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'Slave trade carried on between the ports of Cutch & Kattywar and those of Arabia and the Persian Gulf'

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About this record

This item consists primarily of copies of correspondence, minutes and consultations cited in, or enclosed with, a letter from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai] to the East India Company Court of Directors.

The item relates to the efforts of the Government of Bombay to suppress the slave trade on the coasts of Cutch [Kachchh] and Kattywar [Kathiawar Peninsula, also referred to in the item as Katteewar], and in particular to prevent enslaved people from Africa being imported into these places by vessels from the Arabian Peninsula. It specifically addresses:

- Attempts to persuade local rulers in Cutch and Kattywar to adopt measures to prevent enslaved people being traded at their ports. Included are copies of communications from the Jam of Noanuggur [Jam Saheb of Nawanagar], the Rana of Porebunder [Porbandar] the Guicowar [Maharaja Gaekwad] of Baroda, the chief [Shaikh] of Mangrolle [Mangrol], and the Rao of Cutch.

- The arrival of three vessels at Porebunder [Porbandar] carrying enslaved children; the release of the children and their removal to Bombay; and the arrangements made for their accommodation and support. A register of the children is included

- The seizure of a merchant vessel from Porebunder at the port of Kisseen [Qishn, also

referred to in the item as Kisheen and Cusson] on the south coast of the Arabian Peninsula, and the efforts made to retrieve the vessel and its cargo. Those alleged to be responsible are members of the Maharah tribe [al-Mahrah, referred to in the item by a number of variant spellings] who are said to have seized the vessel in retaliation for the earlier release of the enslaved children in Porebunder

• The arrival of two more vessels carrying enslaved children into ports in Kattywar; the removal of the children to Bombay; and the arrangements made for their future support

• Proposals for further measures that might be taken, both in Cutch and Kattywar as well as in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula.

The primary correspondents are: Robert Grant, Governor of Bombay; William Lang, Acting Political Agent, Kattywar; Charles Malcolm, Superintendent Indian Navy; Jewan Oodhowjee [Jivan Udhoji], Manager of the firm Dhurumsey Luckmeedass [Dharmse Lakhmidas]; Captain A P Reid, Officer Commanding Detachment at Porebunder; Rana
Wikmathjee [Vikramatji Khimojiraj], Rana of Porebunder; John Warden, Senior Magistrate of Police, Bombay; and John Pollard Willoughby, Secretary to Government, Bombay.

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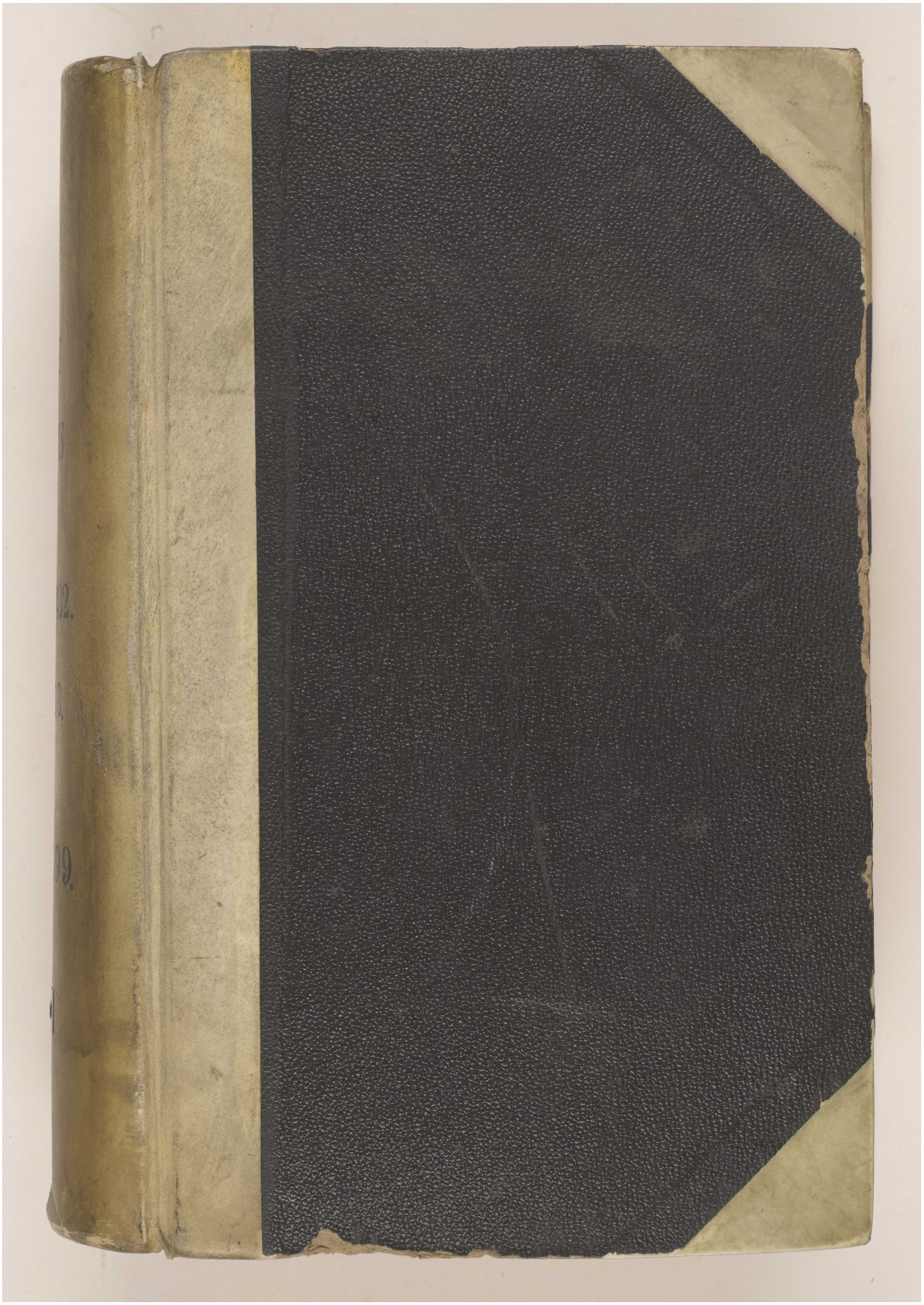

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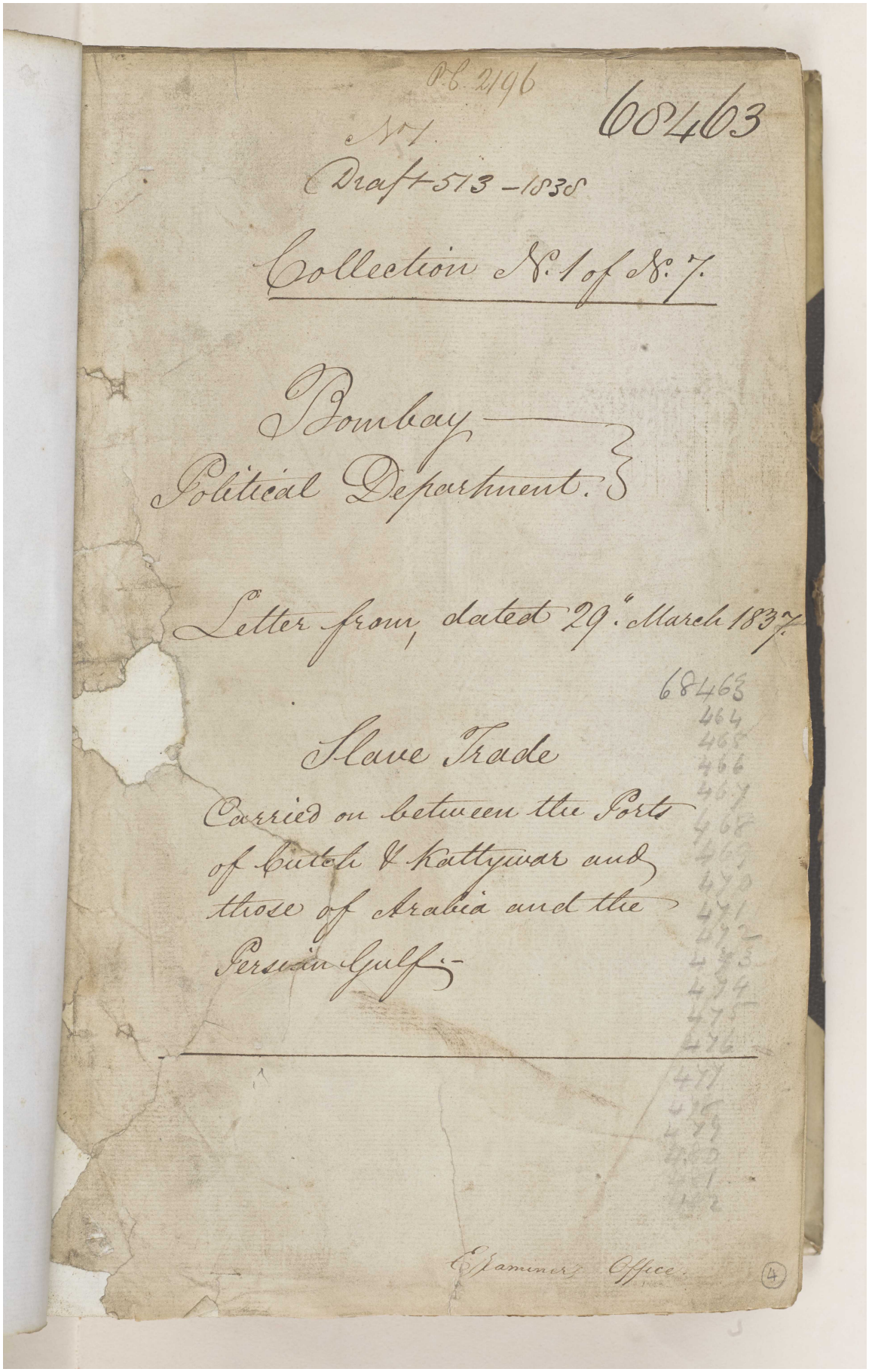
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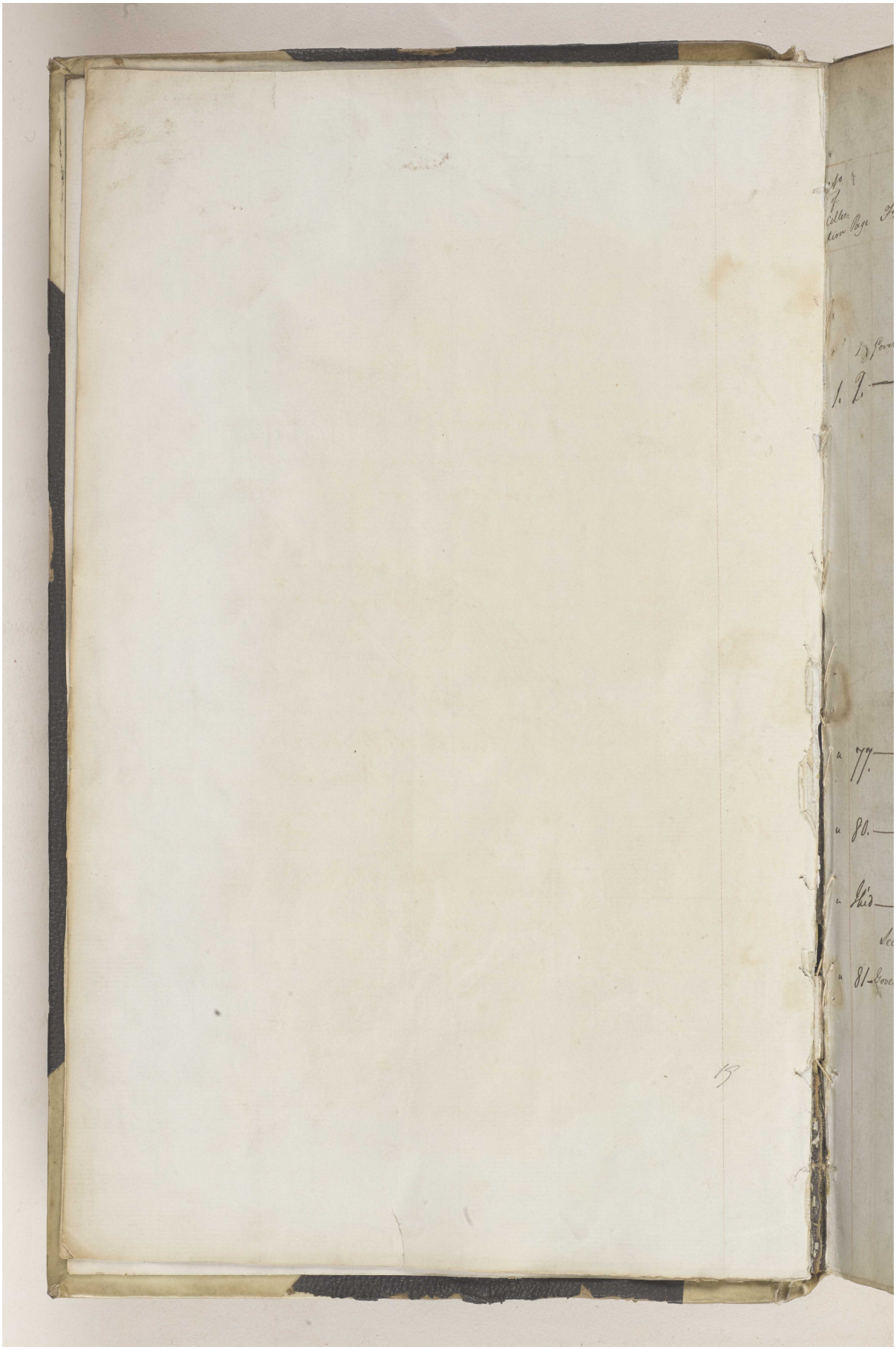

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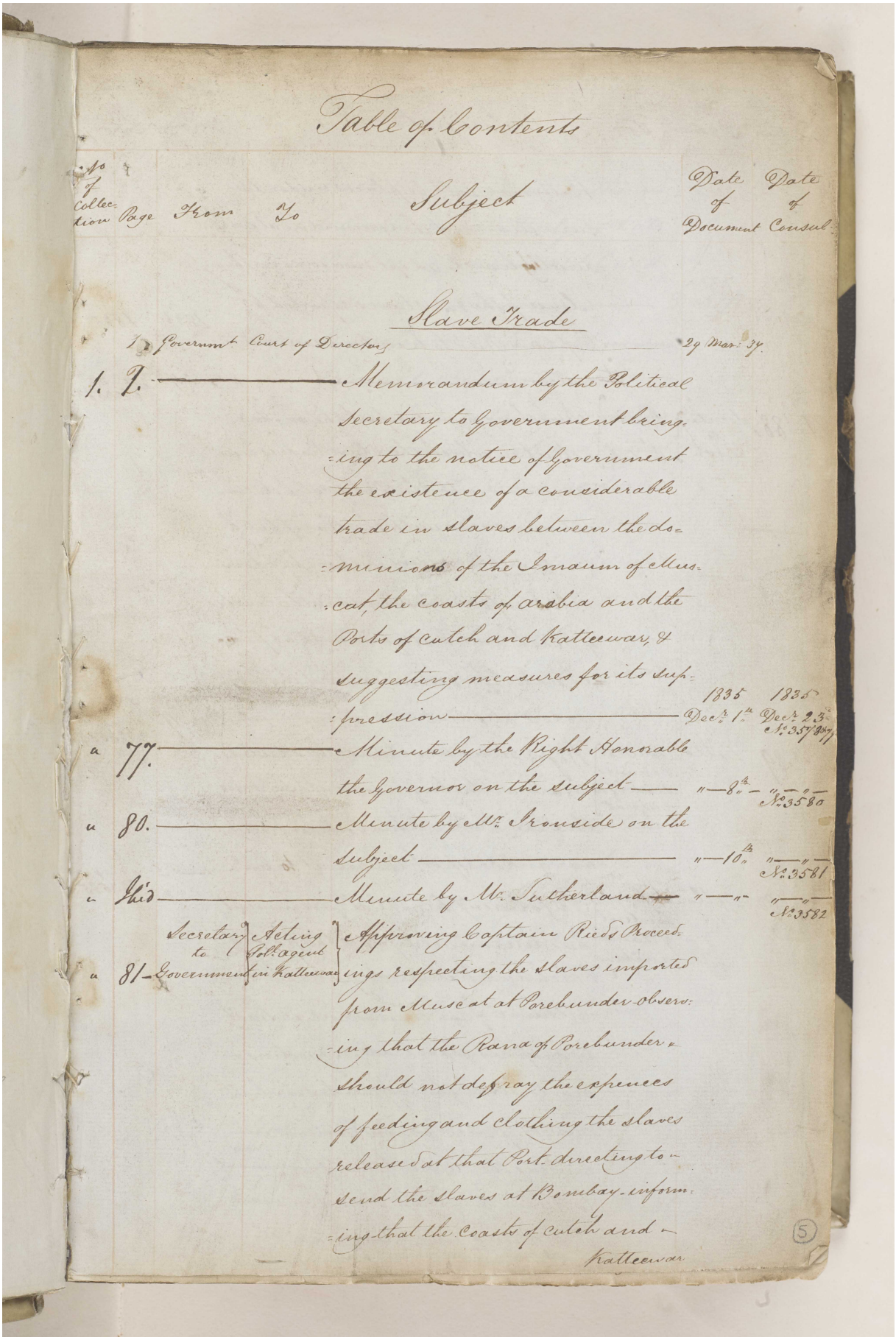

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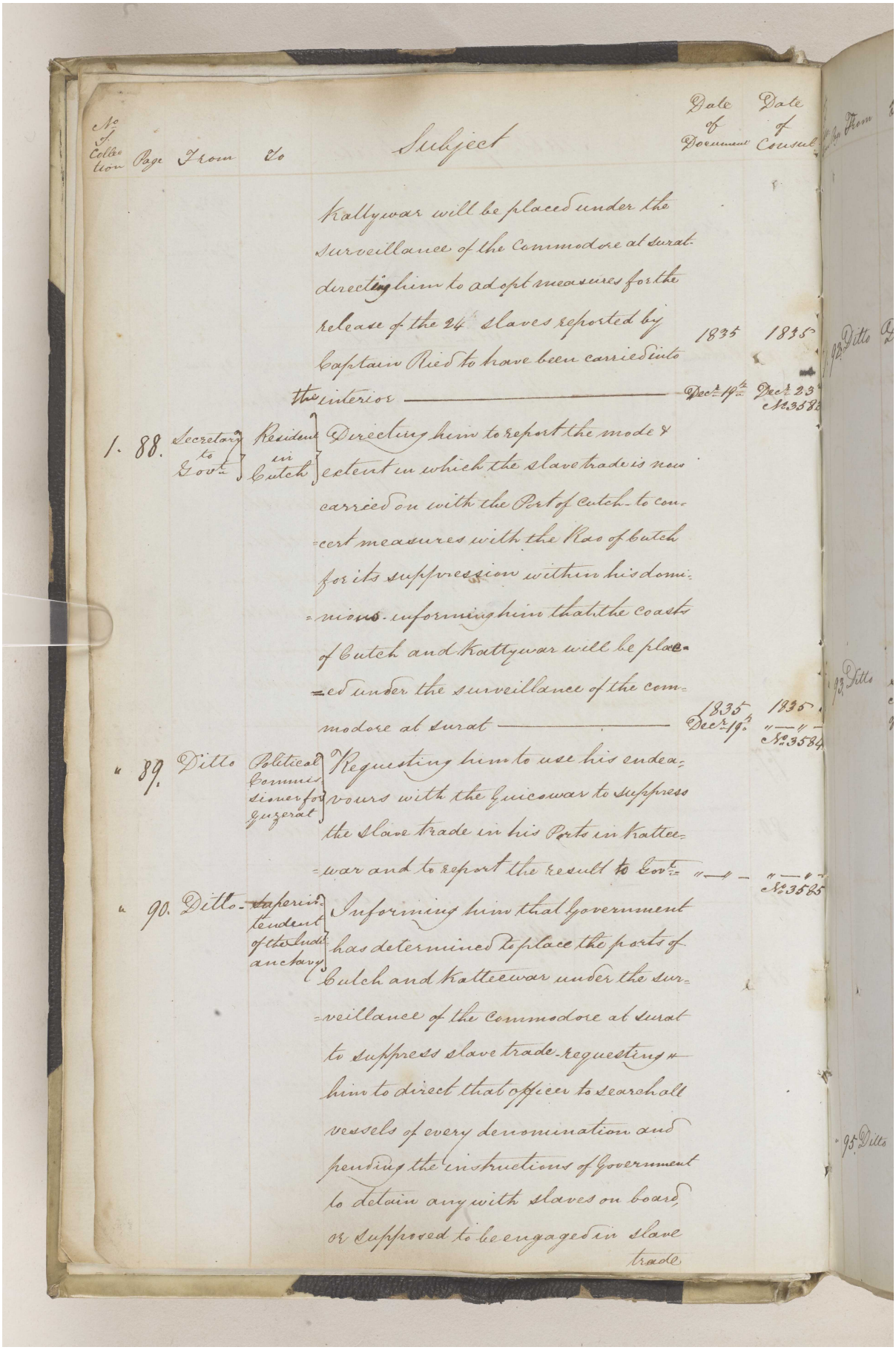

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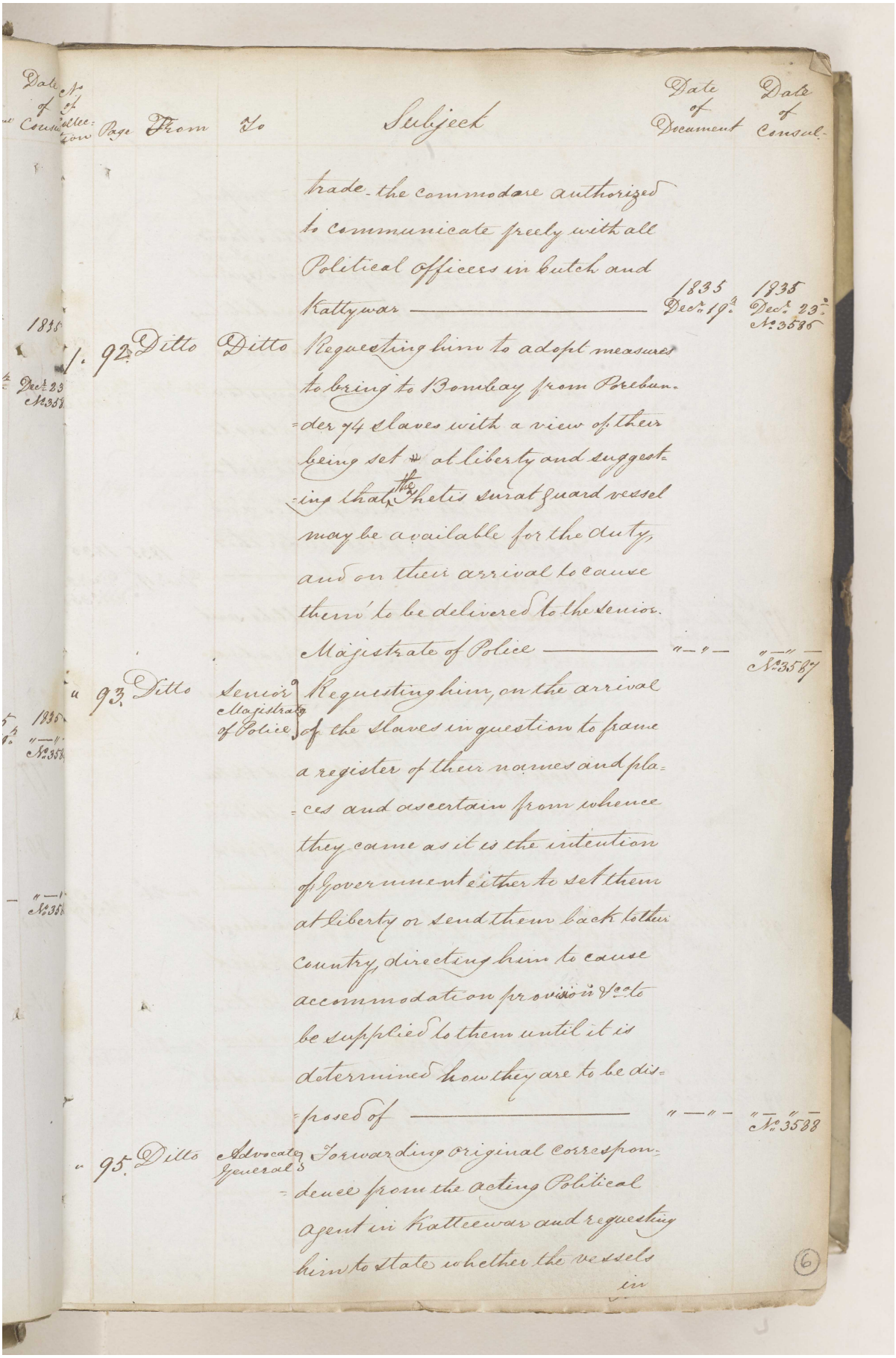

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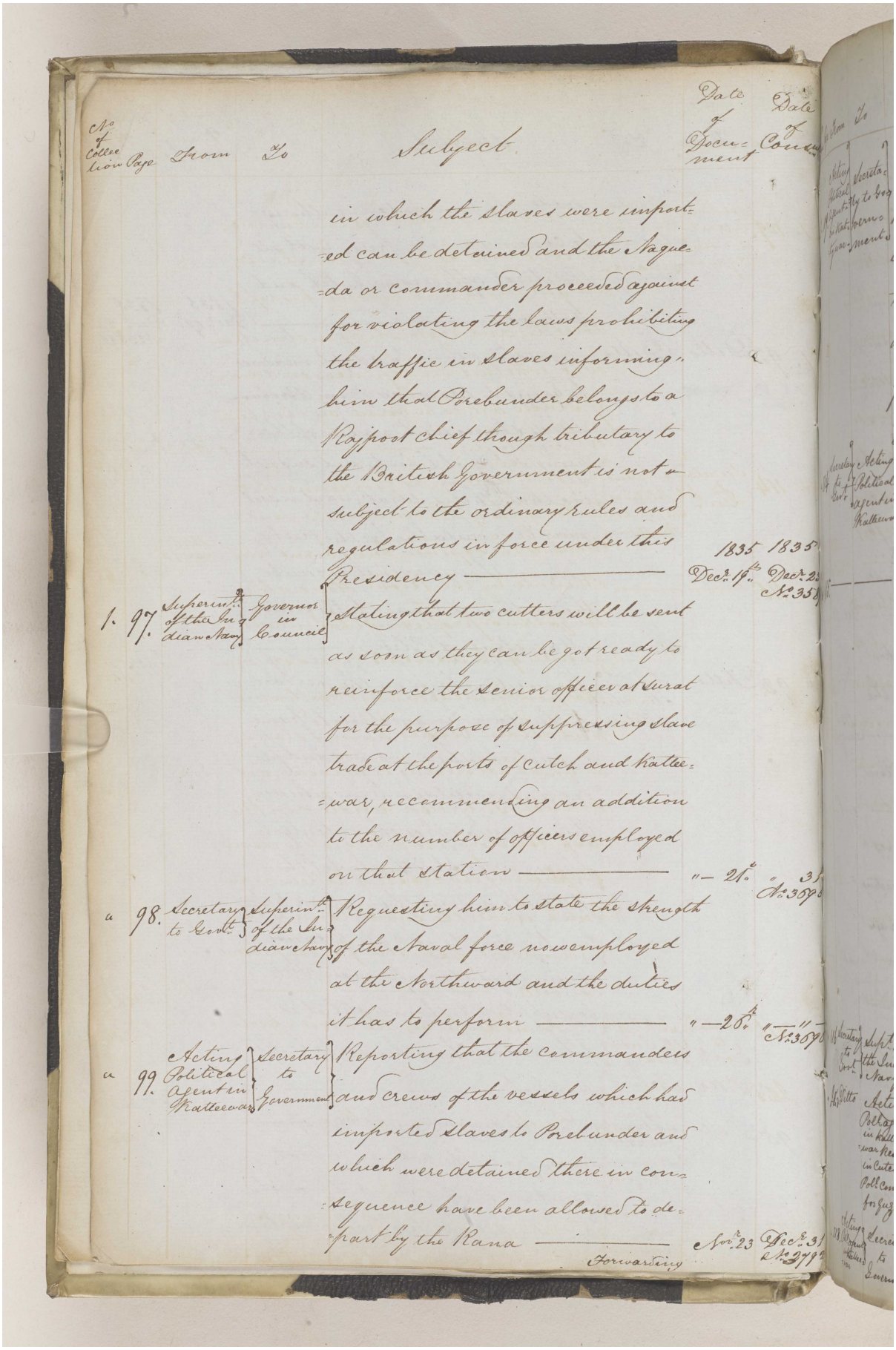

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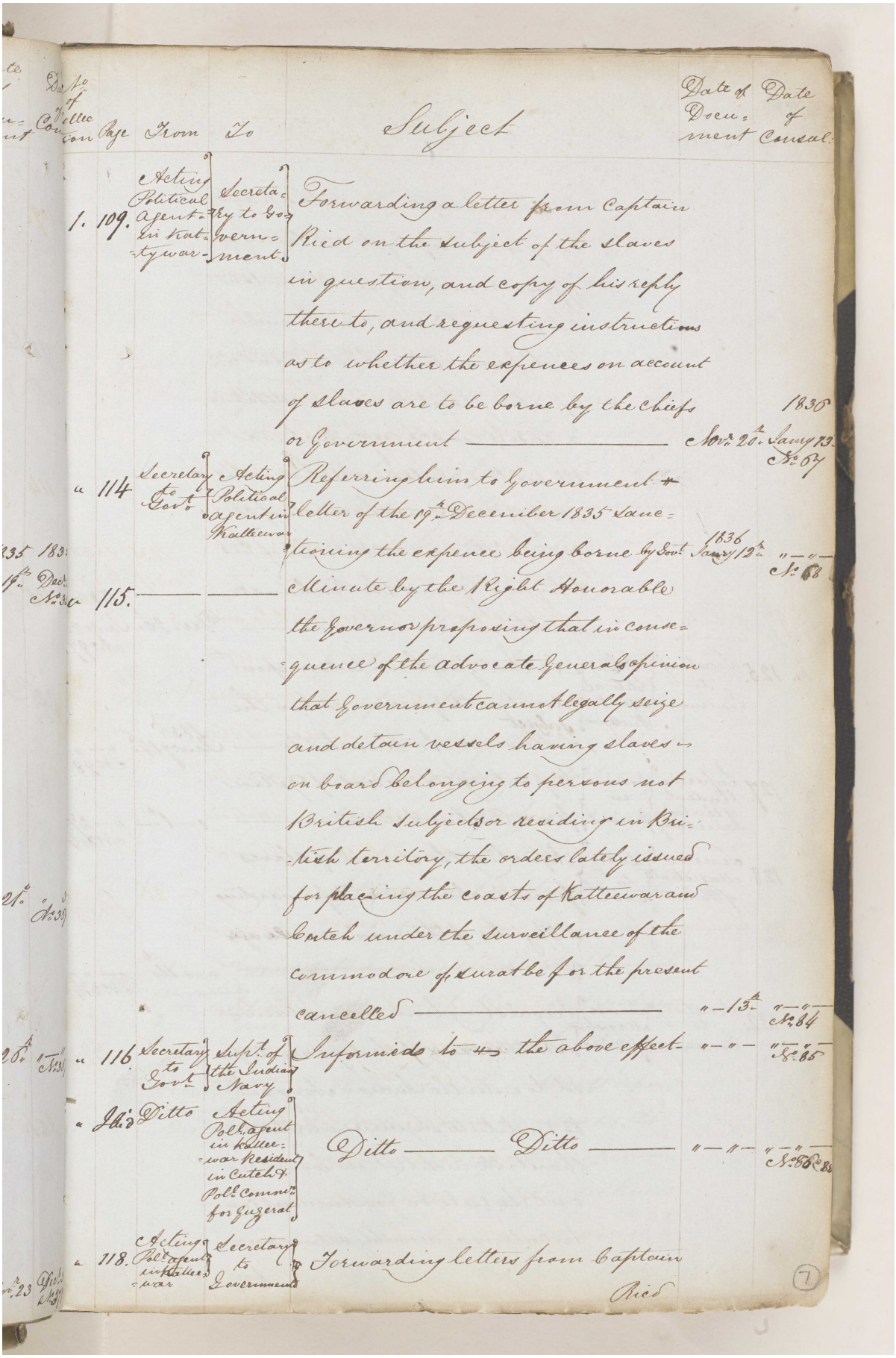

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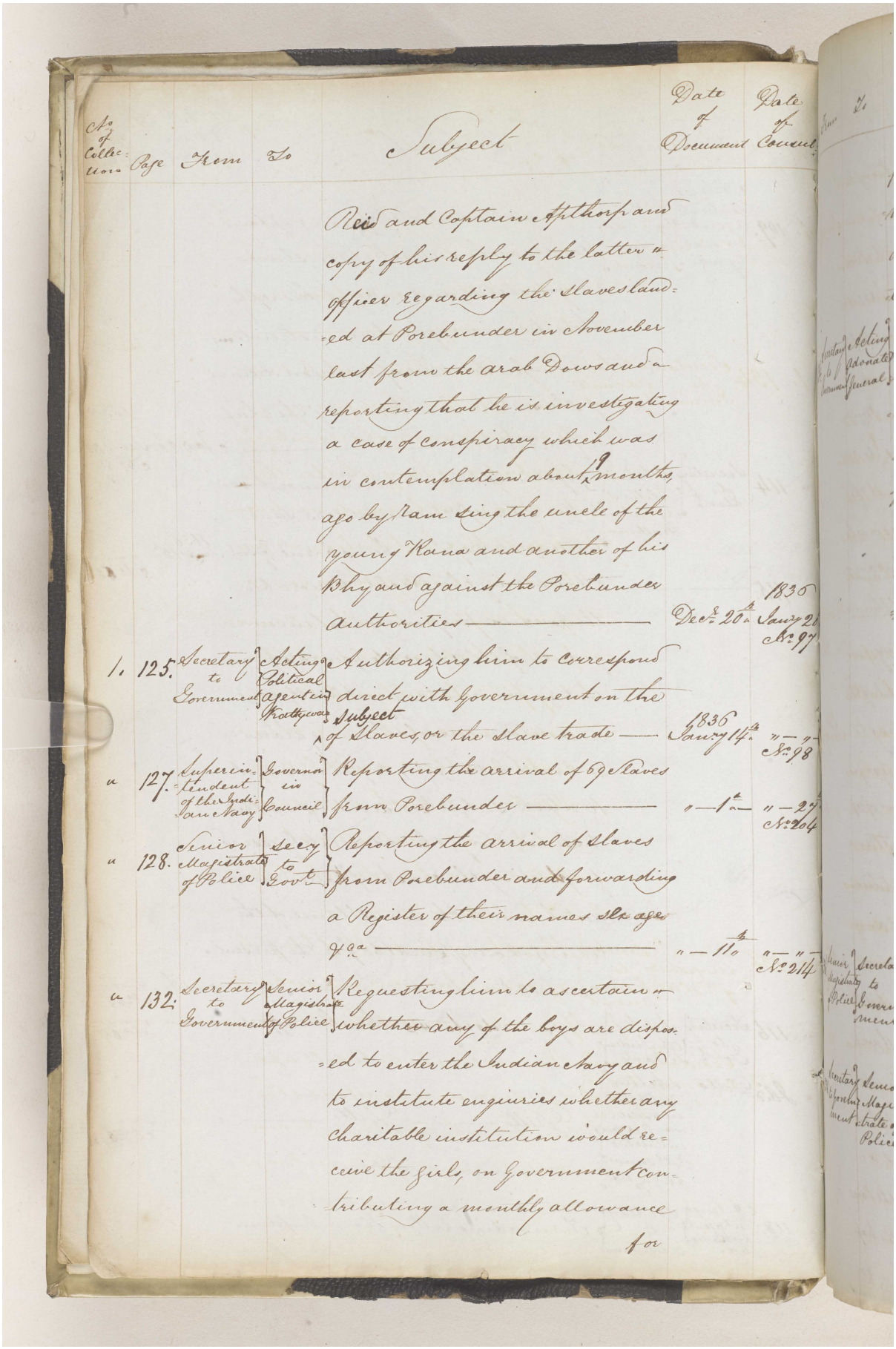

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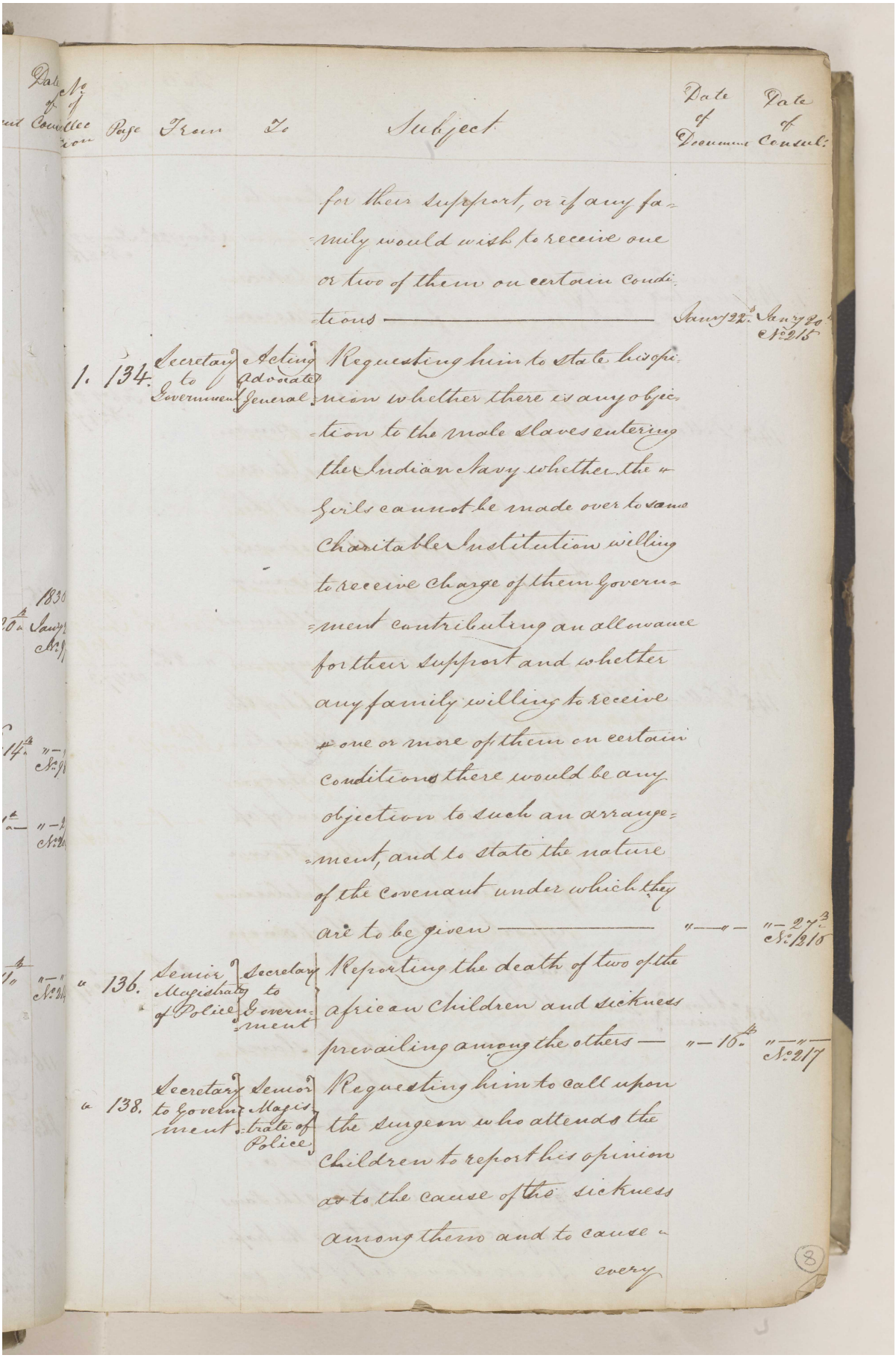

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"	138.	Secretary to Government	Senior Magistrate of Police	Requesting him to call upon the surgeon who attends the children to report his opinion as to the cause of the sickness among them and to cause every		

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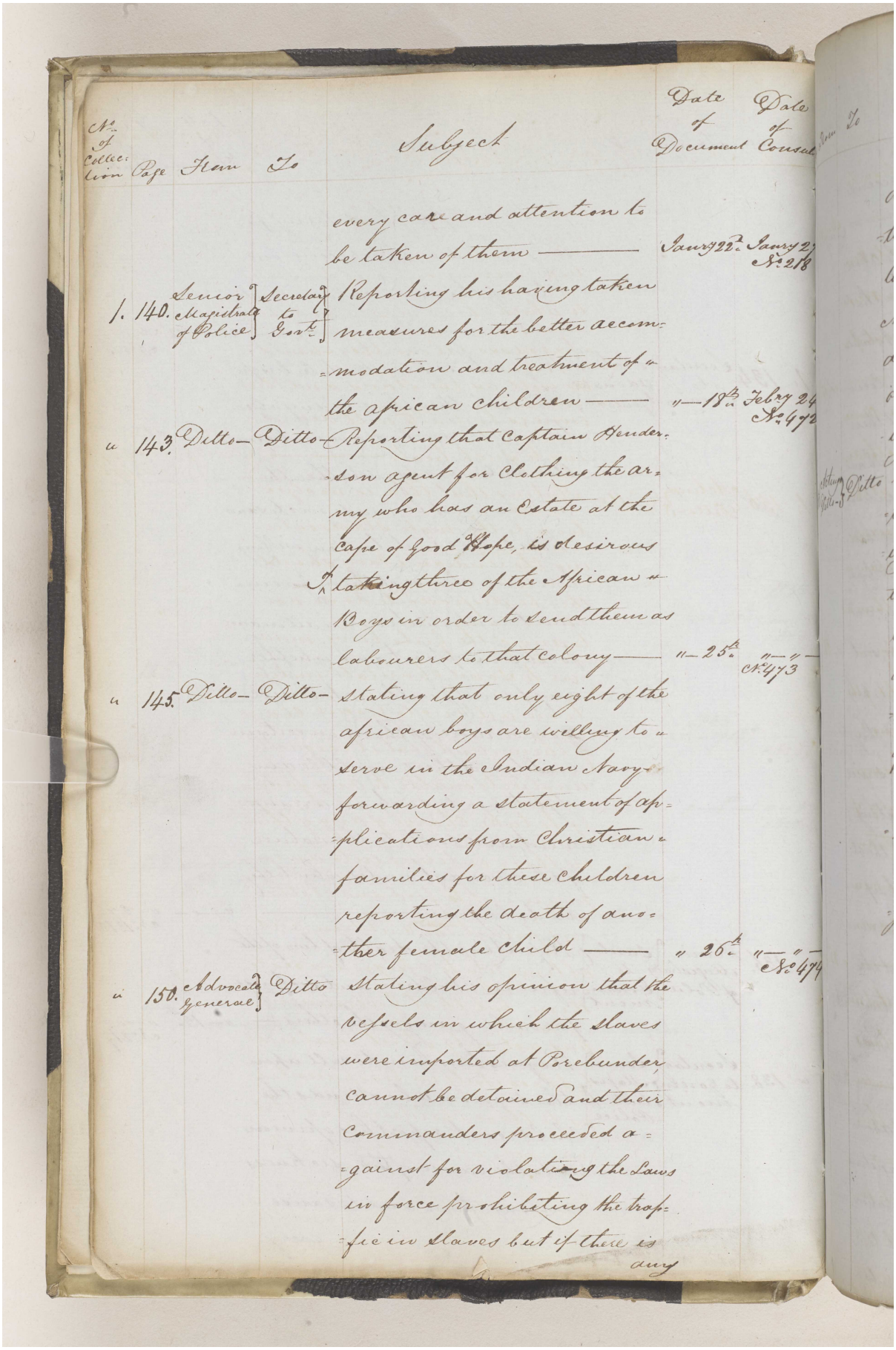

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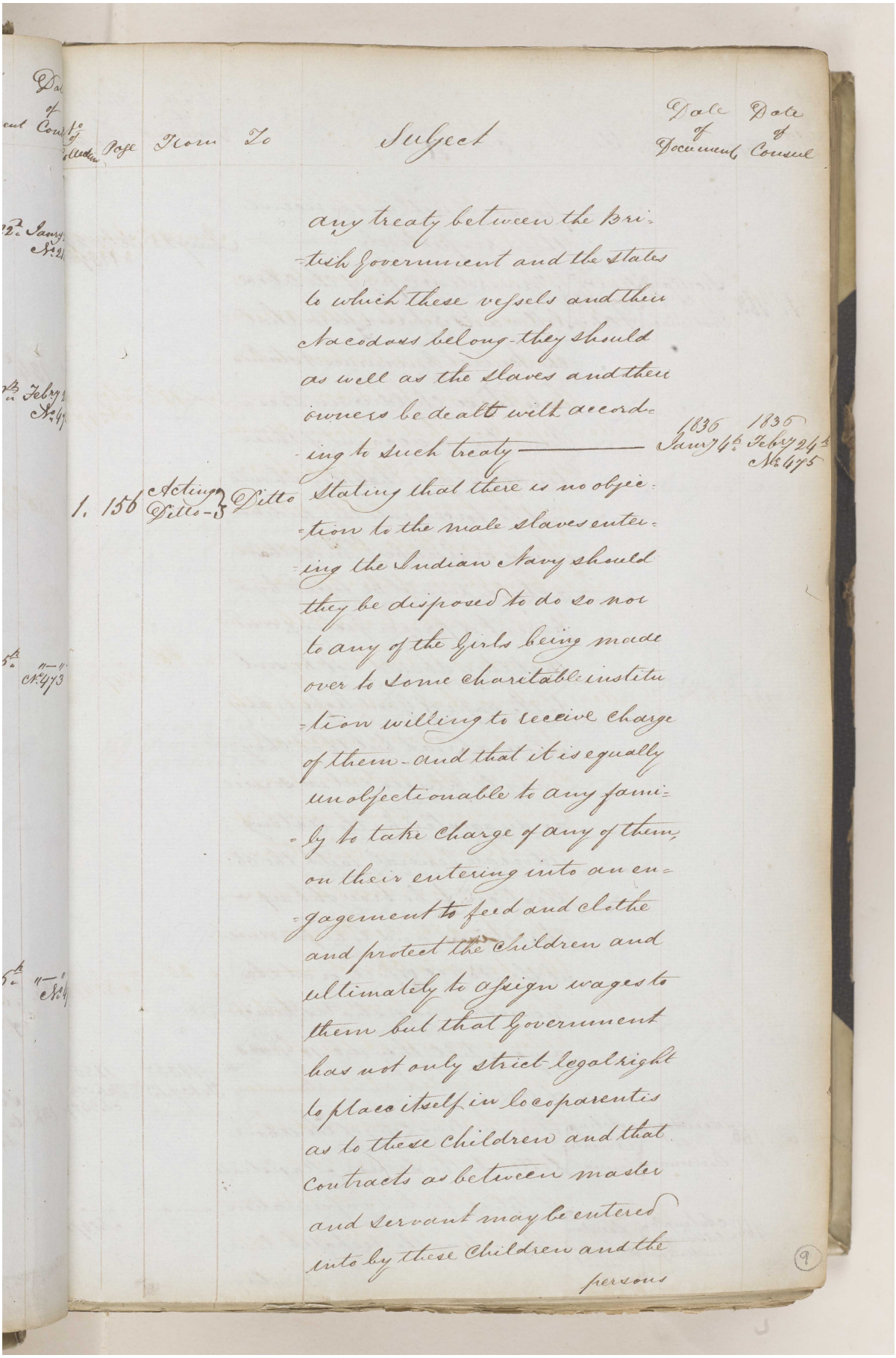

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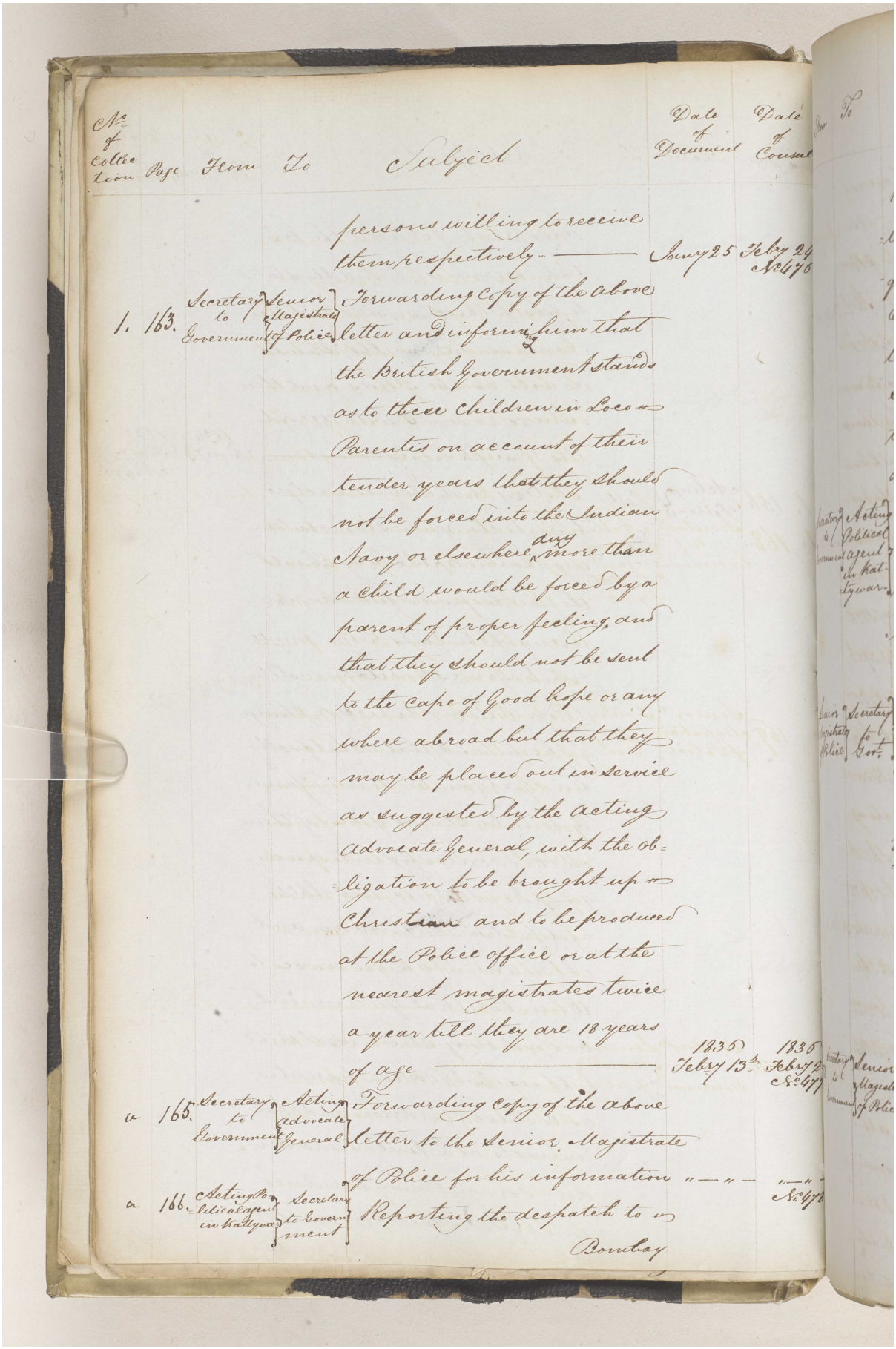

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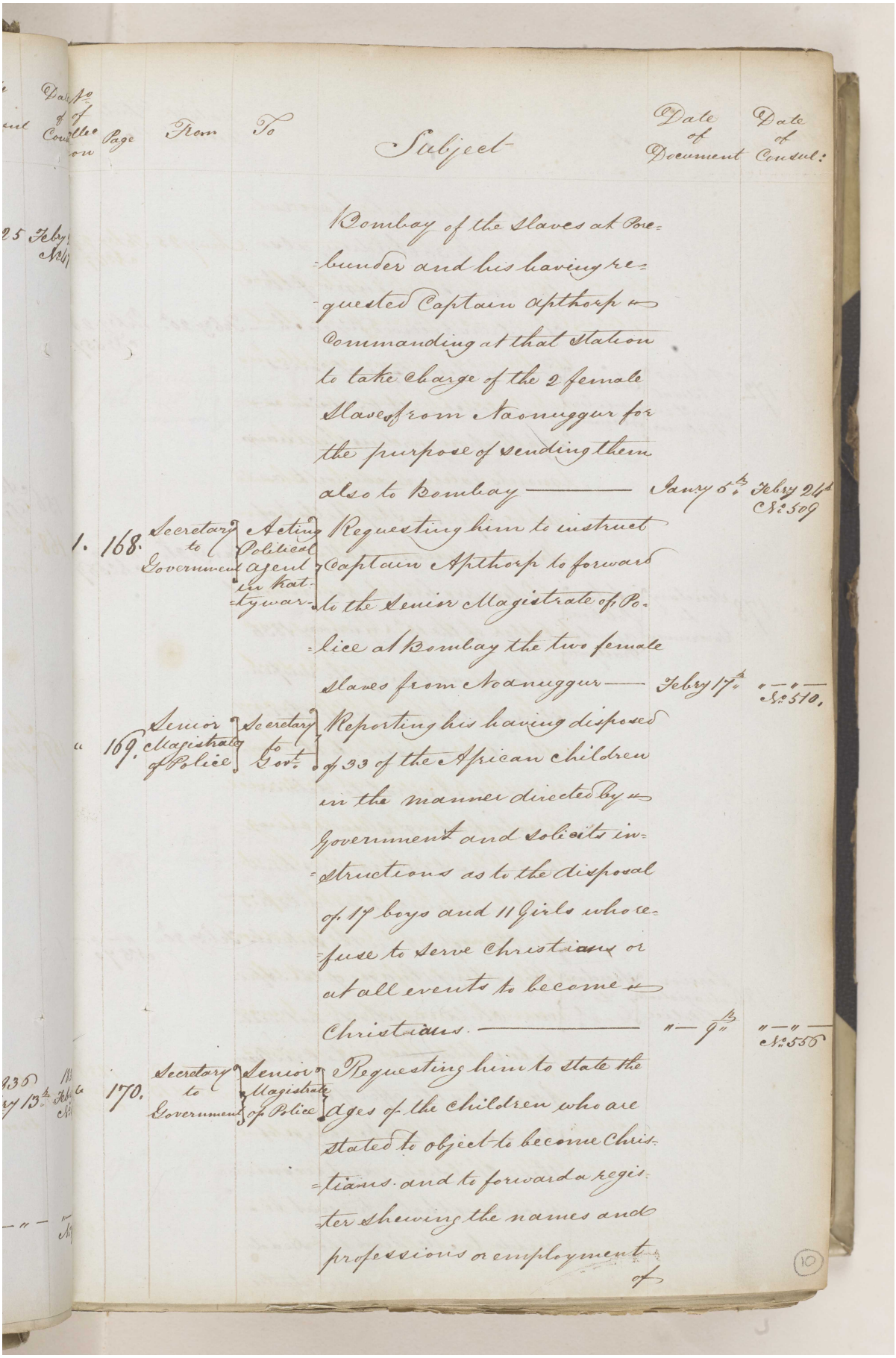

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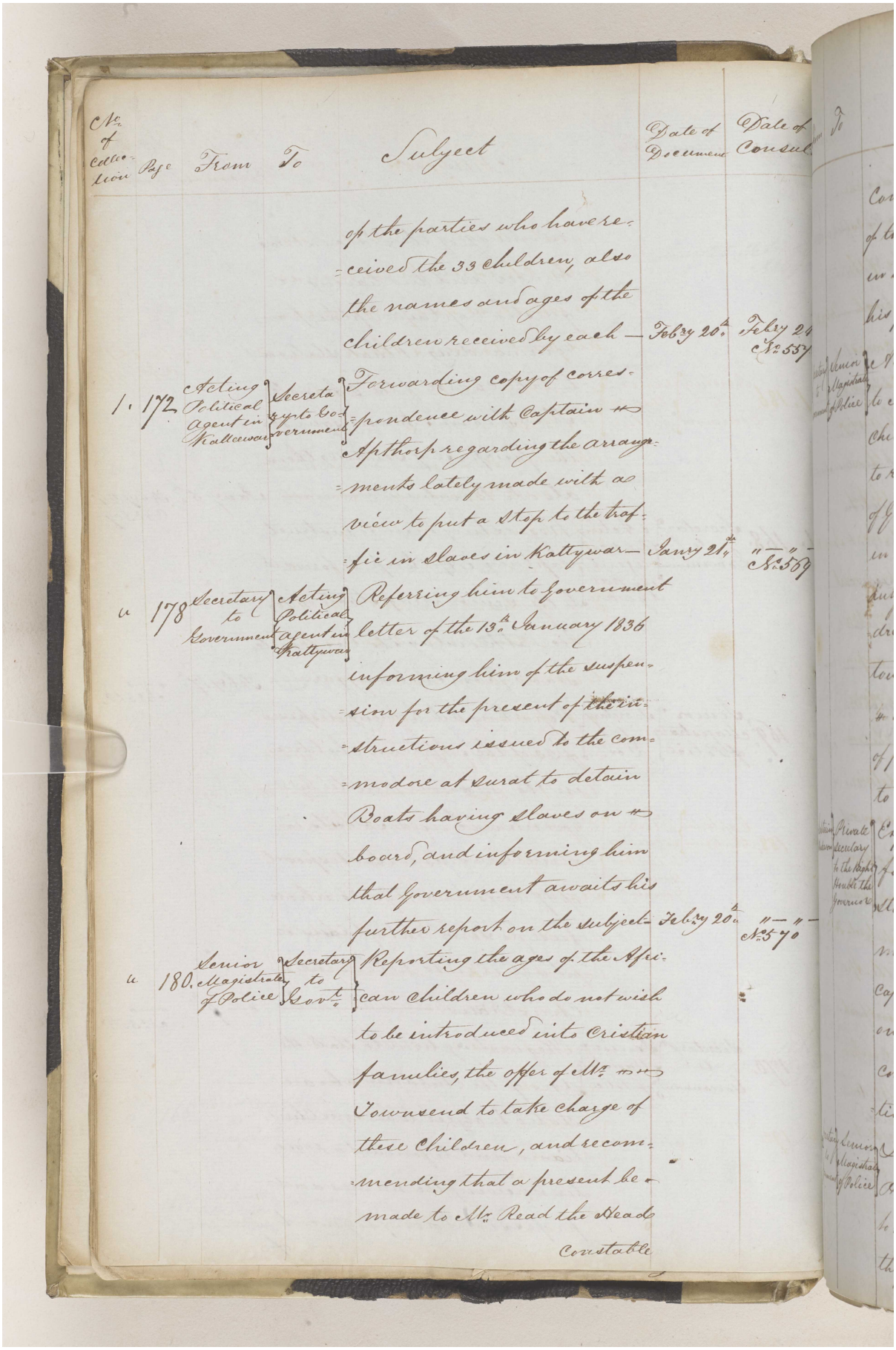

