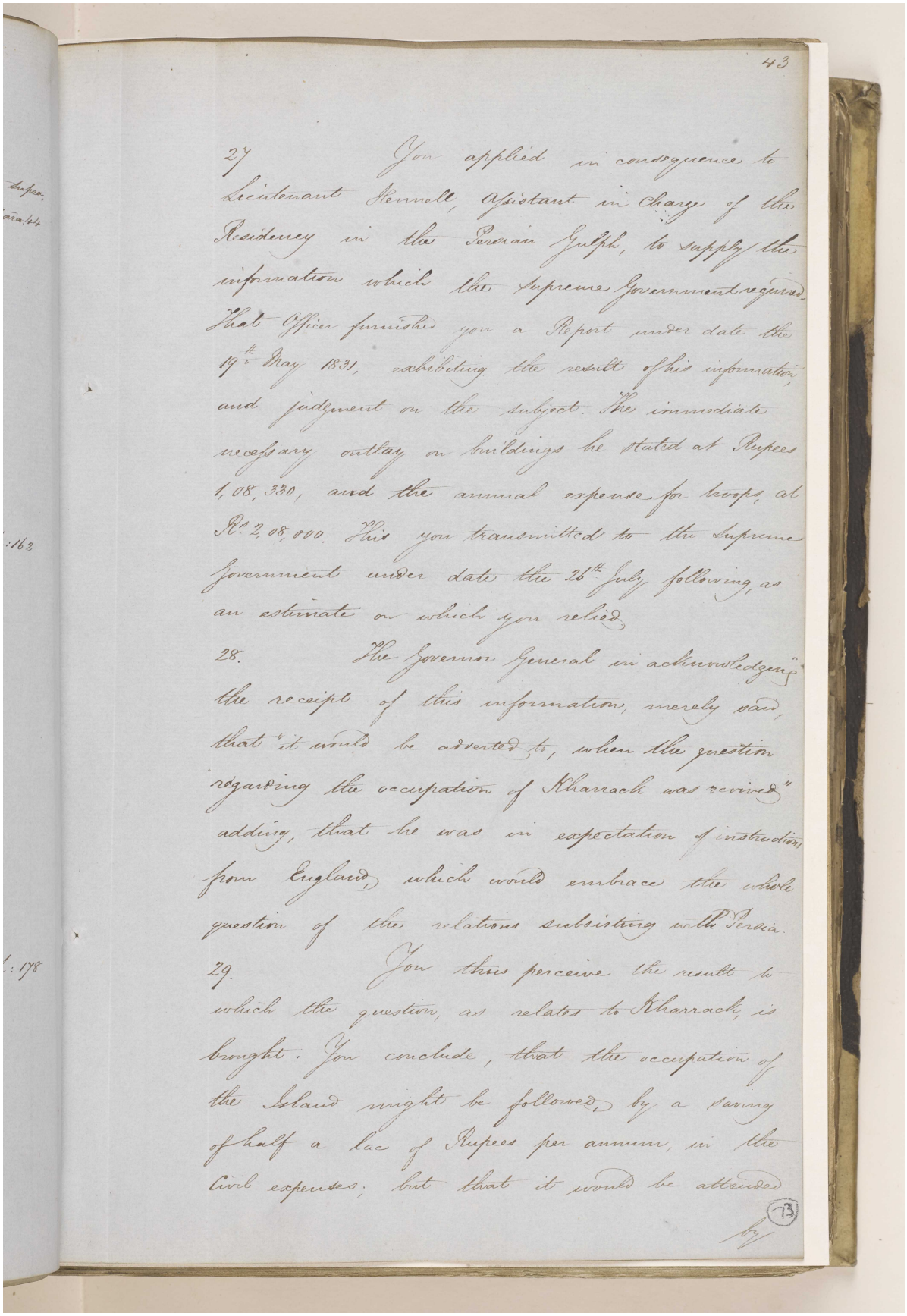
23 The Finance Committee in 1830 adverted to the project in the following words: "As the "acquisition of the Islands in question would probably "be attended with great expense, and at all "events must be preceded by considerable delay, "we propose that the Agent should reside at "Bushire" ltr supra, para. 44

24 On the 16th September 1830, the Supreme Government were obliged to remind you that they had received no reply from you to the above demand for information as to the expense of Karrack. p. 162

25 On the 4th December 1830, you transmitted a statement of the actual expense of the two Residencies at Bussorah and Bushire and of what would be the expense of one establishment at Karrack, presenting a saving of Rs. 59,820 per annum.

26 On the 15th January 1831, the Governor General announced to you, that this was only part of the information which you had been required to furnish; that you had stated only the Civil expenses, but the heaviest item, the Military expenses and those of buildings remained yet to be supplied. p. 178

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27 You applied in consequence to Lieutenant Kennell, Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulph, to supply the information which the Supreme Government required. That Officer furnished you a Report under date the 19th May 1831, exhibiting the result of his information and judgment on the subject. The immediate necessary outlay on buildings he stated at Rupees 1,08,330, and the annual expense for troops at Rs. 2,08,000. This you transmitted to the Supreme Government under date the 25th July following, as an estimate on which you relied.

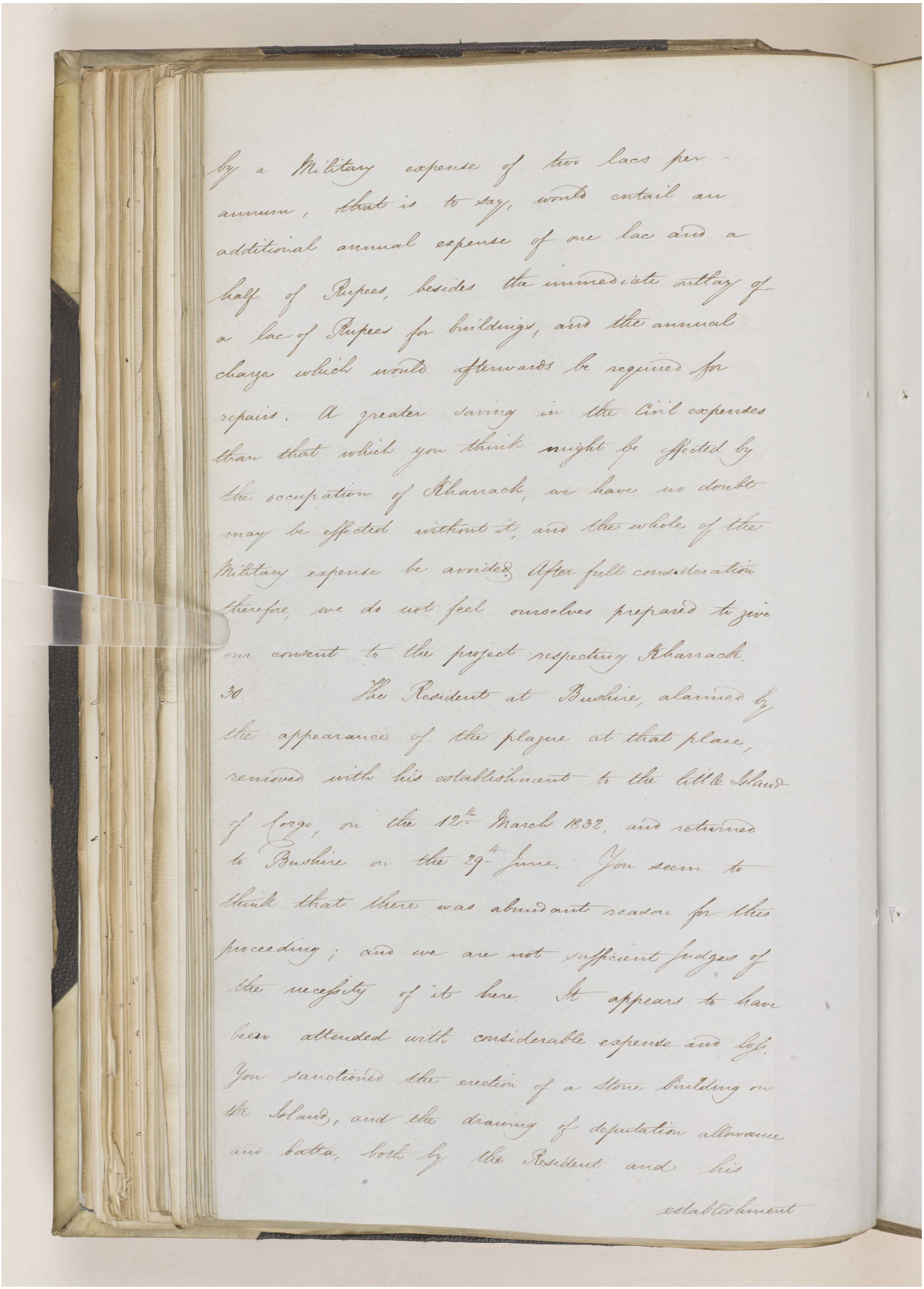
28. The Governor General in acknowledging the receipt of this information, merely says that "it would be adverted to, when the question regarding the occupation of Kharrack was revived" adding, that he was in expectation of instructions from England, which would embrace the whole question of the relations subsisting with Persia.

29. You thus perceive the result to which the question, as relates to Kharrack, is brought. You conclude, that the occupation of the Island might be followed by a saving of half a lac of Rupees per annum, in the Civil expenses; but that it would be attended

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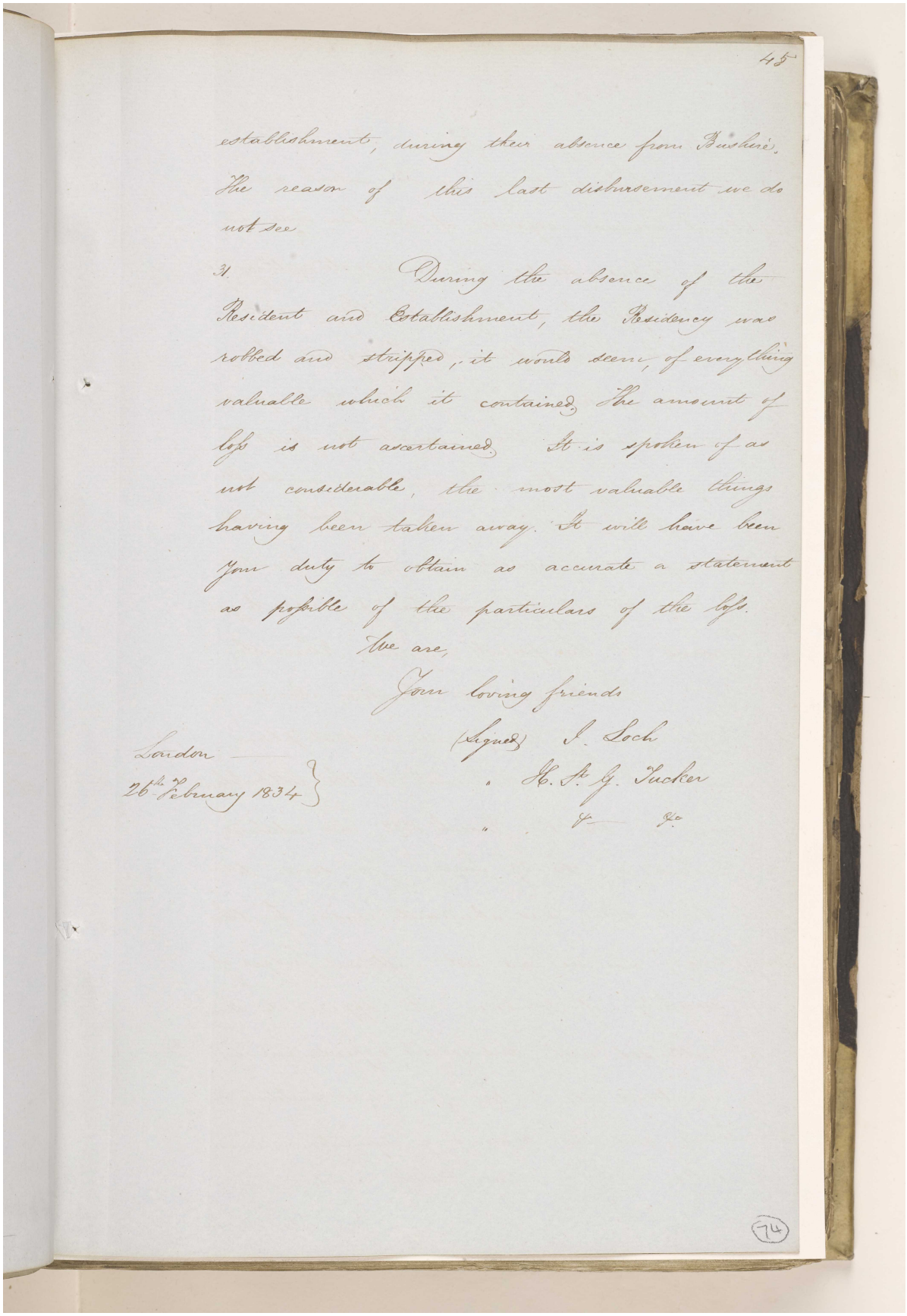
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by a Military expense of two lacs per annum, that is to say, would entail an additional annual expense of one lac and a half of Rupees, besides the immediate outlay of a lac of Rupees for buildings, and the annual charge which would afterwards be required for repairs. A greater saving in the Civil expenses than that which you think might be effected by the occupation of Kharrack, we have no doubt may be effected without it, and the whole of the Military expense be avoided. After full consideration therefore, we do not feel ourselves prepared to give our consent to the project respecting Kharrack.

30. The Resident at Bushire, alarmed by the appearance of the plague at that place, removed with his establishment to the little Island of Lorge, on the 12th March 1832, and returned to Bushire on the 29th June. You seem to think that there was abundant reason for this proceeding; and we are not sufficient judges of the necessity of it here. It appears to have been attended with considerable expense and loss. You sanctioned the erection of a Stone building on the Island, and the drawing of deputation allowance and batta, both by the Resident and his establishment



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establishment, during their absence from Bushire.
The reason of this last disbursement we do not see

3. During the absence of the Resident and Establishment, the Residency was robbed and stripped, it would seem, of everything valuable which it contained. The amount of loss is not ascertained. It is spoken of as not considerable, the most valuable things having been taken away. It will have been your duty to obtain as accurate a statement as possible of the particulars of the loss.

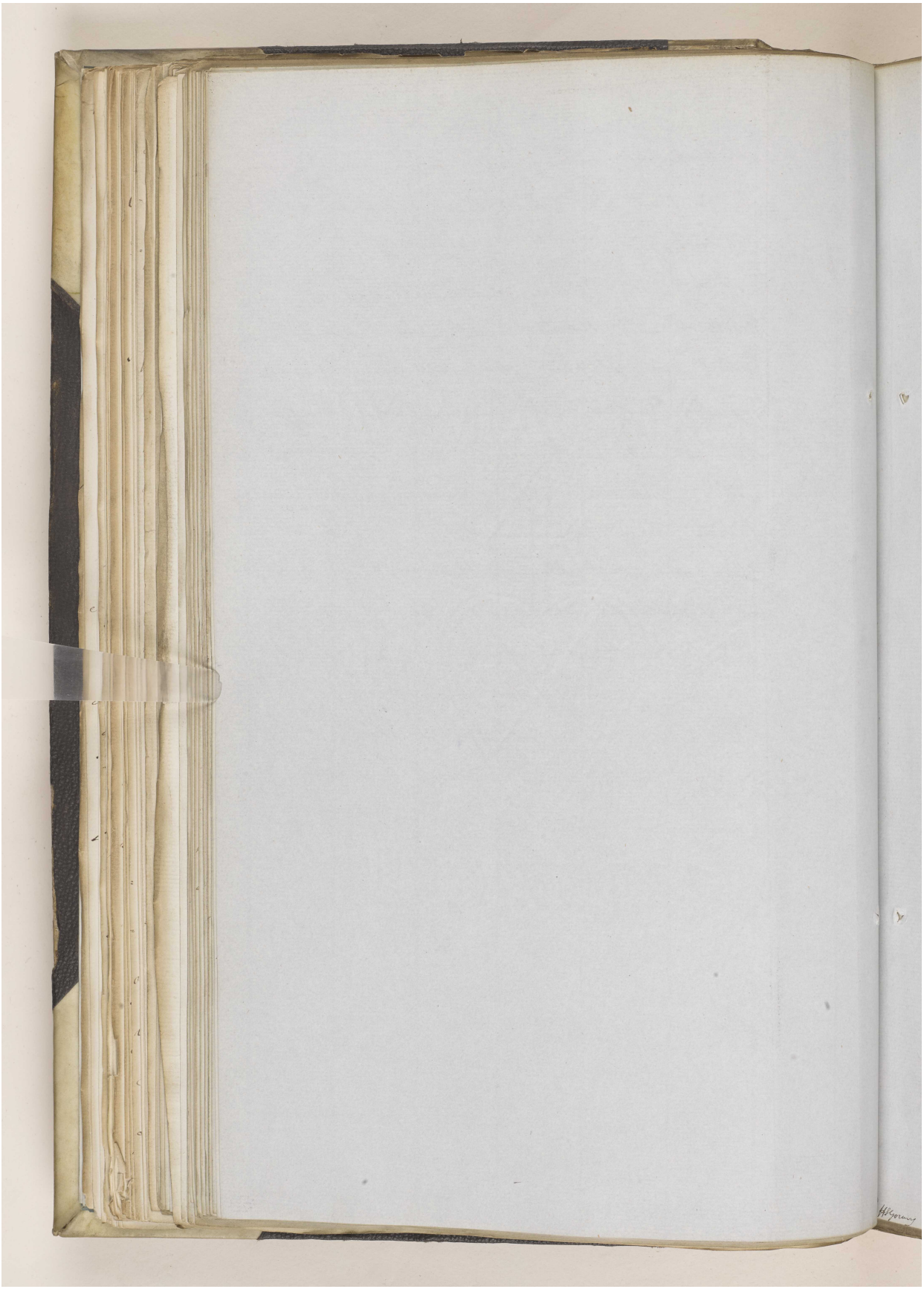
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Your loving friends

(Signed) J. Loch
" H. St. G. Tucker
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London
26th February 1834

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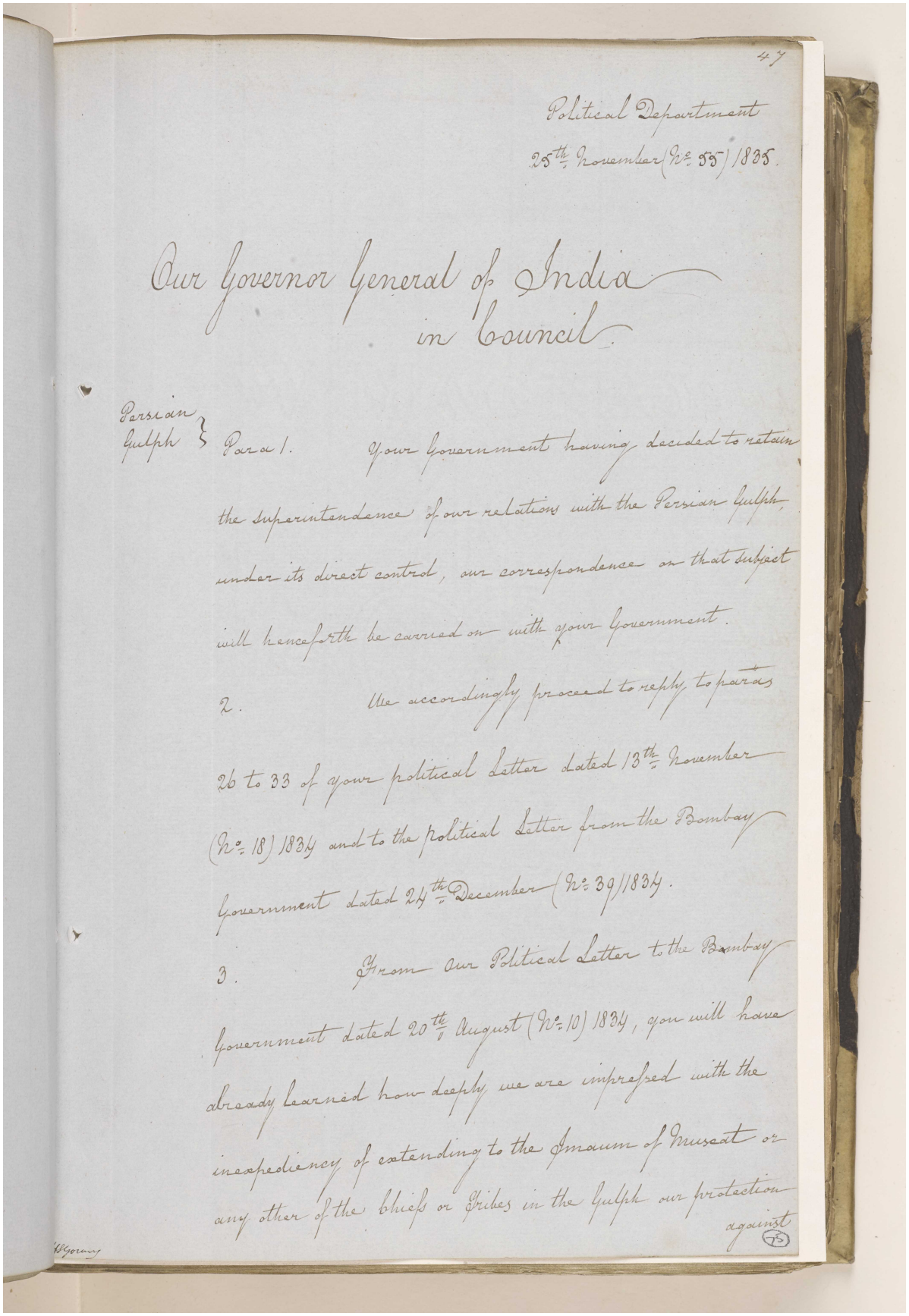
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Political Department

25th November (No. 55) 1835.

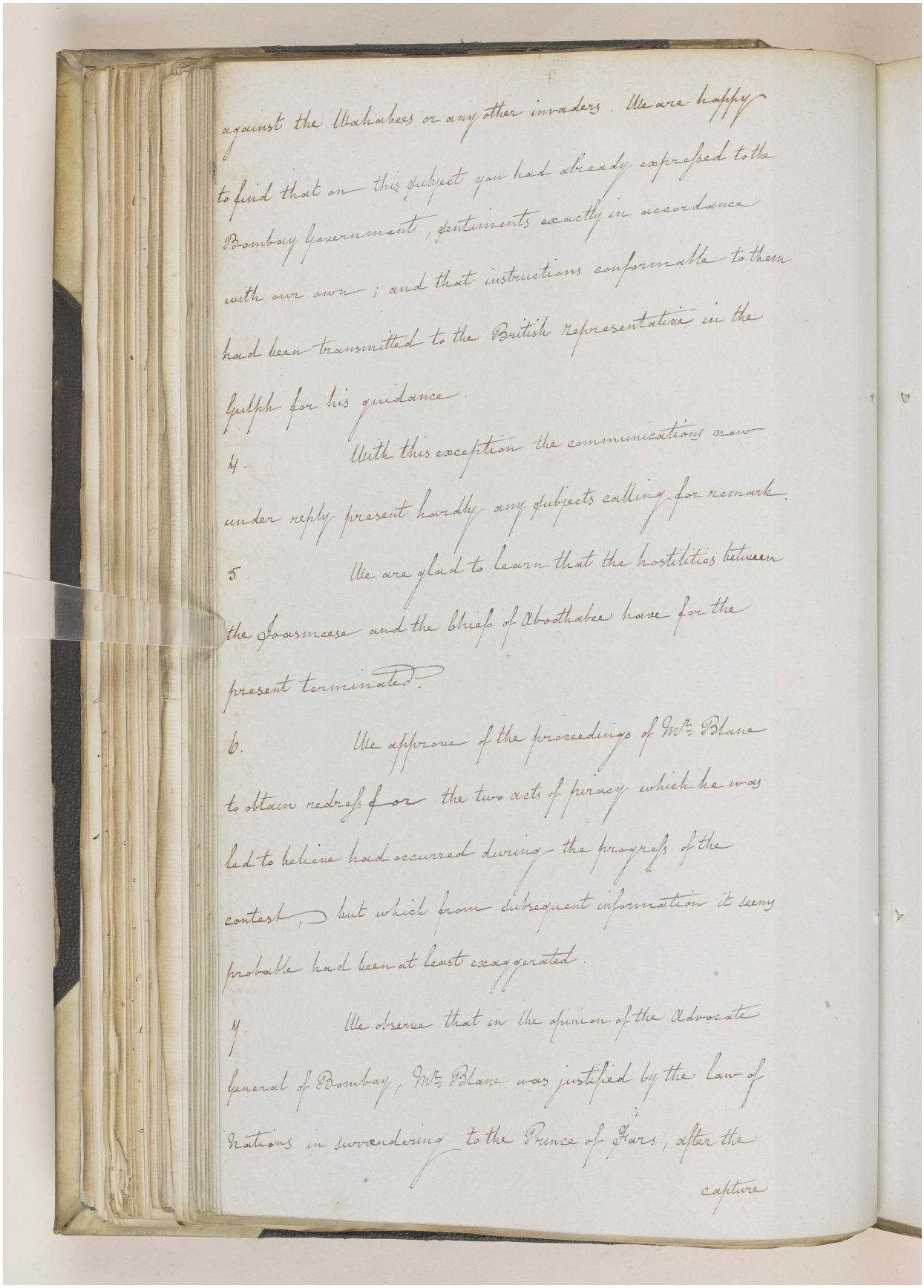
Our Governor General of India in Council.

Persian Gulph } Para 1. Your Government having decided to retain the superintendence of our relations with the Persian Gulph under its direct control, our correspondence on that subject will henceforth be carried on with your Government.

2. We accordingly proceed to reply to paras 26 to 33 of your political Letter dated 13th November (No. 18) 1834 and to the political Letter from the Bombay Government dated 24th December (No. 39) 1834.

3. From our Political Letter to the Bombay Government dated 20th August (No. 10) 1834, you will have already learned how deeply we are impressed with the inexpediency of extending to the Imaum of Muscat or any other of the Chiefs or Tribes in the Gulph our protection against

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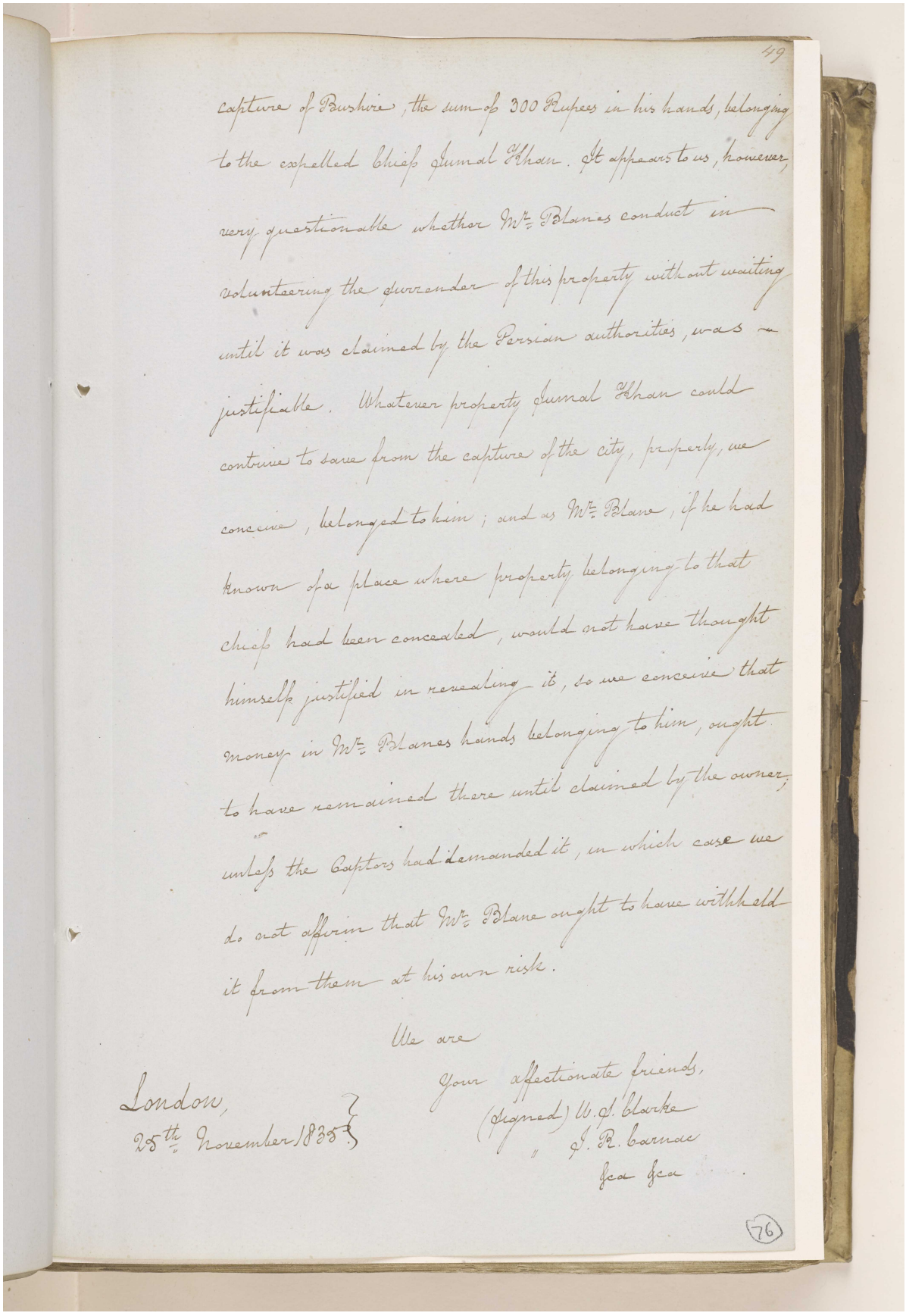
against the Wahabees or any other invaders. We are happy
to find that on this subject you had already expressed to the
Bombay Government, sentiments exactly in accordance
with our own; and that instructions conformable to them
had been transmitted to the British representative in the
Gulph for his guidance.

4. With this exception the communications now
under reply present hardly any subjects calling for remark.

5. We are glad to learn that the hostilities between
the Joasmeeas and the Chiefs of Aboothabee have for the
present terminated.

6. We approve of the proceedings of Mr. Blane
to obtain redress for the two acts of piracy which he was
led to believe had occurred during the progress of the
contest, but which from subsequent information it seems
probable had been at least exaggerated.

7. We observe that in the opinion of the Advocate
General of Bombay, Mr. Blane was justified by the Law of
Nations in surrendering to the Prince of Fars, after the
capture



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capture of Bushire, the sum of 300 Rupees in his hands, belonging to the expelled Chief Jumal Khan. It appears to us, however, very questionable whether Mr. Blanes conduct in volunteering the surrender of this property without waiting until it was claimed by the Persian authorities, was a justifiable. Whatever property Jumal Khan could contrive to save from the capture of the city, properly, we conceive, belonged to him; and as Mr. Blane, if he had known of a place where property belonging to that Chief had been concealed, would not have thought himself justified in revealing it, so we conceive that money in Mr. Blanes hands belonging to him, ought to have remained there until claimed by the owner; unless the Captors had demanded it, in which case we do not affirm that Mr. Blane ought to have withheld it from them at his own risk.

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Your affectionate friends,

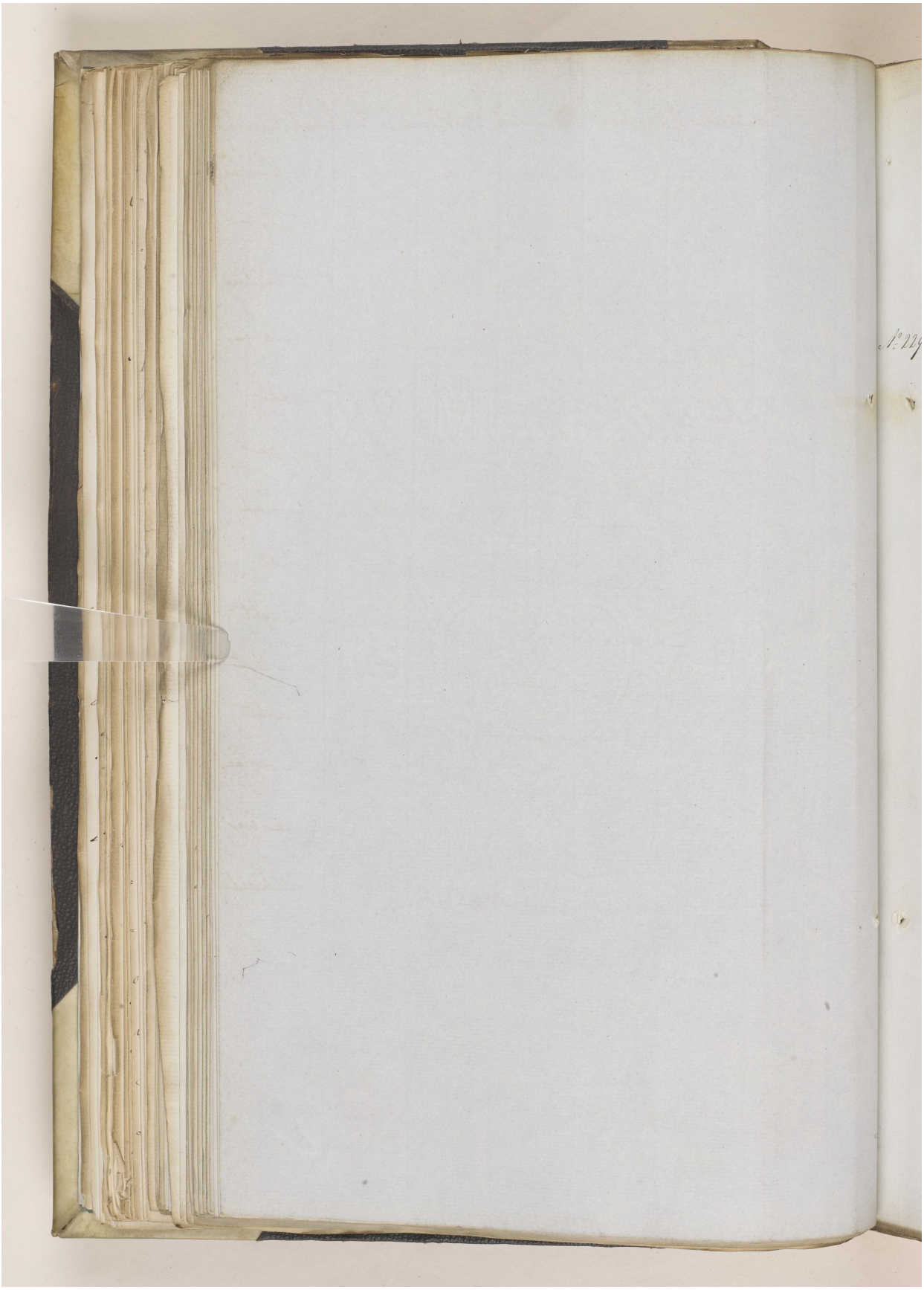
(Signed) W. J. Clarke

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London,
25th November 1835

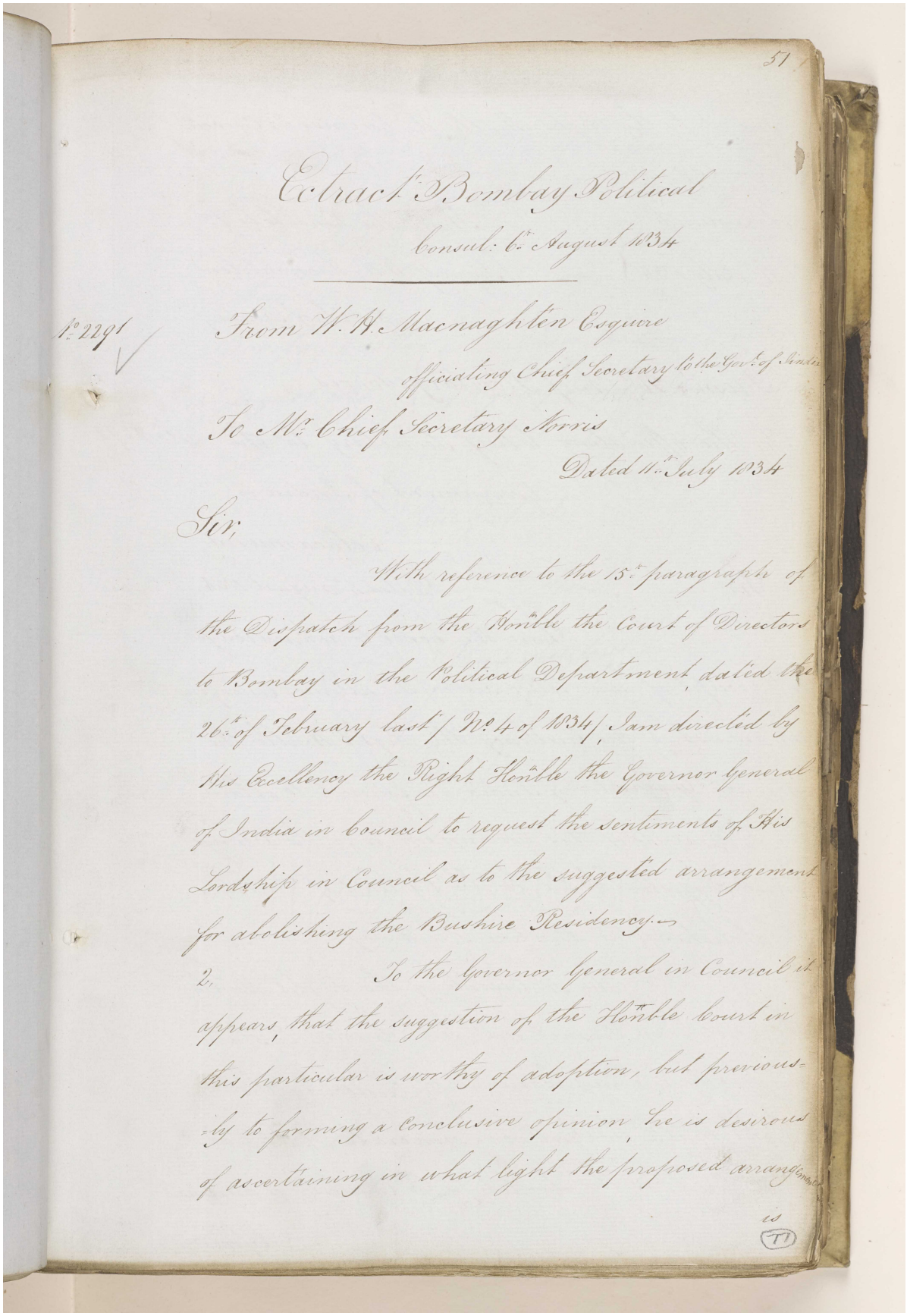
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Consul: 6th August 1834

No 2191

From W. H. Macnaghten Esquire

officiating Chief Secretary to the Govt of Bombay

To Mr Chief Secretary Norris

Dated 11th July 1834

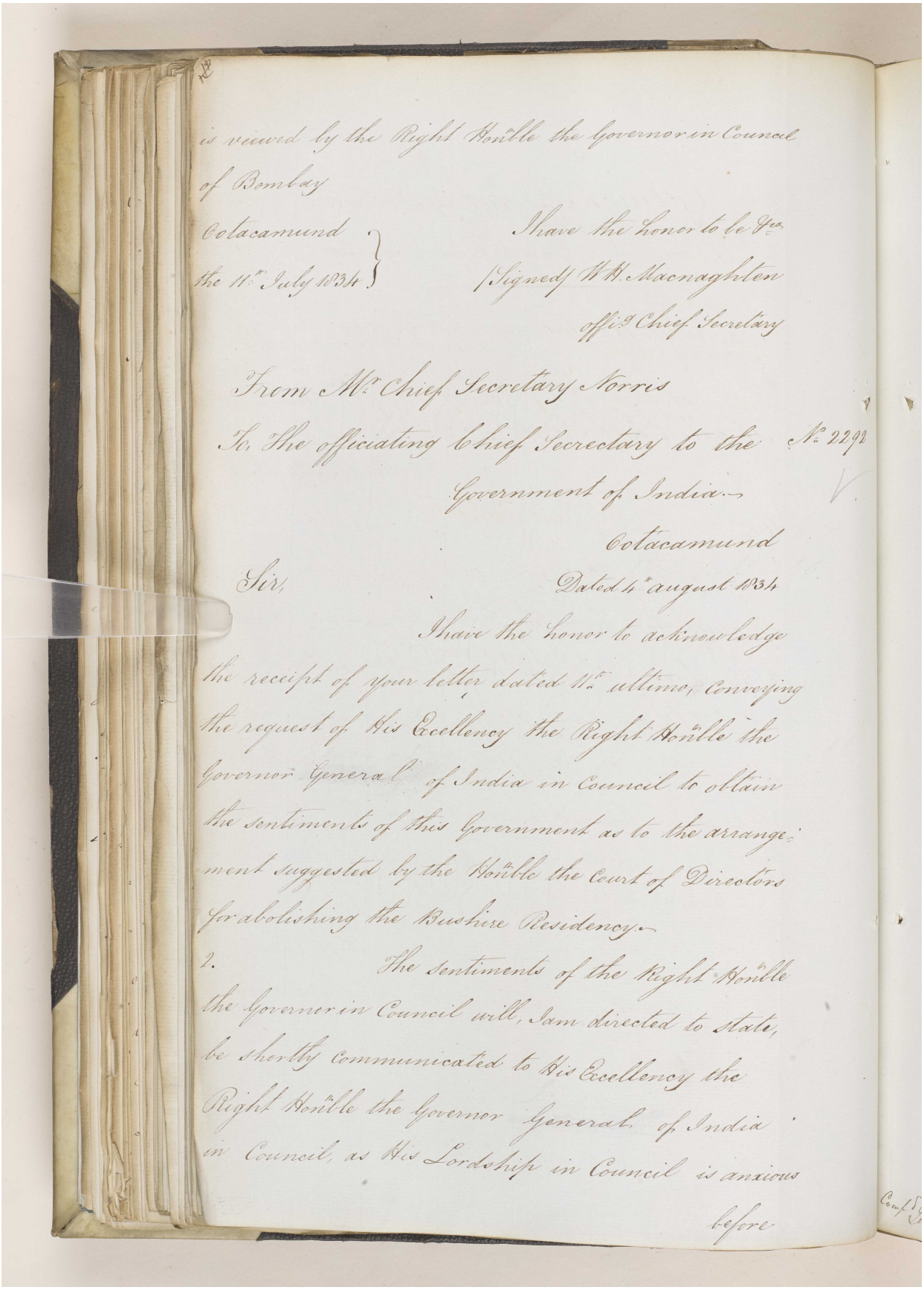
Sir,

With reference to the 15th paragraph of the Dispatch from the Honble the Court of Directors to Bombay in the Political Department, dated the 26th of February last / No 4 of 1834 /, I am directed by His Excellency the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council to request the sentiments of His Lordship in Council as to the suggested arrangement for abolishing the Bushire Residency.—

2. To the Governor General in Council it appears, that the suggestion of the Honble Court in this particular is worthy of adoption, but previously to forming a conclusive opinion, he is desirous of ascertaining in what light the proposed arrangement is

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the 11th July 1834

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W.H. Macnaghten
offg Chief Secretary

From Mr Chief Secretary Norris
To The officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of India.

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Dated 4th august 1834

Sir,

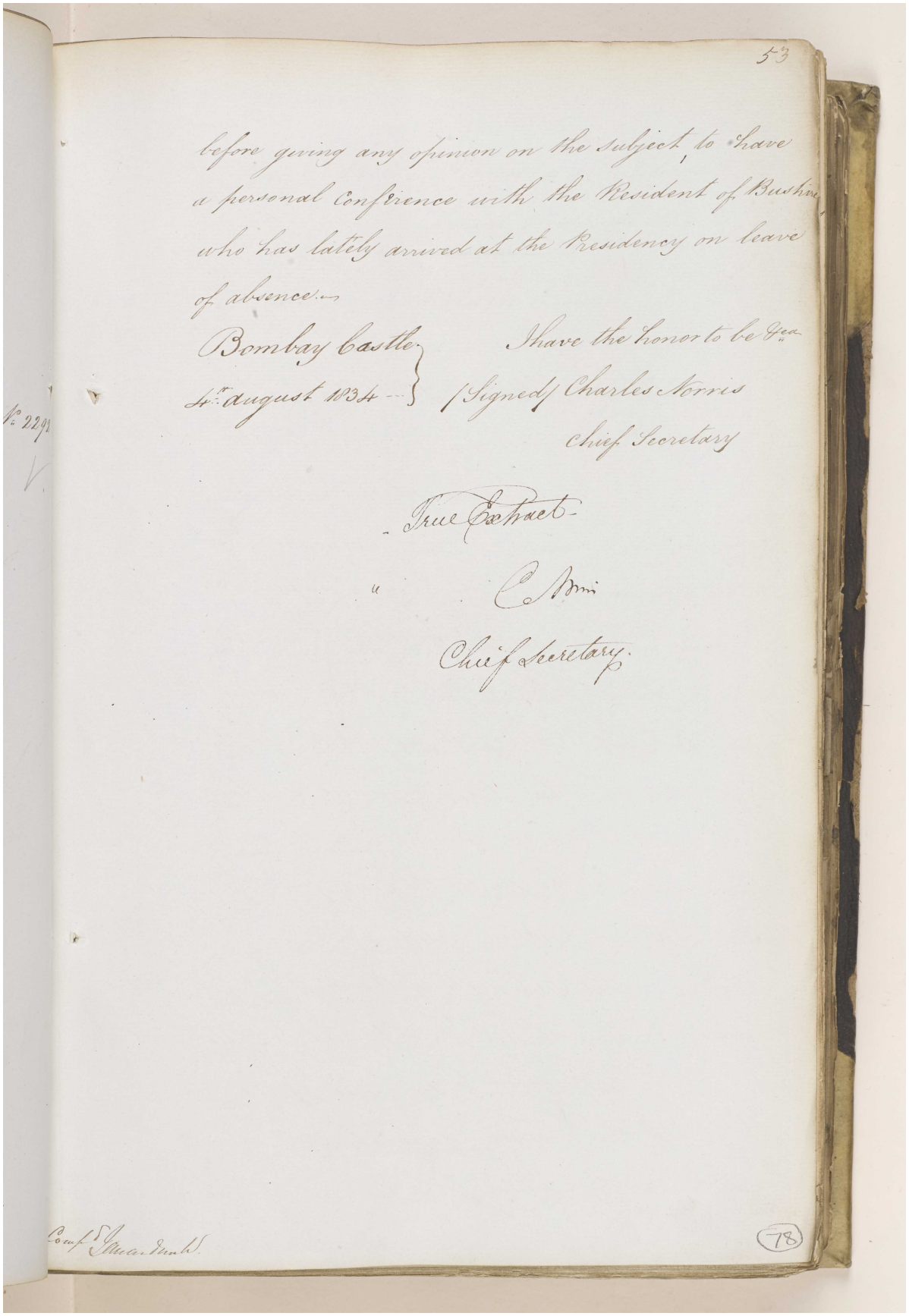
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 11th ultimo, conveying the request of His Excellency the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council to obtain the sentiments of this Government as to the arrangement suggested by the Honble the Court of Directors for abolishing the Bushire Residency.

2. The sentiments of the Right Honble the Governor in Council will, I am directed to state, be shortly communicated to His Excellency the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council, as His Lordship in Council is anxious before

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before giving any opinion on the subject, to have a personal conference with the Resident of Bushire who has lately arrived at the Residency on leave of absence.—

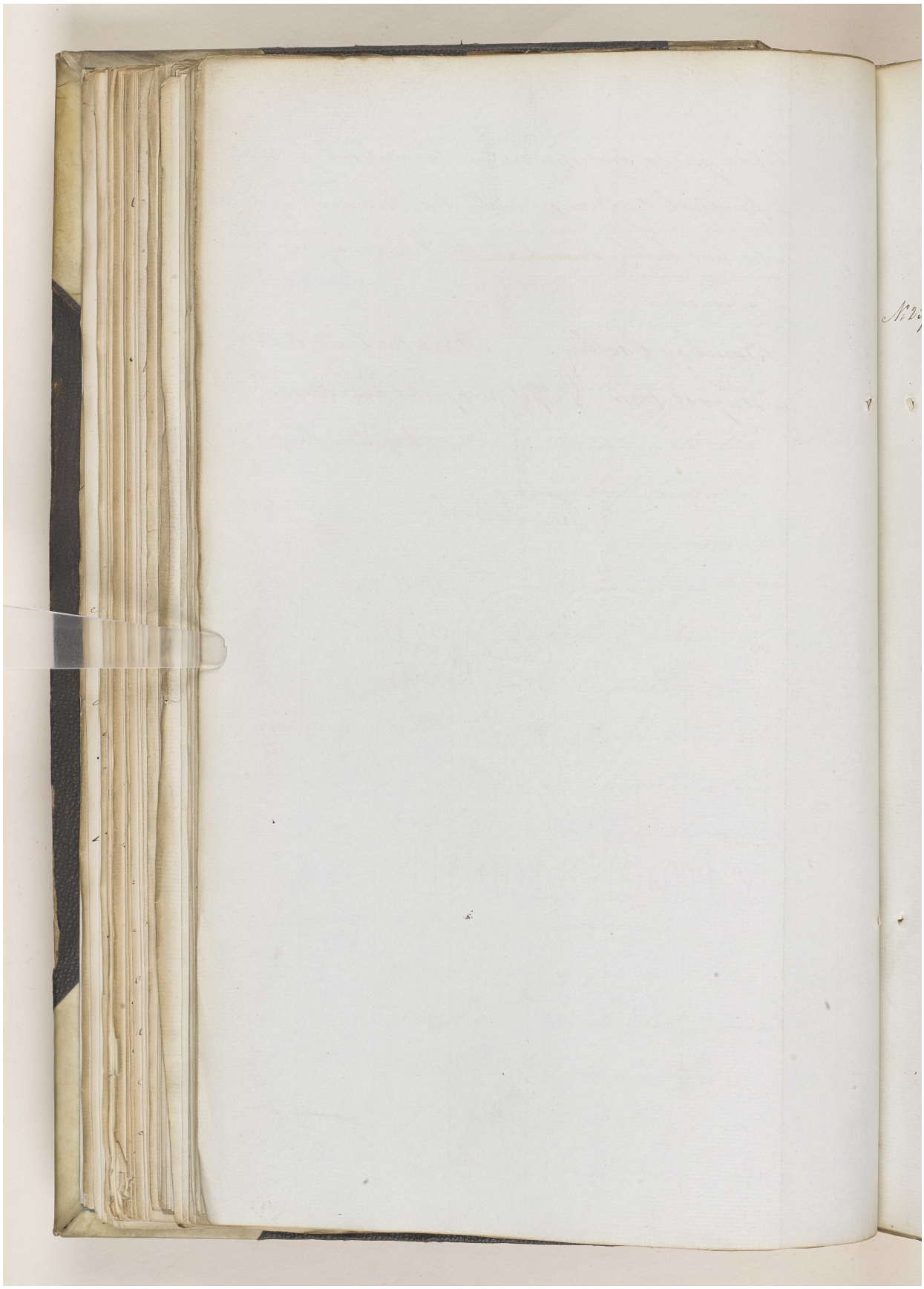
Bombay Castle
4th August 1834 —

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Charles Norris
Chief Secretary

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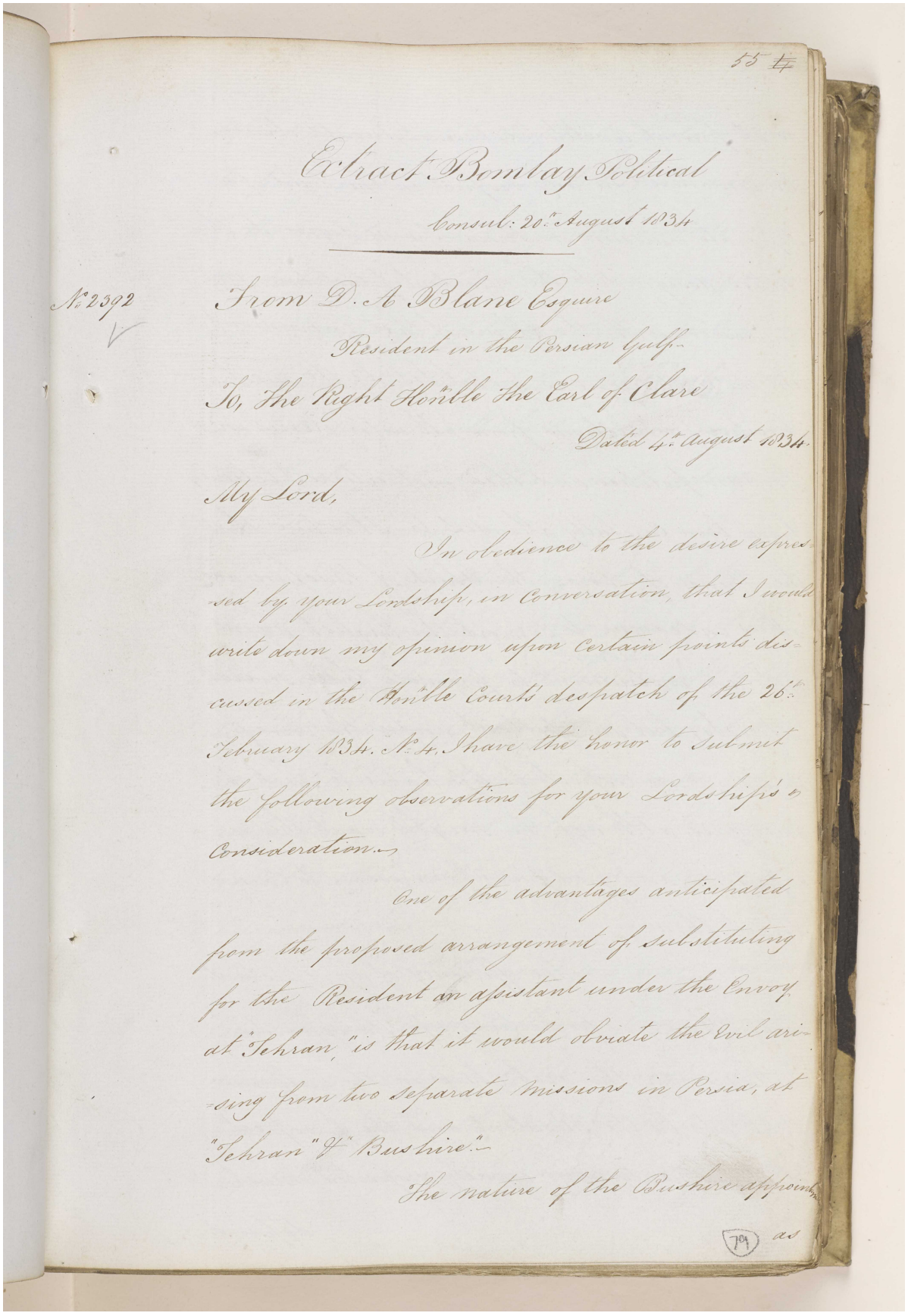
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No. 2392

From D. A. Blane Esquire
Resident in the Persian Gulf
To, The Right Honble the Earl of Clare
Dated 4th August 1834.

My Lord,

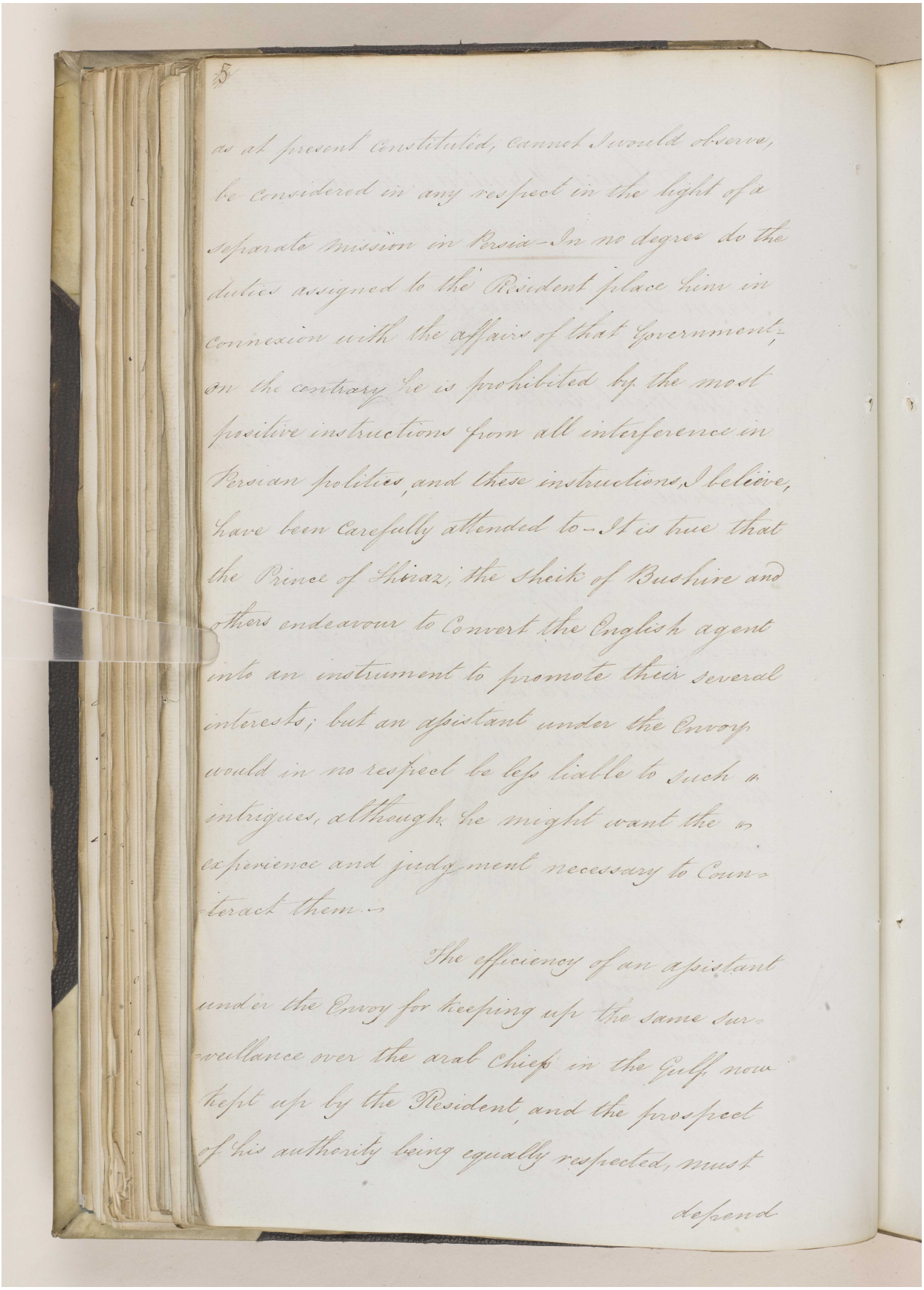
In obedience to the desire expressed by your Lordship, in Conversation, that I would write down my opinion upon certain points discussed in the Hon'ble Court's despatch of the 26th February 1834. No. 4. I have the honor to submit the following observations for your Lordship's consideration.—

One of the advantages anticipated from the proposed arrangement of substituting for the Resident an assistant under the Envoy at "Tehran," is that it would obviate the evil arising from two separate missions in Persia, at "Tehran" & "Bushire."—

The nature of the Bushire appoint-

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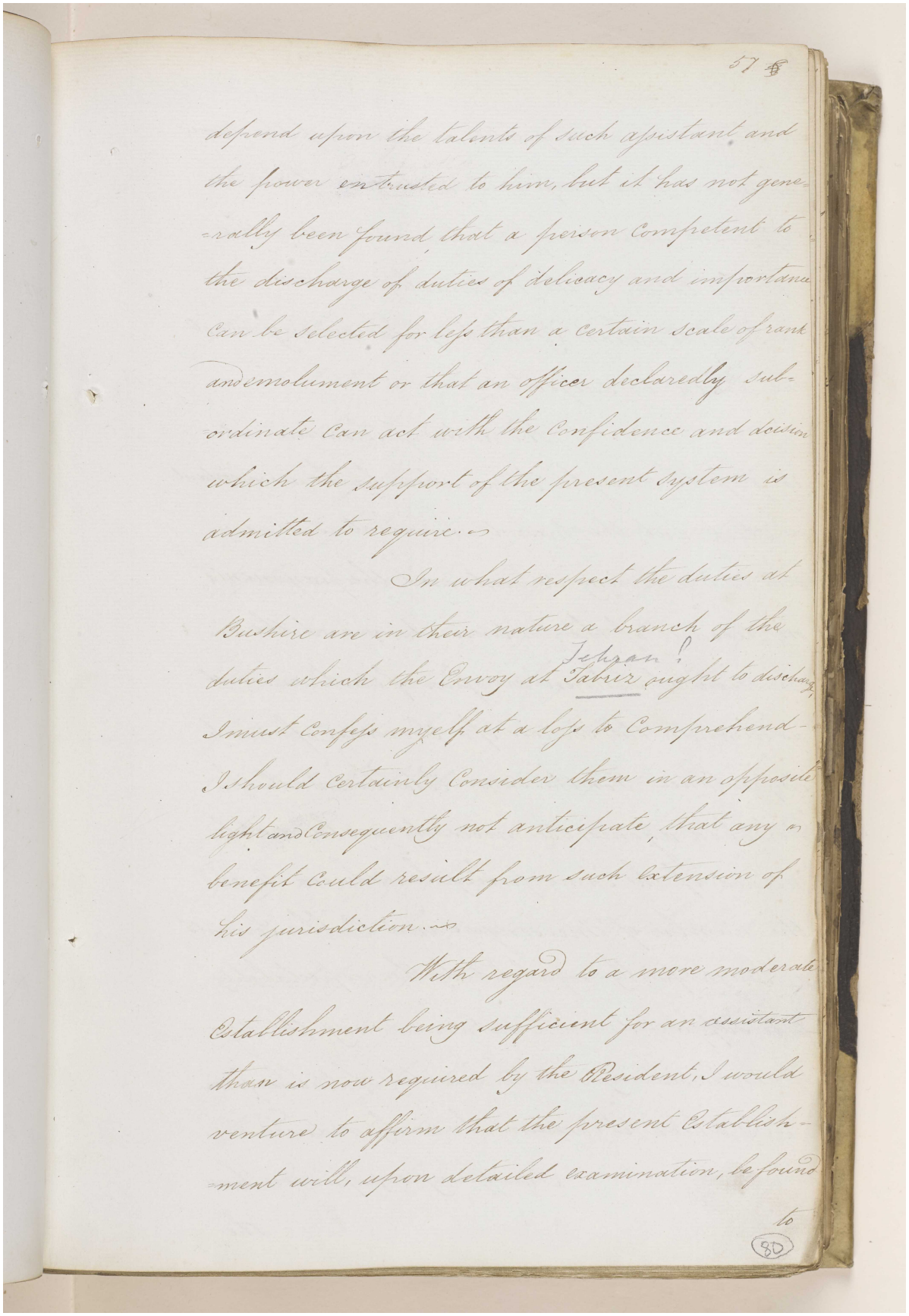


as at present constituted, cannot I would observe,
be considered in any respect in the light of a
separate mission in Persia – In no degree do the
duties assigned to the Resident place him in
connexion with the affairs of that Government,
on the contrary he is prohibited by the most
positive instructions from all interference in
Persian politics, and these instructions, I believe,
have been carefully attended to – It is true that
the Prince of Shiraz, the Sheik of Bushire and
others endeavour to convert the English agent
into an instrument to promote their several
interests; but an apsistant under the Envoy
would in no respect be less liable to such
intrigues, although he might want the
experience and judgment necessary to Coun-
teract them –

The efficiency of an apsistant
under the Envoy for keeping up the same sur-
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kept up by the Resident, and the prospect
of his authority being equally respected, must

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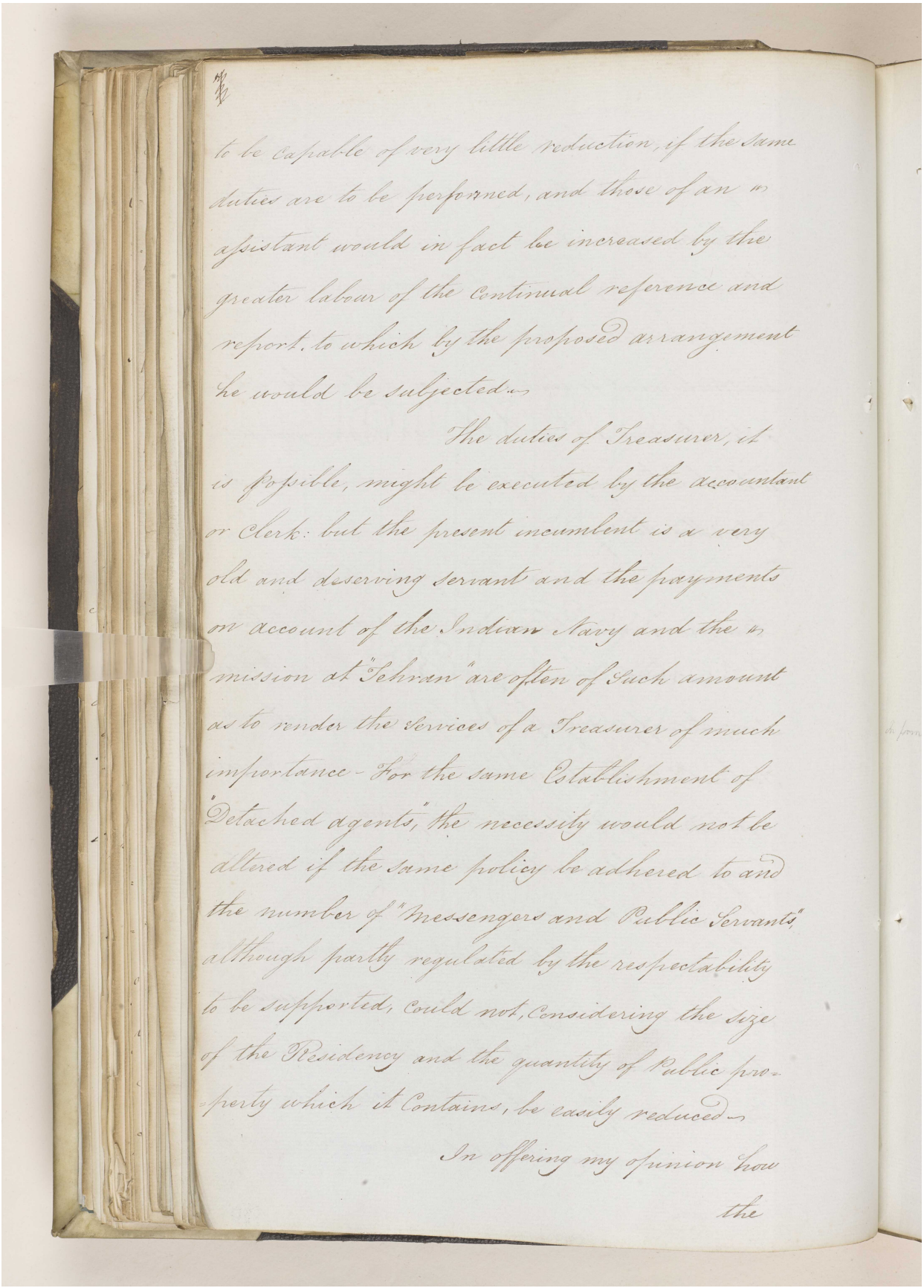
depend upon the talents of such assistant and the power entrusted to him, but it has not generally been found that a person competent to the discharge of duties of delicacy and importance can be selected for less than a certain scale of rank and emolument or that an officer declaredly subordinate can act with the confidence and decision which the support of the present system is admitted to require.—

In what respect the duties at Bushire are in their nature a branch of the duties which the Envoy at Tabriz ought to discharge, Tehran? I must confess myself at a loss to comprehend—I should certainly consider them in an opposite light and consequently not anticipate, that any benefit could result from such extension of his jurisdiction.—

With regard to a more moderate Establishment being sufficient for an assistant than is now required by the Resident, I would venture to affirm that the present Establishment will, upon detailed examination, be found to

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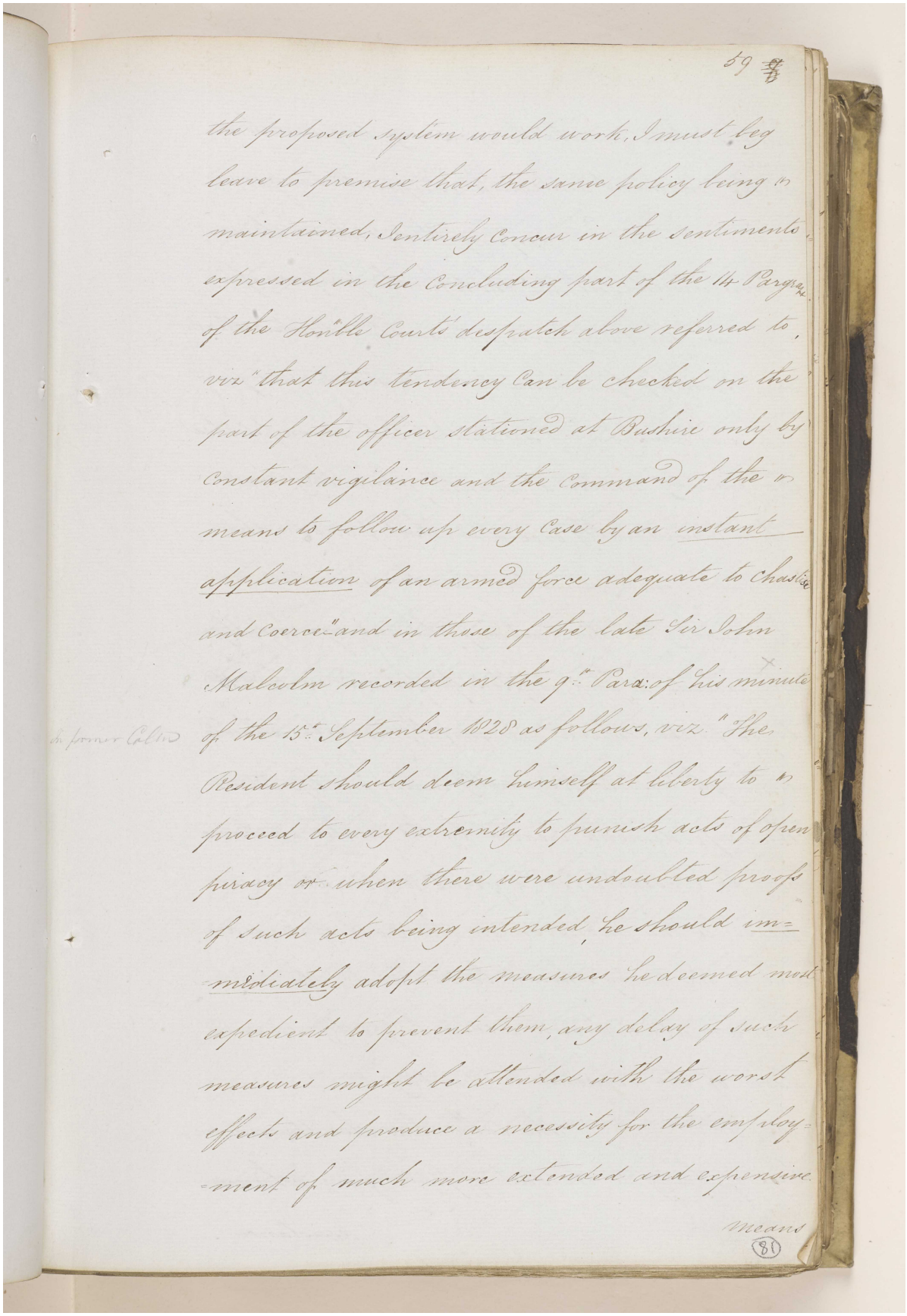
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to be capable of very little reduction, if the same duties are to be performed, and those of an assistant would in fact be increased by the greater labour of the continual reference and report, to which by the proposed arrangement he would be subjected.–

The duties of Treasurer, it is possible, might be executed by the accountant or Clerk: but the present incumbent is a very old and deserving servant and the payments on account of the Indian Navy and the mission at "Tehran" are often of such amount as to render the services of a Treasurer of much importance. For the same Establishment of "Detached agents," the necessity would not be altered if the same policy be adhered to and the number of "Messengers and Public Servants," although partly regulated by the respectability to be supported, could not, Considering the size of the Residency and the quantity of Public property which it Contains, be easily reduced.–

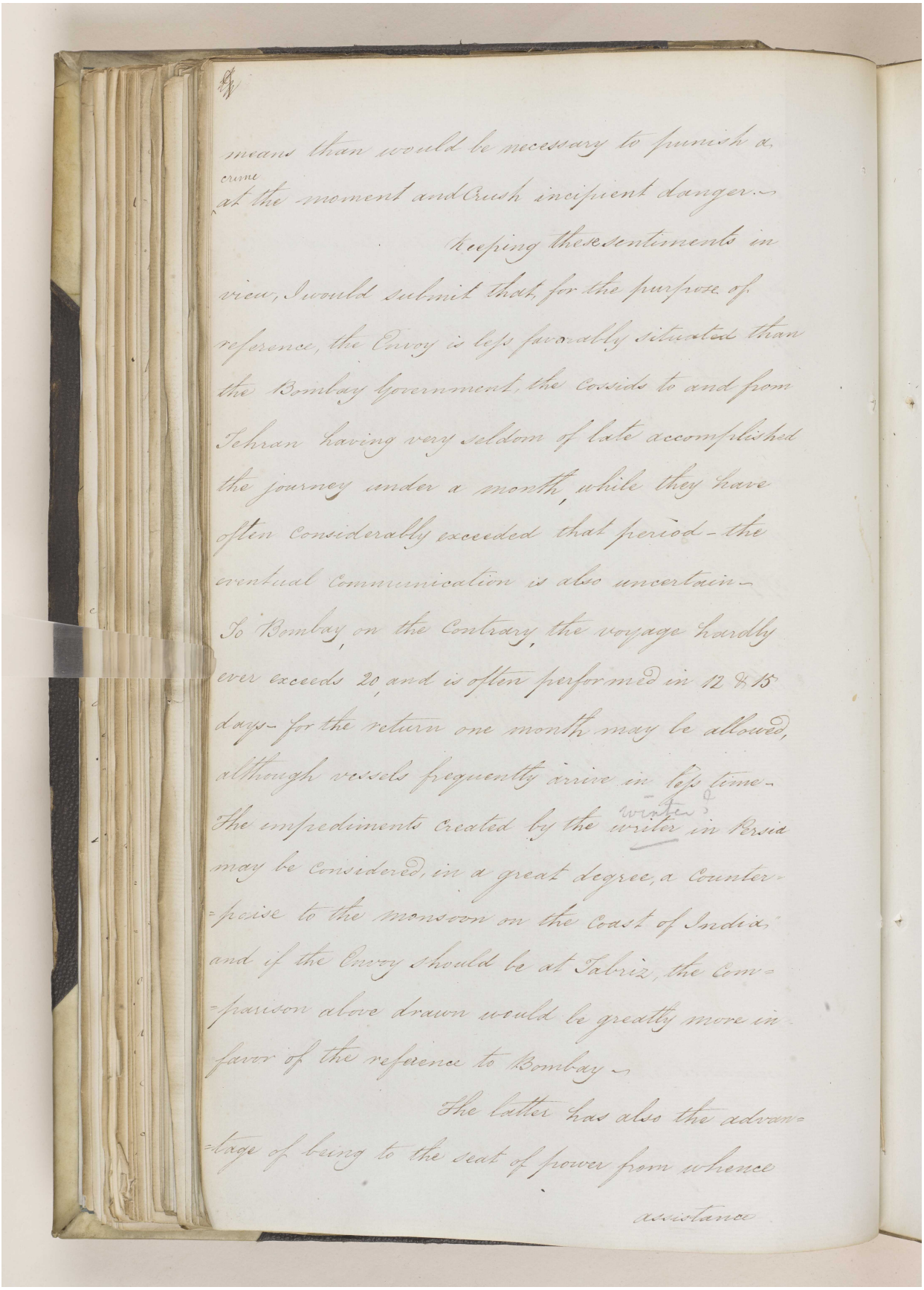
In offering my opinion how the



the proposed System would work, I must beg
leave to premise that, the same policy being
maintained, I entirely Concur in the sentiments
expressed in the Concluding part of the 14th Parga.
of the Honble Courts despatch above referred to,
viz "that this tendency Can be checked on the
part of the officer stationed at Bushire only by
Constant vigilance and the Command of the
means to follow up every Case by an instant
application of an armed force adequate to Chastise
and Coerce" and in those of the late Sir John
Malcolm recorded in the 9th Para: of his minute
of the 15th September 1820 as follows, viz "The
Resident should deem himself at liberty to
proceed to every extremity to punish acts of open
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measures might be attended with the worst
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means than would be necessary to punish a crime at the moment and Crush incipient danger.—

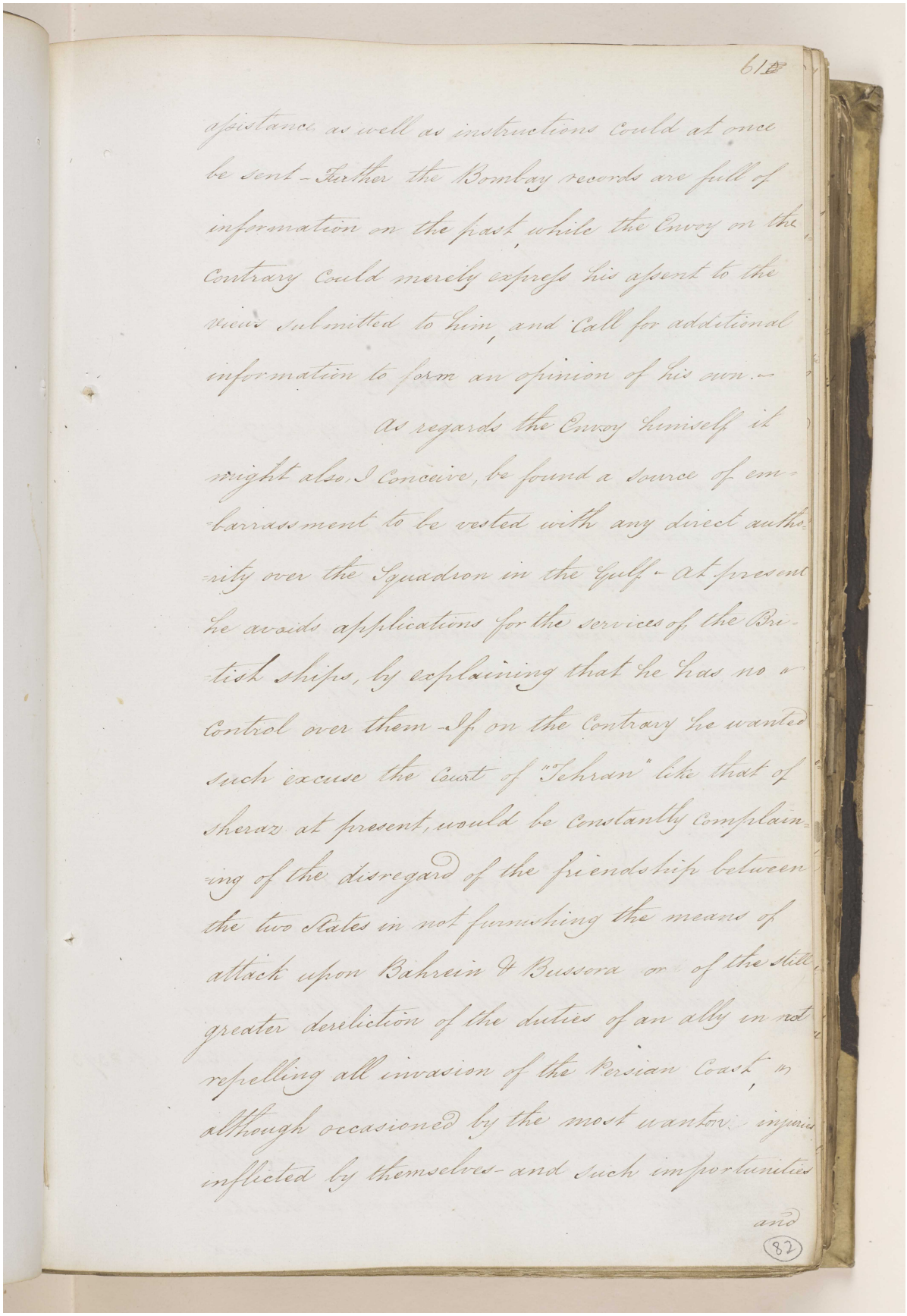
Keeping these sentiments in view, I would submit that, for the purpose of reference, the Envoy is less favorably situated than the Bombay Government, the Vessels to and from Tehran having very seldom of late accomplished the journey under a month, while they have often considerably exceeded that period – the eventual communication is also uncertain.—

To Bombay, on the Contrary, the voyage hardly ever exceeds 20, and is often performed in 12 & 15 days – for the return one month may be allowed, although vessels frequently arrive in less time.—

The impediments created by the winter in Persia may be considered, in a great degree, a counter-poise to the monsoon on the Coast of India; and if the Envoy should be at Tabriz, the Com-parison above drawn would be greatly more in favor of the reference to Bombay.—

The latter has also the advan-tage of being to the seat of power from whence assistance

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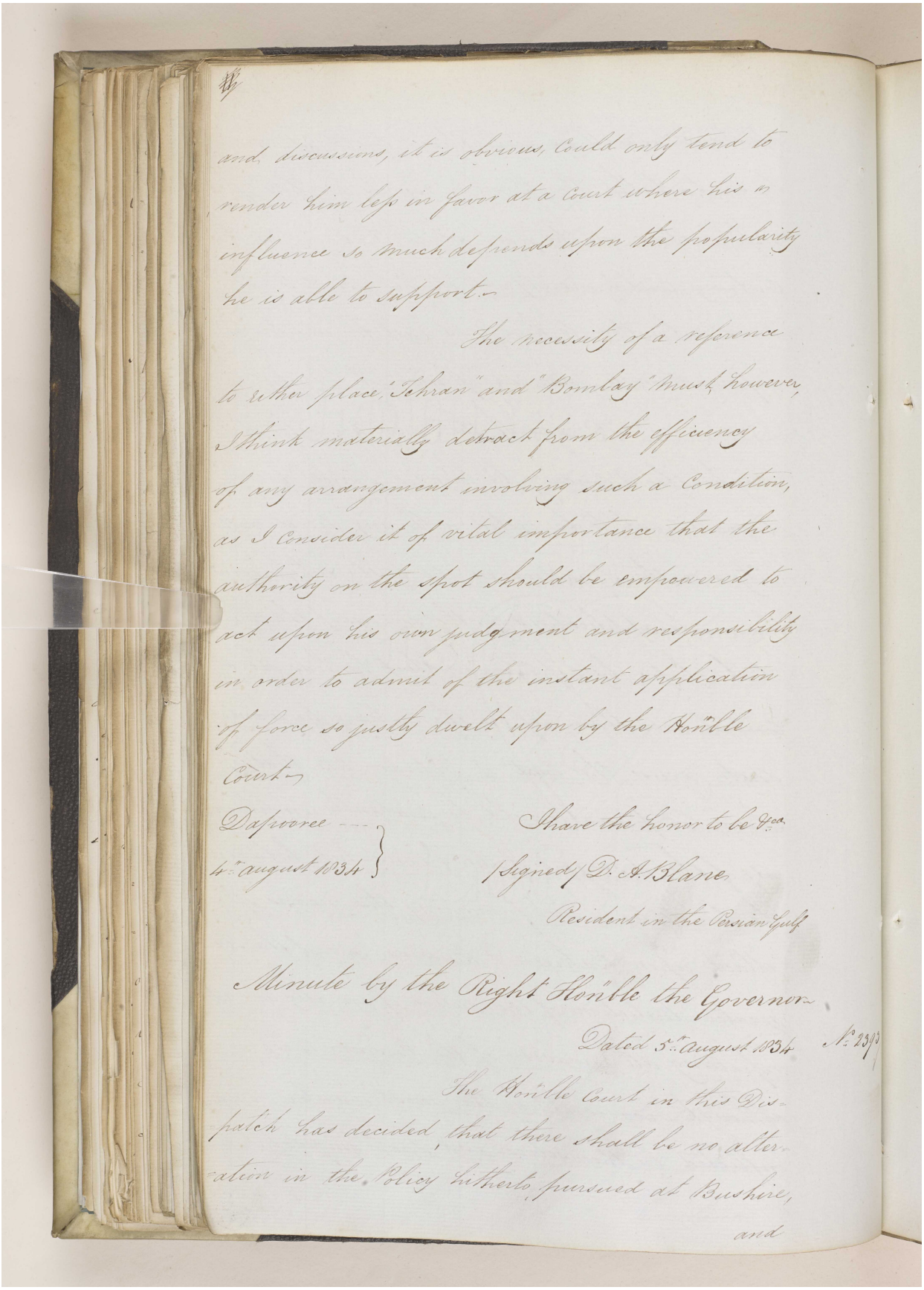
assistance as well as instructions could at once be sent – Further the Bombay records are full of information on the past, while the Envoy on the contrary could merely express his assent to the views submitted to him, and call for additional information to form an opinion of his own –

As regards the Envoy himself it might also, I conceive, be found a source of embarrassment to be vested with any direct authority over the Squadron in the Gulf – At present he avoids applications for the services of the British ships, by explaining that he has no control over them – If on the contrary he wanted such excuse the Court of "Tehran" like that of Sheraz at present, would be constantly complaining of the disregard of the friendship between the two States in not furnishing the means of attack upon Bahrein & Bussora or of the still greater dereliction of the duties of an ally in not repelling all invasion of the Persian Coast, although occasioned by the most wanton injuries inflicted by themselves – and such importunities

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and discussions, it is obvious, could only tend to render him less in favor at a court where his influence so much depends upon the popularity he is able to support.

The necessity of a reference to either place "Tehran" and "Bombay" must, however, I think materially detract from the efficiency of any arrangement involving such a Condition, as I consider it of vital importance that the authority on the spot should be empowered to act upon his own judgement and responsibility in order to admit of the instant application of force so justly dwelt upon by the Honble Court.

Bushire
4th August 1834

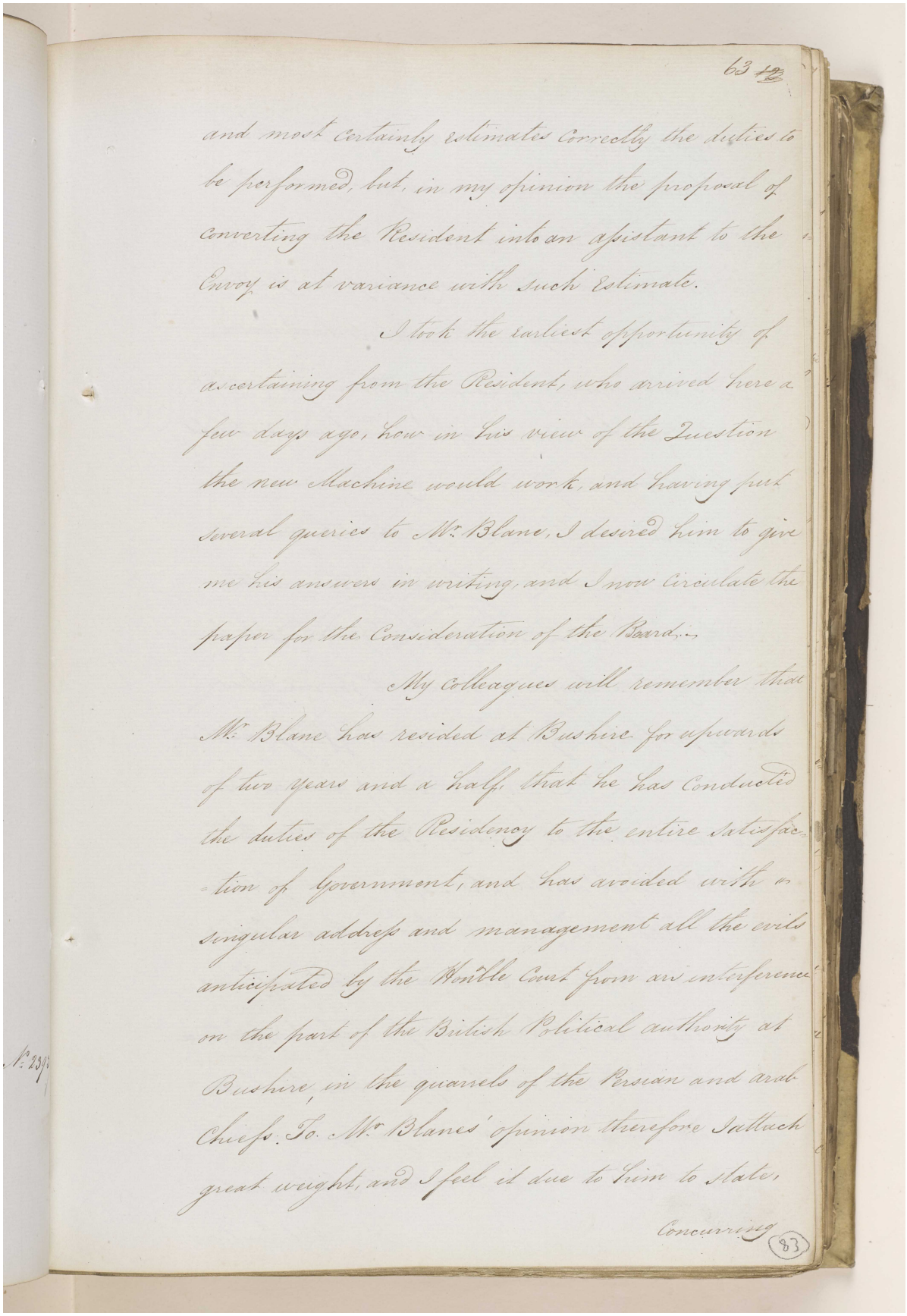
I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ D. A. Blane
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor.

Dated 5th August 1834 No. 2393

The Honble Court in this Dispatch has decided, that there shall be no alteration in the Policy hitherto pursued at Bushire, and

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and most certainly estimates correctly the duties to be performed, but, in my opinion the proposal of converting the Resident into an Assistant to the Envoy is at variance with such Estimate.

I took the earliest opportunity of ascertaining from the Resident, who arrived here a few days ago, how in his view of the Question the new Machine would work, and having put several queries to Mr. Blane, I desired him to give me his answers in writing, and I now circulate the paper for the Consideration of the Board.—

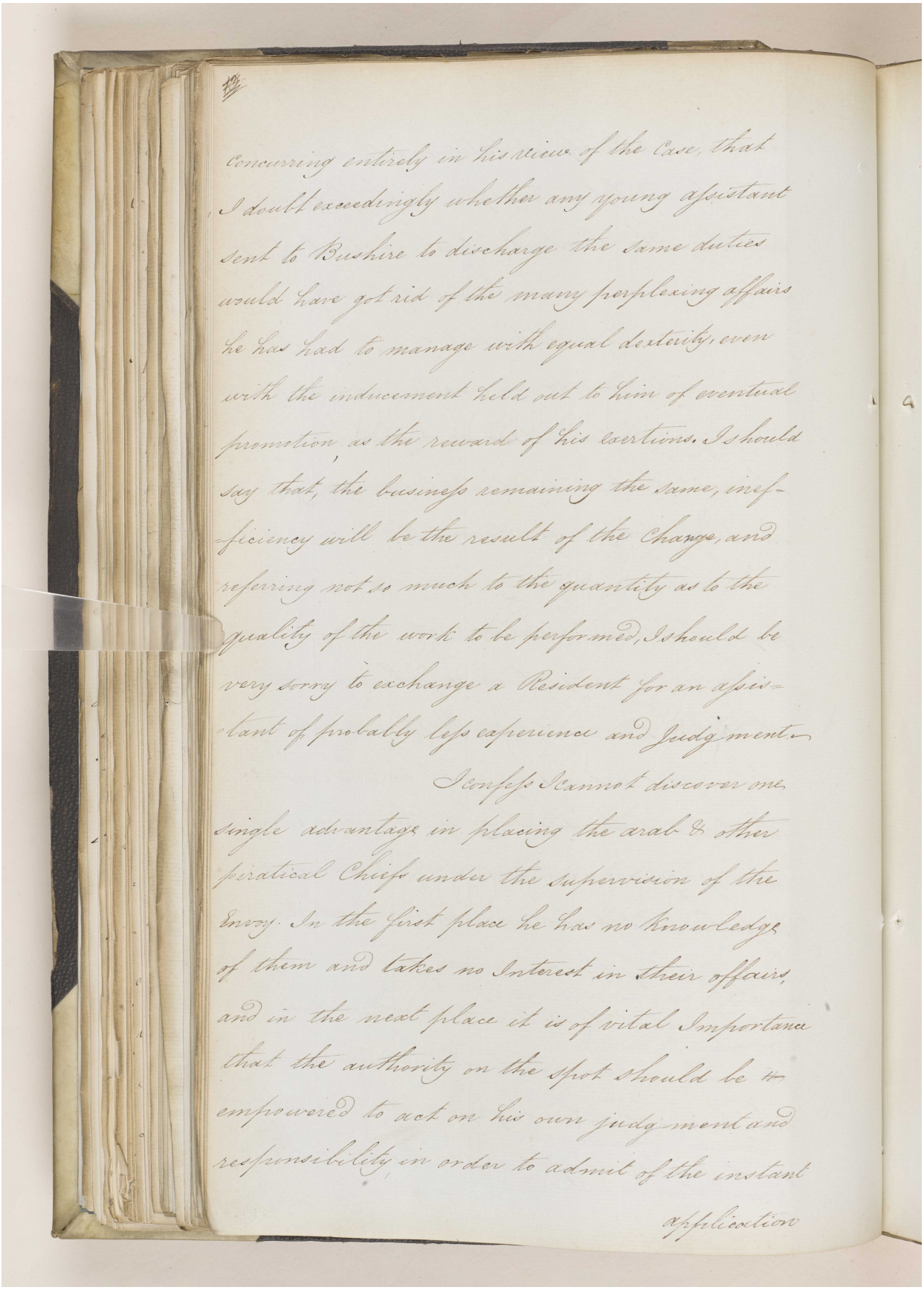
My Colleagues will remember that Mr. Blane has resided at Bushire for upwards of two years and a half, that he has Conducted the duties of the Residency to the entire satisfaction of Government, and has avoided with singular address and management all the evils anticipated by the Hon.ble Court from an interference on the part of the British Political authority at Bushire, in the quarrels of the Persian and and Chiefs. To Mr. Blanes' opinion therefore I attach great weight, and I feel it due to him to state,

Concurring

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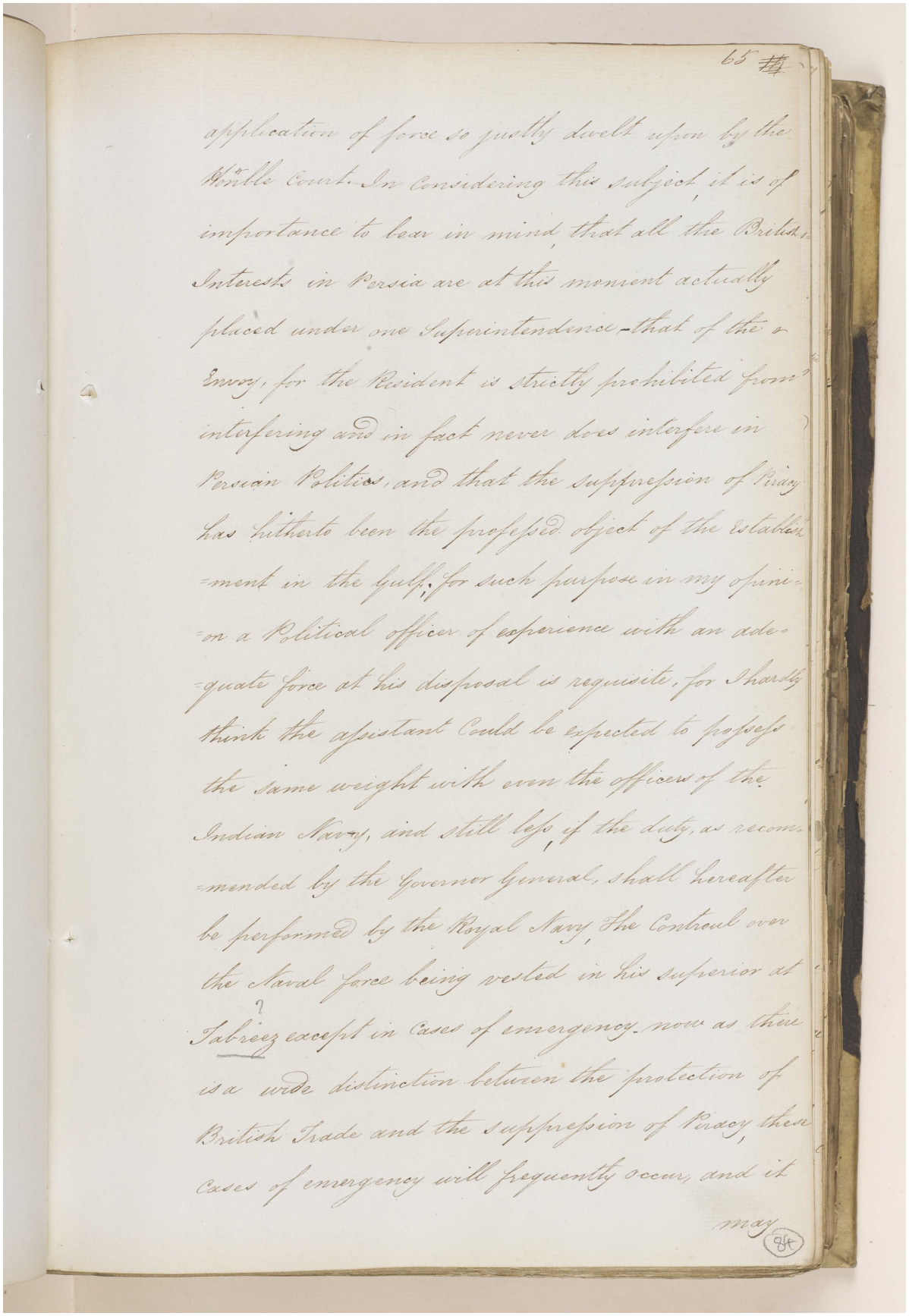
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concurring entirely in his view of the case, that I doubt exceedingly whether any young assistant sent to Bushire to discharge the same duties would have got rid of the many perplexing affairs he has had to manage with equal dexterity, even with the inducement held out to him of eventual promotion as the reward of his exertions. I should say that, the business remaining the same, inefficiency will be the result of the change, and referring not so much to the quantity as to the quality of the work to be performed, I should be very sorry to exchange a Resident for an assistant of probably less experience and judgment.

I confess I cannot discover one single advantage in placing the arab & other piratical Chiefs under the supervision of the Envoy. In the first place he has no knowledge of them and takes no Interest in their affairs, and in the next place it is of vital Importance that the authority on the spot should be empowered to act on his own judgment and responsibility in order to admit of the instant application

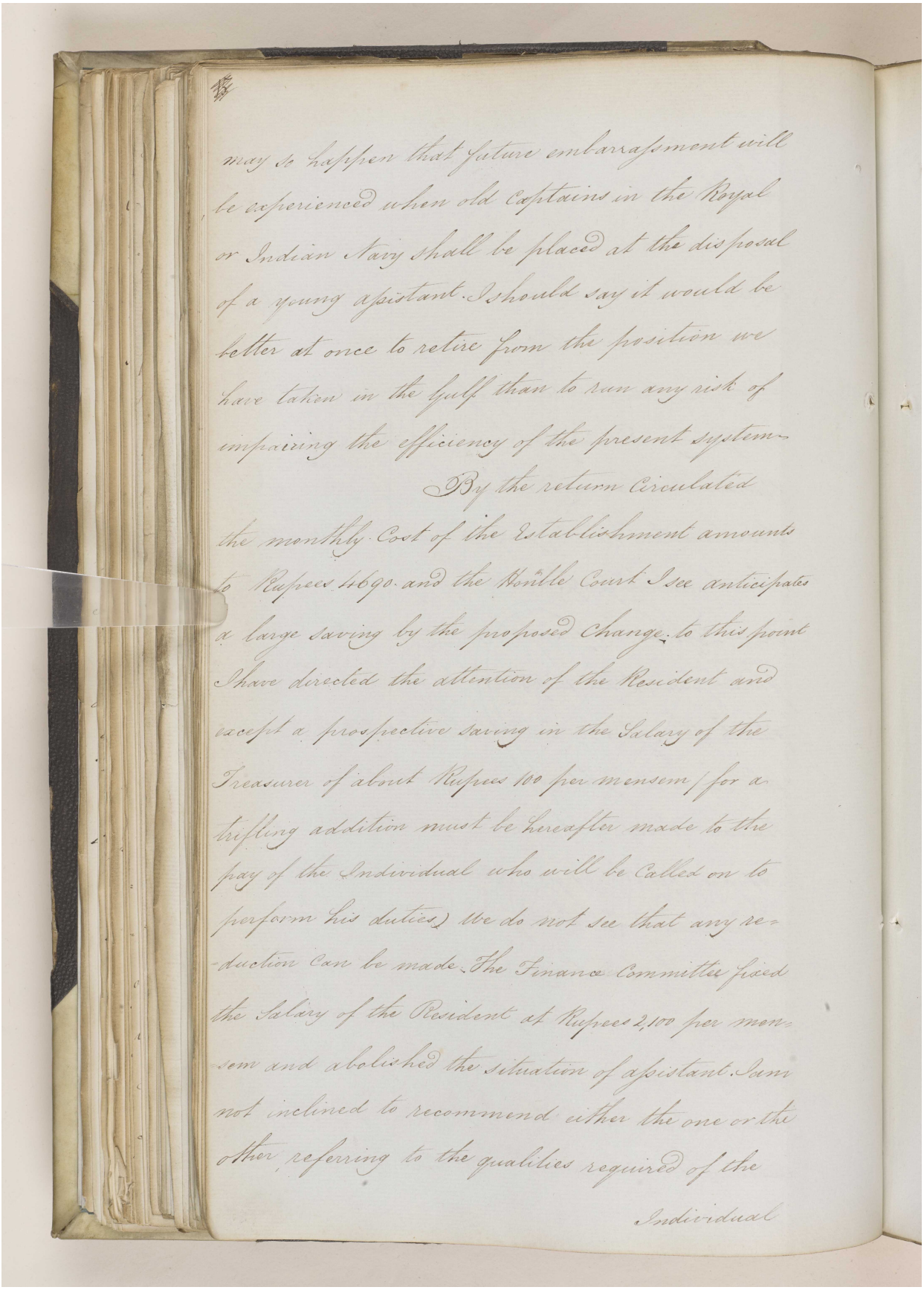
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application of force so justly dwelt upon by the Hon'ble Court. In considering this subject, it is of importance to bear in mind, that all the British Interests in Persia are at this moment actually placed under one Superintendence – that of the Envoy, for the Resident is strictly prohibited from interfering and in fact never does interfere in Persian Politics, and that the suppression of Piracy has hitherto been the professed object of the establishment in the Gulf, for such purpose in my opinion a Political officer of experience with an adequate force at his disposal is requisite, for I hardly think the assistant could be expected to possess the same weight with even the officers of the Indian Navy, and still less, if the duty, as recommended by the Governor General, shall hereafter be performed by the Royal Navy, the Controul over the Naval force being vested in his superior at Tabreez? except in cases of emergency. now as there is a wide distinction between the protection of British Trade and the suppression of Piracy, these cases of emergency will frequently occur, and it may

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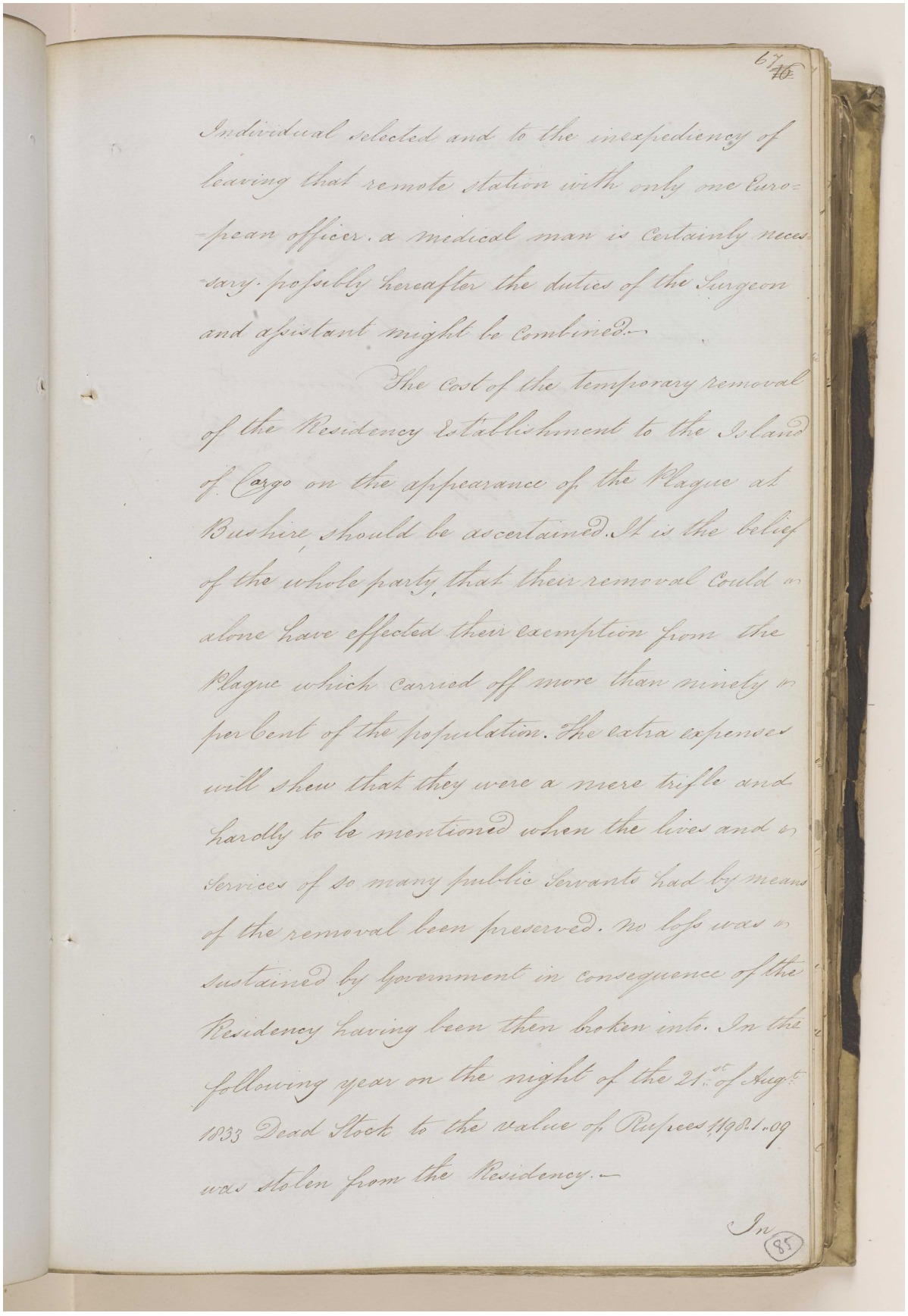


may so happen that future embarrassment will be experienced when old Captains in the Royal or Indian Navy shall be placed at the disposal of a young apistant. I should say it would be better at once to retire from the position we have taken in the Gulf than to run any risk of impairing the efficiency of the present system.

By the return Circulated the monthly Cost of the Establishment amounts to Rupees 1690. and the Honble Court I see anticipates a large saving by the proposed Change. to this point I have directed the attention of the Resident and except a prospective saving in the Salary of the Treasurer of about Rupees 100 per mensem / for a trifling addition must be hereafter made to the pay of the Individual who will be called on to perform his duties / We do not see that any reduction can be made. The Finance Committee fixed the Salary of the Resident at Rupees 2,100 per mensem and abolished the situation of apistant. I am not inclined to recommend either the one or the other, referring to the qualities required of the

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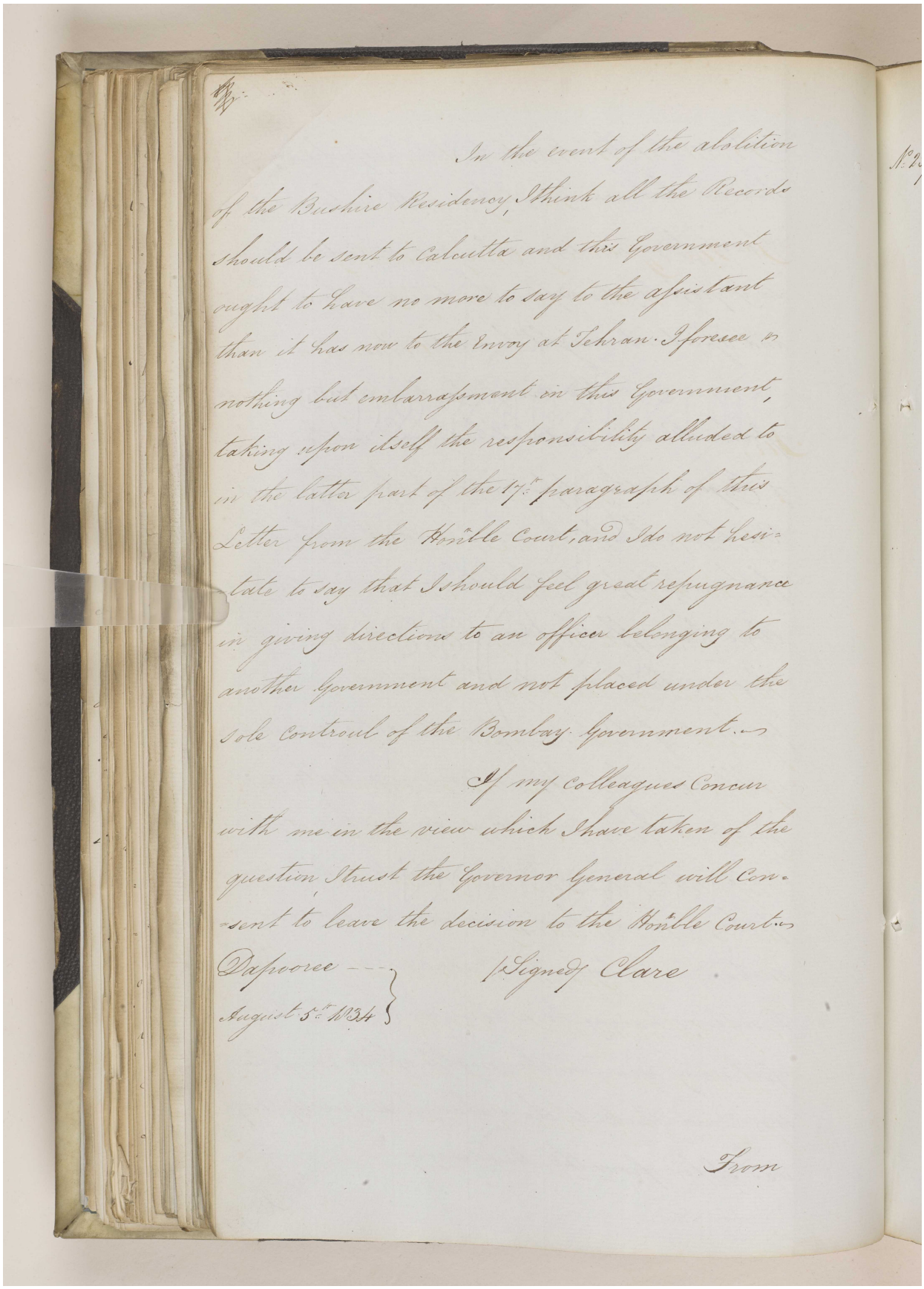
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Individual selected and to the inexpediency of leaving that remote station with only one European officer. a medical man is certainly necessary. possibly hereafter the duties of the Surgeon and assistant might be combined.—

The cost of the temporary removal of the Residency Establishment to the Island of Cargo on the appearance of the Plague at Bushire, should be ascertained. It is the belief of the whole party, that their removal could alone have effected their exemption from the Plague which carried off more than ninety per Cent of the population. The extra expences will shew that they were a mere trifle and hardly to be mentioned when the lives and services of so many public Servants had by means of the removal been preserved. No loss was sustained by Government in consequence of the Residency having been then broken into. In the following year on the night of the 21st of Augt 1833 Dead Stock to the value of Rupees 1190.1.09 was stolen from the Residency.—

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In the event of the abolition of the Bushire Residency, I think all the Records should be sent to Calcutta and this Government ought to have no more to say to the assistant than it has now to the Envoy at Tehran. I foresee nothing but embarrassment in this Government taking upon itself the responsibility alluded to in the latter part of the 17th paragraph of this Letter from the Hon'ble Court, and I do not hesitate to say that I should feel great repugnance in giving directions to an officer belonging to another Government and not placed under the sole Controul of the Bombay Government.

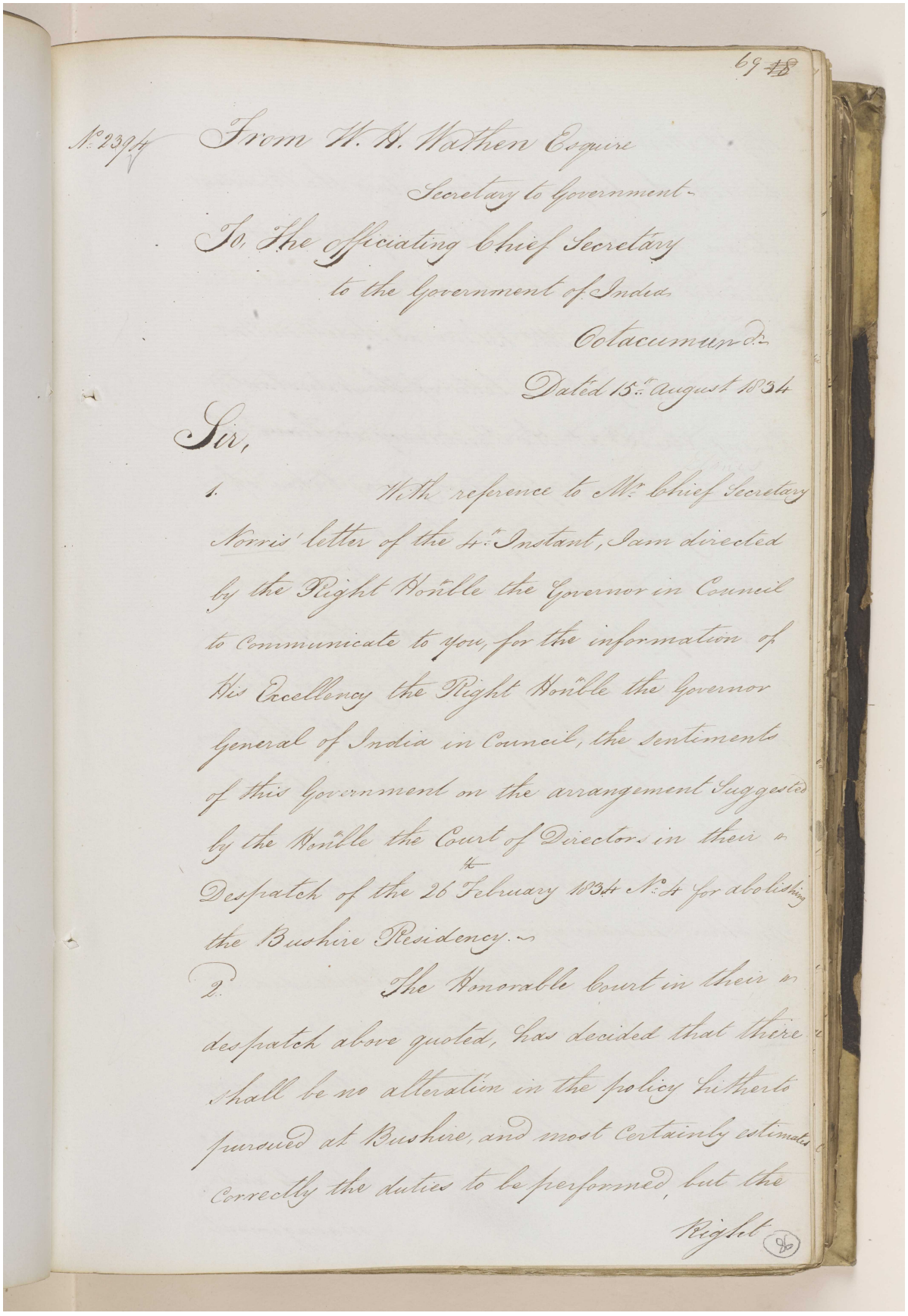
If my Colleagues Concur with me in the view which I have taken of the question I trust the Governor General will Consent to leave the decision to the Hon'ble Court.

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August 5th 1834

(Signed) Clare

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№ 2394 From W. H. Wathen Esquire
Secretary to Government –
To The Officiating Chief Secretary
to the Government of India
Calcutta
Dated 15th August 1834

Sir,

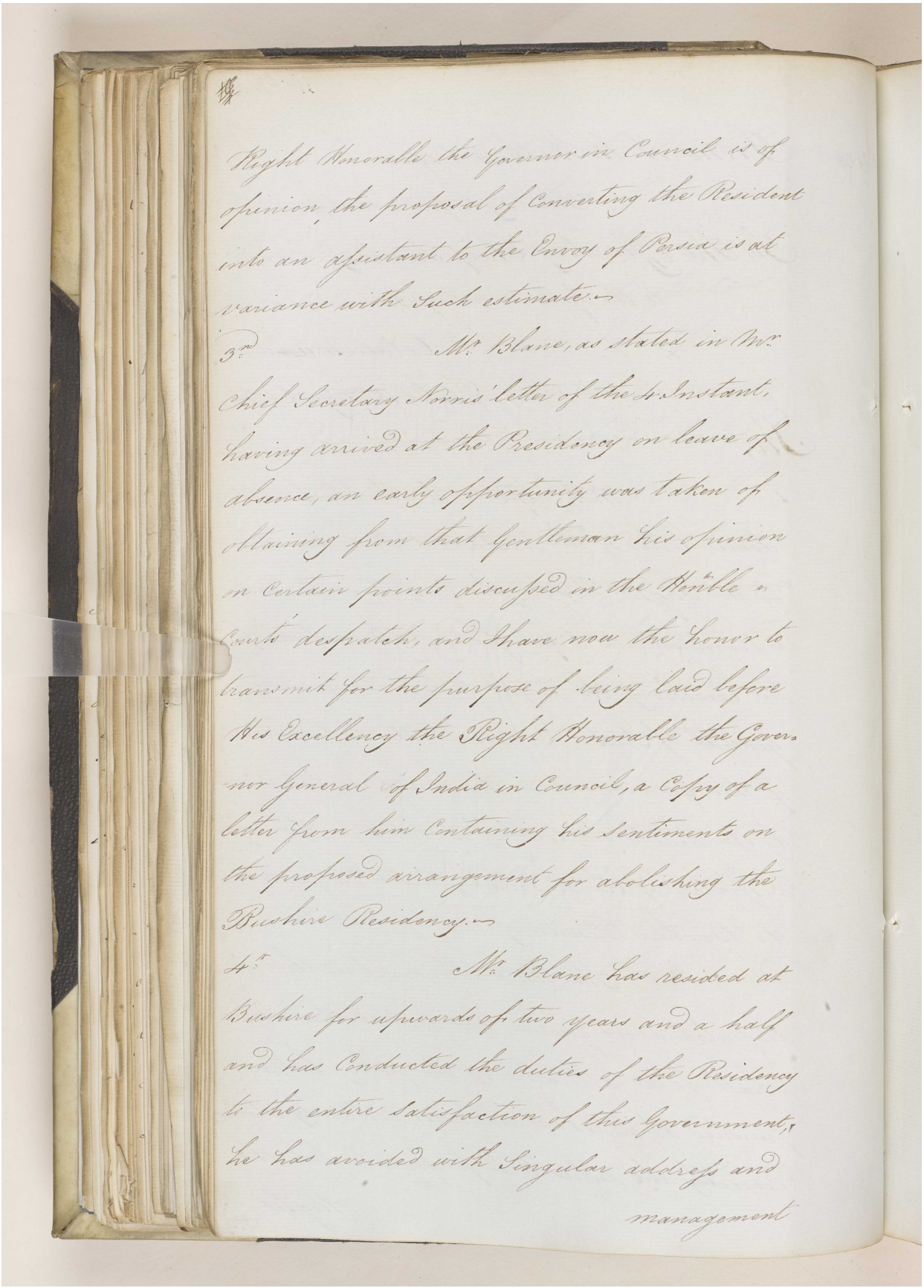
1. With reference to Mr Chief Secretary Norris' letter of the 4th Instant, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to communicate to you, for the information of His Excellency the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council, the sentiments of this Government on the arrangement suggested by the Honble the Court of Directors in their Despatch of the 26th February 1834 № 4 for abolishing the Bushire Residency. –

2. The Honorable Court in their despatch above quoted, has decided that there shall be no alteration in the policy hitherto pursued at Bushire, and most certainly estimates correctly the duties to be performed, but the

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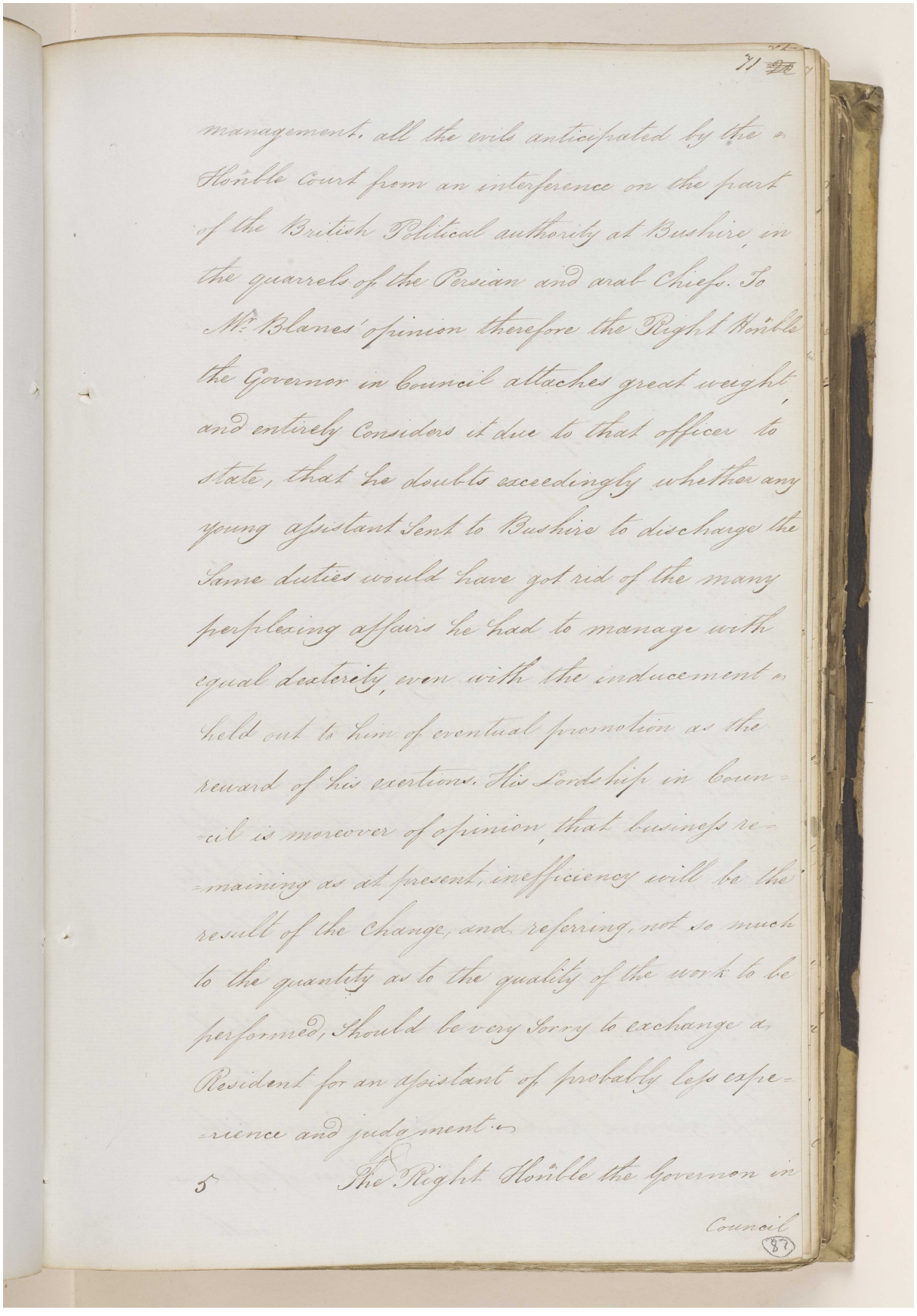
Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion, the proposal of Converting the Resident into an Assistant to the Envoy of Persia is at variance with Such estimate.—

3d Mr Blane, as Stated in Mr. Chief Secretary Norris's letter of the 4. Instant, having arrived at the Presidency on leave of absence, an early opportunity was taken of obtaining from that Gentleman his opinion on Certain points discussed in the Honble Court's despatch, and I have now the honor to transmit for the purpose of being laid before His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, a Copy of a letter from him Containing his Sentiments on the proposed arrangement for abolishing the Bushire Residency.—

4th Mr. Blane has resided at Bushire for upwards of two years and a half and has Conducted the duties of the Residency to the entire Satisfaction of this Government, he has avoided with Singular address and

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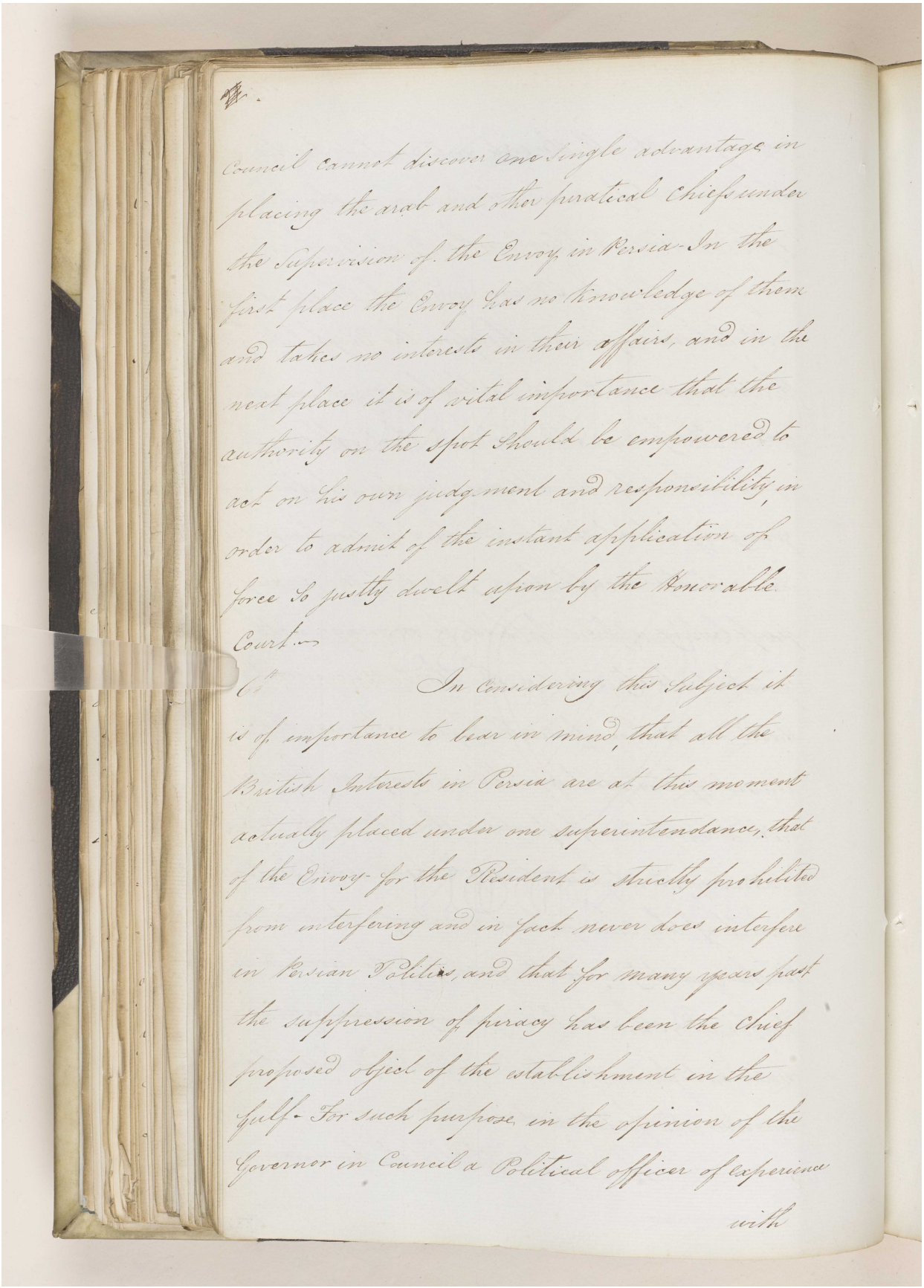


management, all the evils anticipated by the Honble Court from an interference on the part of the British Political authority at Bushire, in the quarrels of the Persian and arab Chiefs. To Mr Blanes' opinion therefore the Right Honble the Governor in Council attaches great weight, and entirely considers it due to that officer to state, that he doubts exceedingly whether any young assistant sent to Bushire to discharge the same duties would have got rid of the many perplexing affairs he had to manage with equal dexterity, even with the inducement held out to him of eventual promotion as the reward of his exertions. His Lordship in Council is moreover of opinion, that business remaining as at present, inefficiency will be the result of the change, and referring, not so much to the quantity as to the quality of the work to be performed, should be very sorry to exchange a Resident for an assistant of probably less experience and judgment.

The Right Honble the Governor in Council

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Council cannot discover one single advantage in placing the Arab and other piratical Chiefs under the Superviision of the Envoy in Persia. In the first place the Envoy has no knowledge of them and takes no interest in their affairs, and in the next place it is of vital importance that the authority on the spot should be empowered to act on his own judgment and responsibility in order to admit of the instant application of force so justly dwelt upon by the Honorable Court.—

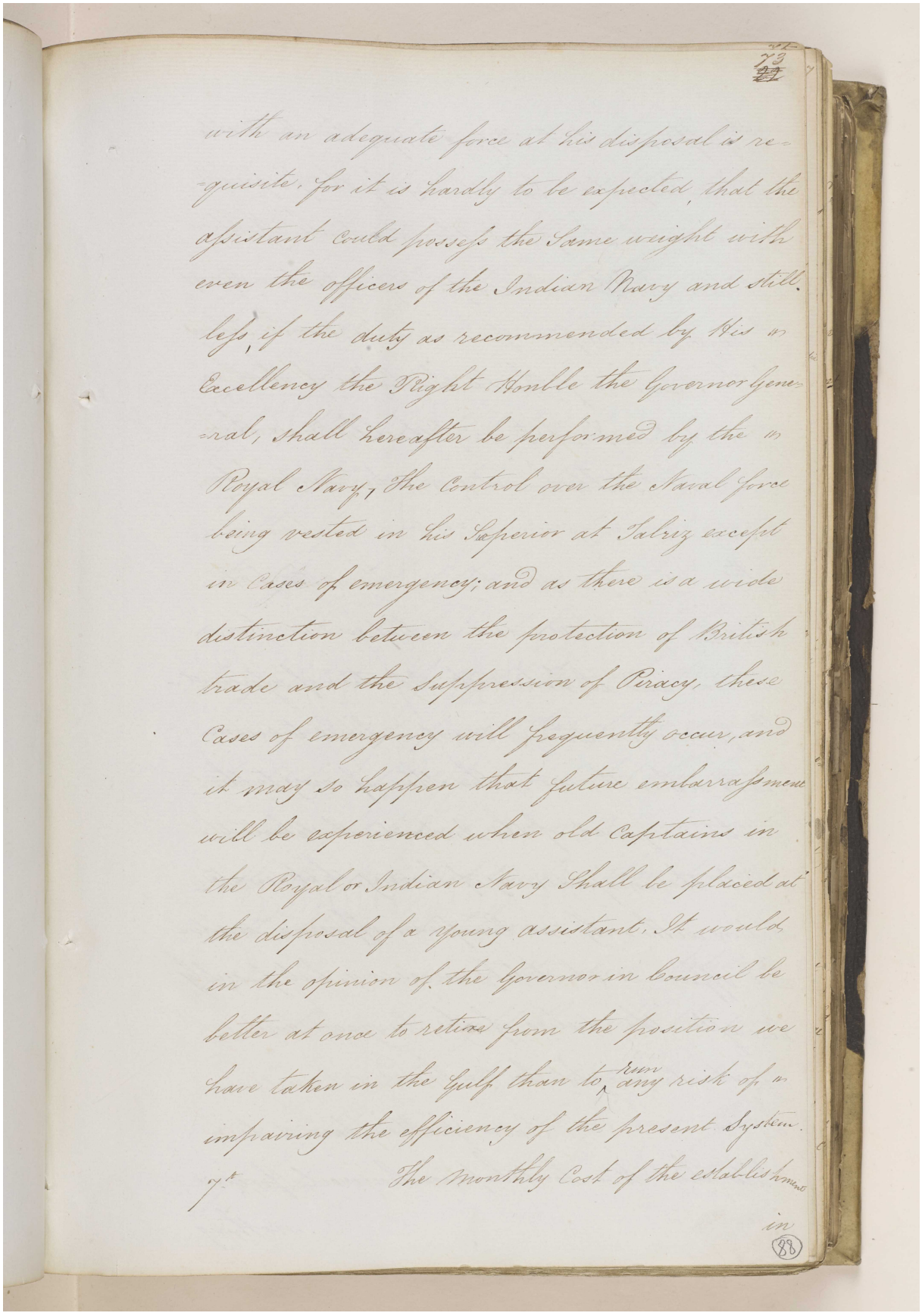
In considering this Subject it is of importance to bear in mind, that all the British Interests in Persia are at this moment actually placed under one superintendance, that of the Envoy for the Resident is strictly prohibited from interfering and in fact never does interfere in Persian Politics, and that for many years past the suppression of piracy has been the chief proposed object of the establishment in the Gulf. For such purpose in the opinion of the Governor in Council a Political officer of experience

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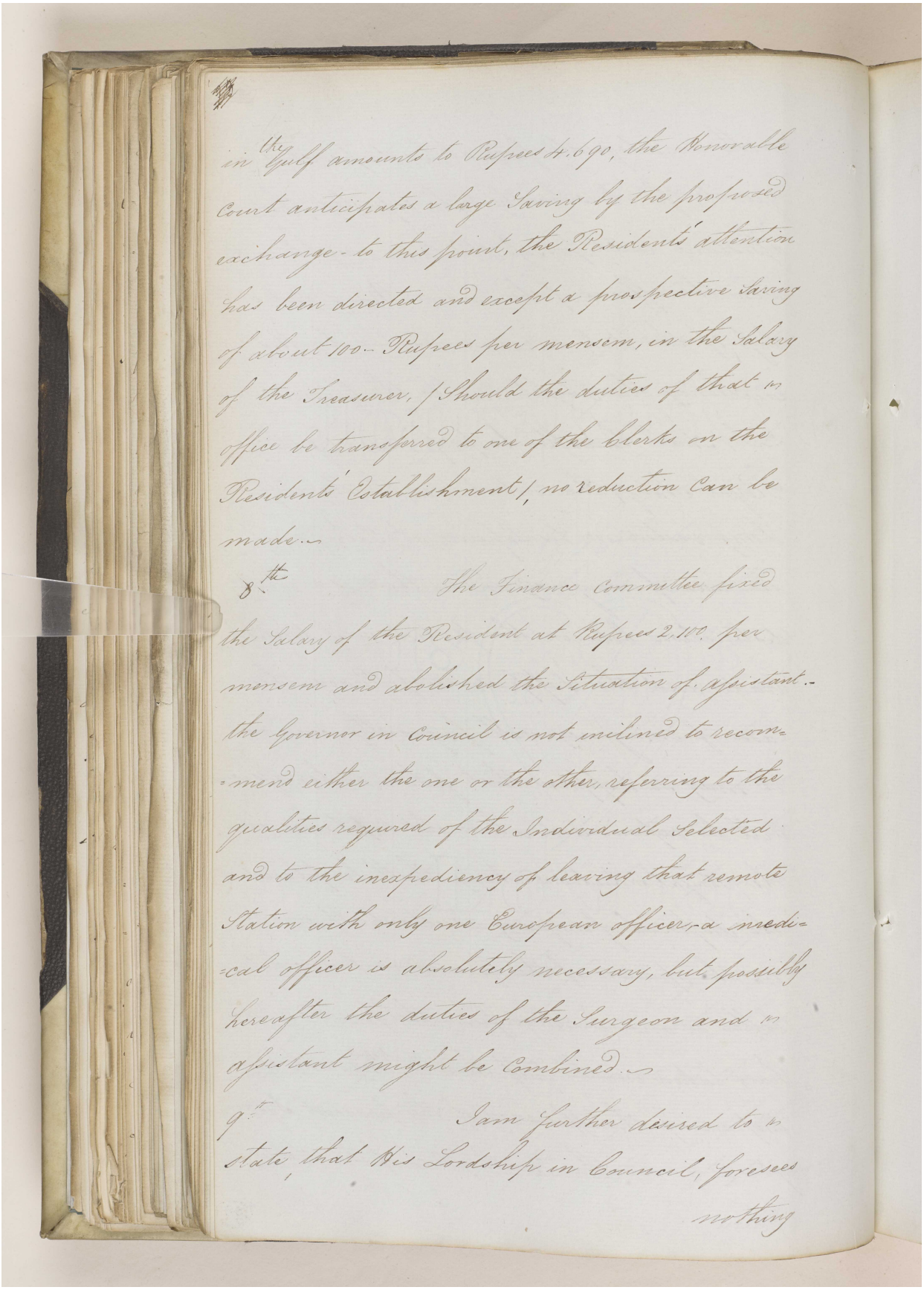
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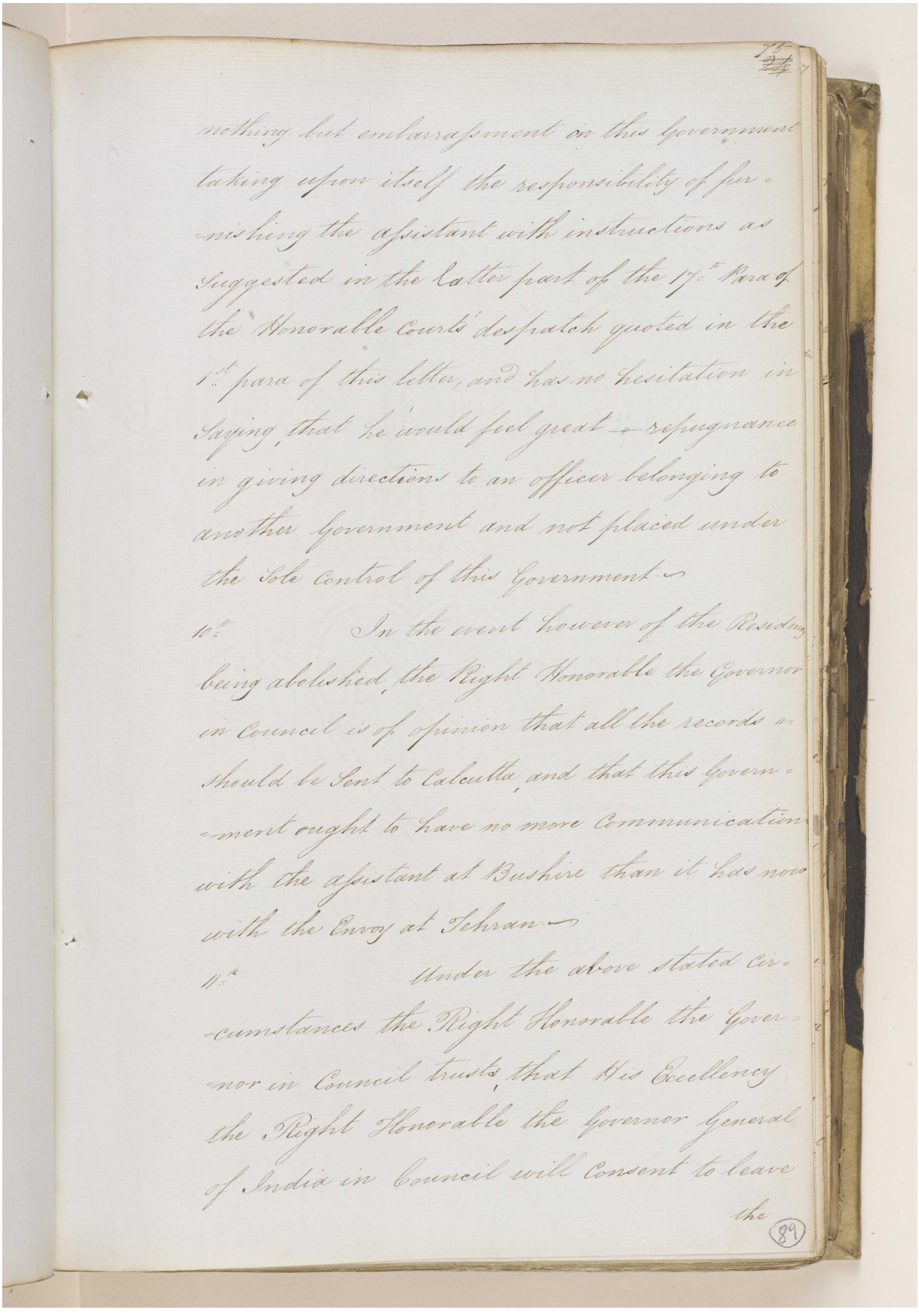
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Royal Navy, the Control over the Naval force
being vested in his Superior at Tabriz except
in Cases of emergency; and as there is a wide
distinction between the protection of British
trade and the Suppression of Piracy, these
Cases of emergency will frequently occur, and
it may so happen that future embarrassment
will be experienced when old Captains in
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the disposal of a young assistant. It would
in the opinion of the Governor in Council be
better at once to retire from the position we
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7th The Monthly Cost of the establishment
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in the Gulf amounts to Rupees 4.690, the Honorable Court anticipates a large Saving by the proposed exchange - to this point, the Residents attention has been directed and except a prospective Saving of about 100 - Rupees per mensem, in the Salary of the Treasurer, / Should the duties of that office be transferred to one of the Clerks on the Residents' Establishment /, no reduction can be made -

8th The Finance Committee fixed the Salary of the Resident at Rupees 2.100. per mensem and abolished the Situation of Assistant - the Governor in Council is not inclined to recommend either the one or the other, referring to the qualities required of the Individual Selected and to the inexpediency of leaving that remote Station with only one European officer - a medical officer is absolutely necessary, but possibly hereafter the duties of the Surgeon and Assistant might be Combined -

9th I am further desired to state, that His Lordship in Council, foresees nothing

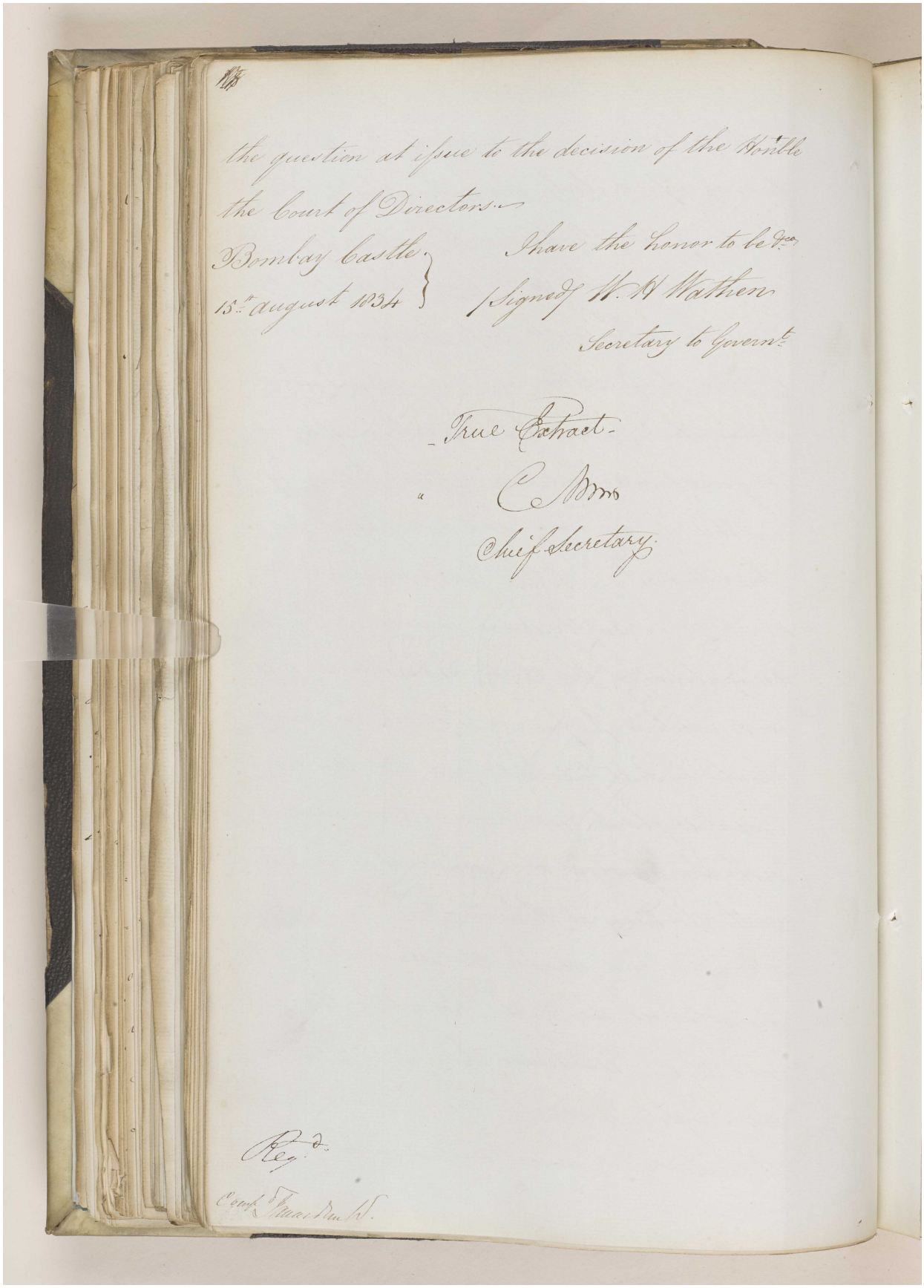


nothing but embarrassment in this Government taking upon itself the responsibility of furnishing the Assistant with instructions as suggested in the latter part of the 17th Para of the Honorable Courts despatch quoted in the 1st para of this letter, and has no hesitation in saying, that he would feel great repugnance in giving directions to an officer belonging to another Government and not placed under the sole control of this Government.

