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‘Correspondence respecting the prohibition on the part of Ibrahim Pasha, of the sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants’

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The item consists of copies and extracts of enclosures to political letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai] to the East India Company Court of Directors. The item relates to:

- The prohibition on the part of Ibrahim Pasha [Ibrāhīm Pasha Kavali], Commander in Chief of the Egyptian army in Yemen, of the sale of coffee at Mocha to British merchants and efforts by Stafford Bettesworth Haines, Commander of the Company ship *Palinurus*, to reverse this order
- General concerns about the Egyptians' growing monopoly of the trade at Mocha
- A charge levied against Surat merchants at Mocha for 1300 dollars by order of the Pasha, contested by Haines on the basis that the charge was based on a one-off gift made years before by the Surat merchants and that this current charge contradicts the 1821 treaty agreed with the present Imam of Sennar [Imam of Sana'a], the relevant article of which is cited at folio 393
- A report by John Croft Hawkins, Commander of the Company ship *Clive*, on the state of affairs of Egyptian and Turkish activity in Juddah [Jeddah] and the Hedjaz [Hejaz].

As well as the above, correspondents include: Charles Sloam, Acting Consul General of Egypt; Kurimbhaee Ibrahimjee [Karīmbhā'ī Ibrāhīmjī], Acting Native Agent at Mocha; and Sir Charles Malcolm, Superintendent of

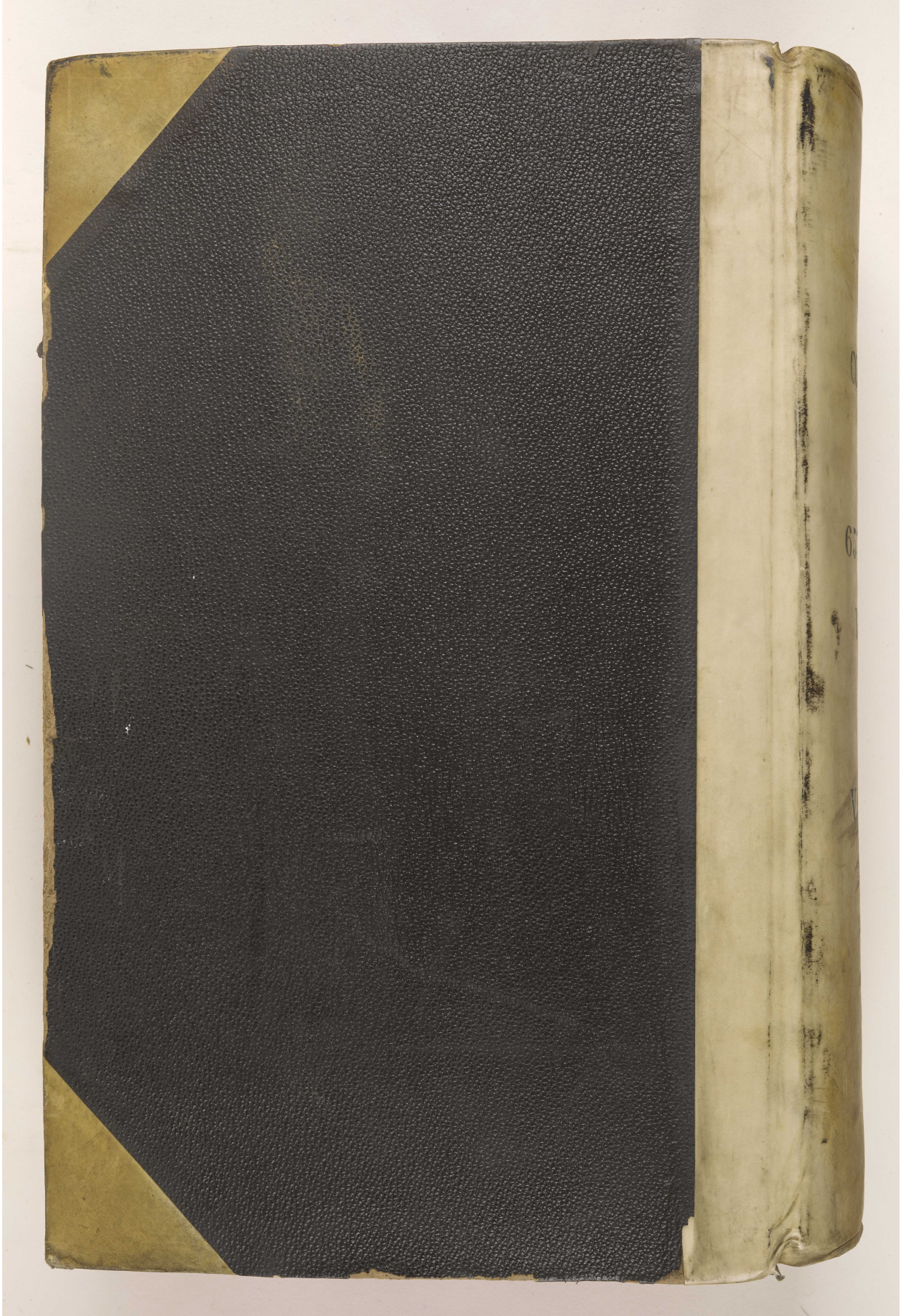
the Indian Navy.

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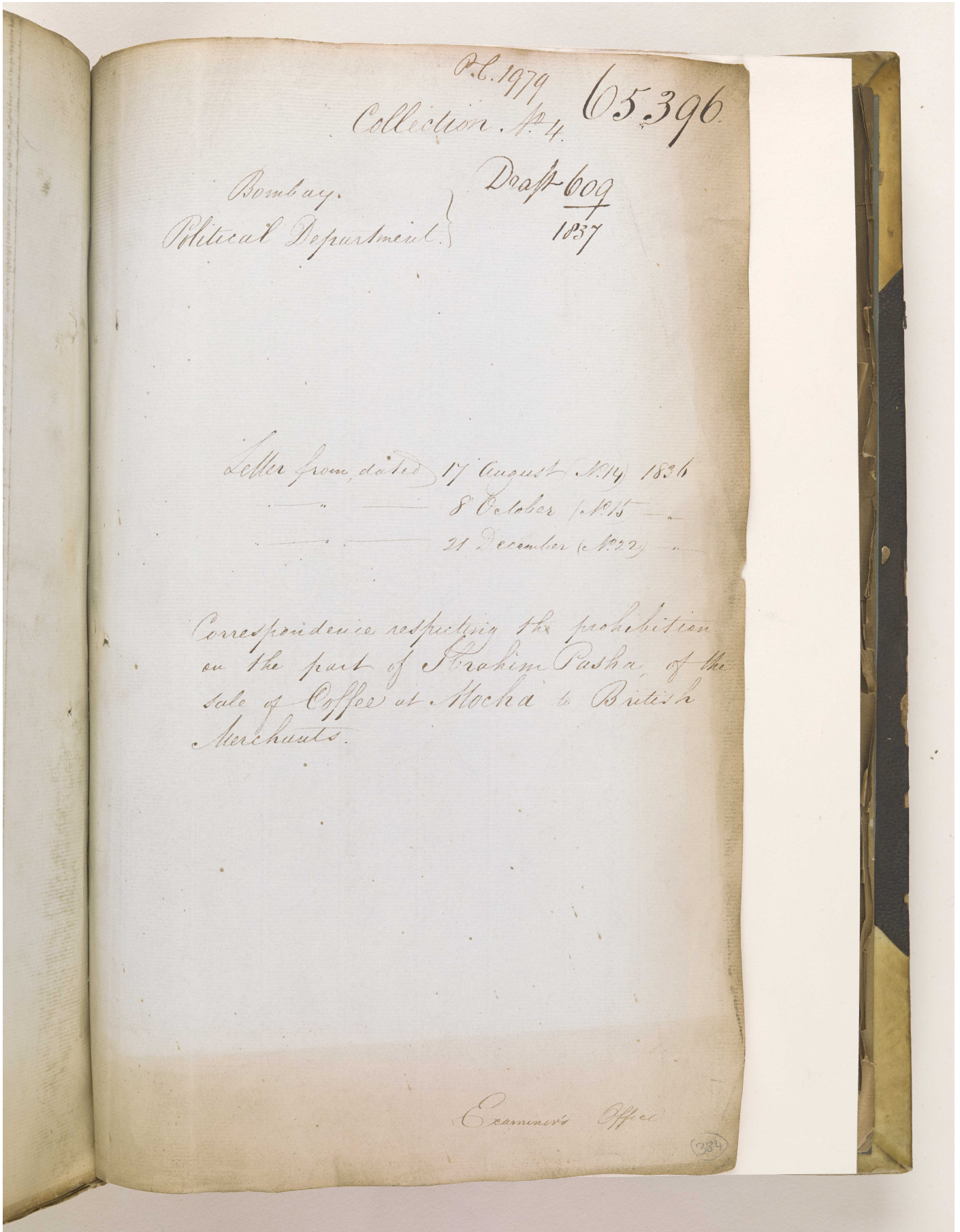
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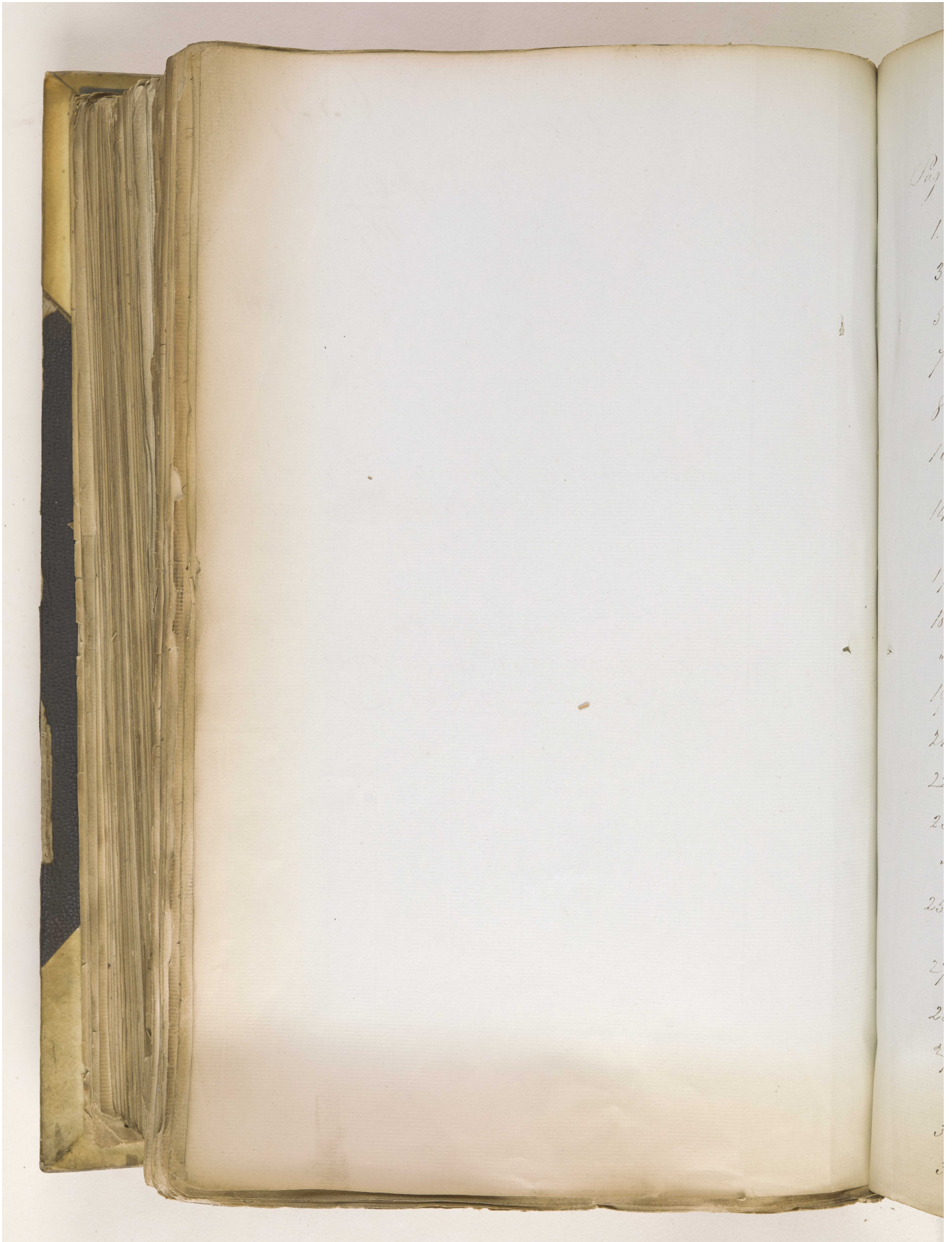
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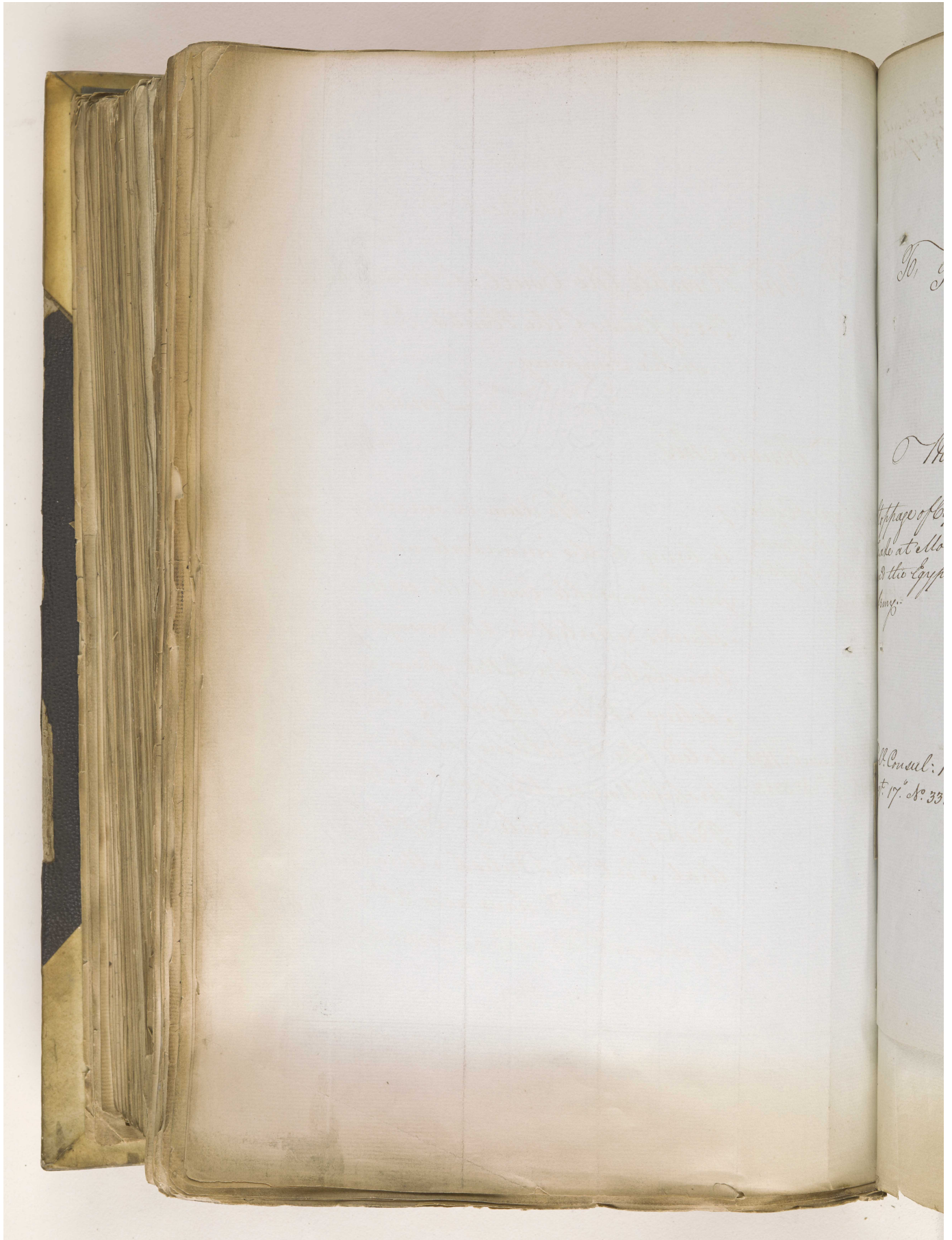