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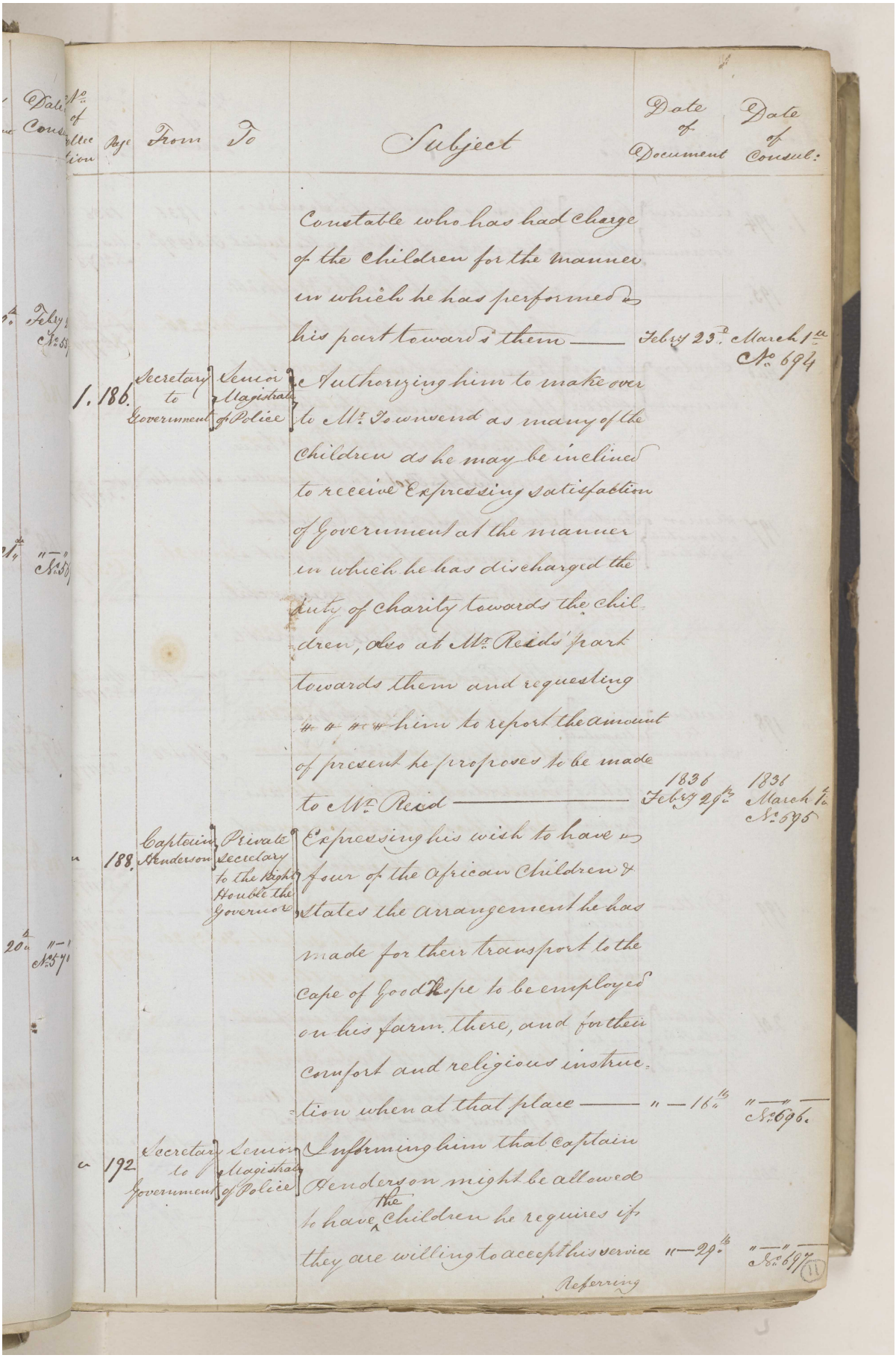

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	192	Secretary to Government	Senior Magistrate of Police	Informing him that Captain Henderson might be allowed to have the Children he requires if they are willing to accept this service	" — 29th	" No. 697

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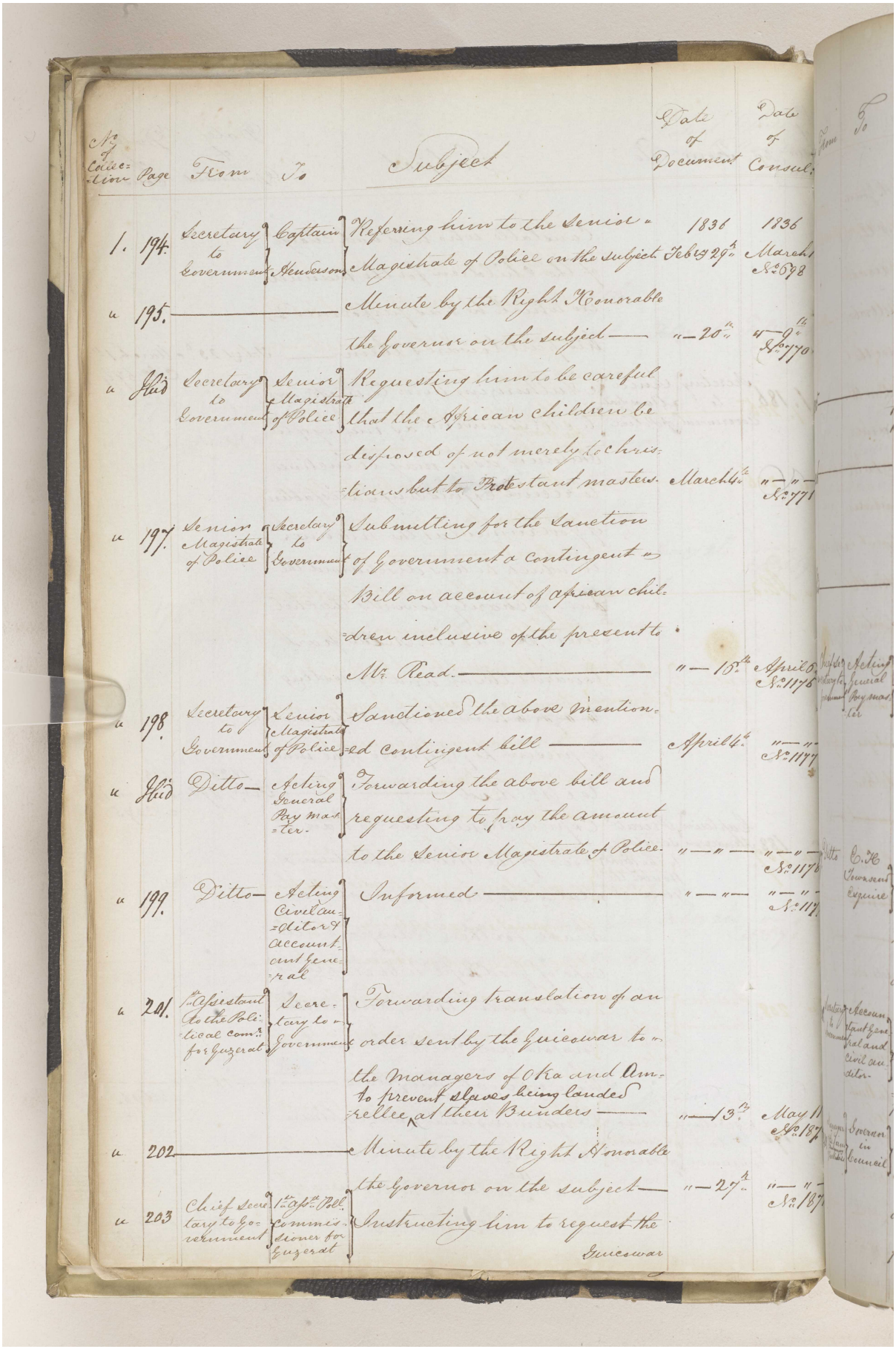

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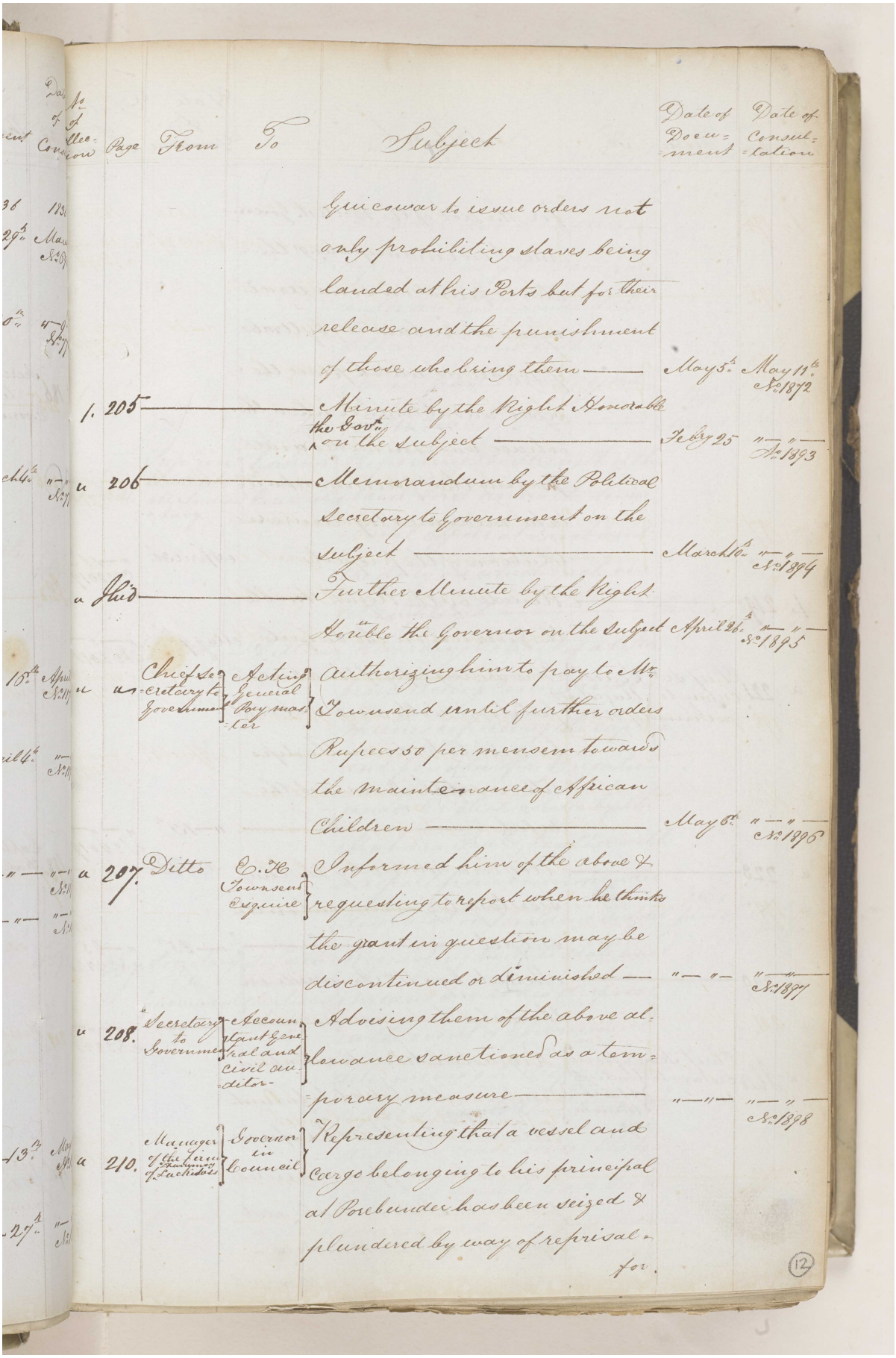
1.	194.	Secretary to Government	Captain Henderson	Referring him to the Senior Magistrate of Police on the subject	1836 Feb. 29th	1836 March 8 No. 578		
"	195.	———		Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor on the subject ———	" — 20th "	" — 9th " No. 770		
"	Ditto	Secretary to Government	Senior Magistrate of Police	Requesting him to be careful that the African children be disposed of not merely to Christians but to Protestant masters	March 6th	" — " — No. 771		
"	197.	Senior Magistrate of Police	Secretary to Government	Submitting for the sanction of Government a contingent Bill on account of African children inclusive of the present to Mr. Read ———	" — 15th	April 6 No. 1176	Under Secretary to Government	Acting General Pay master
"	198.	Secretary to Government	Senior Magistrate of Police	Sanctioned the above mentioned contingent bill ———	April 4th	" — " No. 1177		
"	Ditto	Ditto —	Acting General Pay master	Forwarding the above bill and requesting to pay the amount to the Senior Magistrate of Police	" — " —	" — " No. 1178	Ditto	C. H. Townsend Esquire
"	199.	Ditto —	Acting Civil Auditor & Accountant General	Informed ———	" — " —	" — " No. 1179		
"	201.	1st Assistant to the Political Comm.r for Guzerat	Secretary to Government	Forwarding translation of an order sent by the Guicowar to the Managers of Oka and Amto to prevent slaves being landed at their Bunders ———	" — 13th	May 11 No. 1871	Under Secretary to Government	Accountant General and Civil Auditor
"	202	———		Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor on the subject ———	" — 27th	" — " No. 1872	Managers of Oka & Amto Bunders	Governor in Council
"	203	Chief Secretary to Government	1st Asst. Pol. Commissioner for Guzerat	Instructing him to request the Guicowar				



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				Guicowar to issue orders not only prohibiting slaves being landed at his Ports but for their release and the punishment of those who bring them	May 5th	May 11th No. 1872
1.	205			Minute by the Right Honorable the Govr. on the subject	Febry 25	" " No. 1893
"	206			Memorandum by the Political Secretary to Government on the subject	March 10th	" " No. 1894
"	Ibid			Further Minute by the Right Honble the Governor on the subject	April 26th	" " No. 1895
"	"	Chief Secretary to Government	Acting General Pay master	Authorizing him to pay to Mr. Townsend until further orders Rupees 50 per mensem towards the maintenance of African Children	May 6th	" " No. 1896
"	207.	Ditto	E. H. Townsend Esquire	Informed him of the above & requesting to report when he thinks the grant in question may be discontinued or diminished	" "	" " No. 1897
"	208.	Secretary to Government	Accountant General and civil auditor	Advising them of the above allowance sanctioned as a temporary measure	" "	" " No. 1898
"	210.	Manager of the firm Harmony of Lackidass	Governor in Council	Representing that a vessel and cargo belonging to his principal at Porebunder has been seized & plundered by way of reprisal for		

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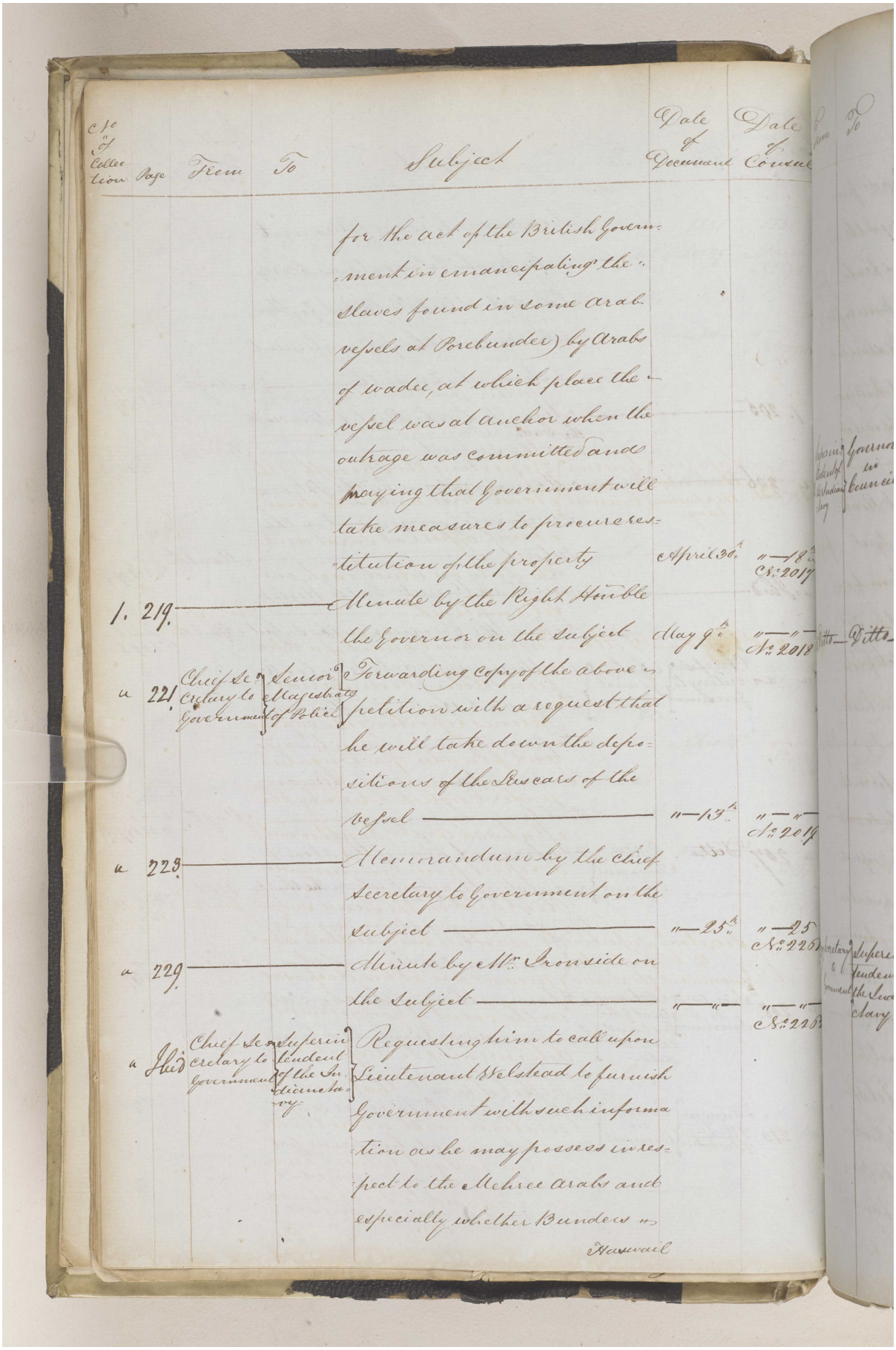

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				for the act of the British Government in emancipating the Slaves found in some Arab vessels at Porebunder) by Arabs of Wadee, at which place the vessel was at anchor when the outrage was committed and praying that Government will take measures to procure restitution of the property	April 30th	" — 18 No. 2017		
1.	219.			Minute by the Right Honble the Governor on the subject	May 9th	" — " No. 2018	Ditto	Ditto
"	221.	Chief Secretary to Government	Senior Magistrate of Police	Forwarding copy of the above petition with a request that he will take down the depositions of the Seacars of the vessel	" — 13th	" — " No. 2019		
"	223.			Memorandum by the Chief Secretary to Government on the subject	" — 25th	" — 25 No. 2225	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy
"	229.			Minute by Mr. Ironside on the subject	" — "	" — " No. 2225		
"	Ibid	Chief Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Requesting him to call upon Lieutenant Welstead to furnish Government with such information as he may possess in respect to the Mehree Arabs and especially whether Bunders of Hawail				

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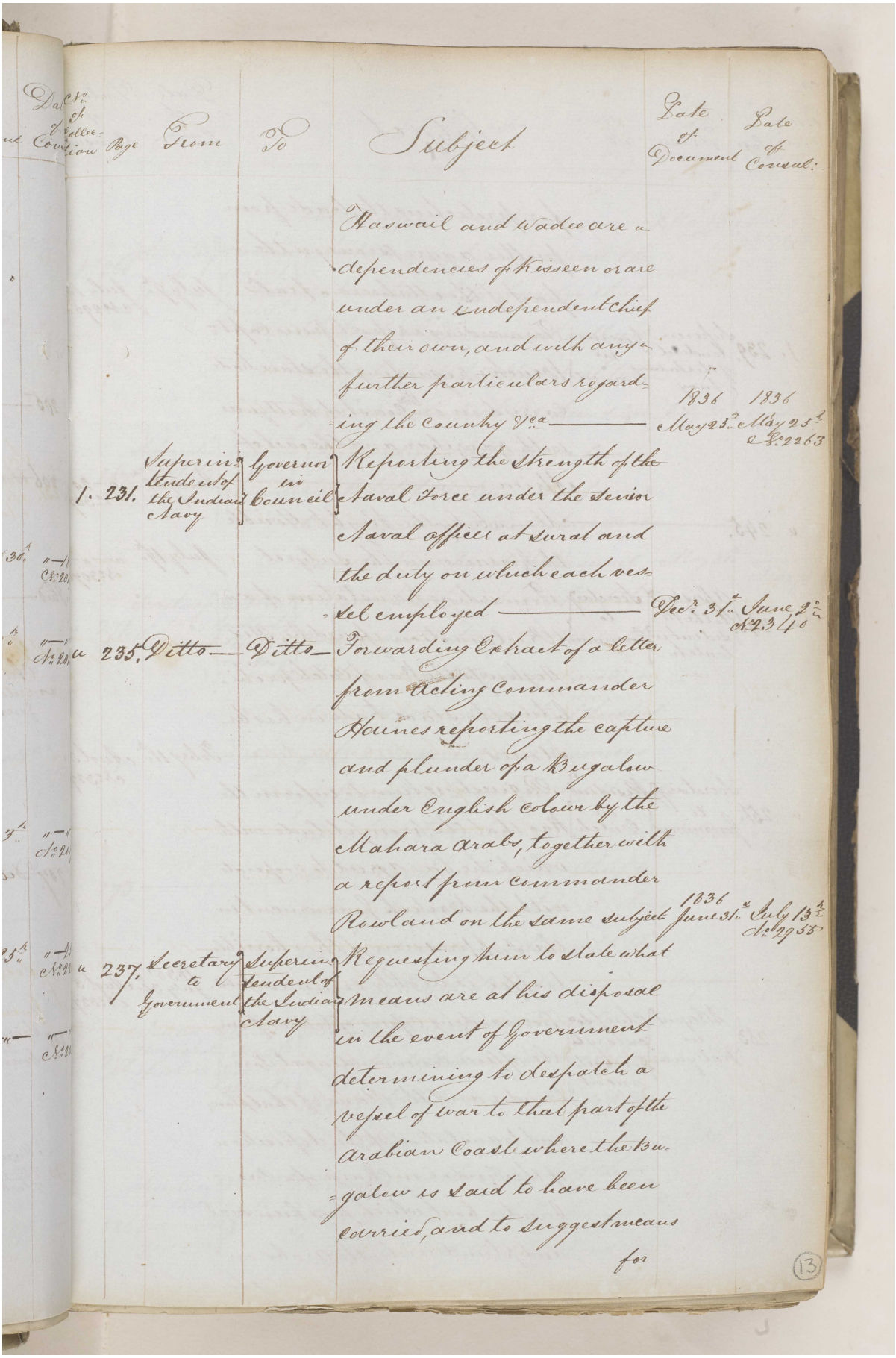

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					Haswail and Wadee are dependencies of Kisseen or are under an independent chief of their own, and with any further particulars regarding the country &c.a	1836 May 23rd	1836 May 25th No. 2263
	1.	231.	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Governor in Council	Reporting the strength of the Naval Force under the Senior Naval officer at Surat and the duty on which each vessel employed	Dec.r 31st	June 2nd No. 2310
		235.	Ditto	Ditto	Forwarding Extract of a letter from Acting Commander Haines reporting the capture and plunder of a Bugalow under English Colour by the Mahara Arabs, together with a report from Commander Rowland on the same subject	1836 June 31st	July 13th No. 2955
		237.	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Requesting him to state what means are at his disposal in the event of Government determining to despatch a vessel of war to that part of the Arabian Coast where the Bugalow is said to have been carried, and to suggest means for		

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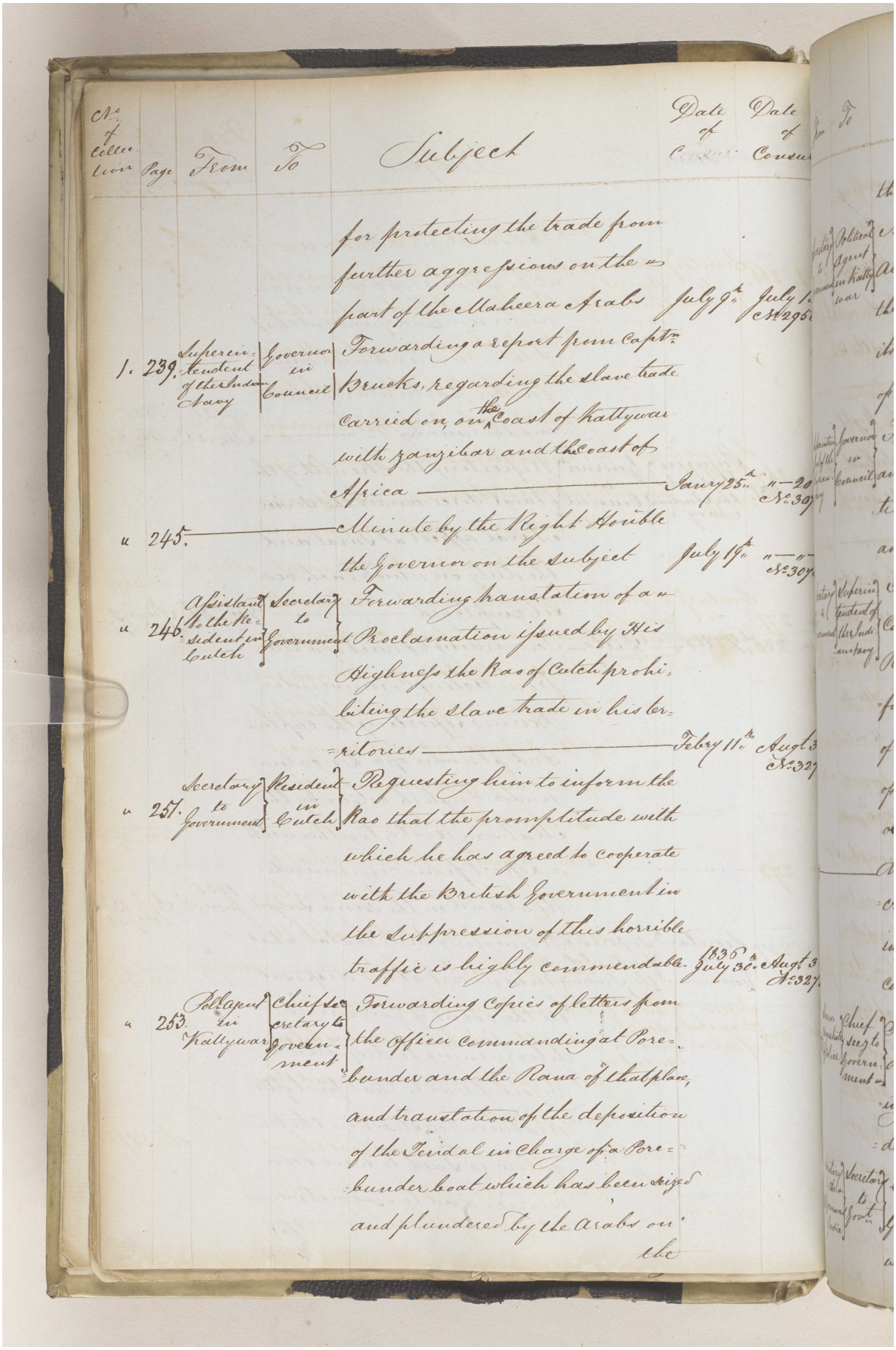

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				for protecting the trade from further aggressions on the part of the Mahcera Arabs	July 9th	July 1 No 295
1.	239.	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Governor in Council	Forwarding a report from Capt. Brucks, regarding the slave trade carried on, on the Coast of Kattywar with Zanzibar and the Coast of Africa	Janry 25th	" 20 No 39
"	245.			Minute by the Right Honble the Governor on the subject	July 19th	" " No 307
"	246.	Assistant to the Resident in Cutch	Secretary to Government	Forwarding translation of a Proclamation issued by His Highness the Rao of Cutch prohibiting the slave trade in his territories	Febry 11th	Augt 3 No 327
"	257.	Secretary to Government	Resident in Cutch	Requesting him to inform the Rao that the promptitude with which he has agreed to cooperate with the British Government in the suppression of this horrible traffic is highly commendable.	1836 July 30th	Augt 3 No 327
"	253.	Political Agent in Kattywar	Chief Secretary to Government	Forwarding Copies of letters from the Officer Commanding at Porebunder and the Rana of that place, and translation of the deposition of the Tendal in Charge of a Porebunder boat which has been seized and plundered by the Arabs on the		

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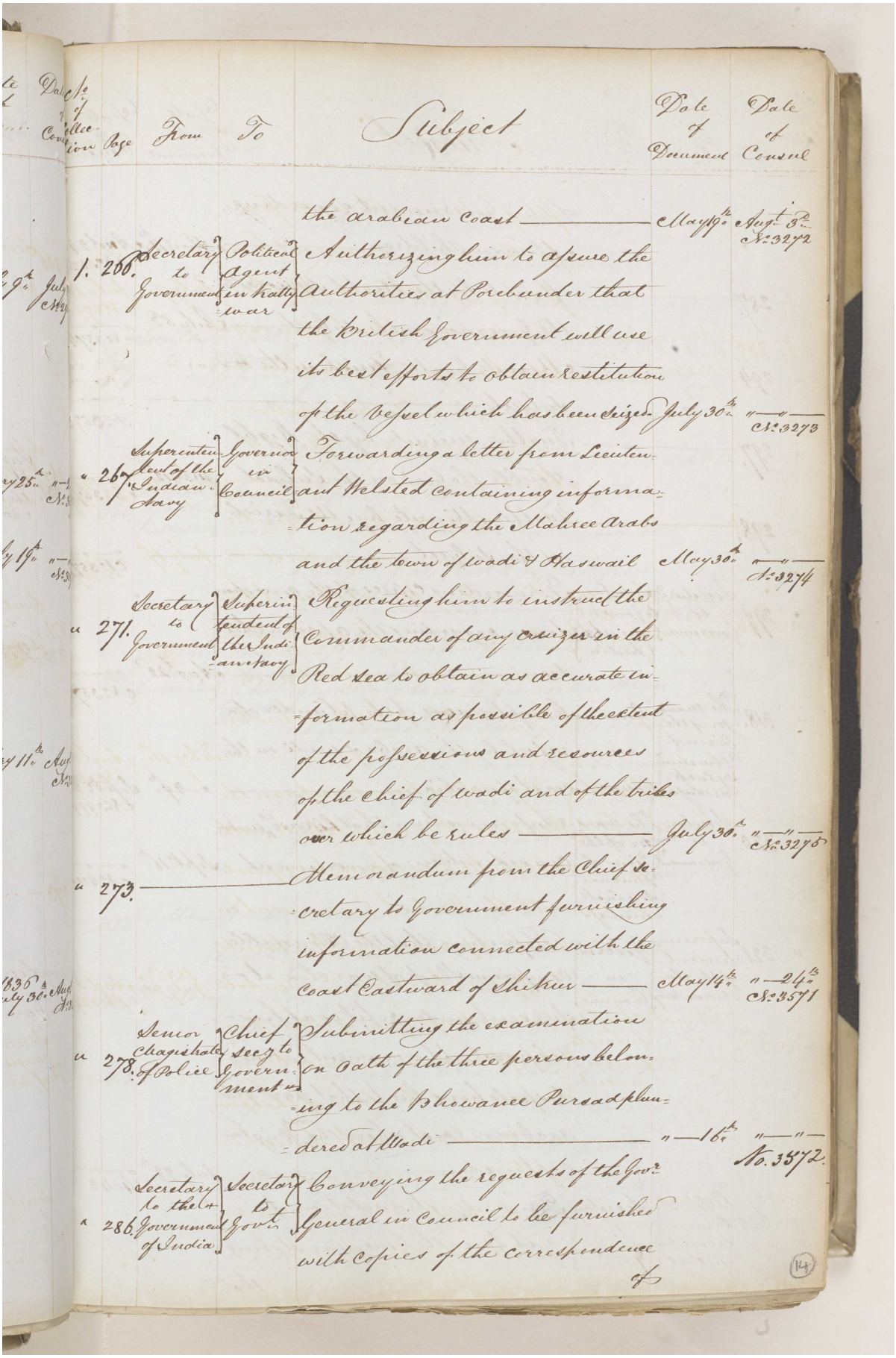

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					the arabian Coast ———	May 19th	Augt 8th No: 3272
July 9th	1.	266.	Secretary to Government	Political Agent in Kattywar	Authorizing him to assure the Authorities at Porebunder that the British Government will use its best efforts to obtain restitution of the Vessel which has been seized	July 30th	" —" No: 3273
July 25th	"	267.	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Governor in Council	Forwarding a letter from Lieutenant Welsted containing information regarding the Mahree Arabs and the town of Wadi & Haswail	May 30th	" —" No: 3274
July 19th	"	271.	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Requesting him to instruct the Commander of any Cruizer in the Red Sea to obtain as accurate information as possible of the extent of the possessions and resources of the Chief of Wadi and of the tribes over which he rules ———	July 30th	" —" No: 3275
July 11th	"	273.	———	———	Memorandum from the Chief Secretary to Government furnishing information connected with the Coast Eastward of Shihur ———	May 14th	" —24th No: 3571
1835 July 30th	"	278.	Senior Magistrate & Chief of Police	Chief Secty to Government	Submitting the examination on oath of the three persons belonging to the Bhowanee Pursad plundered at Wadi ———	" —16th	" —" No. 3572
	"	286.	Secretary to the Government of India	Secretary to Govt	Conveying the requests of the Govr General in Council to be furnished with copies of the correspondence of		

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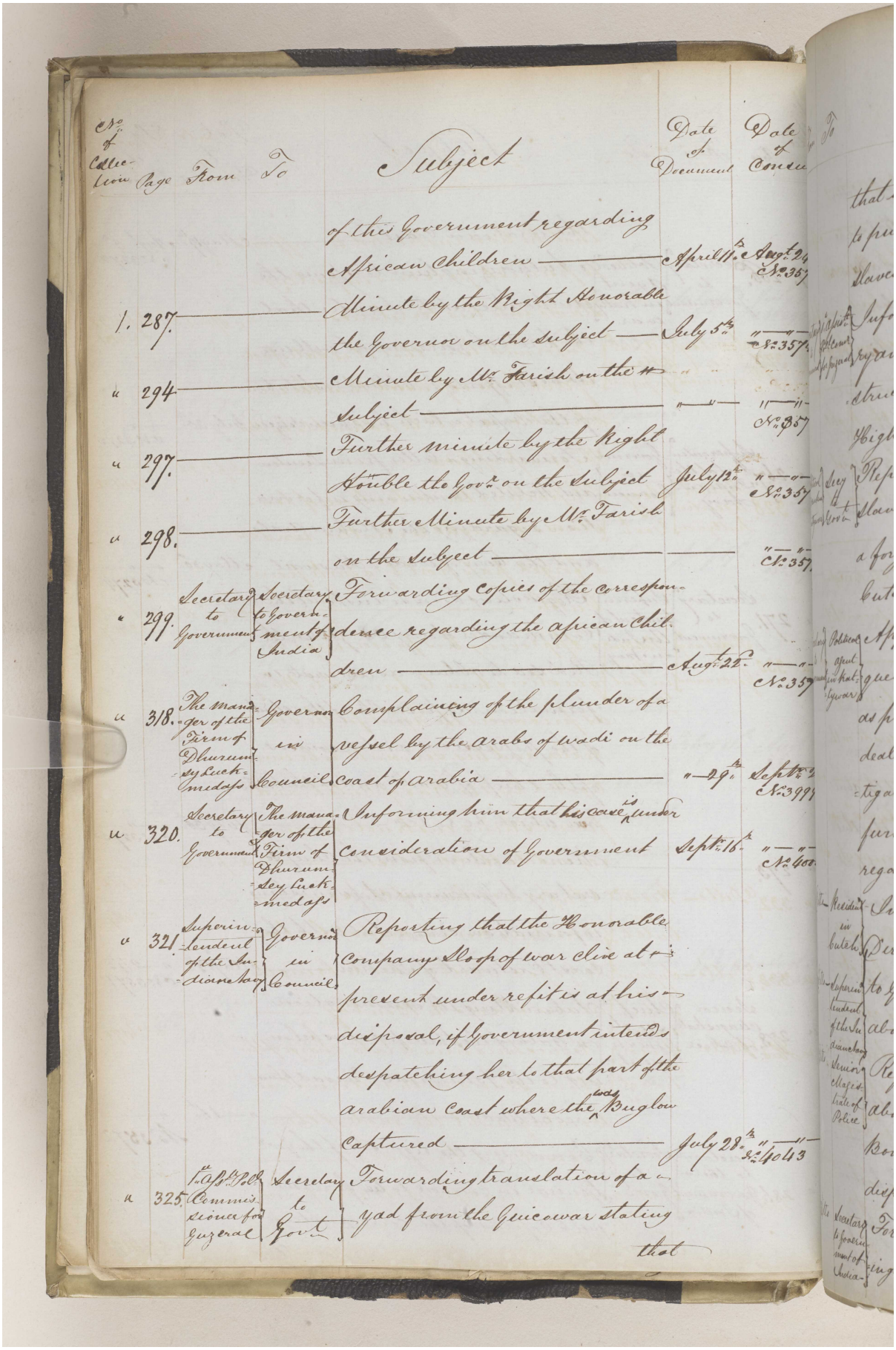

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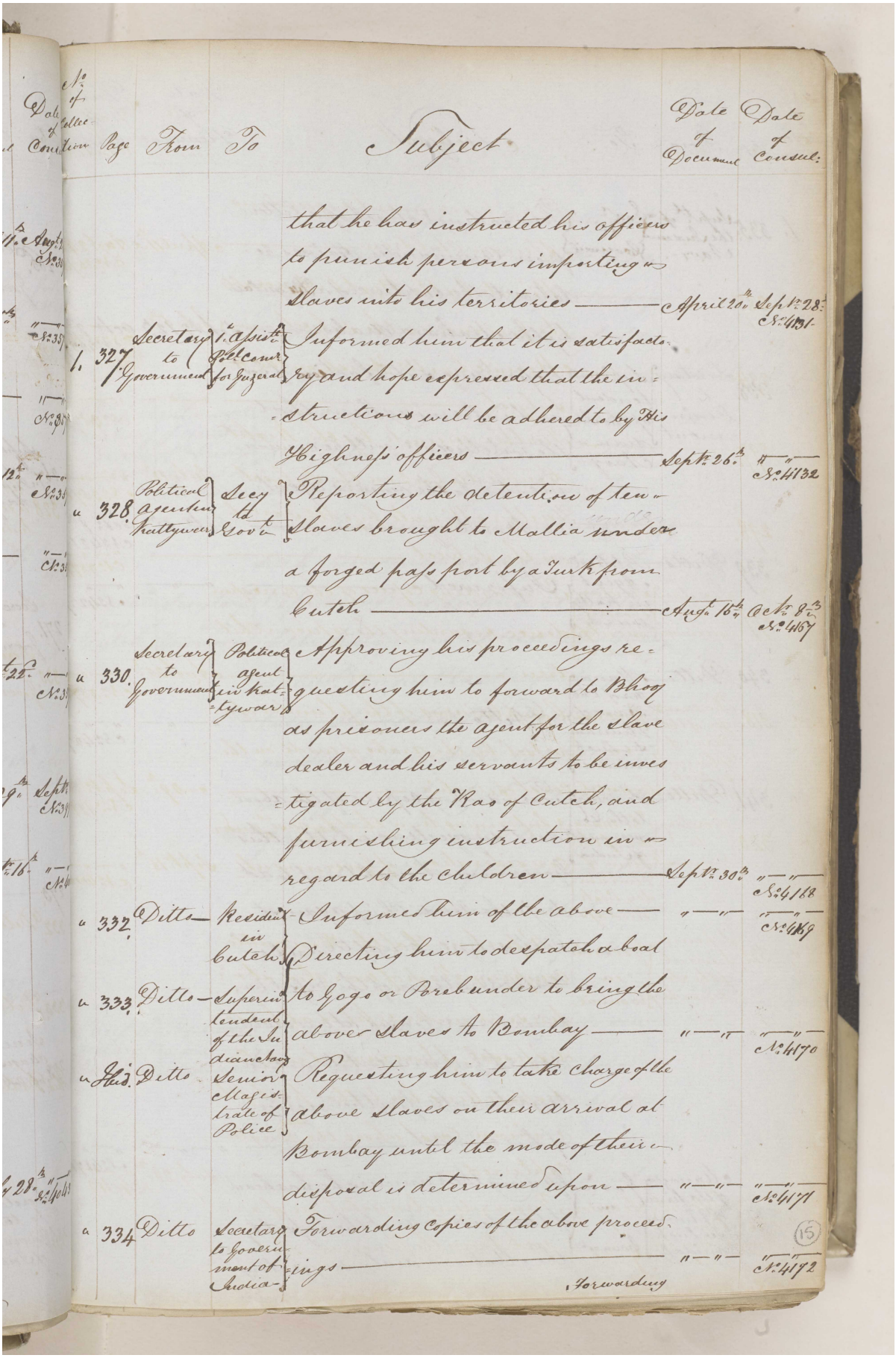

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				that he has instructed his officers to punish persons importing slaves into his territories	April 20th	Septr. 28th No. 4131
1.	327.	Secretary to Government	1st Assistt. Poll. Comr. for Guzerat	Informed him that it is satisfactory and hope expressed that the instructions will be adhered to by His Highness' officers	Septr. 26th	" " No. 4132
"	328.	Political agent in Kattywar	Secy to Govt.	Reporting the detention of ten slaves brought to Mallia under a forged pass port by a Turk from Cutch	Augt. 16th	Octr. 8th No. 4167
"	330.	Secretary to Government	Political agent in Kattywar	Approving his proceedings requesting him to forward to Bhooj as prisoners the agent for the slave dealer and his servants to be investigated by the Rao of Cutch, and furnishing instruction in regard to the children	Septr. 30th	" " No. 4168
"	332.	Ditto	Resident in Cutch	Informed him of the above	" "	" " No. 4169
"	333.	Ditto	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Directing him to despatch a boat to Gogo or Porebunder to bring the above slaves to Bombay	" "	" " No. 4170
"	Ibid.	Ditto	Senior Magistrate of Police	Requesting him to take charge of the above slaves on their arrival at Bombay until the mode of their disposal is determined upon	" "	" " No. 4171
"	334	Ditto	Secretary to Government of India	Forwarding copies of the above proceedings	" "	" " No. 4172

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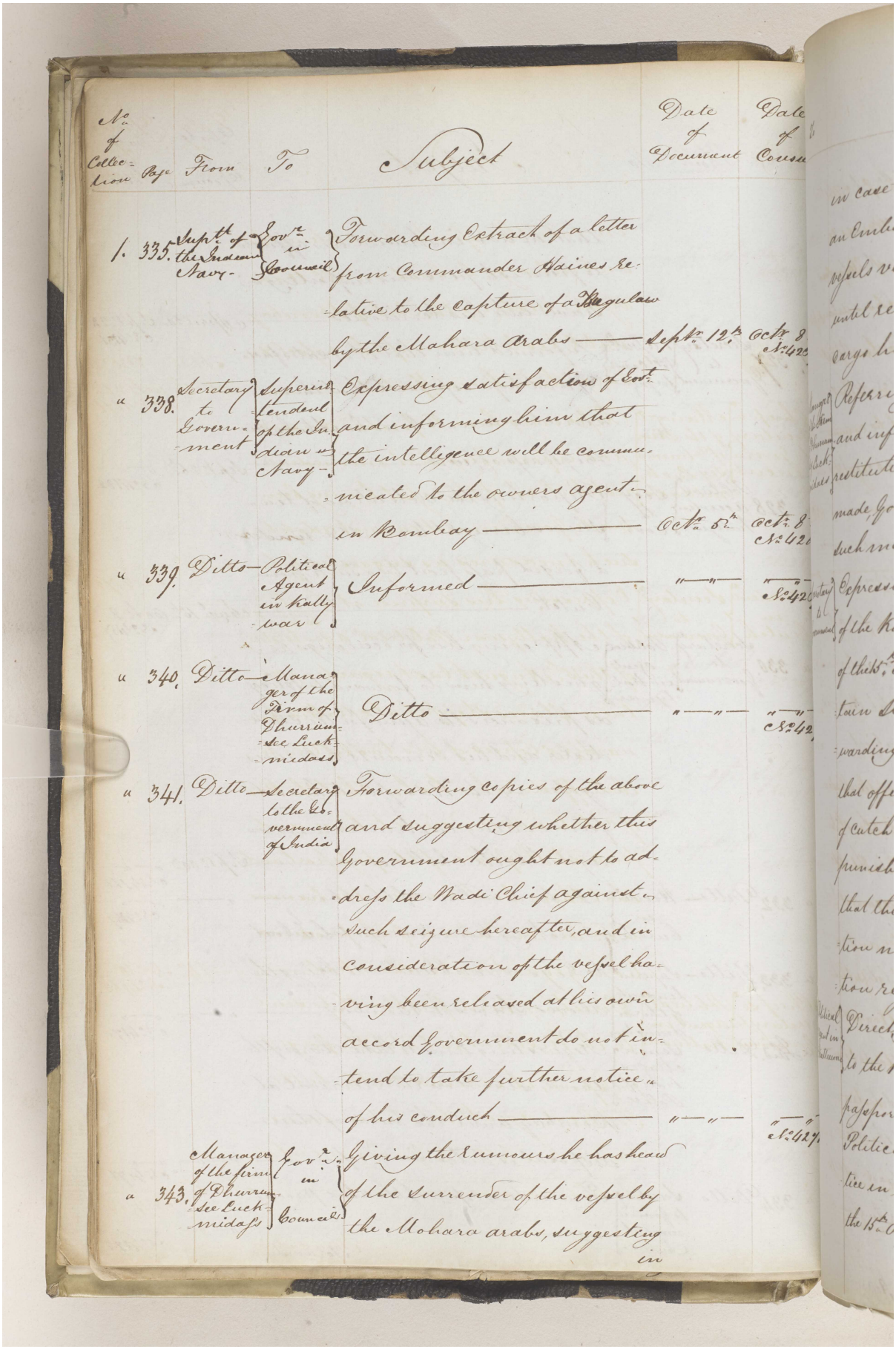

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1.	335.	Supt. of the Indian Navy	Govr. in Council	Forwarding Extract of a letter from Commander Haines relative to the capture of a Bagulaw by the Mahara Arabs	Septr. 12th	Octr. 8 No. 420
"	338.	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Expressing satisfaction of Govt. and informing him that the intelligence will be communicated to the owners agent in Bombay	Octr. 5th	Octr. 8 No. 420
"	339.	Ditto	Political Agent in Kallywar	Informed	" "	" " No. 420
"	340.	Ditto	Manager of the Firm of Dhurrumsee Luckmidass	Ditto	" "	" " No. 42
"	341.	Ditto	Secretary to the Government of India	Forwarding copies of the above and suggesting whether this Government ought not to address the Wadi Chief against such seizure hereafter, and in consideration of the vessel having been released at his own accord Government do not intend to take further notice of his conduct	" "	" " No. 427
"	343.	Manager of the firm of Dhurrumsee Luckmidass	Govr. in Council	Giving the rumours he has heard of the surrender of the vessel by the Mohara arabs, suggesting in		

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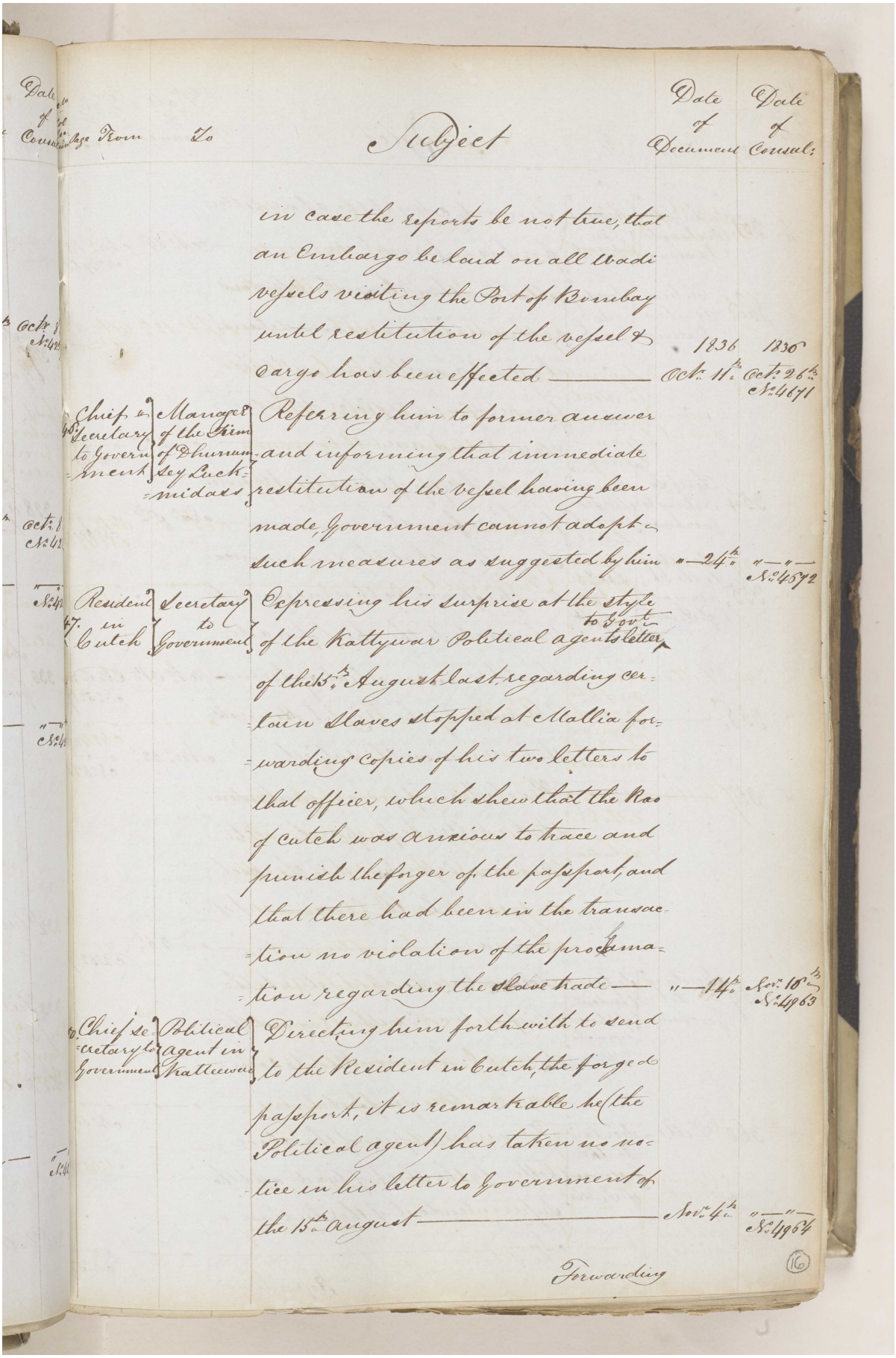

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in case the reports be not true, that an Embargo be laid on all Wadi vessels visiting the Port of Bombay until restitution of the vessel & cargo has been effected ——— | | | 1836 Octr. 11th | 1836 Octr. 26th No. 4671

Chief Secretary to Government | Manager of the Firm of Dhunmuljee Luckmidass | Referring him to former answer and informing that immediate restitution of the vessel having been made, Government cannot adopt such measures as suggested by him | " — 24th | " — " — No. 4572

Resident in Cutch | Secretary to Government | Expressing his surprise at the style of the Kattywar Political agent's letter to Govt. of the 15th August last, regarding certain Slaves stopped at Mallia forwarding copies of his two letters to that officer, which shew that the Rao of Cutch was anxious to trace and punish the forger of the passport, and that there had been in the transaction no violation of the proclamation regarding the Slave trade ——— | " — 14th | Nov. 18th No. 4963

Chief Secretary to Government | Political Agent in Kattewar | Directing him forthwith to send to the Resident in Cutch, the forged passport, It is remarkable he (the Political agent) has taken no notice in his letter to Government of the 15th August ——— | Nov. 4th | " — " — No. 4964

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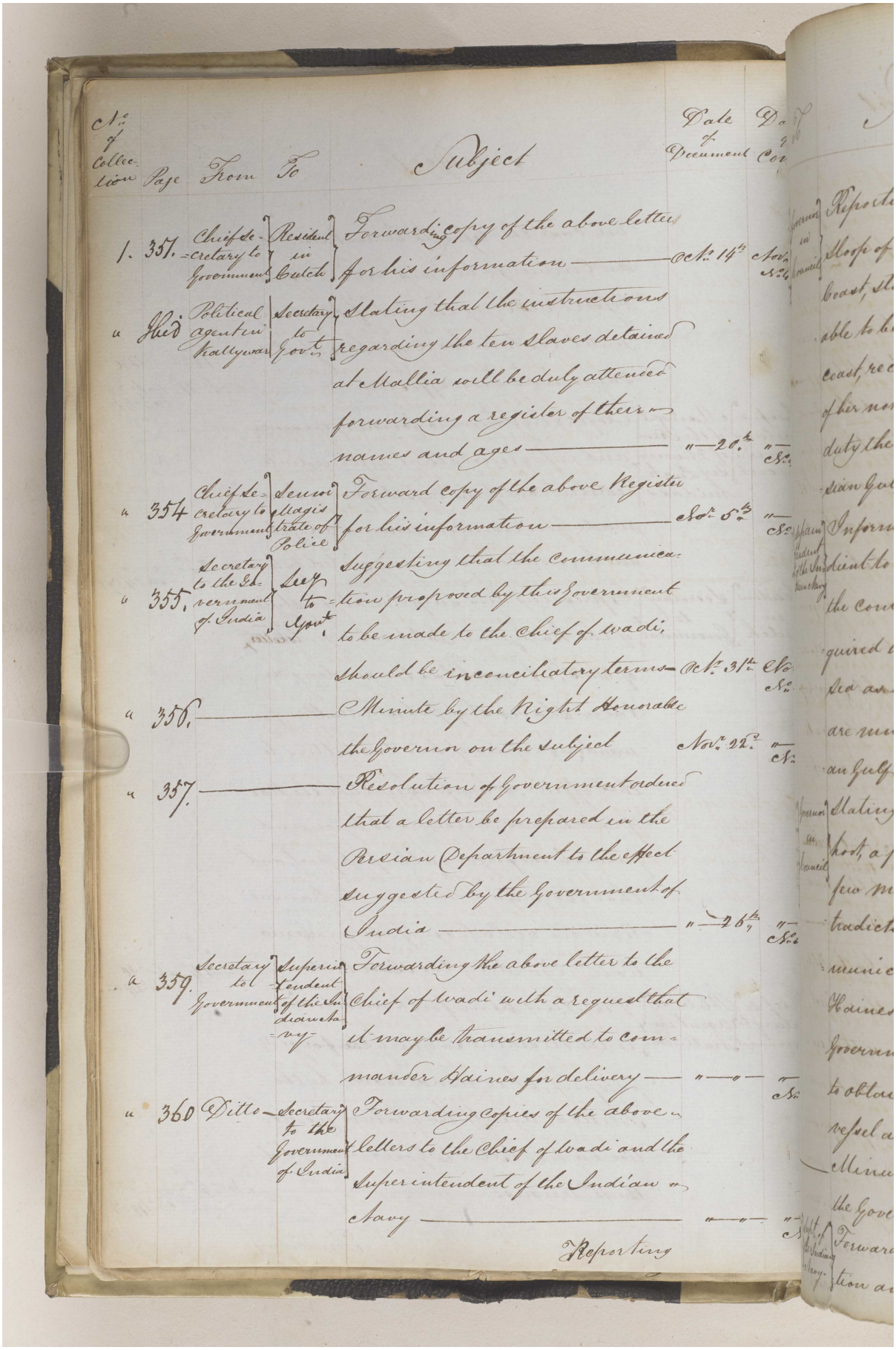

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1.	357.	Chief Secretary to Government	Resident in Cutch	Forwarding copy of the above letter for his information	14th	Nov. 24
"	Ditto	Political agent in Kattywar	Secretary to Govt.	Stating that the instructions regarding the ten slaves detained at Mallia will be duly attended forwarding a register of their names and ages	" 20th	"
"	354	Chief Secretary to Government	Senior Magistrate of Police	Forward copy of the above Register for his information	Nov. 5th	"
"	355.	Secretary to the Government of India	Secy. to Govt.	Suggesting that the communication proposed by this Government to be made to the Chief of Wadi, should be inconciliatory terms	Oct. 31st	Nov.
"	356.			Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor on the Subject	Nov. 22d	"
"	357.			Resolution of Government ordering that a letter be prepared in the Persian Department to the effect suggested by the Government of India	" 26th	"
"	359.	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Forwarding the above letter to the Chief of Wadi with a request that it may be transmitted to commander Haines for delivery	"	"
"	360	Ditto	Secretary to the Government of India	Forwarding copies of the above letters to the Chief of Wadi and the Superintendent of the Indian Navy	"	"

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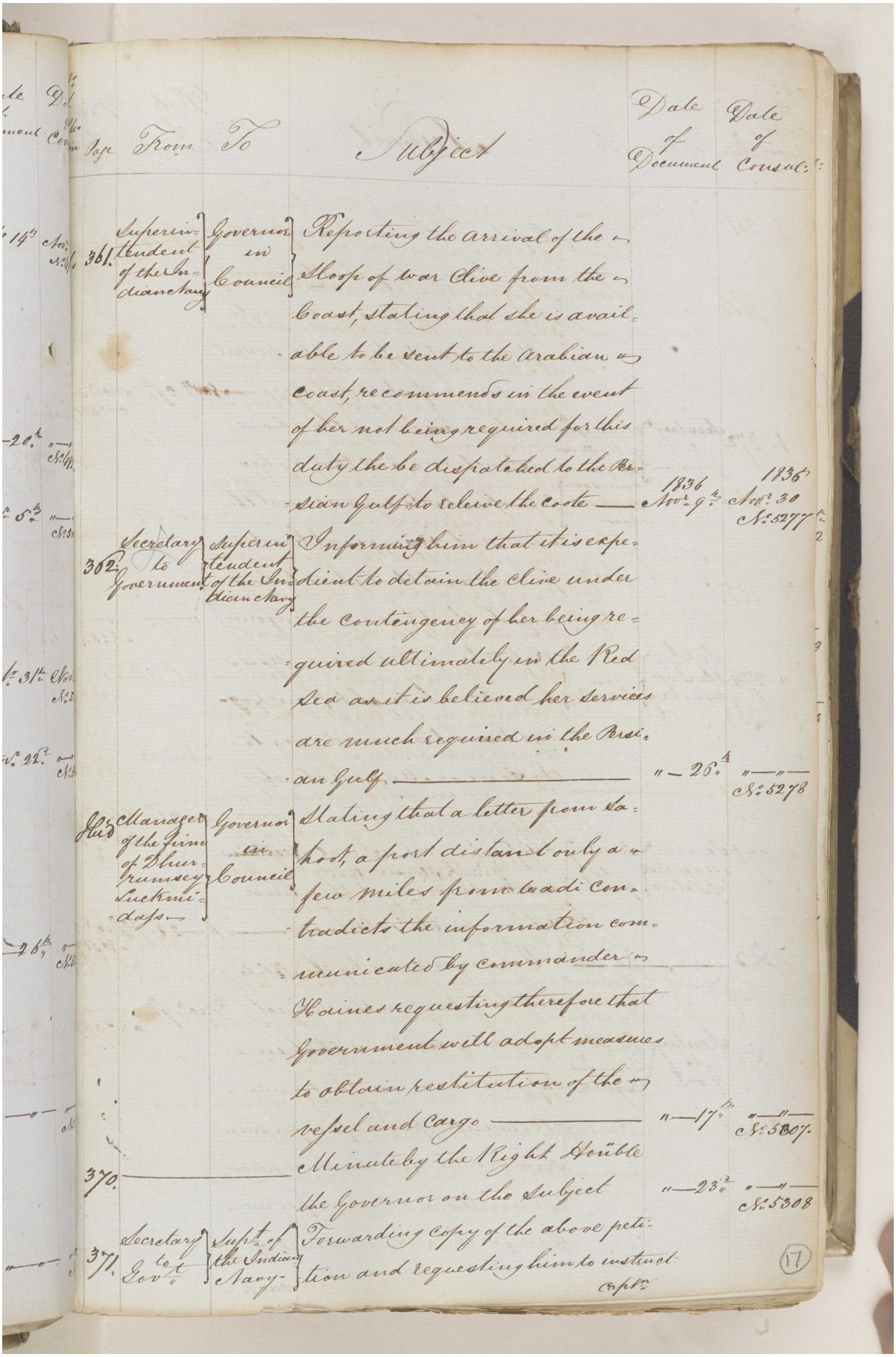

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361.	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Governor in Council	Reporting the arrival of the Sloop of war Clive from the Coast, stating that she is available to be sent to the Arabian coast, recommends in the event of her not being required for this duty the be dispatched to the Persian Gulf to releive the coote	1836 Novr. 9th	1836 Novr. 30 No. 5277
362.	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Informing him that it is expedient to detain the Clive under the contingency of her being required ultimately in the Red Sea as it is believed her services are much required in the Persian Gulf	" — 26th	" — " — No. 5278
Ibid	Manager of the firm of Dhurrumsey Luckmidass	Governor in Council	Stating that a letter from Sahoot, a port distant only a few miles from Wadi contradicts the information communicated by commander Haines requesting therefore that Government will adopt measures to obtain restitution of the vessel and cargo	" — 17th	" — " — No. 5307.
370.			Minute by the Right Hon'ble the Governor on the Subject	" — 23rd	" — " — No. 5308
371.	Secretary to Govt.	Supt. of the Indian Navy	Forwarding copy of the above petition and requesting him to instruct Captn.		