10th In the event however of the Residency being abolished, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that all the records should be Sent to Calcutta, and that this Government ought to have no more Communication with the Assistant at Bushire than it has now with the Envoy at Tehran.

11th Under the above stated circumstances the Right Honorable the Governor in Council trusts, that His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council will Consent to leave the

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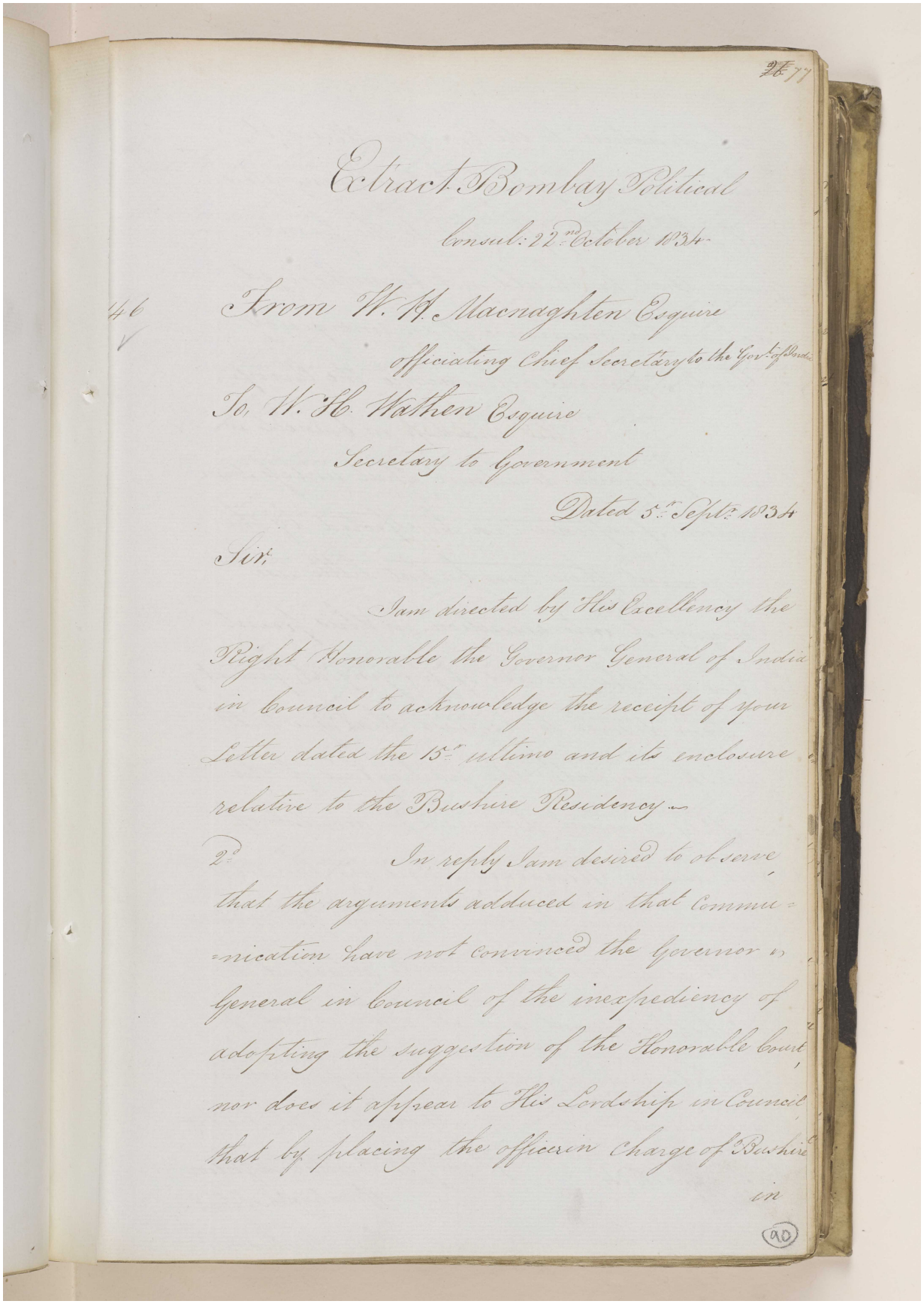


the question at issue to the decision of the Honble
the Court of Directors.—
Bombay Castle,
15th August 1834 } I have the honor to be &c.
Signed W. H. Wathen
Secretary to Govt.

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Extract Bombay Political
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officiating Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay

To W. H. Wathen Esquire
Secretary to Government

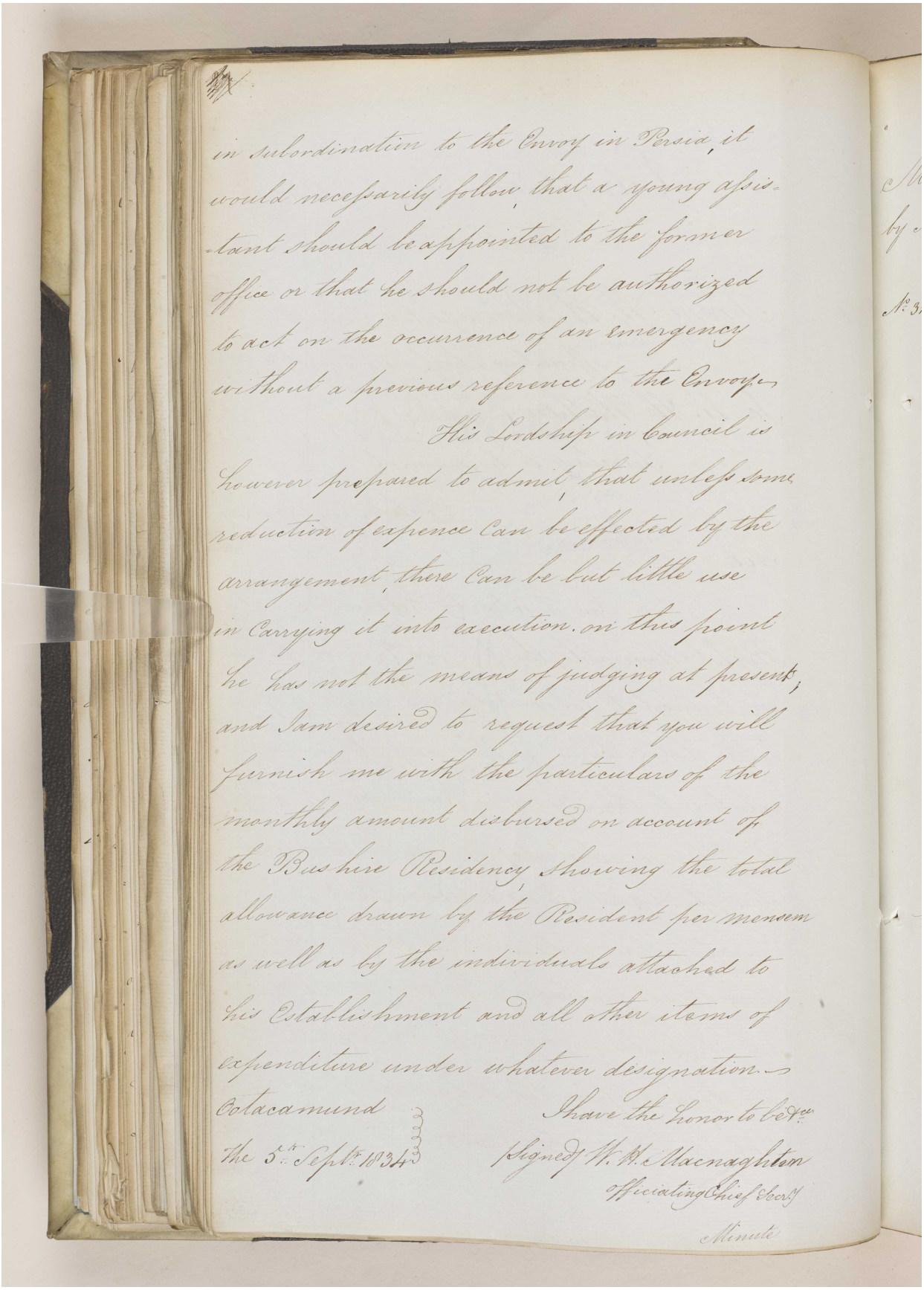
Dated 5th Septr 1834

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 15th ultimo and its enclosure relative to the Bushire Residency –

2d In reply I am desired to observe that the arguments adduced in that Communication have not convinced the Governor General in Council of the inexpediency of adopting the suggestion of the Honorable Court, nor does it appear to His Lordship in Council that by placing the officer in Charge of Bushire in

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in subordination to the Envoy in Persia, it would necessarily follow, that a young assistant should be appointed to the former office or that he should not be authorized to act on the occurrence of an emergency without a previous reference to the Envoy.

His Lordship in Council is however prepared to admit, that unless some reduction of expence can be effected by the arrangement, there can be but little use in carrying it into execution. on this point he has not the means of judging at present, and I am desired to request that you will furnish me with the particulars of the monthly amount disbursed on account of the Bushire Residency, showing the total allowance drawn by the Resident per mensem as well as by the individuals attached to his Establishment and all other items of expenditure under whatever designation.

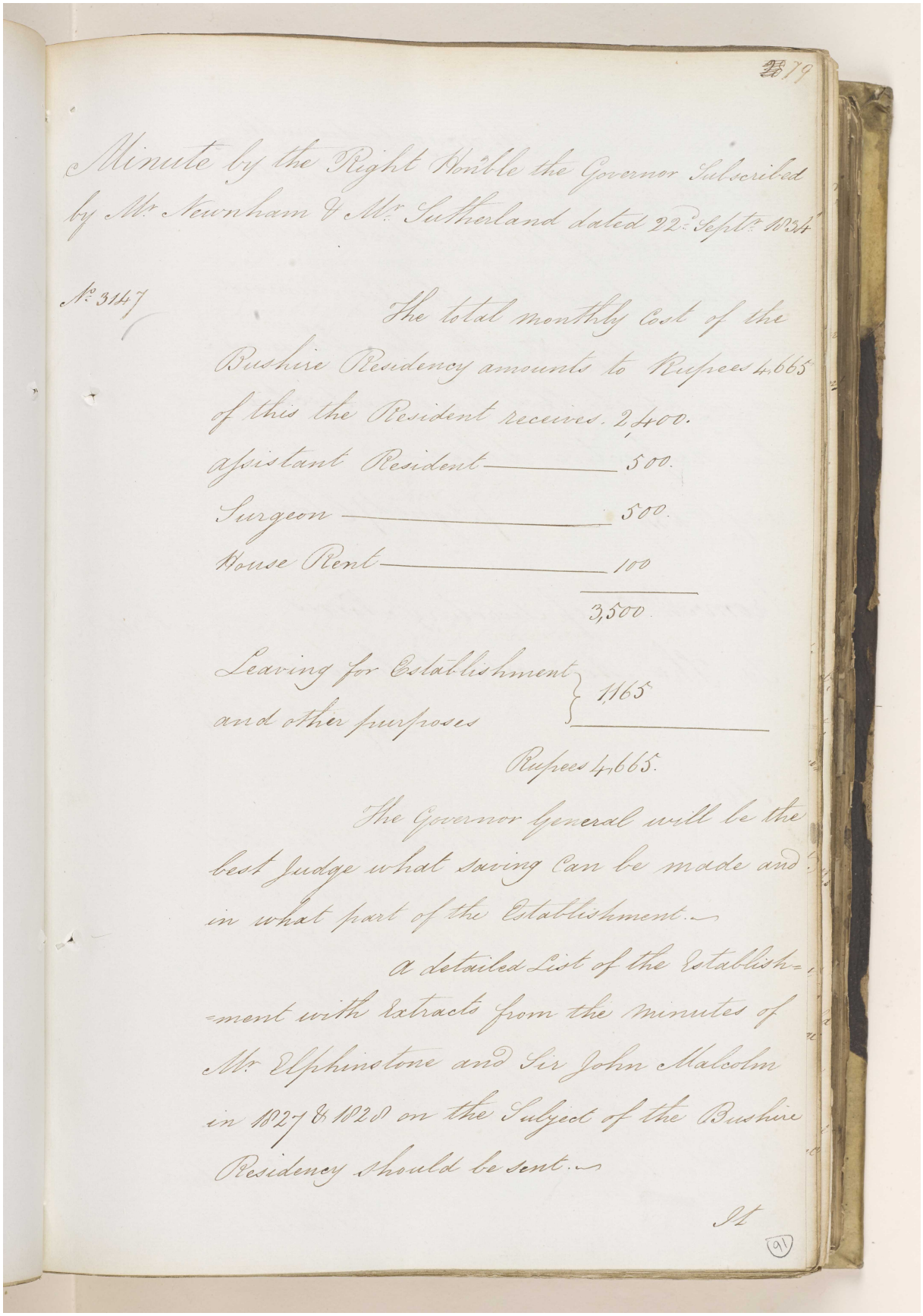
I have the Honor to be &c.
Signed W. H. Macnaghten
Officiating Chief Secy.

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the 5th Sept. 1834

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Minute by the Right Honble the Governor Subscribed by Mr Newnham & Mr Sutherland dated 22d Septr 1834

No 3147

The total monthly cost of the Bushire Residency amounts to Rupees 4,665 of this the Resident receives. 2,400.

Assistant Resident	500.
Surgeon	500.
House Rent	100
	3,500
Leaving for Establishment and other purposes	1165
	Rupees 4,665.

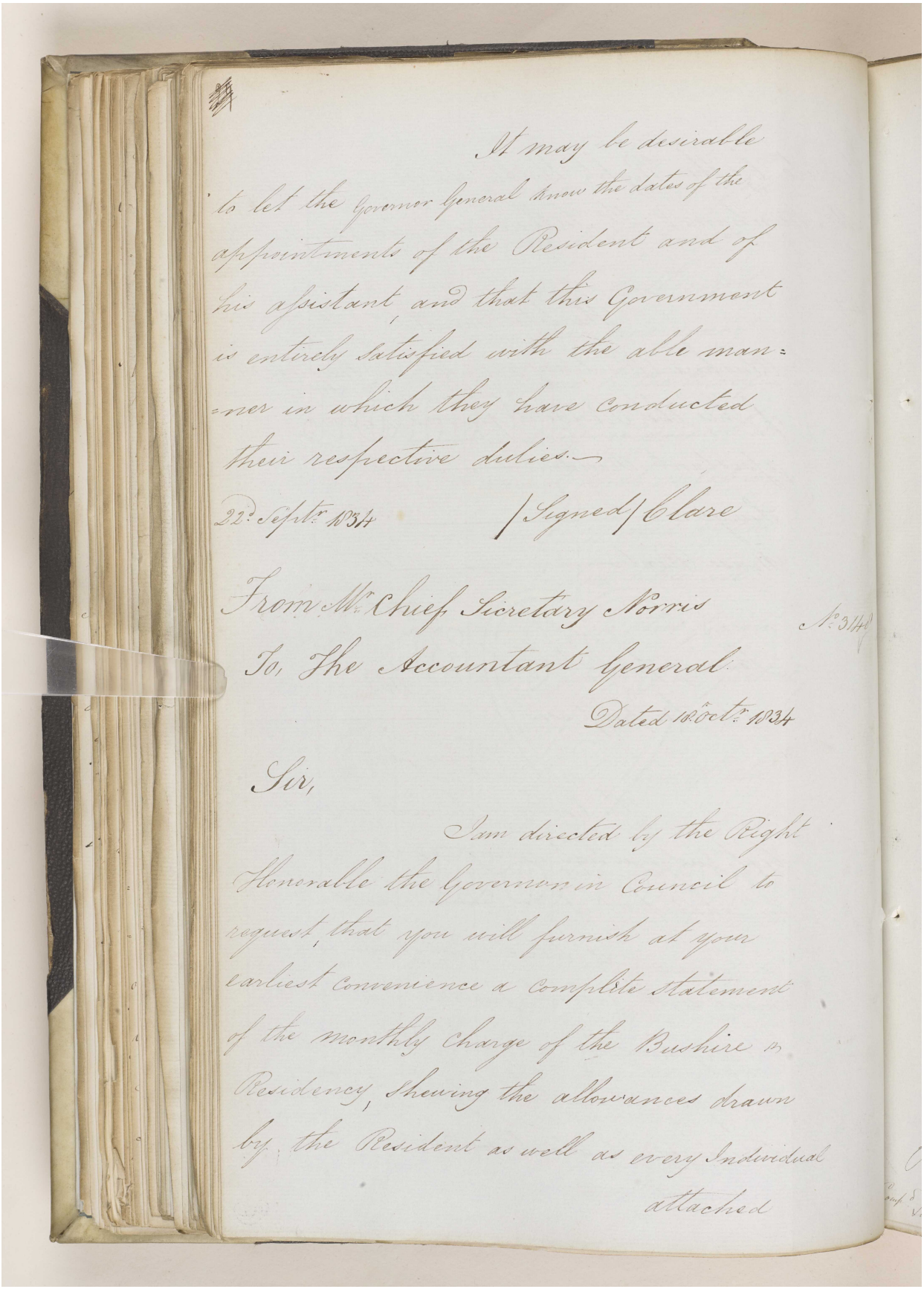
The Governor General will be the best Judge what saving can be made and in what part of the Establishment.—

A detailed List of the Establishment with Extracts from the minutes of Mr Elphinstone and Sir John Malcolm in 1827 & 1828 on the Subject of the Bushire Residency should be sent.—

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It may be desirable to let the Governor General know the dates of the appointments of the Resident and of his Assistant, and that this Government is entirely satisfied with the able manner in which they have conducted their respective duties.—

22d Septr 1834 /Signed/ Clare

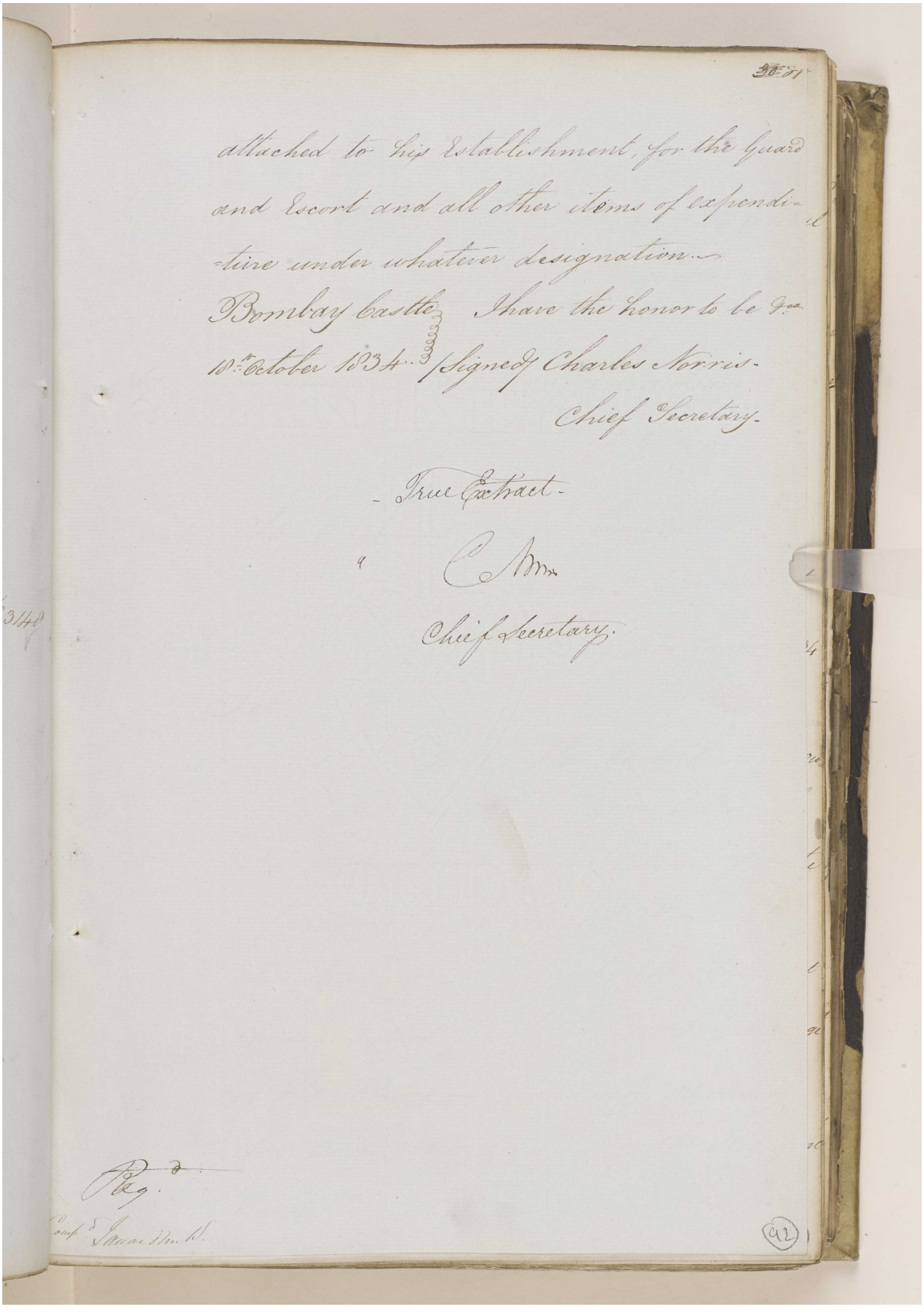
From Mr Chief Secretary Norris
To, The Accountant General
Dated 18 Octr 1834

No 3144

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will furnish at your earliest convenience a complete statement of the monthly charge of the Bushire Residency, shewing the allowances drawn by the Resident as well as every Individual attached

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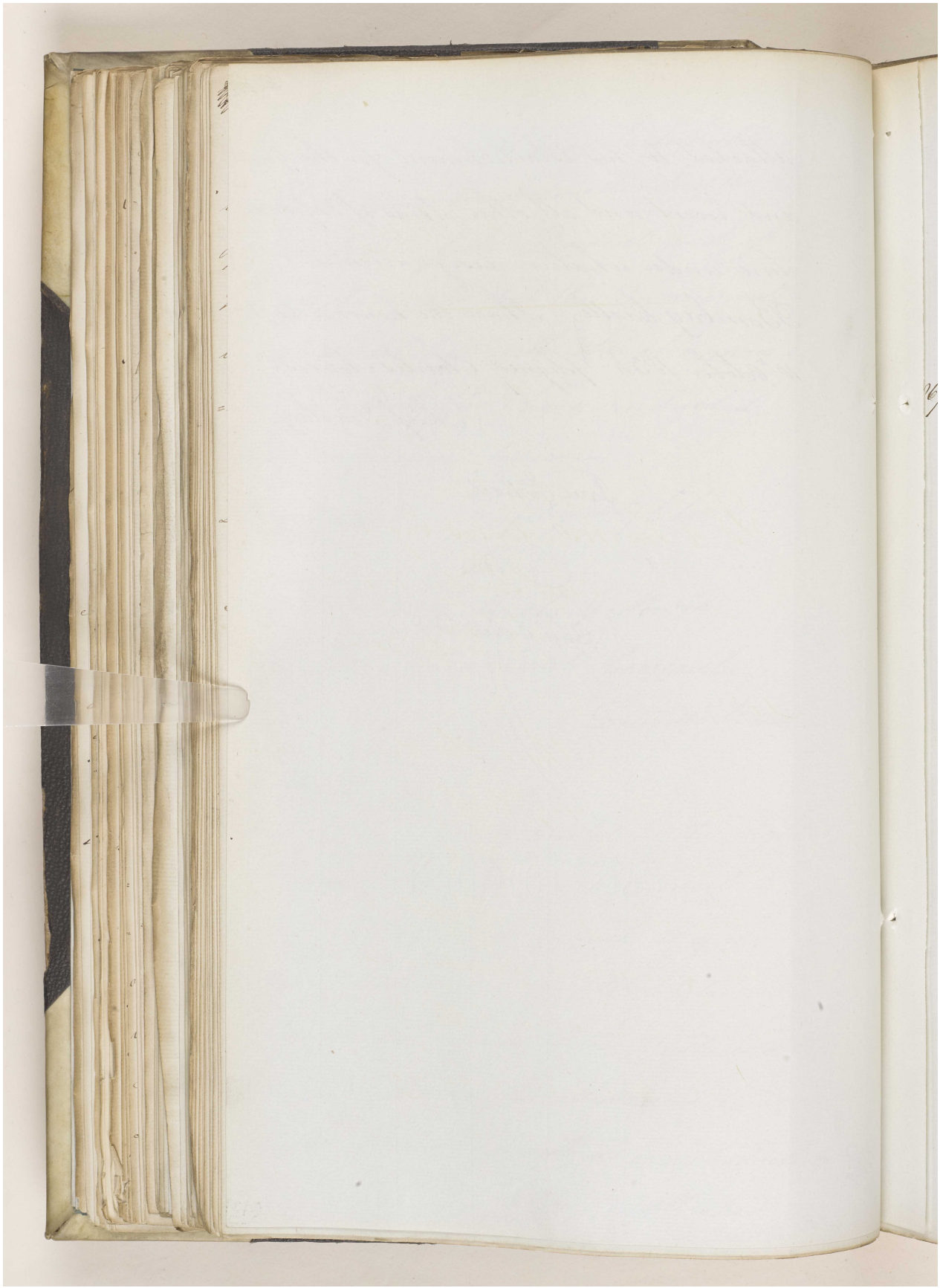


attached to his Establishment, for the Guard and Escort and all other items of expenditure under whatever designation.—

Bombay Castle 10th October 1834. I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c. Signed Charles Norris. Chief Secretary.

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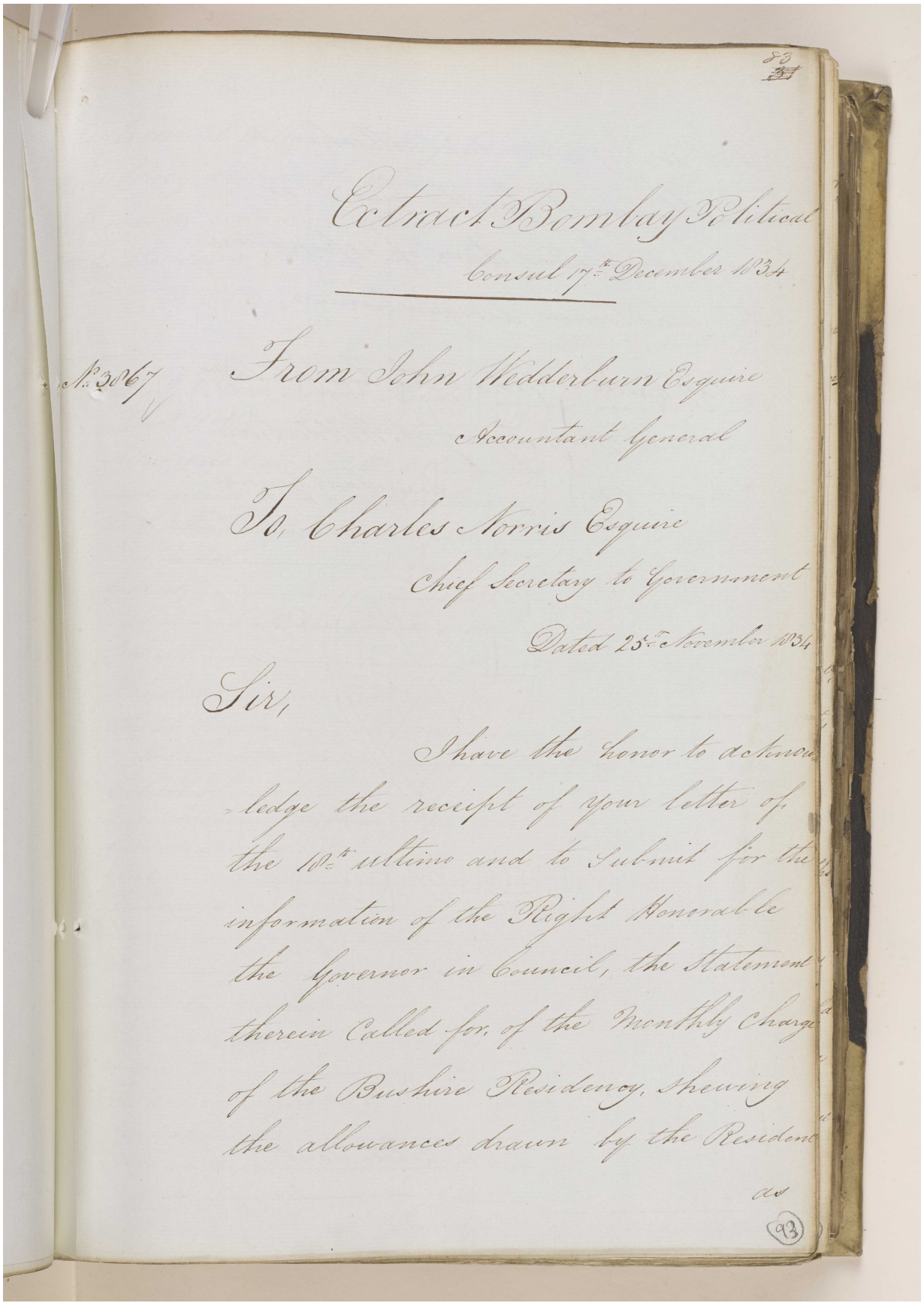
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From John Wedderburn Esquire
Accountant General

To Charles Norris Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government

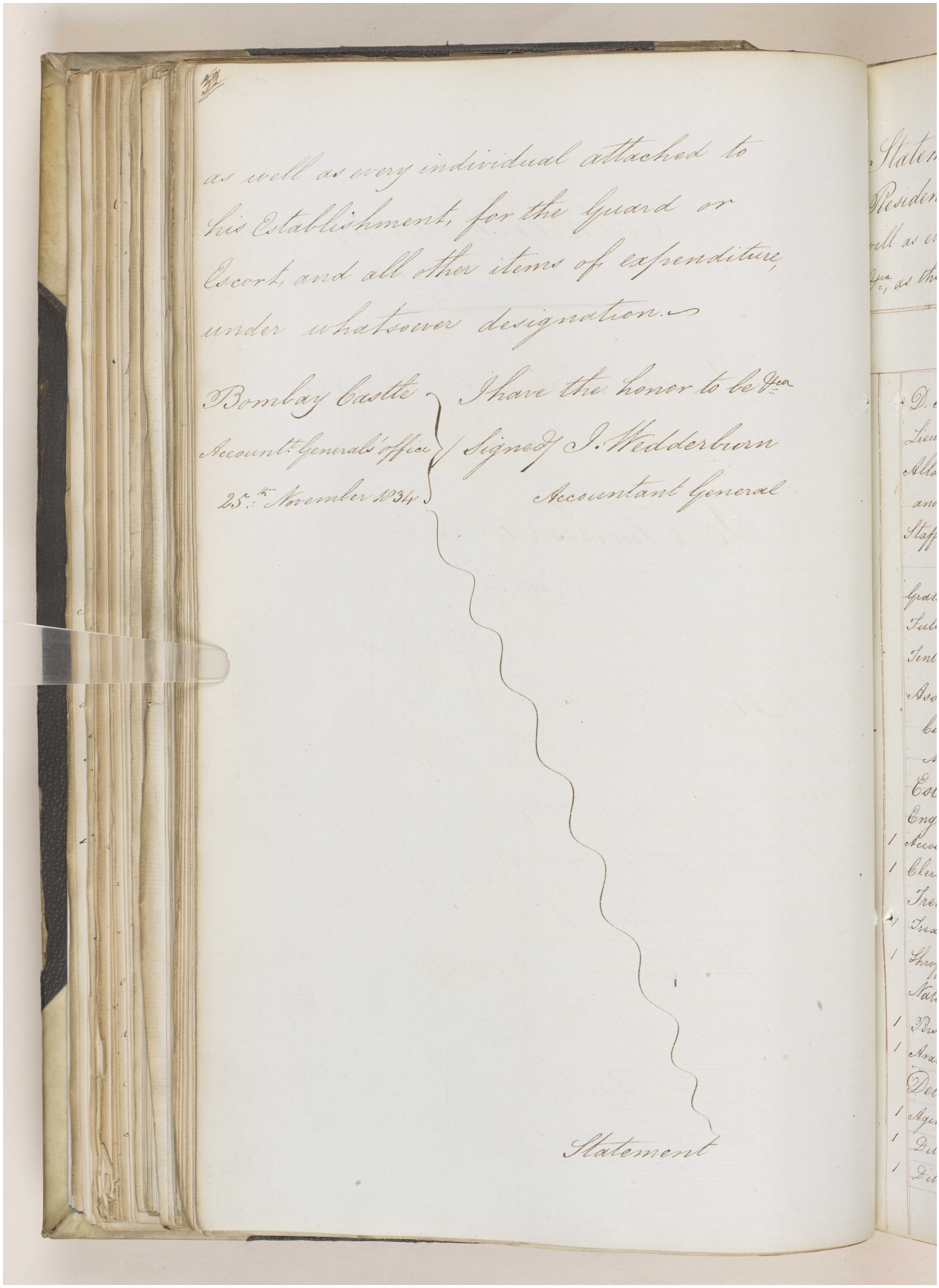
Dated 25th November 1834

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo and to submit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the Statement therein called for, of the Monthly Charges of the Bushire Residency, shewing the allowances drawn by the Residency as

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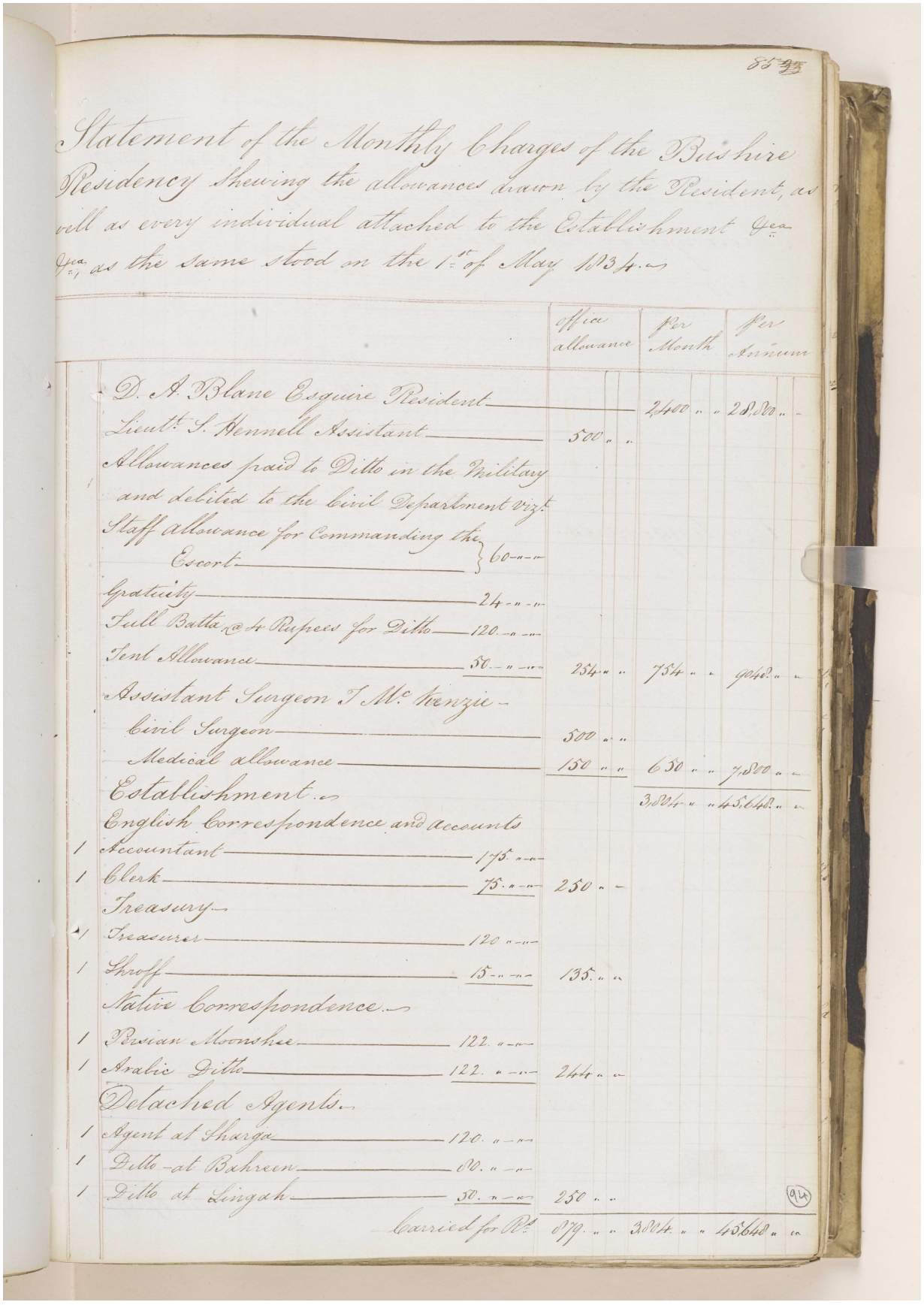
as well as every individual attached to
his Establishment, for the Guard or
Escort, and all other items of expenditure,
under whatsoever designation.

Bombay Castle
Account.t Generals Office
25.th November 1834

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. Wedderburn
Accountant General

Statement

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Statement of the Monthly Charges of the Bushire Residency Shewing the allowances drawn by the Resident, as well as every individual attached to the Establishment &c.a &c.a, as the same stood on the 1st of May 1834.

		Office allowance	Per Month	Per Annum
	D. A. Blane Esquire Resident		2400	28800
	Lieut.t S. Bennell Assistant	500		
	Allowances paid to Ditto in the Military and debited to the Civil Department viz.t			
	Staff allowance for Commanding the Escort	60		
	Gratuity	24		
	Full Batta @ 4 Rupees for Ditto	120		
	Tent Allowance	50		
		254	754	9048
	Assistant Surgeon J. Mc. Kenzie			
	Civil Surgeon	500		
	Medical allowance	150	650	7800
			3804	45648
	Establishment			
	English Correspondence and accounts			
1	Accountant	175		
1	Clerk	75	250	
	Treasury			
1	Treasurer	120		
1	Shroff	15	135	
	Native Correspondence			
1	Persian Moonshee	122		
1	Arabic Ditto	122	244	
	Detached Agents			
1	Agent at Sharga	120		
1	Ditto at Bahreen	80		
1	Ditto at Lingah	50	250	
	Carried for Rs	879	3804	45648

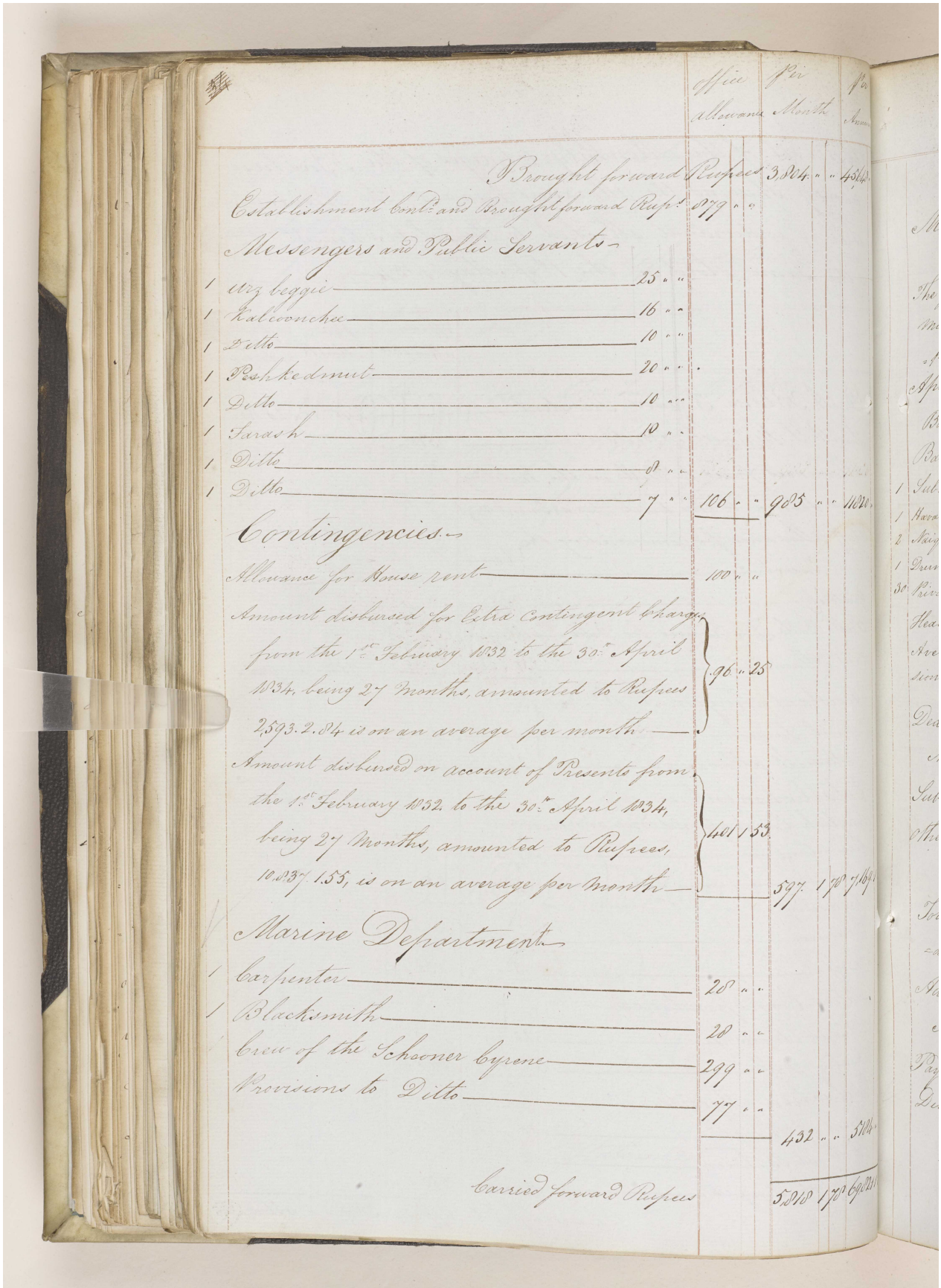
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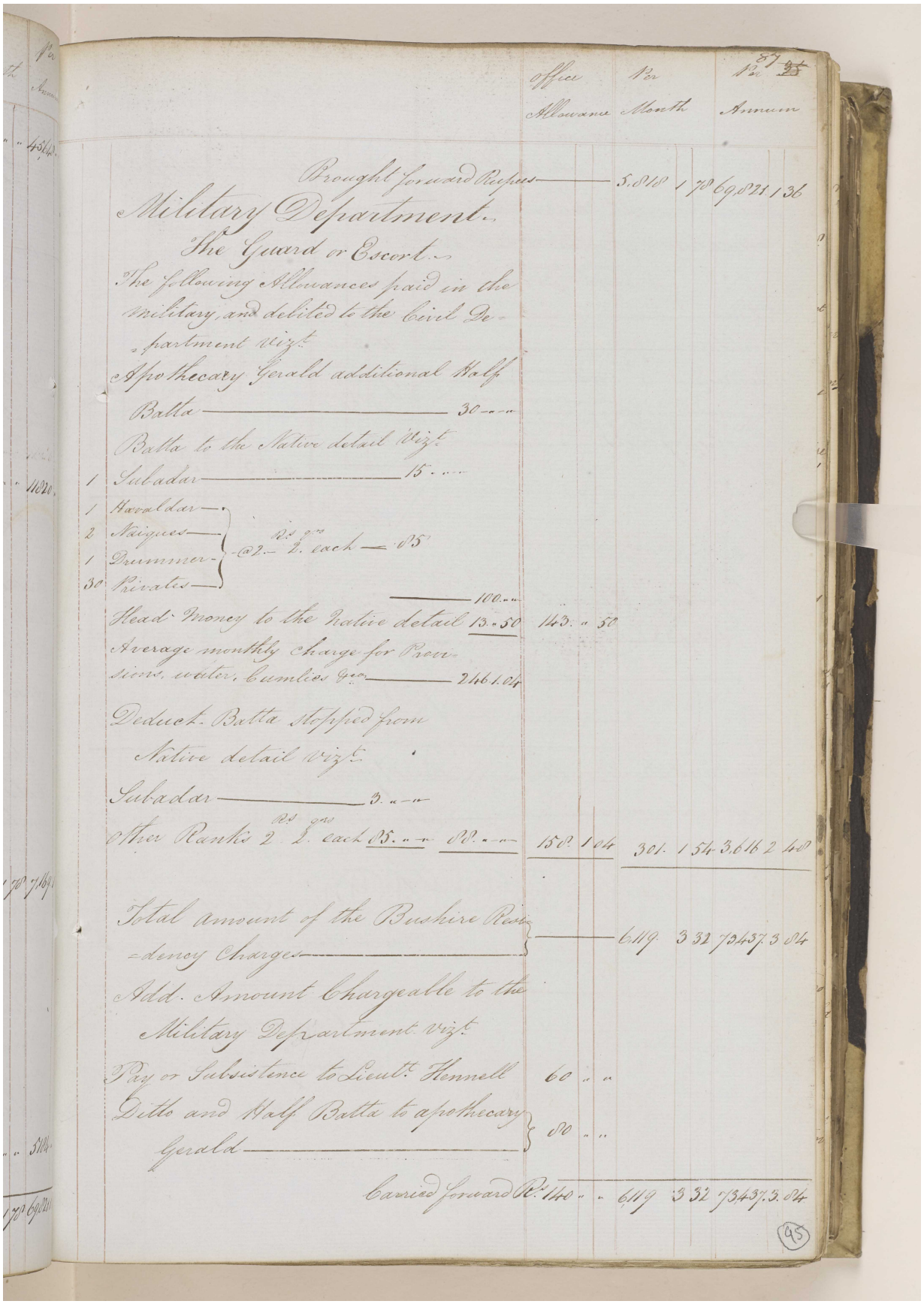


	Office Allowance	Per Month	Per Annum
Brought forward Rupees		3,804	45,648
Establishment Cont.d and Brought forward Rup.s	879		
Messengers and Public Servants			
1 Urz beggie	25		
1 Kalioonchee	16		
1 Ditto	10		
1 Pishkedmut	20		
1 Ditto	10		
1 Farash	10		
1 Ditto	8		
1 Ditto	7	106	905 11020
Contingencies			
Allowance for House rent	100		
Amount disbursed for Extra Contingent Charges from the 1st February 1832 to the 30th April 1834, being 27 months, amounted to Rupees 2,593.2.84 is on an average per month	96	25	
Amount disbursed on account of Presents from the 1st February 1832 to the 30th April 1834, being 27 months, amounted to Rupees, 10,037 155, is on an average per month	401	153	
		597	1 30 7169
Marine Department			
1 Carpenter	20		
1 Blacksmith	20		
Crew of the Schooner Cyrene	299		
Provisions to Ditto	77		
		432	5184
Carried forward Rupees		5,918	1 30 69,832

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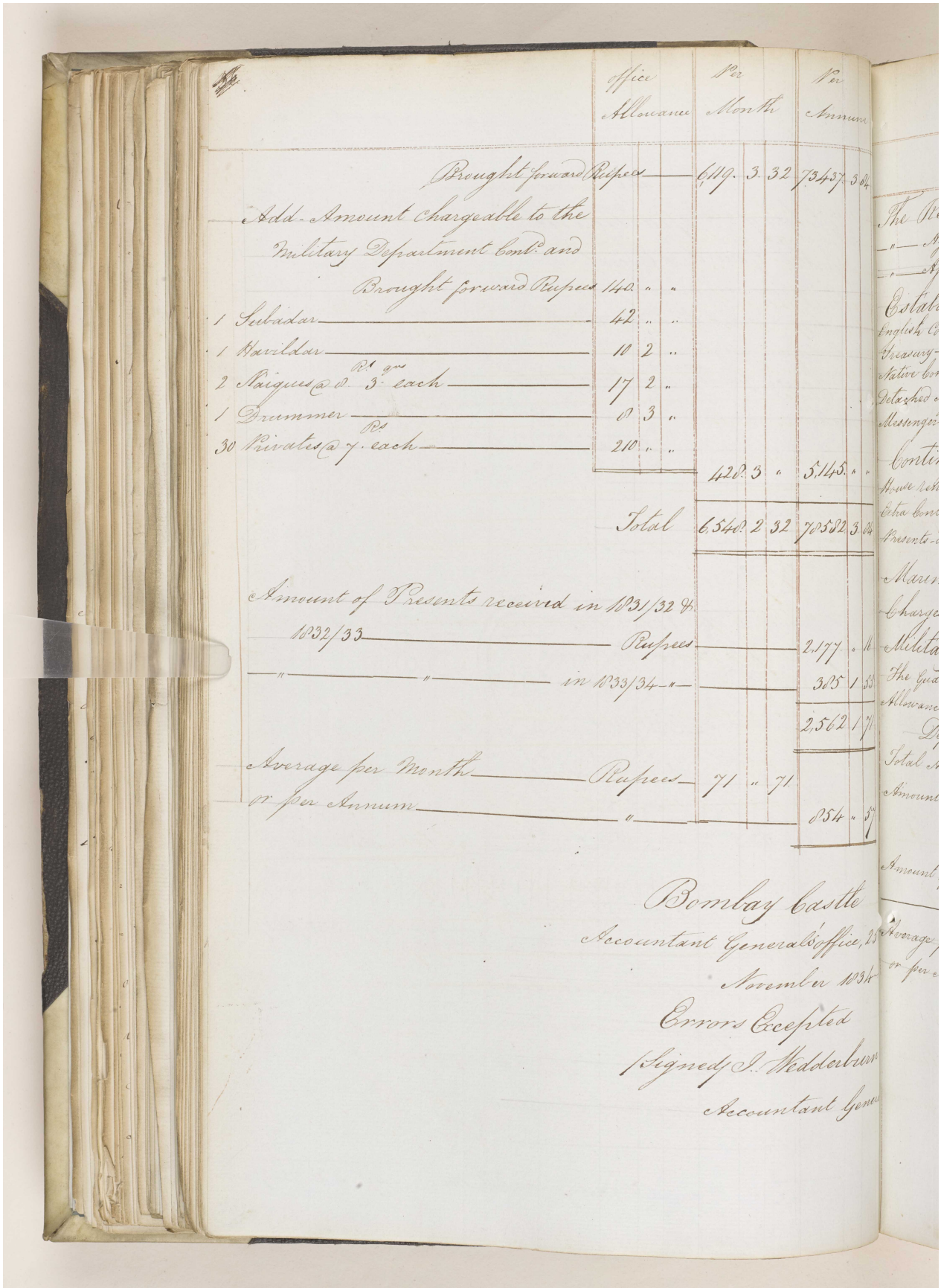
		Office Allowance	Per Month	Annum
	Brought forward Rupees		5.818	1 70 69.821 1 36
	Military Department.			
	The Guard or Escort.			
	The following Allowances paid in the military, and debited to the Civil Department viz.t			
	Apothecary Gerald additional Half Batta		30 . . .	
	Batta to the Native detail Viz.t			
1	Subadar		15 . . .	
1	Havaldar			
2	Naigues			
1	Drummer		@2 – 2d 2gs each	05
30	Privates			
			100 . . .	
	Head Money to the Native detail	13 . 50	143 . . 50	
	Average monthly Charge for Provisions, water, Cumlies &c.a		2 46 1 04	
	Deduct. Batta stopped from Native detail Viz.t			
	Subadar	3 . . .		
	Other Ranks 2 2d 2gs each	05 . . . 00 . . .	150 1 04	301 1 54 3.616 2 40
	Total amount of the Bushire Residency Charges		6119 3 32 73437 3 04	
	Add. Amount Chargeable to the Military Department Viz.t			
	Pay or Subsistence to Lieut.t Hennell		60 . . .	
	Ditto and Half Batta to apothecary Gerald		30 . . .	
	Carried forward Rs.		140 . . 6119 3 32	73437 3 04

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	Office Allowance	Per Month	Per Annum
Brought forward	Rupees —	6,119. 3. 32	73437. 3 04
Add. Amount chargeable to the Military Department Cont.d and Brought forward	Rupees 140 " "		
1 Subadar	42 " "		
1 Havildar	10 2 "		
2 Naigues @ Rs. 3. gr. each	17 2 "		
1 Drummer	0 3 "		
30 Privates @ Rs. 7. each	210 " "		
		420. 3 "	5,145. " "
Total		6,540. 2 32	78582 3 04

Amount of Presents received in 1931/32 Rupees — 2,177 " 11

1932/33 — " — " — in 1933/34 — " — 385 1 33

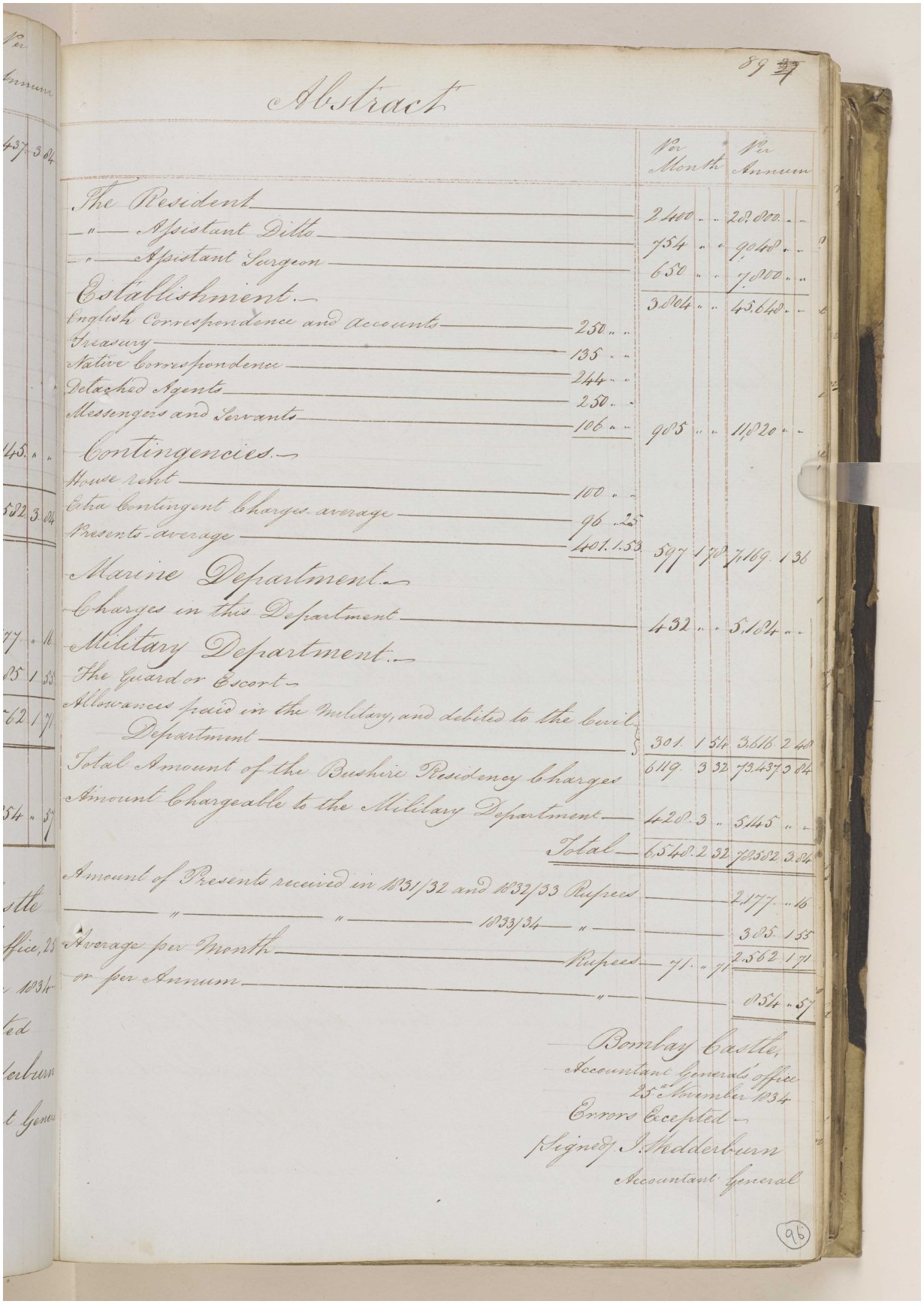
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Average per Month — Rupees — 71 " 71

or per Annum — " — 854 " 37

Bombay Castle
Accountant General's Office, 25
November 1934
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Signed J. Wedderburn
Accountant Gene

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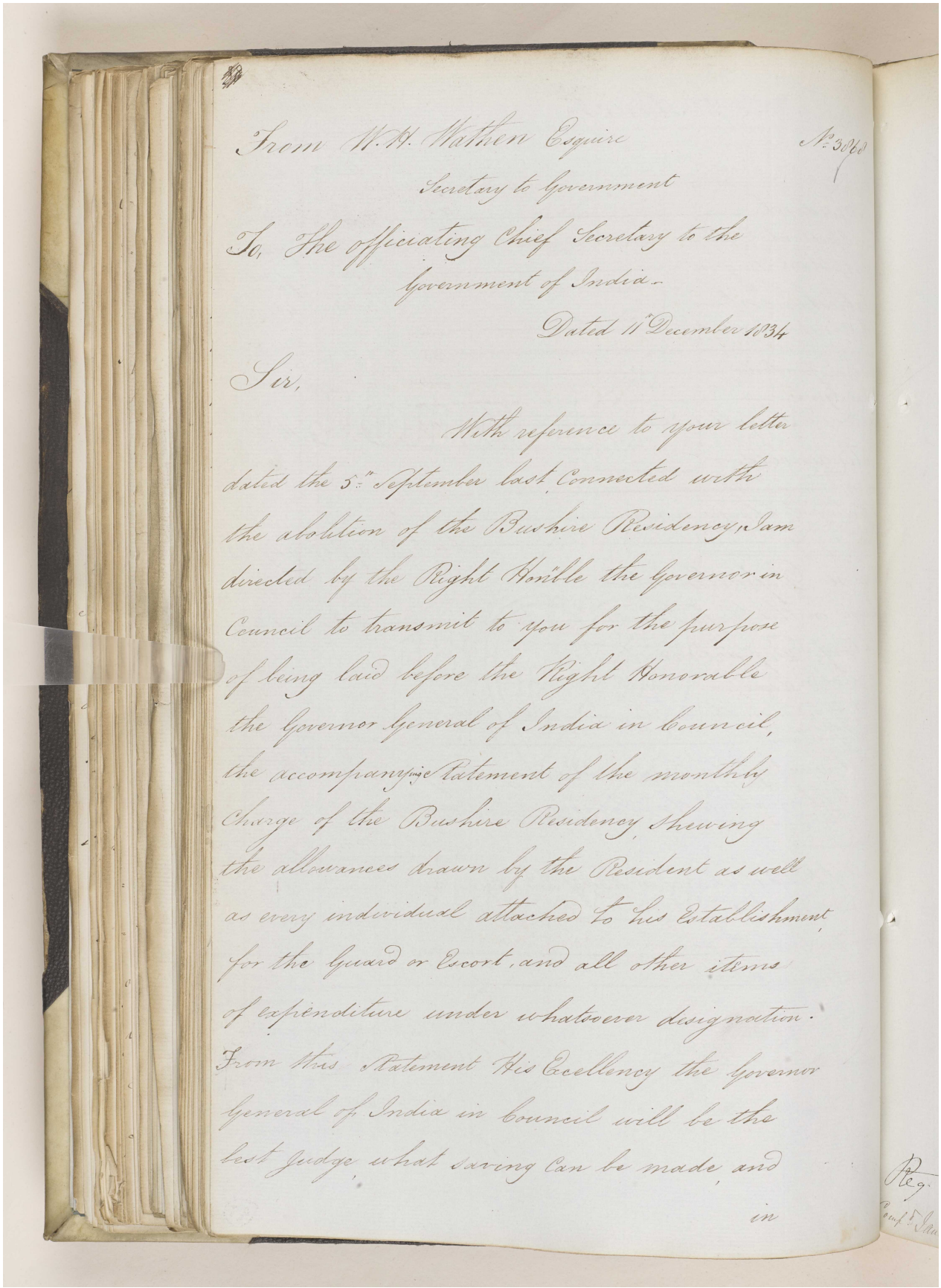
Abstract

		Per Month	Per Annum
The Resident		2400	28.800 .. ..
—"— Assistant Ditto		754	9040 .. ..
—"— Assistant Surgeon		650	7.800 .. ..
		3804	45.640 .. ..
Establishment —			
English Correspondence and Accounts	250		
Treasury	135		
Native Correspondence	244		
Detached Agents	250		
Messengers and Servants	106	985	11.820 .. ..
Contingencies —			
House rent	100		
Extra Contingent Charges average	96 .. 25		
Presents average	401. 1. 53	597 1 70	7.169 1 36
Marine Department —			
Charges in this Department		432	5.184 .. ..
Military Department —			
The Guard or Escort —			
Allowances paid in the Military, and debited to the Civil Department		301. 1 54	3.616 2 48
Total Amount of the Bushire Residency Charges		6119. 3 32	73.437 3 84
Amount Chargeable to the Military Department		420. 3 ..	5.145 .. ..
Total		6540. 2 32	78502 3 84
Amount of Presents received in 1831/32 and 1832/33 Rupees			2.177 .. 16
—"— —"— 1833/34 —"—			305. 1 55
Average per Month	Rupees	71. .. 71	2562 1 71
or per Annum	—"—		854 .. 57

Bombay Castle,
Accountant Generals office
25th November 1834
Errors Excepted —
Signed J. Shedderburn
Accountant General

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From W. H. Wathen Esquire
Secretary to Government
To, The officiating Chief Secretary to the
Government of India.
Dated 11th December 1834

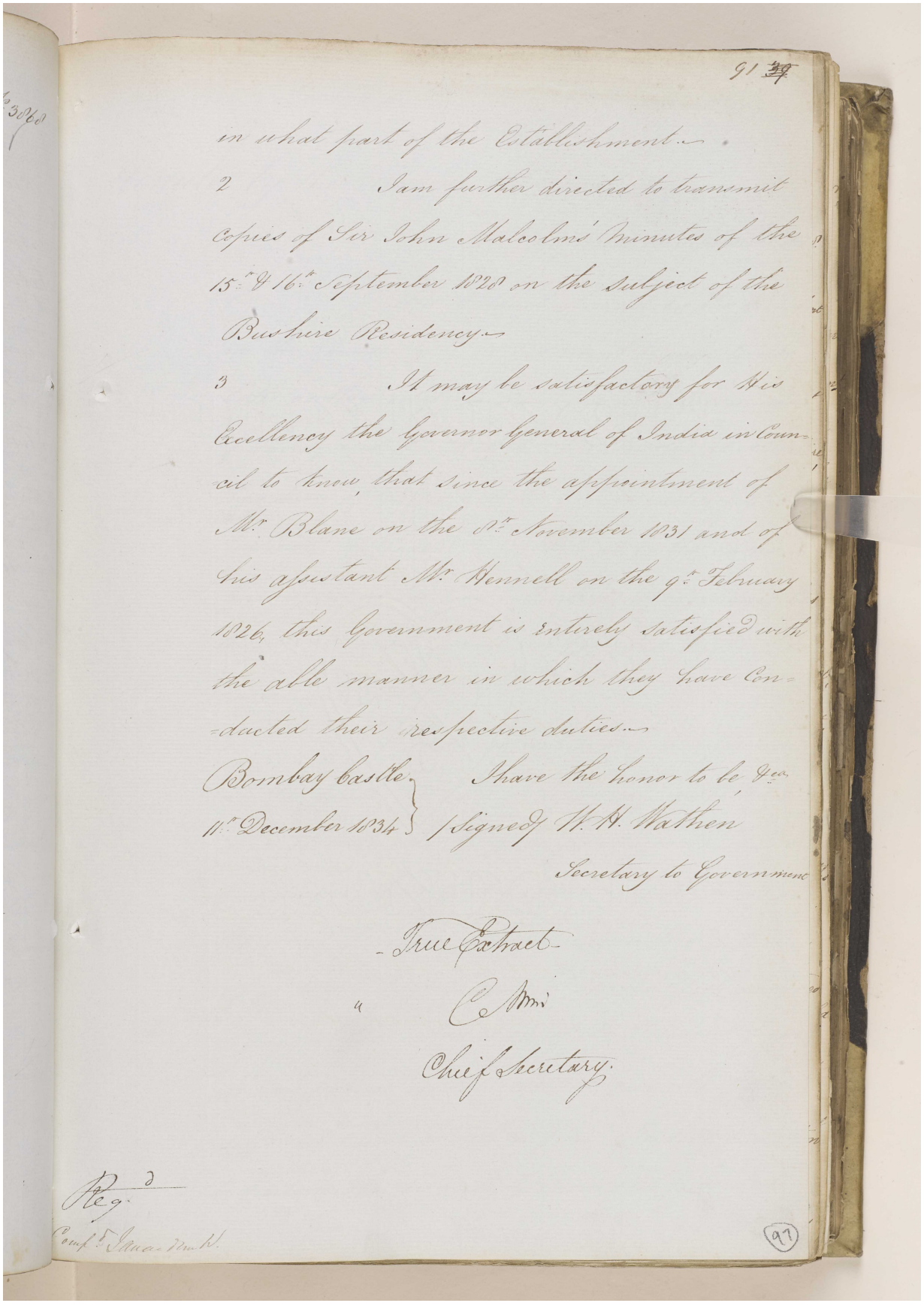
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Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 5th September last, Connected with the abolition of the Bushire Residency, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, the accompanying Statement of the monthly Charge of the Bushire Residency, shewing the allowances drawn by the Resident as well as every individual attached to his Establishment, for the Guard or Escort, and all other items of expenditure under whatsoever designation. From this Statement His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council will be the best judge what saving can be made, and in

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in what part of the Establishment.—

2 I am further directed to transmit copies of Sir John Malcolm's Minutes of the 15th & 16th September 1820 on the subject of the Bushire Residency.—

3 It may be satisfactory for His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council to know, that since the appointment of Mr. Blane on the 8th November 1831 and of his assistant Mr. Kennell on the 9th February 1826, this Government is entirely satisfied with the able manner in which they have conducted their respective duties.—

Bombay Castle 11th December 1834 } I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c. (Signed) W. H. Wathen Secretary to Government

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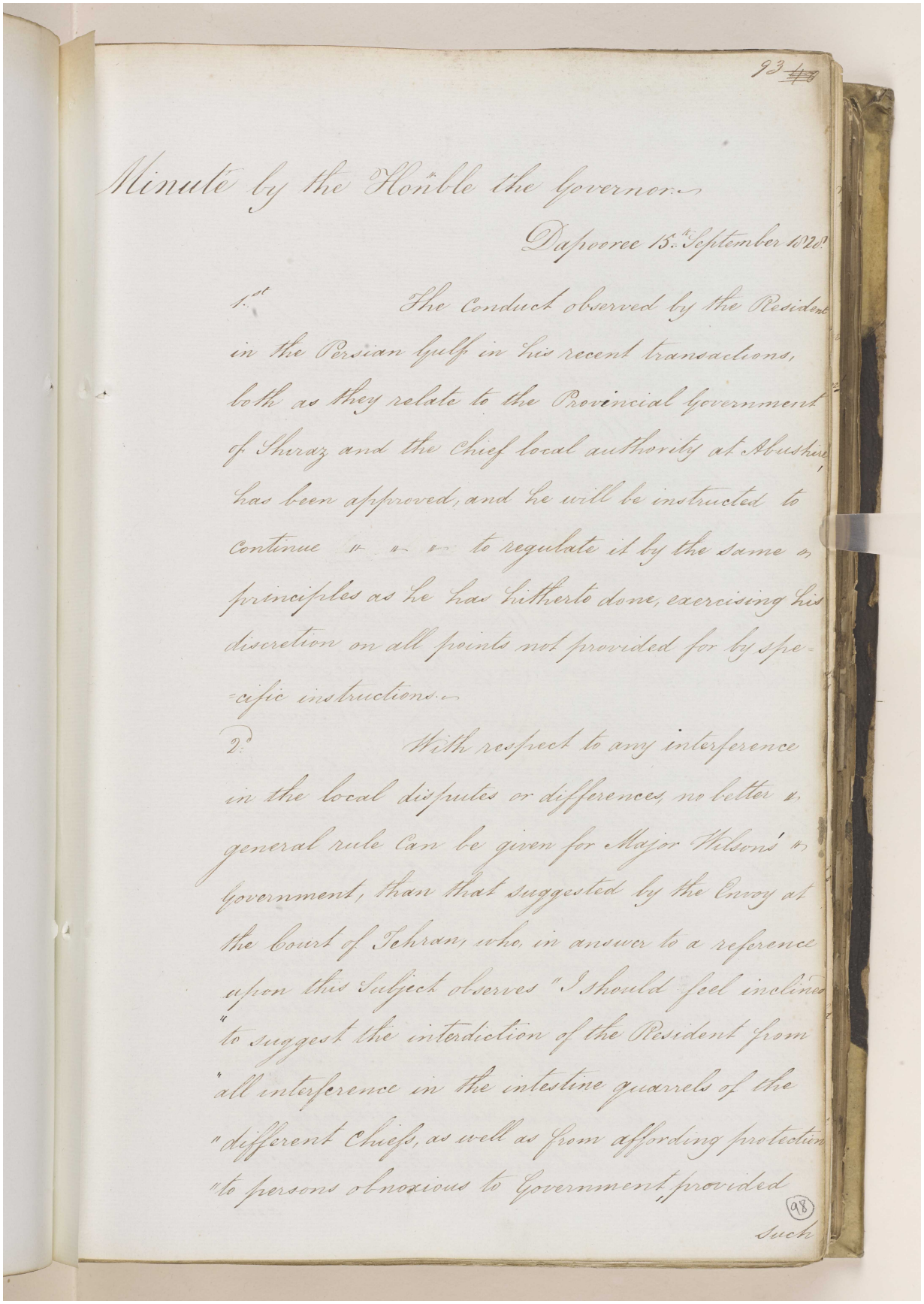
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Minute by the Honble the Governor

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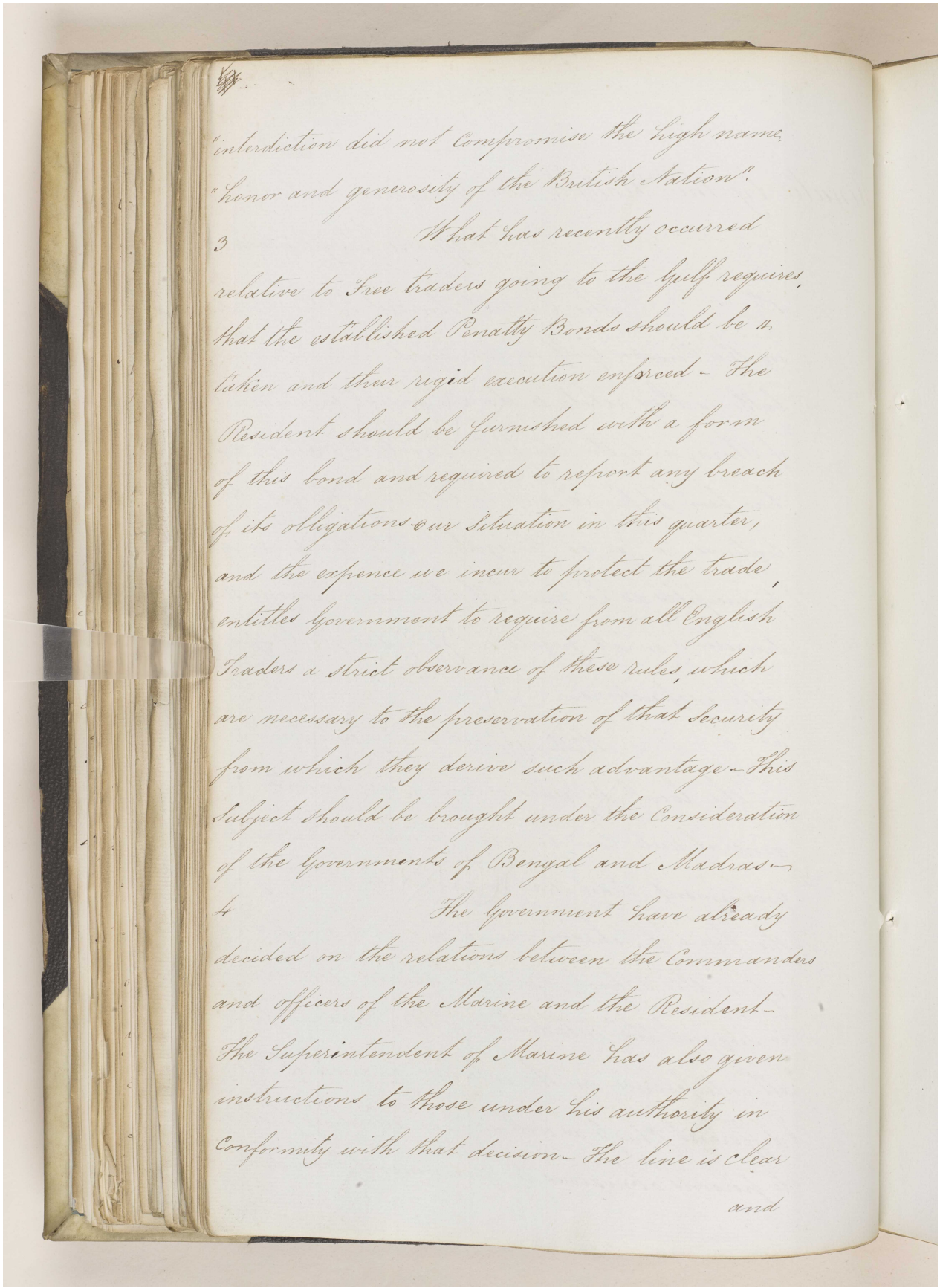
1st The Conduct observed by the Resident in the Persian Gulf in his recent transactions, both as they relate to the Provincial Government of Shiraz and the Chief local authority at Abushire has been approved, and he will be instructed to continue to regulate it by the same principles as he has hitherto done, exercising his discretion on all points not provided for by specific instructions.

2d With respect to any interference in the local disputes or differences, no better general rule can be given for Major Wilsons' Government, than that suggested by the Envoy at the Court of Tehran, who, in answer to a reference upon this Subject observes "I should feel inclined "to suggest the interdiction of the Resident from "all interference in the intestine quarrels of the "different Chiefs, as well as from affording protection "to persons obnoxious to Government, provided

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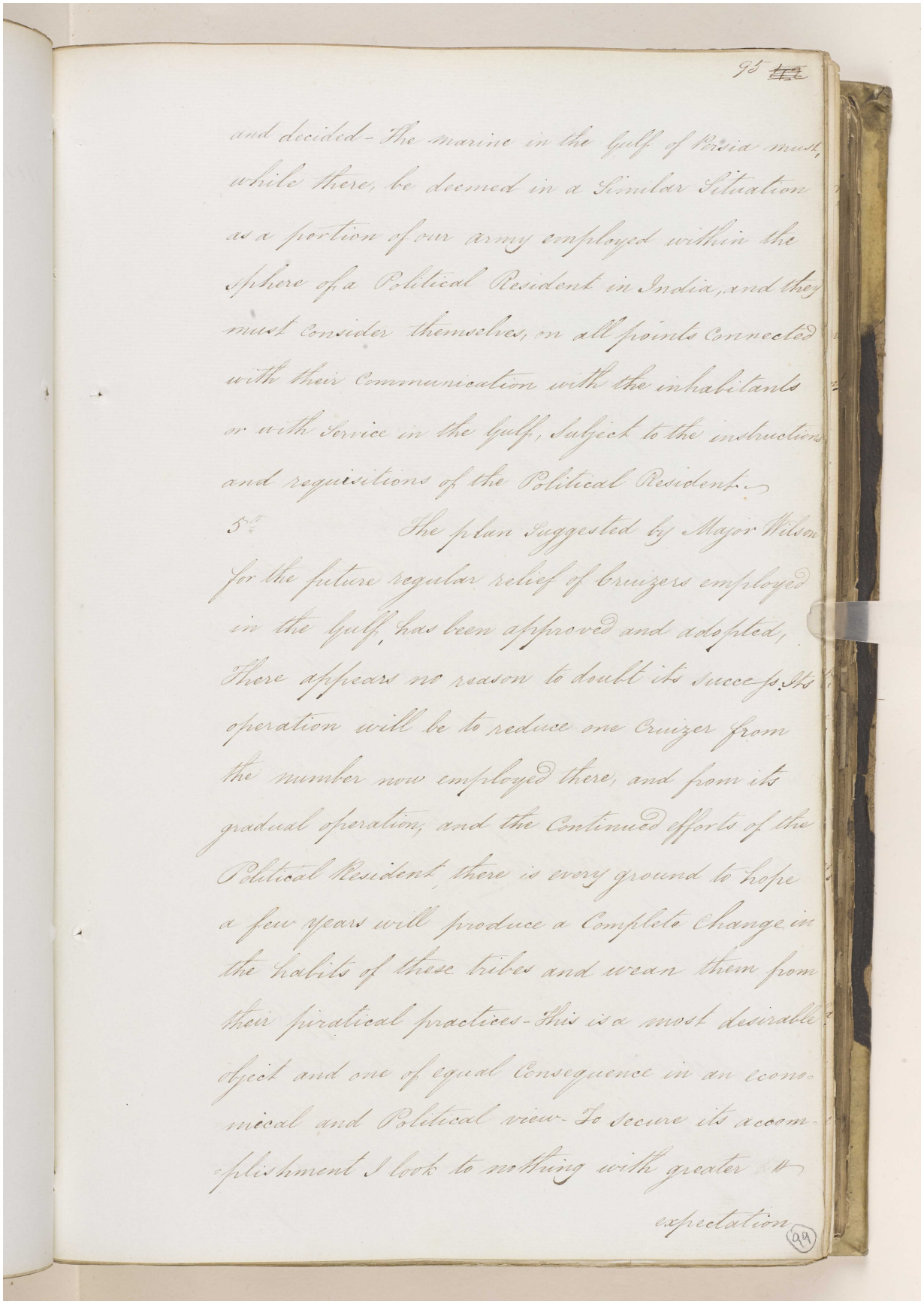


"interdiction did not compromise the high name
"honor and generosity of the British Nation".

3 What has recently occurred relative to Free traders going to the Gulf requires that the established Penalty Bonds should be re taken and their rigid execution enforced – The Resident should be furnished with a form of this bond and required to report any breach of its obligations – our Situation in this quarter, and the expence we incur to protect the trade, entitles Government to require from all English Traders a strict observance of these rules, which are necessary to the preservation of that Security from which they derive such advantage – This Subject should be brought under the Consideration of the Governments of Bengal and Madras –

4 The Government have already decided on the relations between the Commanders and officers of the Marine and the Resident – The Superintendent of Marine has also given instructions to those under his authority in conformity with that decision – The line is clear

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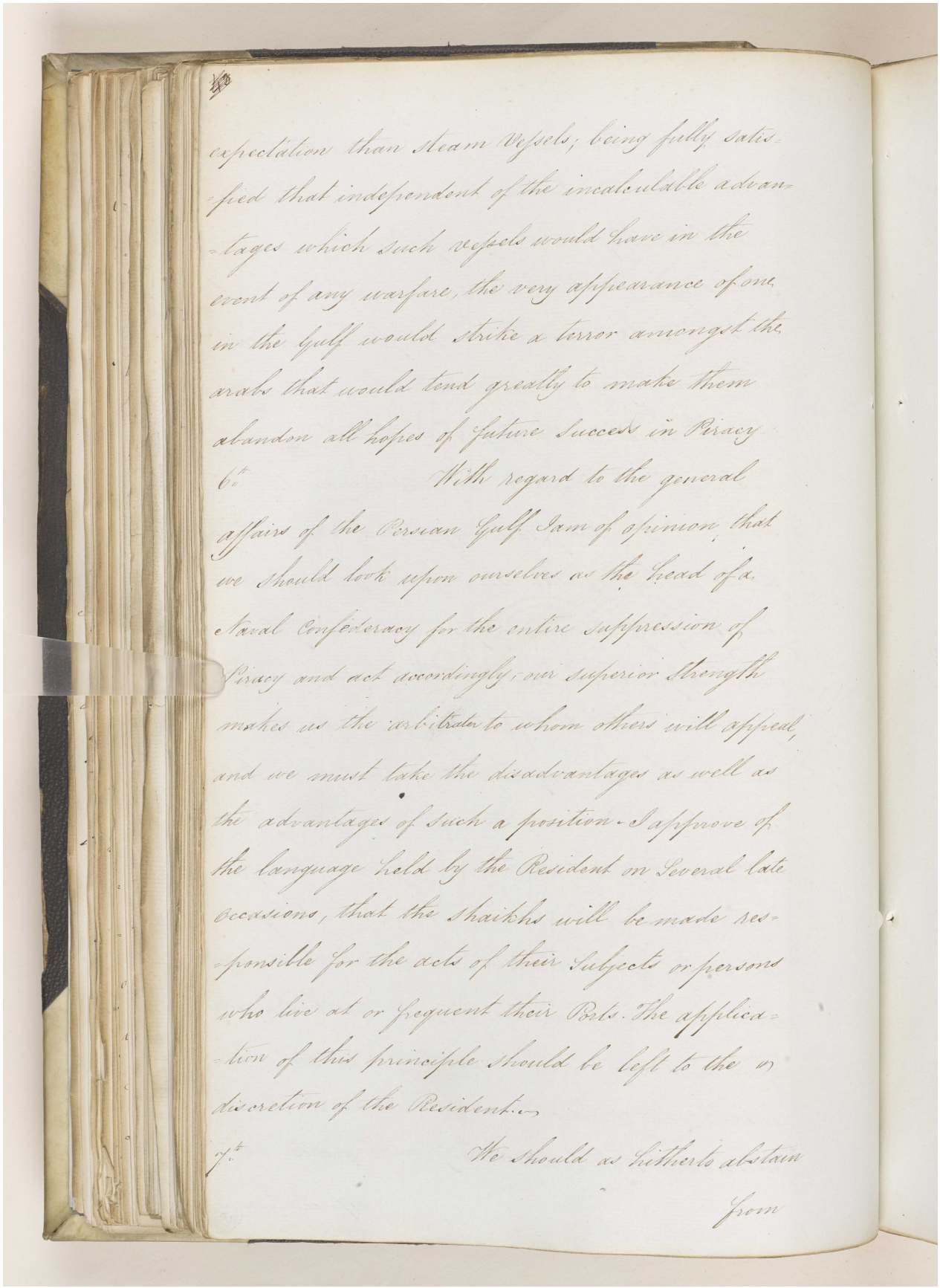
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and decided - The marine in the Gulf of Persia must, while there, be deemed in a Similar Situation as a portion of our army employed within the sphere of a Political Resident in India, and they must consider themselves, in all points connected with their Communication with the inhabitants or with Service in the Gulf, Subject to the instructions and requisitions of the Political Resident.

5th The plan suggested by Major Wilson for the future regular relief of Cruizers employed in the Gulf, has been approved and adopted, There appears no reason to doubt its success. Its operation will be to reduce one Cruizer from the number now employed there, and from its gradual operation, and the Continued efforts of the Political Resident, there is every ground to hope a few years will produce a Complete Change in the habits of these tribes and wean them from their piratical practices - This is a most desirable object and one of equal Consequence in an economical and Political view - To secure its accomplishment I look to nothing with greater

expectation

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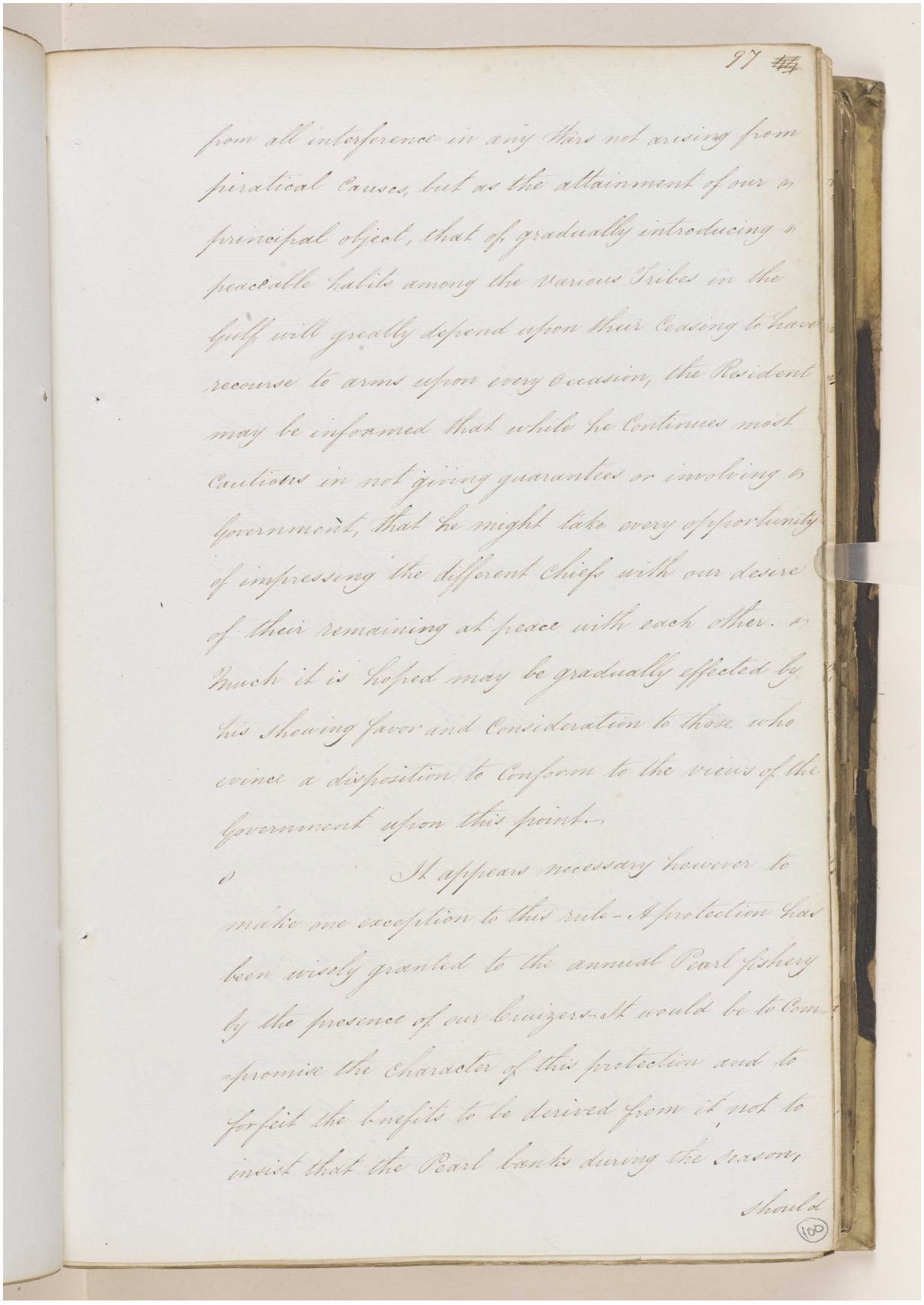
expectation than Steam Vessels, being fully satisfied that independent of the incalculable advantages which such vessels would have in the event of any warfare, the very appearance of one in the Gulf would strike a terror amongst the Arabs that would tend greatly to make them abandon all hopes of future Success in Piracy.

6th With regard to the general affairs of the Persian Gulf I am of opinion that we should look upon ourselves as the head of a Naval Confederacy for the entire suppression of Piracy and act accordingly; our superior Strength makes us the arbitrator to whom others will appeal, and we must take the disadvantages as well as the advantages of such a position. I approve of the language held by the Resident on Several late occasions, that the Shaikhs will be made responsible for the acts of their Subjects or persons who live at or frequent their Ports. The application of this principle should be left to the discretion of the Resident.

7th We should as hitherto abstain

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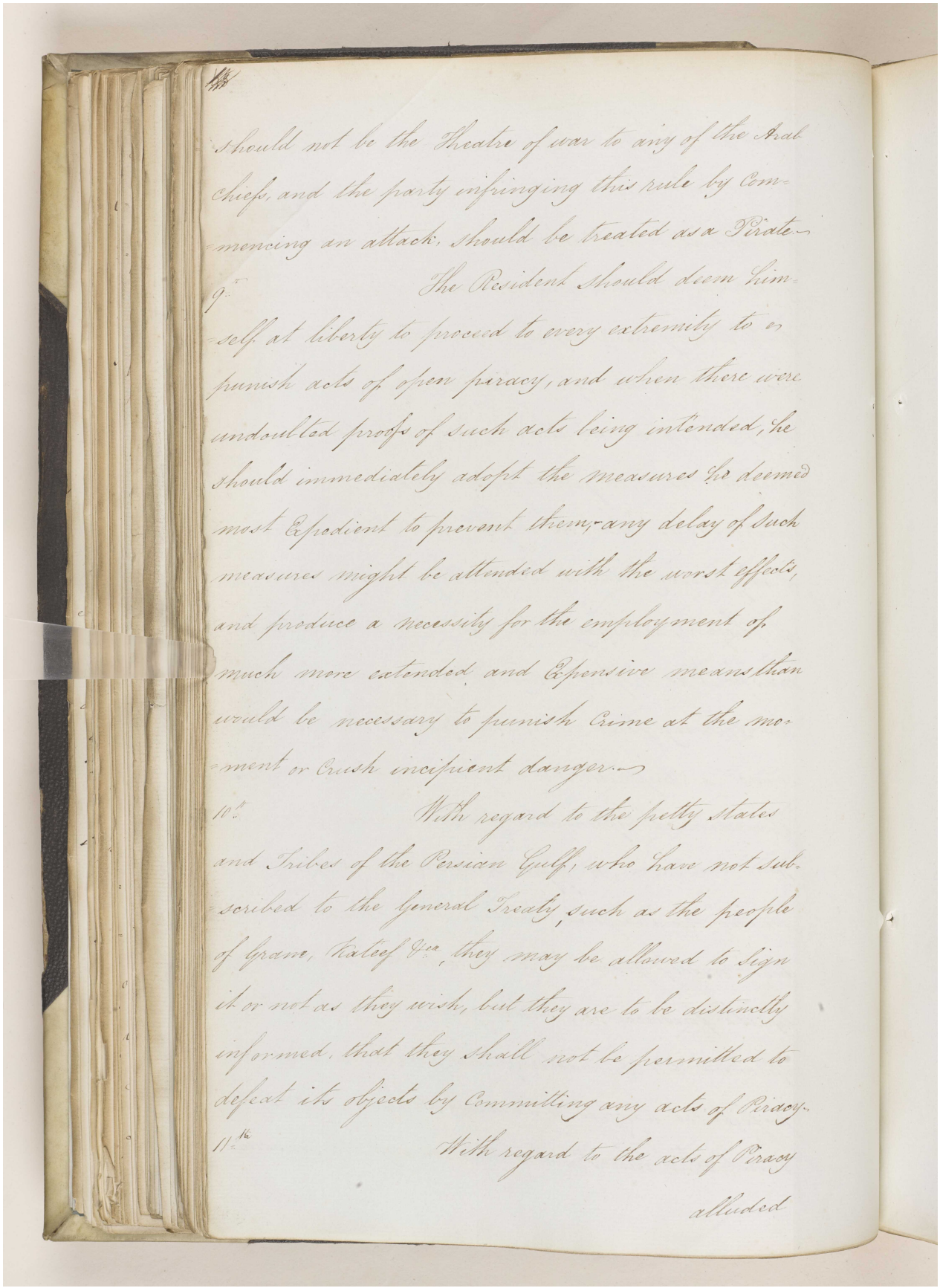
from all interference in any thing not arising from
piratical Causes, but as the attainment of our
principal object, that of gradually introducing
peaceable habits among the various Tribes in the
Gulf will greatly depend upon their Ceasing to have
recourse to arms upon every occasion, the Resident
may be informed that while he Continues most
cautious in not giving guarantees or involving
Government, that he might take every opportunity
of impressing the different Chiefs with our desire
of their remaining at peace with each other. So
much it is hoped may be gradually effected by
his showing favor and Consideration to those who
evince a disposition to Conform to the views of the
Government upon this point.

It appears necessary however to
make one exception to this rule. A protection has
been wisely granted to the annual Pearl fishery
by the presence of our Cruizers. It would be to Com-
promise the character of this protection and to
forfeit the benefits to be derived from it not to
insist that the Pearl banks during the season

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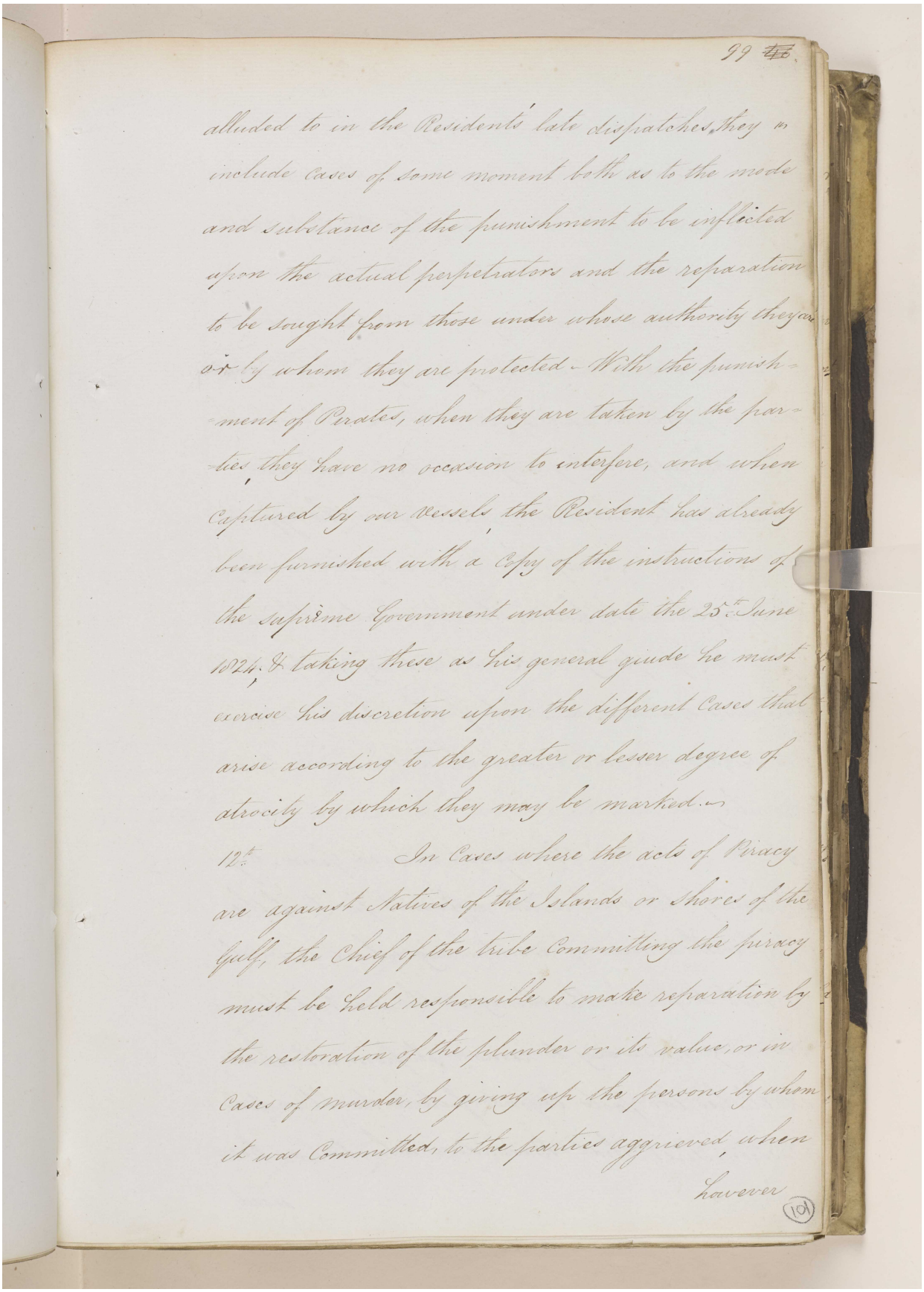


should not be the Theatre of war to any of the Arab chiefs, and the party infringing this rule by commencing an attack, should be treated as a Pirate.

9th The Resident should deem himself at liberty to proceed to every extremity to punish acts of open piracy, and when there were undoubted proofs of such acts being intended, he should immediately adopt the measures he deemed most Expedient to prevent them; any delay of such measures might be attended with the worst effects, and produce a necessity for the employment of much more extended and Expensive means than would be necessary to punish Crime at the moment or Crush incipient danger.

10th With regard to the petty States and Tribes of the Persian Gulf, who have not subscribed to the general Treaty, such as the people of Grane, Katef &c., they may be allowed to sign it or not as they wish, but they are to be distinctly informed, that they shall not be permitted to defeat its objects by Committing any acts of Piracy.

11th With regard to the acts of Piracy alluded

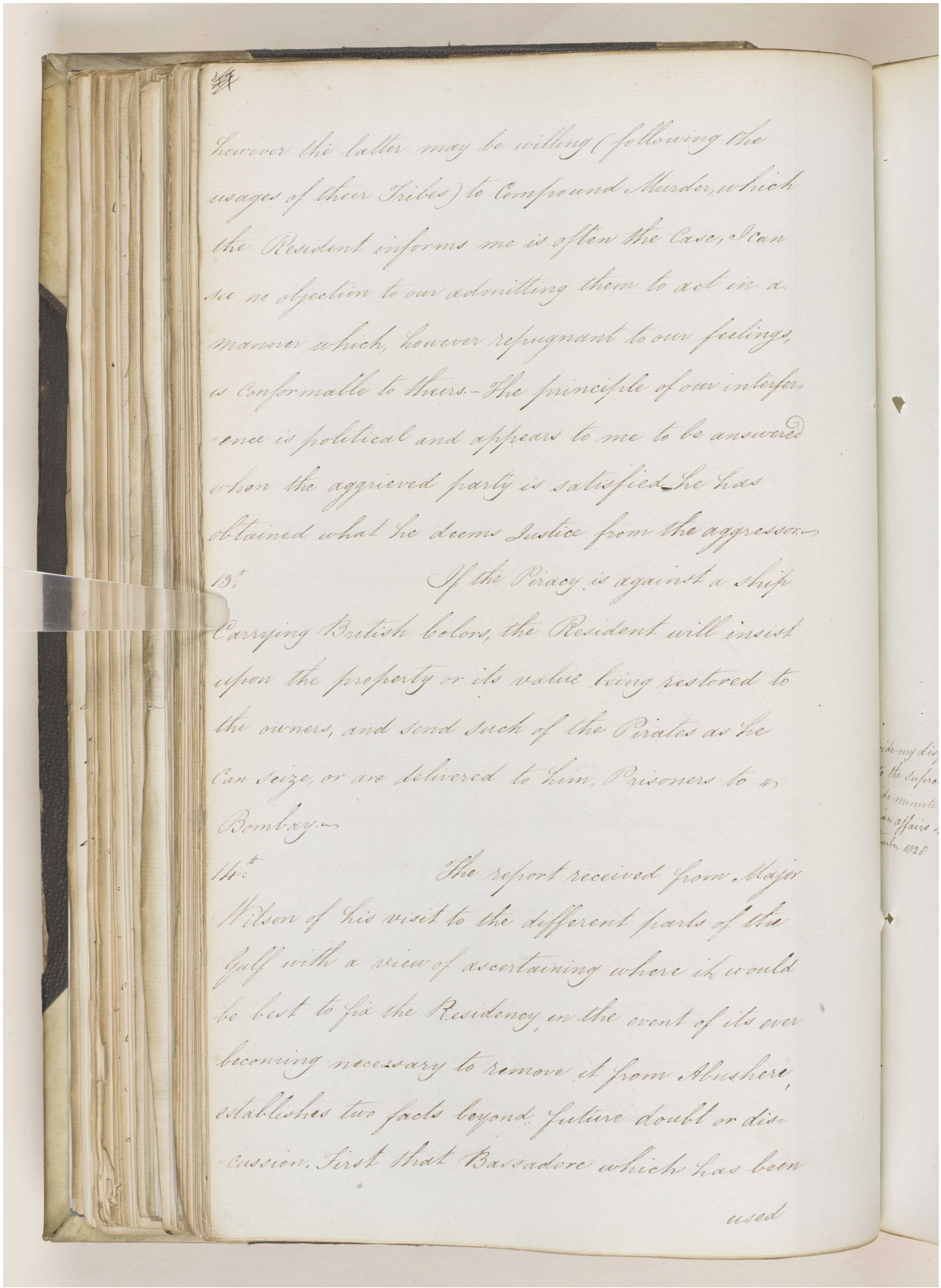


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alluded to in the Residents late dispatches they to include cases of some moment both as to the mode and substance of the punishment to be inflicted upon the actual perpetrators and the reparation to be sought from those under whose authority they are or by whom they are protected – With the punishment of Pirates, when they are taken by the parties they have no occasion to interfere, and when captured by our vessels the Resident has already been furnished with a Copy of the instructions of the Supreme Government under date the 25th June 1824. & taking these as his general guide he must exercise his discretion upon the different Cases that arise according to the greater or lesser degree of atrocity by which they may be marked –

12th In Cases where the acts of Piracy are against Natives of the Islands or Shores of the Gulf, the Chief of the tribe Committing the piracy must be held responsible to make reparation by the restoration of the plunder or its value, or in Cases of murder, by giving up the persons by whom it was Committed, to the parties aggrieved, when however

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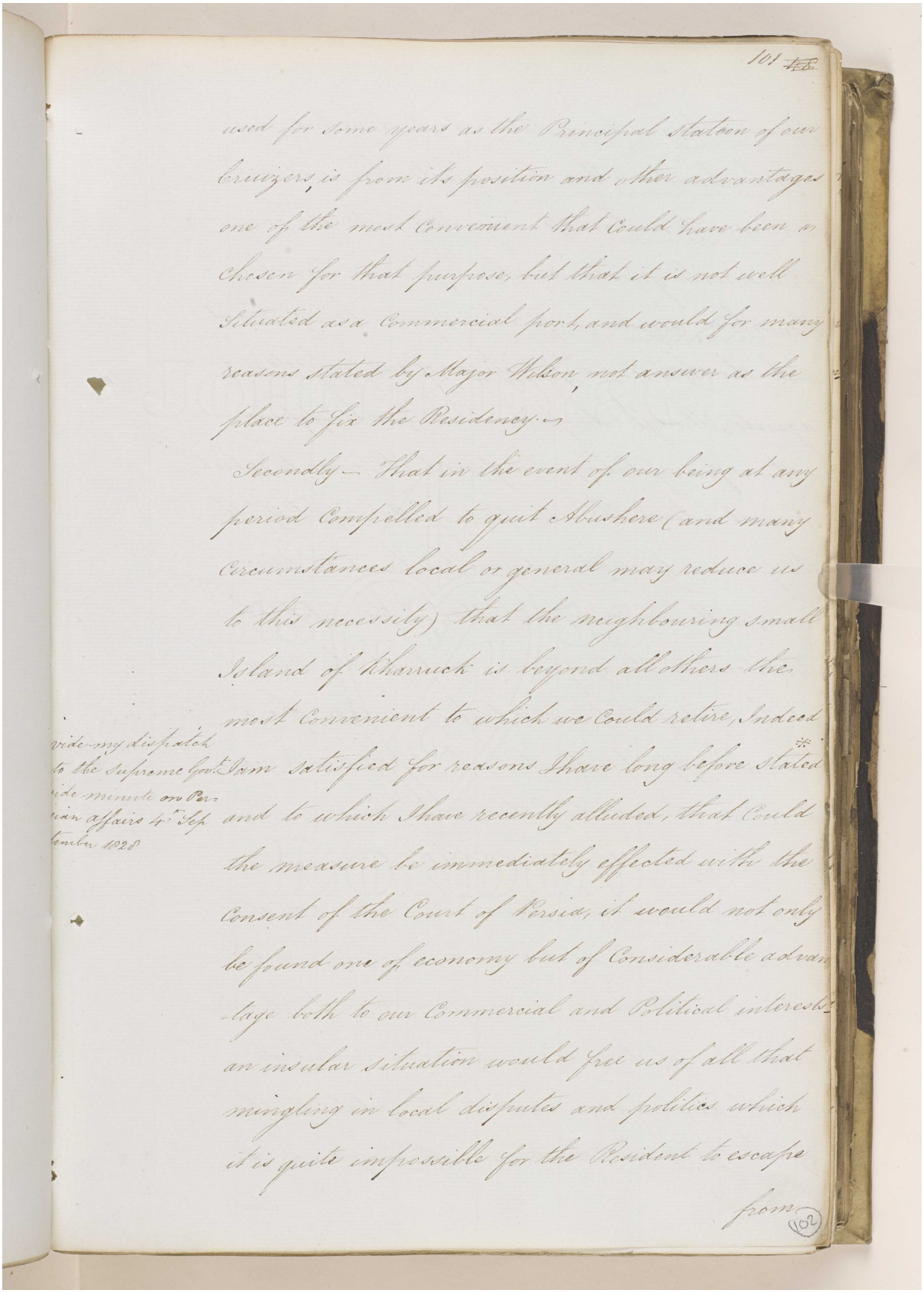
however the latter may be willing (following the usages of their Tribes) to Compound Murder, which the Resident informs me is often the Case, I can see no objection to our admitting them to act in a manner which, however repugnant to our feelings, is conformable to theirs. The principle of our interference is political and appears to me to be answered when the aggrieved party is satisfied. He has obtained what he deems Justice from the aggressor.

13th. If the Piracy is against a Ship Carrying British Colors, the Resident will insist upon the property or its value being restored to the owners, and send such of the Pirates as he Can seize, or are delivered to him, Prisoners to Bombay.

14th. The report received from Major Wilson of his visit to the different parts of the Gulf with a view of ascertaining where it would be best to fix the Residency, in the event of its ever becoming necessary to remove it from Abushire, establishes two facts beyond future doubt or discussion. First that Bassadore which has been

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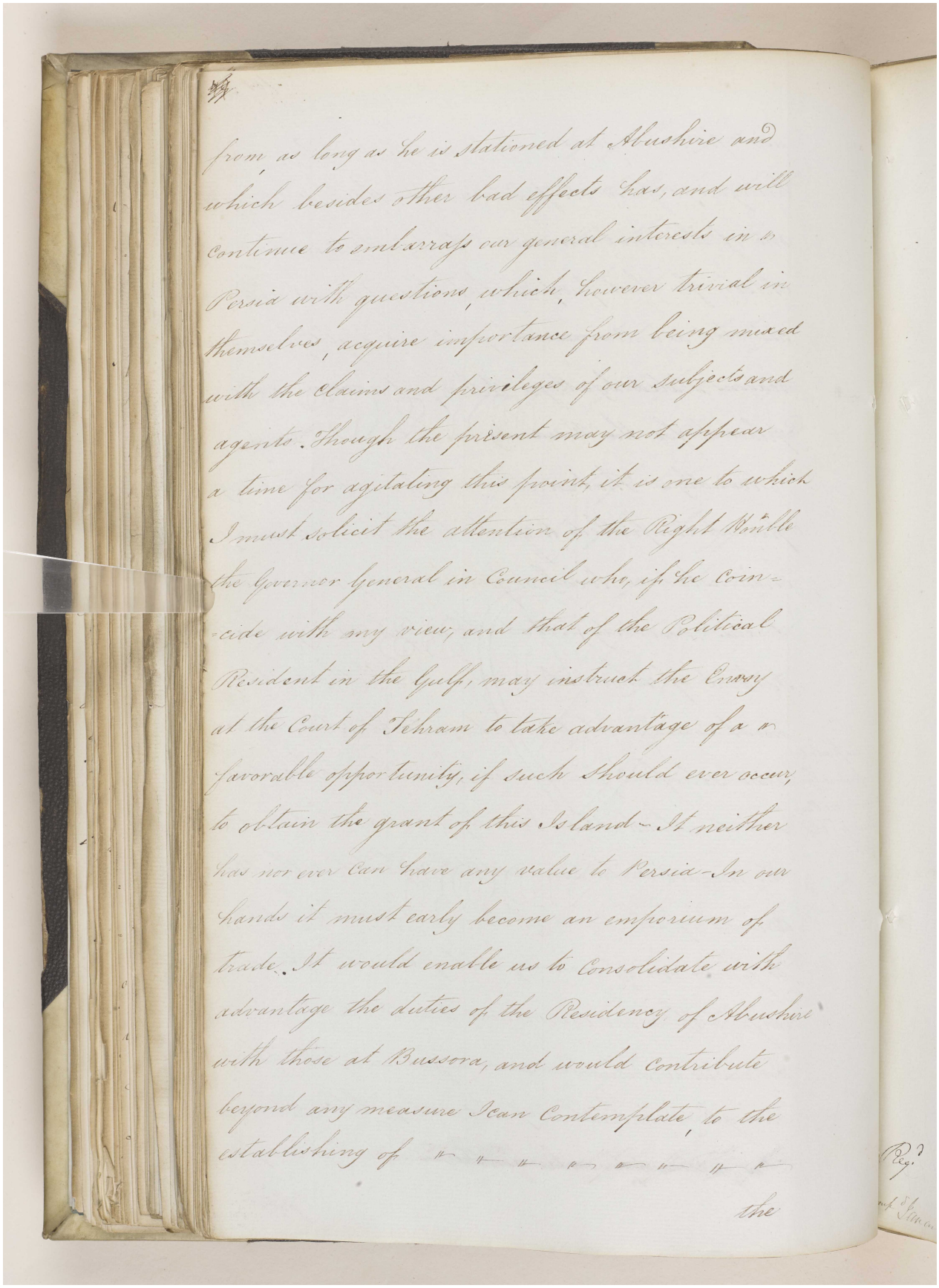
used for some years as the Principal Station of our
Cruizers, is from its position and other advantages
one of the most convenient that could have been
chosen for that purpose, but that it is not well
Situated as a Commercial port, and would for many
reasons stated by Major Wilson, not answer as the
place to fix the Residency –

Secondly – That in the event of our being at any
period Compelled to quit Abushere (and many
Circumstances local or general may reduce us
to this necessity) that the neighbouring small
Island of Kharrack is beyond all others the
most Convenient to which we could retire, Indeed
I am satisfied for reasons I have long before stated*
and to which I have recently alluded, that could
the measure be immediately effected with the
Consent of the Court of Persia, it would not only
be found one of economy but of Considerable advan-
tage both to our Commercial and Political interests
an insular situation would free us of all that
mingling in local disputes and politics which
it is quite impossible for the Resident to escape
from

* vide my dispatch to the Supreme Govt vide minute on Persian affairs 4th Septr 1828

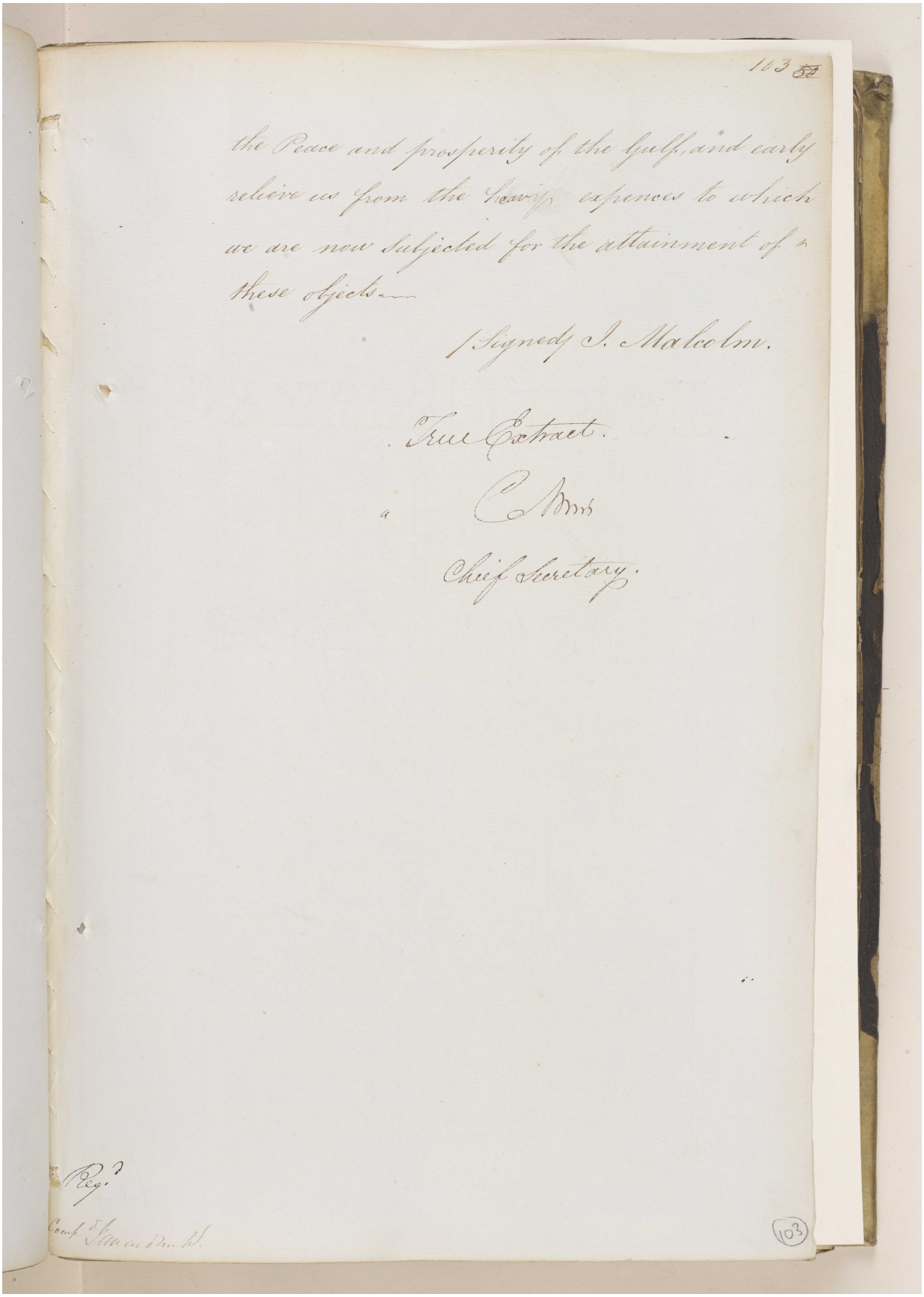
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from as long as he is stationed at Abushire and which besides other bad effects has, and will continue to embarrass our general interests in Persia with questions, which, however trivial in themselves, acquire importance from being mixed with the claims and privileges of our subjects and agents. Though the present may not appear a time for agitating this point, it is one to which I must solicit the attention of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council who, if he coincide with my view, and that of the Political Resident in the Gulf, may instruct the Envoy at the Court of Tehran to take advantage of a favorable opportunity, if such should ever occur, to obtain the grant of this Island – It neither has nor ever can have any value to Persia – In our hands it must early become an emporium of trade. It would enable us to Consolidate with advantage the duties of the Residency of Abushire with those at Bussora, and would contribute beyond any measure I can Contemplate, to the establishing of

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the Peace and prosperity of the Gulf, and early relieve us from the heavy expences to which we are now subjected for the attainment of these objects—

/ Signed J. Malcolm.

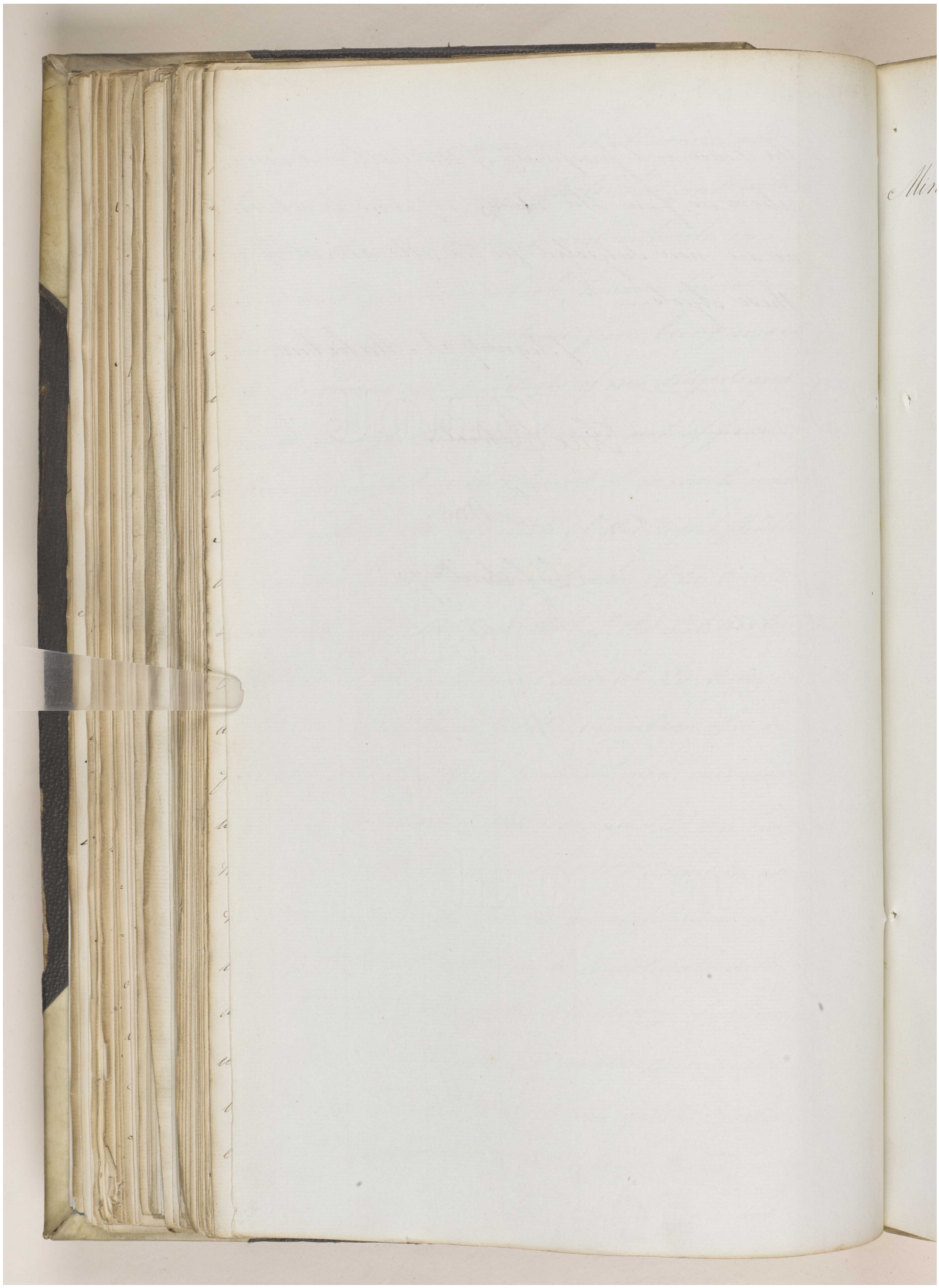
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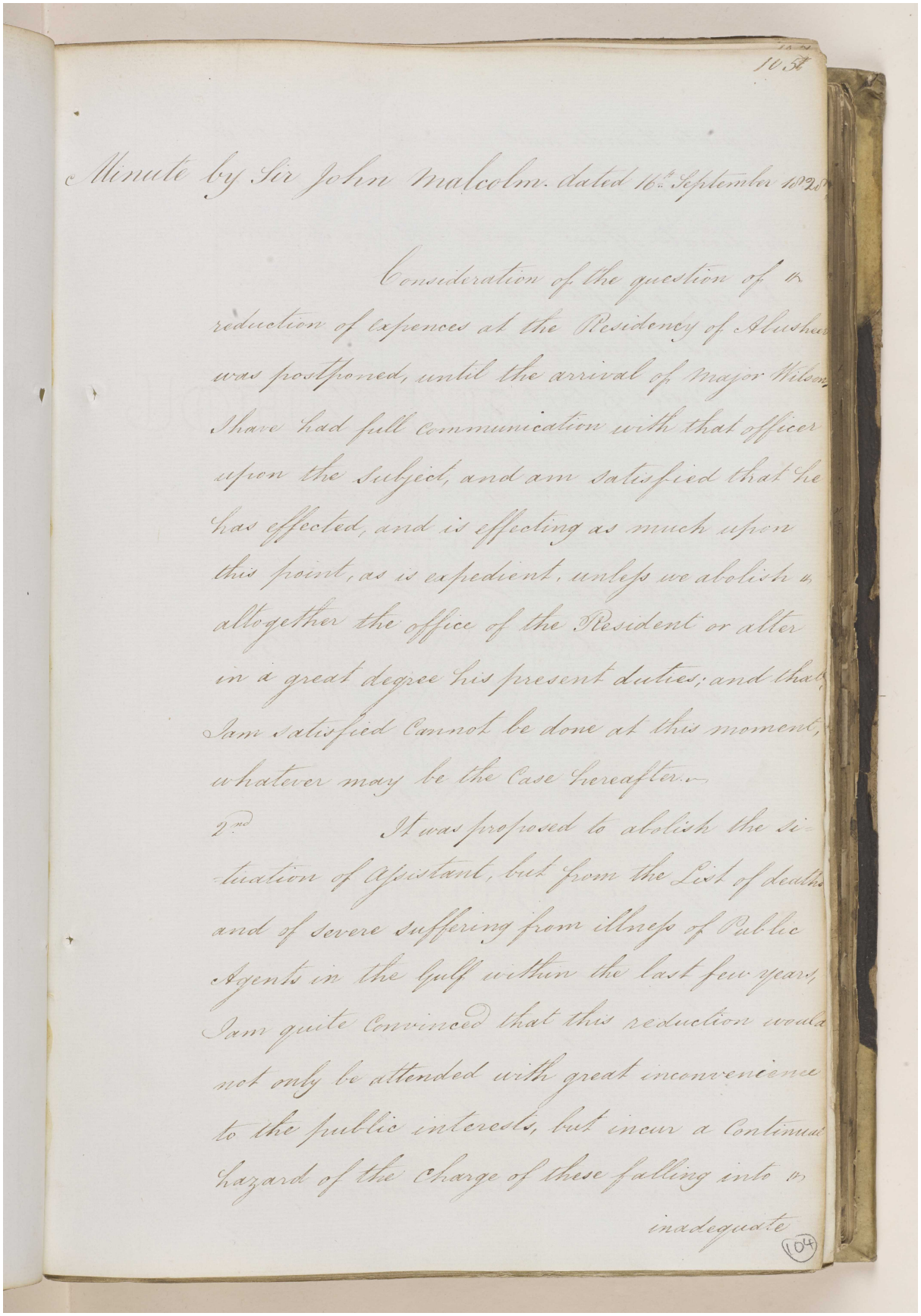
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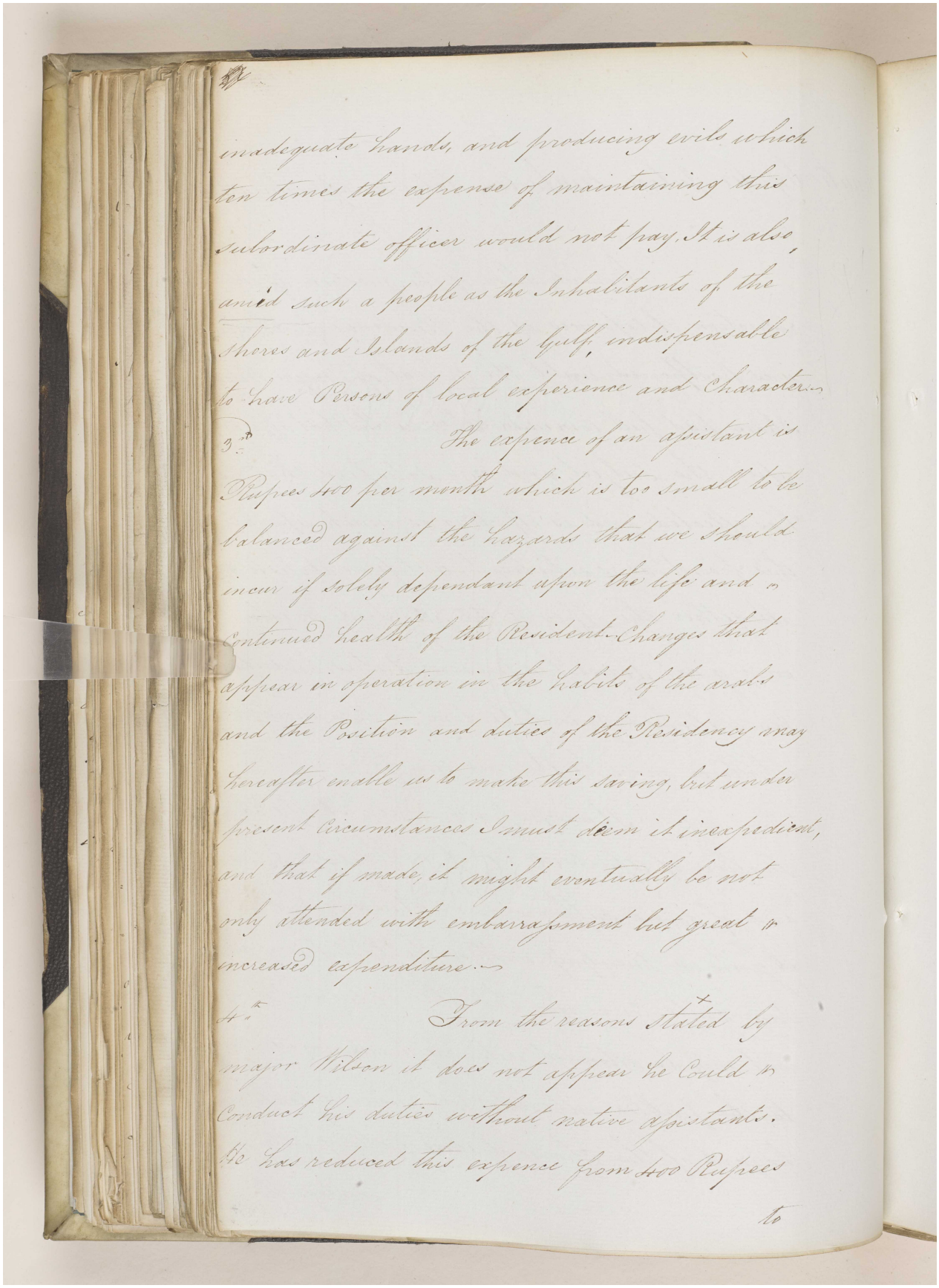
Minute by Sir John Malcolm. dated 16th September 1828

Consideration of the question of the reduction of expences at the Residency of Abushire was postponed, until the arrival of Major Wilson. I have had full communication with that officer upon the subject, and am satisfied that he has effected, and is effecting as much upon this point, as is expedient, unless we abolish altogether the office of the Resident or alter in a great degree his present duties; and that I am satisfied Cannot be done at this moment, whatever may be the Case hereafter.—

2nd It was proposed to abolish the situation of Assistant, but from the List of deaths and of severe suffering from illness of Public Agents in the Gulf within the last few years, I am quite convinced that this reduction would not only be attended with great inconvenience to the public interests, but incur a Continual hazard of the Charge of these falling into the inadequate

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inadequate hands, and producing evils which ten times the expense of maintaining this subordinate officer would not pay. It is also, amid such a people as the Inhabitants of the Shores and Islands of the Gulf, indispensable to have Persons of local experience and Character.—

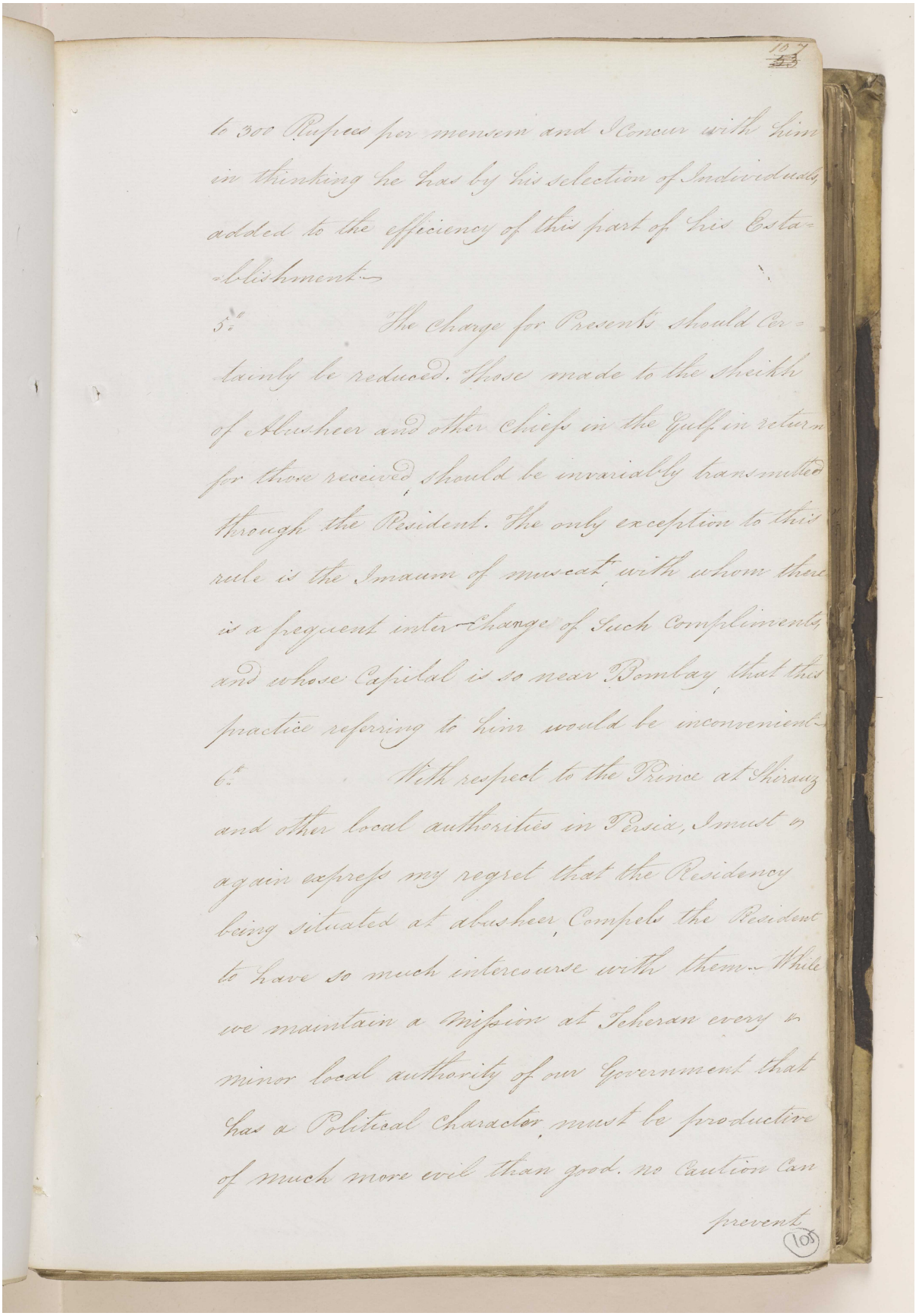
3d. The expence of an Assistant is Rupees 800 per month which is too small to be balanced against the hazards that we should incur if solely dependant upon the life and continued health of the Resident. Changes that appear in operation in the habits of the Arabs and the Position and duties of the Residency may hereafter enable us to make this saving, but under present circumstances I must deem it inexpedient, and that if made, it might eventually be not only attended with embarrassment but great increased expenditure.—

4th. From the reasons stated by major Wilson it does not appear he could conduct his duties without native Assistants. He has reduced this expence from 800 Rupees

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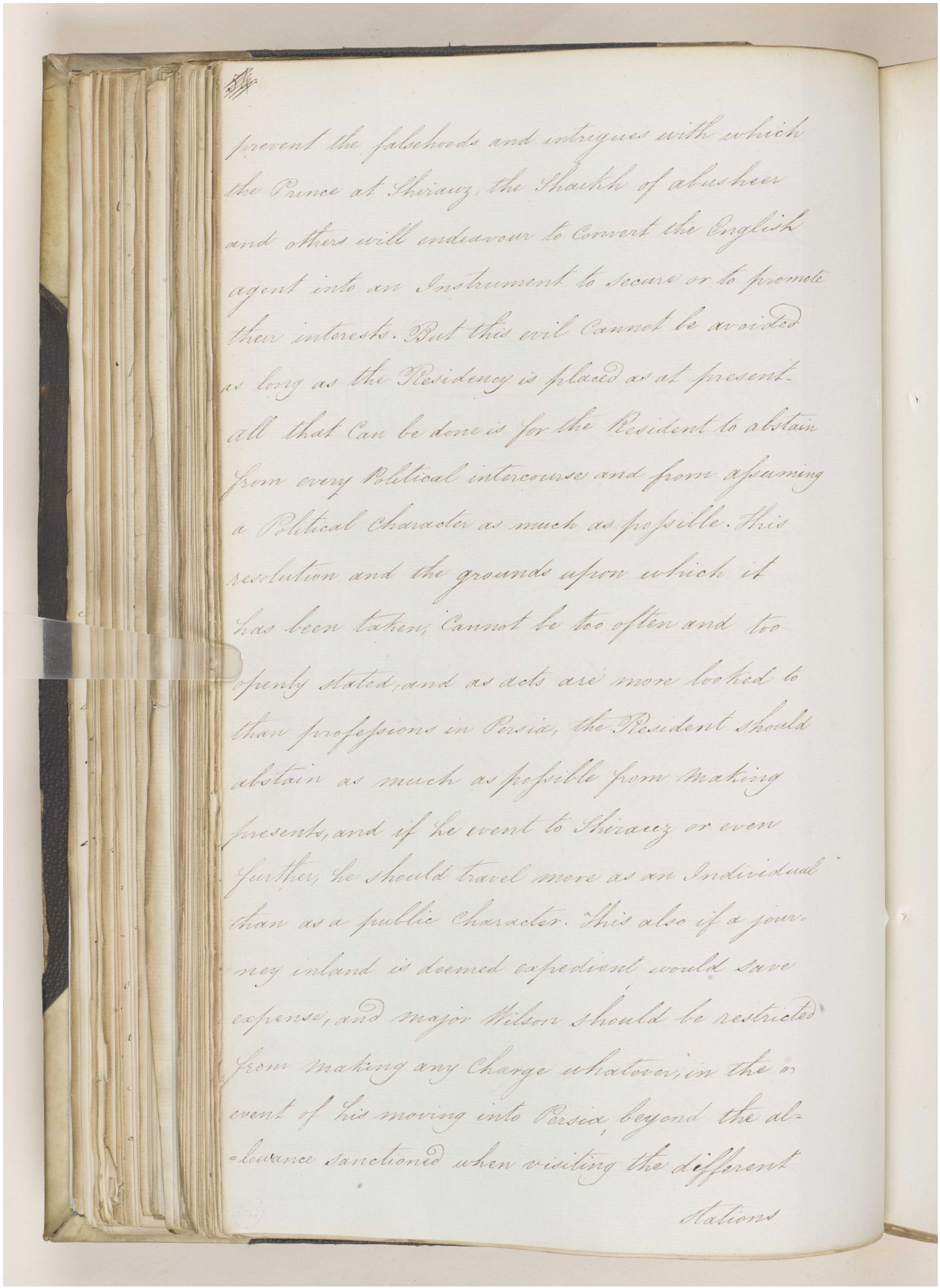
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to 300 Rupees per mensem and I concur with him in thinking he has by his selection of Individuals added to the efficiency of this part of his Establishment.

5th The charge for Presents should certainly be reduced. Those made to the Sheikh of Abusheer and other Chiefs in the Gulf in return for those received should be invariably transmitted through the Resident. The only exception to this rule is the Imaum of muscat with whom there is a frequent interchange of such Complimentes and whose Capital is so near Bombay, that this practice referring to him would be inconvenient.

6th With respect to the Prince at Shiraz and other local authorities in Persia, I must again express my regret that the Residency being situated at Abusheer, Compels the Resident to have so much intercourse with them. While we maintain a Mission at Teheran every minor local authority of our Government that has a Political character, must be productive of much more evil than good. no Caution can prevent

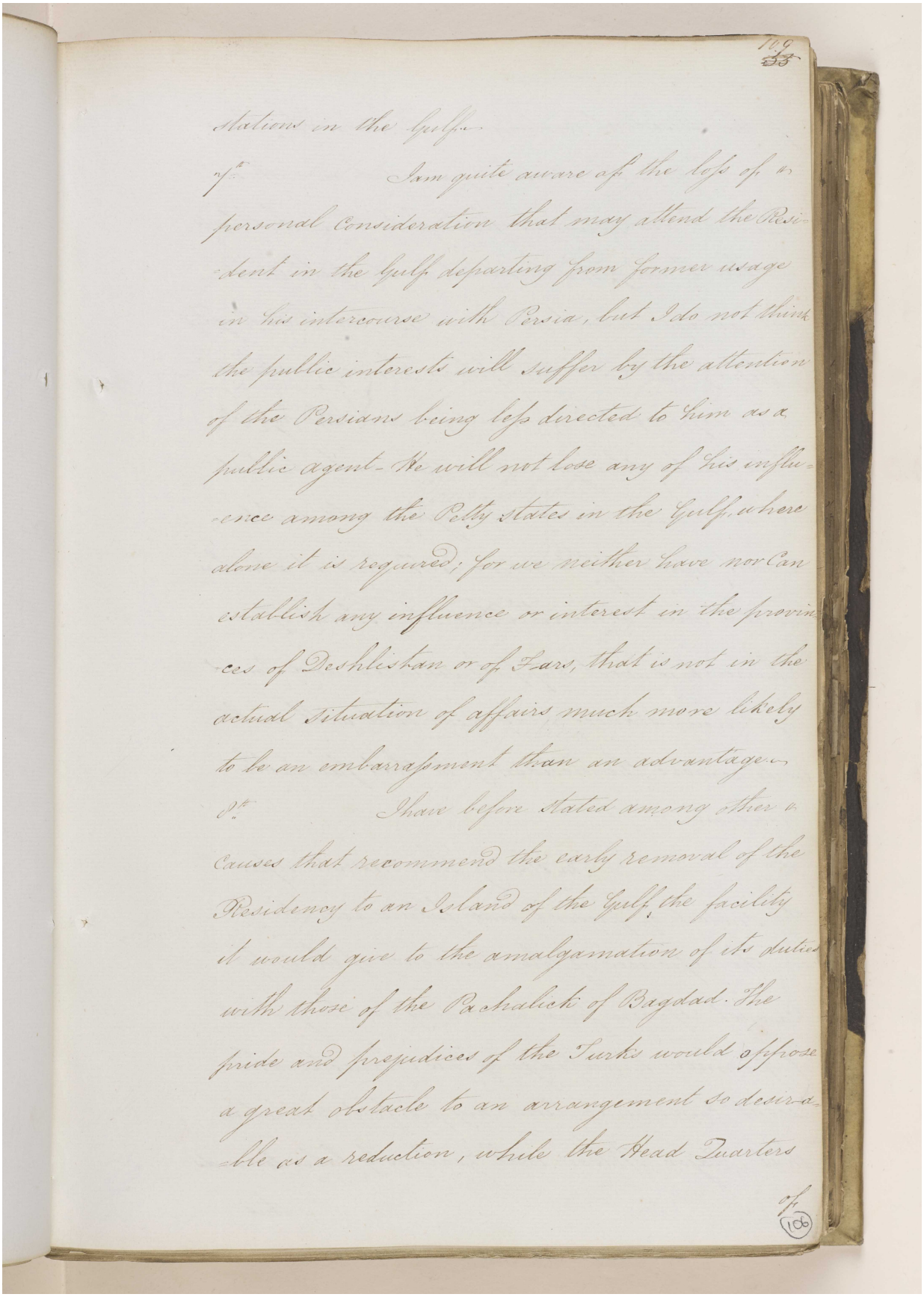
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prevent the falsehoods and intrigues with which the Prince at Shiraz, the Shaikh of abusheer and others will endeavour to convert the English agent into an Instrument to secure or to promote their interests. But this evil cannot be avoided as long as the Residency is placed as at present. all that can be done is for the Resident to abstain from every Political intercourse and from assuming a Political Character as much as possible. This resolution and the grounds upon which it has been taken, cannot be too often and too openly stated, and as acts are more looked to than professions in Persia, the Resident should abstain as much as possible from making presents, and if he went to Shiraz or even further, he should travel more as an Individual than as a public Character. This also if a journey inland is deemed expedient would save expense, and major Wilson should be restricted from making any Charge whatever, in the event of his moving into Persia beyond the allowance sanctioned when visiting the different

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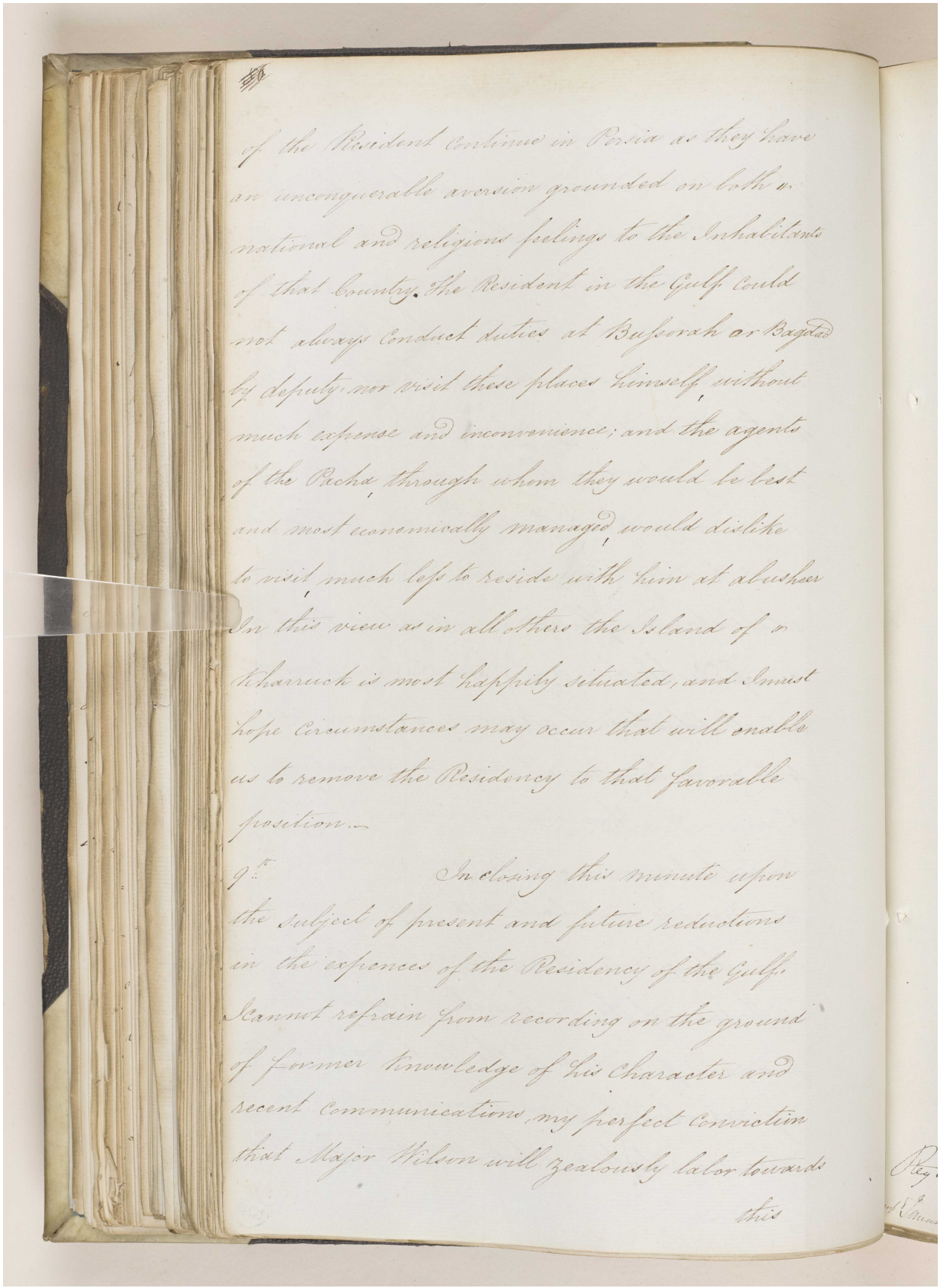
Stations in the Gulf.