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Copy

No. 114 of 1836.

Political Department.

To The Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors
For affairs of the Hon^{ble} East
India Company.
London.

Hon^{ble} Sir,

Copy of Coffee
trade at Mocha
and the Egyptian
Company.

Consul: 1836.
Sept. 17. No. 3383.

1. We deem it our duty,
to bring to the immediate notice of
your Honorable Court the circum-
stances reported in the accompanying
translation of a letter from the
Acting Native Agent at Mocha,
dated the 8th Ultimo, relative to the
prohibition on the part of Ibrahim
Pasha, of the sale of Coffee at
that Port to British Merchants.

2. We have also the honor
to forward by this opportunity,
copy

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copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Indian Navy, with its enclosures from Commander Hawkins of the Honble Company's sloop of war Olive recently employed in the Red sea, being transcripts of his communication to the Acting Consul General at Alexandria, containing information regarding the Egyptian Army, and of Commander Haines' letter to Ibrahim Pasha relative to the stoppage of the Coffee trade.

3. We have transmitted copies of the above documents to the Government of India for their information.

We have the honor to be

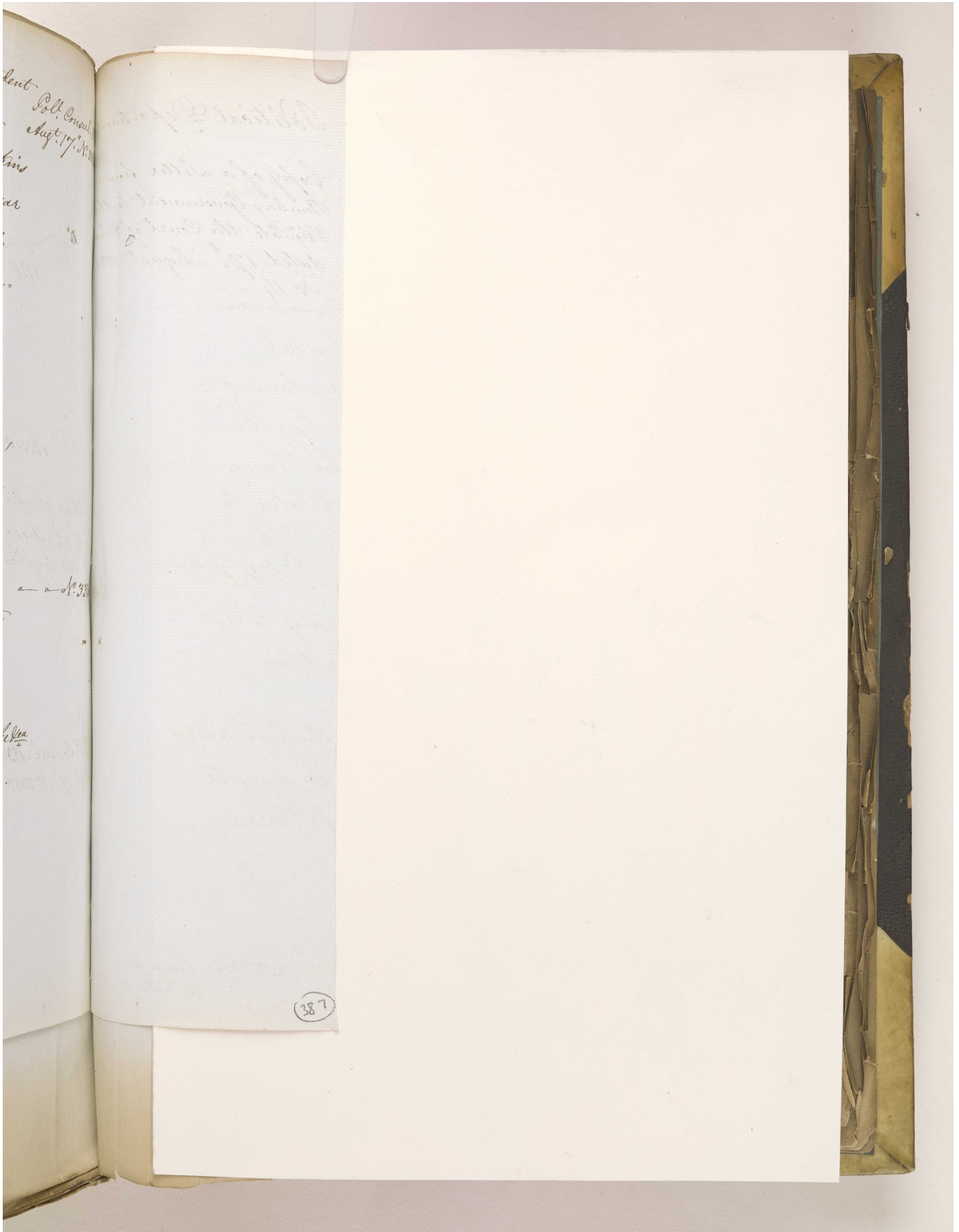
(Signed) C. Inneside.
Bombay Castle }
17th August 1836. } J. Farish.

True Copy.

Secretary to Government.

C. J. Lawrence

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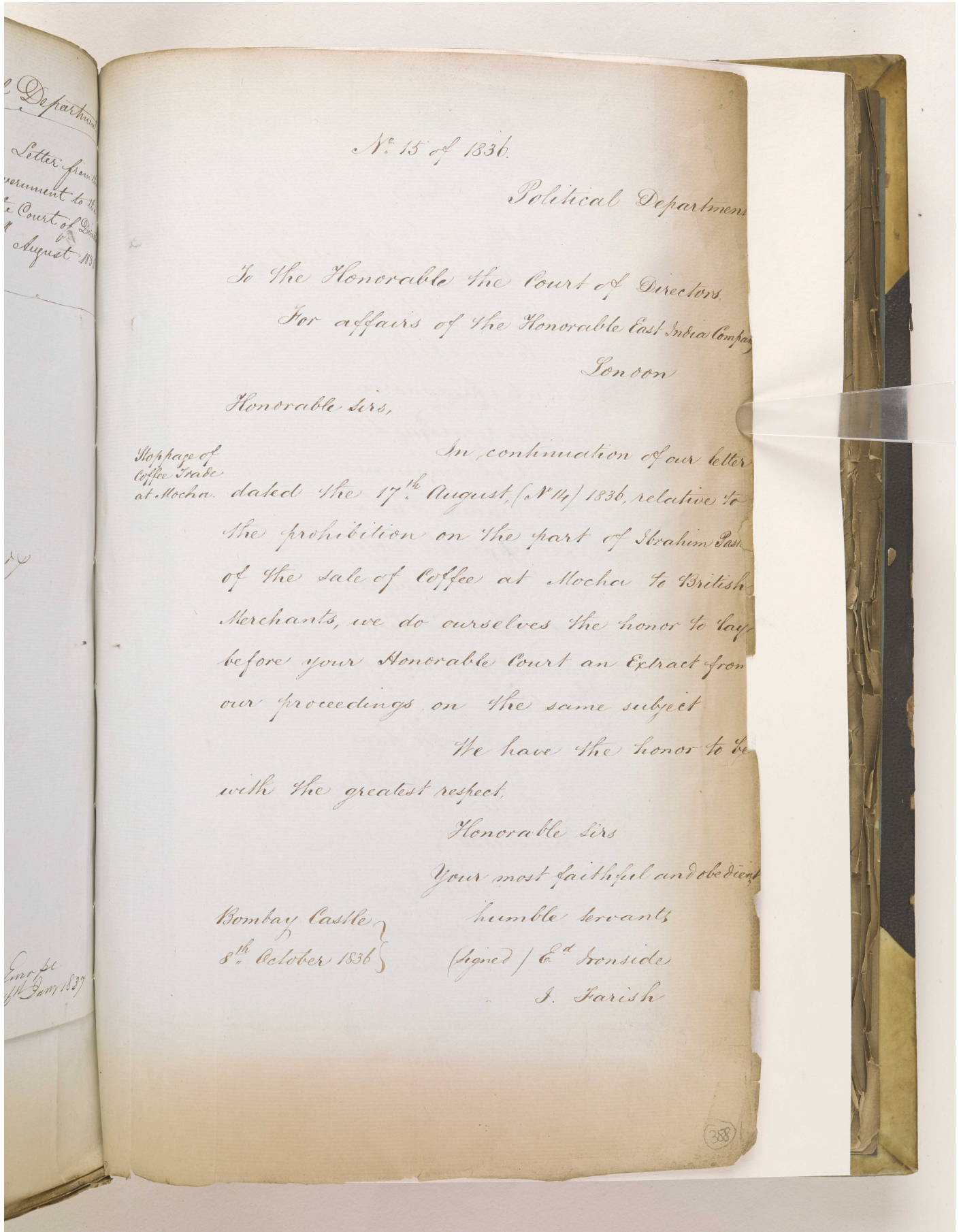
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Bombay Government to the
Honble the Court of Directors
dated 17th August 1835
No. 114.*

*Stoppage
Coffee
at Mocha*

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*Recd Europe
16th Jan 1837*

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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [388r] (15/50)



N. 15 of 1836.

Political Department

To The Honorable the Court of Directors,
For affairs of the Honorable East India Company
London

Honorable sirs,

Stoppage of
Coffee Trade
at Mocha.