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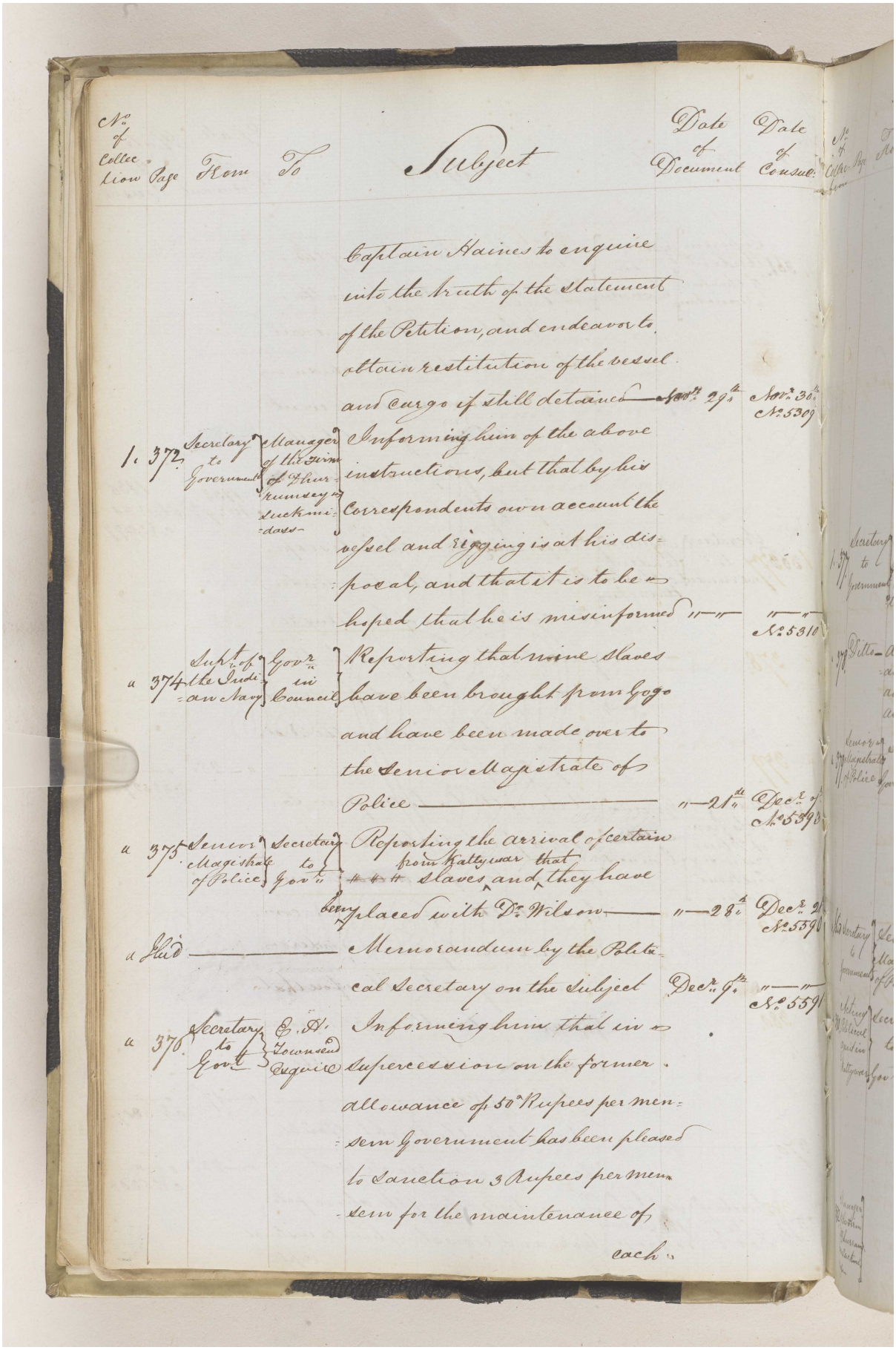

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				Captain Haines to enquire into the Truth of the Statement of the Petition, and endeavor to obtain restitution of the vessel and Cargo if still detained	Nov.r 29th	Nov.r 30th No.5309
1.	372	Secretary to Government	Manager of the firm of Thur Rumsey & Duckmi-dass	Informing him of the above instructions, but that by his Correspondents own account the vessel and rigging is at his disposal, and that it is to be hoped that he is misinformed	" "	" " No.5310
a	374	Supt. of the Indian Navy	Govr in Council	Reporting that nine slaves have been brought from Gogo and have been made over to the Senior Magistrate of Police	" 21st	Decr 2 No.5390
a	375	Senior Magistrate of Police	Secretary to Govt	Reporting the arrival of certain from Kattywar that ### slaves and they have been placed with Dr Wilson	" 29th	Decr 21 No.5390
a	Ibid			Memorandum by the Political Secretary on the Subject	Decr 9th	" " No.5391
a	376	Secretary to Govt	E. A. Townsend Esquire	Informing him that in supercession on the former allowance of 50 Rupees per mensem Government has been pleased to sanction 3 Rupees per mensem for the maintenance of each		

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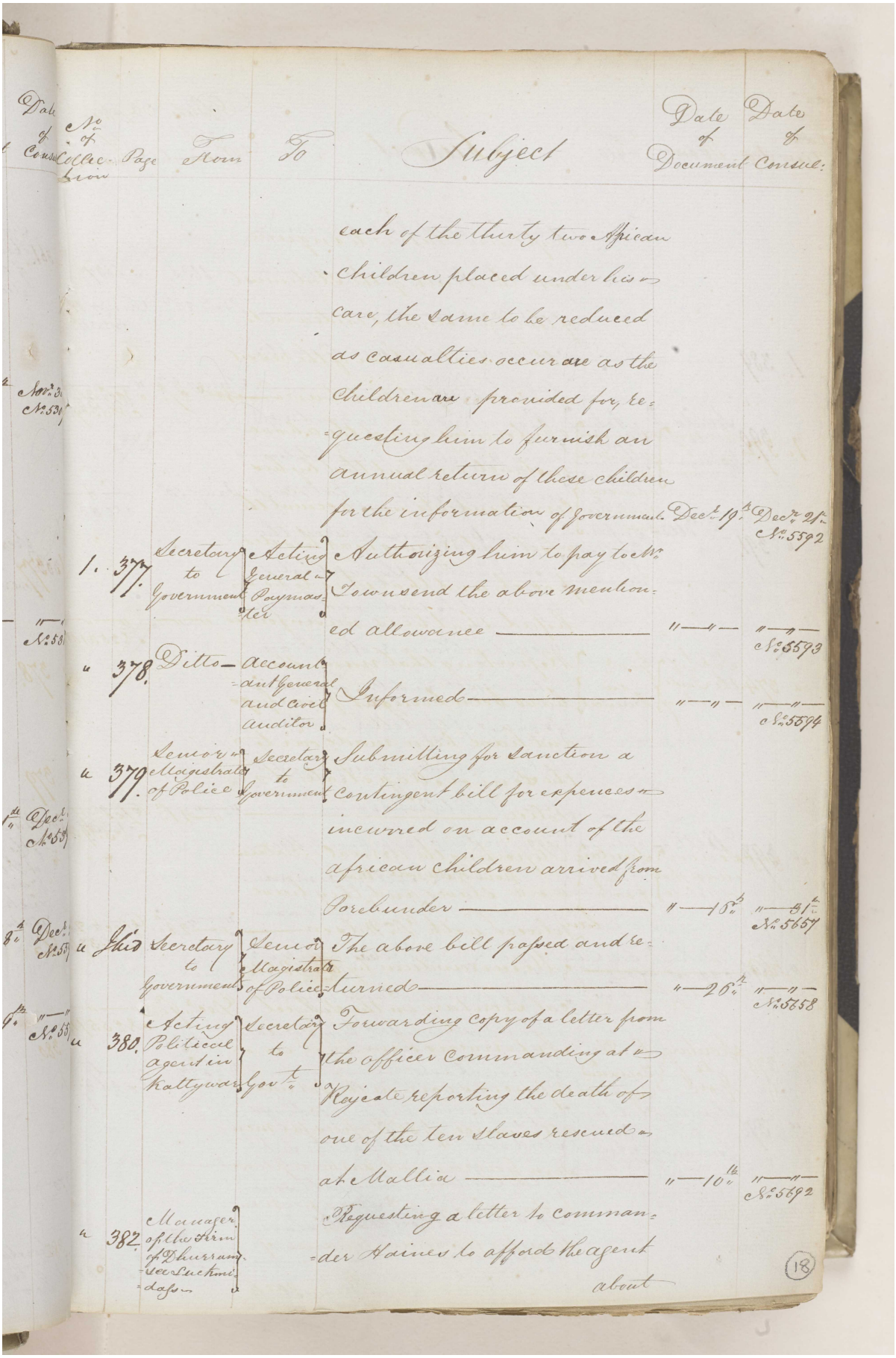

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				each of the thirty two African children placed under his care, the same to be reduced as casualties occur are as the children are provided for, requesting him to furnish an annual return of these children for the information of Government	Decr. 19th	Decr. 21st No. 5592
1.	377.	Secretary to Government	Acting General Paymaster	Authorizing him to pay to Mr. Townsend the above mentioned allowance	" — " —	" — " — No. 5593
"	378.	Ditto	Accountant General and Civil Auditor	Informed	" — " —	" — " — No. 5594
"	379.	Senior Magistrate of Police	Secretary to Government	Submitting for sanction a contingent bill for expences incurred on account of the African children arrived from Porebunder	" — 16th	" — 31st No. 5657
"	Ibid	Secretary to Government	Senior Magistrate of Police	The above bill passed and returned	" — 26th	" — " — No. 5658
"	380.	Acting Political agent in Kattywar	Secretary to Govt.	Forwarding copy of a letter from the officer commanding at Rajcote reporting the death of one of the ten slaves rescued at Mallia	" — 10th	" — " — No. 5692
"	382.	Manager of the Firm of Dhurram see Luckmidass		Requesting a letter to commander Haines to afford the agent about		

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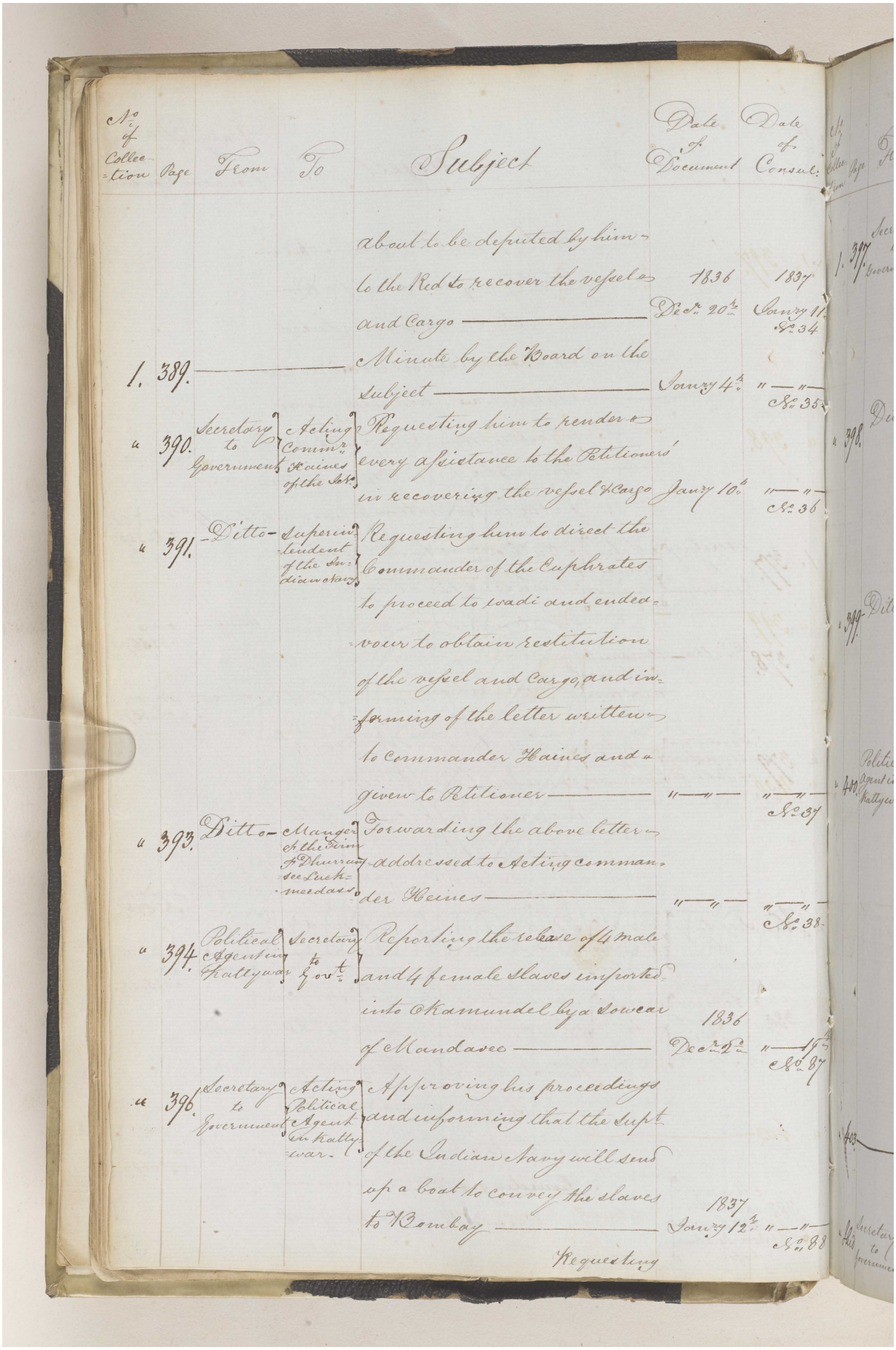

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				about to be deputed by him to the Red to recover the vessel and Cargo	1836 Decr. 20th	1837 Janry 11th No. 34
1.	389.			Minute by the Board on the subject	Janry 4th	" — " — No. 35
"	390.	Secretary to Government	Acting Commr. Haines of the Ind.	Requesting him to render every assistance to the Petitioners' in recovering the vessel & Cargo	Janry 10th	" — " — No. 36
"	391.	Ditto	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Requesting him to direct the Commander of the Euphrates to proceed to Wadi and endeavour to obtain restitution of the vessel and Cargo, and informing of the letter written to Commander Haines and given to Petitioner	" — " —	" — " — No. 37
"	393.	Ditto	Manger of the Firm of Dhurrumsee Luckmeedass	Forwarding the above letter addressed to Acting commander Heines	" — " —	" — " — No. 38
"	394.	Political Agent in Kattywar	Secretary to Govt.	Reporting the release of 4 male and 4 female slaves imported into Okamundel by a Sowcar of Mandavee	1836 Decr. 2d	" — 19th No. 87
"	396.	Secretary to Government	Acting Political Agent in Kattywar	Approving his proceedings and informing that the Supt. of the Indian Navy will send up a boat to convey the slaves to Bombay	1837 Janry 12th	" — " — No. 88

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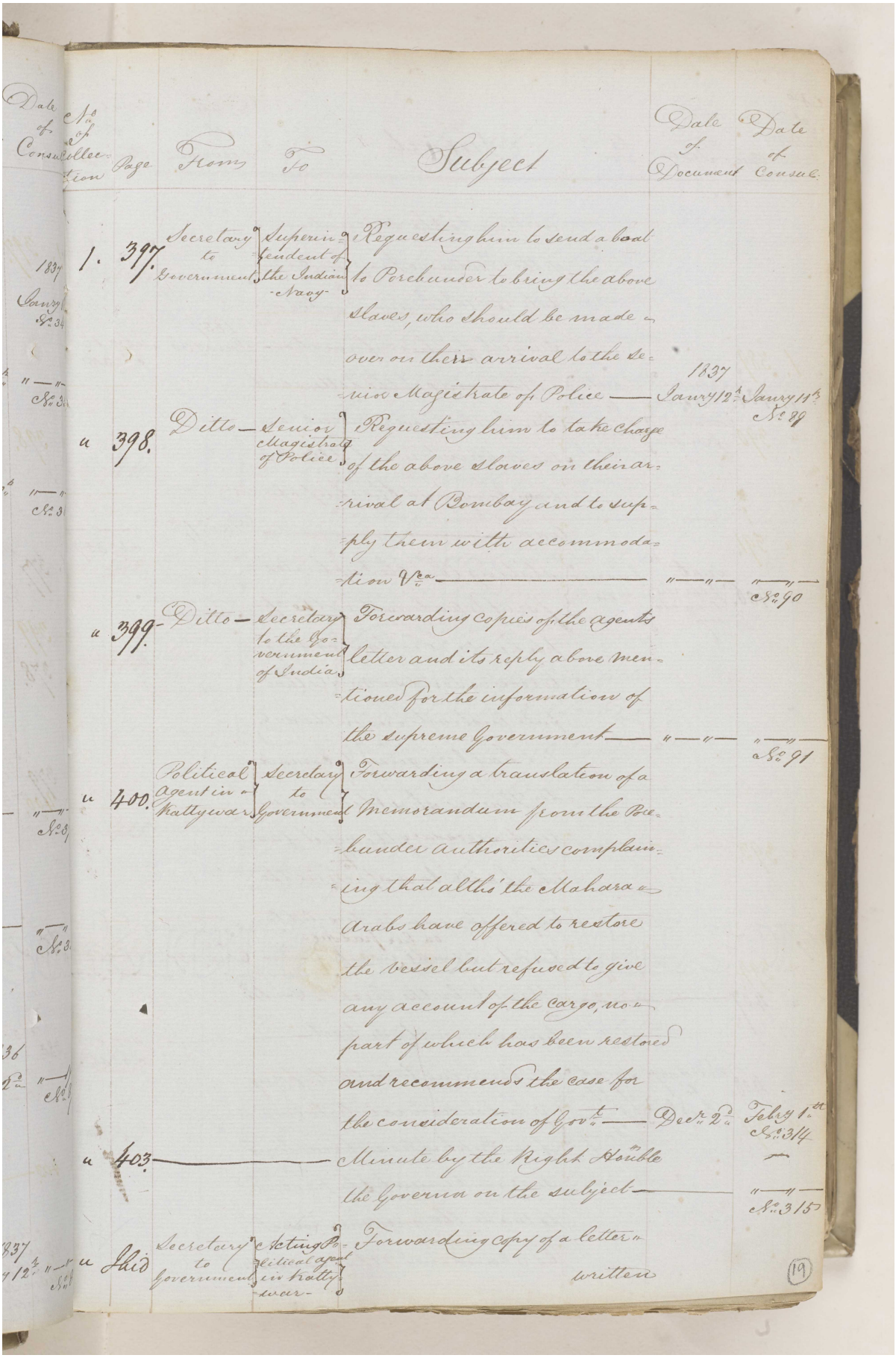

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1837 Janry 12th No. 34	1.	397.	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Requesting him to send a boat to Porebunder to bring the above Slaves, who should be made over on their arrival to the Senior Magistrate of Police	1837 Janry 12th	Janry 11th No. 89
" " No. 35	"	398.	Ditto	Senior Magistrate of Police	Requesting him to take Charge of the above Slaves on their arrival at Bombay and to supply them with accommodation Vizt.	" "	" " No. 90
" " No. 36	"	399.	Ditto	Secretary to the Government of India	Forwarding Copies of the agents letter and its reply above mentioned for the information of the Supreme Government	" "	" " No. 91
" " No. 37	"	400.	Political Agent in Kattywar	Secretary to Government	Forwarding a translation of a Memorandum from the Porebunder Authorities complaining that altho' the Mahara Arabs have offered to restore the Vessel but refused to give any account of the cargo, no part of which has been restored and recommends the case for the consideration of Govt.	Decr 2d	Febry 1st No. 314
" " No. 38	"	403.			Minute by the Right Honble the Governor on the subject	" "	" " No. 315
" " No. 39	"	Idid	Secretary to Government	Acting Political Agent in Kattywar	Forwarding copy of a letter written		

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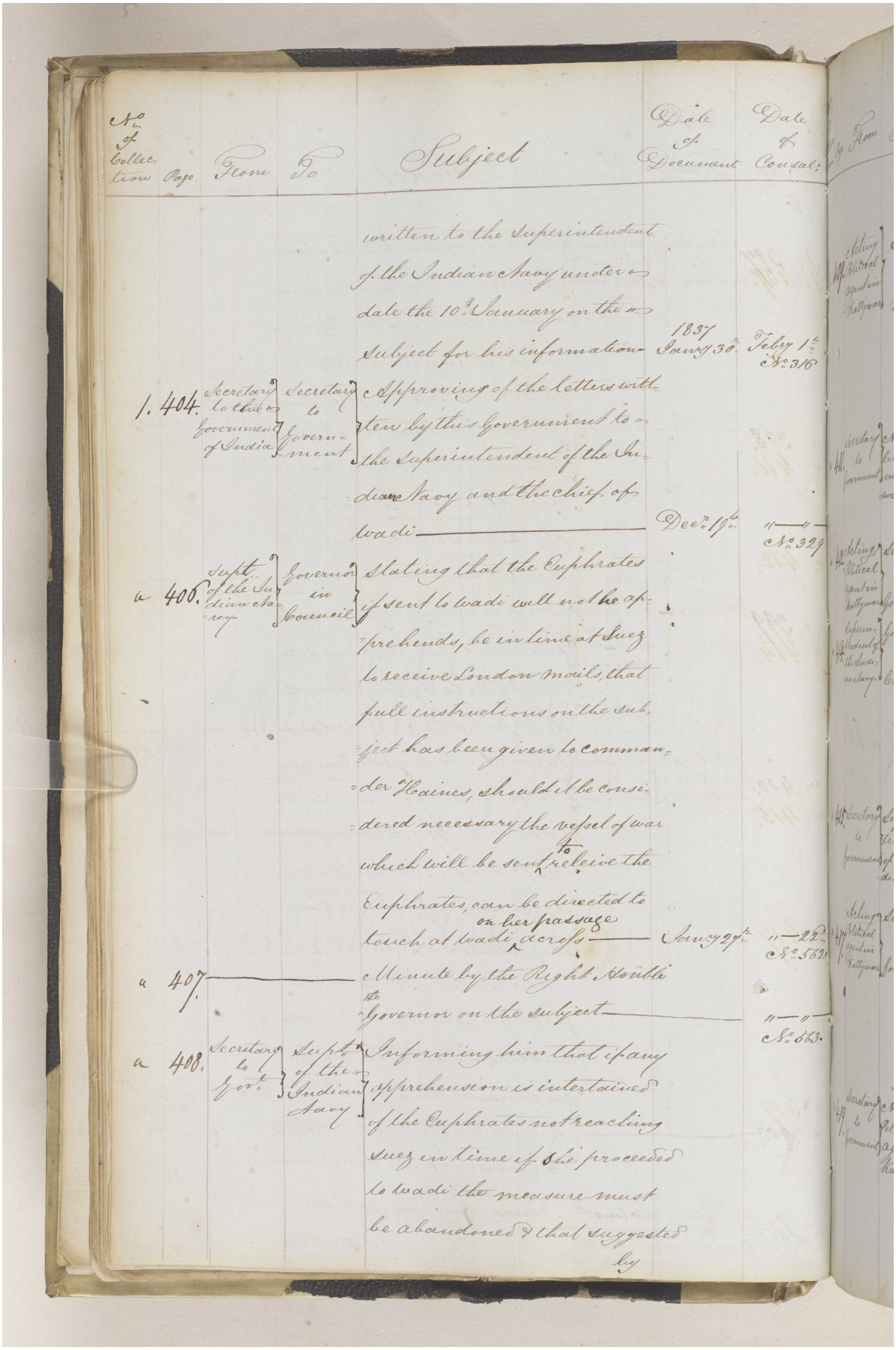

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				written to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy under date the 10th. January on the subject for his information	1837 January 30th.	Febry 1st. No. 316
1.	404.	Secretary to the Government of India	Secretary to Government	Approving of the letters written by this Government to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy and the Chief of Wadi		
					Decr. 19th.	11—11— No. 329
a	406.	Supt. of the Indian Navy	Governor in Council	Stating that the Euphrates if sent to Wadi will not be apprehended, be in time at Suez to receive London mails, that full instructions on the subject has been given to Commander Haines, should it be considered necessary the vessel of war which will be sent to relieve the Euphrates, can be directed to touch at Wadi on her passage across	Jany 27th.	11—22½ No. 562
a	407.			Minute by the Right Honble the Governor on the subject		11—11— No. 553.
a	408.	Secretary to Govt.	Supt. of the Indian Navy	Informing him that if any apprehension is intertained of the Euphrates not reaching Suez in time if she proceeded to Wadi the measure must be abandoned & that suggested by		

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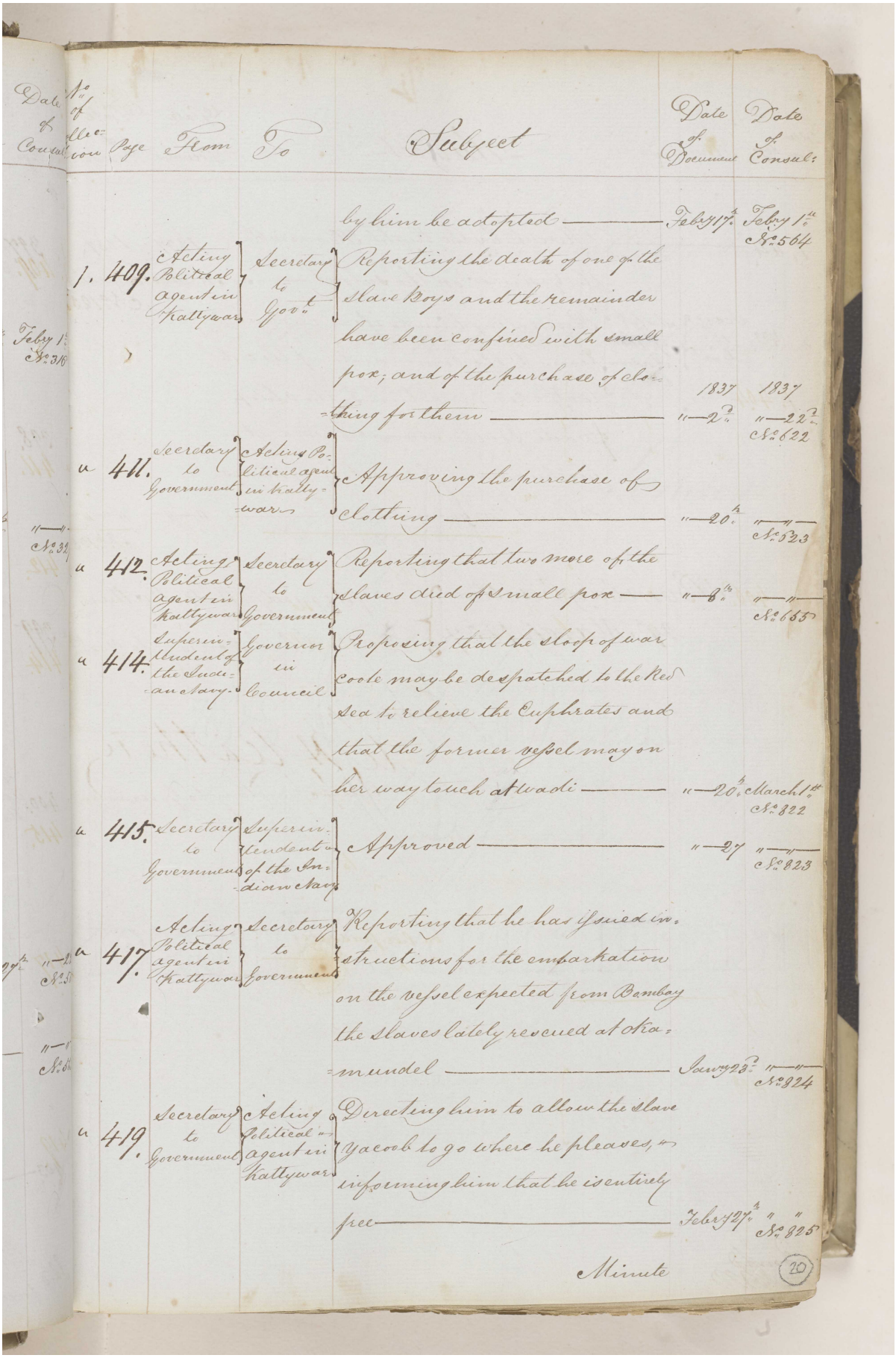

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					by him be adopted	Febry 17th	Febry 1st No. 564
Febry 1st No. 316	1.	409.	Acting Political agent in Kattywar	Secretary to Govt.	Reporting the death of one of the slave Boys and the remainder have been confined with small pox; and of the purchase of clothing for them	1837 " 2d	1837 " 22d No. 622
" " No. 32	"	411.	Secretary to Government	Acting Political agent in Kattywar	Approving the purchase of clothing	" 20th	" " No. 623
	"	412.	Acting Political agent in Kattywar	Secretary to Government	Reporting that two more of the slaves died of small pox	" 8th	" " No. 655
	"	414.	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Governor in Council	Proposing that the sloop of war coote may be despatched to the Red Sea to relieve the Euphrates and that the former vessel may on her way touch at Wadi	" 20th	March 1st No. 822
	"	415.	Secretary to Government	Superintendent of the Indian Navy	Approved	" 27	" " No. 823
27th " 2 No. 5	"	417.	Acting Political agent in Kattywar	Secretary to Government	Reporting that he has issued instructions for the embarkation on the vessel expected from Bombay the slaves lately rescued at Okamundel	Jany 23d	" " No. 824
" " No. 5	"	419.	Secretary to Government	Acting Political agent in Kattywar	Directing him to allow the slave Yacoob to go where he pleases, informing him that he is entirely free	Febry 27th	" " No. 825

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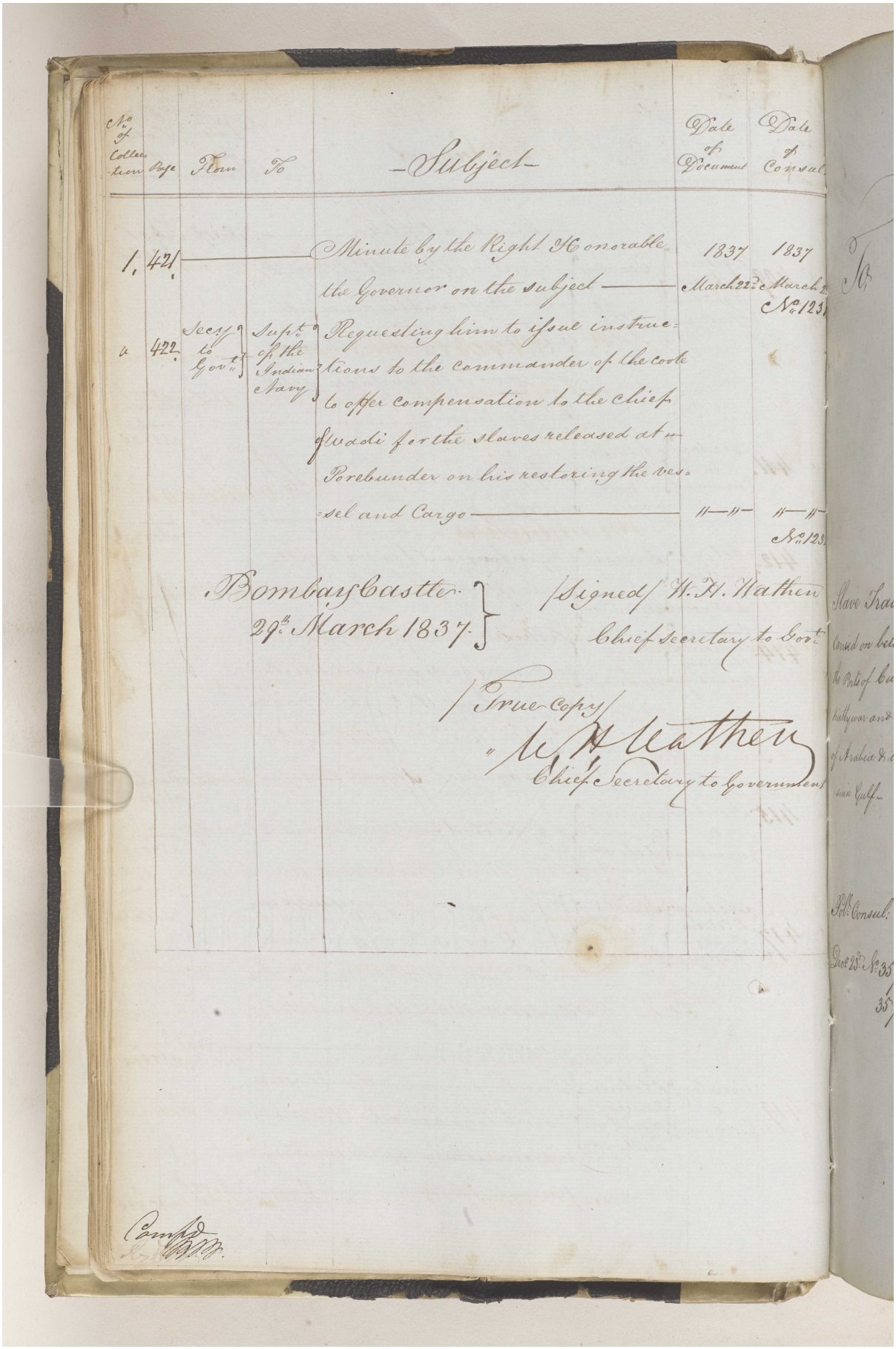

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1.	421.			Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor on the subject	1837 March 22nd	1837 March 2 No. 123
a	422.	Secy to Govt	Supt. of the Indian Navy	Requesting him to issue instructions to the commander of the cooke to offer compensation to the Chief of Wadi for the slaves released at Porebunder on his restoring the vessel and Cargo	11—11—	11—11— No. 123

Bombay Castle. 29th March 1837.

Signed/ W. H. Wathen
Chief Secretary to Govt

True Copy
W. H. Wathen
Chief Secretary to Government

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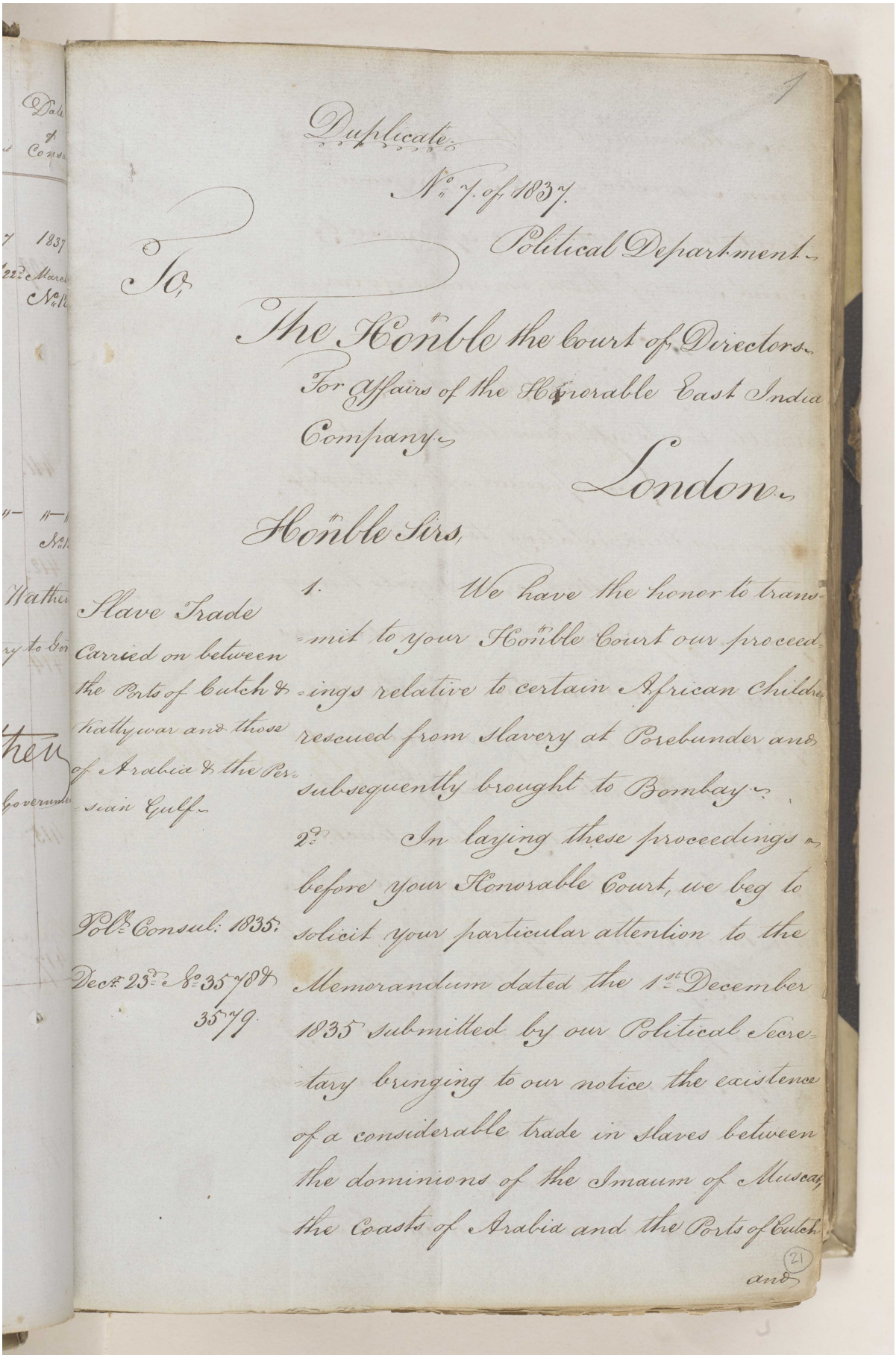

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No 7. of 1837.

Political Department

To

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

Honble Sirs,

Slave Trade
Carried on between
the Ports of Cutch &
Kattywar and those
of Arabia & the Per-
sian Gulf

Pol. Consul. 1835
Dec. 23. 8. 35784
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1. We have the honor to trans-
mit to your Honble Court our proceed-
ings relative to certain African Childr
rescued from Slavery at Porebunder and
subsequently brought to Bombay.

2. In laying these proceedings
before your Honorable Court, we beg to
solicit your particular attention to the
Memorandum dated the 1st December
1835 submitted by our Political Secre-
tary bringing to our notice the existence
of a considerable trade in Slaves between
the dominions of the Imaum of Muscat
the Coasts of Arabia and the Ports of Cutch

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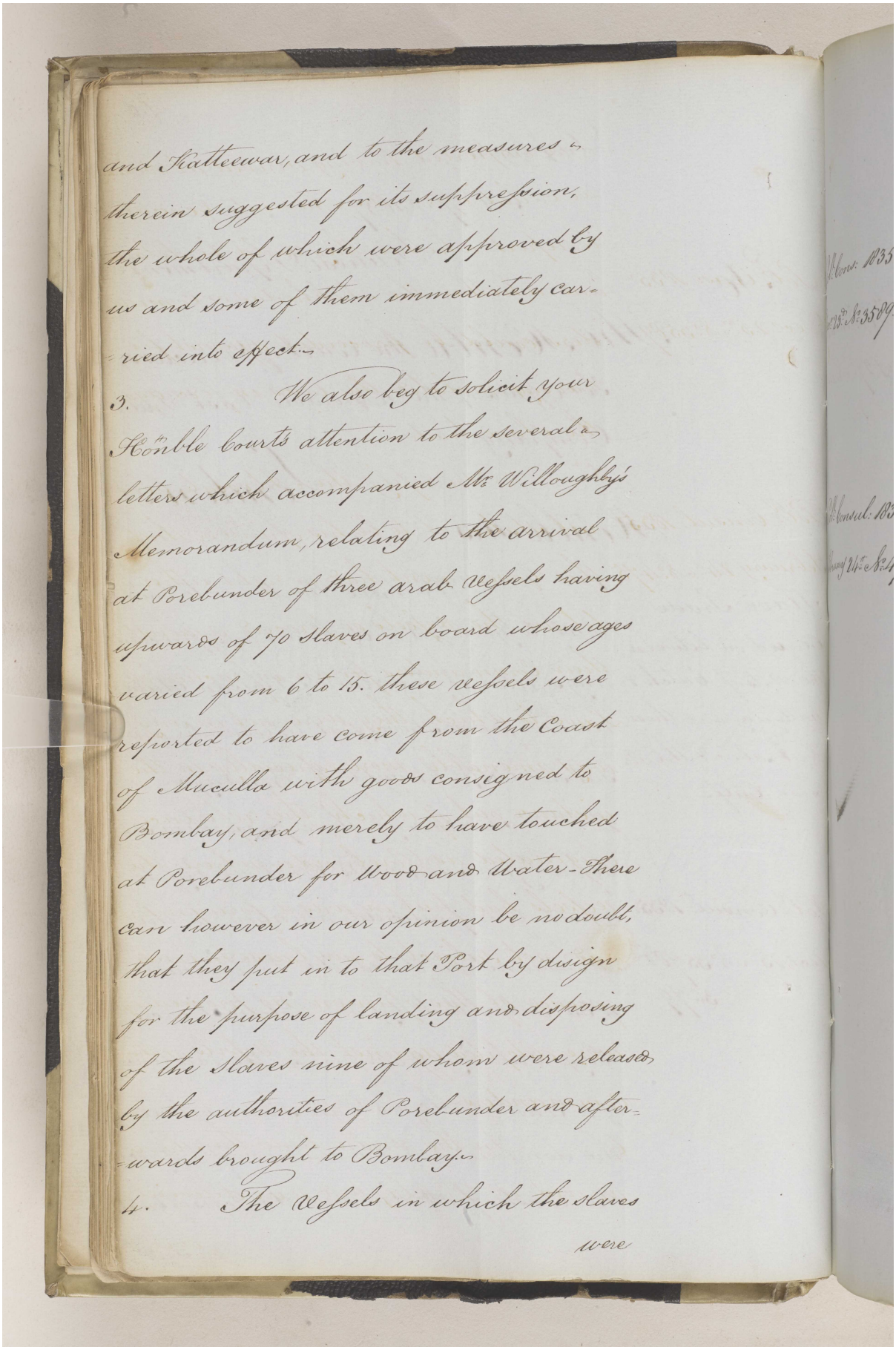

and Katteewar, and to the measures
therein suggested for its suppression,
the whole of which were approved by
us and some of them immediately car-
ried into effect.

3. We also beg to solicit your
Honble Courts attention to the several
letters which accompanied Mr Willoughby's
Memorandum, relating to the arrival
at Porebunder of three arab vessels having
upwards of 70 slaves on board whose ages
varied from 6 to 15. these vessels were
reported to have come from the Coast
of Muculla with goods consigned to
Bombay, and merely to have touched
at Porebunder for Wood and Water. There
can however in our opinion be no doubt,
that they put in to that Port by design
for the purpose of landing and disposing
of the Slaves nine of whom were released
by the authorities of Porebunder and after-
wards brought to Bombay.

4. The Vessels in which the slaves
were

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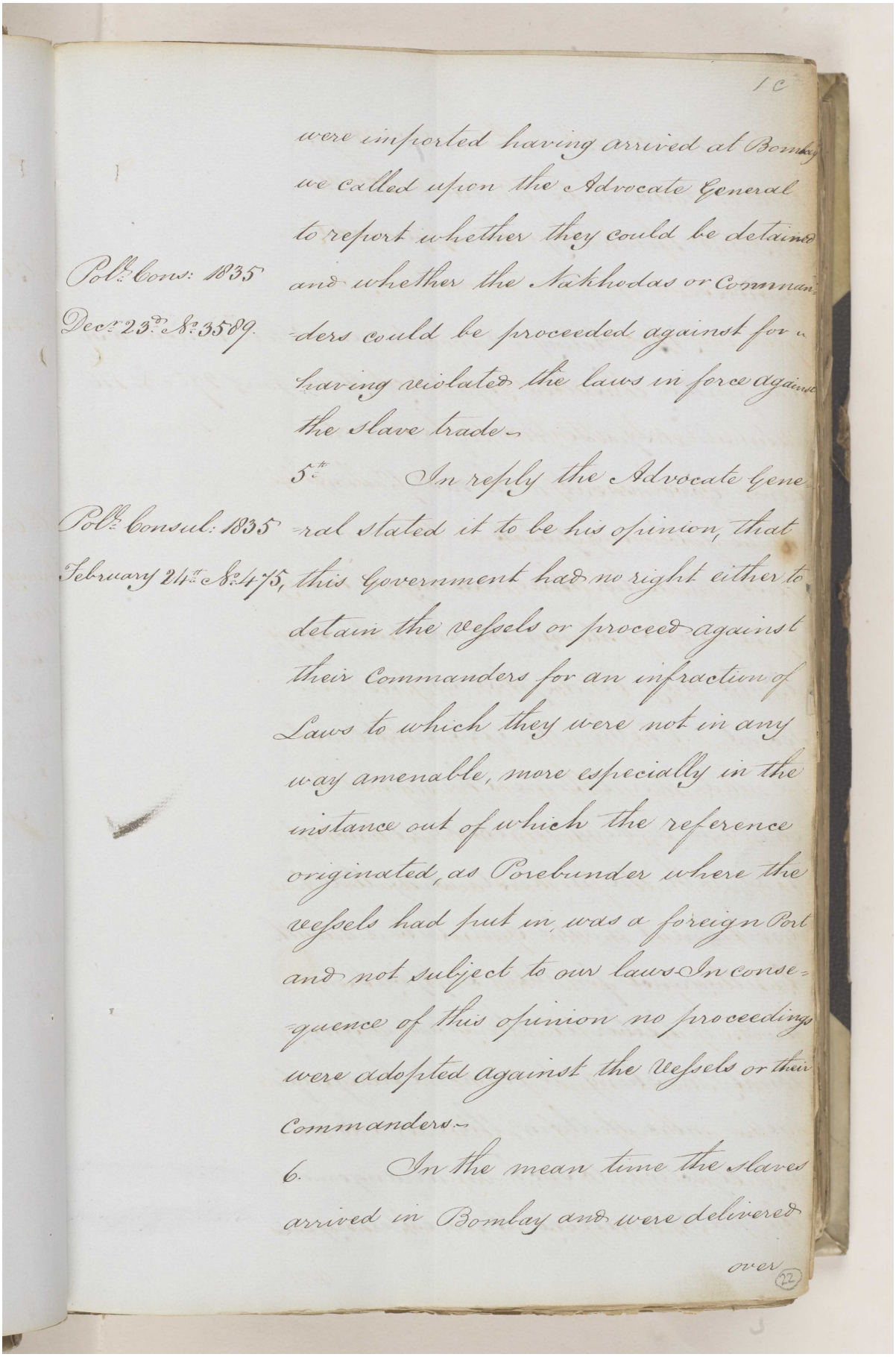

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were imported having arrived at Bombay we called upon the Advocate General to report whether they could be detained and whether the Nakhodas or Commanders could be proceeded against for having violated the laws in force against the slave trade.

Pol.l Cons.s 1835
Dec.r 23.d N.o 3589.

5.th In reply the Advocate General stated it to be his opinion, that this Government had no right either to detain the vessels or proceed against their Commanders for an infraction of Laws to which they were not in any way amenable, more especially in the instance out of which the reference originated, as Porebunder where the vessels had put in, was a foreign Port and not subject to our laws. In consequence of this opinion no proceedings were adopted against the vessels or their Commanders.

Pol.l Consul. 1835
February 24.th N.o 475,

6. In the mean time the slaves arrived in Bombay and were delivered

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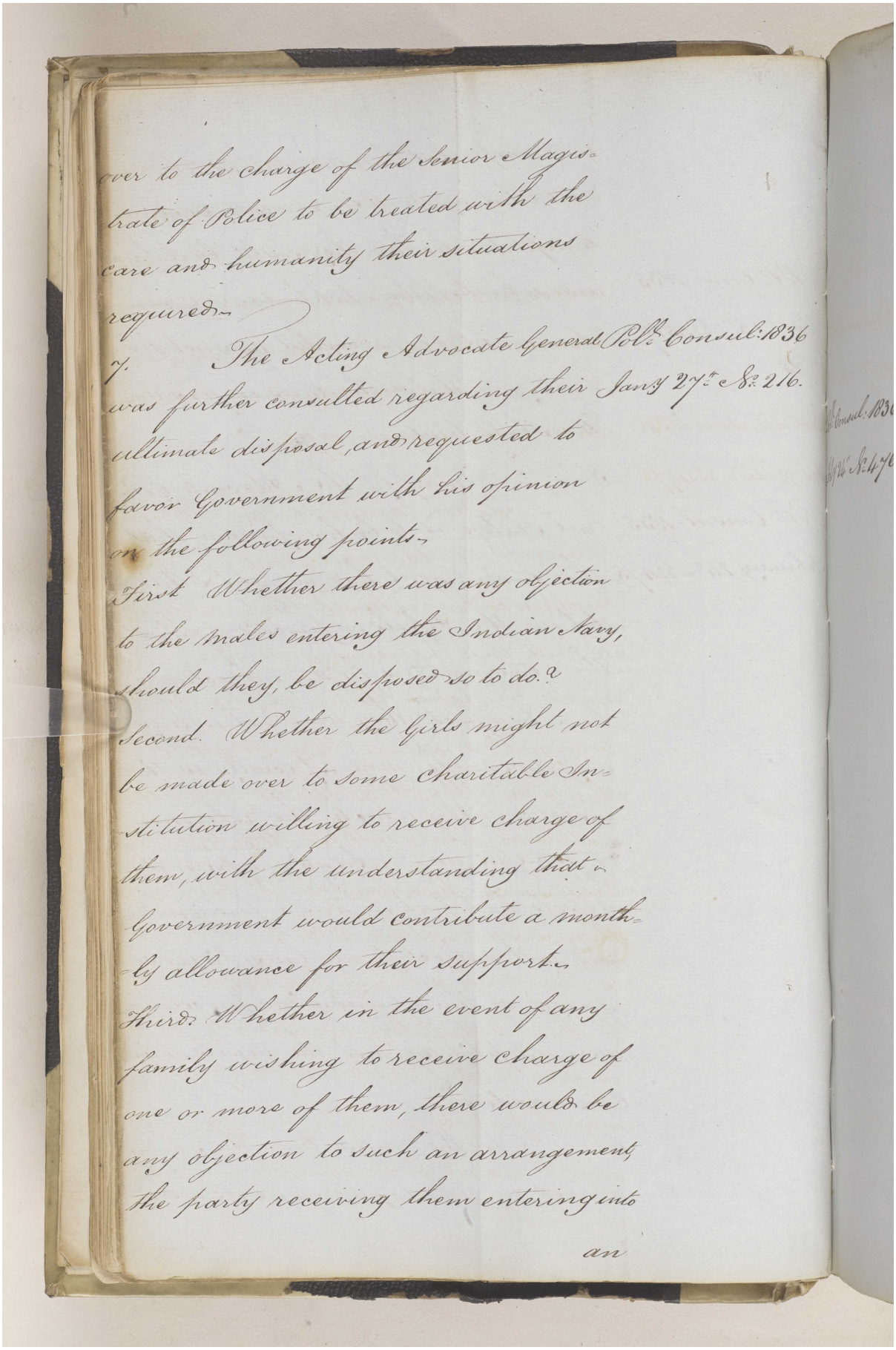

over to the charge of the Senior Magis-
trate of Police to be treated with the
care and humanity their situations
required.

7. The Acting Advocate General Pol.l Consul: 1836
was further consulted regarding their Jan.y 27.th No.2 216.
ultimate disposal, and requested to
favor Government with his opinion
on the following points.
First Whether there was any objection
to the males entering the Indian Navy,
should they be disposed so to do.?
Second. Whether the girls might not
be made over to some charitable In-
stitution willing to receive charge of
them, with the understanding that
Government would contribute a month-
-ly allowance for their support.
Third. Whether in the event of any
family wishing to receive charge of
one or more of them, there would be
any objection to such an arrangement,
the party receiving them entering into

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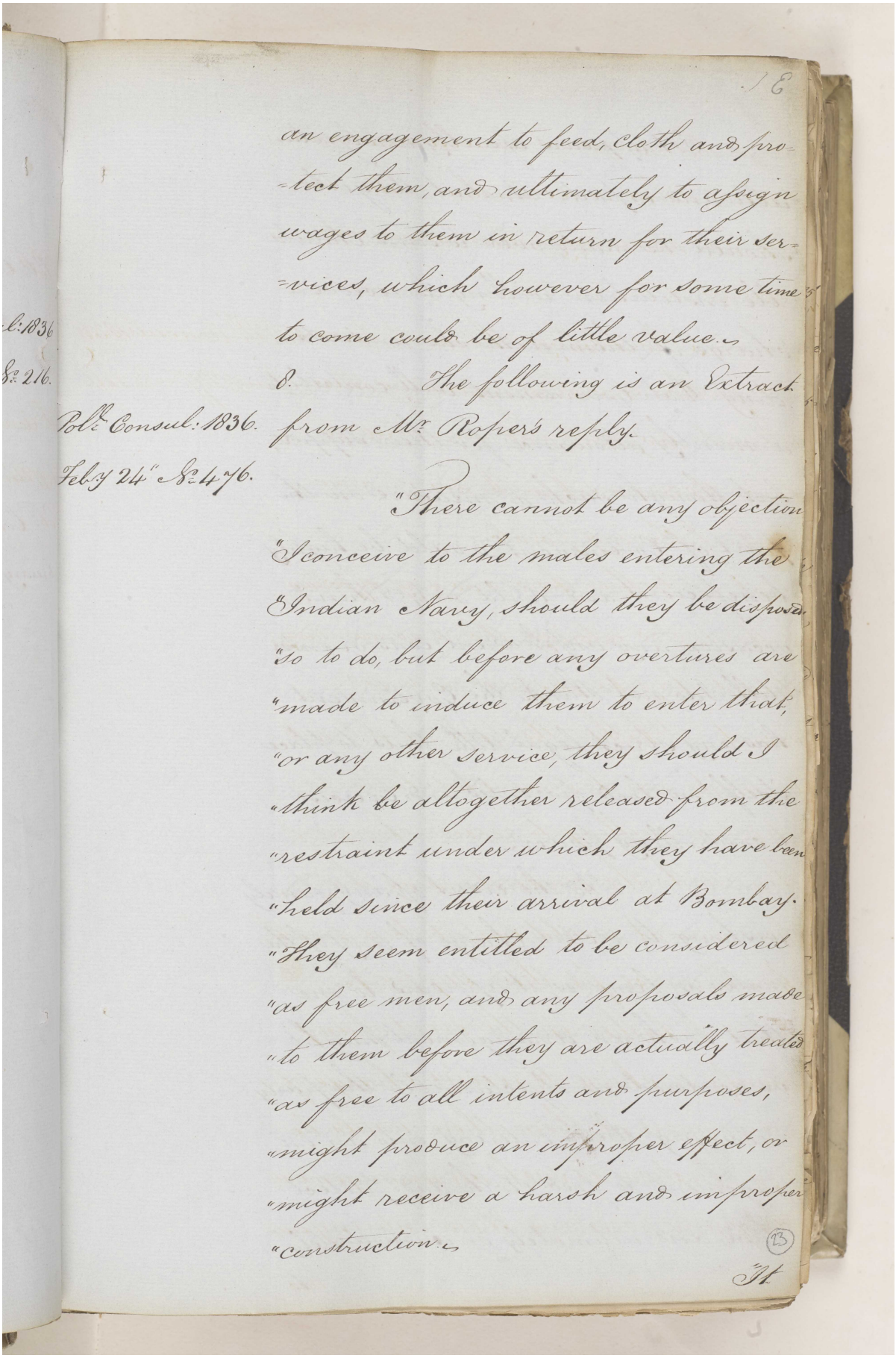

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an engagement to feed, cloth and pro-
-tect them, and ultimately to assign
wages to them in return for their ser-
-vices, which however for some time
to come could be of little value.

8. The following is an Extract
from Mr. Roper's reply.

Pol. Consul: 1836.
Feby 24" No. 476.

"There cannot be any objection
"I conceive to the males entering the
"Indian Navy, should they be disposed
"so to do, but before any overtures are
"made to induce them to enter that,
"or any other service, they should I
"think be altogether released from the
"restraint under which they have been
"held since their arrival at Bombay.
"They seem entitled to be considered
"as free men, and any proposals made
"to them before they are actually treated
"as free to all intents and purposes,
"might produce an improper effect, or
"might receive a harsh and improper
"construction.

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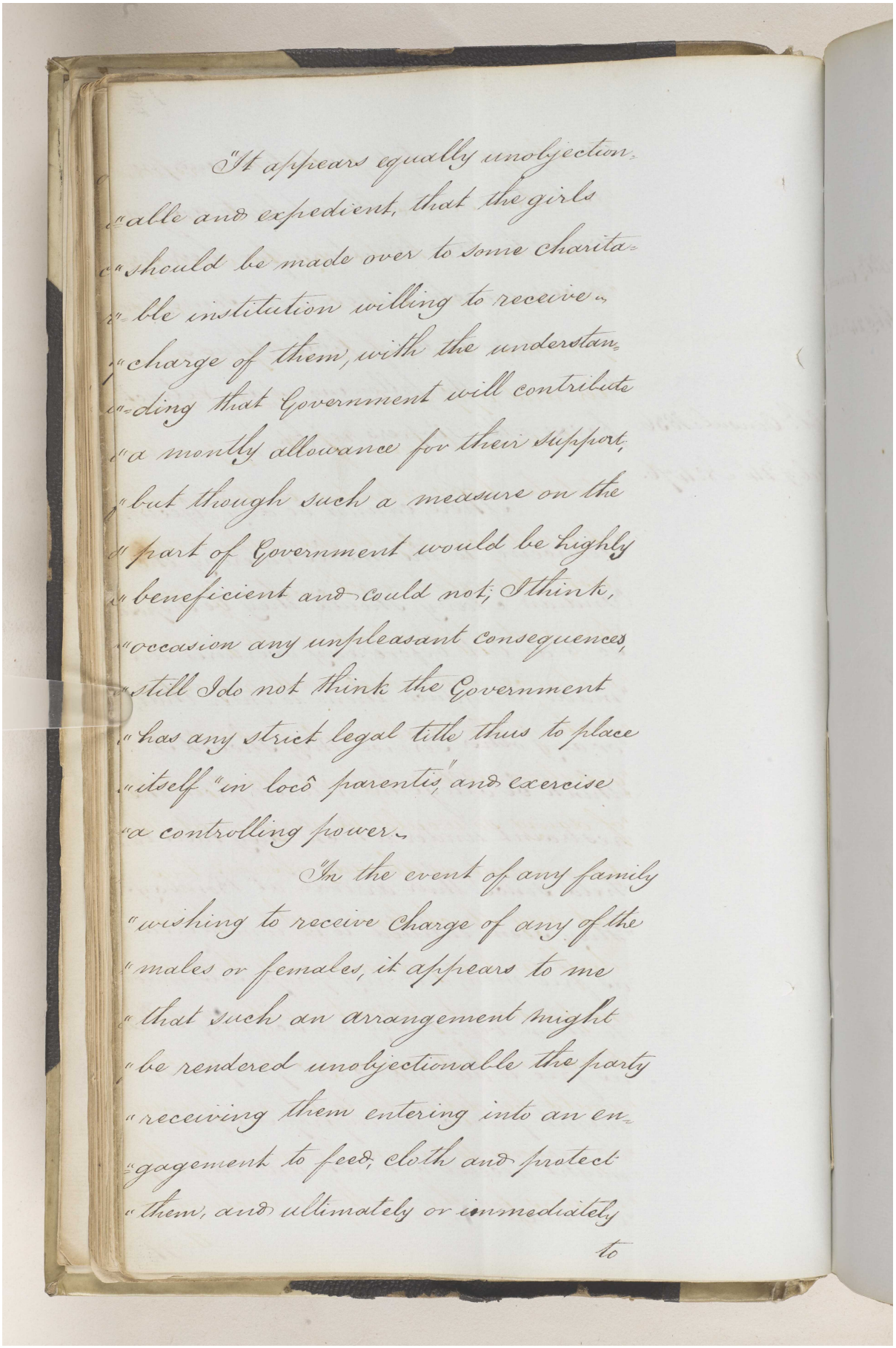

"It appears equally unobjection-
"able and expedient, that the girls
"should be made over to some charita-
"ble institution willing to receive
"charge of them, with the understan-
"ding that Government will contribute
"a monthly allowance for their support,
"but though such a measure on the
"part of Government would be highly
"beneficient and could not, I think,
"occasion any unpleasant consequences,
"still I do not think the Government
"has any strict legal title thus to place
"itself "in locô parentis" and exercise
"a controlling power.