7th. I am quite aware of the loss of personal consideration that may attend the Resident in the Gulf departing from former usage in his intercourse with Persia, but I do not think the public interests will suffer by the attention of the Persians being less directed to him as a public agent. He will not lose any of his influence among the Petty States in the Gulf, where alone it is required, for we neither have nor can establish any influence or interest in the provinces of Deshlestan or of Fars, that is not in the actual situation of affairs much more likely to be an embarrassment than an advantage.

8th. I have before stated among other causes that recommend the early removal of the Residency to an Island of the Gulf, the facility it would give to the amalgamation of its duties with those of the Pachalick of Bagdad. The pride and prejudices of the Turks would oppose a great obstacle to an arrangement so desirable as a reduction, while the Head Quarters

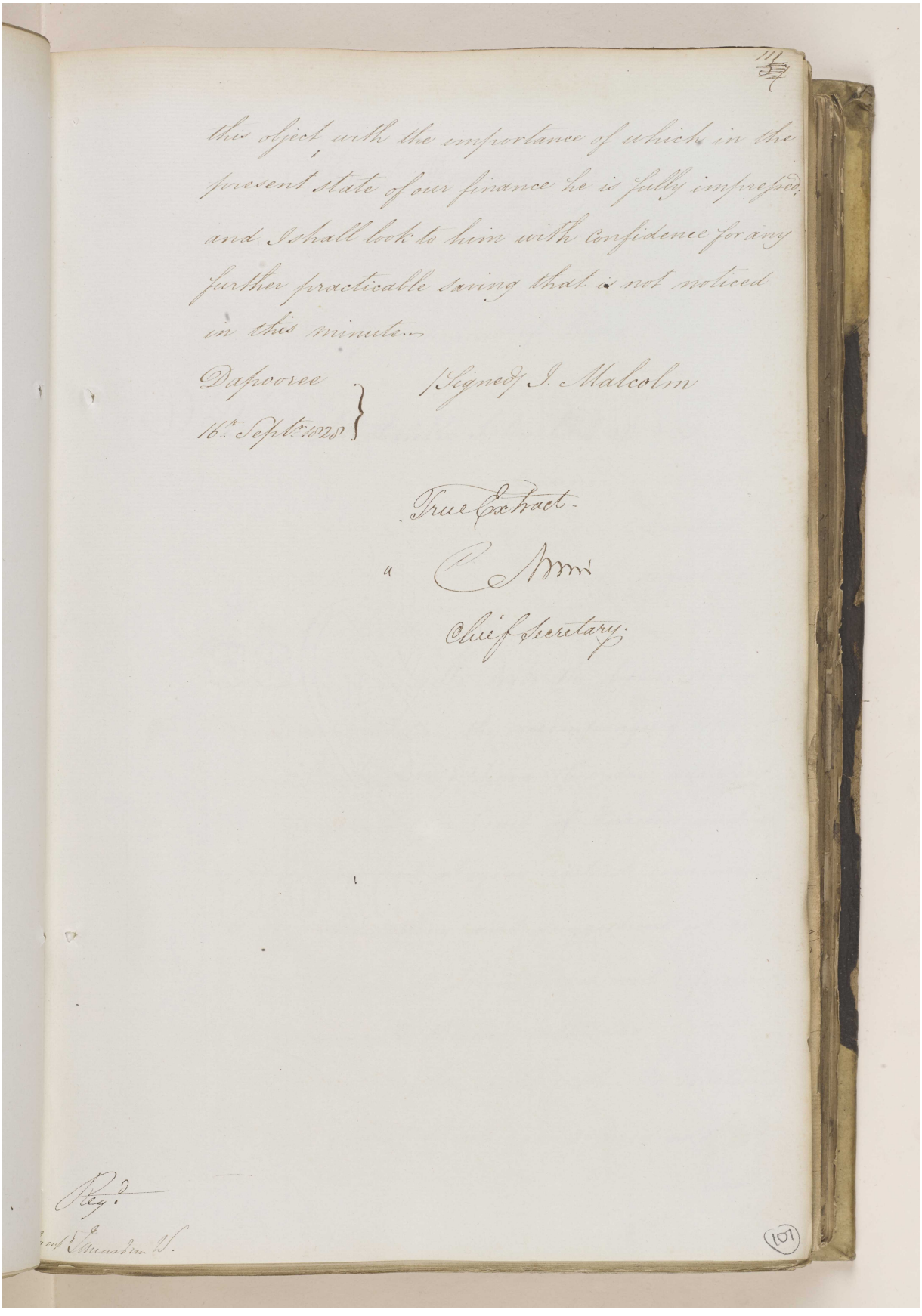
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of the Resident continue in Persia as they have an unconquerable aversion grounded on both national and religious feelings to the Inhabitants of that Country. The Resident in the Gulf could not always conduct duties at Busorah or Bagdad by deputy nor visit these places himself without much expense and inconvenience; and the agents of the Pacha through whom they would be best and most economically managed would dislike to visit much less to reside with him at Mushier In this view as in all others the Island of Kharrack is most happily situated, and I must hope circumstances may occur that will enable us to remove the Residency to that favorable position.—

9th In closing this minute upon the subject of present and future reductions in the expences of the Residency of the Gulf, I cannot refrain from recording on the ground of former knowledge of his character and recent communications, my perfect conviction that Major Wilson will zealously labor towards this



this object with the importance of which in the present state of our finance he is fully impressed, and I shall look to him with confidence for any further practicable saving that is not noticed in this minute.—

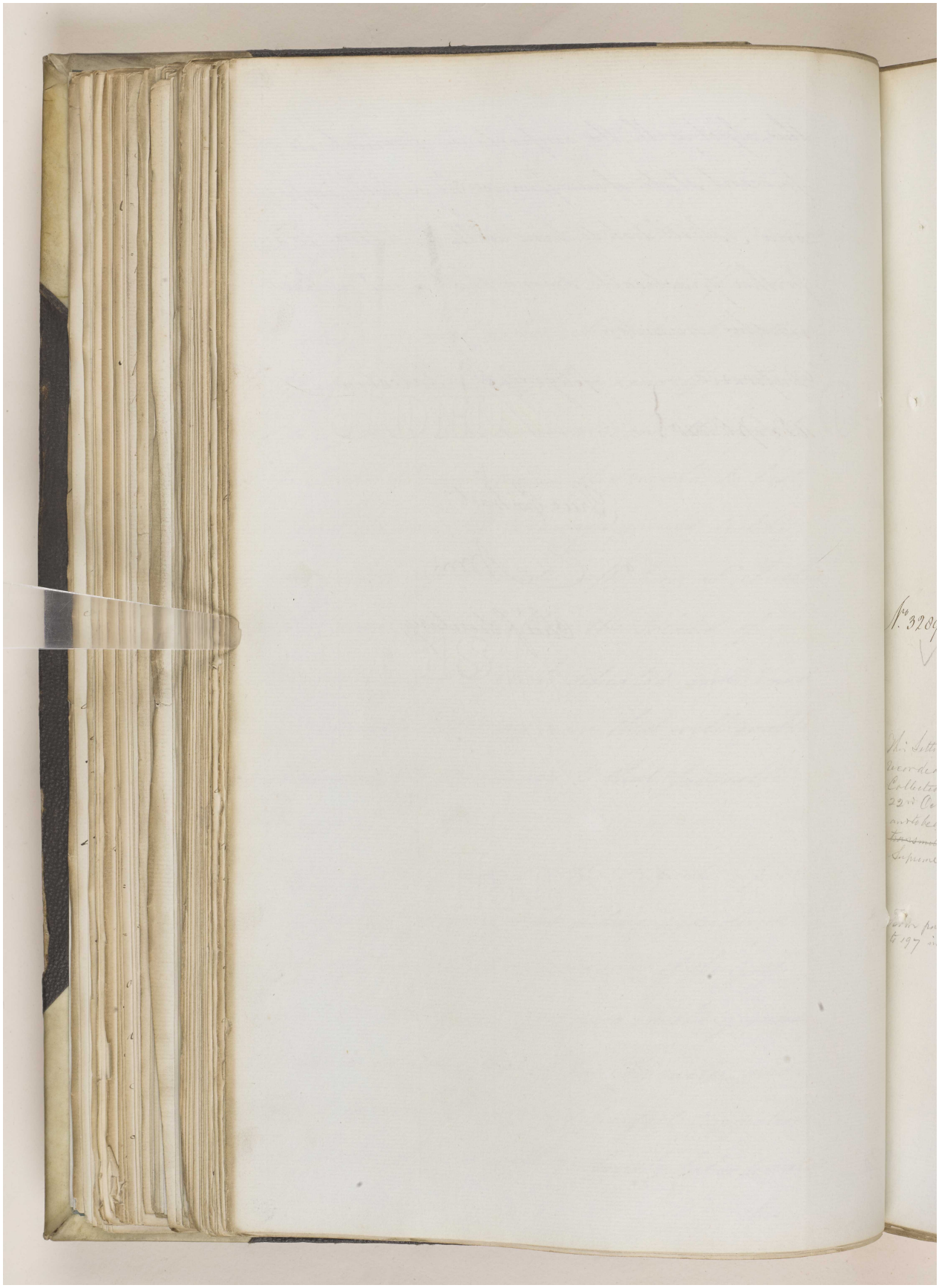
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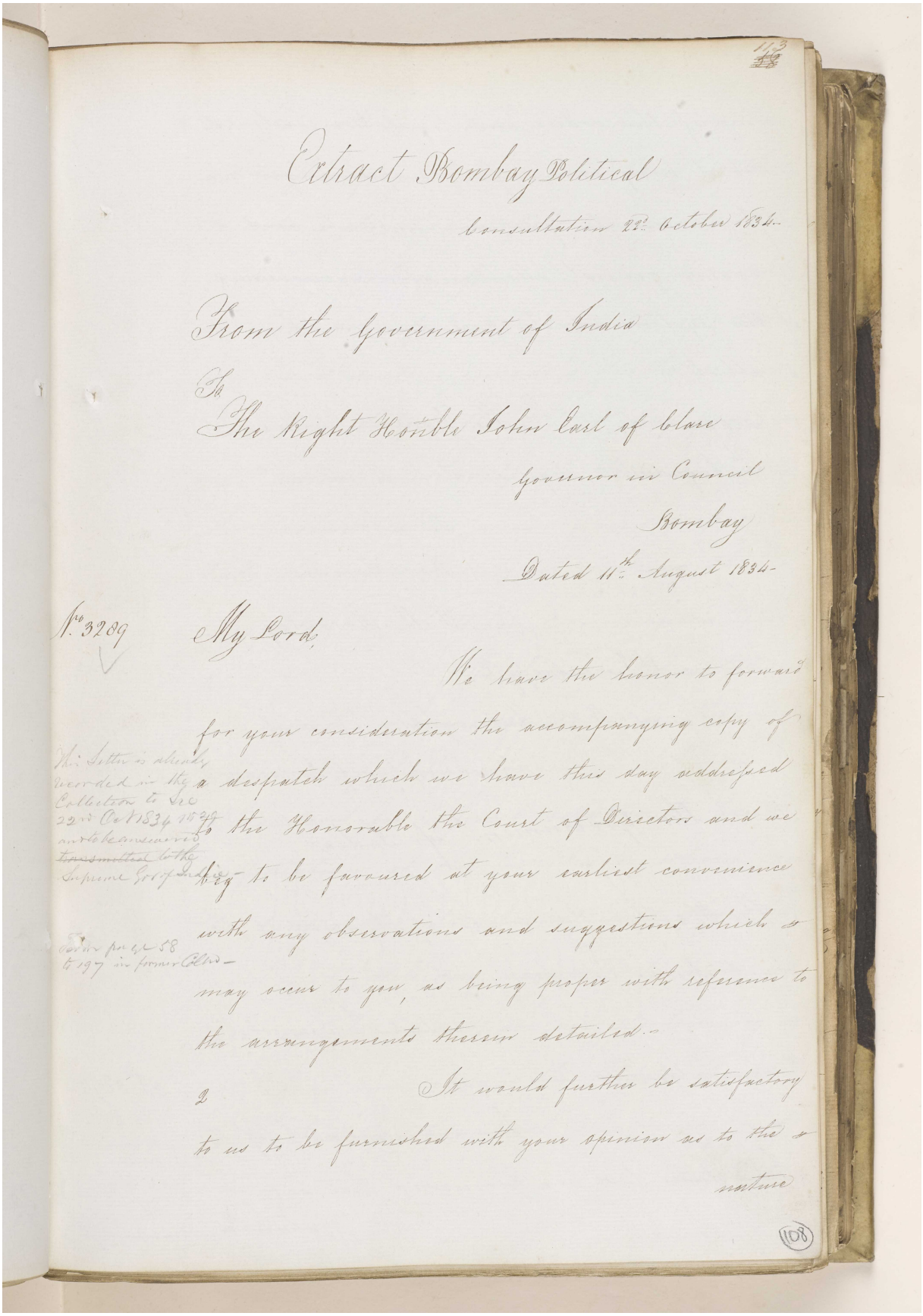
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Consultation 22d October 1834.

From the Government of India

To

The Right Honble John Earl of Clare

Governor in Council

Bombay

Dated 11th August 1834.

No. 3289

My Lord,

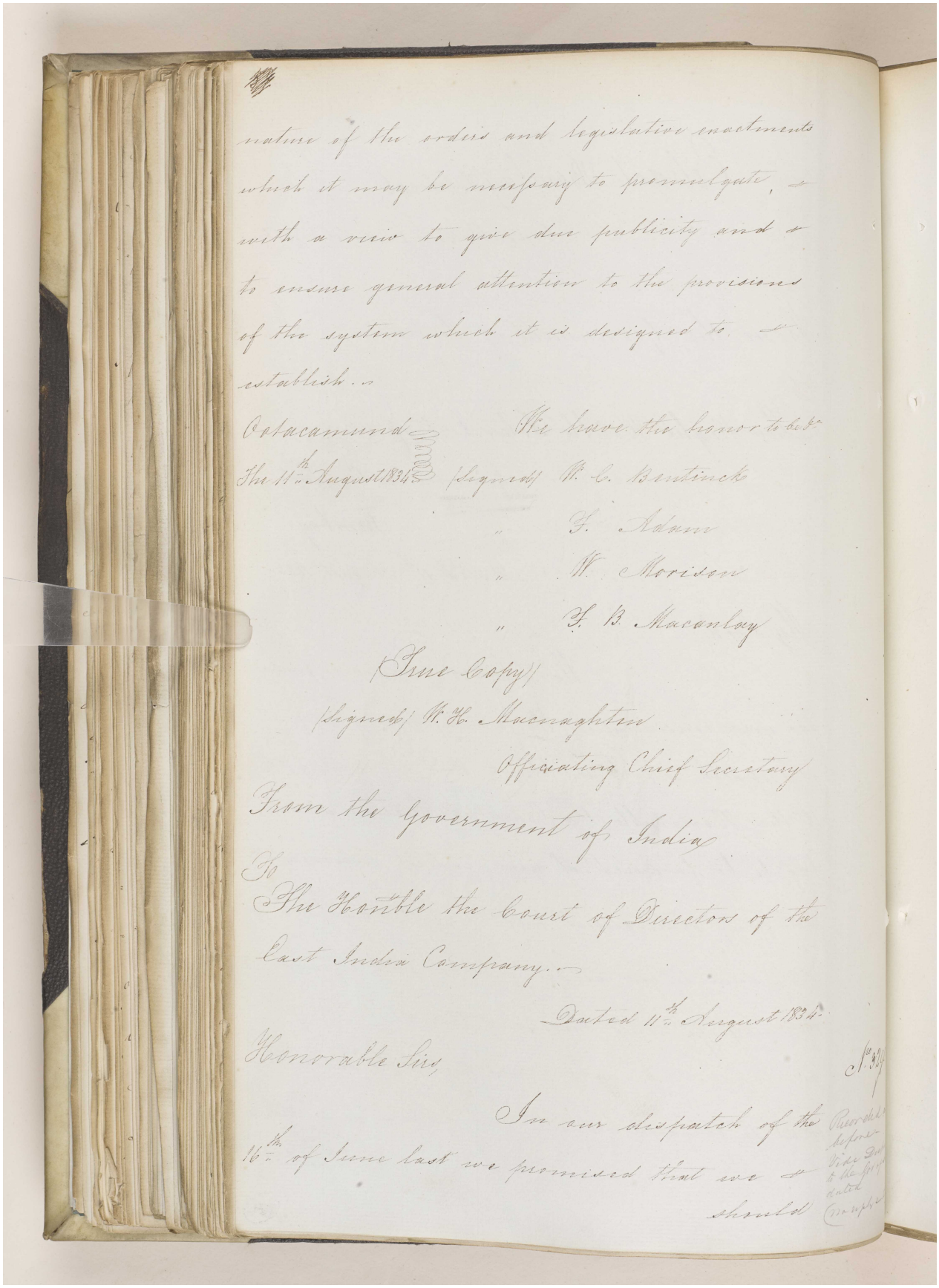
We have the honor to forward for your consideration the accompanying copy of a despatch which we have this day addressed to the Honorable the Court of Directors and we beg to be favoured at your earliest convenience with any observations and suggestions which may occur to you, as being proper with reference to the arrangements thereon detailed.

2 It would further be satisfactory to us to be furnished with your opinion as to the nature

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nature of the orders and legislative enactments which it may be necessary to promulgate, with a view to give due publicity and to ensure general attention to the provisions of the system which it is designed to establish.—

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The 11th August 1834.

We have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. C. Bentinck
" G. Adam
" W. Morison
" T. B. Macaulay

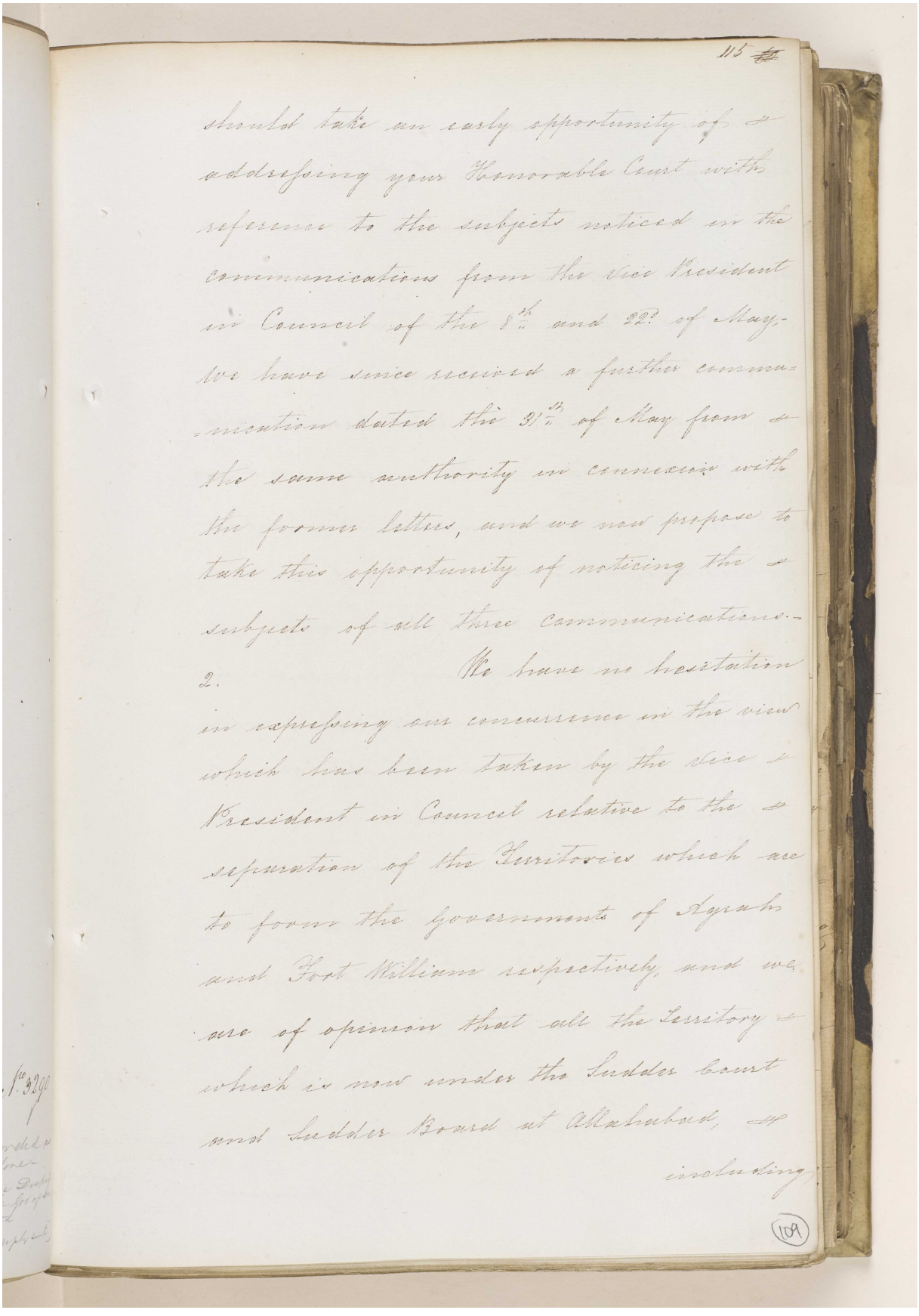
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(Signed) W. H. Macnaghten
Officiating Chief Secretary

From the Government of India
To
The Honble the Court of Directors of the East India Company.—

Dated 11th August 1834.

Honorable Sirs,

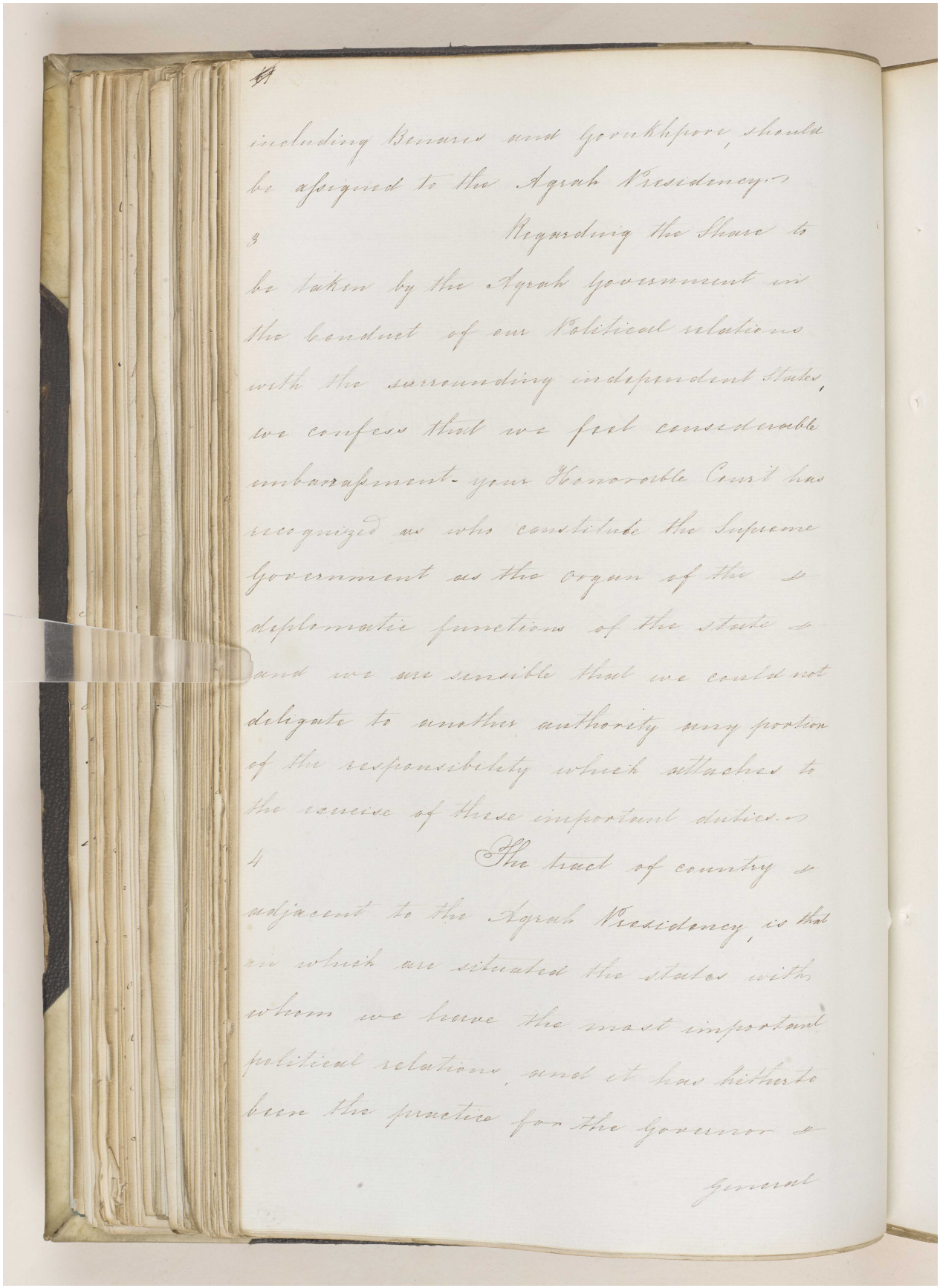
In our despatch of the 16th of June last we promised that we should



should take an early opportunity of addressing your Honorable Court with reference to the subjects noticed in the communications from the Vice President in Council of the 8th and 22d of May. We have since received a further communication dated the 31st of May from the same authority in connexion with the former letters, and we now propose to take this opportunity of noticing the subjects of all three communications.

2. We have no hesitation in expressing our concurrence in the view which has been taken by the Vice President in Council relative to the separation of the Territories which are to form the governments of Agrah and Fort William respectively, and we are of opinion that all the Territory which is now under the Sudder Court and Sudder Board at Allahabad, so including

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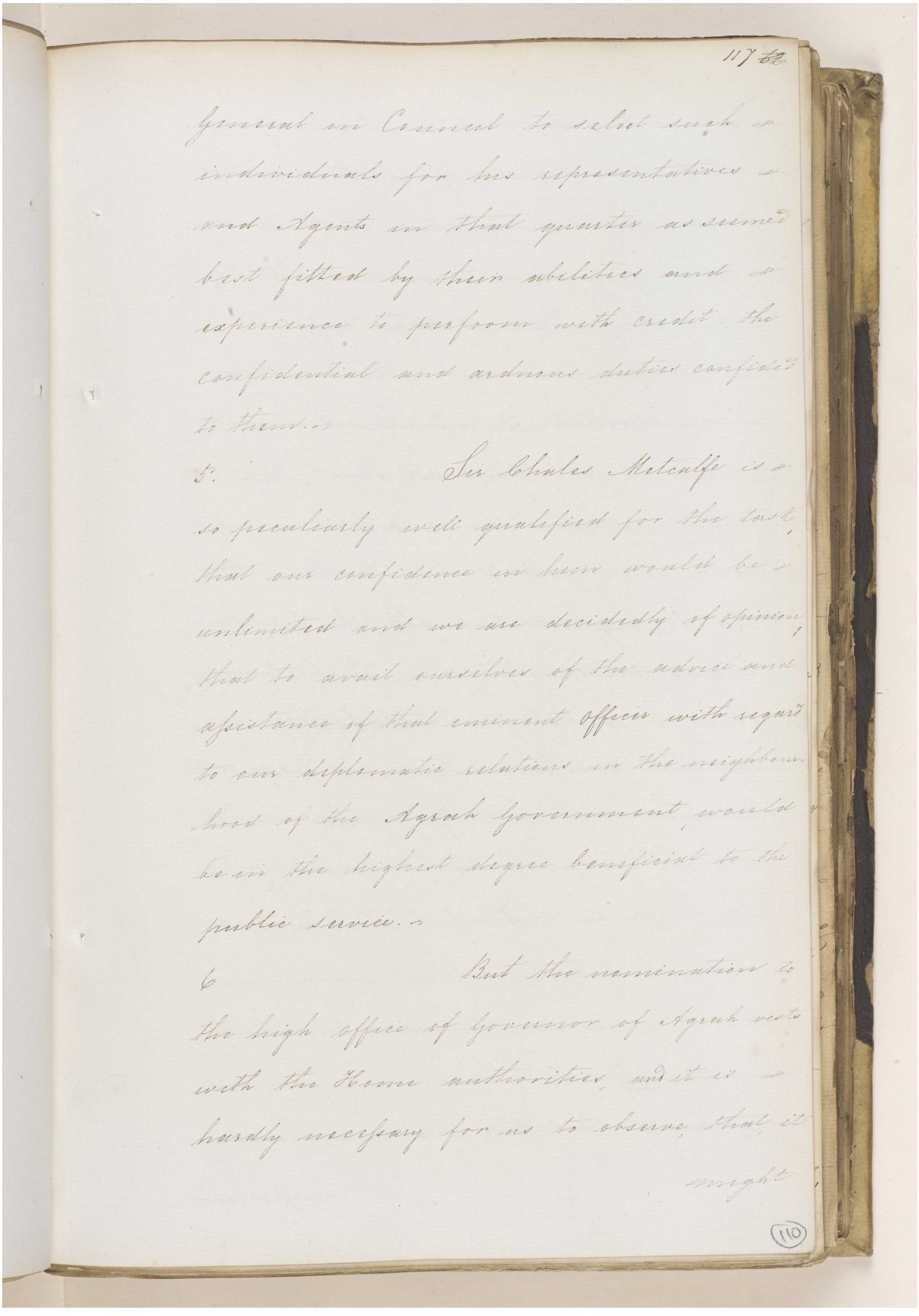


including Benares and Goruckhpore, should
be assigned to the Agrah Presidency.

3 Regarding the Share to
be taken by the Agrah government in
the conduct of our Political relations
with the surrounding independent States,
we confess that we feel considerable
embarrassment. your Honorable Court has
recognized us who constitute the Supreme
government as the organ of the
diplomatic functions of the State
and we are sensible that we could not
delegate to another authority any portion
of the responsibility which attaches to
the exercise of these important duties.

4 The tract of country
adjacent to the Agrah Presidency, is that
in which are situated the States with
whom we have the most important
political relations, and it has hitherto
been the practice for the Governor
General

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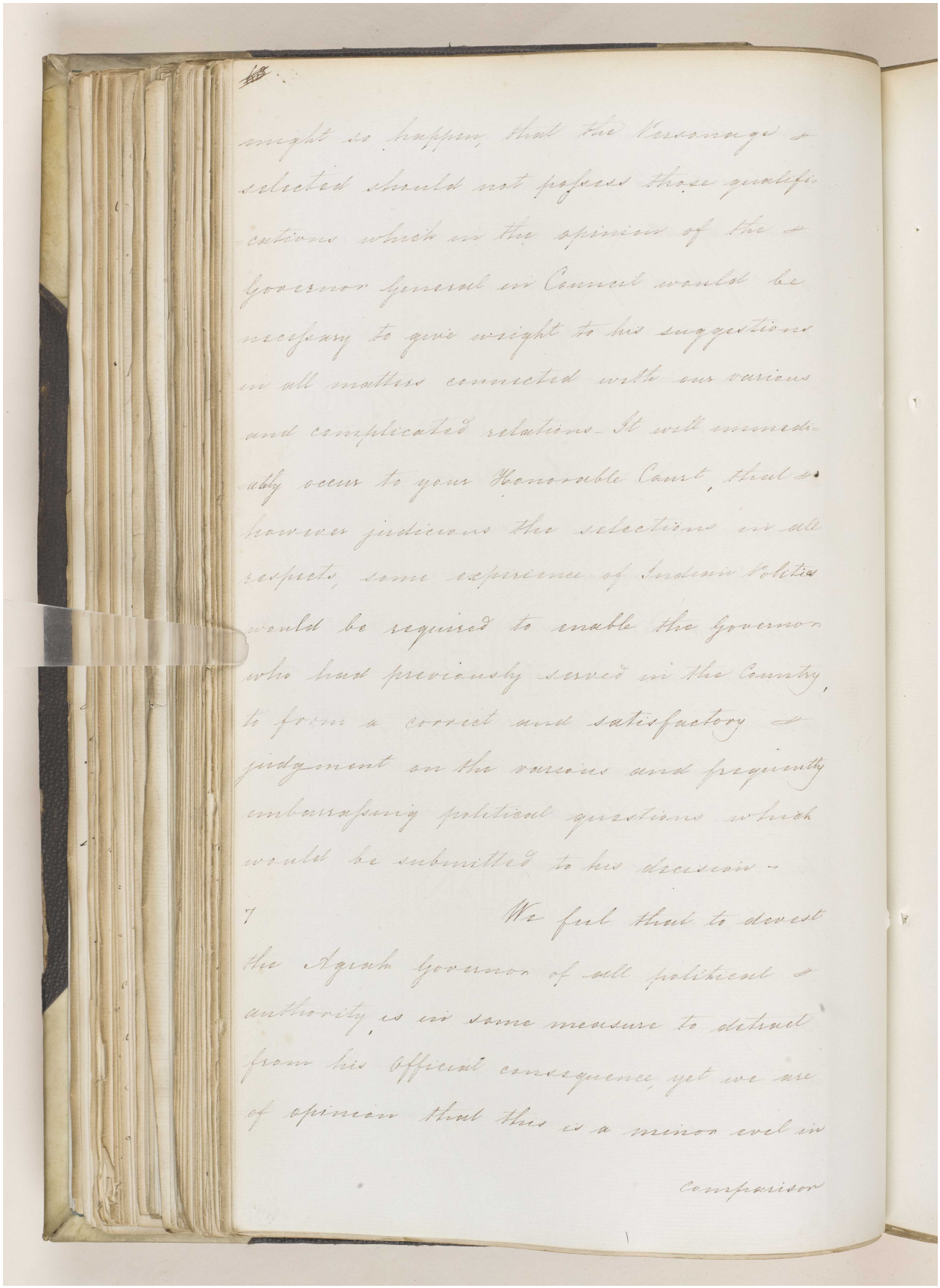
general in Council to select such
individuals for his representatives
and Agents in that quarter as seemed
best fitted by their abilities and
experience to perform with credit the
confidential and arduous duties confided
to them.—

5. Sir Charles Metcalfe is
so peculiarly well qualified for the task,
that our confidence in him would be
unlimited and we are decidedly of opinion,
that to avail ourselves of the advice and
assistance of that eminent Officer with regard
to our diplomatic relations in the neighbour-
hood of the Persian government, would
be in the highest degree beneficial to the
public service.—

6 But the nomination to
the high office of governor of Agrah rests
with the Home authorities, and it is
hardly necessary for us to observe, that it
might

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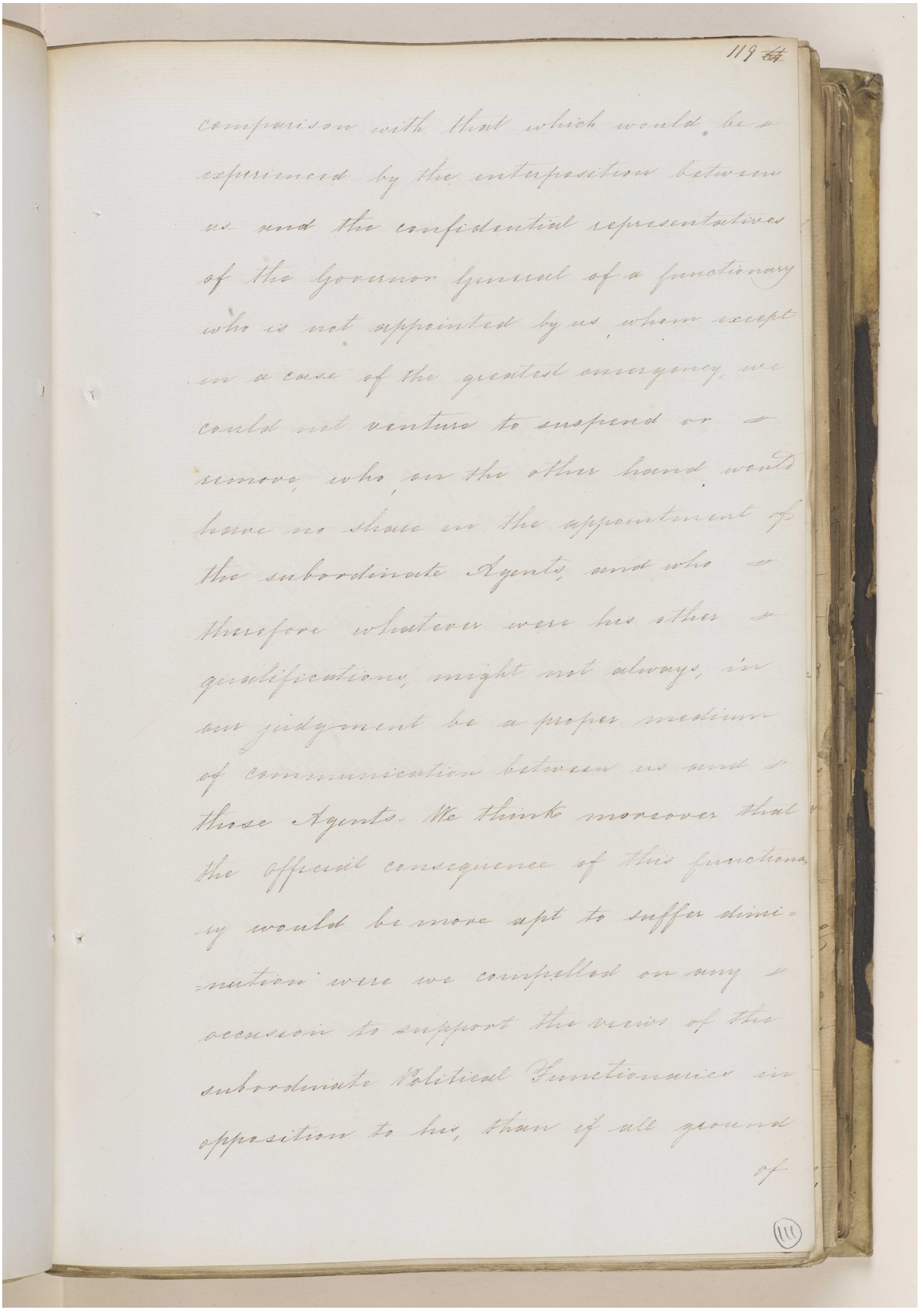
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might so happen, that the Persian agent selected should not possess those qualifications which in the opinion of the Governor General in Council would be necessary to give weight to his suggestions in all matters connected with our various and complicated relations. It will immediately occur to your Honorable Court, that however judicious the selections in all respects, some experience of Indian Politics would be required to enable the Governor who had previously served in the Country, to form a correct and satisfactory judgment on the various and frequently embarrassing political questions which would be submitted to his decision.

7 We feel that to devest the Agent Governor of all political authority, is in some measure to detract from his official consequence, yet we are of opinion that this is a minor evil in

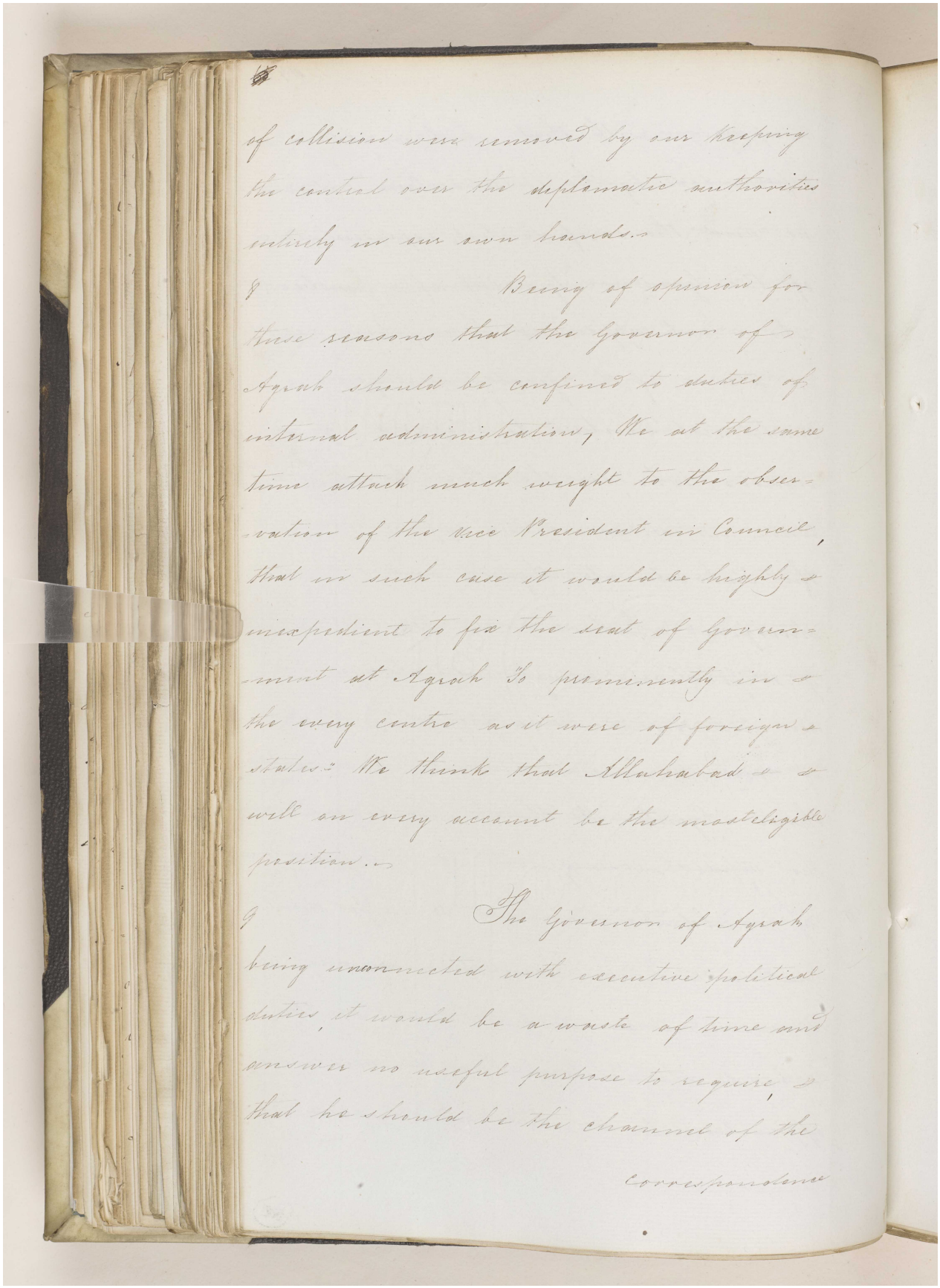
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comparison with that which would be experienced by the interposition between us and the confidential representatives of the Governor General of a functionary who is not appointed by us, whom except in a case of the greatest emergency, we could not venture to suspend or remove, who, on the other hand, would have no share in the appointment of the subordinate Agents, and who therefore whatever were his other qualifications, might not always, in our judgment be a proper medium of communication between us and those Agents. We think moreover that the official consequence of this functionary would be more apt to suffer diminution were we compelled on any occasion to support the views of the subordinate Political Functionaries in opposition to his, than if all ground of

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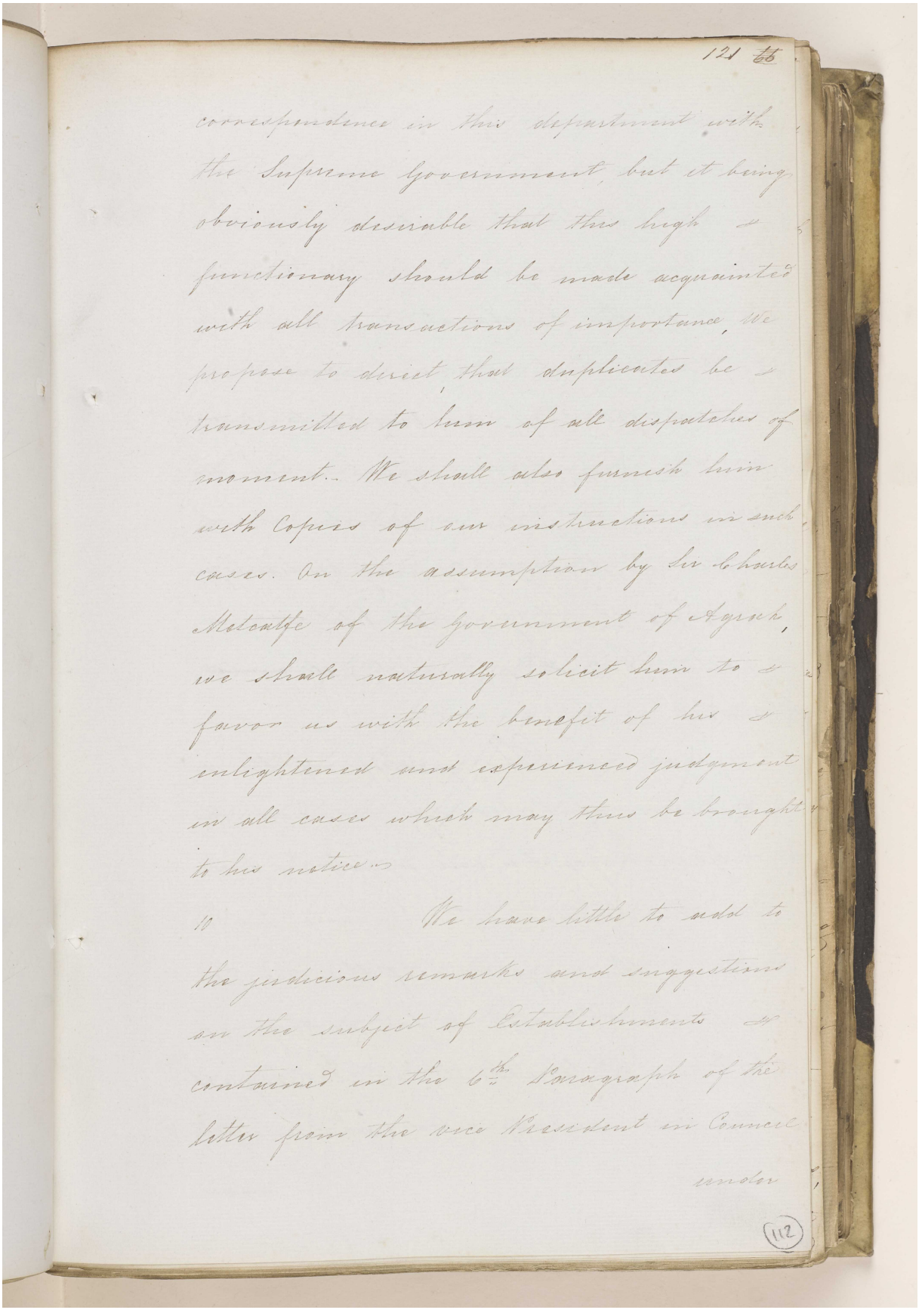


of collision were removed by our keeping
the control over the diplomatic authorities
entirely in our own hands.

8 Being of opinion for
these reasons that the Governor of
Agrah should be confined to duties of
internal administration, We at the same
time attach much weight to the obser-
vation of the Vice President in Council,
that in such case it would be highly
inexpedient to fix the seat of govern-
ment at Agrah so prominently in
the very centre as it were of foreign
states. We think that Allahabad
will on every account be the most eligible
position.

9 The Governor of Agrah
being unconnected with executive political
duties, it would be a waste of time and
answer no useful purpose to require
that he should be the channel of the
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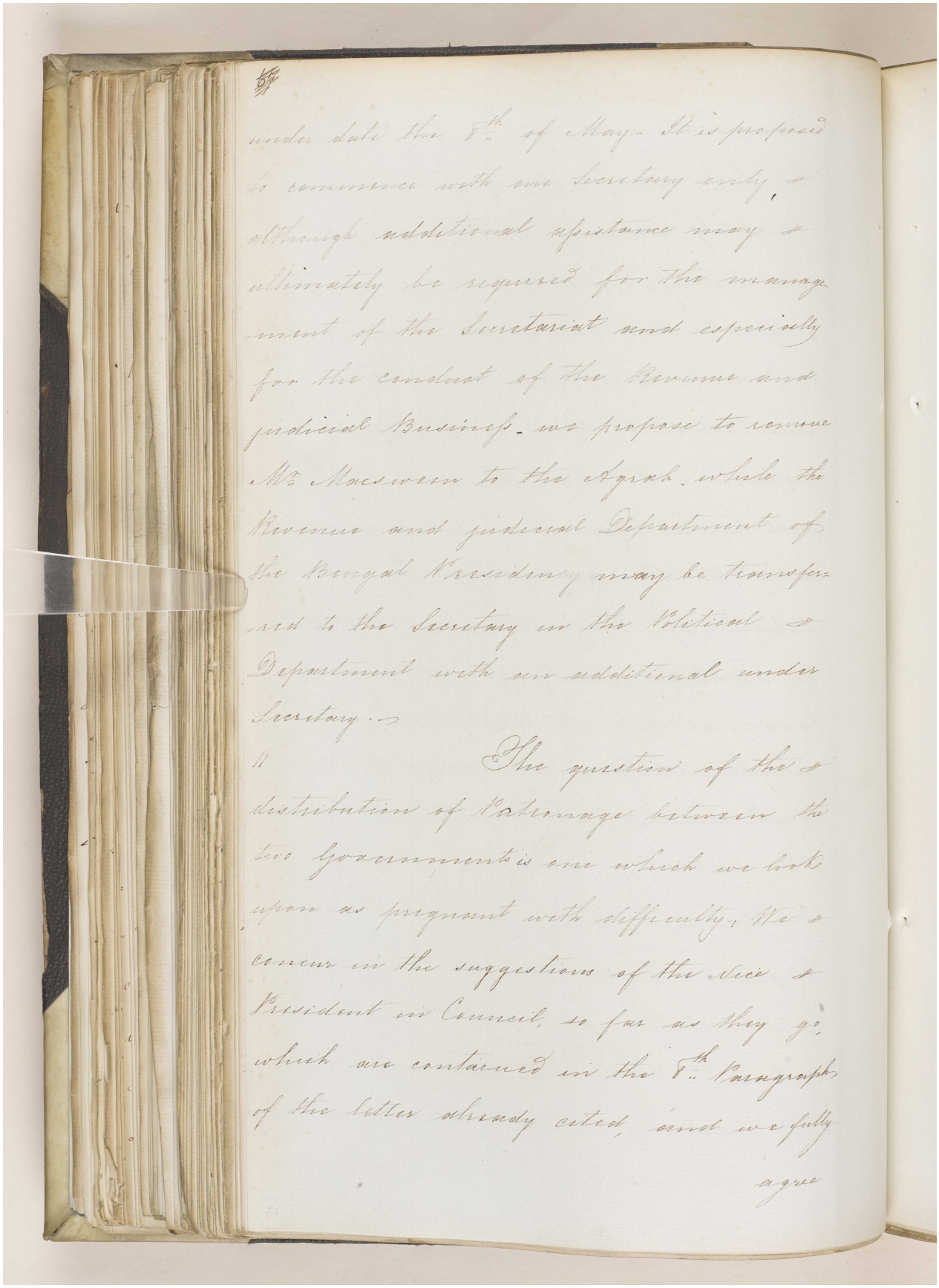
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correspondence in this department with the Supreme government, but it being obviously desirable that this high functionary should be made acquainted with all transactions of importance, We propose to direct that duplicates be transmitted to him of all dispatches of moment. We shall also furnish him with Copies of our instructions in such cases. On the assumption by Sir Charles Metcalfe of the government of Agrah, we shall naturally solicit him to favor us with the benefit of his enlightened and experienced judgment in all cases which may thus be brought to his notice.

10 We have little to add to the judicious remarks and suggestions on the subject of Establishments contained in the 6th Paragraph of the letter from the vice President in Council

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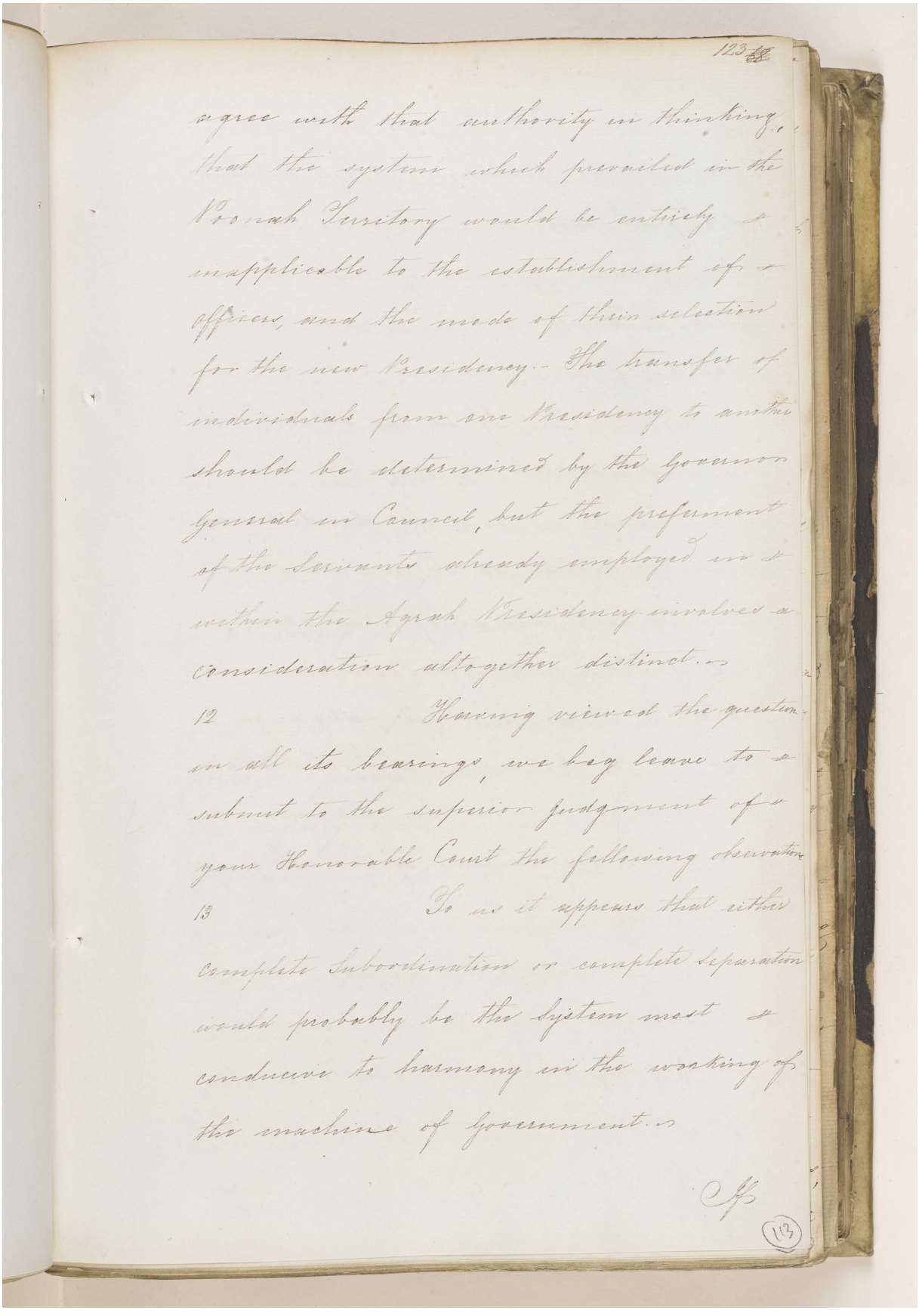
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under date the 9th of May. It is proposed to commence with one Secretary only, although additional assistance may ultimately be required for the management of the Secretariat and especially for the conduct of the Revenue and judicial Business. We propose to remove Mr Macsween to the Agrah while the Revenue and judicial Department of the Bengal Presidency may be transferred to the Secretary in the Political Department with an additional under Secretary.

11 The question of the distribution of Patronage between the two Governments is one which we look upon as pregnant with difficulty, We concur in the suggestions of the Vice President in Council, so far as they go, which are contained in the 9th Paragraph of the letter already cited, and we fully agree



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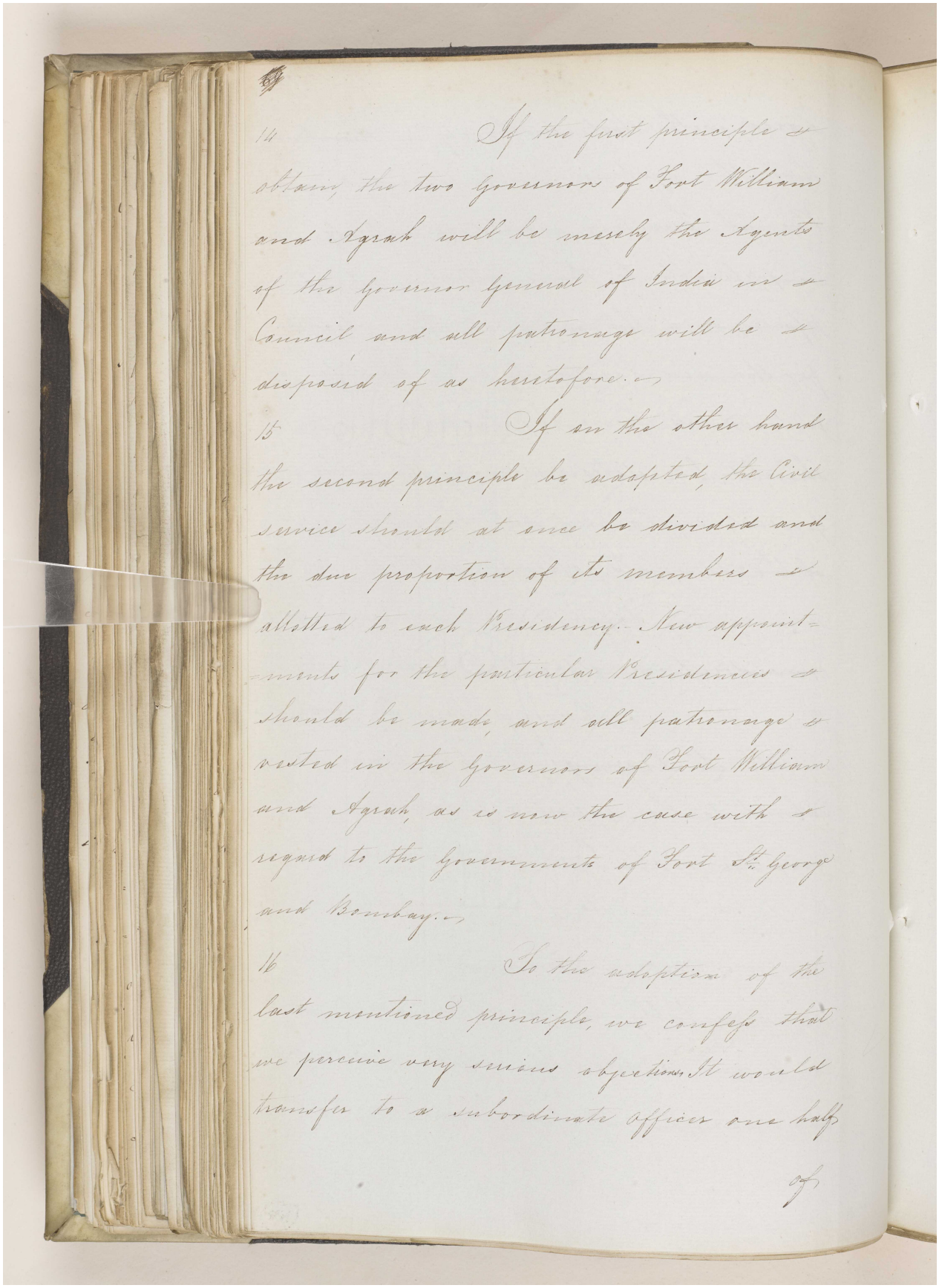
agree with that authority in thinking,
that the system which prevailed in the
Poonah Territory would be entirely
inapplicable to the establishment of
officers, and the mode of their selection
for the new Presidency.– The transfer of
individuals from one Presidency to another
should be determined by the Governor
General in Council, but the preferment
of the Servants already employed in
within the Agrah Presidency involved a
consideration altogether distinct.

12 Viewing the question
in all its bearings, we beg leave to
submit to the superior judgment of
your Honorable Court the following observations

13 So as it appears that either
complete Subordination or complete Separation
would probably be the System most
conducive to harmony in the working of
the machine of government.

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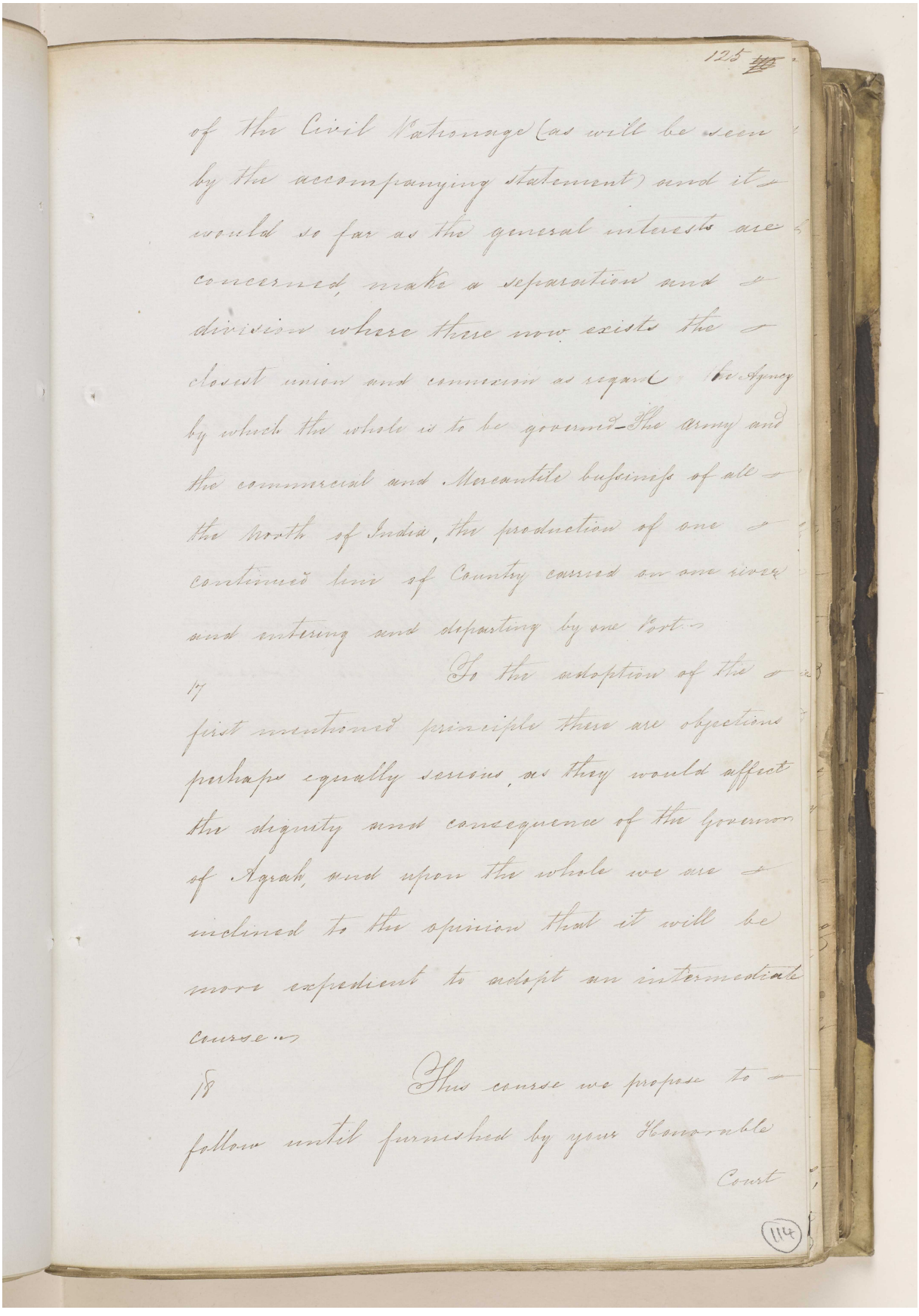


14 If the first principle is obtain, the two Governors of Fort William and Agrah will be merely the Agents of the Governor General of India in Council and all patronage will be disposed of as heretofore.—

15 If on the other hand the second principle be adopted, the Civil service should at once be divided and the due proportion of its members allotted to each Presidency. New appointments for the particular Presidencies should be made, and all patronage vested in the Governors of Fort William and Agrah, as is now the case with regard to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay.—

16 To the adoption of the last mentioned principle, we confess that we perceive very serious objections. It would transfer to a subordinate officer one half

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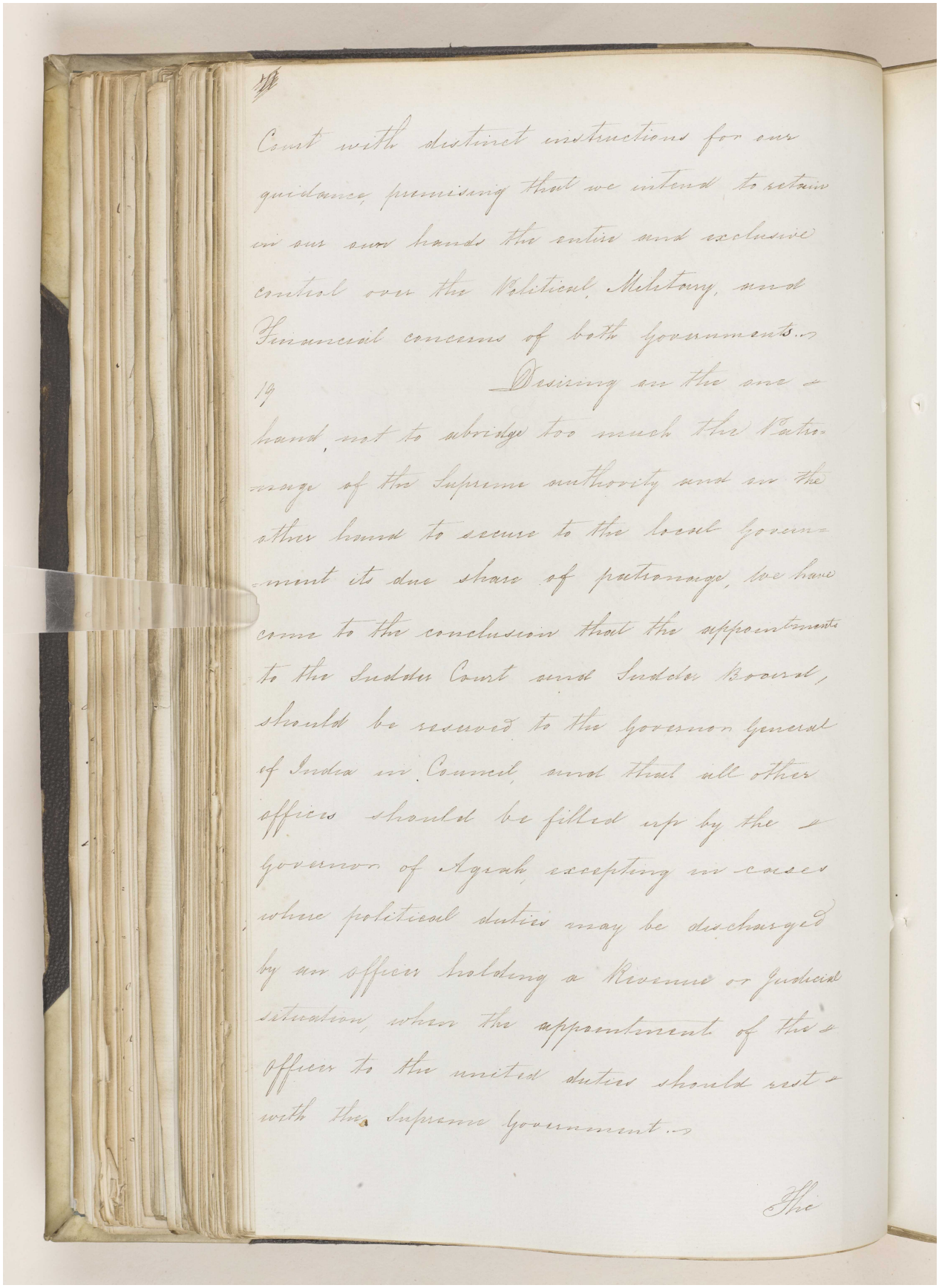
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of the Civil Patronage (as will be seen by the accompanying statement) and it would so far as the general interests are concerned, make a separation and division where there now exists the closest union and connexion as regards the Agency by which the whole is to be governed. The Army and the commercial and Mercantile business of all the North of India, the production of one continued line of Country carried on one river and entering and departing by one Port.

17 To the adoption of the first mentioned principle there are objections perhaps equally serious, as they would affect the dignity and consequence of the Governor of Agrah, and upon the whole we are inclined to the opinion that it will be more expedient to adopt an intermediate course.

18 This course we propose to follow until furnished by your Honorable Court

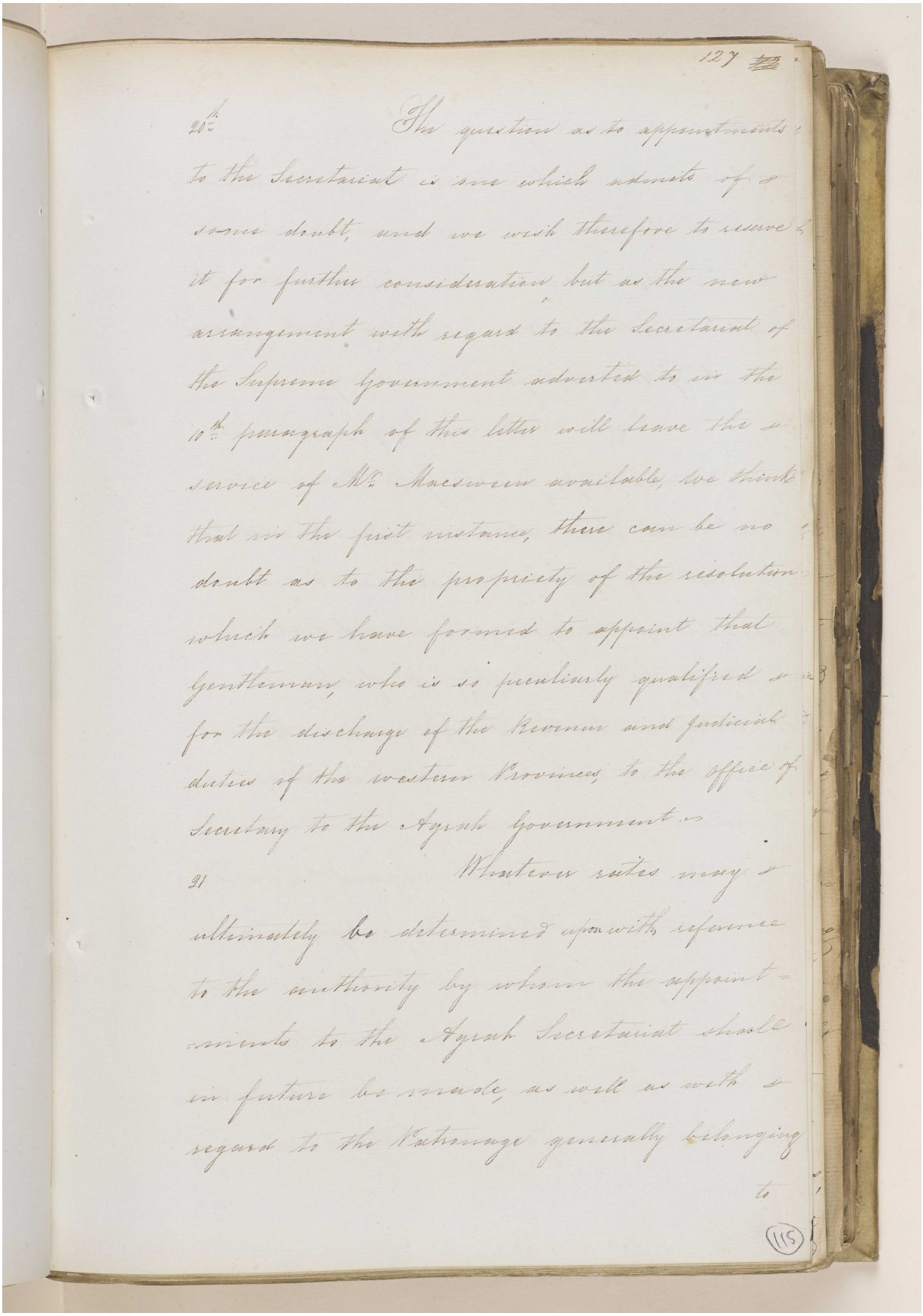
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Court with distinct instructions for our
guidance, premising that we intend to retain
in our own hands the entire and exclusive
control over the Political, Military, and
Financial concerns of both governments.—
19 Desiring on the one
hand, not to abridge too much the Patro-
nage of the Supreme authority and on the
other hand to secure to the local govern-
ment its due share of patronage, we have
come to the conclusion that the appointments
to the Sudder Court and Sudder Board,
should be reserved to the governor general
of India in Council, and that all other
offices should be filled up by the
governor of Agrah, excepting in cases
where political duties may be discharged
by any officer holding a Revenue or Judicial
situation, when the appointment of the
officer to the united duties should rest
with the Supreme Government.—

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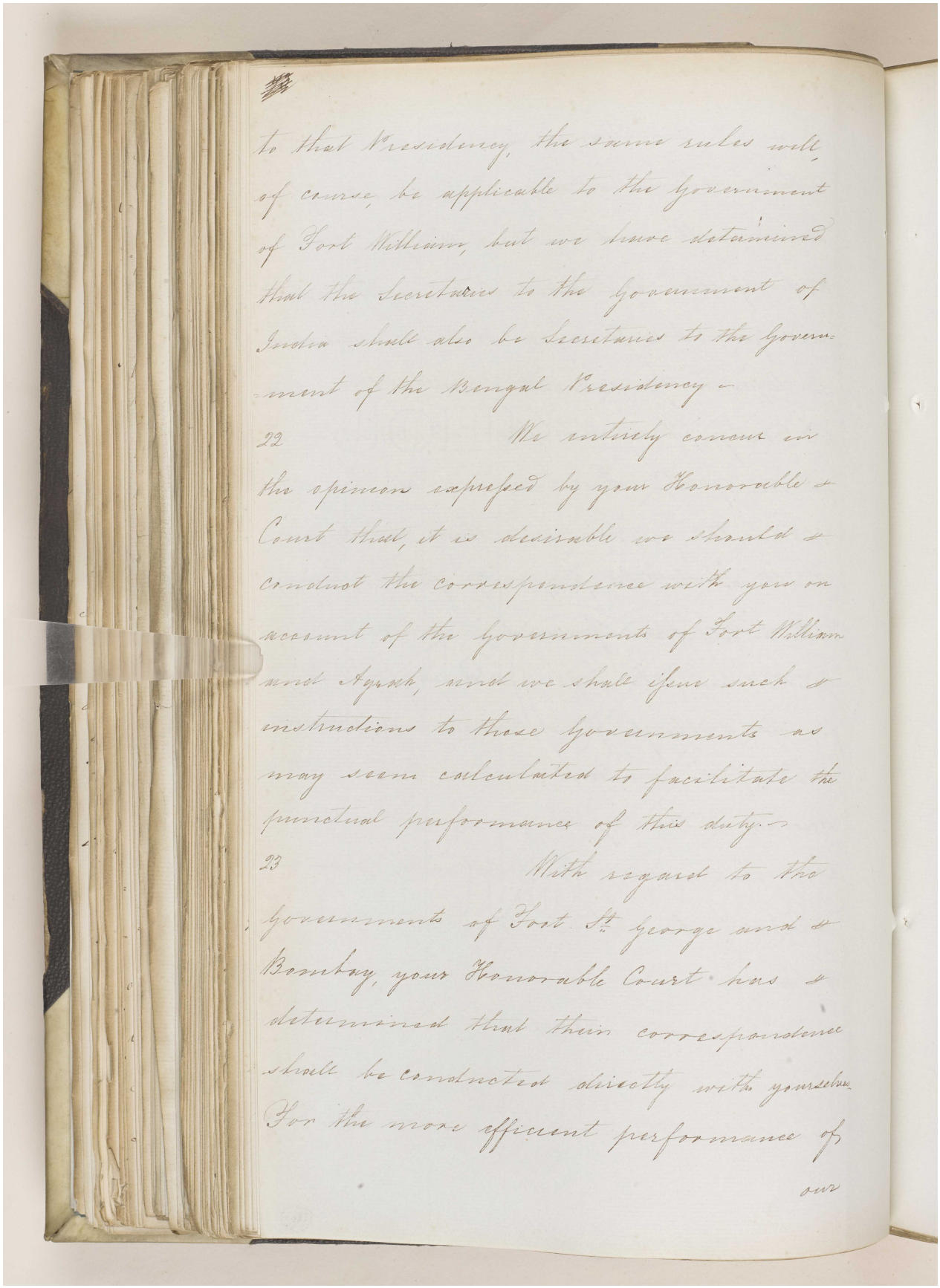
20th The question as to appointments to the Secretariat is one which admits of some doubt, and we wish therefore to reserve it for further consideration but as the new arrangement with regard to the Secretariat of the Supreme Government adverted to in the 10th paragraph of this letter will leave the service of Mr. Macsween available, we think that in the first instance, there can be no doubt as to the propriety of the resolution which we have formed to appoint that Gentleman, who is so peculiarly qualified for the discharge of the Revenue and Judicial duties of the western Provinces, to the office of Secretary to the Agrah Government.

21 Whatever rules may ultimately be determined upon with reference to the authority by whom the appointments to the Agrah Secretariat should in future be made, as well as with regard to the Patronage generally belonging to

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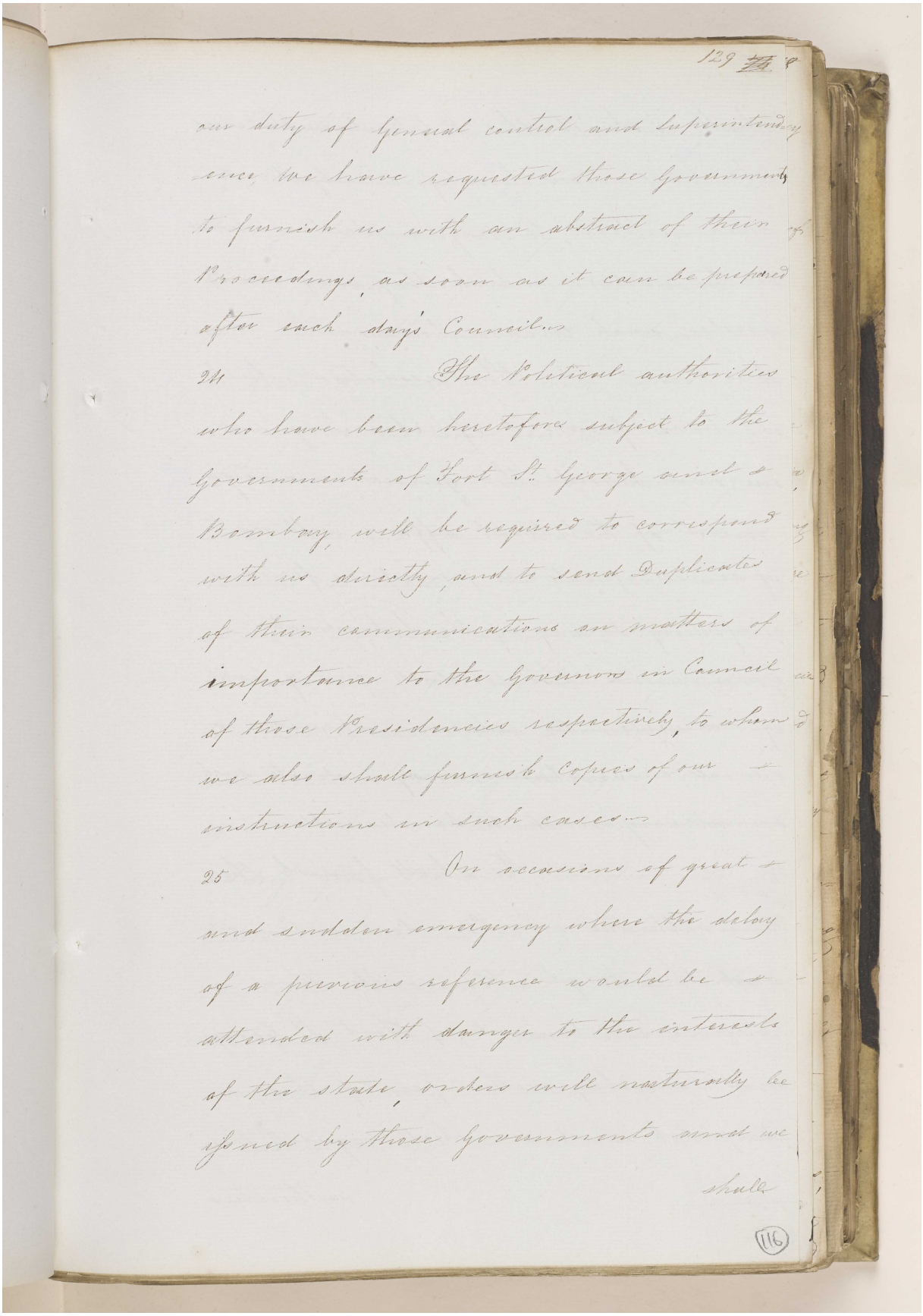
to that Presidency, the same rules will of course be applicable to the Government of Fort William, but we have determined that the Secretaries to the Government of India shall also be Secretaries to the Government of the Bengal Presidency –

22 We entirely concur in the opinion expressed by your Honorable Court that, it is desirable we should conduct the correspondence with you on account of the Governments of Fort William and Agra, and we shall issue such instructions to those Governments as may seem calculated to facilitate the punctual performance of this duty –

23 With regard to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay, your Honorable Court has determined that their correspondence shall be conducted directly with yourselves For the more efficient performance of

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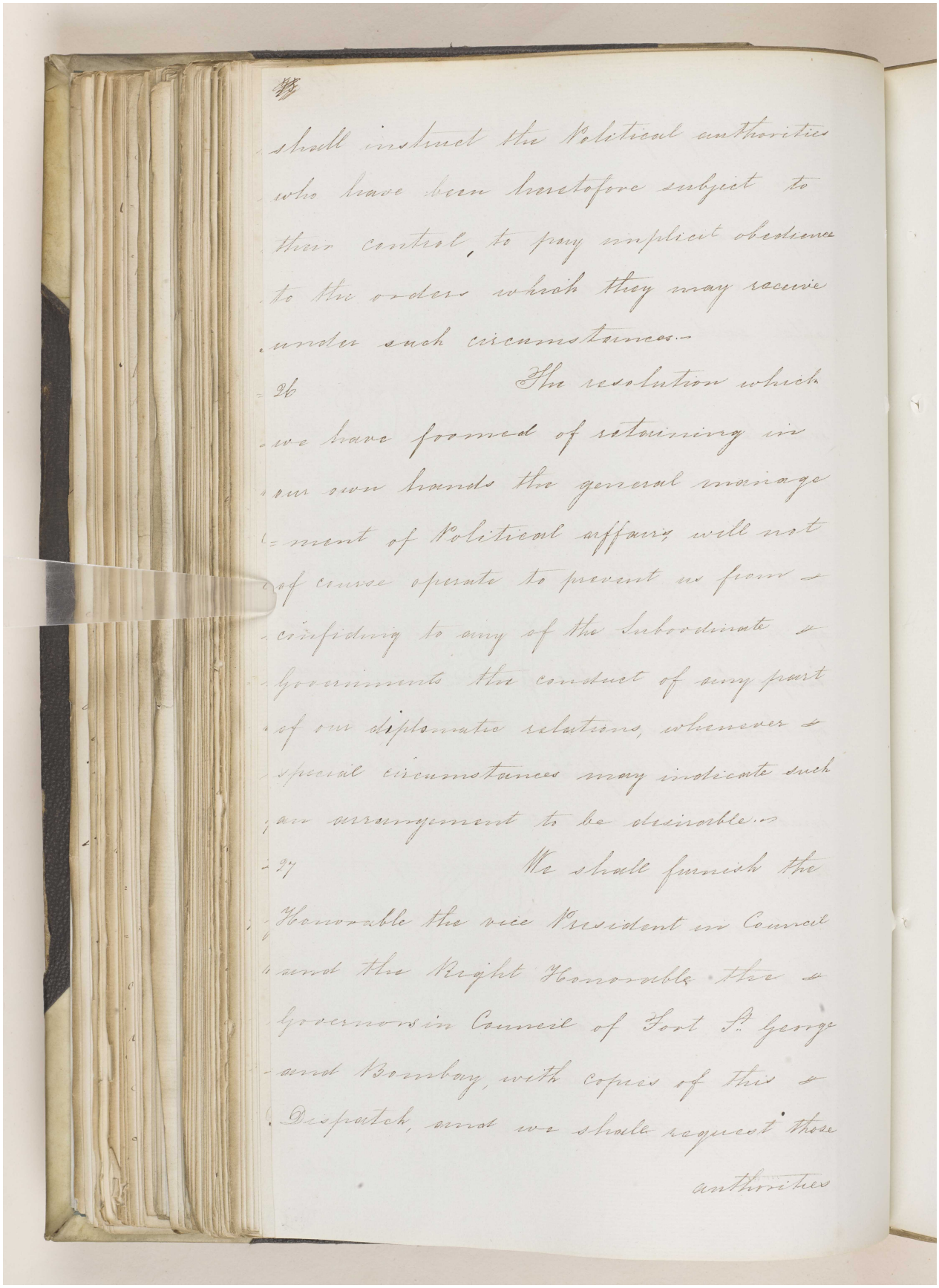
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our duty of general control and superintendence, we have requested those Governments to furnish us with an abstract of their Proceedings, as soon as it can be prepared after each day's Council.—

24 The Political authorities who have been heretofore subject to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay, will be required to correspond with us directly, and to send Duplicates of their communications on matters of importance to the Governors in Council of those Presidencies respectively, to whom we also shall furnish Copies of our instructions in such cases.—

25 On occasions of great and sudden emergency where the delay of a previous reference would be attended with danger to the interests of the state, orders will naturally be issued by those Governments which we shall

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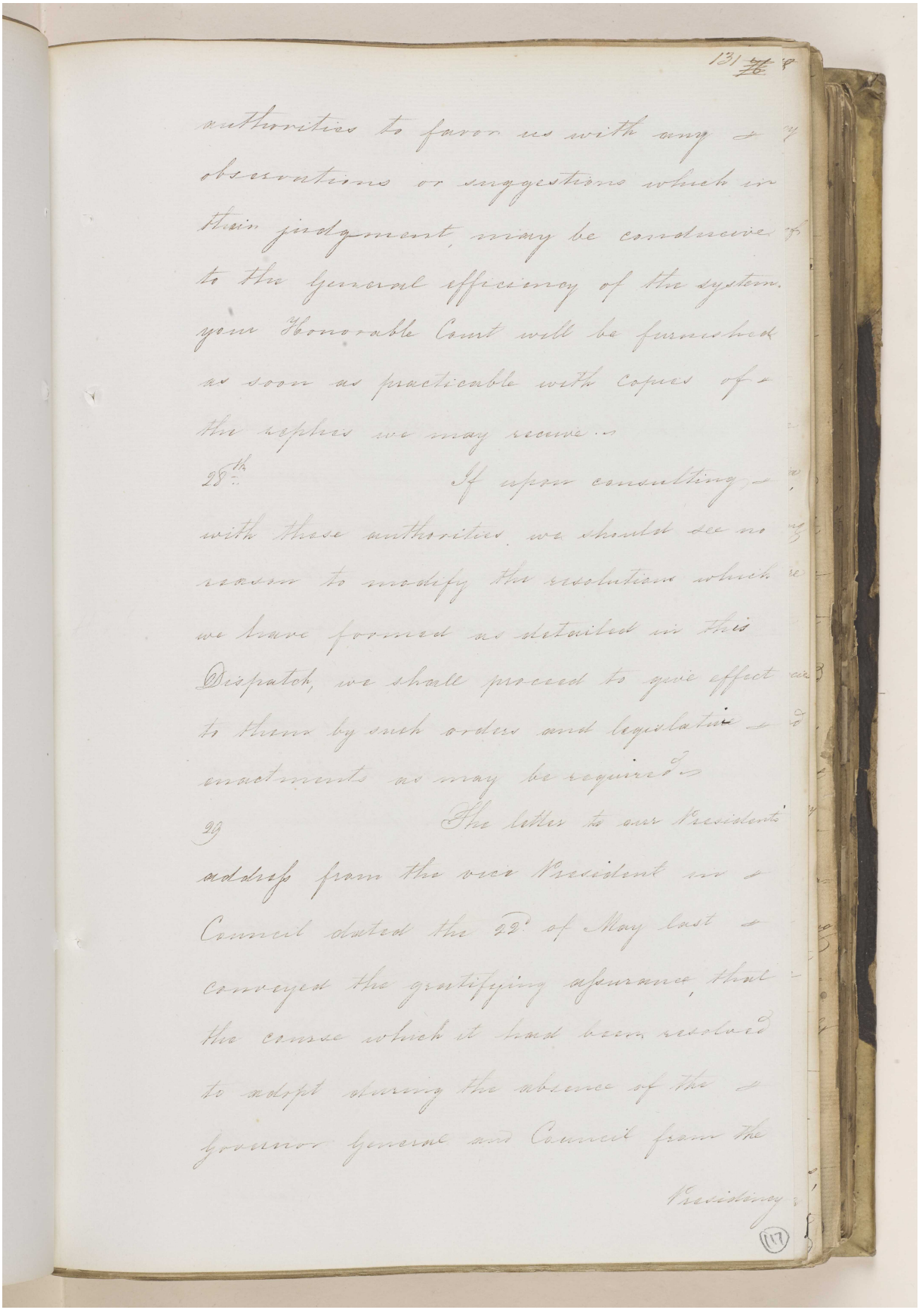


shall instruct the Political authorities
who have been heretofore subject to
their control, to pay implicit obedience
to the orders which they may receive
under such circumstances.

26 The resolution which
we have formed of retaining in
our own hands the general manage
ment of Political affairs, will not
of course operate to prevent us from
confiding to any of the Subordinate
Governments the conduct of any part
of our diplomatic relations, whenever
special circumstances may indicate such
an arrangement to be desirable.

27 We shall furnish the
Honorable the vice President in Council
and the Right Honorable the
Governors in Council of Fort St. George
and Bombay, with copies of this
Dispatch, and we shall request those
authorities

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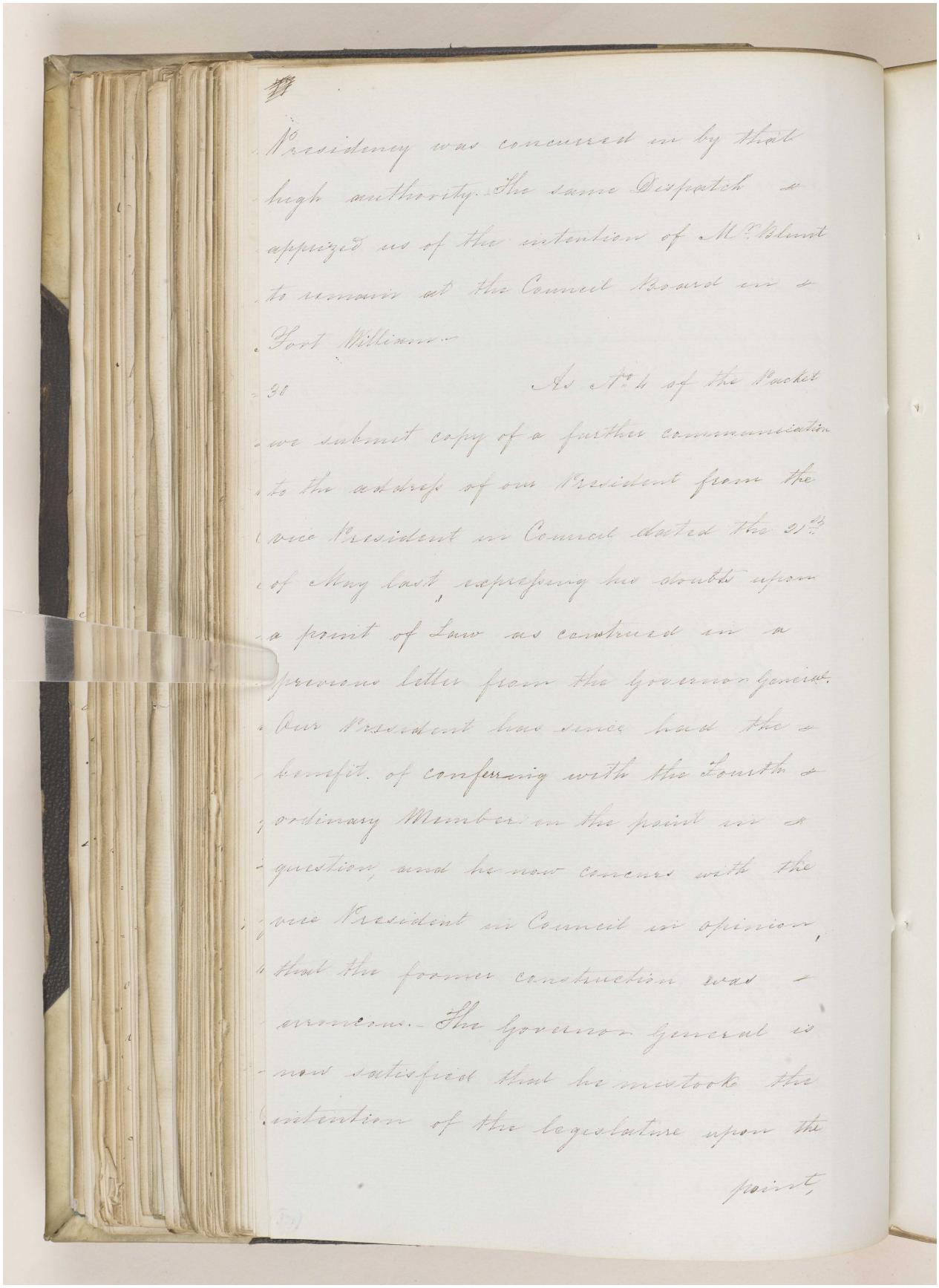
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authorities to favor us with any
observations or suggestions which in
their judgment may be conducive
to the general efficiency of the system.
your Honorable Court will be furnished
as soon as practicable with Copies of
the replies we may receive.

28th. If upon consulting
with these authorities we should see no
reason to modify the resolutions which
we have formed as detailed in this
Dispatch, we shall proceed to give effect
to them by such orders and legislative
enactments as may be required.

29 The letter to our President
address from the vice President in
Council dated the 22d of May last
conveyed the gratifying assurance that
the course which it had been resolved
to adopt during the absence of the
Governor General and Council from the
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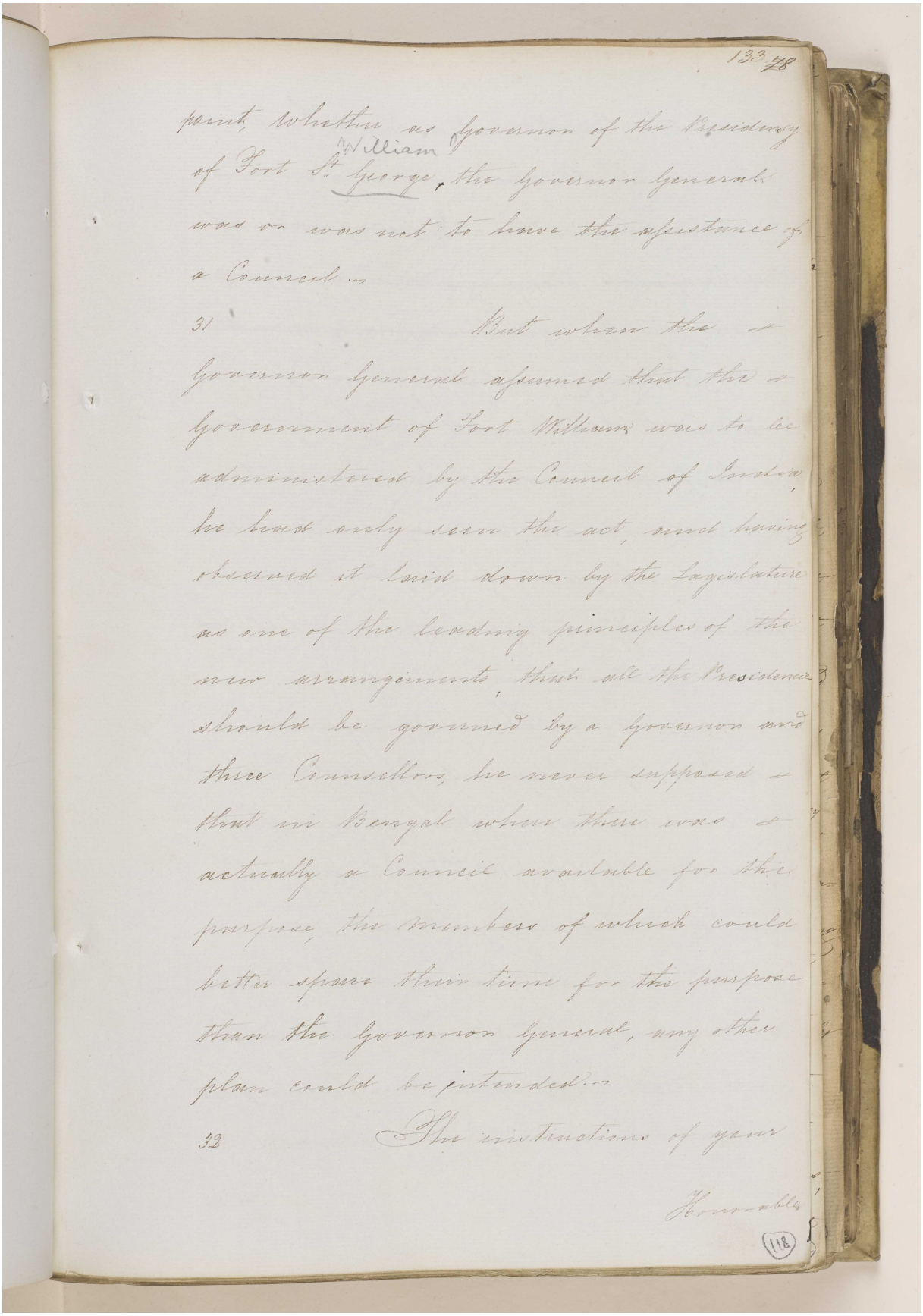
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Presidency was concurred in by that
high authority. The same Dispatch
apprized us of the intention of Mr. Blunt
to remain at the Council Board on
Fort William.

30 As No. 4 of the Packet
we submit copy of a further communication
to the address of our President from the
Vice President in Council dated the 21st
of May last, respecting his doubts upon
a point of Law as construed in a
previous letter from the Governor General.
Our President has since had the
benefit of conferring with the Fourth
Ordinary Member on the point in
question, and he now concurs with the
Vice President in Council in opinion,
that the former construction was
erroneous. The Governor General is
now satisfied that he mistook the
intention of the Legislature upon the
point,

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point, whether as governor of the Presidency of Fort St. George, the governor generals was or was not to have the assistance of a Council.

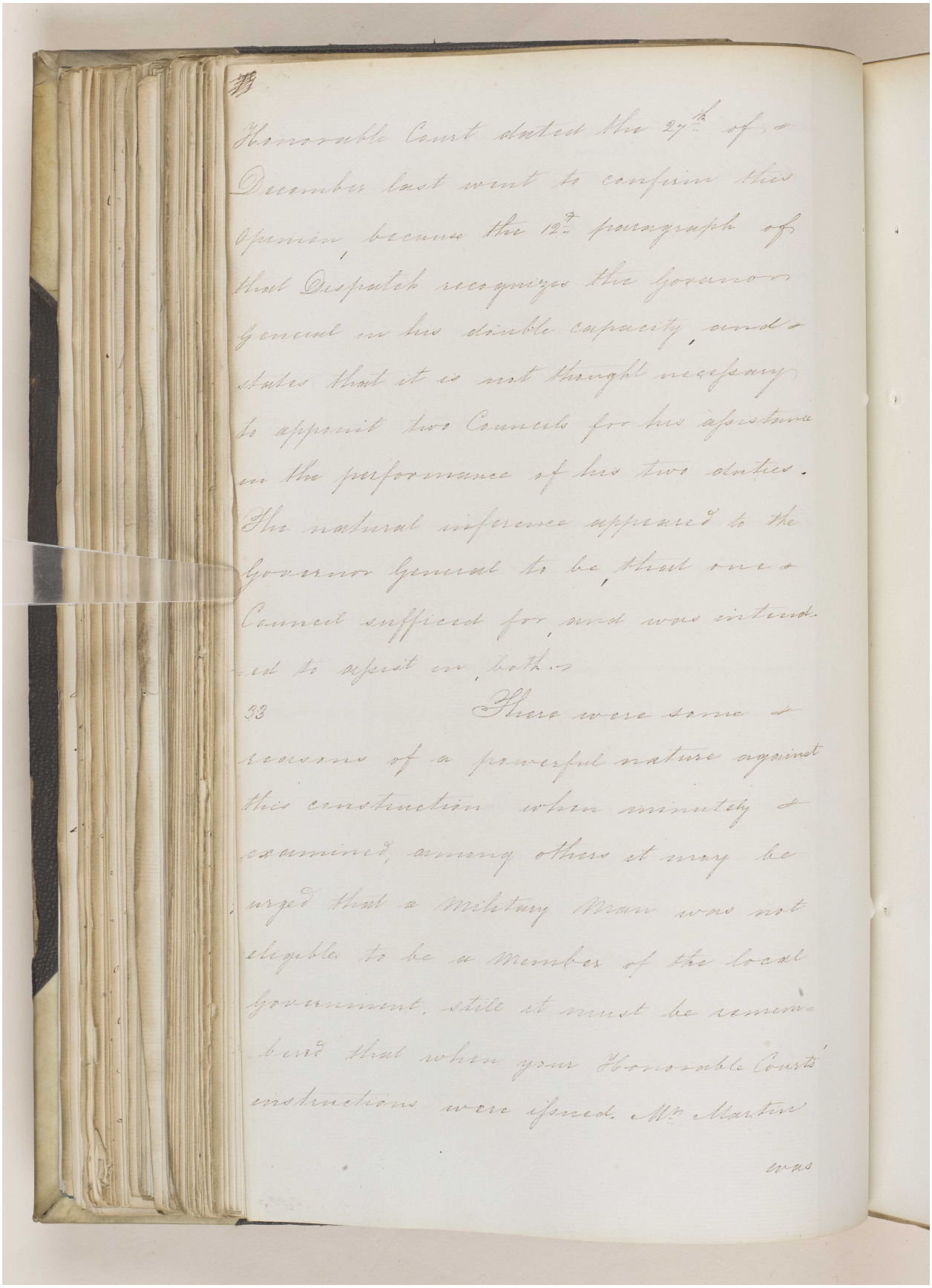
31 But when the governor general assumed that the government of Fort William was to be administered by the Council of India, he had only seen the act, and having observed it laid down by the Legislature as one of the leading principles of the new arrangements, that all the Presidencies should be governed by a governor and three Counsellors, he never supposed that in Bengal where there was actually a Council available for the purpose, the members of which could better spare their time for the purpose than the governor general, any other plan could be intended.

32 The instructions of your Honorable

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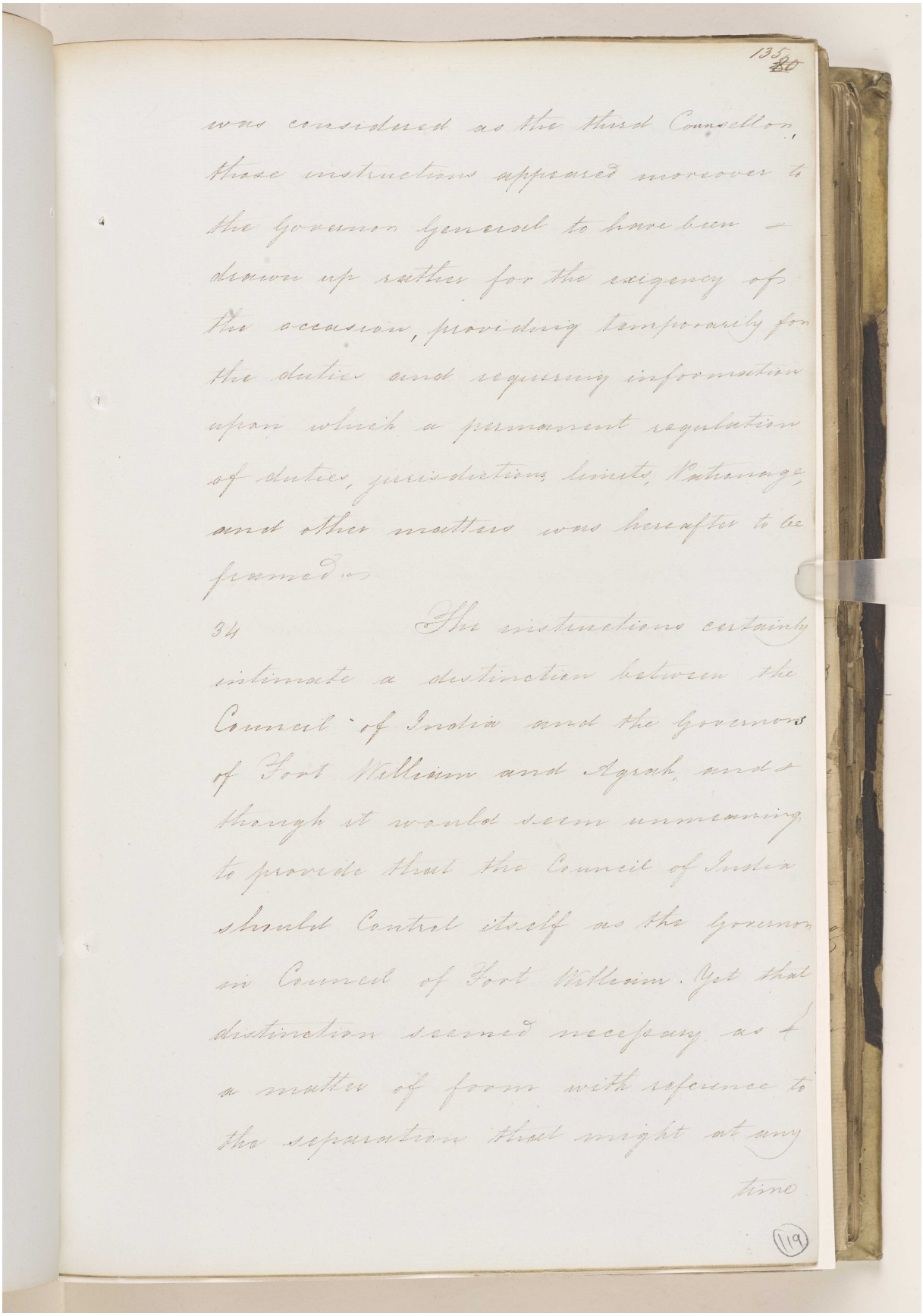
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Honorable Court dated the 27th of December last went to confirm this Opinion, because the 12th paragraph of that Dispatch recognizes the Governor General in his double capacity, and states that it is not thought necessary to appoint two Councils for his assistance in the performance of his two duties. The natural inference appeared to the Governor General to be that one Council sufficed for, and was intended to assist in, both.

33 There were some reasons of a powerful nature against this construction when minutely examined, among others it may be urged that a Military Man was not eligible to be a Member of the local Government, still it must be remembered that when your Honorable Courts instructions were issued, Mr Manesty was

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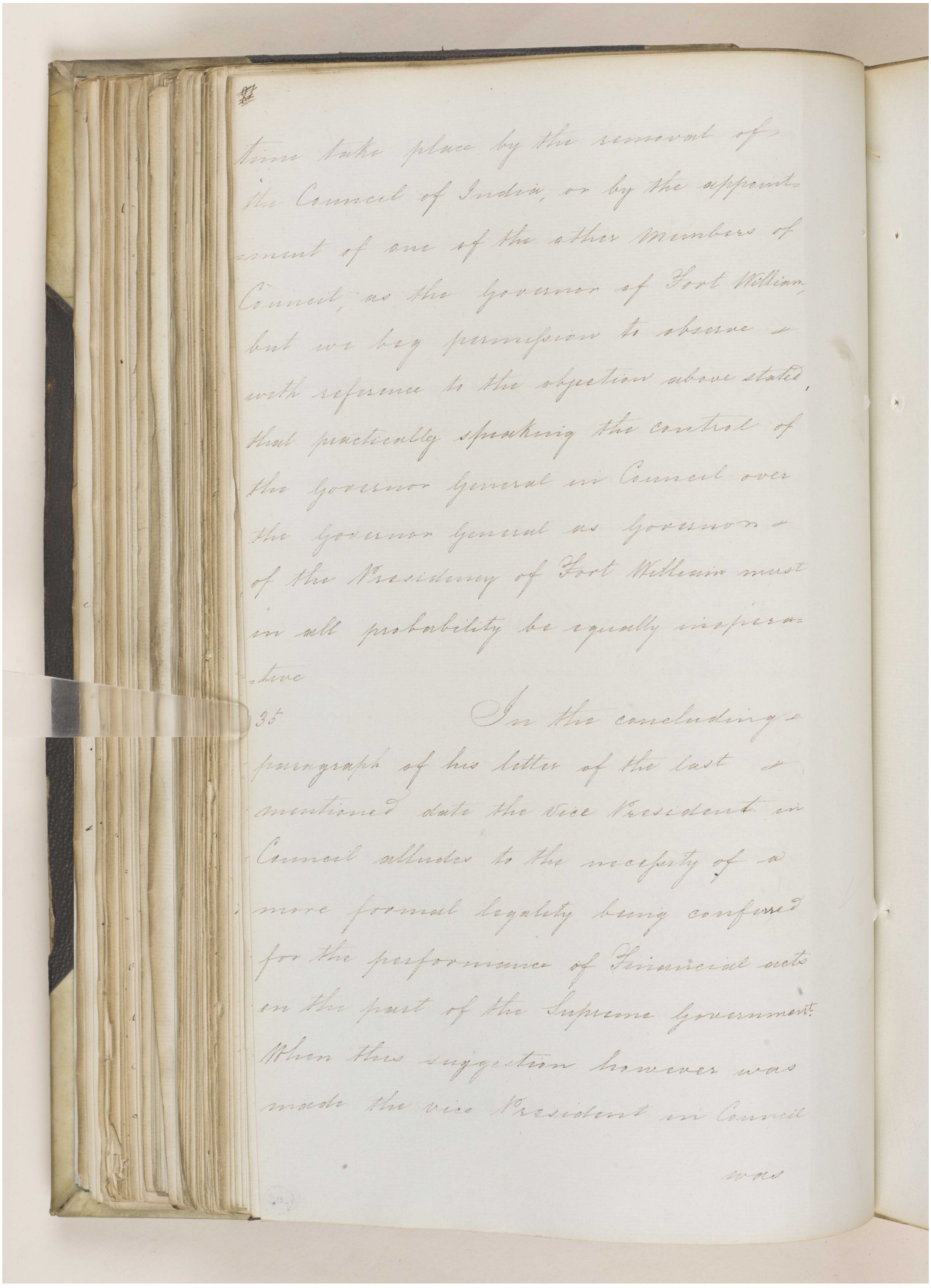
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was considered as the third Consellon,
those instructions appeared moreover to
the Governor General to have been
drawn up rather for the exigency of
the occasion, providing temporarily for
the duties and requiring information
upon which a permanent regulation
of duties, jurisdictions, limits, Patronage,
and other matters was hereafter to be
framed.

34 The instructions certainly
intimate a distinction between the
Council of India and the Governors
of Fort William and Agrah, and
though it would seem unmeaning
to provide that the Council of India
should Control itself as the Governor
in Council of Fort William. Yet that
distinction seemed necessary as
a matter of form with reference to
the separation that might at any
time

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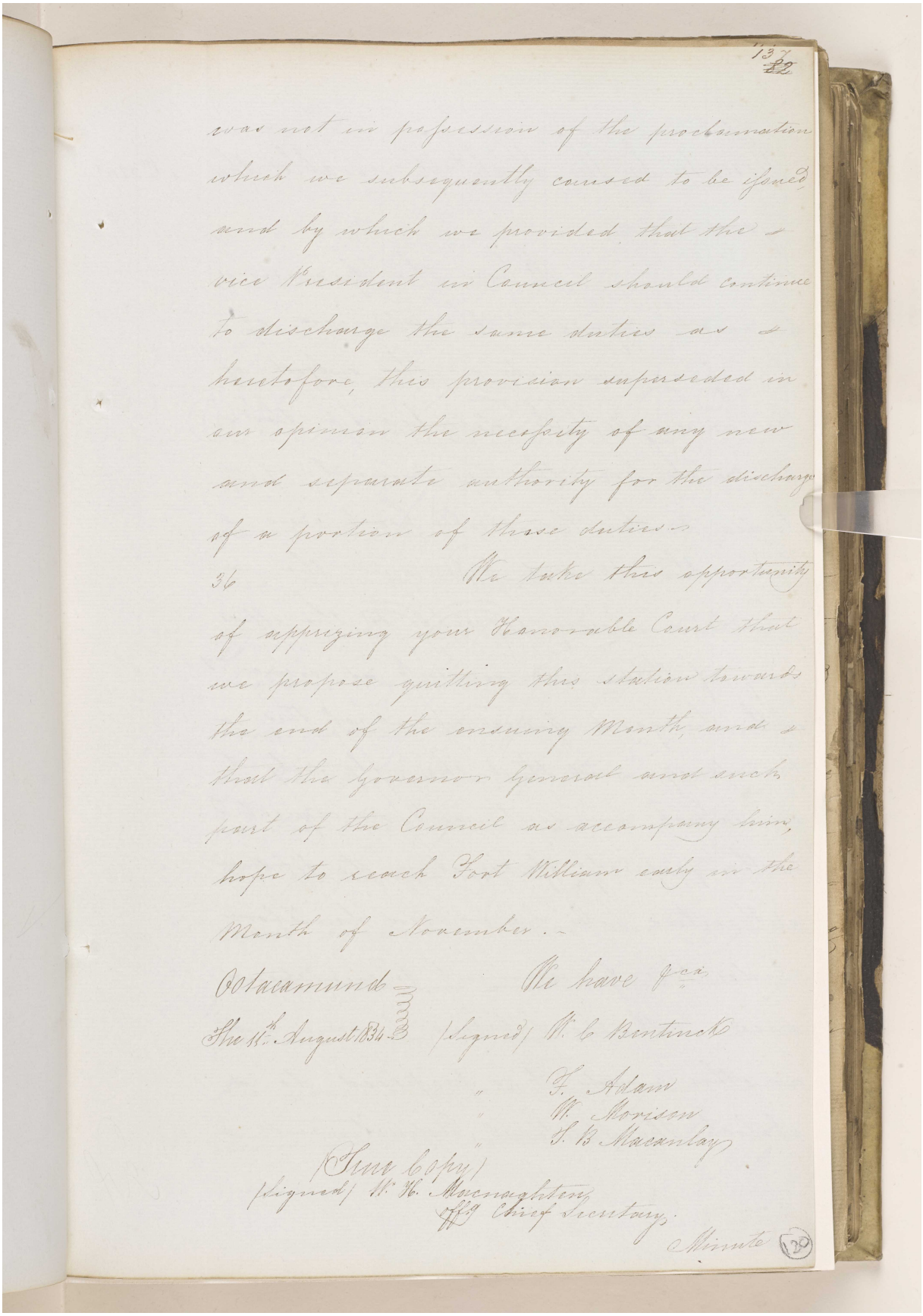
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time take place by the removal of
the Council of India, or by the appoint-
ment of one of the other Members of
Council, as the governor of Fort William,
but we beg permission to observe
with reference to the objection above stated,
that practically speaking the control of
the Governor General in Council over
the Governor General as Governor
of the Presidency of Fort William must
in all probability be equally inoperative

35 In the concluding
paragraph of his letter of the last
mentioned date the Vice President in
Council alludes to the necessity of a
more formal legality being conferred
for the performance of Ministerial acts
on the part of the Supreme Government.
When this suggestion however was
made the Vice President in Council

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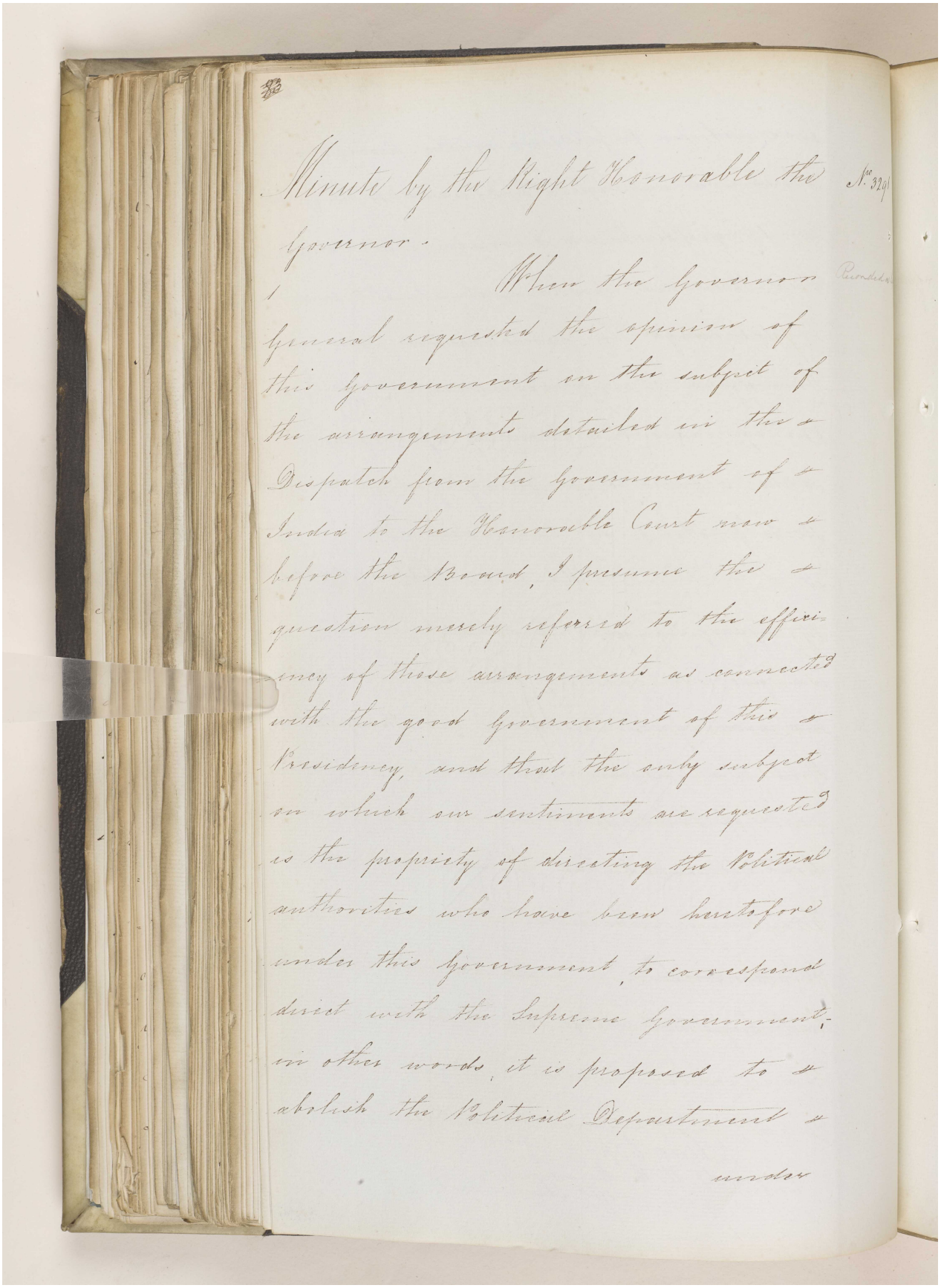
was not in possession of the proclamation which we subsequently caused to be issued and by which we provided that the Vice President in Council should continue to discharge the same duties as heretofore, this provision superseded in our opinion the necessity of any new and separate authority for the discharge of a portion of those duties.

36 We take this opportunity of apprizing your Honorable Court that we propose quitting this station towards the end of the ensuing Month, and that the Governor General and such part of the Council as accompany him, hope to reach Fort William early in the Month of November.

Calcutta } We have &c.
The 16th August 1834 } (Signed) W. C. Bentinck
" C. Adam
" W. Morison
" T. B. Macaulay

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. N. Macnaghten
Offg Chief Secretary.

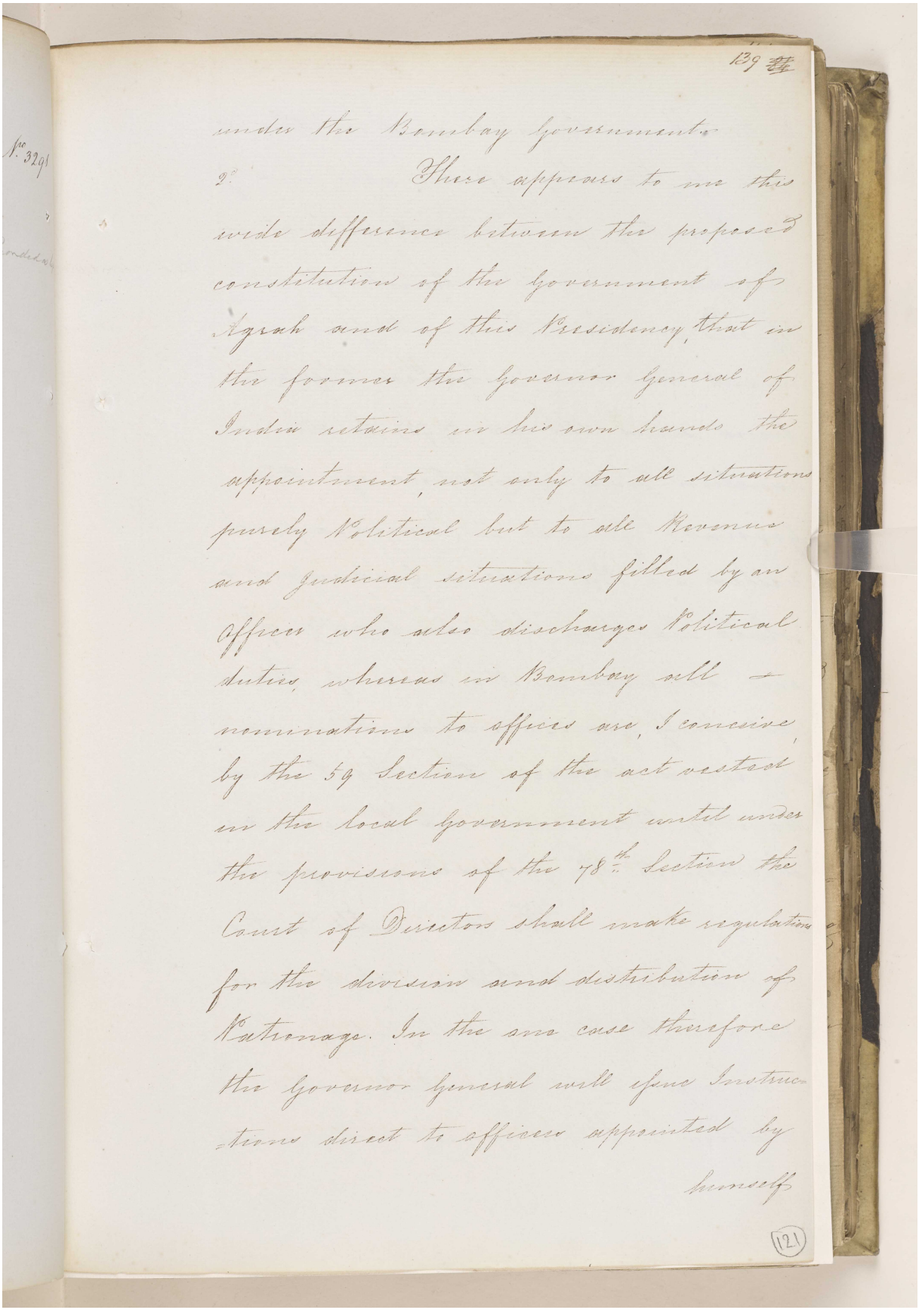
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Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor.

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When the Governor General requested the opinion of this Government on the subject of the arrangements detailed in the Dispatch from the Government of India to the Honorable Court now before the Board, I presume the question merely referred to the efficiency of those arrangements as connected with the good Government of this Presidency, and that the only subject on which our sentiments are requested is the propriety of directing the Political authorities who have been heretofore under this Government, to correspond direct with the Supreme Government, in other words, it is proposed to abolish the Political Department under



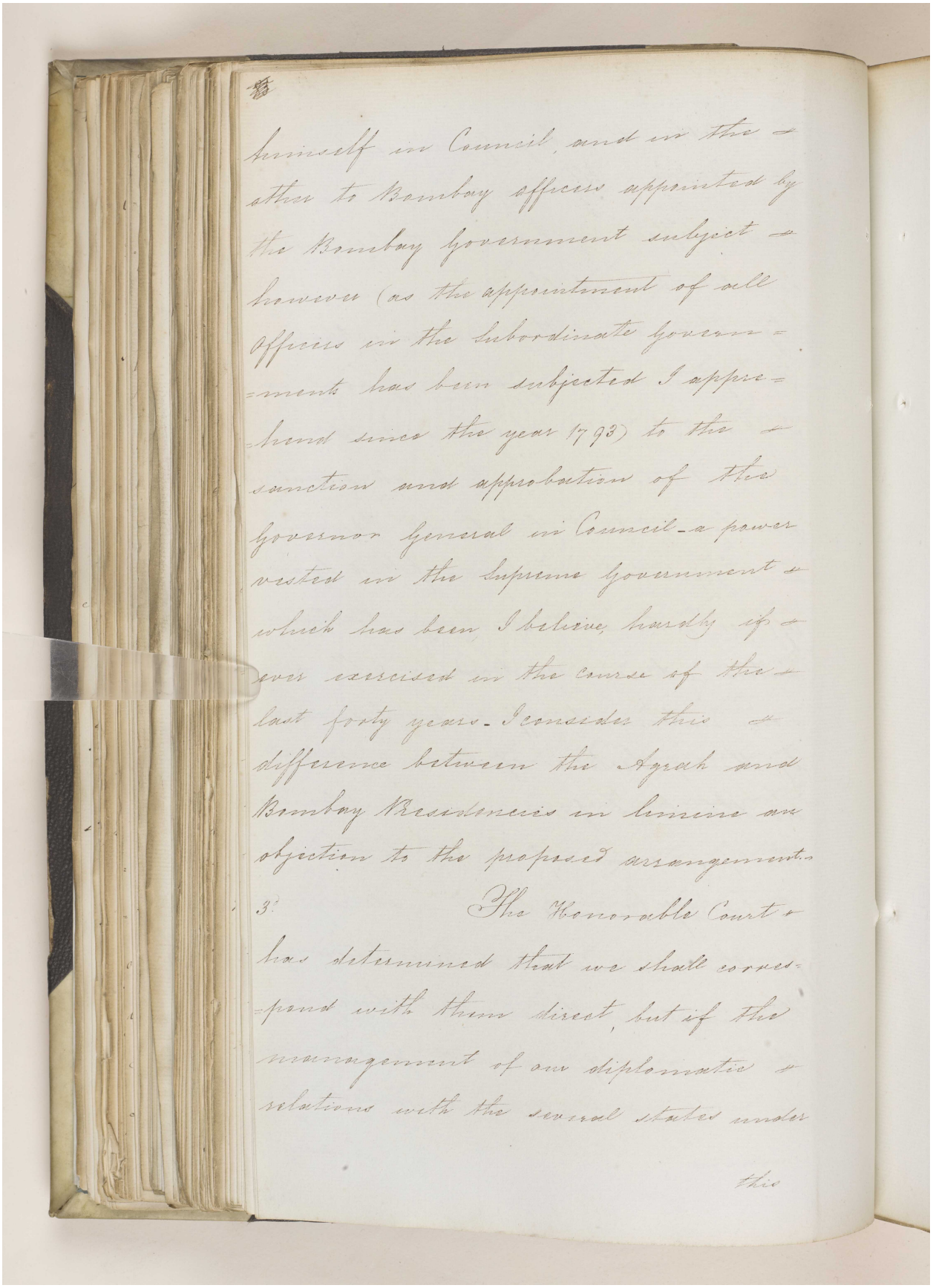
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under the Bombay Government.

2. There appears to me this wide difference between the proposed constitution of the Government of Agrah and of this Presidency, that in the former the Governor General of India retains in his own hands the appointment, not only to all situations purely Political but to all Revenue and Judicial situations filled by an Officer who also discharges Political duties, whereas in Bombay all nominations to offices are, I conceive, by the 59 Section of the act vested in the local Government until under the provisions of the 78th Section the Court of Directors shall make regulations for the division and distribution of Patronage. In the one case therefore the Governor General will issue Instructions direct to officers appointed by himself

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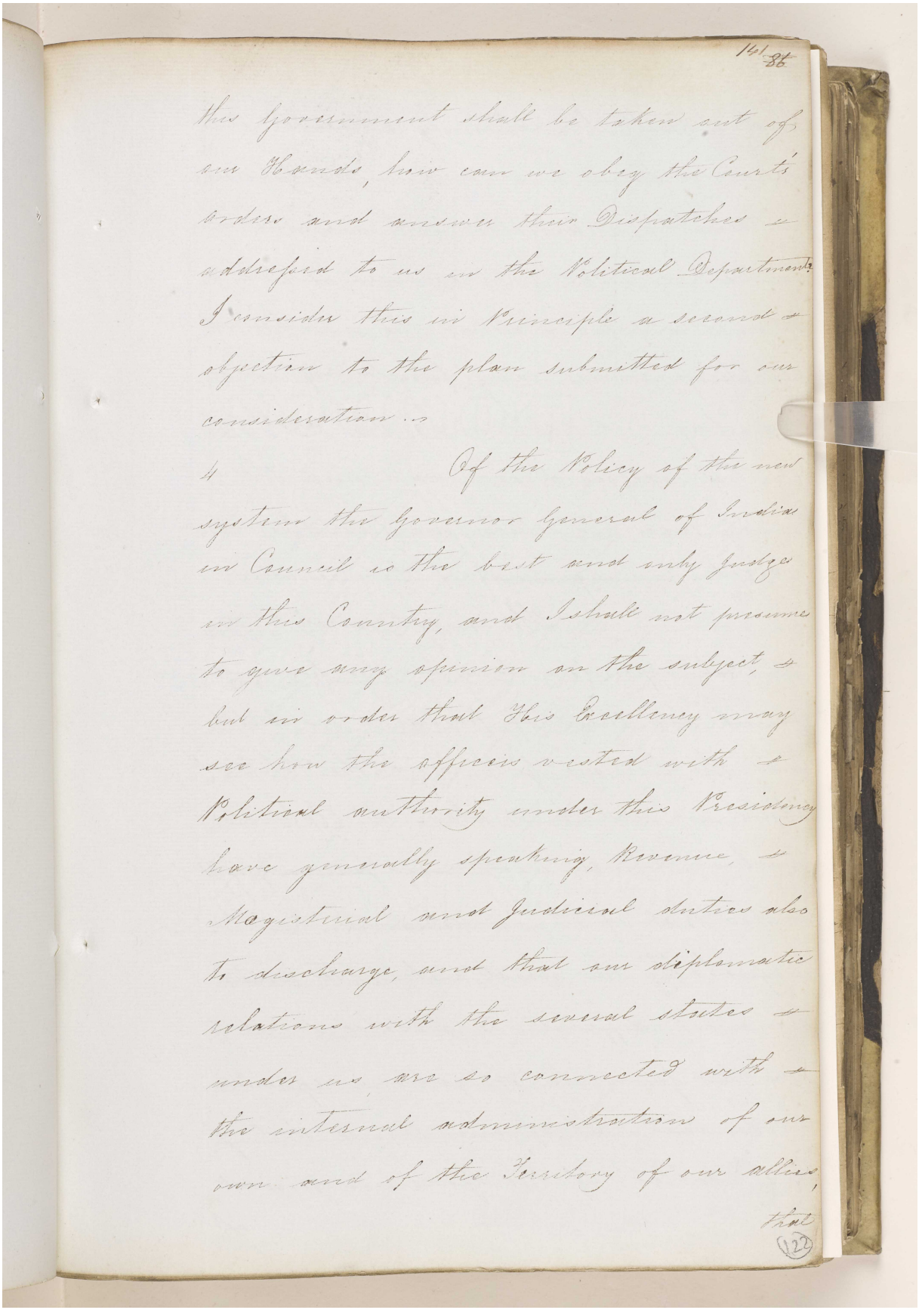


himself in Council, and in the
other to Bombay officers appointed by
the Bombay government subject
however (as the appointment of all
Officers in the subordinate govern-
-ments has been subjected I appre-
-hend since the year 1793) to the
sanction and approbation of the
Governor General in Council – a power
vested in the Supreme Government
which has been I believe, hardly ever
ever exercised in the course of the
last forty years. I consider this
difference between the Agrah and
Bombay Residencies in limine an
objection to the proposed arrangement.

3. The Honorable Court
has determined that we shall corres-
-pond with them direct, but if the
management of our diplomatic
relations with the several states under

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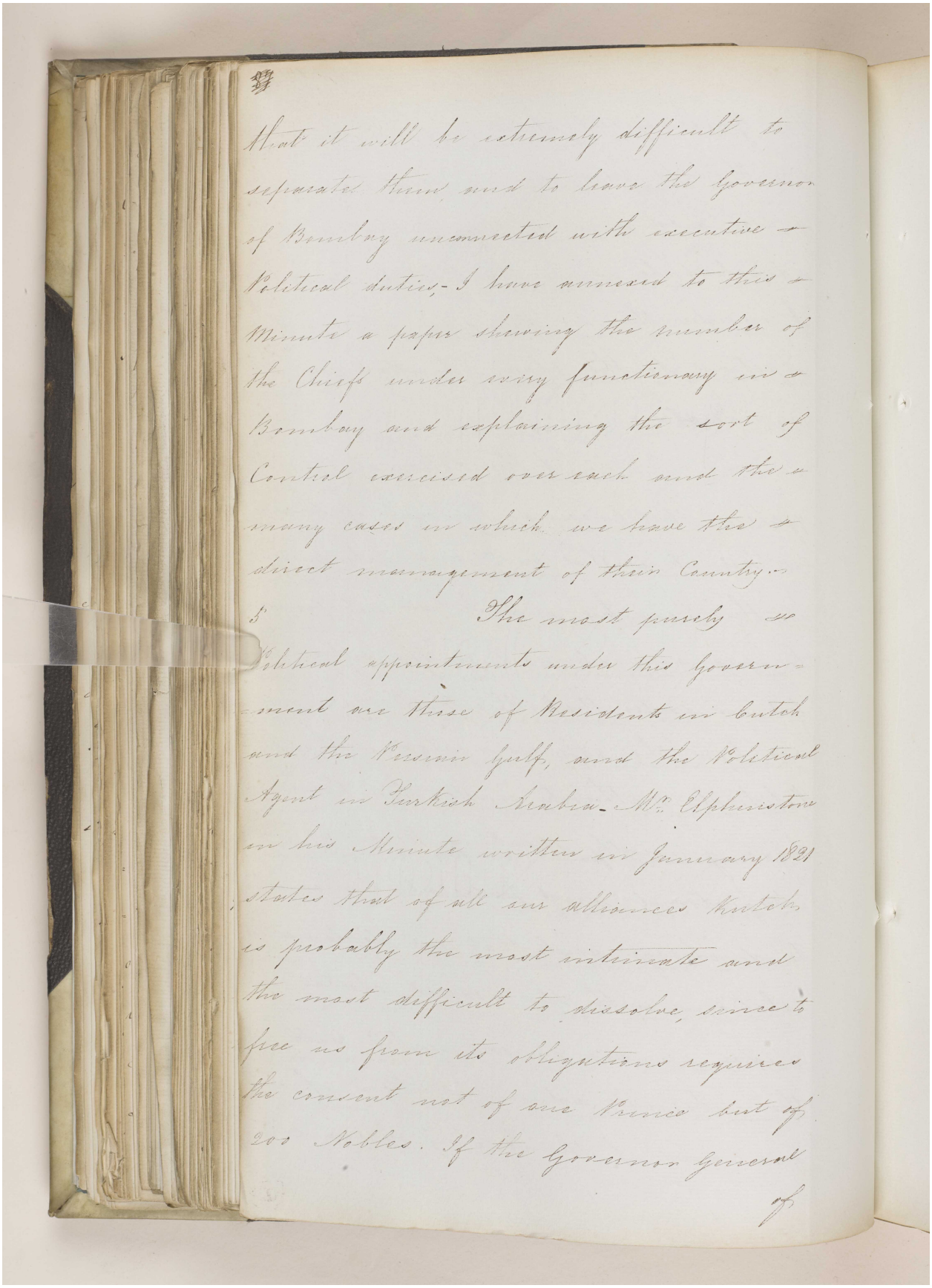
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this Government shall be taken out of our Hands, how can we obey the Court's orders and answer their Dispatches addressed to us in the Political Department? I consider this in Principle a second objection to the plan submitted for our consideration.—

4 Of the Policy of the new system the Governor General of India in Council is the best and only Judge in this Country, and I shall not presume to give any opinion on the subject, but in order that His Excellency may see how the officers vested with Political authority under this Presidency have generally speaking, Revenue, Magisterial and Judicial duties also to discharge, and that our diplomatic relations with the several States under us, are so connected with the internal administration of our own and of the Territory of our allies, that

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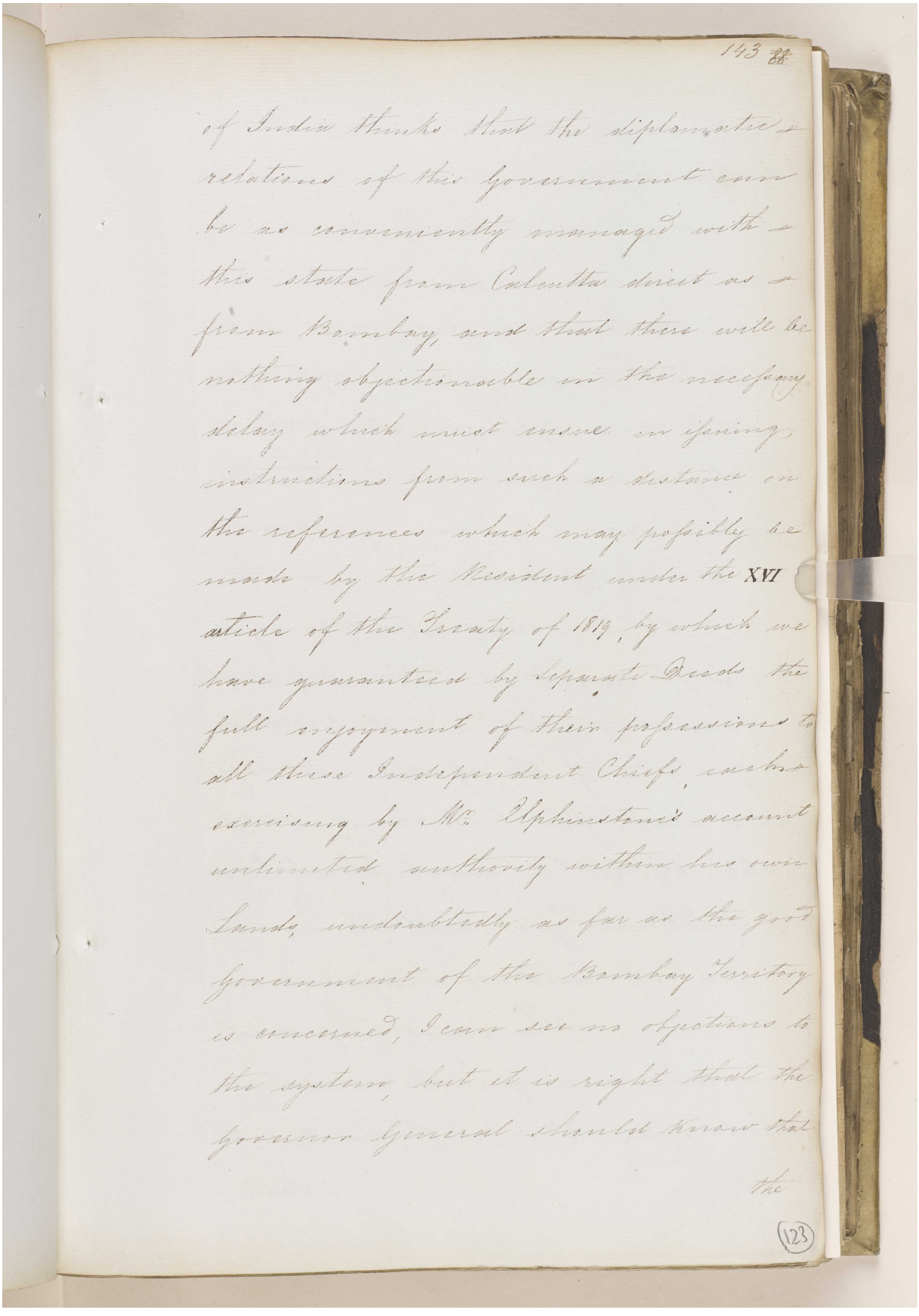
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Most it will be extremely difficult to
separate them, and to leave the Governor
of Bombay unconnected with executive &
Political duties.- I have annexed to this
Minute a paper shewing the number of
the Chiefs under every functionary in
Bombay and explaining the sort of
Control exercised over each and the
many cases in which we have the
direct management of their Country.