In continuation of our letter
dated the 17th August, (N. 14) 1836, relative to
the prohibition on the part of Ibrahim Pasha
of the sale of Coffee at Mocha to British
Merchants, we do ourselves the honor to lay
before your Honorable Court an Extract from
our proceedings on the same subject

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect,

Honorable sirs

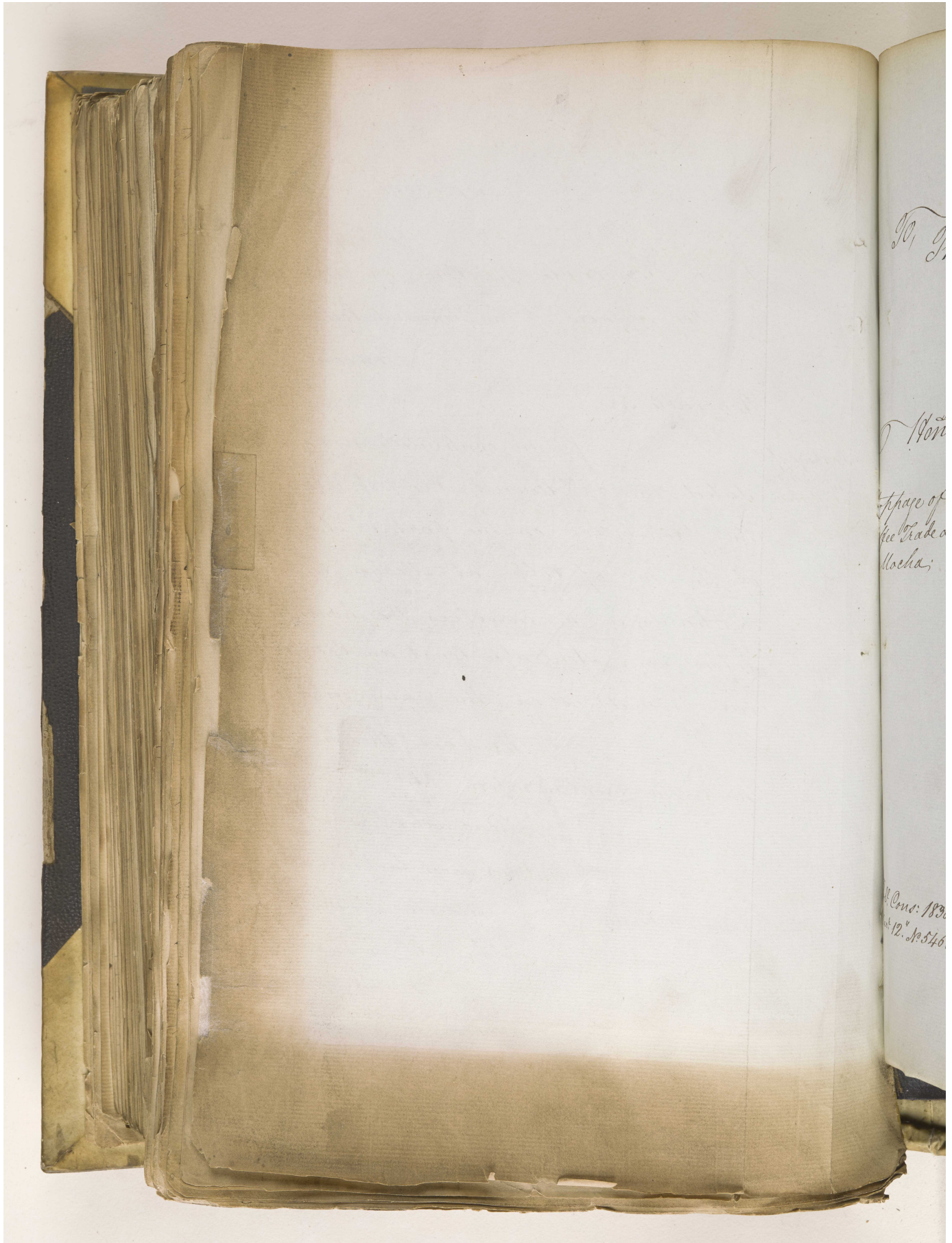
Your most faithful and obedient

Bombay Castle }
8th October 1836 }

humble servants
(Signed) E^d Bronside
J. Farish

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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [389r] (17/50)

Duplicate.

No. 22. of 1836.

Political Department.

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

Honble Sirs,

page of
the Trade at
Mocha;

Pl. Cons: 1836.
Decr 12. No 5468.

In continuation of our
letter dated the 8.th October No. 15
of 1836, relative to the prohibition
on the part of Ibrahim Pasha
of the sale of Coffee at Mocha
to British Merchants, we do
ourselves the honor to lay, before
your Honorable Court, copy, of a
letter which we have received from
the Government of India, dated the
31.st October last, from which,
your Honble Court will perceive,
that that Government is of opinion,
the case in question is one in which

the
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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [389v] (18/50)

the interference of the Government
of India could not be exercised with
propriety, or any hope of success.

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

Honble Sir,

Your most faithful & obedient,
humble servants,

A. Grant

"

J. Worsfold

"

W. Smith

"

Bombay Castle, —

21st December 1836. }

C. J. Saunders Wapoor

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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [390r] (19/50)

Regarding the stoppage of the Coffee Trade at Mocha,
and the Egyptian Army

Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 17th August 1836.

Substance of a Letter from Acting Native Agent at
Mocha to the Persian Secretary to Government - Dated 6th
and Received 18th July 1836. -

A.C.

N^o 3383.

The Clive arrived here today from
Suez with the Government Packet, and sailed
again at 1st P.M.

The Patinurus surveying Vessel
arrived here ten days since.

Ibrahim Pasha has written to the
Governor of this place Sooleman Aga, to the effect, that
one half of all the Coffee which may arrive here (at
Mocha) is to be taken for Ibrahim Pasha; and
one half, the American Vessel now in the Roads
is to be allowed to take, and further that he is to
permit no other Merchants to have any. On
receiving this order, the Governor called all the
Merchants and had it read to them, and from
that day no Merchant is able to procure any
Coffee.

Subsequently our Merchants
trading under the British Flag and the Sakhu:
-das of the ships came to me, and told me,
that

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that no one in the Town would let them have any
Coffee - but intimated that the Governor had
prohibited them.

On this, I took them with me
to Captain Haines, on board the *Calinurus*, and
represented all the circumstances to that Officer.

The Captain told us to go to the
Governor and tell him that the Americans only
pay 3 per cent for their coffee - but they are allowed
to purchase that commodity - while they (the
Merchants) who paid 7½ per cent are not per-
mitted to purchase any - and to present to him
what an extraordinary order this was

The Governor in reply said
that he would issue no other order, and that he
had acted in conformity with Ibrahim Pasha's
Commands.

I then intimated this to the
Captain, on which, the Captain and myself addressed
a letter two days ago to Ibrahim Pasha but as
yet no answer has been received. on its receipt
I will let you know its purport.

[Sig.] M. H. Mathon

Chief Secretary

From the Superintendent of the Indian Navy
To The Right Honorable the Governor

Dated 20th July 1836

Right Honorable Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 3383

April 1836
June "
" "

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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [391v] (22/50)

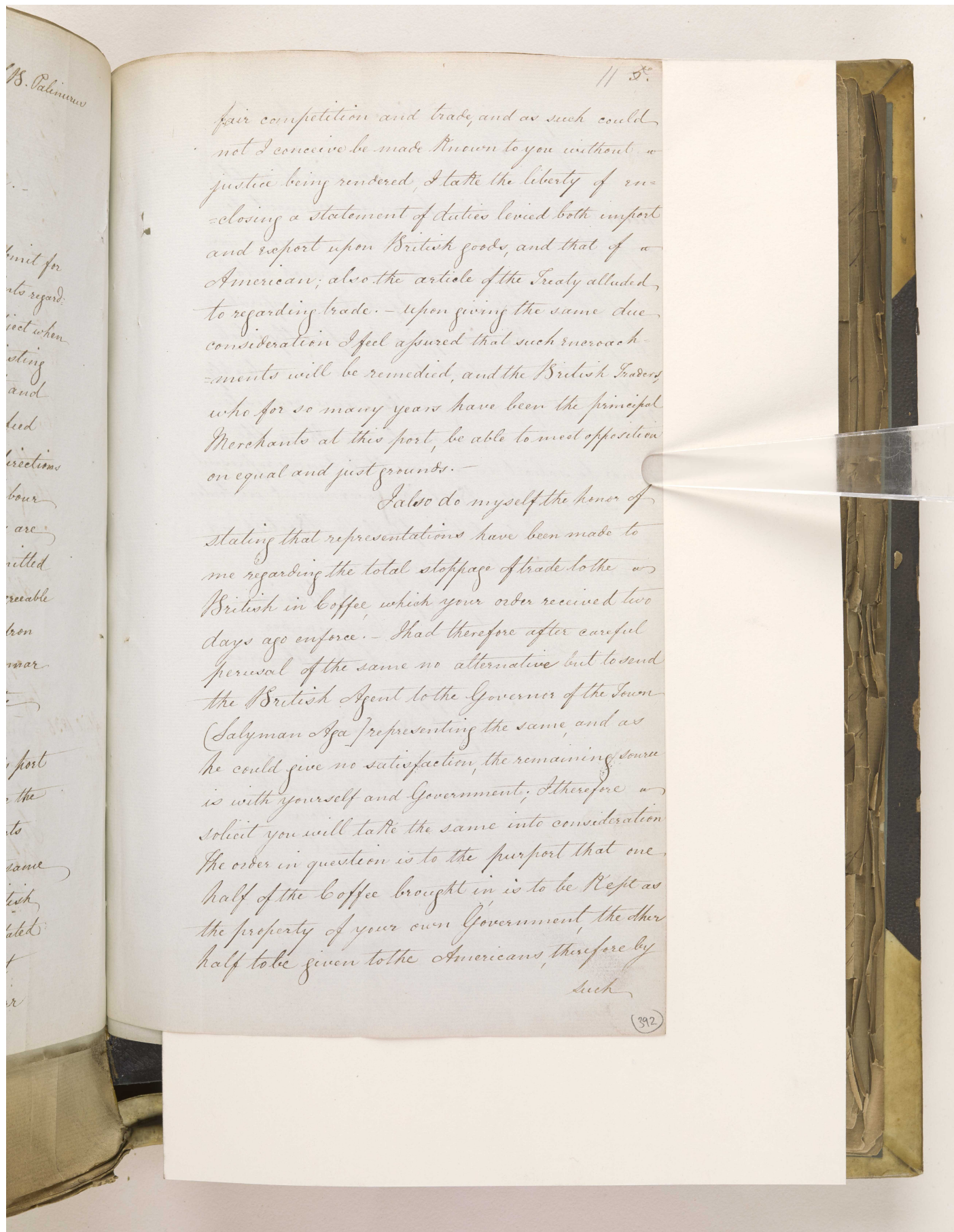
4.
From the Commander of the H. C. S. B. *Palimurus*
To, His Highness Ibrahim Pasha
Commander in Chief of the Army
in Yemen.