"In the event of any family
"wishing to receive Charge of any of the
"males or females, it appears to me
"that such an arrangement might
"be rendered unobjectionable the party
"receiving them entering into an en-
"gagement to feed, cloth and protect
"them, and ultimately or immediately

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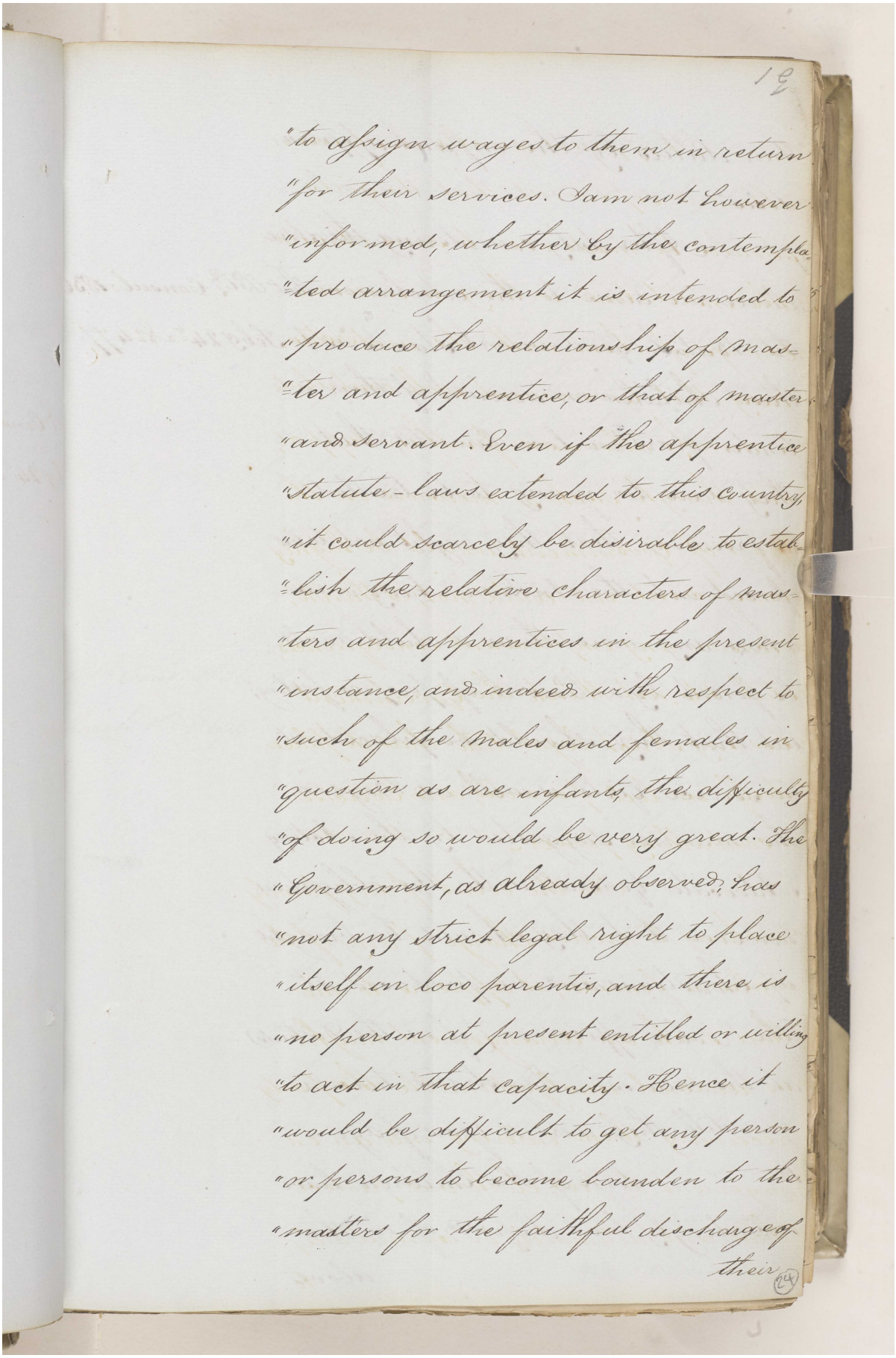
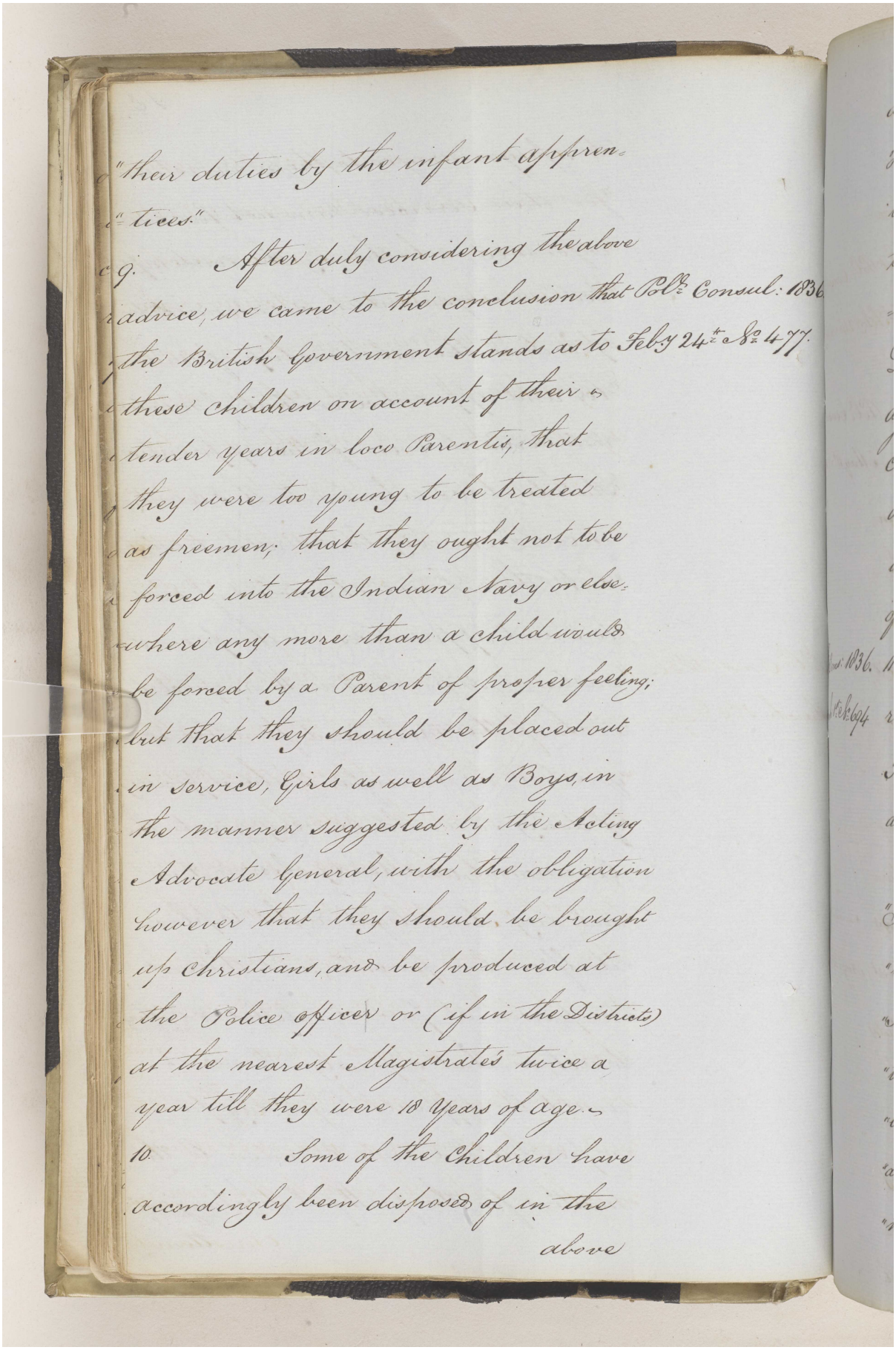


"to assign wages to them in return
"for their services. I am not however
"informed, whether by the contempla-
"ted arrangement it is intended to
"produce the relationship of mas-
"ter and apprentice, or that of master
"and servant. Even if the apprentice
"statute-laws extended to this country,
"it could scarcely be disirable to estab-
"lish the relative characters of mas-
"ters and apprentices in the present
"instance, and indeed with respect to
"such of the males and females in
"question as are infants, the difficulty
"of doing so would be very great. The
"Government, as already observed, has
"not any strict legal right to place
"itself in loco parentis, and there is
"no person at present entitled or willing
"to act in that capacity. Hence it
"would be difficult to get any person
"or persons to become bounden to the
"masters for the faithful discharge of
their

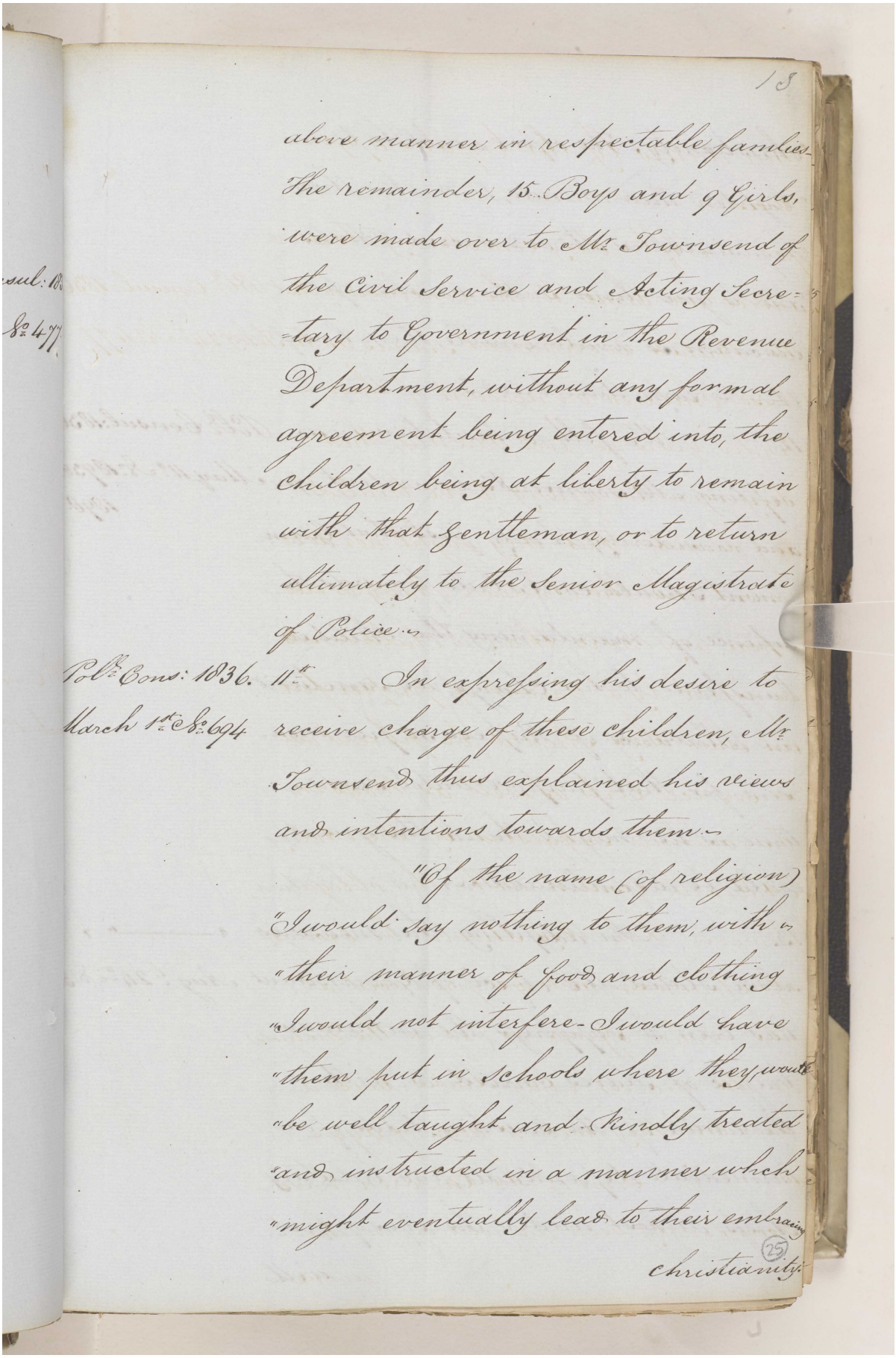


"their duties by the infant appren-
"tices."

9. After duly considering the above advice, we came to the conclusion that the British Government stands as to these children on account of their tender years in loco Parentis, that they were too young to be treated as freemen; that they ought not to be forced into the Indian Navy or elsewhere any more than a child would be forced by a Parent of proper feeling; but that they should be placed out in service, Girls as well as Boys, in the manner suggested by the Acting Advocate General, with the obligation however that they should be brought up Christians, and be produced at the Police officer or (if in the Districts) at the nearest Magistrate's twice a year till they were 18 Years of age.

Pol. Consul: 1836
Feby 24th No. 477.

10. Some of the Children have accordingly been disposed of in the above



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above manner in respectable families
The remainder, 15 Boys and 9 Girls,
were made over to Mr Townsend of
the Civil Service and Acting Secre-
-tary to Government in the Revenue
Department, without any formal
agreement being entered into, the
children being at liberty to remain
with that Gentleman, or to return
ultimately to the Senior Magistrate
of Police.

Pol. Cons: 1836. 11. In expressing his desire to
March 1. 8:694 receive charge of these children, Mr
Townsend thus explained his views
and intentions towards them.—

"Of the name (of religion)
"I would say nothing to them, with
"their manner of food and clothing
"I would not interfere - I would have
"them put in schools where they would
"be well taught and kindly treated
"and instructed in a manner which
"might eventually lead to their embracing
Christianity.

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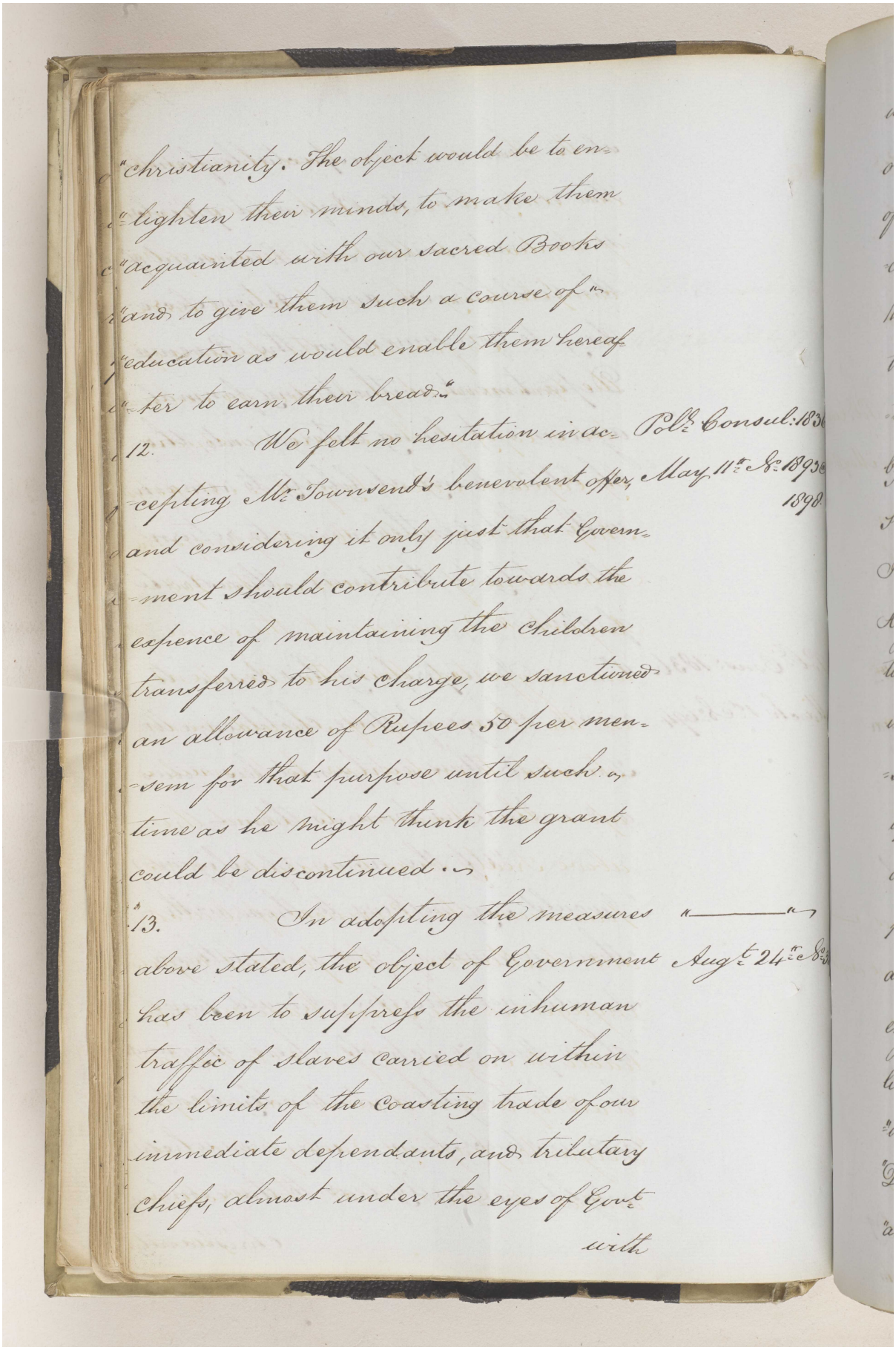

"christianity. The object would be to en-
"lighten their minds, to make them
"acquainted with our sacred Books
"and to give them such a course of
"education as would enable them hereaf-
"ter to earn their bread."

12. We felt no hesitation in ac- Pol. Consul. 1838
cepting Mr. Townsend's benevolent offer, May 11th & 1893
and considering it only just that Govern- 1899
ment should contribute towards the
expence of maintaining the Children
transferred to his charge, we sanctioned
an allowance of Rupees 50 per men-
sem for that purpose until such a
time as he might think the grant
could be discontinued.

13. In adopting the measures "——"
above stated, the object of Government Aug. 24th & 3
has been to suppress the inhuman
traffic of slaves carried on within
the limits of the coasting trade of our
immediate dependants, and tributary
chiefs, almost under the eyes of Govt
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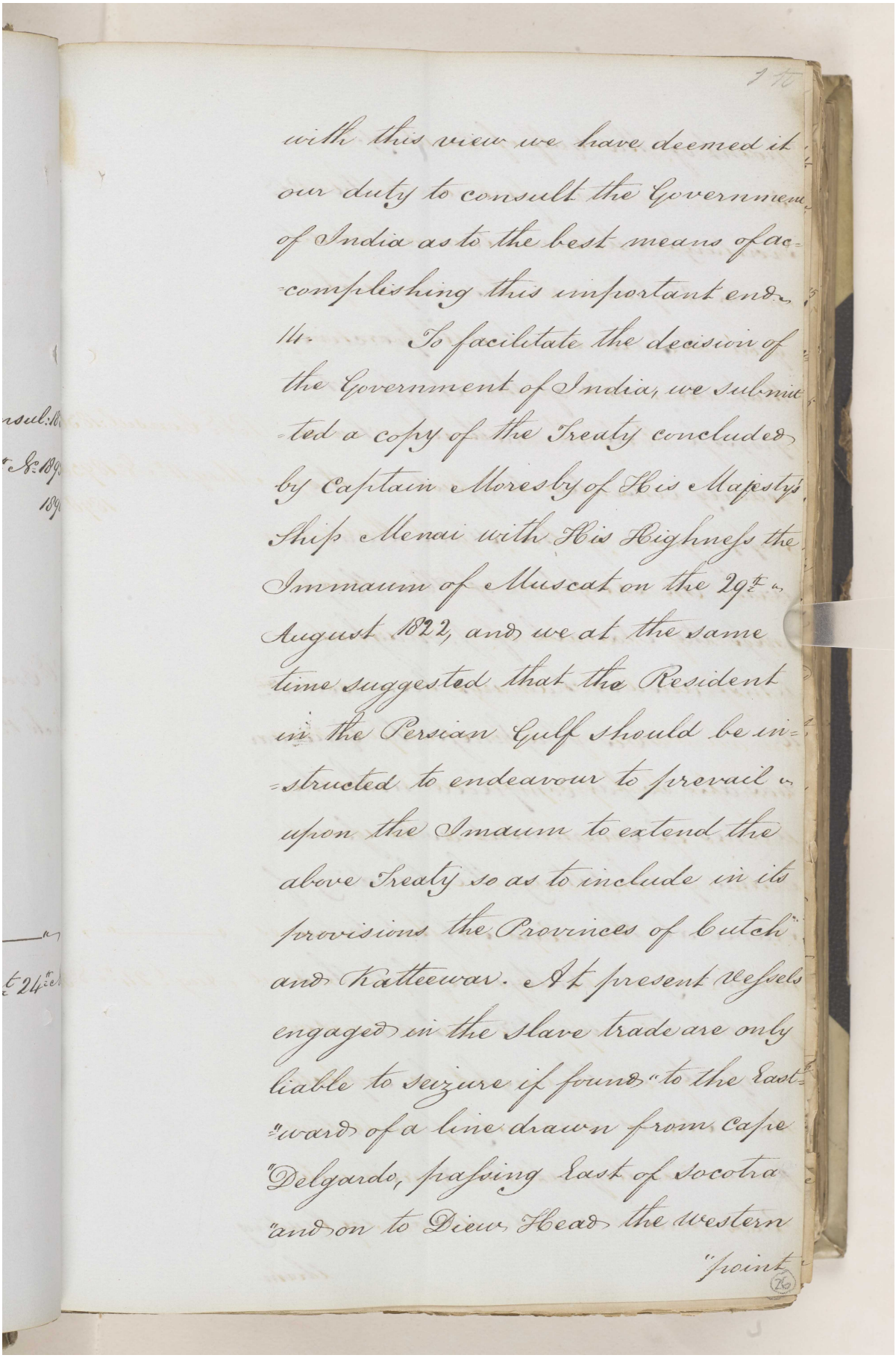

with this view we have deemed it
our duty to consult the Government
of India as to the best means of ac-
complishing this important end.
16. To facilitate the decision of
the Government of India, we submit-
ted a copy of the Treaty concluded
by Captain Moresby of His Majesty's
Ship Menai with His Highness the
Immaum of Muscat on the 29th
August 1822, and we at the same
time suggested that the Resident
in the Persian Gulf should be in-
structed to endeavour to prevail
upon the Imaum to extend the
above Treaty so as to include in its
provisions the Provinces of Cutch
and Katteewar. At present Vessels
engaged in the slave trade are only
liable to seizure if found "to the East-
"ward of a line drawn from Cape
"Delgardo, passing East of Socotra
"and on to Dieu Head the western
"point

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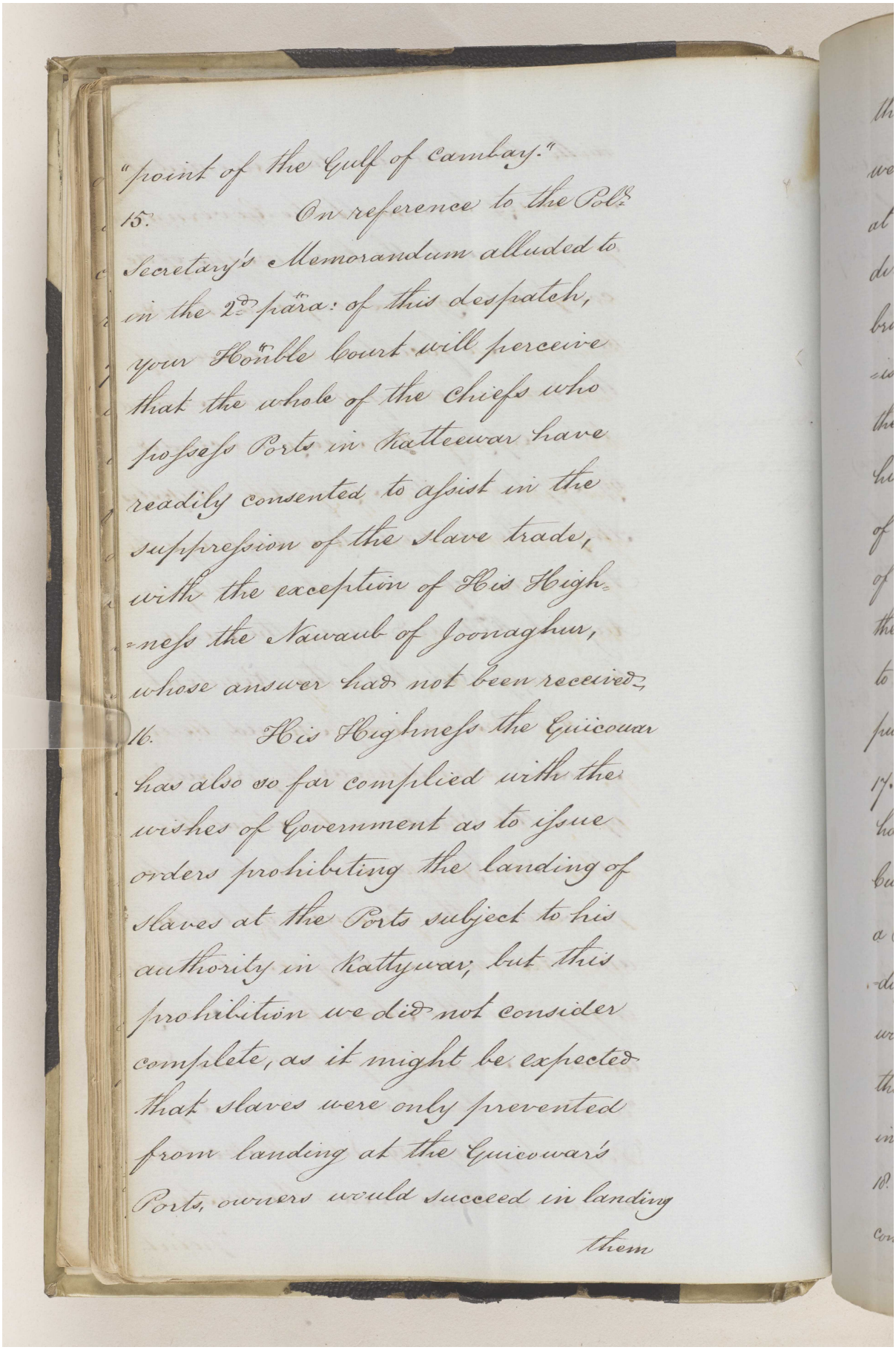

"point of the Gulf of Cambay."

15. On reference to the Pol. Secretary's Memorandum alluded to in the 2d para: of this despatch, your Honble Court will perceive that the whole of the Chiefs who possess Ports in Katteewar have readily consented to assist in the suppression of the slave trade, with the exception of His Highness the Nawab of Joonaghur, whose answer had not been received.

16. His Highness the Guicowar has also so far complied with the wishes of Government as to issue orders prohibiting the landing of slaves at the Ports subject to his authority in Kattywar, but this prohibition we did not consider complete, as it might be expected that slaves were only prevented from landing at the Guicowar's Ports, owners would succeed in landing them

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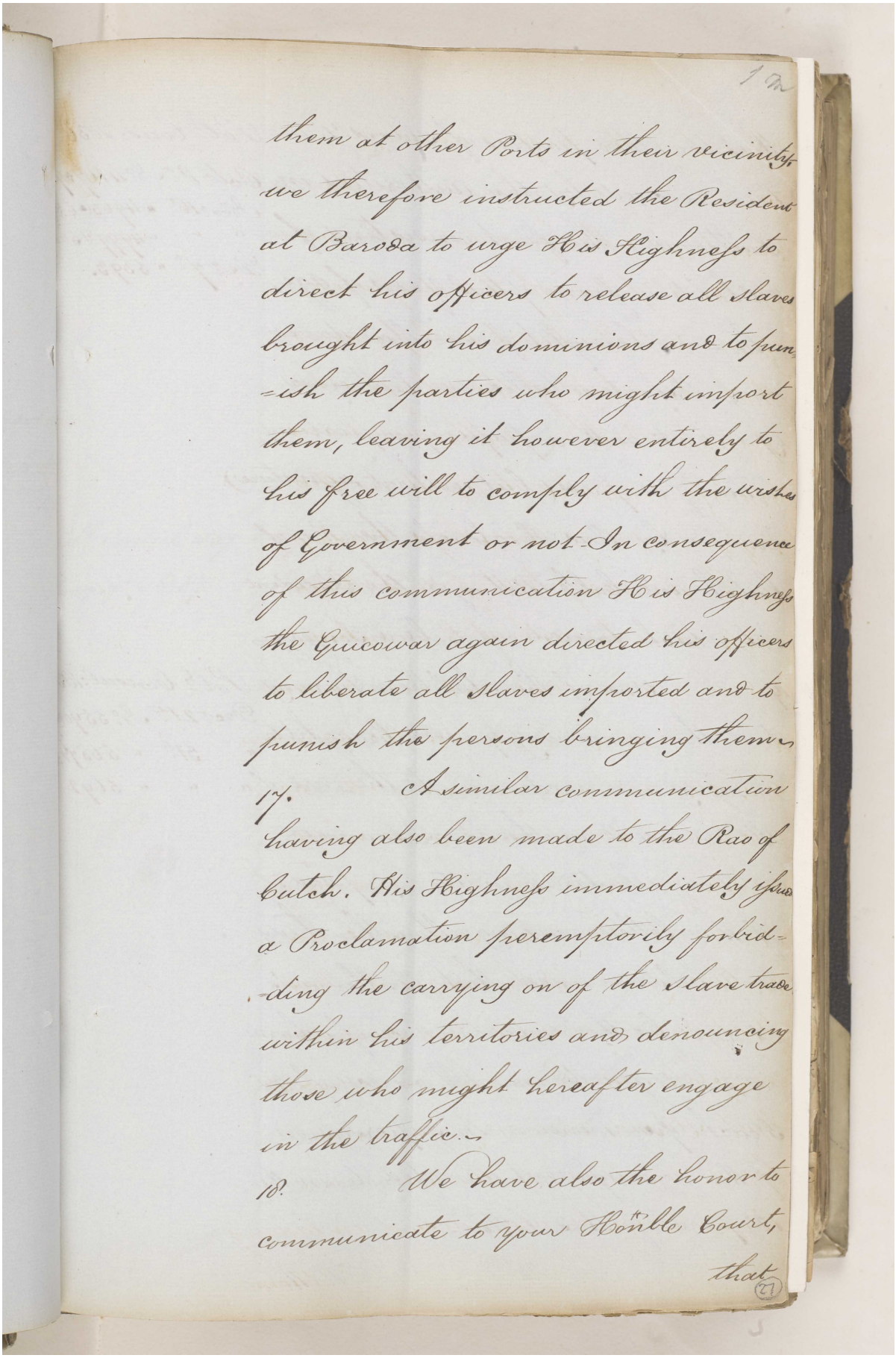

them at other Ports in their vicinity, we therefore instructed the Resident at Baroda to urge His Highness to direct his officers to release all slaves brought into his dominions and to punish the parties who might import them, leaving it however entirely to his free will to comply with the wishes of Government or not. In consequence of this communication His Highness the Guicowar again directed his officers to liberate all slaves imported and to punish the persons bringing them.

17. A similar communication having also been made to the Rao of Cutch. His Highness immediately issued a Proclamation peremptorily forbidding the carrying on of the slave trade within his territories and denouncing those who might hereafter engage in the traffic.

18. We have also the honor to communicate to your Honble Court, that

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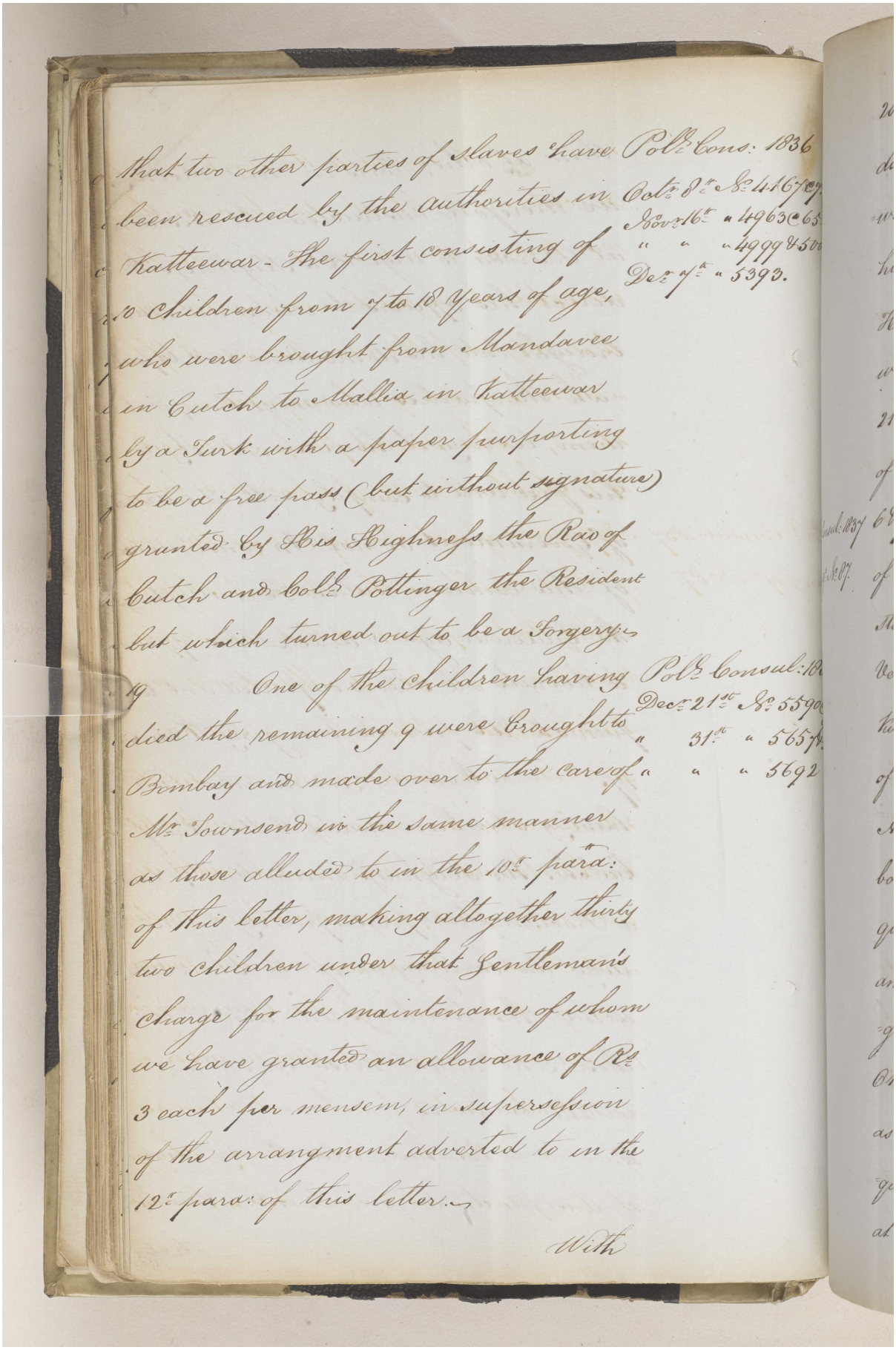

that two other parties of slaves have been rescued by the authorities in Katteewar - The first consisting of 10 children from 7 to 18 years of age, who were brought from Mandavee in Cutch to Mallia in Katteewar by a Turk with a paper purporting to be a free pass (but without signature) granted by His Highness the Rao of Cutch and Col. Pottinger the Resident but which turned out to be a Forgery.

Pol. Cons: 1836
Oct. 8th No. 4167 @ 7
Nov. 16th " 4963 @ 65
" " " 4999 & 500
Dec. 7th " 5393.

19 One of the children having died the remaining 9 were brought to Bombay and made over to the care of Mr. Townsend in the same manner as those alluded to in the 10th para: of this letter, making altogether thirty two children under that Gentleman's charge for the maintenance of whom we have granted an allowance of Rs. 3 each per mensem, in supersession of the arrangment adverted to in the 12th para: of this letter.

Pol. Consul: 18
Dec. 21st No. 5590
" 31st " 5657
" " " 5692

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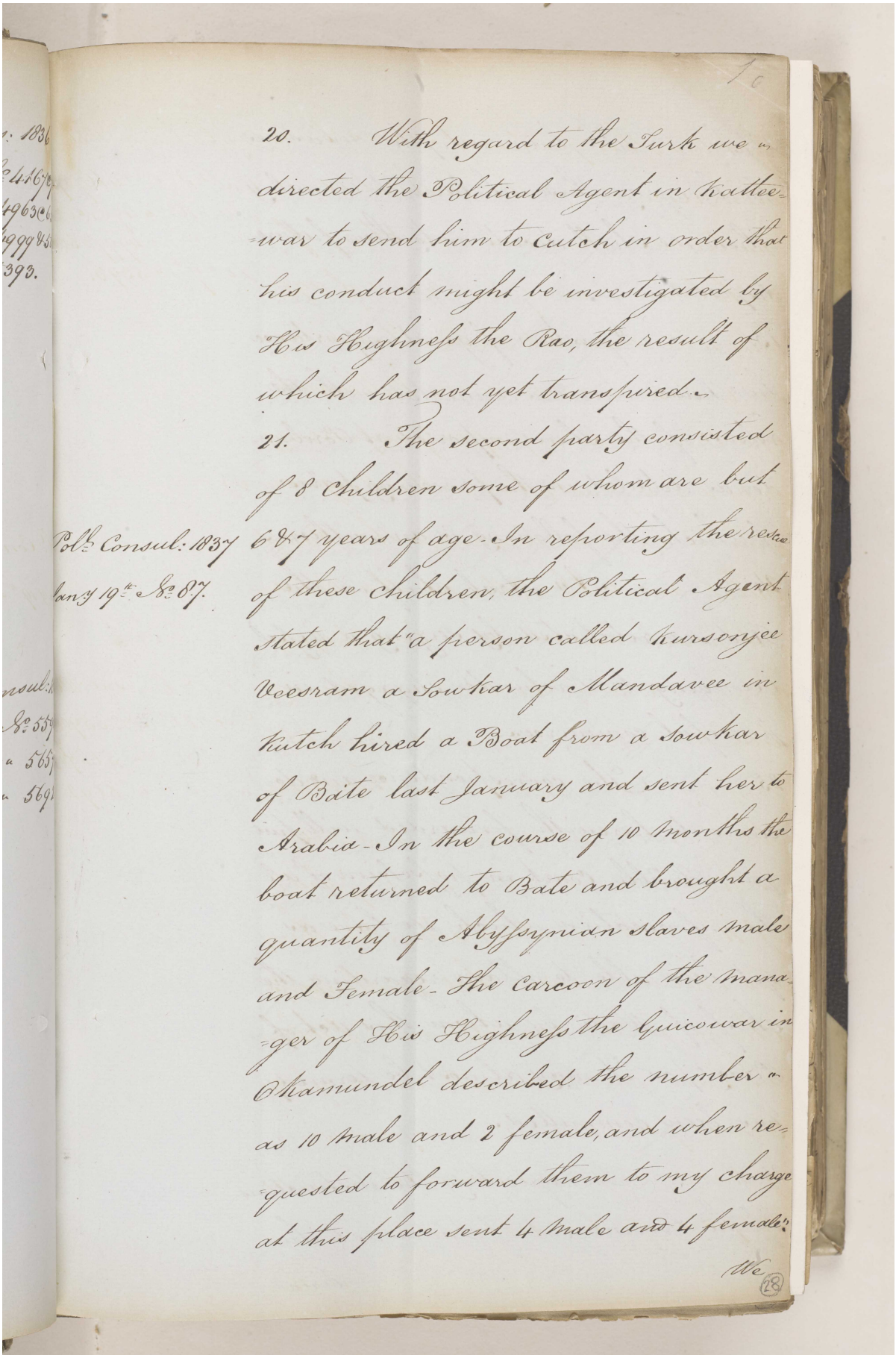

20. With regard to the Turk we directed the Political Agent in Kattee-war to send him to Cutch in order that his conduct might be investigated by His Highness the Rao, the result of which has not yet transpired.

21. The second party consisted of 8 children some of whom are but 6 & 7 years of age. In reporting the rescue of these children, the Political Agent stated that "a person called Kursonjee Veesram a Sowkar of Mandavee in Kutch hired a Boat from a Sowkar of Bate last January and sent her to Arabia. In the course of 10 months the boat returned to Bate and brought a quantity of Abyssynian slaves male and Female. The Carcoon of the manager of His Highness the Guicowar in Okamundel described the number as 10 male and 2 female, and when requested to forward them to my charge at this place sent 4 male and 4 female."

Pol. Consul: 1837
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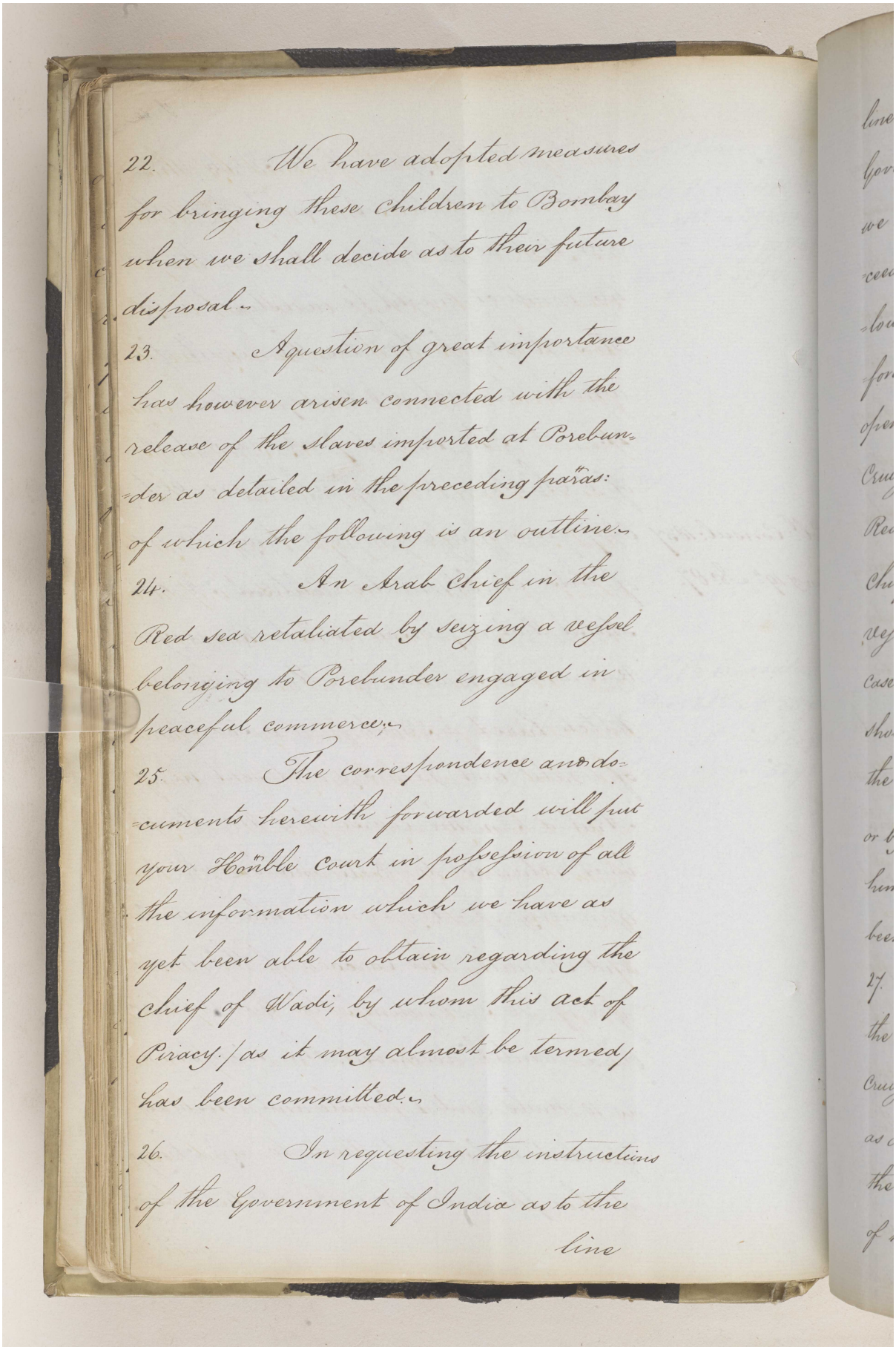

22. We have adopted measures for bringing these children to Bombay when we shall decide as to their future disposal.

23. A question of great importance has however arisen connected with the release of the slaves imported at Porebunder as detailed in the preceding paras: of which the following is an outline.

24. An Arab Chief in the Red sea retaliated by seizing a vessel belonging to Porebunder engaged in peaceful commerce.

25. The correspondence and documents herewith forwarded will put your Honble Court in possession of all the information which we have as yet been able to obtain regarding the Chief of Wadi, by whom this act of Piracy, as it may almost be termed, has been committed.

26. In requesting the instructions of the Government of India as to the line

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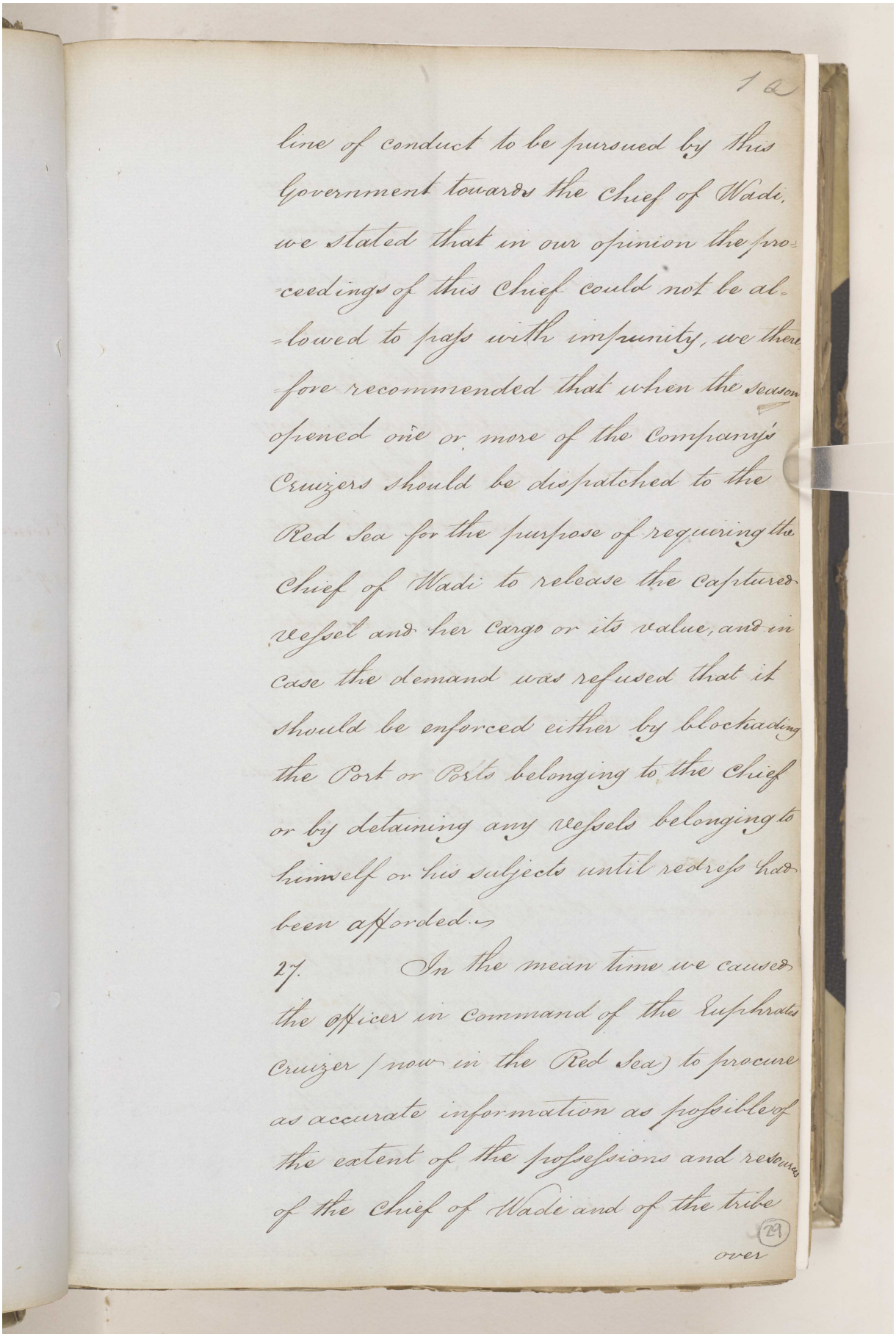

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line of conduct to be pursued by this Government towards the Chief of Wadi, we stated that in our opinion the proceedings of this Chief could not be allowed to pass with impunity, we therefore recommended that when the season opened one or more of the Company's Cruizers should be dispatched to the Red Sea for the purpose of requiring the Chief of Wadi to release the captured vessel and her Cargo or its value, and in case the demand was refused that it should be enforced either by blockading the Port or Ports belonging to the Chief or by detaining any vessels belonging to himself or his subjects until redress had been afforded.

27. In the mean time we caused the officer in command of the Euphrates Cruizer (now in the Red Sea) to procure as accurate information as possible of the extent of the possessions and resources of the Chief of Wadie and of the tribe

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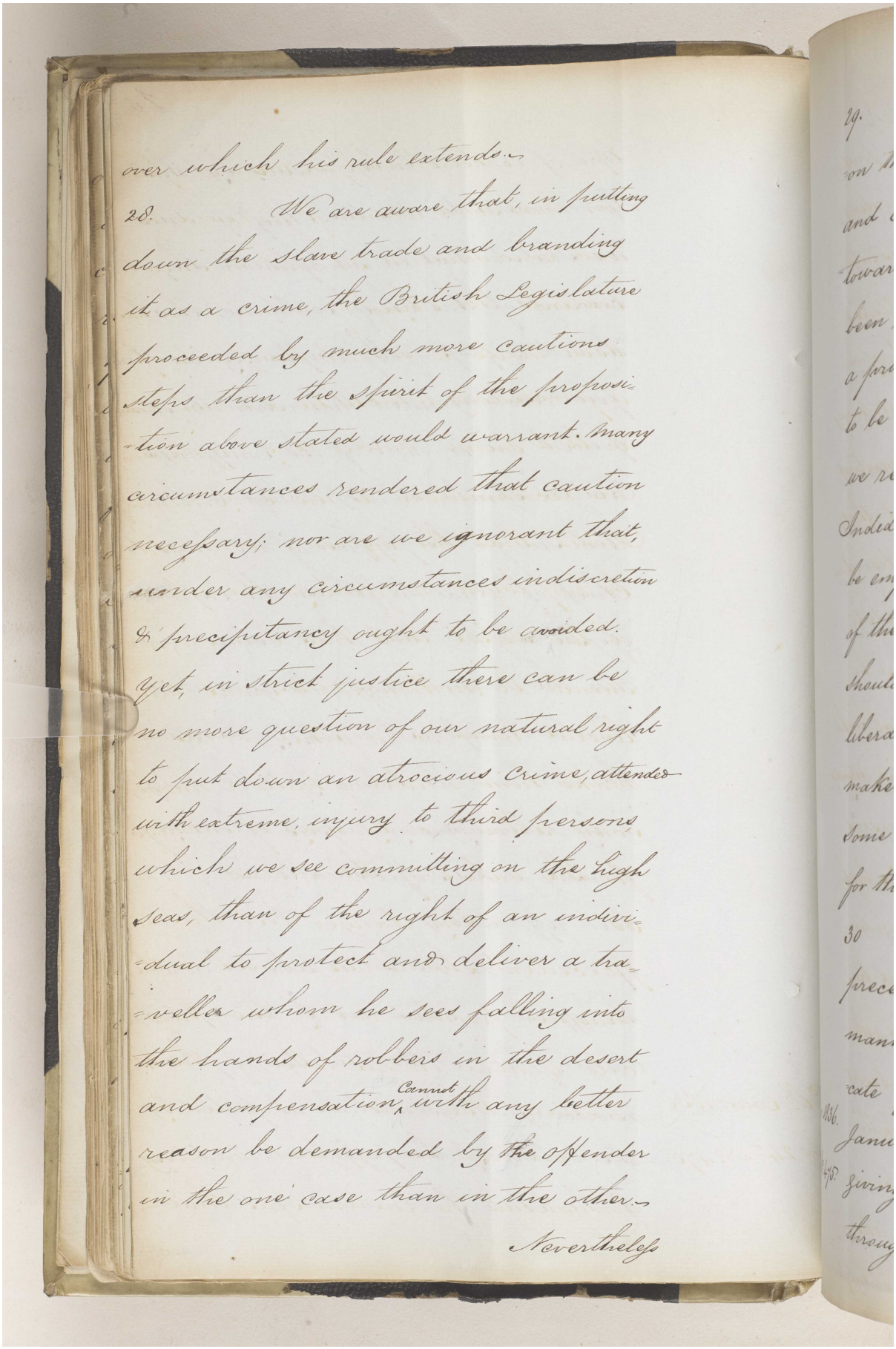

over which his rule extends.

28. We are aware that, in putting down the slave trade and branding it as a crime, the British Legislature proceeded by much more cautious steps than the spirit of the proposition above stated would warrant. Many circumstances rendered that caution necessary; nor are we ignorant that, under any circumstances indiscretion & precipitancy ought to be avoided. Yet, in strict justice there can be no more question of our natural right to put down an atrocious crime, attended with extreme injury to third persons which we see committing on the high seas, than of the right of an individual to protect and deliver a traveller whom he sees falling into the hands of robbers in the desert and compensation, cannot with any better reason be demanded by the offender in the one case than in the other.

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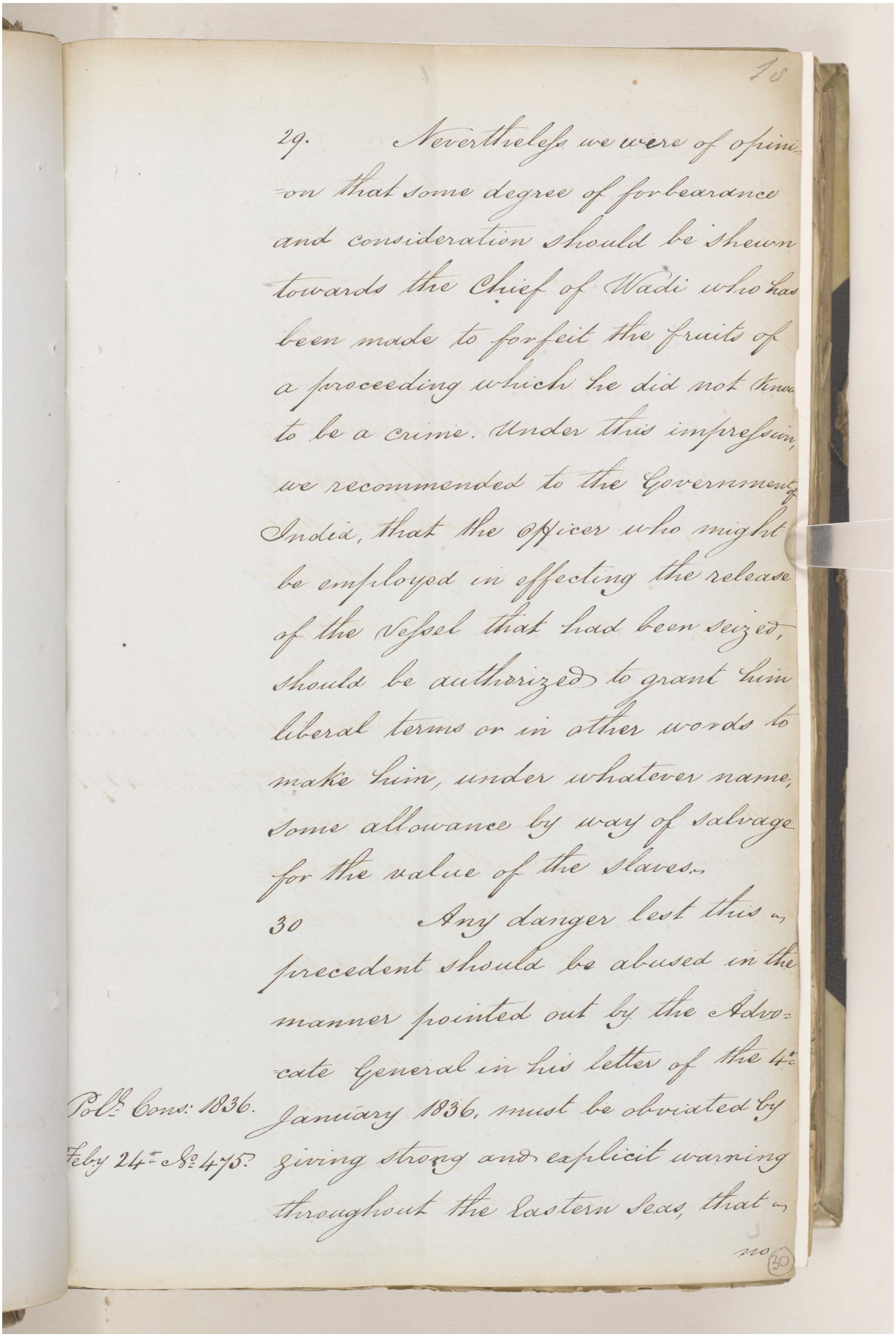

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29. Nevertheless we were of opinion that some degree of forbearance and consideration should be shewn towards the Chief of Wadi who has been made to forfeit the fruits of a proceeding which he did not know to be a crime. Under this impression we recommended to the Government of India, that the Officer who might be employed in effecting the release of the Vessel that had been seized, should be authorized to grant him liberal terms or in other words to make him, under whatever name, some allowance by way of salvage for the value of the Slaves.

30 Any danger lest this precedent should be abused in the manner pointed out by the Advocate General in his letter of the 4th January 1836, must be obviated by giving strong and explicit warning throughout the Eastern Seas, that no

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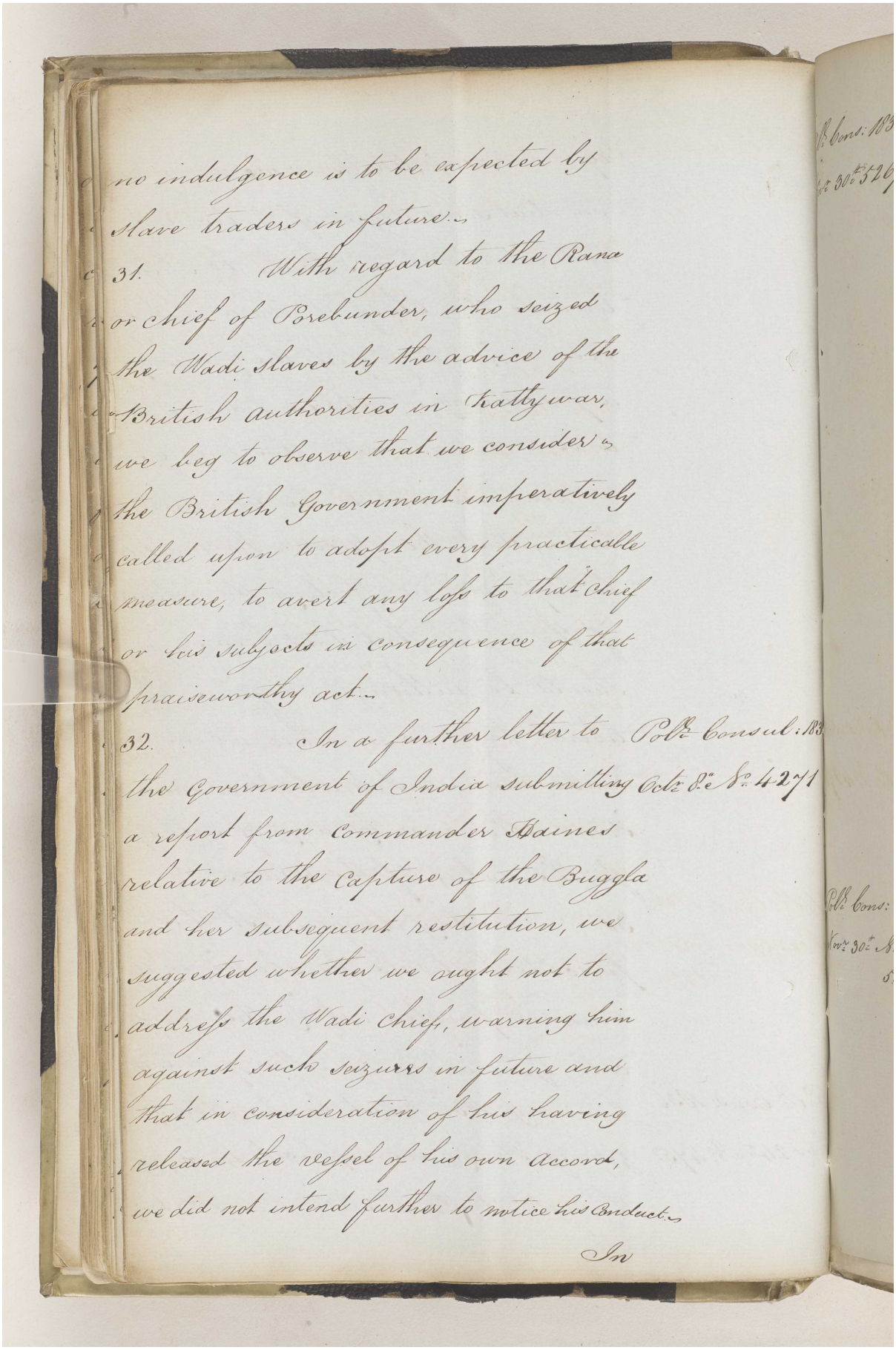

no indulgence is to be expected by
Slave traders in future.