5 The most purely
Political appointments under this Govern-
-ment are those of Residents in Cutch
and the Persian Gulf, and the Political
Agent in Turkish Arabia.- Mr. Elphinstone
in his Minute written in January 1821
states that of all our alliances Kutch
is probably the most intimate and
the most difficult to dissolve, since to
free us from its obligations requires
the consent not of one Prince but of
200 Nobles. If the Governor General
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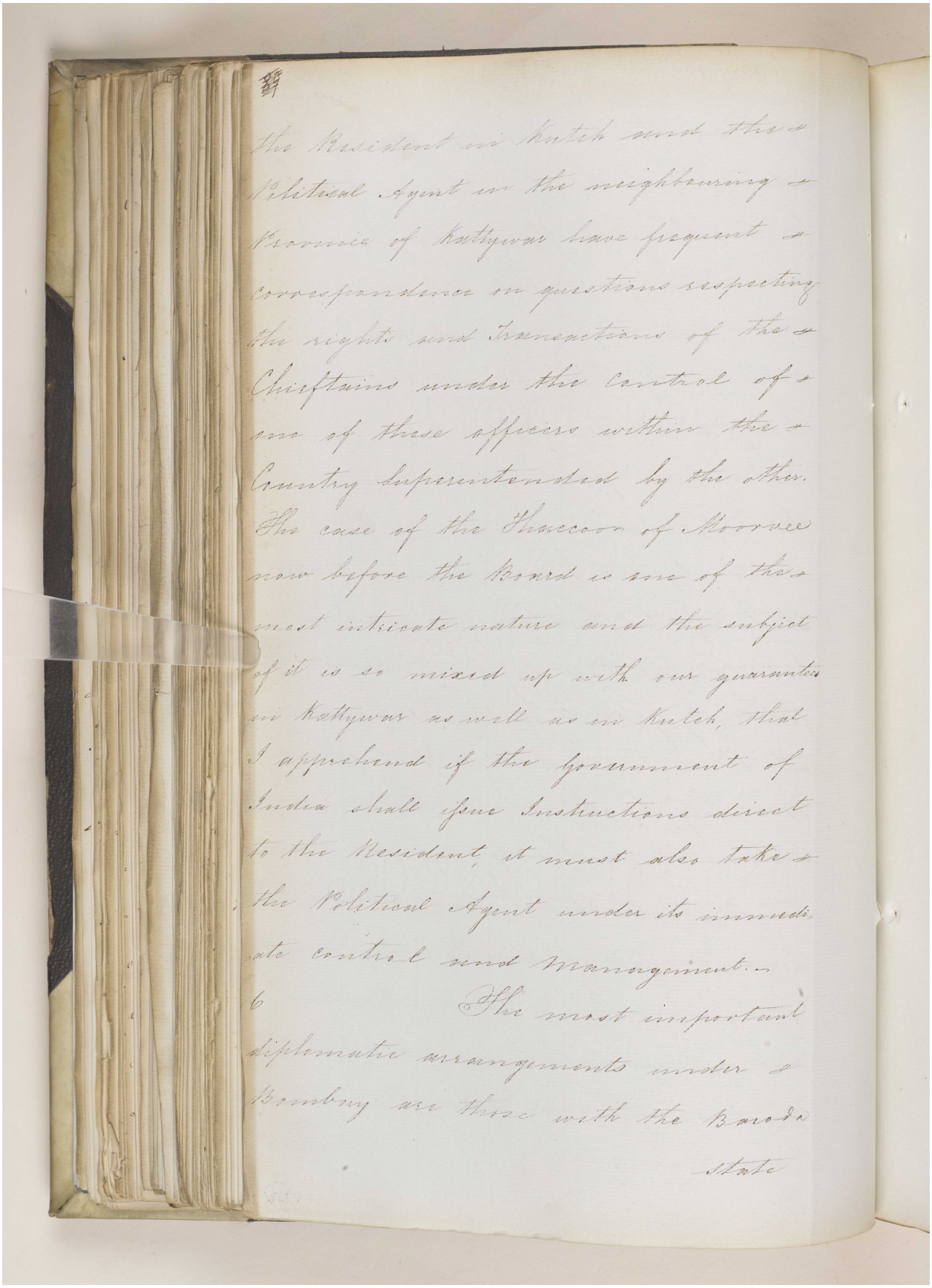


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of India thinks that the diplomatic relations of this government can be as conveniently managed with this state from Calcutta direct as from Bombay, and that there will be nothing objectionable in the necessary delay which must ensue in issuing instructions from such a distance on the references which may possibly be made by the Resident under the XVI article of the Treaty of 1819, by which we have guaranteed by separate Deeds the full enjoyment of their possessions to all these Independent Chiefs, exclusive servising by Mr. Elphinstone's account unlimited authority within their own Lands, undoubtedly as far as the good government of the Bombay Territory is concerned, I can see no objections to the system, but it is right that the Governor General should know that

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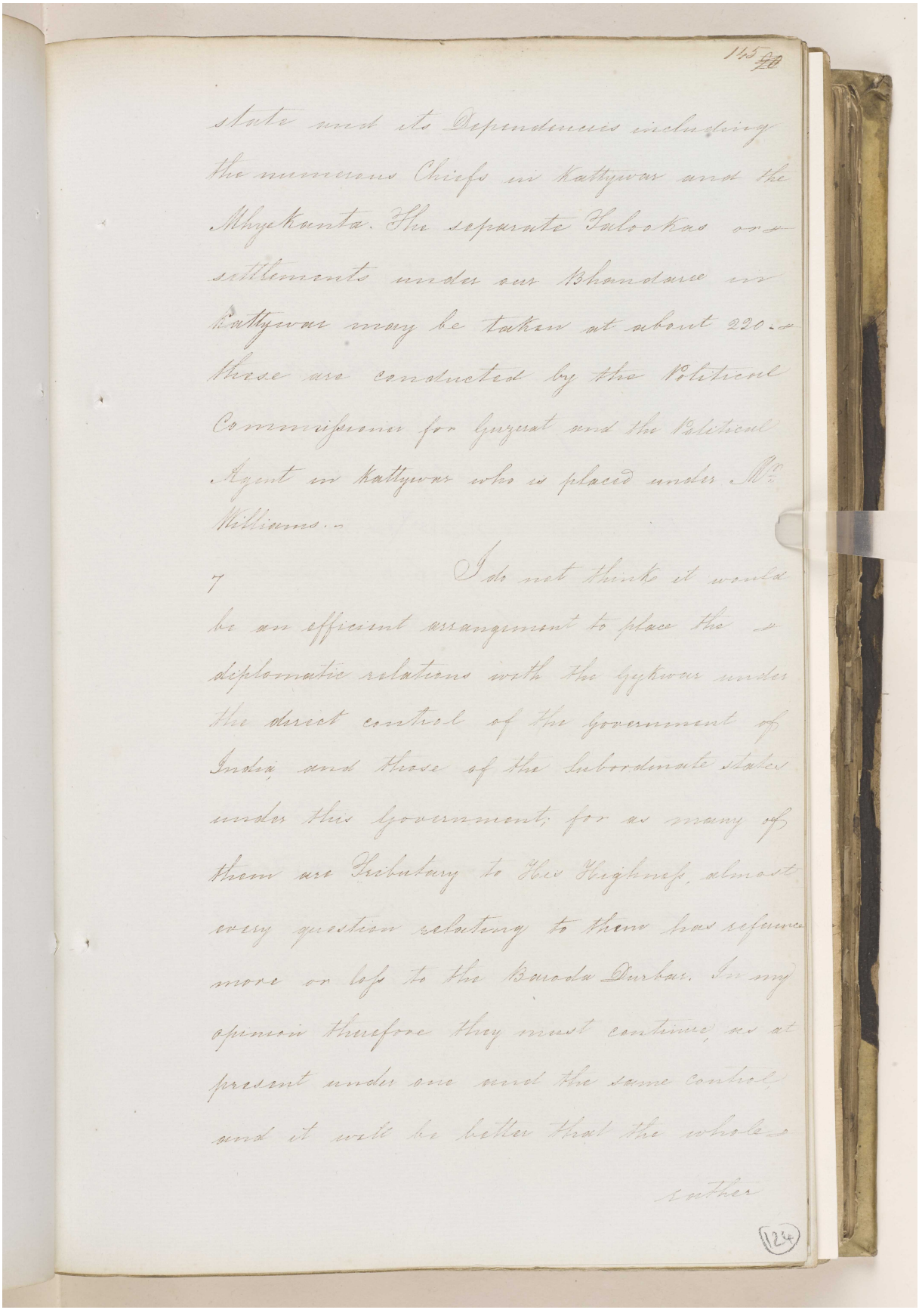
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the Resident in Kutch and the Political Agent in the neighbouring Province of Kattywar have frequent correspondence on questions respecting the rights and transactions of the Chieftains under the control of one of these officers within the Country superintended by the other. The case of the Shaccoor of Moorvee now before the Board is one of the most intricate nature and the subject of it is so mixed up with our guarantee in Kattywar as well as in Kutch, that I apprehend if the Government of India shall issue Instructions direct to the Resident, it must also take the Political Agent under its immediate control and management.—

6 The most important diplomatic arrangements under Bombay are those with the Baroda State

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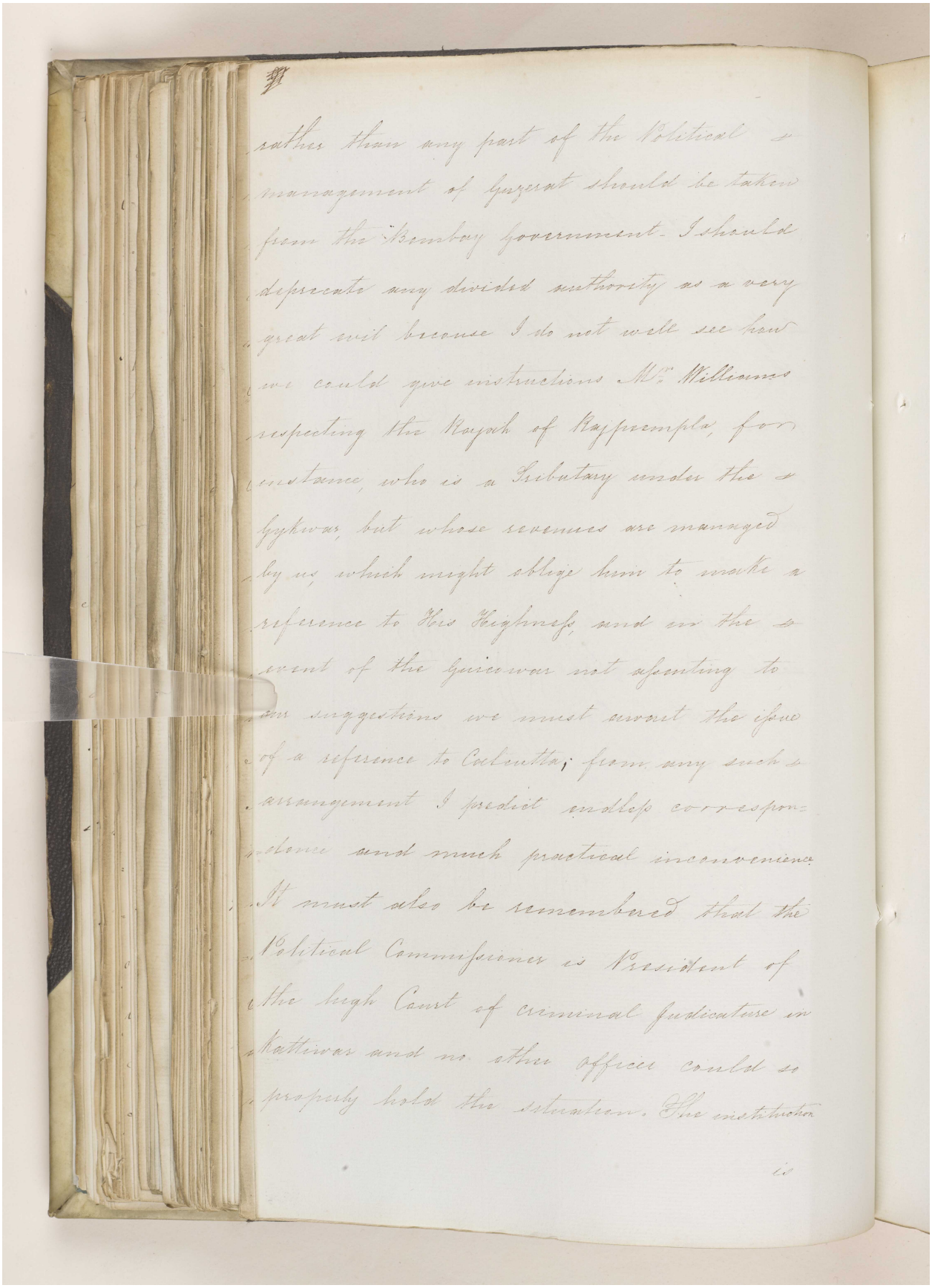
State and its Dependencies including the numerous Chiefs in Kattywar and the Mhyekanta. The separate Talookas or settlements under our Bhondaree in Kattywar may be taken at about 220.–
These are conducted by the Political Commissioner for Guzerat and the Political Agent in Kattywar who is placed under Mr. Williams.–

7 I do not think it would be an efficient arrangement to place the diplomatic relations with the Gykwar under the direct control of the Government of India, and those of the subordinate states under this Government, for as many of them are Tributary to Her Highness, almost every question relating to them has reference more or less to the Baroda Durbar. In my opinion therefore they must continue, as at present under one and the same control, and it will be better that the whole

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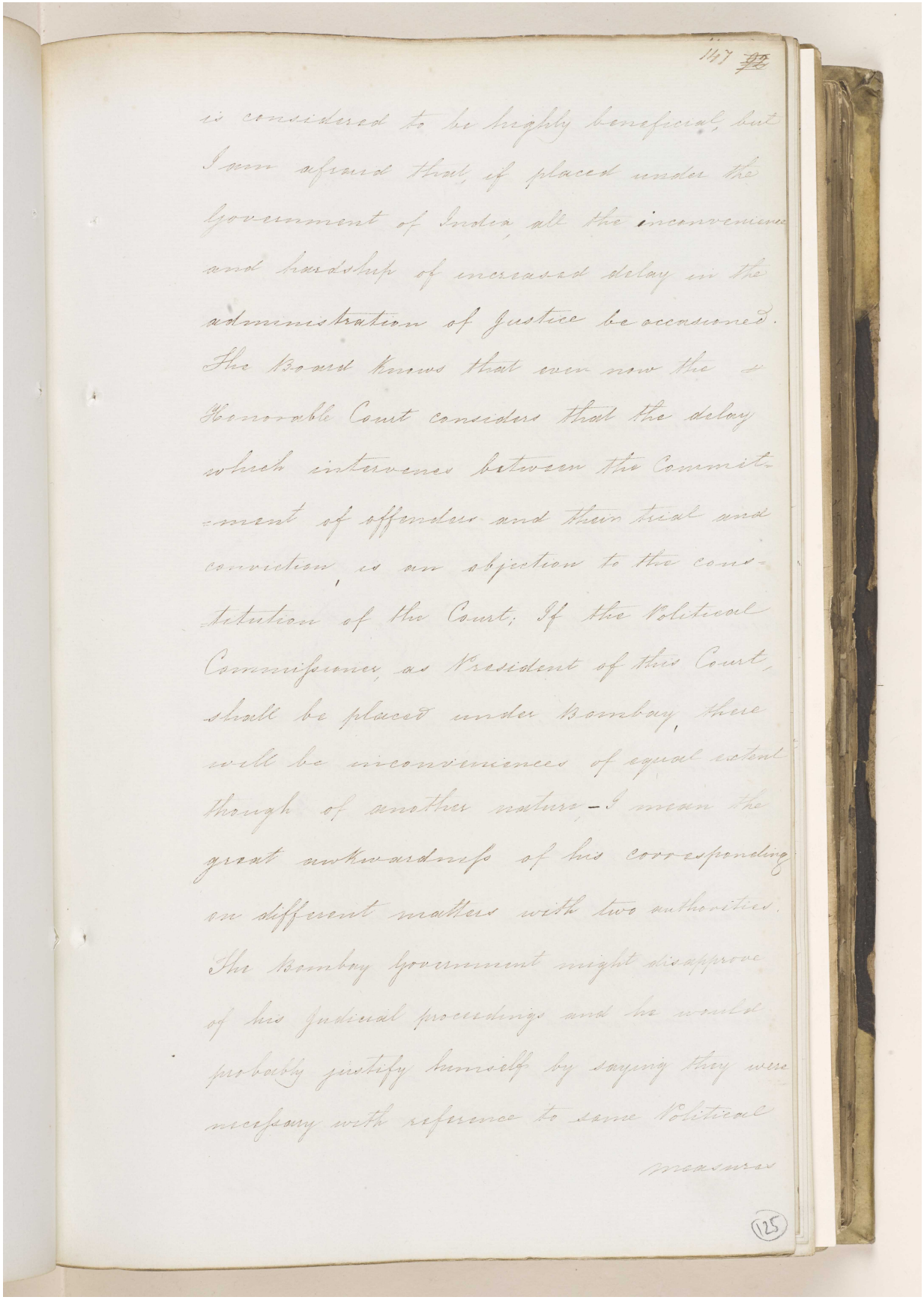
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rather than any part of the Political
management of Guzerat should be taken
from the Bombay government. I should
deprecate any divided authority as a very
great evil because I do not well see how
we could give instructions Mr. Williams
respecting the Rajah of Rajpeepla, for
instance, who is a Tributary under the
Gykwar, but whose revenues are managed
by us, which might oblige him to make a
reference to His Highness, and in the
event of the Guicowar not assenting to
our suggestions we must avoid the issue
of a reference to Calcutta; from any such
arrangement I predict endless correspon-
dence and much practical inconvenience
It must also be remembered that the
Political Commissioner is President of
the high Court of criminal judicature in
Kattiwar and no other officer could so
properly hold the situation. The institution
is

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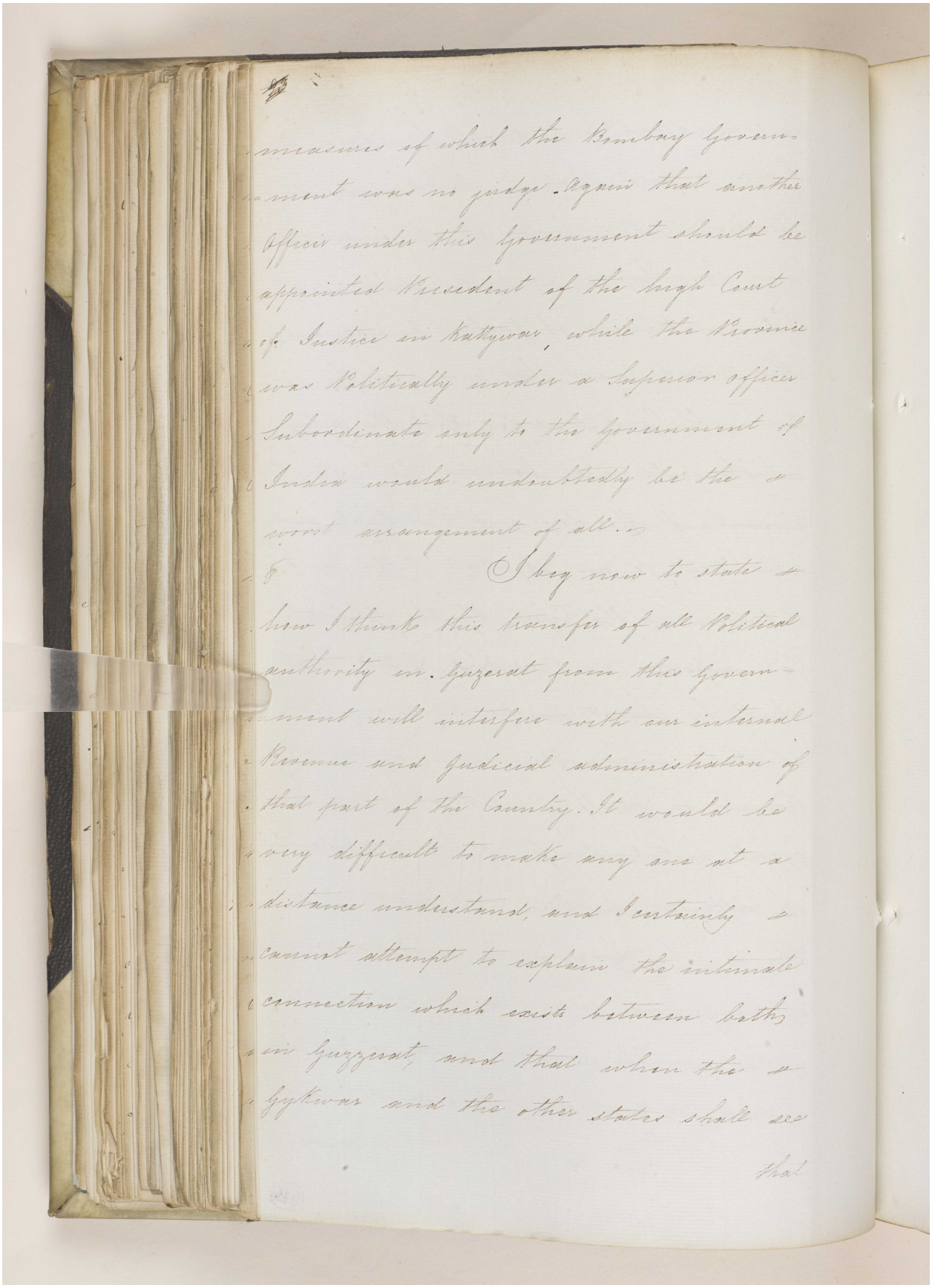
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is considered to be highly beneficial, but I am afraid that, if placed under the Government of India, all the inconvenience and hardship of increased delay in the administration of justice be occasioned. The Board knows that even now the Honorable Court considers that the delay which intervenes between the Commitment of offenders and their trial and conviction, is an objection to the constitution of the Court. If the Political Commissioner, as President of this Court, shall be placed under Bombay, there will be inconveniences of equal extent though of another nature, – I mean the great awkwardness of his corresponding on different matters with two authorities. The Bombay Government might disapprove of his judicial proceedings and he would probably justify himself by saying they were necessary with reference to some Political measures

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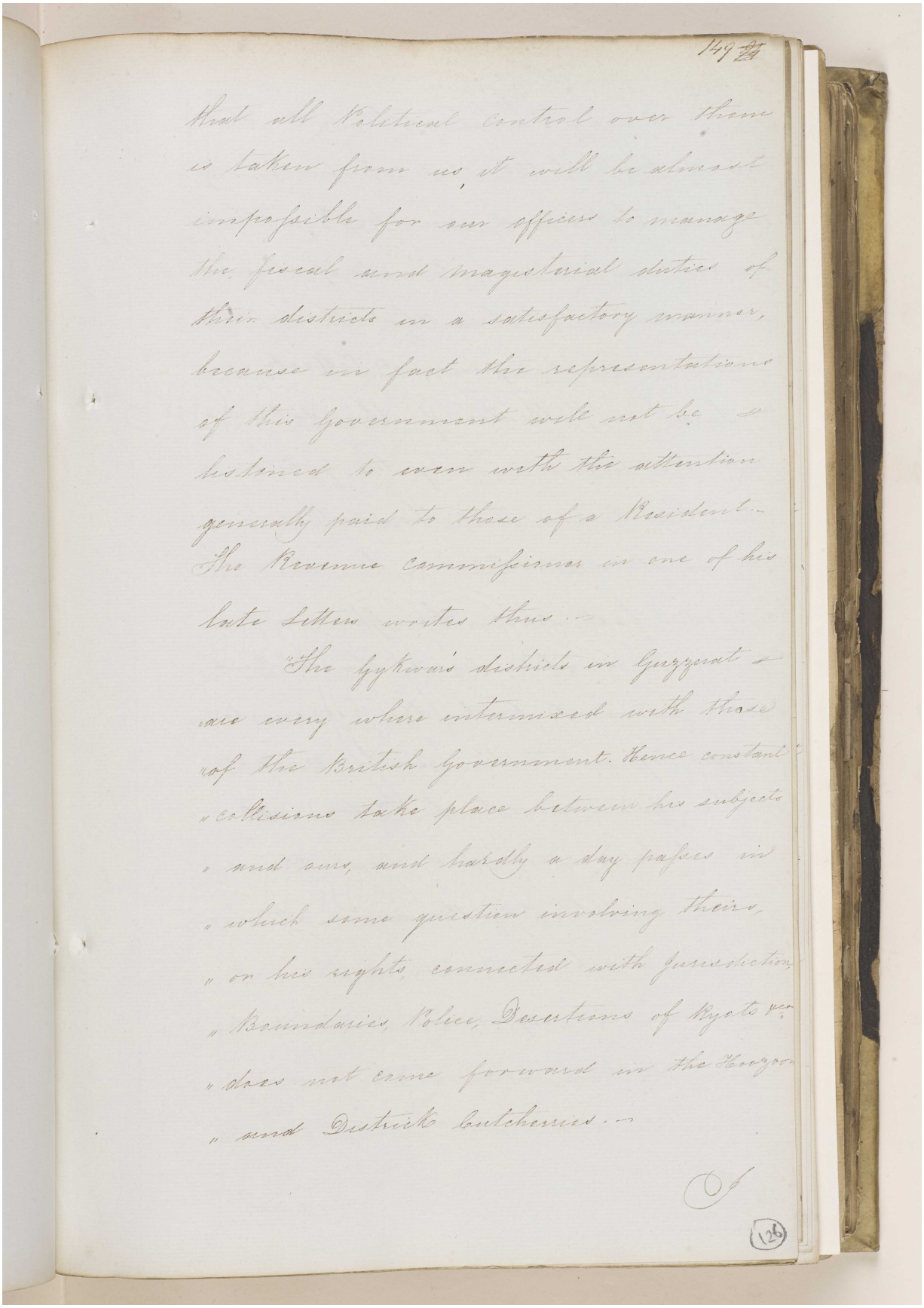


measures of which the Bombay Govern-
ment were no judge. Again that another
Officer under this Government should be
appointed President of the high Court
of Justice in Kattywar, while the Province
was Politically under a Superior officer
Subordinate only to the Government of
India would undoubtedly be the
worst arrangement of all.

I beg now to state
how I think this transfer of all Political
authority in Guzerat from this Govern-
ment will interfere with our internal
Revenue and Judicial administration of
that part of the Country. It would be
very difficult to make any one at a
distance understand, and I certainly
cannot attempt to explain the intimate
connection which exists between both
in Guzzerat, and that when the
Gykwar and the other states shall see
that

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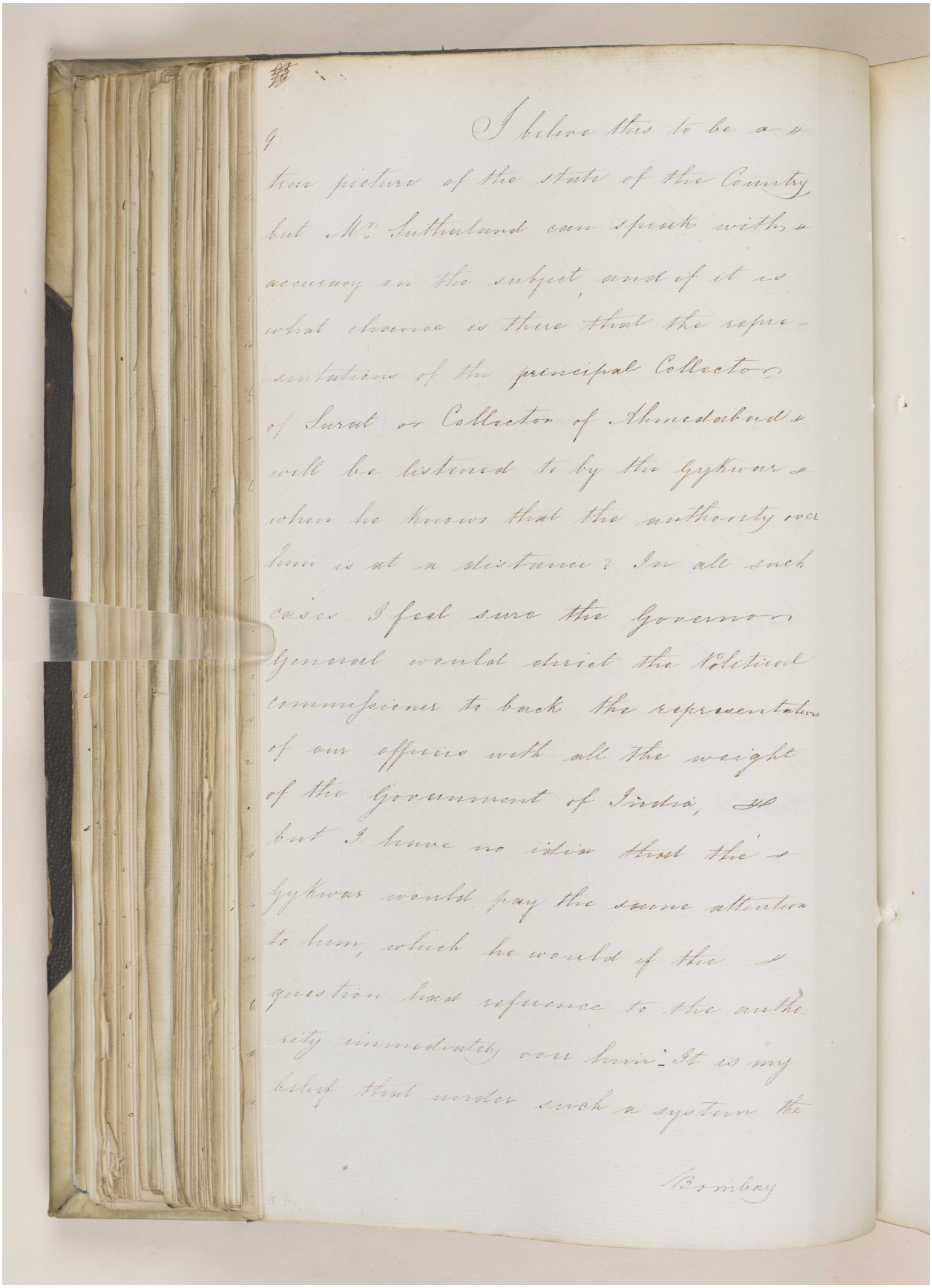
that all Political control over them is taken from us, it will be almost impossible for our officers to manage the fiscal and magisterial duties of their districts in a satisfactory manner, because in fact the representations of this Government will not be listened to even with the attention generally paid to those of a Resident.—
The Revenue Commissioner in one of his late Letters writes thus:—

"The Gykwar's districts in Guzzerat are every where intermixed with those of the British Government. Hence constant collisions take place between his subjects and ours, and hardly a day passes in which some question involving theirs, or his rights connected with jurisdiction, Boundaries, Police, Desertions of Ryots &c. does not come forward in the Hoozoor and Districts Cutcheries.—

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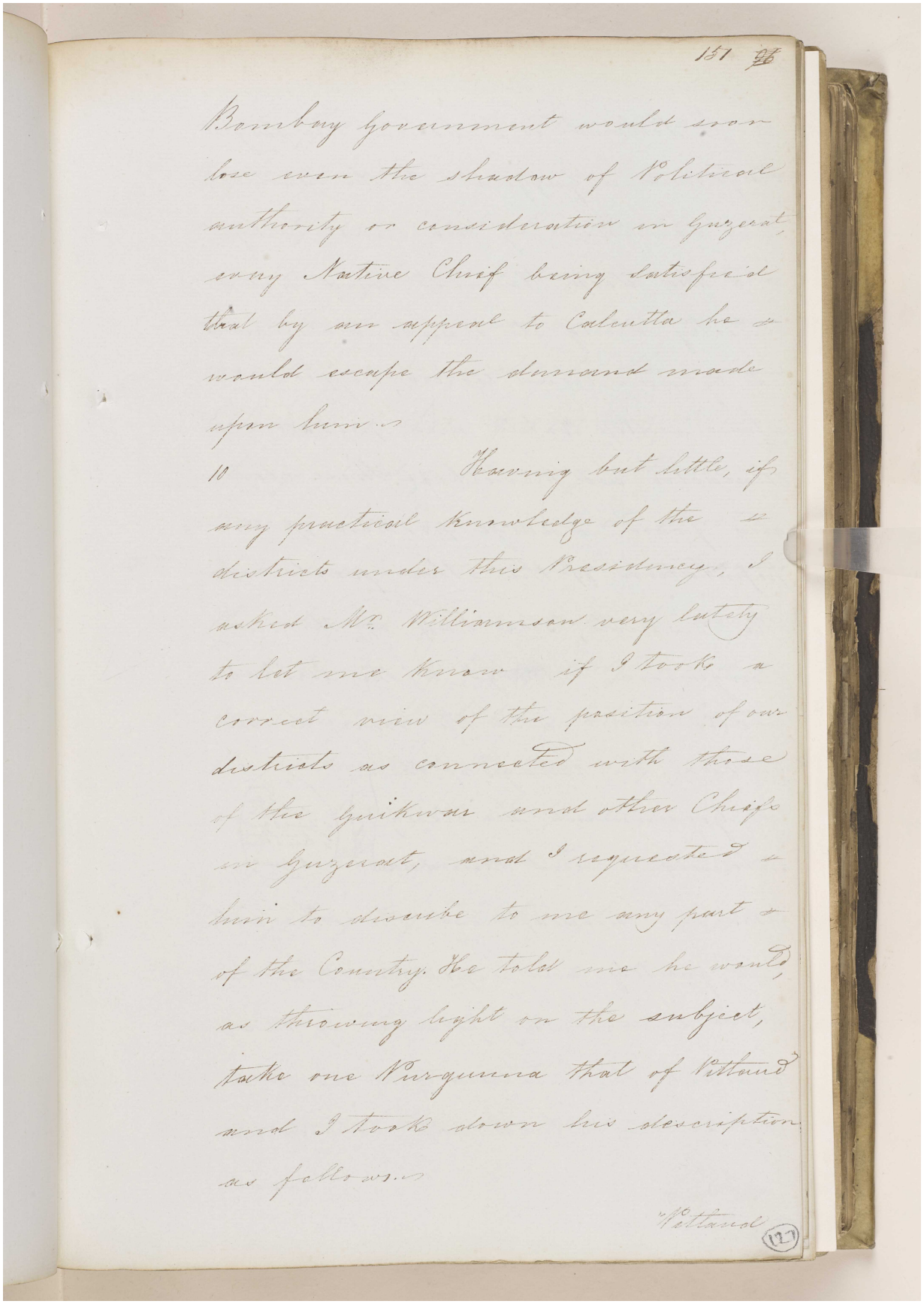
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I believe this to be a
true picture of the state of the Country
but Mr. Sutherland can speak with
accuracy on the subject, and if it is
what chance is there that the repre-
sentations of the principal Collectors
of Surat or Collector of Ahmedabad
will be listened to by the Gykwar
when he knows that the authority over
him is at a distance? In all such
cases I feel sure the Governor
General would direct the Political
Commissioner to back the representations
of our officers with all the weight
of the Government of India, &
but I have no idea that the
Gykwar would pay the same attention
to him, which he would if the
question had reference to the auth-
rity immediately over him. It is my
belief that under such a system the

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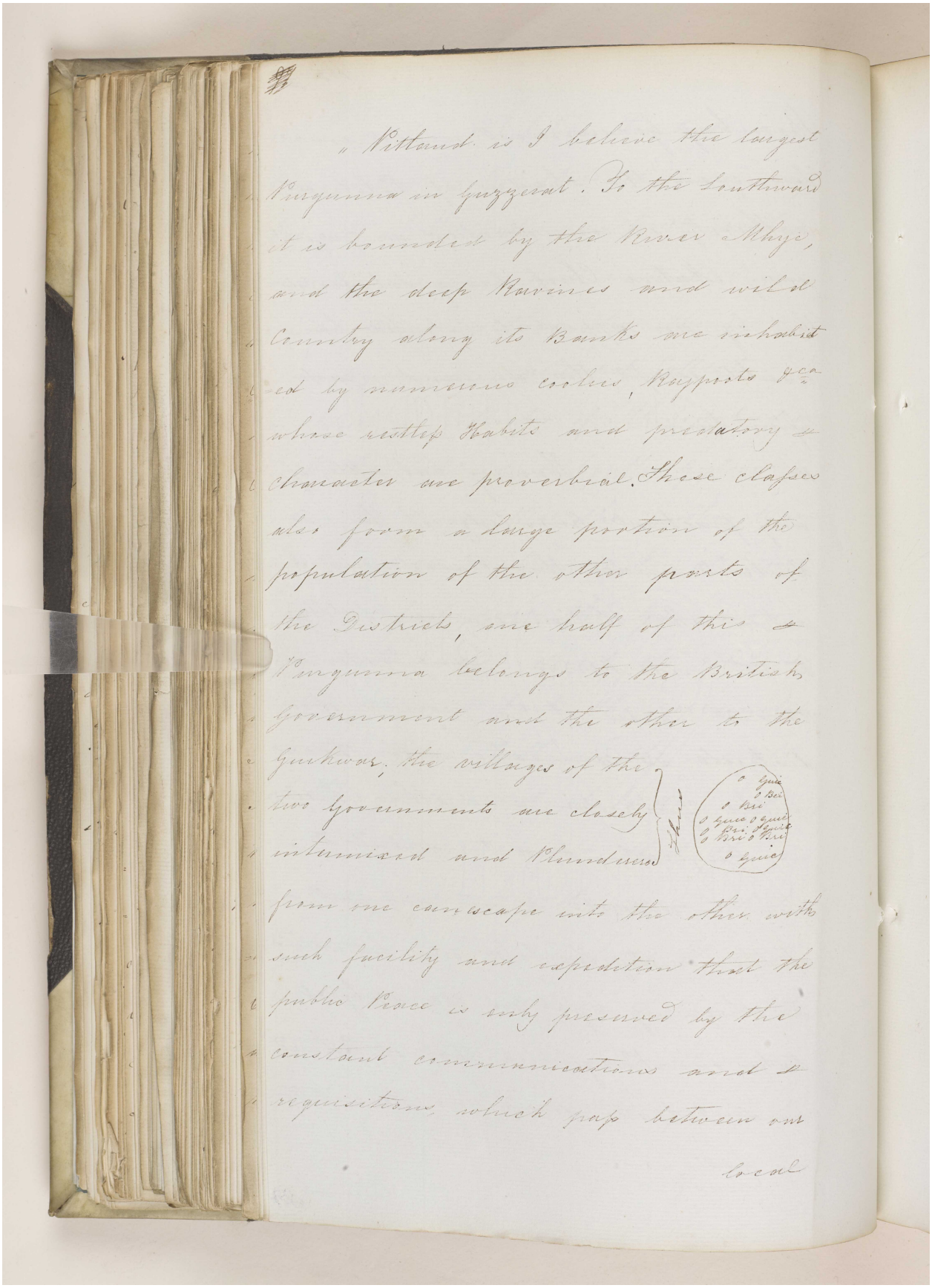
Bombay government would soon
lose even the shadow of Political
authority or consideration in Guzerat,
every Native Chief being satisfied
that by an appeal to Calcutta he
would escape the demand made
upon him.

10 Having but little, if
any practical knowledge of the
districts under this Presidency, I
asked Mr. Williamson very lately
to let me know if I took a
correct view of the position of our
districts as connected with those
of the Guikwar and other Chiefs
in Guzerat, and I requested
him to describe to me any part
of the Country. He told me he would,
as throwing light on the subject,
take one Purgunna that of Vittoud
and I took down his description
as follows.

Vittaud

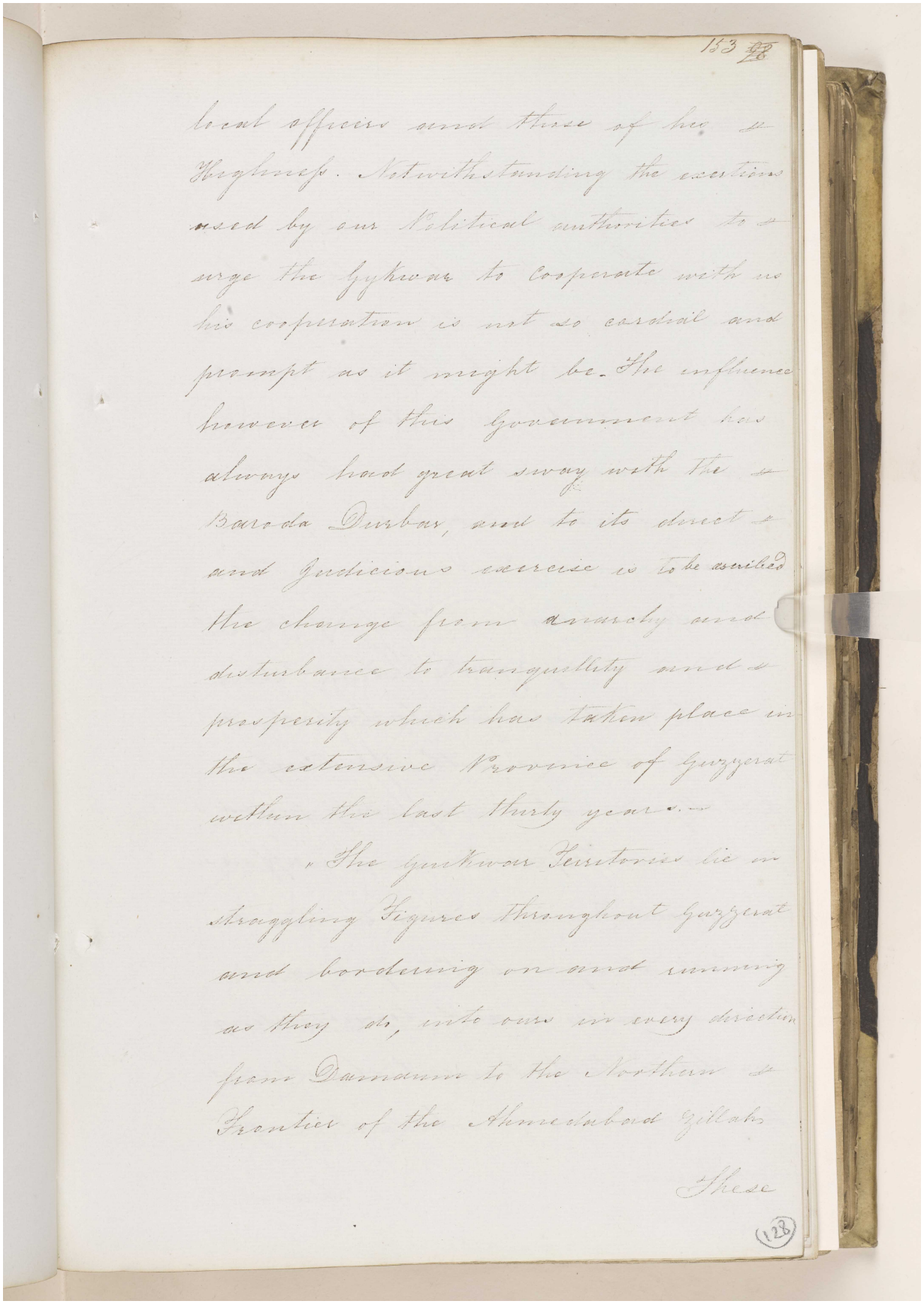
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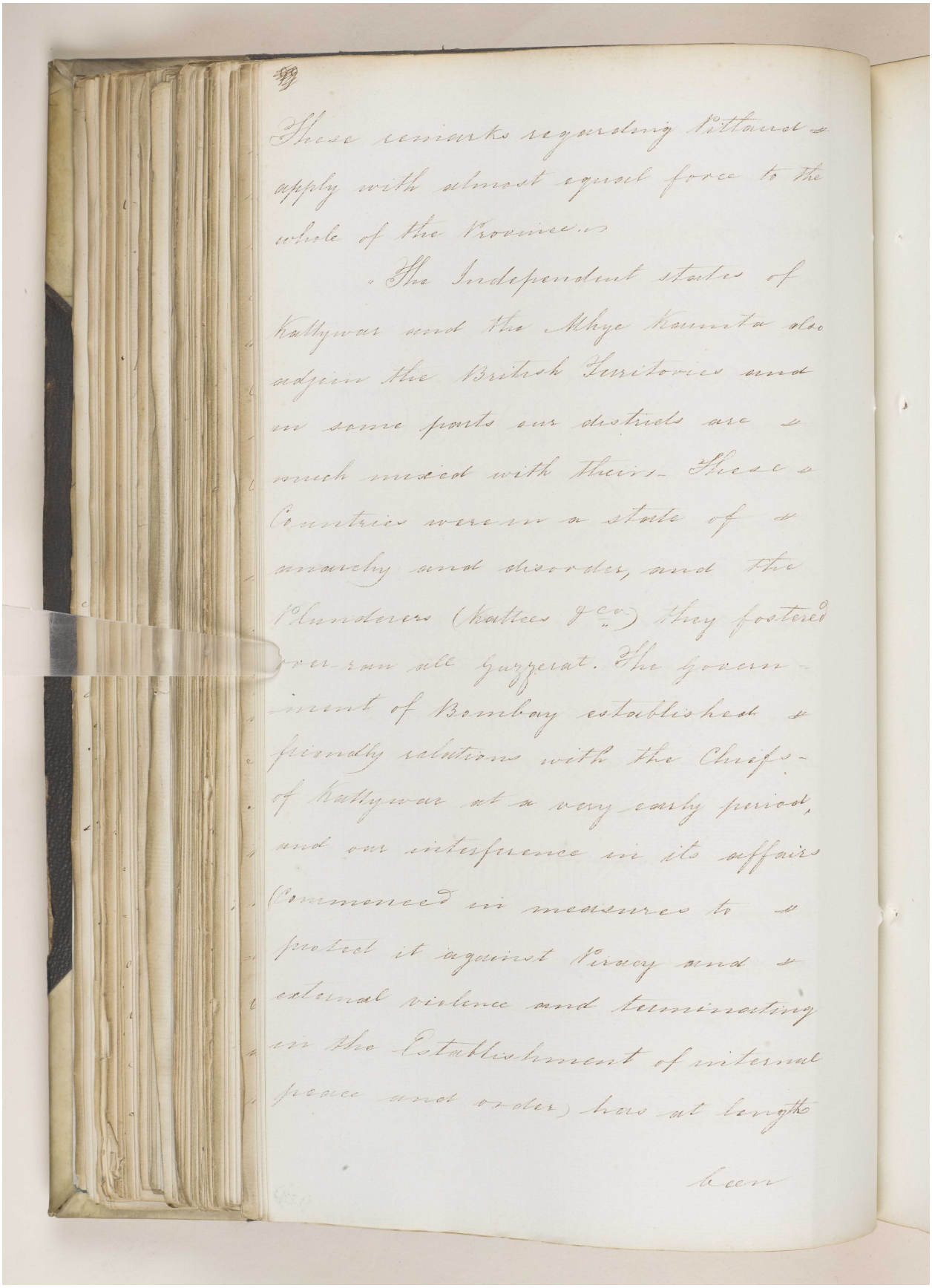


„ Pittaud is I believe the largest Purgunna in Guzzerat. To the Southward it is bounded by the River Mhye, and the deep Ravines and wild Country along its Banks are inhabited by numerous castes, Koppies &c. whose settled Habits and predatory Character are proverbial. These classes also form a large portion of the population of the other parts of the District, one half of this Purgunna belongs to the British Government and the other to the Guikwar, the villages of the two governments are closely intermixed and Plunderers from one comescape into the other with such facility and expedition that the public Peace is only preserved by the constant communications and Requisitions which pass between our local

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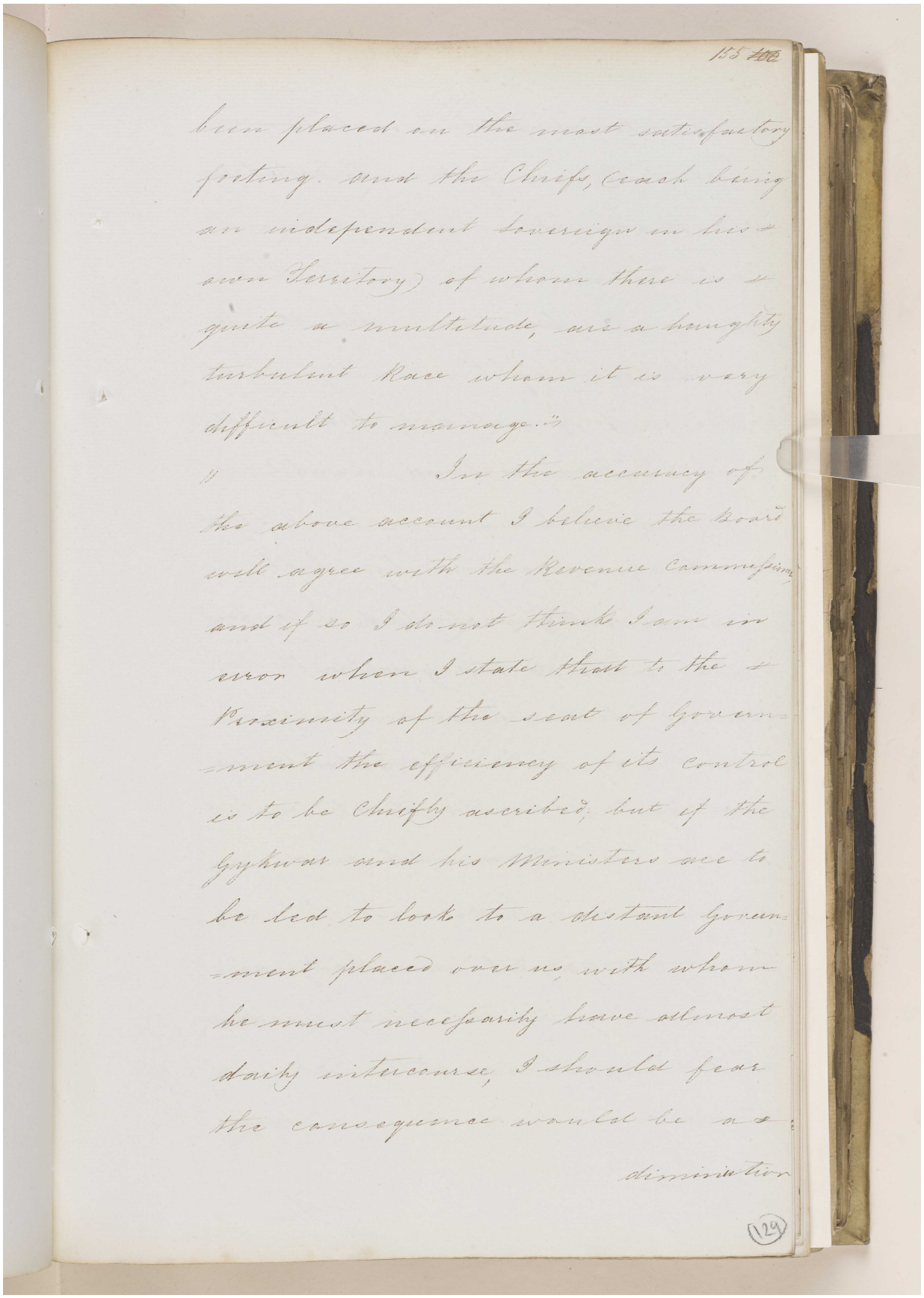
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These remarks regarding Kattiawar apply with almost equal force to the whole of the Province.

The Independent states of Kathywar and the Mhye Kanta also adjoin the British Territories and in some parts our districts are much mixed with theirs. These Countries were in a state of anarchy and disorder, and the Plunderers (Kattees &c.) they fostered over-ran all Guzzerat. The Government of Bombay established friendly relations with the Chiefs of Kathywar at a very early period, and our interference in its affairs Commenced in measures to protect it against Piracy and external violence and terminating in the Establishment of internal peace and order) has at length been

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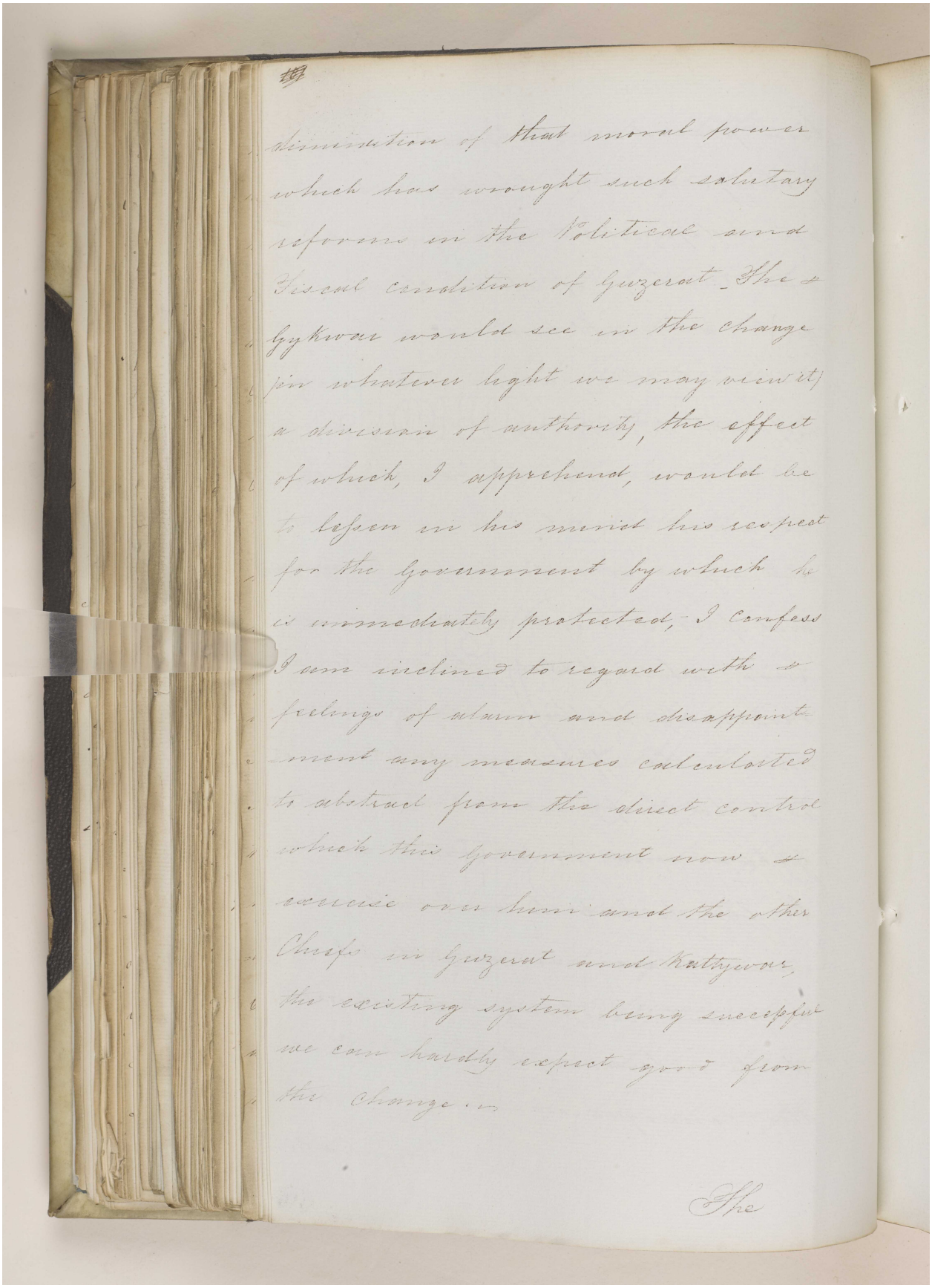


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been placed on the most satisfactory
footing. and the Chiefs, each being
an independent Sovereign in his
own Territory, of whom there is
quite a multitude, are a haughty
turbulent Race whom it is very
difficult to manage."

In the accuracy of
the above account I believe the Board
will agree with the Revenue Commissioner
and if so I do not think I am in
error when I state that to the
Proximity of the seat of Govern-
ment the efficiency of its control
is to be Chiefly ascribed, but if the
Gykwar and his Ministers are to
be led to look to a distant Govern-
ment placed over us, with whom
he must necessarily have almost
daily intercourse, I should fear
the consequence would be a
diminution

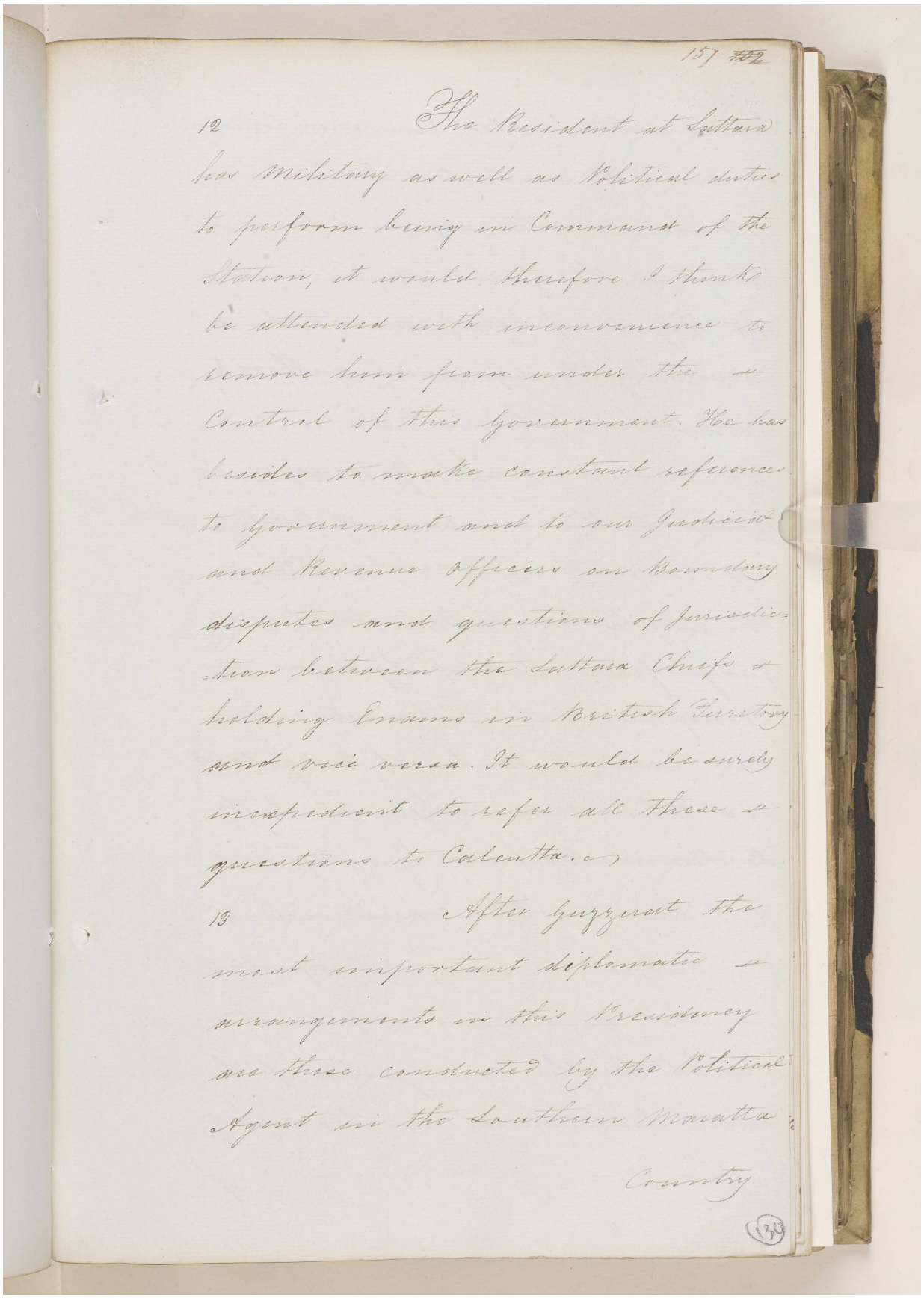
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diminution of that moral power which has wrought such salutary reforms in the Political and Fiscal condition of Guzerat. The Gyekwar would see in the change in whatever light we may view it a diversion of authority, the effect of which, I apprehend, would be to lessen in his mind his respect for the Government by which he is immediately protected. I confess I am inclined to regard with a feelings of alarm and disappointment any measures calculated to abstract from the direct control which this Government now exercise over him and the other Chiefs in Guzerat and Kattywar, the existing system being susceptible we can hardly expect good from the change.

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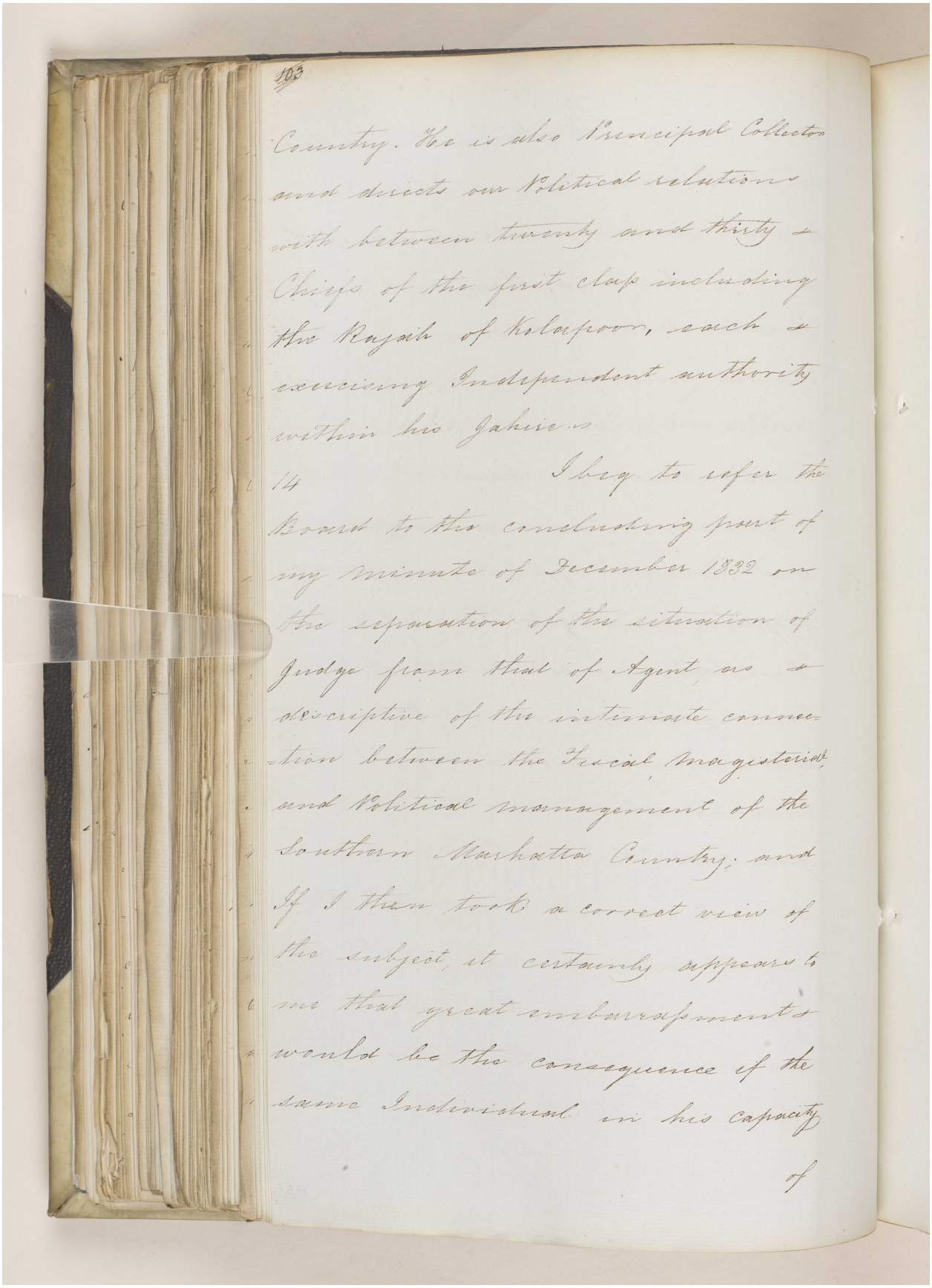


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12 The Resident at Sattara has Military as well as Political duties to perform being in Command of the Station, it would therefore I think be attended with inconvenience to remove him from under the Control of this Government. He has besides to make constant references to Government and to our Judicial and Revenue Officers on Boundary disputes and questions of Jurisdiction between the Sattara Chiefs holding Enams in British Territory and vice versa. It would be surely incompetent to refer all these questions to Calcutta.

13 After suggesting the most important diplomatic arrangements in this Presidency are those conducted by the Political Agent in the Southern Mahratta Country

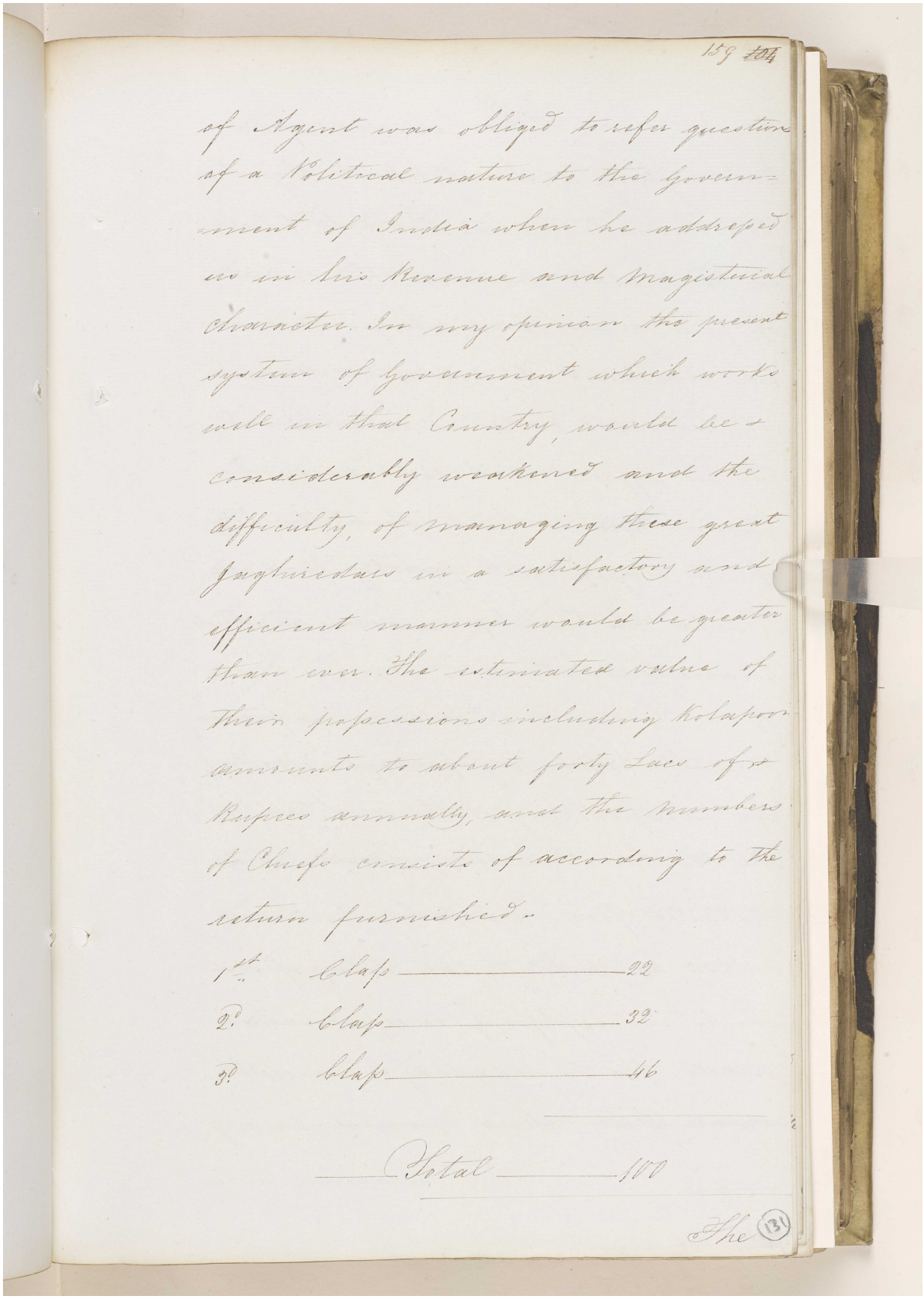
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Country. He is also Principal Collector and directs our Political relations with between twenty and thirty Chiefs of the first class including the Rajah of Kolapoor, each exercising Independent authority within his Jahire.

14 I beg to refer the Board to the concluding part of my Minute of December 1822 on the separation of the situation of Judge from that of Agent, as descriptive of the intimate connection between the Fiscal, Magisterial, and Political management of the Southern Mahratta Country; and if I then took a correct view of the subject, it certainly appears to me that great embarrassments would be the consequence if the same Individual in his capacity of



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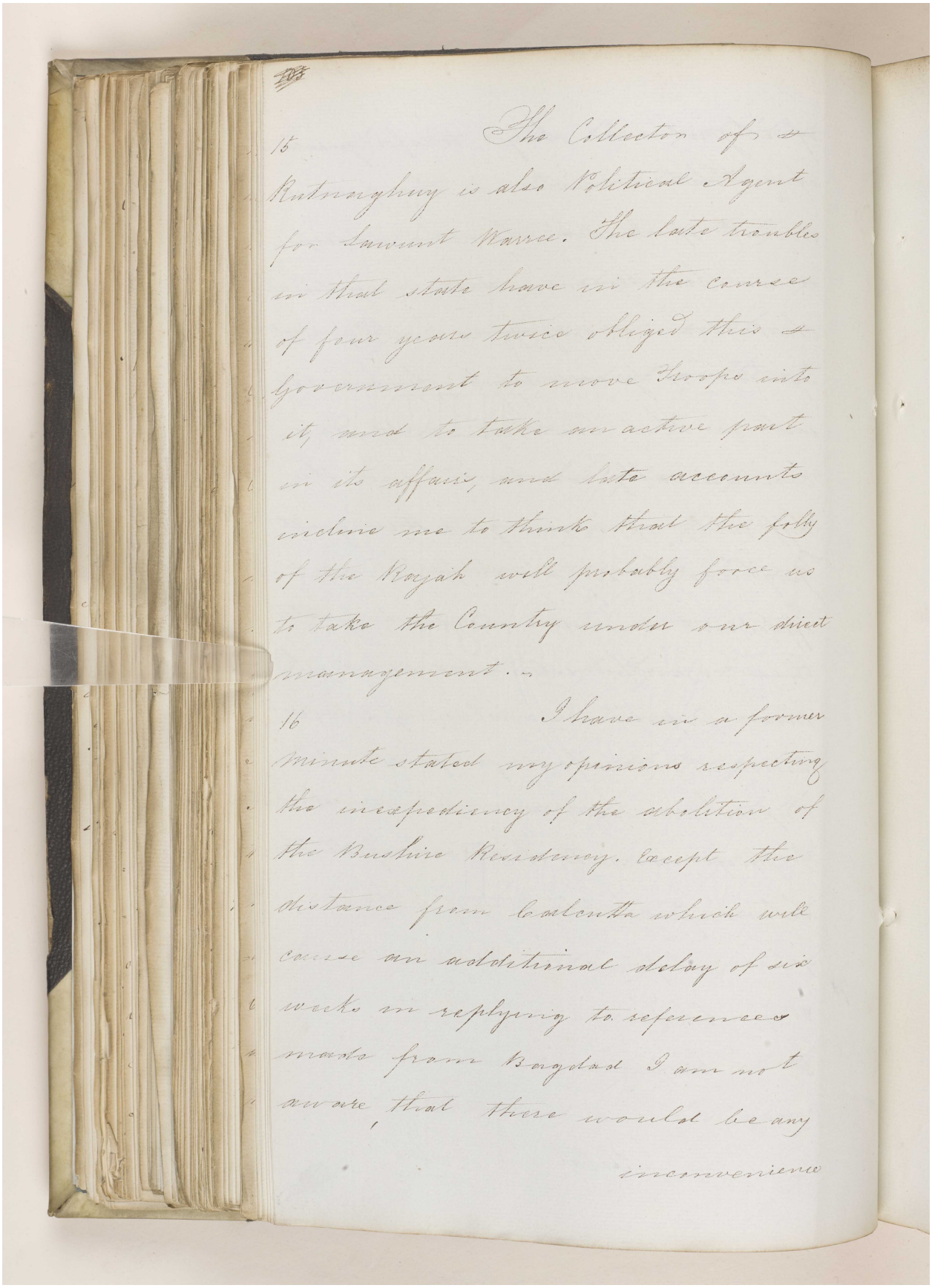
of Agent was obliged to refer question of a Political nature to the Government of India when he addressed us in his Revenue and Magisterial Character. In my opinion the present system of government which works well in that Country, would be considerably weakened and the difficulty of managing these great Jaghiredars in a satisfactory and efficient manner would be greater than ever. The estimated value of their possessions including Kolapoor amounts to about forty Lacs of Rupees annually, and the numbers of Chuts consists of according to the return furnished.

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2d Class ——— 32
3d Class ——— 46

Total ——— 100

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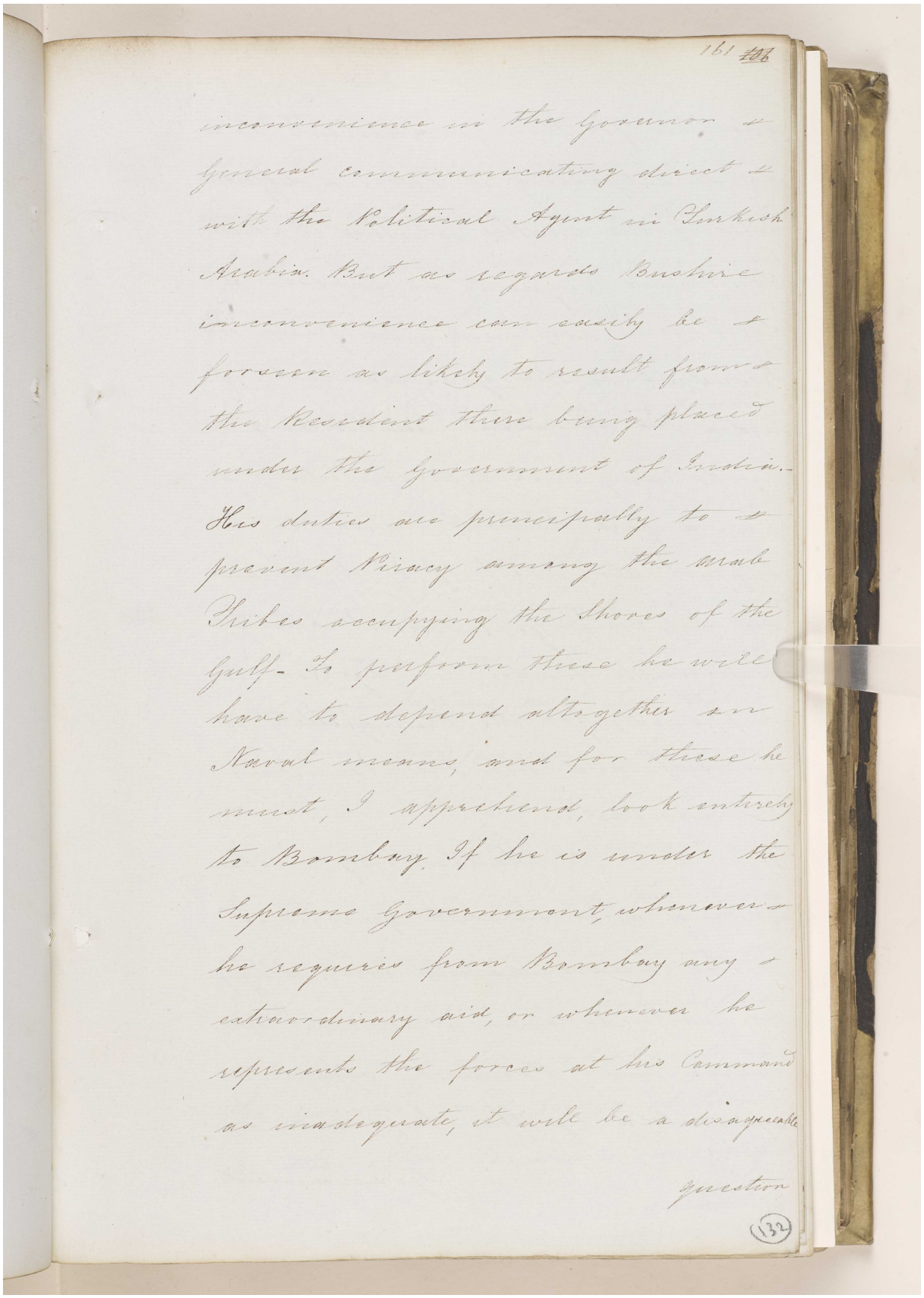
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15 The Collector of Ruttnaghury is also Political Agent for Sawunt Warree. The late troubles in that state have in the course of four years twice obliged this Government to move troops into it, and to take an active part in its affairs, and late accounts incline me to think that the folly of the Rajah will probably force us to take the Country under our direct management.

16 I have in a former minute stated my opinions respecting the inexpediency of the abolition of the Bushire Residency, except the distance from Calcutta which will cause an additional delay of six weeks in replying to references made from Bagdad I am not aware that there would be any inconvenience

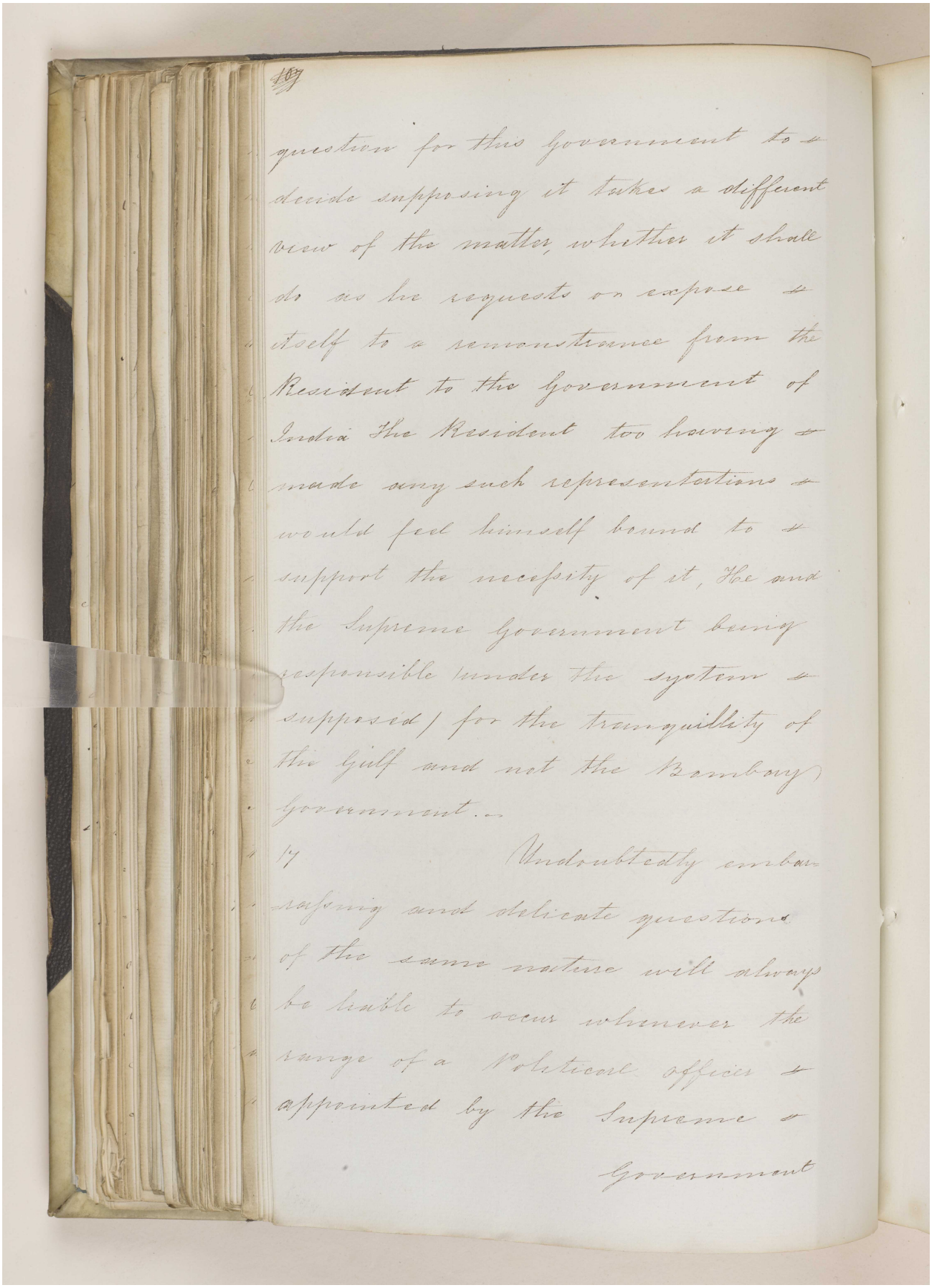
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inconvenience in the Governor
General communicating direct
with the Political Agent in Turkish
Arabia. But as regards Bushire
inconvenience can easily be
foreseen as likely to result from
the Resident there being placed
under the Government of India.
His duties are principally to
prevent Piracy among the Arab
Tribes occupying the Shores of the
Gulf. To perform these he will
have to depend altogether on
Naval means, and for these he
must, I apprehend, look entirely
to Bombay. If he is under the
Supreme Government, whenever
he requires from Bombay any
extraordinary aid, or whenever he
represents the forces at his Command
as inadequate, it will be a disagreeable
question

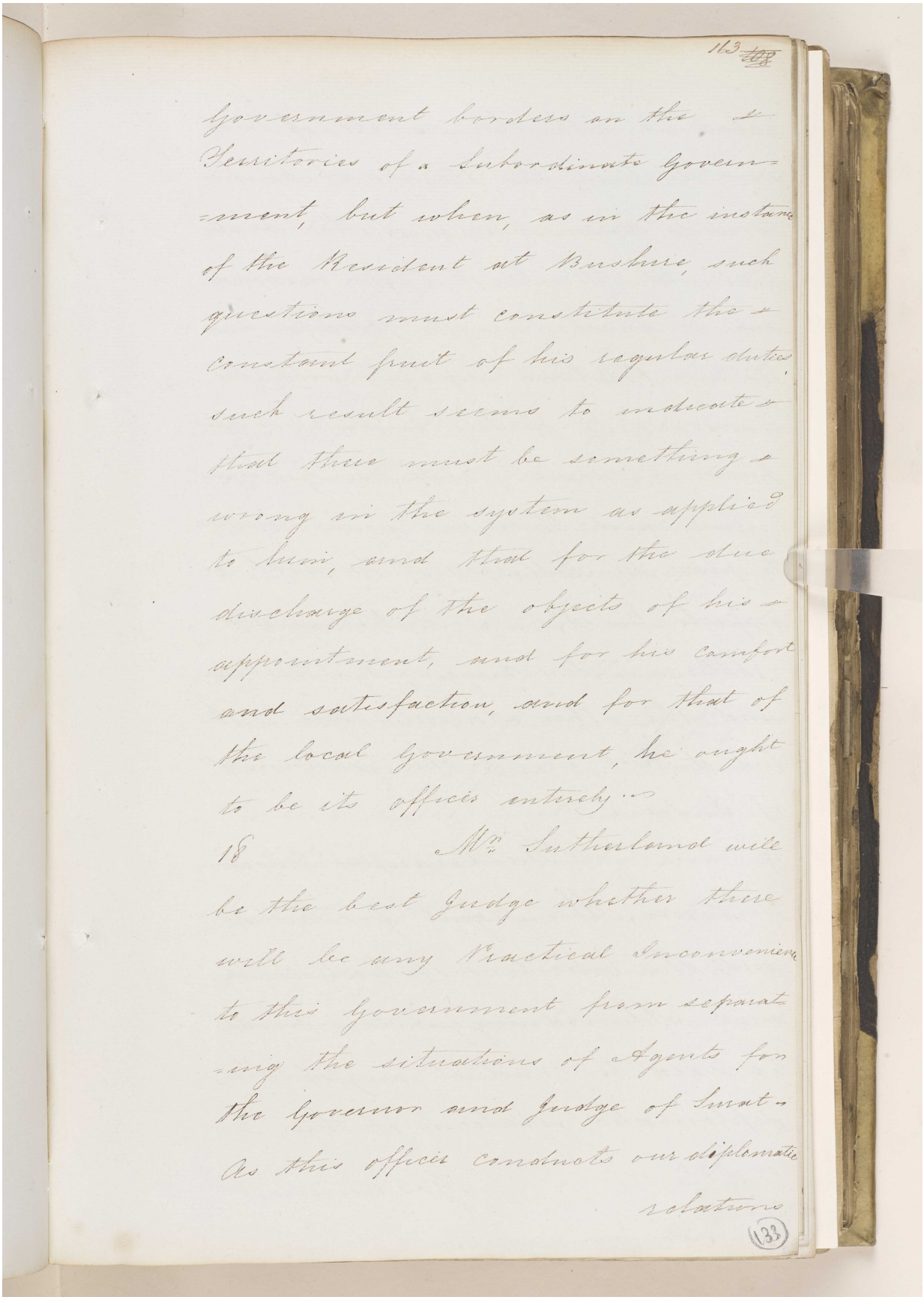
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question for this government to
decide supposing it takes a different
view of the matter, whether it shall
do as he requests or expose
itself to a remonstrance from the
Resident to the government of
India The Resident too knowing
made any such representations
would feel himself bound to
support the necessity of it, He and
the Supreme government being
responsible under the system
supposed / for the tranquillity of
the Gulf and not the Bombay
government.—

17 Undoubtedly embar-
rassing and delicate questions
of the same nature will always
be liable to occur whenever the
range of a Political officer
appointed by the Supreme
Government



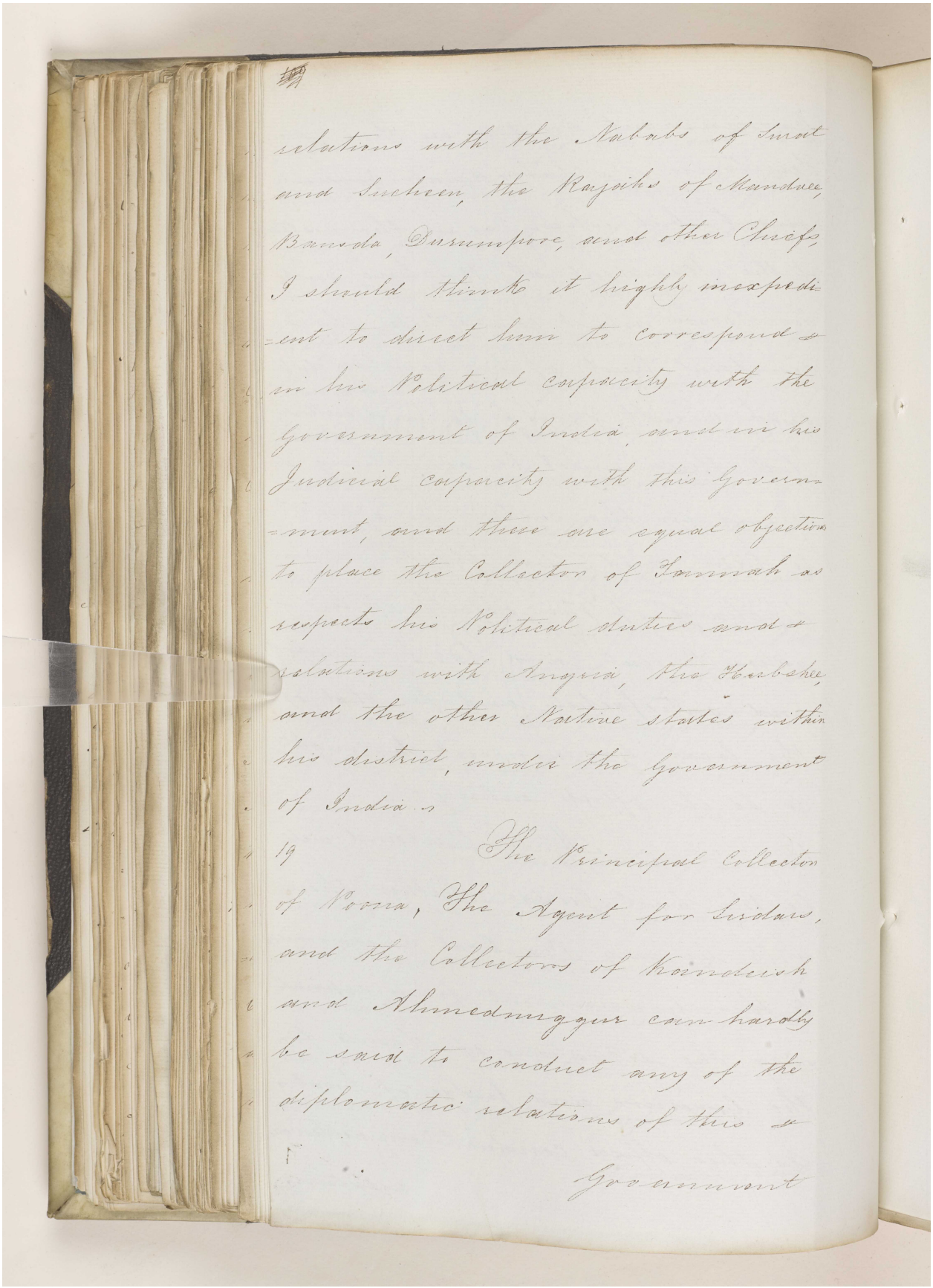
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government borders on the
Territories of a subordinate Govern-
ment, but when, as in the instance
of the Resident at Bushire, such
questions must constitute the
constant fruit of his regular duties
such result seems to indicate
that there must be something
wrong in the system as applied
to him, and that for the due
discharge of the objects of his
appointment, and for his comfort
and satisfaction, and for that of
the local government, he ought
to be its officer entirely.—

18 Mr. Sutherland will
be the best Judge whether there
will be any Practical Inconvenience
to this Government from separat-
-ing the situations of Agents for
the Governor and Judge of Surat—
As this officer conducts our diplomatic
relations

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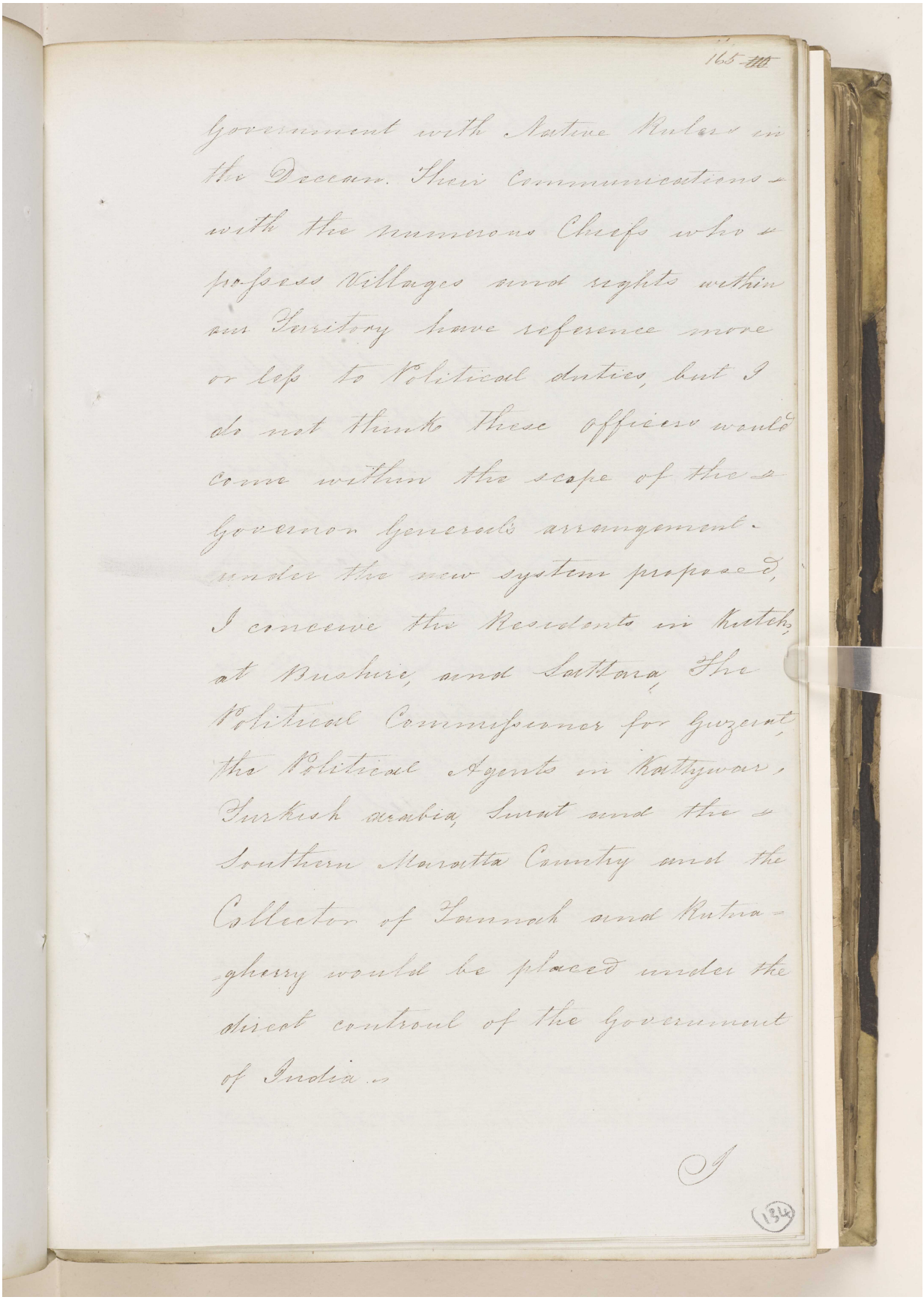
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relations with the Nabobs of Surat and Sucheen, the Rajahs of Mandvee, Baroda, Durrumpore, and other Chiefs, I should think it highly inexpedient to direct him to correspond in his Political capacity with the Government of India, and in his Judicial capacity with this Government, and there are equal objections to place the Collector of Dammah as respects his Political duties and relations with Angria, the Seedee, and the other Native States within his district, under the Government of India.

19 The Principal Collector of Poona, the Agent for Sirdars, and the Collectors of Kandeish and Ahmednuggur can hardly be said to conduct any of the diplomatic relations of this Government

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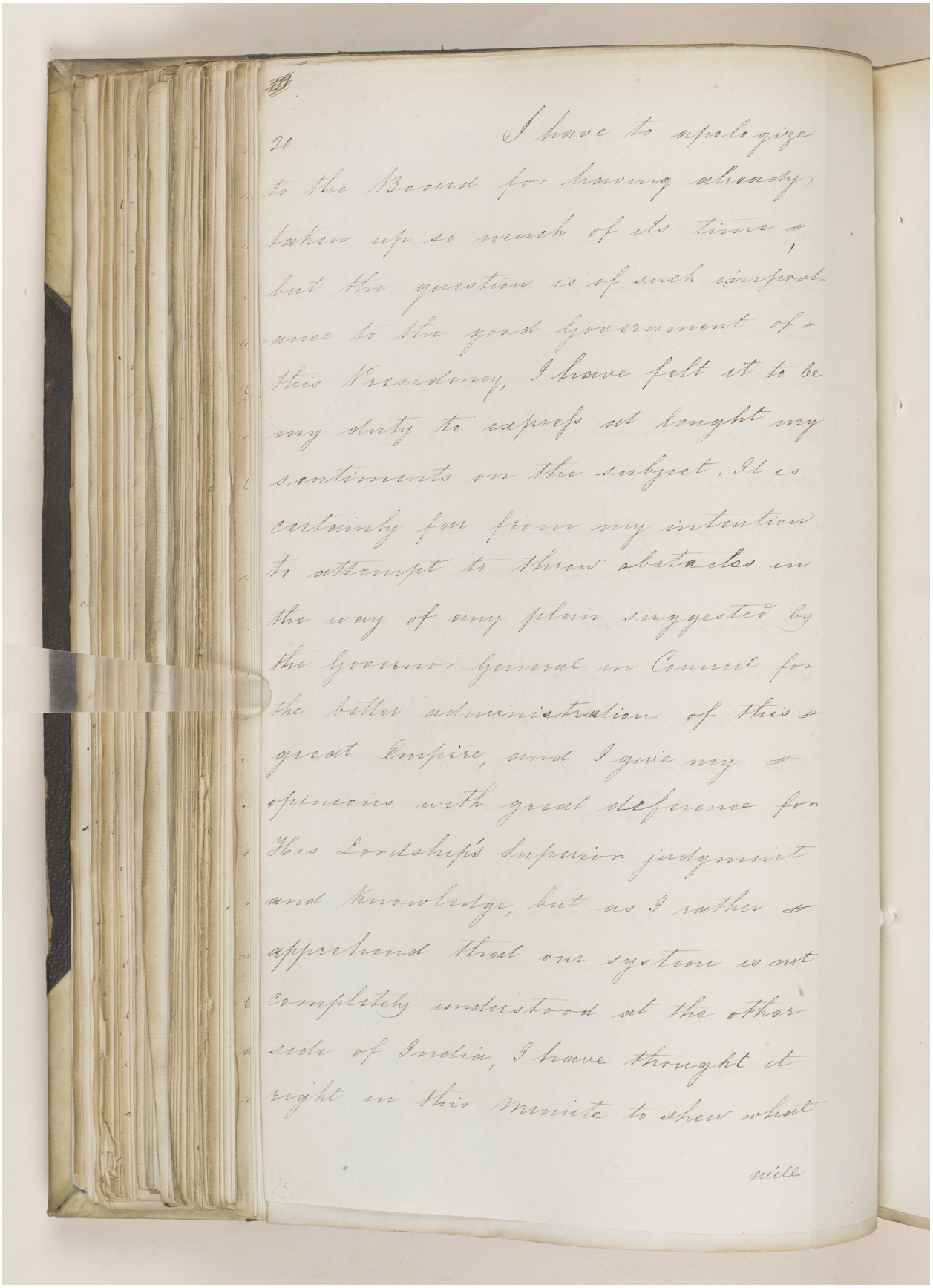
government with Native Rulers in the Deccan. Their Communications with the numerous Chiefs who possess Villages and rights within our Territory have reference more or less to Political duties, but I do not think these offices would come within the scope of the Governor Generals arrangement under the new system proposed, I conceive the Residents in Kutch, at Bushire, and Sattara, the Political Commissioner for Guzerat, the Political Agents in Kattywar, Turkish Arabia, Surat and the Southern Mahratta Country and the Collector of Sumnoh and Kutna-ghurry would be placed under the direct controul of the Government of India.

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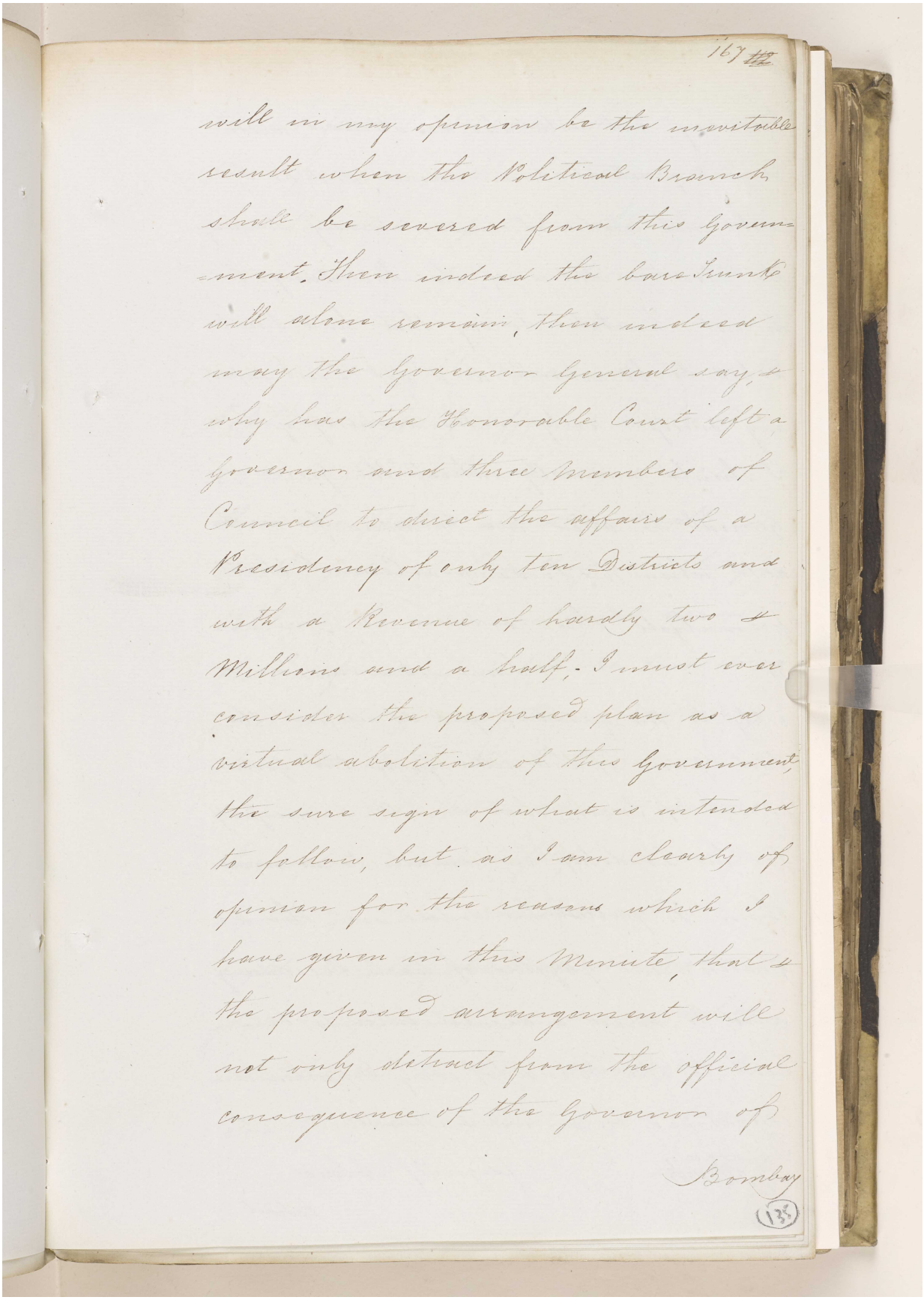
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I have to apologize
to the Board for having already
taken up so much of its time
but the question is of such import-
ance to the good government of
this Presidency, I have felt it to be
my duty to express at length my
sentiments on the subject. It is
certainly far from my intention
to attempt to throw obstacles in
the way of any plan suggested by
the Governor General in Council for
the better administration of this
great Empire, and I give my
opinions with great deference for
His Lordship's superior judgment
and knowledge, but as I rather
apprehend that our system is not
completely understood at the other
side of India, I have thought it
right in this Minute to shew what

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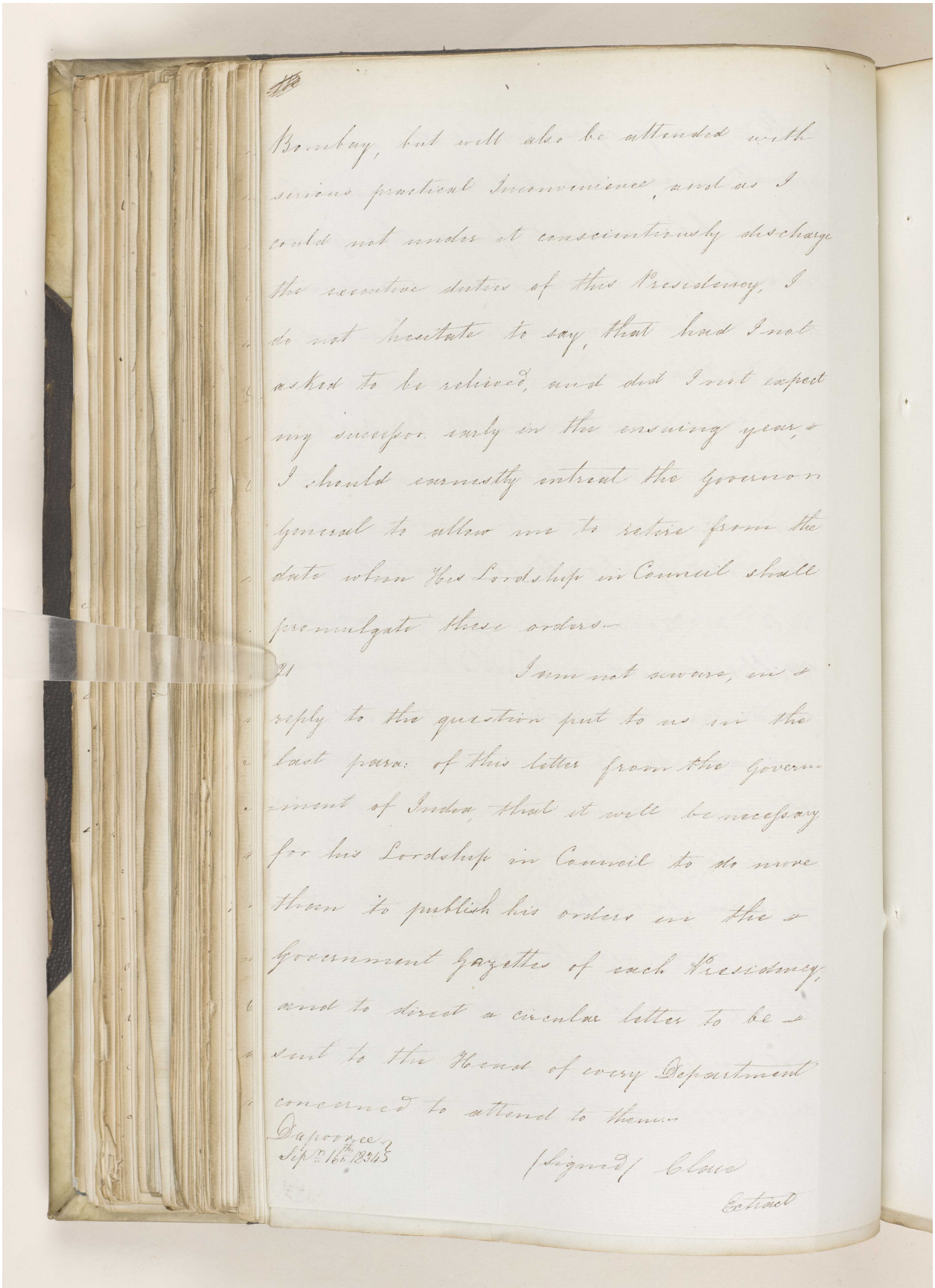
will in my opinion be the inevitable result when the Political Branch shall be severed from this Government. Then indeed the bare Trunk will alone remain, then indeed may the Governor General say, why has the Honorable Court left a Governor and three Members of Council to direct the affairs of a Presidency of only ten Districts and with a Revenue of hardly two & Millions and a half. I must ever consider the proposed plan as a virtual abolition of this Government, the sure sign of what is intended to follow, but as I am clearly of opinion for the reasons which I have given in this Minute, that the proposed arrangement will not only detract from the official consequence of the Governor of

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Bombay, but will also be attended with serious practical Inconvenience, and as I could not under it conscientiously discharge the executive duties of this Presidency, I do not hesitate to say, that had I not asked to be relieved, and did I not expect my successor early in the ensuing year, I should earnestly entreat the Governor General to allow me to retire from the date when His Lordship in Council shall promulgate these orders.

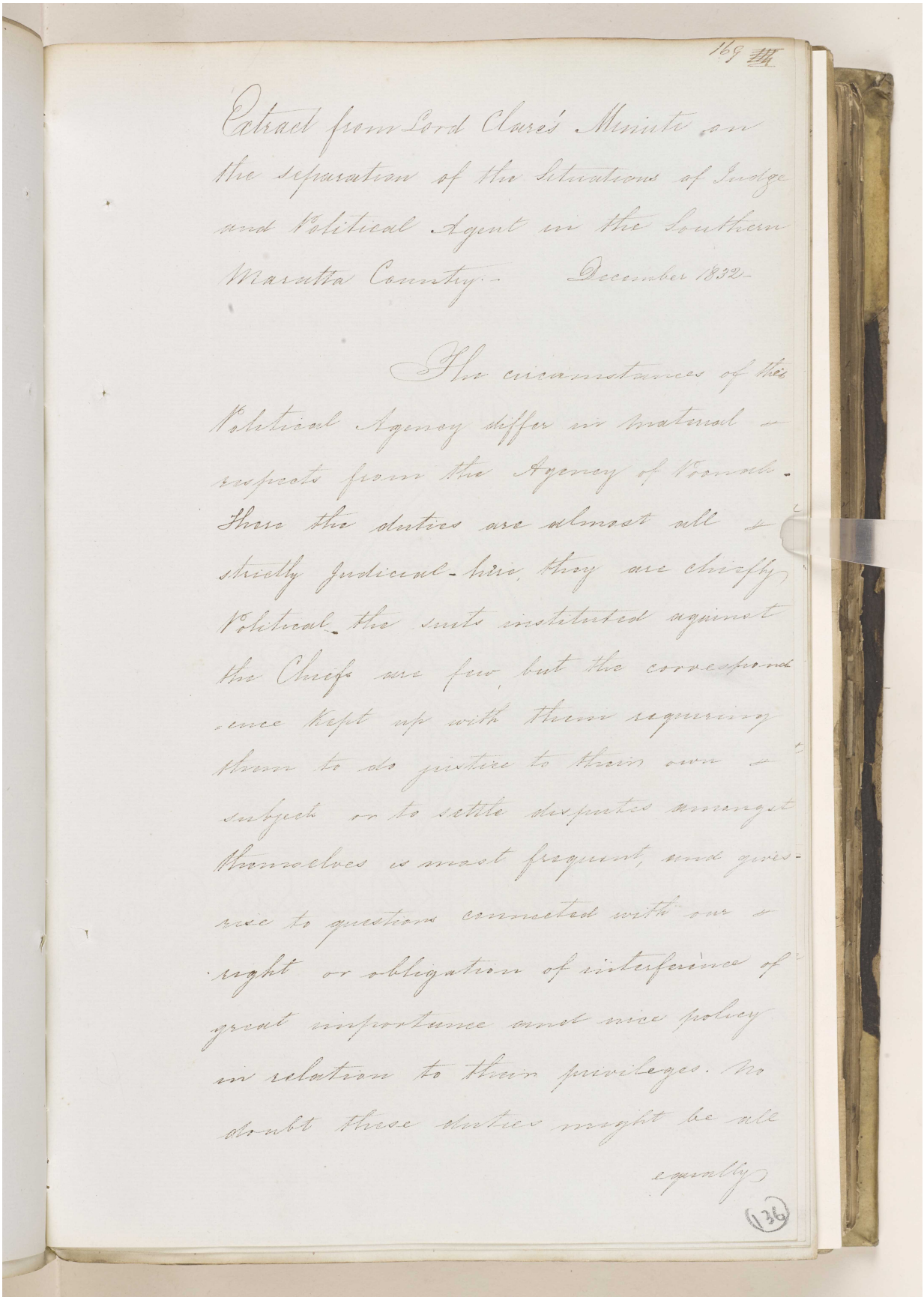
21 I am not aware, in reply to the question put to us in the last para: of this letter from the Government of India, that it will be necessary for his Lordship in Council to do more than to publish his orders in the Government Gazettes of each Presidency, and to direct a circular letter to be sent to the Heads of every Department concerned to attend to them.

Bapoorjee
Sept.r 16th 1834

(Signed) Elwe

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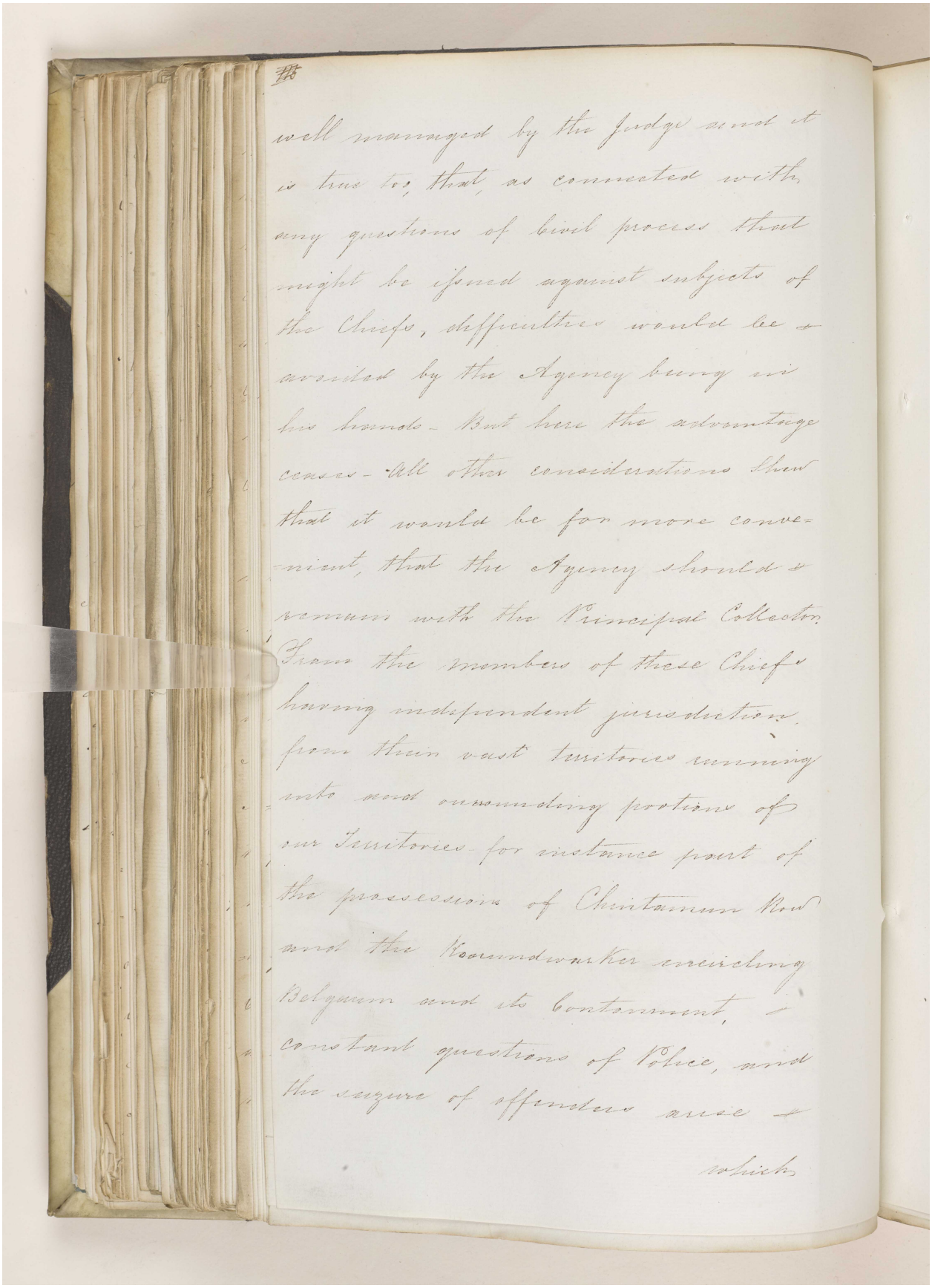
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Extract from Lord Clare's Minute on the separation of the Situations of Judge and Political Agent in the Southern Maratta Country. December 1832.

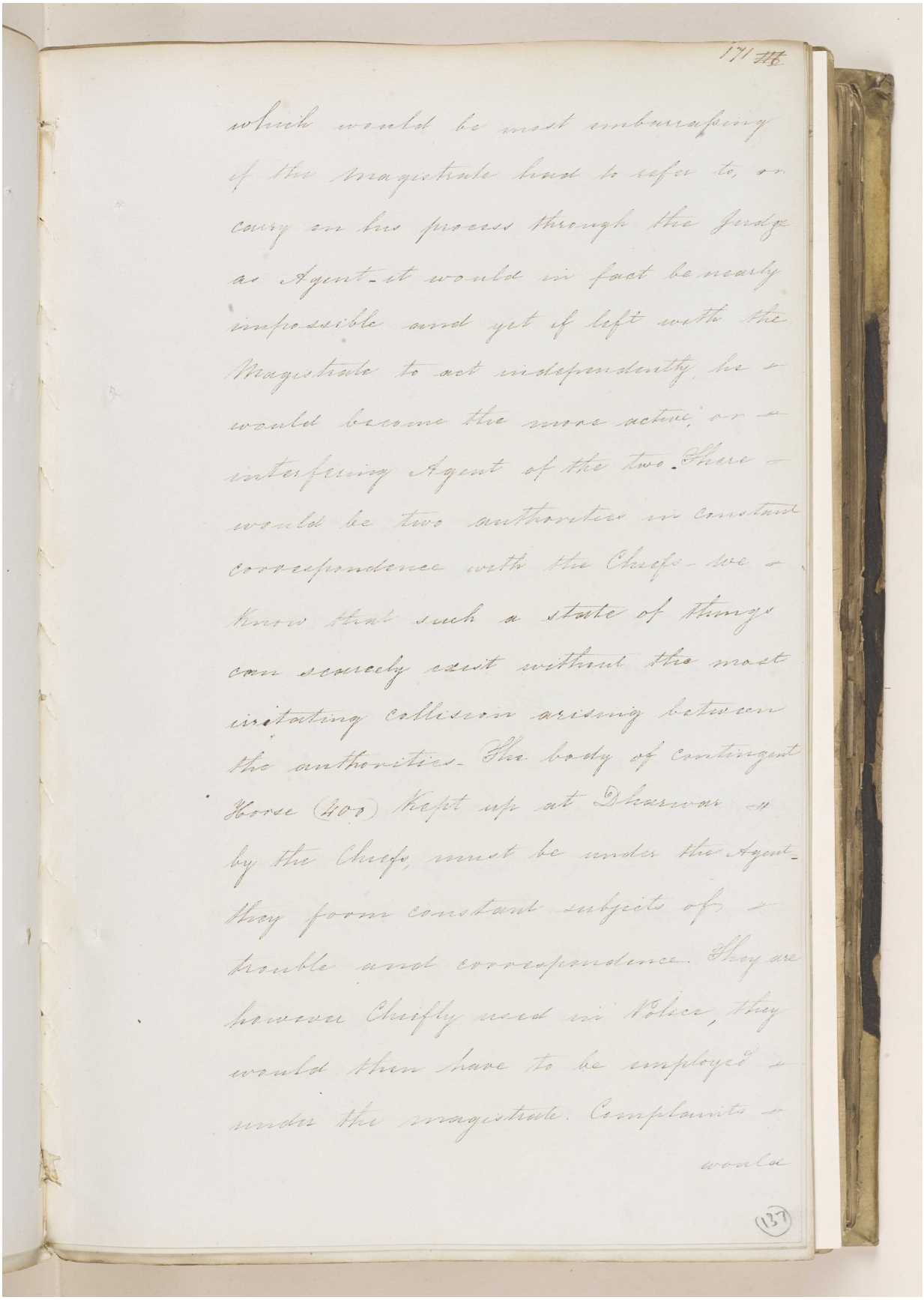
The circumstances of this Political Agency differ in material respects from the Agency of Poonah. There the duties are almost all strictly judicial - here, they are chiefly Political. The suits instituted against the Chiefs are few, but the correspondence kept up with them requiring them to do justice to their own subjects or to settle disputes amongst themselves is most frequent, and gives rise to questions connected with our right or obligation of interference of great importance and nice policy in relation to their privileges. No doubt these duties might be ably equally

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well managed by the Judge and it
is true too, that as connected with
any questions of Civil process that
might be issued against subjects of
the Chiefs, difficulties would be a-
voided by the Agency being in
his hands. But here the advantage
ceases. All other considerations shew
that it would be far more conve-
nient, that the Agency should re-
remain with the Principal Collector
From the number of these Chiefs
having independent jurisdiction,
from their vast territories running
into and surrounding portions of
our Territories for instance part of
the possessions of Chintamun Row
and the Kaaundwarker encircling
Belgaum and its Cantonment,
constant questions of Police, and
the seizure of offenders arise
which

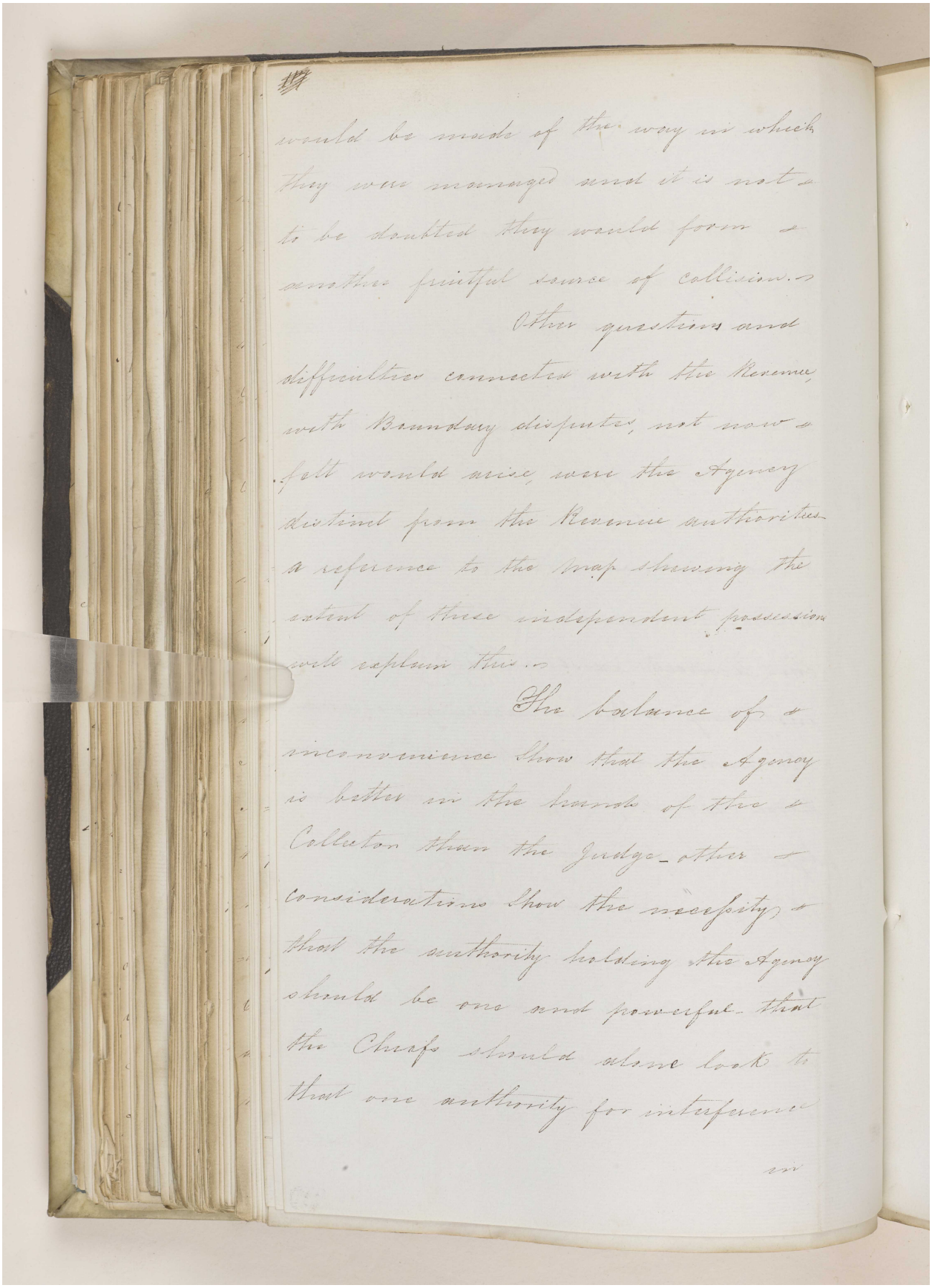


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which would be most embarrassing
if the Magistrate had to refer to, or
carry on his process through the Judge
as Agent - it would in fact be nearly
impossible and yet if left with the
Magistrate to act independently, he
would become the more active, or a
interfering Agent of the two. There
would be two authorities in constant
correspondence with the Chiefs - We
know that such a state of things
can scarcely exist without the most
irritating collision arising between
the authorities. The body of contingent
Horse (400) kept up at Dhanwar
by the Chiefs, must be under the Agent -
they form constant subjects of
trouble and correspondence. They are
however Chiefly used in Police, they
would then have to be employed
under the Magistrate. Complaints
would

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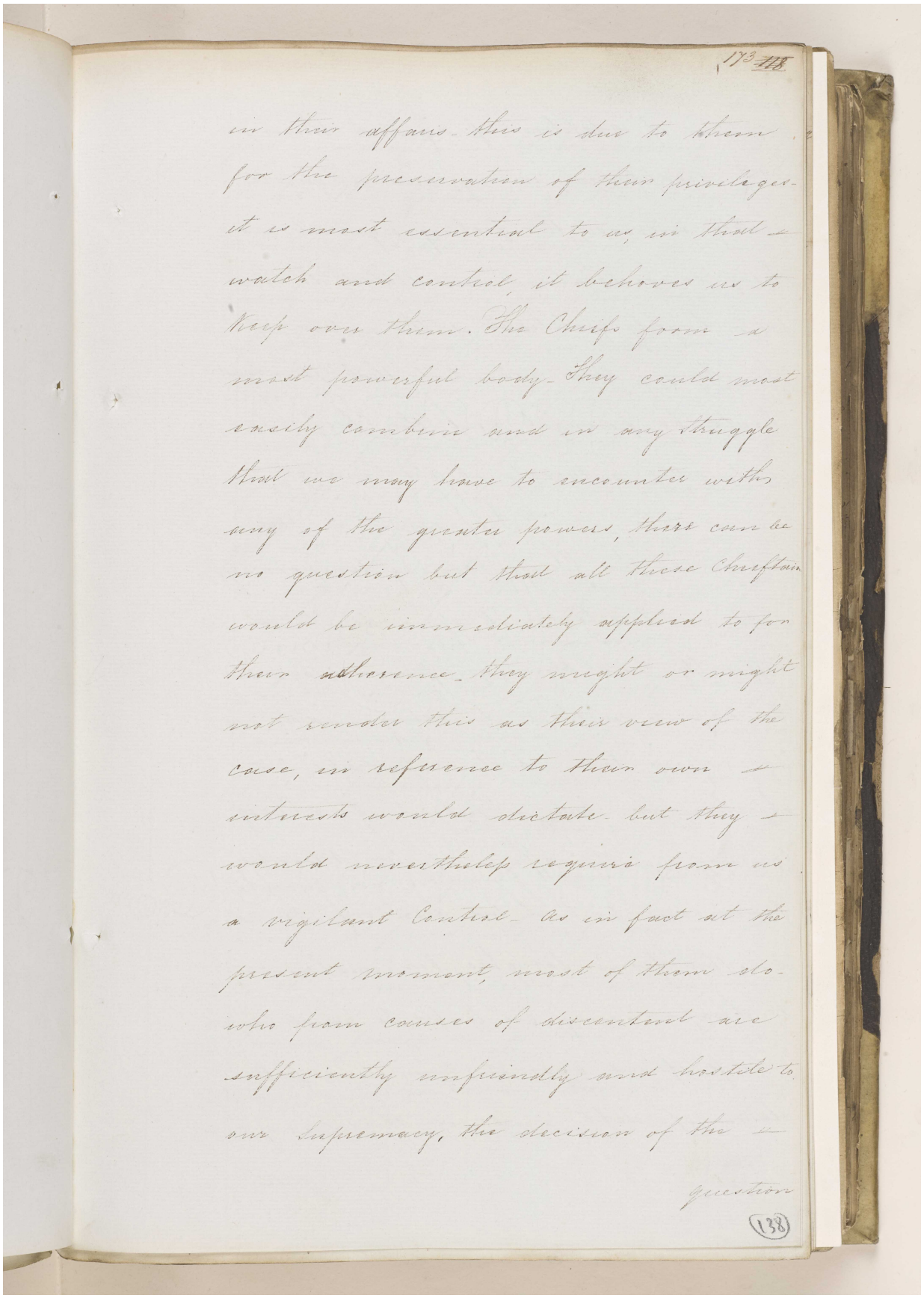
would be made of the way in which they were managed and it is not to be doubted they would form another fruitful source of collision.

Other questions and difficulties connected with the Revenue, with Boundary disputes, not now to [illegible] would arise, were the Agency distinct from the Revenue authorities a reference to the Map showing the extent of these independent possessions will explain this.

The balance of inconvenience show that the Agency is better in the hands of the Collector than the Judge. other considerations show the necessity that the authority holding the Agency should be one and powerful. that the Chiefs should alone look to that one authority for interference

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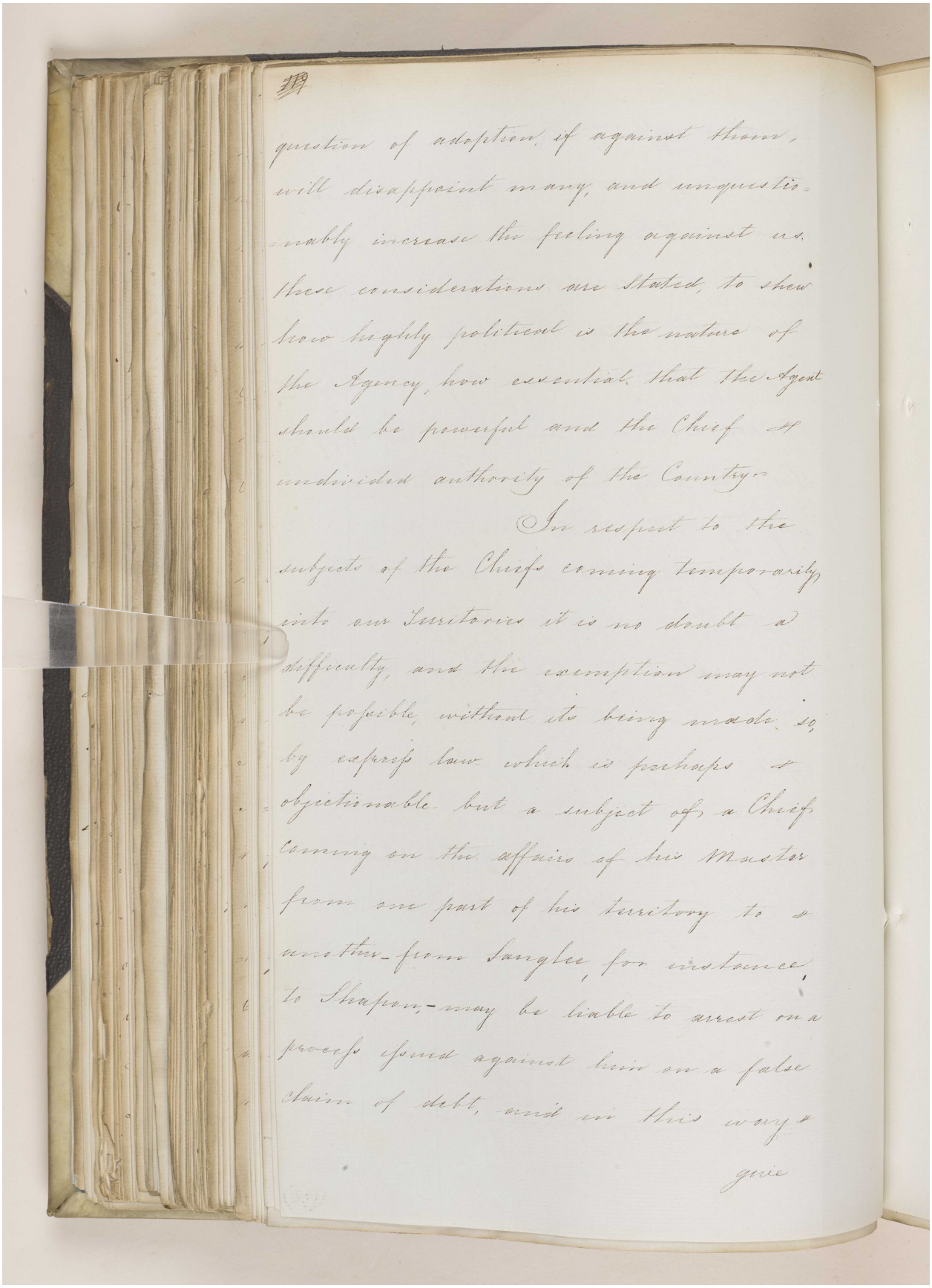
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in their affairs. this is due to them
for the preservation of their privileges.
it is most essential to us, in that
watch and control, it behoves us to
keep over them. The Chiefs form a
most powerful body. they could most
easily combine and in any struggle
that we may have to encounter with
any of the greater powers, there can be
no question but that all these Chieftains
would be immediately applied to for
their adherence. they might or might
not render this as their view of the
case, in reference to their own
interests would dictate. but they
would nevertheless require from us
a vigilant Control. as in fact at the
present moment, most of them also
who from causes of discontent are
sufficiently unfriendly and hostile to
our Supremacy, the decision of the
question

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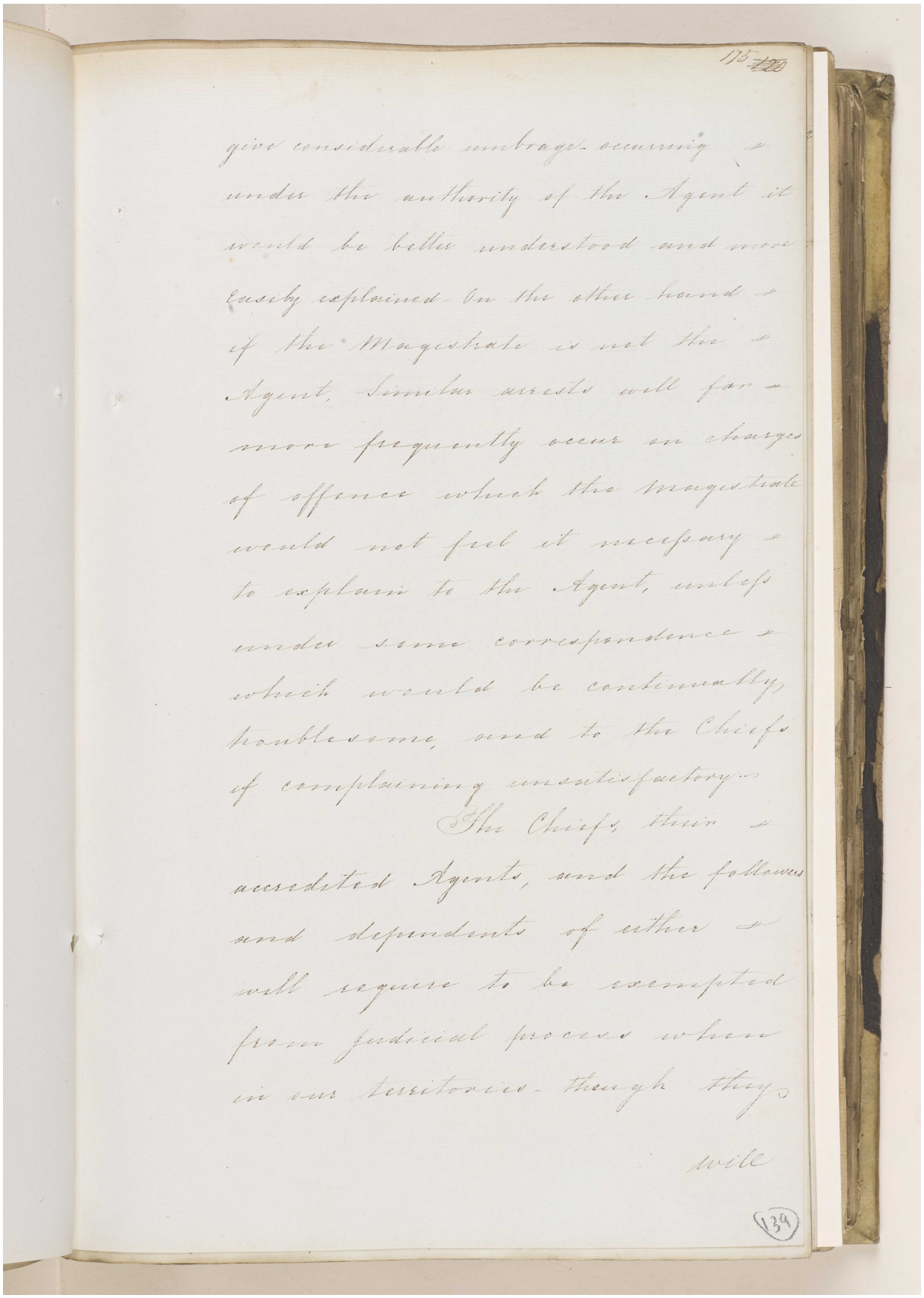


question of adoption, if against them, will disappoint many, and unquestionably increase the feeling against us. These considerations are stated, to shew how highly political is the nature of the Agency, how essential that the Agent should be powerful and the Chief of undivided authority of the Country.

In respect to the subjects of the Chiefs coming temporarily into our Territories it is no doubt a difficulty, and the exemption may not be possible, without its being made so by express law which is perhaps objectionable but a subject of a Chief coming on the affairs of his Master from one part of his territory to another from Sangher, for instance, to Shiraz, may be liable to arrest on a process found against him on a false claim of debt, and in this way

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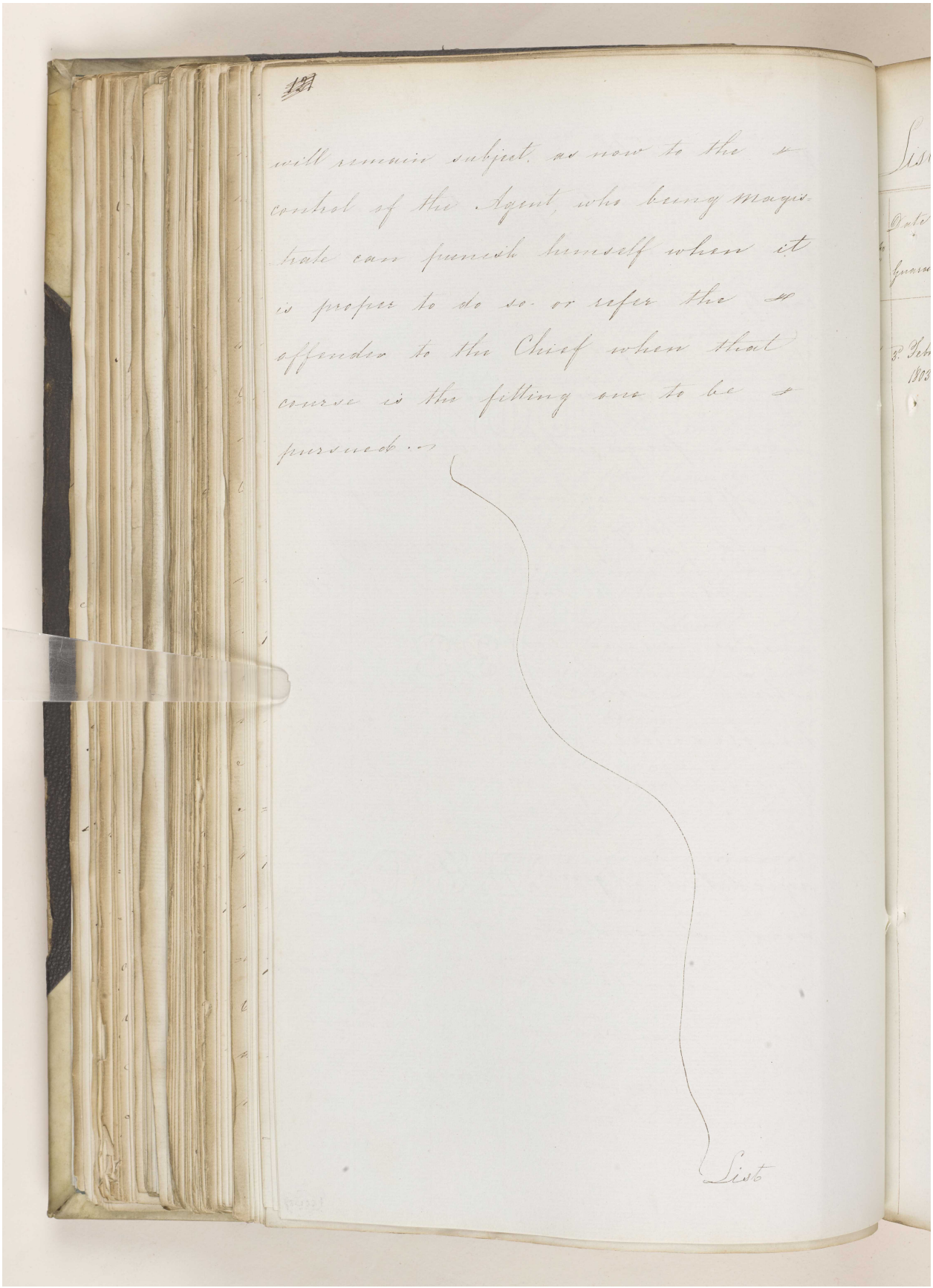


give considerable umbrage occurring
under the authority of the Agent it
would be better understood and more
easily explained. On the other hand
if the Magistrate is not the
Agent, Similar arrests will far
more frequently occur on charges
of offence which the Magistrate
would not feel it necessary
to explain to the Agent, unless
under some correspondence
which would be continually
troublesome, and to the Chiefs
of complaining unsatisfactory.

The Chiefs, their
accredited Agents, and the followers
and dependents of either
will require to be exempted
from judicial process when
in our territories. though they

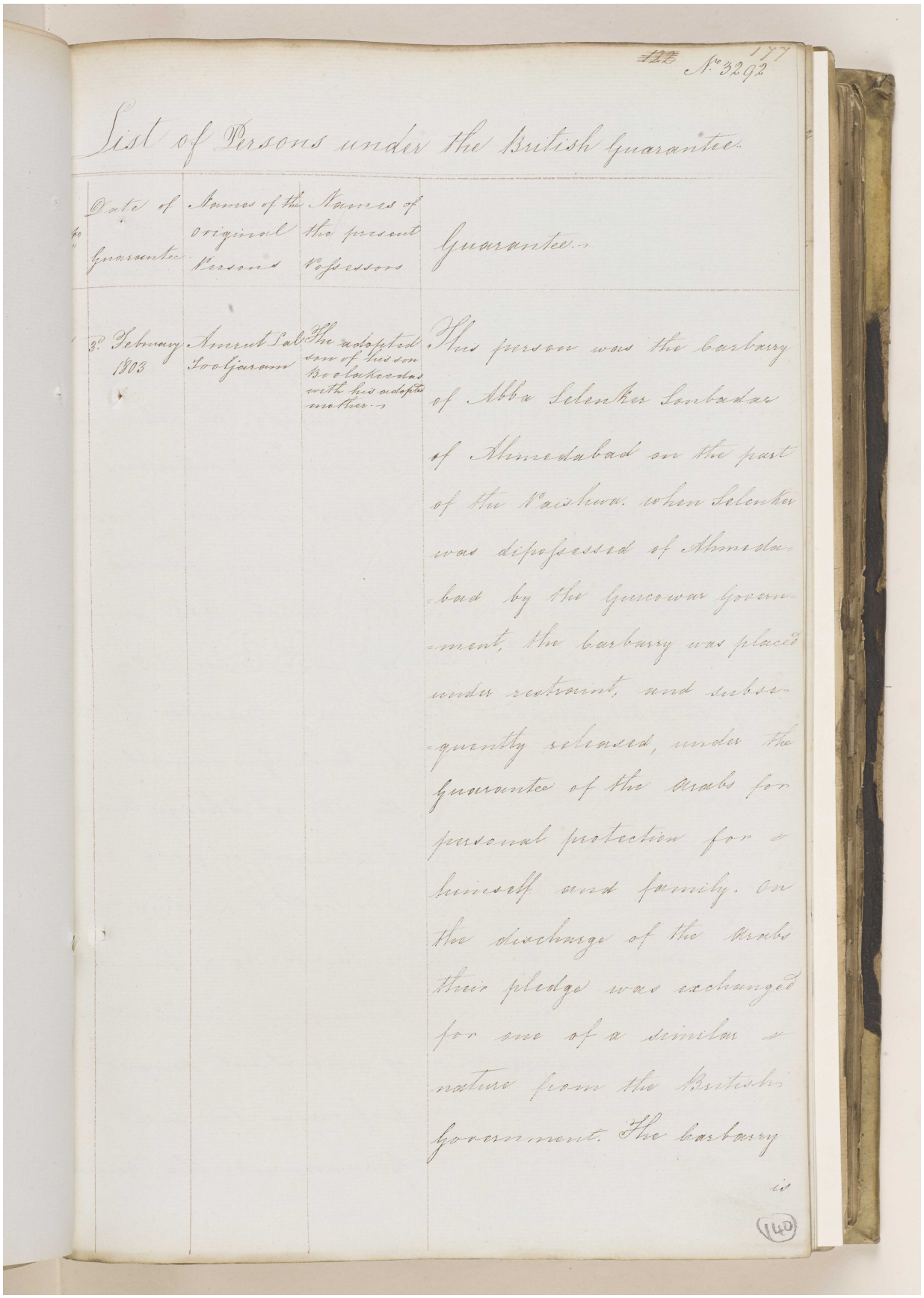
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will remain subject as now to the
control of the Agent, who being magis-
trate can punish himself when it
is proper to do so or refer the
offender to the Chief when that
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pursued.