My Lord,

I have the honor to submit for
your consideration several important points regard-
ing trade at this Port and on which subject when
prompted by equity as well as the long existing
friendship between your Government and
the British Station you will I trust satisfied
give it due deliberation and issue such directions
that the British Merchants may not labour
under the innumerable impediments they are
now obliged to submit to, but be permitted
to both import and export their goods agreeable
to the Treaty enforced by the British Squadron
in 1821 with His Highness the Imam of Senaar
or at least upon the same footing with the
Traders of other nations.

Since my arrival at this port
in the Honorable Company's Vessel I have the
honor to command the British Merchants
and Commanders of Vessels under the same
flag, have waited on me, as the only British
public Officer in this part of the sea, and stated
the numerous innovations made against
fair

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11 D.

fair competition and trade, and as such could not I conceive be made known to you without a justice being rendered, I take the liberty of enclosing a statement of duties levied both import and export upon British goods, and that of an American; also the article of the Treaty alluded to regarding trade. - upon giving the same due consideration I feel assured that such encroachments will be remedied, and the British Traders who for so many years have been the principal Merchants at this port, be able to meet opposition on equal and just grounds.

I also do myself the honor of stating that representations have been made to me regarding the total stoppage of trade to the British in Coffee, which your order received two days ago enforce. - I had therefore after careful perusal of the same no alternative but to send the British Agent to the Governor of the Town (Salyman Aga) representing the same, and as he could give no satisfaction, the remaining source is with yourself and Government, I therefore solicit you will take the same into consideration. The order in question is to the purport that one half of the Coffee brought in is to be kept as the property of your own Government, the other half to be given to the Americans, therefore by such

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Such monopoly is the British Merchant as excluded from Trade. —

Now as I conceive it could, never be the intention of your Government to stop the British Trade, and that the orders were never by yourself intended to be of such vital importance to the same, I feel it my imperative duty as a British Officer to explicitly state to you the same, that it may be immediately remedied if you deem the same requisite. —

In conclusion I have the honor to solicit an answer that I may represent the same to the British Government in India, as also to Colonel Campbell the British representative at Alexandria. —

[Sig^d] S. B. Haines
Commander

H. C. S. B. Palmires

(True Copy)

[Sig^d] S. B. Haines
Acting Commander

Copy of duties levied upon British and American goods levied at the Mocha Custom House. —

British Import & Export

Price goods @intges	}	7½ per Cent
Silks & w. —————		
Raw Silk —————	9¼ ———	—
Iron —————	12 ———	—
Tobacco —————	20 ———	—
		Bengal

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13 7.

Bengal or other rice — per bag — $\frac{1}{2}$ a dollar
 Dry Ginger and
 Tamarich — } ————— 10 per Cent
 Thread &c ————— 9 — " —
 On Coffee before the trade was stopped }
 For weighing ————— } 3 dollars & 2 annas
 " — Duty ————— $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent & 3 " }
 Sugar and Sugar candy ————— 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent
 Cotton ————— 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ — " —
 Cloves and Cardamoms ————— 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ — " —

By the Treaty enforced by the British Squadron in 1821 the Import and Export duties was arranged at 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ per Cent

American imports & export duties
 They are allowed to import & export at 3 per Cent and this year, by an importation of spice goods and other similar articles they have materially injured our Sugar Trade, by being enabled (owing to the duties in comparison being so much less) to under sell them.

Sig. of S. B. Haimes
 Act. Commandr
 H. C. S. Nepal Palmarus

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From
The Commander of the H. C. S. of *Mar Clive*
To
The Acting Consul General at Alexandria
Dated 18th June 1836.

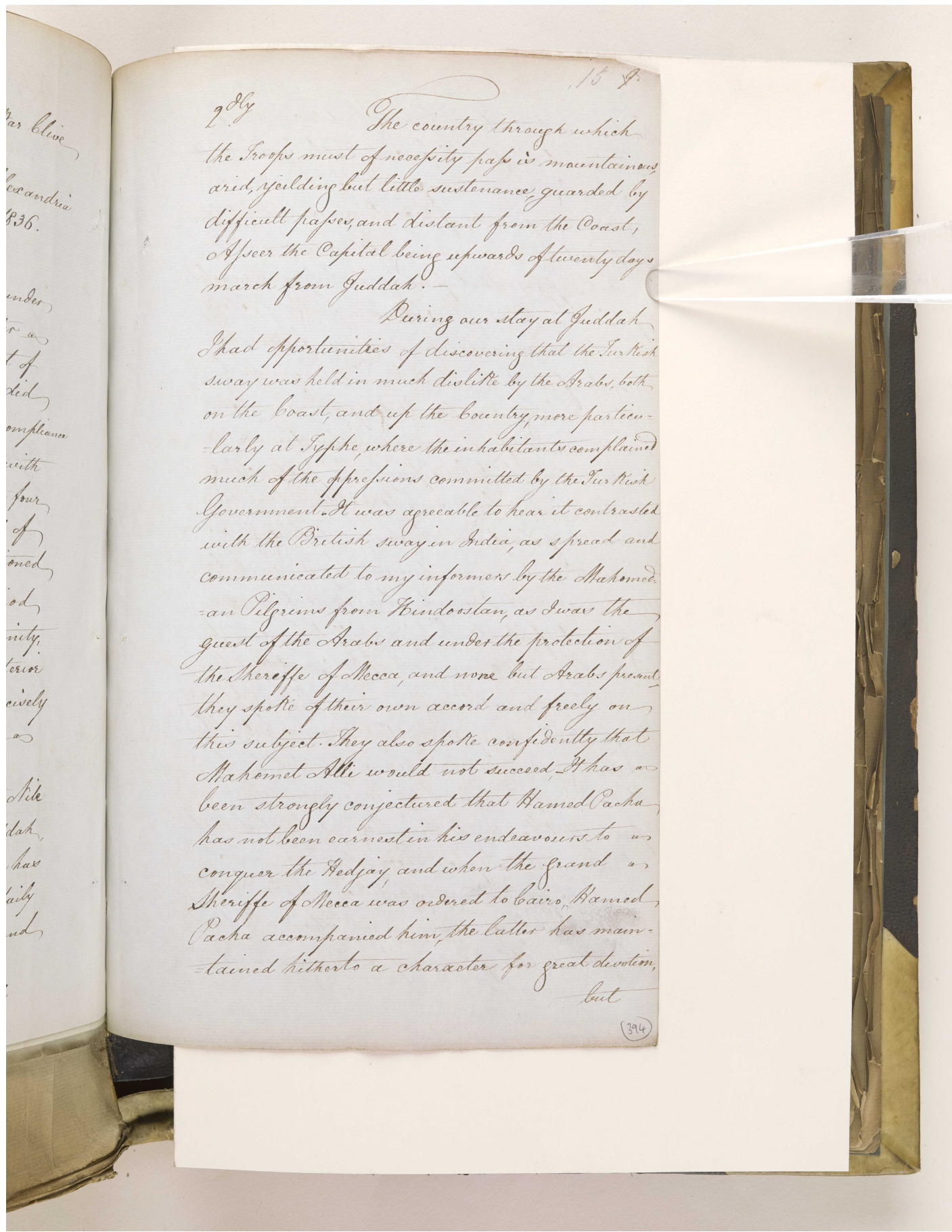
My Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter under
date 20th May and with reference to the letter
addressed to Lord Palmerston on the subject of
the War in the Hedjaz, and which you did
me the honor to present for perusal in compliance
with your request. I herein acquaint you with
all the information I collected during the four
months the Honorable Company's Sloop of
Mar Clive under my command was stationed
at Juddah, and in the course of which period
I was so fortunate as to enjoy an opportunity,
but rarely offered, of proceeding into the Interior
as far as *Sypho*. I shall now state as concisely
as possible the almost insurmountable
difficulties of the War. —

1st All supplies cross the desert from the Nile
to *Copsier*, whence they are shipped to Juddah,
hitherto the land and transport carriage has
brought little more than sufficient for the daily
consumption of the Troops, the Inhabitants, and
the vast annual concourse of Pilgrims. —

g. d. h.

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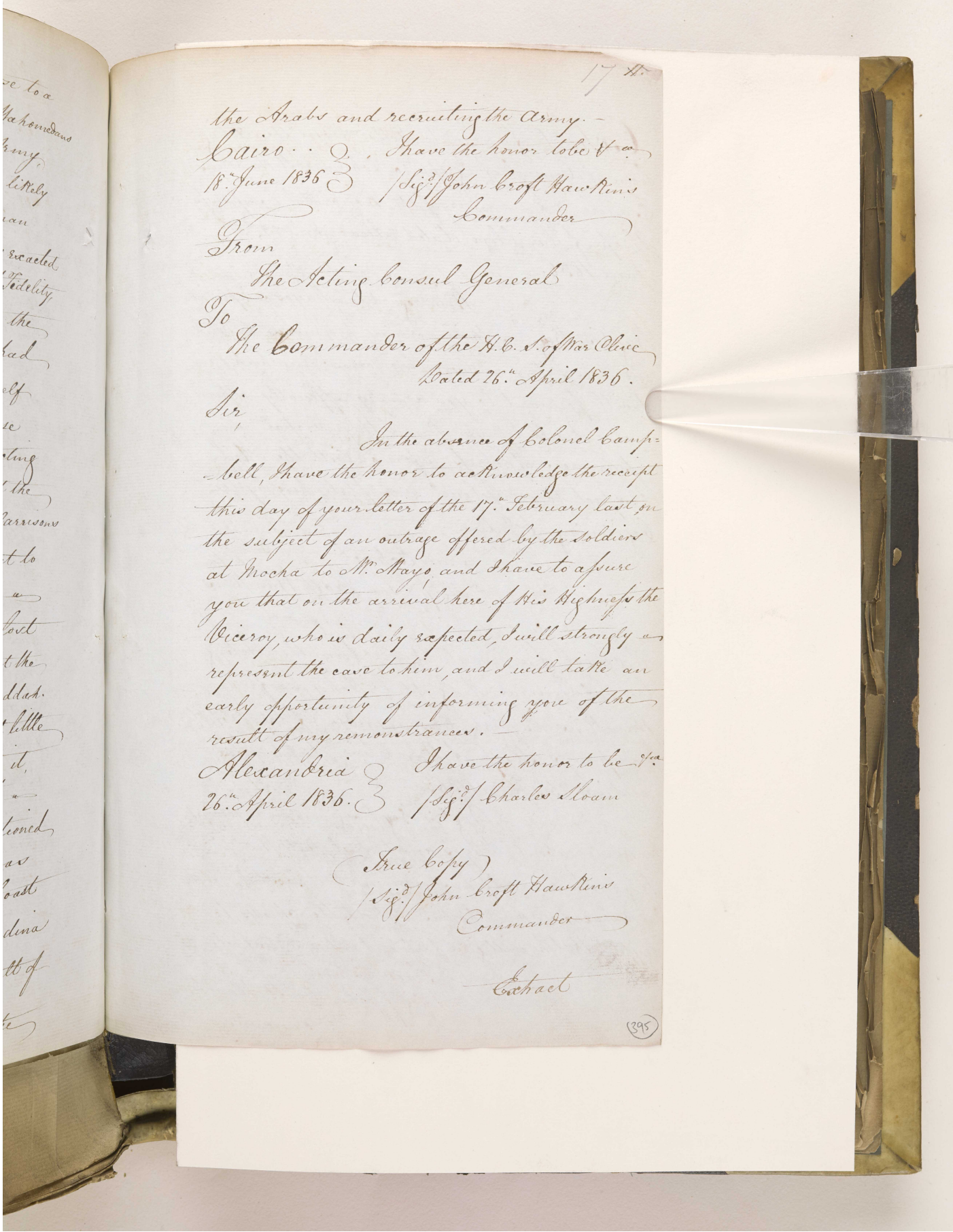


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2^{dly} The country through which the Troops must of necessity pass is mountainous, arid, yielding but little sustenance, guarded by difficult passes, and distant from the Coast, As soon the Capital being upwards of twenty days march from Juddah.