31. With regard to the Rana
or chief of Porebunder, who seized
the Wadi slaves by the advice of the
British authorities in Kattywar,
we beg to observe that we consider
the British Government imperatively
called upon to adopt every practicable
measure, to avert any loss to that chief
or his subjects in consequence of that
praiseworthy act.

32. In a further letter to Pol.l Consul: 83
the Government of India submitting Oct.r 8.th No. 4271
a report from Commander Baines
relative to the capture of the Buggla
and her subsequent restitution, we
suggested whether we ought not to
address the Wadi chief, warning him
against such seizures in future and
that in consideration of his having
released the vessel of his own accord,
we did not intend further to notice his conduct.

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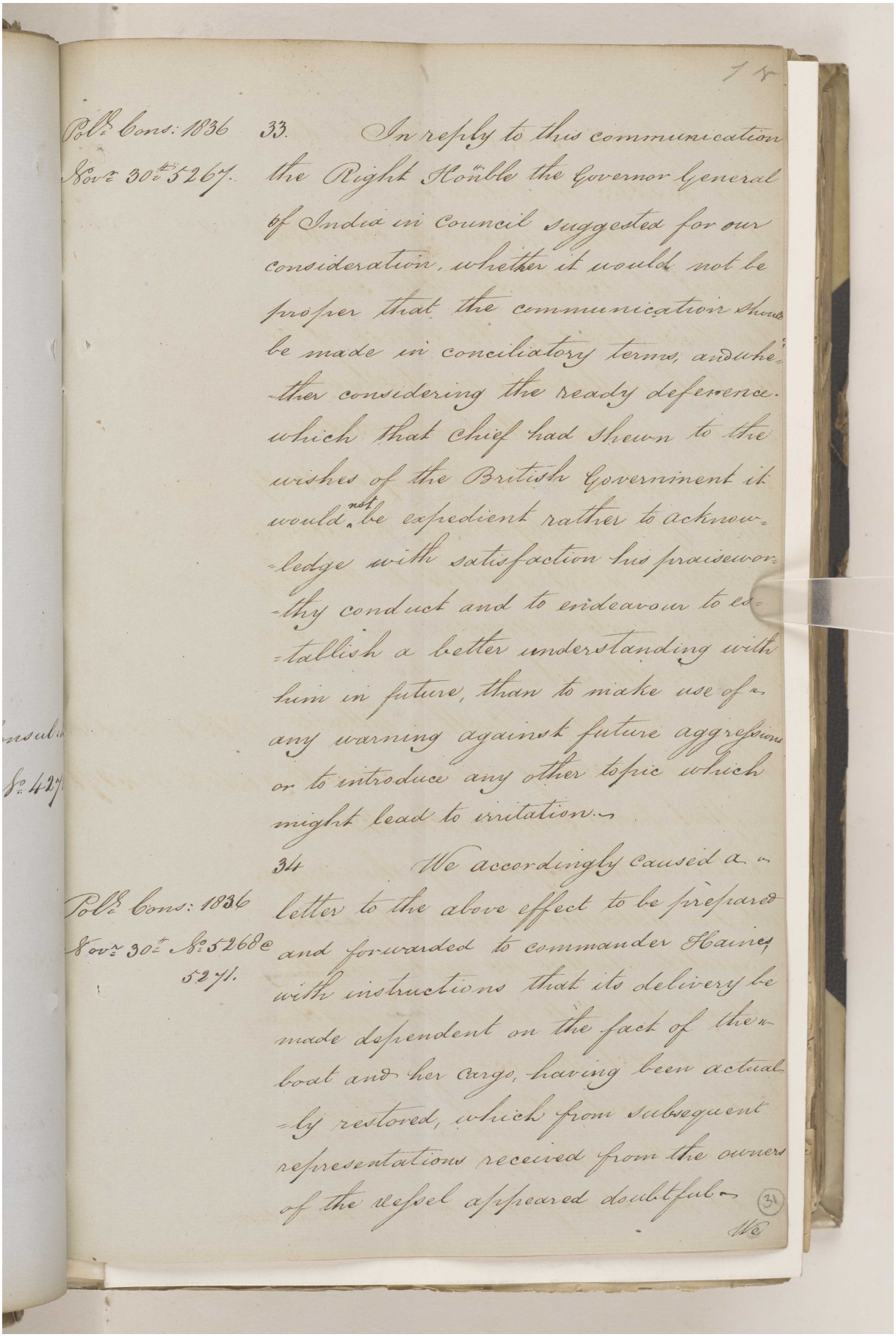

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33. In reply to this communication the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council suggested for our consideration, whether it would not be proper that the communication should be made in conciliatory terms, and whether considering the ready deference which that Chief had shewn to the wishes of the British Government it would not be expedient rather to acknowledge with satisfaction his praiseworthy conduct and to endeavour to establish a better understanding with him in future, than to make use of any warning against future aggressions or to introduce any other topic which might lead to irritation.

34. We accordingly caused a letter to the above effect to be prepared and forwarded to commander Haines with instructions that its delivery be made dependent on the fact of the boat and her cargo, having been actually restored, which from subsequent representations received from the owners of the vessel appeared doubtful.

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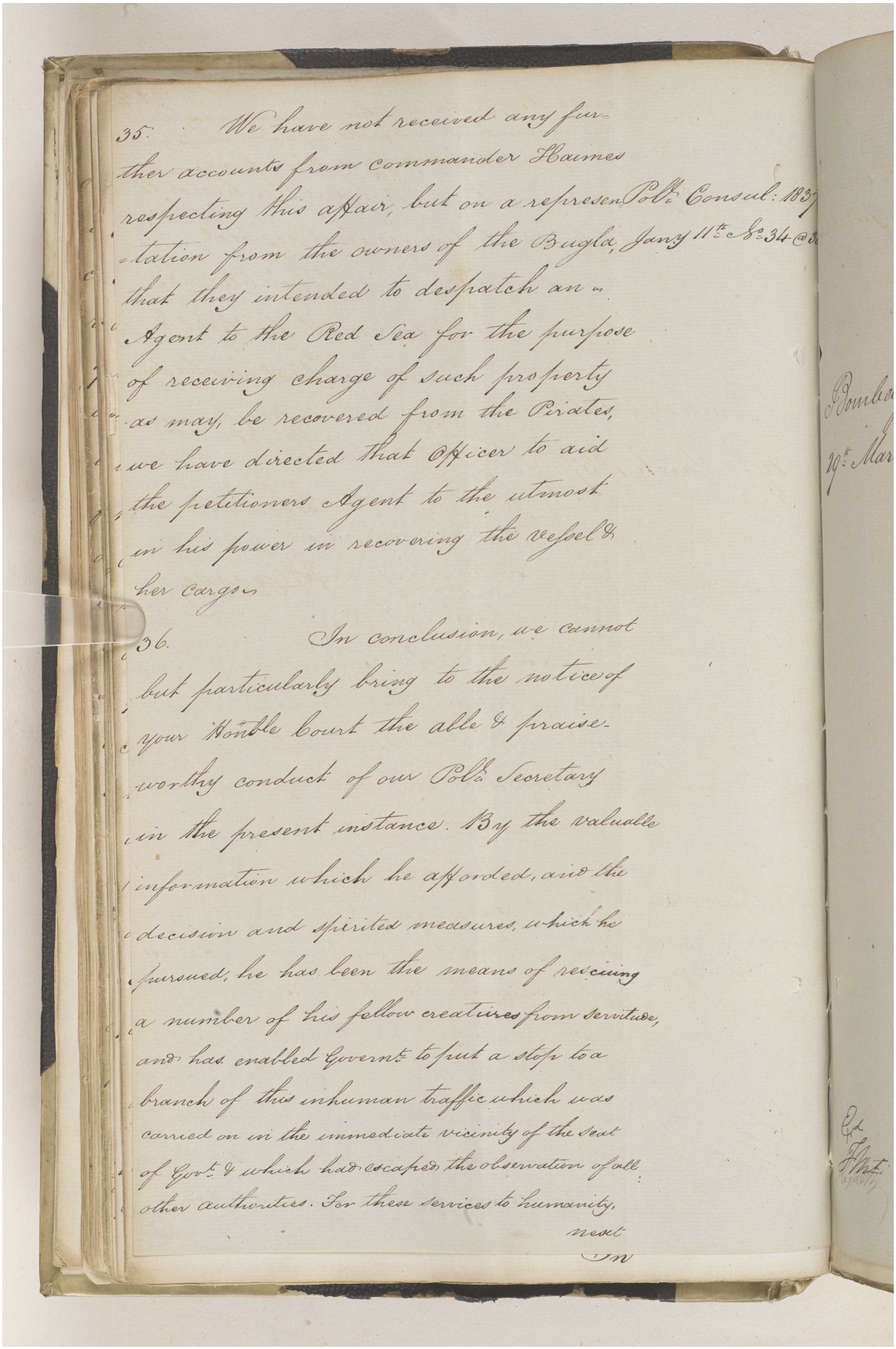

35. We have not received any further accounts from commander Haimes respecting this affair, but on a representation from the owners of the Bugla, that they intended to despatch an Agent to the Red Sea for the purpose of receiving charge of such property as may, be recovered from the Pirates, we have directed that Officer to aid the petitioners Agent to the utmost in his power in recovering the vessel & her cargo.

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36. In conclusion, we cannot but particularly bring to the notice of your Honble Court the able & praiseworthy conduct of our Pol. Secretary in the present instance. By the valuable information which he afforded, and the decision and spirited measures, which he pursued, he has been the means of rescuing a number of his fellow creatures from servitude, and has enabled Govern.t to put a stop to a branch of this inhuman traffic which was carried on in the immediate vicinity of the seat of Gov.t & which had escaped the observation of all other authorities. For these services to humanity,

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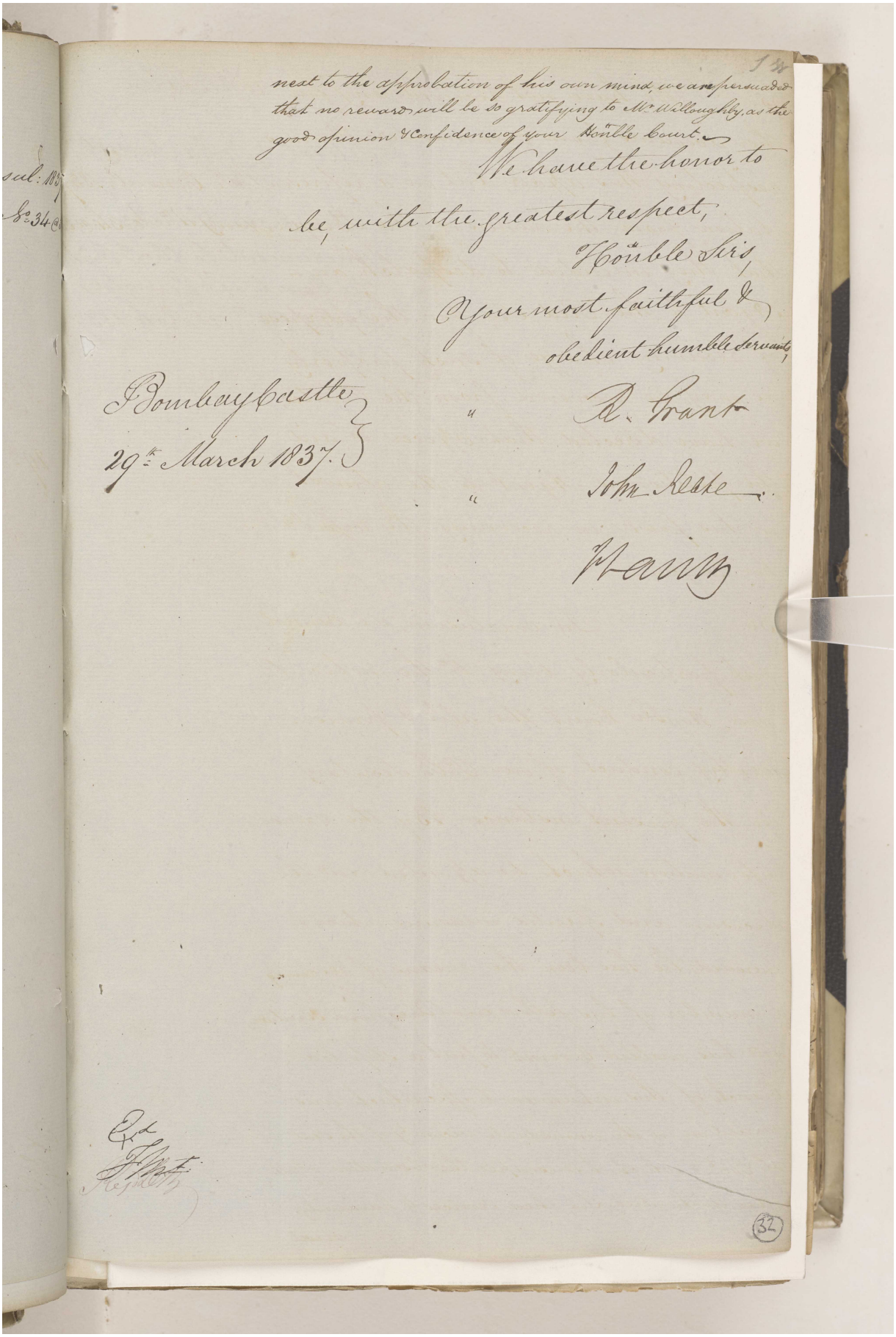

next to the approbation of his own mind, we are persuaded that no reward will be so gratifying to Mr. Willoughby, as the good opinion & Confidence of your Honble Court.

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

Honble Sirs,

Your most faithful & obedient humble servants,

R. Grant

John Reate

Bombay Castle
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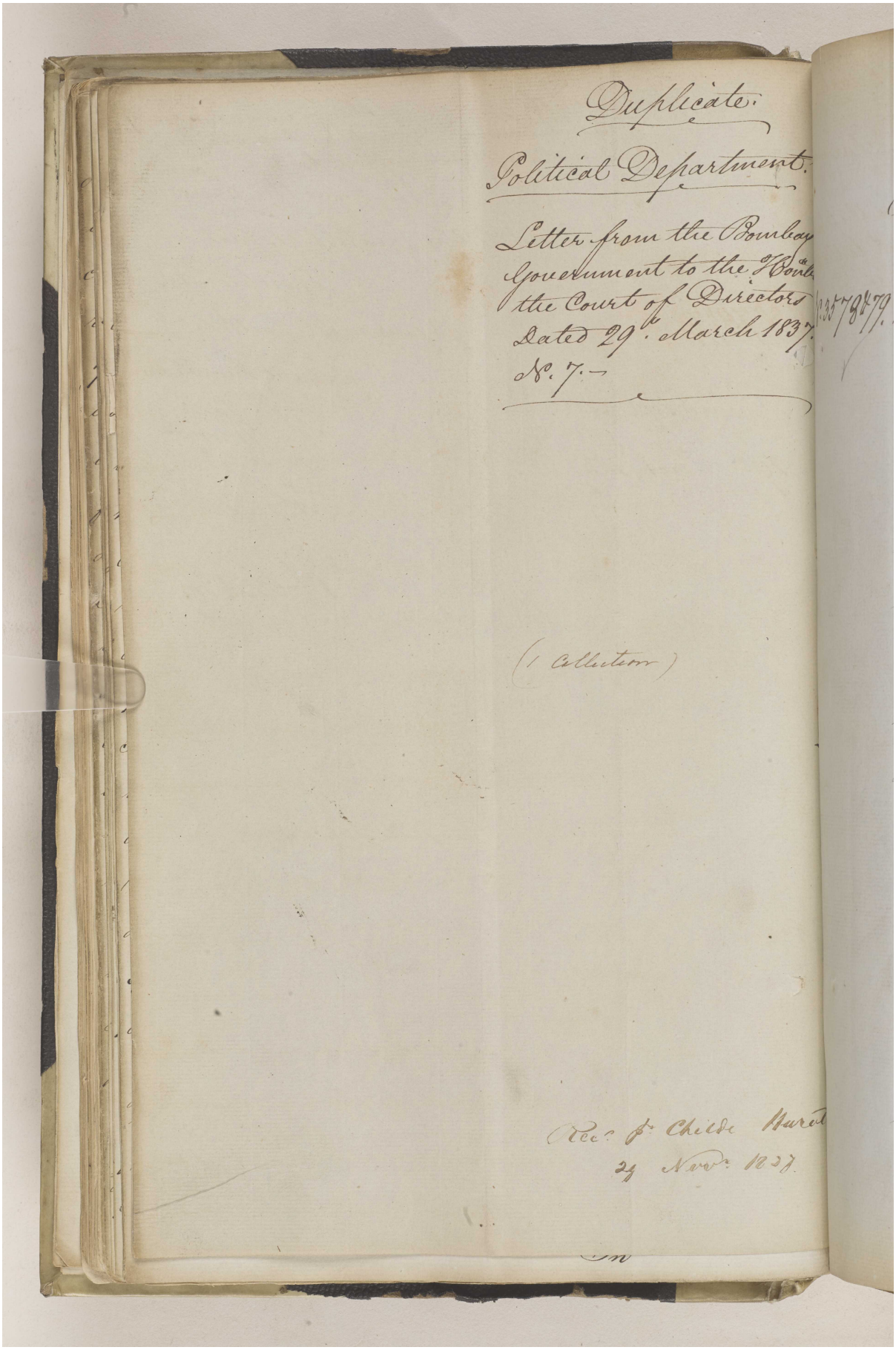

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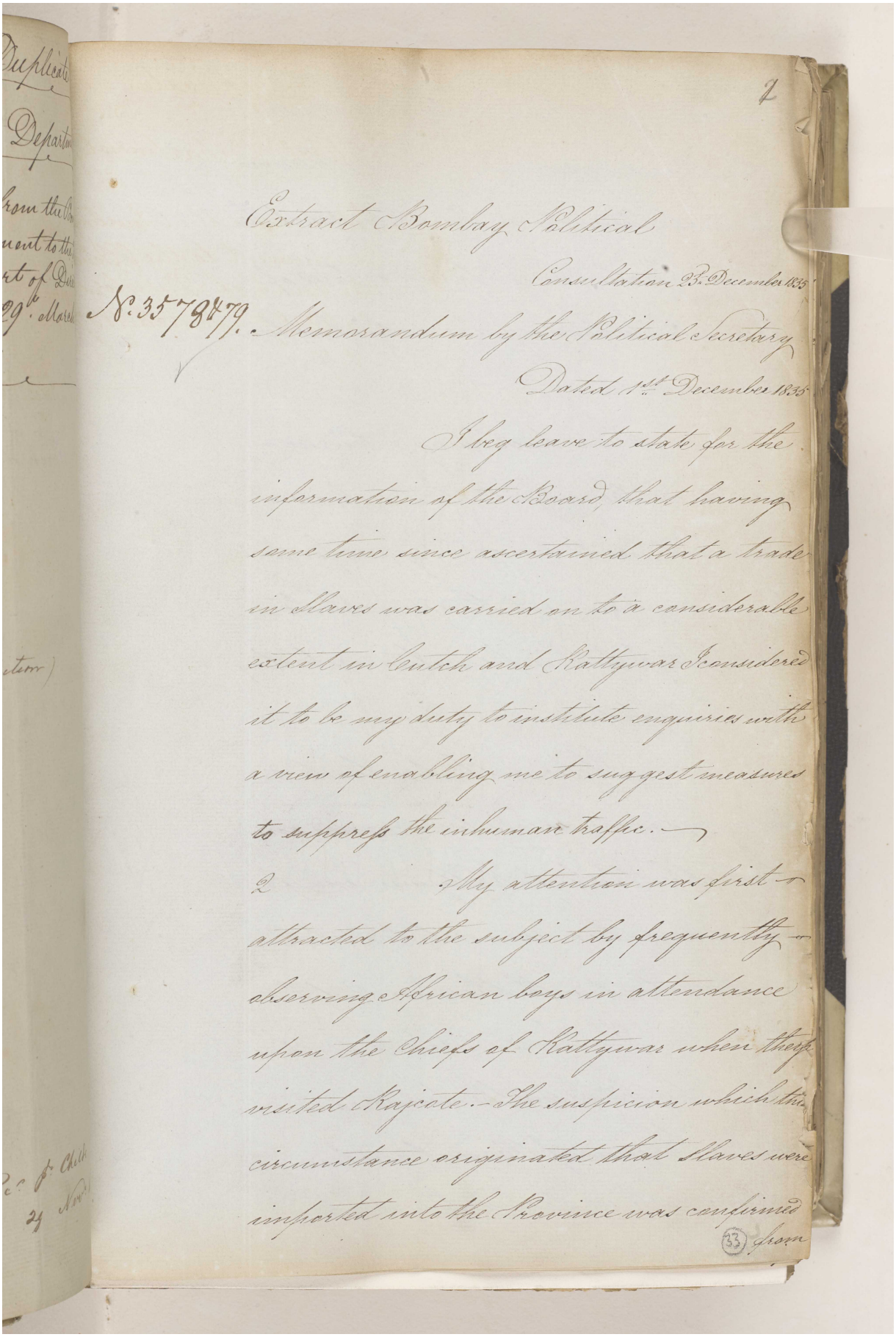

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Consultation 23rd December 1835

No. 3578 & 79. Memorandum by the Political Secretary

Dated 1st December 1835

I beg leave to state for the information of the Board, that having some time since ascertained that a trade in Slaves was carried on to a considerable extent in Cutch and Kattywar I considered it to be my duty to institute enquiries with a view of enabling me to suggest measures to suppress the inhuman traffic.—

2 My attention was first attracted to the subject by frequently observing African boys in attendance upon the Chiefs of Kattywar when they visited Rajcote.— The suspicion which this circumstance originated that Slaves were imported into the Province was confirmed

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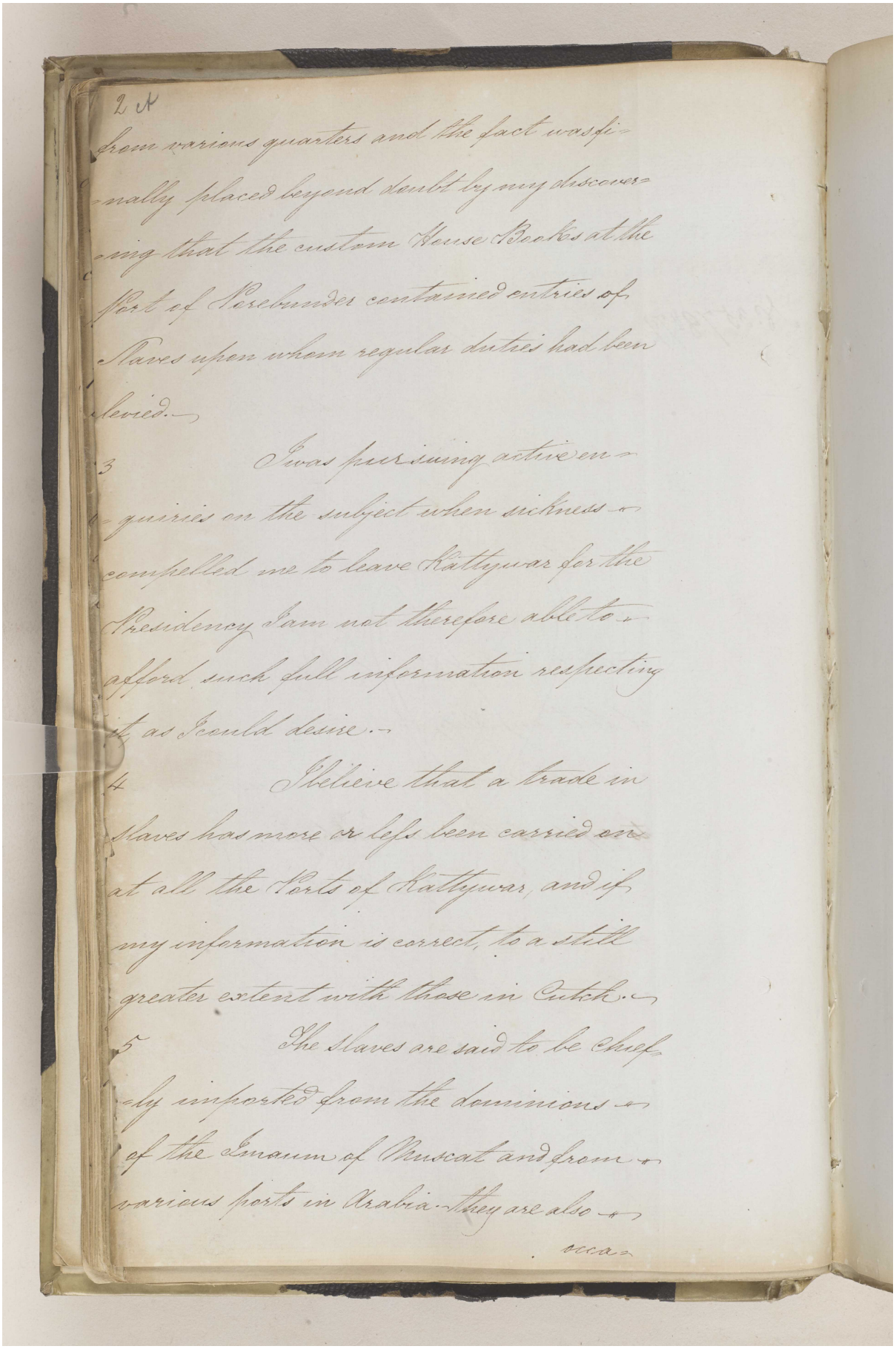

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from various quarters and the fact was finally placed beyond doubt by my discovering that the custom House Books at the Port of Porebunder contained entries of Slaves upon whom regular duties had been levied.—

3 I was pursuing active enquiries on the subject when sickness compelled me to leave Kattywar for the Presidency I am not therefore able to afford such full information respecting it as I could desire.—

4 I believe that a trade in Slaves has more or less been carried on at all the Ports of Kattywar, and if my information is correct, to a still greater extent with those in Cutch.—

5 The Slaves are said to be chiefly imported from the dominions of the Imaum of Muscat and from various ports in Arabia. They are also

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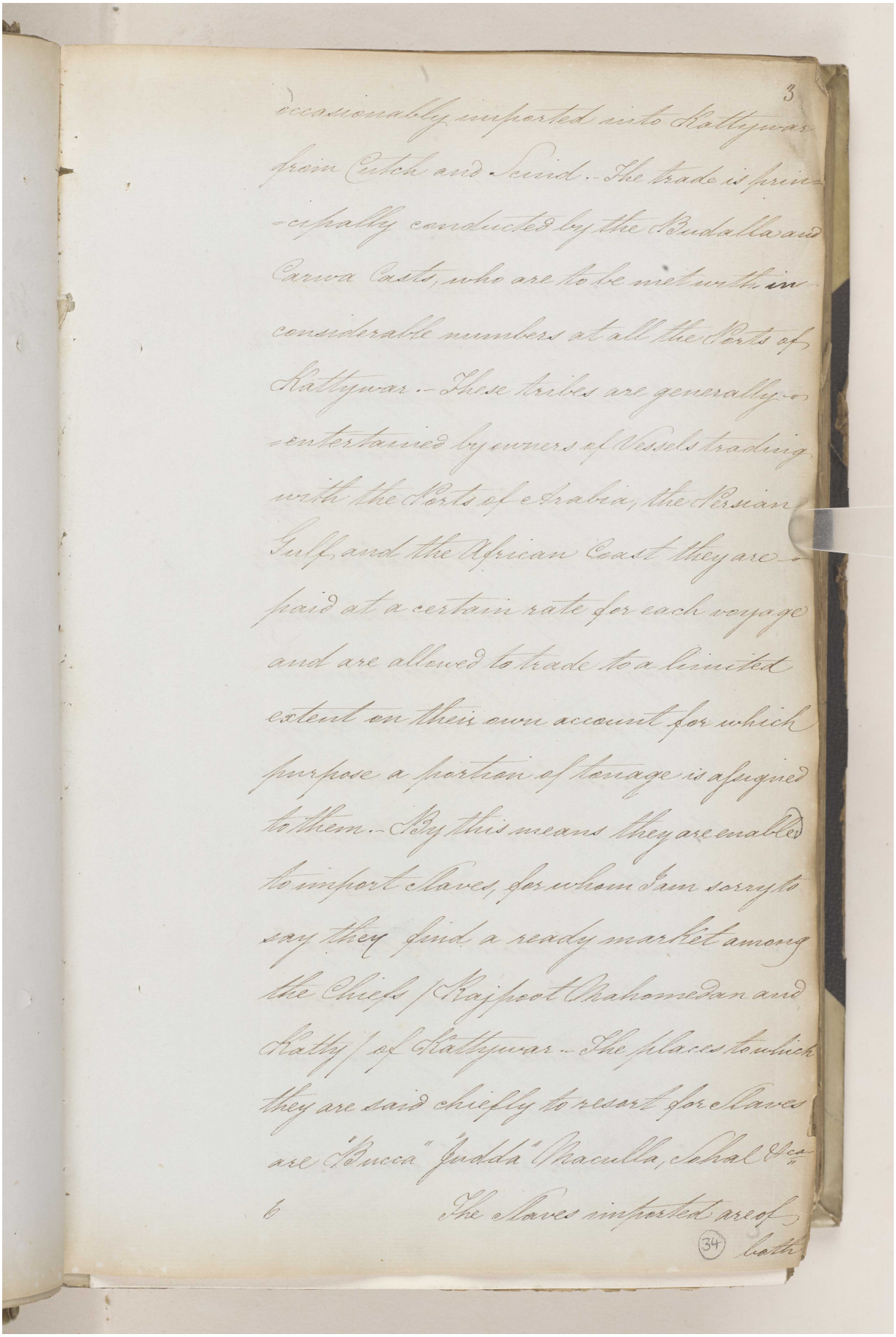

occasionably imported into Kattywar from Cutch and Scind. - The trade is principally conducted by the Budalla and Carwa Casts, who are to be met with in considerable numbers at all the Ports of Kattywar. - These tribes are generally entertained by owners of Vessels trading with the Ports of Arabia, the Persian Gulf, and the African Coast they are paid at a certain rate for each voyage and are allowed to trade to a limited extent on their own account for which purpose a portion of tonage is assigned to them. - By this means they are enabled to import Slaves, for whom I am sorry to say they find a ready market among the Chiefs (Rajpoot Mahomedan and Katty) of Kattywar. - The places to which they are said chiefly to resort for Slaves are "Bucca" "Judda" Maculla, Sohal &c.

6 The Slaves imported are of both

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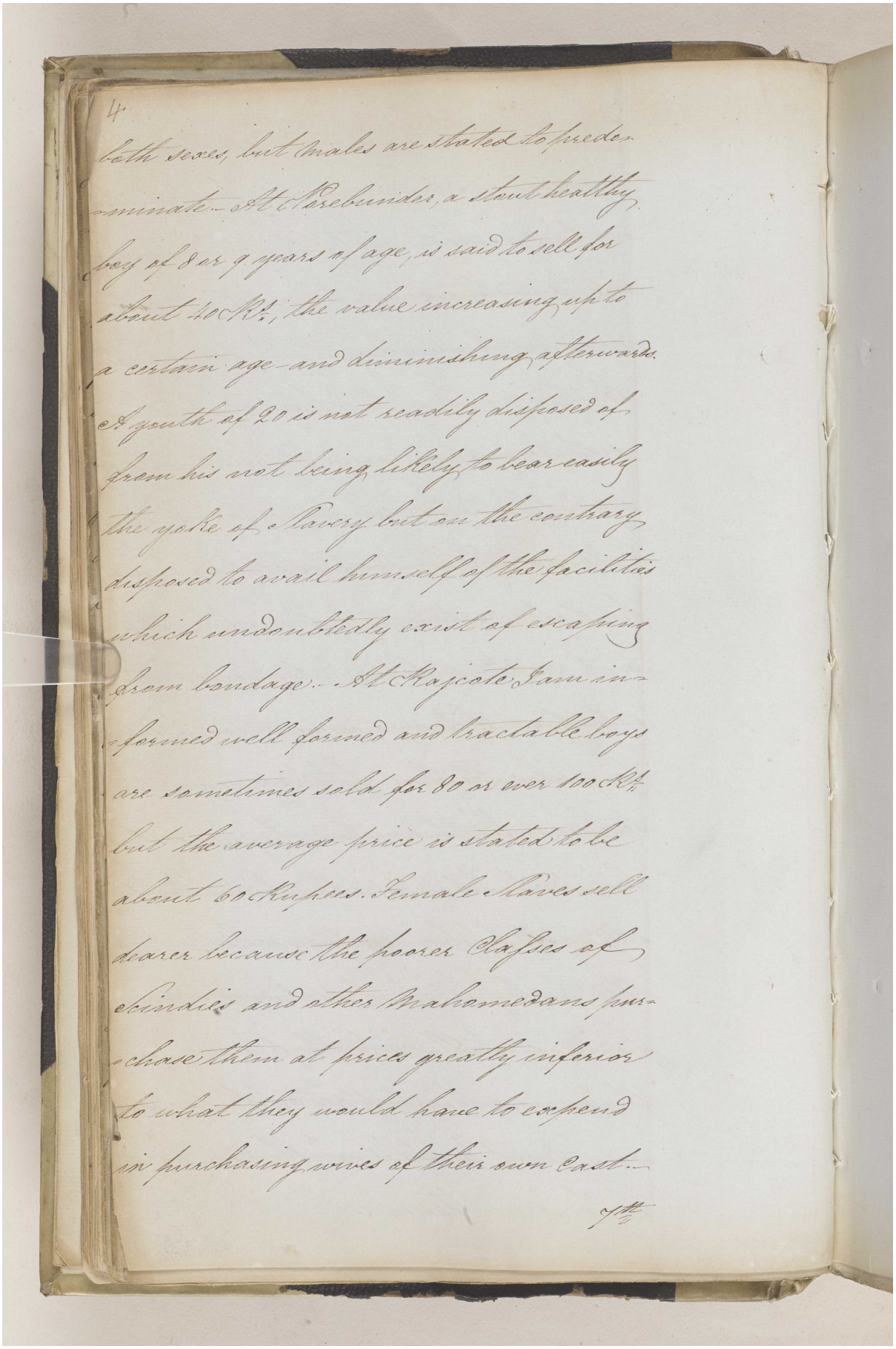

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both sexes, but Males are stated to predominate – At Porebunder, a stout healthy boy of 8 or 9 years of age, is said to sell for about 40 Rs., the value increasing up to a certain age and diminishing afterwards. A youth of 20 is not readily disposed of from his not being likely to bear easily the yoke of Slavery but on the contrary disposed to avail himself of the facilities which undoubtedly exist of escaping from bondage. – At Rajcote Females informed well formed and tractable boys are sometimes sold for 80 or even 100 Rs but the average price is stated to be about 60 Rupees. Female Slaves sell dearer because the poorer Classes of Hindus and other Mahomedans purchase them at prices greatly inferior to what they would have to expend in purchasing wives of their own Cast. –

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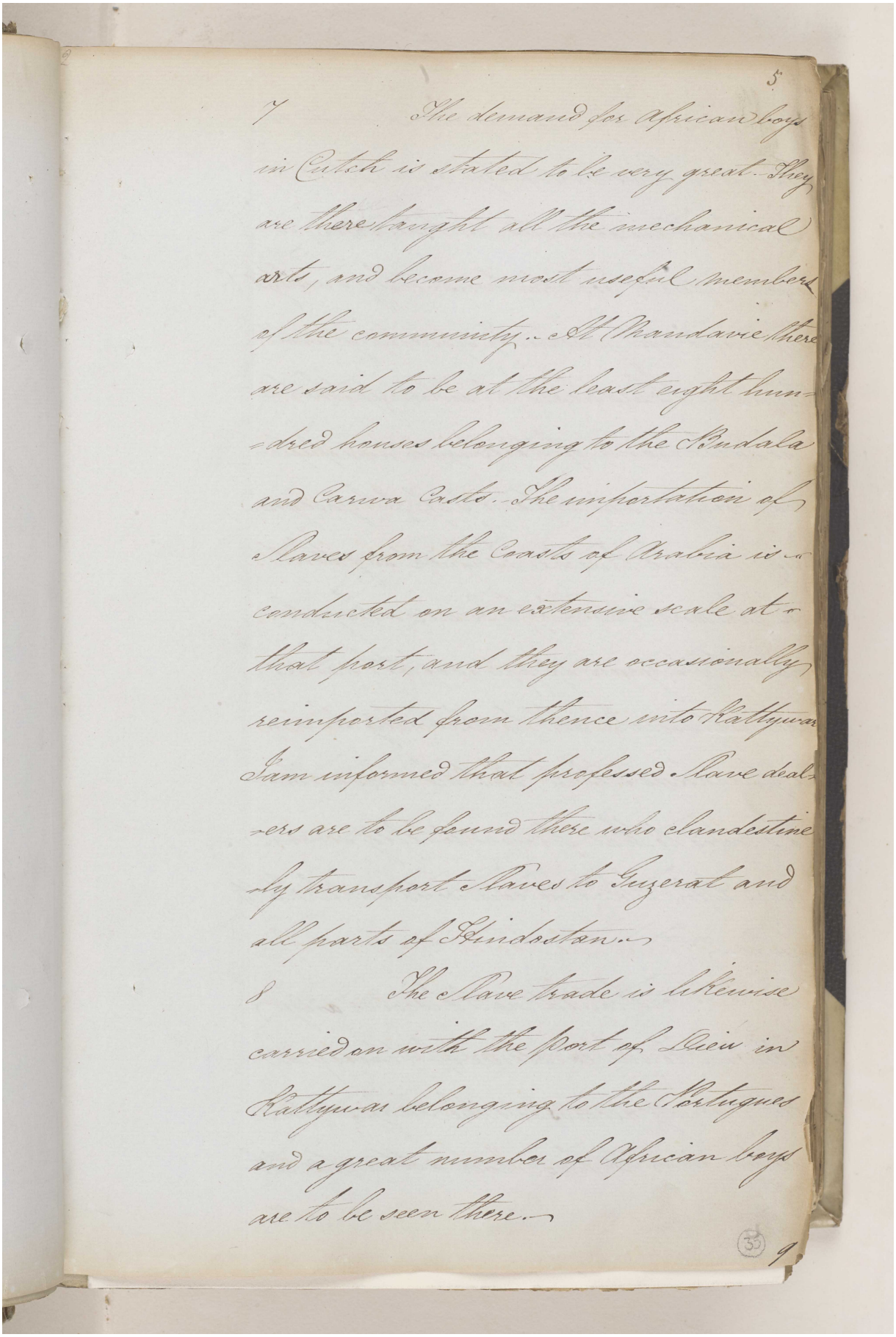
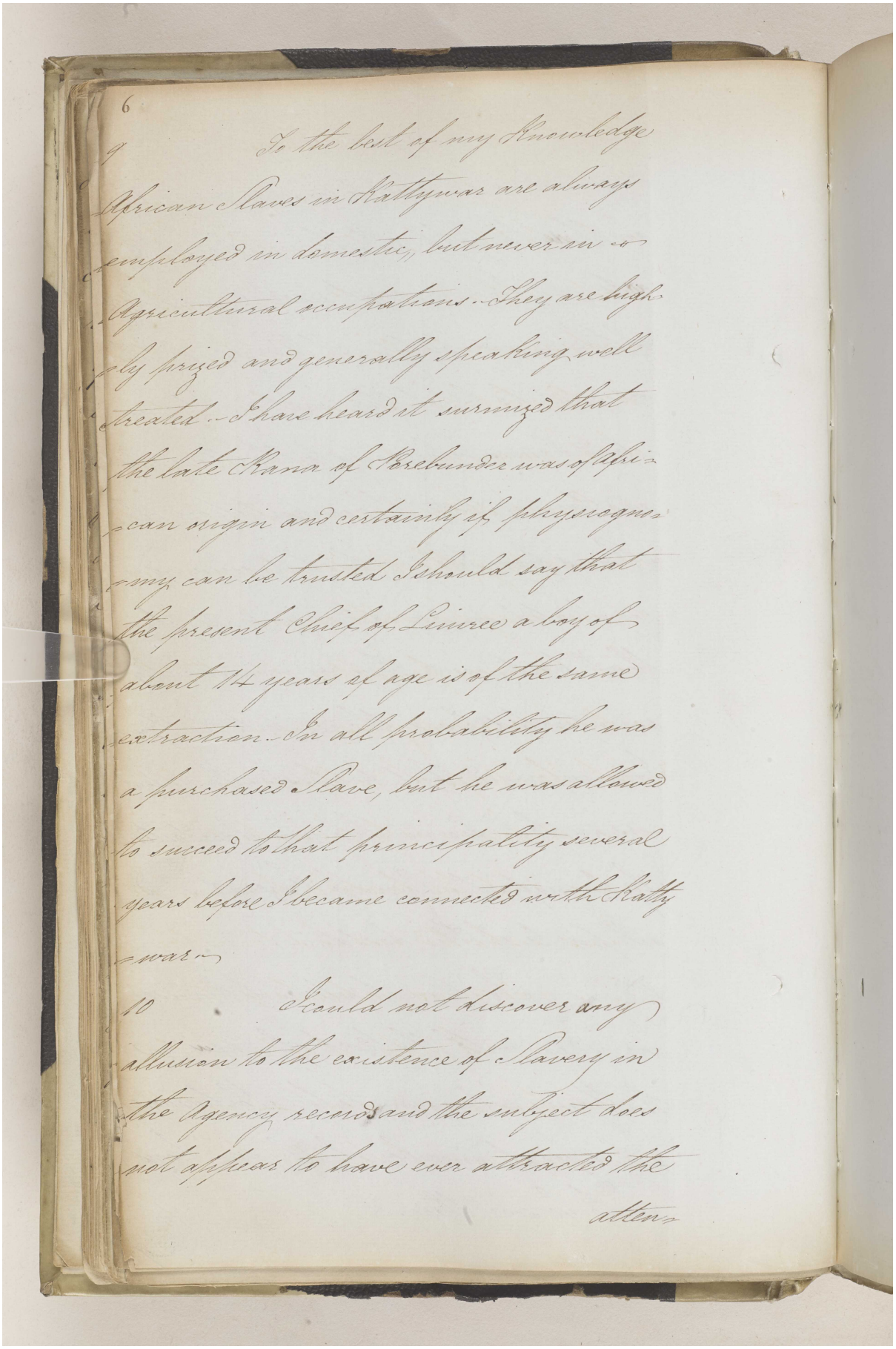


7 The demand for African boys in Cutch is stated to be very great. They are there taught all the mechanical arts, and become most useful members of the community. At Mandavie there are said to be at the least eight hundred houses belonging to the Bundala and Carwa Caste. The importation of Slaves from the Coasts of Arabia is conducted on an extensive scale at that port, and they are occasionally reimported from thence into Kattywar I am informed that professed Slave dealers are to be found there who clandestine ly transport Slaves to Guzerat and all parts of Hindostan.

8 The Slave trade is likewise carried on with the port of Diu in Kattywar belonging to the Portugues and a great number of African boys are to be seen there.



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To the best of my Knowledge African Slaves in Kattywar are always employed in domestic, but never in Agricultural occupations. They are highly prized and generally speaking well treated. I have heard it surmized that the late Rana of Porebunder was of African origin and certainly if physiognomy can be trusted I should say that the present Chief of Limree a boy of about 14 years of age is of the same extraction. In all probability he was a purchased Slave, but he was allowed to succeed to that principality several years before I became connected with Katty war.

10 I could not discover any allusion to the existence of Slavery in the Agency records and the subject does not appears to have ever attracted the atten-

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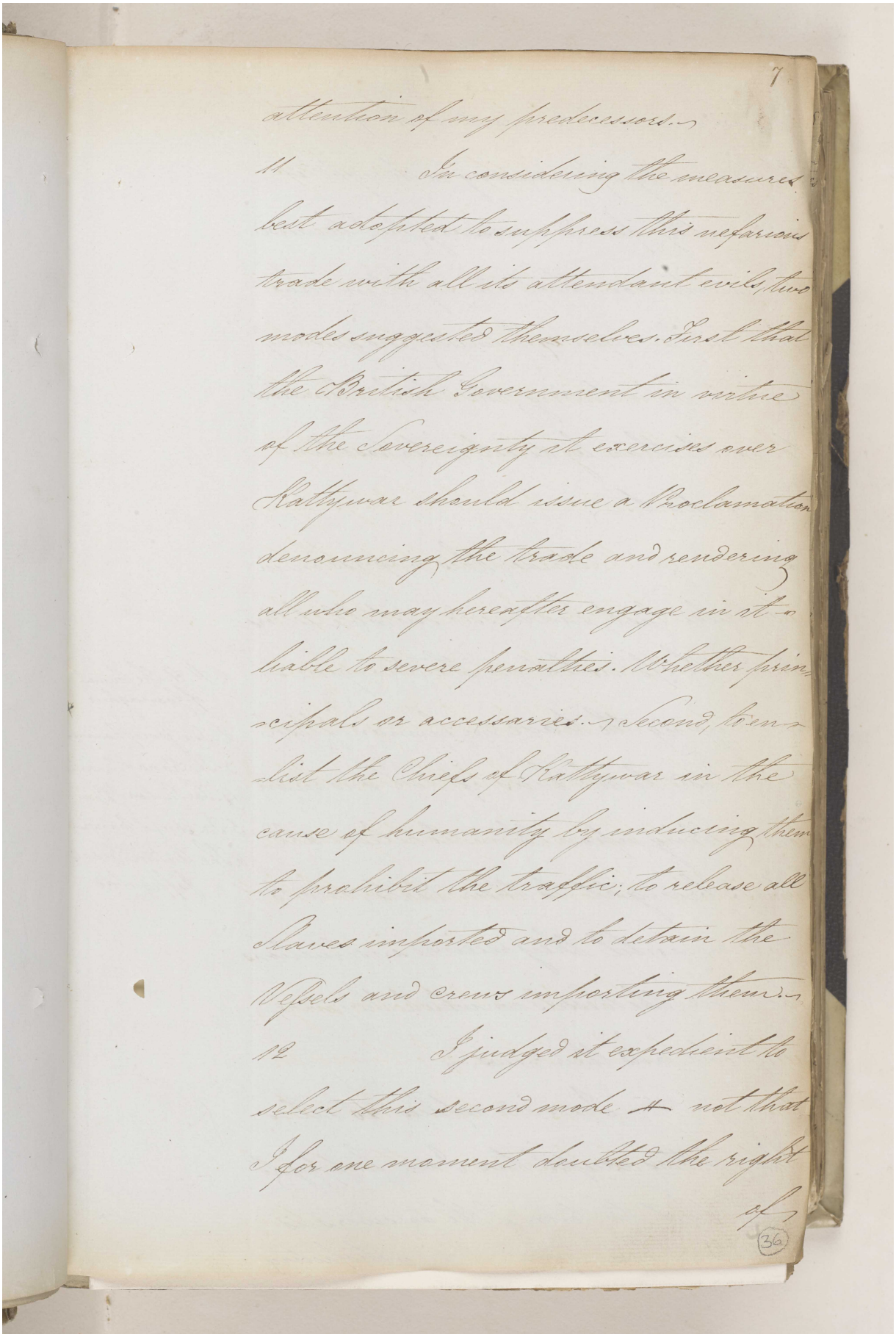

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attention of my predecessors.

11 On considering the measures best adopted to suppress this nefarious trade with all its attendant evils, two modes suggested themselves. First that the British Government in virtue of the Sovereignty it exercises over Kattywar should issue a Proclamation denouncing the trade and rendering all who may hereafter engage in it liable to severe penalties. Whether principals or accessaries. Second, to enlist the Chiefs of Kattywar in the cause of humanity by inducing them to prohibit the traffic; to release all Slaves imported and to detain the Vessels and crews importing them.

12 I judged it expedient to select this second mode — not that I for one moment doubted the right of

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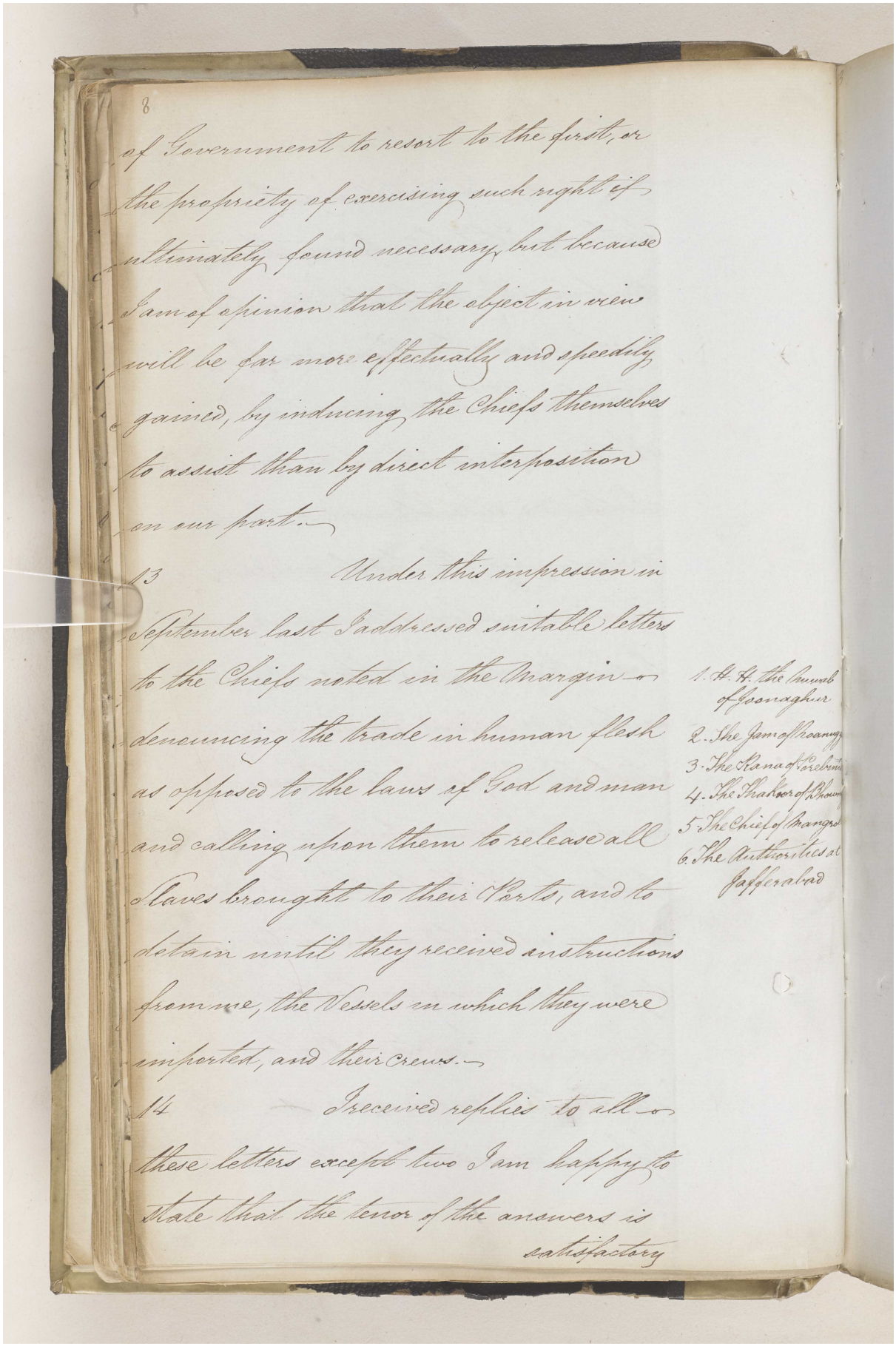

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of Government to resort to the first, or the propriety of exercising such right if ultimately found necessary, but because I am of opinion that the object in view will be far more effectually and speedily gained, by inducing the Chiefs themselves to assist than by direct interposition on our part.—

13 Under this impression in September last I addressed suitable letters to the Chiefs noted in the Margin — denouncing the trade in human flesh as opposed to the laws of God and man and calling upon them to release all Slaves brought to their Ports, and to detain until they received instructions from me, the Vessels in which they were imported, and their crews.—

1. H. H. the Nuwab of Joonaghur
2. The Jam of Roanugg
3. The Rana of Porebund
4. The Thakoor of Bhowng
5. The Chief of Mangrol
6. The Authorities at Jafferabad

14 I received replies to all these letters except two I am happy to state that the tenor of the answers is satisfactory

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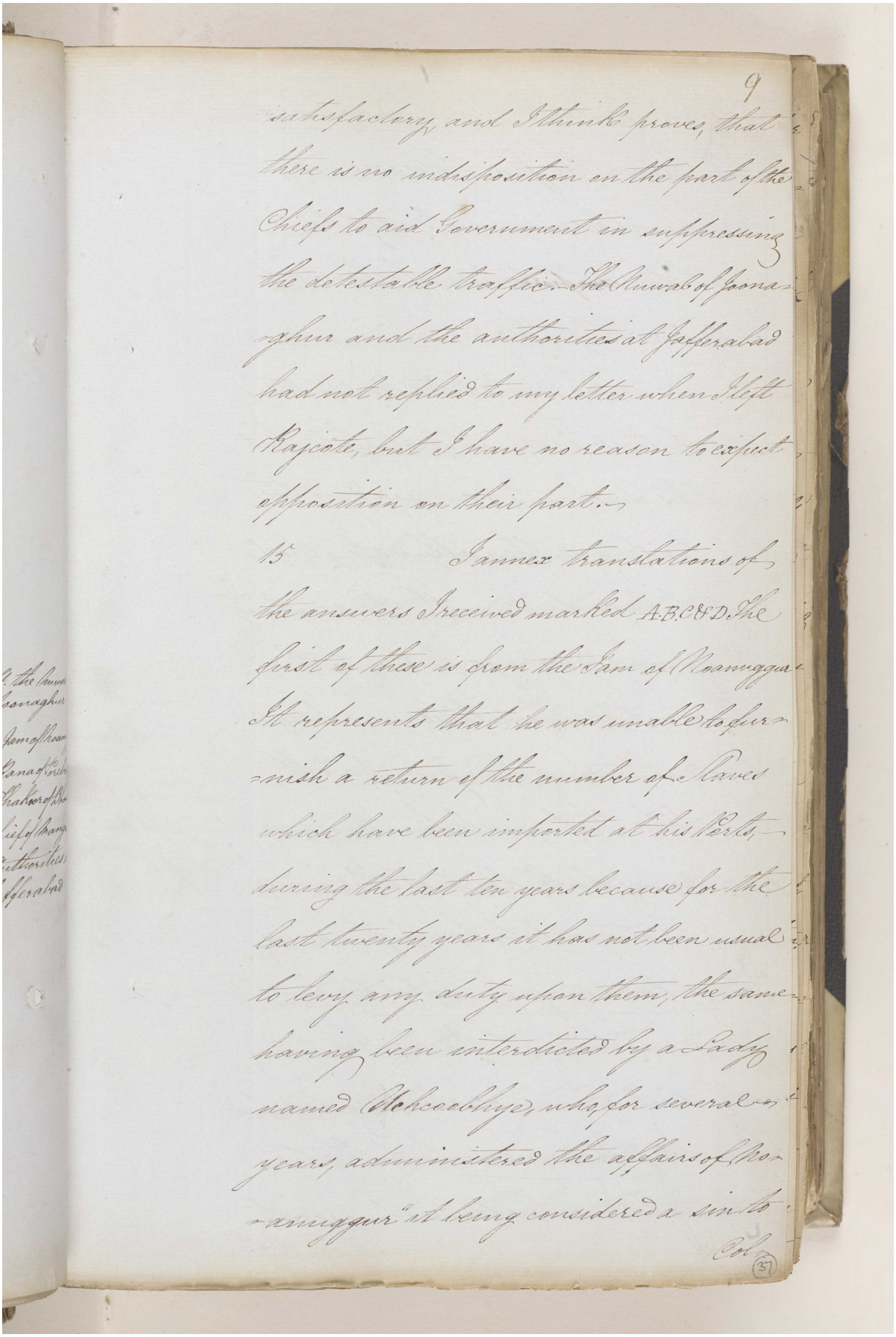

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satisfactory, and I think proves, that there is no indisposition on the part of the Chiefs to aid Government in suppressing the detestable traffic. The Nuwab of Joonaghur and the authorities at Jafferabad had not replied to my letter when I left Rajcote, but I have no reason to expect opposition on their part.