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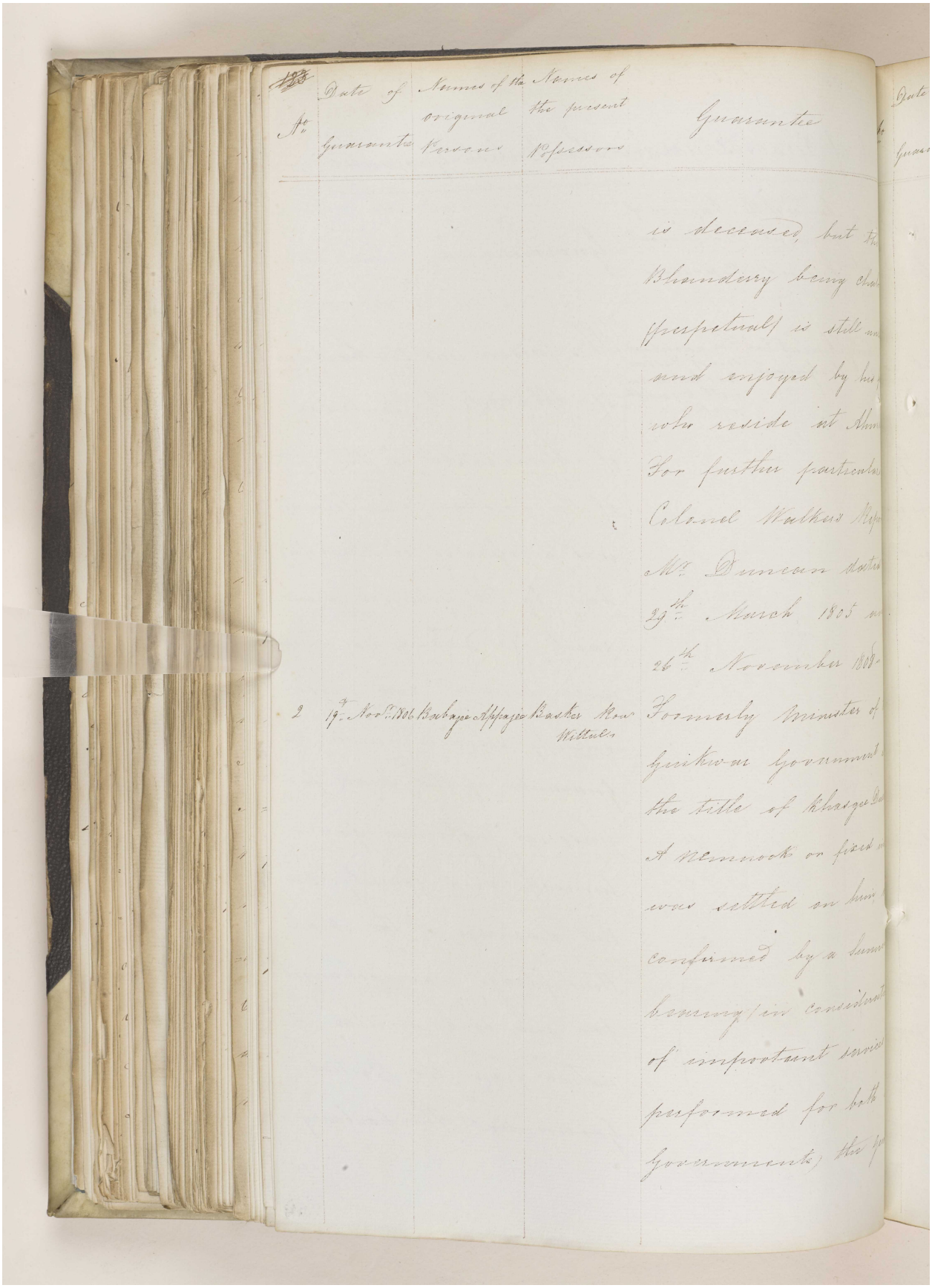
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List of Persons under the British Guarantee

Date of Guarantee	Names of the original Persons	Names of the present Possessors	Guarantee.
3d February 1803	Amrut Lal Soojawun	The adopted son of his son Boolakeedas with his adoptive mother.	This person was the barbary of Abba Selenker Sonbadar of Ahmedabad on the part of the Paishwa. when Selenker was dispossessed of Ahmedabad by the Guicowar Government, the barbary was placed under restraint, and subsequently released, under the guarantee of the Arabs for personal protection for himself and family. On the discharge of the Arabs their pledge was exchanged for one of a similar nature from the British government. The barbary is

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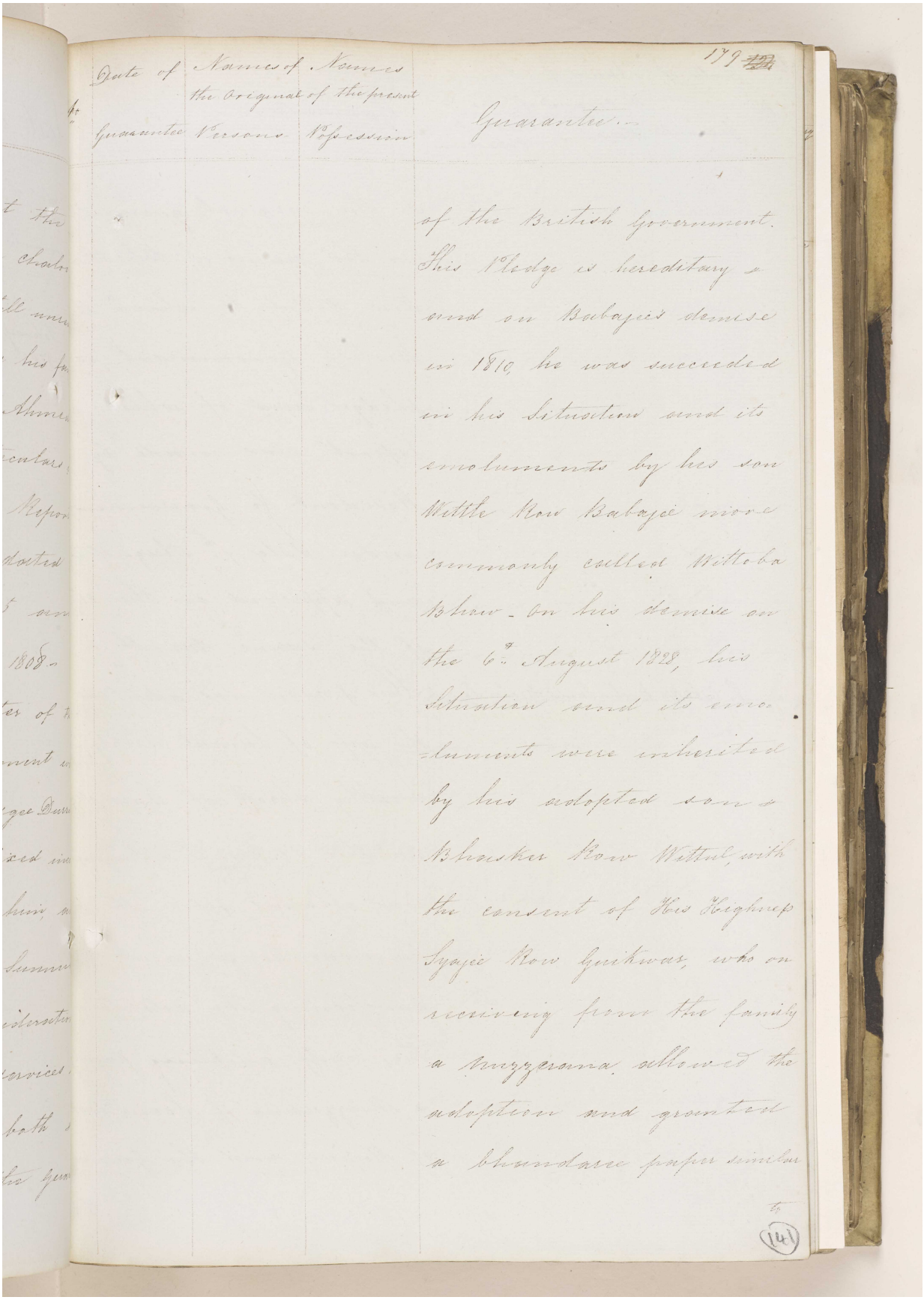
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No.	Date of Guarantee	Names of the original Persons	Names of the present Possessors	Guarantee
2	19th Nov. 1806	Bachajee Appajee	Baskar Row Mittuer	is deceased, but the Boundary being ch[anged] (perpetual) is still m[aintained] and enjoyed by his ... who reside at Alm... For further particula... Colonel Walker's Rep... Mr. Duncan dated ... 29th March 1803 ... 26th November 1808. Formerly Minister of ... Guikwar government ... the title of Khargee ... A Nemnook or fixed ... was settled on him ... confirmed by a Sunn... bearing (in consider... of important service... performed for both ... Governments) the ...

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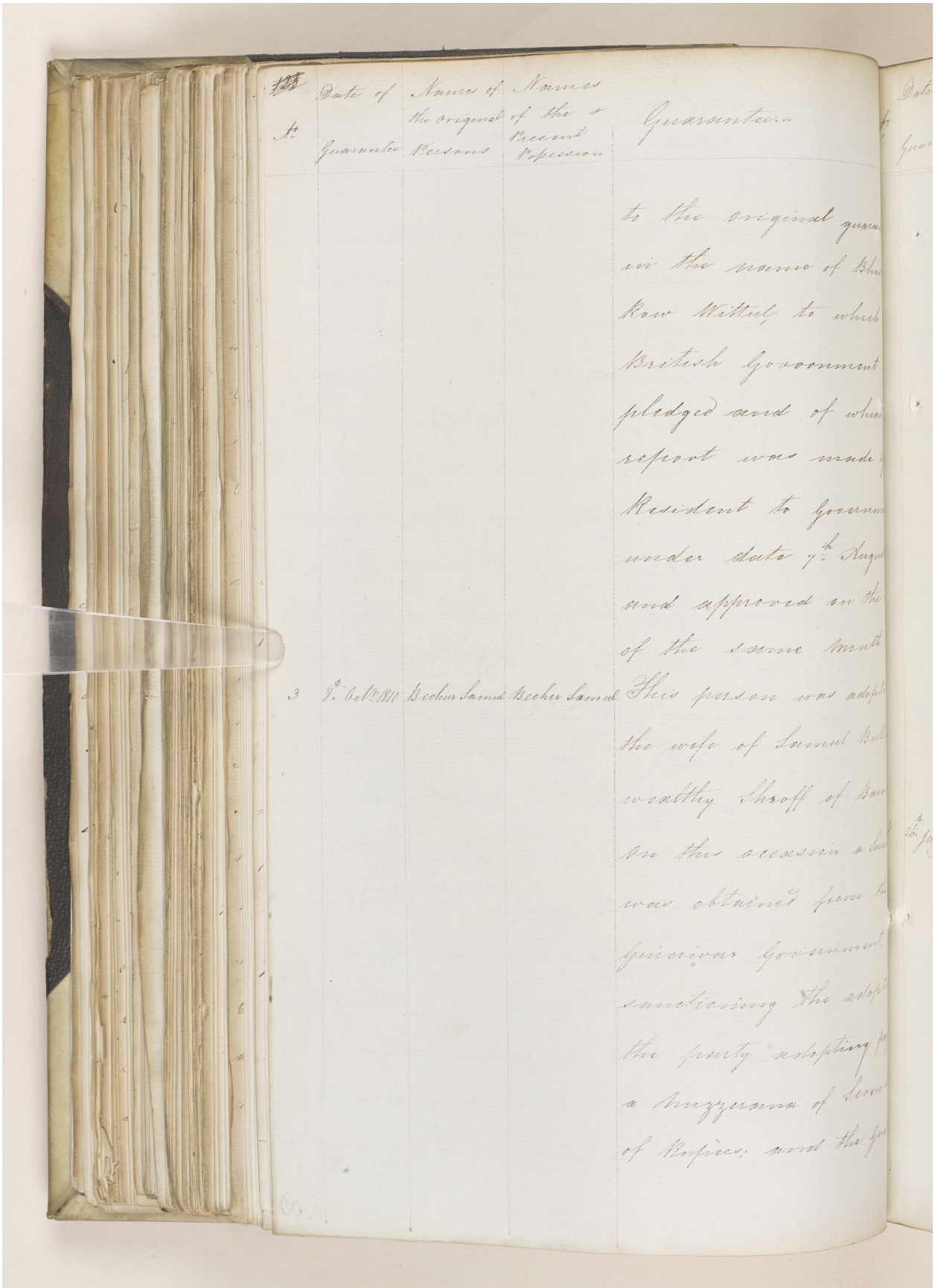
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of the British government.
This Pledge is hereditary
and on Babajee's demise
in 1810 he was succeeded
in his Situation and its
emoluments by his son
Mittle Row Babajee more
commonly called Mittoba
Bhow. On his demise on
the 6th August 1828, his
Situation and its emo-
luments were inherited
by his adopted son
Bhaskar Row Mittul, with
the consent of His Highness
Syajee Row Guikwar, who on
receiving from the family
a Nuzzerana allowed the
adoption and granted
a Khurdaree paper similar

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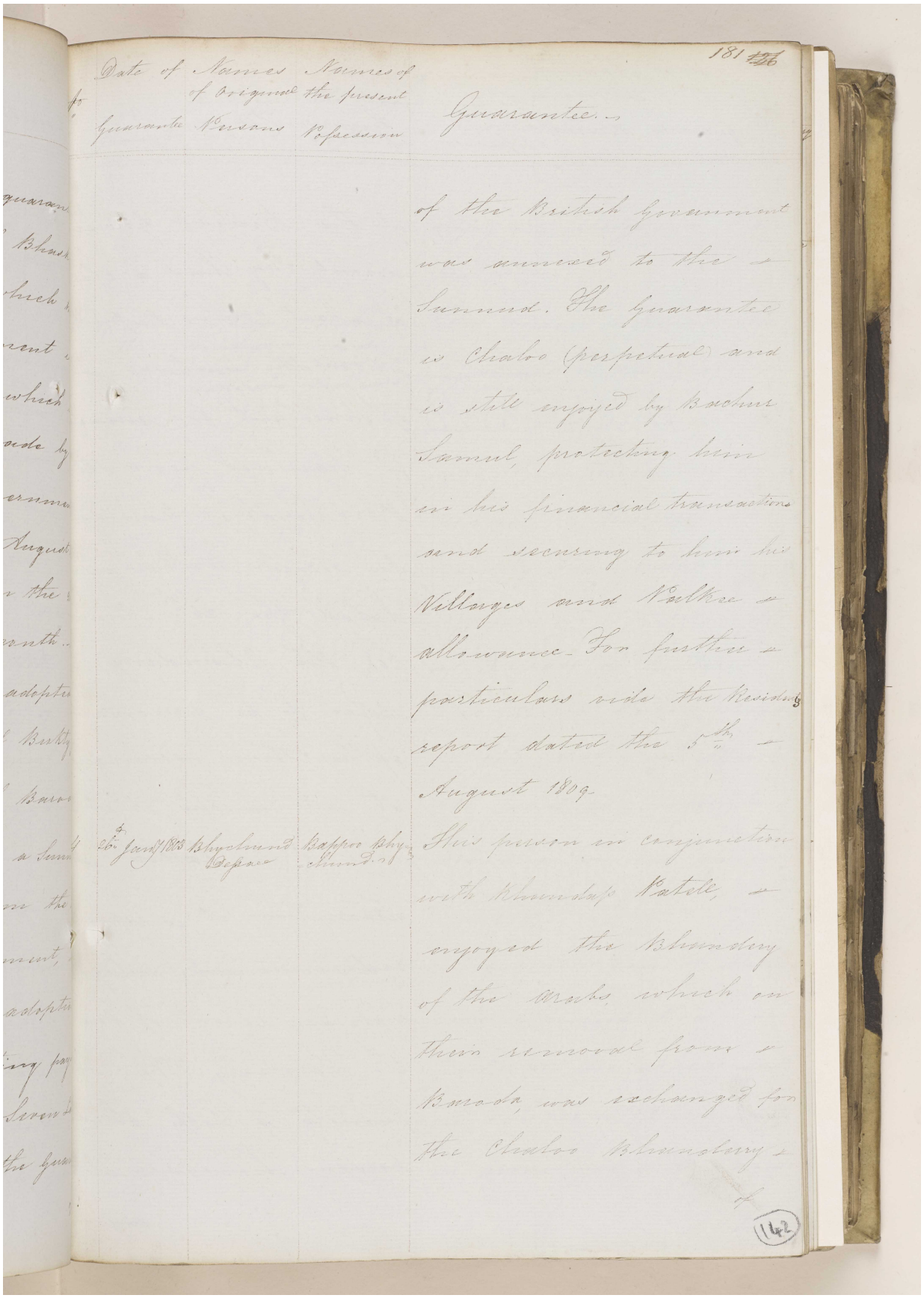
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in the name of Kha
Row Mittul, to whic
British Government
pledged and of whic
report was made
Resident to governm
under date 7th Augu
and approved on the
of the same month

3 | 9th Octr 1810 | Beehm Samuel | Beehm Samuel | This person was adopte
the wife of Samuel Beeh
wealthy Shroff of Bom
On this occasion a bond
was obtained from the
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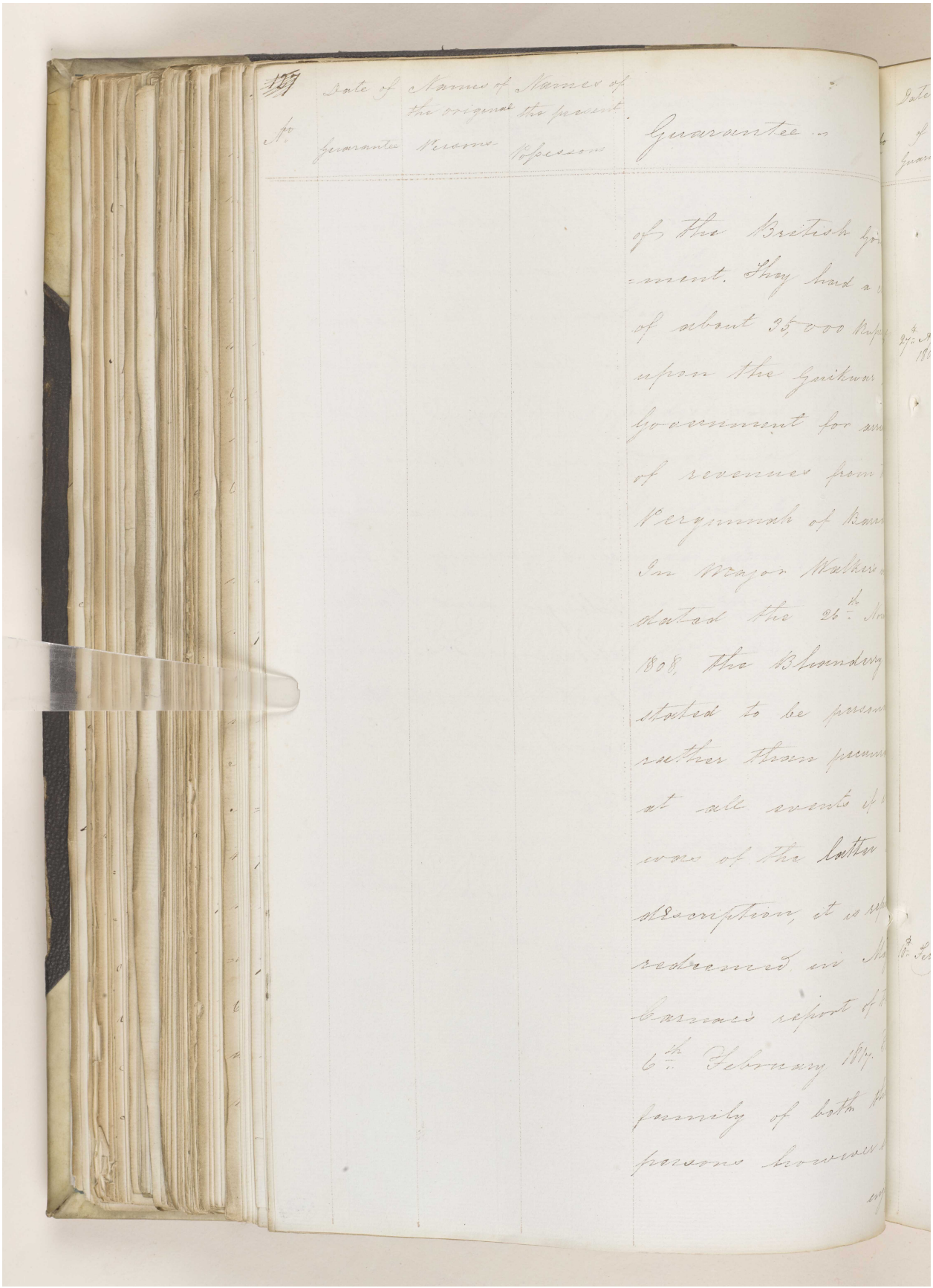
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of the British government was annexed to the Sunnud. The Guarantee is Chaloo (perpetual) and is still enjoyed by Bachoo Samul, protecting him in his financial transactions and securing to him his Villages and Putkee allowance. For further particulars vide the Resident's report dated the 5th August 1809.

20th Jany 1803 | Khyalmul Depose | Kappoo Pahy Shunbhoo | This person in conjunction with Khundajee Katele enjoyed the Khoomdary of the Mahs which on their removal from Kuneda, was exchanged for the Chaloo Khoomdary

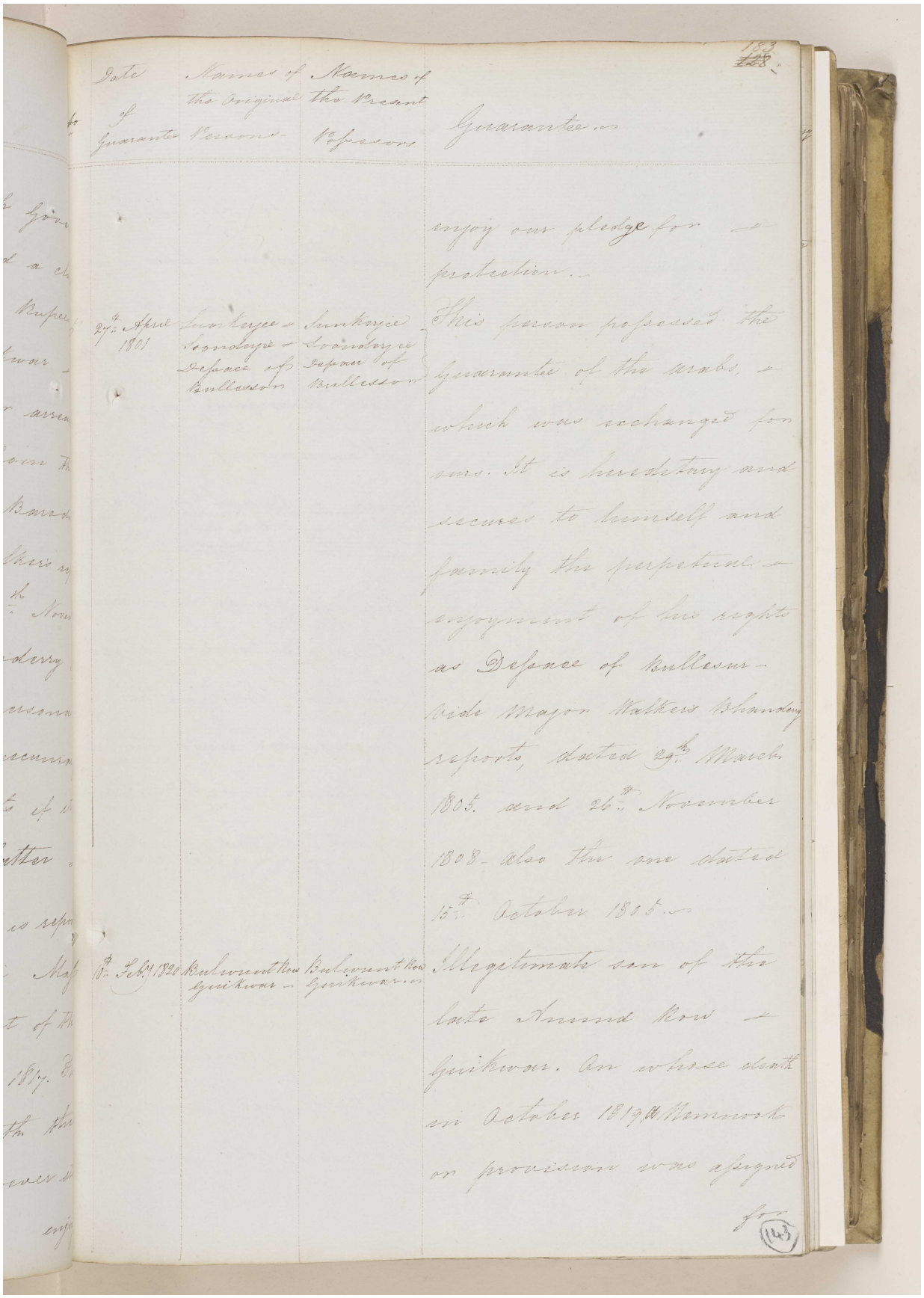
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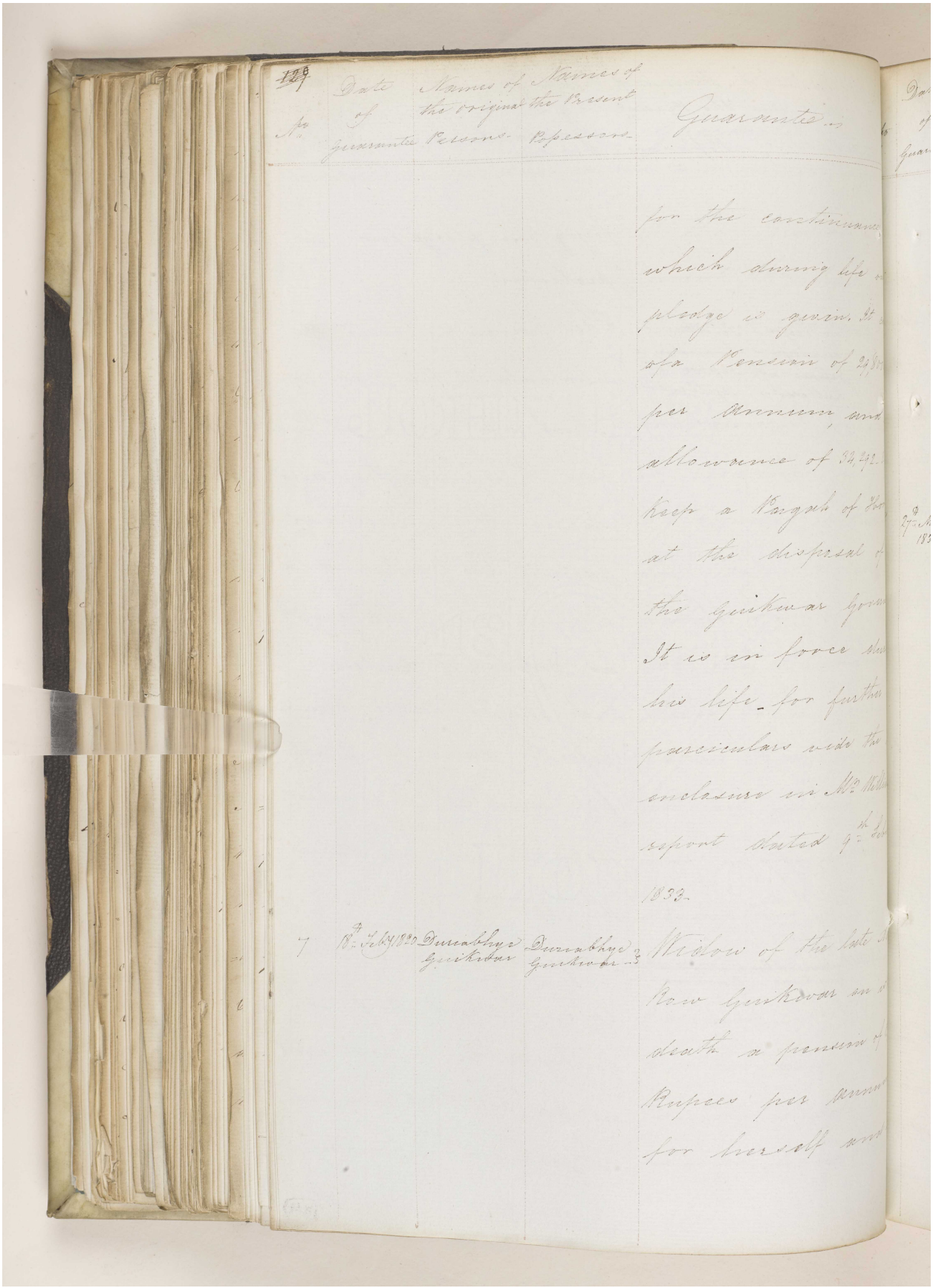


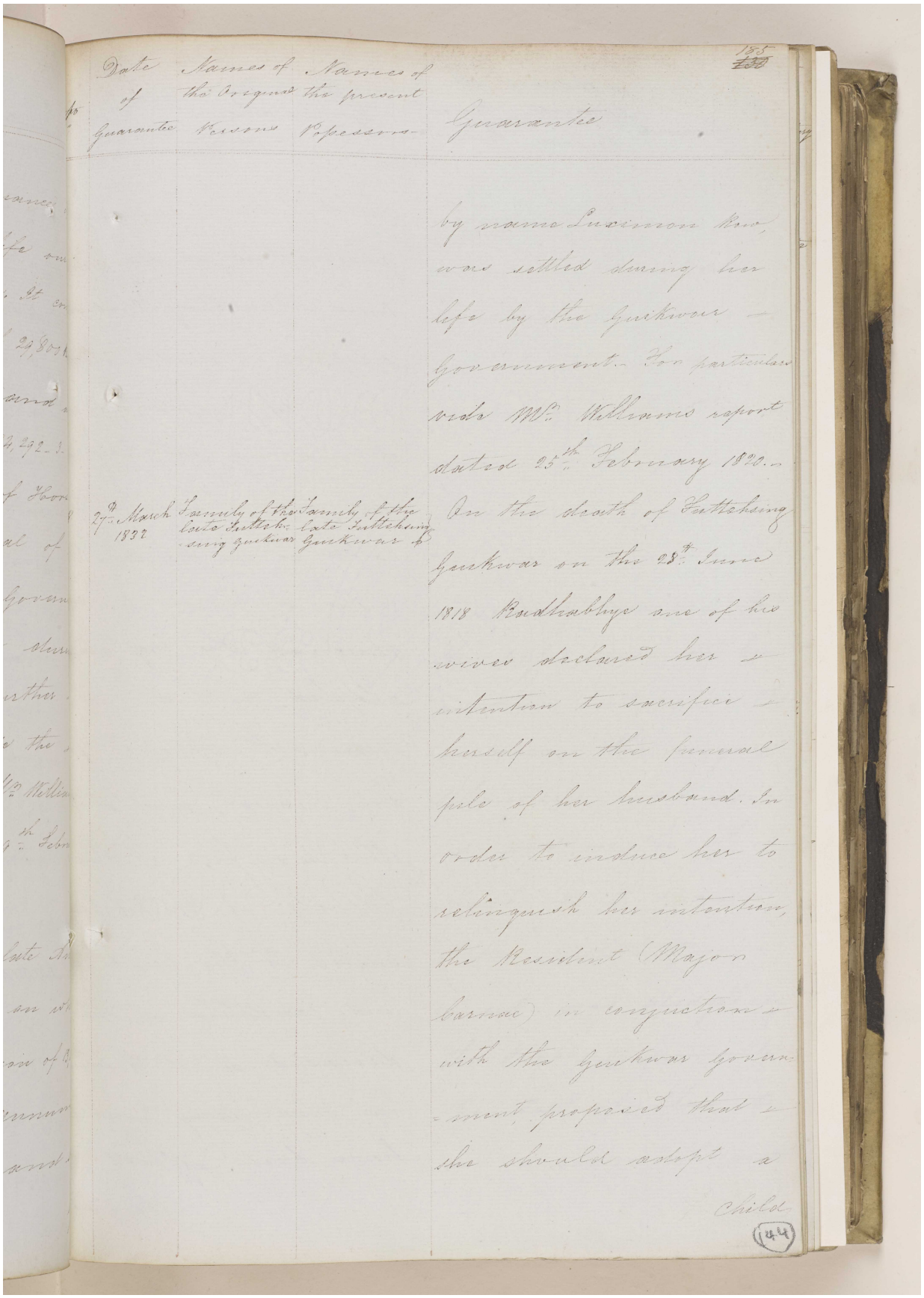
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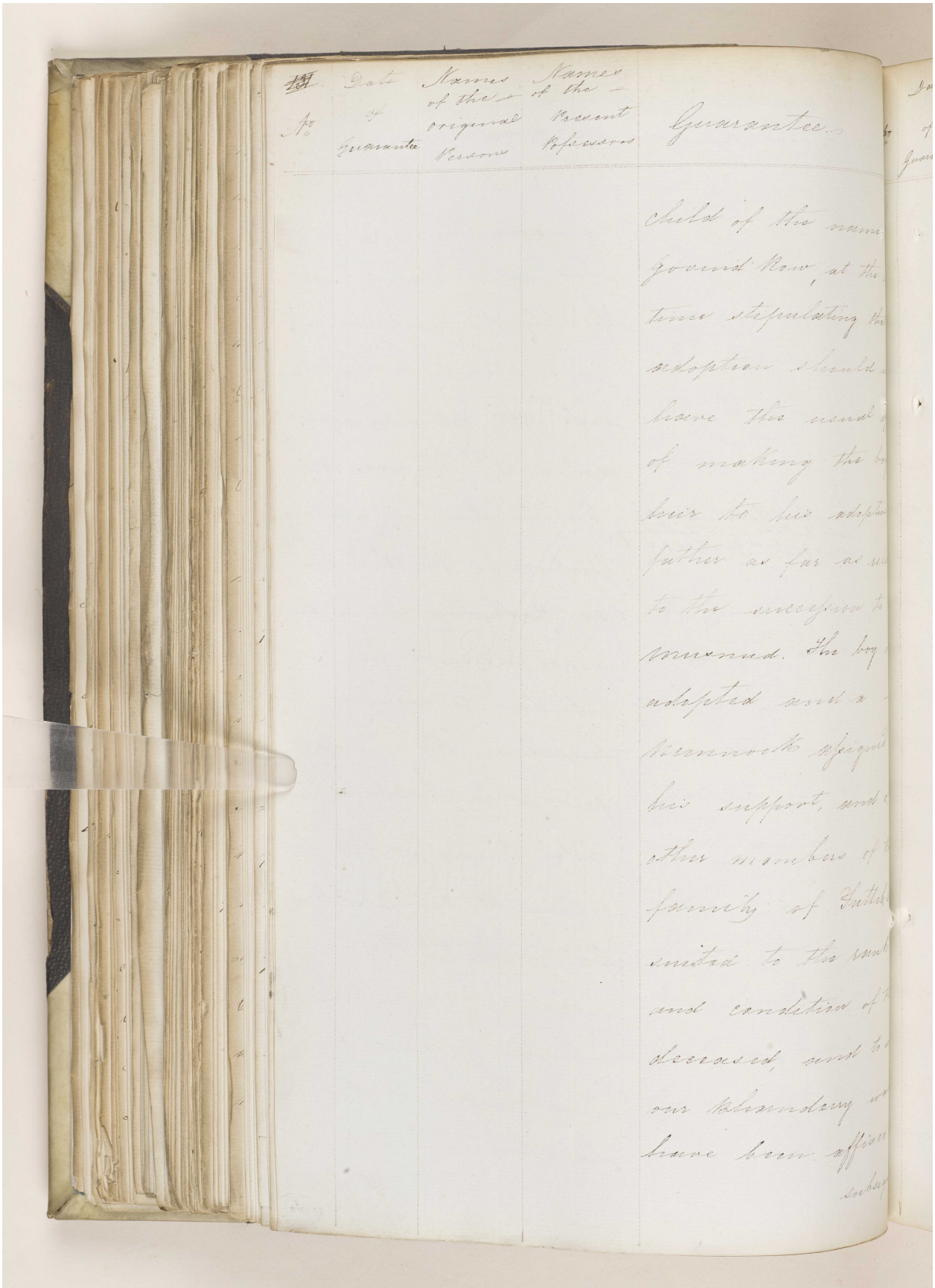


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			enjoy our pledge for protection.
27th April 1801	Sunkerjee Soondurjee Defaree of Bullessore	Sunkerjee Soondurjee Defaree of Bullessore	This person possessed the Guarantee of the Arabs, which was exchanged for ours. It is hereditary and secures to himself and family the perpetual enjoyment of his rights as Defaree of Bullessore – vide Major Walkers Khanday reports, dated 29th March 1805. and 26th November 1808 – also the one dated 15th October 1805.
8th Feby 1820	Rulwunt Row Gurkwar	Rulwunt Row Gurkwar	Illegitimate son of the late Anund Row Gurkwar. On whose death in October 1819 a Nemnook or provision was assigned for

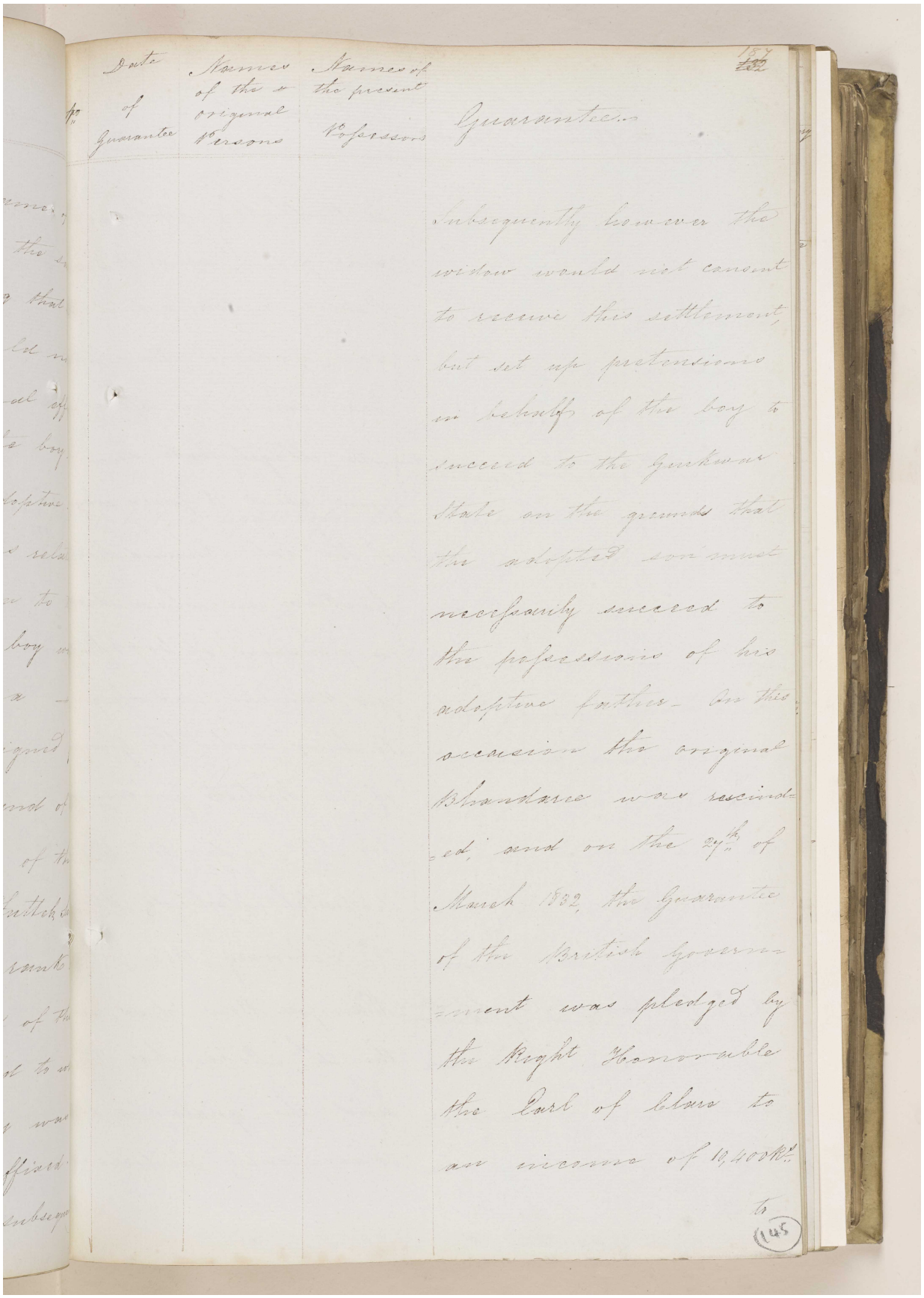

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Guarantee
7 8th Feb 1830 Durrabhye Gurkhaur
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Date of Guarantee	Names of the Original Persons	Names of the present Possessors	Guarantee
			by name Lucinnon Bae, was settled during her life by the Gaikwar Government. For particulars vide Mr. Williams report dated 25th February 1820.
2d March 1832	Family of the late Sattek.	Family of the late Sattekang Gaikwar &	On the death of Sattekang Gaikwar on the 23d June 1818 Radhabhye one of his wives declared her intention to sacrifice herself on the funeral pile of her husband. In order to induce her to relinquish her intention, the Resident (Major Carnac) in conjunction with the Gaikwar Government proposed that she should adopt a Child



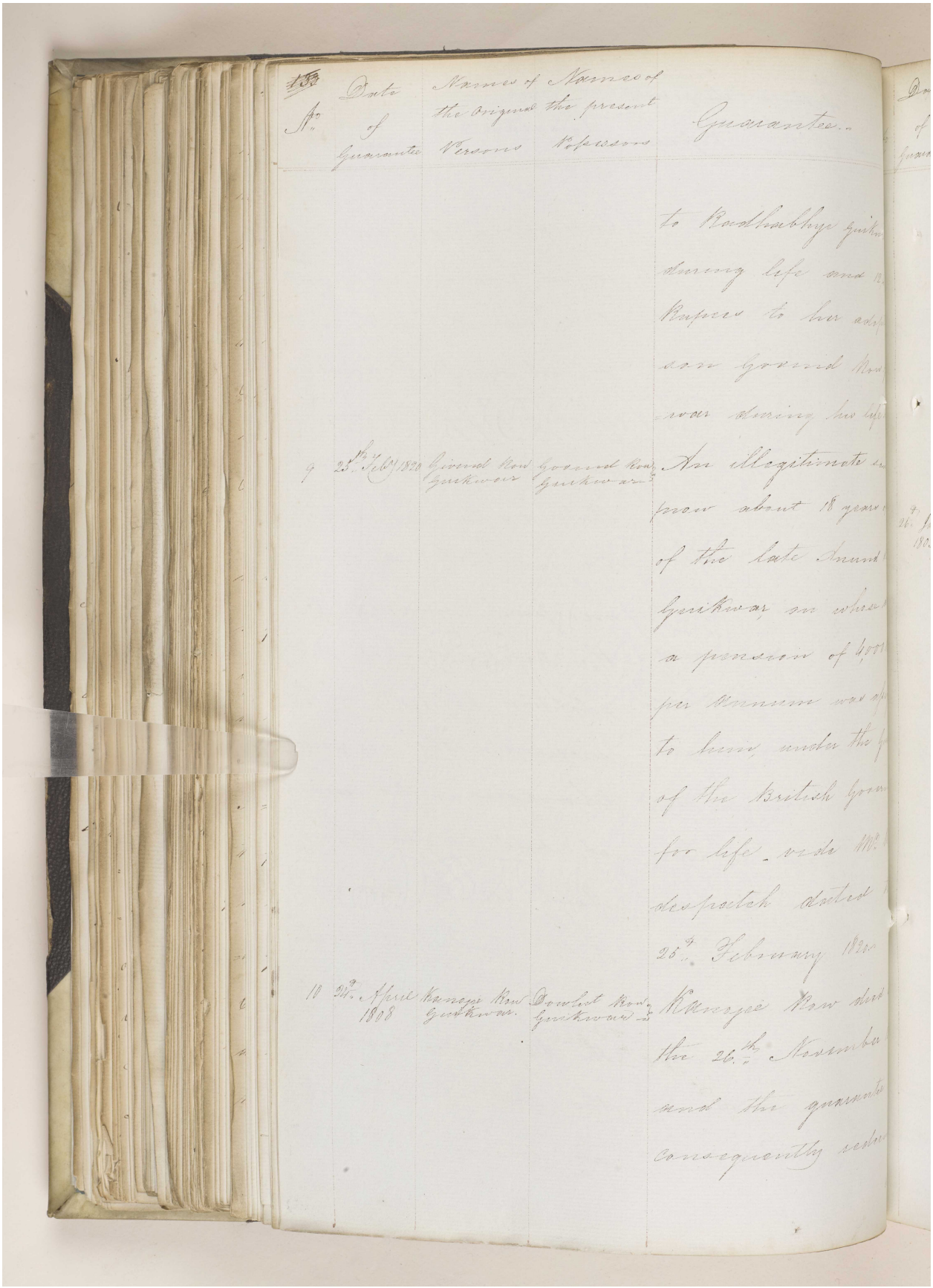
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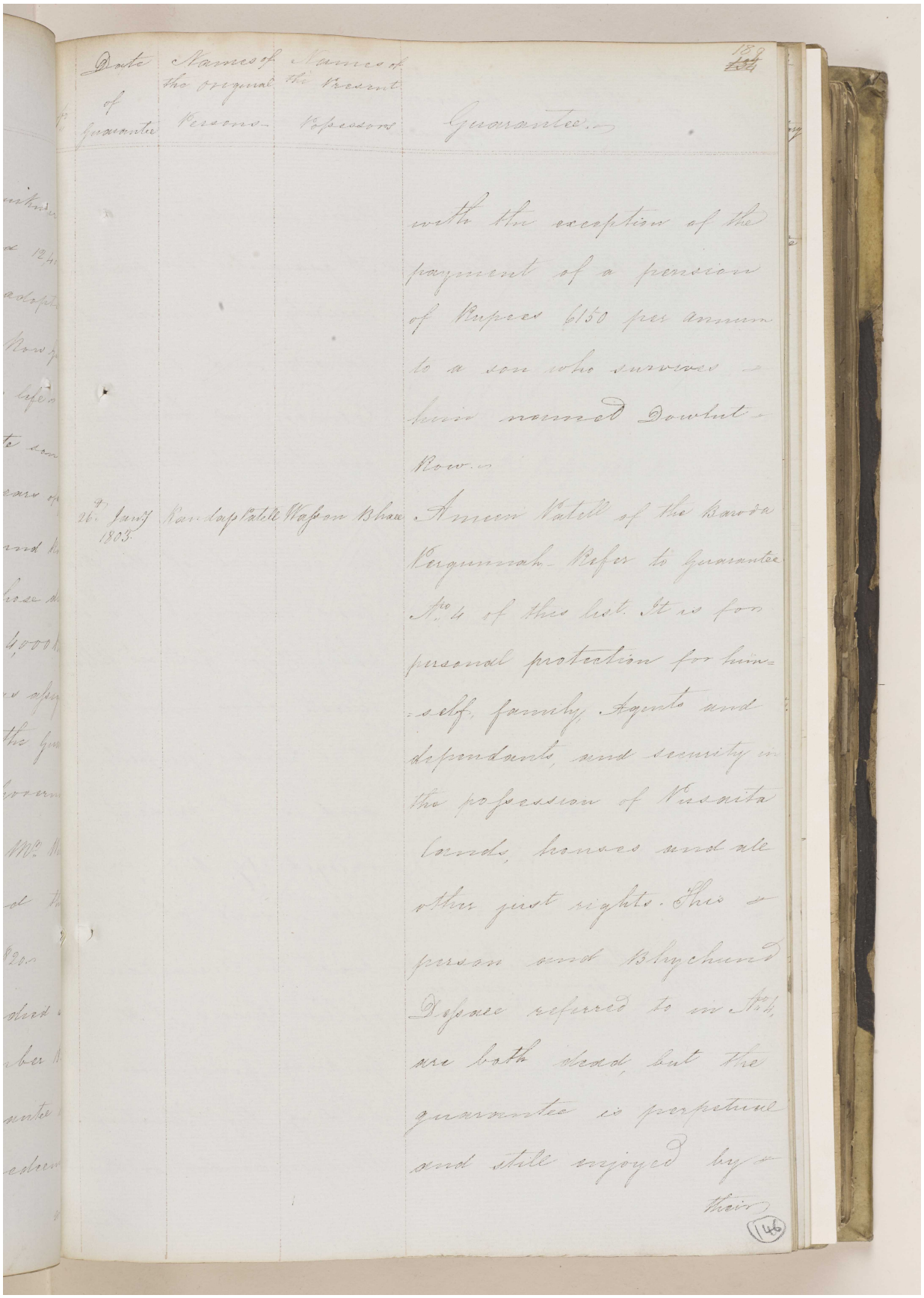


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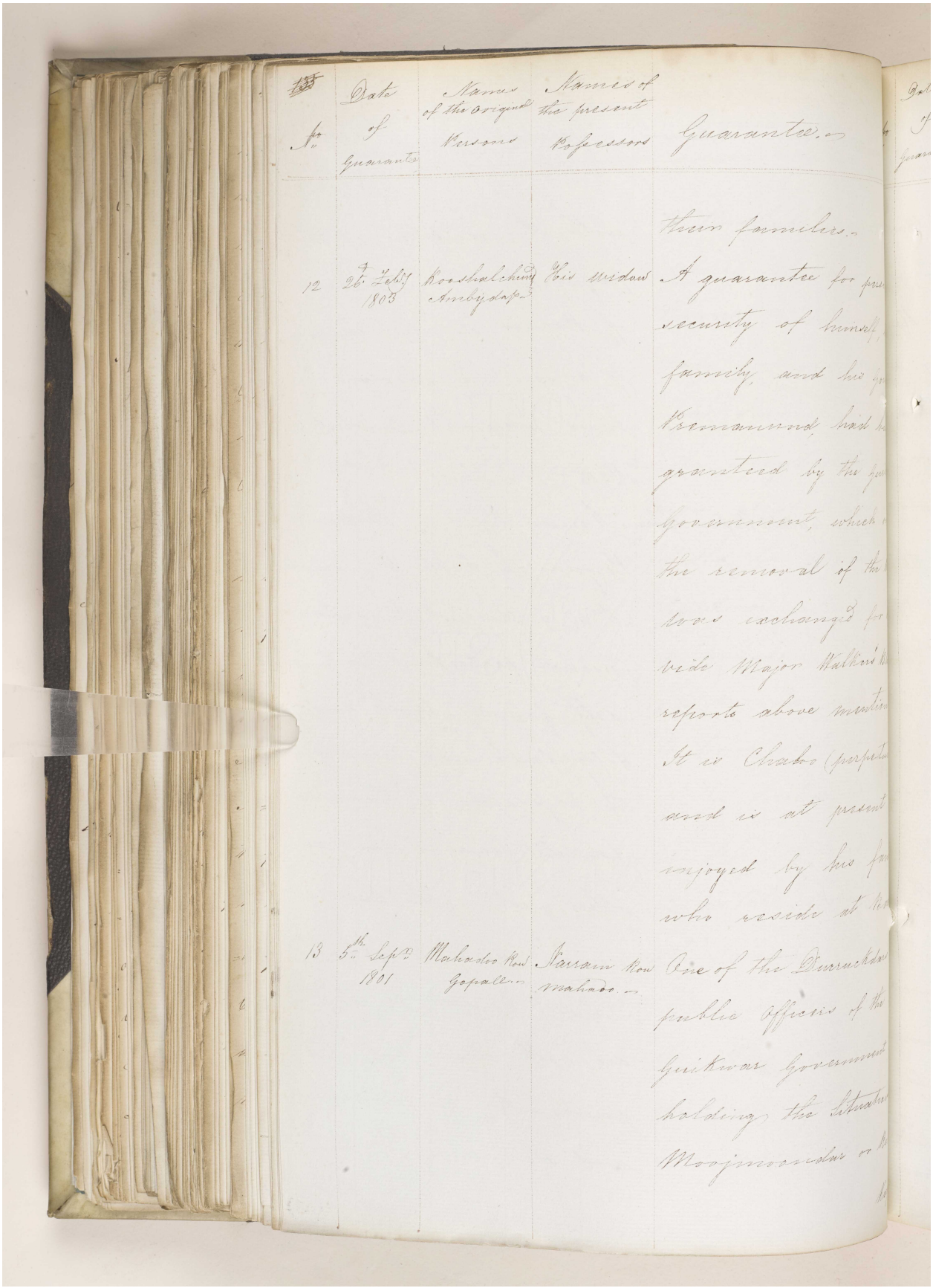
Subsequently however the widow would not consent to receive this settlement, but set up pretensions in behalf of the boy to succeed to the Gunkowar State on the grounds that the adopted son must necessarily succeed to the possessions of his adoptive father. On this occasion the original Khurdsa was rescinded, and on the 29th of March 1832, the Guarantee of the British Government was pledged by the Right Honorable the Earl of Aburn to an income of 10,40000

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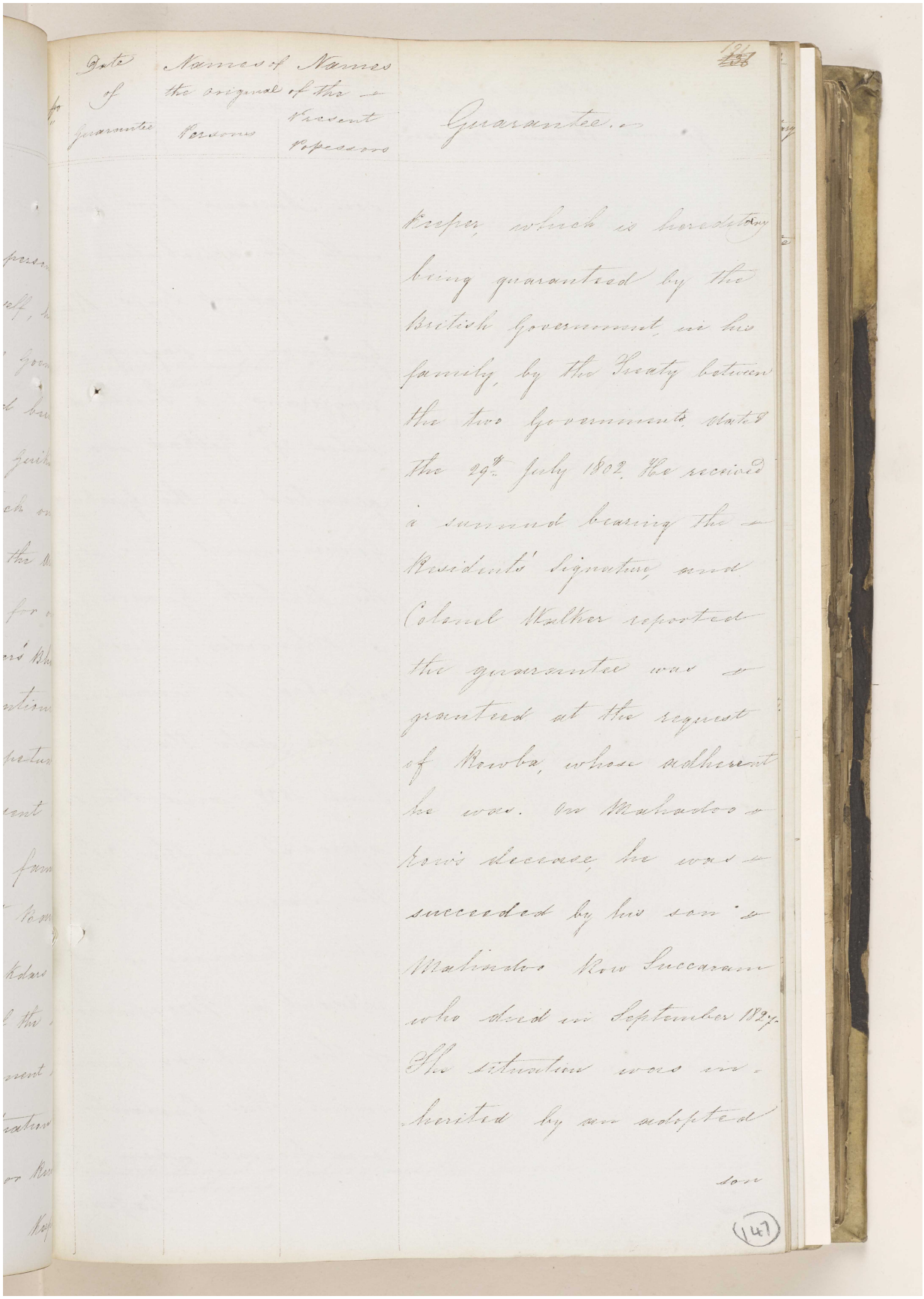

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Guarantee.
to Radhabhye
during life and
Rupees to her
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An illegitimate
years
of the late
Gunkwar on
a pension of
per Annum was
to him under the
of the British
for life vide
despatch dated
26th February 1820
Khanjee Row died
the 26th November
and the
consequently
9 25th Feby 1820 Govind Row Gunkwar Govind Row Gunkwar
10 29th April 1808 Khanjee Row Gunkwar. Dowlut Row Gunkwar



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			with the exception of the payment of a pension of Rupees 6150 per annum to a son who survives him named Doulut Row.
26th June 1803.	Ramchunder Patell	Wasson Bhaw	Ameen Patell of the Karoda Pergunnah. Refer to Guarantee No. 4 of this list. It is for personal protection for himself, family, Agents and dependants, and security in the possession of his lands, houses and all other just rights. This person and Bhychund Dessaee referred to in No. 4, are both dead, but the guarantee is perpetual and still enjoyed by their



No.	Date of Guarantee	Names of the original Persons	Names of the present Professors	Guarantee.
				their families.
12	26th Feby 1803	Rooshalchund Ambydas	His widow	A guarantee for pro… security of himself, family, and his g… Kennamrud, had b… granted by the g… Government, which … the removal of the … were exchanged for … vide Major Walker's … reports above mentio… It is Chauko (perpetu… and is at present … enjoyed by his fa… who reside at …
13	5th Sept 1801	Machadas Row Gopalee	Narrain Row Mahadee	One of the Durruckdars public officers of the Guikwar Government holding the Sirkutee Mouzjmoonsubee or …



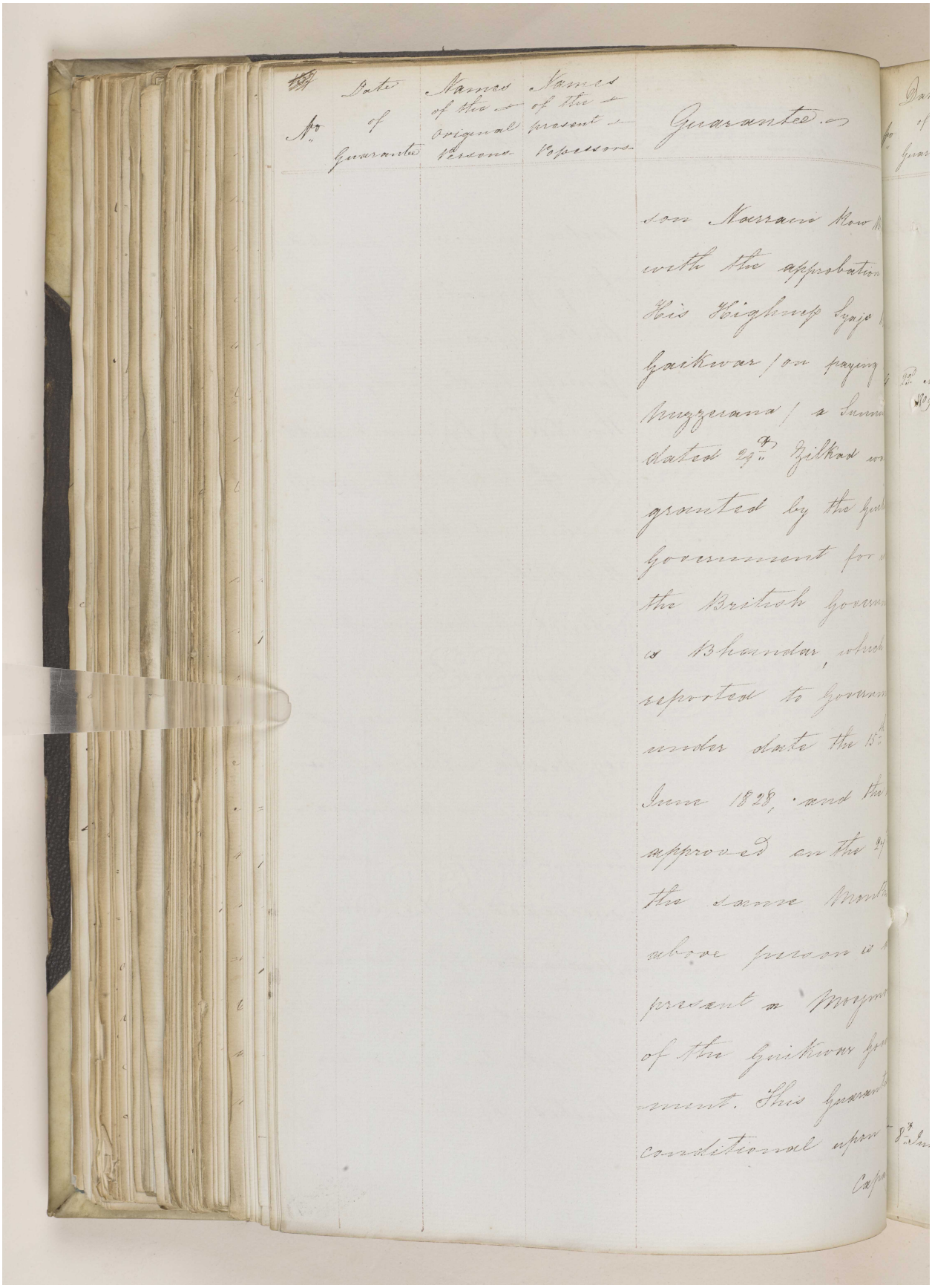
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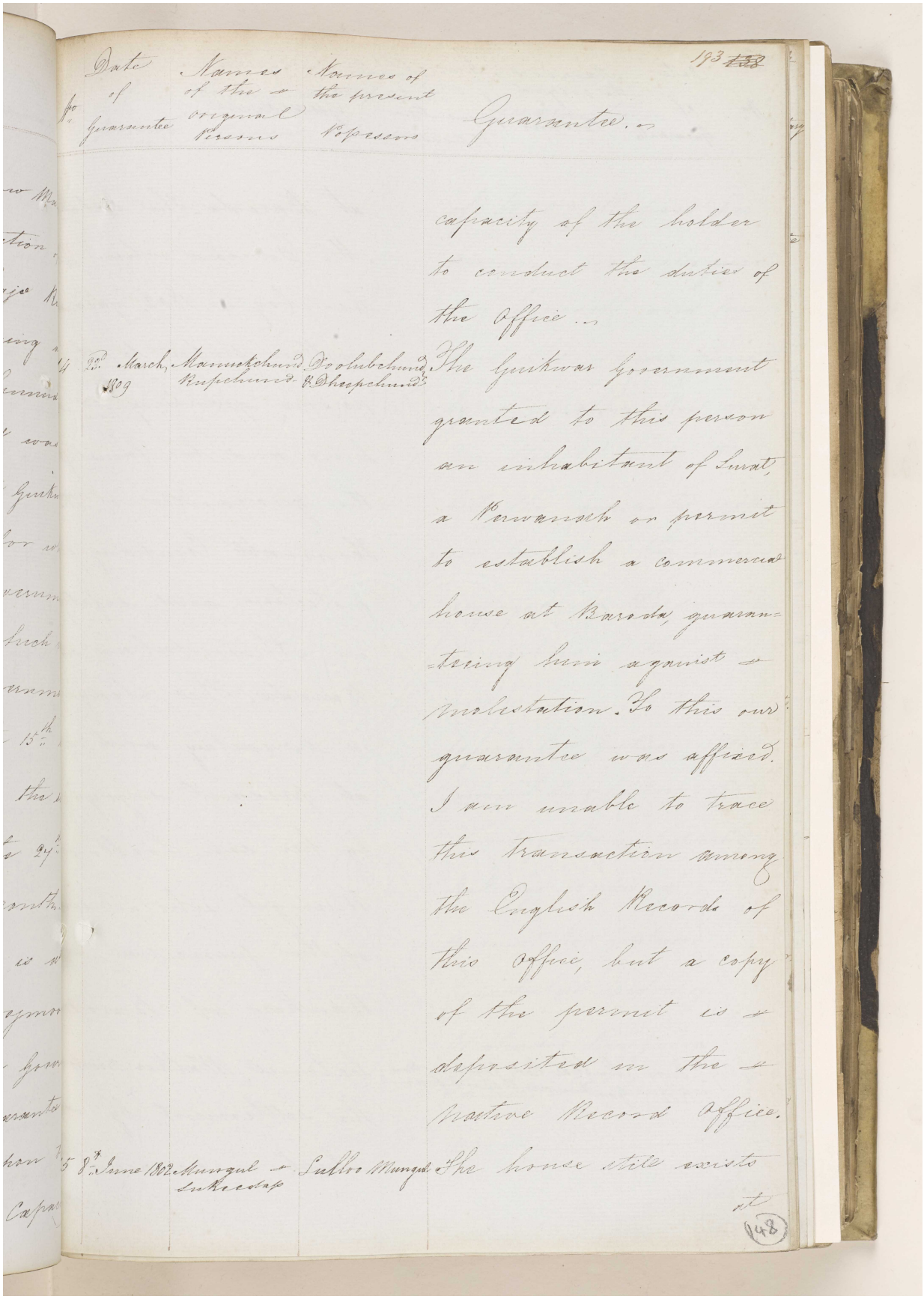
Keeper, which is hereditary being guaranteed by the British Government, in his family, by the Treaty between the two Governments, dated the 29th. July 1802. He received a summud bearing the Resident's Signature, and Colonel Walker reported the guarantee was granted at the request of Rowda, whose adherent he was. On Mahmoodoo's decease, he was succeeded by his son Mahomed Rew Succaram who died in September 1834. His situation was re- sorted by an adopted son

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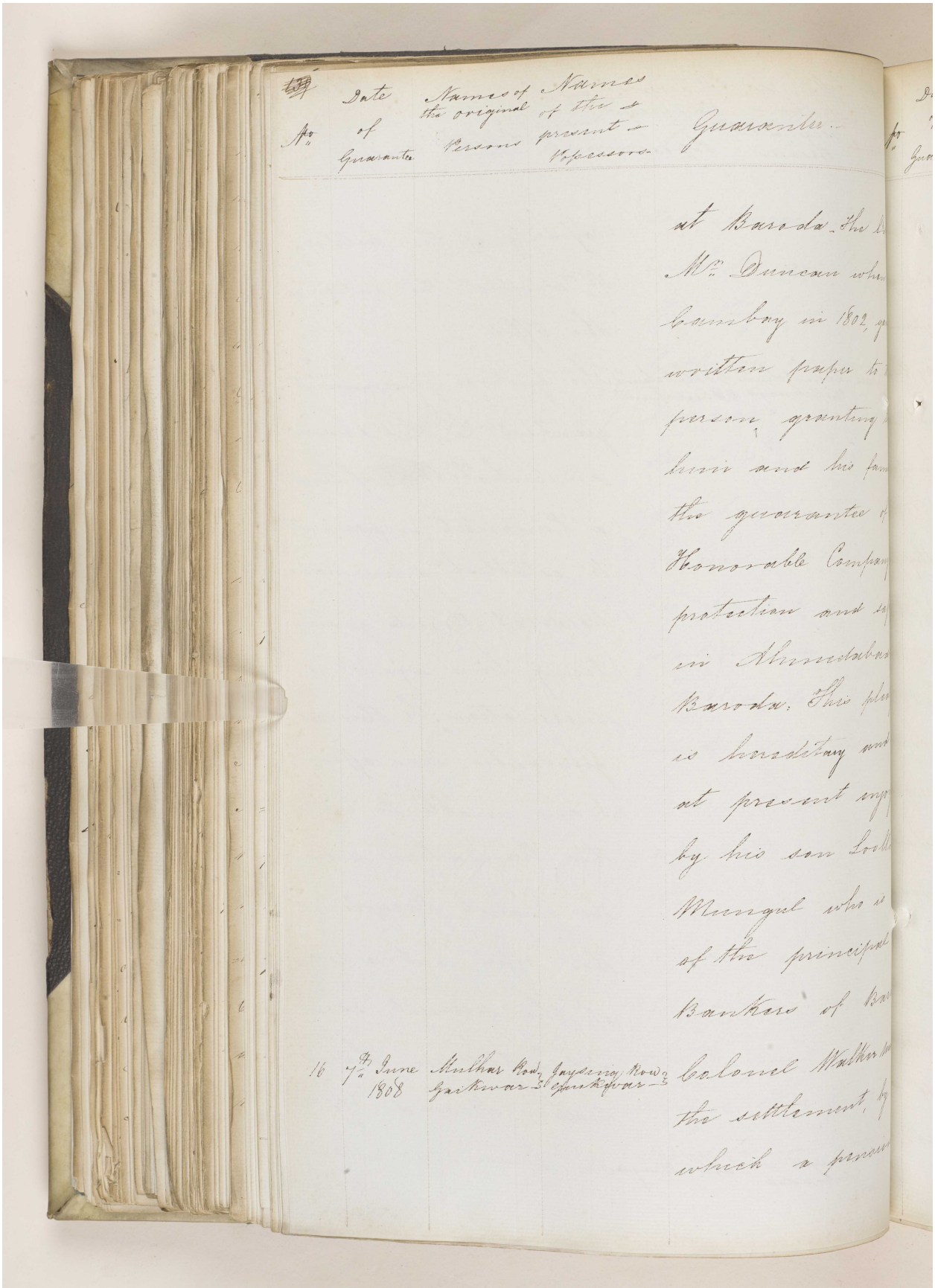
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capacity of the holder to conduct the duties of the office.

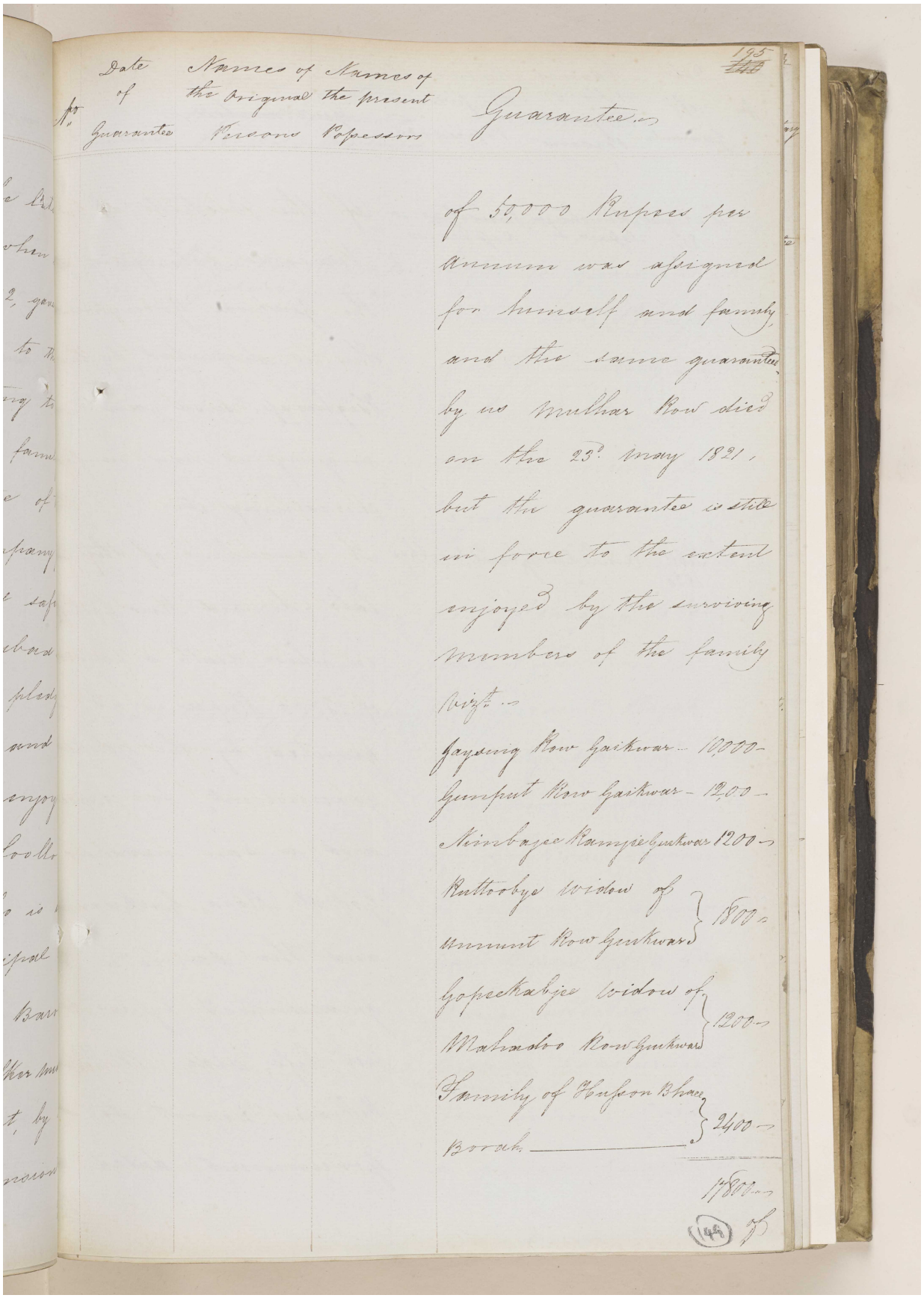
9th March 1809 | Mannekchund & Rupchund & Dhapchund | Doolubchund | The Guikwar government granted to this person an inhabitant of Surat, a Perwanah or permit to establish a commercial house at Baroda, guaranteeing him against molestation. To this our guarantee was affixed. I am unable to trace this transaction among the English Records of this office, but a copy of the permit is deposited in the native Record office. The house still exists at

8th June 1802 | Mungul & Sukkeetap | Sukkoo Mungul

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at Baroda. The
Mr. Duncan who
Bombay in 1802
written paper
person granting
him and his
the guarantee
Honorable Compa
protection and
in Ahmedabad
Baroda. This
is hereditary
at present
by his son
Mungul who
of the principal
Bankers of
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16 7th June 1808
Mulhar Row Gaikwar
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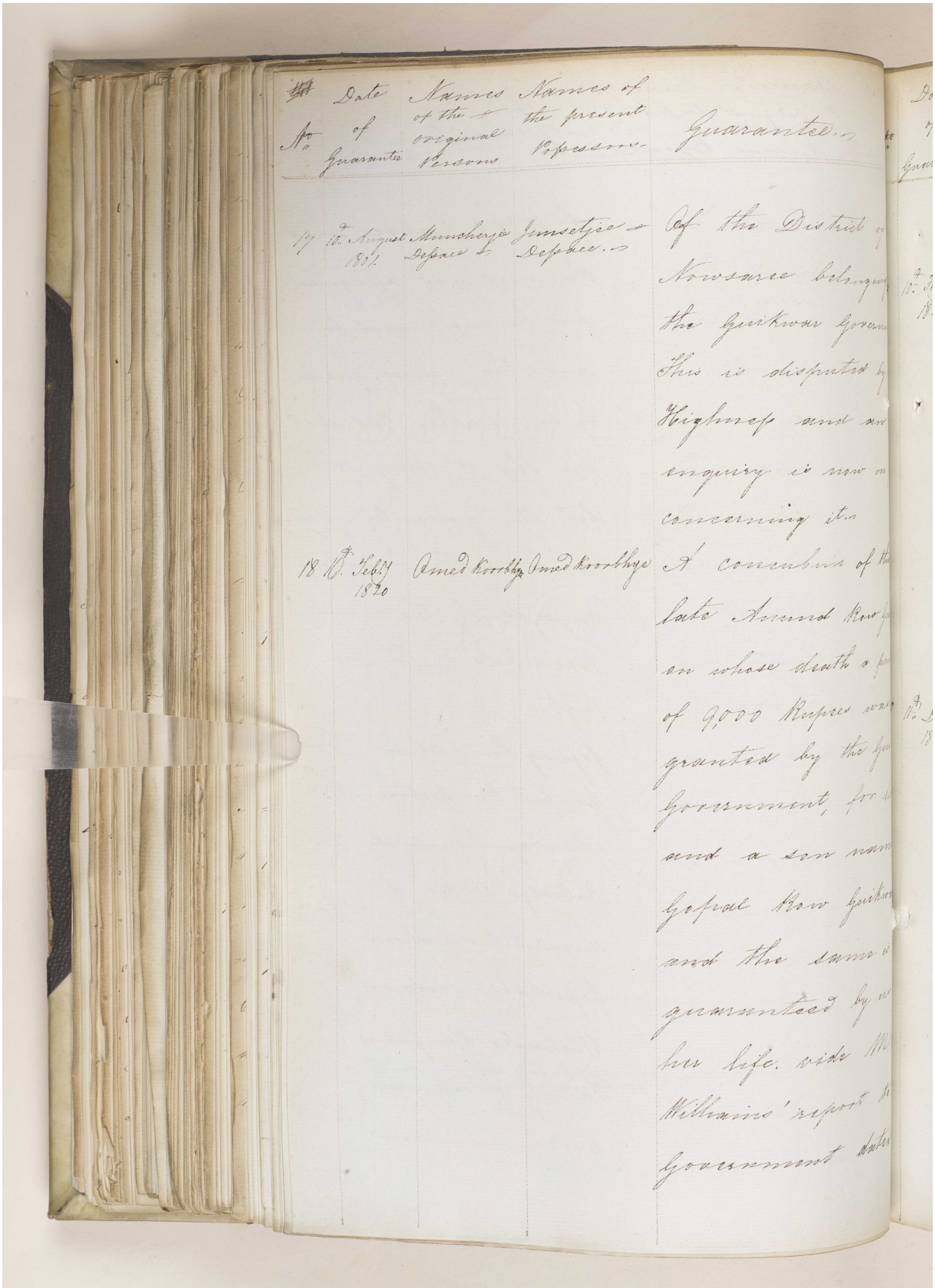


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of 50,000 Rupees per annum was assigned for himself and family and the same guaranteed by no Mulhar Row died on the 23d. May 1821, but the guarantee is still in force to the extent enjoyed by the surviving members of the family viz.:-

Jaysing Row Gaikwar — 10,000-
Gumput Row Gaikwar — 1200-
Meinbajee Rampee Gaikwar 1200-
Ruttoobye widow of Umrunt Row Gaikwar } 800-
Gopeekabye widow of Mahadro Row Gaikwar } 1200-
Family of Kuseen Khan Borah } 2400-
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17	10th August 1821	Muncherjee Depaee	Jumsetjee Depaee	Of the District of Nowsaree belonging the Guikwar Govern This is disputed by Highness and an enquiry is now on concerning it.
18	9th Feby 1820	Omed Koorbhy	Omed Koorbhye	A concubine of the late Nawab Kow on whose death a p of 9,000 Rupees was granted by the G Government, for h and a son nam Gopal Row Guikw and the same is guaranteed by us his life. vide M Williams' report to Government dated

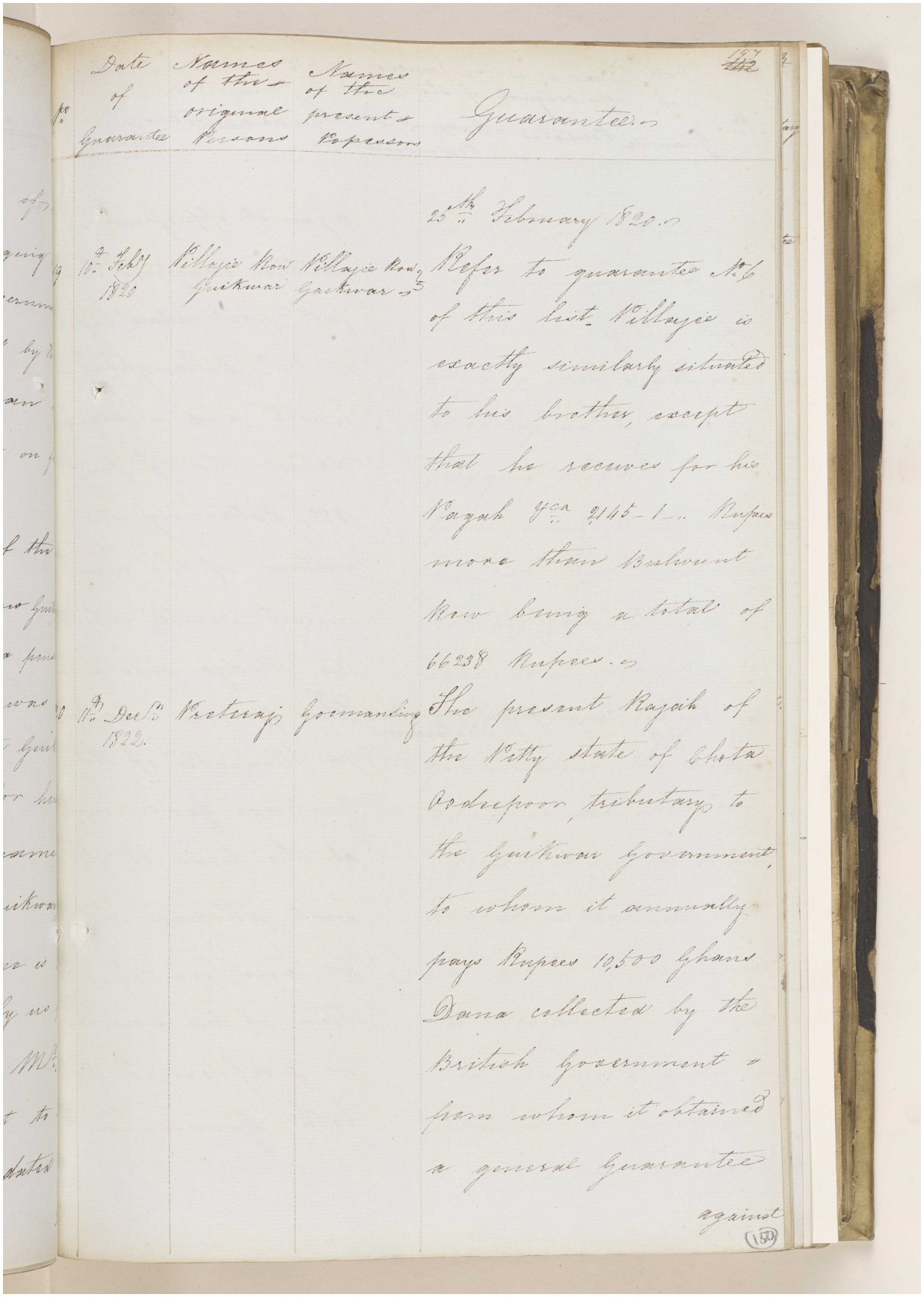
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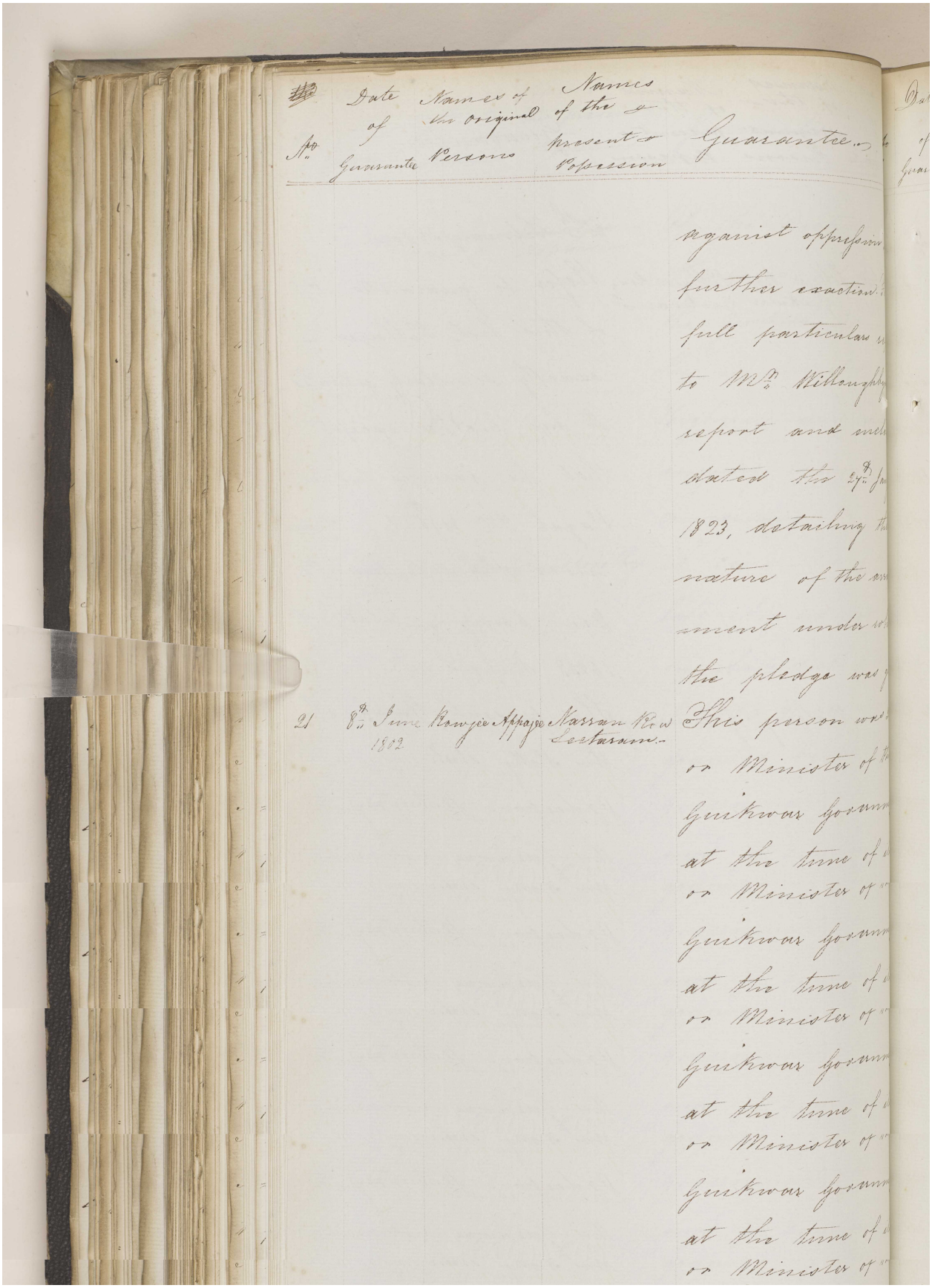
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				25th February 1820.
9	10th Feby 1820	Pillajee Row Gaikwar	Pillajee Row Gaikwar	Refer to guarantee No. 6 of this list. Pillajee is exactly similarly situated to his brother, except that he receives for his Rayah Rs. 2,45,-1-. Rupees more than Bulwunt Row being a total of 66238 Rupees.
10	11th Decr 1822.	Veeraraj	Governing	The present Rajah of the Petty state of Chota Oodeypoor, tributary to the Gaikwar Government, to whom it annually pays Rupees 10,500 Ghass Dana collected by the British Government from whom it obtained a general Guarantee against

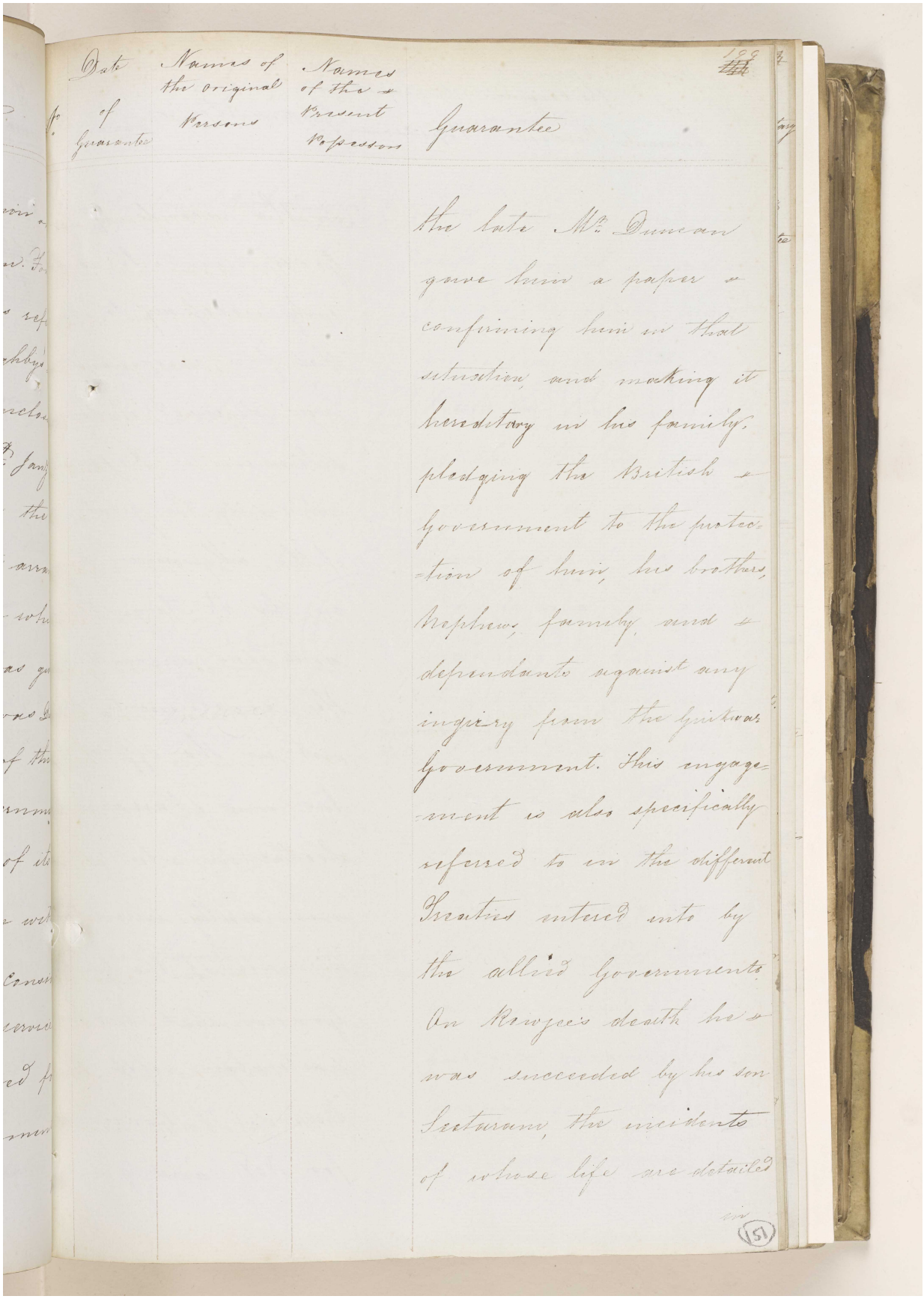
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21	8th June 1802	Ramjee Appajee	Narran Row Seetaram	This person was

against oppression
further exaction.
full particulars
to Wm. Willoughby
report and
dated the 27th
1823, detailing
nature of the
ment under
the pledge was
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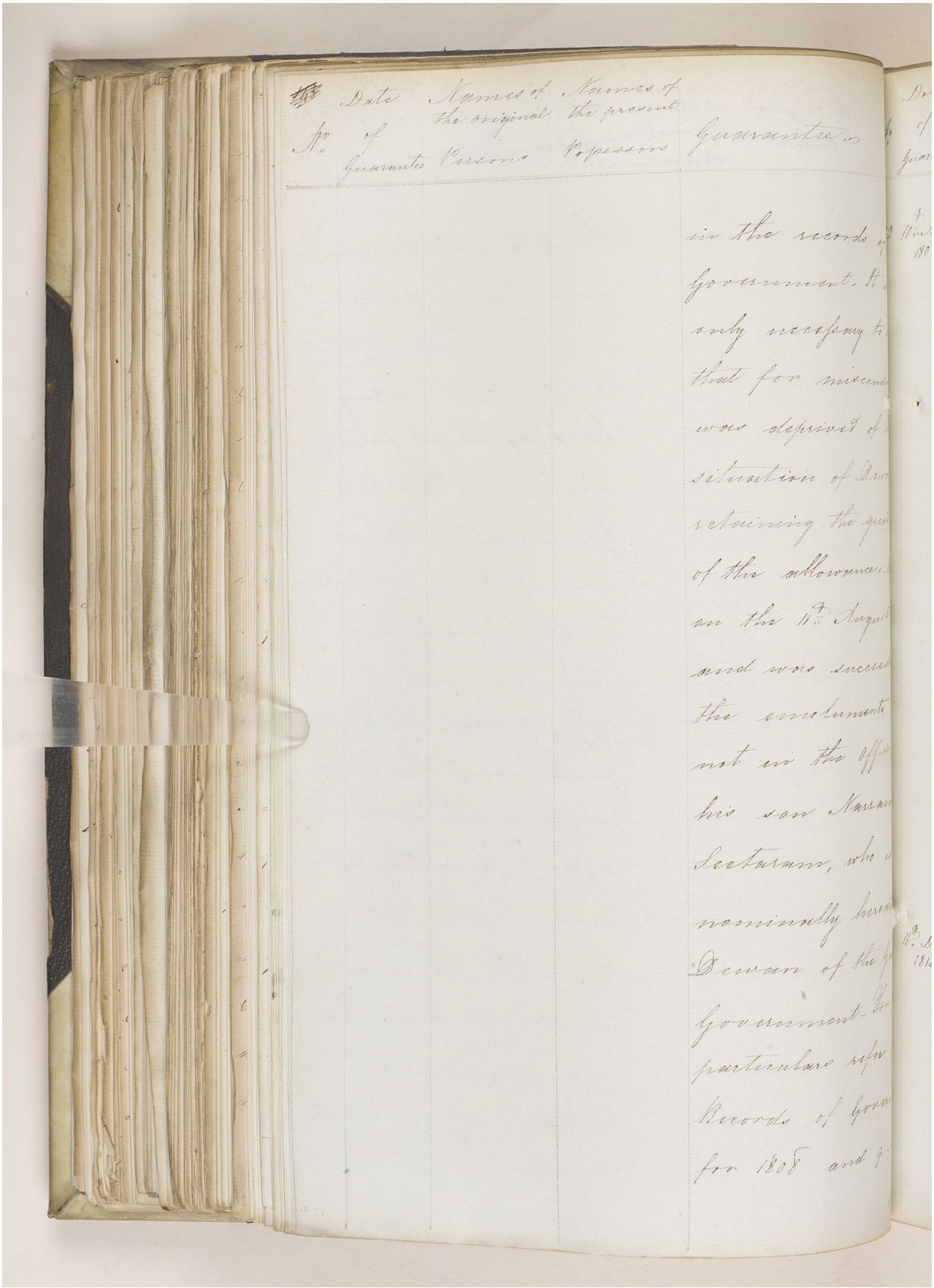
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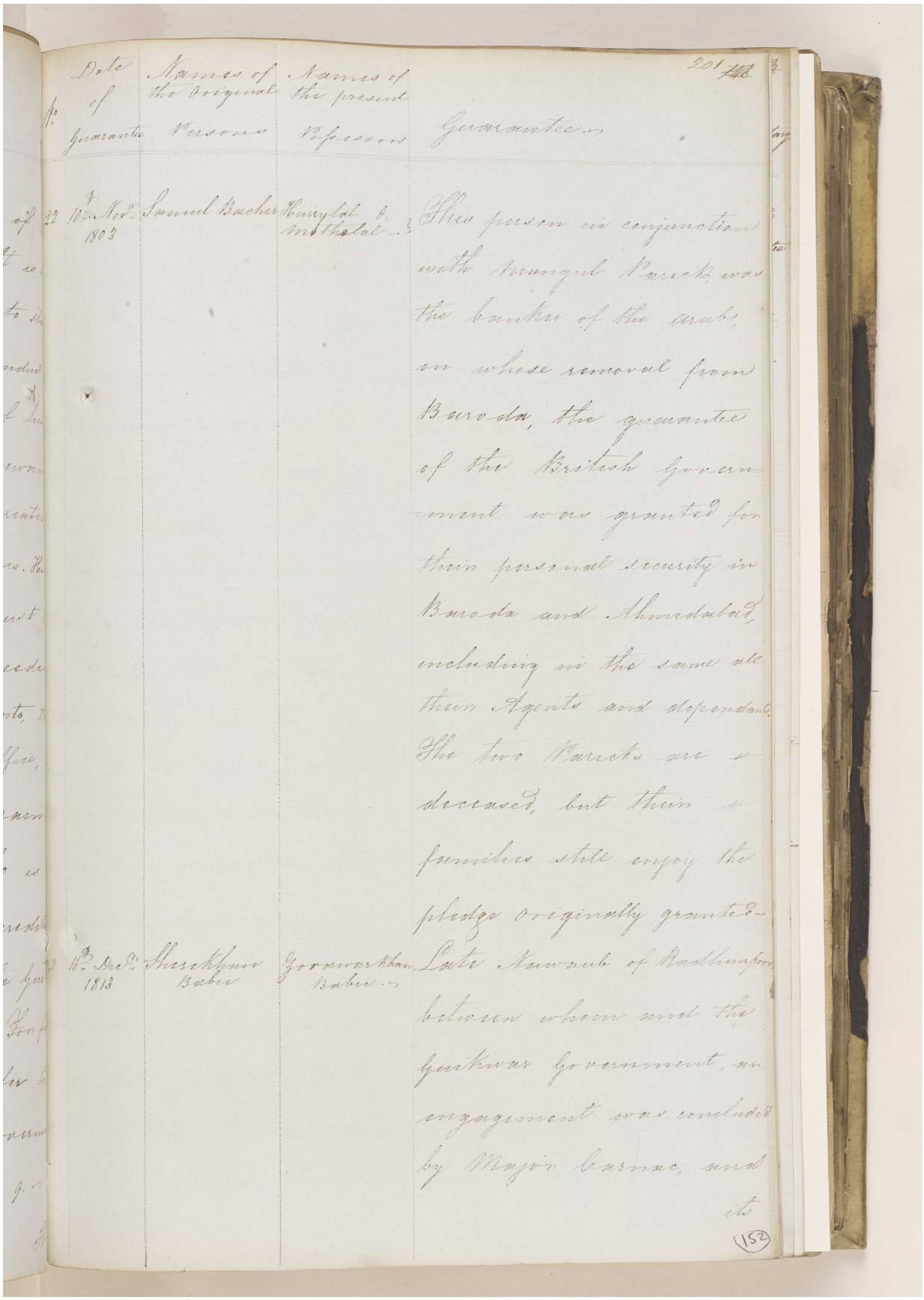
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				the late Mr. Duncan gave him a paper confirming him in that situation, and making it hereditary in his family, pledging the British government to the protection of him, his brothers, nephews, family, and dependants against any injury from the Guikwar government. This engagement is also specifically referred to in the different Treaties entered into by the allied governments. On Rowjee's death he was succeeded by his son Seetaram, the incidents of whose life are detailed in

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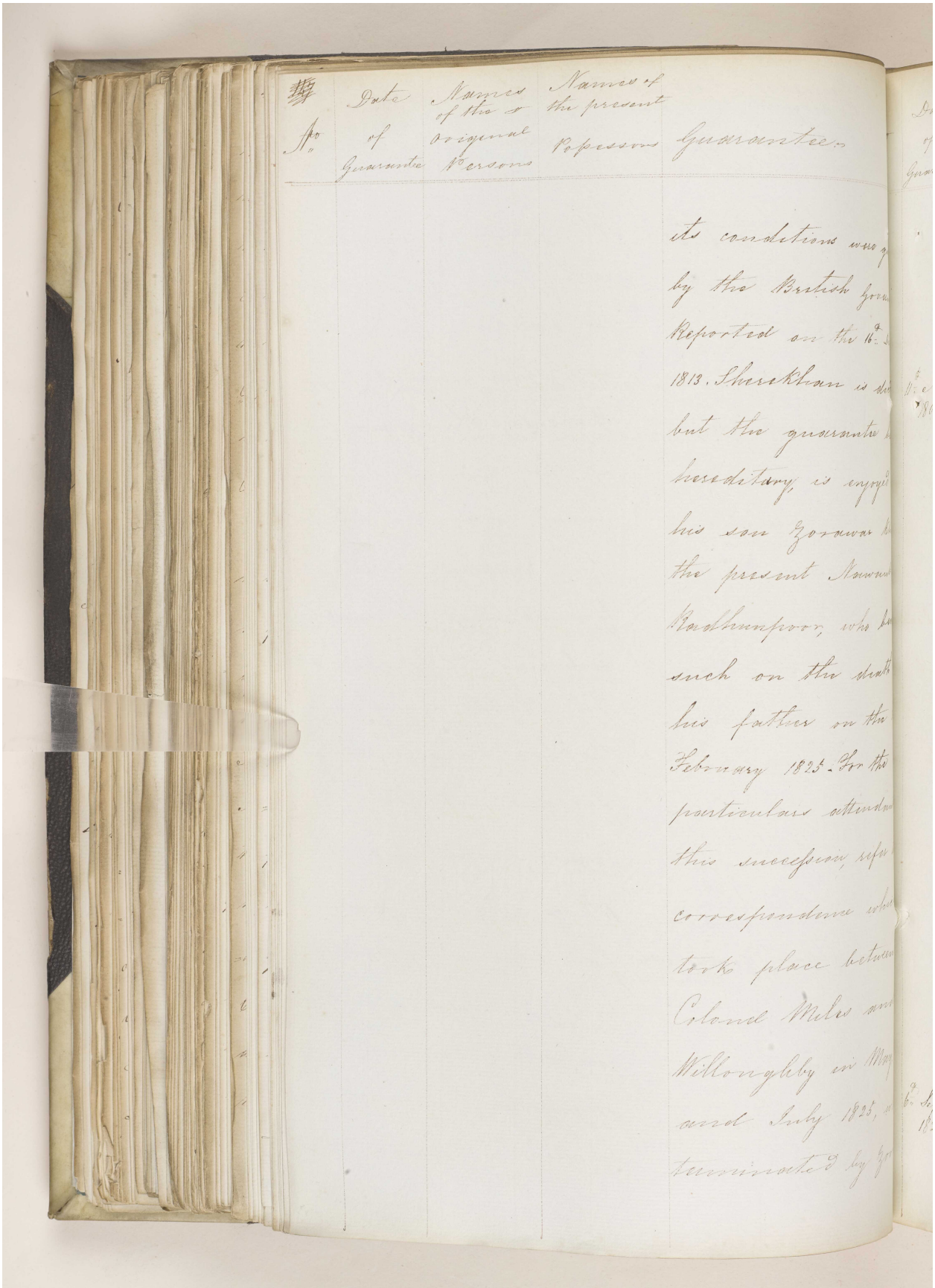
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Folio	Date of Guarantee	Names of the original Persons	Names of the present Possessors	Guarantee.
22	10th Nov. 1803	Samul Bachee	Kunylal & Motheldas	This person in conjunction with Nungul Parick, was the banker of the arabs, on whose removal from Baroda, the guarantee of the British Government was granted for their personal security in Baroda and Ahmedabad, including in the same all their Agents and dependants. The two Parieks are deceased, but their families still enjoy the pledge originally granted.
23	16th Dec. 1813	Sheikhum Babee	Goorvurkhan Babee	Late Nawaub of Rashumpoor between whom and the Gaikwar Government, an engagement was concluded by Major Carnac, and

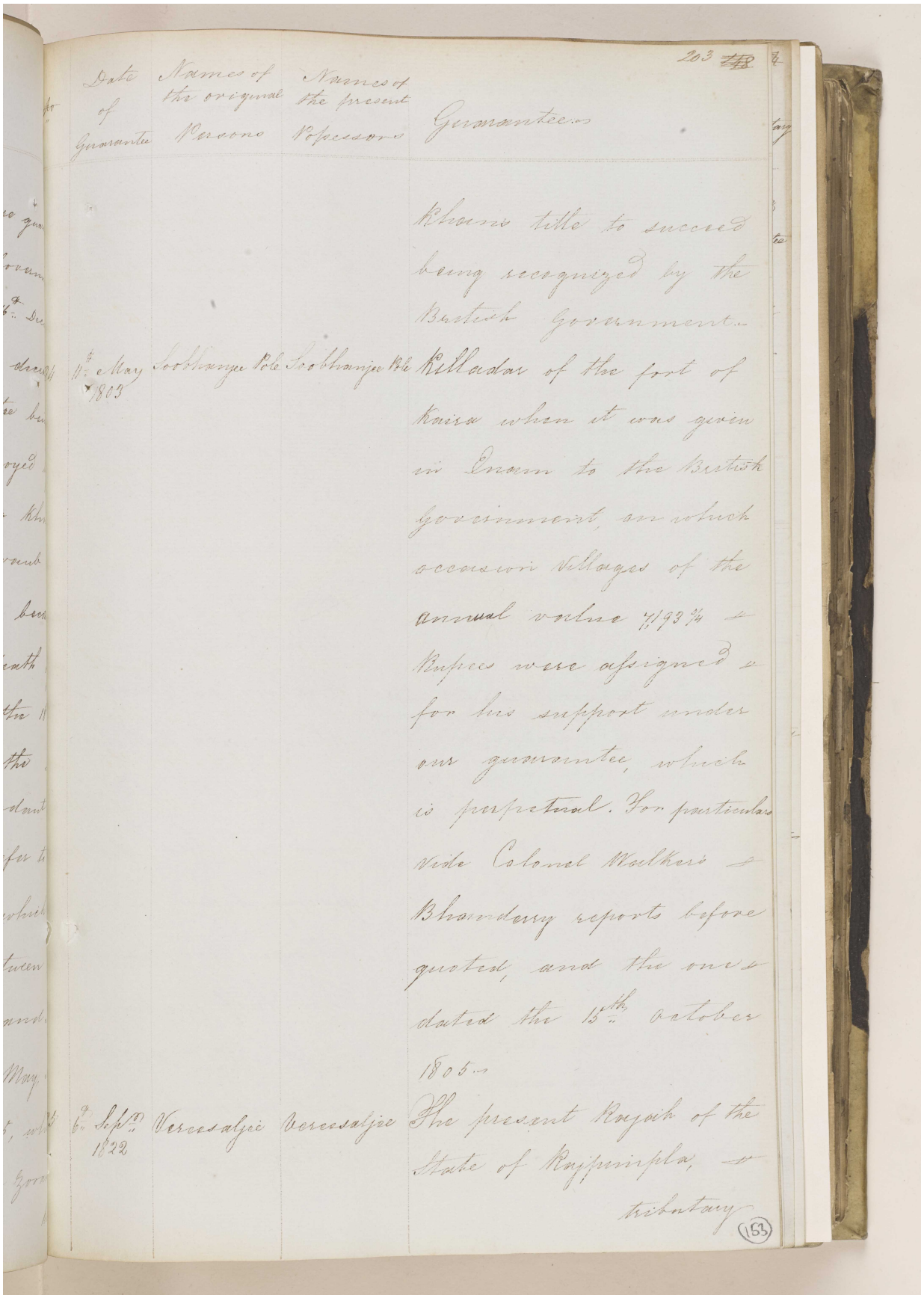
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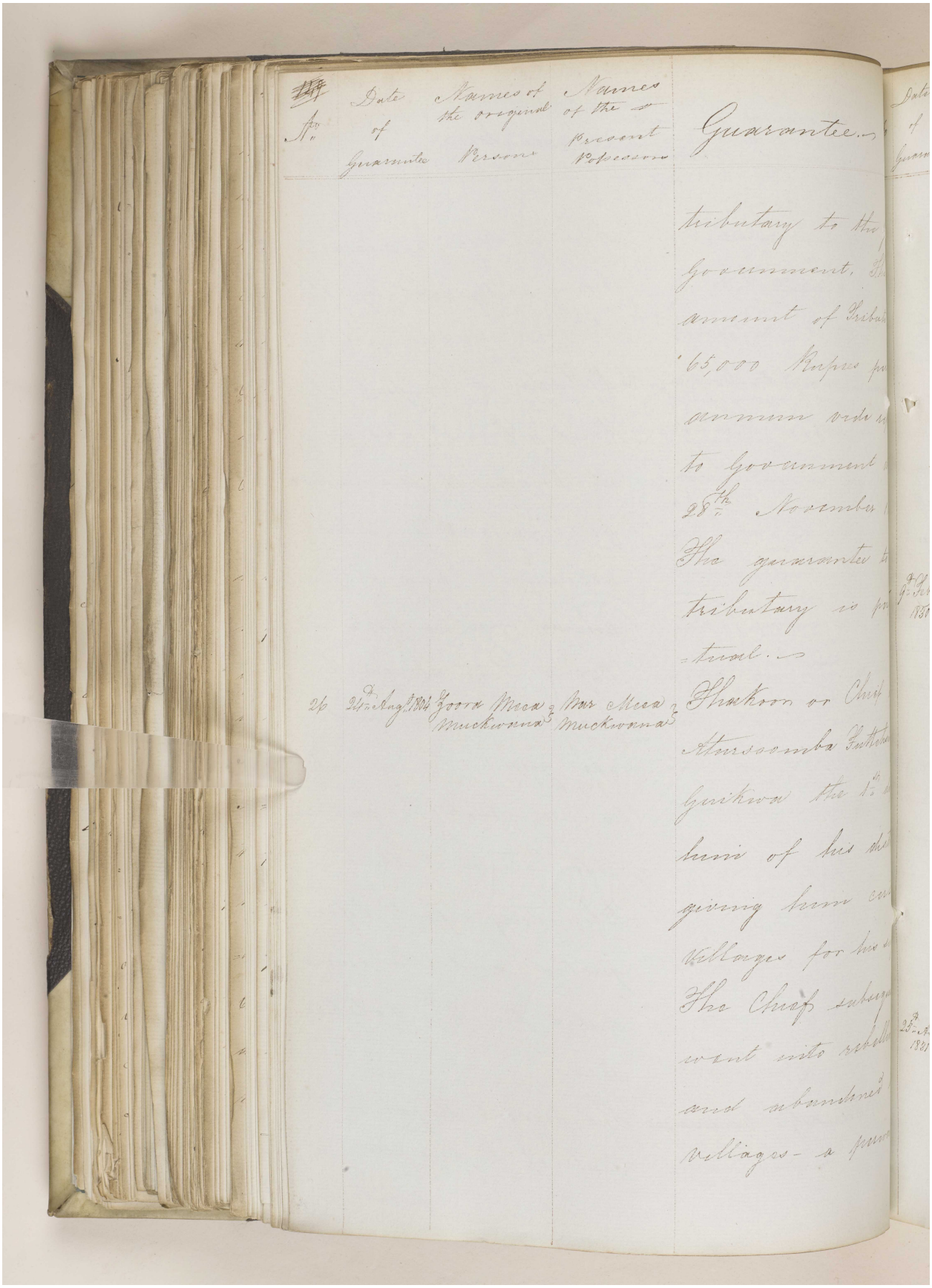
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			Rhaun title to succeed being recognized by the British Government.
11th May 1803	Soobhanjee Pole	Soobhanjee Pole	Killadar of the fort of Kaira when it was given in Enam to the British government, on which occasion Villages of the annual value 7,193¾ Rupees were assigned for his support under our guarantee, which is perpetual. For particulars vide Colonel Walkers Bhandary reports before quoted, and the ones dated the 15th October 1805.
6th Sept. 1822	Veersaljee	Veersaljee	The present Rajah of the State of Rajpeepla, a tributary

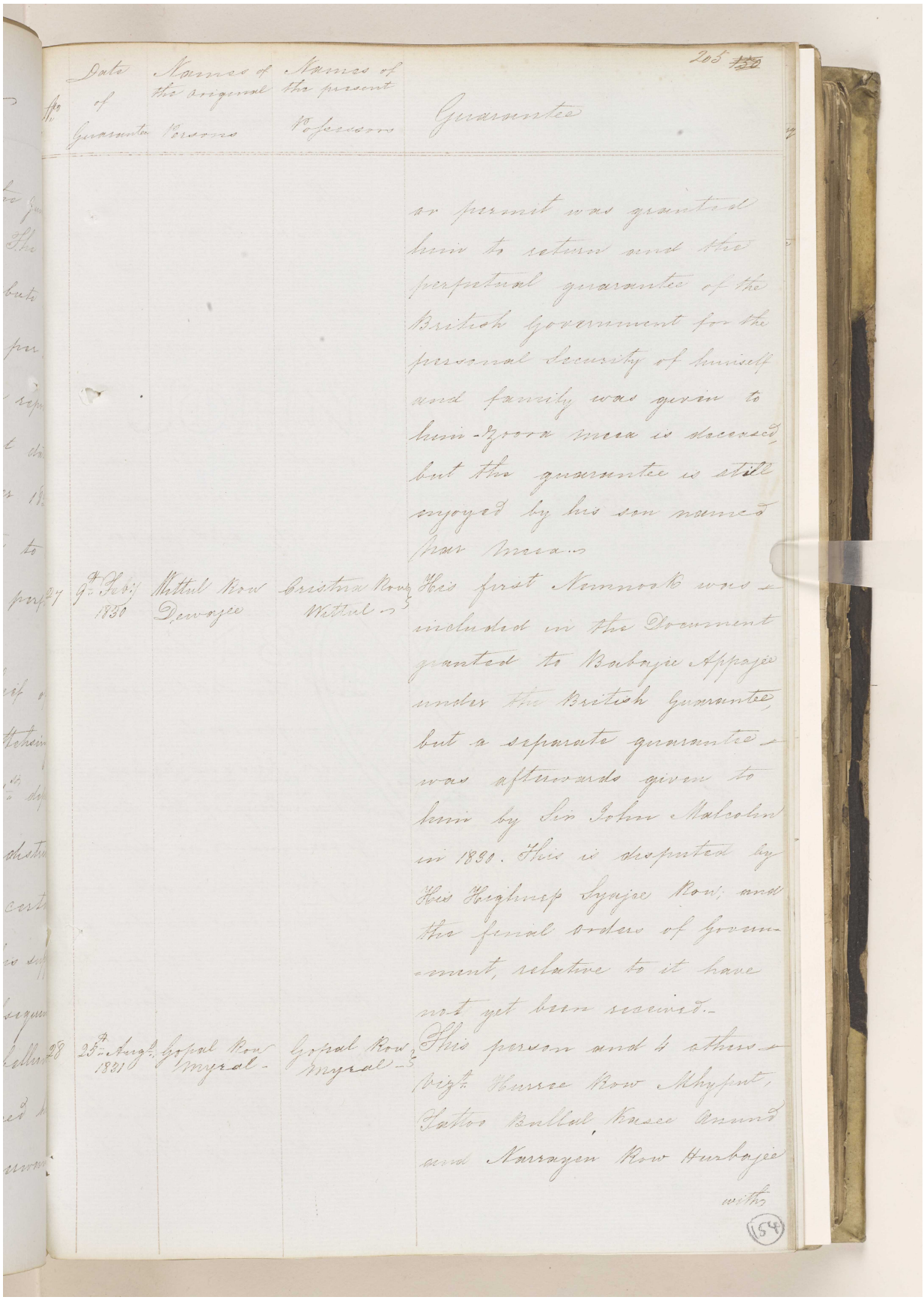
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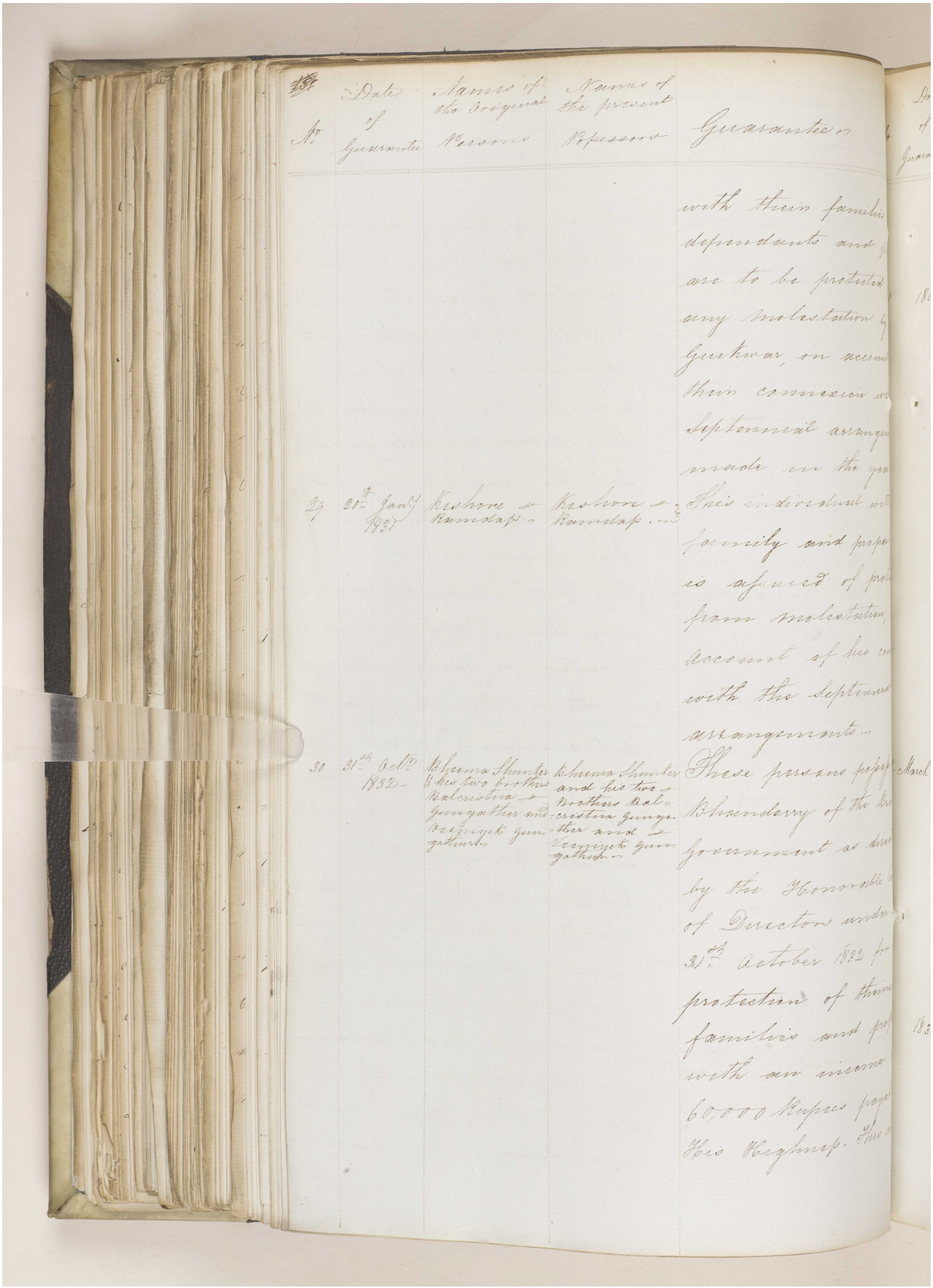


No.	Date of Guarantee	Names of the original Person	Names of the present Possessor	Guarantee.
24	24th Aug 1805	Goora Mica Muckwanna	Bur Mica Muckwanna	tributary to the Government. The amount of Tribute 65,000 Rupees per annum vide to Government 28th November The guarantee tributary is per -tual. Phaktoor or Chief Amussamba Puttun gurkwar the 1/2 heirs of his de giving him co villages for his The Chief subsequ went into rebell and subdued villages - a pro

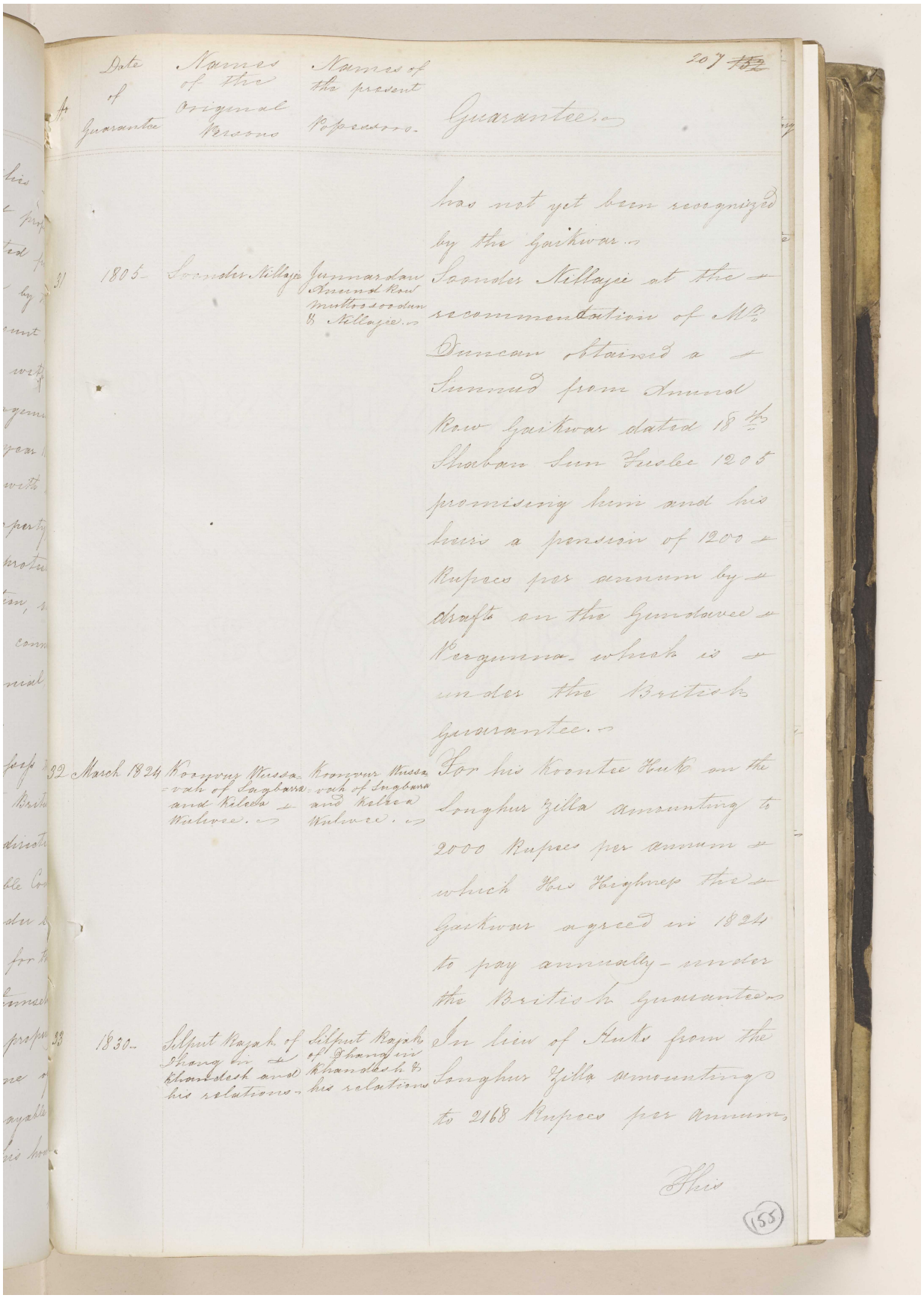
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No.	Date of Guarantee	Names of the original Persons	Names of the present Possessors	Guarantee
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				or permit was granted him to return and the perpetual guarantee of the British Government for the personal security of himself and family was given to him - Gyoora mora is deceased but the guarantee is still enjoyed by his son named Ram Mora
	9th Feby 1830	Mottul Row Dewojee	Cristna Row Mottul	His first Nunnook was included in the Document granted to Baboojee Appajee under the British Guarantee but a separate guarantee was afterwards given to him by Sir John Malcolm in 1830. This is disputed by His Highness Jyajee Row; and the finial order of Government, relative to it have not yet been received.
28	25th Augt 1821	Gopal Row Myral	Gopal Row Myral	This person and 4 others viz. Kurree Row Mhypt, Sattoo Ballal, Kasee Annud and Narrayen Row Hurbojee with

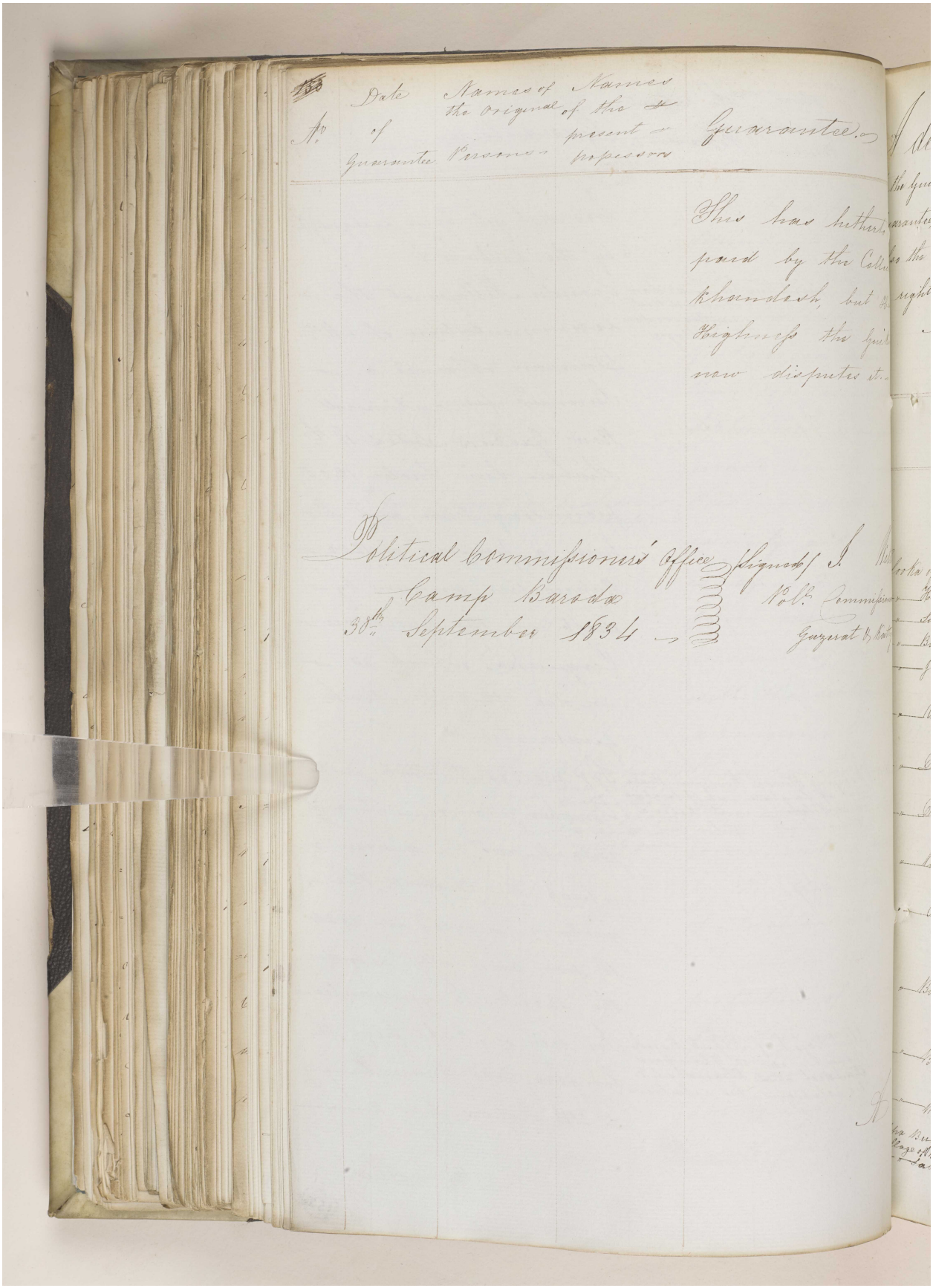


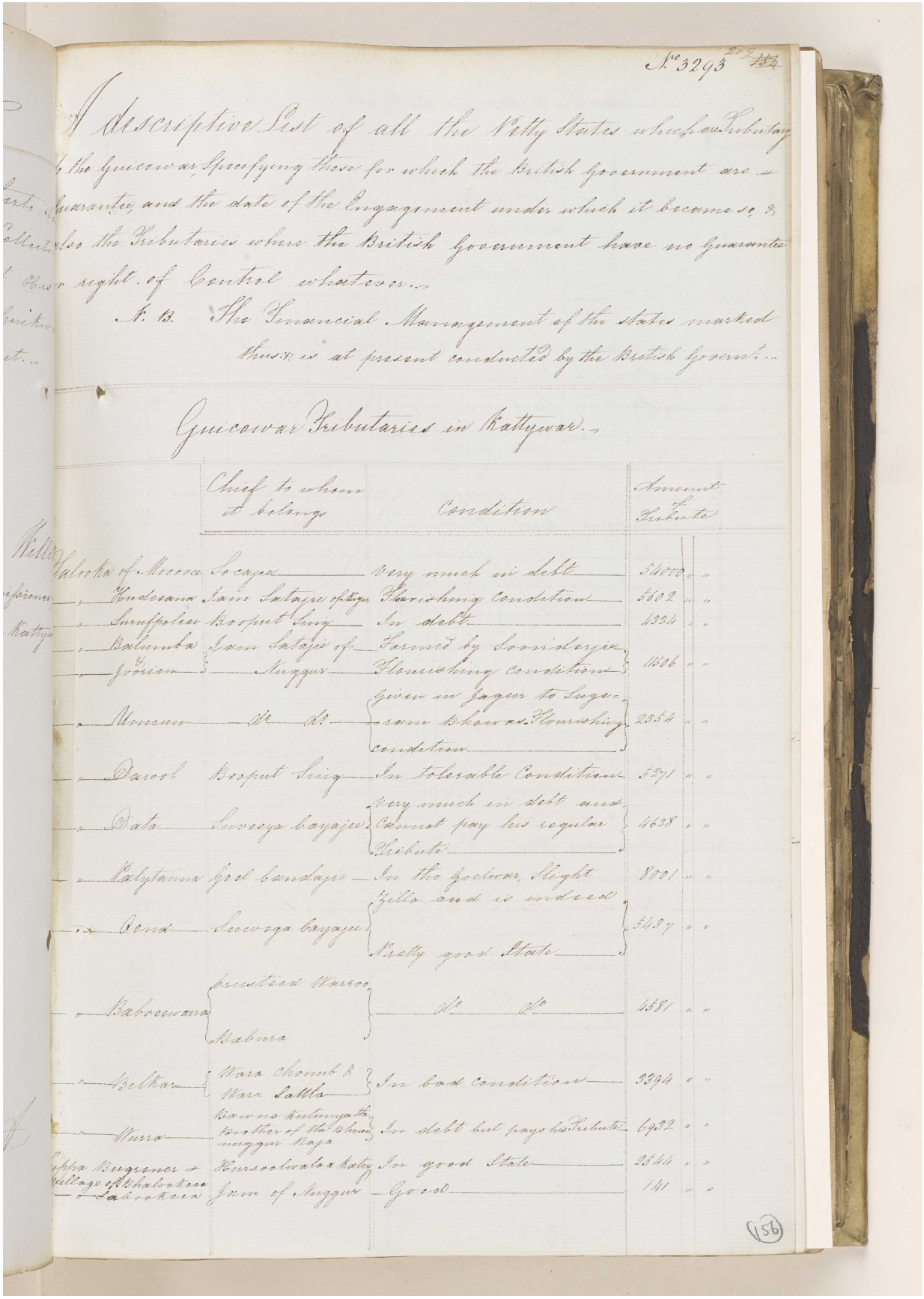
No	Date of Guarantee	Names of the Original Persons	Names of the present Possessors	Guarantees
29	20th Jany 1831	Keshore Ramdas	Keshore Ramdas	with their families dependants and p… are to be protected … any molestation by … Gunkwar, on account … their connexion wi… Septennial arrangem… made in the yea… This individual with … family and prope… is assured of pro… from molestation … account of his co… with the Septenn… arrangements.
30	31st Oct. 1832	Bheema Shumbo & his two brothers Balcrishna Gungather and Veerajeek Gun-gathurs	Bheema Shumbo and his two brothers Bal-crishna Gunga-dhar and Veerajeek Gun-gathurs	These persons profess … Bhaundarry of the Ho… government as dire… by the Honorable … of Directors under … 31st October 1832 for … protection of them… families and pro… with an income … 60,000 Rupees paya… this Highness. This …



	Date of Guarantee	Names of the original Persons	Names of the present Possessors.	Guarantees.
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				has not yet been recognized by the Gaikwar.
31	1805.	Soonder Nillajee	Jumnardan Amund Row Muttoosoodun & Nillajee.	Soonder Nillajee at the recommendation of Mr. Duncan obtained a Sunnud from Amund Row Gaikwar dated 18th Shaban Sun Fusslee 1205 promising him and his heirs a pension of 1200 Rupees per annum by drafts on the Gundavee Pergunna which is under the British guarantee.
32	March 1824	Koonjwur Mussa-vah of Songhurra and Kalecka Walvee.	Koonjwur Mussa-vah of Songhurra and Kalecka Walvee.	For his Khontee Huk on the Songhur Zilla amounting to 2000 Rupees per annum which His Highness the Gaikwar agreed in 1824 to pay annually under the British guarantee.
33	1830.	Silput Nayak of Dhanpur Khandesh and his relations.	Silput Nayak of Dhanpur Khandesh & his relations.	In lieu of Huks from the Songhur Zilla amounting to 2168 Rupees per annum.

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Names of the present possessors
Guarantee.
This has hitherto
paid by the Calle
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now disputes it
Political Commissioners Office
Camp Baroda
30th September 1834
Signed J.
Pol. Commissr
Gujrat &



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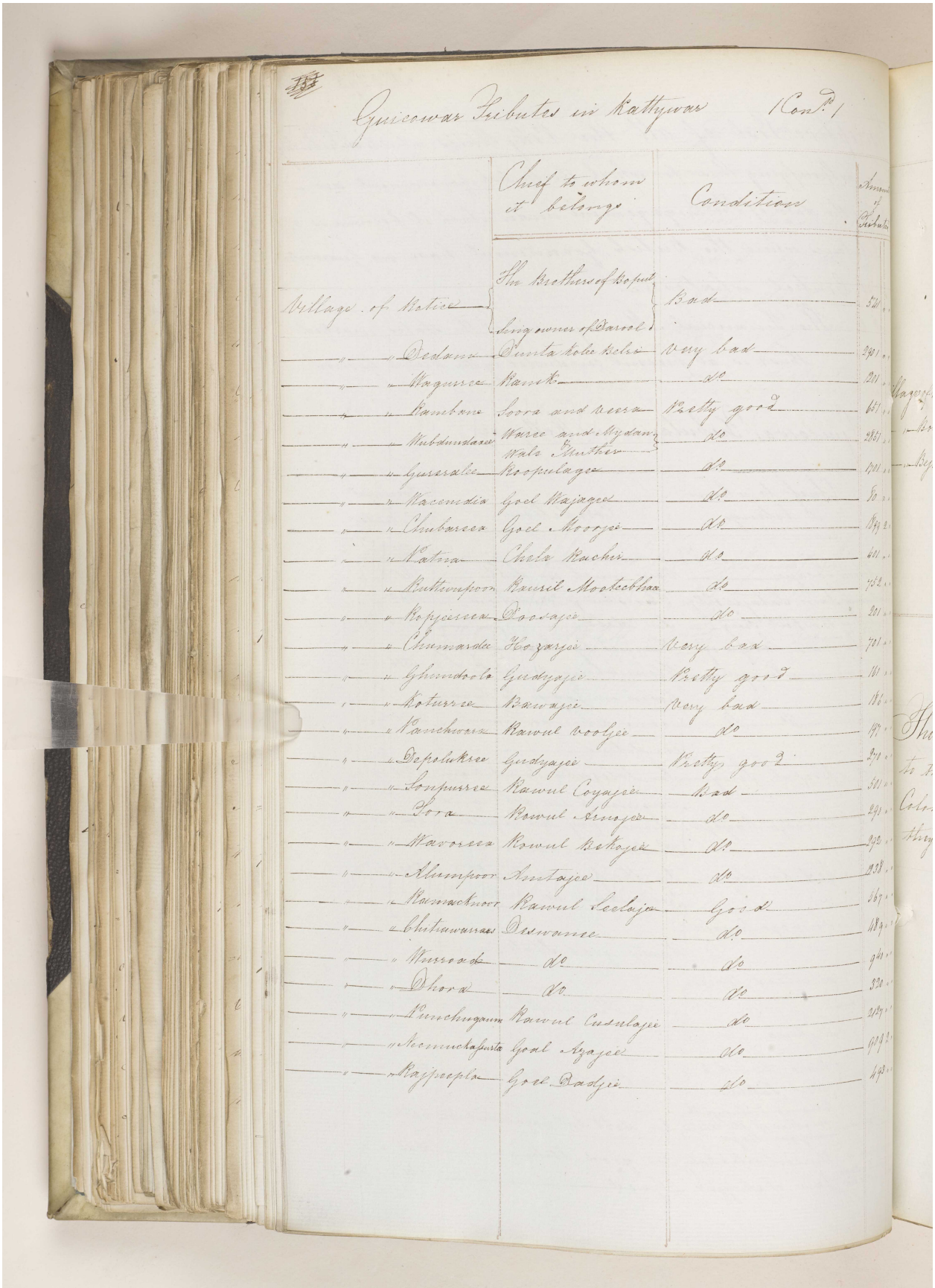
A descriptive List of all the Petty States which are Tributary to the Guicowar, Specifying those for which the British Government are a Guarantee and the date of the Engagement under which it becomes so, Also the Tributaries where the British Government have no Guarantee right of Control whatever or.

N. B. The Financial Management of the States marked thus * is at present conducted by the British Govert.

Guicowar Tributaries in Kattywar.

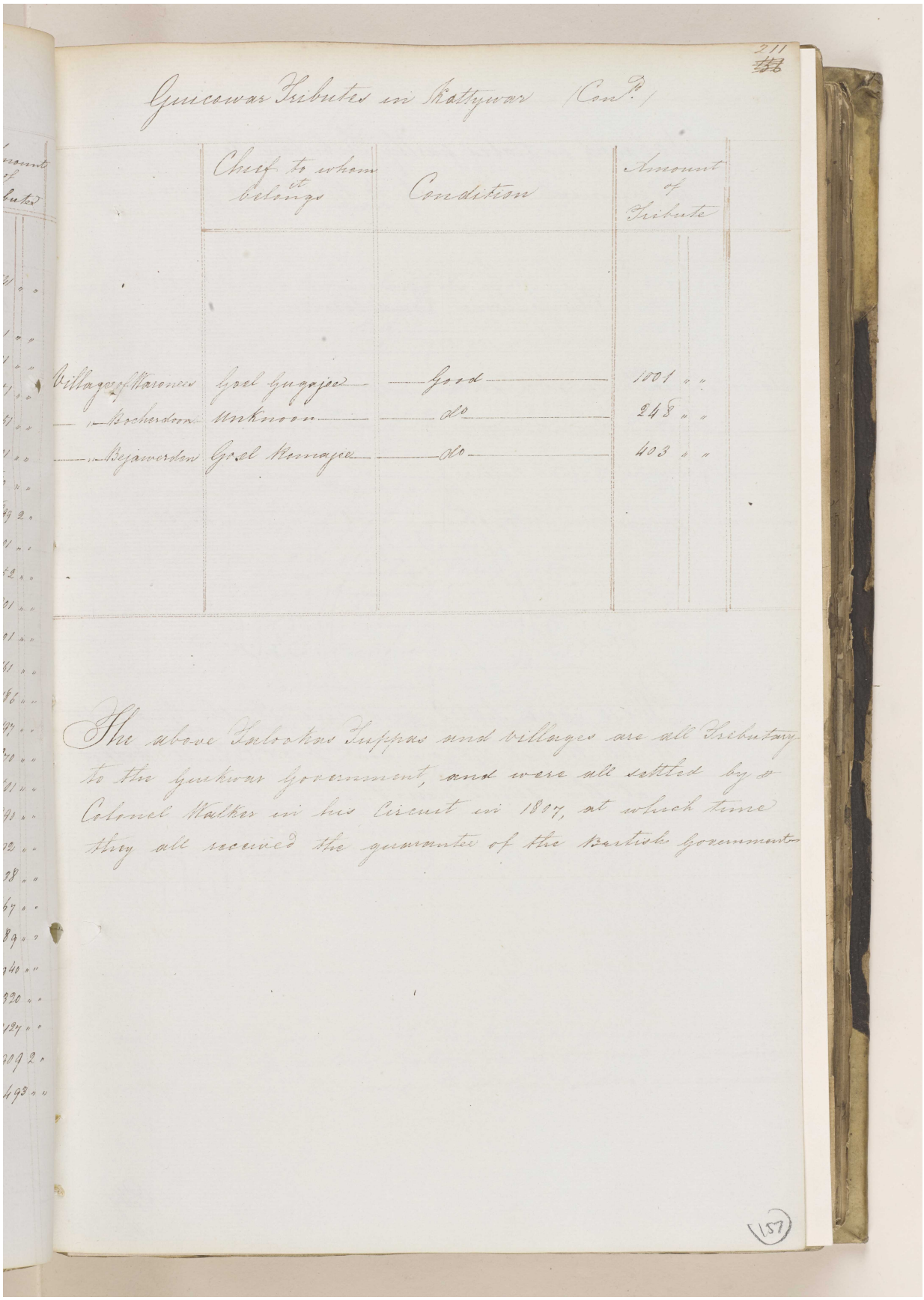
	Chief to whom it belongs	Condition	Amount Tribute
Lakoka of Moorva	Lo cajee	Very much in debt	54000 " "
Wudesana	Sam Satajee of Jigur	Flourishing condition	5502 " "
Surufpoor	Koopur Surg	In debt	1334 " "
Balumba	Joam Satajee of	Farmed by Soonderjee	
Joorian	Nuggur	Flourishing condition	1506 " "
Moorun	do do	Given in Jageer to Lageram Khowas Flourishing condition	2354 " "
Dawol	Koopur Surg	In tolerable Condition	5271 " "
Data	Suvvega bayajee	Very much in debt and Cannot pay his regular Tribute	4638 " "
Kalyfarma	Jeet bandajee	In the Goelwar Slight Zilla and is indeed	8001 " "
Oond	Suvvega bayajee	Pretty good State	5437 " "
Babreewara	Entrusted Warroo Rabura	do do	4581 " "
Belkar	Wara Chomub & Wara Sattla	In bad Condition	3394 " "
Wurra	Rawna kulumjeetjee Brother of the Rahoon muggur Raja	In debt but pays his Tribute	6932 " "
Uppa Muggurna	Hursoolwala Kaloy	In good State	2544 " "
Village of Khalookaa Lakookaa	Joam of Nuggur	Good	141 " "

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Guicowar Tributes in Kattywar (Contd.)

	Chief to whom it belongs	Condition	Amount of Tribute
Village of Watrie	The Brethren of Bapoo Ang owner of Parcel	Bad	501
" Dedana	Punta Kolee Kelee	Very bad	2301
" Wagurra	Ranoo	do	201
" Rambara	Soora and Veera	Pretty good	661
" Nubdundara	Warra and Wydara Wala Punthee	do	2861
" Gurraalee	Roopulagee	do	1701
" Wasomedia	Goel Majagee	do	80
" Chubaraa	Goel Moorjee	do	872
" Katira	Chala Kachee	do	401
" Kuttumpoor	Kawul Mookubbaa	do	752
" Kopeesara	Doosajee	do	201
" Chumarda	Hoozurjee	Very bad	701
" Ghendoola	Gudyajee	Pretty good	101
" Koturra	Kawajee	Very bad	186
" Kanchwara	Kawul Woolee	do	197
" Dapolukra	Gudyajee	Pretty good	270
" Sonpurra	Kawul Coyajee	Bad	501
" Sora	Kawul Veroja	do	291
" Wavorra	Kawul Kekajee	do	291
" Khumpoor	Amtajee	do	938
" Ramachnoor	Kawul Leelajee	Good	267
" Chitawarra	Deewanee	do	189
" Murroda	do	do	941
" Dhora	do	do	930
" Punchingaum	Kawul Cushlajee	do	2171
" Seemuchapurta	Goel Ajajee	do	1941
" Rajpeepla	Goel Dadjee	do	1931



Guicowar Tributes in Kattywar (Contd.)

Chief to whom it belongs	Condition	Amount of Tribute
Villages of Waronee	Goel Gugajee	Good	1001 " "
" Borcherdoor	Unknown	do	248 " "
" Bejaneerdan	Goel Menajee	do	403 " "

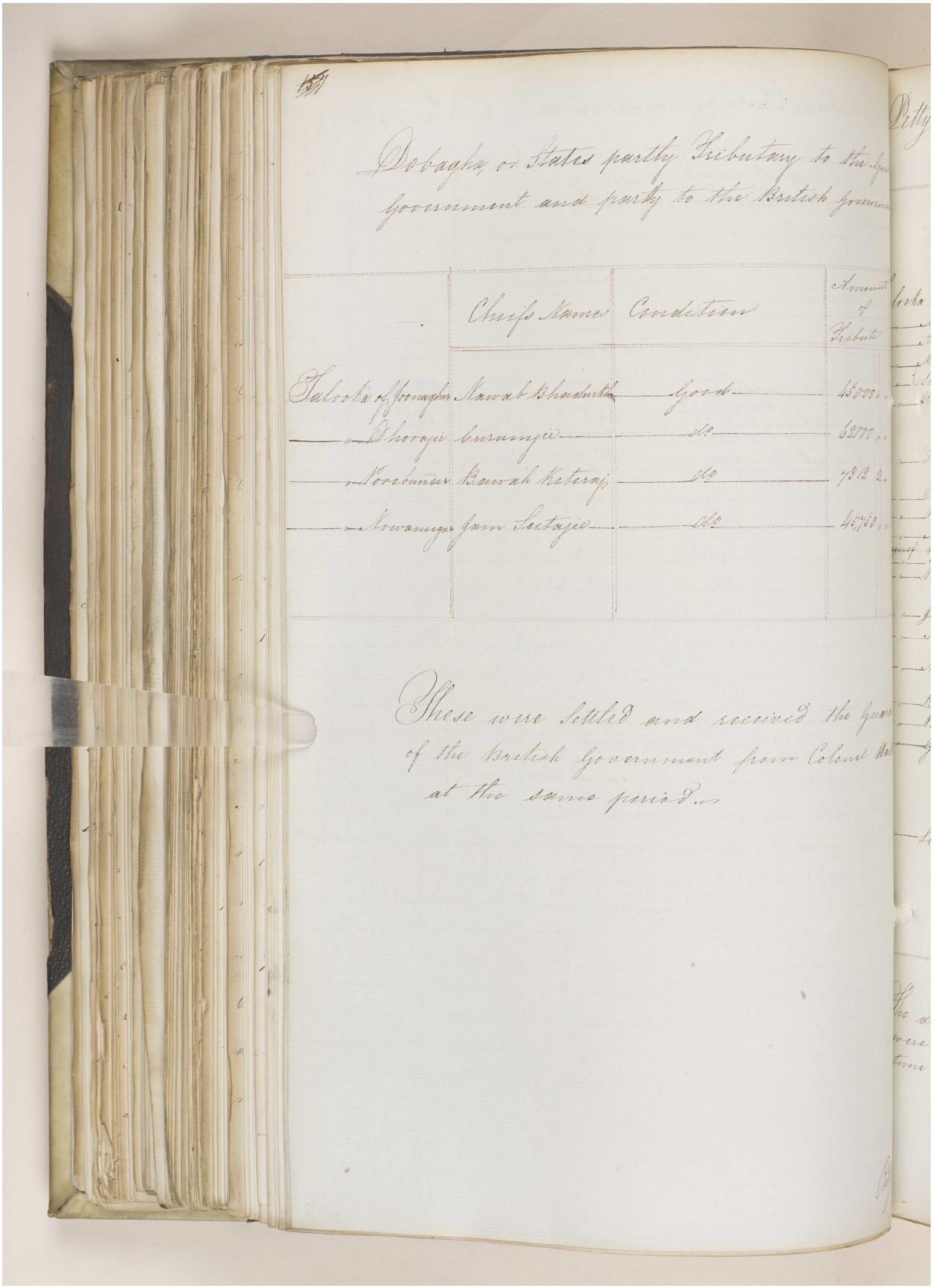
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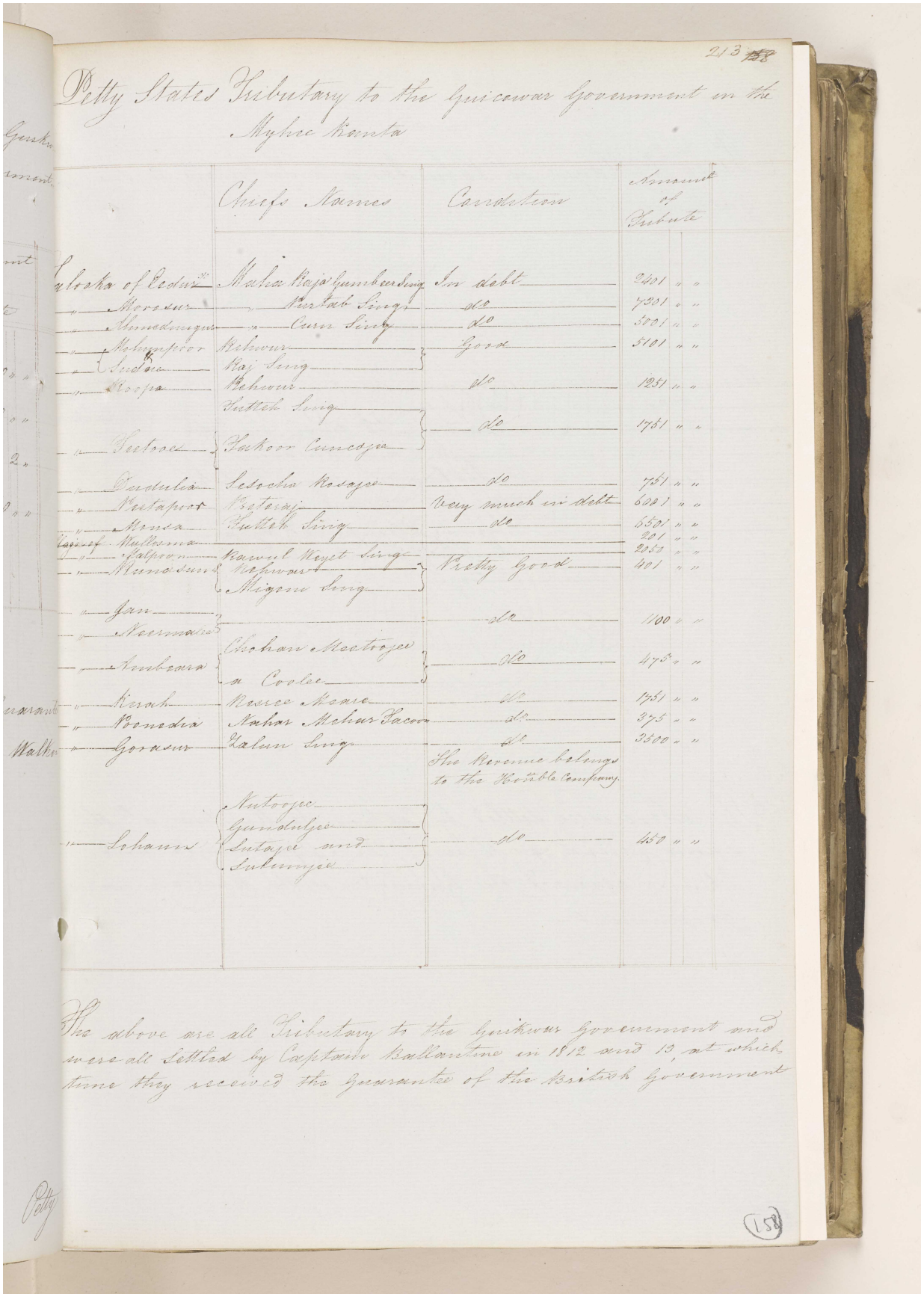


Dobagha or States partly Tributary to the [illegible] government and partly to the British govern[illegible]

	Chiefs Names	Condition	Amount of Tribute
Talooka of Joonagha	Nawab Bhadurkha	Good	45000
" Dhorajee	Gurunjee	do	6000
" Porebunder	Rawah Keteraj	do	7312
" Nowanuggur	Jam Sectajee	do	40,50

These were settled and received the [illegible] of the British Government from Colonel [illegible] at the same period.