During our stay at Juddah I had opportunities of discovering that the Turkish sway was held in much dislike by the Arabs, both on the Coast, and up the Country, more particularly at Typhre, where the inhabitants complained much of the oppressions committed by the Turkish Government. It was agreeable to hear it contrasted with the British sway in India, as spread and communicated to my informers by the Mohammedan Pilgrims from Hindoostan, as I was the guest of the Arabs and under the protection of the Sheriffe of Mecca, and none but Arabs present, they spoke of their own accord and freely on this subject. They also spoke confidently that Mahomet Alli would not succeed, It has been strongly conjectured that Hamed Pacha has not been earnest in his endeavours to us conquer the Hedjay, and when the grand Sheriffe of Mecca was ordered to Cairo, Hamed Pacha accompanied him, the latter has maintained hitherto a character for great devotion, but

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17th
the Arabs and recruiting the Army -
Cairo . . . I have the honor to be
18. June 1836 } /sig^d/ John Croft Hawkins
Commander

From
The Acting Consul General
To
The Commander of the H. B. S. of War Office
Dated 26. April 1836.

Sir,
In the absence of Colonel Camp-
bell, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
this day of your letter of the 17. February last on
the subject of an outrage offered by the soldiers
at Mocha to M. Mays, and I have to assure
you that on the arrival here of His Highness the
Viceroy, who is daily expected, I will strongly re-
present the case to him, and I will take an
early opportunity of informing you of the
result of my remonstrances.

Alexandria } I have the honor to be
26. April 1836. } /sig^d/ Charles Moam

(True copy)
/sig^d/ John Croft Hawkins
Commander

Extract

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Extract of a Private Letter from the Acting
Consul General of Egypt to John Croft Hawkins
Esquire, Commander of the Honorable Company's
Sloop of War *Clive*, dated Alexandria 29.
June 1836. -

With regard to Mayo's complaint
Boghis Bey has this morning promised to send
me a written answer to-morrow; in which case
I will forward to you a copy officially - other-
wise I will let you know their verbal
assurances of redress, before or with the Mail.
I expect to see Colonel Campbell here by the
beginning of July. -

True Extract

(Sig^d of John Croft Hawkins
Commander)

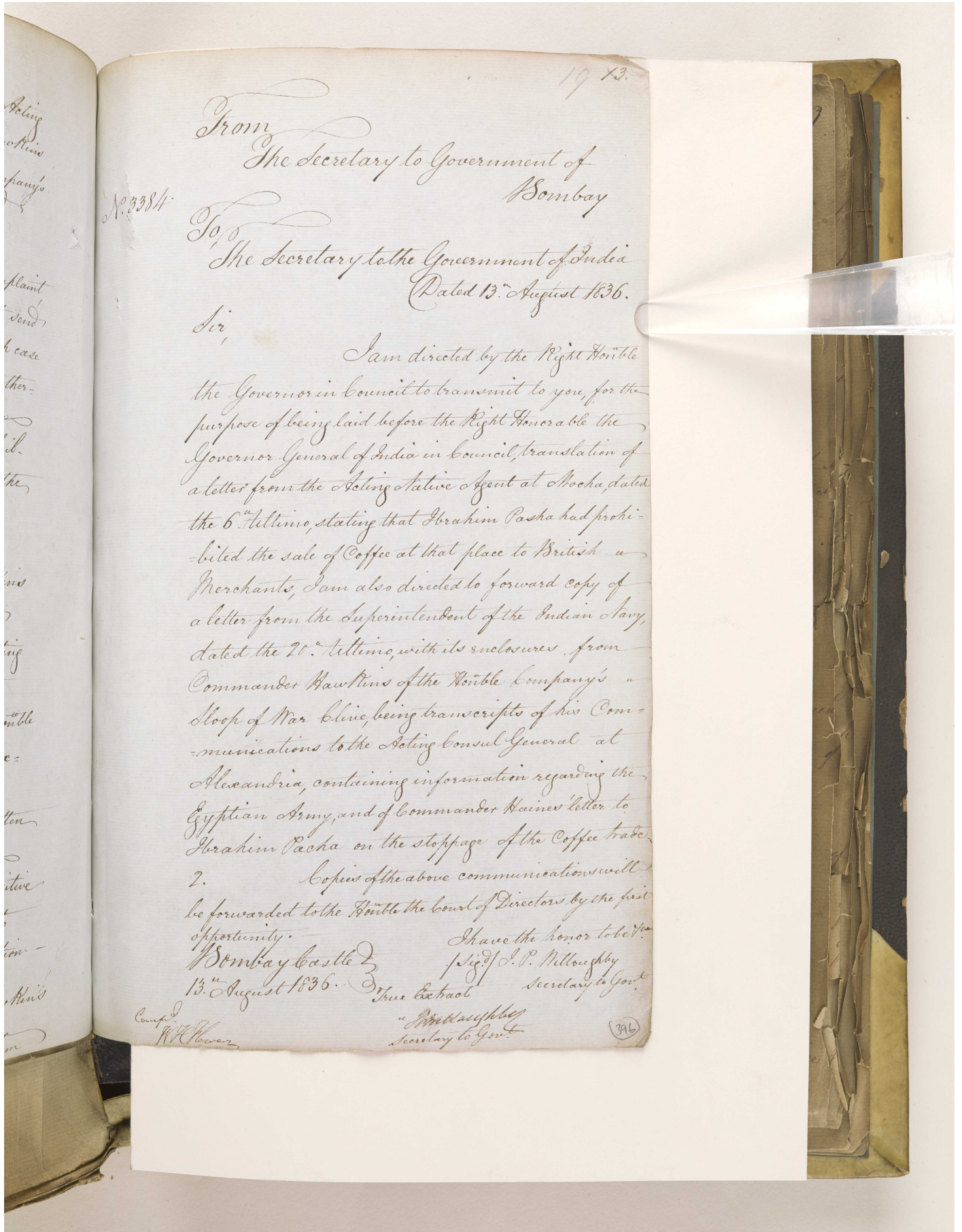
Extract of a Private Letter from the Acting
Consul General of Egypt to John Croft
Hawkins Esquire, Commander of the Honorable
Company's Sloop of War *Clive*, dated Alex-
andria 25th June 1836. -

Boghis Bey has given no written
answer about Mayo's complaint, but His
Highness himself has given me the most positive
assurances that he has ordered the officers to
Egypt, & that he will give full and entire satisfaction. -

(True Extract)

(Sig^d of John Croft Hawkins
Commander
from

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19 13.
From
The Secretary to Government of
Bombay
To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Dated 13th August 1836.

Sir,
I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
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, translation of
a letter from the Acting Native Agent at Mocha, dated
the 6th Ultimo, stating that Ibrahim Pasha had prohi-
bited the sale of Coffee at that place to British
Merchants, I am also directed to forward copy of
a letter from the Superintendent of the Indian Navy,
dated the 20th Ultimo, with its enclosures, from
Commander Hawkins of the Hon^{ble} Company's
Sloop of War *Blive*, being transcripts of his Com-
munications to the Acting Consul General at
Alexandria, containing information regarding the
Egyptian Army, and of Commander Haines' letter to
Ibrahim Pasha on the stoppage of the Coffee trade.

2. Copies of the above communications will
be forwarded to the Hon^{ble} the Council of Directors by the first
opportunity.

Bombay Castle
13th August 1836.

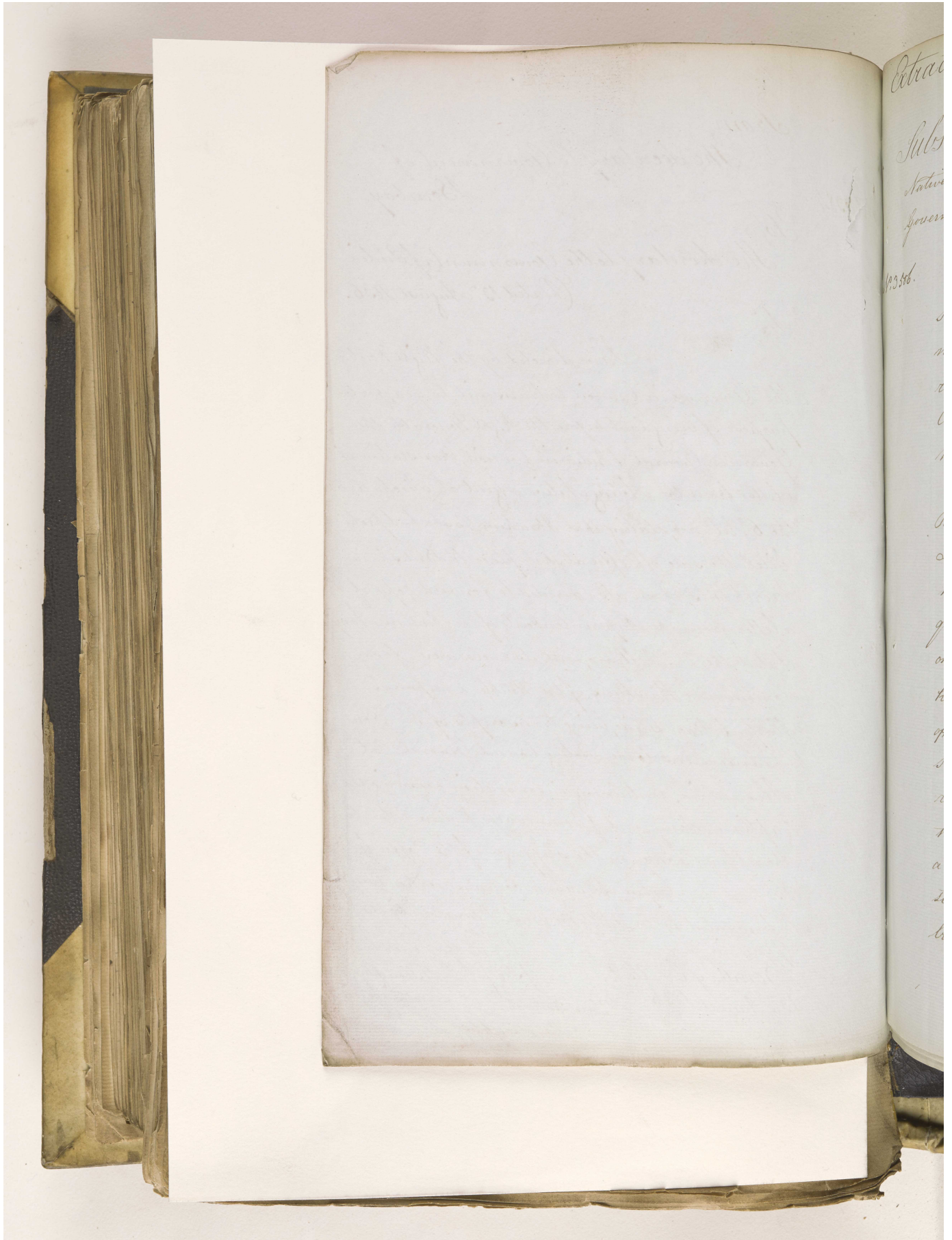
I have the honor to be
Sir J. P. Milloughay
Secretary to Govt.

Comp^d
W. H. Power

True Extract
"M. H. Power"
Secretary to Govt.

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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [397r] (33/50)

Extract Bombay Political Consul: 17 August 1836

Persian Department.

Substance of a letter from "Kursimbhace Ibrahimjee"
Native agent at Mocha to the Persian Secretary to
Government. Dated 26 June, and received 11 July 1836.
A.C.

No. 3586.

I beg to inform you that since the
Steamer sailed hence for Bombay, on the 17 ultimo,
neither any packet, nor any intelligence has been
received from Sharn. The Honble Company's Ship
Olive, Captain Hawkins left this for Suez two
months ago.

An agent by name Tookree Ally
Ruda has arrived here on the part of His Highness
Mochumud Ally Pasha to purchase Coffee.