15 I annex translations of the answers I received marked A.B.C & D. The first of these is from the Jam of Nawanagur. It represents that he was unable to furnish a return of the number of Slaves which have been imported at his Ports during the last ten years because for the last twenty years it has not been usual to levy any duty upon them, the same having been interdicted by a Lady named Mahcoobhye, who for several years administered the affairs of Nawanagur "it being considered a sin to

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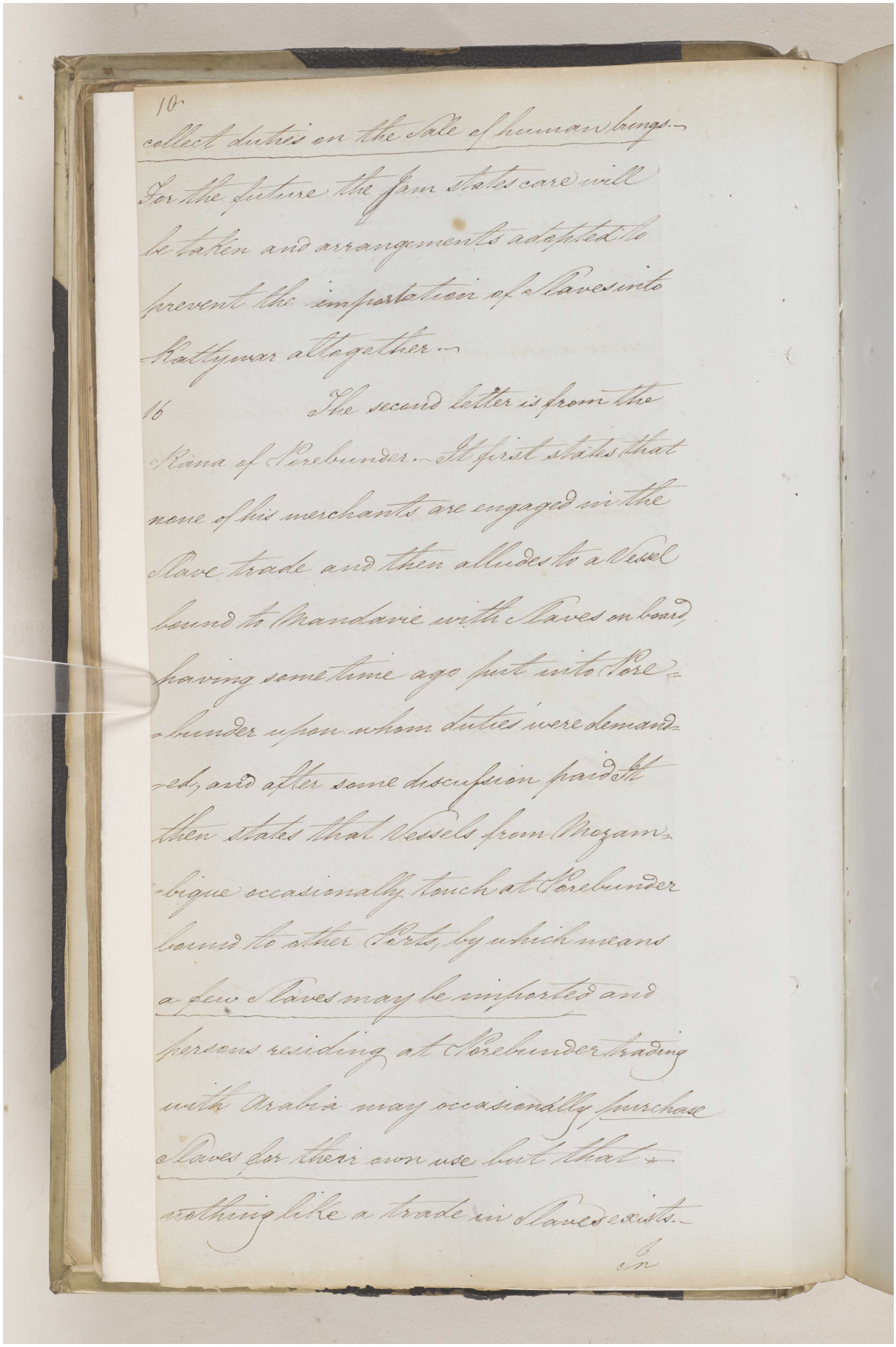

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collect duties on the sale of human beings.—
For the future the Jam States care will
be taken and arrangements adopted to
prevent the importation of Slaves into
Kattywar altogether.—

16 The second letter is from the
Rana of Porebunder.— It first states that
none of his merchants are engaged in the
Slave trade and then alludes to a Vessel
bound to Mandavie with Slaves on board,
having some time ago put into Pore=
bunder upon whom duties were demand=
ed, and after some discussion paid.— It
then states that Vessels from Mozam=
bique occasionally touch at Porebunder
bound to other Ports, by which means
a few Slaves may be imported and
persons residing at Porebunder trading
with Arabia may occasionally purchase
Slaves for their own use but that
nothing like a trade in Slaves exists.—

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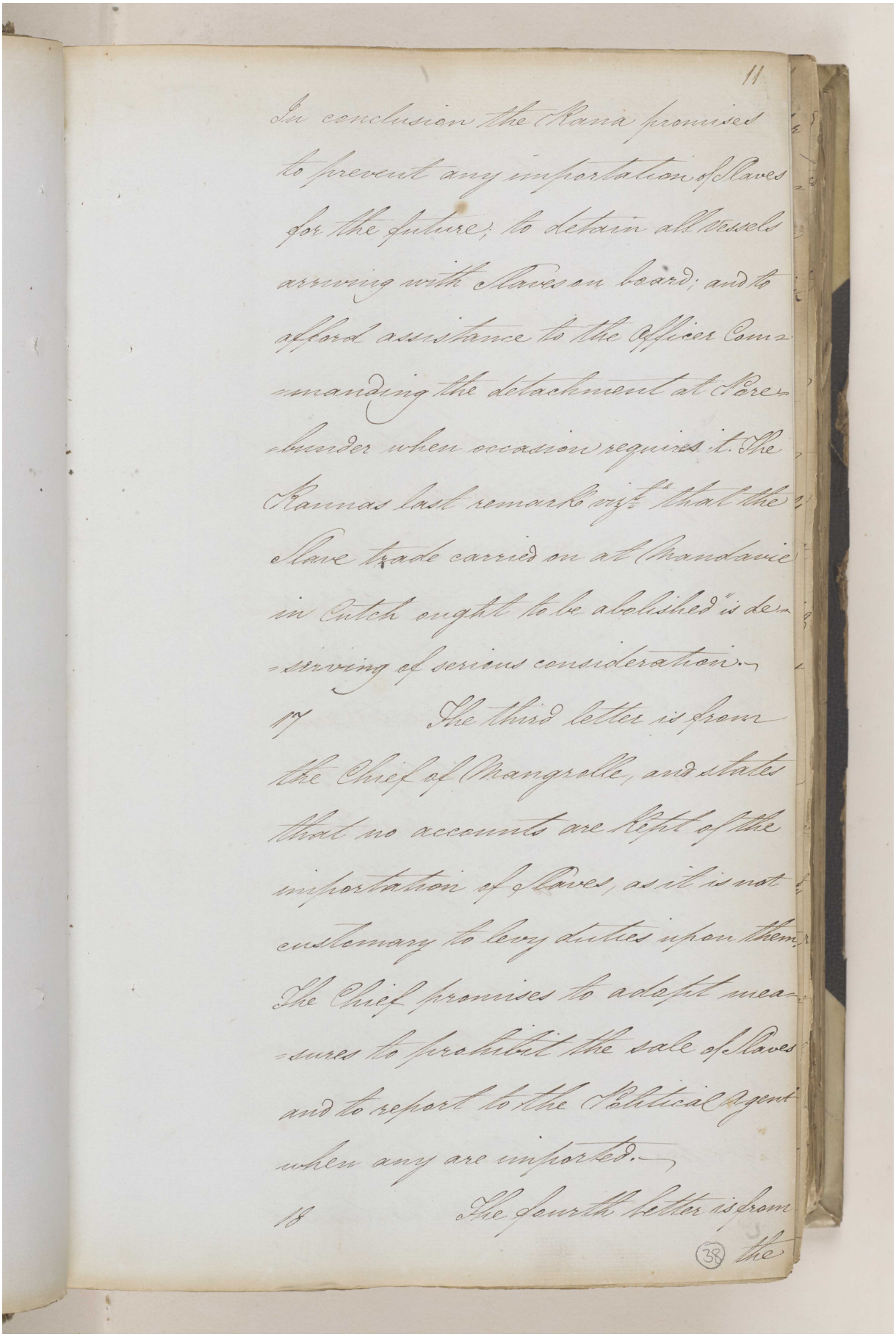

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In conclusion the Rana promises to prevent any importation of Slaves for the future, to detain all Vessels arriving with Slaves on board, and to afford assistance to the Officer Commanding the detachment at Porebunder when occasion requires it. The Ranas last remark vizt "that the Slave trade carried on at Mandavie in Cutch ought to be abolished" is deserving of serious consideration.

17 The third letter is from the Chief of Mangrolle, and states that no accounts are kept of the importation of Slaves, as it is not customary to levy duties upon them. The Chief promises to adopt measures to prohibit the sale of Slaves and to report to the Political Agent when any are imported.

18 The fourth letter is from the

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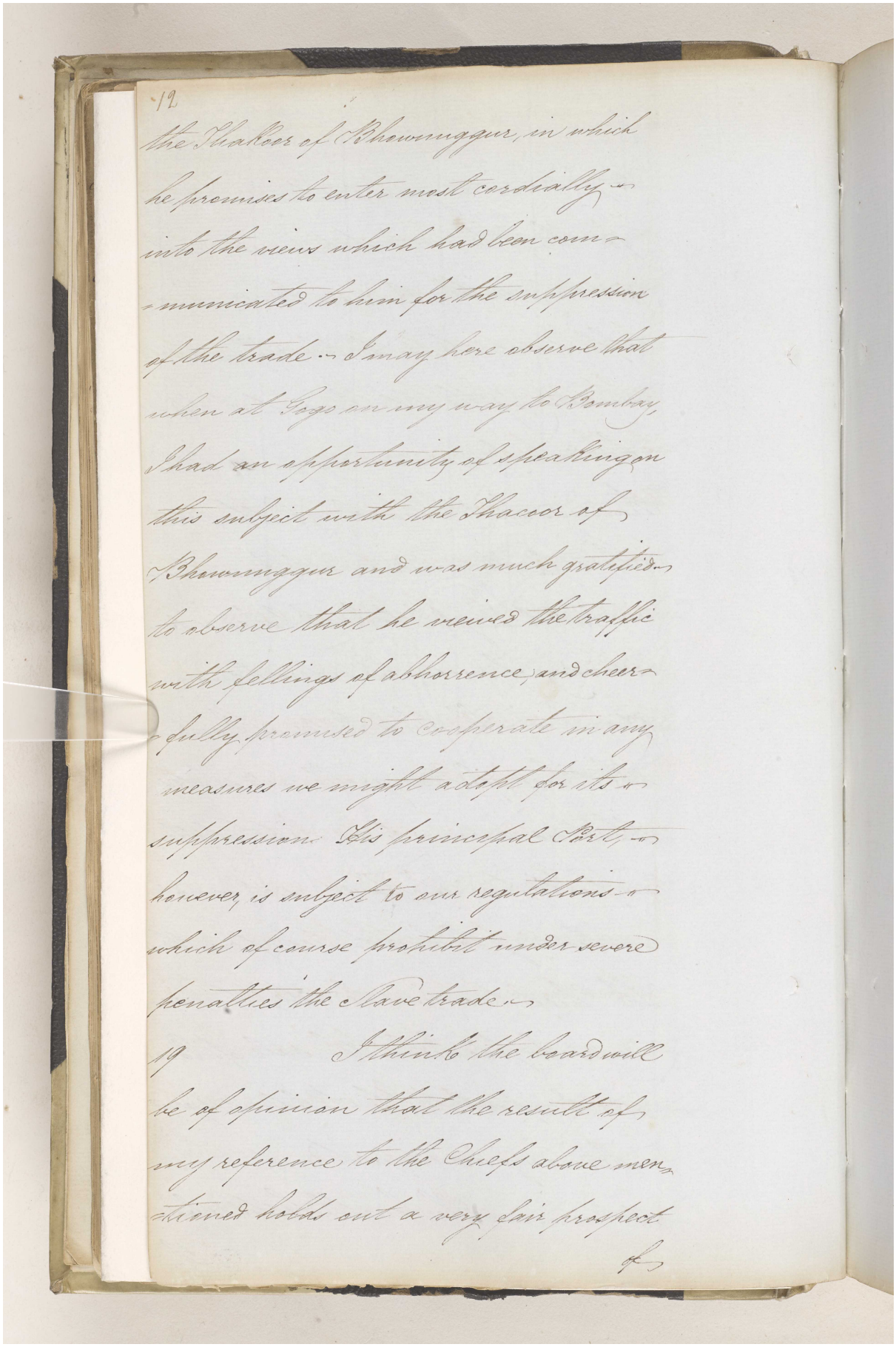

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the Thakoor of Bhownuggur, in which he promises to enter most cordeially into the views which had been communicated to him for the suppression of the trade. I may here observe that when at Joga on my way to Bombay, I had an opportunity of speaking on this subject with the Thakoor of Bhownuggur and was much gratified to observe that he viewed the traffic with feelings of abhorrence, and cheerfully promised to cooperate in any measures we might adopt for its suppression. His principal Port, however, is subject to our regulations which of course prohibit under severe penalties the Slave trade.

19 I think the board will be of opinion that the result of my reference to the Chiefs above mentioned holds out a very fair prospect of

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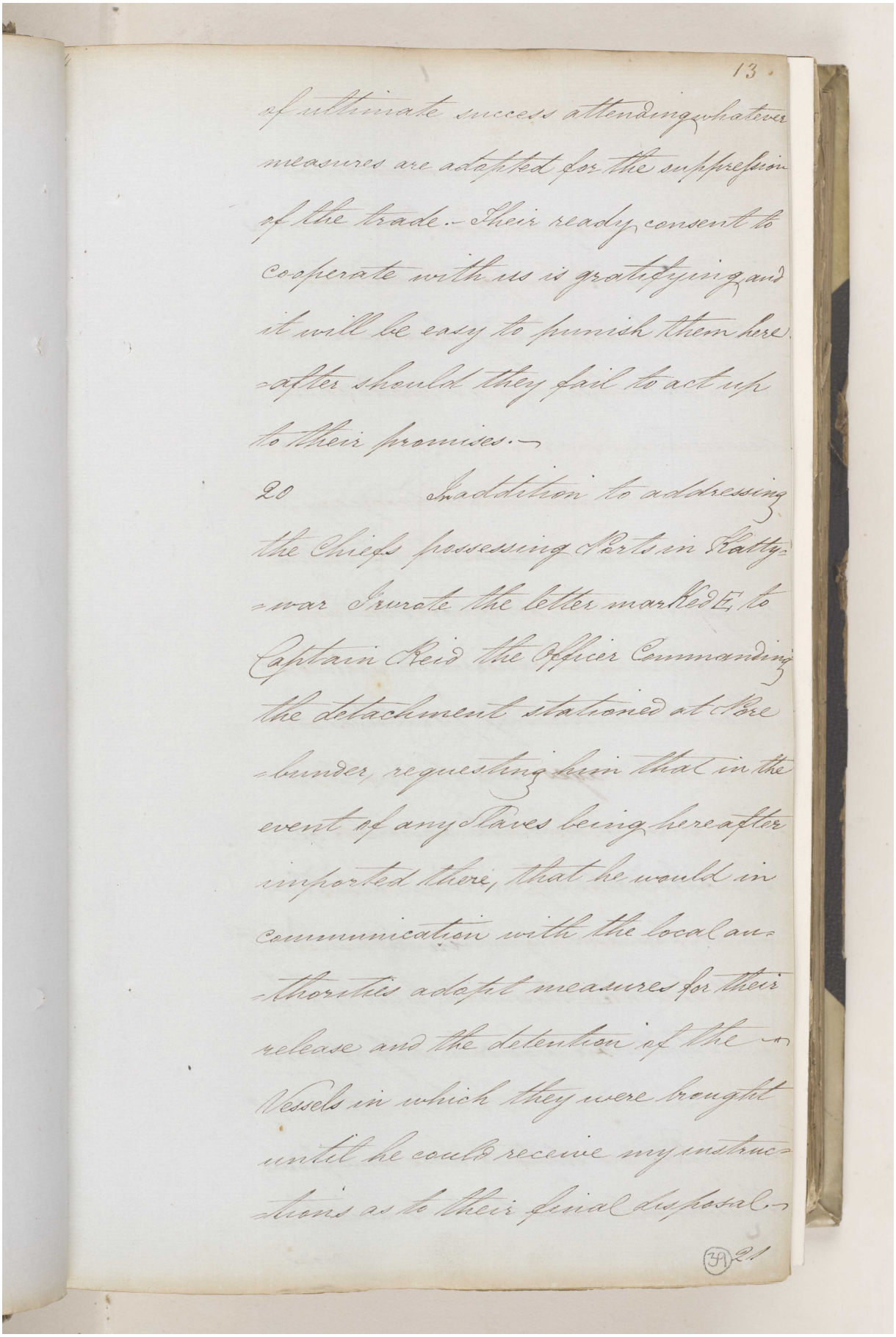

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of ultimate success attending whatever measures are adopted for the suppression of the trade.— Their ready consent to cooperate with us is gratifying and it will be easy to punish them hereafter should they fail to act up to their promises.—

20 In addition to addressing the Chiefs possessing Ports in Kattywar I urate the letter marked E, to Captain Reid the Officer Commanding the detachment stationed at Porebunder, requesting him that in the event of any Slaves being hereafter imported there, that he would in communication with the local authorities adopt measures for their release and the detention of the Vessels in which they were brought until he could receive my instructions as to their final disposal.—

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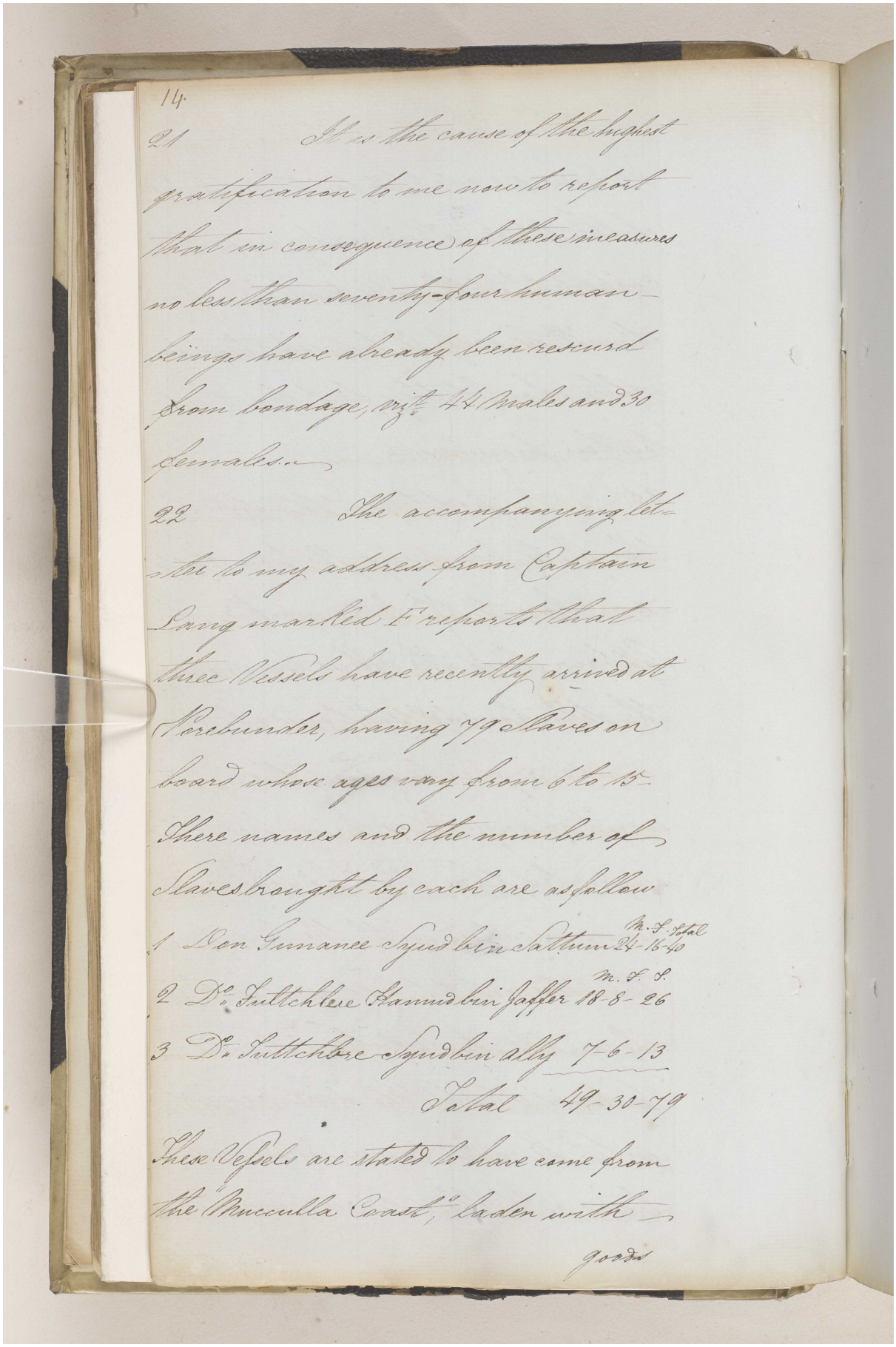

21 It is the cause of the highest gratification to me now to report that in consequence of these measures no less than seventy-four human beings have already been rescurd from bondage, vizt. 44 Males and 30 females.

22 The accompanying letter to my address from Captain Lang marked F reports that three Vessels have recently arrived at Porebunder, having 79 Slaves on board whose ages vary from 6 to 15. There names and the number of Slaves brought by each are as follow

		M.	F.	Total
1	Don Gunanee Syud bin Sattum	24	16	40
2	D^o. Tuttchlere Hamud bin Jaffer	18	8	26
3	D^o. Tuttchbre Syud bin ally	7	6	13
	Total	49	30	79

These Vessels are stated to have come from the "Mucculla Coast," laden with

goods

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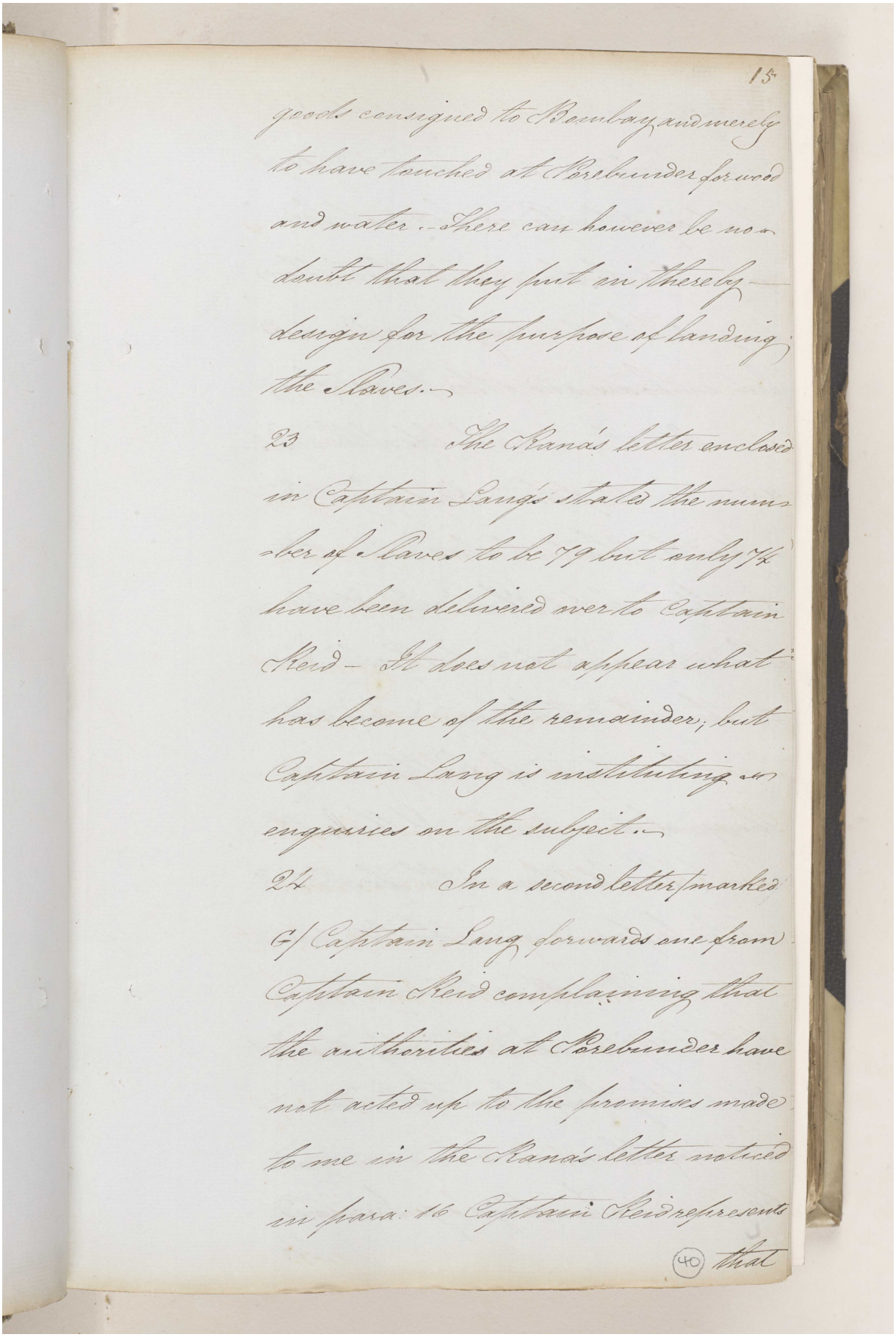

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goods consigned to Bombay and thereby to have touched at Porebunder for wood and water. There can however be no doubt that they put in there by design for the purpose of landing the Slaves.

23 The Rana's letter enclosed in Captain Lang's states the number of Slaves to be 79 but only 74 have been delivered over to Captain Reid. It does not appear what has become of the remainder, but Captain Lang is instituting enquiries on the subject.

24 In a second letter marked C/ Captain Lang forwards one from Captain Reid complaining that the authorities at Porebunder have not acted up to the promises made to me in the Rana's letter noticed in para: 16 Captain Reid represents

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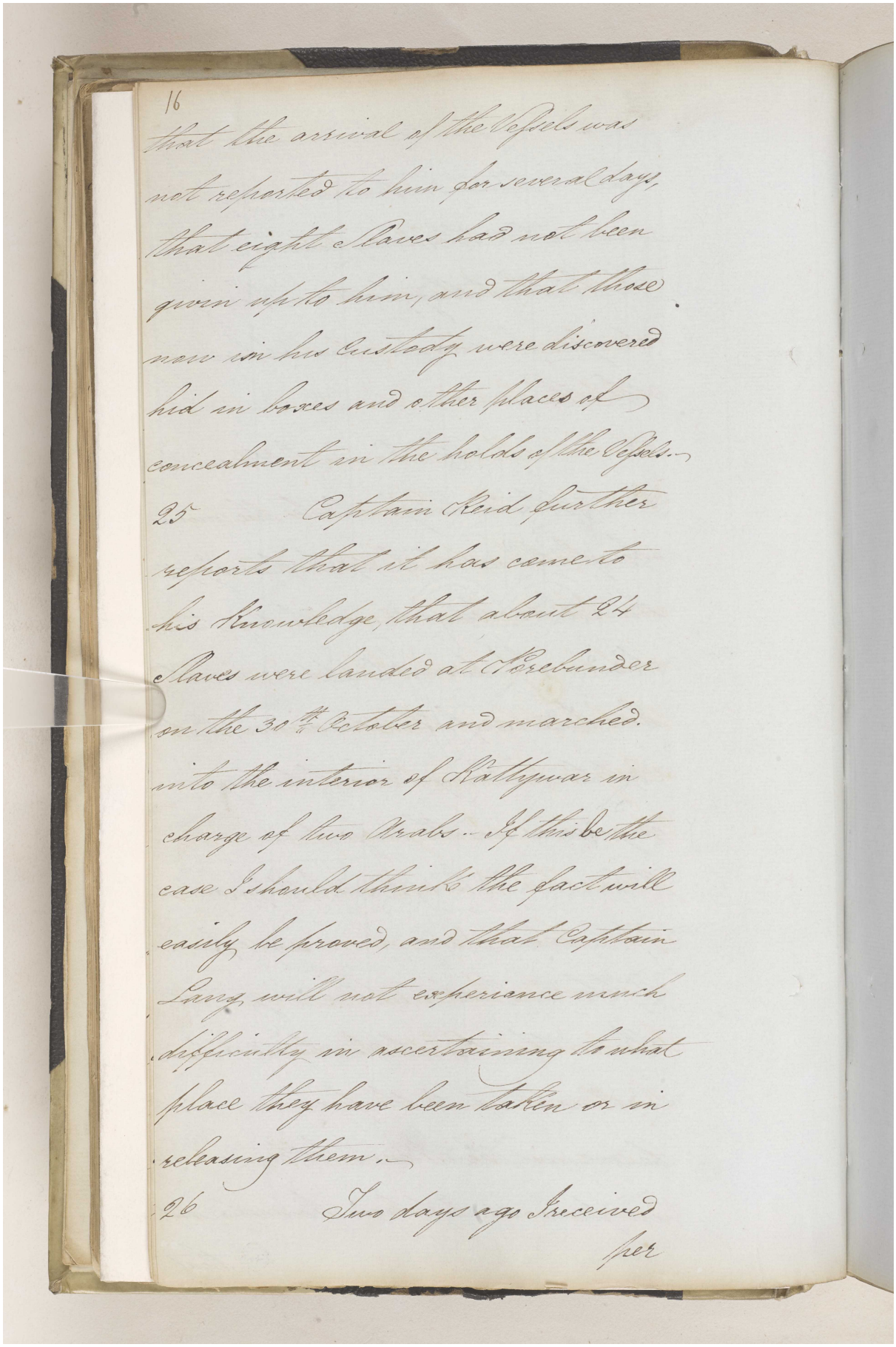

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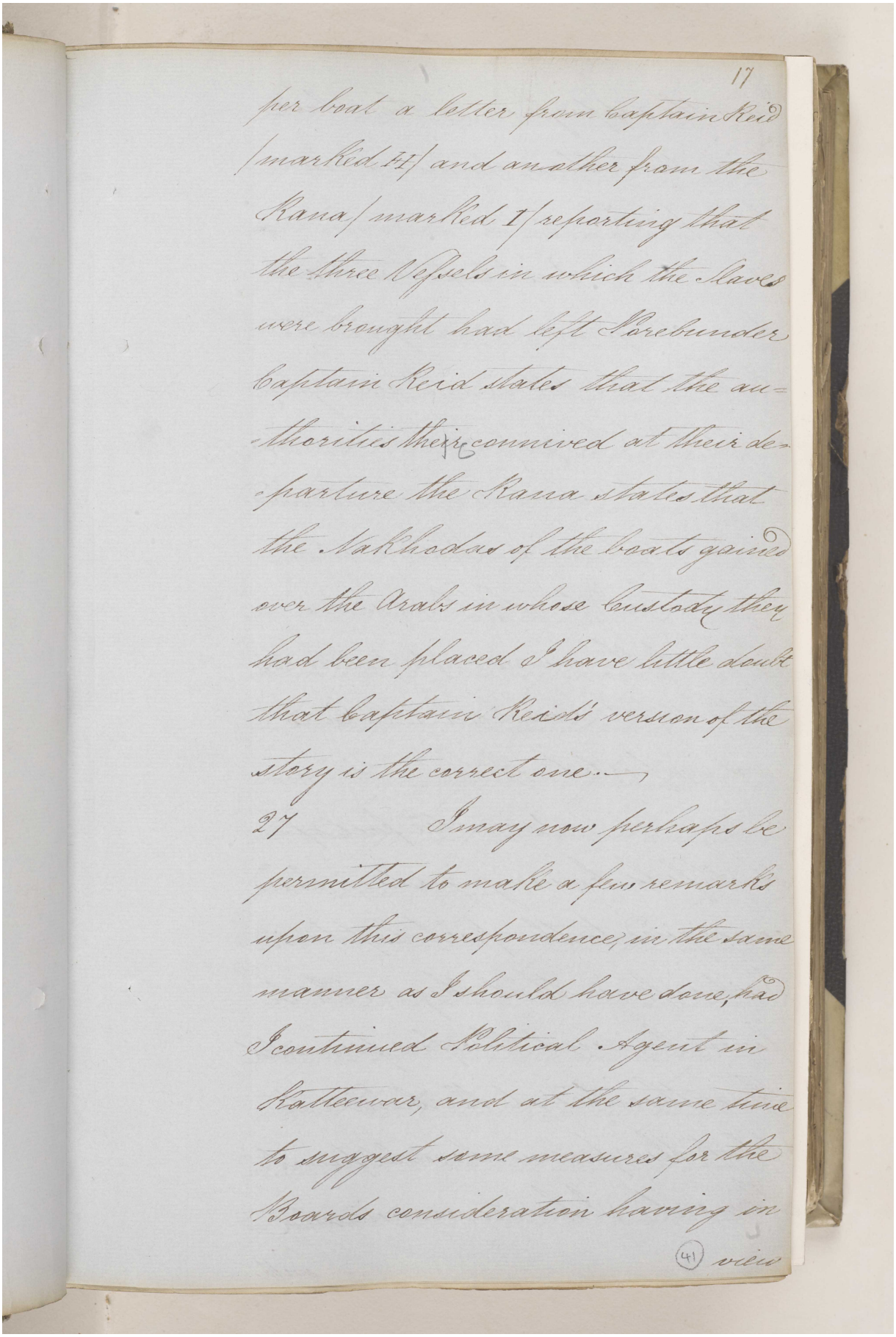
that the arrival of the Vessels was not reported to him for several days, that eight Slaves had not been given up to him, and that those more in his Custody were discovered hid in boxes and other places of concealment in the holds of the Vessels.

25 Captain Reid further reports that it has come to his knowledge, that about 24 Slaves were landed at Porebunder on the 30th October and marched into the interior of Kattywar in charge of two Arabs. If this be the case I should think the fact will easily be proved, and that Captain Lang will not experience much difficulty in ascertaining to what place they have been taken or in releasing them.

26 Two days ago I received per



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per boat a letter from Captain Reid /marked #2/ and another from the Rana /marked 1/ reporting that the three Vessels in which the Slaves were brought had left Porebunder Captain Reid states that the authorities there connived at their departure the Rana states that the Nakhodas of the boats gained over the Arabs in whose custody they had been placed I have little doubt that Captain Reid's version of the story is the correct one.—

27 I may now perhaps be permitted to make a few remarks upon this correspondence, in the same manner as I should have done, had I continued Political Agent in Kattiewar, and at the same time to suggest some measures for the Boards consideration having in

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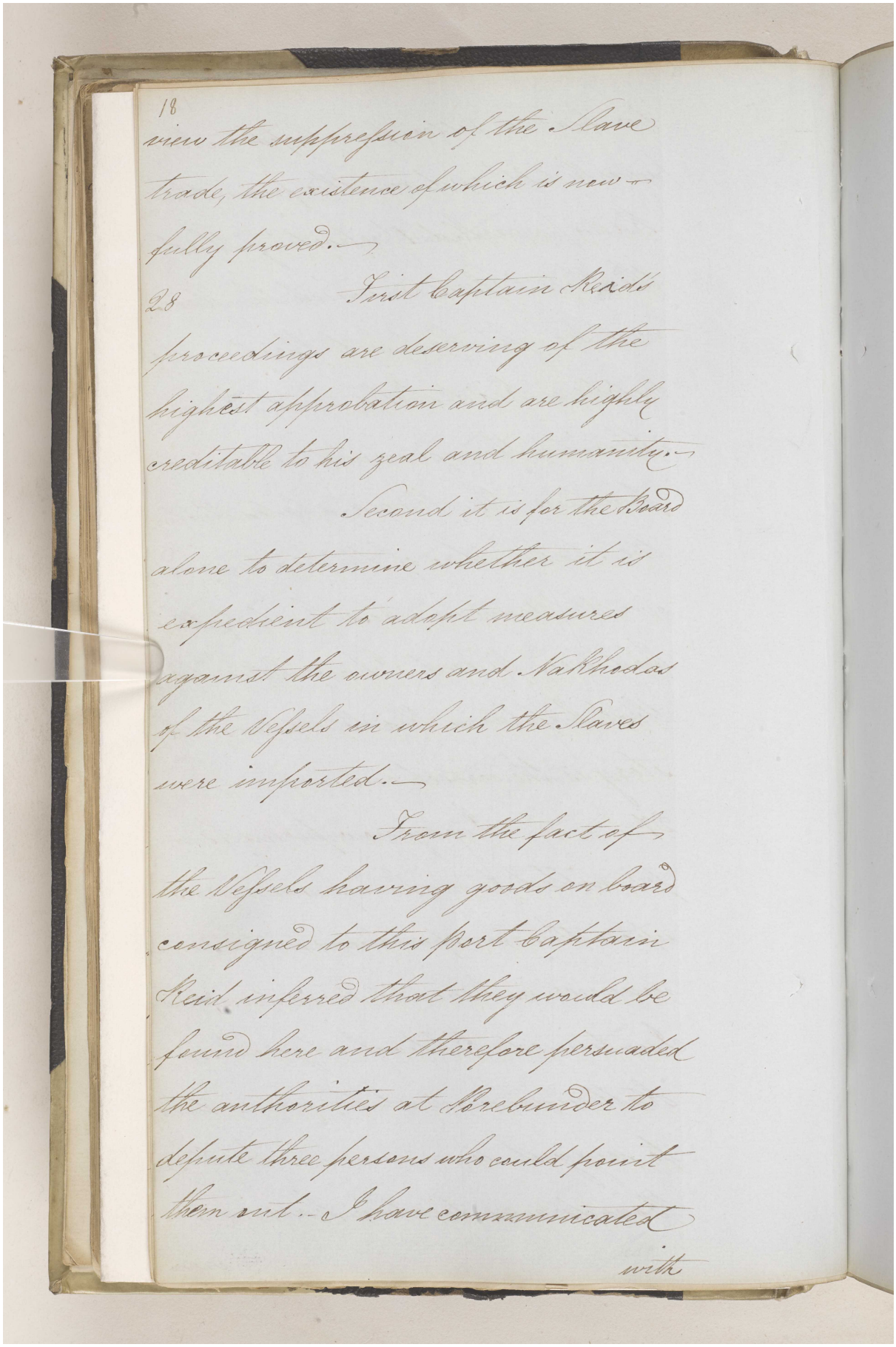

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view the suppression of the Slave
trade, the existence of which is now
fully proved.—
28 First Captain Reid's
proceedings are deserving of the
highest approbation and are highly
creditable to his zeal and humanity.—
Second it is for the Board
alone to determine whether it is
expedient to adopt measures
against the owners and Nakhodas
of the Vessels in which the Slaves
were imported.—
From the fact of
the Vessels having goods on board
consigned to this port Captain
Reid inferred that they would be
found here and therefore persuaded
the authorities at Porebunder to
depute three persons who could point
them out.— I have communicated
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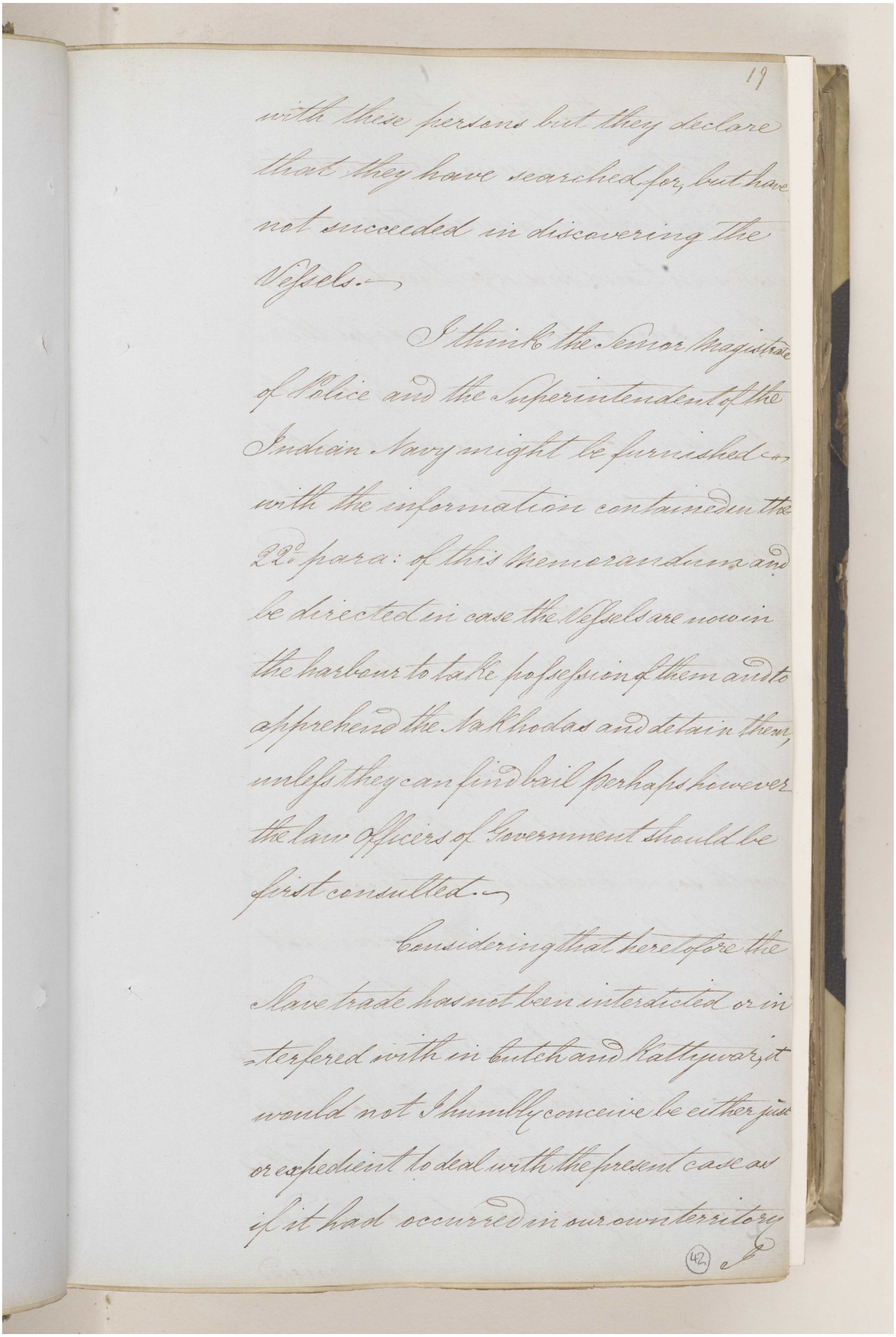

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with these persons but they declare that they have searched for, but have not succeeded in discovering the Vessels.—

I think the Senior Magistrate of Police and the Superintendent of the Indian Navy might be furnished—with the information contained in the 2d para: of this Memorandum and be directed in case the Vessels are now in the harbour to take possession of them and to apprehend the Nakhodas and detain them, unless they can find bail perhaps however the Law Officers of Government should be first consulted.—

Considering that heretofore the Slave trade has not been interdicted or interfered with in Cutch and Kattywar it would not I humbly conceive be either just or expedient to deal with the present case as if it had occurred in our own territory

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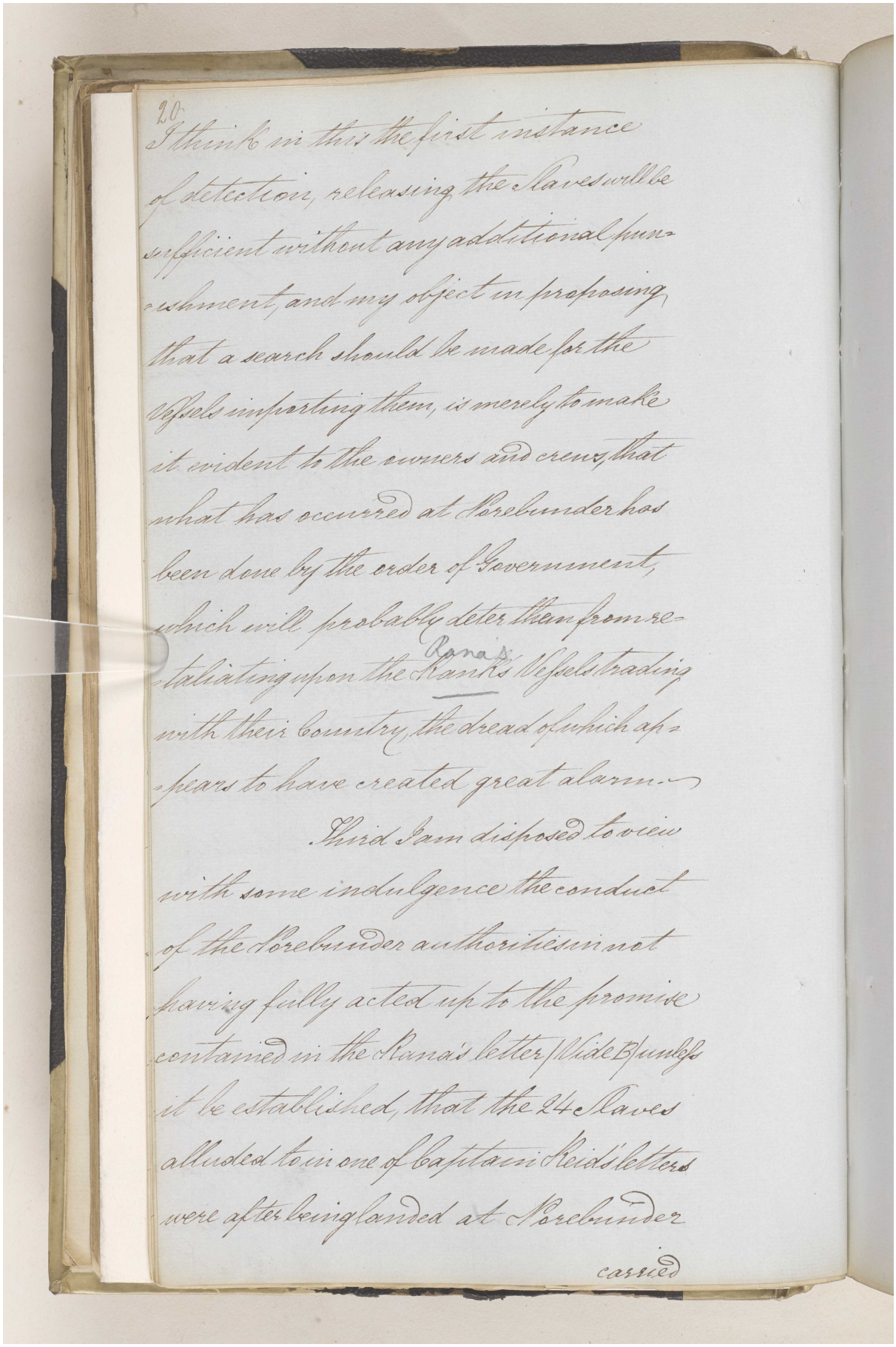

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I think in this the first instance of detection, releasing the Slaves will be sufficient without any additional punishment, and my object in proposing that a search should be made for the Vessels importing them, is merely to make it evident to the owners and crews, that what has occurred at Porebunder has been done by the order of Government, which will probably deter them from retaliating upon the Rana's Vessels trading with their Country, the dread of which appears to have created great alarm.

Third I am disposed to view with some indulgence the conduct of the Porebunder authorities in not having fully acted up to the promise contained in the Rana's letter (Vide Para 3) if it be established, that the 24 Slaves alluded to in one of Captain Reid's letters were after being landed at Porebunder

carried

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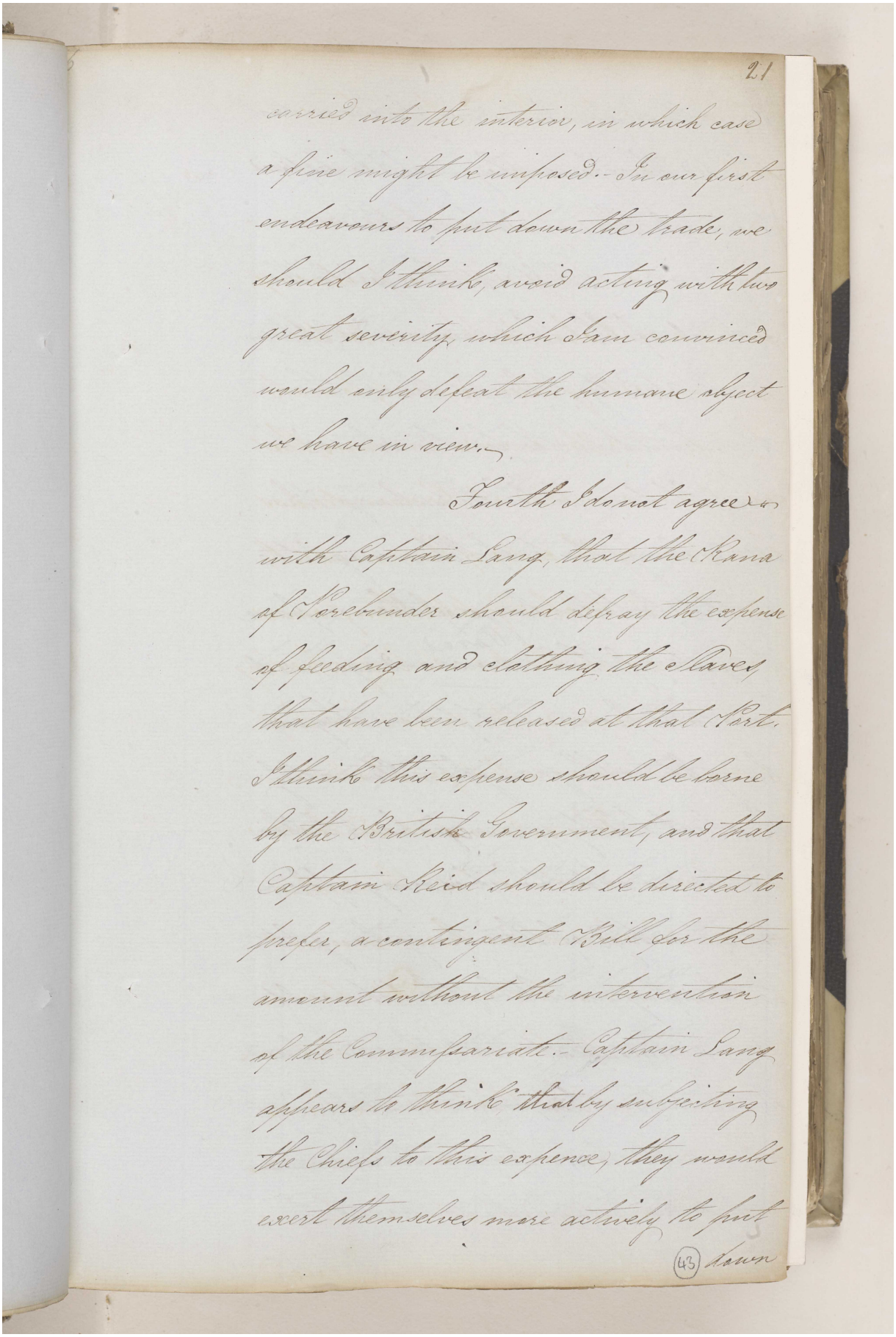

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carried into the interior, in which case a fine might be imposed.- In our first endeavours to put down the trade, we should I think, avoid acting with too great severity, which I am convinced would only defeat the humane object we have in view.

Fourthly I do not agree with Captain Lang, that the Rana of Porebunder should defray the expense of feeding and clothing the slaves that have been released at that Port. I think this expense should be borne by the British Government, and that Captain Reid should be directed to prepare a contingent Bill for the amount without the intervention of the Commissariate. Captain Lang appears to think that by subjecting the Chiefs to this expence, they would exert themselves more actively to put

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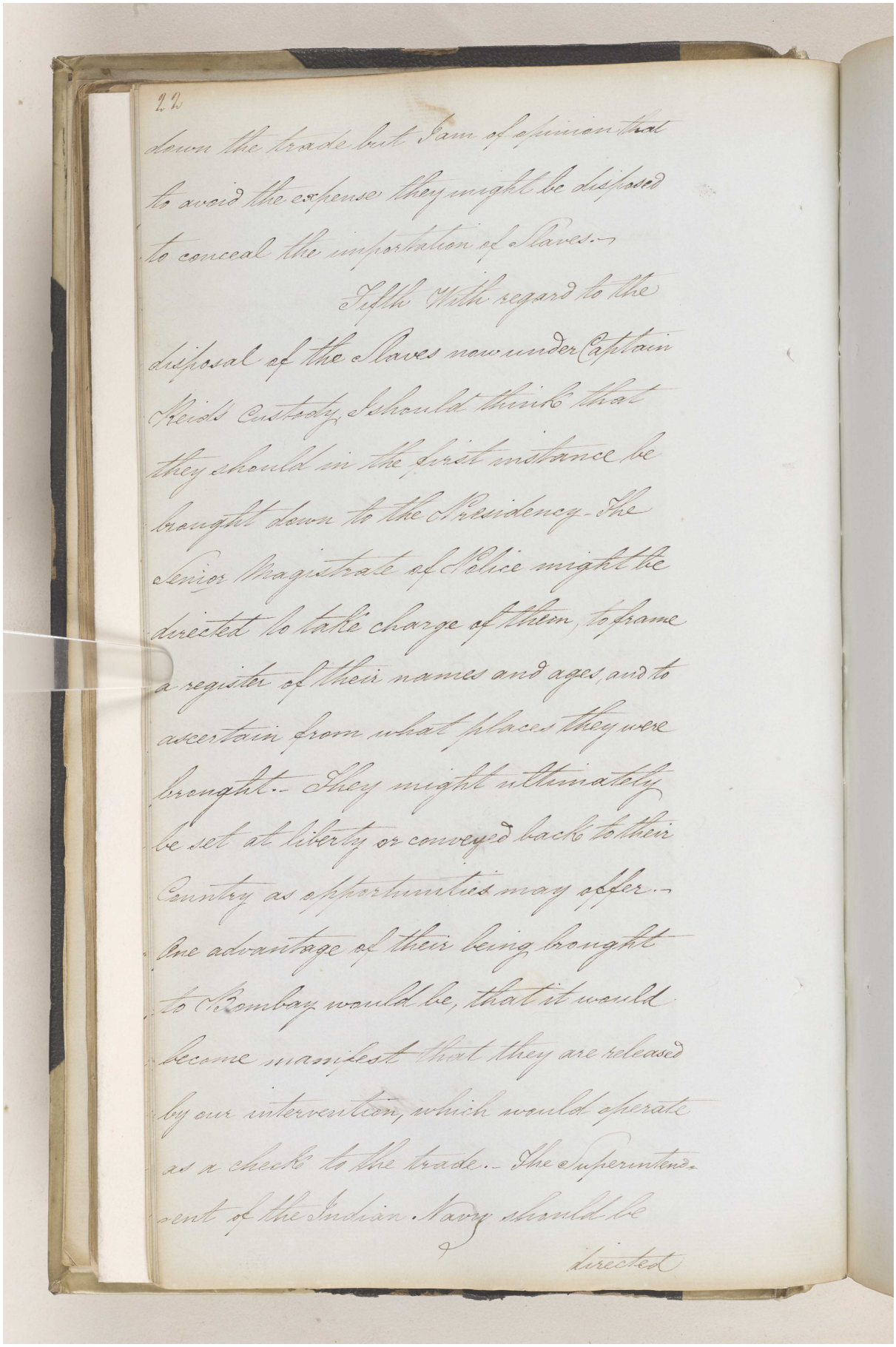

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down the trade but I am of opinion that to avoid the expense they might be disposed to conceal the importation of Slaves.—

Fifthly With regard to the disposal of the Slaves now under Captain Reid's Custody, I should think that they should in the first instance be brought down to the Presidency. The Senior Magistrate of Police might be directed to take charge of them, to frame a register of their names and ages, and to ascertain from what places they were brought.— They might ultimately be set at liberty or conveyed back to their Country as opportunities may offer.— One advantage of their being brought to Bombay would be, that it would become manifest that they are released by our intervention, which would operate as a check to the trade.— The Superintendent of the Indian Navy should be

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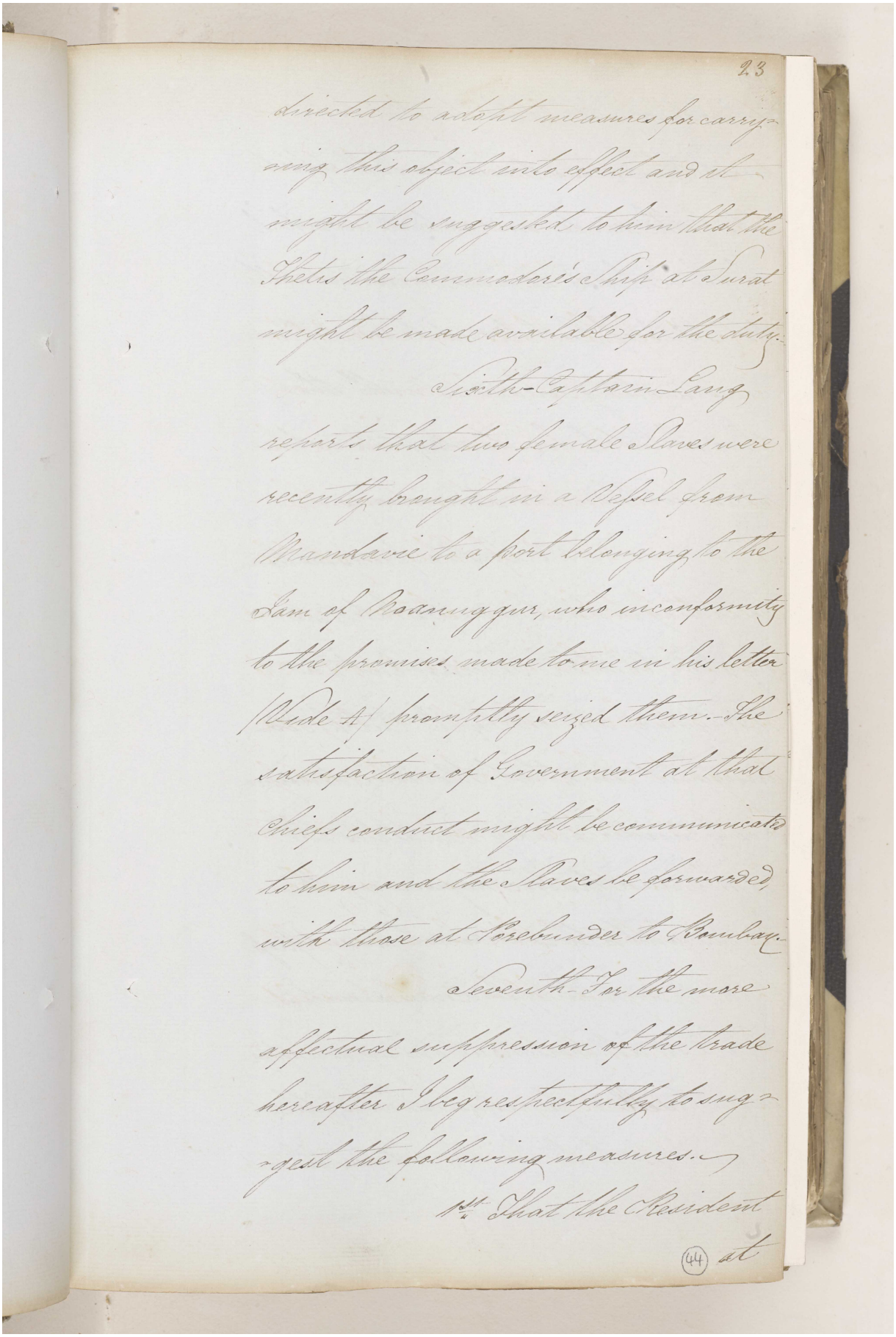

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directed to adopt measures for carrying this object into effect and it might be suggested to him that the Fhetis the Commodore's Ship at Surat might be made available for the duty.

Sixth-Captain Lang reports that two female Slaves were recently bought in a Vessel from Mundavie to a port belonging to the Jam of Nowanuggur, who in conformity to the promises made to me in his letter Mode A/ promptly seized them. The satisfaction of Government at that Chiefs conduct might be communicated to him and the Slaves be forwarded with those at Porebunder to Bombay.

Seventh. For the more effectual suppression of the trade hereafter I beg respectfully to suggest the following measures.

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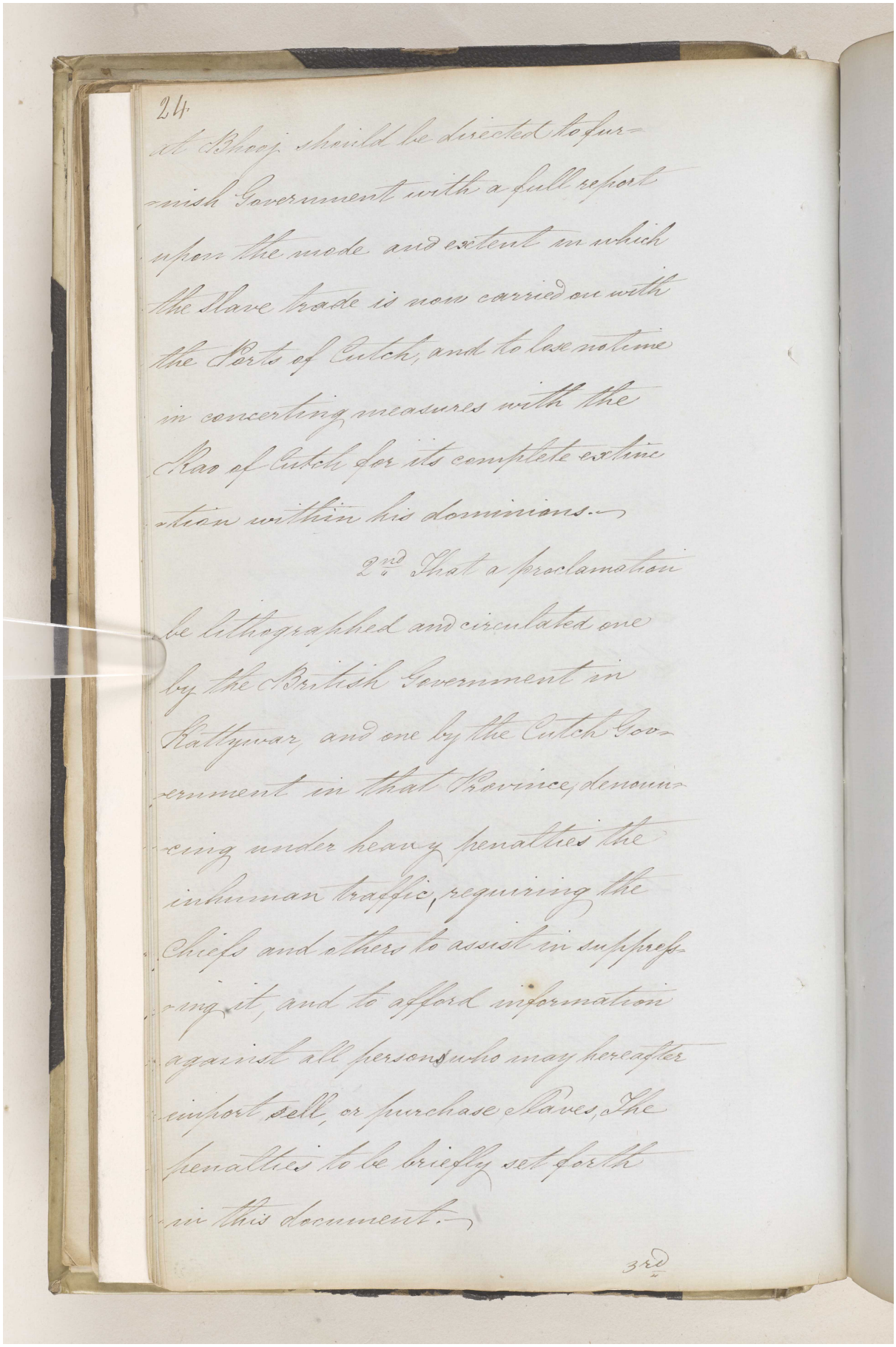

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at Bhooj should be directed to fur-
nish Government with a full report
upon the mode and extent in which
the Slave trade is now carried on with
the Ports of Cutch, and to lose no time
in concerting measures with the
Rao of Cutch for its complete extine
tion within his dominions.

2nd That a proclamation
be lithographed and circulated one
by the British Government in
Kattywar, and one by the Cutch Gov-
ernment in that Province denoun-
cing under heavy penalties the
inhuman traffic, requiring the
Chiefs and others to assist in suppres-
sing it, and to afford information
against all persons who may hereafter
import sell, or purchase Slaves, the
penalties to be briefly set forth
in this document.