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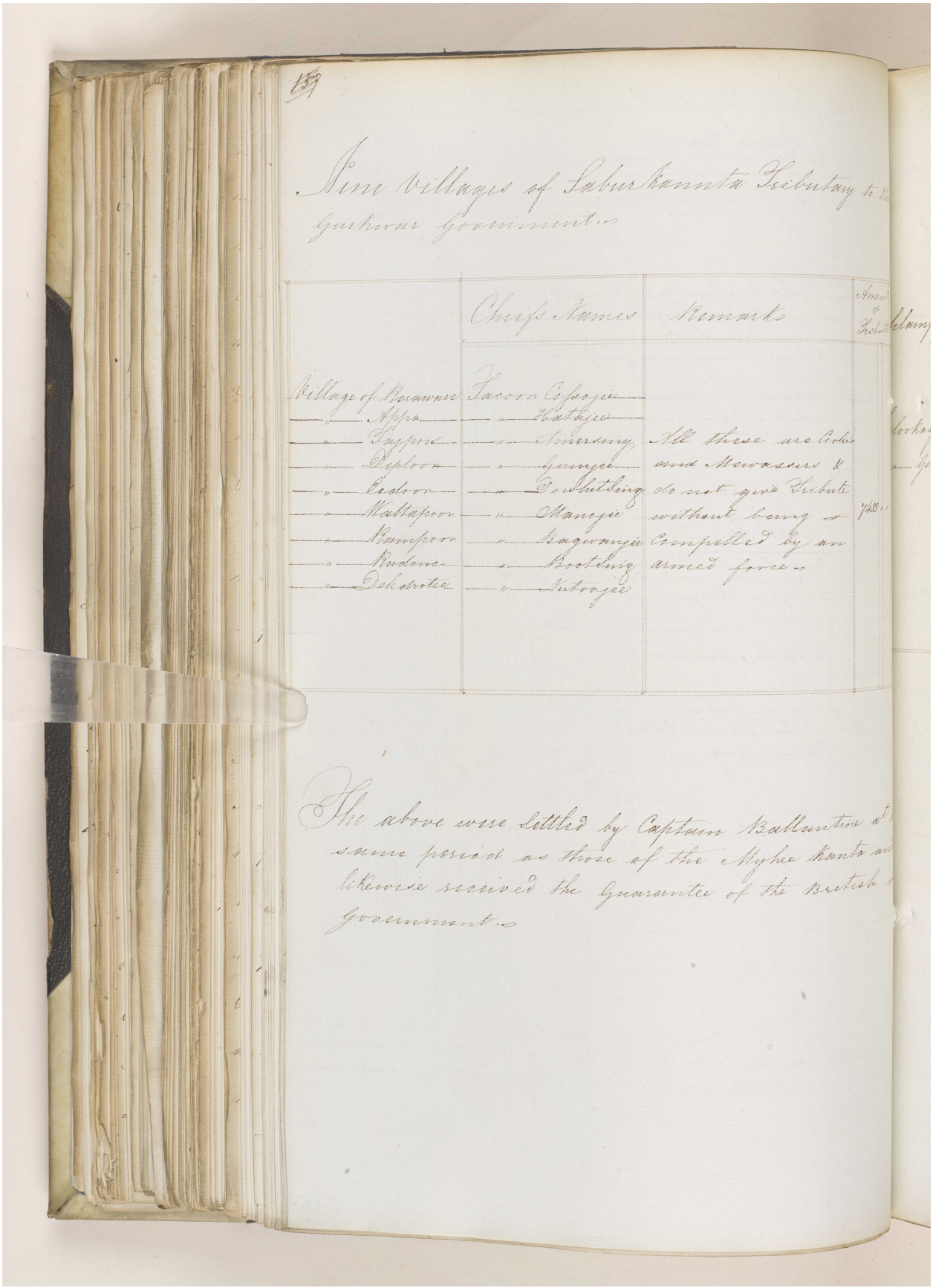
Petty States Tributary to the Guicowar government in the Myhee Kanta

	Chiefs Names	Condition	Amount of Tribute
Balasinor	Malia Raja Gumbeer Sing	In debt	2401 " "
Moosur	Kurtab Singh	do	7301 " "
Ahmadnuggur	Curr Sing	do	5001 " "
Mohuspoor	Behwur	Good	5101 " "
Sudra	Raj Sing		
Roopa	Behwur	do	1251 " "
	Buttah Sing		
		do	1751 " "
Seetoor	Pachoor Cuncoja		
Dundulia	Sesocha Rosaja	do	751 " "
Pootapoor	Beteraj	Very much in debt	6001 " "
Mensa	Buttah Sing	do	6501 " "
Mullasna			201 " "
Kulpoor	Kawul Meyet Sing		2051 " "
Munasa	Nahur Sing	Pretty Good	401 " "
	Mugoon Sing		
Jan		do	1100 " "
Moormaee			
Sunkeara	Chohan Mectroje	do	475 " "
	a Coolee		
Kerah	Meare Meare	do	1751 " "
Bonedia	Mahar Mehar Jacoo	do	375 " "
Gorasur	Lalun Sing	do	3500 " "
		The Revenue belongs to the Honble Company	
	Mutooje		
	Gundulje		
Sehanna	Sutoje and	do	450 " "
	Sutunjee		

The above are all Tributary to the Guikwar government and were all settled by Captain Ballantine in 1812 and 13, at which time they received the Guarantee of the British Government

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Nine Villages of Sabur Kaunta Tributary to the Guikwar Government.

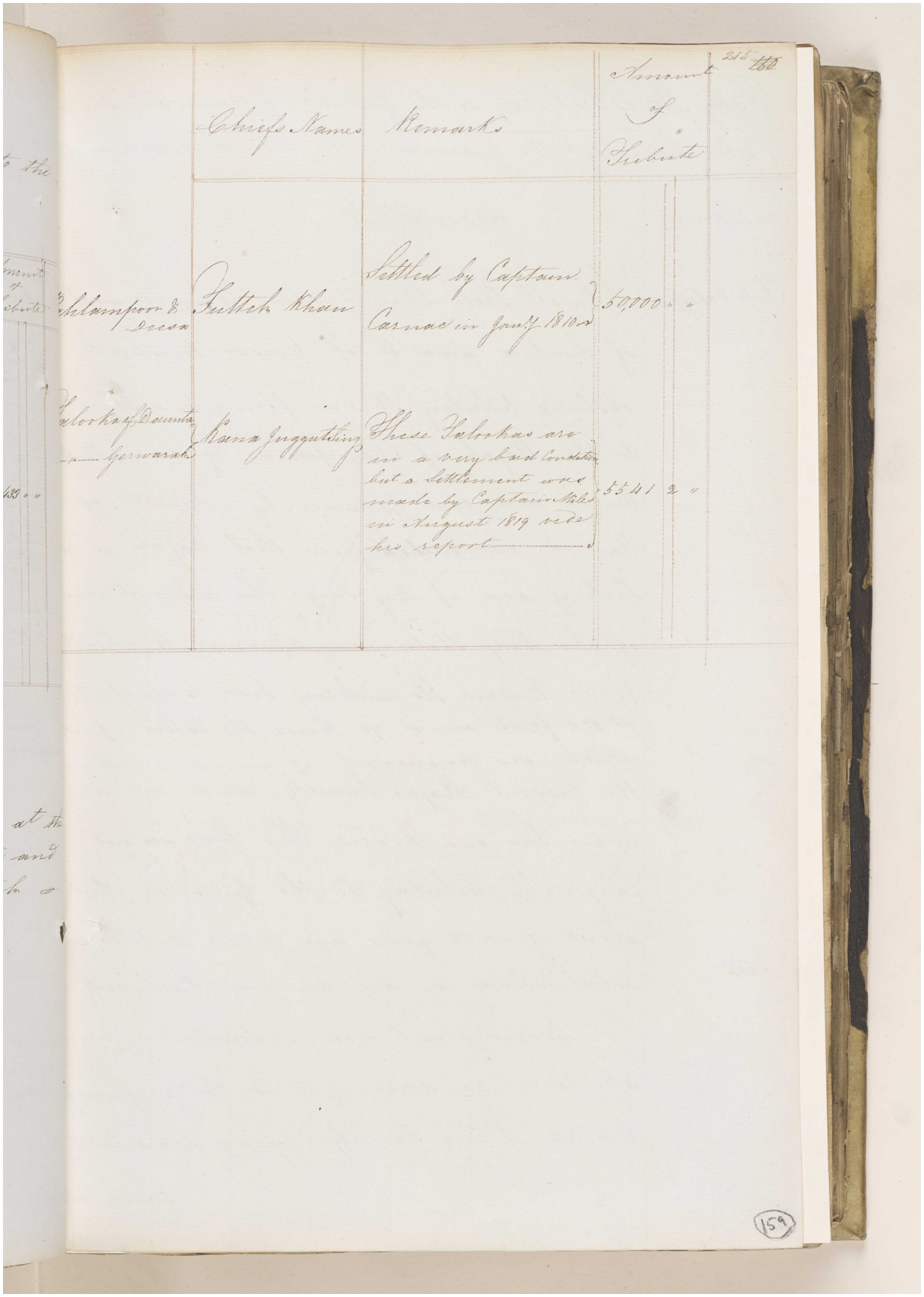
	Chiefs Names	Remarks	Amount of Tribute
Village of Baraunee	Jacoon Cojojee		
" Appra	" Cattajee		
" Jappur	" Amersing	All these are Cobis and Mewassees & do not give Tribute without being compelled by an armed force.	7400
" Deploo	" Gumjee		
" Cadoon	" Dowlutsing		
" Kattapoor	" Manojee		
" Rampoor	" Kaguanjee		
" Rudana	" Kootsing		
" Dekabotee	" Jutoojee		

The above were settled by Captain Balkantine at the same period as those of the Mythee Kanta and likewise received the Guarantee of the British Government.

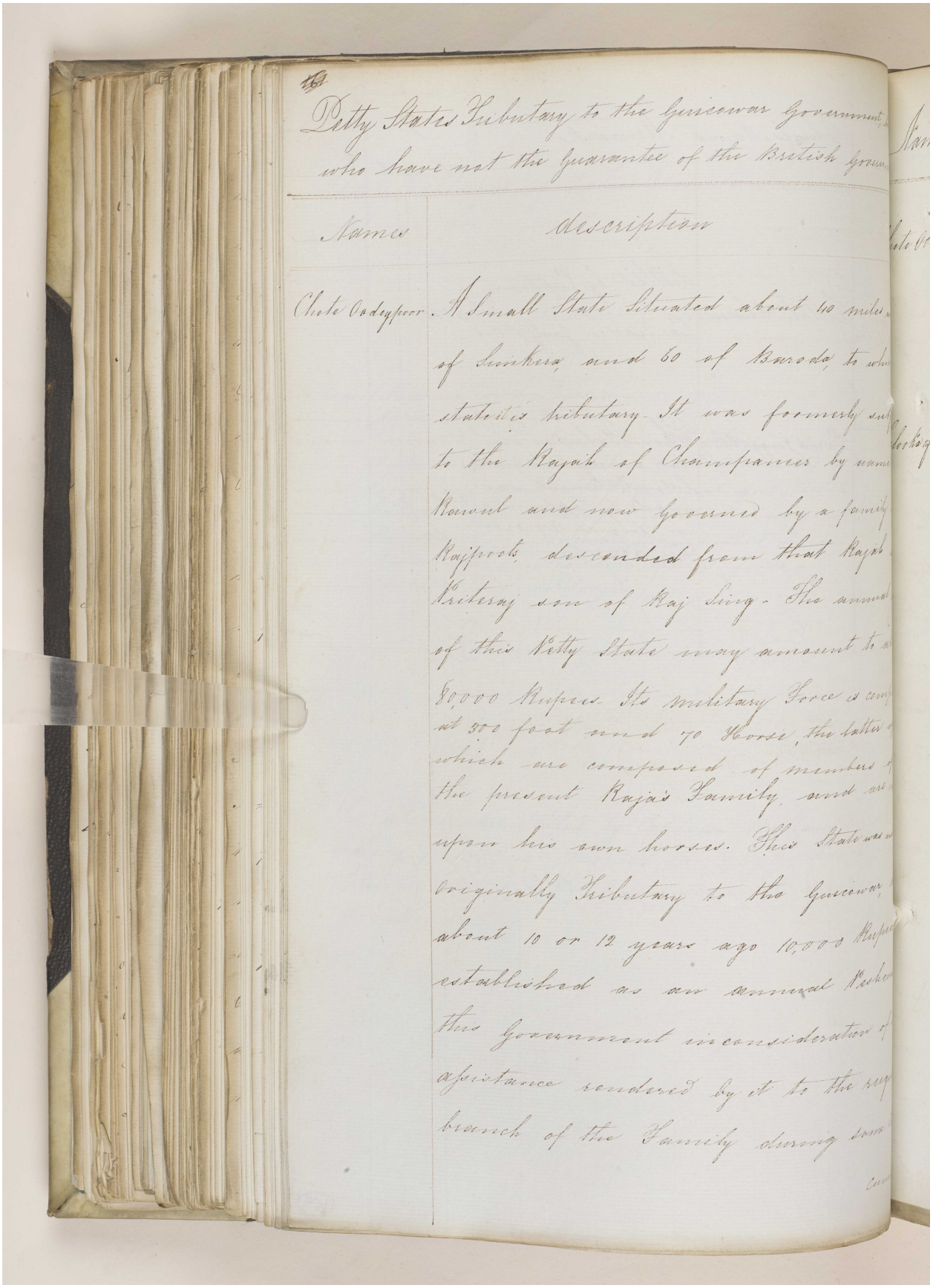
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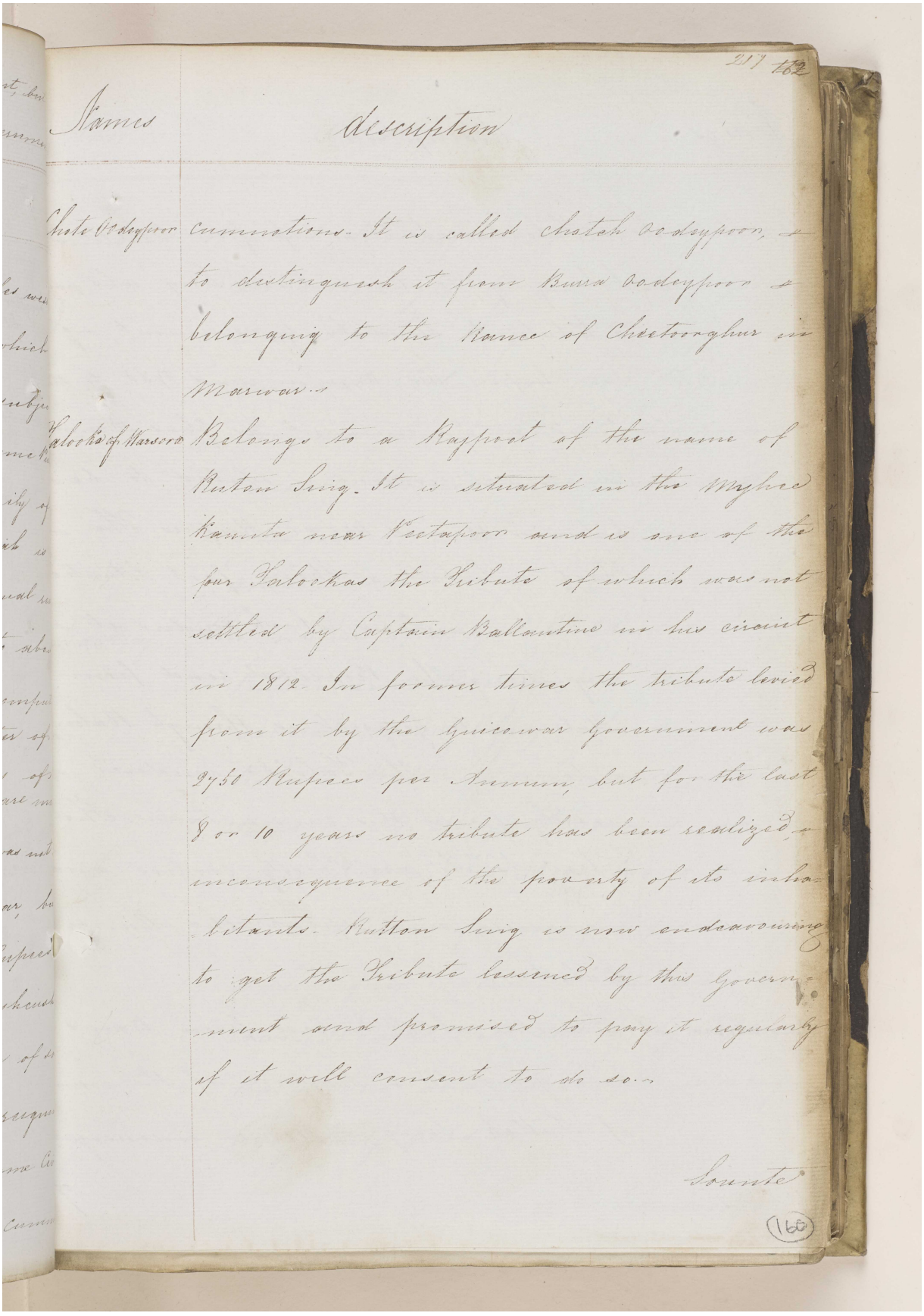
Chiefs Names	Remarks	Amount of Tribute
Shlampoor & Deesa	Futteh Khan	Settled by Captain Carnac in Jany 1810 — 50,000 " "
Talookas of Daunta & Goorwarah	Rana Jugguttsing	These Talookas are in a very bad condition but a settlement was made by Captain Miles in August 1819 vide his report — 55,41 2 "



Petty States Tributary to the Guicowar Government
who have not the Guarantee of the British Govern

Names	Description
Chota Oudypoor	A Small State Situated about 40 miles … of Sunkera and 60 of Baroda to wh… State is tributary. It was formerly su… to the Rajah of Champaner by nam… Rawul and now governed by a family … Rajpoots descended from that Rajah … Lineray son of Raj Sing. The annual … of this Petty State may amount to … 80,000 Rupees. Its military Force is com… at 300 foot and 70 Horse, the latter … which are composed of members … the present Raja's Family, and are … upon his own horses. This State was … originally Tributary to the Guicowar, … about 10 or 12 years ago 10,000 Rupe… established as an annual Pesh… this Government in consideration of … assistance rendered by it to the rig… branch of the Family during …

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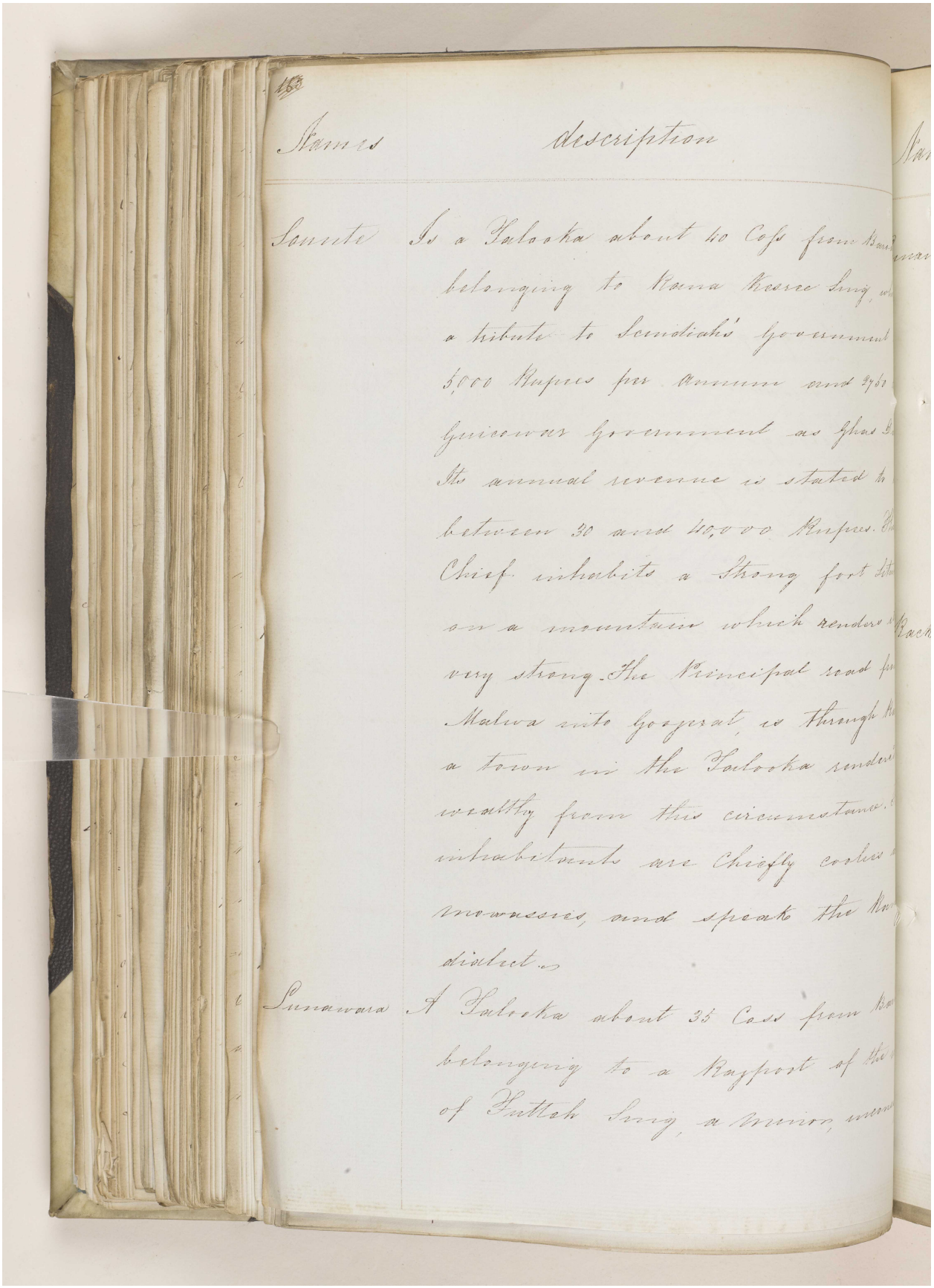


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Names	Description
Chute Vedeypoor	cumnations. It is called Chotah Vedeypoor, to distinguish it from Bura Vedeypoor belonging to the Nawab of Chuttoorghur in Marwar.
Valoch of Wassora	Belongs to a Rajpoot of the name of Rutton Sing. It is situated in the Mykee Kanta near Vestapoor and is one of the four Valochas the Tribute of which was not settled by Captain Ballantine in his circuit in 1812. In former times the tribute levied from it by the Guicawar government was 2750 Rupees per Annum, but for the last 8 or 10 years no tribute has been realized, in consequence of the poverty of its inhabitants. Rutton Sing is now endeavouring to get the Tribute lessened by this Government and promised to pay it regularly if it will consent to do so.

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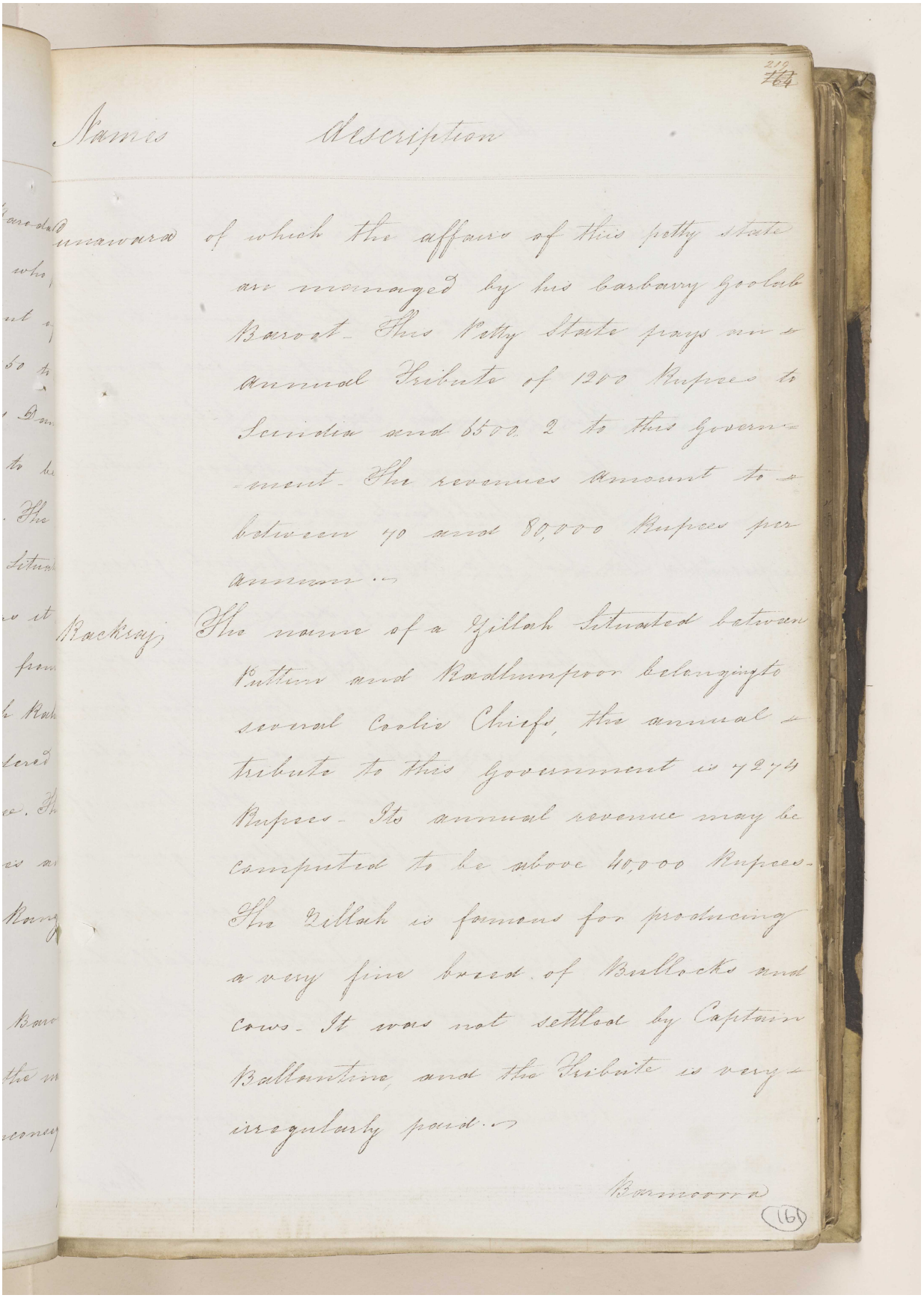
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Names	description
Somnie	Is a Talooka about 60 Coss from [illegible] belonging to Rana Rearee Sing, who pays a tribute to Scindiah's Government 5,000 Rupees per annum and [illegible] Guicowar Government as [illegible] Its annual revenue is stated to be between 30 and 40,000 Rupees. The Chief inhabits a Strong fort situated on a mountain which renders it very strong. The Principal road from Malwa into Goozrat is through this a town in the Talooka renders it wealthy from this circumstance. The inhabitants are Chiefly cooles and mowassees, and speak the Hindoo dialect.
Sunawara	A Talooka about 35 Coss from [illegible] belonging to a Rajpoot of the tribe of Puttah Sing, a Minor, whose

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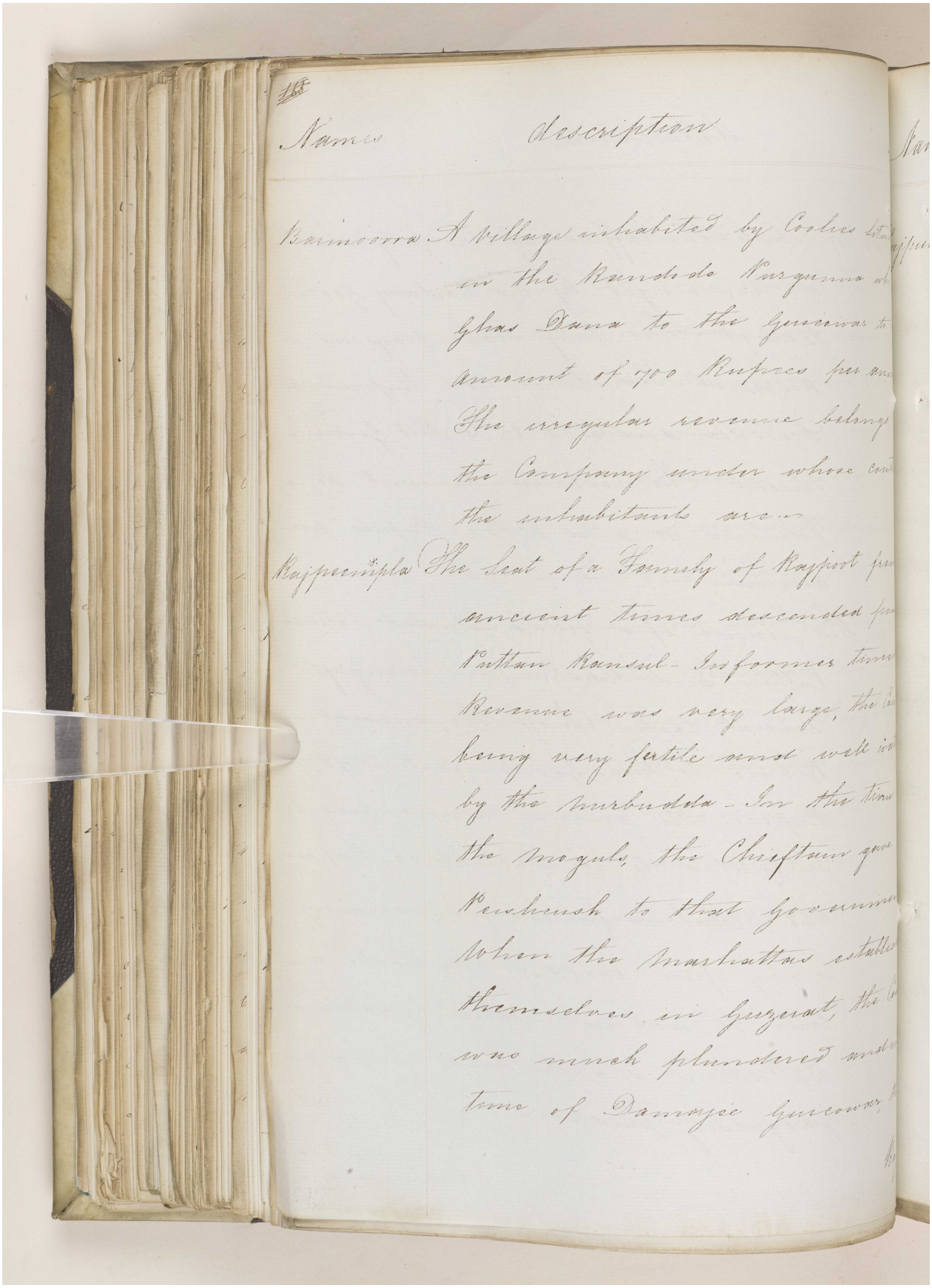
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Names	Description
Bunnawara	of which the affairs of this petty state are managed by his Barbary Goolab Baroat. This Petty State pays an annual Tribute of 1200 Rupees to Scindia and 650 2 to this Government. Its revenues amount to between 40 and 80,000 Rupees per annum.
Backray	The name of a Zillah Situated between Puttun and Radhunpoor belonging to several Caste Chiefs, the annual tribute to this Government is 7275 Rupees. Its annual revenue may be computed to be above 40,000 Rupees. The Zillah is famous for producing a very fine breed of Bullocks and Cows. It was not settled by Captain Ballantine, and the Tribute is very irregularly paid.

Bunnoorra

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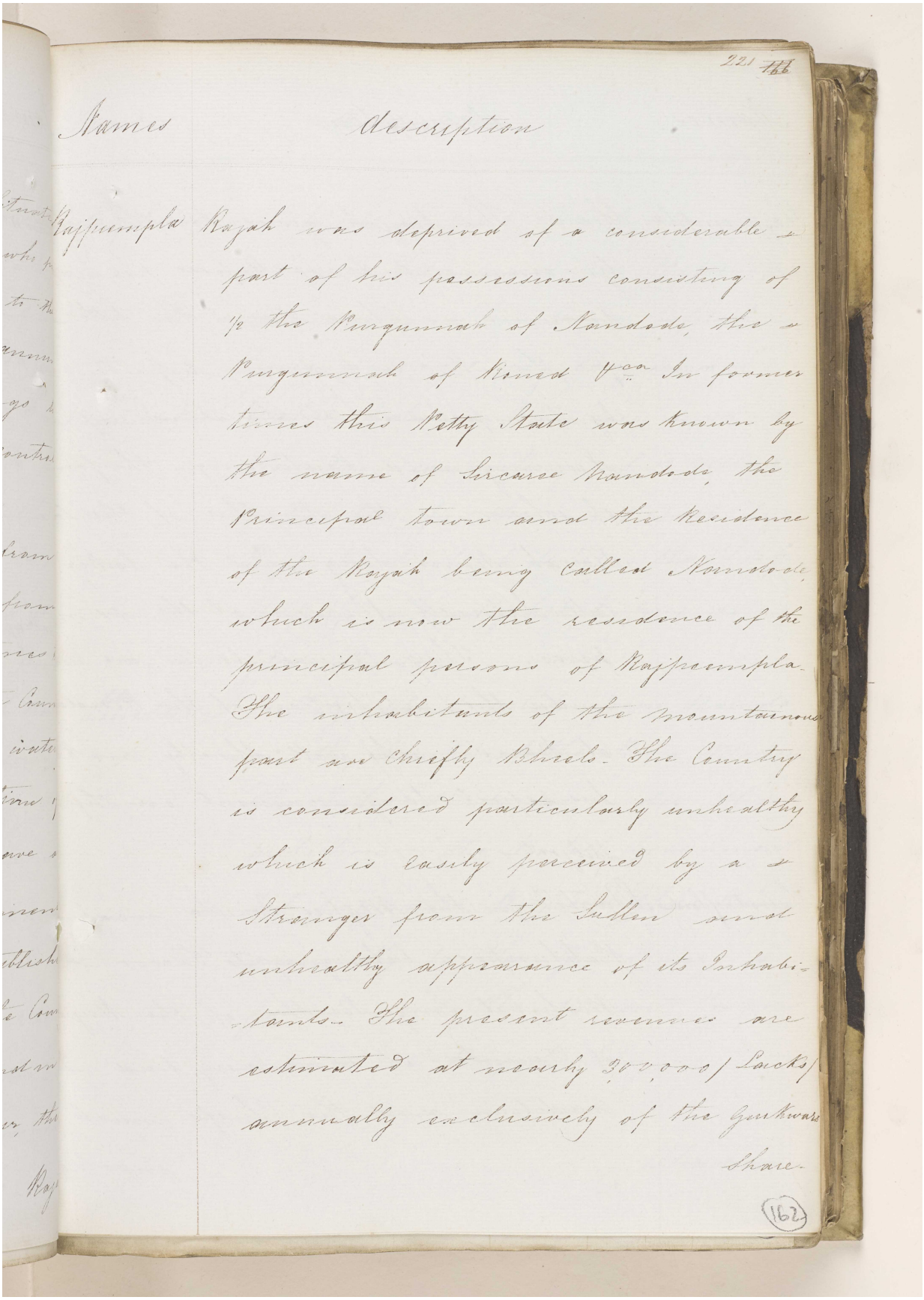


Name Description

Barnoorra A village inhabited by Coolies [illegible] in the Ramdesa Purgunna [illegible] ghas Dana to the Guicowar to amount of 700 Rupees per an[illegible] The irregular revenue belongs the Company under whose [illegible] the inhabitants are —

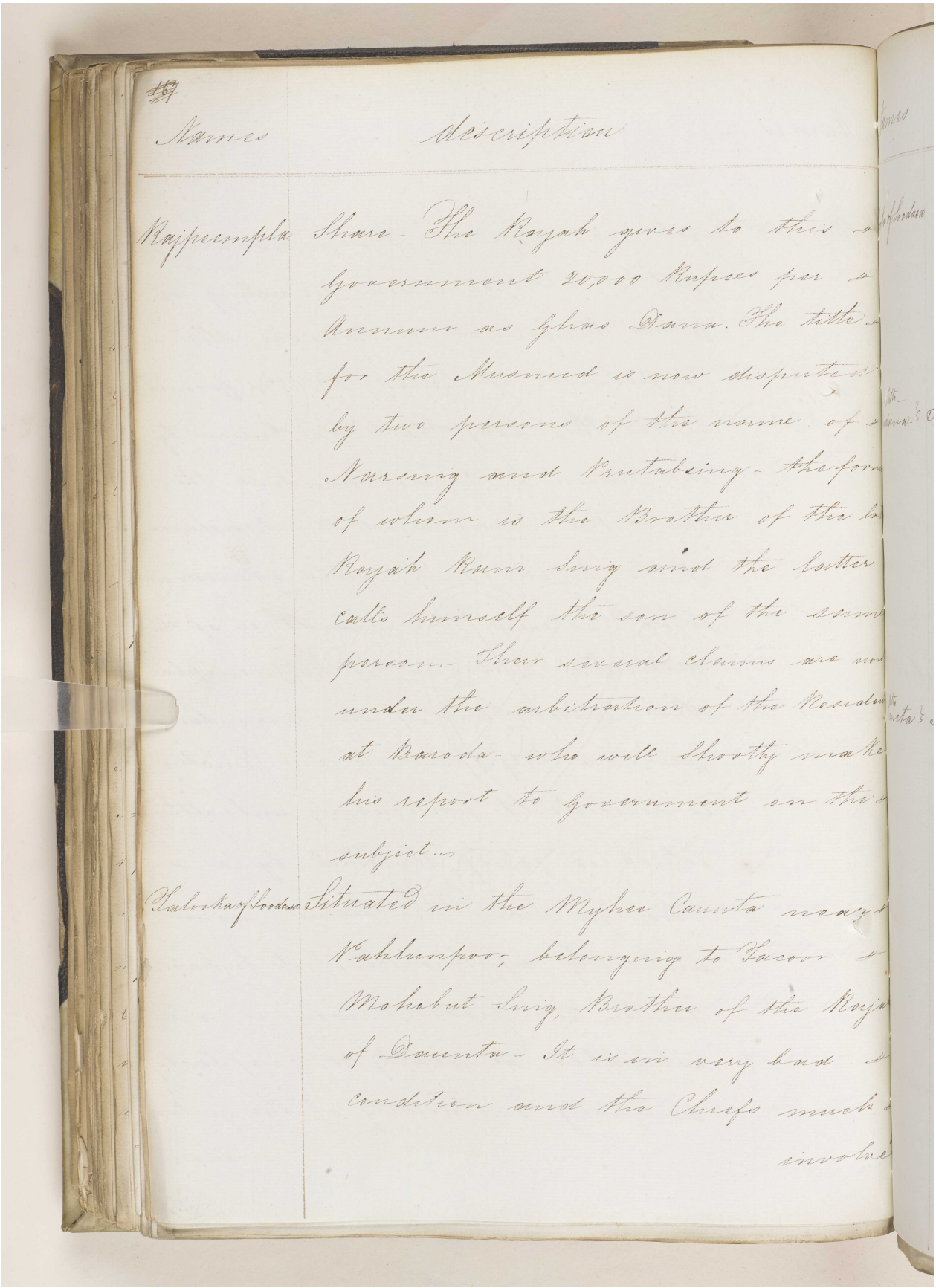
Rajpreepla The Seat of a Family of Rajpoot [illegible] ancient times descended [illegible] Puthan Ramsul – Informer time Revenue was very large, the [illegible] being very fertile and well wa[illegible] by the Nurbudda – In the time the Moguls the Chieftain gave Peishcush to that Go[illegible] When the Marhattas estab[illegible] themselves in Guzerat, the [illegible] was much plundered and [illegible] time of Damajee Guicowar, [illegible]

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Names	Description
Rajpeepla	Rajah was deprived of a considerable part of his possessions consisting of ½ the Purgunnah of Nandode, the Purgunnah of Nunad &c. In former times this Petty State was known by the name of Sircare Nandode, the Principal town and the Residence of the Rajah being called Nandode which is now the residence of the principal persons of Rajpeepla. The inhabitants of the mountainous part are Chiefly Bheels. The Country is considered particularly unhealthy which is easily perceived by a Stranger from the Sullen and unhealthy appearance of its Inhabitants. The present revenues are estimated at nearly 30,000 Rupees annually exclusively of the Gurkwars Share.

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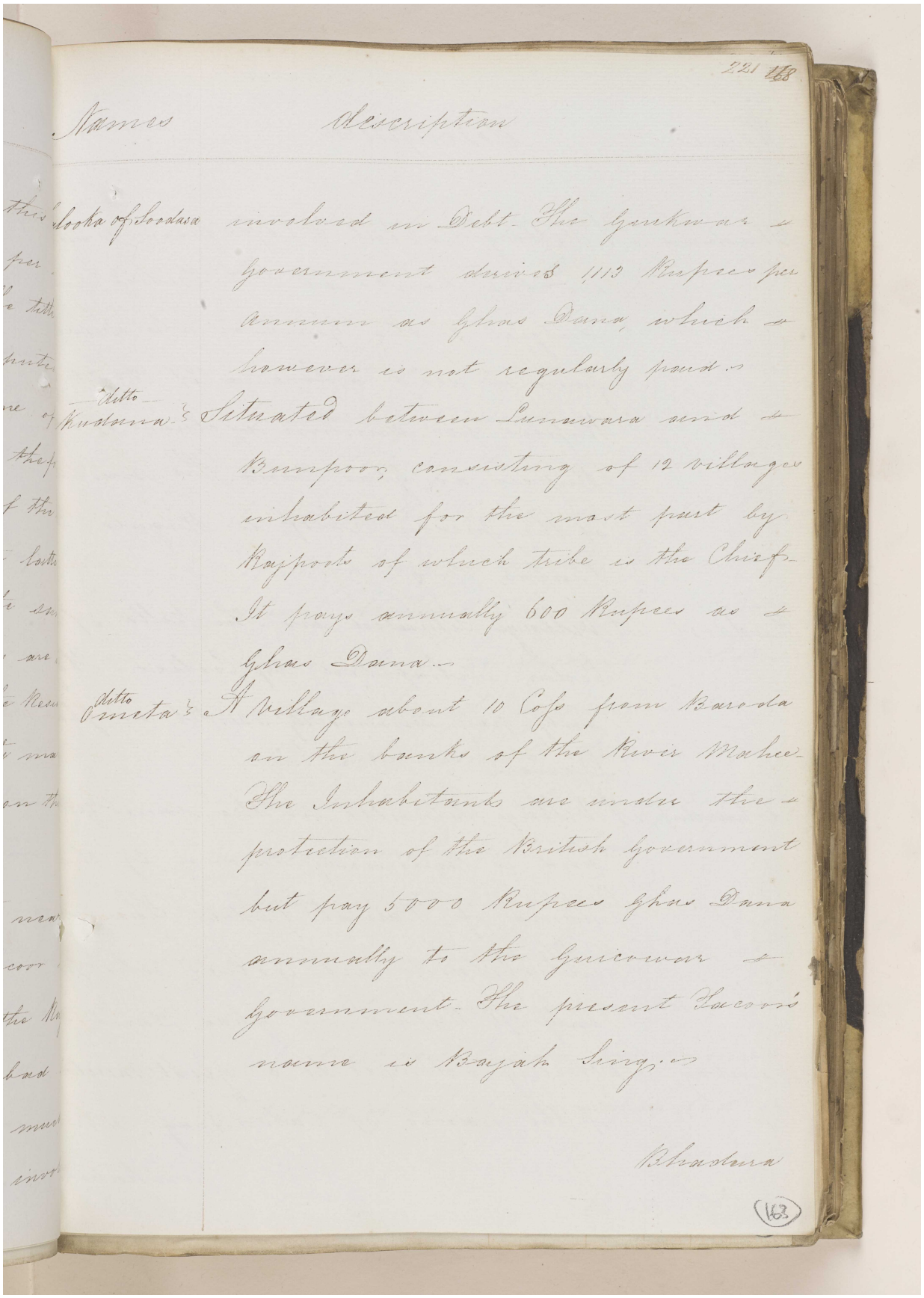


Names | Description

Rajpeempla | Share - The Rajah gives to this
government 20,000 Rupees per
Annum as ghas Dana. The title
for the Musnud is now disputed
by two persons of the name of
Narsing and Prutabsing - the form
of whom is the Brother of the la
Rajah Ram Sing and the latter
calls himself the son of the same
person - Their several claims are now
under the arbitration of the Resident
at Baroda - who will shortly make
his report to government on the
subject -

Valorkhayfoodanee | Situated in the Myhee Caunta near
Kahlunpoor, belonging to Bacoor
Mohabut Sing, Brother of the Rajah
of Caunta - It is in very bad
condition and the Chiefs much
involve

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Names Description

Dooka of Soodasa involved in Debt. The Gaekwar's government derives 1113 Rupees per annum as Ghas Dana, which however is not regularly paid.

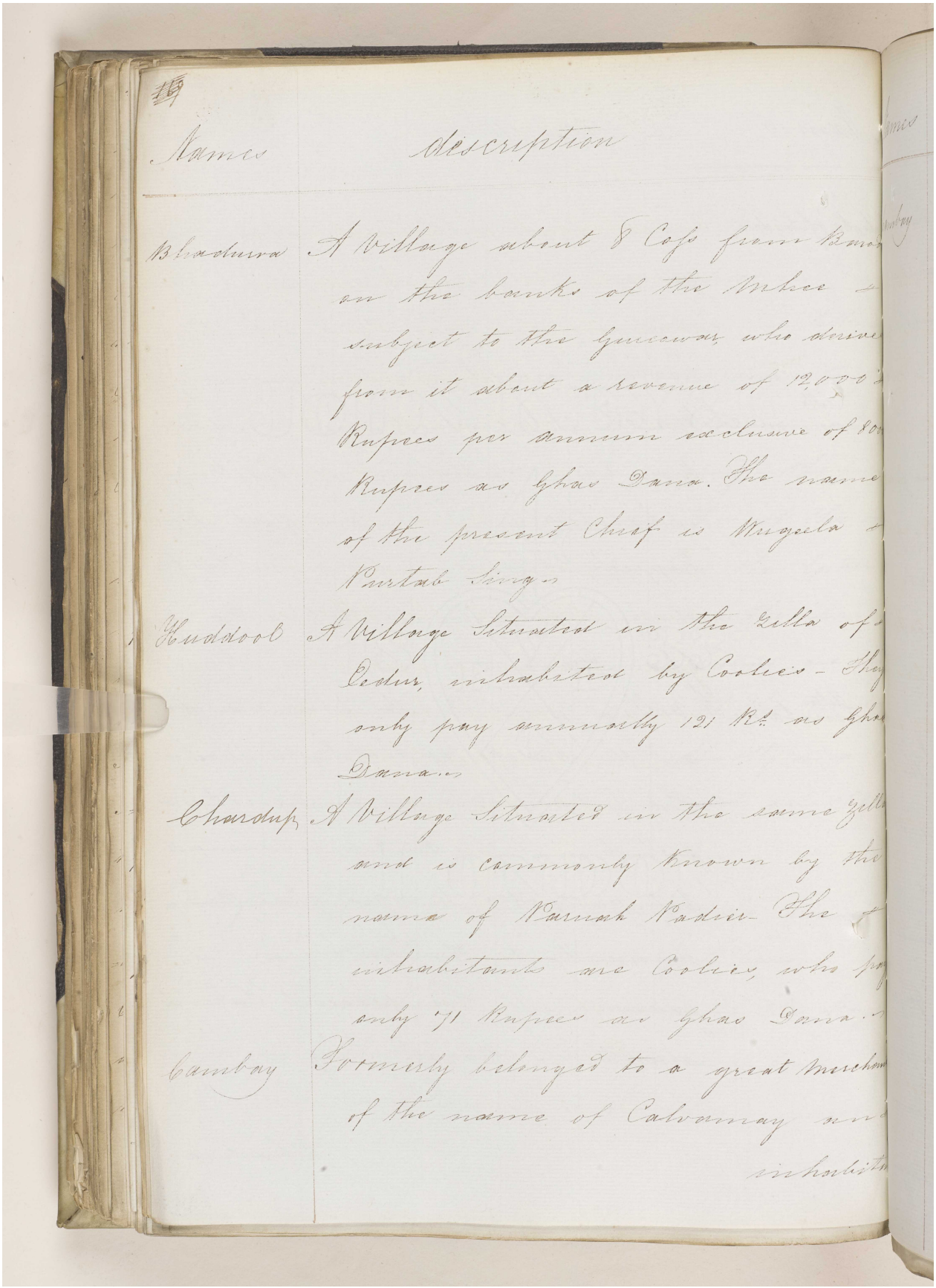
Ditto Kwalonna's Situated between Lunawara and Bunpoor, consisting of 12 villages inhabited for the most part by Rajpoots of which tribe is the Chief. It pays annually 600 Rupees as Ghas Dana.

Ditto Oneta's A Village about 10 Cos from Baroda on the banks of the River Mahee. The Inhabitants are under the protection of the British government but pay 5000 Rupees Ghas Dana annually to the Guicowar's government. The present Chief's name is Bajah Sing.

Bhadura

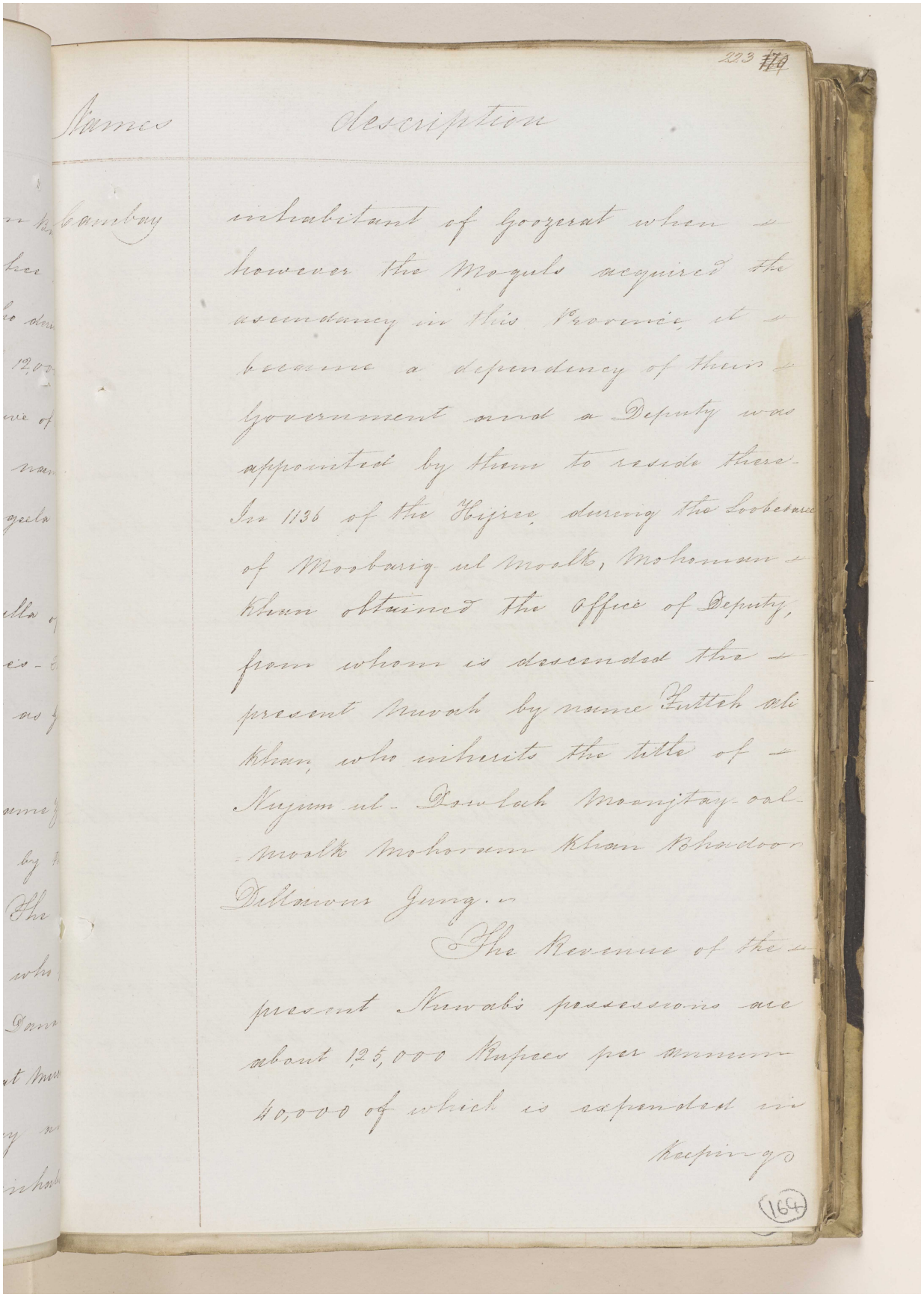
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Names	Description
Bhadwa	A Village about 8 Cos from Bhuj on the banks of the Mhee subject to the Guicowar who derives from it about a revenue of 12,000 Rupees per annum exclusive of 800 Rupees as ghas Dana. The name of the present Chief is Mugeela Purtab Singh
Huddood	A Village Situated in the Zilla of Cedur, inhabited by Coolies – They only pay annually 121 Rs as ghas Dana
Chandup	A Village Situated in the same Zilla and is commonly known by the name of Ramah Nadir. The inhabitants are Coolies, who pay only 71 Rupees as ghas Dana
Cambay	Formerly belonged to a great Merchant of the name of Calvanmay and inhabited

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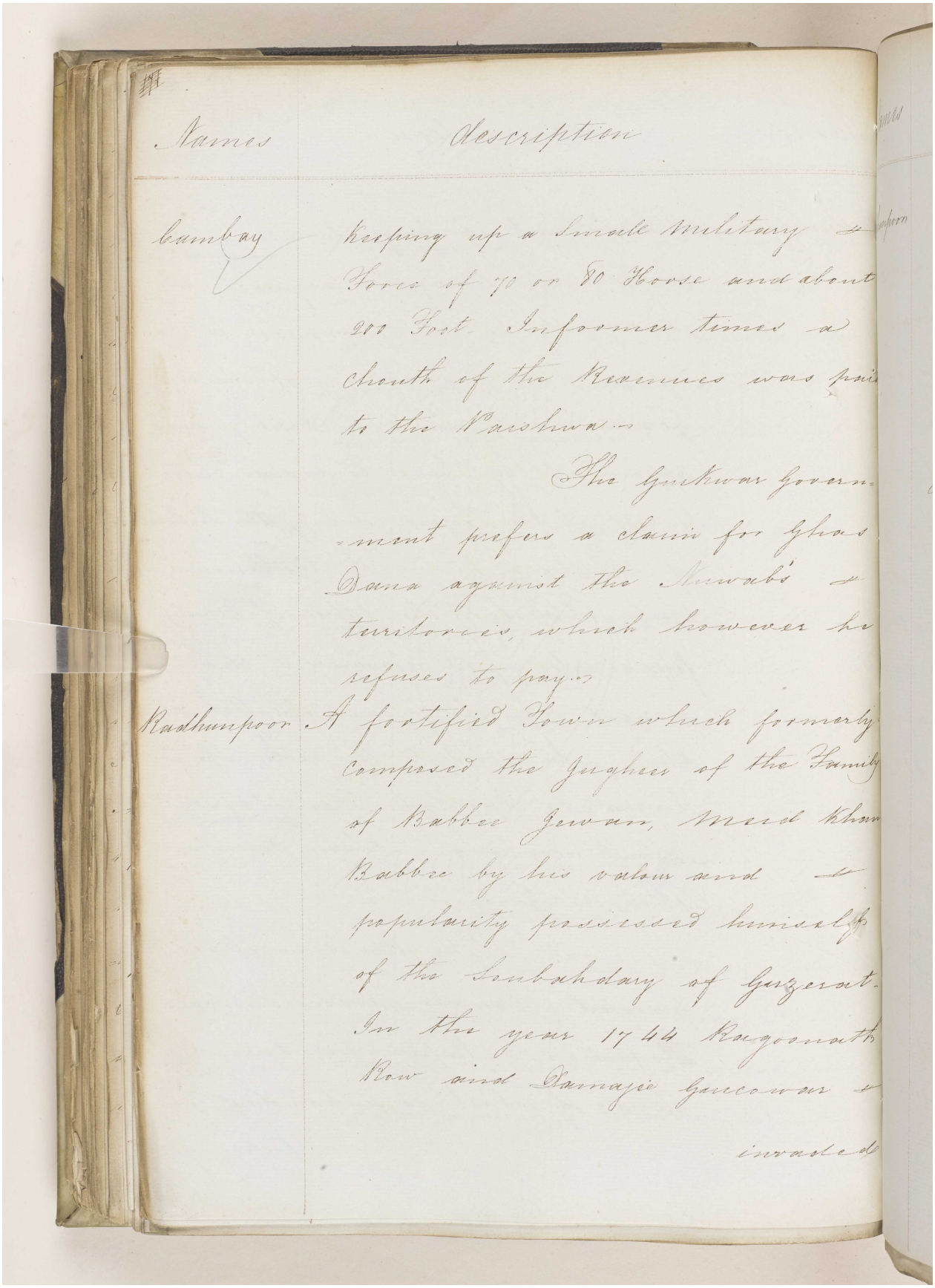
Names | Description

Bombay | inhabitant of Goozerat when however the Moguls acquired the ascendancy in this Province it became a dependency of their government and a Deputy was appointed by them to reside there. In 1136 of the Hijree during the Soobeadree of Moobariz ul Moolk, Mohomun Khan obtained the office of Deputy, from whom is descended the present Nuwab by name Futteh ali Khan, who inherits the title of Nujum ul Dowlah Moanjitay-oal-moolk Mohoram Khan Bhadoor Dilawur Jung.

The Revenue of the present Nuwabs possessions are about 125,000 Rupees per annum 40,000 of which is expended in keeping

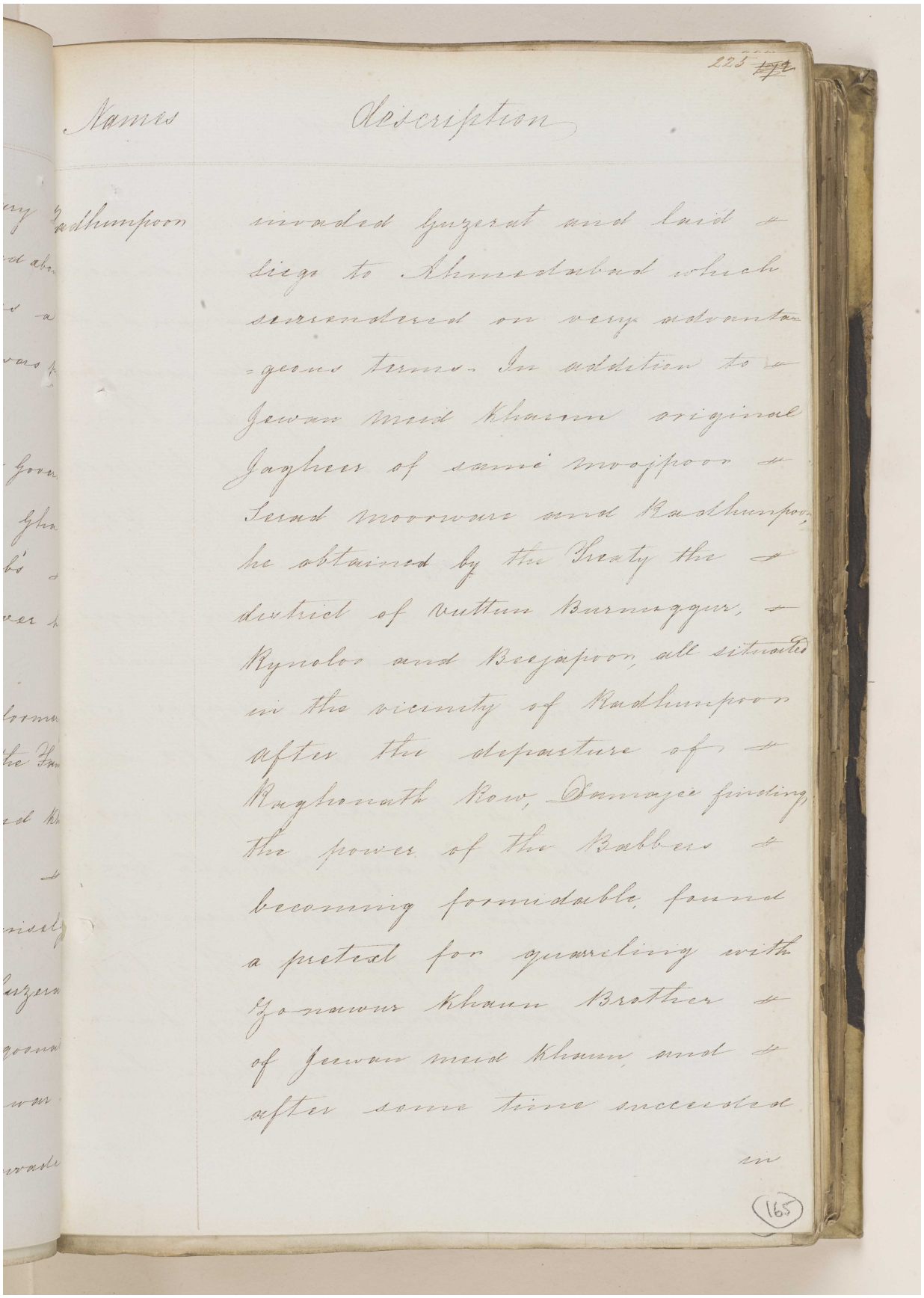
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Names	Description
Cambay	keeping up a small Military Force of 70 or 80 Horse and about 200 Foot. In former times a Chouth of the Revenues was paid to the Paishwa. The Gaikwar government prefers a claim for Ghass Dana against the Nuwaab's territories, which however he refuses to pay.
Radhumpoor	A fortified Town which formerly composed the Jaghier of the Family of Babbee Jewan, Mared Khan Babbee by his valour and popularity possessed himself of the Subahdary of Gurzerat. In the year 1744 Raugoonath Row and Damajee Gaicowar invaded

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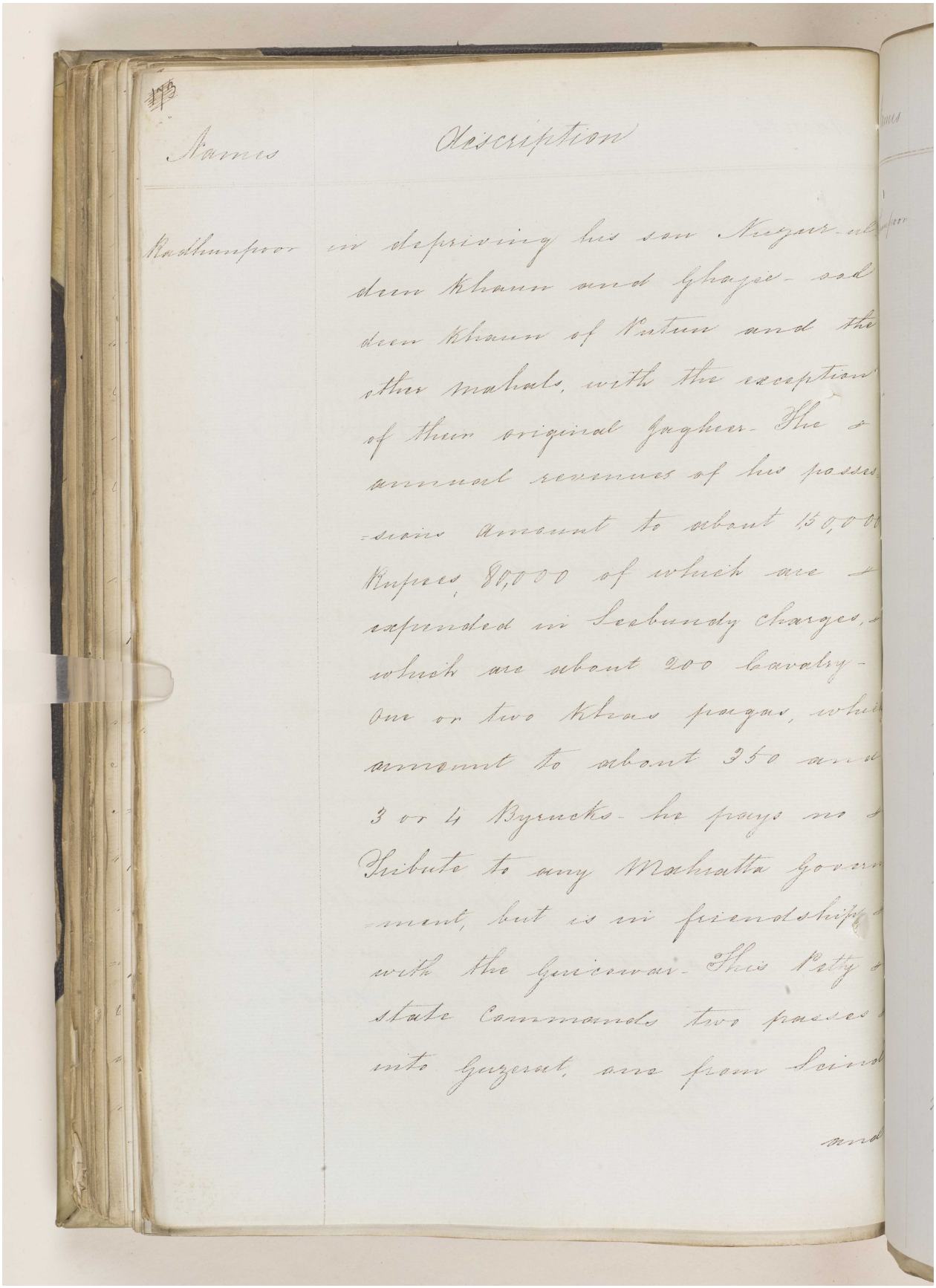
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Radhumpoor | invaded Guzerat and laid a siege to Ahmedabad which surrendered on very advantageous terms. In addition to Jewan mud Khaum original Jaghier of same mouzpoor & Serad moorwara and Radhumpoor, he obtained by the Treaty the district of Vuttun Burnuggur, Kymlos and Beejapoor, all situated in the vicinity of Radhumpoor after the departure of Raghonath Row, Damajee finding the power of the Babbers becoming formidable, found a pretext for quarrelling with Gonawar Khaum Brother of Jewan mud Khaum, and after some time succeeded in

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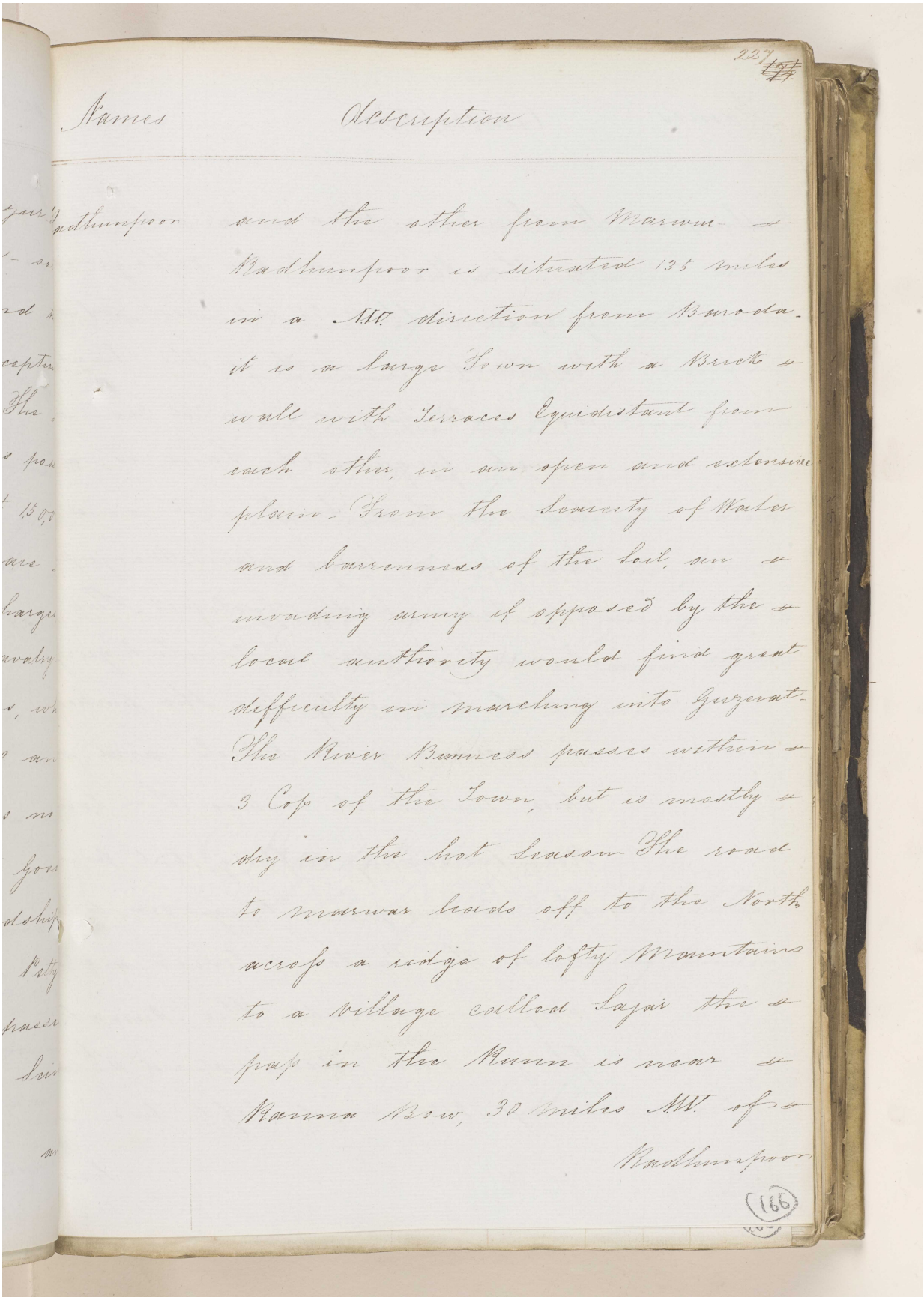
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Radhumpoor — in depriving his son Nuzur-ul-
dun Khaun and Ghazee-ud-
deen Khaun of Putun and the
other mahals, with the exception
of their original Jaghier. The
annual revenues of his posses-
sions amount to about 15,00
Rupees 80,000 of which are
expended in Seebundy Charges,
which are about 200 Cavalry-
One or two Khaus pulgas, whi
amount to about 250 and
3 or 4 Byrucks. he pays no
Tribute to any Mahratta gover
ment, but is in friendship
with the Guicowar. His Petty
state Commands two passes
into Guzerat, one from Seiro
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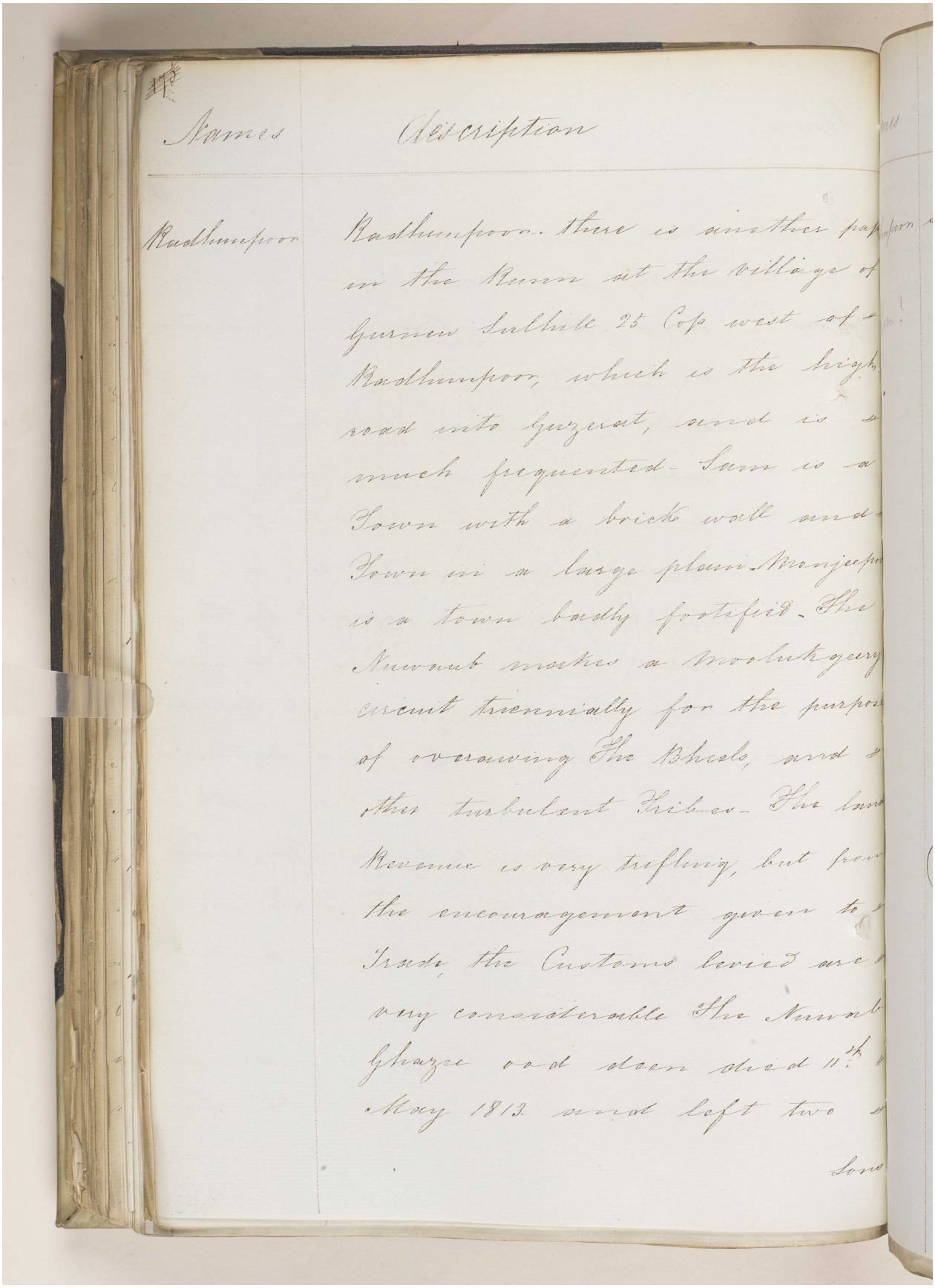
Names | Description

Radhumpoor

and the other from Marwun — Radhumpoor is situated 135 miles in a N.W. direction from Baroda — it is a large Town with a Brick wall with Terraces Equidistant from each other, in an open and extensive plain. From the Scarcity of Water and barrenness of the Soil, an invading army if opposed by the local authority would find great difficulty in marching into Guzerat. The River Sumness passes within 3 Cos of the Town, but is mostly dry in the hot Season. The road to Marwar leads off to the North across a ridge of lofty Mountains to a Village called Sajai the Pass in the Ruun is near Ranna Now, 30 miles N.W. of Radhumpoor

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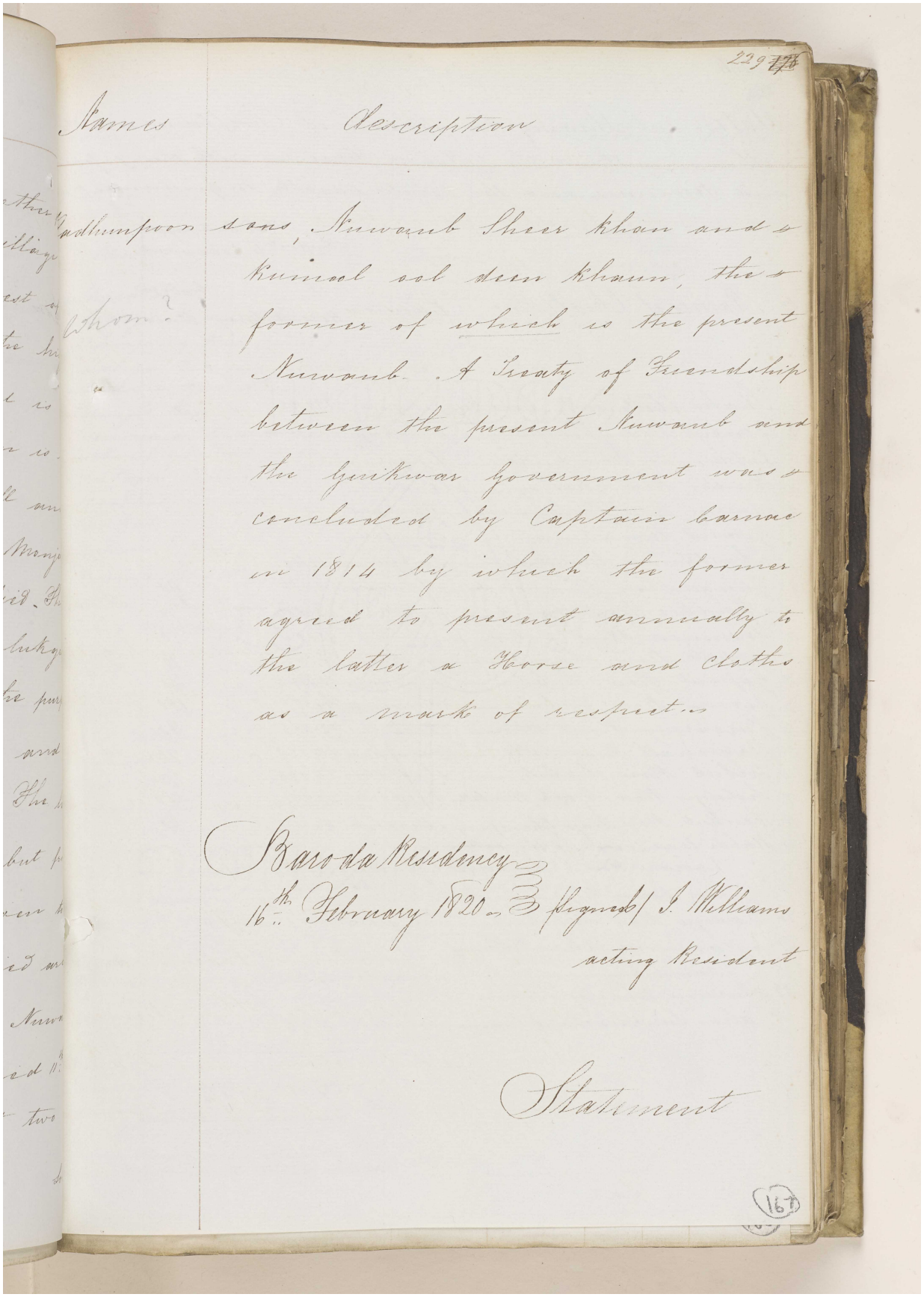
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Names | Description

Radhumpoor

Radhumpoor. there is another pass
in the Runn at the village of
Gurmee Sultule 25 Cos west of
Radhumpoor, which is the high
road into Guzerat, and is
much frequented. Soon is a
Town with a brick wall and
Town in a large plain. Manjeepoor
is a town badly fortified. The
Nuwaub makes a Moolukgeery
circuit triennially for the purpose
of overawing the Wheels, and
other turbulent Tribes. The Ann
Revenue is very trifling, but from
the encouragement given to
Trade, the Customs levied are
very considerable. The Nuwaub
Ghazee died at Patan
May 1813 and left two
Sons



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Names | Description

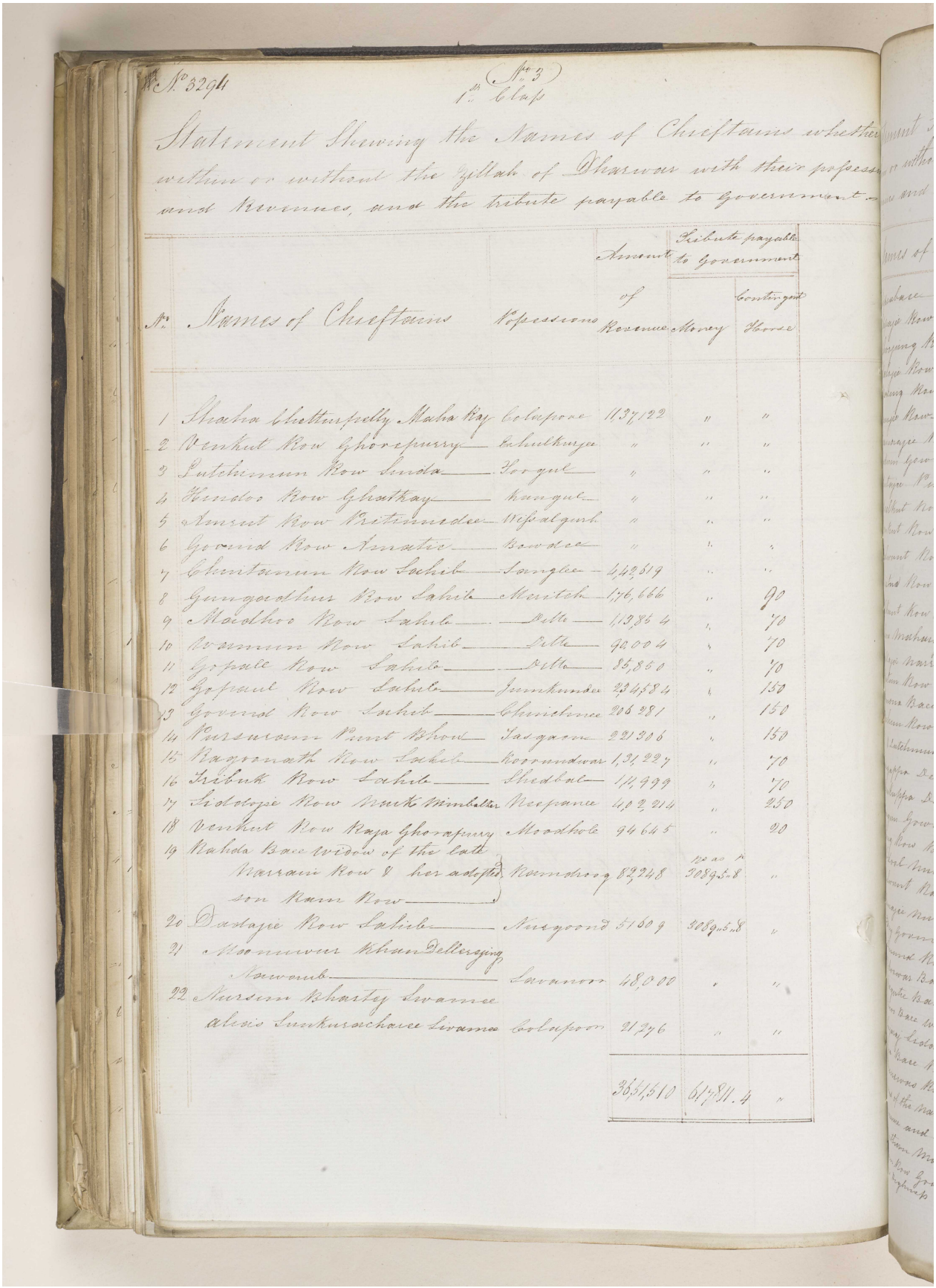
Gadhumpoor | sons, Nuwaub Sheer khan and Kumrod ool deen khaun, the former of which is the present Nuwaub. A Treaty of Friendship between the present Nuwaub and the Guikwar government was concluded by Captain Carnac in 1814 by which the former agreed to present annually to the latter a Horse and Cloths as a mark of respect.

Baroda Residency
16th February 1820. (Signed) J. Williams
acting Resident

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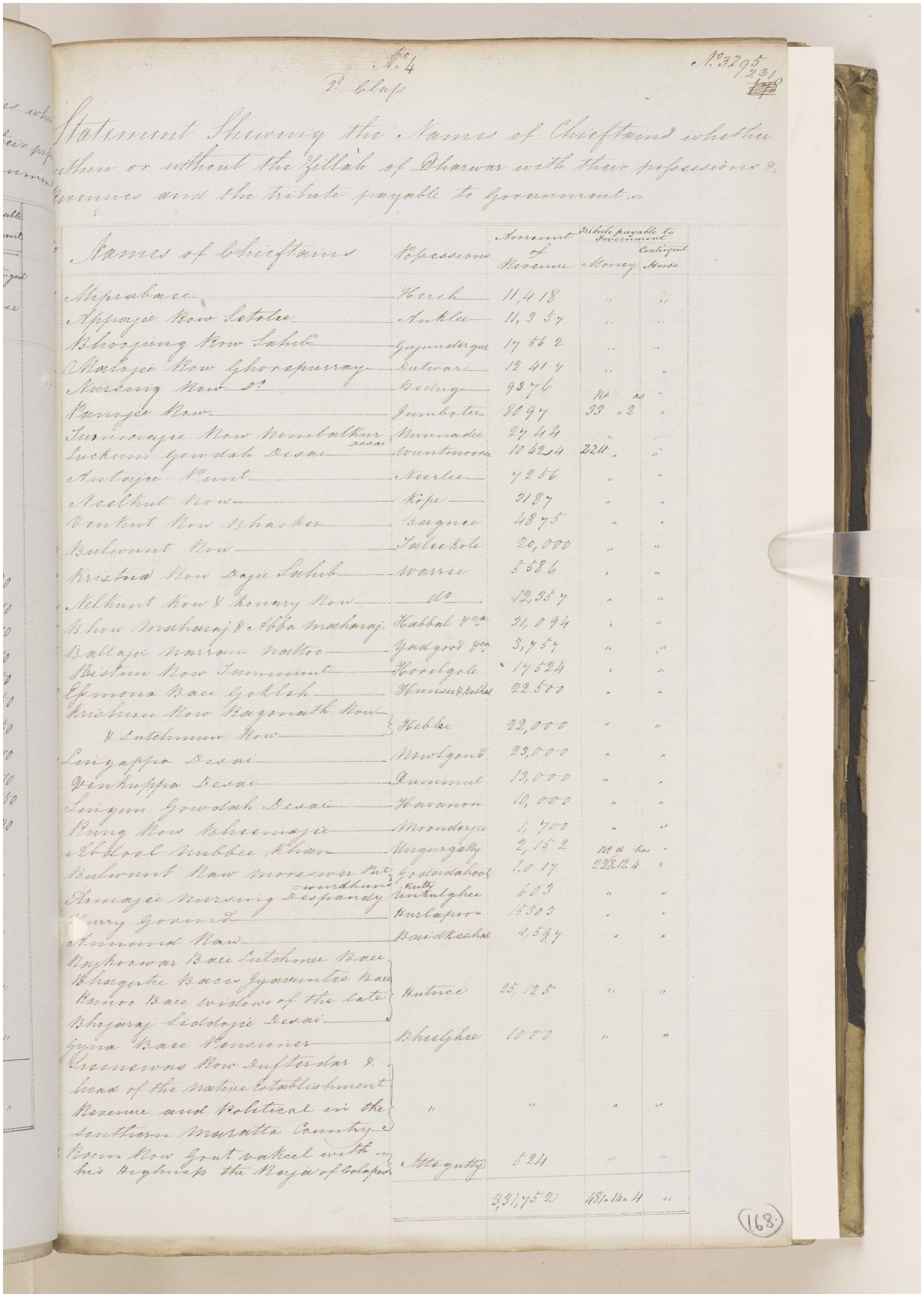


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Statement Shewing the Names of Chieftains whether within or without the Zillah of Dharwar with their possessions and Revenues, and the tribute payable to Government.

No.	Names of Chieftains	Possessions	Amount of Revenue	Tribute payable to Government: Money	Tribute payable to Government: Contingent Horse
1	Shacha Chetterpelly Maha Raj	Colapoore	1137122	"	"
2	Venkut Row Ghorepurry	Kahulkunjee	"	"	"
3	Lutchmum Row Sinda	Yergul	"	"	"
4	Vendoo Row Ghatkay	Kungul	"	"	"
5	Amrut Row Pritinnedee	Wesalgurh	"	"	"
6	Govind Row Annatee	Bawdee	"	"	"
7	Chintamun Row Sahib	Sanglee	442819	"	"
8	Gungadhur Row Sahib	Meritch	176,666	"	90
9	Moodhoo Row Sahib	Ditto	113854	"	70
10	Wamun Row Sahib	Ditto	90004	"	70
11	Gopaul Row Sahib	Ditto	85,850	"	70
12	Gopaul Row Sahib	Jumkundee	234584	"	150
13	Govind Row Sahib	Chinchunee	206281	"	150
14	Pursuram Punt Prow	Jasgaon	221306	"	150
15	Ragoonath Row Sahib	Koorundwar	131227	"	70
16	Tribuk Row Sahib	Shedbal	114999	"	70
17	Sidojee Row Mukt Nimbalkar	Neepanee	402214	"	250
18	Venkut Row Raja Ghorapury	Moodhole	94645	"	90
19	Rahda Bae widow of the late Narrain Row & her adopted son Ram Row	Ramdroog	83248	12 as 7 3089-5-8	"
20	Dadajee Row Sahib	Nurgoond	51509	3089-5-8	"
21	Moonnuvur Khan Dellerjung Nawaub	Savanoor	48000	"	"
22	Nursim Bhartey Swamee alias Sunkurachaee Swamee	Colapoor	21276	"	"
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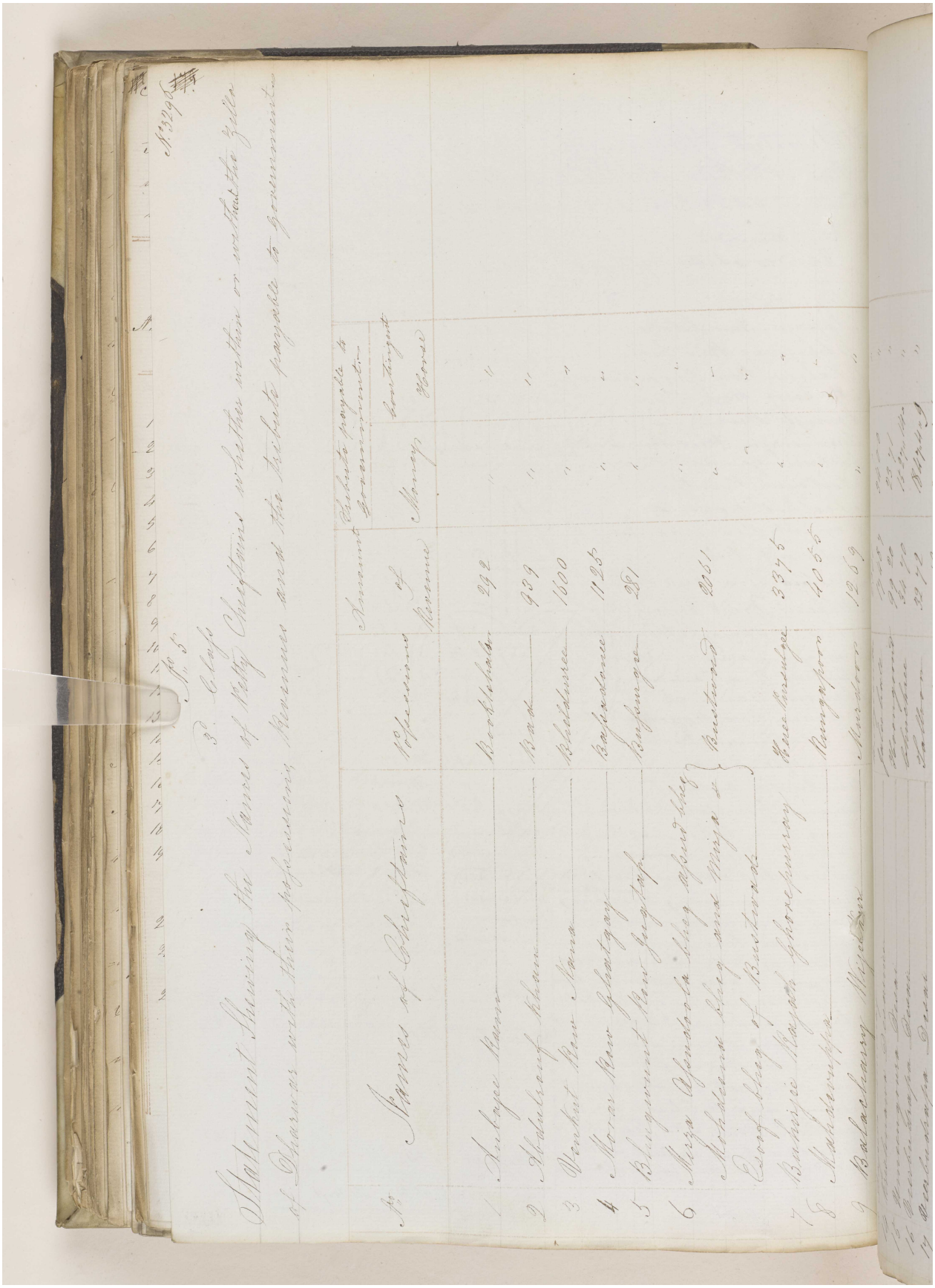


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Statement Showing the Names of Chieftains whether
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Revenues and the tribute payable to Government.

Names of Chieftains	Possessions	Amount of Revenue	Tribute payable to Government Money	Contingent Horse
Mupsabaee	Hurrch	11,418	"	"
Appaye Row Latolee	Anklee	11,357	"	"
Bhooping Row Latolee	Gujumdergur	17562	"	"
Madapee Row Ghorapeeray	Dutwar	12417	"	"
Nursing Row do	Beelwy	9376	20 " 20	"
Ramjee Row	Jumbutee	8097	33 " 2	"
Timmapee Row Nimbalkur	Nimmadee	27484	"	"
Luchum Gowdah Desai	Mountmoor	10824	220 "	"
Antajee Punt	Nurlee	7256	"	"
Neelkunt Row	Kope	3187	"	"
Vuntut Row Bhaskur	Saugnee	4875	"	"
Balwunt Row	Talukote	20,000	"	"
Krishna Row Sajee Sahib	Warree	5586	"	"
Nelkunt Row & Ironary Row	do	12,357	"	"
Bhow Maharaj & Abba Maharaj	Kubbul Vo.	31,094	"	"
Ballajee Narrain Nattoo	Yadgeer Vo.	3,757	"	"
Ristum Row Timmunt	Koorlgole	17524	"	"
Ispmona Bace Gokhlah	Hunsee & Belur	22500	"	"
Krishna Row Jagonath Row & Lutchmun Row	Hebbe	22,000	"	"
Lingappa Desai	Nowlgond	23000	"	"
Venkuppa Desai	Dummul	13,000	"	"
Lingum Gowdah Desai	Havanon	10,000	"	"
Ring Row Khaseemajee	Moonderjee	1,700	"	"
Abdool Ambee Khan	Mugurgathy	2,152	10 a bus	"
Balwunt Row Morreswur Purwurdhun Despanday	Gadagdahood Puttunchee	1,017	228.12.4	"
Ramajee Nursing	Kurlapoor	603	"	"
Vury Gound	Bandkeehal	1303	"	"
Ammund Row		4,597	"	"
Raykorewar Bace Lutchmee Bace Bhagerthee Bace Jyaseemtee Bace Bapoo Bace Widows of the late Bhojaraj Lookojee Desai	Hutnee	25,125	"	"
Lyna Bace Pensioner	Kheelghee	1000	"	"
Trimmewar Row Superintendant & head of the native Establishment Revenue and Political in the Southern Mauratta Country	"	"	"	"
Bapu Row Gout Vakeel with his Highness the Raja of Colapoor	Mugutty	524	"	"
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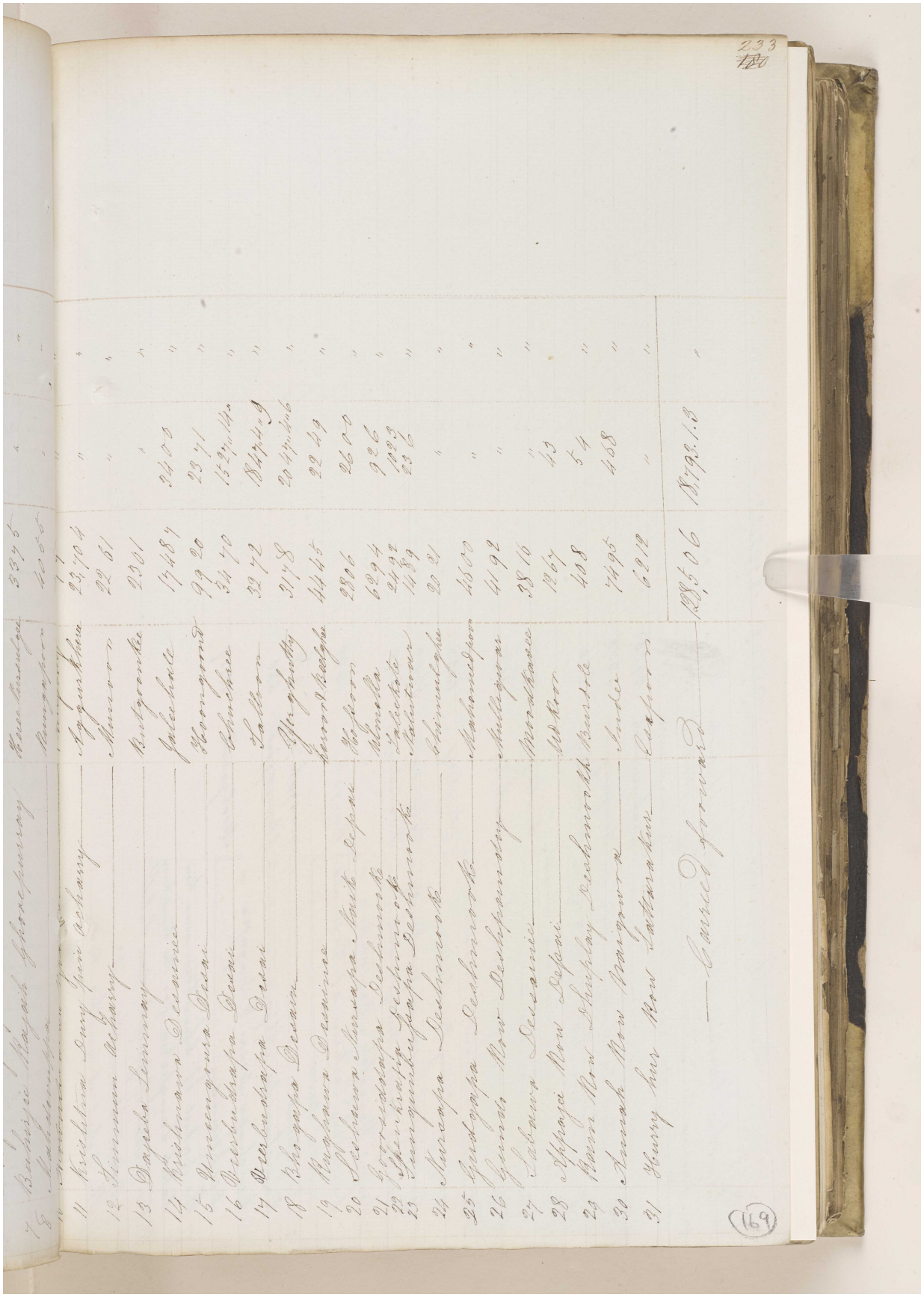
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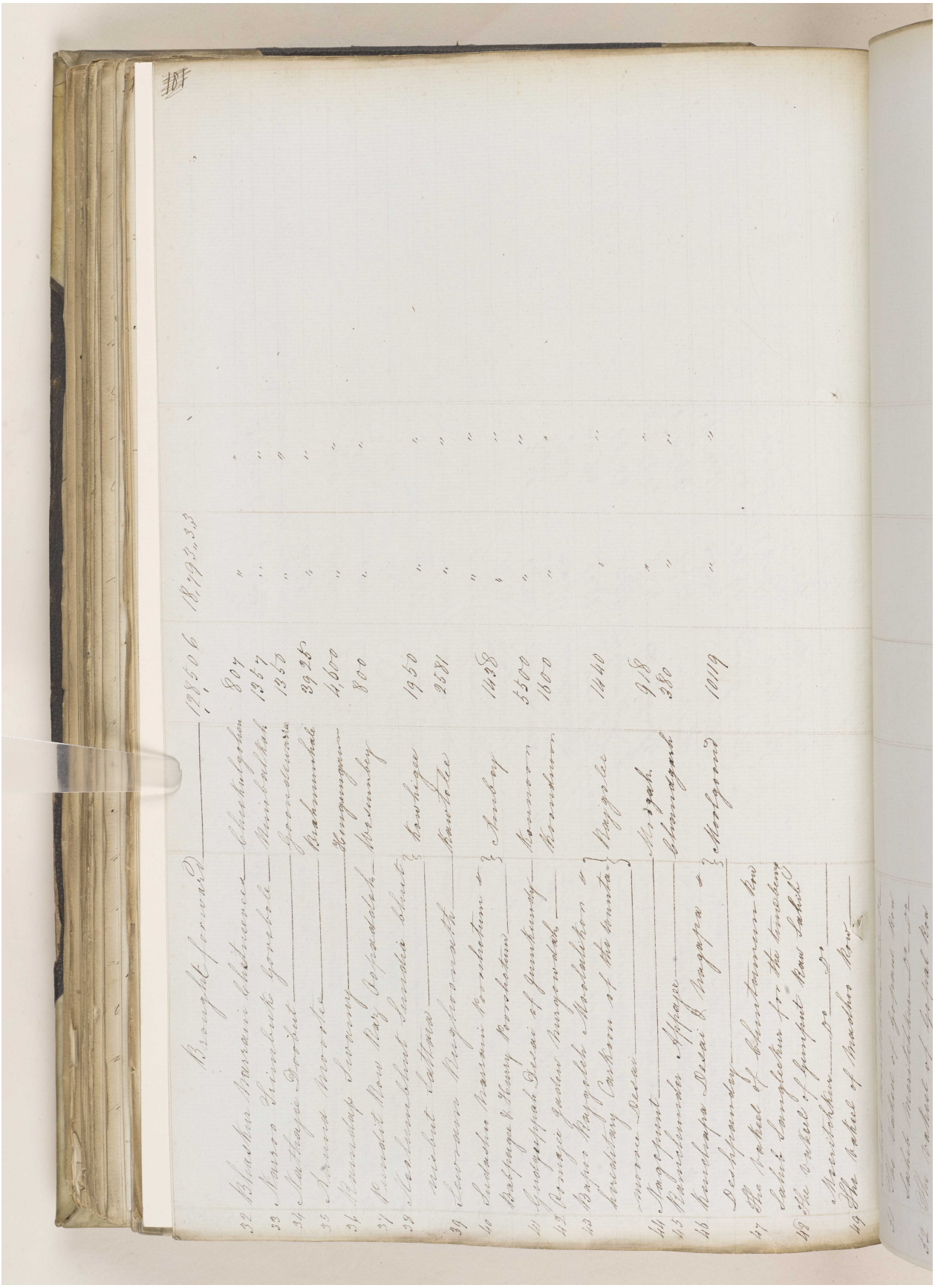


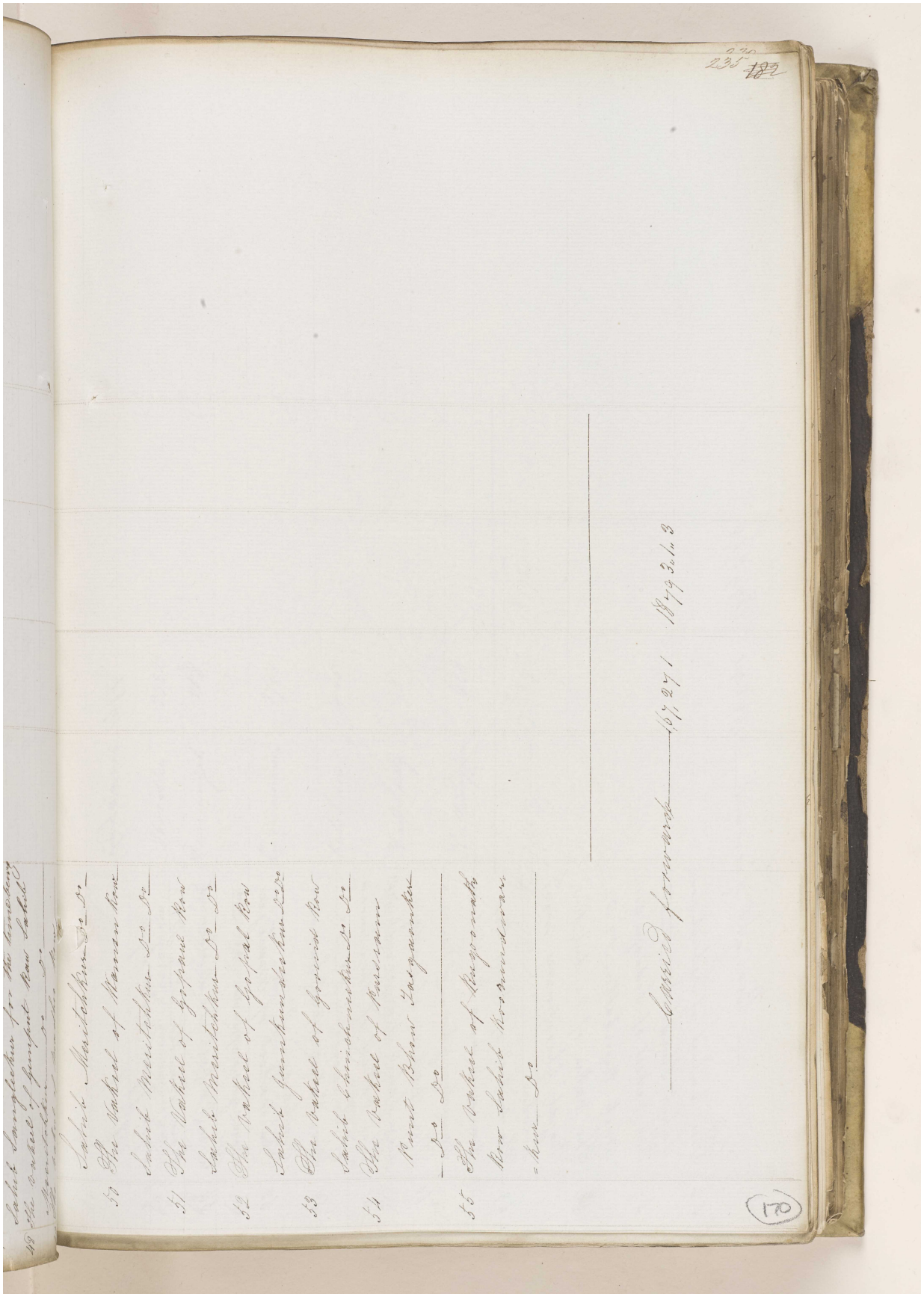
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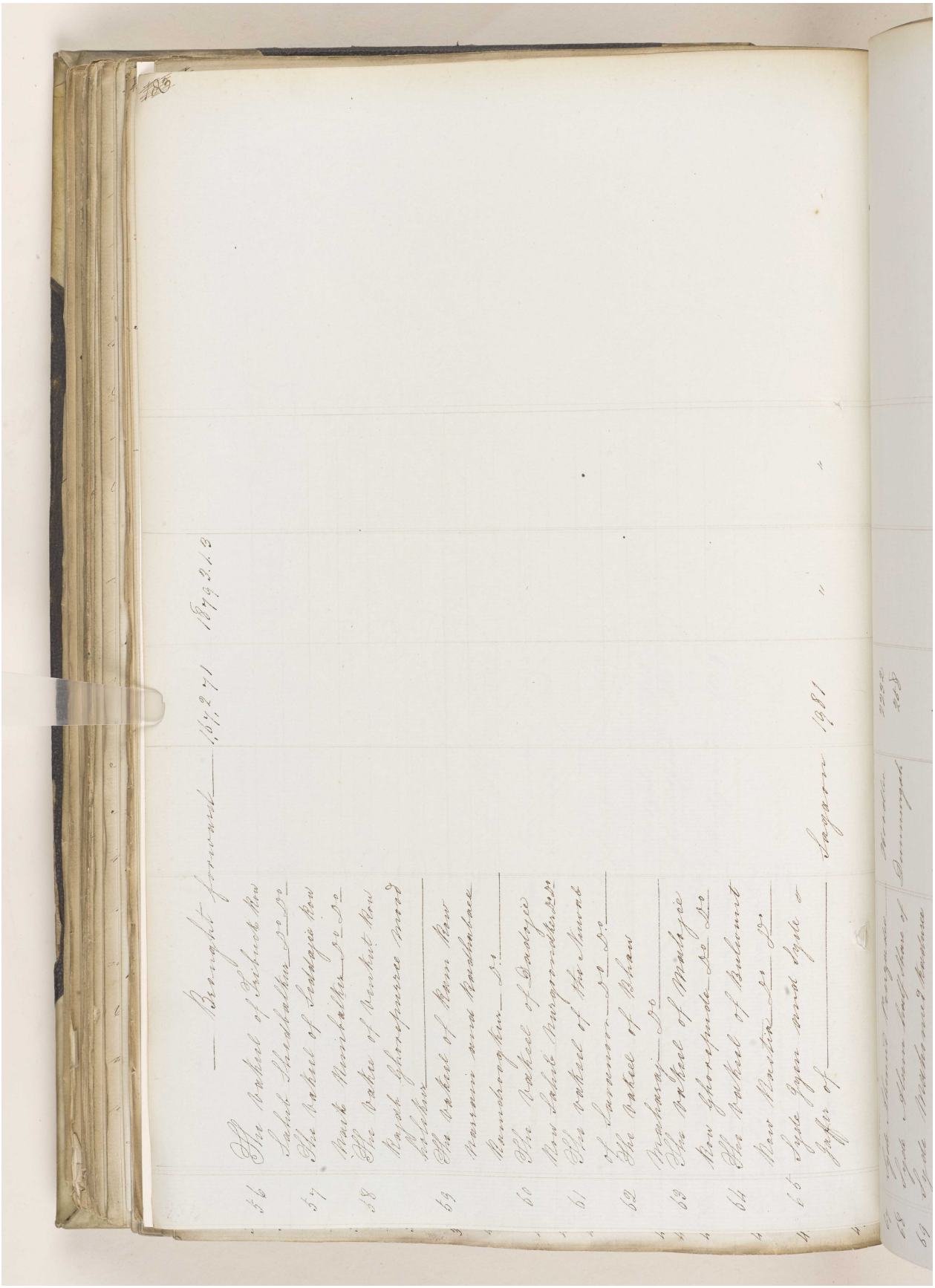
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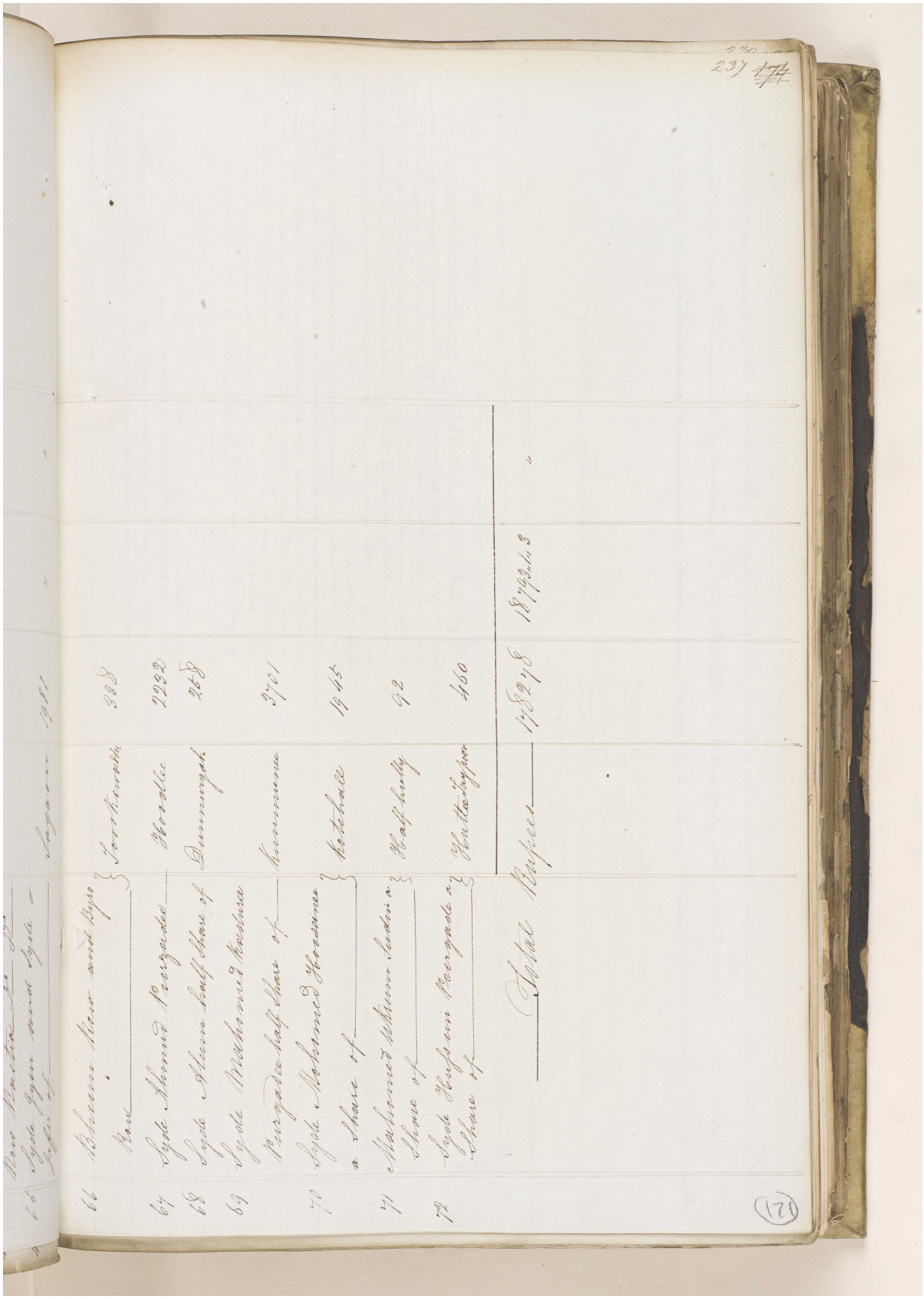
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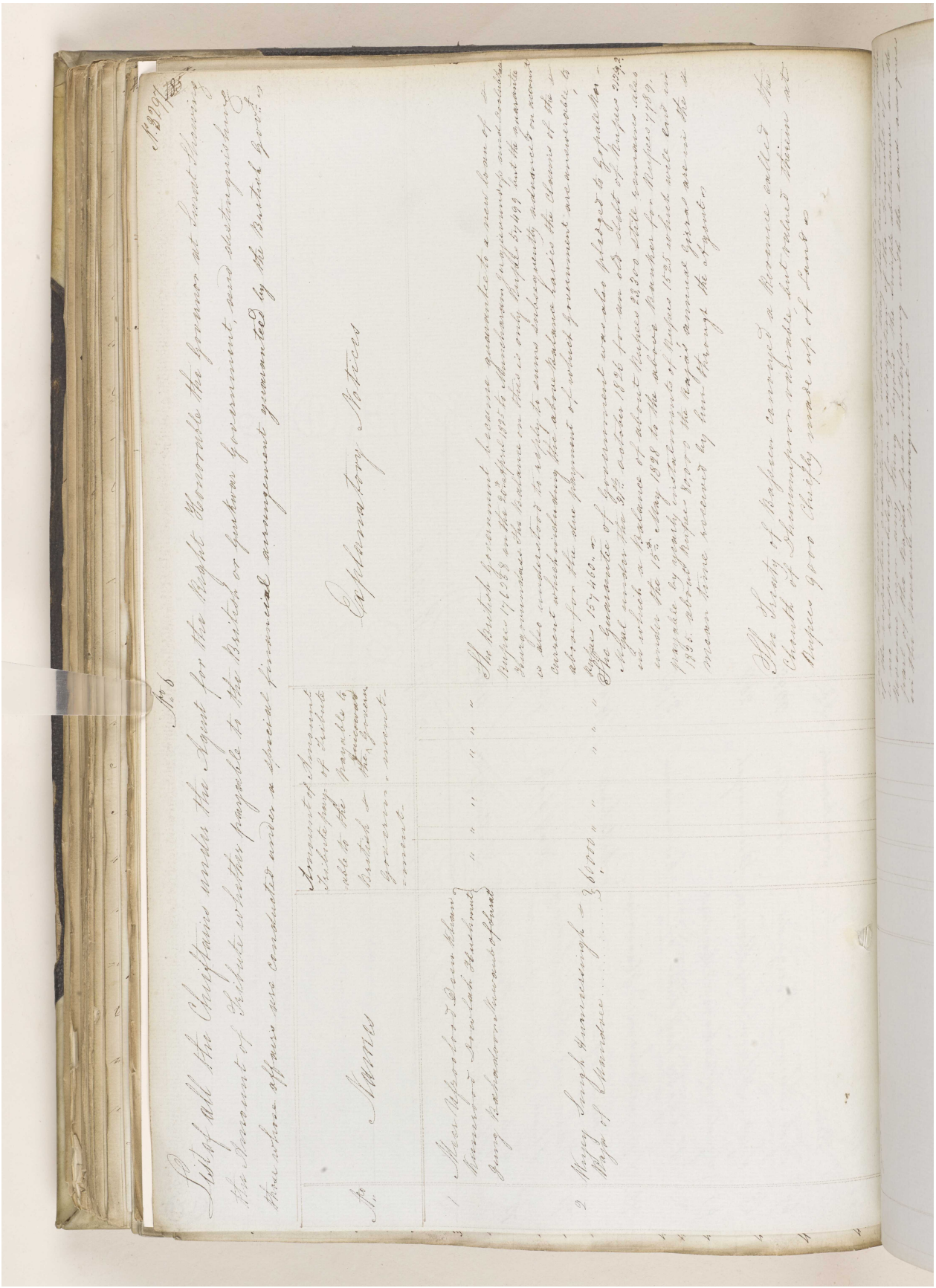




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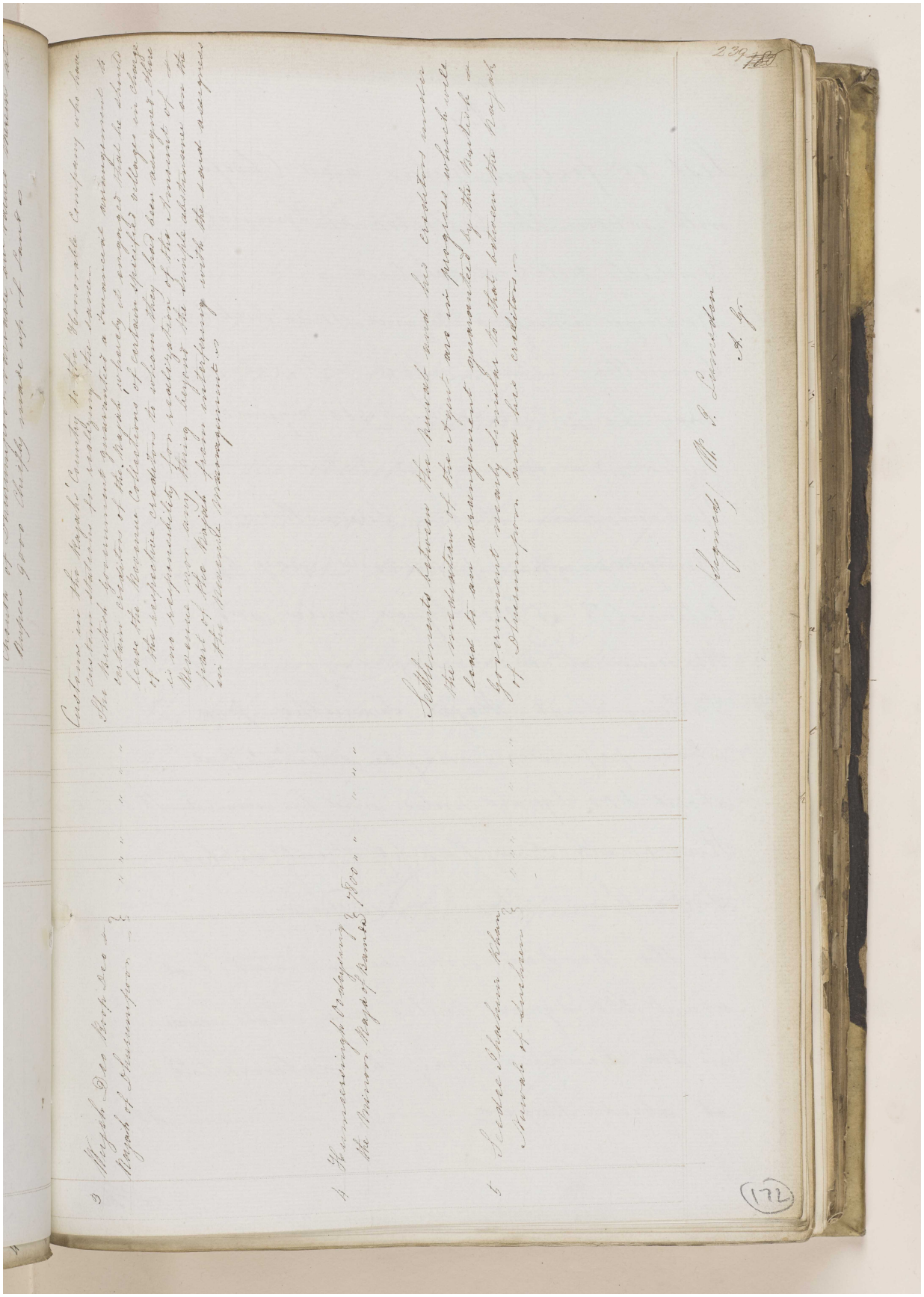


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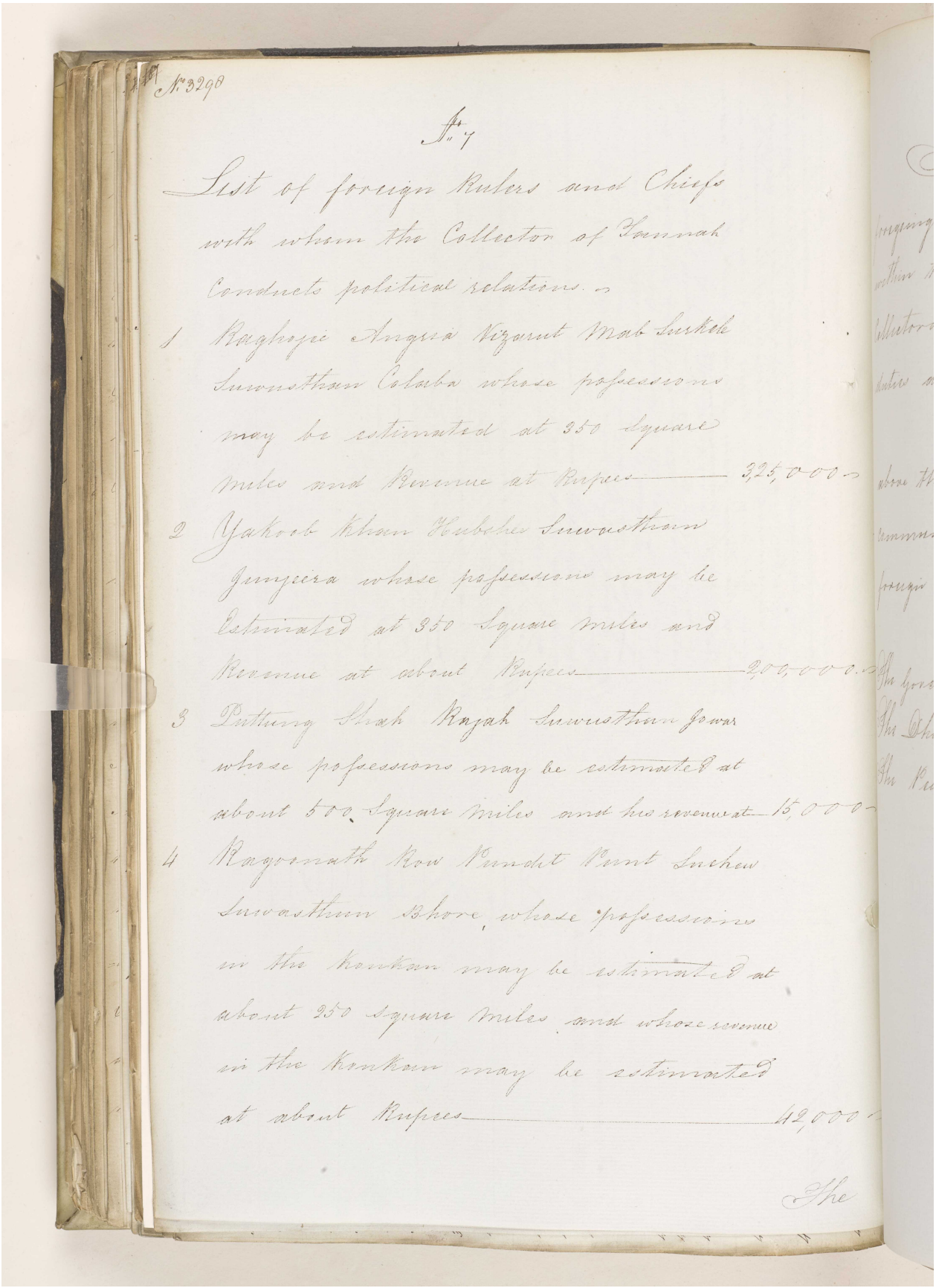
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No. 7

List of foreign Rulers and Chiefs with whom the Collector of Tannah Conducts political relations.—

1 Raghoje Angria Vizarut Mah Surkhe Suwusthan Colaba whose possessions may be estimated at 350 Square miles and Revenue at Rupees——— 325,000—

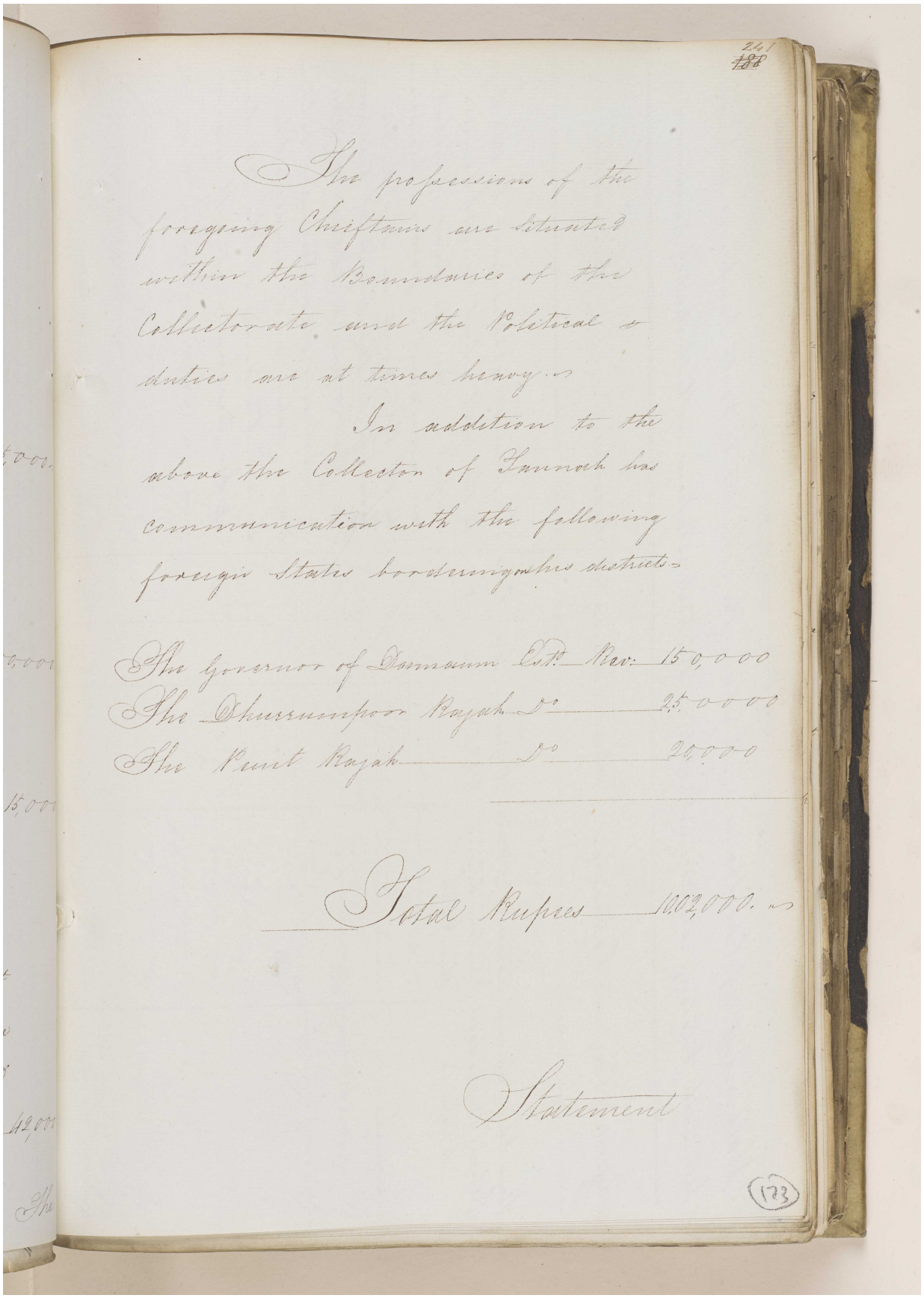
2 Yakoob Khan Hubshee Suwusthan Jungeera whose possessions may be Estimated at 350 Square miles and Revenue at about Rupees——— 200,000—

3 Puthun Shah Rayah Suwusthan Jowar whose possessions may be estimated at about 100 Square miles and his revenue at 15,000—

4 Ragoonath Row Pundit Pant Suchew Suwasthan Shore, whose possessions in the Konkan may be estimated at about 250 Square miles and whose revenue in the Konkan may be estimated at about Rupees——— 42,000—

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The professions of the foregoing Chieftains are situated within the Boundaries of the Collectorate and the Political duties are at times heavy.

In addition to the above the Collector of Tannah has communication with the following foreign States bordering on his districts.

The Governor of Damaum Estt. Rev. 150,000
The Dhurrumpoor Rajah Do 25,000
The Pauit Rajah Do 20,000

Total Rupees 1002,000.

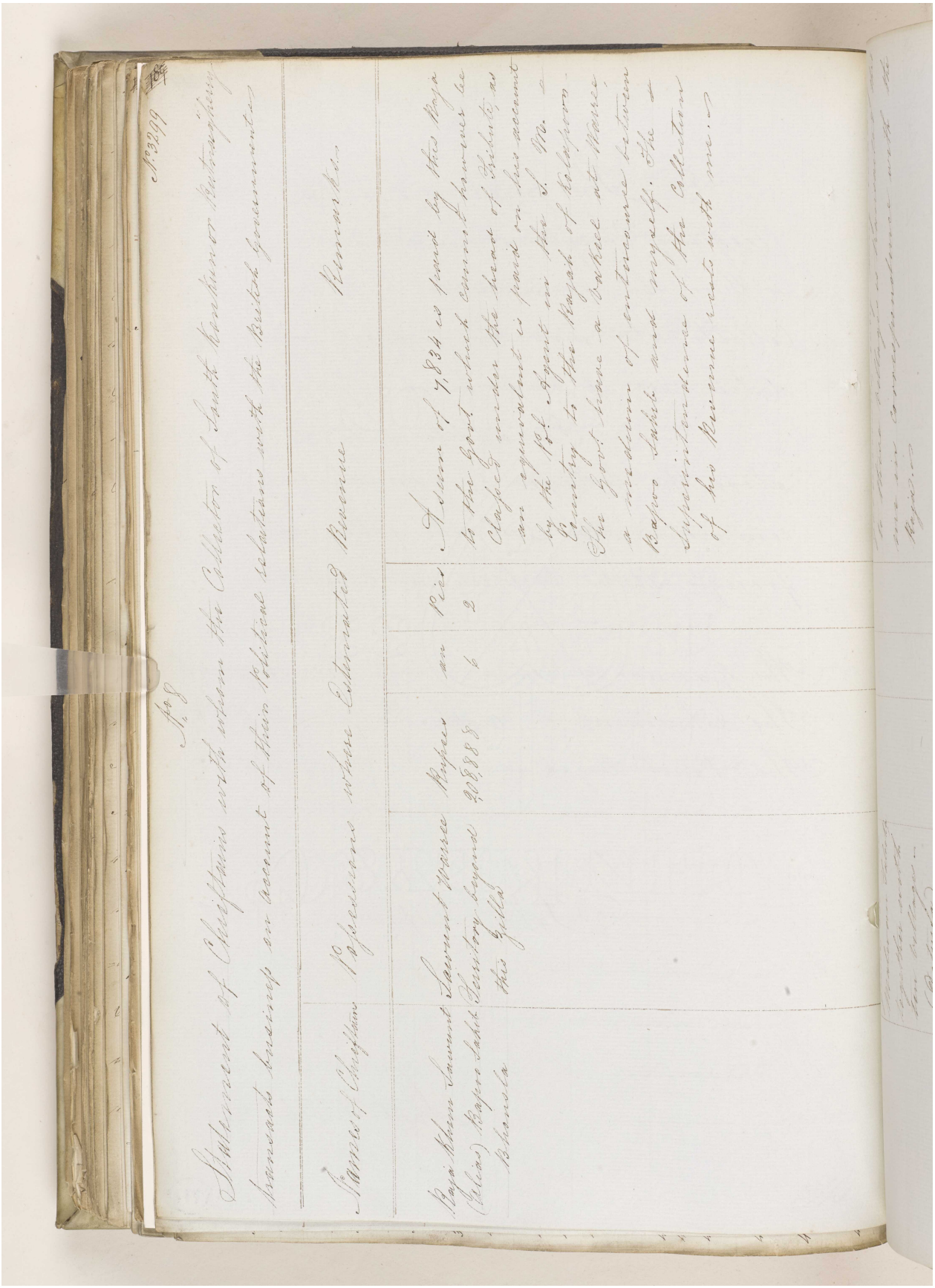
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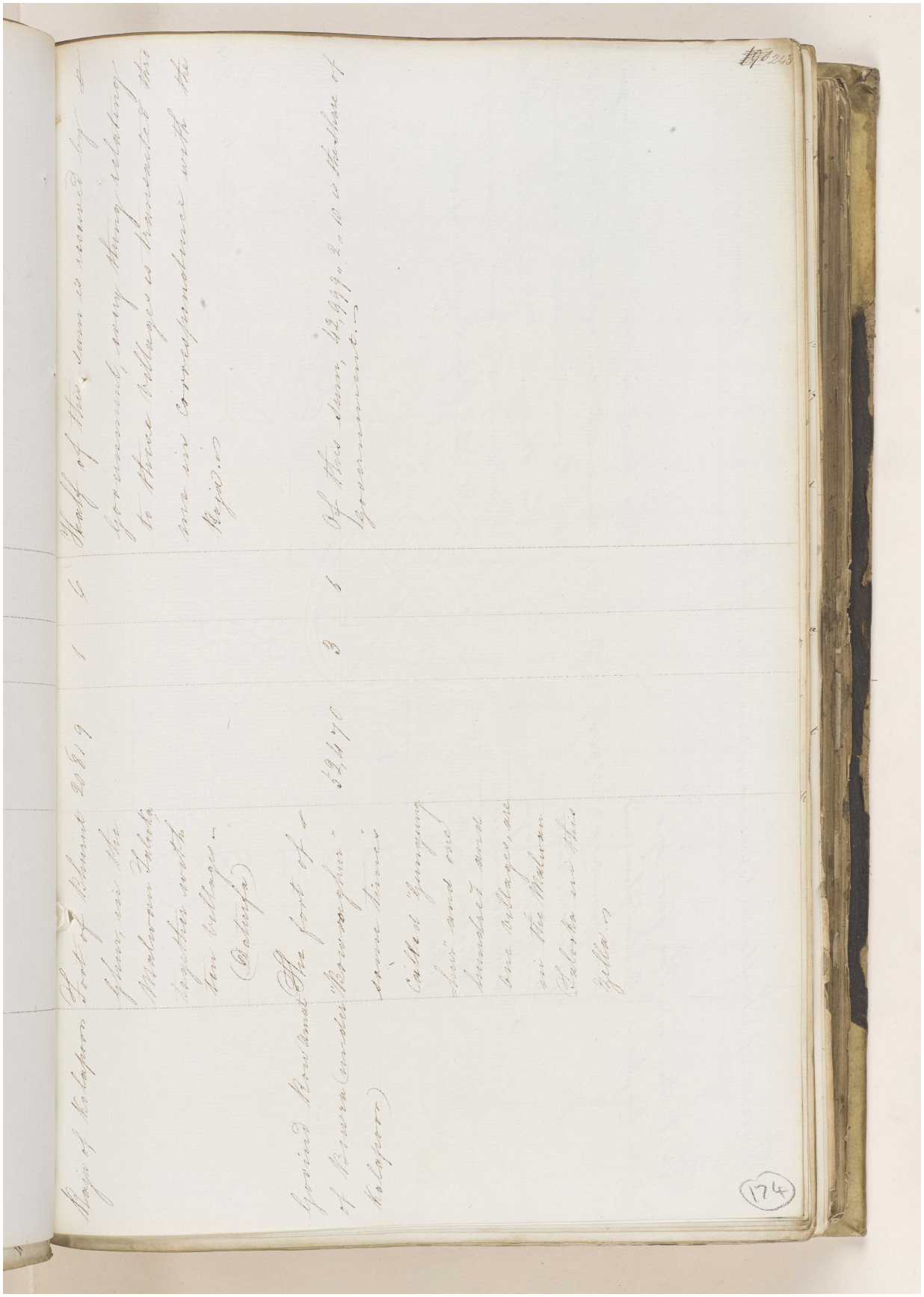
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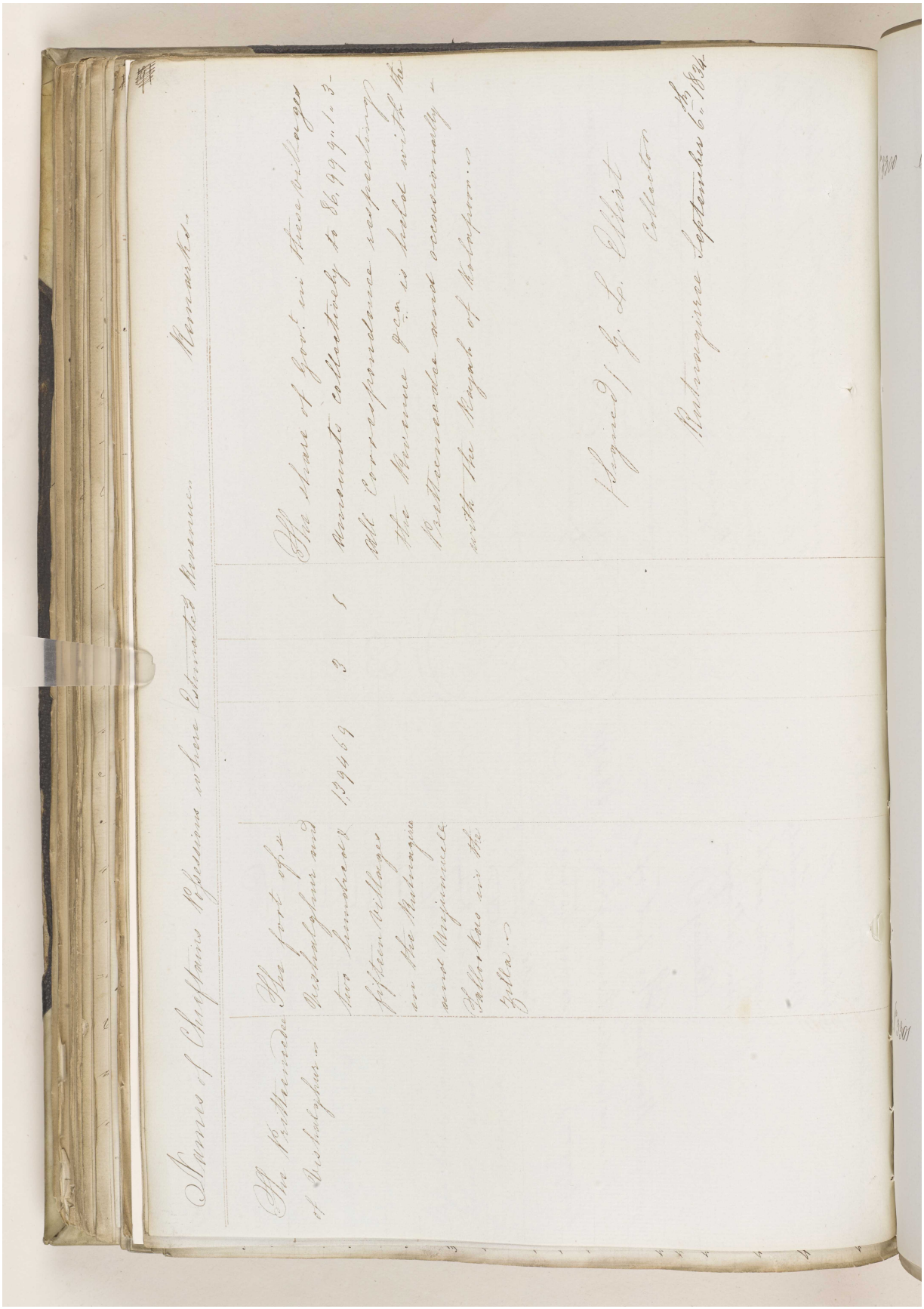


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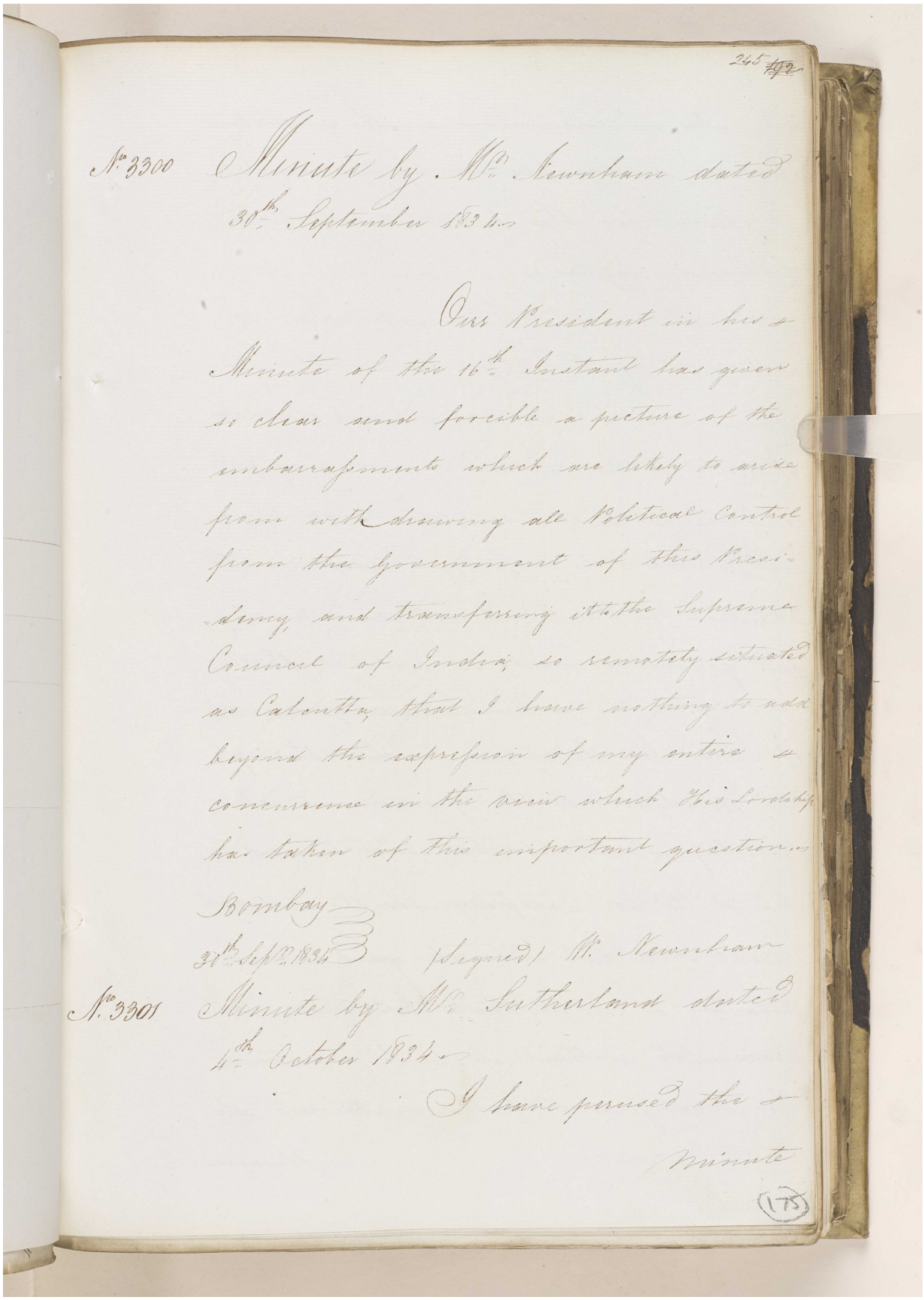
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No. 3300 Minute by. Mr. Newnham dated 30th. September 1834.