He is in the habit of buying half of whatsoever
quantity is imported to this place, leaving the
other half for the merchants to purchase. He
however only pays 48 or 50 Riads for one "Bhar"
of Coffee, whilst the market price is 60. or 62.
Should any of the owners refuse to sell at so
reduced a price he forcibly takes possession of
the Coffee, the consequence of this is that, only
a small quantity is imported and thus a
stop has in some measure been put to public
business.

I beg also to acquaint you
that

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2.
that Ibrahim Pasha is at present at Hodeida.
Signed / H. Albert
By Secy. O. Dept.

Russian Department.

Substance of a Letter from Acting Native Agent
at Mokka to the Chief Secretary - Dated 13th July
and received 3rd August 1836.

A.C.

As Ibrahim Pasha had prohibited
the Merchants from purchasing any Coffee, Captain
Haines of the Palinurus, and myself, addressed
letters to that Chief - and the answer has arrived,
to the effect that, the Agent of Moohammed
ally Pasha should take one half of the Coffee
imported from the Country, - and, that the other
half, might be purchased by Merchants, or
Americans, or any one, who might want it. -

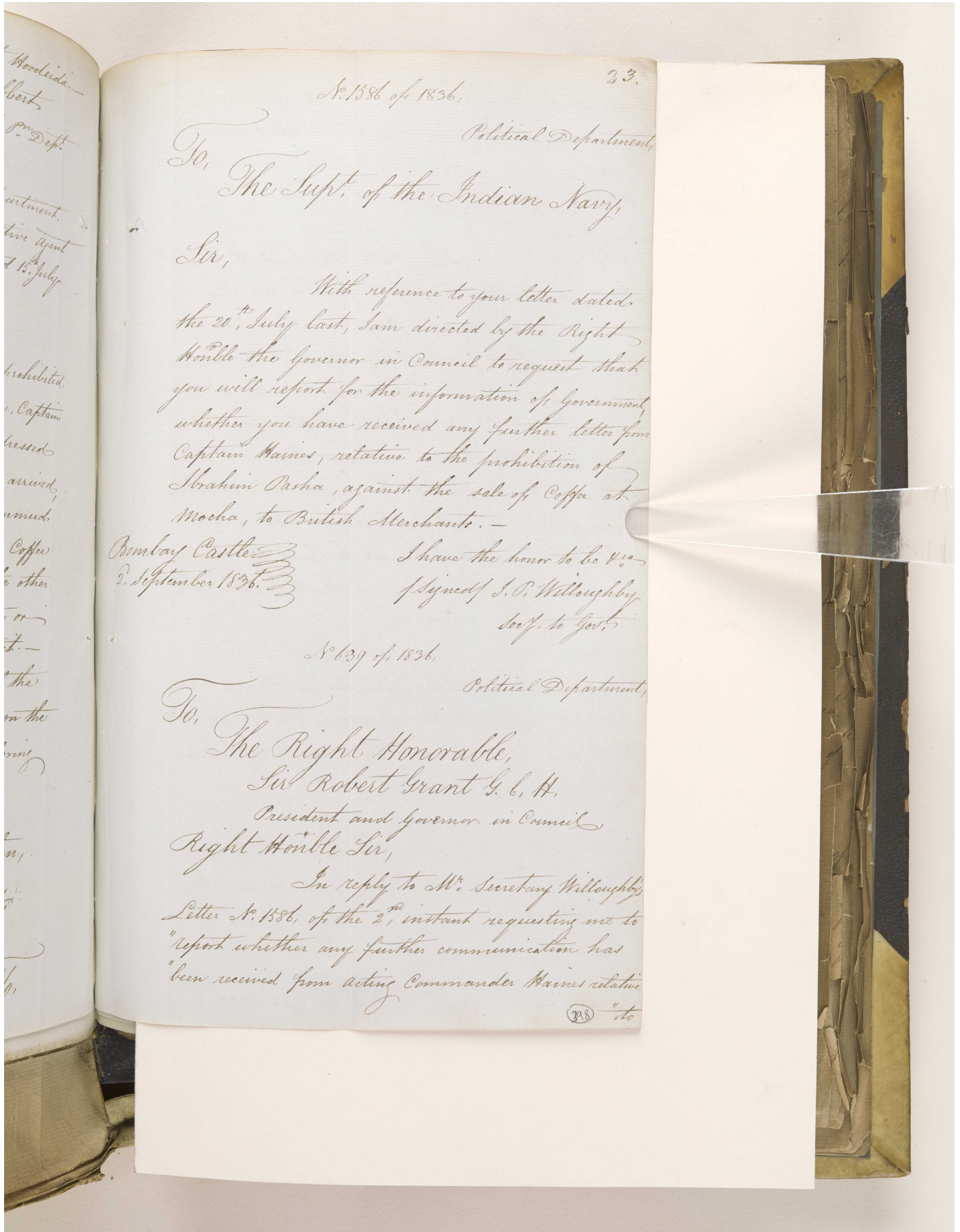
Further Sir, the Doctor of the
Palinurus and another person, left this on the
13th July for Senna, with the view of exploring
the interior of the Country. -

Signed / W. A. Wathen,

Chief Secy.

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No. 1586 of 1836.

23.

Political Department,

To, The Supt. of the Indian Navy,

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 20th July last, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will report for the information of Government whether you have received any further letter from Captain Haines, relative to the prohibition of Ibrahim Pasha, against the sale of Coffee at Mocha, to British Merchants. -

Bombay Castle
2. September 1836.

I have the honor to be
Signed I. O. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

No. 639 of 1836.

Political Department,

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

In reply to M^r. Secretary Willoughby's Letter No. 1586, of the 2nd instant requesting me to "report whether any further communication has been received from acting Commander Haines relative

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to the prohibition of Ibrahim Pasha against the
"Sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants" I
beg to refer your Right Honble Board to my Letters
Nos. 602. & 609. of the 27th and 30th Ultimo on the
Subject.

I have also the honor to forward
the undermentioned Copies of further correspondence
from Acting Commander Haines, on this Subject,
received on the 5th instant by the Ship "Discovery":—
Extract of a Letter from Commander Haines to the
Superintendent S. N. dated 18 August 1836.

Copy of a Letter from Commander Haines to His
Highness Ibrahim Pasha Commanding the Egyptian
Army in Yemen dated 12th August 1836.

Copy of a Translation of a Letter from His Highness
Ibrahim Pasha to Commander Haines dated 22nd
July 1836.

Ditto ditto 14th August "

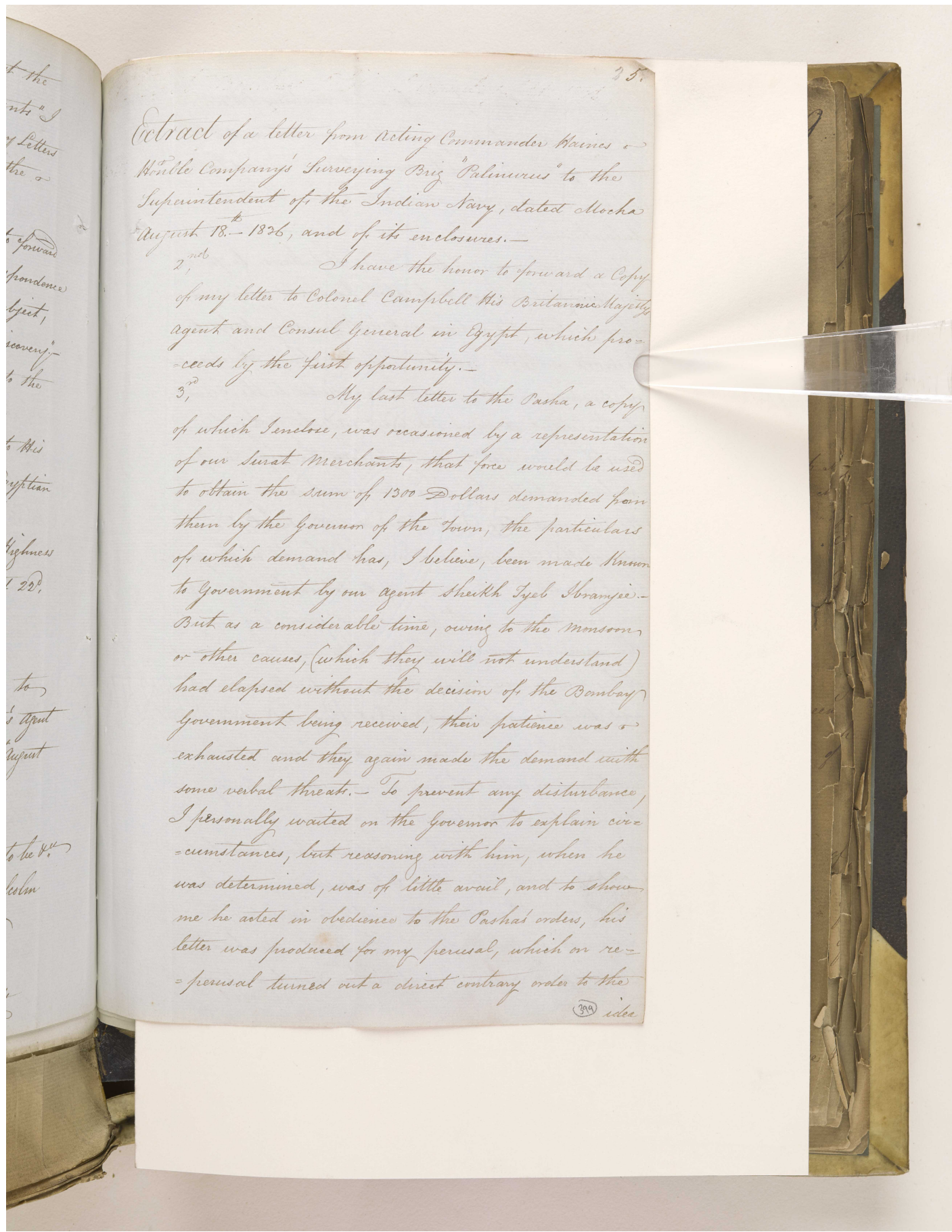
Copy of a Letter from Commander Haines to
Colonel Campbell His Britannic Majesty's Agent
& Consul General in Egypt dated 17th August
1836.

Sup^t's Office
Bombay
12 September
1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed Charles Malcolm
Sup^t. S. N.