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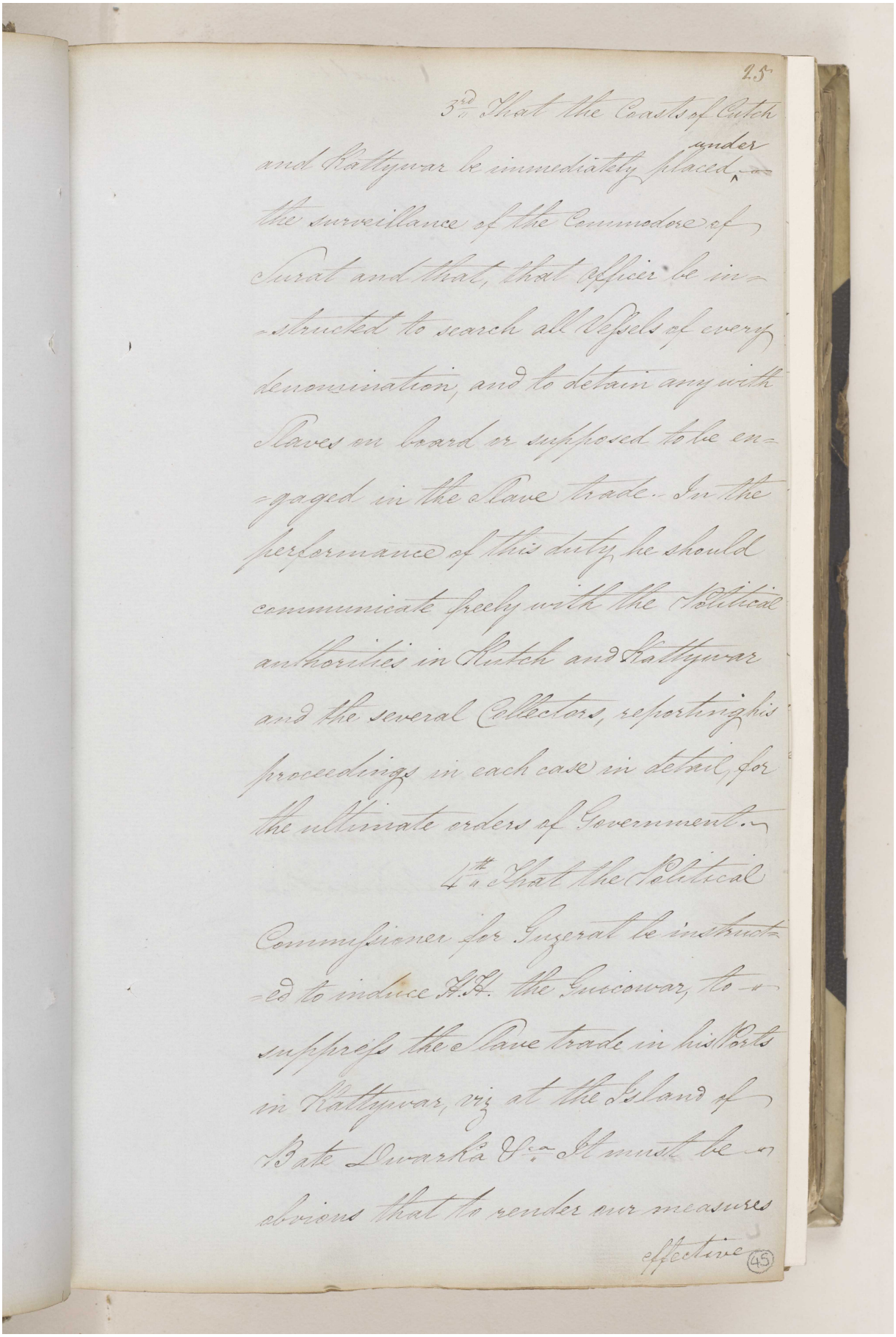

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3rd That the Coasts of Cutch and Kattywar be immediately placed under the surveillance of the Commodore of Surat and that that officer be instructed to search all Vessels of every denomination, and to detain any with Slaves on board or supposed to be engaged in the Slave trade. In the performance of this duty he should communicate freely with the Political authorities in Kutch and Kattywar and the several Collectors, reporting his proceedings in each case in detail for the ultimate orders of Government.

4th That the Political Commissioner for Guzerat be instructed to induce H.H. the Guicowar, to suppress the Slave trade in his Ports in Kattywar, viz at the Island of Bate Dwarka &c. It must be obvious that to render our measures effective

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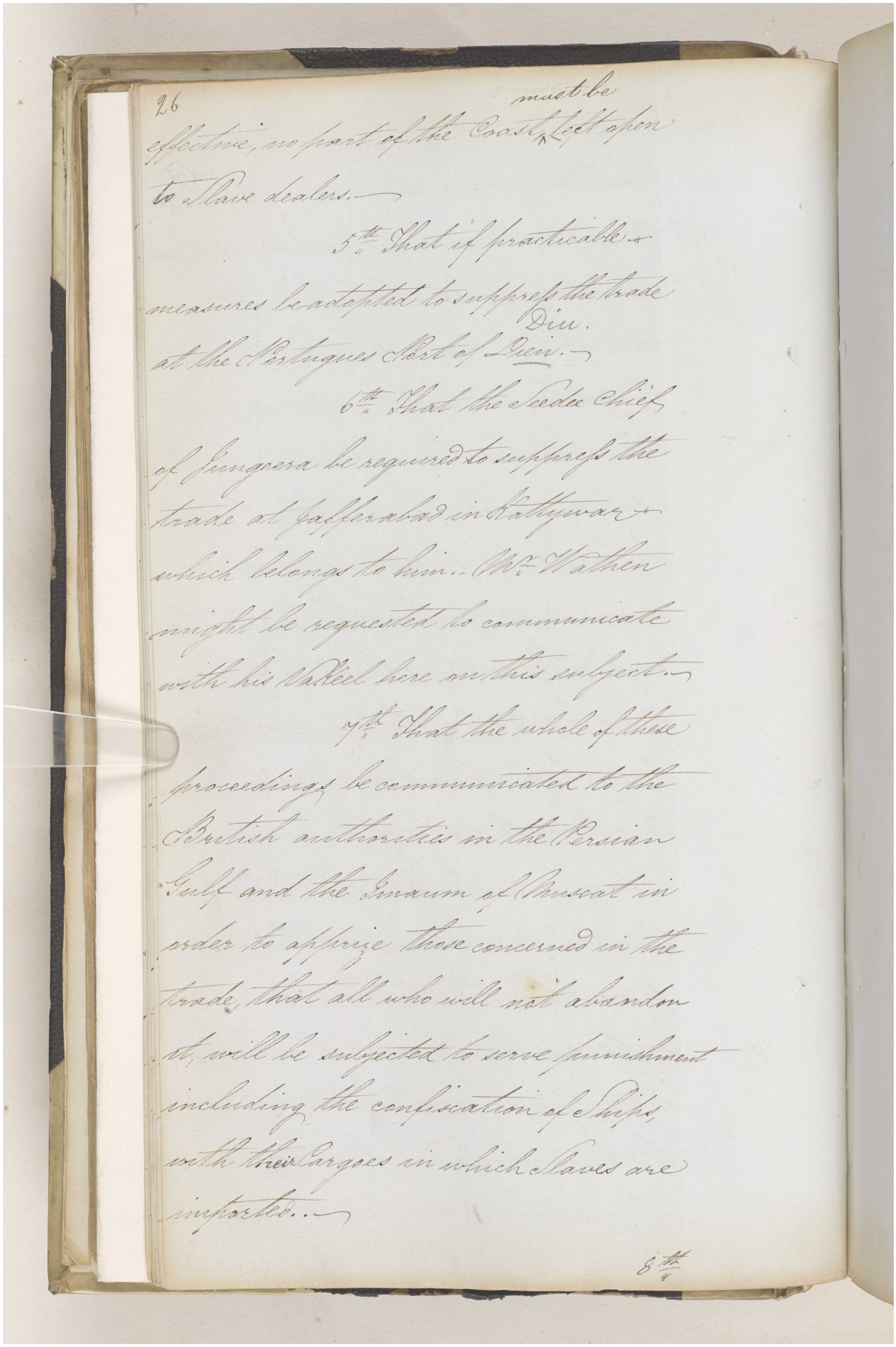

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must be
effective, no part of the Coast left open
to Slave dealers.—

5th That if practicable
measures be adopted to suppress the trade
at the Portuguese Port of Dieu.
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6th That the Soodee Chief
of Jungeera be required to suppress the
trade at Jafferabad in Kattywar
which belongs to him.— Mr Wathen
might be requested to communicate
with his Vakeel here on this subject.—

7th That the whole of these
proceedings be communicated to the
British authorities in the Persian
Gulf and the Imaum of Muscat in
order to apprize those concerned in the
trade, that all who will not abandon
it, will be subjected to severe punishment
including the confiscation of Ships
with their Cargoes in which Slaves are
imported.—

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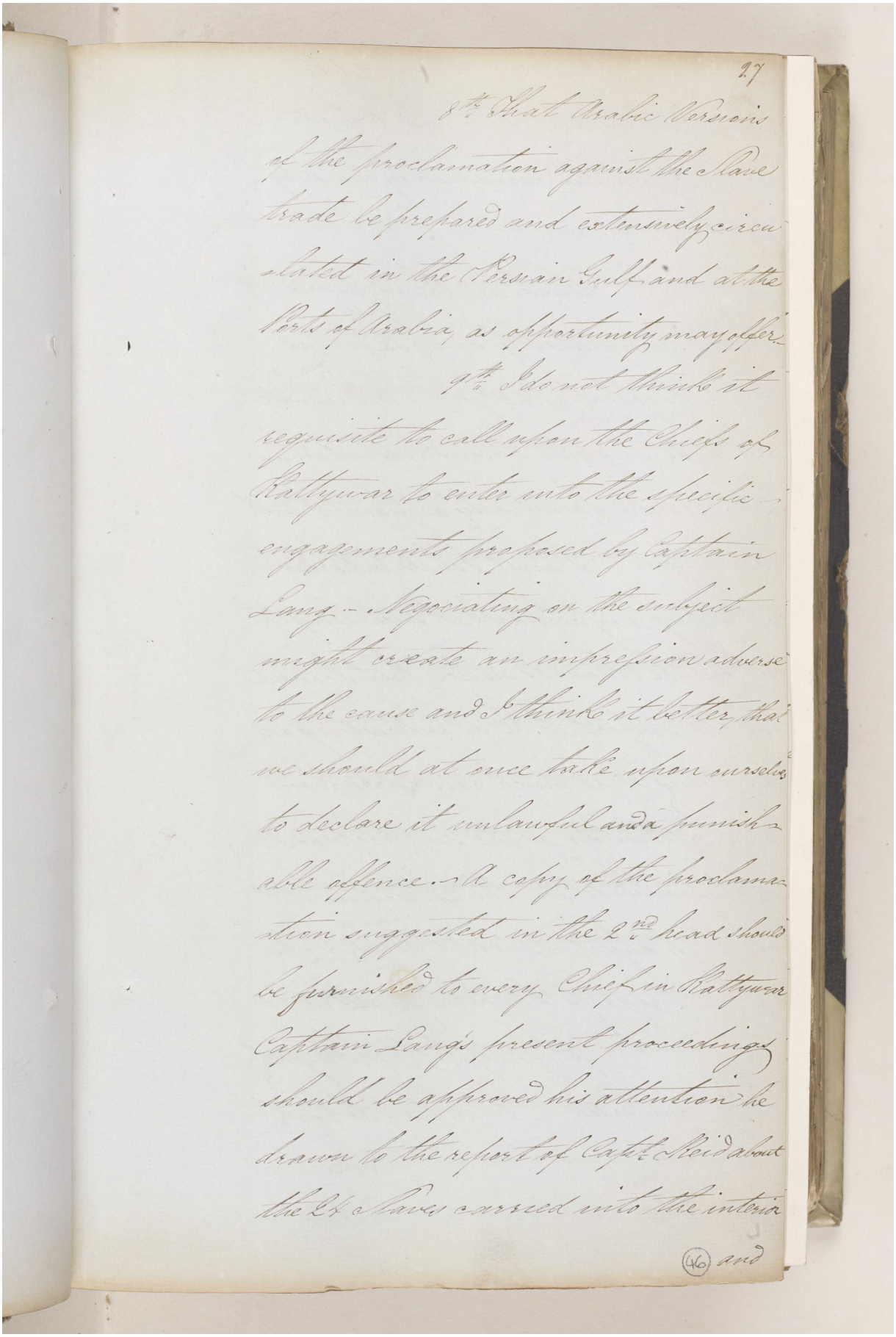

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8th That Arabic Versions of the proclamation against the Slave trade be prepared and extensively circulated in the Persian Gulf and at the Ports of Arabia, as opportunity may offer.

9th I do not think it requisite to call upon the Chiefs of Kattywar to enter into the specific engagements proposed by Captain Lang.— Negociating on the subject might create an impression adverse to the cause and I think it better, that we should at once take upon ourselves to declare it unlawful and a punishable offence.— A copy of the proclamation suggested in the 2nd head should be furnished to every Chief in Kattywar

Captain Lang's present proceedings should be approved his attention be drawn to the report of Capt. Reid about the 24 Slaves carried into the interior

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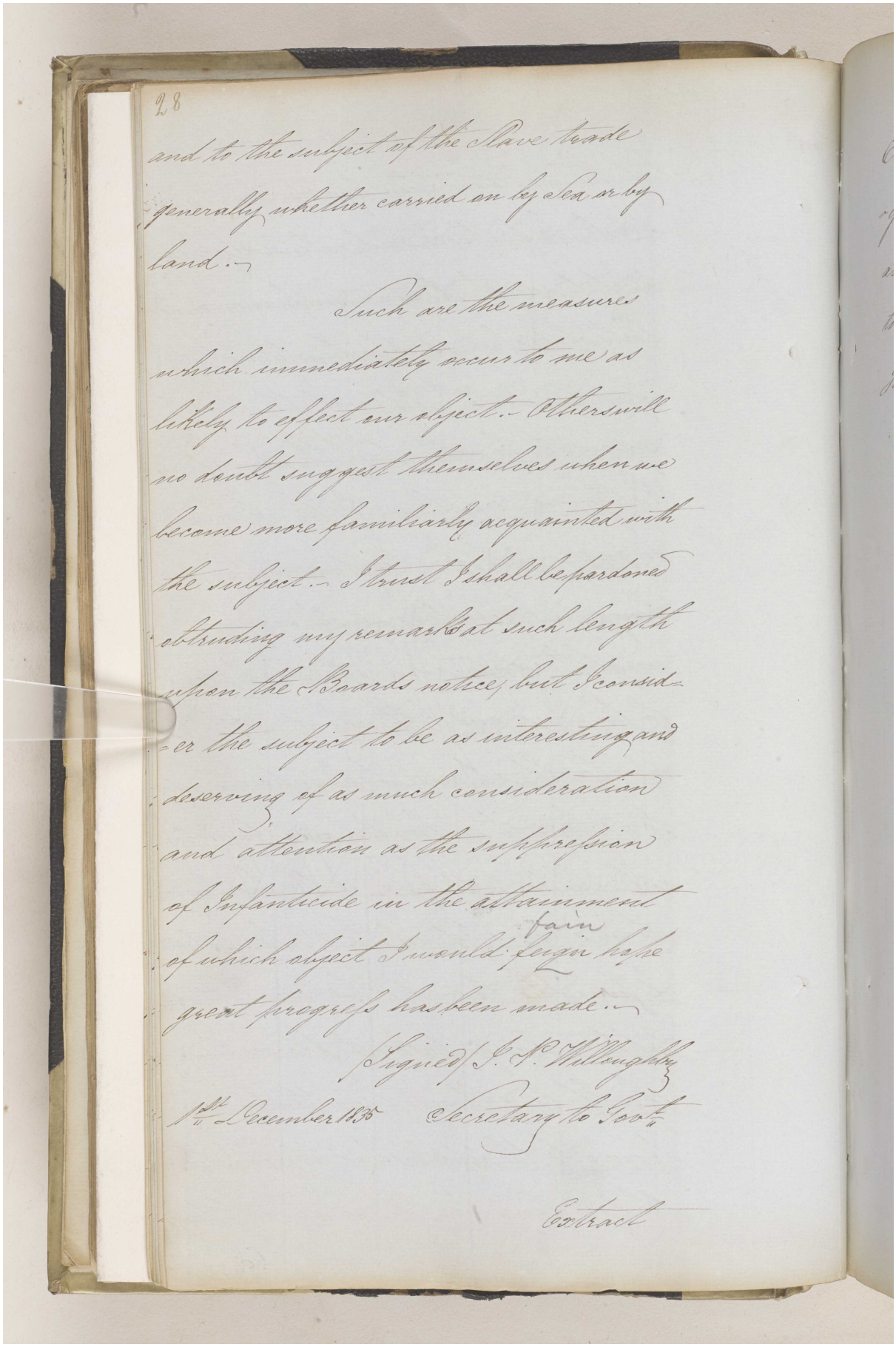

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and to the subject of the Slave trade generally whether carried on by Sea or by land.—

Such are the measures which immediately occur to me as likely to effect our object.— Others will no doubt suggest themselves when we become more familiarly acquainted with the subject.— I trust I shall be pardoned obtruding my remarks at such length upon the Boards notice, but I consider the subject to be as interesting and deserving of as much consideration and attention as the suppression of Infanticide in the attainment of which object I would fain hope great progress has been made.—

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby

1st December 1835 Secretary to Govt.

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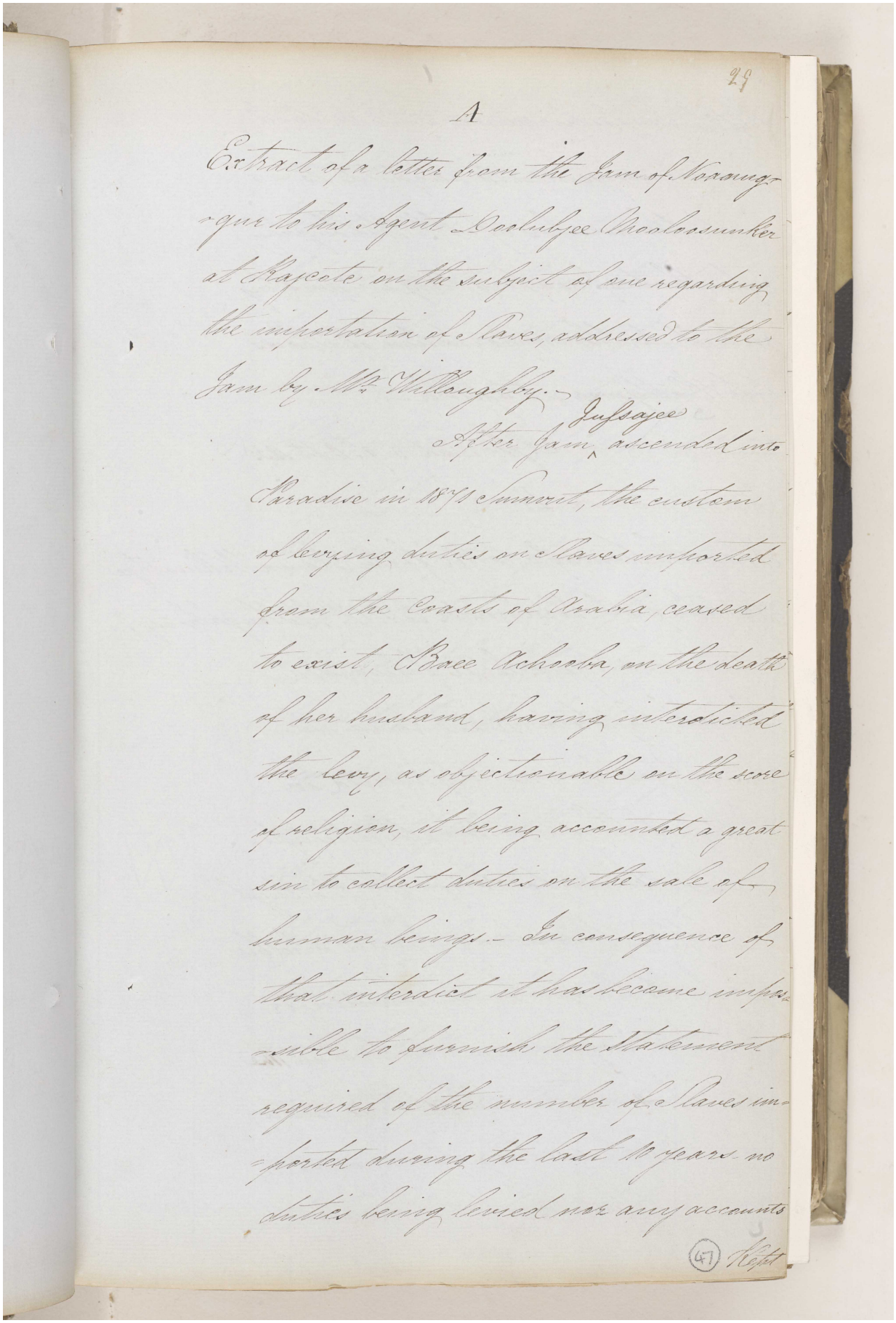

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Extract of a letter from the Jam of Nowanuggur to his Agent Doolubjee Mooloosumker at Rajcote on the subject of one regarding the importation of Slaves, addressed to the Jam by Mr. Willoughby.—

Jussajee
After Jam ascended into Paradise in 1871 Samvat, the custom of levying duties on Slaves imported from the Coasts of Arabia, ceased to exist, Baee Achoobe, on the death of her husband, having interdicted the levy, as objectionable on the score of religion, it being accounted a great sin to collect duties on the sale of human beings.— In consequence of that interdict it has became impossible to furnish the Statement required of the number of Slaves imported during the last 10 years. no duties being levied nor any accounts

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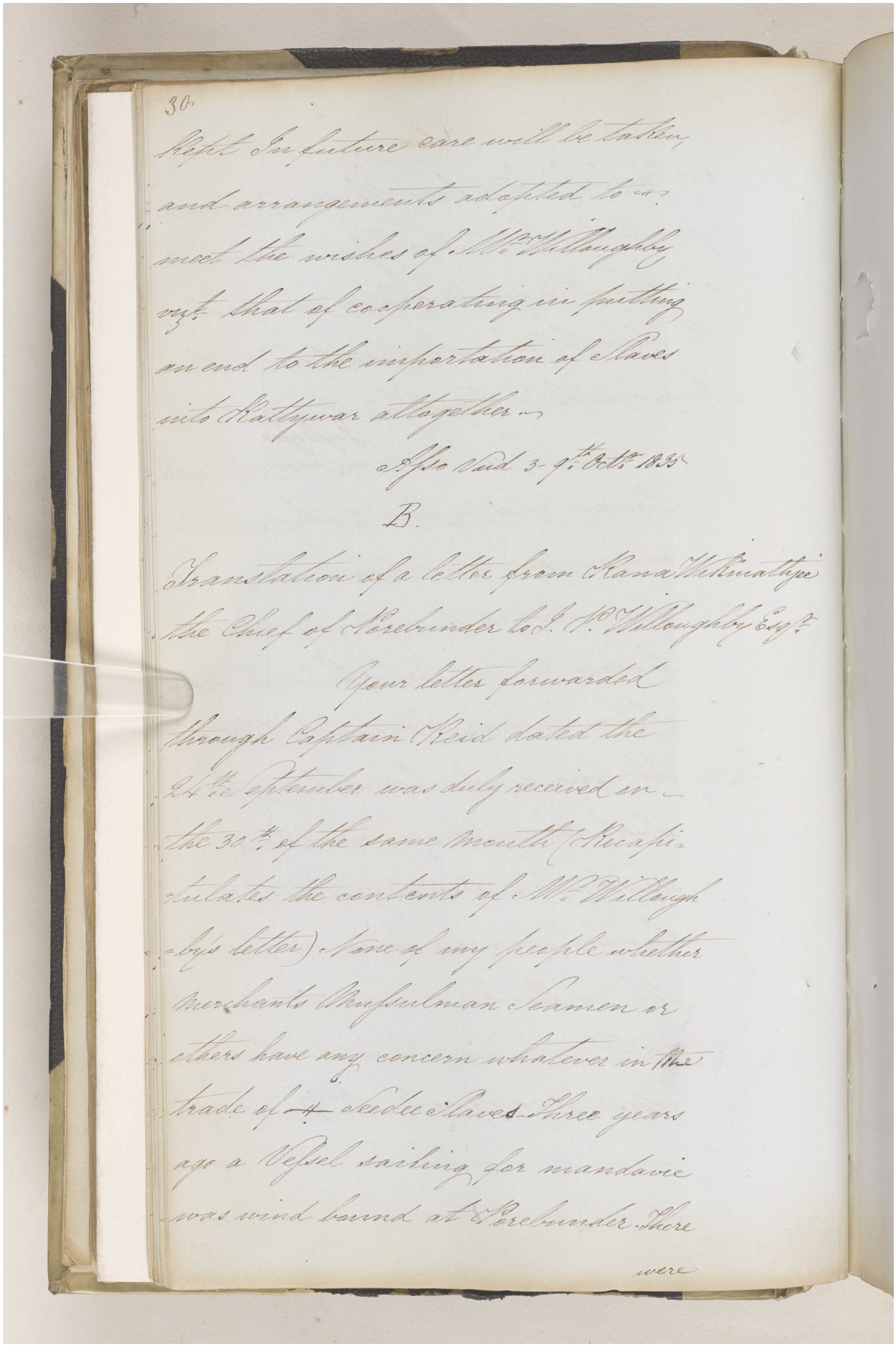

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kept In future care will be taken, and arrangements adopted to meet the wishes of Mr. Willoughby viz. that of cooperating in putting an end to the importation of Slaves into Kattywar altogether.

Asso Vud 3-9th Octr. 1835

B.

Translation of a letter from Kana Wikmathjee the Chief of Porebunder to J. P. Willoughby Esqr.

Your letter forwarded through Captain Reid dated the 24th September was duly received on the 30th of the same month (Recapitulates the contents of Mr. Willoughby's letter) None of my people whether merchants Mussulman Seamen or others have any concern whatever in the trade of Seedee Slaves. Three years ago a Vessel sailing for mandavie was wind bound at Porebunder. There

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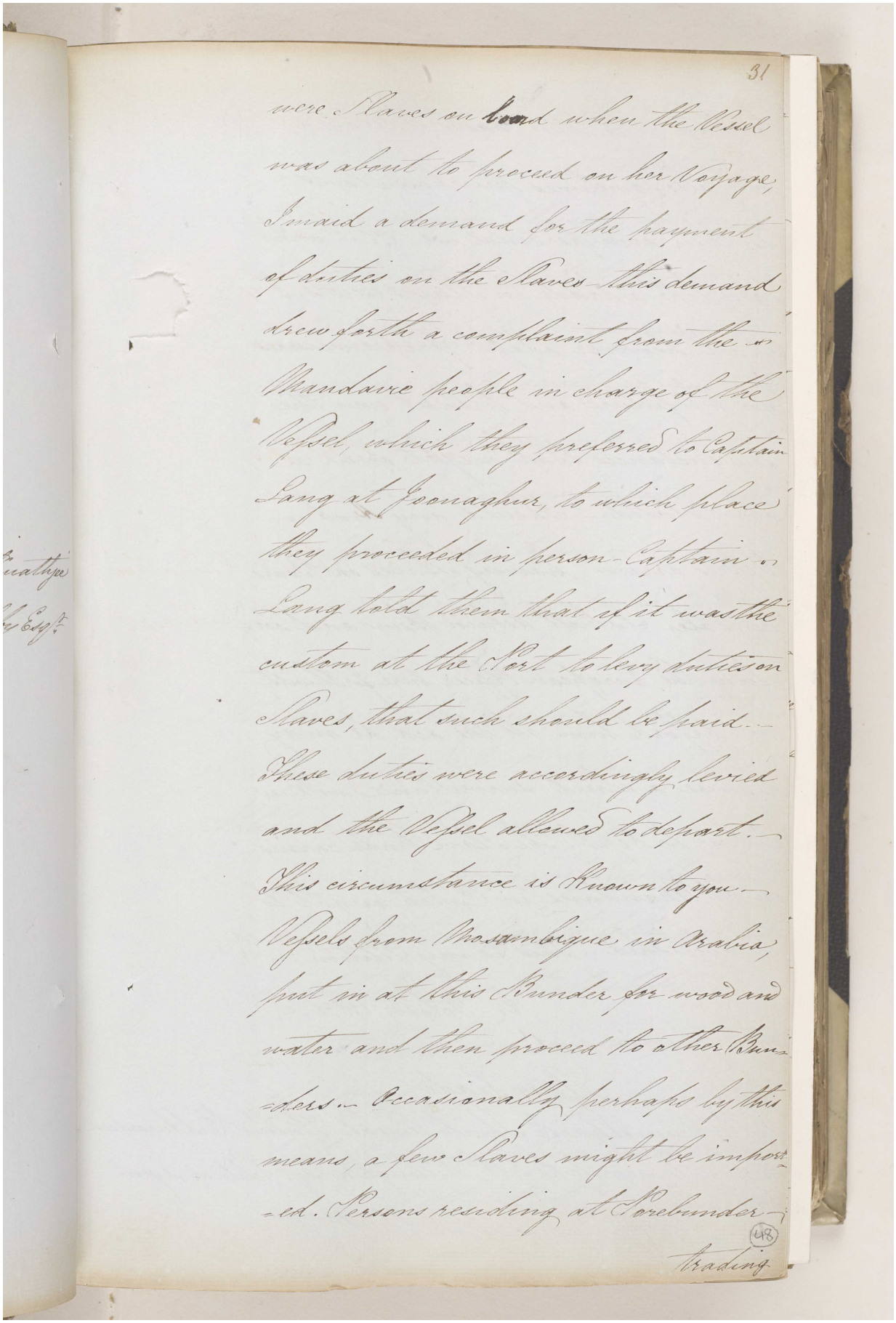

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were Slaves on board when the Vessel was about to proceed on her Voyage, I made a demand for the payment of duties on the Slaves. This demand drew forth a complaint from the Mandavie people in charge of the Vessel, which they preferred to Captain Lang at Joonaghur, to which place they proceeded in person. Captain Lang told them that if it was the custom at the Port to levy duties on Slaves, that such should be paid. These duties were accordingly levied and the Vessel allowed to depart. This circumstance is known to you. Vessels from Mossambique in Arabia, put in at this Bunder for wood and water and then proceed to other Bunders. Occasionally perhaps by this means, a few Slaves might be imported. Persons residing at Porebunder

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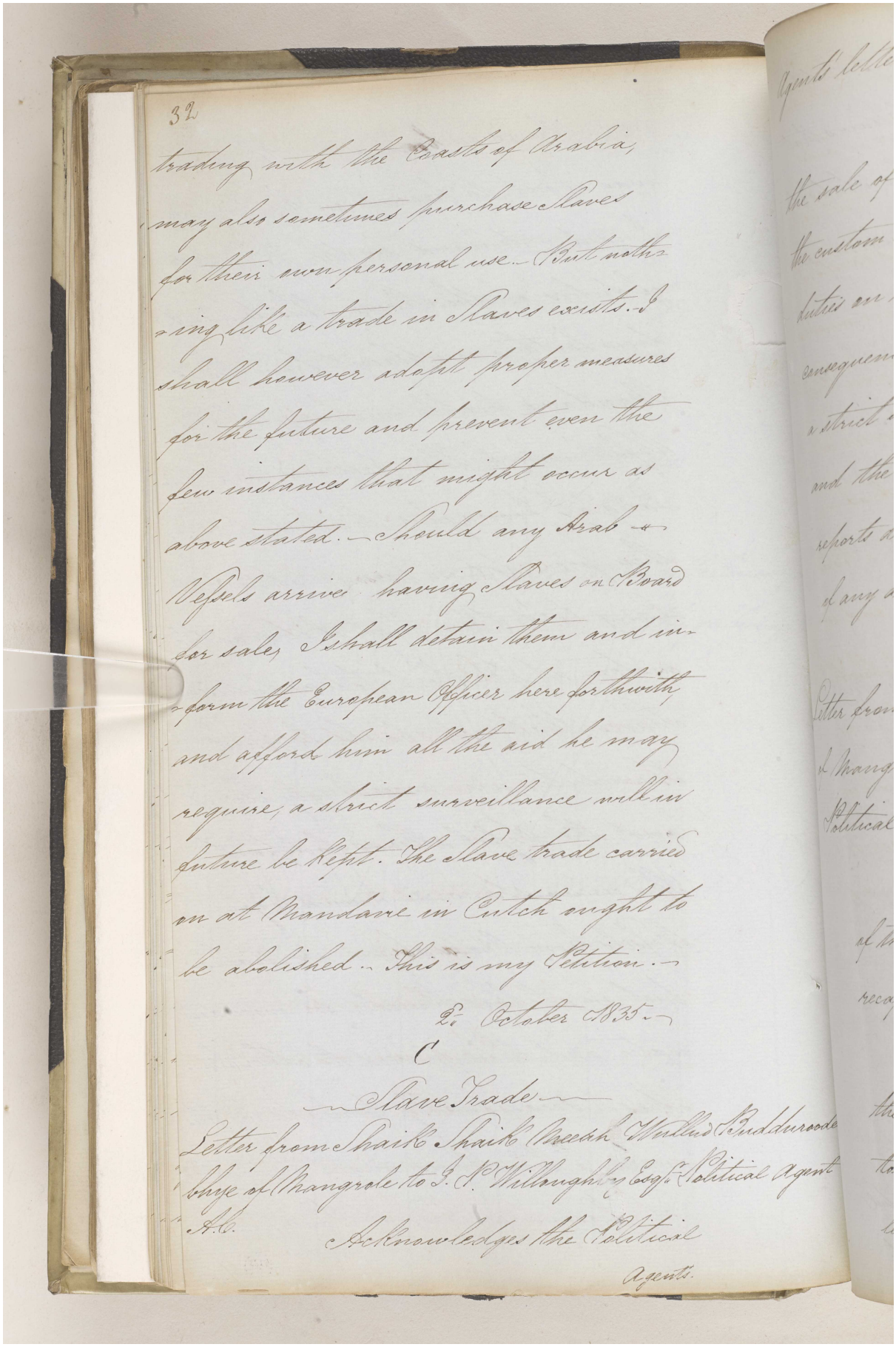

trading with the Coasts of Arabia, may also sometimes purchase Slaves for their own personal use. But nothing like a trade in Slaves exists. I shall however adopt proper measures for the future and prevent even the few instances that might occur as above stated. Should any Arab Vessels arrive having Slaves on Board for sale, I shall detain them and inform the European Officer here forthwith, and afford him all the aid he may require, a strict surveillance will in future be kept. The Slave trade carried on at Mandavie in Cutch ought to be abolished. This is my Petition.

2d October 1835.

C

Slave Trade

Letter from Shaik Shaik Meeah Wullud Buddurooddbhye of Mangrole to J. P. Willoughby Esqr. Political Agent A.C.

Acknowledges the Political Agents.

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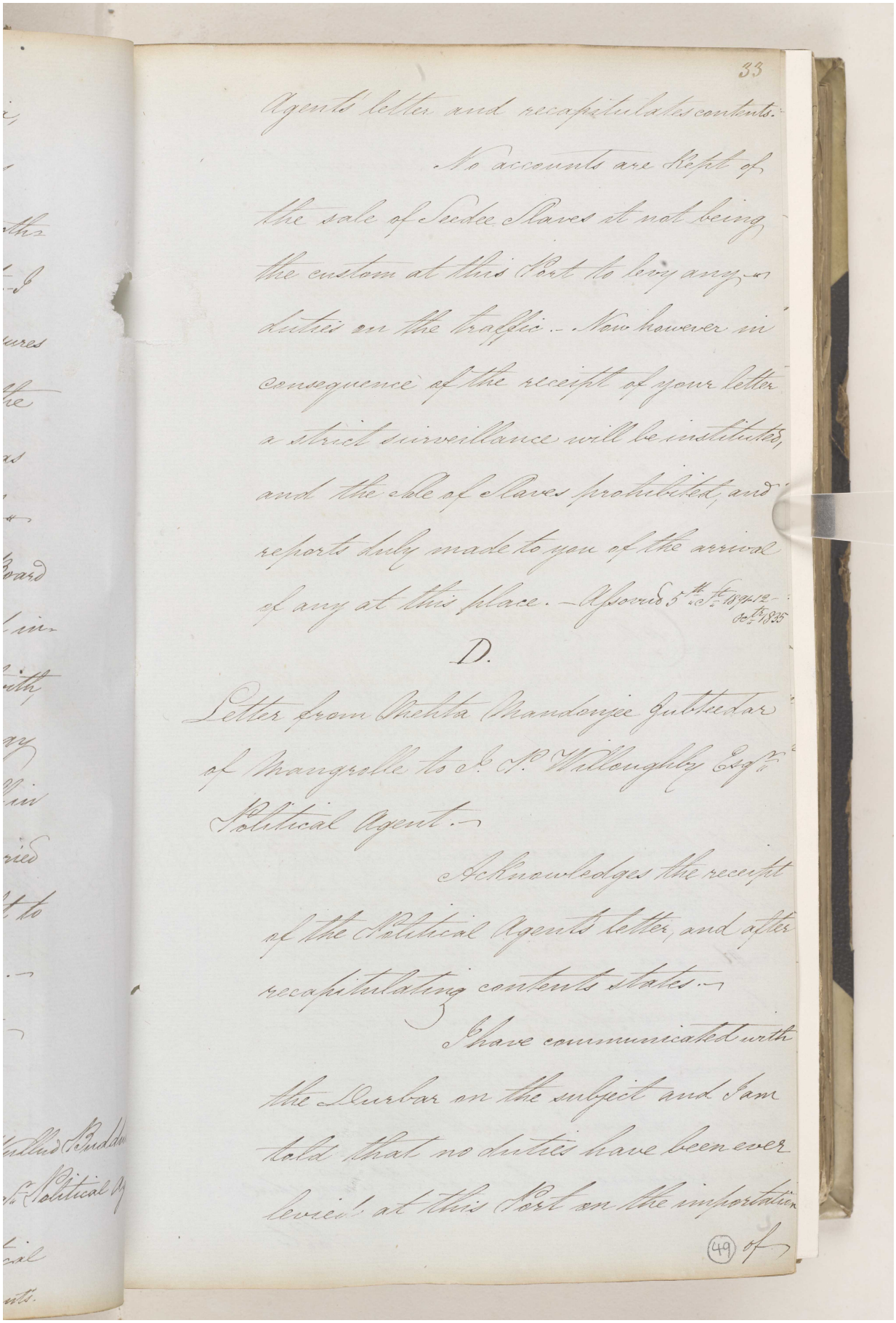

Agents' letter and recapitulates contents.

No accounts are kept of the sale of Seedee Slaves it not being the custom at this Port to levy any duties on the traffic. Now however in consequence of the receipt of your letter a strict surveillance will be instituted, and the sale of Slaves prohibited, and reports duly made to you of the arrival of any at this place. — Assovud 5th Sft 1891-12 — Octr 1835

D.

Letter from Mehta Mandonjee Gubteedar of Mangrolle to J. P. Willoughby Esqr Political Agent.

Acknowledges the receipt of the Political Agents letter, and after recapitulating contents states.

I have communicated with the Durbar on the subject and I am told that no duties have been ever levied at this Port on the importation

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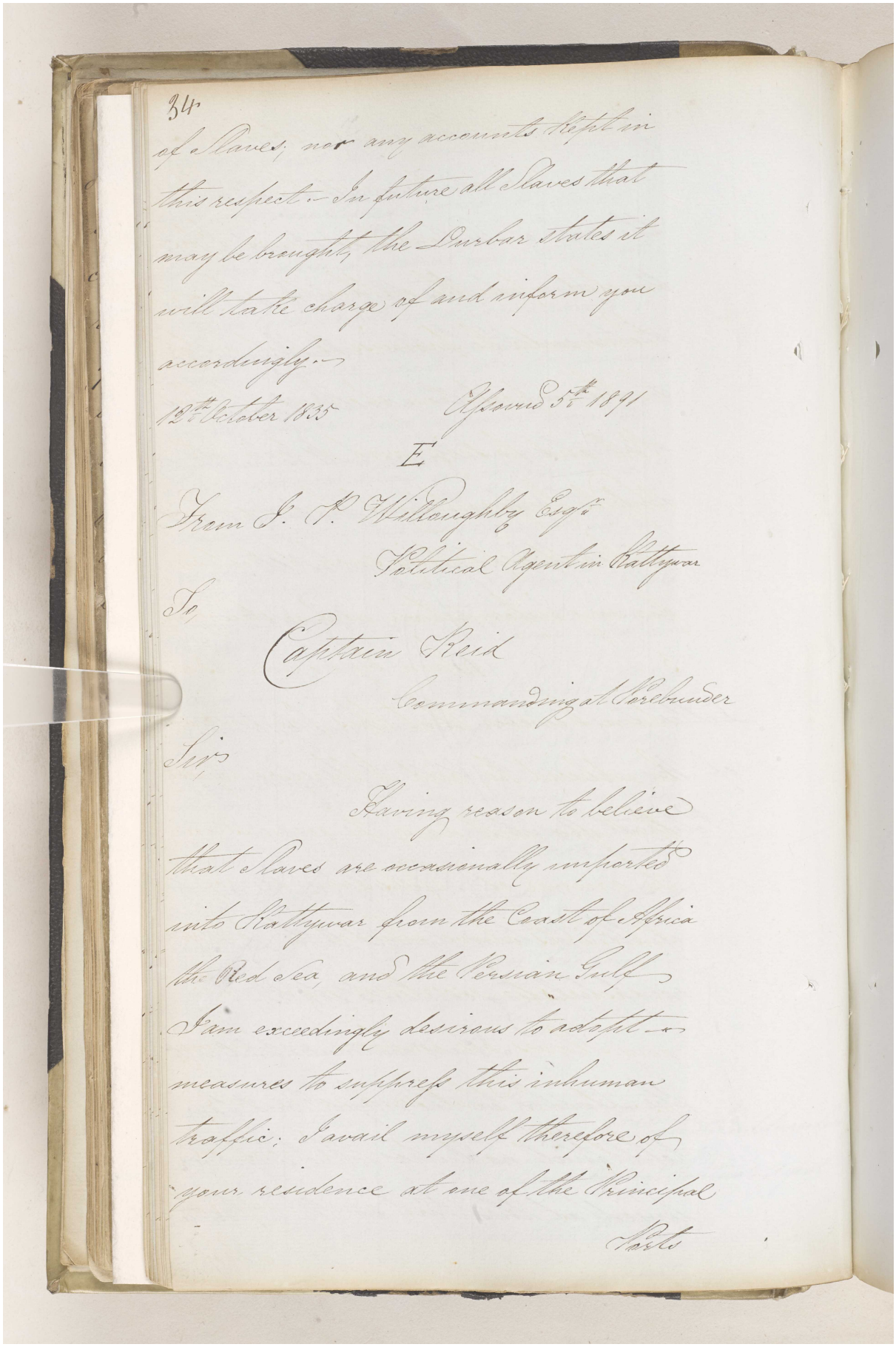

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of Slaves, nor any accounts kept in this respect. In future all Slaves that may be brought to the Durbar states it will take charge of and inform you accordingly.

12th October 1835 Received 5th 1835

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From J. P. Willoughby Esqr
Political Agent in Kattywar

To

Captain Reid
Commanding at Porebunder

Sir,

Having reason to believe that Slaves are occasionally imported into Kattywar from the Coast of Africa the Red Sea, and the Persian Gulf, I am exceedingly desirous to adopt measures to suppress this inhuman traffic; I avail myself therefore of your residence at one of the Principal Ports

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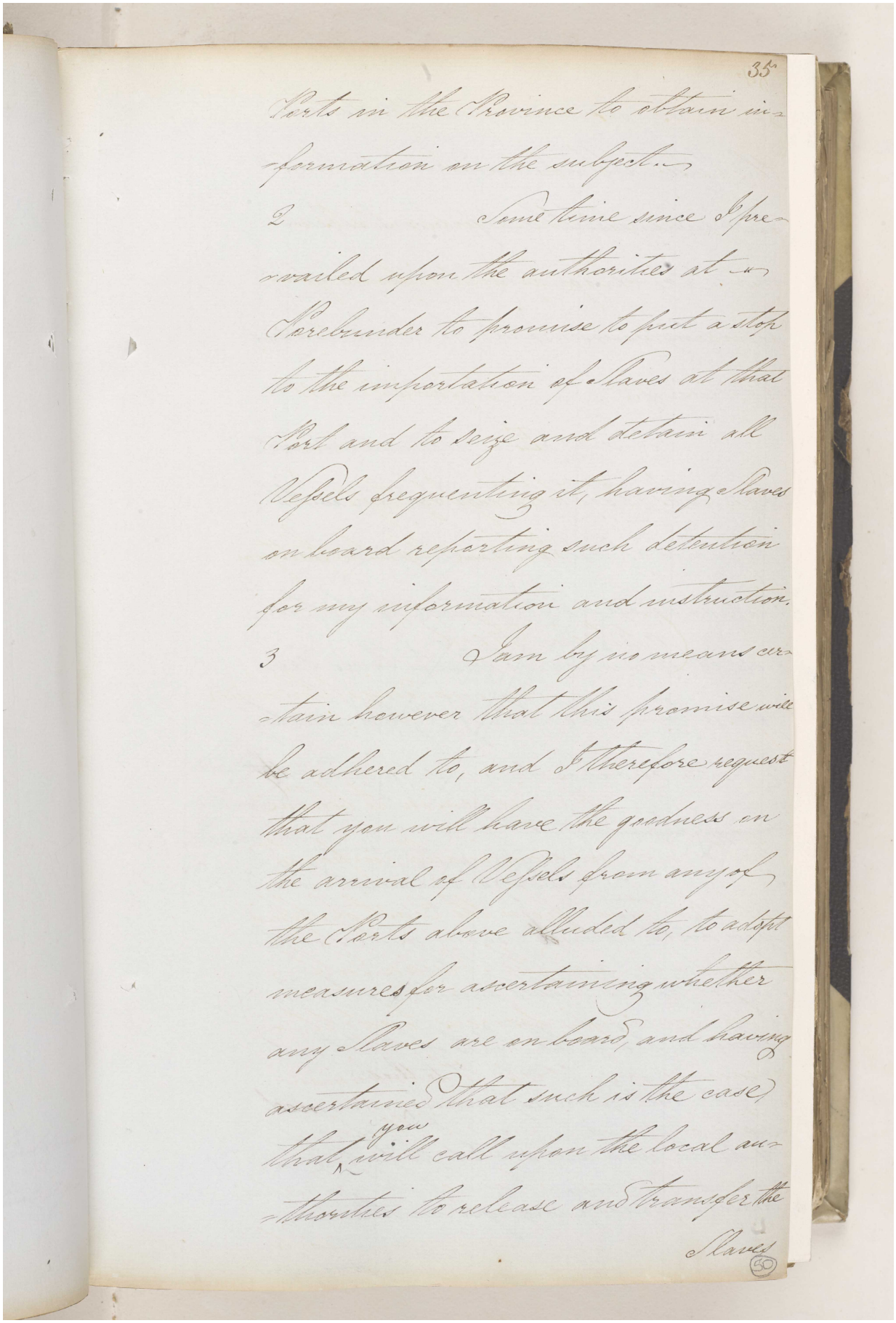

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Ports in the Province to obtain information on the subject.

2 Some time since I prevailed upon the authorities at Porebunder to promise to put a stop to the importation of Slaves at that Port and to seize and detain all Vessels frequenting it, having Slaves on board reporting such detention for my information and instruction.

3 I am by no means certain however that this promise will be adhered to, and I therefore request that you will have the goodness on the arrival of Vessels from any of the Ports above alluded to, to adopt measures for ascertaining whether any Slaves are on board, and having ascertained that such is the case that you will call upon the local authorities to release and transfer the Slaves

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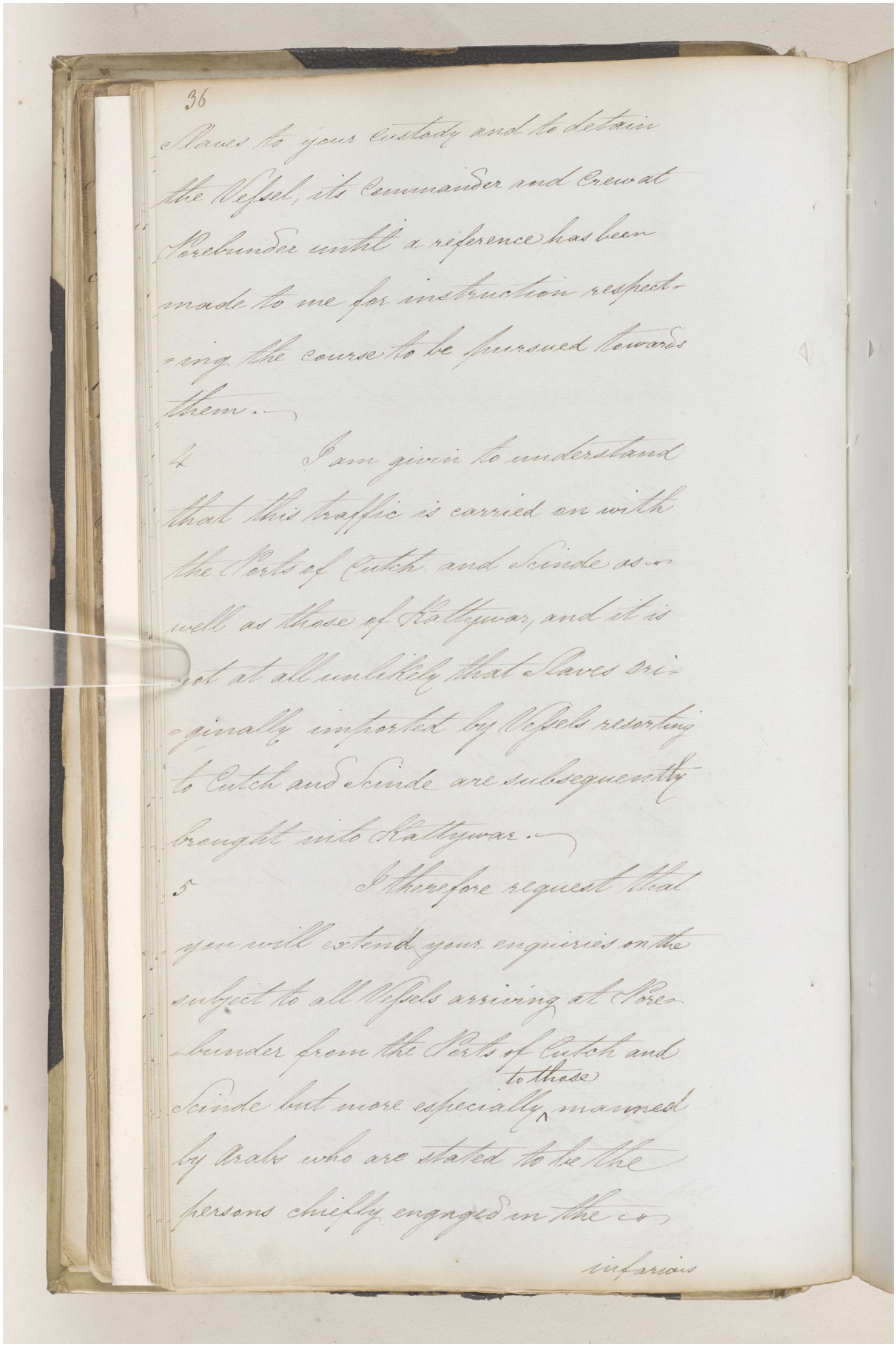

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Slaves to your custody and to detain the Vessel, its Commander and Crew at Porebunder until a reference has been made to me for instruction respecting the course to be pursued towards them.

4 I am given to understand that this traffic is carried on with the Ports of Cutch and Scinde as well as those of Kattywar, and it is not at all unlikely that Slaves originally imported by Vessels resorting to Cutch and Scinde are subsequently brought into Kattywar.

5 I therefore request that you will extend your enquiries on the subject to all Vessels arriving at Porebunder from the Ports of Cutch and Scinde but more especially to those manned by Arabs who are stated to be the persons chiefly engaged in the

infarious

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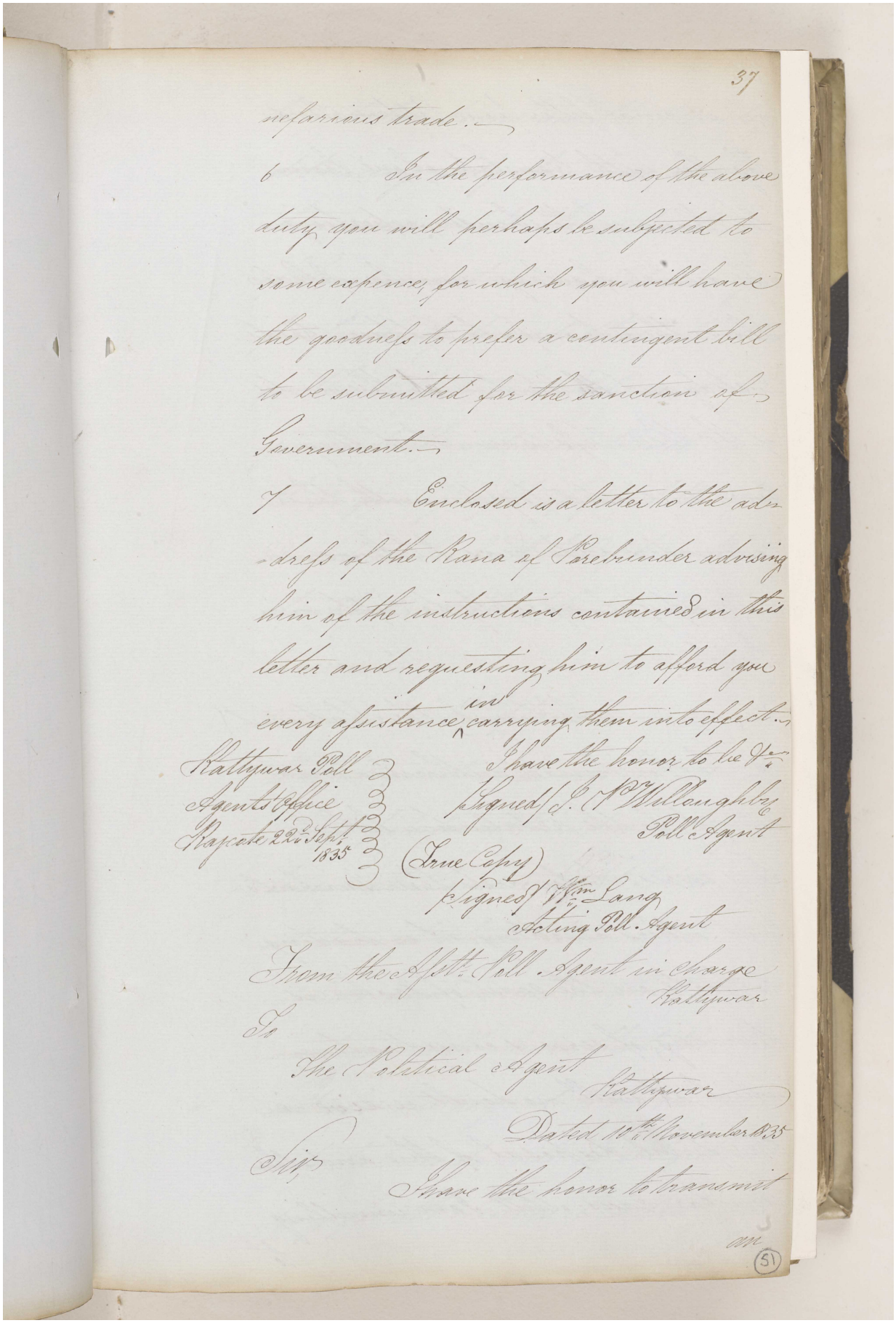

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nefarious trade.—

6 In the performance of the above duty you will perhaps be subjected to some expence, for which you will have the goodness to prefer a contingent bill to be submitted for the sanction of Government.—

7 Enclosed is a letter to the address of the Rana of Porebunder advising him of the instructions contained in this letter and requesting him to afford you every assistance in carrying them into effect.—

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Pol. Agent

Kattywar Pol. Agents Office
Rajcote 22d Sept. 1835

(True Copy)
Signed Wm Lang
Acting Pol. Agent

From the Actt. Pol. Agent in charge Kattywar

To

The Political Agent Kattywar

Dated 10th November 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit

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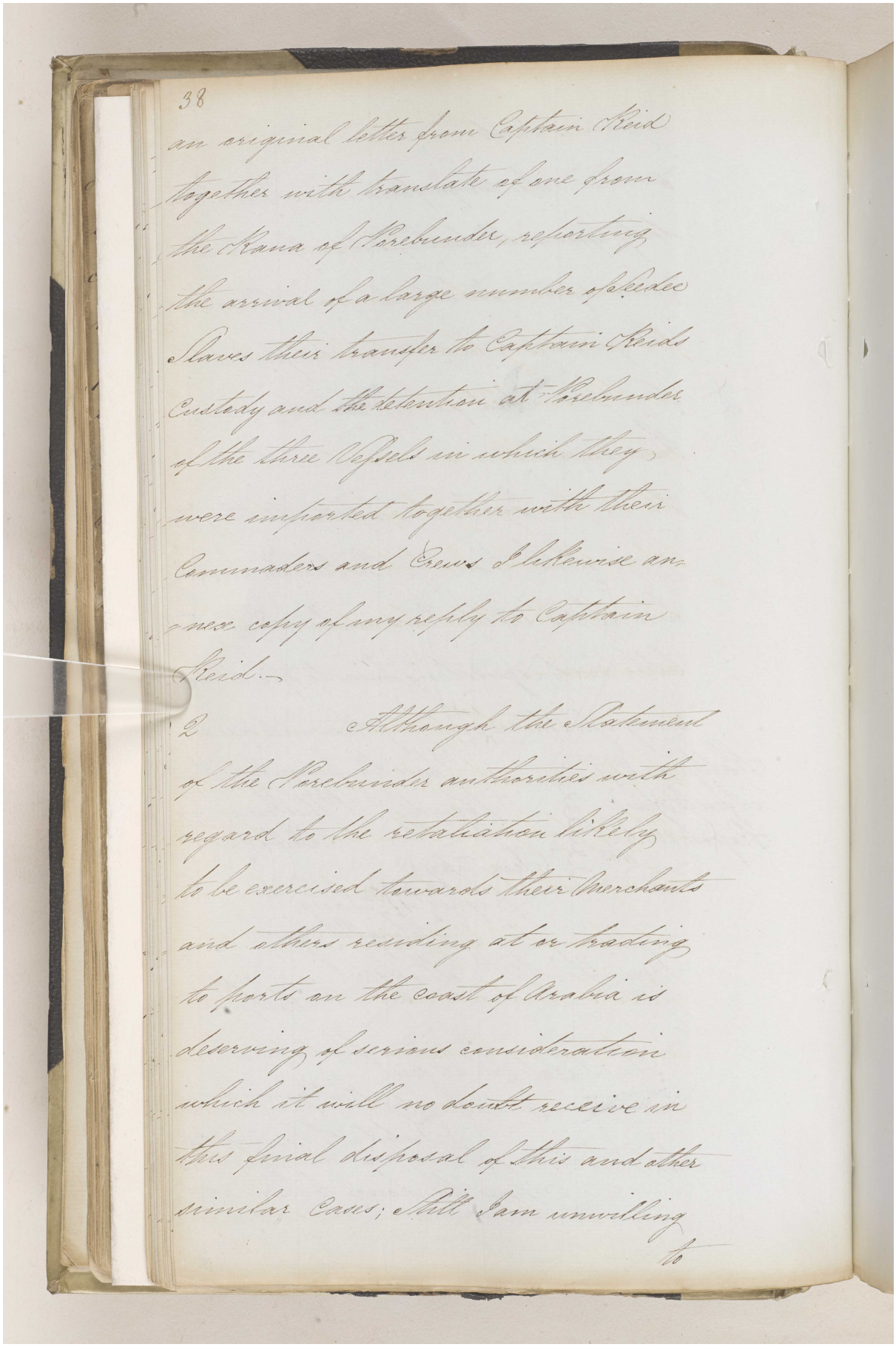

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an original letter from Captain Reid together with translate of one from the Rana of Porebunder, reporting the arrival of a large number of Slavees Slaves their transfer to Captain Reids Custody and the detention at Porebunder of the three Vessels in which they were imported together with their Commanders and Crews & likewise annex copy of my reply to Captain Reid.—

2 Although the Statement of the Porebunder authorities with regard to the retaliation likely to be exercised towards their Merchants and others residing at or trading to ports on the coast of Arabia is deserving of serious consideration which it will no doubt receive in the final disposal of this and other similar Cases; Still I am unwilling to

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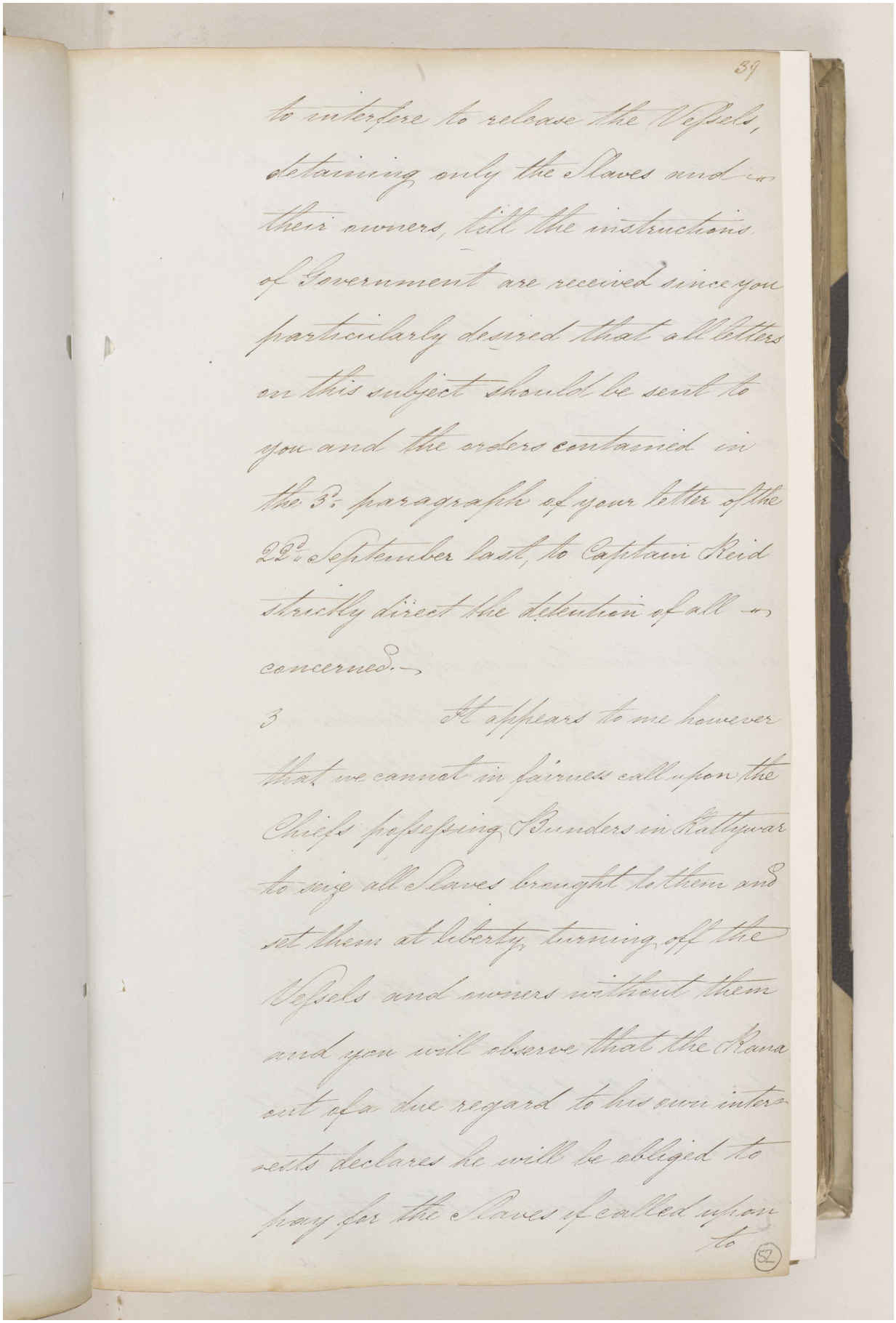

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to interfere to release the Vessels, detaining only the Slaves and their owners, till the instructions of Government are received since you particularly desired that all letters on this subject should be sent to you and the orders contained in the 3d paragraph of your letter of the 22d September last, to Captain Reid strictly direct the detention of all concerned.