Our President in his Minute of the 16th. Instant has given so clear and forcible a picture of the embarrassments which are likely to arise from withdrawing all Political Control from the Government of this Presidency, and transferring it to the Supreme Council of India, so remotely situated as Calcutta, that I have nothing to add beyond the expression of my entire concurrence in the view which His Lordship has taken of this important question.

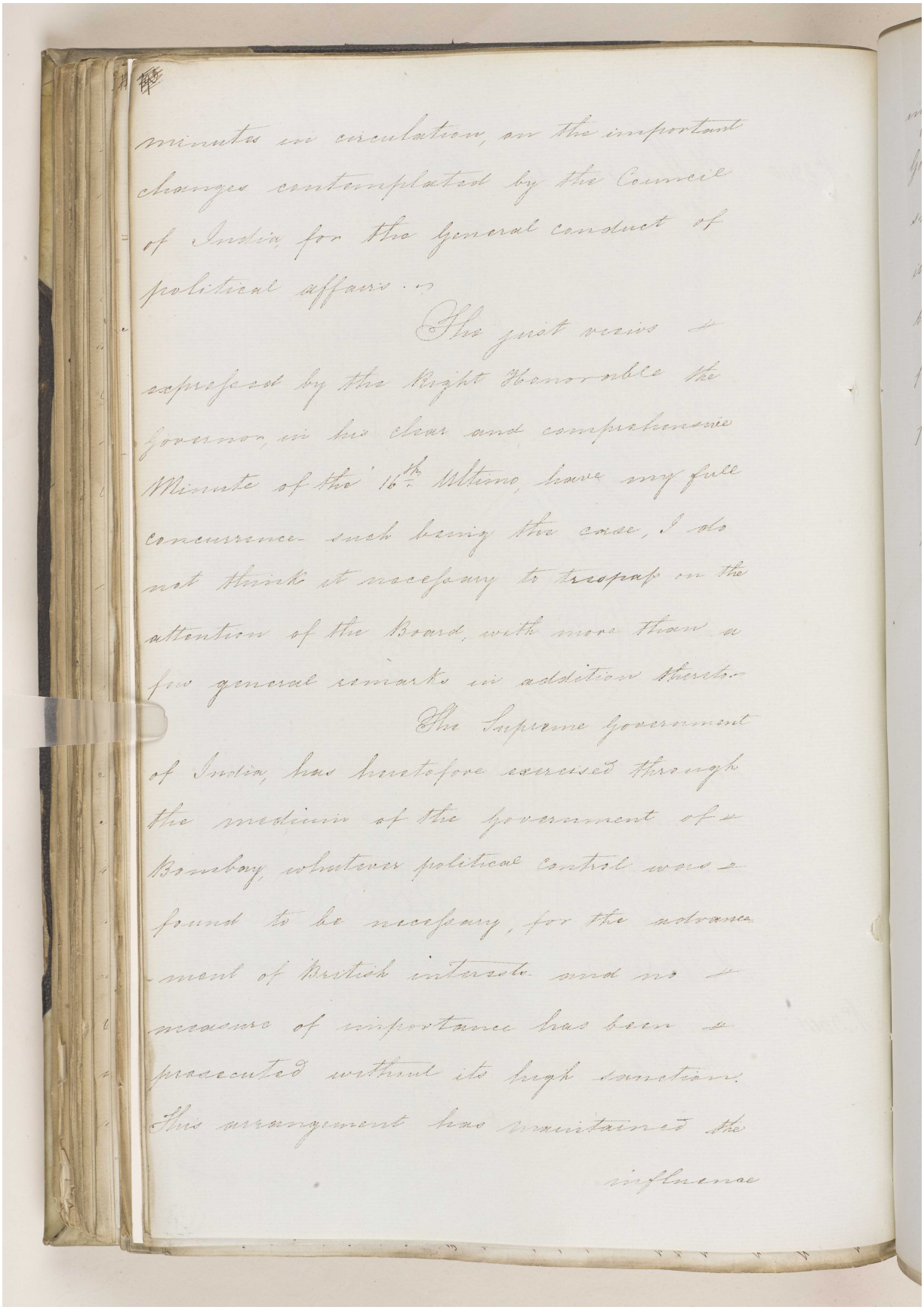
Bombay
30th. Sept. 1834 (Signed) W. Newnham

No. 3301 Minute by Mr. Sutherland dated 4th. October 1834.

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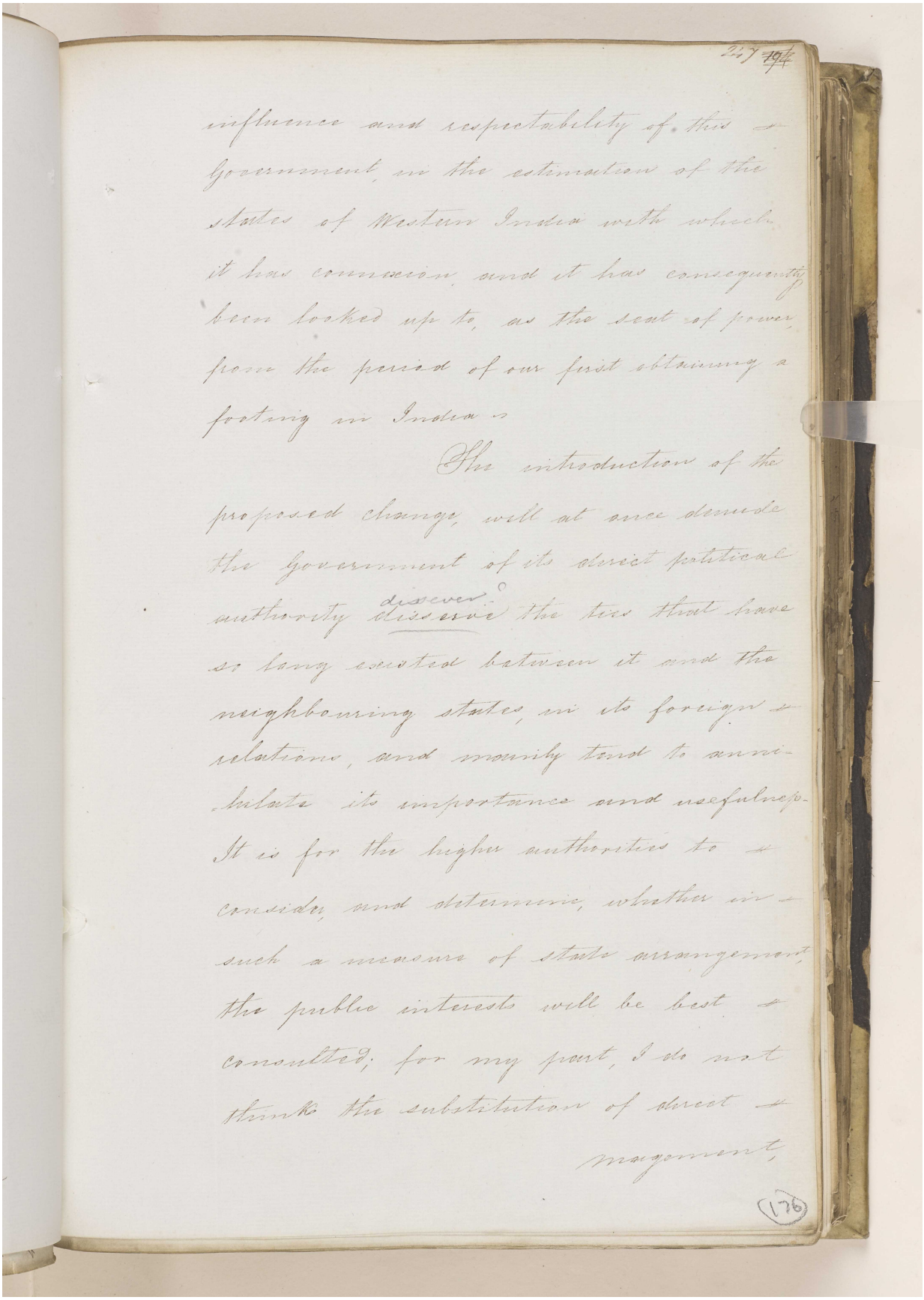
minutes in circulation, on the important changes contemplated by the Council of India for the general conduct of political affairs.

The just views expressed by the Right Honorable the Governor, in his clear and comprehensive Minute of the 16th. Ultimo, have my full concurrence. Such being the case, I do not think it necessary to trespass on the attention of the Board, with more than a few general remarks in addition thereto.

The Supreme government of India, has heretofore exercised through the medium of the government of Bombay, whatever political control was found to be necessary, for the advancement of British interests and no measure of importance has been prosecuted without its high sanction. This arrangement has maintained the influence

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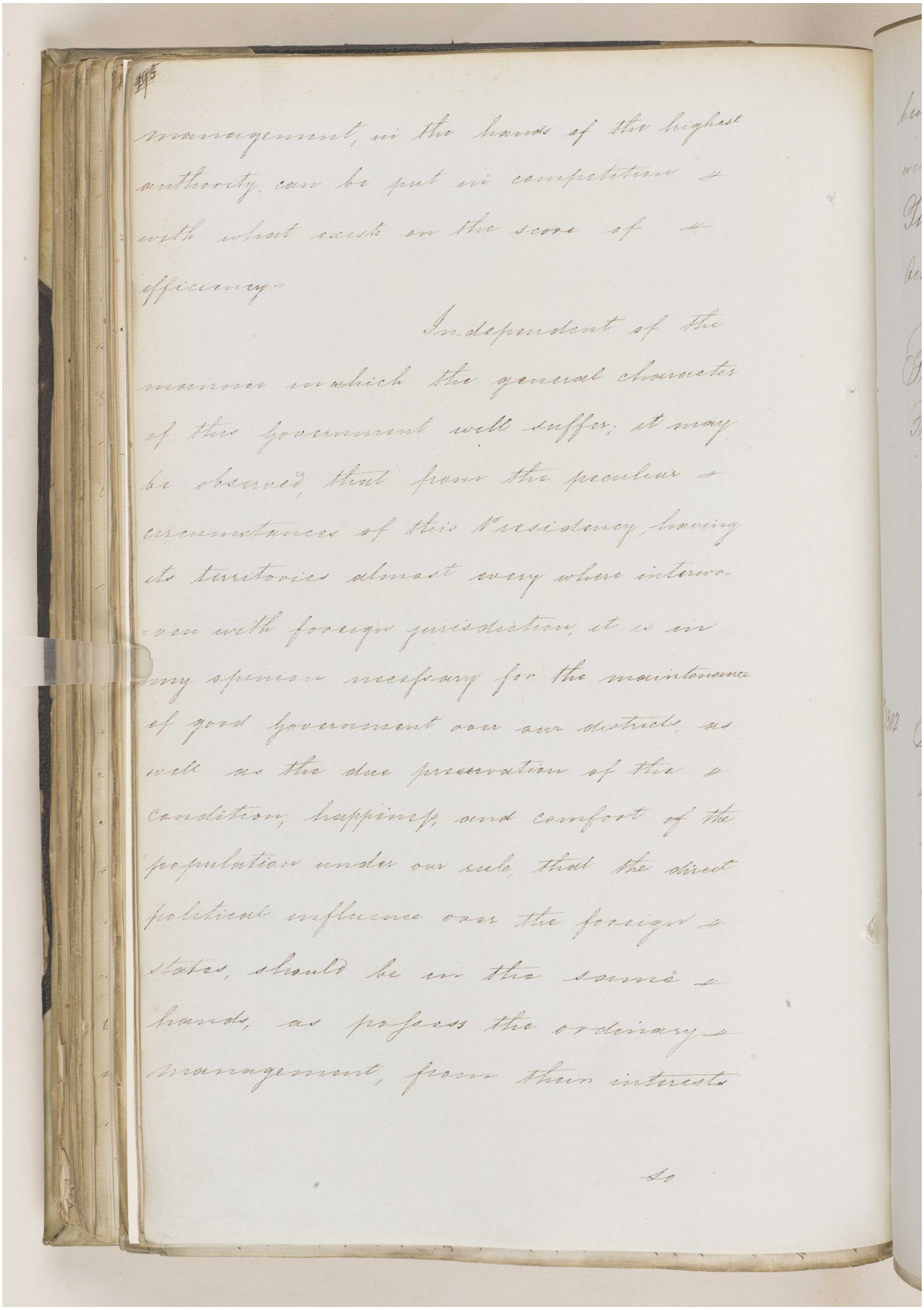
influence and respectability of this
Government in the estimation of the
states of Western India with which
it has connexion, and it has consequently
been looked up to, as the seat of power,
from the period of our first obtaining a
footing in India.

The introduction of the
proposed change, will at once denude
the Government of its direct political
authority dissever the ties that have
so long existed between it and the
neighbouring states, in its foreign
relations, and mainly tend to anni-
hilate its importance and usefulness.
It is for the higher authorities to
consider, and determine, whether in
such a measure of state arrangement,
the public interests will be best
consulted; for my part, I do not
think the substitution of direct
management,

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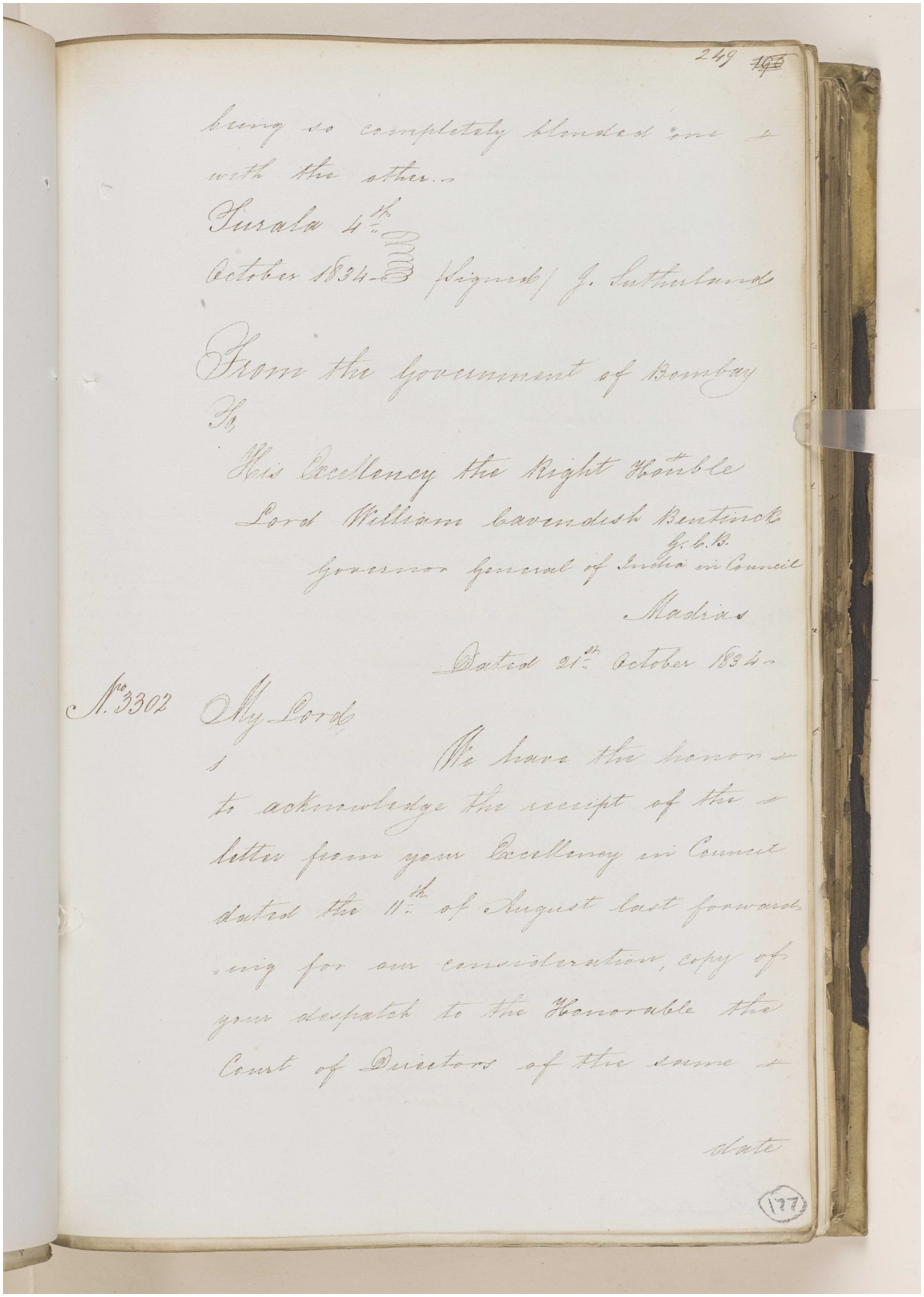
management, in the hands of the highest
authority, can be put in competition
with what exists on the score of
efficiency.

Independent of the
manner in which the general character
of this government will suffer, it may
be observed, that from the peculiar
circumstances of this Presidency, having
its territories almost every where interwo-
-ven with foreign jurisdiction, it is in
my opinion necessary for the maintenance
of good government over our districts, as
well as the due preservation of the
condition, happiness, and comfort of the
population under our rule, that the direct
political influence over the foreign
states, should be in the same
hands, as possess the ordinary
management, from their interests

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being so completely blended one
with the other.

Surata 4th
October 1834 [signed] J. Sutherland

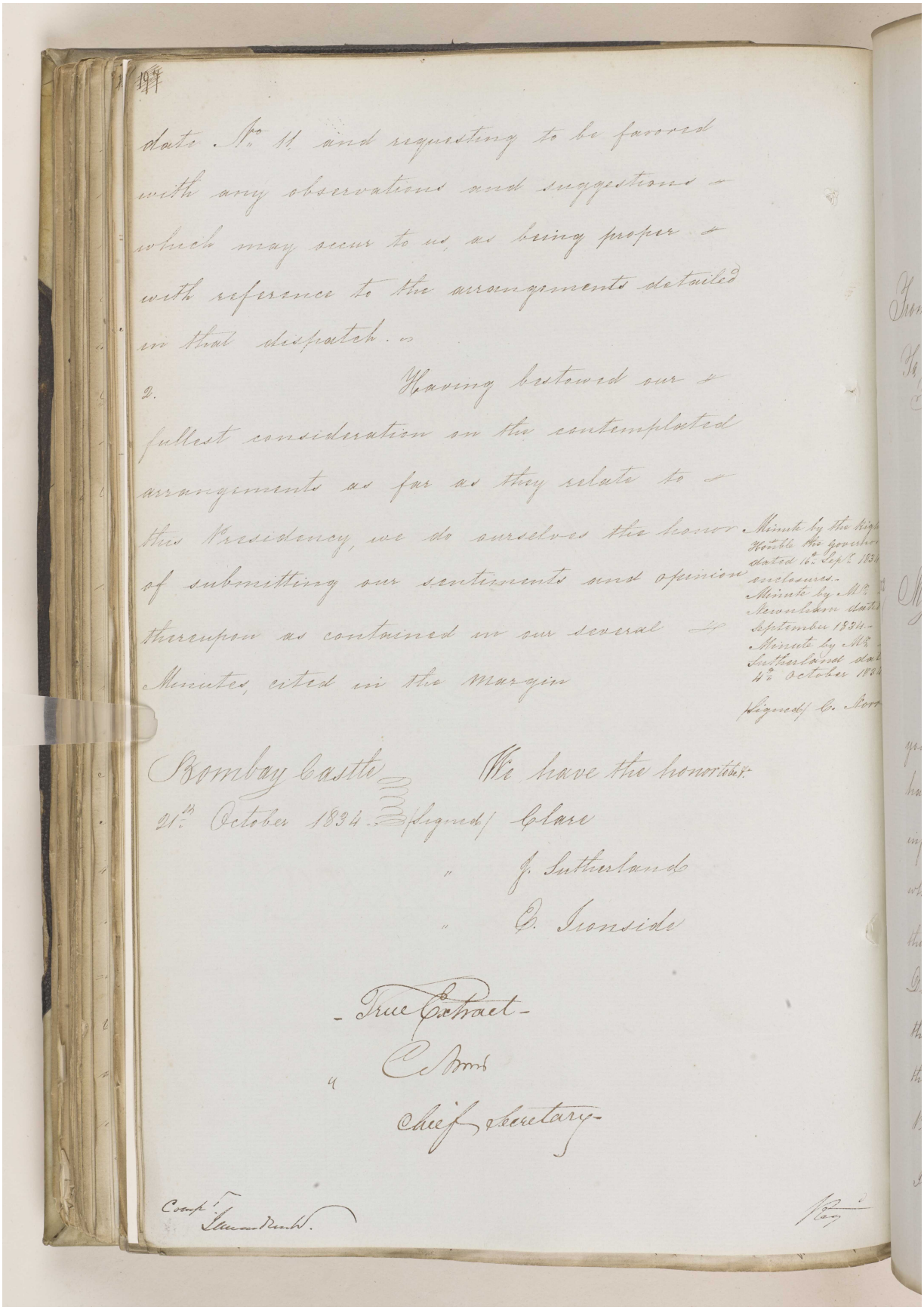
From the Government of Bombay
To
His Excellency the Right Honble
Lord William Cavendish Bentinck
G.C.B.
Governor General of India in Council
Madras
Dated 21st October 1834.

No. 3302 My Lord,

We have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of the
letter from your Excellency in Council
dated the 11th of August last forward-
-ing for our consideration, copy of
your despatch to the Honorable the
Court of Directors of the same
date

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date. No. 11 and requesting to be favored with any observations and suggestions which may occur to us as being proper with reference to the arrangements detailed in that dispatch.

2. Having bestowed our fullest consideration on the contemplated arrangements as far as they relate to this Presidency, we do ourselves the honor of submitting our sentiments and opinion thereupon as contained in our several Minutes, cited in the Margin

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor dated 16th Sept. 1834 enclosures.
Minute by Mr. Newnham dated 18 September 1834.
Minute by Mr. Sutherland dated 4th October 1834.

Signed C. Norr

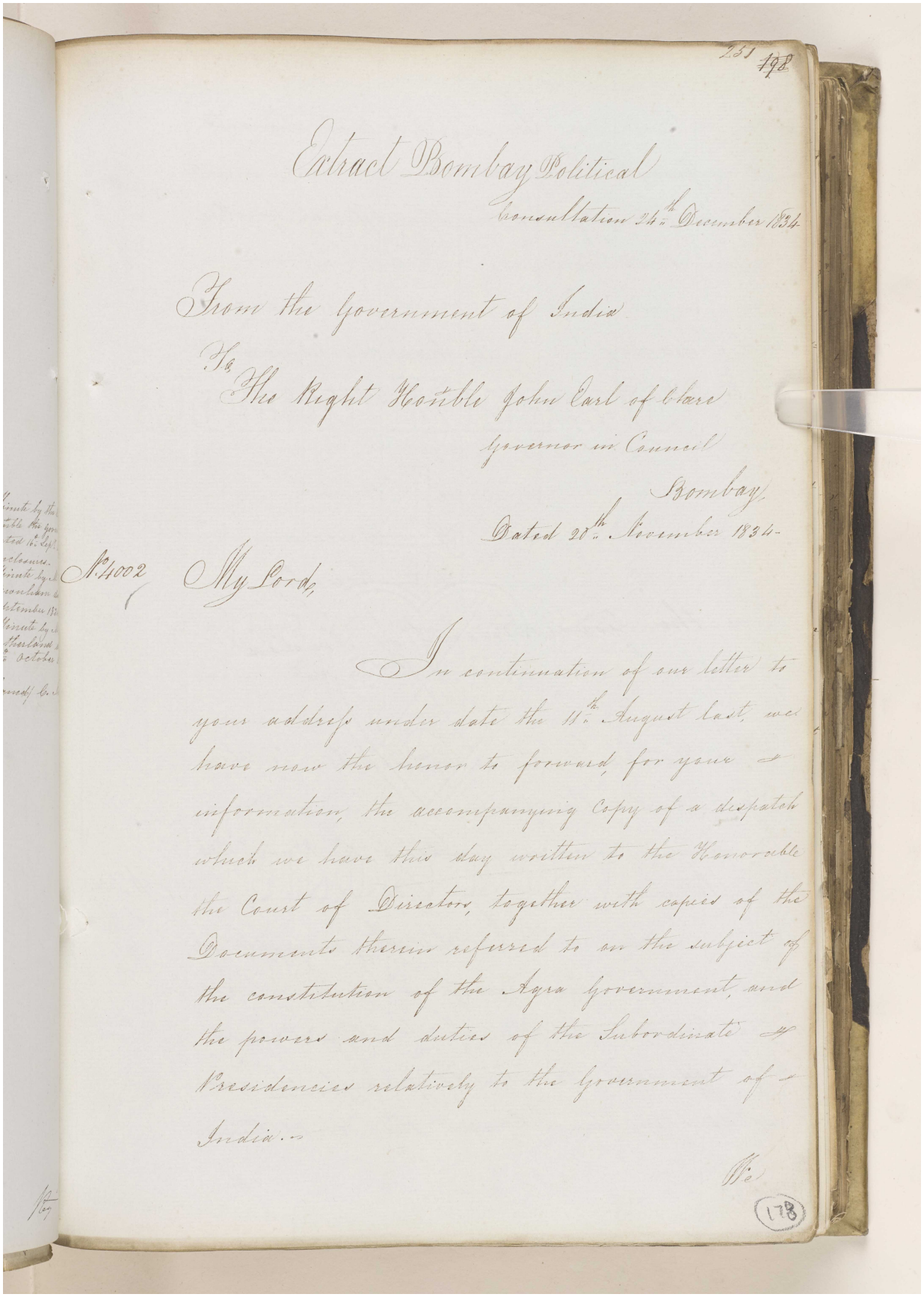
Bombay Castle 21st October 1834.

We have the honor to be
Signed Clare
" J. Sutherland
" C. Ironside

True Extract
Chief Secretary

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 24th December 1834

From the Government of India

To

The Right Honble John Earl of Clare

Governor in Council

Bombay

Dated 20th November 1834.

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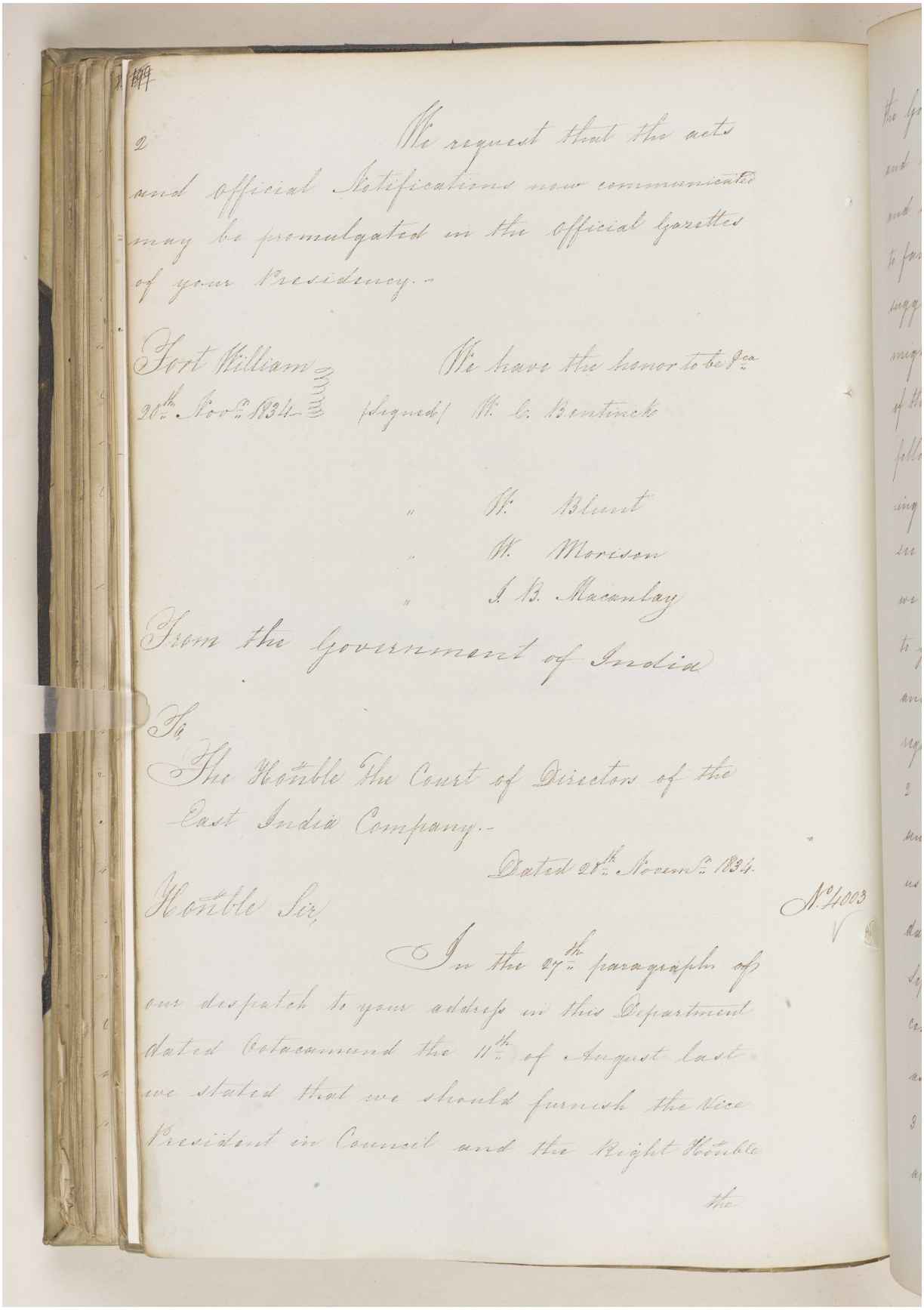
My Lord,

In continuation of our letter to your address under date the 15th August last, we have now the honor to forward, for your information, the accompanying Copy of a dispatch which we have this day written to the Honorable the Court of Directors, together with copies of the Documents therein referred to on the subject of the constitution of the Agra government, and the powers and duties of the Subordinate Presidencies relatively to the government of India.—

We

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We request that the acts and official Notifications now communicated may be promulgated in the official gazettes of your Presidency.–

Fort William
20th. Novr. 1834.

We have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. C. Bentinck
" H. Blunt
" W. Morison
" T. B. Macaulay

From the government of India

To
The Honble The Court of Directors of the East India Company.–

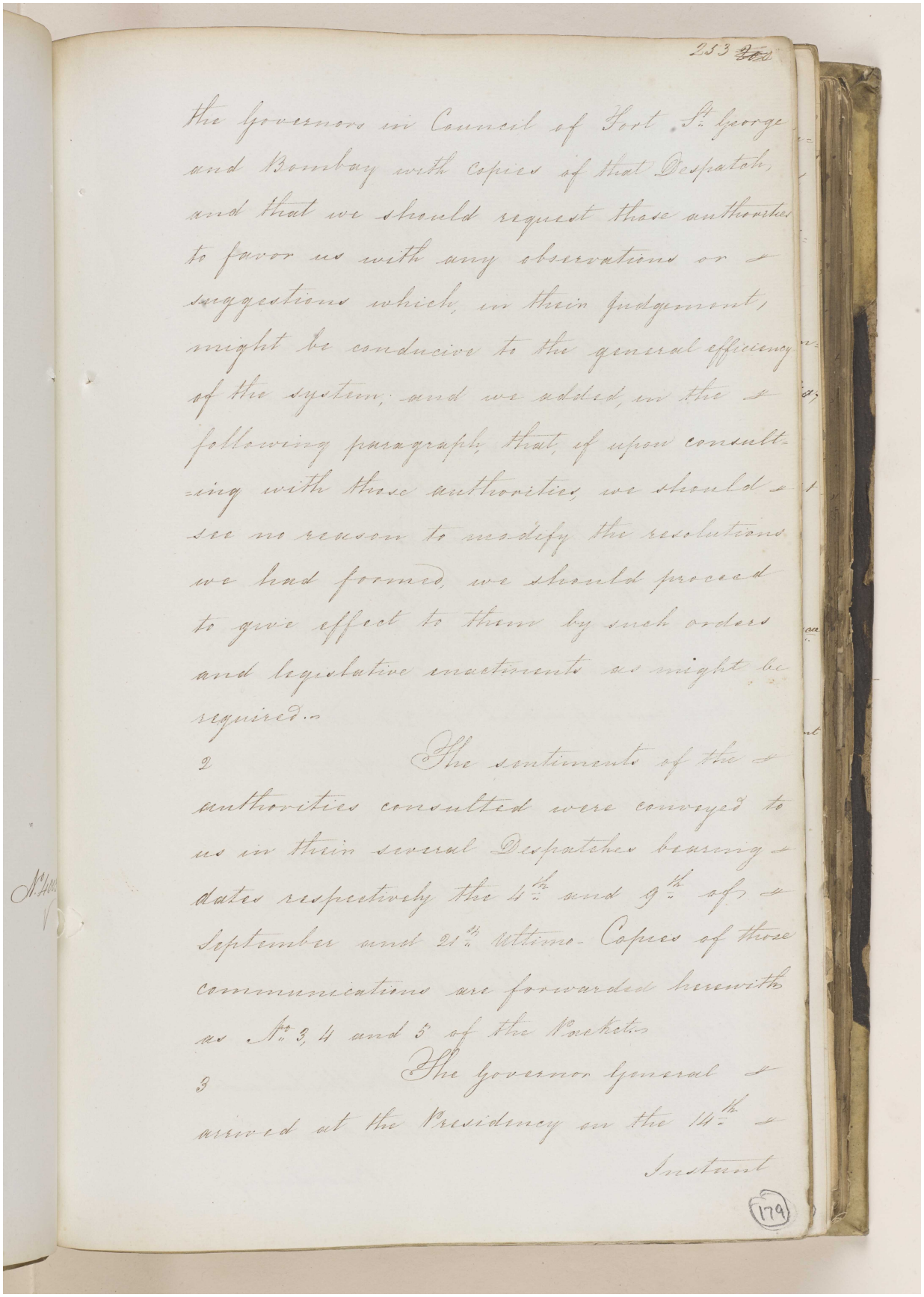
Dated 21st. Novemr. 1834.

No 4003

Honble Sir,

In the 27th. paragraphs of our despatch to your address in this Department dated Cotacamund the 11th. of August last we stated that we should furnish the Vice President in Council and the Right Honble the

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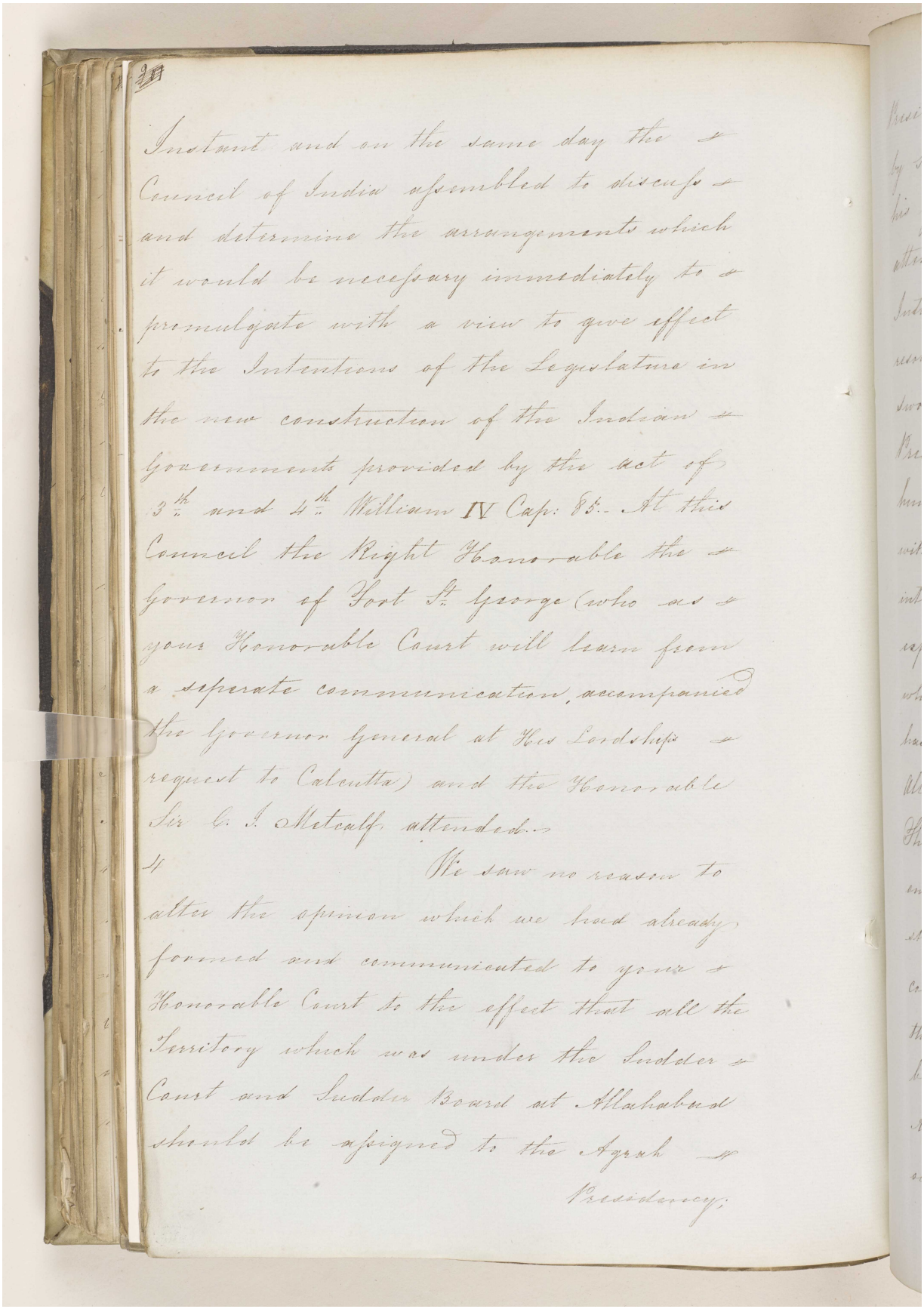
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the Governors in Council of Fort St. George and Bombay with copies of that Despatch, and that we should request those authorities to favor us with any observations or suggestions which, in their judgement, might be conducive to the general efficiency of the system; and we added, in the following paragraph, that, if upon consulting with those authorities, we should see no reason to modify the resolutions we had formed, we should proceed to give effect to them by such orders and legislative enactments as might be required.

2 The sentiments of the authorities consulted were conveyed to us in their several Despatches bearing dates respectively the 4th and 9th of September and 21st ultimo. Copies of those communications are forwarded herewith as No. 3, 4 and 5 of the Packets.

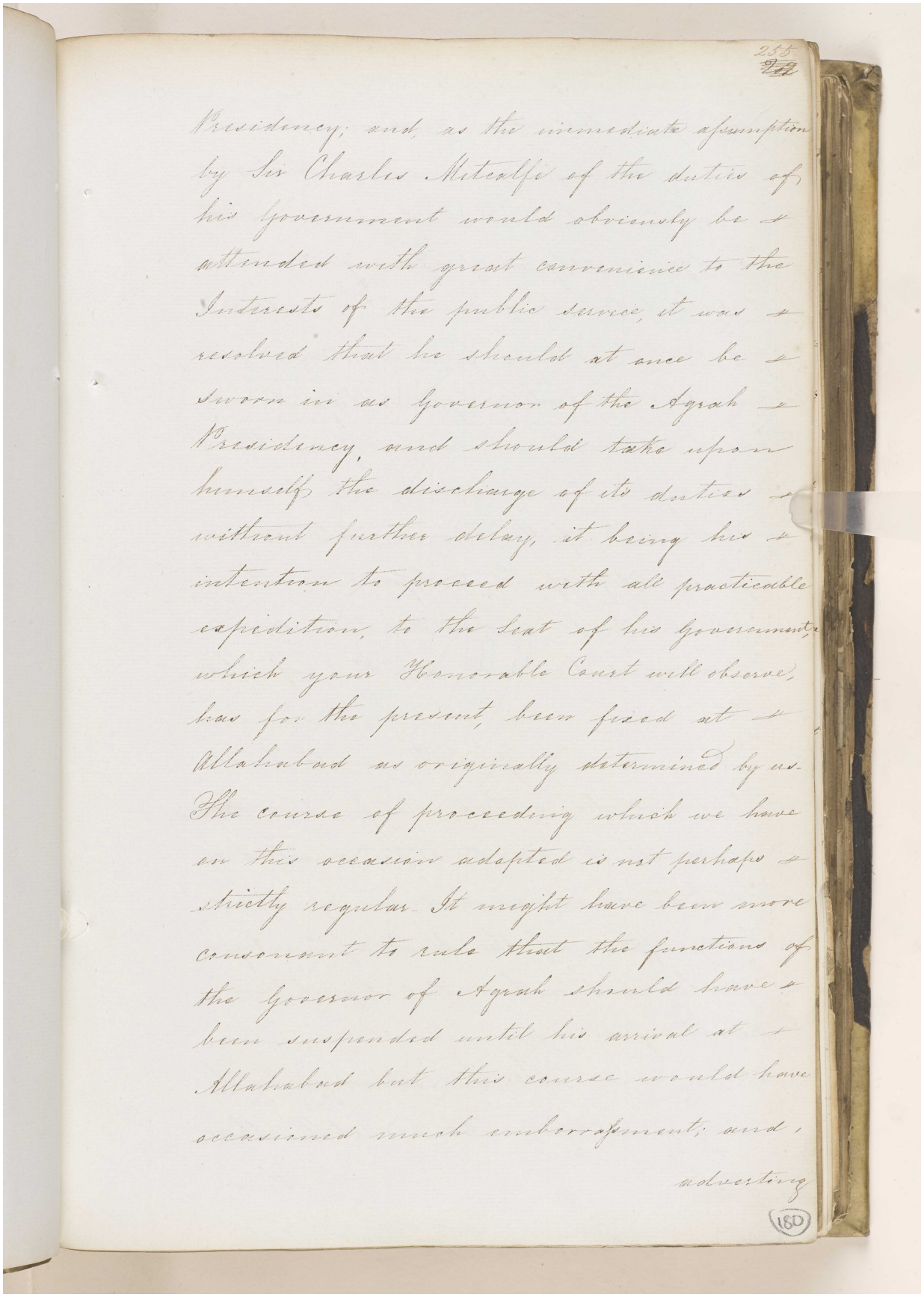
3 The Governor General arrived at the Presidency on the 11th Instant

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Instant and on the same day the
Council of India assembled to discuss
and determine the arrangements which
it would be necessary immediately to
promulgate with a view to give effect
to the Intentions of the Legislature in
the new construction of the Indian
Governments provided by the act of
3th and 4th William IV Cap: 85. At this
Council the Right Honorable the
Governor of Fort St. George (who as
your Honorable Court will learn from
a seperate communication, accompanied
the Governor General at His Lordships
request to Calcutta) and the Honorable
Sir C. T. Metcalfe attended.

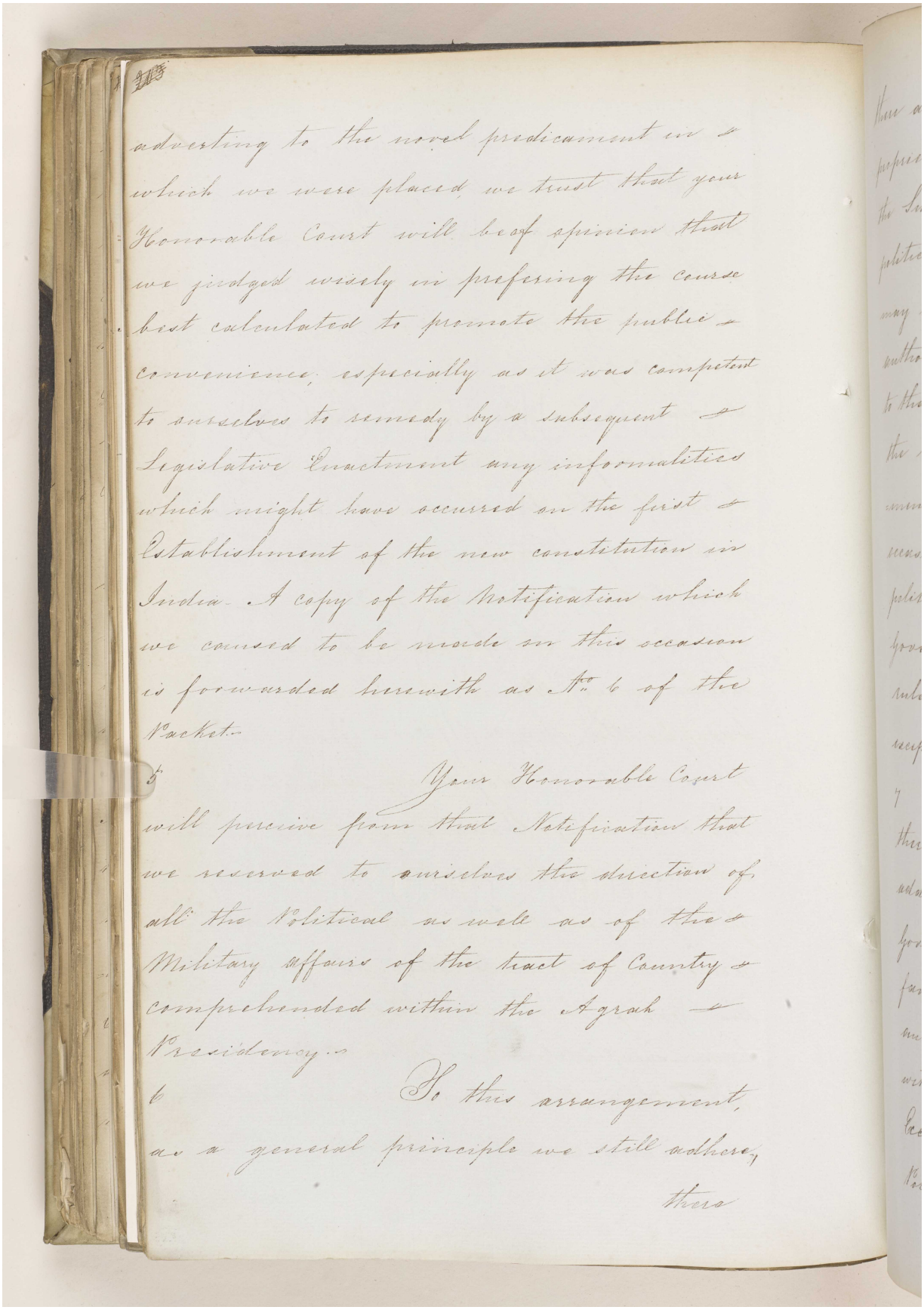
We saw no reason to
alter the opinion which we had already
formed and communicated to your
Honorable Court to the effect that all the
Territory which was under the Sudder
Court and Sudder Board at Allahabad
should be assigned to the Agra
Presidency.



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Presidency; and as the immediate assumption by Sir Charles Metcalfe of the duties of his government would obviously be attended with great convenience to the Interests of the public service, it was resolved that he should at once be sworn in as governor of the Agrah Presidency, and should take upon himself the discharge of its duties without further delay, it being his intention to proceed with all practicable expedition, to the seat of his government, which your Honorable Court will observe, has for the present, been fixed at Allahabad as originally determined by us. The course of proceeding which we have on this occasion adopted is not perhaps strictly regular. It might have been more consonant to rule that the functions of the Governor of Agrah should have been suspended until his arrival at Allahabad but this course would have occasioned much embarrassment; and, adverting

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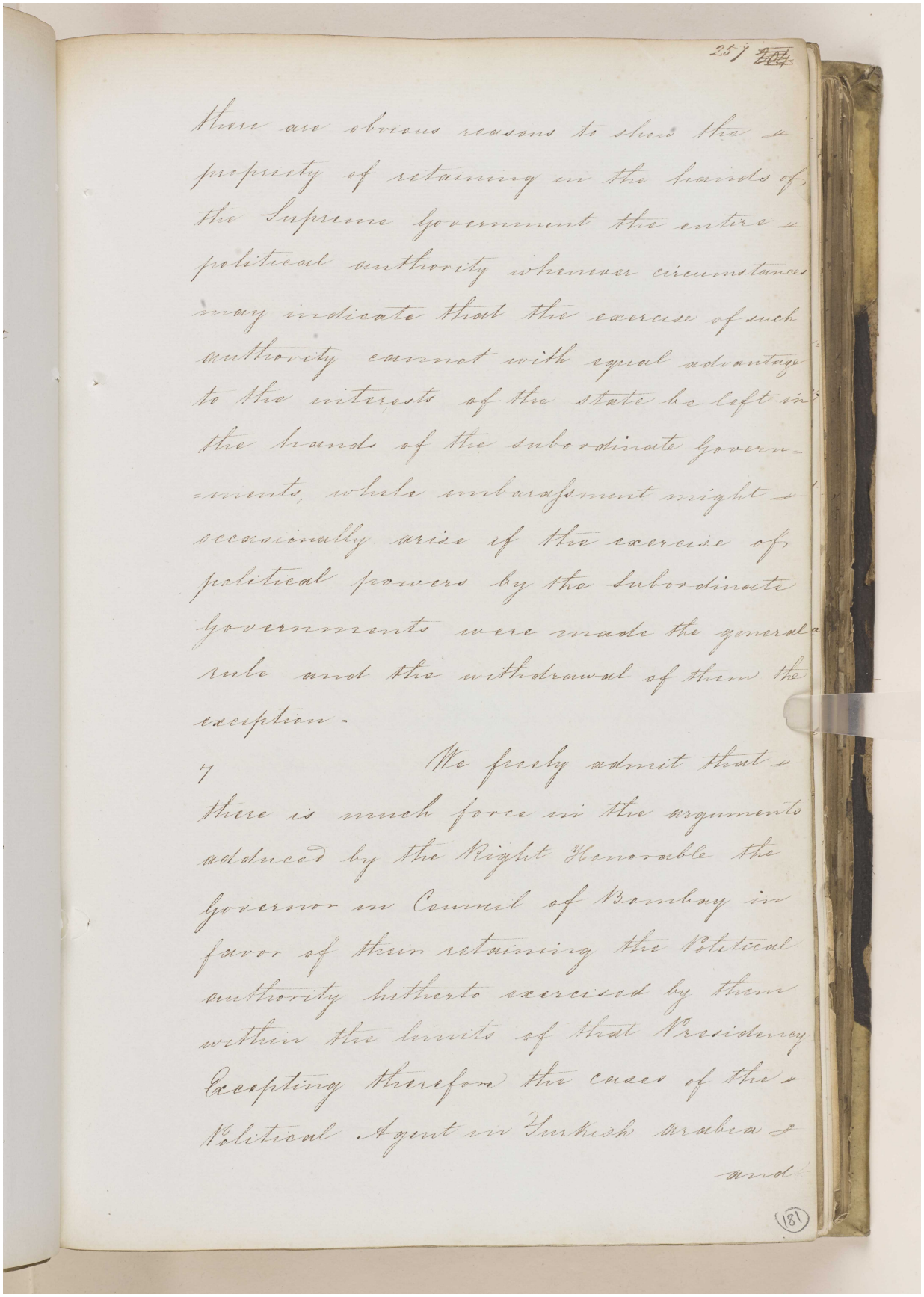
adverting to the novel predicament in
which we were placed, we trust that your
Honorable Court will be of opinion that
we judged wisely in preferring the course
best calculated to promote the public
convenience, especially as it was competent
to ourselves to remedy by a subsequent
Legislative Enactment any informalities
which might have occurred on the first
Establishment of the new constitution in
India. A copy of the Notification which
we caused to be made on this occasion
is forwarded herewith as No. 6 of the
Packet.

5 Your Honorable Court
will perceive from that Notification that
we reserved to ourselves the direction of
all the Political as well as of the
Military affairs of the tract of Country
comprehended within the Agrah
Presidency.

6 To this arrangement,
as a general principle we still adhere,

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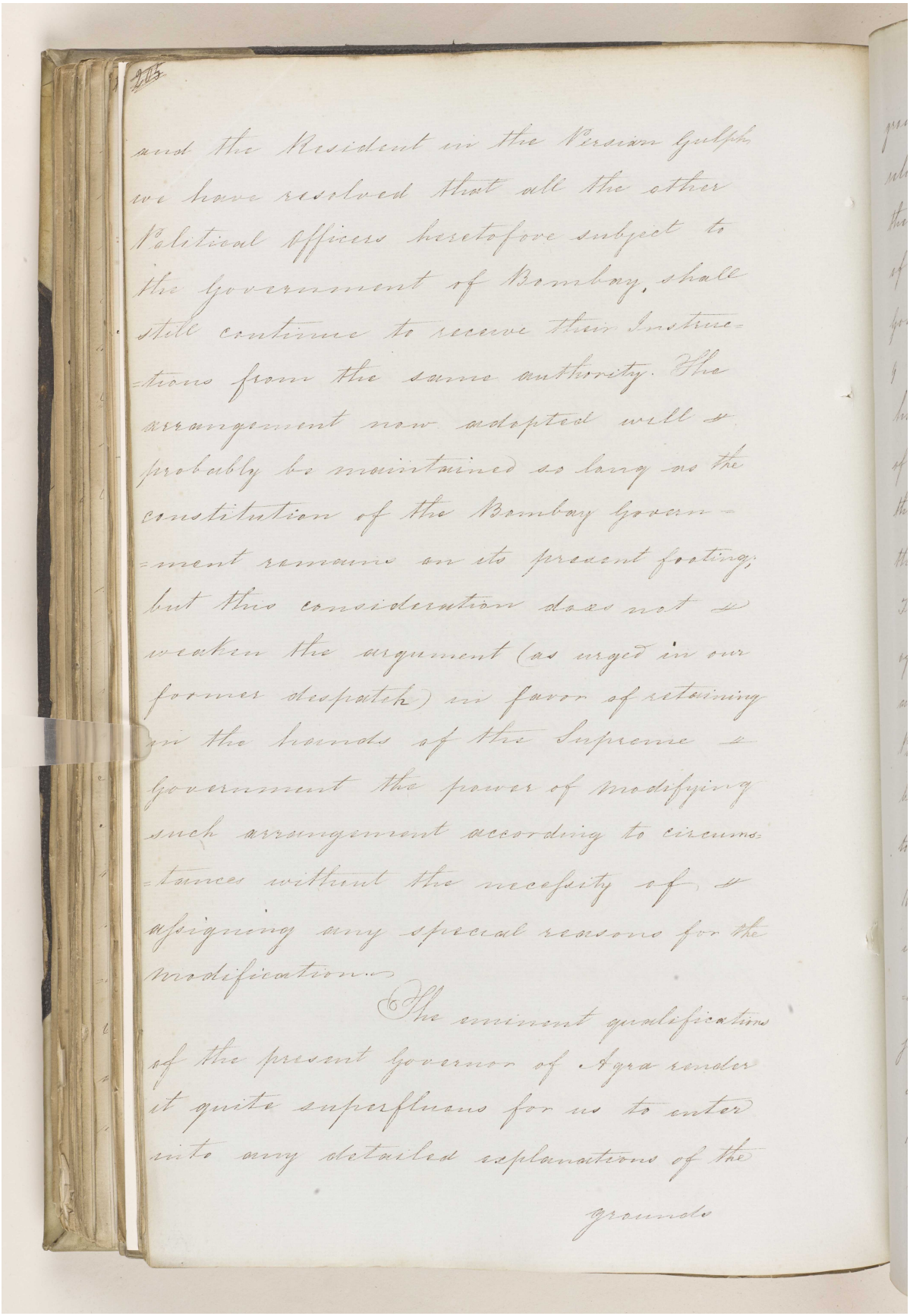
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there are obvious reasons to show the propriety of retaining in the hands of the Supreme government the entire political authority whenever circumstances may indicate that the exercise of such authority cannot with equal advantage to the interests of the state be left in the hands of the subordinate governments, while embarassment might occasionally arise if the exercise of political powers by the subordinate governments were made the general rule and the withdrawal of them the exception.

7 We freely admit that there is much force in the arguments adduced by the Right Honorable the governor in Council of Bombay in favor of their retaining the Political authority hitherto exercised by them within the limits of that Presidency Excepting therefrom the cases of the Political Agent in Turkish arabia and

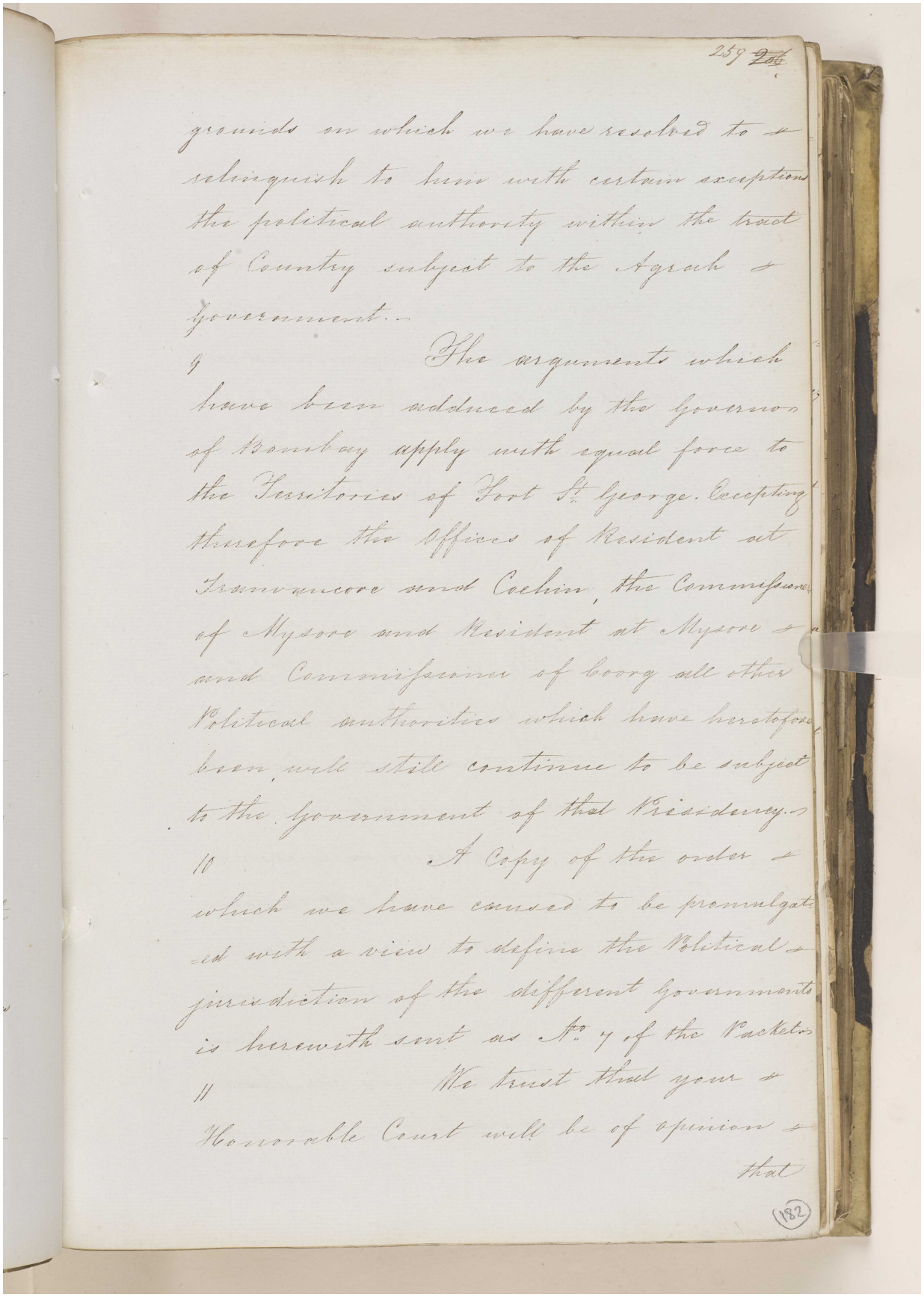
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and the Resident in the Persian Gulph we have resolved that all the other Political officers heretofore subject to the Government of Bombay, shall still continue to receive their Instructions from the same authority. The arrangement now adopted will probably be maintained so long as the constitution of the Bombay Government remains on its present footing, but this consideration does not weaken the argument (as urged in our former despatch) in favor of retaining in the hands of the Supreme Government the power of modifying such arrangement according to circumstances without the necessity of assigning any special reasons for the modification.

The eminent qualifications of the present Governor of Agra render it quite superfluous for us to enter into any detailed explanations of the grounds



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grounds on which we have resolved to relinquish to him with certain exceptions the political authority within the tract of Country subject to the Agrah Government.—

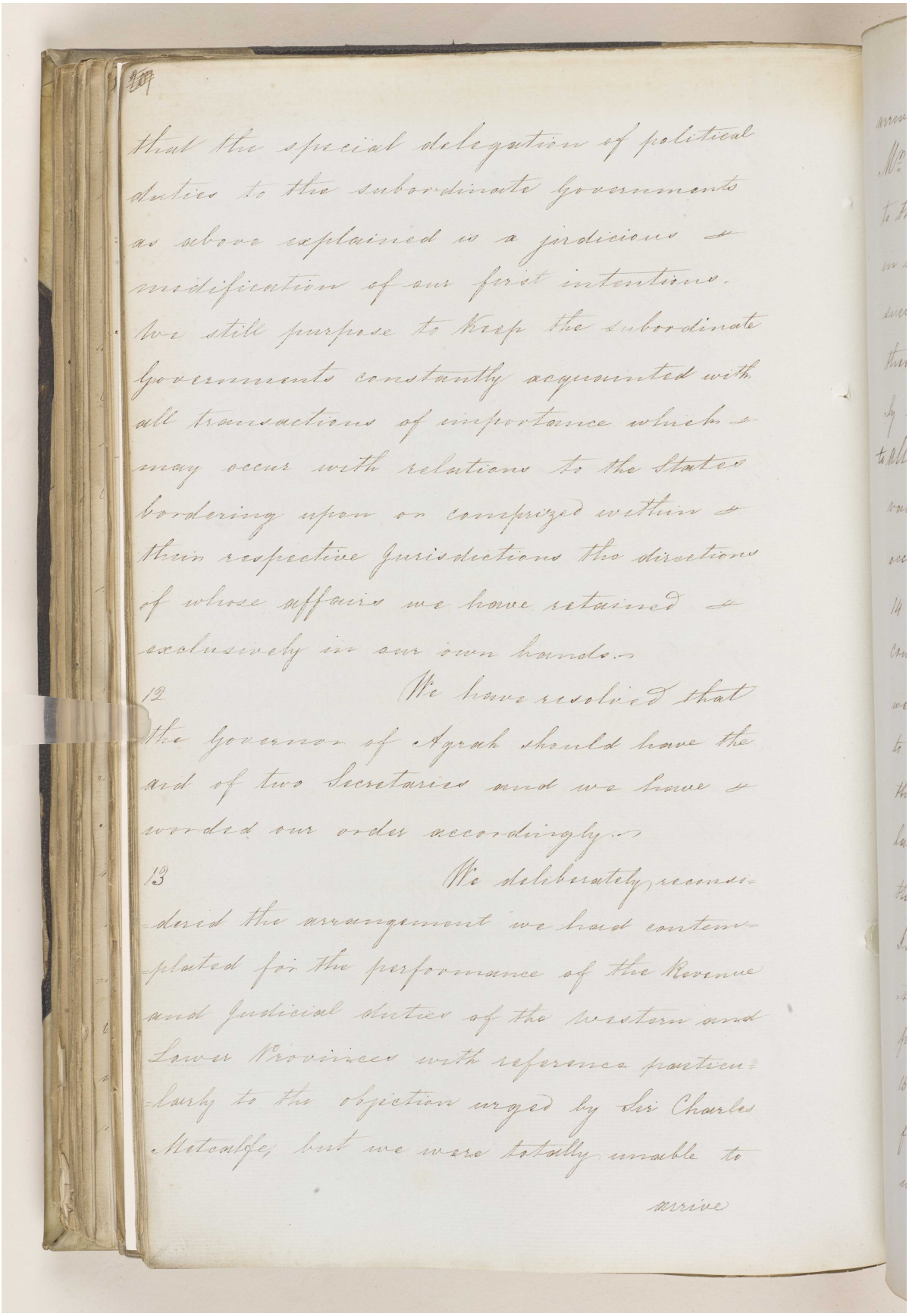
9 The arguments which have been adduced by the Governor of Bombay apply with equal force to the Territories of Fort St. George. Excepting therefore the Offices of Resident at Travancore and Cochin, the Commissioner of Mysore and Resident at Mysore and Commissioner of Coorg all other Political authorities which have heretofore been, will still continue to be subject to the Government of that Presidency.—

10 A Copy of the order which we have caused to be promulgated with a view to define the Political jurisdiction of the different Governments is herewith sent as No. 7 of the Packet.—

11 We trust that your Honorable Court will be of opinion that

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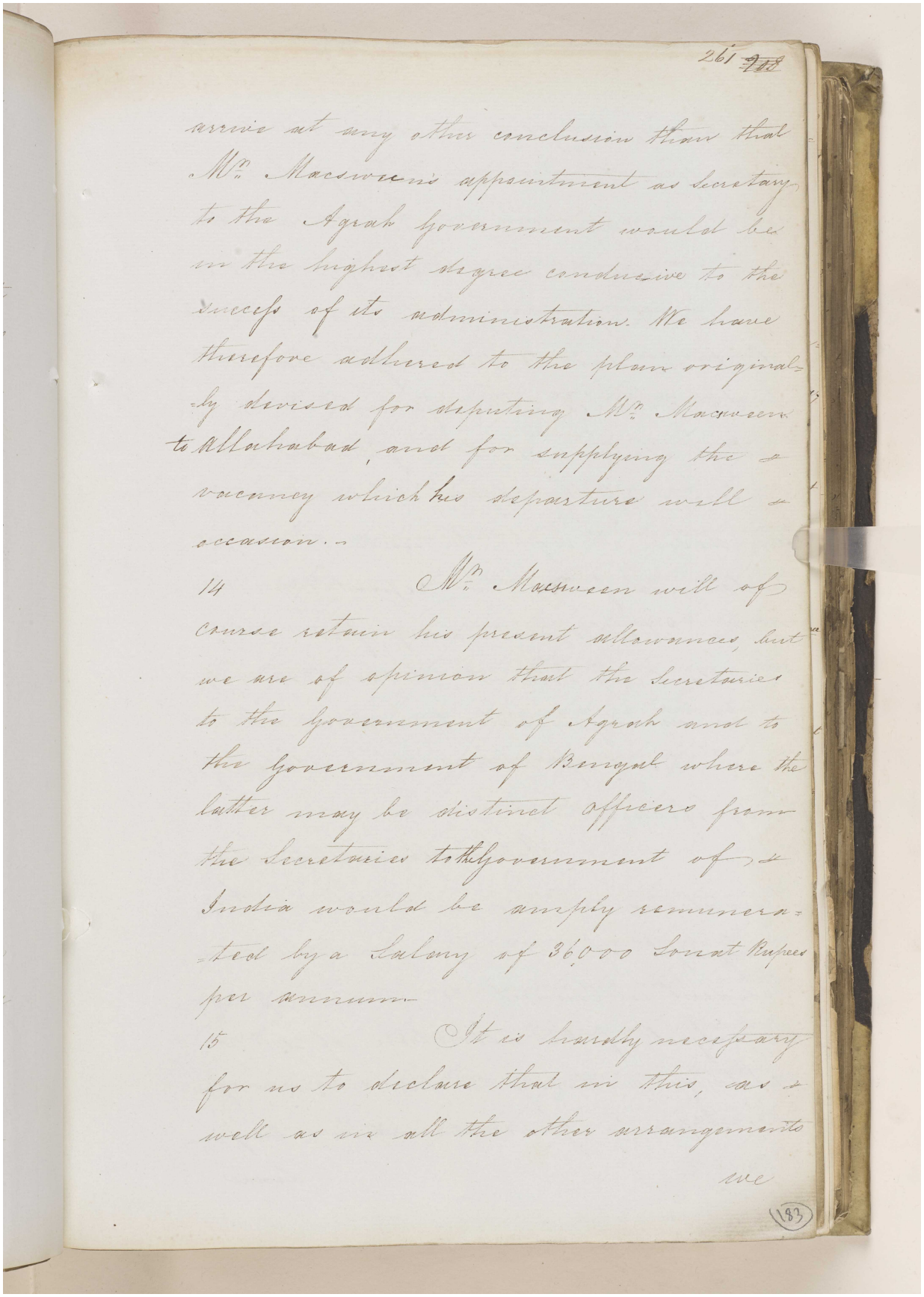
that the special delegation of political
duties to the subordinate governments
as above explained is a judicious &
modification of our first intentions.
We still purpose to keep the subordinate
governments constantly acquainted with
all transactions of importance which
may occur with relations to the States
bordering upon or comprized within
their respective Jurisdictions the directions
of whose affairs we have retained &
exclusively in our own hands.

12 We have resolved that
the governor of Agrah should have the
aid of two Secretaries and we have
worded our order accordingly.

13 We deliberately reconsi-
dered the arrangement we had contem-
plated for the performance of the Revenue
and Judicial duties of the western and
Lower Provinces with reference particu-
larly to the objection urged by Sir Charles
Metcalfe, but we were totally unable to

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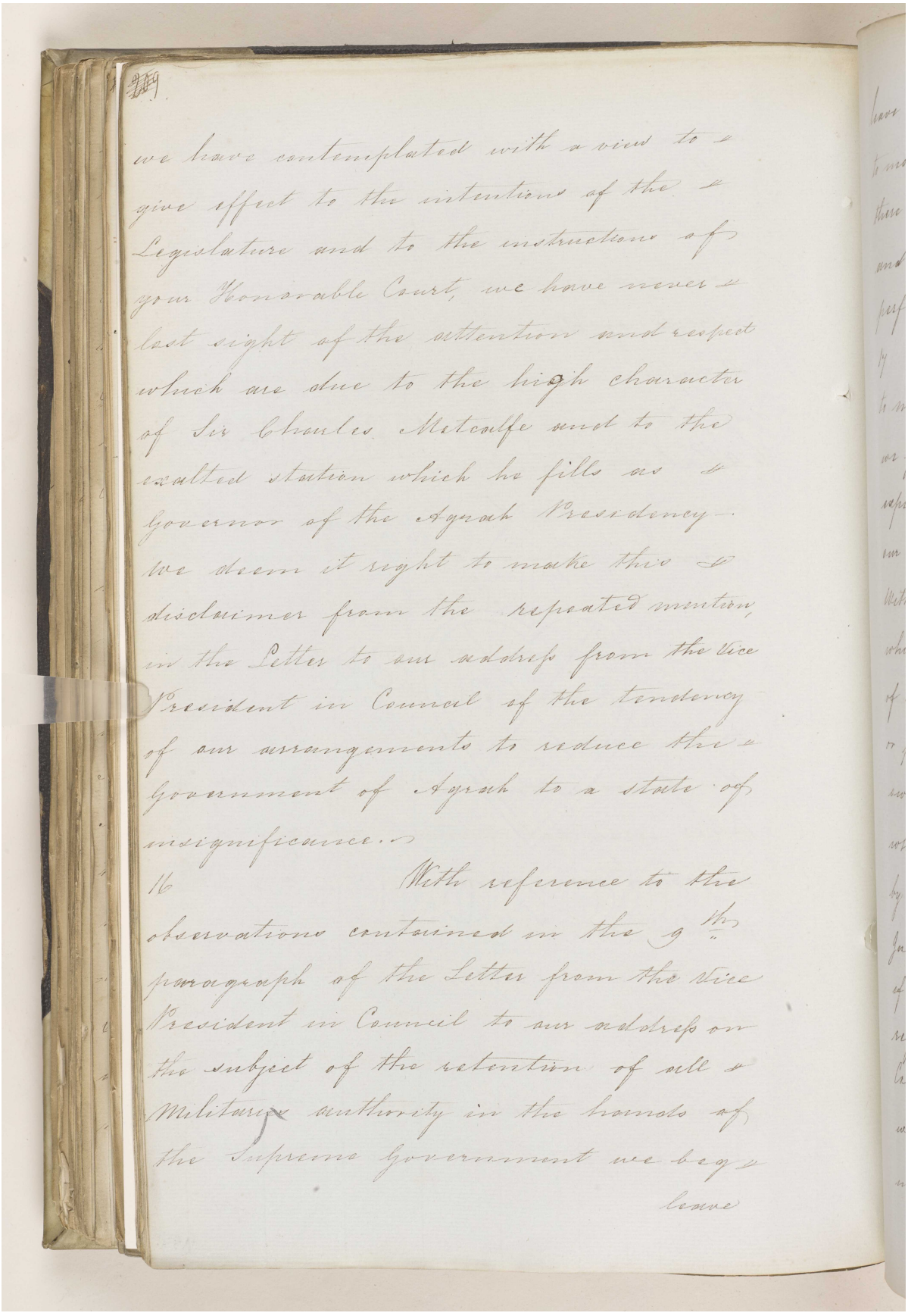
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arrive at any other conclusion than that Mr. Macsween's appointment as Secretary to the Agrah government would be in the highest degree conducive to the success of its administration. We have therefore adhered to the plan originally devised for deputing Mr. Macsween to Allahabad, and for supplying the vacancy which his departure will occasion.

14 Mr. Macsween will of course retain his present allowances, but we are of opinion that the Secretaries to the government of Agrah and to the government of Bengal where the latter may be distinct officers from the Secretaries to the government of India would be amply remunerated by a Salary of 36000 Sonat Rupees per annum.

15 It is hardly necessary for us to declare that in this, as well as in all the other arrangements we

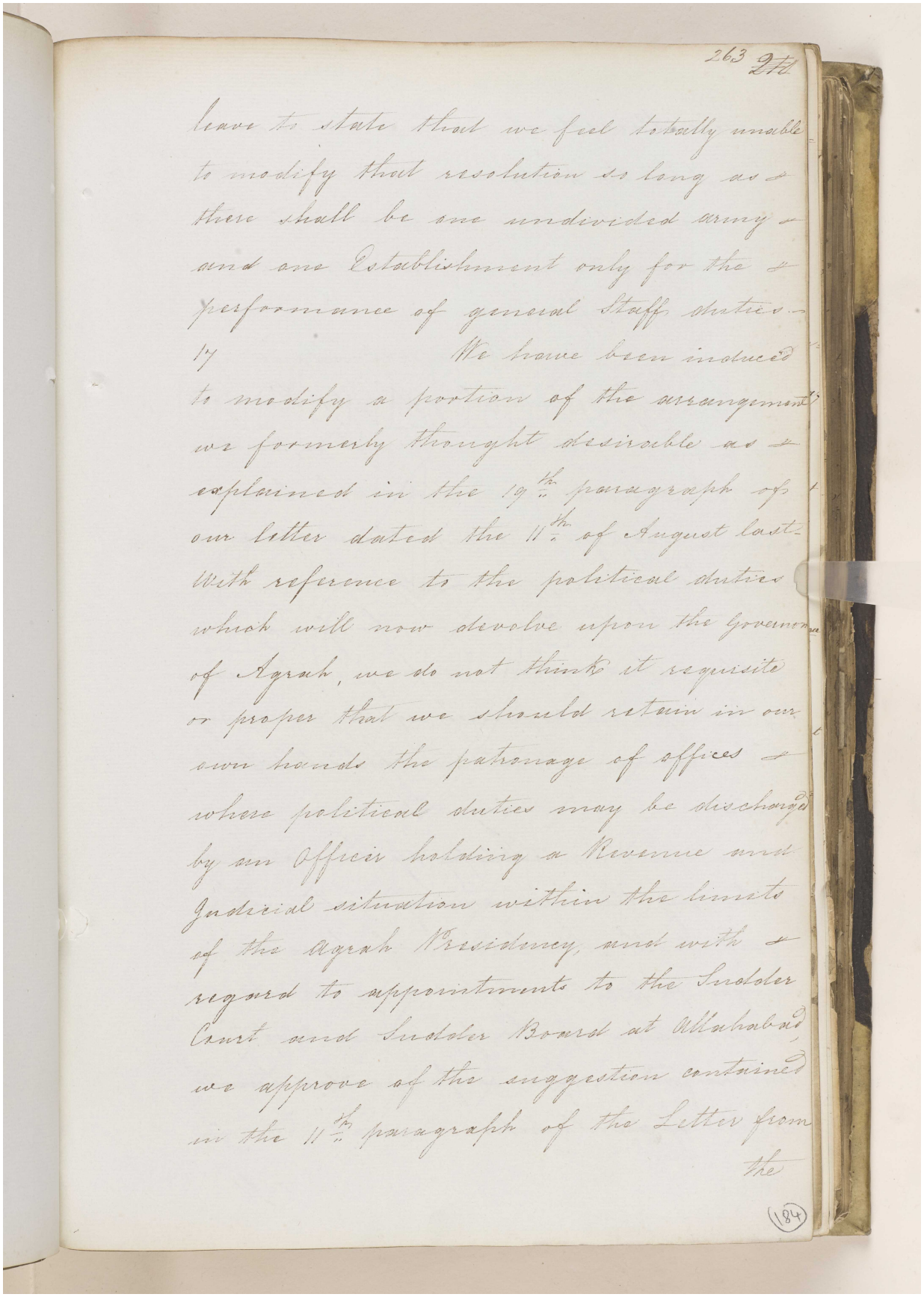
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we have contemplated with a view to
give effect to the intentions of the
Legislature and to the instructions of
your Honorable Court, we have never
lost sight of the attention and respect
which are due to the high character
of Sir Charles Metcalfe and to the
exalted station which he fills as
Governor of the Agrah Presidency—
We deem it right to make this
disclaimer from the repeated mention,
in the Letter to our address from the Vice
President in Council of the tendency
of our arrangements to reduce the
Government of Agrah to a state of
insignificance.—

16 With reference to the
observations contained in the 9th
paragraph of the Letter from the Vice
President in Council to our address on
the subject of the retention of all
Military authority in the hands of
the Supreme Government we beg
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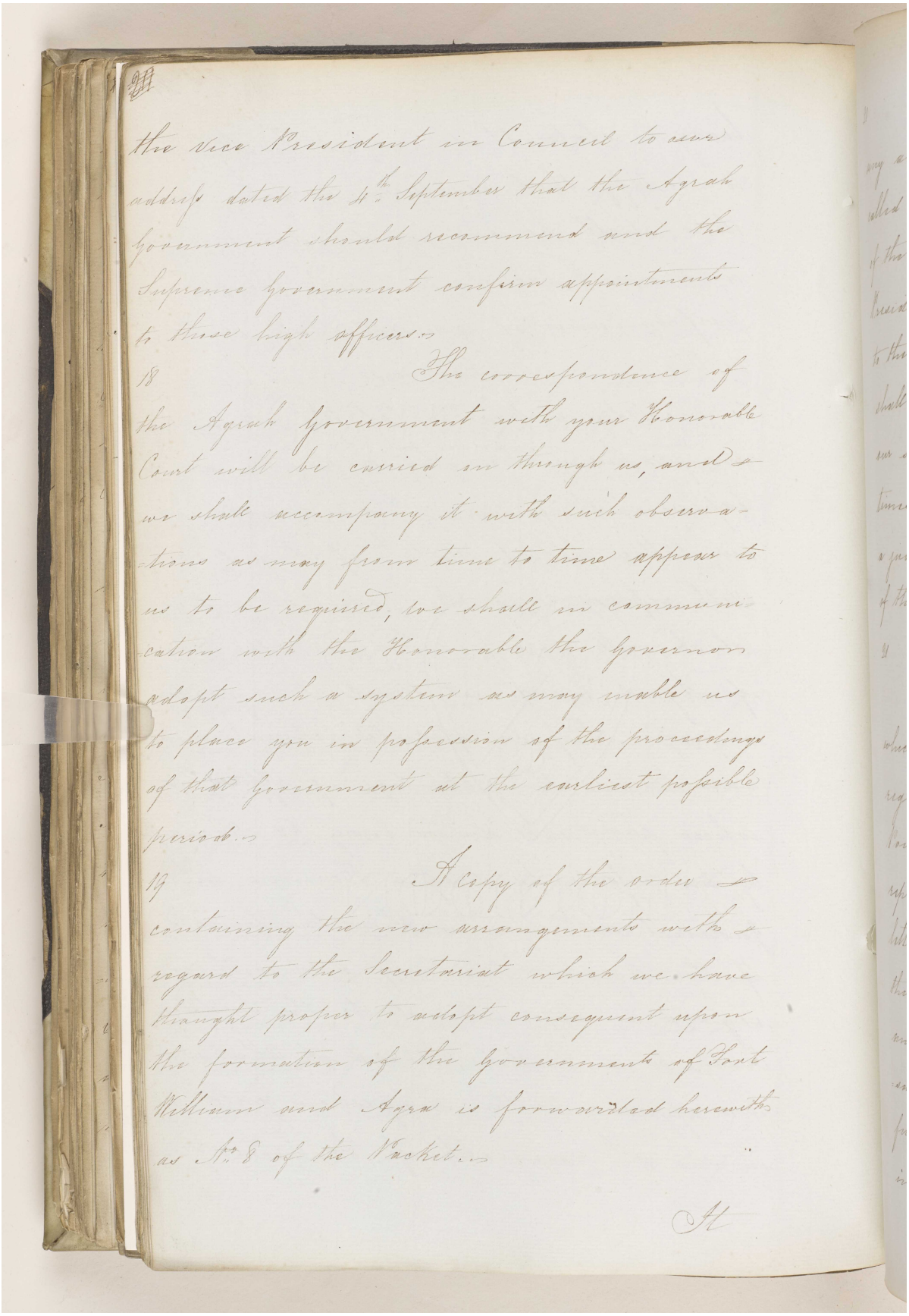
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leave to state that we feel totally unable to modify that resolution so long as there shall be one undivided army and one Establishment only for the performance of general Staff duties.

17 We have been induced to modify a portion of the arrangement we formerly thought desirable as explained in the 19th paragraph of our letter dated the 11th of August last. With reference to the political duties which will now devolve upon the Governor of Agrah, we do not think it requisite or proper that we should retain in our own hands the patronage of offices where political duties may be discharged by an Officer holding a Revenue and Judicial situation within the limits of the Agrah Presidency, and with regard to appointments to the Sudder Court and Sudder Board at Allahabad we approve of the suggestion contained in the 11th paragraph of the Letter from the

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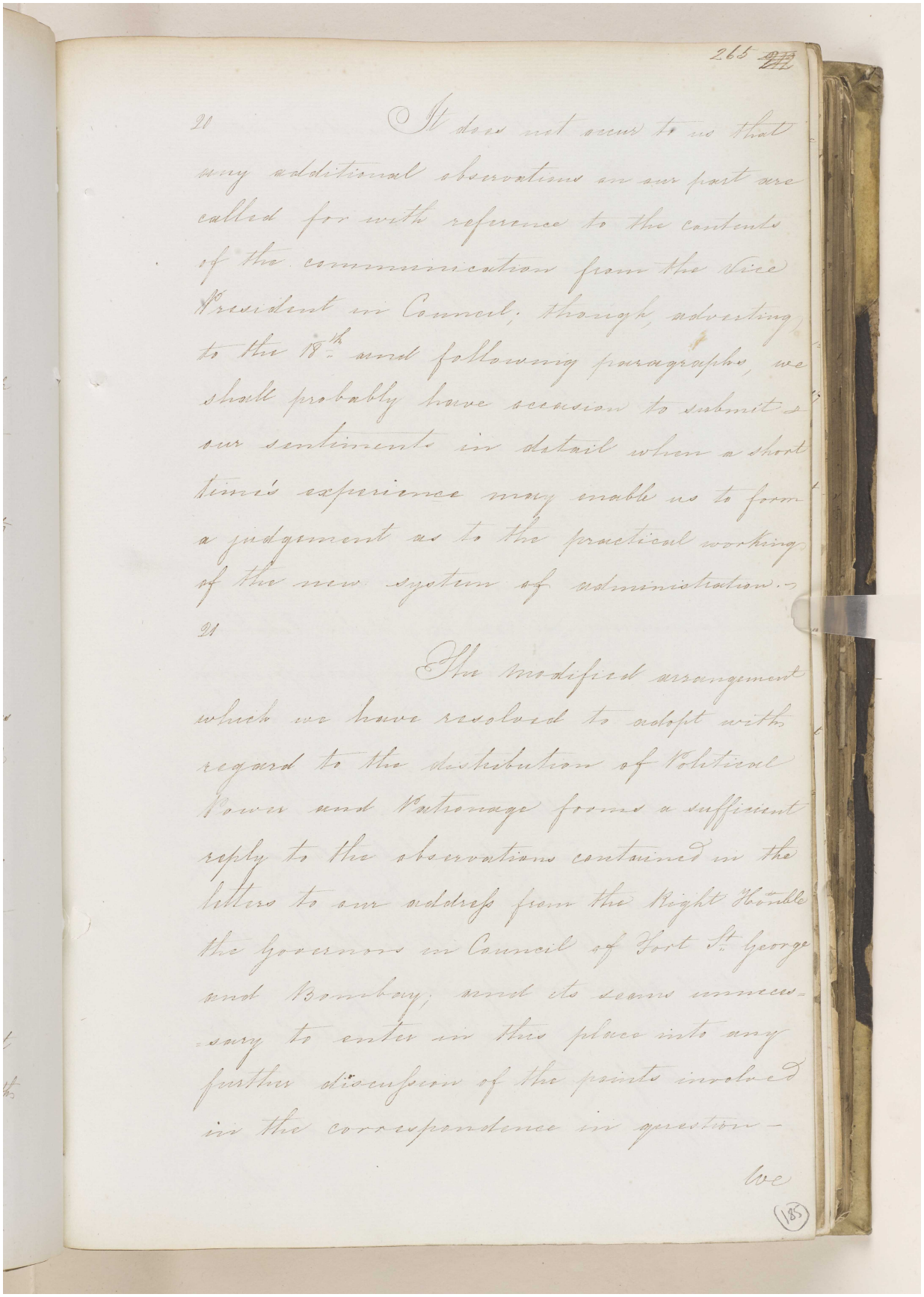
the Vice President in Council to our address dated the 4th. September that the Agrah Government should recommend and the Supreme Government confirm appointments to those high offices.—

18 The correspondence of the Agrah Government with your Honorable Court will be carried on through us, and we shall accompany it with such observations as may from time to time appear to us to be required, we shall in communication with the Honorable the Governor adopt such a system as may enable us to place you in possession of the proceedings of that Government at the earliest possible period.—

19 A copy of the order containing the new arrangements with regard to the Secretariat which we have thought proper to adopt consequent upon the formation of the Governments of Fort William and Agra is forwarded herewith as No. 8 of the Packet.—

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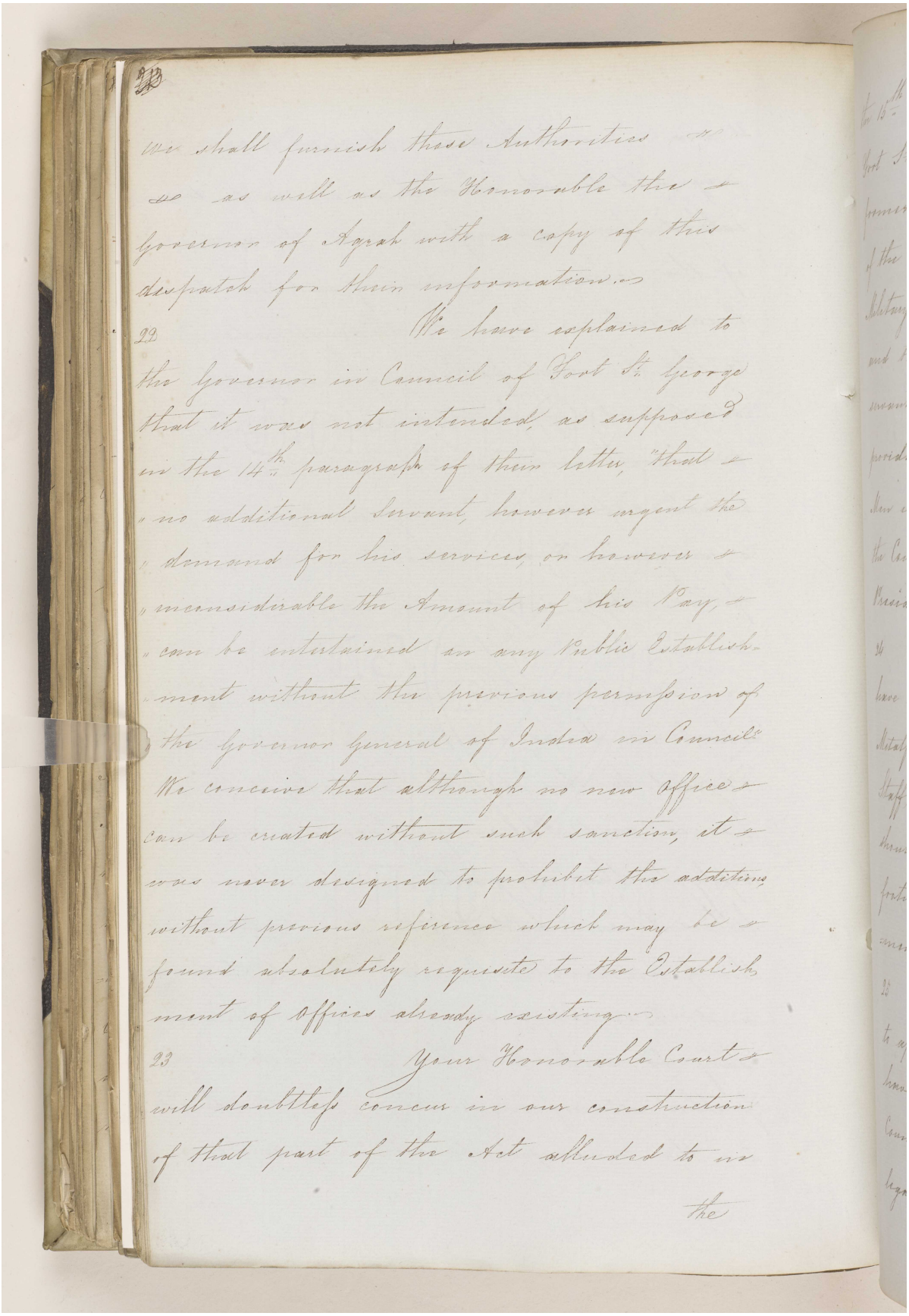
20 It does not occur to us that any additional observations on our part are called for with reference to the contents of the communication from the Vice President in Council, though, adverting to the 18th. and following paragraphs, we shall probably have occasion to submit our sentiments in detail when a short time's experience may enable us to form a judgement as to the practical working of the new system of administration.—

21 The modified arrangement which we have resolved to adopt with regard to the distribution of Political Power and Patronage forms a sufficient reply to the observations contained in the letters to our address from the Right Honble the Governors in Council of Fort St. George and Bombay; and it seems unnecessary to enter in this place into any further discussion of the points involved in the correspondence in question—

We

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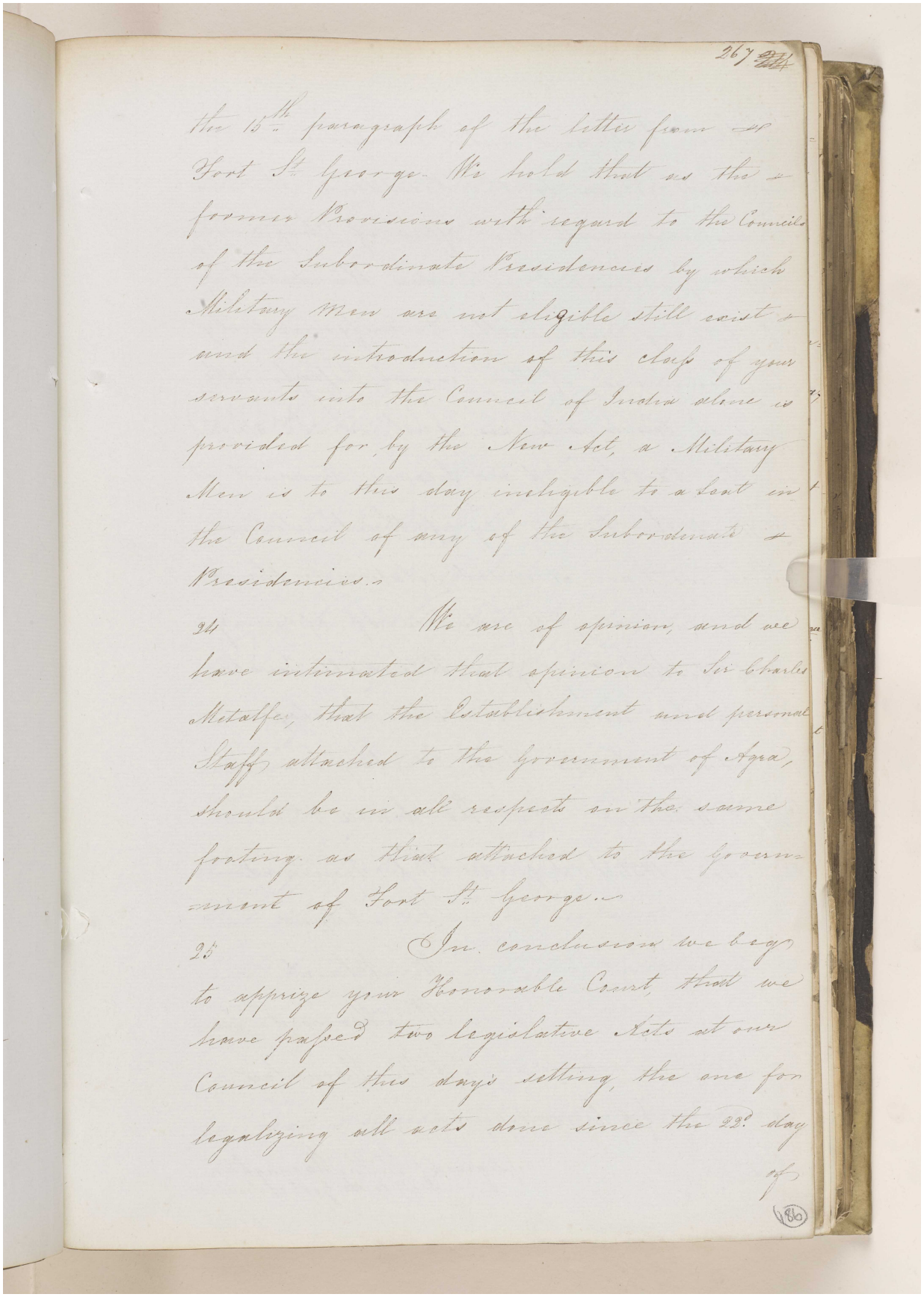
we shall furnish these Authorities &
so as well as the Honorable the
Governor of Agrah with a copy of this
despatch for their information.

22 We have explained to
the Governor in Council of Fort St. George
that it was not intended, as supposed
in the 14th. paragraph of their letter, "that
"no additional Servant, however urgent the
"demand for his services, or however
"inconsiderable the Amount of his Pay,
"can be entertained on any Public Establish-
"ment without the previous permission of
the Governor General of India in Council"
We conceive that although no new office
can be created without such sanction, it
was never designed to prohibit the additions
without previous reference which may be
found absolutely requisite to the Establish
ment of offices already existing.

23 Your Honorable Court
will doubtless concur in our construction
of that part of the Act alluded to in

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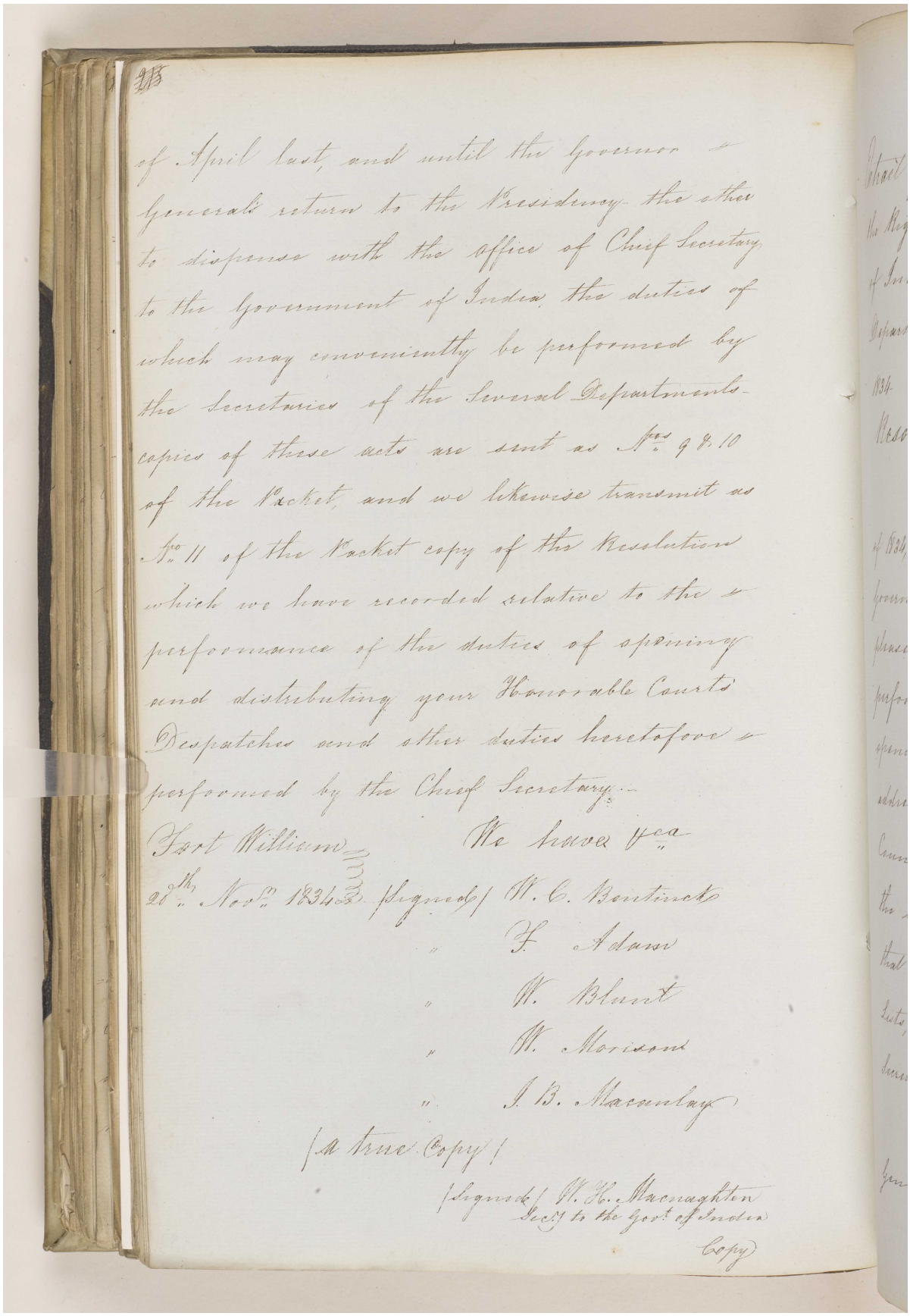
the 15th paragraph of the letter from
Fort St. George. We hold that as the
former Provisions with regard to the Councils
of the Subordinate Presidencies by which
Military Men are not eligible still exist
and the introduction of this class of your
servants into the Council of India alone is
provided for by the New Act, a Military
Man is to this day ineligible to a Seat in
the Council of any of the Subordinate
Presidencies.

24 We are of opinion, and we
have intimated that opinion to Sir Charles
Metcalfe, that the Establishment and personal
Staff attached to the Government of Agra,
should be in all respects on the same
footing as that attached to the Govern-
ment of Fort St. George.

25 In conclusion we beg
to apprize your Honorable Court that we
have passed two Legislative Acts at our
Council of this days sitting, the one for
legalizing all acts done since the 23d day
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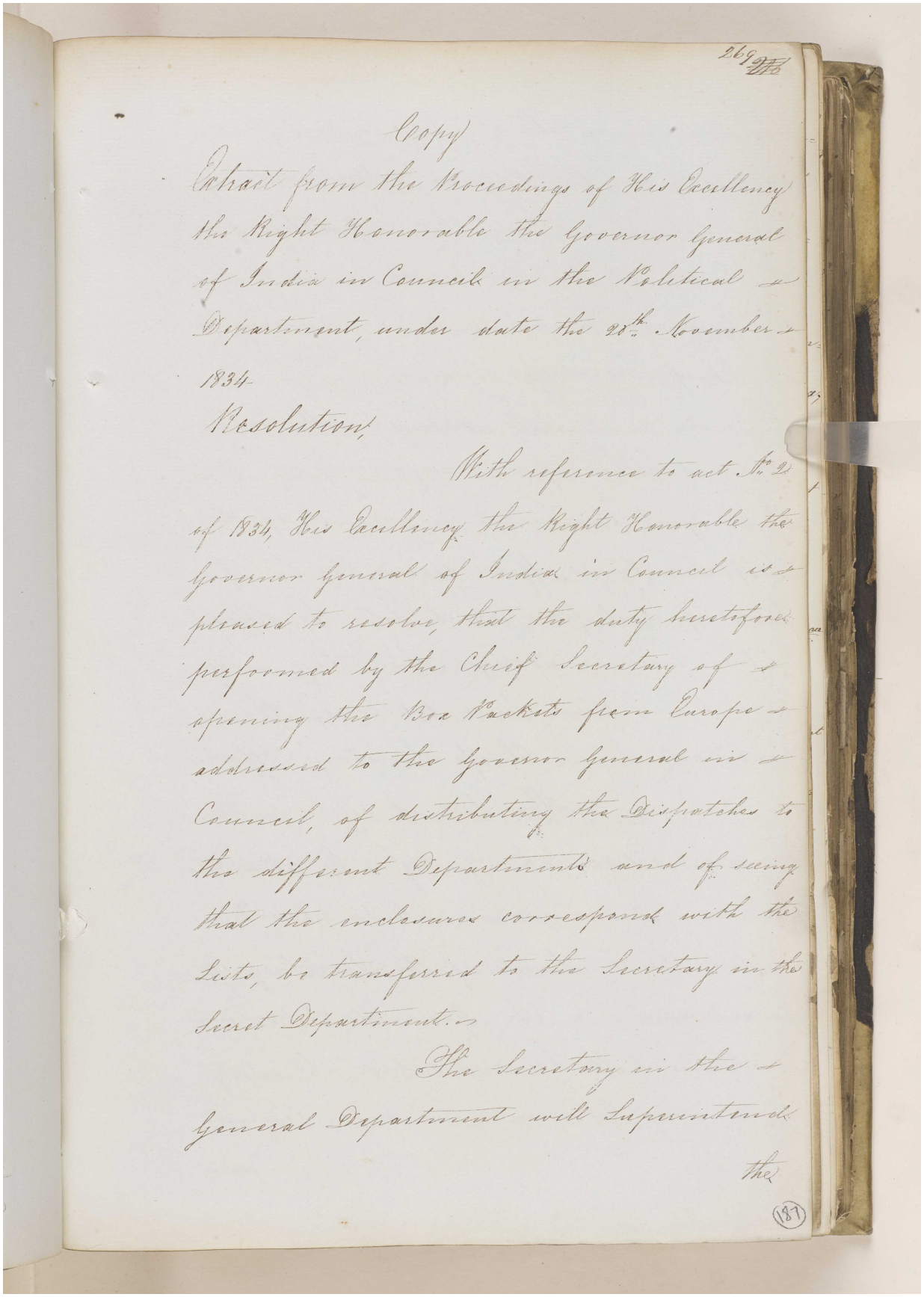
of April last, and until the Governor General's return to the Presidency the other to dispense with the office of Chief Secretary to the Government of India, the duties of which may conveniently be performed by the Secretaries of the Several Departments – copies of these acts are sent as Nos. 9 & 10 of the Packet, and we likewise transmit as No. 11 of the Packet copy of the Resolutions which we have recorded relative to the performance of the duties of opening and distributing your Honorable Courts Despatches and other duties heretofore performed by the Chief Secretary –

Fort William
26th Novr 1834

We have &c.
(Signed) W. C. Bentinck
" F. Adam
" W. Blunt
" W. Morison
" J. B. Macaulay

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. H. Macnaghten
Secy to the Govt of India

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Extract from the Proceedings of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Political Department, under date the 20th. November 1834

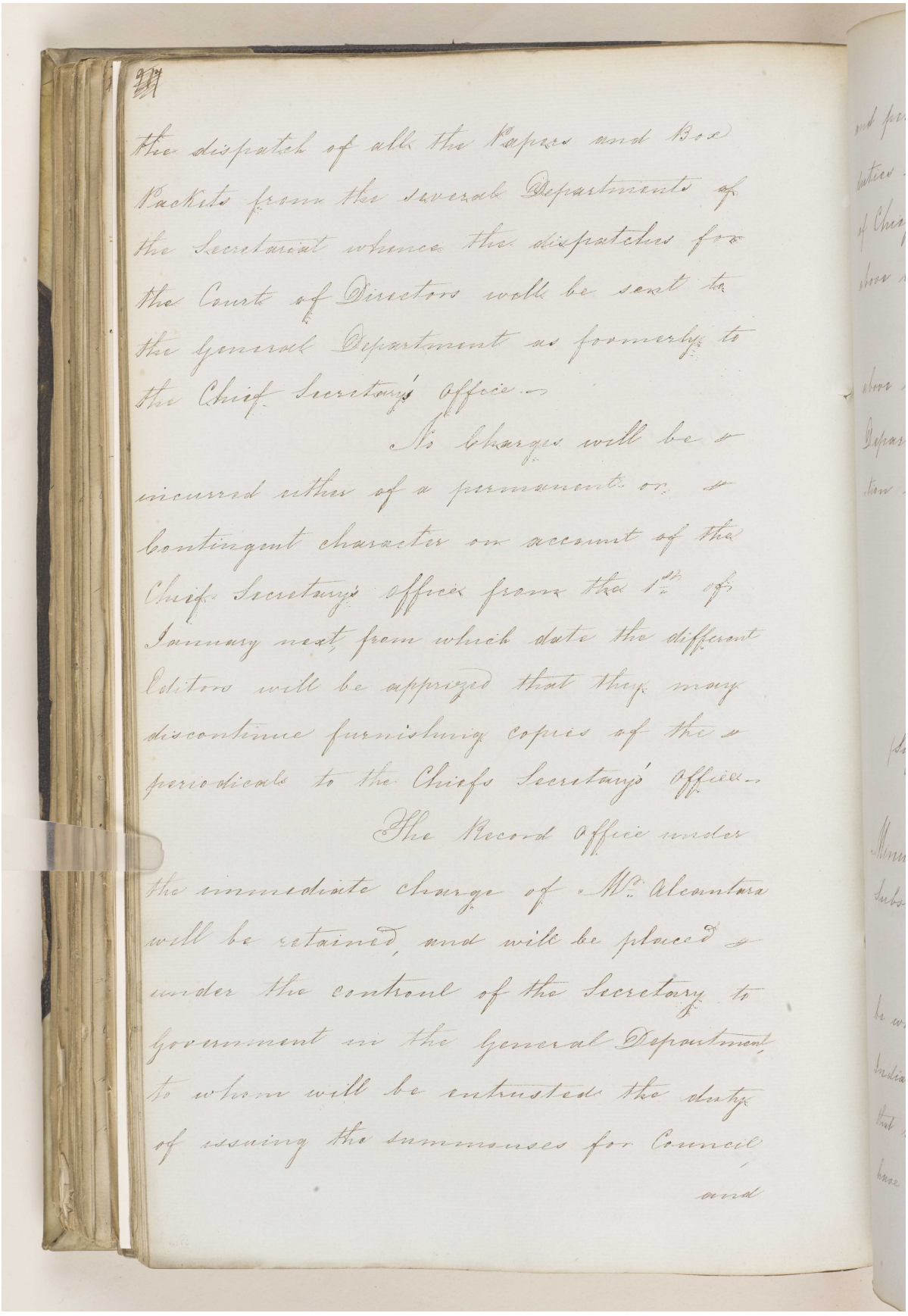
Resolution,

With reference to act No. 2 of 1834, His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council is pleased to resolve, that the duty heretofore performed by the Chief Secretary of opening the Box Packets from Europe addressed to the Governor General in Council, of distributing the Dispatches to the different Departments and of seeing that the enclosures correspond with the Lists, be transferred to the Secretary in the Secret Department.

The Secretary in the General Department will Superintend the

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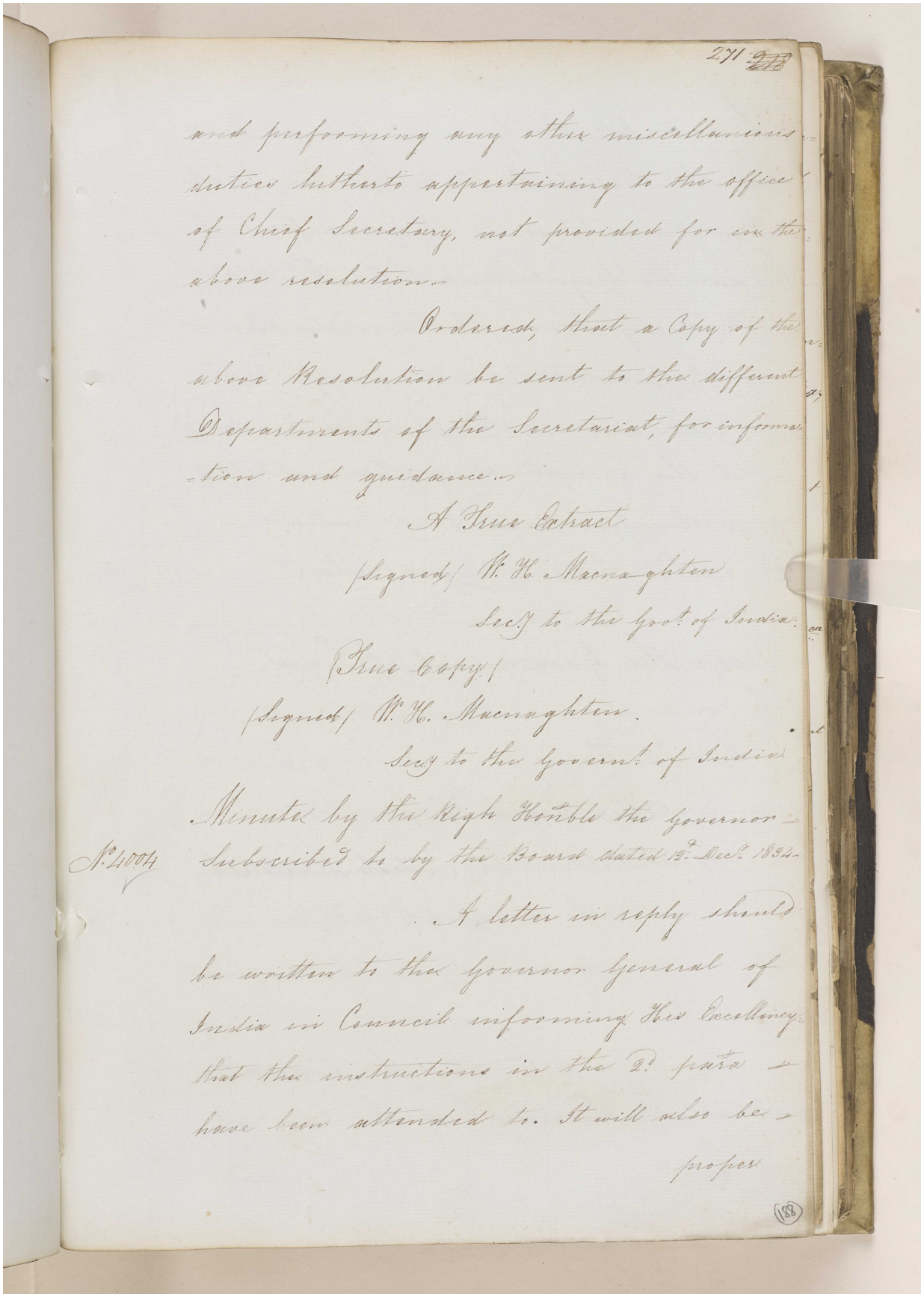
the dispatch of all the Papers and Box Packets from the several Departments of the Secretariat whence the dispatches for the Court of Directors will be sent to the general Department as formerly to the Chief Secretary's office.

No charges will be incurred either of a permanent or contingent character on account of the Chief Secretary's office from the 1st of January next, from which date the different Editors will be apprized that they may discontinue furnishing copies of the periodicals to the Chief's Secretary's office.

The Record office under the immediate charge of Mr. Alcantara will be retained, and will be placed under the control of the Secretary to Government in the general Department, to whom will be entrusted the duty of issuing the Summonses for Council and

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and performing any other miscellaneous duties hitherto appertaining to the office of Chief Secretary, not provided for in the above resolution.

Ordered, that a Copy of the above Resolution be sent to the different Departments of the Secretariat, for information and guidance.

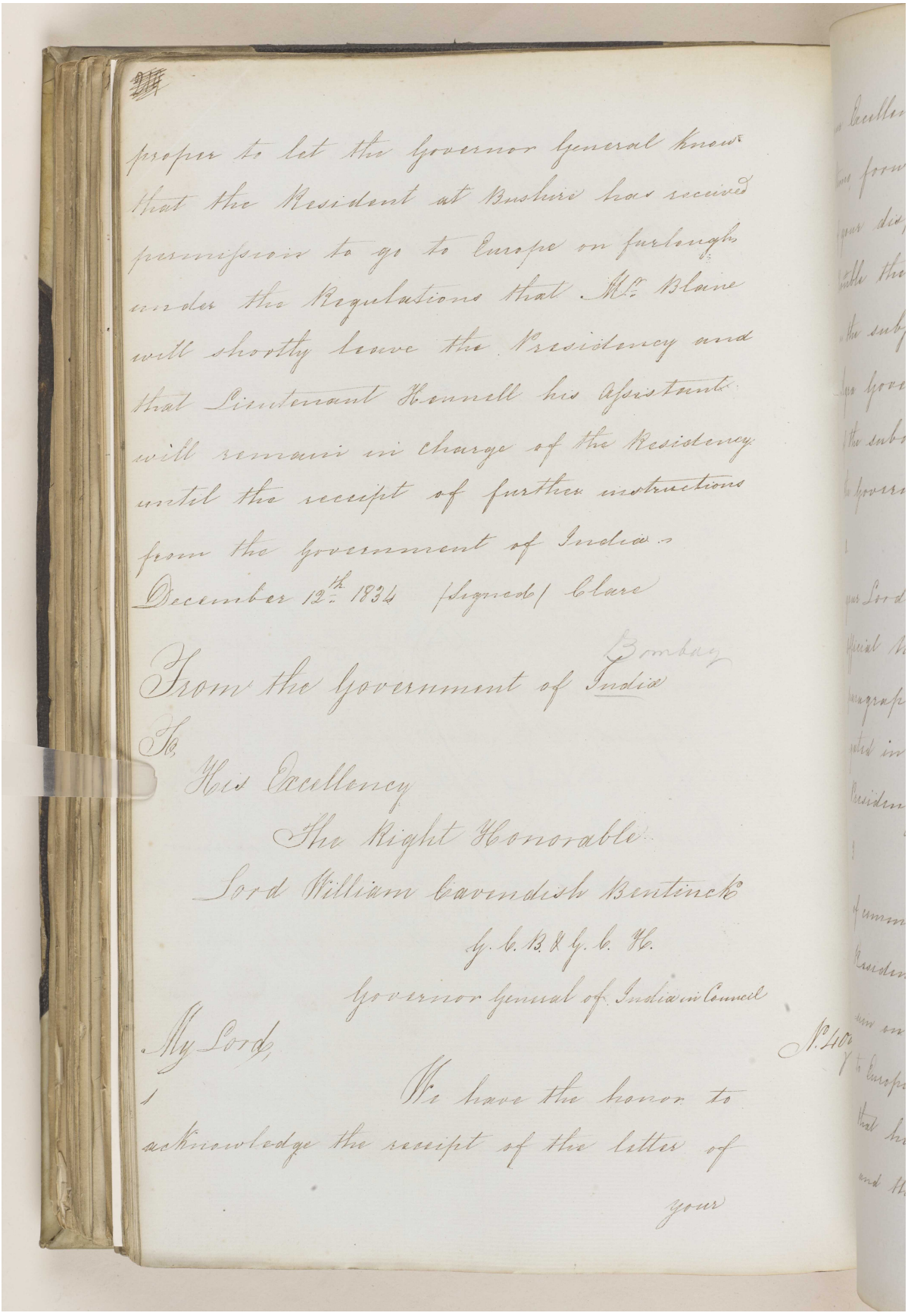
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(Signed) W. H. Macnaghten
Secy to the Govt of India.

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Minute by the Right Honble the Governor
No 4004 Subscribed to by the Board dated 12th Dec. 1834.

A letter in reply should be written to the Governor General of India in Council informing His Excellency that the instructions in the 2d para have been attended to. It will also be proper

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proper to let the Governor General know that the Resident at Bushire has received permission to go to Europe on furlough under the Regulations that Mr. Blaine will shortly leave the Residency and that Lieutenant Kennell his Assistant will remain in charge of the Residency until the receipt of further instructions from the government of India.

December 12th 1834 (Signed) Clare

From the Government of Bombay India

To

His Excellency

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

G. C. B. & G. C. H.

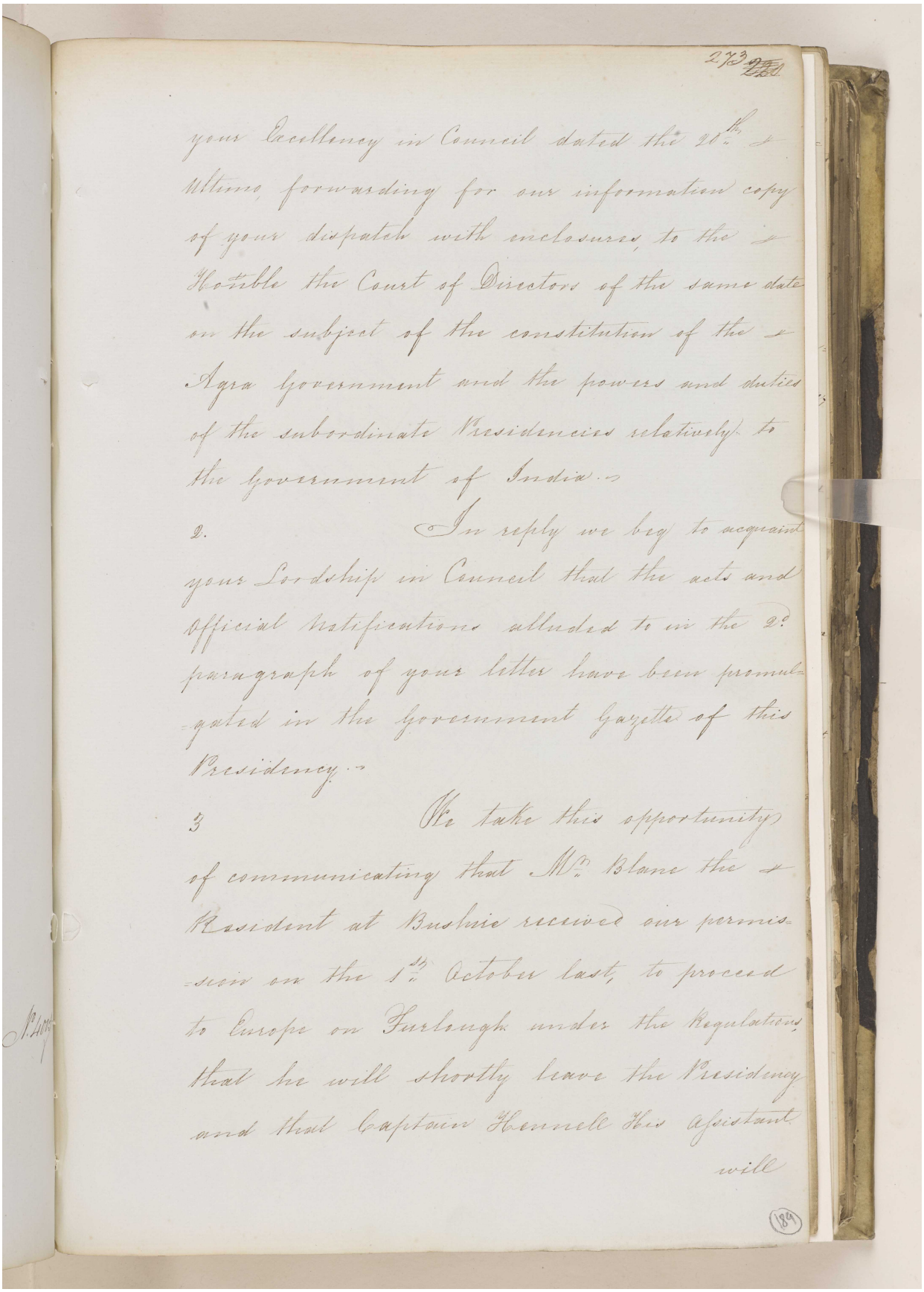
Governor General of India in Council

My Lord,

No. 140

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of your

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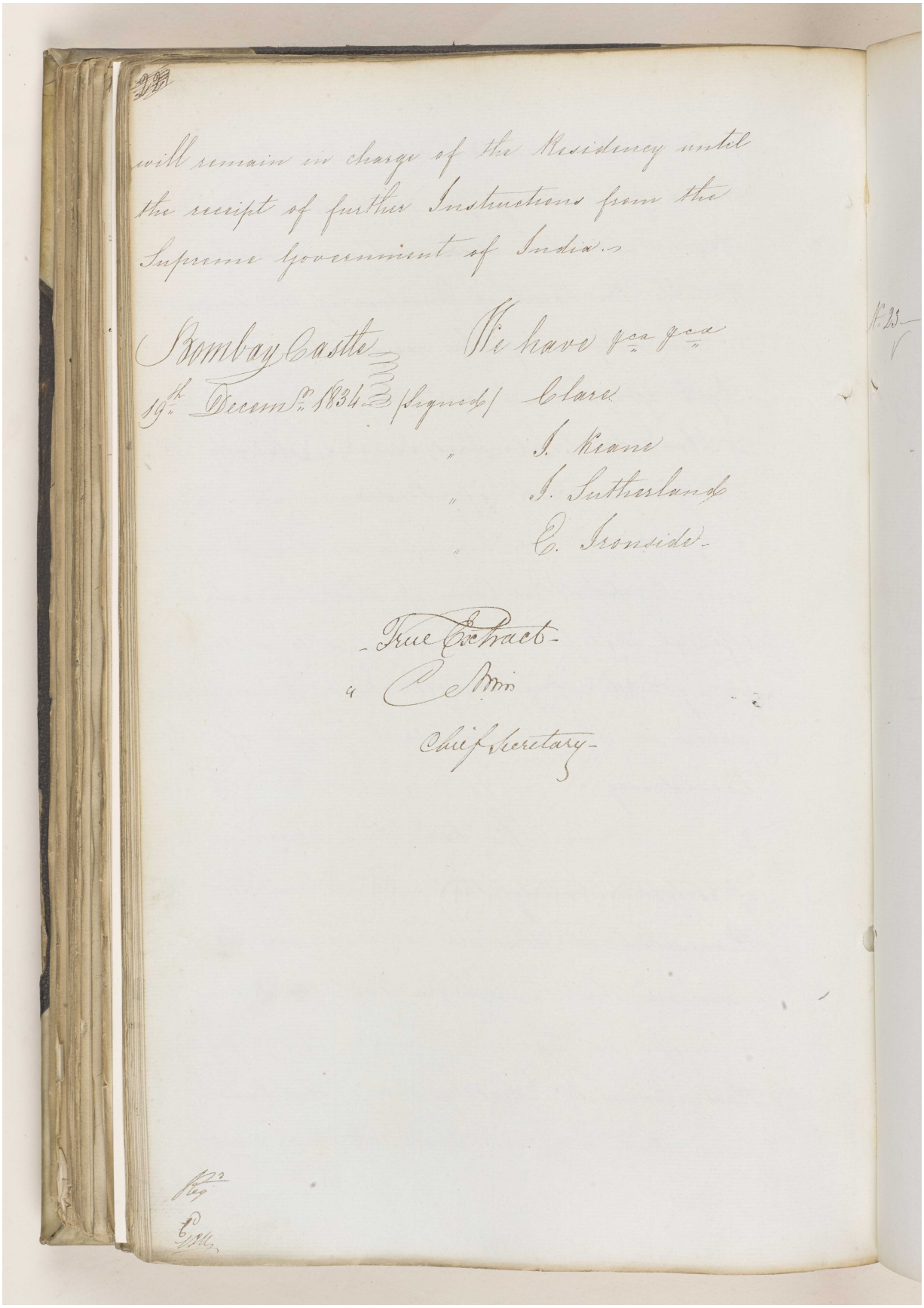
your Excellency in Council dated the 20th ult.o forwarding for our information copy of your dispatch with enclosures to the Honble the Court of Directors of the same date on the subject of the constitution of the Agra government and the powers and duties of the subordinate Residencies relatively to the government of India.

2. In reply we beg to acquaint your Lordship in Council that the acts and official notifications alluded to in the 2d paragraph of your letter have been promulgated in the government Gazette of this Presidency.

3 We take this opportunity of communicating that Mr. Blane the Resident at Bushire received our permission on the 1st October last, to proceed to Europe on Furlough under the Regulations that he will shortly leave the Residency and that Captain Kennell His Assistant will

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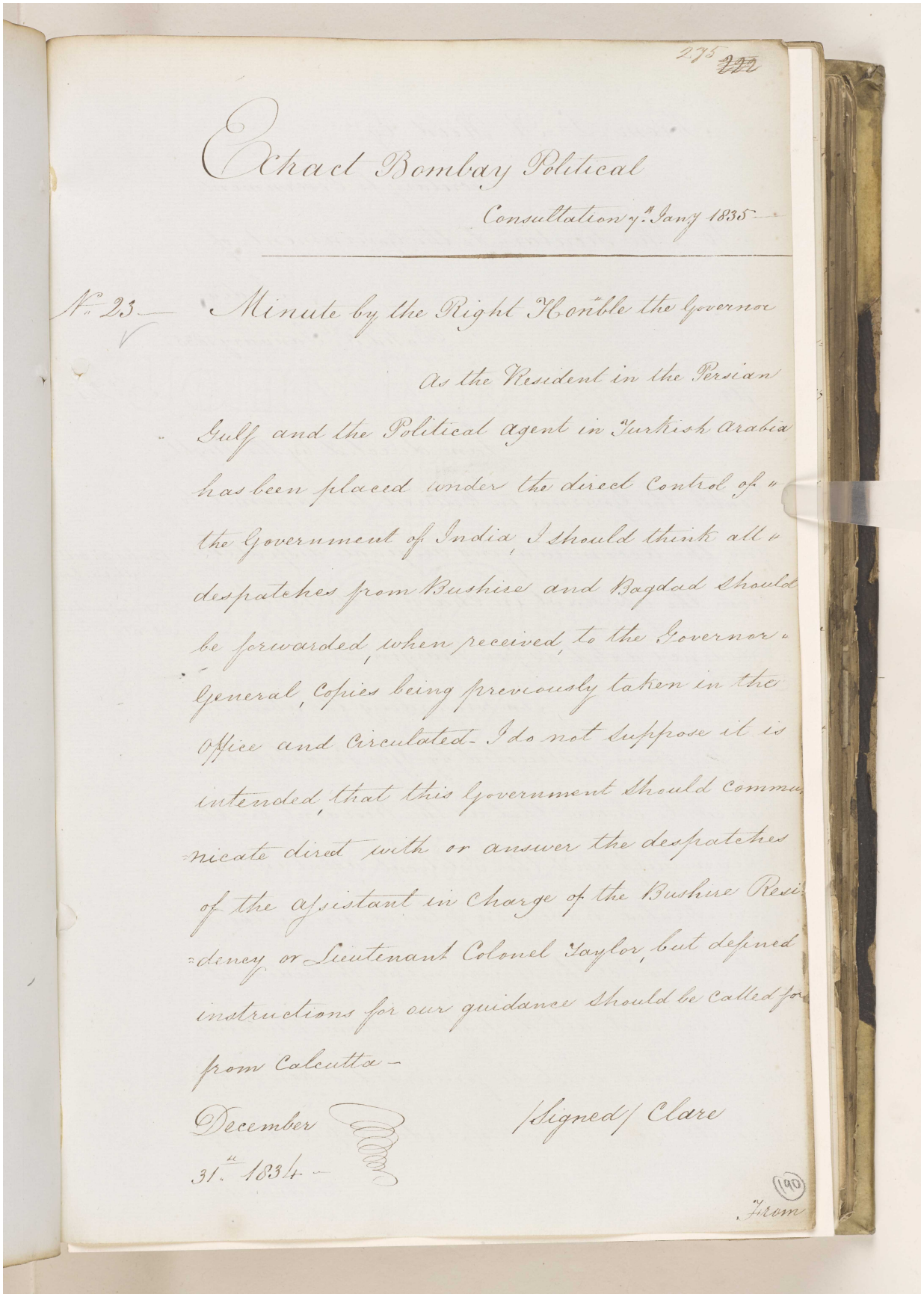
will remain in charge of the Residency until the receipt of further Instructions from the Supreme Government of India.

Bombay Castle 19th Decemr. 1834

We have &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Clare
J. Keane
J. Sutherland
C. Ironside.

True Extract
Sd/-
Chief Secretary.

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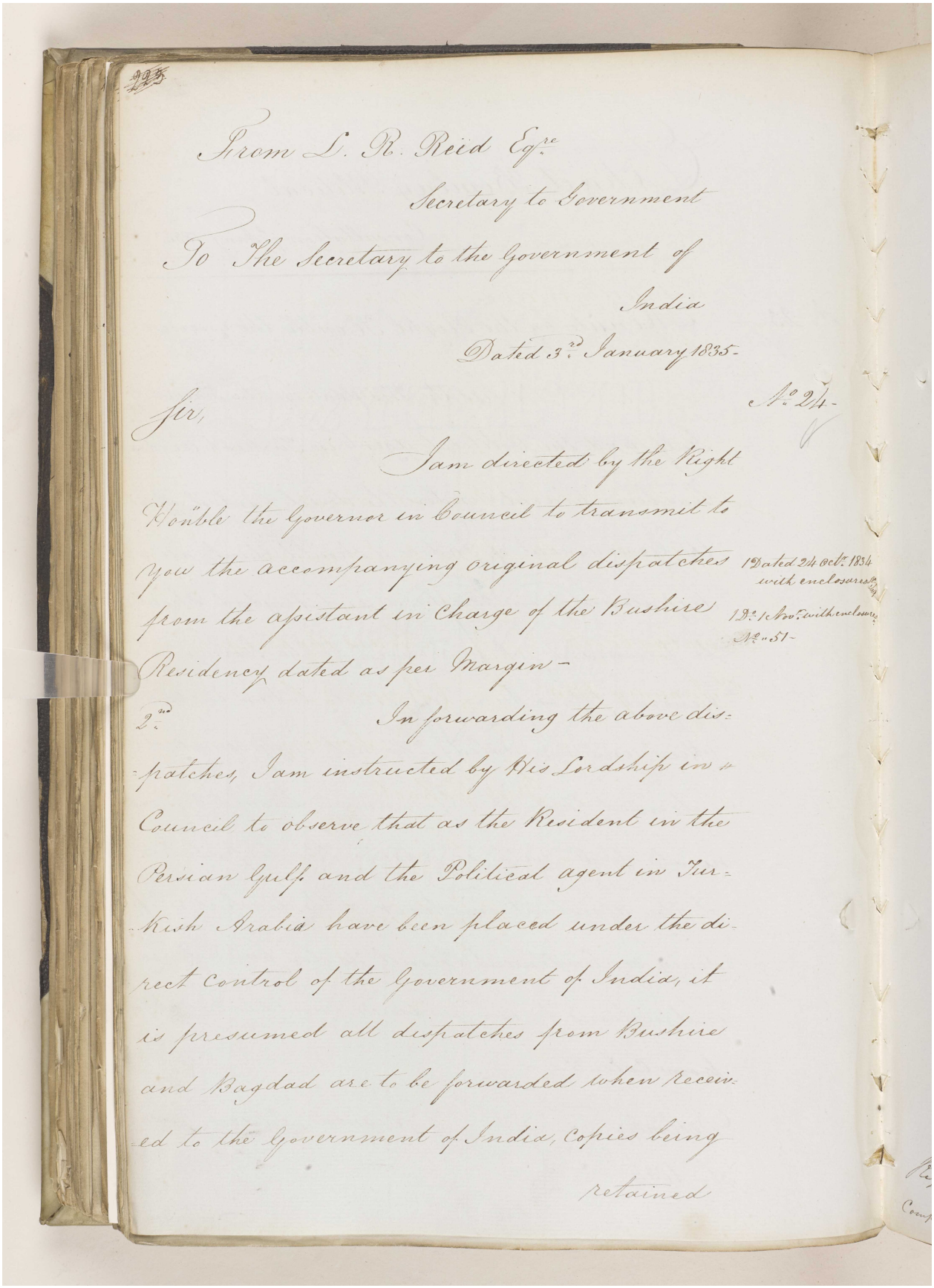
No. 23 Minute by the Right Honble the Governor

as the Resident in the Persian Gulf and the Political agent in Turkish Arabia has been placed under the direct Control of the Government of India, I should think all despatches from Bushire and Bagdad should be forwarded, when received, to the Governor General, Copies being previously taken in the Office and Circulated. I do not suppose it is intended, that this Government should communicate dired with or answer the despatches of the Assistant in Charge of the Bushire Residency or Lieutenant Colonel Taylor, but defined instructions for our guidance should be called for from Calcutta –

December 31st 1834 – (Signed) Clare

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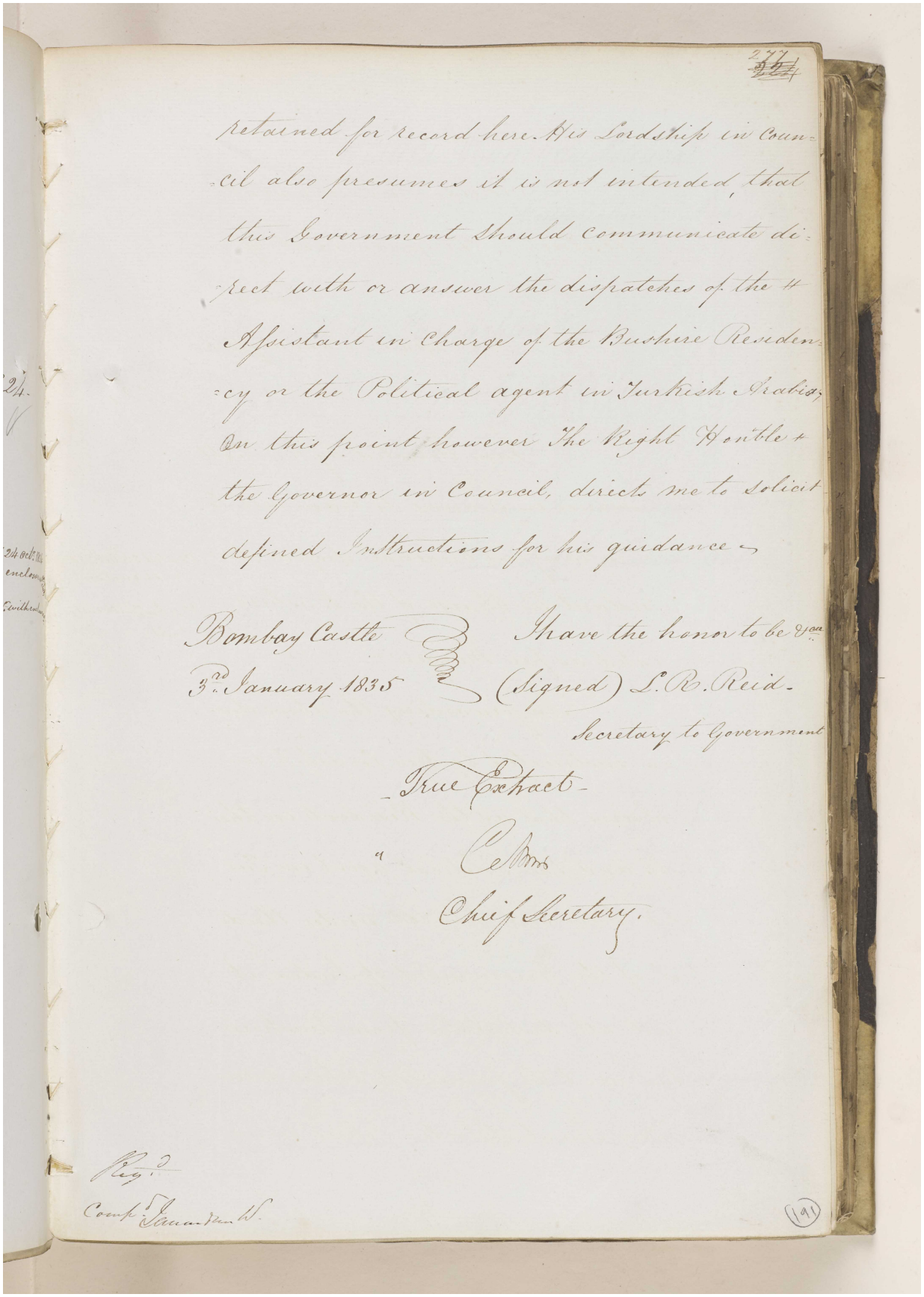
From L. R. Reid Esqre
Secretary to Government
To The Secretary to the Government of
India
Dated 3d January 1835-

No 2/4-

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying original dispatches from the Assistant in Charge of the Bushire Residency, dated as per Margin- 19 dated 24 Octr 1834 with enclosures
19 & 1 Nov with enclosures
No 51-

2nd In forwarding the above dispatches, I am instructed by His Lordship in Council to observe that as the Resident in the Persian Gulf and the Political agent in Turkish Arabia have been placed under the direct control of the Government of India, it is presumed all dispatches from Bushire and Bagdad are to be forwarded when received to the Government of India, Copies being retained



retained for record here. His Lordship in Council also presumes it is not intended, that this Government should communicate direct with or answer the dispatches of the Assistant in charge of the Bushire Residency or the Political agent in Turkish Arabia; On this point however The Right Honble the Governor in Council, directs me to solicit defined Instructions for his guidance.

Bombay Castle
3rd January 1835

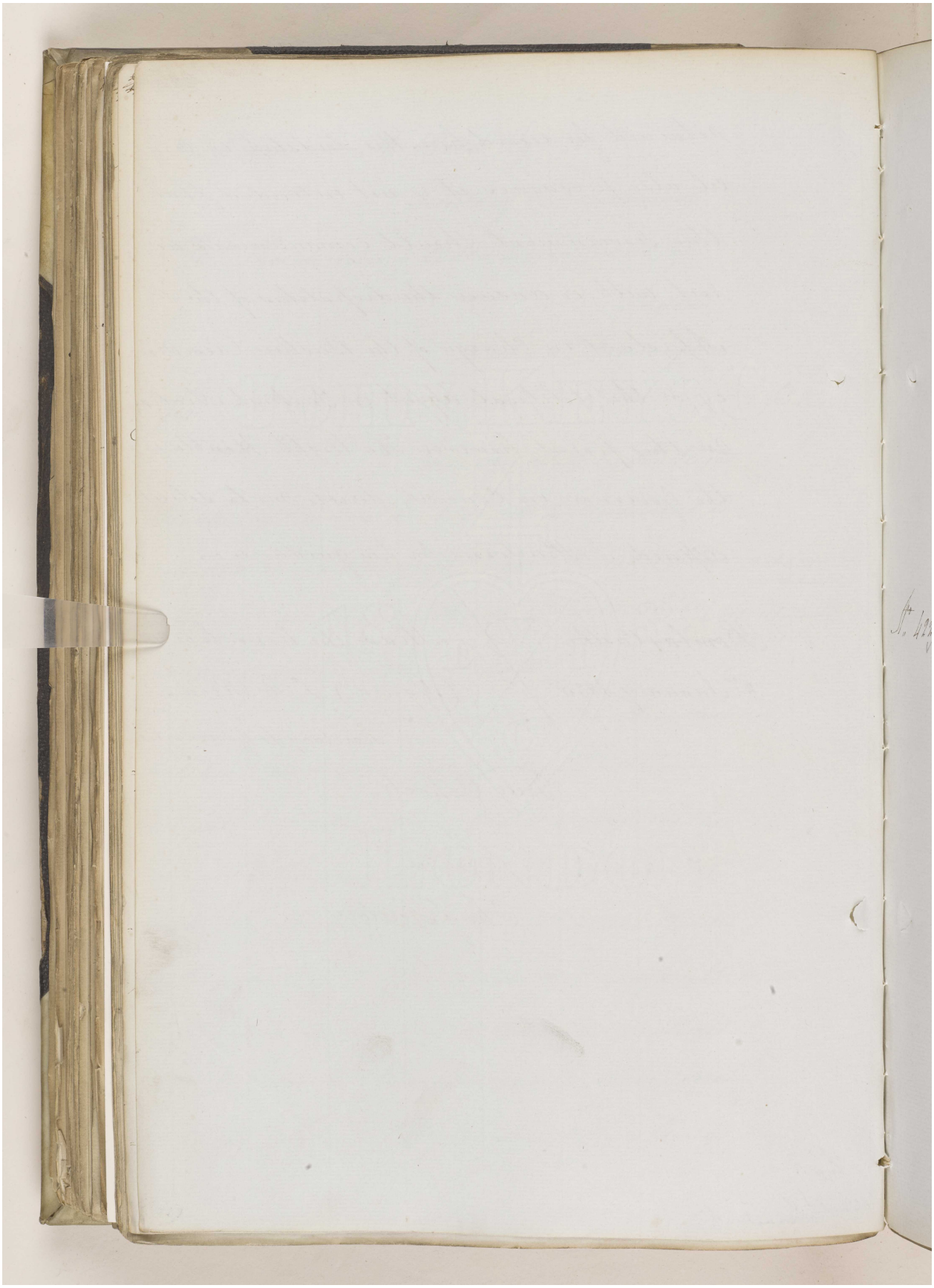
I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) L. R. Reid.
Secretary to Government

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Chief Secretary.