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Extract of a letter from Acting Commander Haines & Hoville Company's Surveying Brig "Palinurus" to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy, dated Mocha August 18. - 1826, and of its enclosures. -

2nd, I have the honor to forward a Copy of my letter to Colonel Campbell His Britannic Majesty's agent and Consul General in Egypt, which proceeds by the first opportunity. -

3rd, My last letter to the Pasha, a copy of which I enclose, was occasioned by a representation of our Surat Merchants, that force would be used to obtain the sum of 1500 Dollars demanded from them by the Governor of the town, the particulars of which demand has, I believe, been made known to Government by our agent Sheikh Tjel Ibrahimjee. - But as a considerable time, owing to the monsoon, or other causes, (which they will not understand) had elapsed without the decision of the Bombay Government being received, their patience was exhausted and they again made the demand with some verbal threats. - To prevent any disturbance, I personally waited on the Governor to explain circumstances, but reasoning with him, when he was determined, was of little avail, and to show me he acted in obedience to the Pasha's orders, his letter was produced for my perusal, which on re-perusal turned out a direct contrary order to the

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idea he was acting upon; It was a cautious letter, &

 directing him not to require the payment until the

 answer of the Bombay Government was received. - The

 Claim is one they have searched out from the Custom

 House records of very old date. - At the time the Nabob

 of Surat first commenced trade of importance with this

 Port, his Ship, a large Galley, then paid 1200 dollars an-

 -chorage duty, 650 dollars as a gift for being permitted

 to trade with the Country of His Highness the Imam

 of Senmar, and 150 Dollars as a bribe to the Clerks

 of the Custom House. - The first and last they have

 thought proper not to demand, but the gift for per-

 -mission to trade they have demanded to be given for

 the two years they have possessed the sea Port. - The

 idea of the demand (a thing not thought of for years)

 being made for permission to trade with a Country -

 we have traded with for so many years, long long before

 the nominal sovereign of Egypt or any known member

 of his family were in existence, is ridiculous enough,

 and there is no knowing what they will still further

 demand, for in making this, they have entirely and

 most conveniently thrown on one side our Treaty, with

 the ancestor of the present Imam of Senmar in 1821,

 also all knowledge that such claims had not been

 made for years before they took possession; nor have

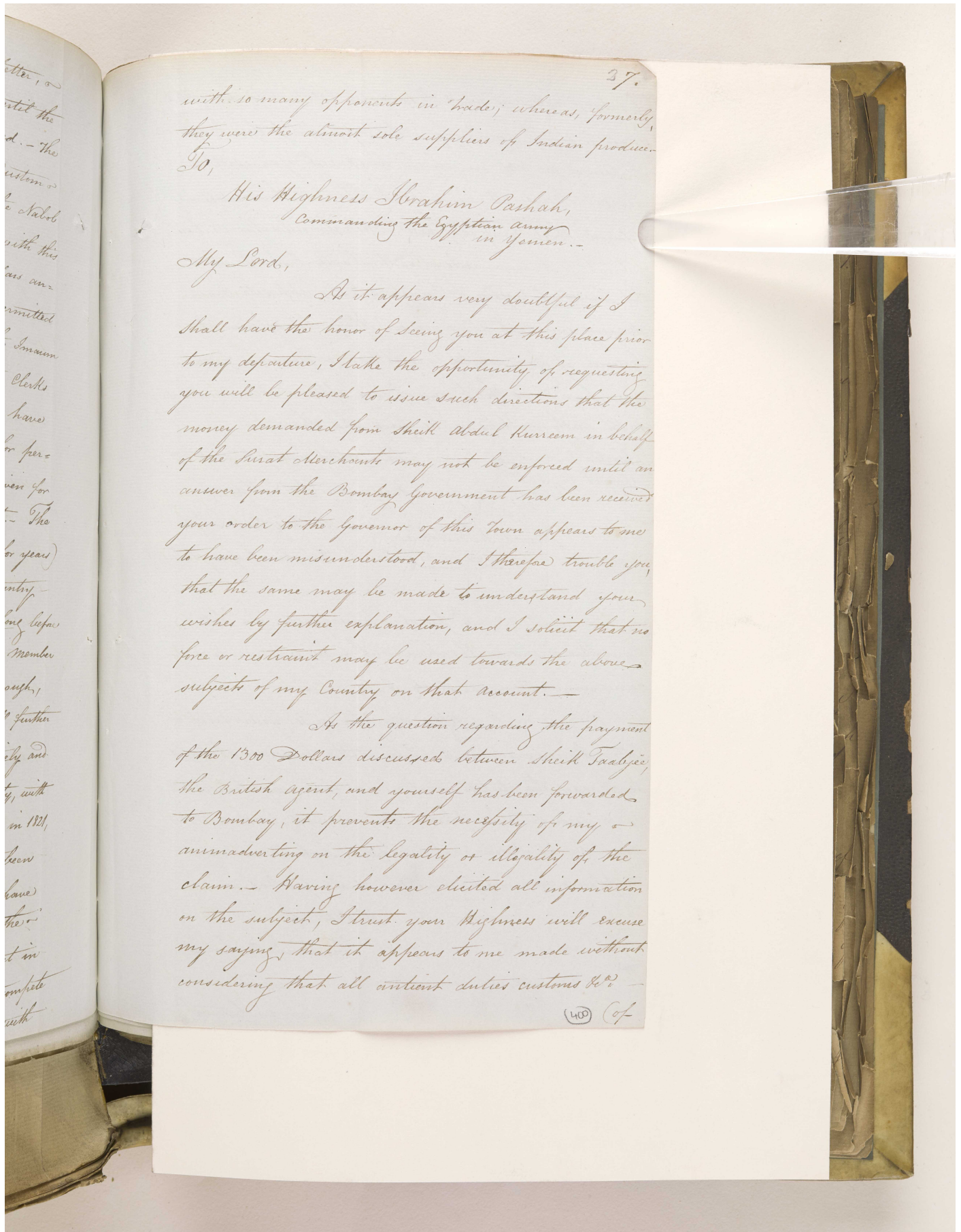
 they given themselves the trouble to consider the

 difference of the profit to the Surat Merchant in

 those days and the present, when they have to compete

 with

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with so many opponents in trade; whereas, formerly,
they were the almost sole suppliers of Indian produce.

To,
His Highness Ibrahim Pashah,
Commanding the Egyptian Army
in Yemen.

My Lord,

As it appears very doubtful if I shall have the honor of seeing you at this place prior to my departure, I take the opportunity of requesting you will be pleased to issue such directions that the money demanded from Sheik Abdul Kureem in behalf of the Surat Merchants may not be enforced until an answer from the Bombay Government has been received your order to the Governor of this town appears to me to have been misunderstood, and I therefore trouble you, that the same may be made to understand your wishes by further explanation, and I solicit that no force or restraint may be used towards the above subjects of my Country on that account.

As the question regarding the payment of the 1500 Dollars discussed between Sheik Saabje, the British Agent, and yourself has been forwarded to Bombay, it prevents the necessity of my animadverting on the legality or illegality of the claim. Having however elicited all information on the subject, I trust your Highness will excuse my saying, that it appears to me made without considering that all ancient duties customs &c.

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(of which this was one & of very old date) were annulled by our treaty of Commerce with His Highness the Imam of Sena in 1821. in which document, you will on perusal observe all commercial duties &c. are so clearly defined, that it is impossible to misunderstand them.

As it is probable I shall visit the Towns of Zeofla & Tajoora on the opposite Coast during my next short cruise, I should esteem it a favour, if you would grant me a firman from your hand, so that any of my officers or men may meet with civility on visiting the shore.

Mocha —
August 12 1836

I have the honor to be &c.

I signed / S. B. Haines

True Copy
I signed / S. B. Haines
Act. Commr.

Acting Commander
H. G. Sur J. Brig. "Salimines."

Copy of a translation of a letter from His Highness Ibrahim Pasha in answer to my communication dated 22 July /36.

After Compliments your first letter I answered and wrote to the Governor of Mocha to change the duties that were formerly levied. — your second letter I have also received, and as I shall be at Mocha in two days, I shall endeavor to please you and do justice to all parties. —

Seal of
Ibrahim Pasha.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from His
Highness Ibrahim Pasha in reply to one from me
dated 14 Instant.

To,

Captain Haines. -

after Compliments - I received your
letter, and perused as well as understood its contents.
You express a wish that no coercive measures may
be resorted to against British subjects residing at
Mocha. - I have written to the Governor of Mocha to
treat the Merchants with every respect, and to
leave the matter now under discussion at rest &
until the arrival of an answer from the Government
of Bombay. -

I shall be at Mocha in a few days
when we can arrange all affairs satisfactorily -

Mocha
August 17 - 1836

O Seal of Ibrahim Pasha

Signed L. B. Haines.

Act. Commr.

To,

Colonel Campbell,

His Britannic Majesty's Agent

& Consul General in Egypt.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for
your information, copies of correspondence which
has taken place between His Highness Ibrahim Pasha,
Pasha,

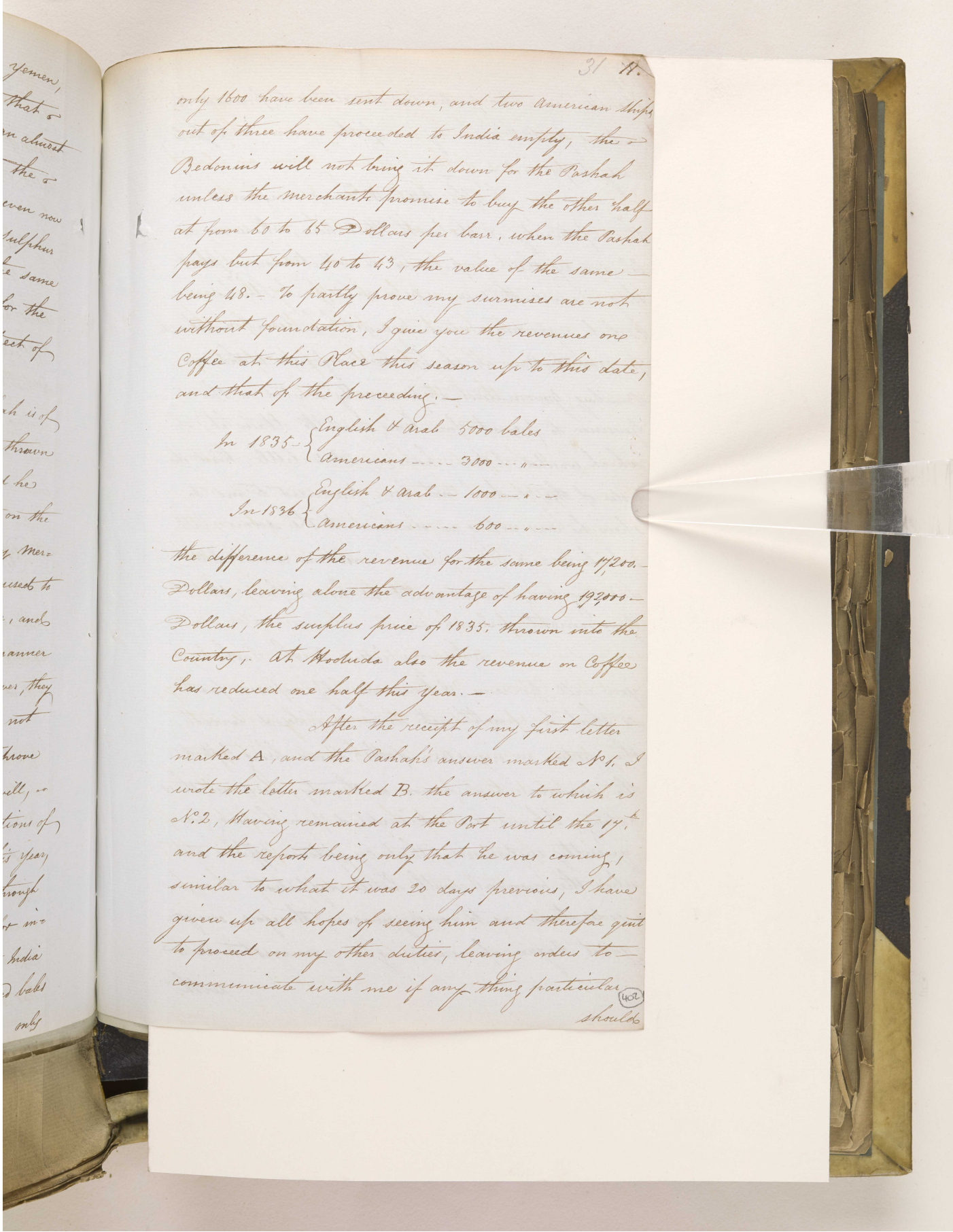
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Pashah, Commanding the Egyptian Army in yemen, and myself, by which you will perceive that & through the orders of the Egyptian powers an almost total cessation of trade had taken place to the British on my arrival at this Port, and even now we are debarred from trade in iron, lead, Sulphur & hides, and the monopoly of Coffee by the same powers, amounts almost to a prohibition, for the Merchants cannot buy it with any prospect of realizing more than the original Cost. —

The monopoly of the Pashah is of course, that the produce of yemen may be thrown through Egypt into the Mediterranean, and he thereby obtaining as a Merchant the profits on the same which to him will be greater than any Merchant, owing to force in the first case being reset to obtain it at a price below its intrinsic value, and in the second, to transport it in a similar manner in Native bottoms. — On this calculation, however, they will be disappointed, for the monopoly will not only prove injurious in British Trade, but prove detrimental to their own revenues, and they will, — when too late, find that their fond anticipations of four lacks of dollars of revenue from Coffee this year, besides that anticipated from sending half through Egypt, will, in the end, prove a delusion, for instead of the same quantity being conveyed to India as usual amounting to between 8 & 10 thousand lacks

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only 1600 have been sent down, and two American ships
out of three have proceeded to India empty, the
Bedonius will not bring it down for the Pashah
unless the merchants promise to buy the other half
at from 60 to 65 Dollars per barr, when the Pashah
pays but from 40 to 45, the value of the same
being 48. - To partly prove my surmises are not
without foundation, I give you the revenues on
Coffee at this Place this season up to this date,
and that of the preceding. -

In 1835 -	{	English & Arab	5000 bales
		Americans	3000 " "
In 1836	{	English & Arab	1000 " "
		Americans	600 " "

the difference of the revenue for the same being 17200.
Dollars, leaving alone the advantage of having 192000 -
Dollars, the surplus price of 1835, thrown into the
Country, At Hobanda also the revenue on Coffee
has reduced one half this year. -

After the receipt of my first letter
marked A, and the Pashah's answer marked N^o 1, I
wrote the letter marked B, the answer to which is
N^o 2, Having remained at the Port until the 17th,
and the report being only that he was coming,
similar to what it was 20 days previous, I have
given up all hopes of seeing him and therefore quit
to proceed on my other duties, leaving orders to
communicate with me if any thing particular
should

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should occur, also particular directions to forward the overland packet down by one of the numerous vessels ready to proceed.

The letter N^o. 3 was occasioned by the impetuosity of the authorities here, who were so blinded by their impatience to collect money, that they misunderstood an order received from Ibrahim Pashah regarding a claim against our Surat merchants for 1300 Dollars which has been referred to the Bombay Government, I personally waited on the Governor to prevent force being used to obtain it, which would, I fear, have availed little, had the order of the Pashah not been produced to me to show he was acting in obedience to the same, but which on perusal proved a cautious correct letter directing him to wait until he heard from the Government of India.

In my letters to the Pashah, you will perceive, I have merely exposed facts, so that he might act as he considered correct, the justice or injustice of the same being left to the decision of Superior authority, and in thus acting, I have been prompted from having frequently witnessed, that Egyptian officers act upon the moment with little reflection or consideration as to consequences, therefore any great degree of reasoning or remonstrance with

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with them would be of little avail between
Subordinate Officers. —

Mocha ~~3~~ I have the honor to be V^{ca}
August 17th - 1836. / Signed / L. B. Haines,

Act^g Commander
H. B. Surry, Brig
Salimurus. —

True Copy
/ Signed / L. B. Haines,
Act^g Comm^r.

True Copies
/ Signed / Charles Malcolm,
Supt^r I. N.

From the Secretary to Government
To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Sir,
Dated the 5th October 1836

As connected with my letter of the 23rd
August last regarding the prohibition by Ibrahim
Pasha of the sale of Coffee at Mocha to British
merchants, I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council to transmit to you for
the purpose of being laid before the Right
Hon^{ble} the Governor General of India in Council
the accompanying Extract from the proceedings
of the Government on the same subject.

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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [403v] (46/50)

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2,
In forwarding the above docu-
ments, the Right Honble the Governor in Council
instructs me to solicit the early & attentive con-
sideration of the Government of India to this
subject & to state that unless an effort is now
made the Ruler of Egypt will in all probability
establish a monopoly where the British Govern-
ment has long enjoyed a free trade on payment of
fixed and moderate duties.

Bombay Castle
5th October 1836

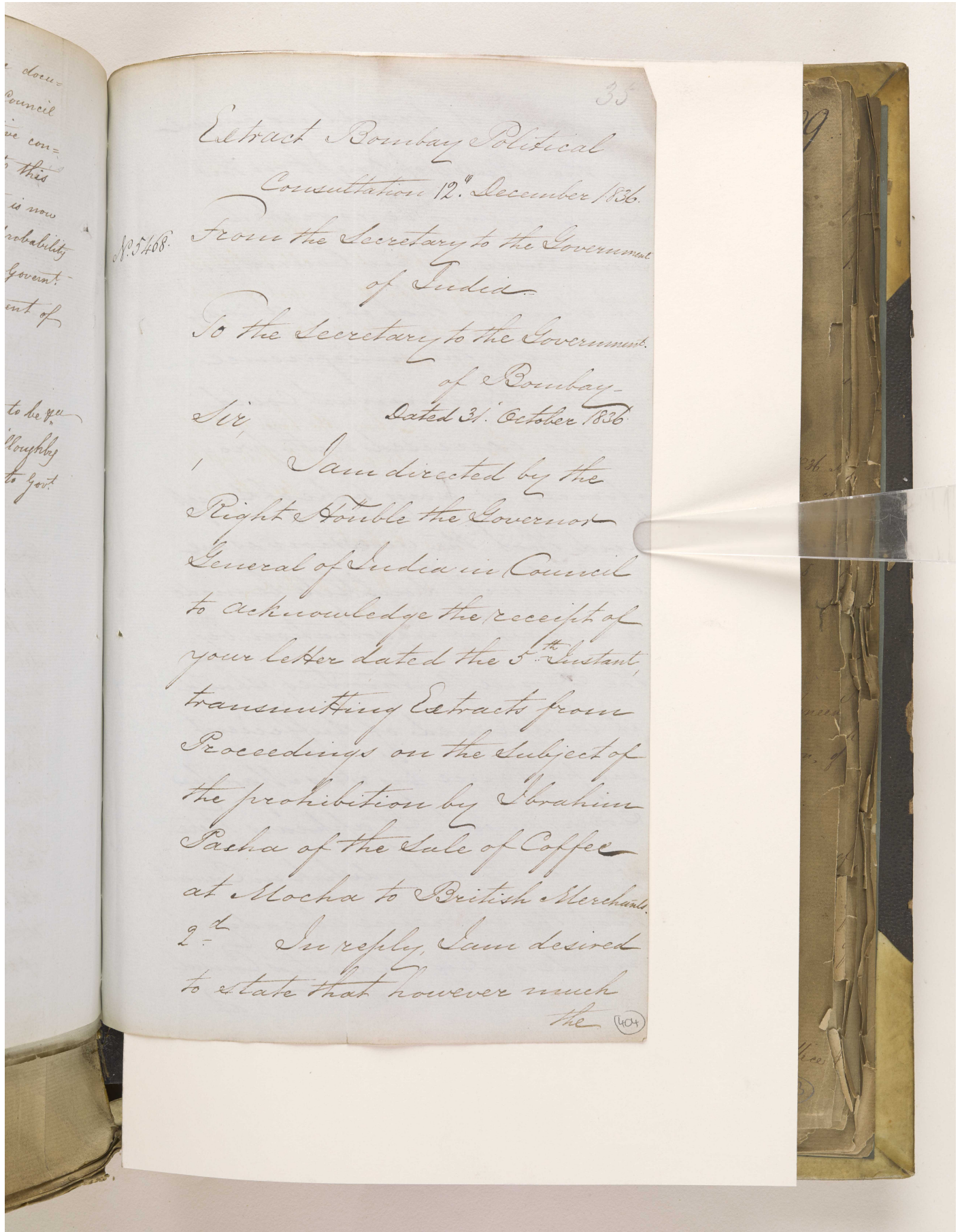
I have the honor to be &c
I signed / J. B. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt

True Extract -

W. H. Wether,
Chief Secretary.

E. H. Shauar.

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 12th December 1836.
From the Secretary to the Government
of India.

N. 5408.
To the Secretary to the Government
of Bombay.
Dated 31st October 1836.

Sir,
I am directed by the
Right Honourable the Governor
General of India in Council
to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter dated the 5th Instant,
transmitting Extracts from
Proceedings on the subject of
the prohibition by Ibrahim
Pasha of the Sale of Coffee
at Mocha to British Merchants.

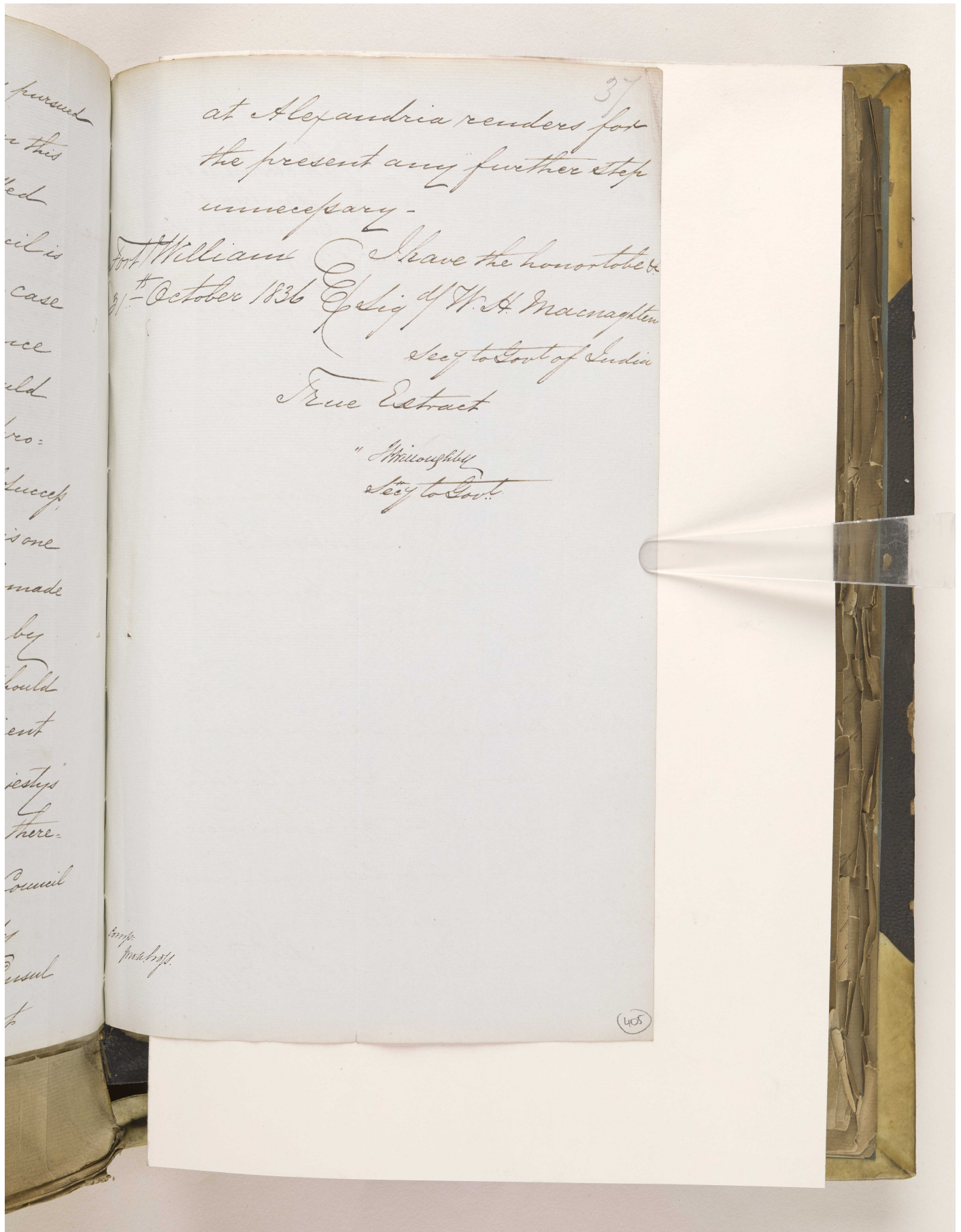
2^d In reply, I am desired
to state that however much
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the course of proceeding pursued
by the Ruler of Egypt on this
occasion is to be regretted
His Lordship in Council is
of opinion that it is a case
in which the interference
of this Government could
not be exercised with pro-
-priety or any hope of success
and that the question is one
which will doubtless be made
a subject of negotiation by
the Home Authorities should
it be deemed of sufficient
importance by His Majesty's
Government. It appears there-
-fore to His Lordship in Council
that the reference already
made to His Majesty's Consul
at

Sept 11/18
to Consul

copy
proceedings

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at Alexandria renders for
the present any further step
unnecessary -

Fort William I have the honor to be
31st - October 1836 G. Sig. of W. H. Macnaghten
Secy to Govt of India

True Extract

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Secy to Govt"

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sale of Coffee at Mocha to British Merchants' [405v] (50/50)