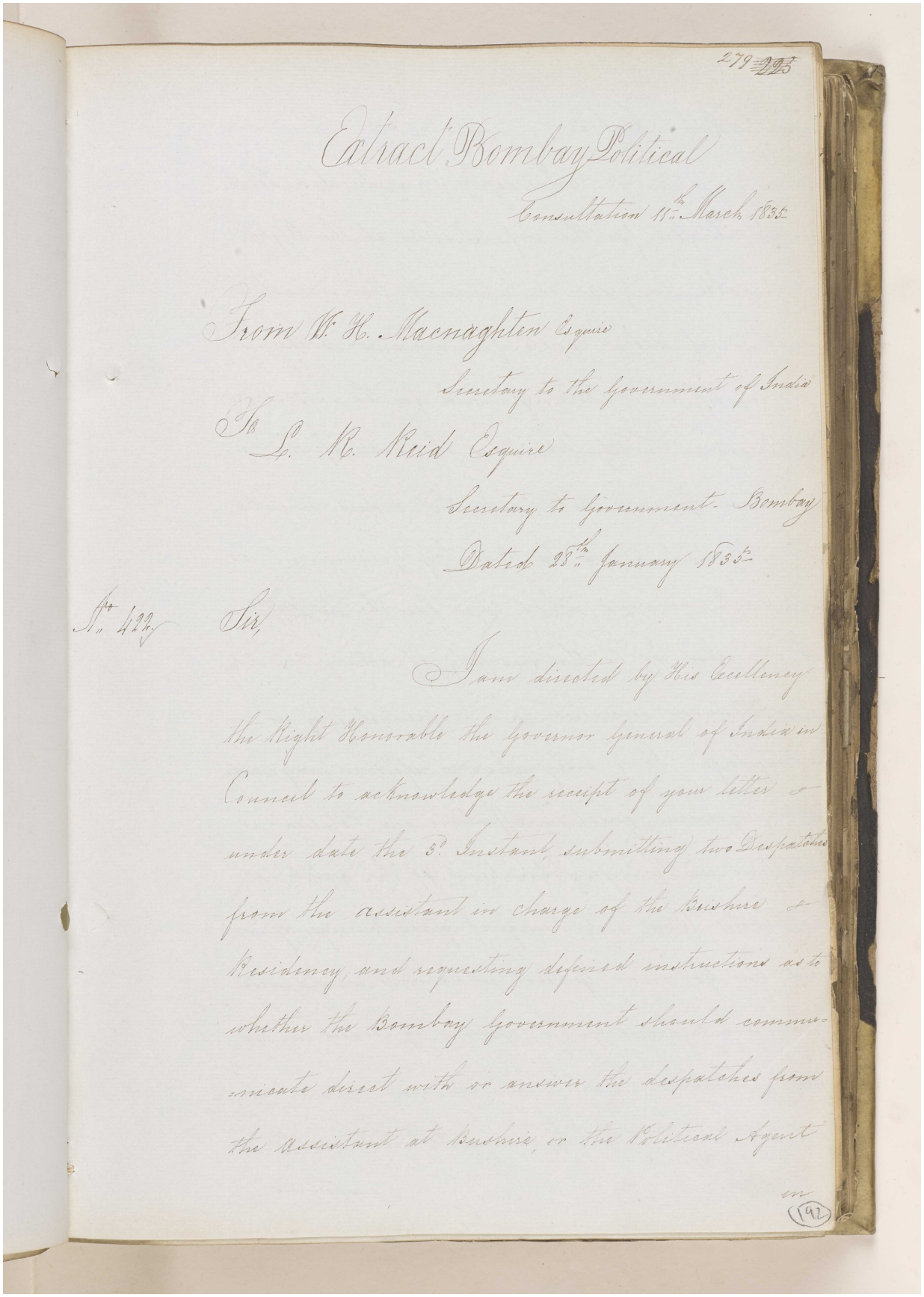
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From W. H. Macnaghten Esquire

Secretary to the Government of India

To L. R. Reid Esquire

Secretary to Government Bombay

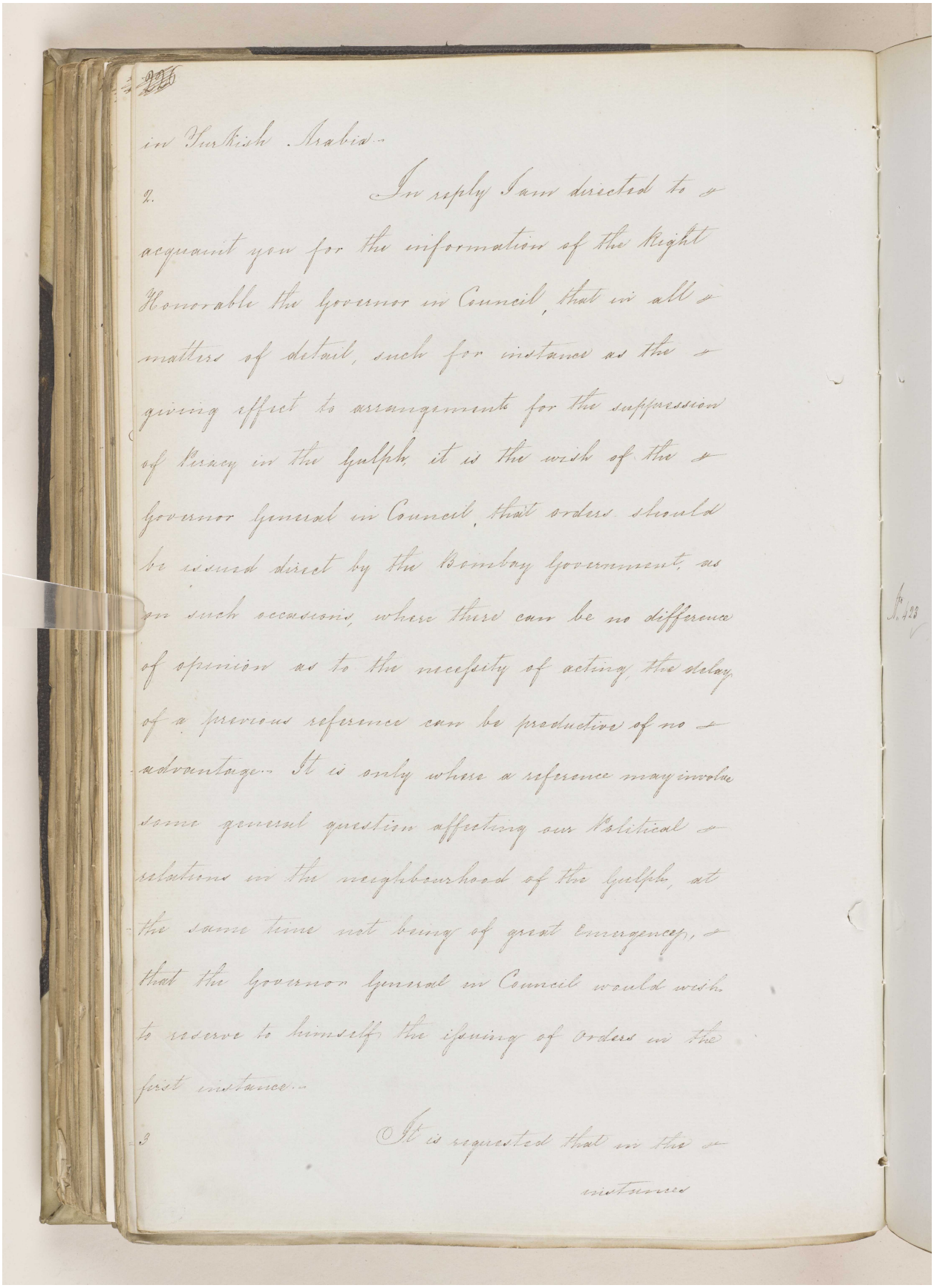
Dated 25th January 1835

No. 422 Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 3d Instant, submitting two Despatches from the assistant in charge of the Bushire Residency, and requesting defined instructions as to whether the Bombay Government should communicate direct with or answer the despatches from the assistant at Bushire, or the Political Agent

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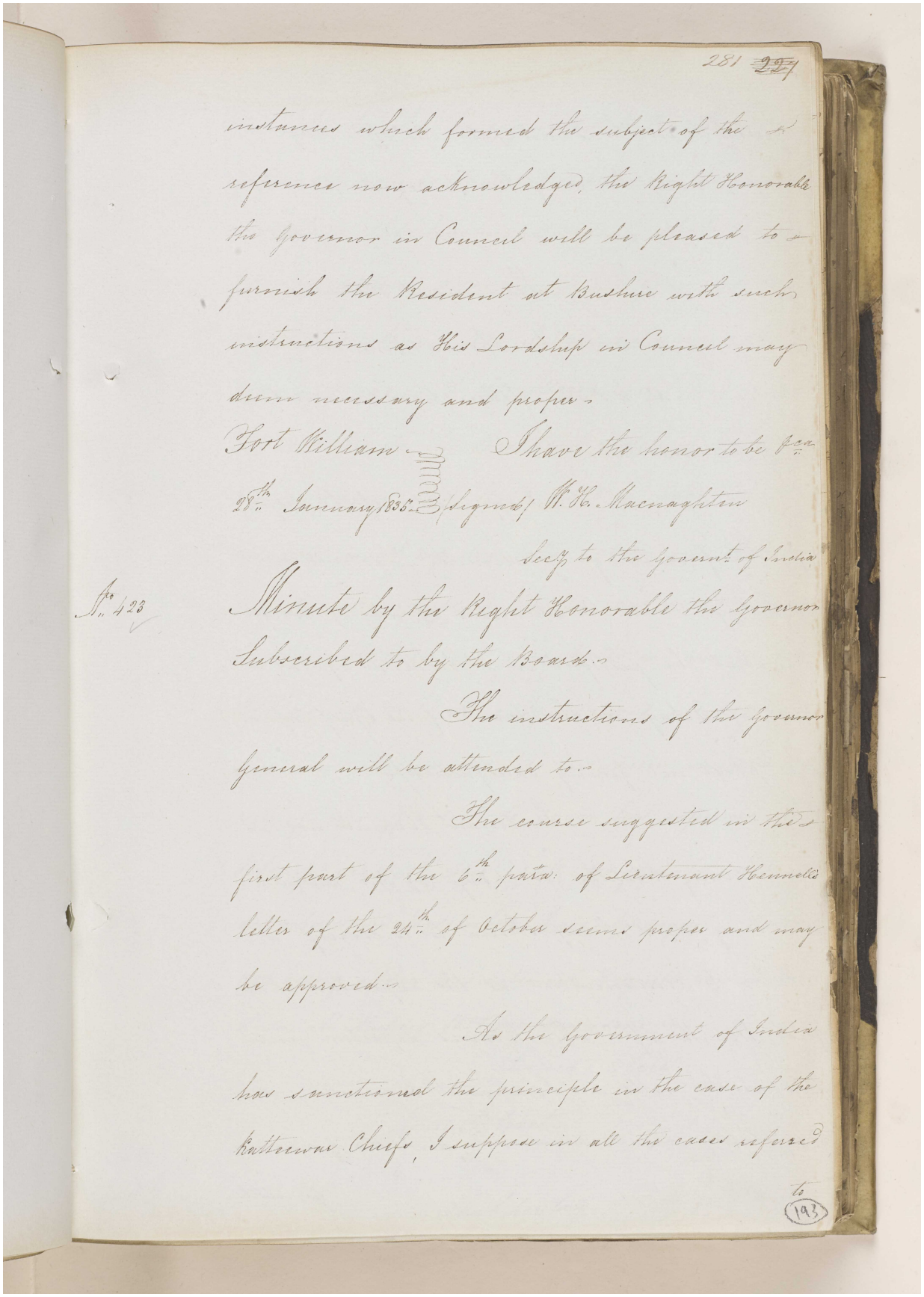
in Turkish Arabia.

2. In reply I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that in all matters of detail, such for instance as the giving effect to arrangements for the suppression of Piracy in the Gulph, it is the wish of the Governor General in Council, that orders should be issued direct by the Bombay Government, as on such occasions, where there can be no difference of opinion as to the necessity of acting, the delay of a previous reference can be productive of no advantage. It is only where a reference may involve some general question affecting our Political relations in the neighbourhood of the Gulph, at the same time not being of great emergency, that the Governor General in Council would wish to reserve to himself the issuing of orders in the first instance.

3 It is requested that in the instances

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instances which formed the subject of the reference now acknowledged, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to furnish the Resident at Bushire with such instructions as His Lordship in Council may deem necessary and proper.

Fort William 28th January 1835. I have the honor to be &c. &c. Signed W. H. Macnaghten Secy to the govt of India

No. 123

Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor Subscribed to by the Board.

The instructions of the Governor General will be attended to.

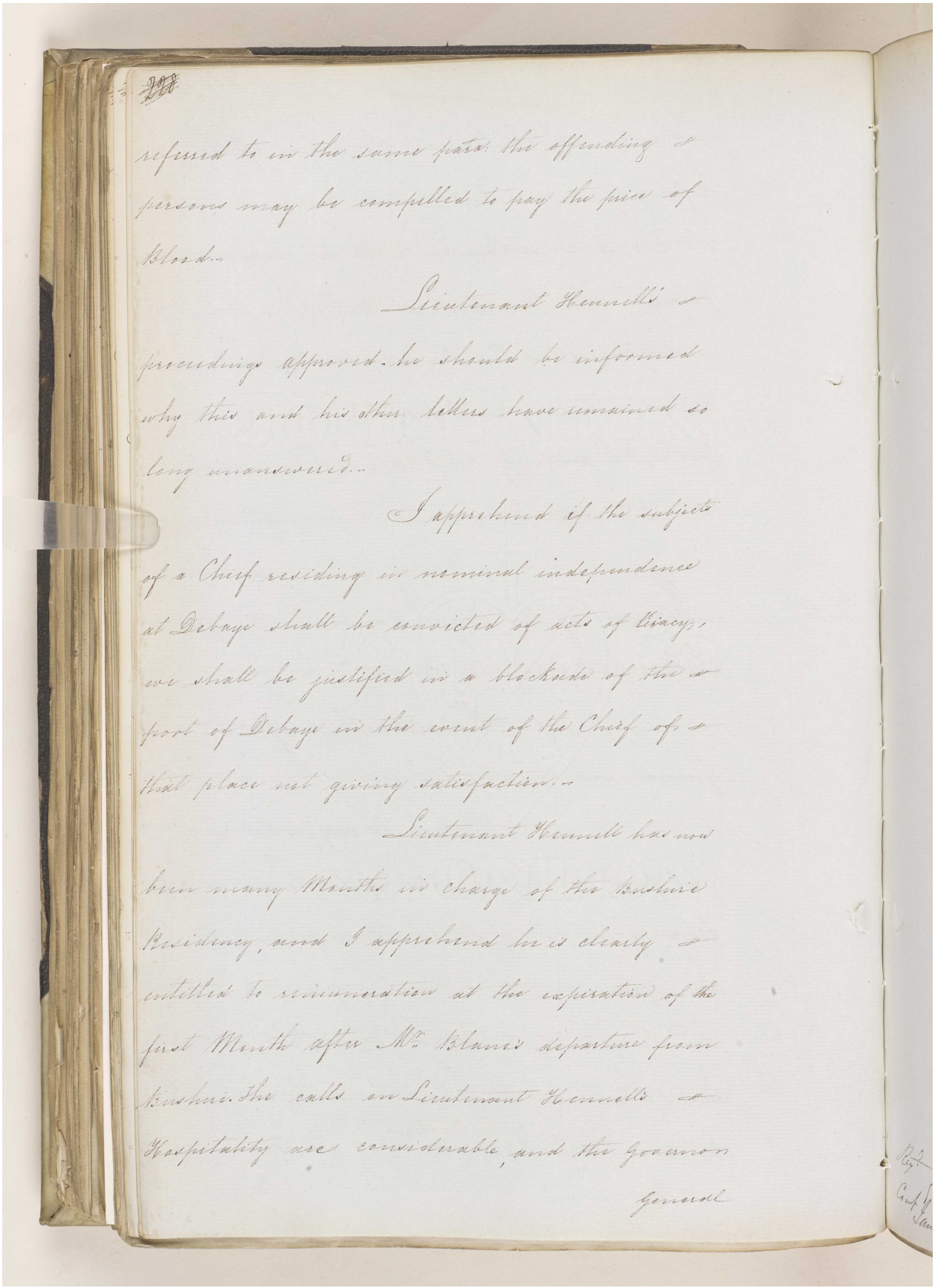
The course suggested in the first part of the 6th para: of Lieutenant Kennedy's letter of the 24th of October seems proper and may be approved.

As the Government of India has sanctioned the principle in the case of the Kattiawar Chiefs, I suppose in all the cases referred

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referred to in the same para. the offending
persons may be compelled to pay the price of
blood.–

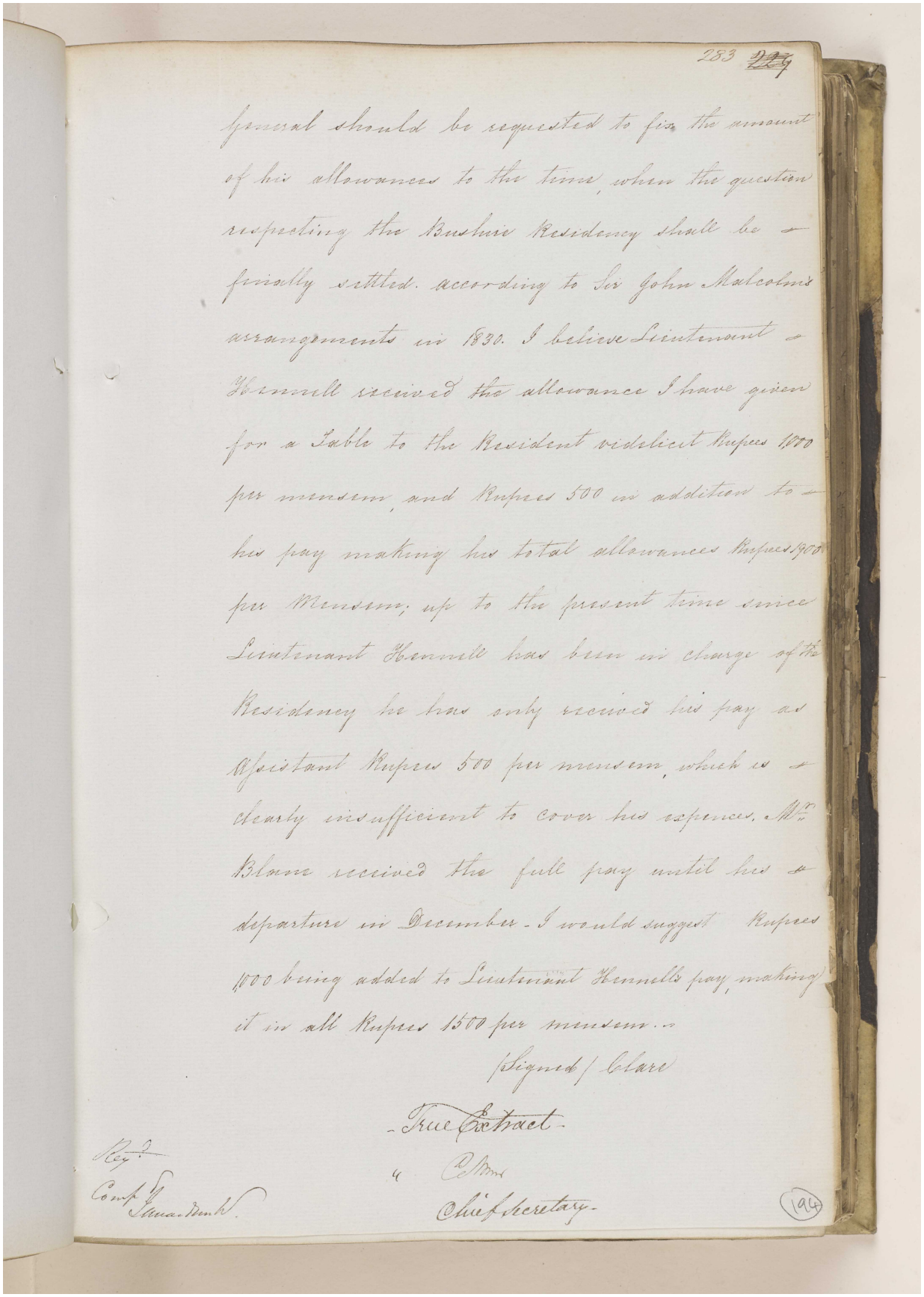
Lieutenant Kennells
proceedings approved. he should be informed
why this and his other letters have remained so
long unanswered.–

I apprehend if the subjects
of a Chief residing in nominal independence
at Debaye shall be convicted of acts of piracy,
we shall be justified in a blockade of the
port of Debaye in the event of the Chief of
that place not giving satisfaction.–

Lieutenant Kennell has now
been many Months in charge of the Bushire
Residency, and I apprehend he is clearly
entitled to remuneration at the expiration of the
first Month after Mr. Blane's departure from
Bushire. The calls on Lieutenant Kennells
Hospitality are considerable, and the Governor
General

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General should be requested to fix the amount of his allowances to the time, when the question respecting the Bushire Residency shall be finally settled. according to Sir John Malcolms arrangements in 1830. I believe Lieutenant Kennell received the allowance I have given for a Table to the Resident viz Sicca Rupees 1000 per mensem, and Rupees 500 in addition to his pay making his total allowances Rupees 1500 per Mensem; up to the present time since Lieutenant Kennell has been in charge of the Residency he has only received his pay as Assistant Rupees 500 per mensem, which is clearly insufficient to cover his expences. Mr. Blane received the full pay until his departure in December. I would suggest Rupees 1000 being added to Lieutenant Kennells pay, making it in all Rupees 1500 per mensem.

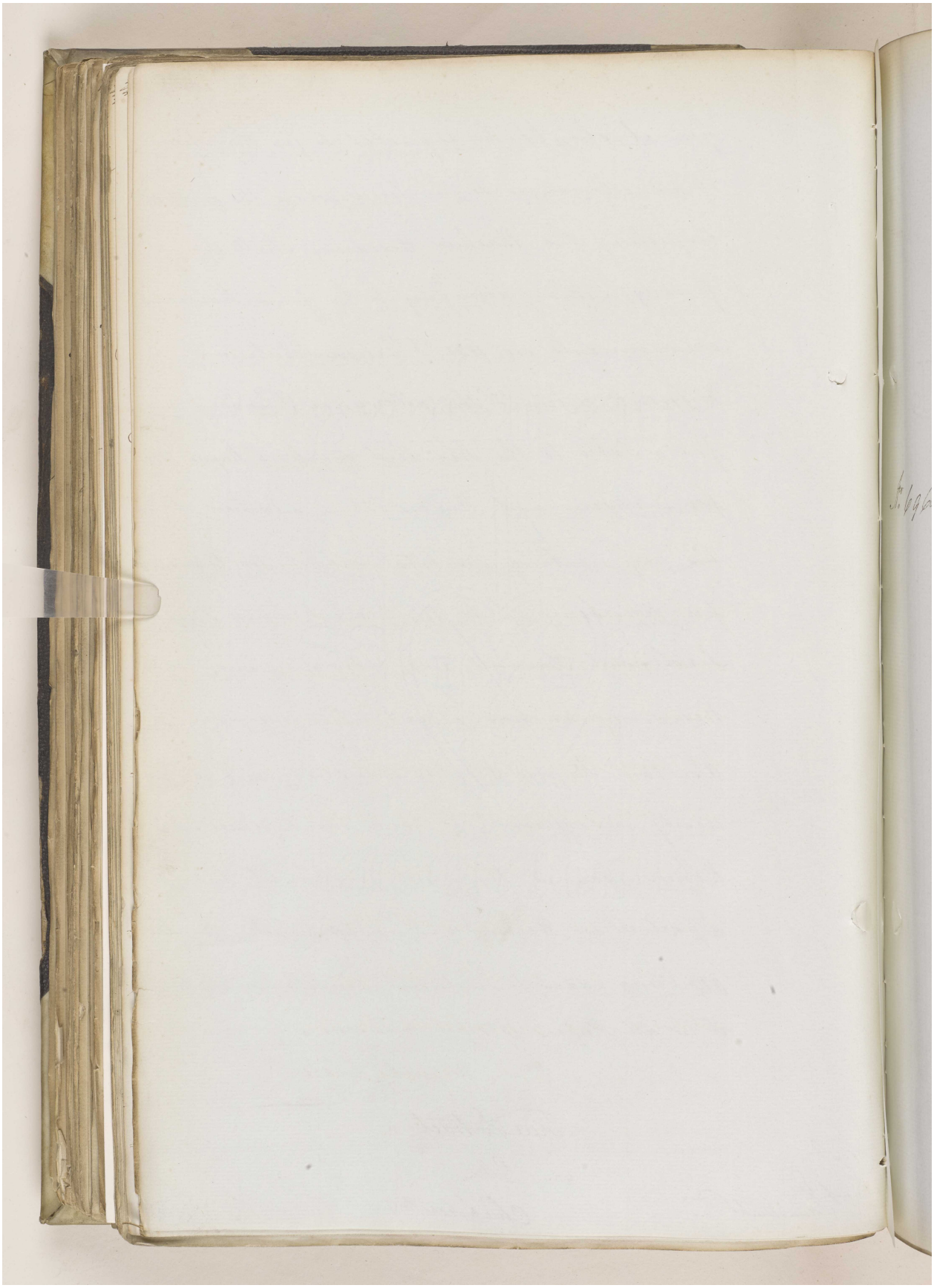
Signed / Clare

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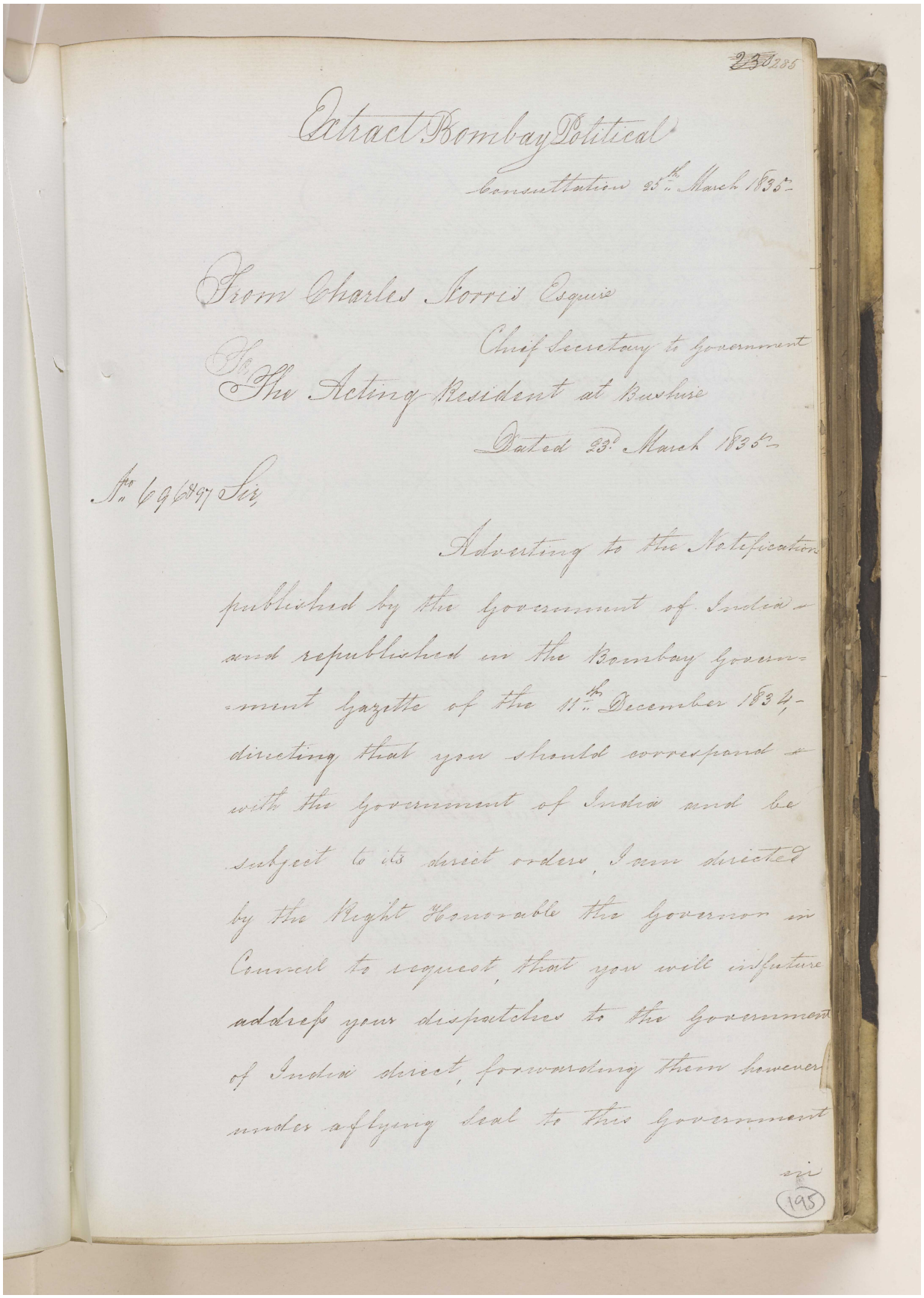
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From Charles Norris Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
To
The Acting Resident at Bushire
Dated 23d. March 1835.

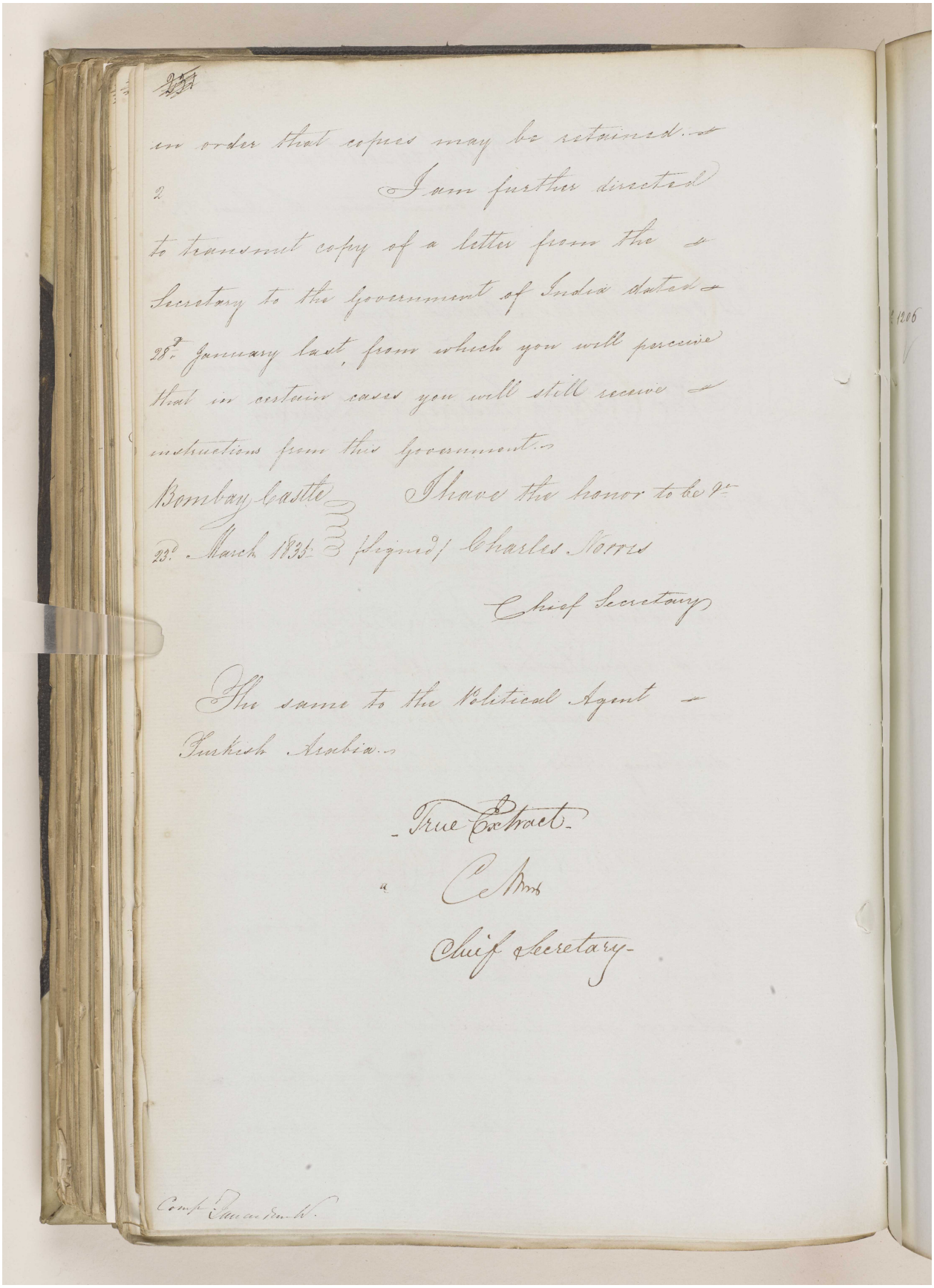
No. 69 of 97 Sir,

Adverting to the Notification published by the Government of India and republished in the Bombay Government Gazette of the 11th. December 1834, directing that you should correspond with the Government of India and be subject to its direct orders, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request, that you will in future address your dispatches to the Government of India direct, forwarding them however under a flying seal to this Government

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in order that copies may be returned.

2 I am further directed to transmit copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India dated 28th January last, from which you will perceive that in certain cases you will still receive instructions from this Government.

Bombay Castle 23d March 1835 I have the honor to be &c [signed] Charles Norris Chief Secretary

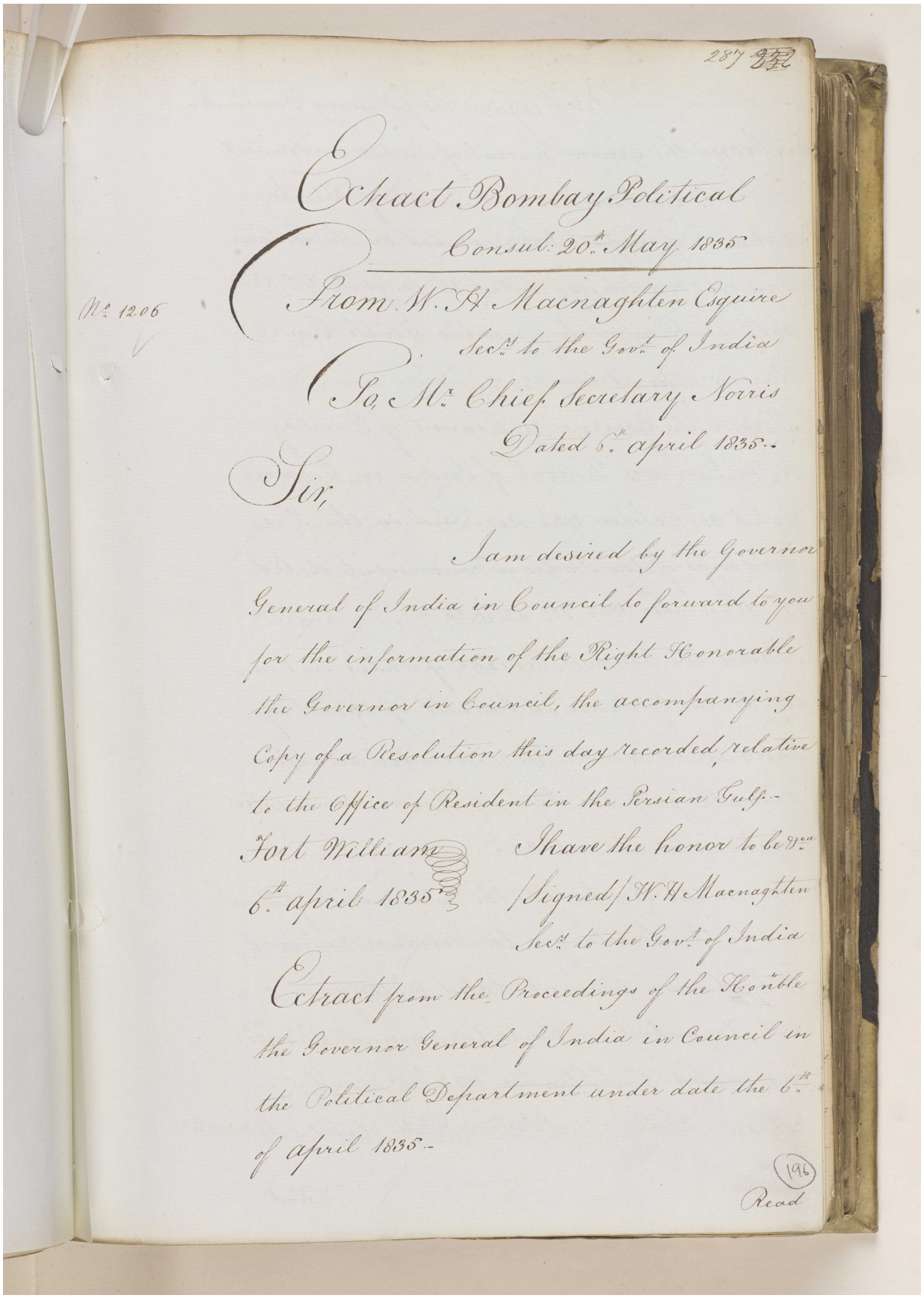
The same to the Political Agent Turkish Arabia.

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Chief Secretary

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Consul: 20th May 1835

No. 1206

From W. H. Macnaghten Esquire

Secy to the Govt of India

To, Mr Chief Secretary Norris

Dated 6th april 1835.-

Sir,

I am desired by the Governor General of India in Council to forward to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Copy of a Resolution this day recorded, relative to the Office of Resident in the Persian Gulf.-

Fort William
6th april 1835

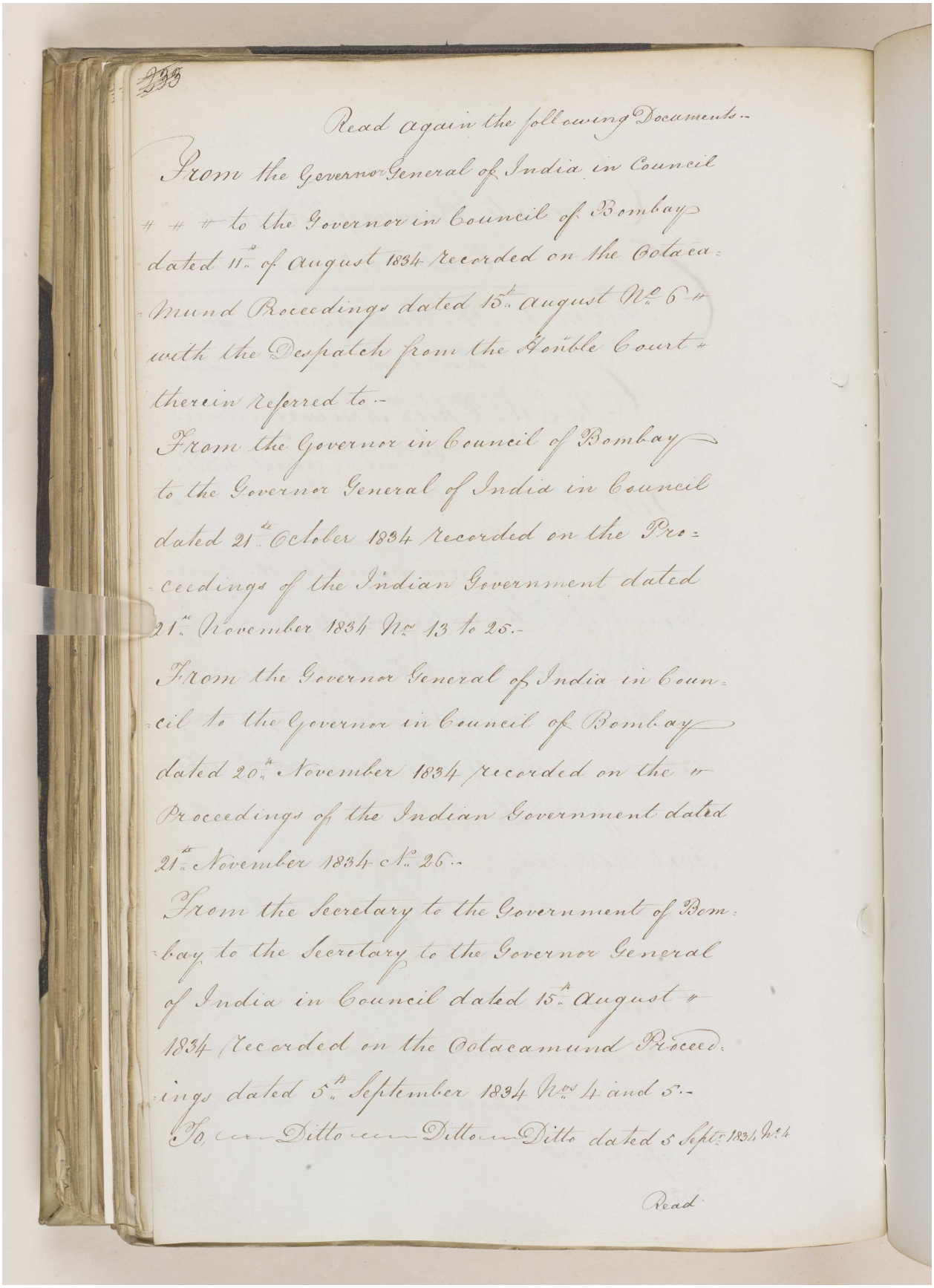
I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ W. H Macnaghten
Secy to the Govt of India

Extract from the Proceedings of the Honble the Governor General of India in Council in the Political Department under date the 6th of april 1835.-

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Read again the following Documents:-

From the Governor General of India in Council
to the Governor in Council of Bombay
dated 11th of August 1834 recorded on the Colaca-
-mund Proceedings dated 15th August No. 6 #
with the Despatch from the Honble Court #
therein referred to:-

From the Governor in Council of Bombay
to the Governor General of India in Council
dated 21st October 1834 recorded on the Pro-
-ceedings of the Indian Government dated
21st November 1834 No. 13 to 25.-

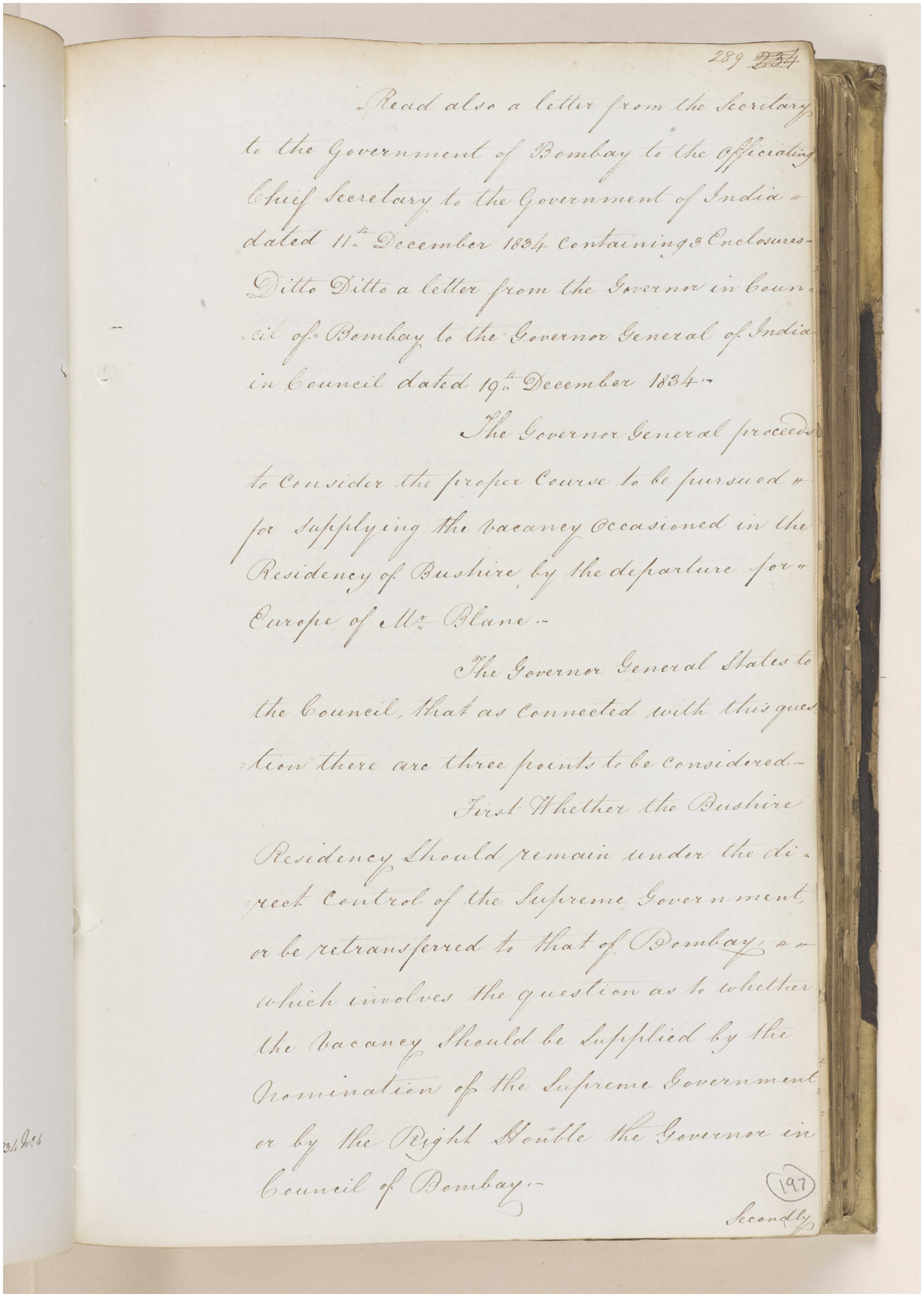
From the Governor General of India in Coun-
-cil to the Governor in Council of Bombay
dated 20th November 1834 recorded on the #
Proceedings of the Indian Government dated
21st November 1834 No. 26.-

From the Secretary to the Government of Bom-
-bay to the Secretary to the Governor General
of India in Council dated 15th August #
1834 recorded on the Colacamund Proceed-
-ings dated 5th September 1834 Nos. 4 and 5.-

To ---- Ditto ---- Ditto ---- Ditto dated 5 Sept. 1834 No. 4

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Read also a letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay to the Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of India dated 11th December 1834 containing 3 Enclosures-

Ditto Ditto a letter from the Governor in Council of Bombay to the Governor General of India in Council dated 19th December 1834-

The Governor General proceeds to Consider the proper Course to be pursued for supplying the vacancy occasioned in the Residency of Bushire by the departure for Europe of Mr Blane-

The Governor General States to the Council, that as connected with this question there are three points to be considered-

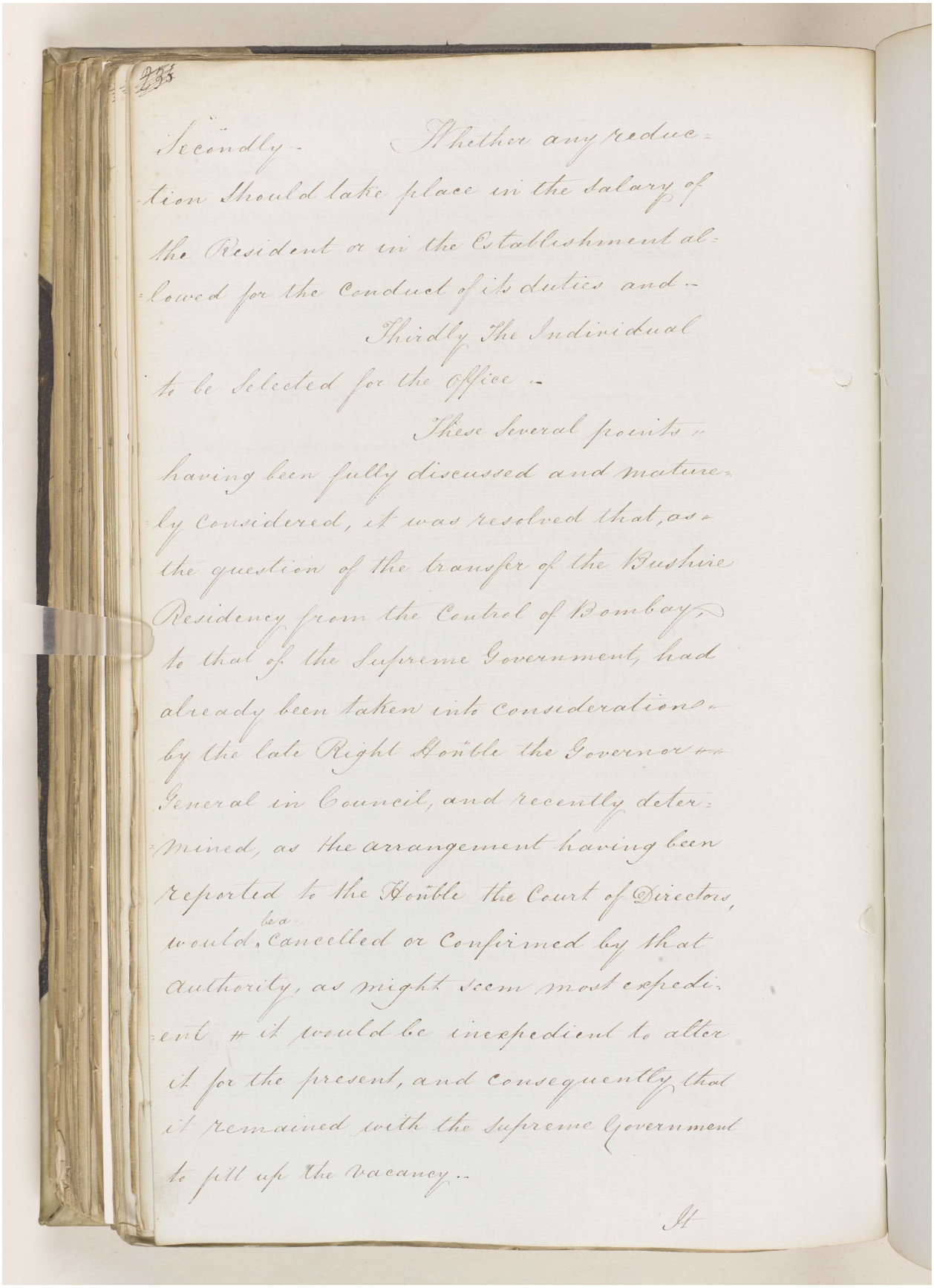
First Whether the Bushire Residency should remain under the direct Control of the Supreme Government, or be retransferred to that of Bombay; which involves the question as to whether the vacancy should be supplied by the nomination of the Supreme Government or by the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Bombay-

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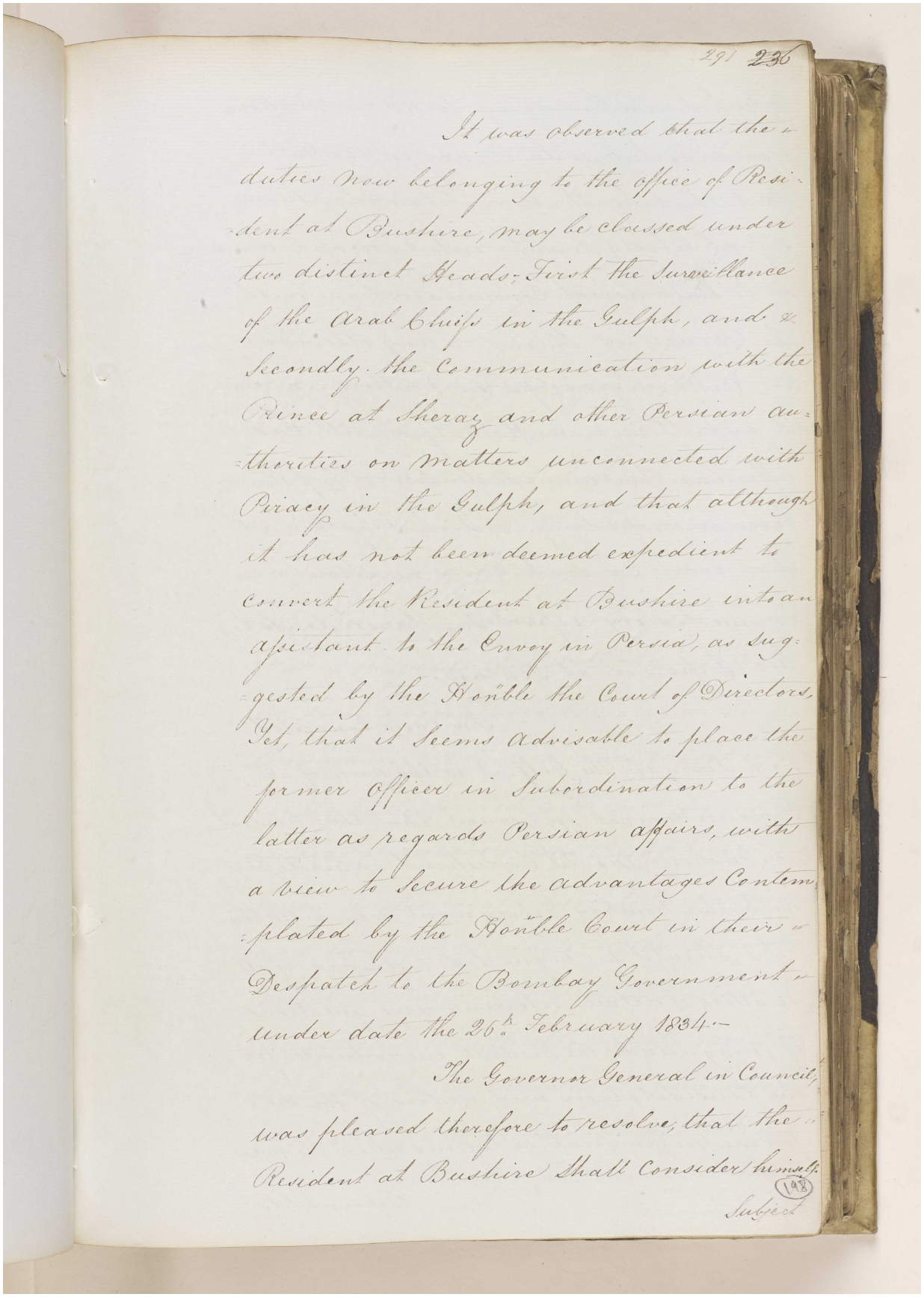
Secondly – Whether any reduction should take place in the Salary of the Resident or in the Establishment allowed for the Conduct of its duties and –

Thirdly The Individual to be Selected for the Office –

These Several points having been fully discussed and maturely considered, it was resolved that, as the question of the transfer of the Bushire Residency from the Control of Bombay to that of the Supreme Government, had already been taken into consideration by the late Right Honble the Governor General in Council, and recently determined, as the arrangement having been reported to the Honble the Court of Directors, would be cancelled or Confirmed by that authority, as might seem most expedient # it would be inexpedient to alter it for the present, and consequently that it remained with the Supreme Government to fill up the Vacancy –

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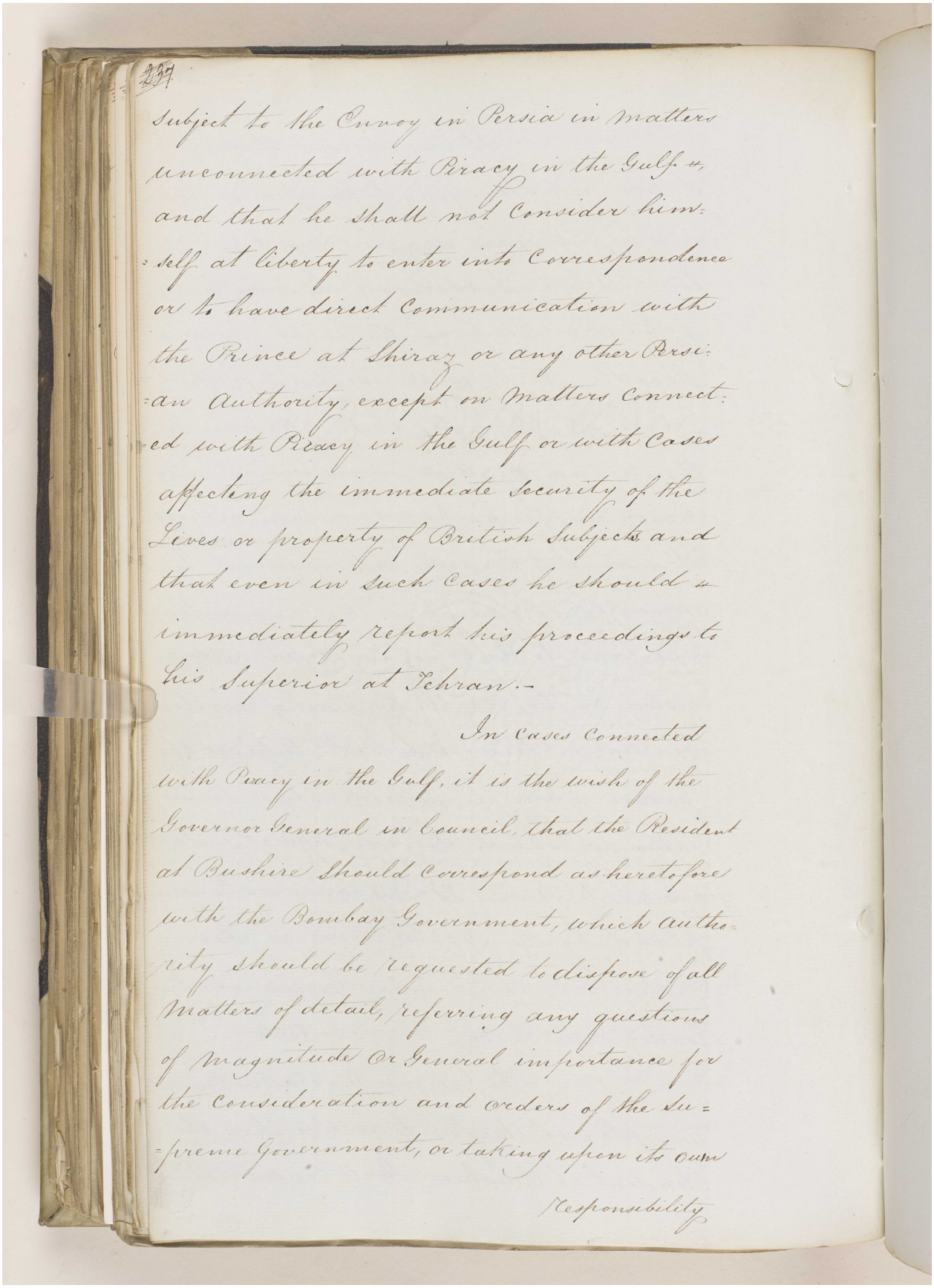
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It was observed that the
duties now belonging to the office of Resi-
dent at Bushire, may be classed under
two distinct Heads; First the Surveillance
of the Arab Chiefs in the Gulph, and
Secondly the Communication with the
Prince at Sheraz and other Persian au-
thorities on Matters unconnected with
Piracy in the Gulph, and that although
it has not been deemed expedient to
convert the Resident at Bushire into an
Assistant to the Envoy in Persia, as sug-
gested by the Honble the Court of Directors,
Yet, that it seems advisable to place the
former Officer in Subordination to the
latter as regards Persian affairs, with
a view to secure the advantages Contem-
plated by the Honble Court in their
Despatch to the Bombay Government
under date the 26th February 1834.—

The Governor General in Council
was pleased therefore to resolve, that the
Resident at Bushire shall consider himself
Subject

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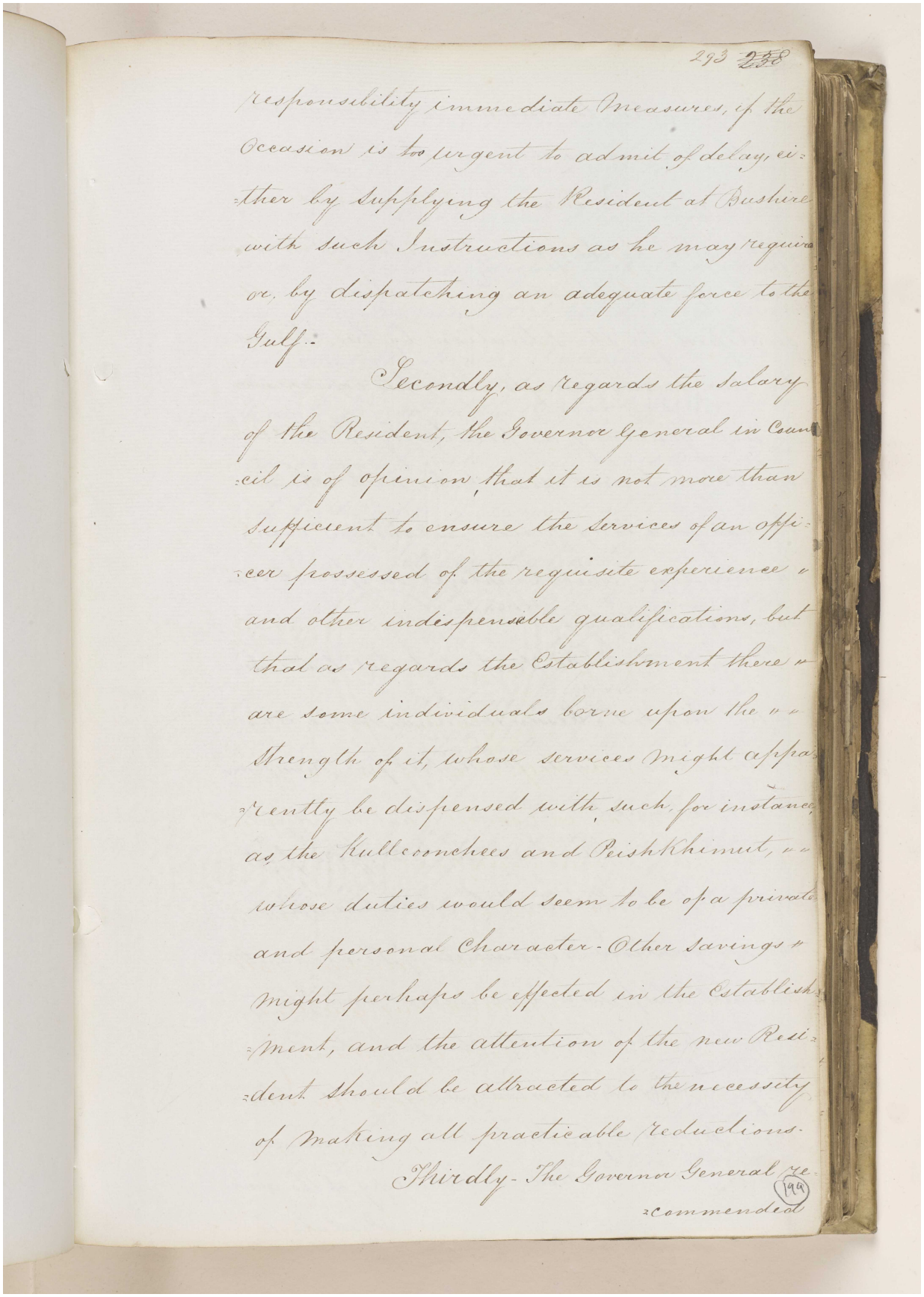
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Subject to the Envoy in Persia in matters
unconnected with Piracy in the Gulf &
and that he shall not consider him-
-self at liberty to enter into Correspondence
or to have direct Communication with
the Prince at Shiraz or any other Persi-
-an Authority, except on Matters Connect-
-ed with Piracy in the Gulf or with Cases
affecting the immediate Security of the
Lives or property of British Subjects and
that even in such Cases he should &
immediately report his proceedings to
his Superior at Tehran.-

In Cases Connected
with Piracy in the Gulf, it is the wish of the
Governor General in Council, that the Resident
at Bushire should Correspond as heretofore
with the Bombay Government, which Autho-
-rity should be requested to dispose of all
Matters of detail, referring any questions
of Magnitude Or General importance for
the Consideration and orders of the Su-
-preme Government, or taking upon its own

Responsibility

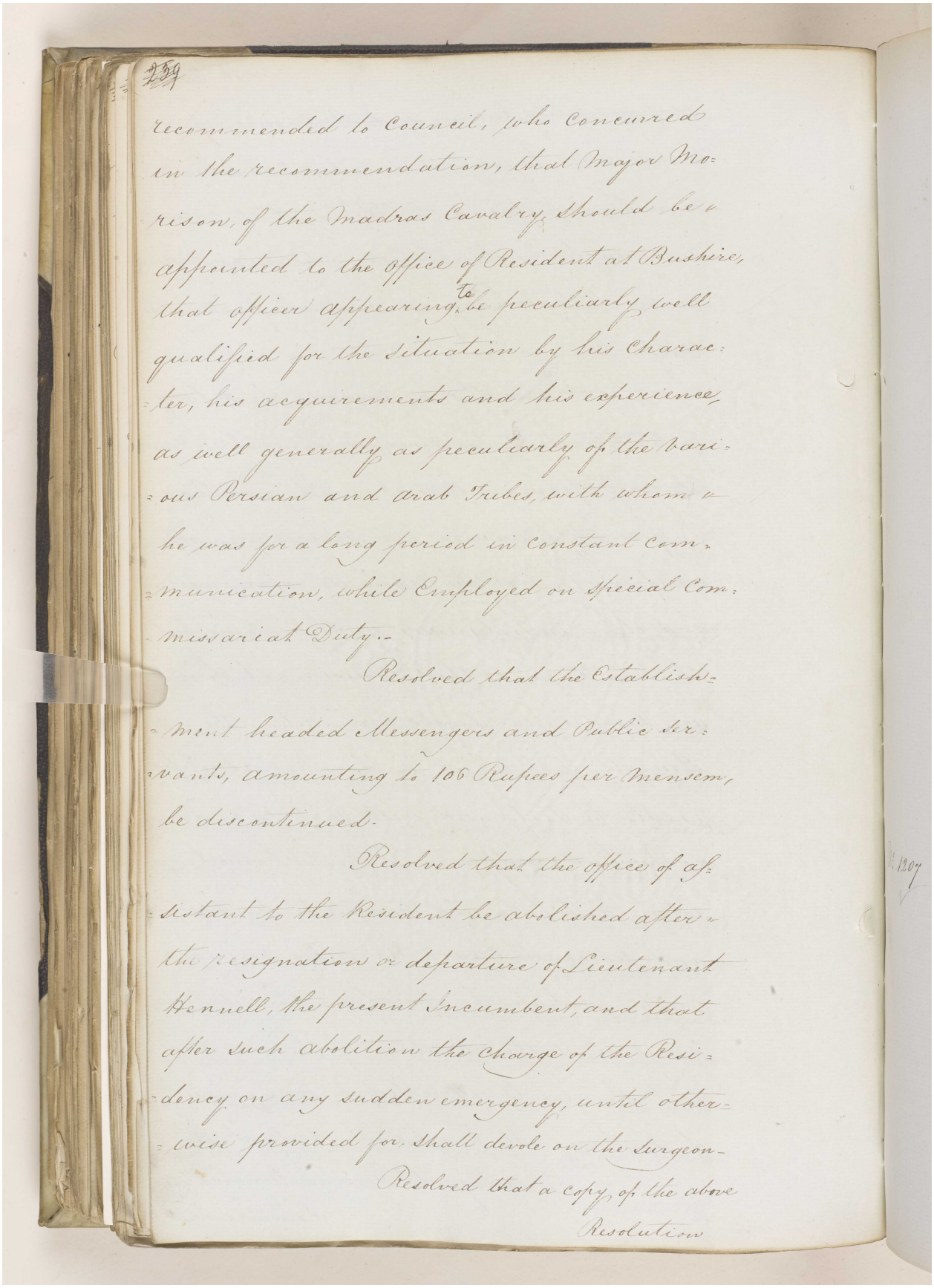


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responsibility immediate Measures, if the Occasion is too urgent to admit of delay, either by supplying the Resident at Bushire with such Instructions as he may require or, by dispatching an adequate force to the Gulf.-

Secondly, as regards the Salary of the Resident, the Governor General in Council is of opinion, that it is not more than sufficient to ensure the services of an officer possessed of the requisite experience & and other indispensible qualifications, but that as regards the Establishment there & are some individuals borne upon the & & Strength of it, whose services might apparently be dispensed with, such, for instance, as the Kullconchees and Peishkhimut, & & whose duties would seem to be of a private and personal Character - Other savings & might perhaps be effected in the Establishment, and the attention of the new Resident should be attracted to the necessity of making all practicable reductions.

Thirdly - The Governor General re- (199)
commended



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recommended to Council, who concurred
in the recommendation, that Major Mo-
rison, of the Madras Cavalry, should be a
appointed to the office of Resident at Bushire,
that officer appearing to be peculiarly well
qualified for the situation by his Charac-
ter, his acquirements and his experience,
as well generally as peculiarly of the vari-
ous Persian and Arab Tribes, with whom
he was for a long period in constant com-
munication, while Employed on Special Com-
missariat Duty.-

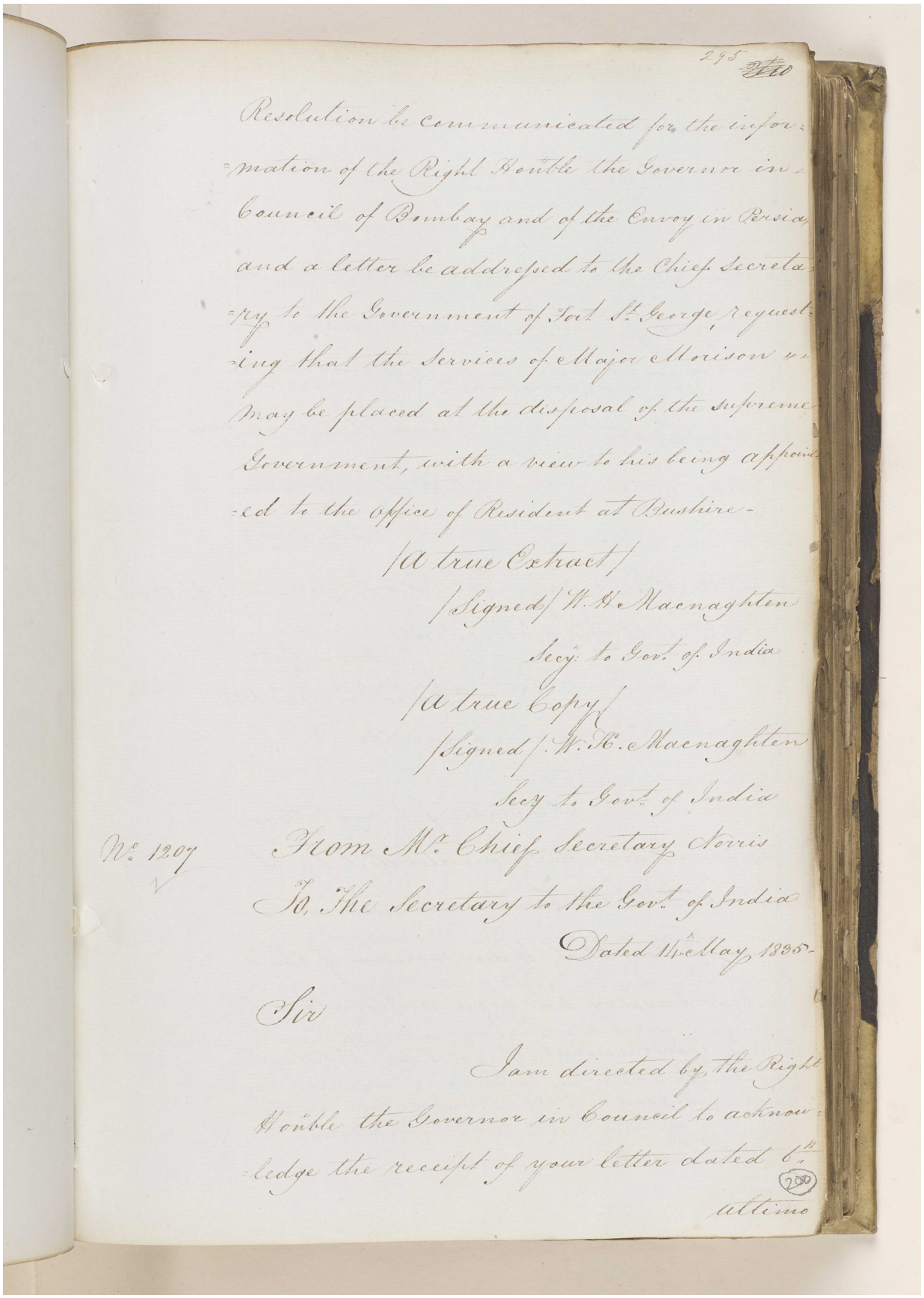
Resolved that the Establish-
ment headed Messengers and Public Ser-
vants, amounting to 106 Rupees per mensem,
be discontinued.

Resolved that the office of As-
sistant to the Resident be abolished after
the resignation or departure of Lieutenant
Hennell, the present Incumbent, and that
after such abolition the charge of the Resi-
dency on any sudden emergency, until other-
wise provided for, shall devole on the Surgeon-

Resolved that a copy of the above
Resolution

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Resolution be communicated for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Bombay and of the Envoy in Persia, and a letter be addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, requesting that the Services of Major Morison may be placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government, with a view to his being appointed to the office of Resident at Bushire-

/A true Extract/
/Signed/ W. H. Macnaghten
Secy. to Govt. of India

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ W. H. Macnaghten
Secy to Govt of India

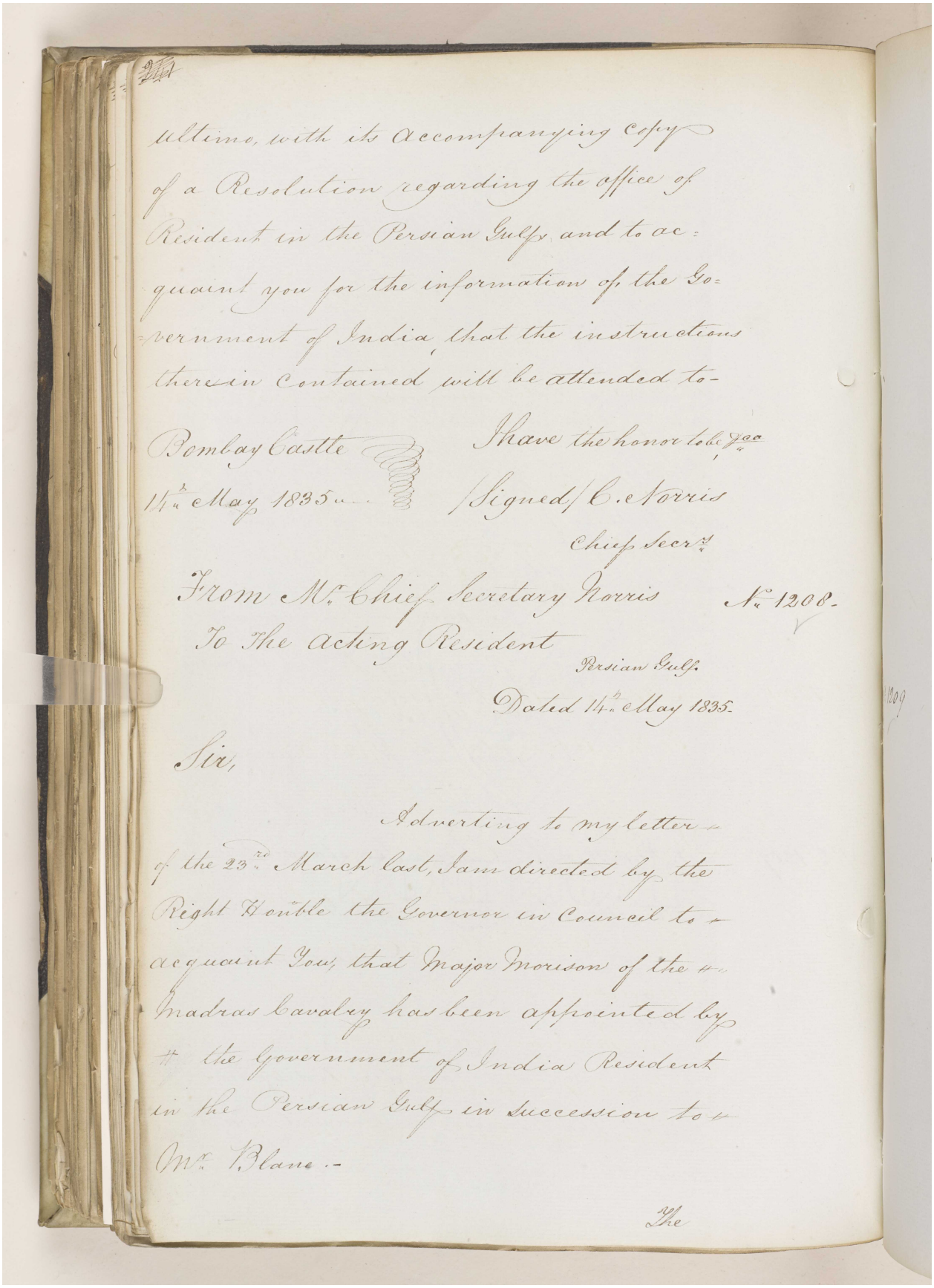
No. 1207

From Mr. Chief Secretary Norris
To The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Dated 11th May 1835-

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th ultimo

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ultimo, with its accompanying copy
of a Resolution regarding the office of
Resident in the Persian Gulf, and to ac-
quaint you for the information of the Go-
vernment of India, that the instructions
therein contained will be attended to-

Bombay Castle
15th May 1835.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed C. E. Norris
Chief Secy

From Mr. Chief Secretary Norris
To the acting Resident
Persian Gulf.

No. 1208.

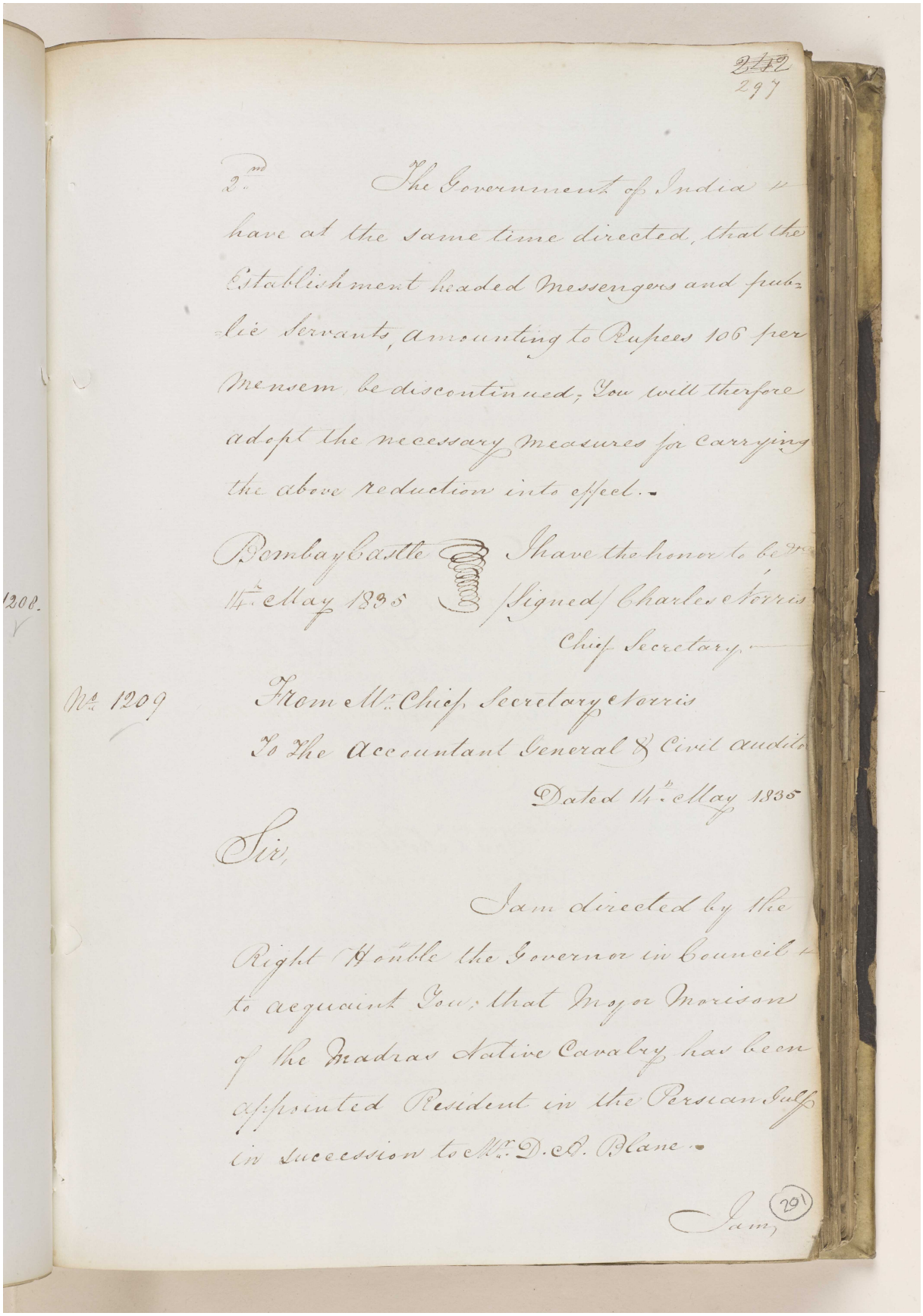
Dated 14th May 1835.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter
of the 23rd March last, I am directed by the
Right Honble the Governor in Council to
acquaint You, that Major Morison of the
Madras Cavalry has been appointed by
the Government of India Resident
in the Persian Gulf in succession to
Mr. Blane.-

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3rd The Government of India have at the same time directed, that the Establishment headed Messengers and public Servants, amounting to Rupees 106 per Mensem, be discontinued, You will therfore adopt the necessary measures for carrying the above reduction into effect.—

Bombay Castle 14th May 1835 — I have the honor to be &c. (signed) Charles Norris
Chief Secretary.

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No. 1209

From Mr. Chief Secretary Norris
To The Accountant General & Civil Audito

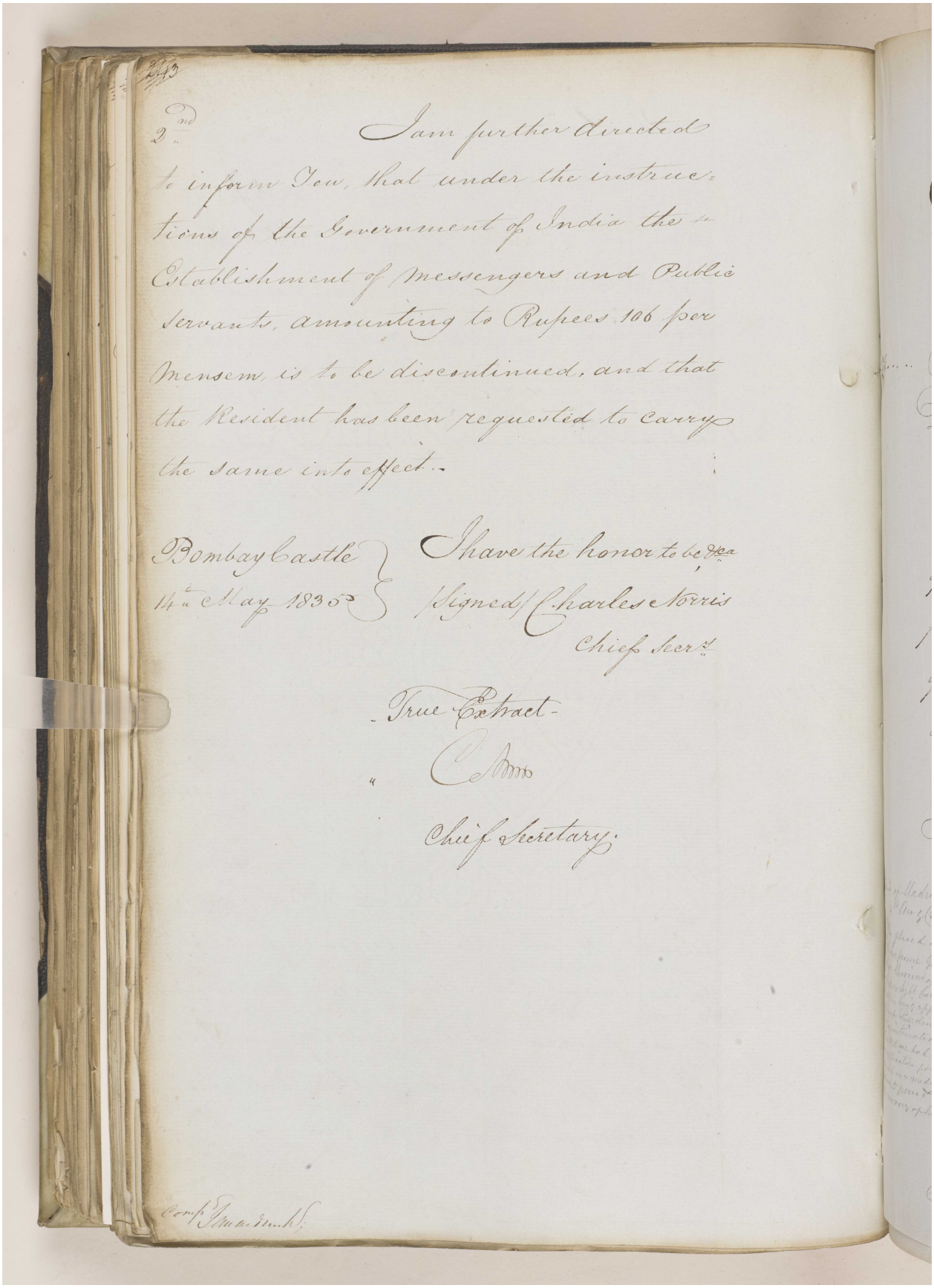
Dated 14th May 1835

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acquaint You, that Major Morison of the Madras Native Cavalry has been appointed Resident in the Persian Gulf in succession to Mr. D. R. Blane.

I am, (201)

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2nd I am further directed to inform You, that under the instructions of the Government of India the Establishment of Messengers and Public Servants, amounting to Rupees 106 per Mensem is to be discontinued, and that the Resident has been requested to carry the same into effect.

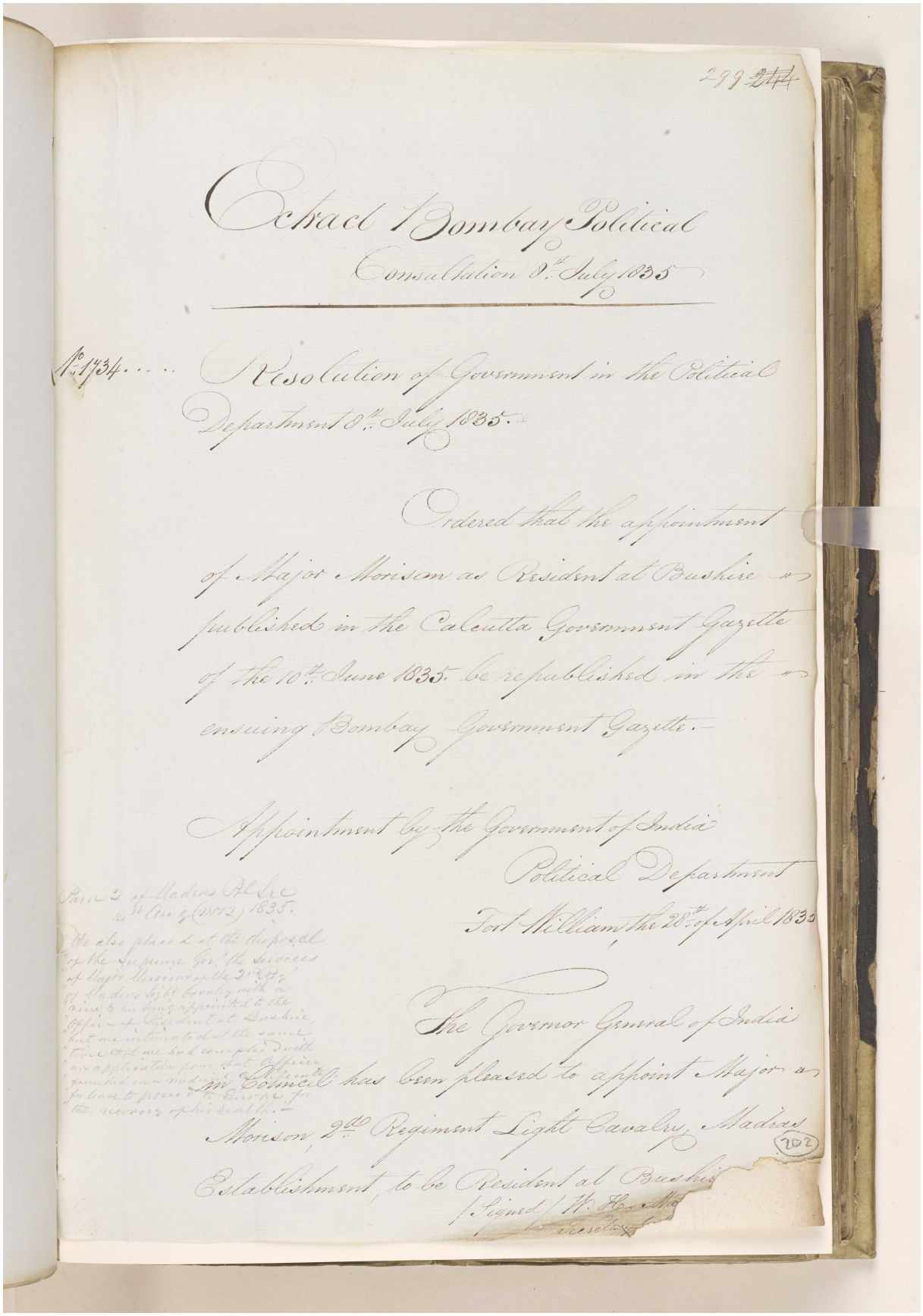
Bombay Castle 11th May 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ Charles Norris
Chief Secry.

True Extract
Chief Secretary.

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 8th July 1835

No. 1734 ..... Resolution of Government in the Political Department 8th July 1835.

Ordered that the appointment of Major Morison as Resident at Bushire as published in the Calcutta Government Gazette of the 10th June 1835. be republished in the ensuing Bombay Government Gazette.—

Appointment by the Government of India
Political Department
Fort William the 28th of April 1835

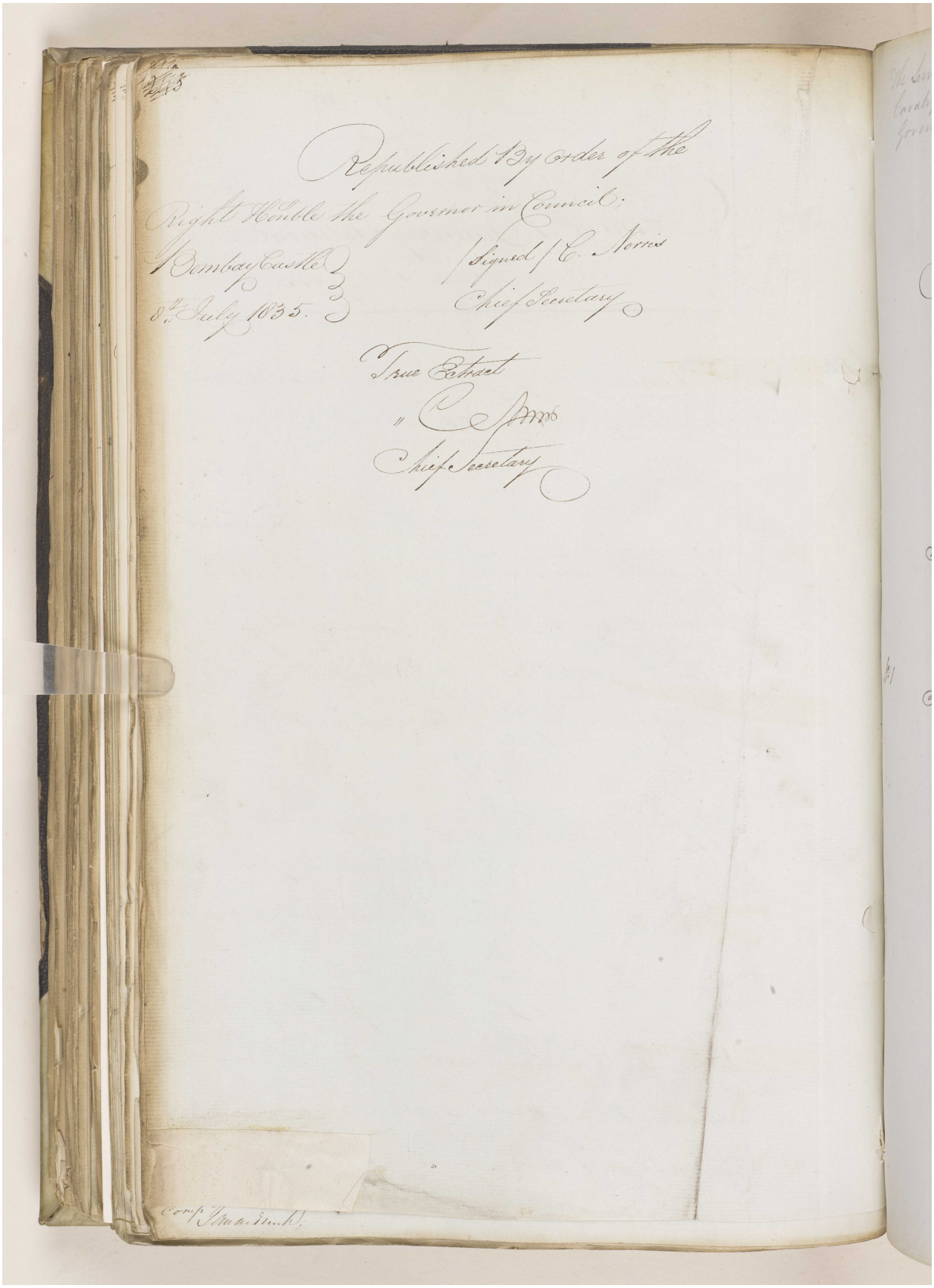
The Governor General of India in Council has been pleased to appoint Major Morison, 2d Regiment Light Cavalry, Madras Establishment, to be Resident at Bushire

Signed / W. H. Macnaghten
Secretary

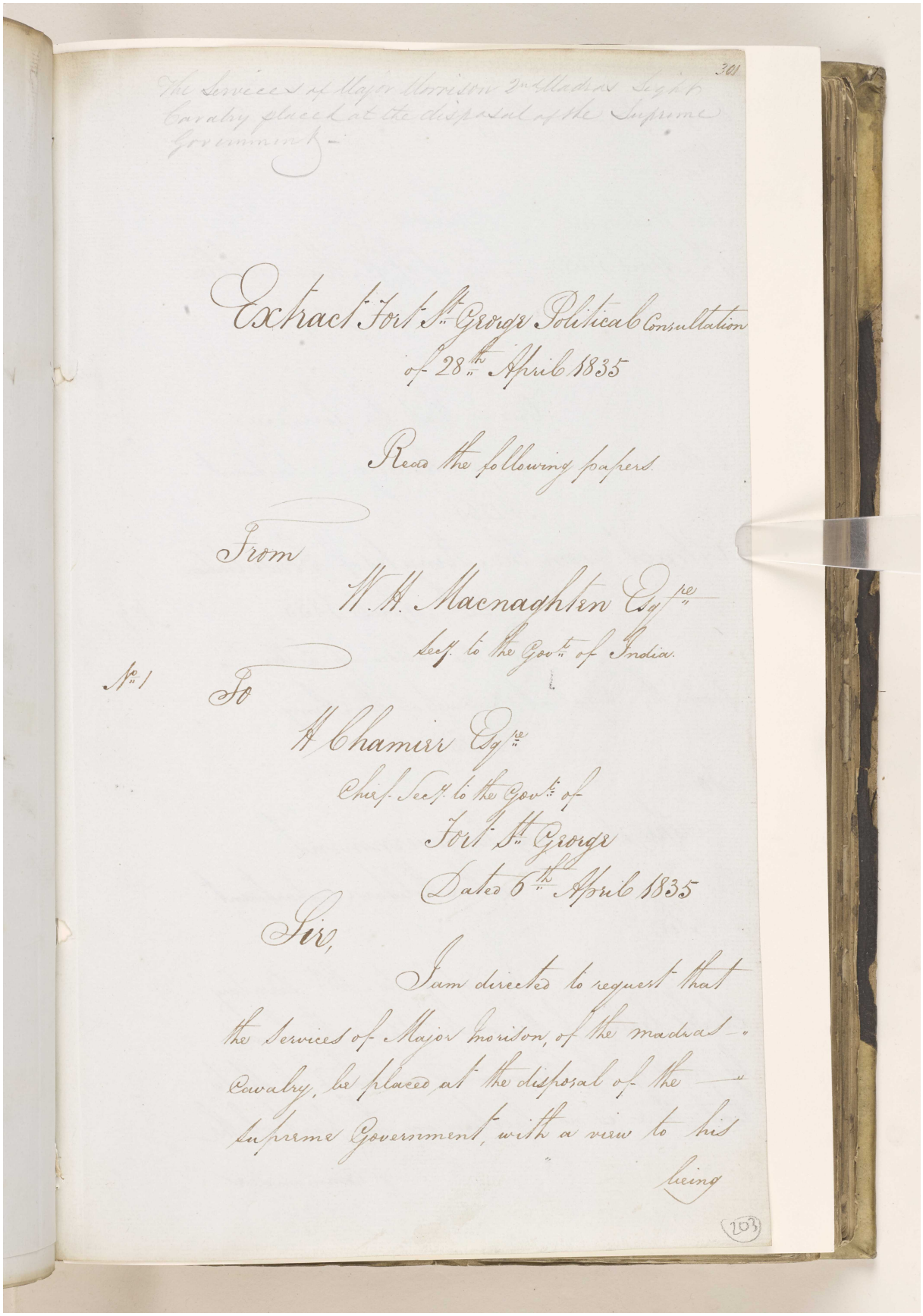
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No 2 (1112) 1835.
We also place at the disposal of the Supreme Govt the services of Major Morison of the 2nd Regt of Madras Light Cavalry with a view to his being appointed to the Office of Resident at Bushire, but we intimated at the same time that we had complied with an application from that Officer founded on a wish expressed by him to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health.—

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The Services of Major Morison 2nd Madras Light Cavalry placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government –

Extract Fort St. George Political Consultation of 28th April 1835

Read the following papers

From

W. H. Macnaghten Esqre
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 1 To

H. Chamier Esqre
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of
Fort St. George
Dated 6th April 1835

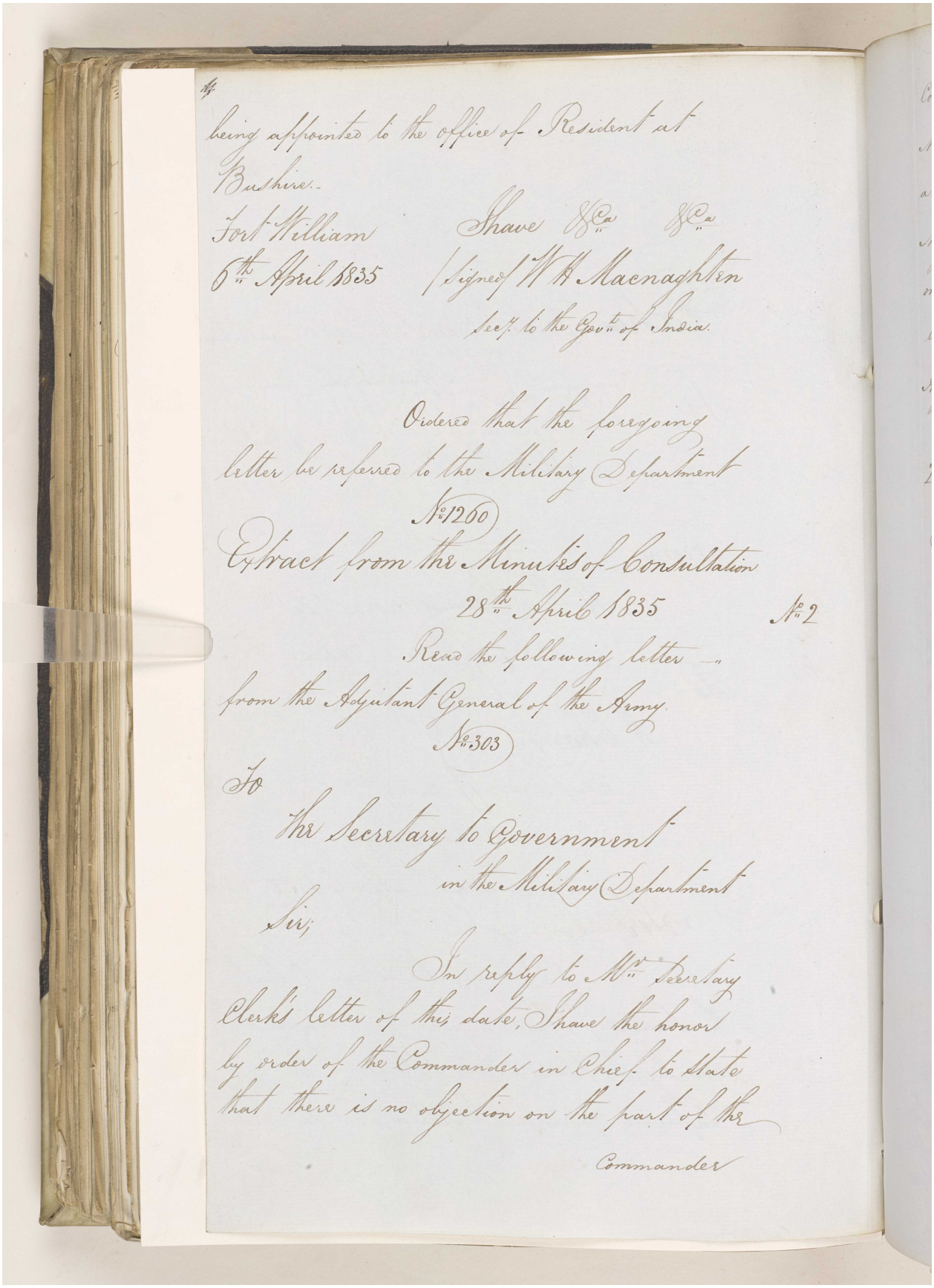
Sir,

I am directed to request that the Services of Major Morison, of the Madras Cavalry, be placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government, with a view to his being

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being appointed to the office of Resident at Bushire.-

Fort William
6th April 1835

I have &c &c &c
Signed/ W H Macnaghten
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be referred to the Military Department

No. 1260

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
28th April 1835 No. 2

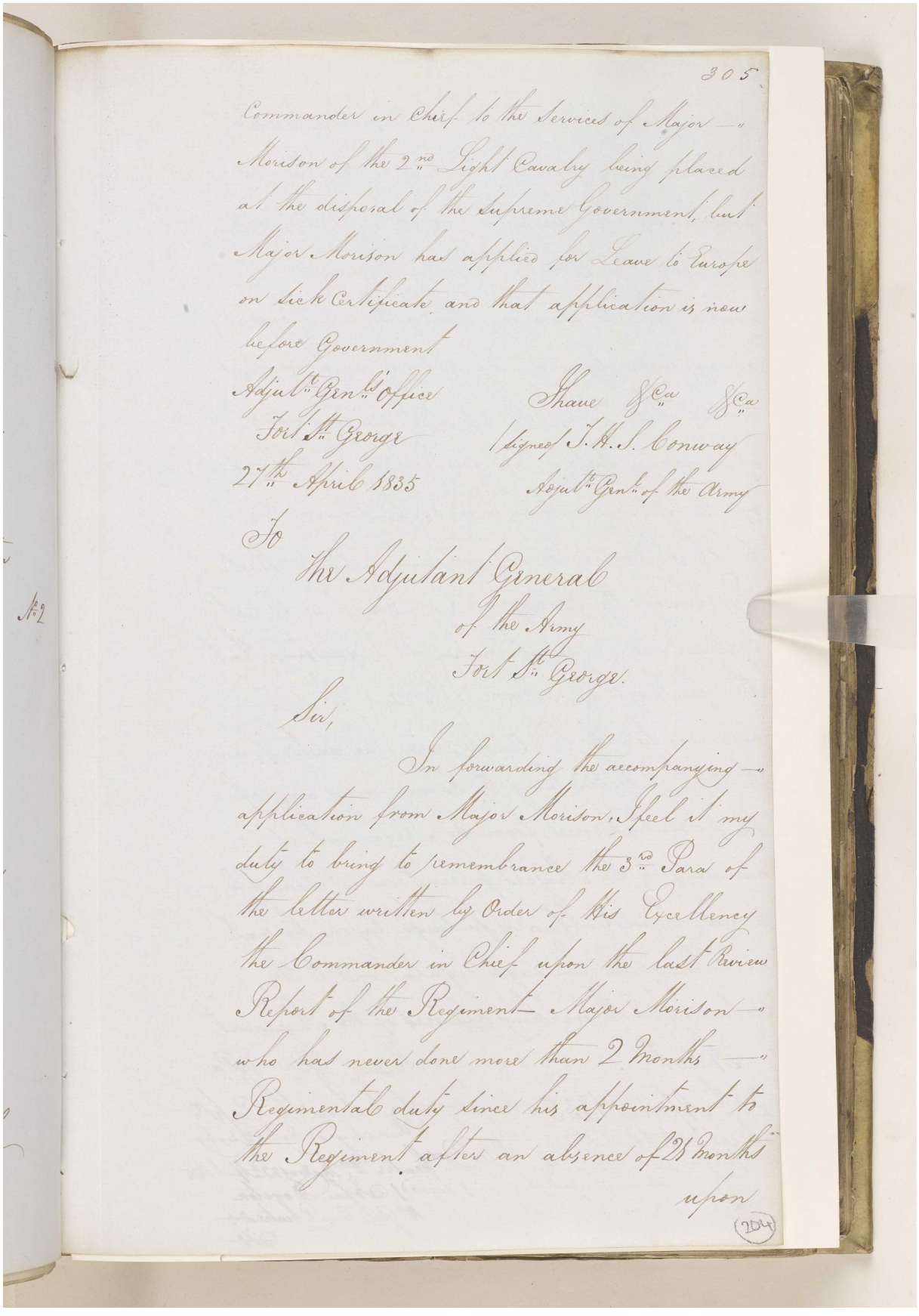
Read the following letter —
from the Adjutant General of the Army.

No. 303

To
The Secretary to Government
in the Military Department

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Clerks letter of this date, I have the honor by order of the Commander in Chief to state that there is no objection on the part of the Commander



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Commander in Chief to the Services of Major —"
Morison of the 2nd" Light Cavalry being placed
at the disposal of the Supreme Government, but
Major Morison has applied for Leave to Europe
on Sick Certificate and that application is now
before Government

Adjt" Genl" Office
Fort St" George
27th" April 1835

I have &c"
&c"
(Signed) J. A. S. Conway
Adjt" Genl" of the Army

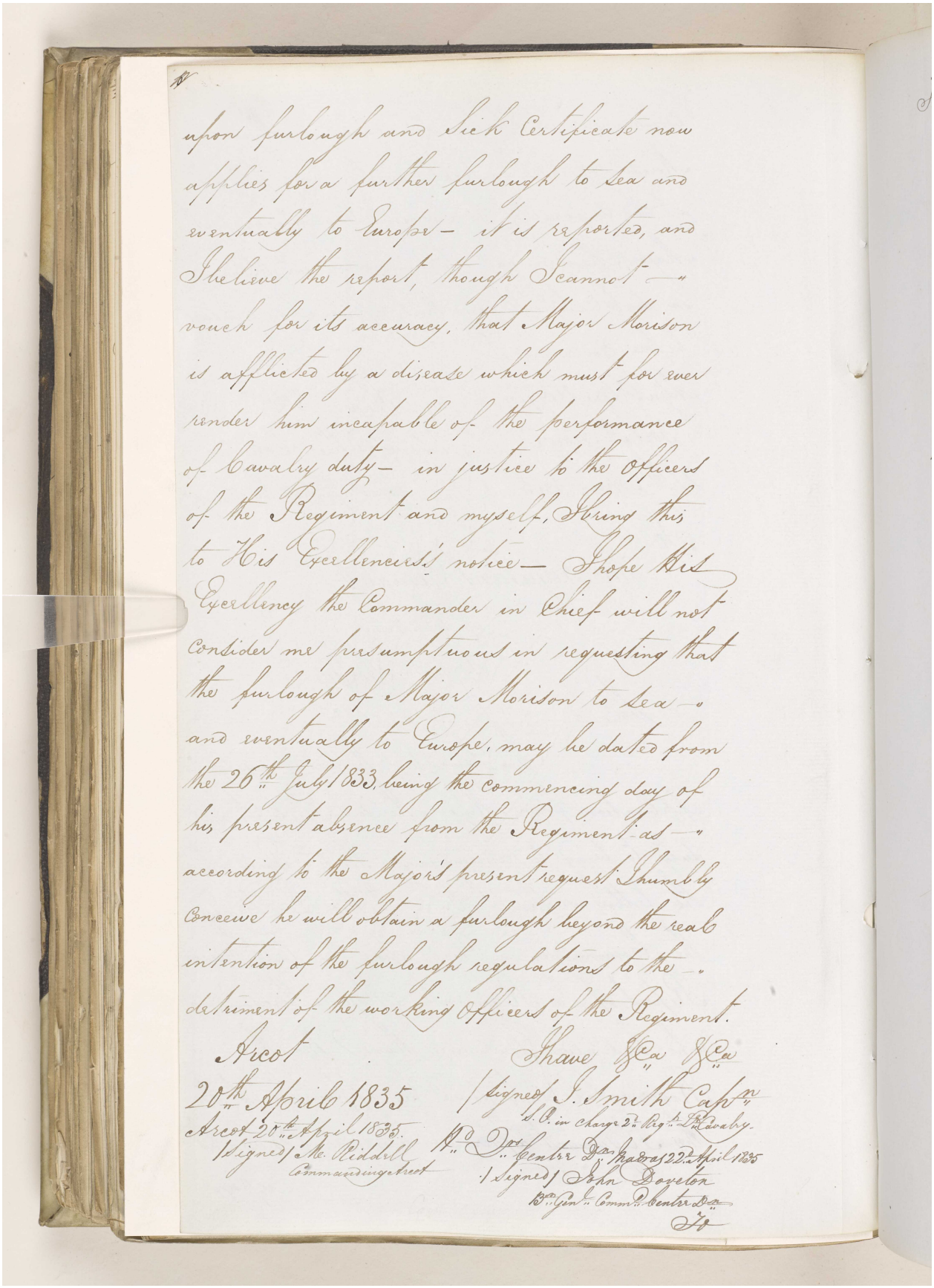
No 2

To
The Adjutant General
of the Army
Fort St" George.

Sir,

In forwarding the accompanying —"
application from Major Morison, I feel it my
duty to bring to remembrance the 3rd" Para of
the letter written by Order of His Excellency
the Commander in Chief upon the last Review
Report of the Regiment — Major Morison —"
who has never done more than 2 Months —"
Regimental duty since his appointment to
the Regiment after an absence of 21 Months"
upon

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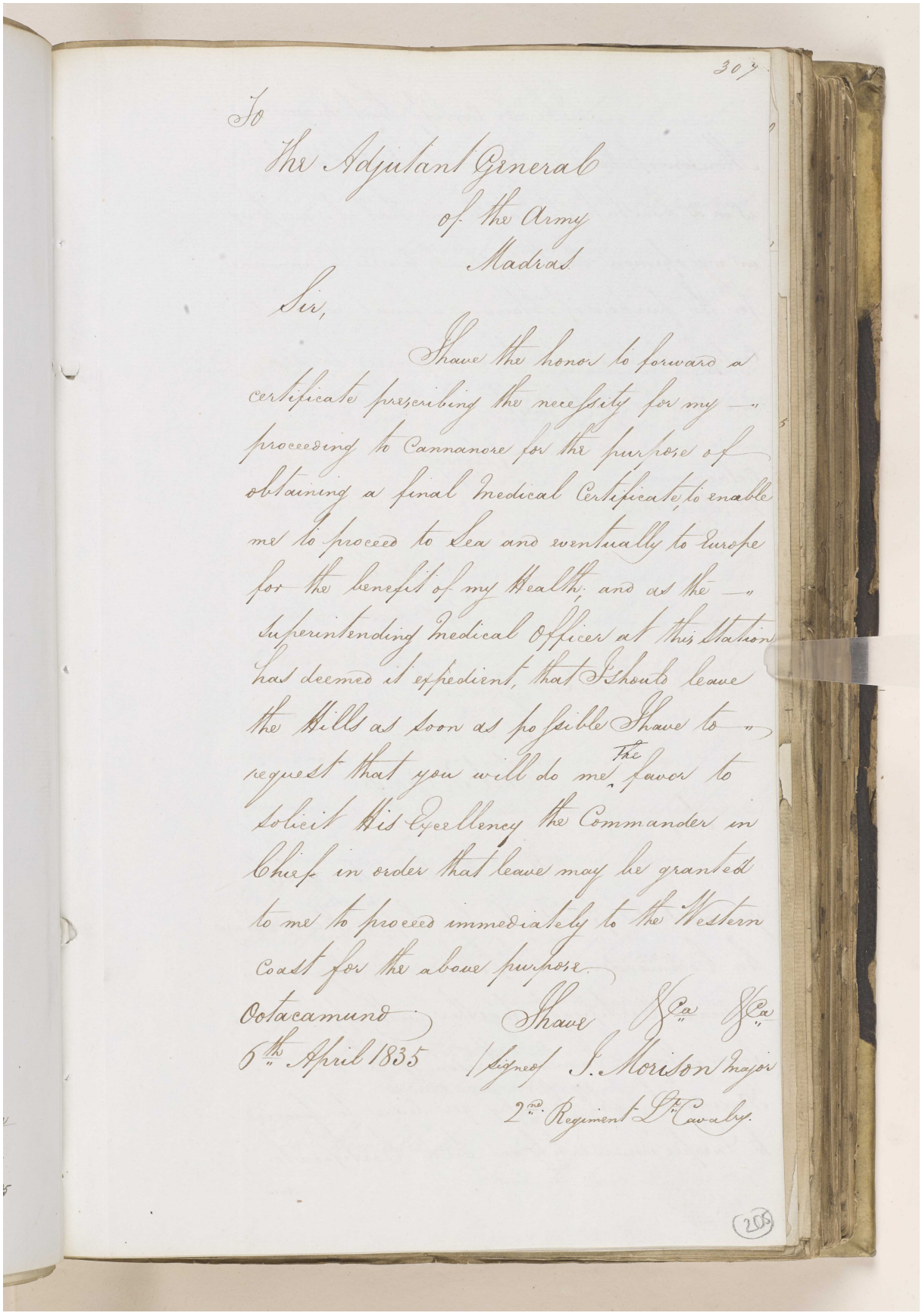
upon furlough and Sick Certificate now
applies for a further furlough to Sea and
eventually to Europe – it is reported, and
I believe the report, though I cannot –"
vouch for its accuracy, that Major Morison
is afflicted by a disease which must for ever
render him incapable of the performance
of Cavalry duty – in justice to the Officers
of the Regiment and myself, I bring this
to His Excellency's notice – I hope His
Excellency the Commander in Chief will not
consider me presumptuous in requesting that
the furlough of Major Morison to Sea –"
and eventually to Europe, may be dated from
the 26th" July 1833, being the commencing day of
his present absence from the Regiment as –"
according to the Major's present request I humbly
conceive he will obtain a furlough beyond the real
intention of the furlough regulations to the –"
detriment of the working Officers of the Regiment.

I have &c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Smith Capt.n
D.A.G. in charge 2d Reg.t Cav.y

Arcot
20th" April 1835

Arcot 20th" April 1835.
(Signed) H. Riddell
Commanding Regt

A.D.C. Centre Div.n Madras 22d April 1835
(Signed) John Doveton
D.A.Gen.l Comm.g Centre Div.n



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To

The Adjutant General
of the Army
Madras

Sir,

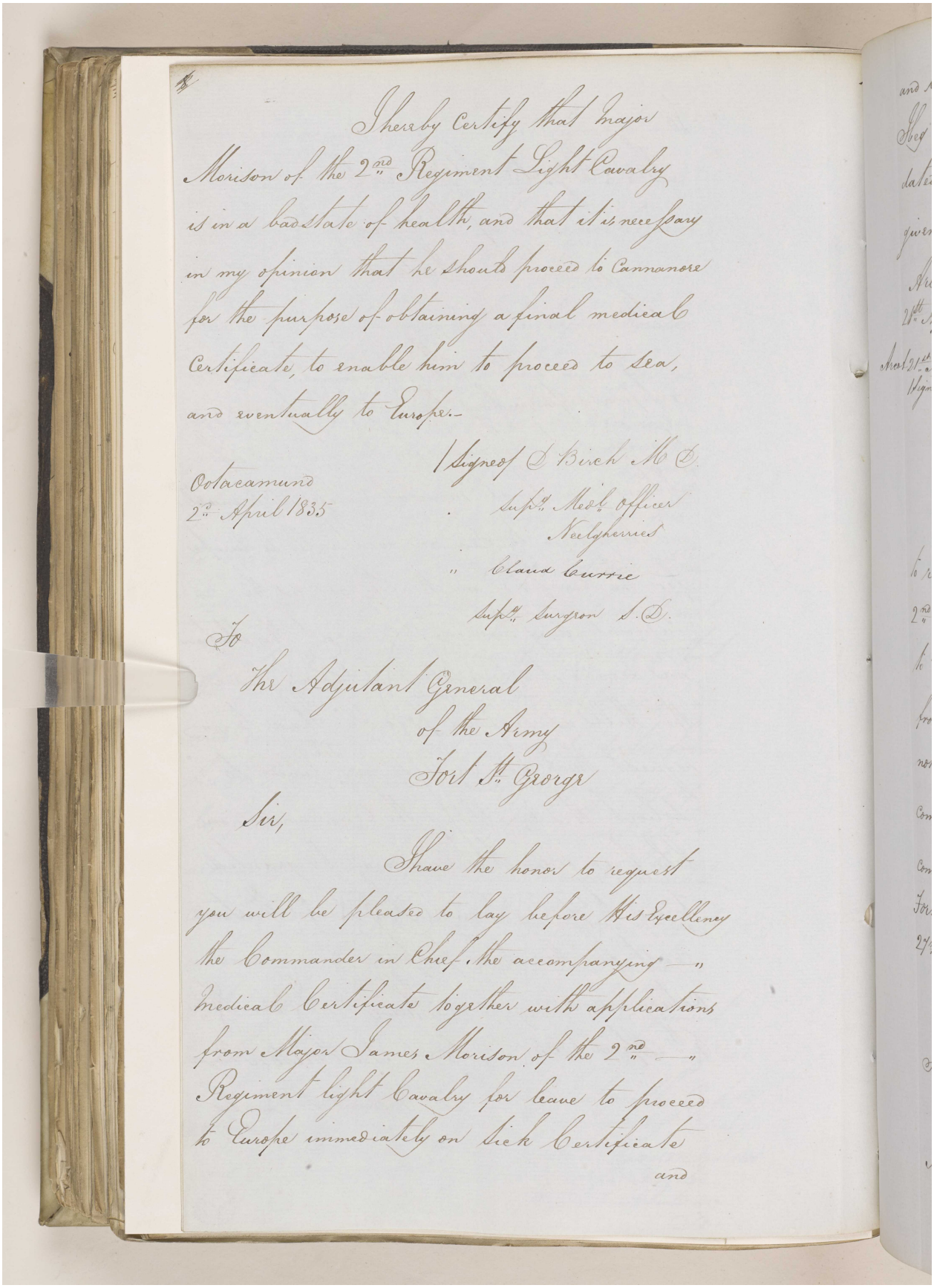
I have the honor to forward a certificate prescribing the necessity for my proceeding to Cannanore for the purpose of obtaining a final Medical Certificate, to enable me to proceed to Sea and eventually to Europe for the benefit of my Health: and as the superintending Medical Officer at this Station has deemed it expedient, that I should leave the Hills as soon as possible I have to request that you will do me the favor to solicit His Excellency the Commander in Chief in order that leave may be granted to me to proceed immediately to the Western Coast for the above purpose.

Ootacamund
6th April 1835

I have &c &c
(signed) J. Morison Major
2nd Regiment Dr Cavalry

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I hereby Certify that Major
Morison of the 2nd Regiment Light Cavalry
is in a bad state of health, and that it is necessary
in my opinion that he should proceed to Cannanore
for the purpose of obtaining a final medical
Certificate, to enable him to proceed to sea,
and eventually to Europe.-

(Signed) J. Birch M.D.
Supt. Medl. Officer
Neelgherries

" Claud Currie
Supt. Surgeon S.D.

Ootacamund
2d April 1835

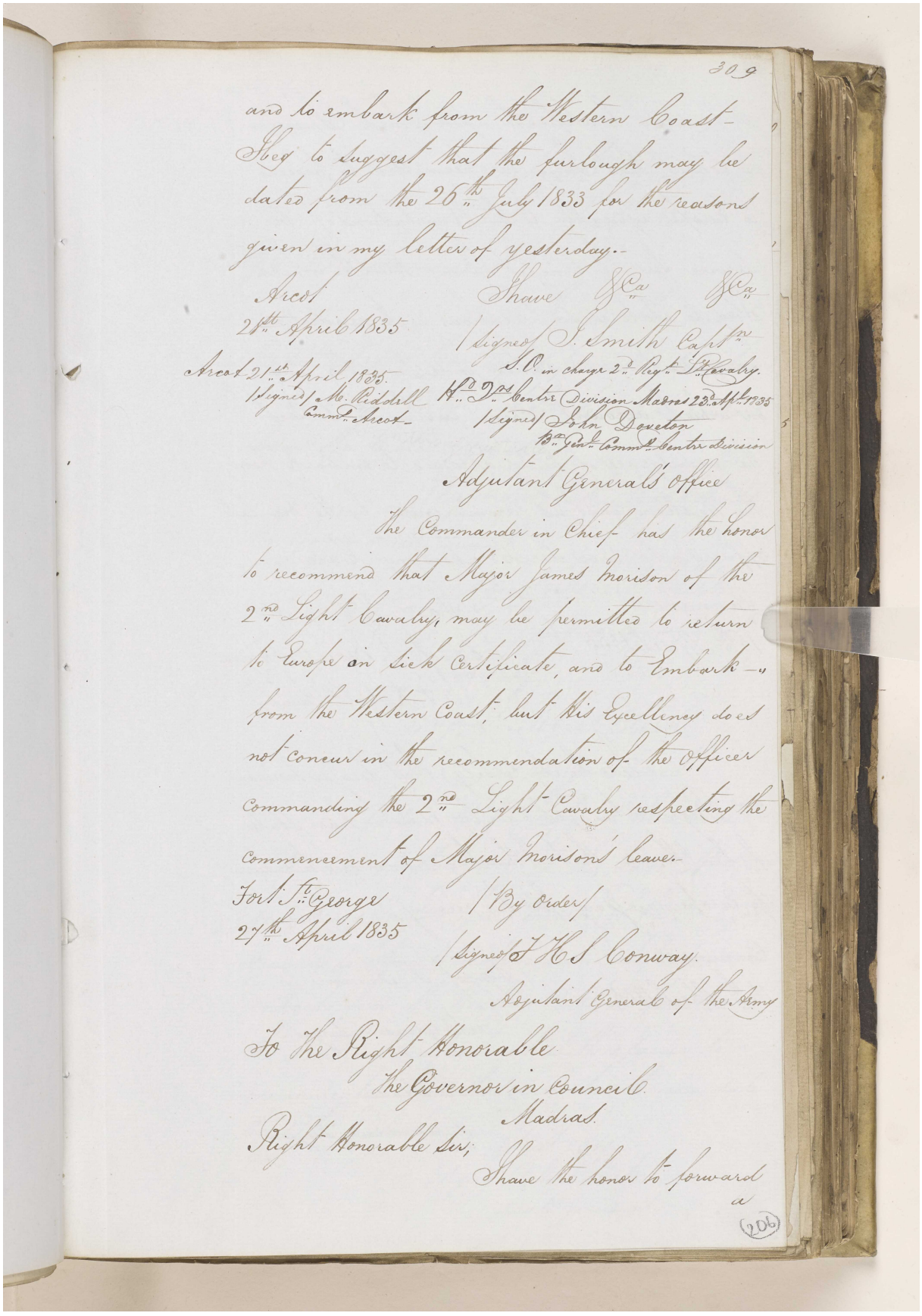
To
The Adjutant General
of the Army
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request
you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency
the Commander in Chief, the accompanying "
medical Certificate together with applications
from Major James Morison of the 2nd "
Regiment light Cavalry for leave to proceed
to Europe immediately on Sick Certificate

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and to embark from the Western Coast –
I beg to suggest that the furlough may be
dated from the 26th July 1833 for the reasons
given in my letter of yesterday.–

Arcot
28th April 1835

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/ Signed / J. Smith Capt.
S.O. in charge 2d Regt. Lt Cavalry.

Arcot 21st April 1835.
/ Signed / Mc Riddell
Commg. Arcot.

H.Q. Dos Centre Division Madras 23d April 1835
/ Signed / John Doveton
Bg. Genl. Comm. Centre division

Adjutant Generals Office

The Commander in Chief has the honor
to recommend that Major James Morison of the
2nd Light Cavalry, may be permitted to return
to Europe on Sick Certificate, and to Embark –
from the Western Coast; but His Excellency does
not concur in the recommendation of the Officer
Commanding the 2nd Light Cavalry respecting the
Commencement of Major Morisons leave.

Fort St. George
27th April 1835

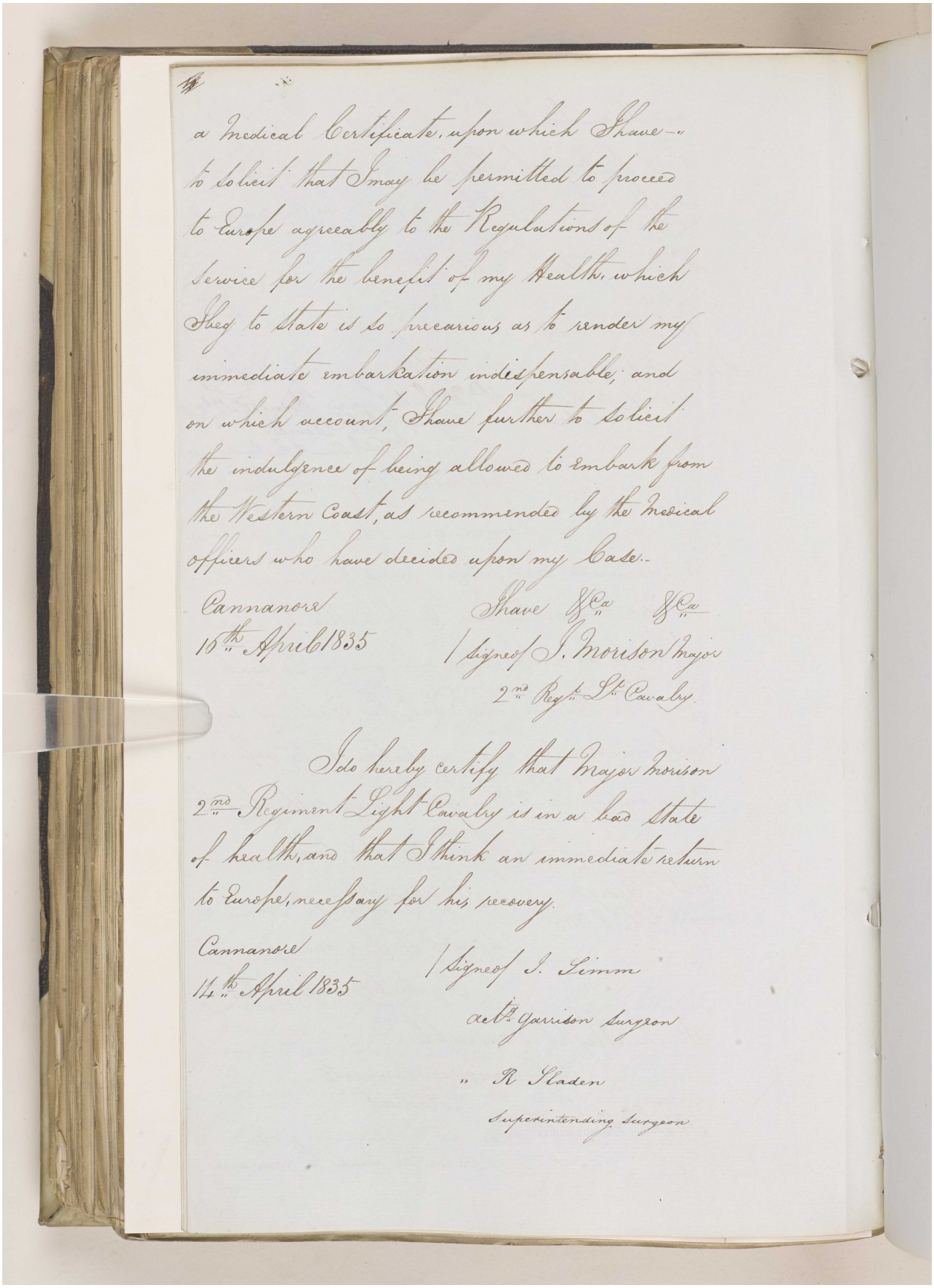
/ By order /
/ Signed / H S Conway
Aquitant General of the Army

To The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
Madras

Right Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to forward
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a Medical Certificate, upon which I have — to solicit that I may be permitted to proceed to Europe agreeably to the Regulations of the Service for the benefit of my Health, which I beg to state is so precarious as to render my immediate embarkation indispensable, and on which account, I have further to solicit the indulgence of being allowed to embark from the Western Coast, as recommended by the Medical officers who have decided upon my Case.—

Cannanore
16th " April 1835

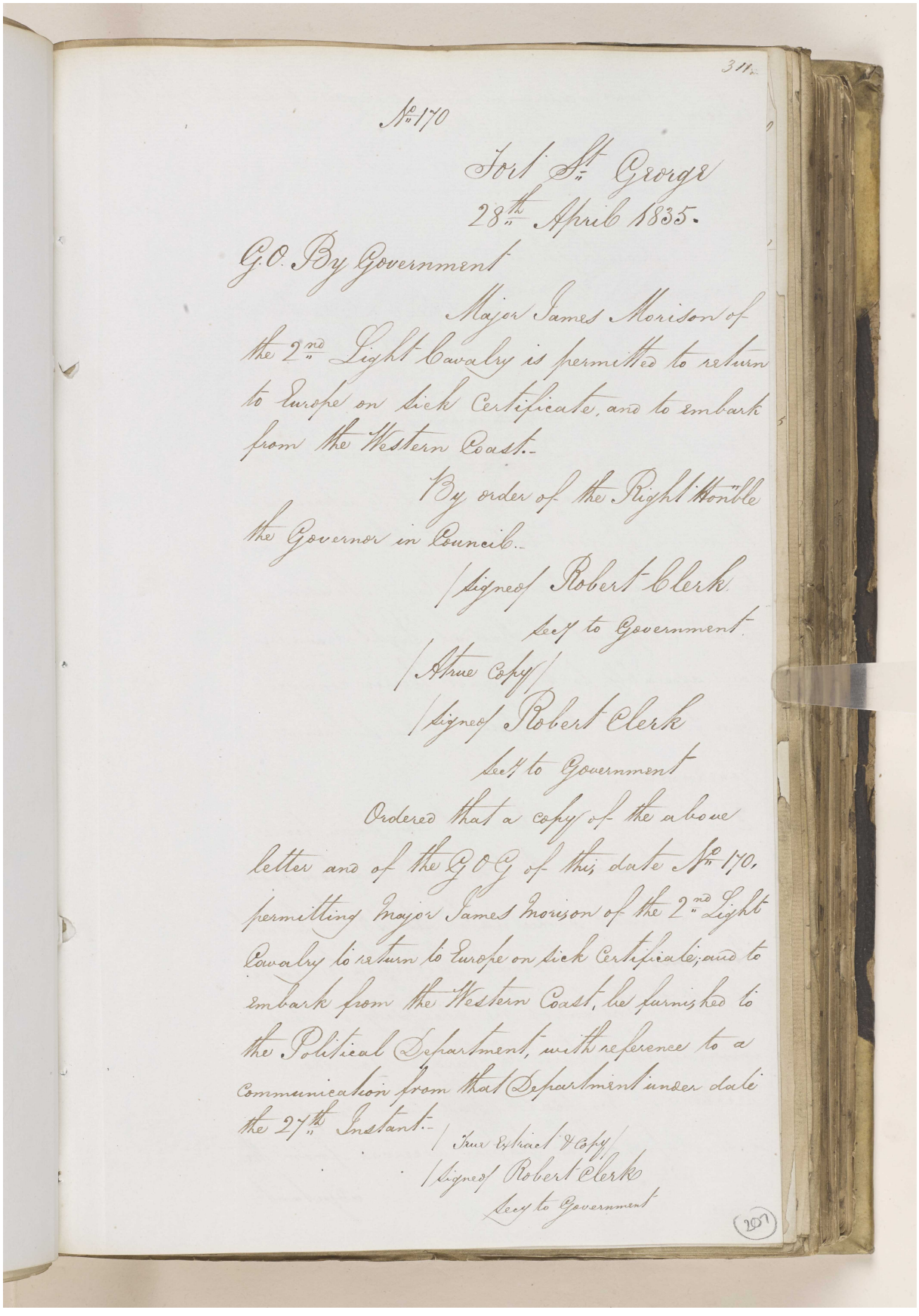
I have &c &c
/ Signed / J. Morison Major
2nd " Regt Lt Cavalry

I do hereby certify that Major Morison 2nd " Regiment Light Cavalry is in a bad state of health, and that I think an immediate return to Europe, necessary for his recovery.

Cannanore
11th " April 1835

/ Signed / J. Timm
act. Garison Surgeon
" R Gladen
Superintending Surgeon

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No. 170

Fort St. George
28th April 1835.

G.O. By Government

Major James Morison of the 2nd Light Cavalry is permitted to return to Europe on Sick Certificate, and to embark from the Western Coast.-

By order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.-

/Signed/ Robert Clerk
Secy to Government

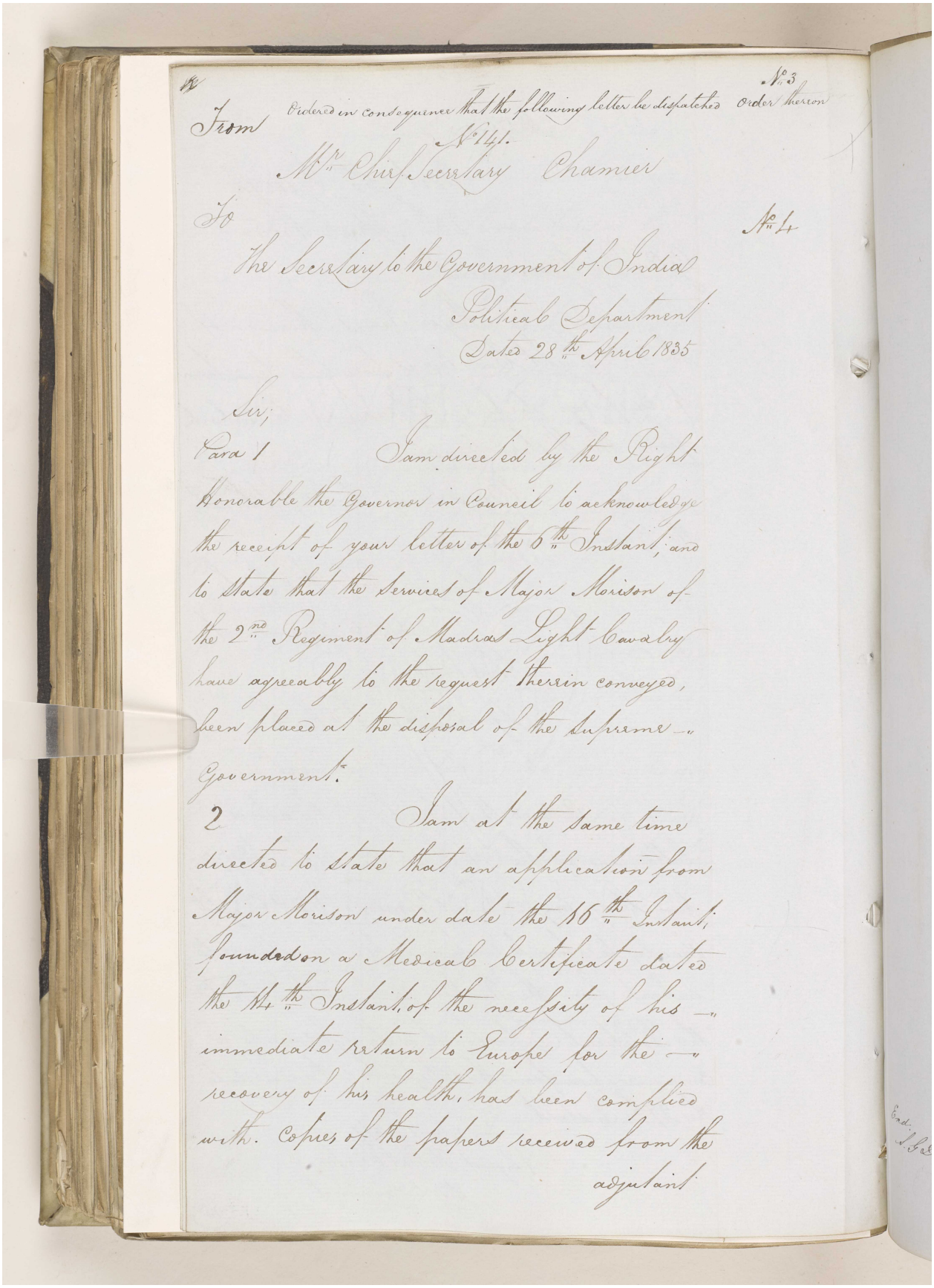
/A true Copy/
/Signed/ Robert Clerk
Secy to Government

Ordered that a copy of the above letter and of the G.O.G. of this date No. 170, permitting Major James Morison of the 2nd Light Cavalry to return to Europe on Sick Certificate; and to embark from the Western Coast, be furnished to the Political Department, with reference to a Communication from that Department under date the 27th Instant.-

/True Extract & Copy/
/Signed/ Robert Clerk
Secy to Government

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Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched
No 3
order thereon

From

No 141.

Mr Chief Secretary Chamier

To

No 4

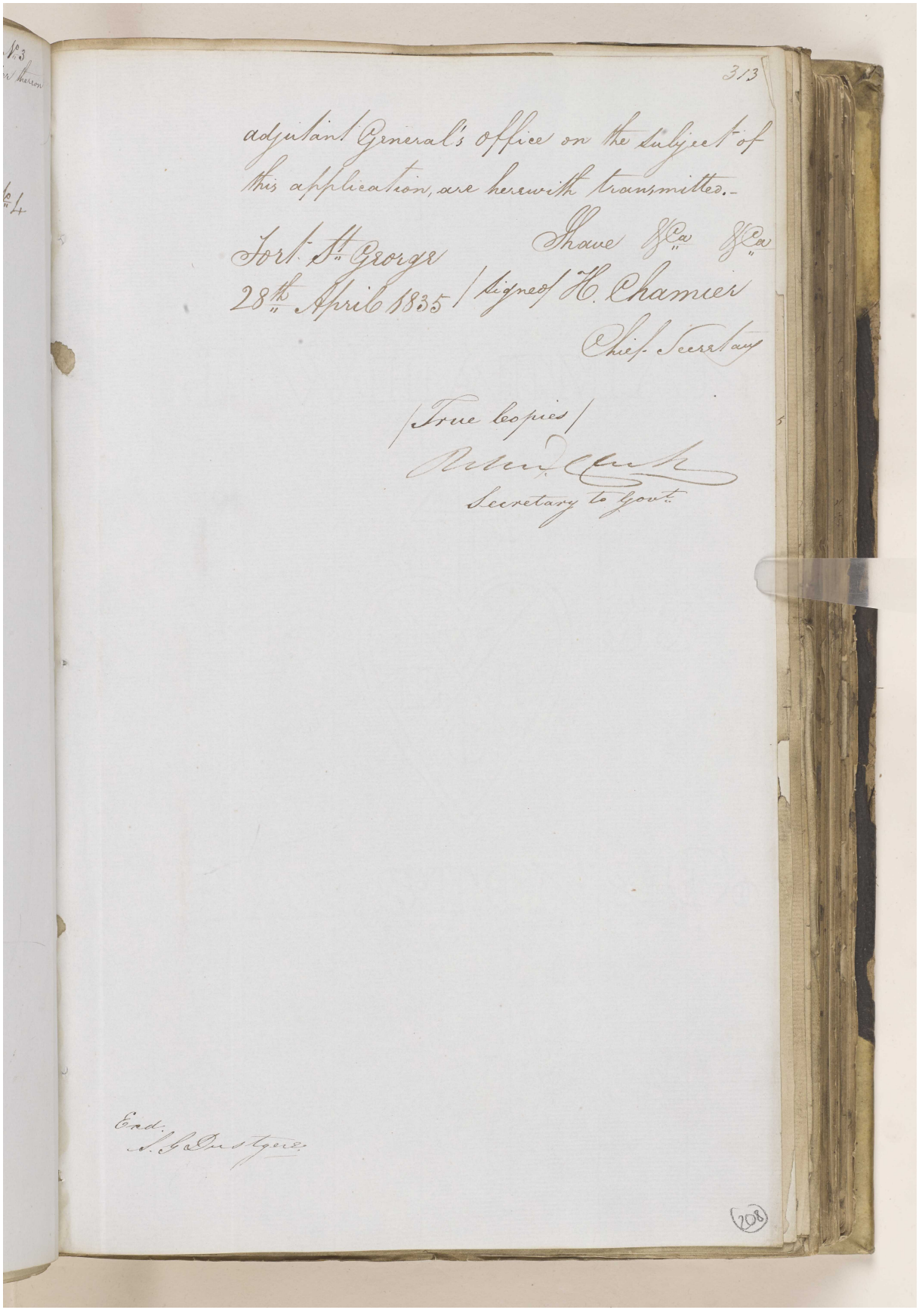
The Secretary to the Government of India
Political Department
Dated 28th April 1835

Sir;

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant, and to state that the Services of Major Morison of the 2nd Regiment of Madras Light Cavalry have agreeably to the request therein conveyed, been placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government.

2 I am at the same time directed to state that an application from Major Morison under date the 16th Instant, founded on a Medical Certificate dated the 14th Instant, of the necessity of his immediate return to Europe for the recovery of his health, has been complied with. Copies of the papers received from the

adjutant



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adjutant General's office on the subject of
this application, are herewith transmitted.-

I have &c &c

Fort St. George
28th April 1835 / Signed / H. Chamier
Chief Secretary

/True copies/
Secretary to Govt.

End. as Quoted

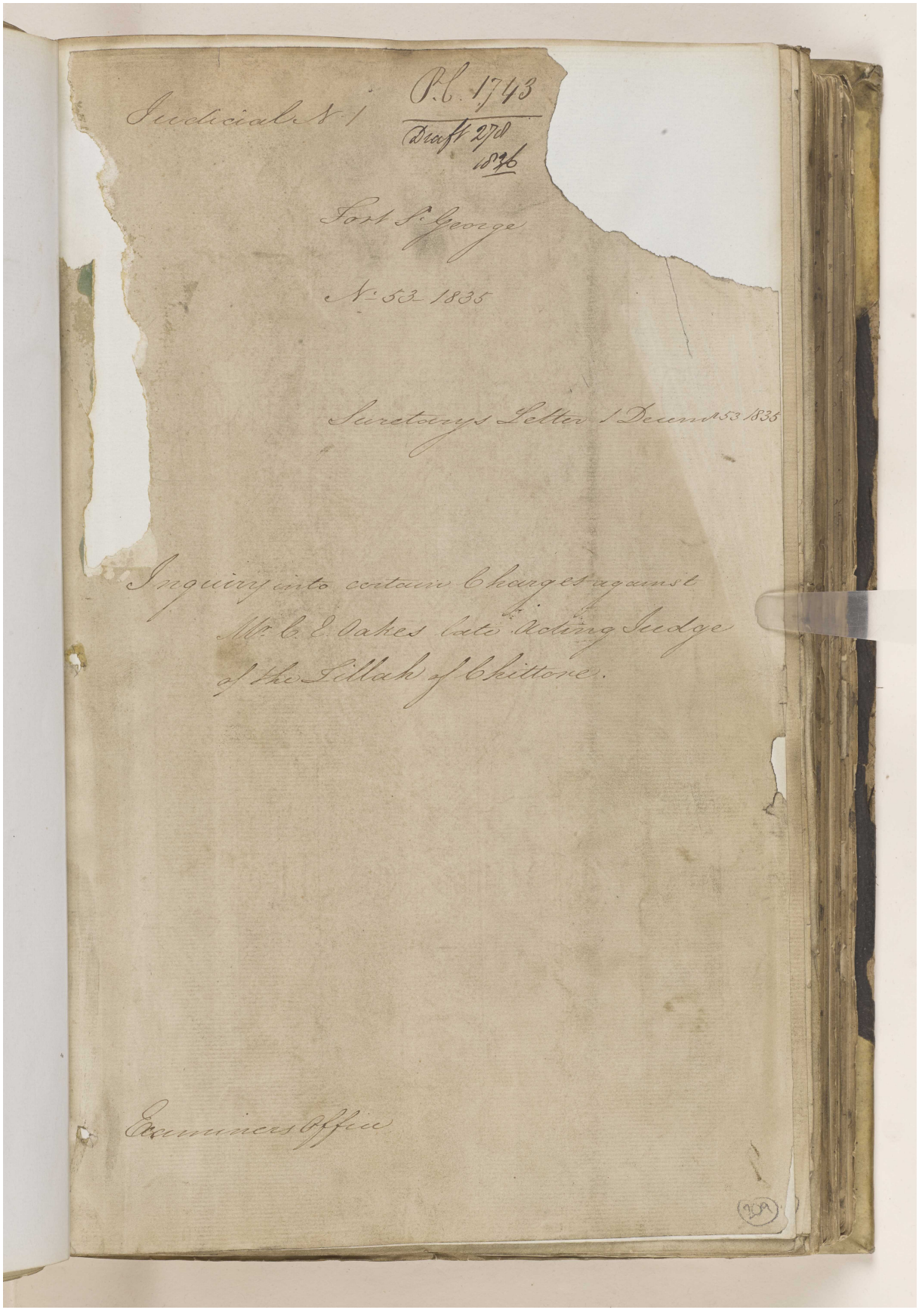
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