3 It appears to me however that we cannot in fairness call upon the Chiefs possessing Bunders in Kattywar to seize all Slaves brought to them and set them at liberty, turning off the Vessels and owners without them and you will observe that the Rana out of due regard to his own interests declares he will be obliged to pay for the Slaves if called upon to

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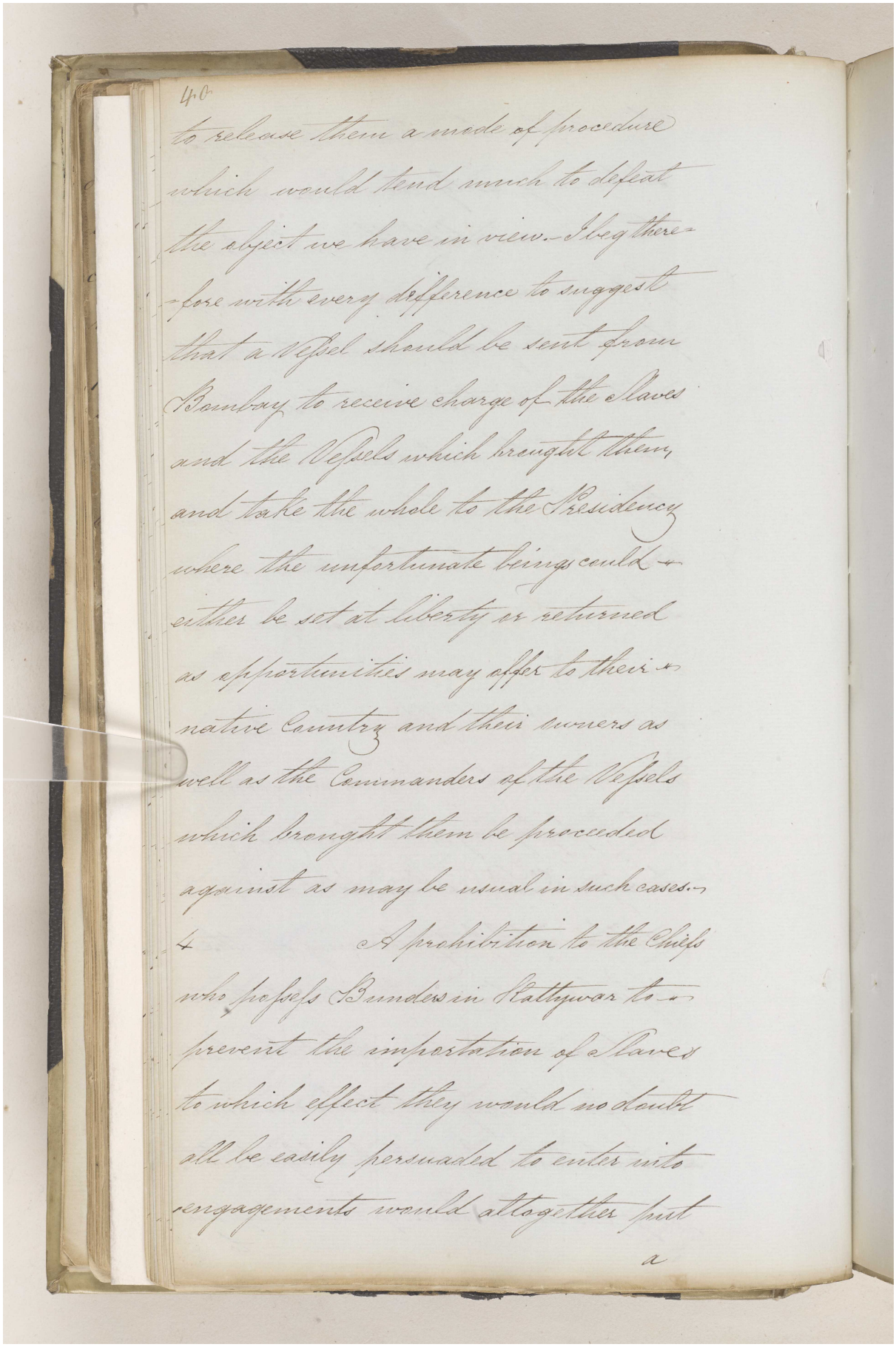

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to release them a mode of procedure
which would tend much to defeat
the object we have in view. I beg there-
fore with every difference to suggest
that a Vessel should be sent from
Bombay to receive charge of the Slaves
and the Vessels which brought them
and take the whole to the Presidency
where the unfortunate beings could
either be set at liberty or returned
as opportunities may offer to their
native Country and their owners as
well as the Commanders of the Vessels
which brought them be proceeded
against as may be usual in such cases.

4 A prohibition to the Chiefs
who possess Bunders in Kattywar to
prevent the importation of Slaves
to which effect they would no doubt
all be easily persuaded to enter into
engagements would altogether put

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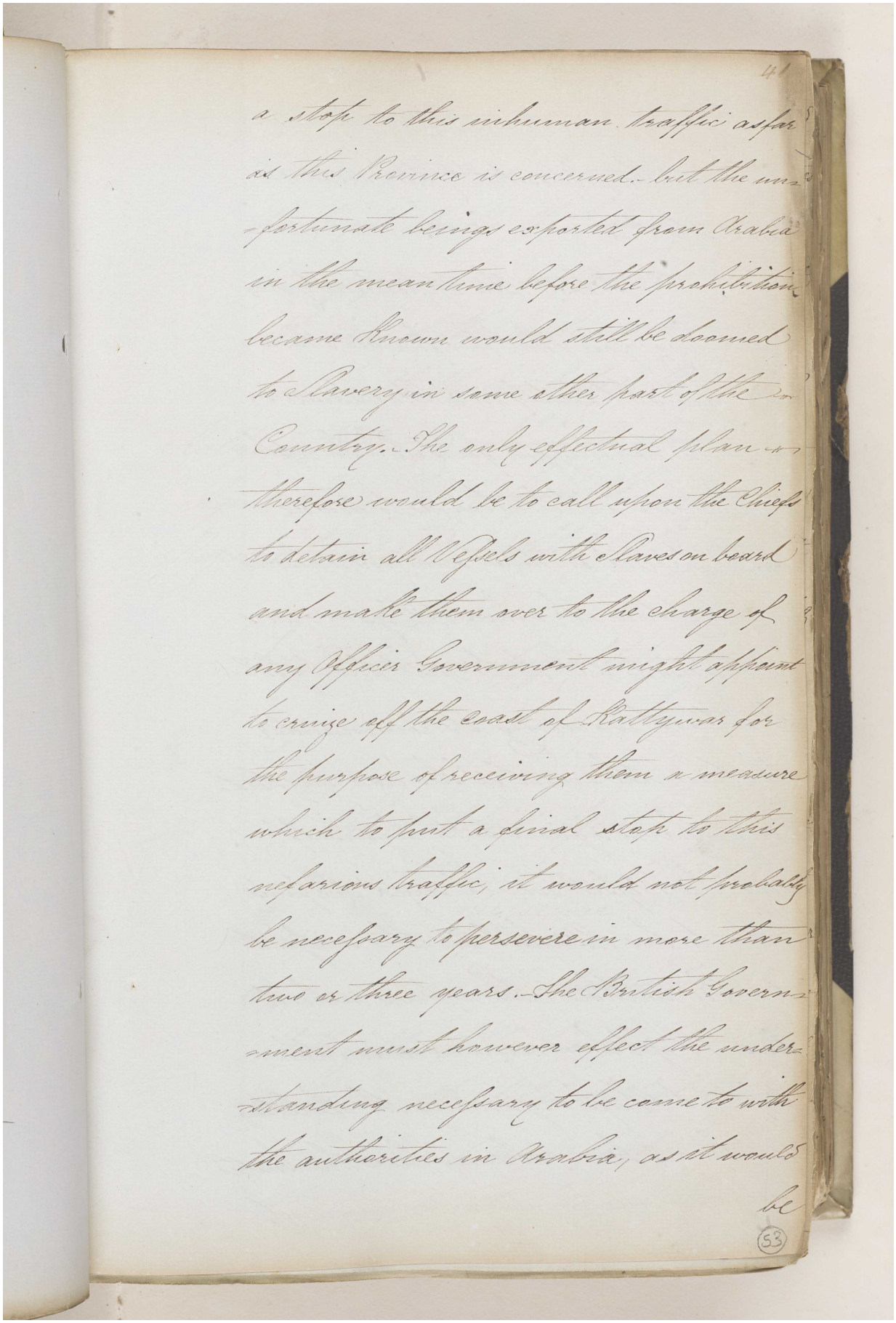

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a stop to this inhuman traffic as far as this Province is concerned - but the unfortunate beings exported from Arabia in the mean time before the prohibition became known would still be doomed to Slavery in some other part of the Country. The only effectual plan therefore would be to call upon the Chiefs to detain all Vessels with Slaves on board and make them over to the charge of any Officer Government might appoint to cruize off the coast of Kattywar for the purpose of receiving them a measure which to put a final stop to this nefarious traffic, it would not probably be necessary to persevere in more than two or three years. The British Government must however effect the understanding necessary to be come to with the authorities in Arabia, as it would be

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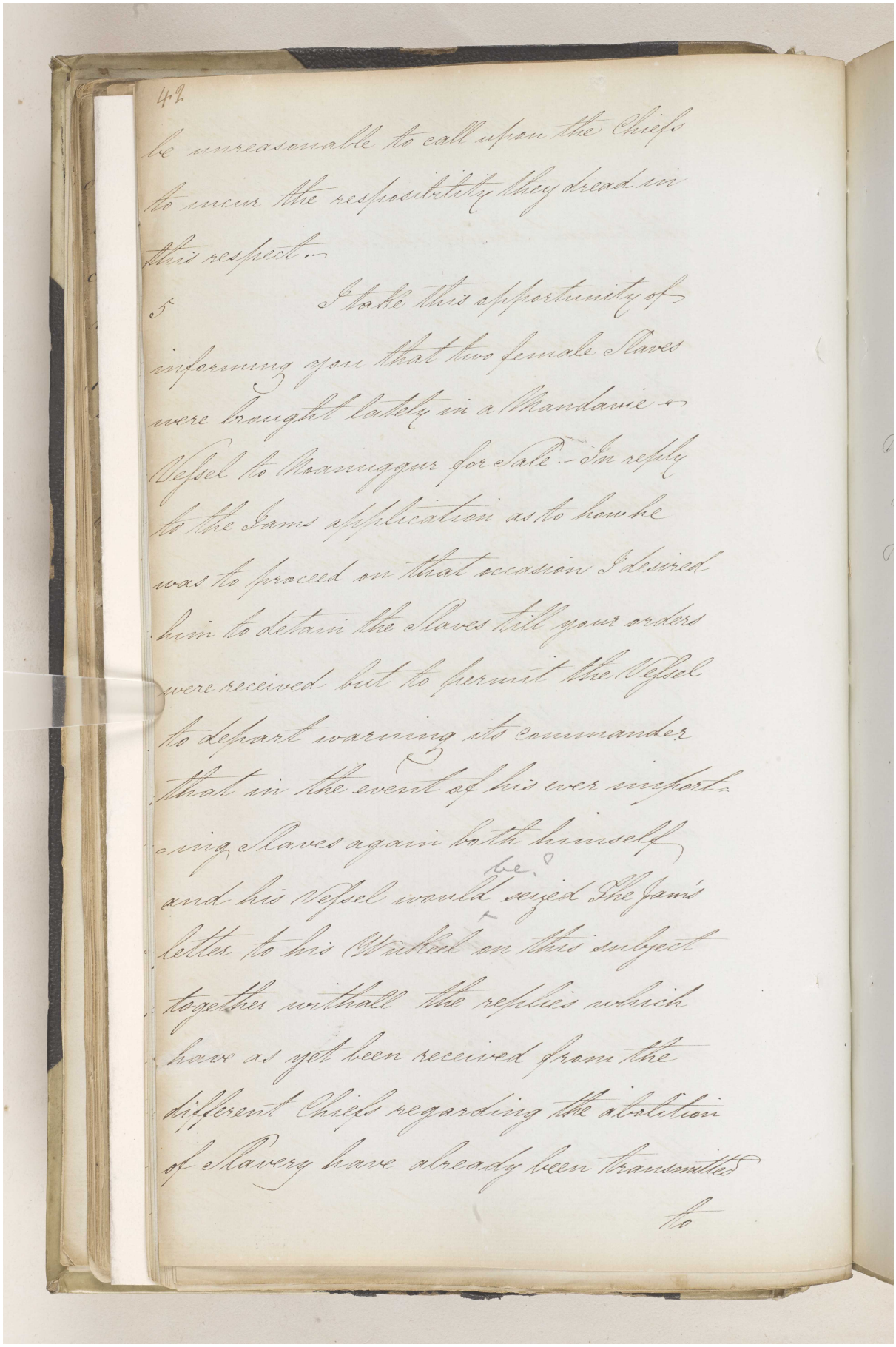

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be unreasonable to call upon the Chiefs to incur the responsibility they dread in this respect.

5 I take this opportunity of informing you that two female Slaves were brought lately in a Mandavie Vessel to Noanuggur for Sale. In reply to the Jams application as to how he was to proceed on that occasion I desired him to detain the Slaves till your orders were received but to permit the Vessel to depart warning its commander that in the event of his ever importing Slaves again both himself and his Vessel would be seized The Jam's letter to his Wukeel on this subject together withall the replies which have as yet been received from the different Chiefs regarding the abolition of Slavery have already been transmitted

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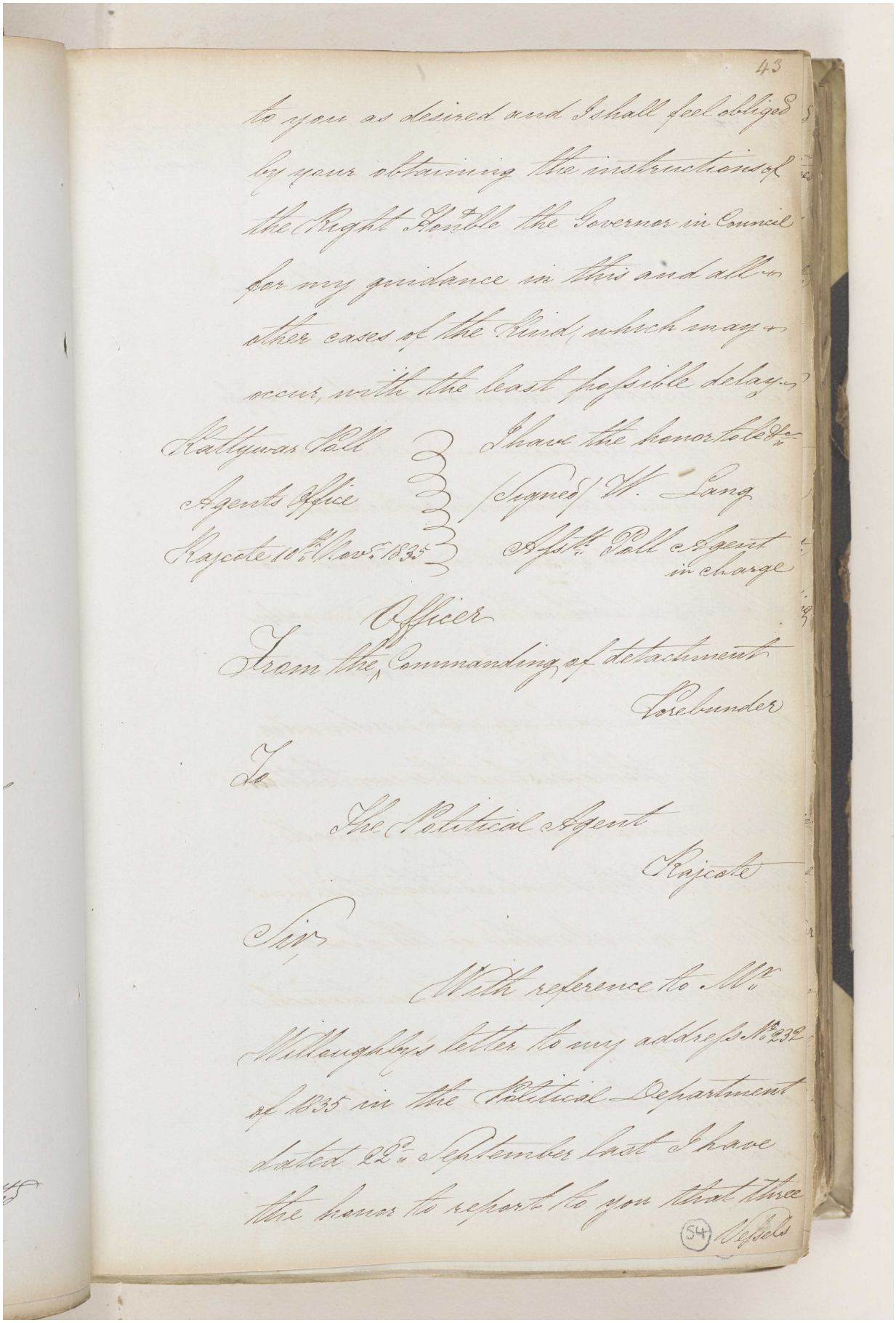

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to you as desired and I shall feel obliged by your obtaining the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for my guidance in this and all other cases of the kind which may occur, with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed W. Lang
Asst. to Pol. Agent in charge

Kattywar Pol. Agents Office
Rajcote 10th Novr. 1835

Officer
From the Commanding of detachment
Porebunder

To
The Political Agent
Rajcote

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Willoughby's letter to my address No. 232 of 1835 in the Political Department dated 22d. September last I have the honor to report to you that three (54) Vessels

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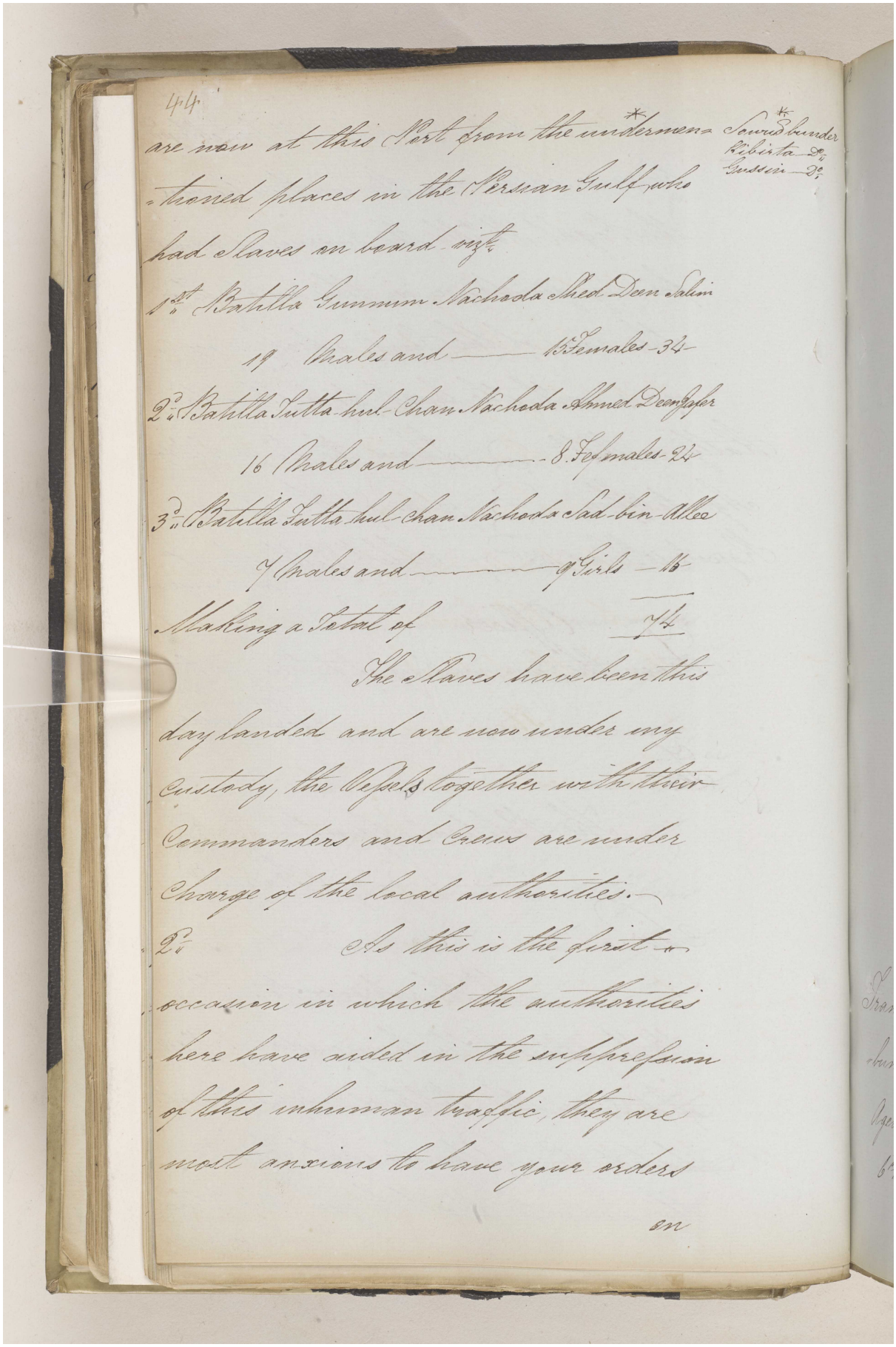

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are now at this Port from the undermen-
-tioned places in the Persian Gulf who
had Slaves on board vizt.

Sowrid bunder
Kibirta D^o.
Gussin D^o.

1st. Batilla Gunnum Nachoda Shed Deen Salim
19 Males and ——— 15 Females - 34

2^d. Batilla Tutta hul Chan Nachoda Ahmed Deen Jafer
16 Males and ——— 8 Fefmales - 24

3^d. Batilla Tutta hul chan Nachoda Sad bin Allee
7 Males and ——— 9 Girls - 16

Making a Total of 74

The Slaves have been this day landed and are now under my Custody, the Vessels together with their Commanders and Crews are under Charge of the local authorities.

2^d. As this is the first occasion in which the authorities here have aided in the suppression of this inhuman traffic, they are most anxious to have your orders

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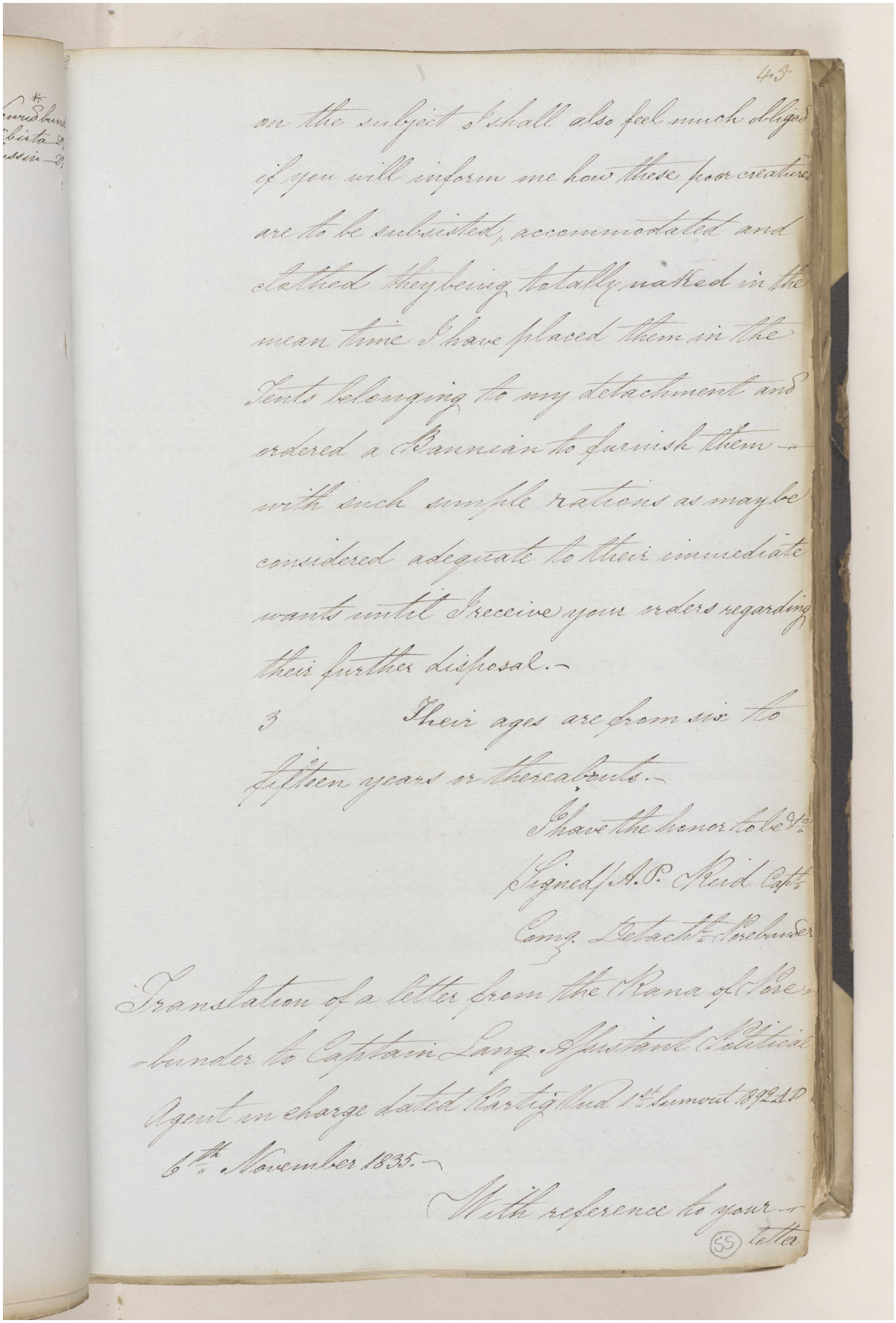

on the subject I shall also feel much obliged if you will inform me how these poor creatures are to be subsisted, accommodated and clothed they being totally naked in the mean time I have placed them in the Tents belonging to my detachment and ordered a Bannian to furnish them with such simple rations as may be considered adequate to their immediate wants until I receive your orders regarding their further disposal.

3 Their ages are from six to fifteen years or thereabouts.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. P. Reid Capt.
Comg. Detacht. Porebunder

Translation of a letter from the Rana of Porebunder to Captain Lang Assistant Political Agent in charge dated Kartig Vud 1st Sumout 1892 A.D. 6th November 1835.

With reference to your letter

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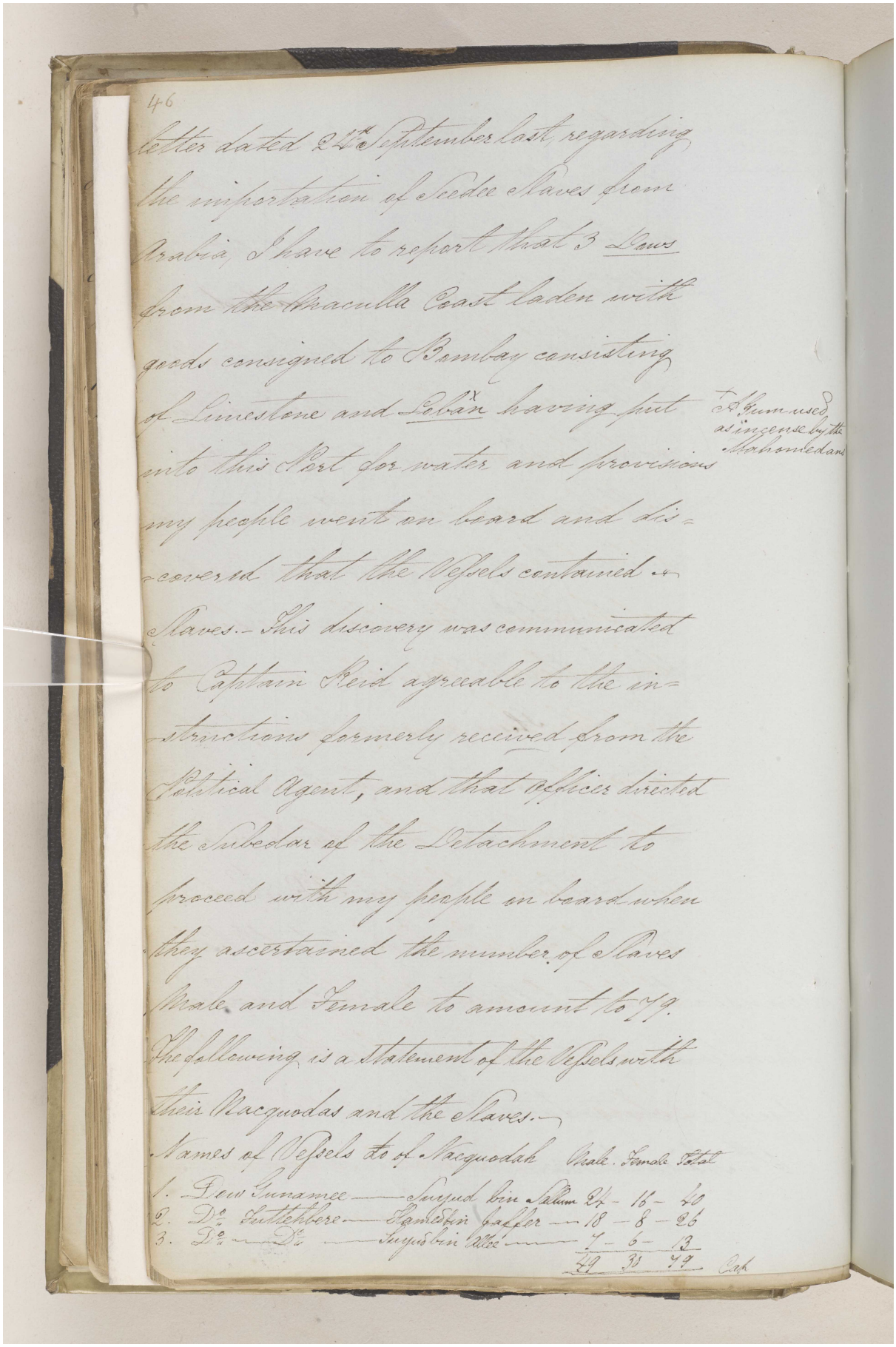

letter dated 24th September last, regarding the importation of Seedee Slaves from Arabia, I have to report that 3 Dows from the Maculla Coast laden with goods consigned to Bombay consisting of Limestone and Loban[x] having put into this Port for water and provisions my people went on board and discovered that the Vessels contained Slaves.- This discovery was communicated to Captain Reid agreeable to the instructions formerly received from the Political Agent, and that Officer directed the Subedar of the Detachment to proceed with my people on board when they ascertained the number of Slaves Male and Female to amount to 79. The following is a Statement of the Vessels with their Nacquodas and the Slaves.-

[x] A Gum used as incense by the Mahomedans

Names of Vessels &c of Nacquodah		Male	Female	Total
1. Dow Gunamee	Suyud bin Sallum	24	16	40
2. Do Tuttehbere	Hamed bin Jaffer	18	8	26
3. Do Do	Suyud bin Allee	7	6	13
		49	30	79

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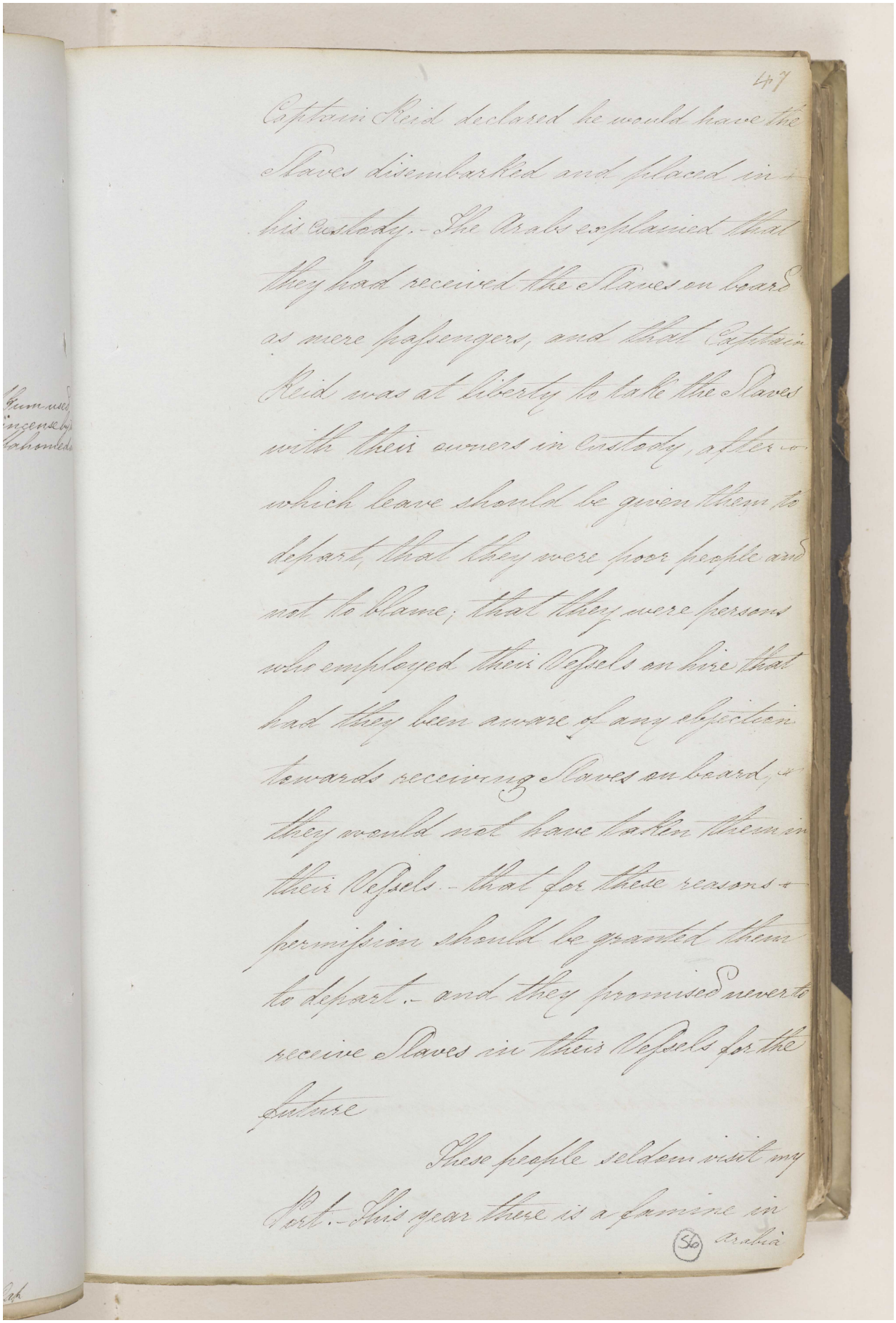

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Captain Reid declared he would have the Slaves disembarked and placed in his Custody. - The Arabs explained that they had received the Slaves on board as mere passengers, and that Captain Reid was at liberty to take the Slaves with their owners in Custody, after which leave should be given them to depart, that they were poor people and not to blame; that they were persons who employed their Vessels on hire that had they been aware of any objection towards receiving Slaves on board, they would not have taken them in their Vessels - that for these reasons permission should be granted them to depart - and they promised never to receive Slaves in their Vessels for the future

These people seldom visit my Port. - This year there is a famine in Arabia

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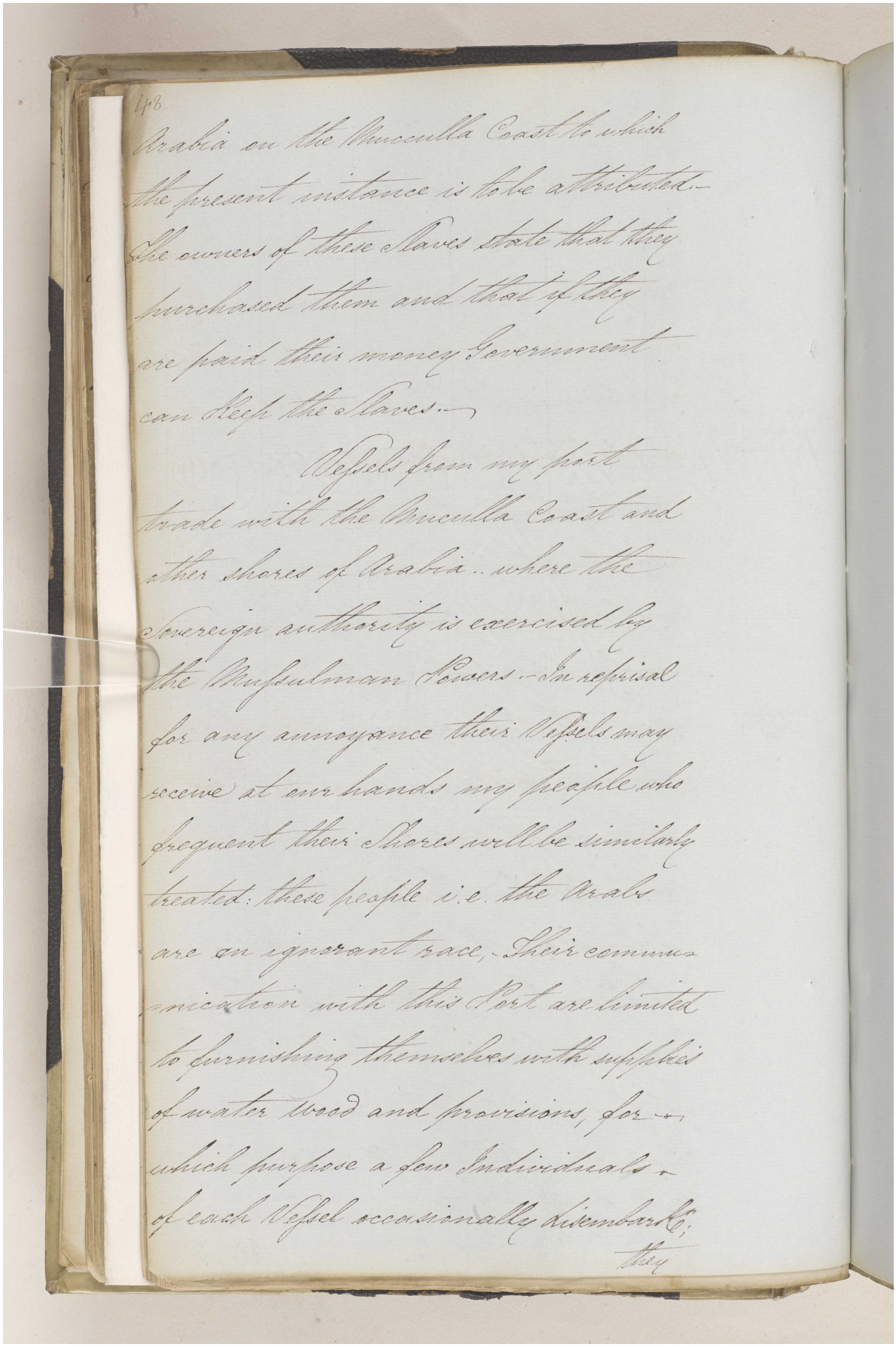

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Arabia on the Musculla Coast to which the present instance is to be attributed— The owners of these Slaves state that they purchased them and that if they are paid their money Government can keep the Slaves—

Vessels from my port trade with the Musculla Coast and other shores of Arabia .. where the Sovereign authority is exercised by the Mussulman Powers — In reprisal for any annoyance their Vessels may receive at our hands my people who frequent their Shores will be similarly treated: these people i.e. the Arabs are an ignorant race, Their communication with this Port are limited to furnishing themselves with supplies of water wood and provisions, for which purpose a few Individuals of each Vessel occasionally disembark;

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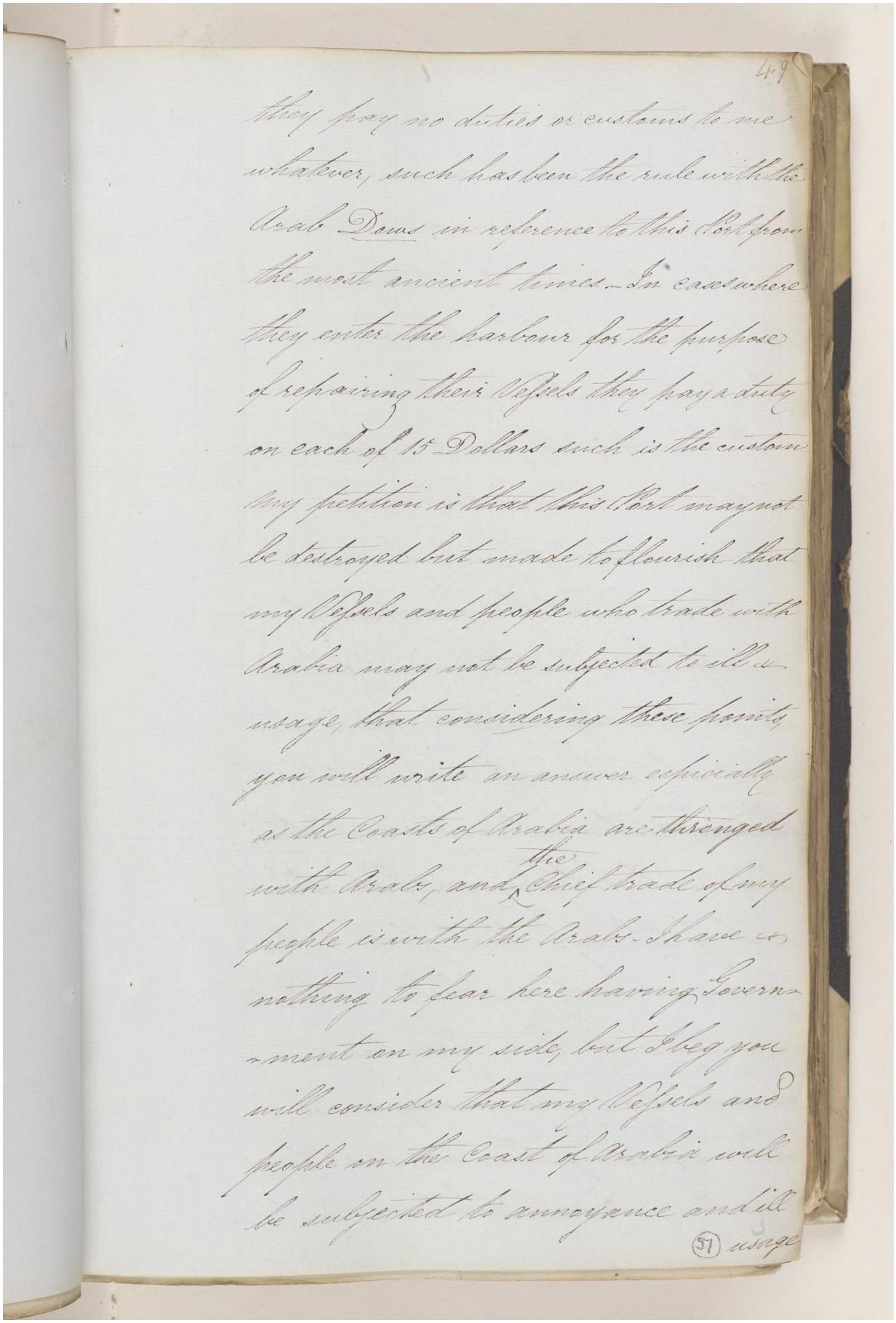

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they pay no duties or customs to me whatever, such has been the rule with the Arab Dows in reference to this Port from the most ancient times. In cases where they enter the harbour for the purpose of repairing their Vessels they pay a duty on each of 15 Dollars such is the custom my petition is that this Port may not be destroyed but made to flourish that my Vessels and people who trade with Arabia may not be subjected to ill usage, that considering these points you will write an answer especially as the Coasts of Arabia are thronged with Arabs, and the Chief trade of my people is with the Arabs. I have no nothing to fear here having Government on my side, but I beg you will consider that my Vessels and people on the Coast of Arabia will be subjected to annoyance and ill

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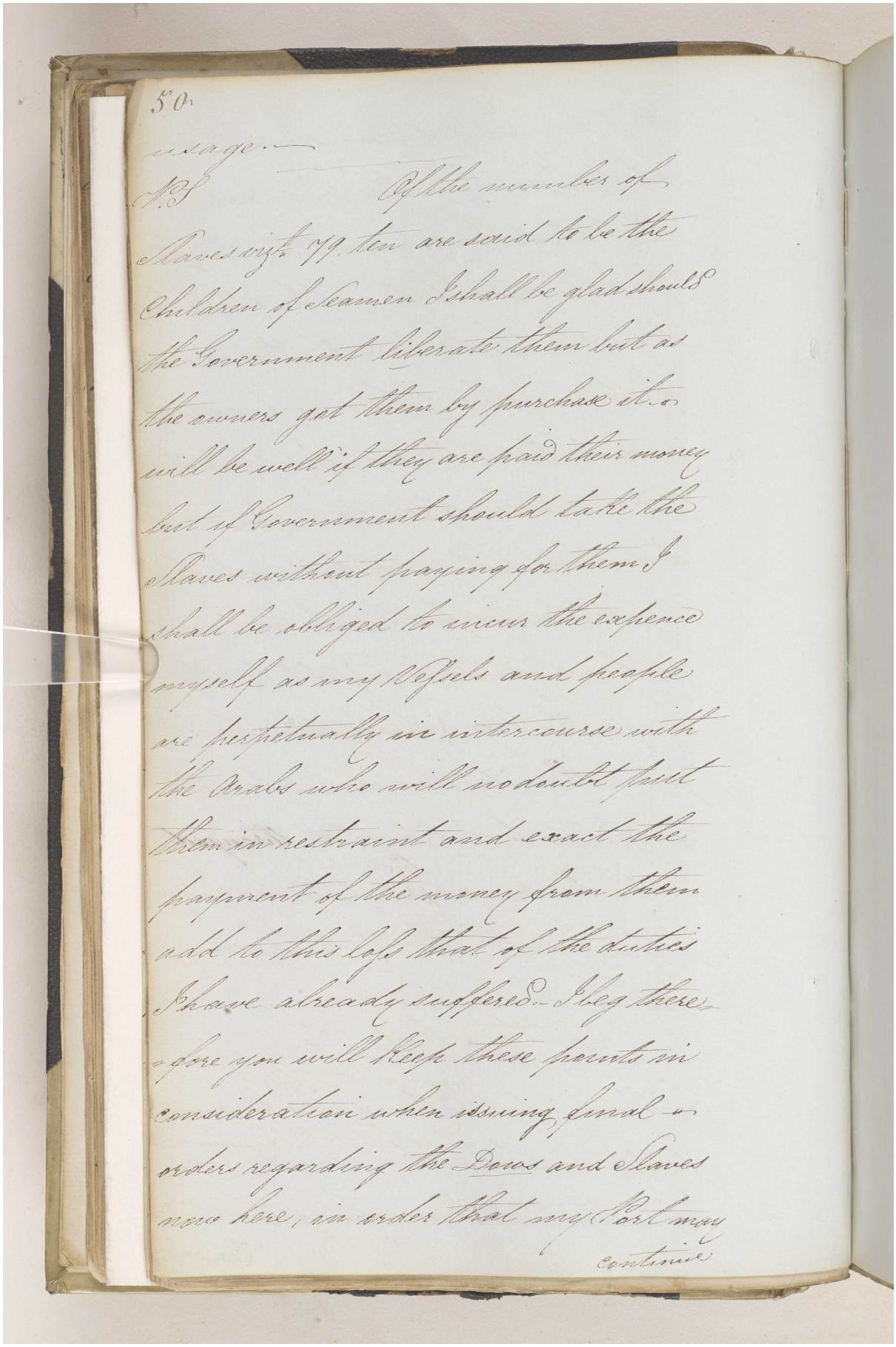

usage.—

N.B. Of the number of Slaves vizt. 79. ten are said to be the Children of Seamen I shall be glad should the Government liberate them but as the owners got them by purchase it will be well if they are paid their money but if Government should take the Slaves without paying for them I shall be obliged to incur the expence myself as my Vessels and people are perpetually in intercourse with the Arabs who will no doubt put them in restraint and exact the payment of the money from them add to this loss that of the duties I have already suffered.— I beg therefore you will keep these points in consideration when issuing final orders regarding the Dows and Slaves now here, in order that my Port may

continue

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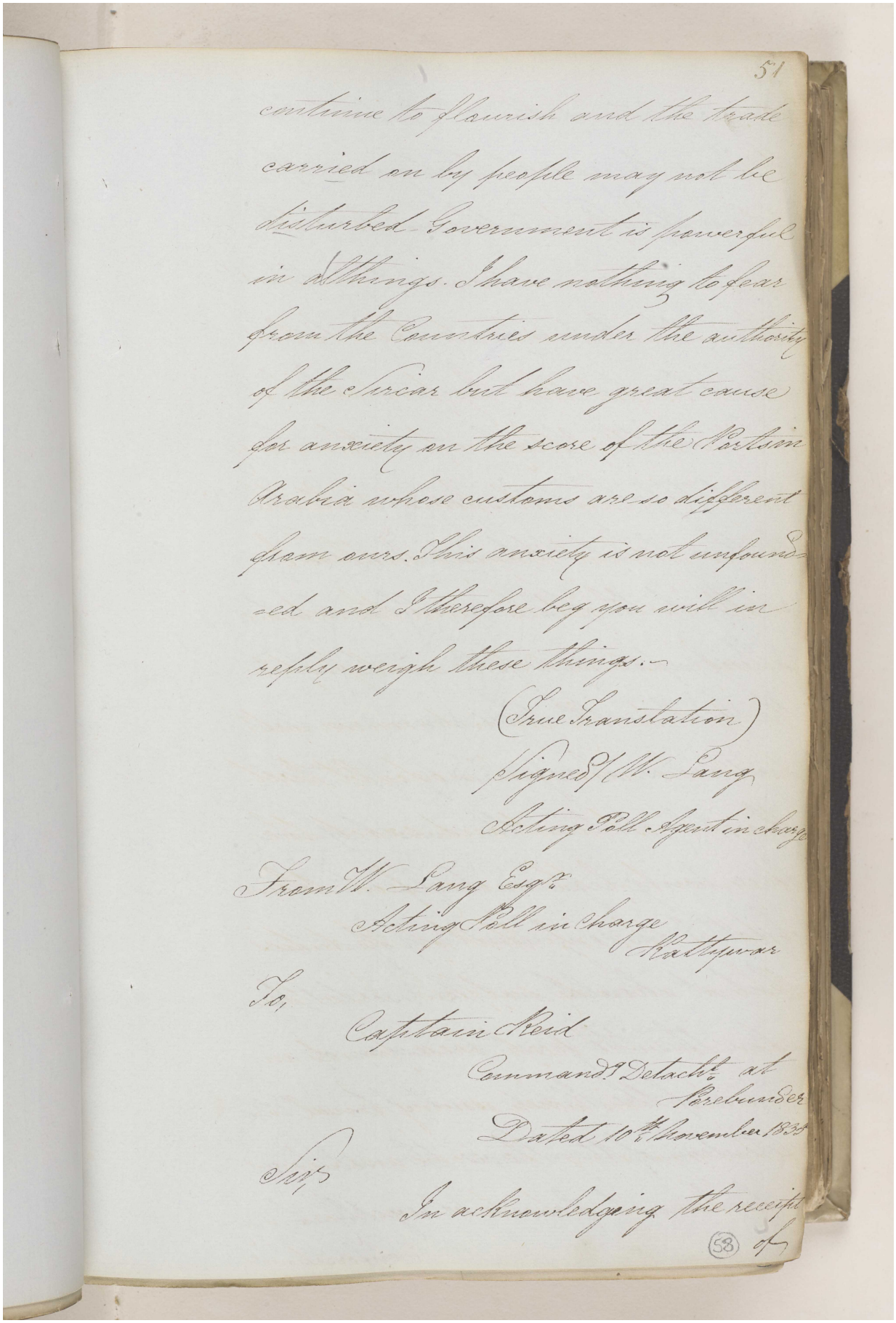

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continue to flourish and the trade carried on by people may not be disturbed. Government is powerful in all things. I have nothing to fear from the Countries under the authority of the Sircar but have great cause for anxiety on the score of the Persian Arabia whose customs are so different from ours. This anxiety is not unfounded and I therefore beg you will impartially weigh these things.—

(True Translation)
Signed J. W. Lang
Acting Pol. Agent in charge

From W. Lang Esq.
Acting Pol. in charge
Kattywar

To,
Captain Reid
Commanding Detachment at
Porebunder

Dated 10th November 1820

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of

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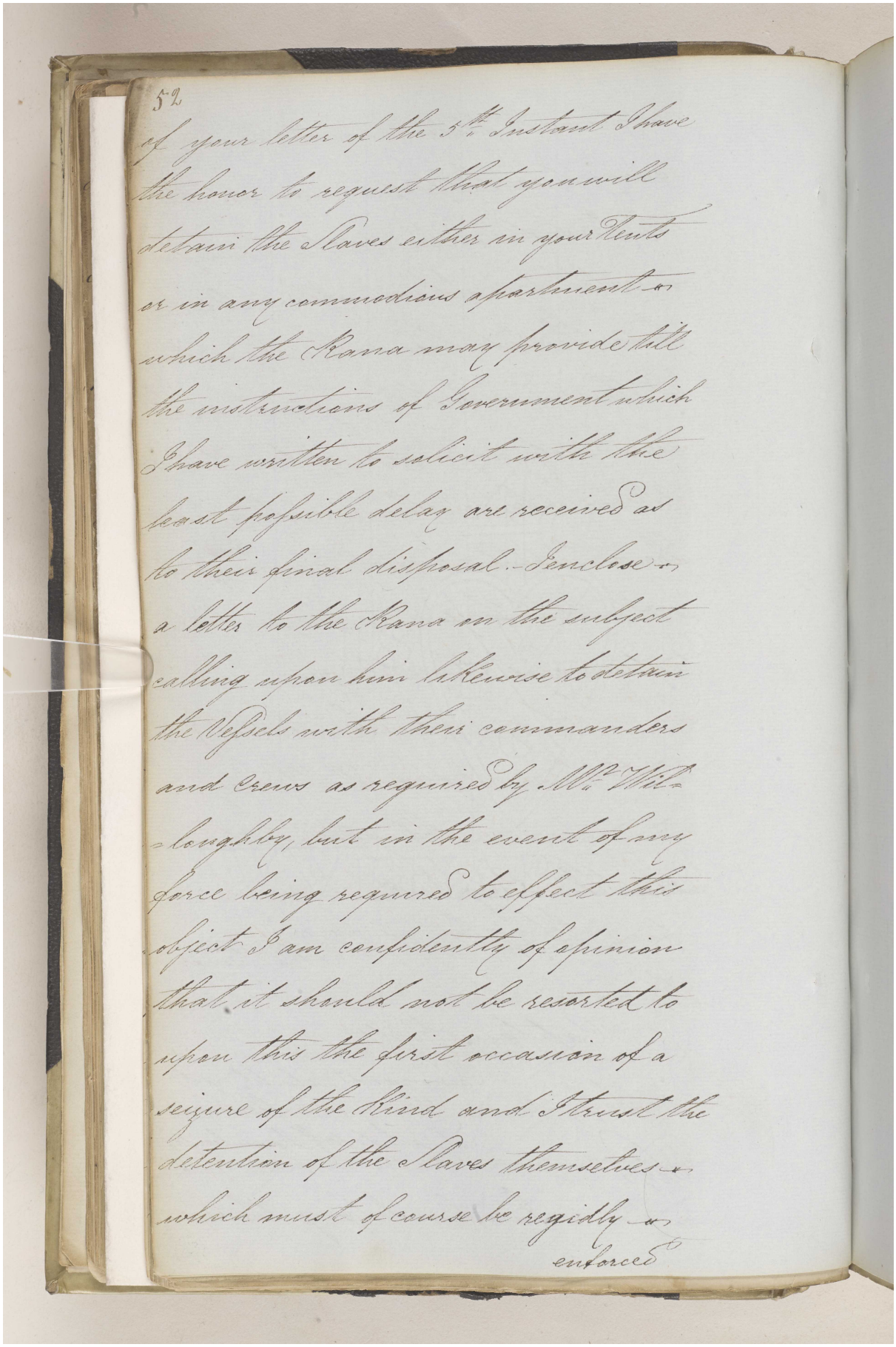

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of your letter of the 5th. Instant I have the honor to request that you will detain the Slaves either in your Tents or in any commodious apartment which the Rana may provide till the instructions of Government which I have written to solicit with the least possible delay are received as to their final disposal. I enclose a letter to the Rana on the subject calling upon him likewise to detain the Vessels with their commanders and Crews as required by Mr. Willoughby, but in the event of any force being required to effect this object I am confidently of opinion that it should not be resorted to upon this the first occasion of a seizure of the kind and I trust the detention of the Slaves themselves which must of course be rigidly enforced

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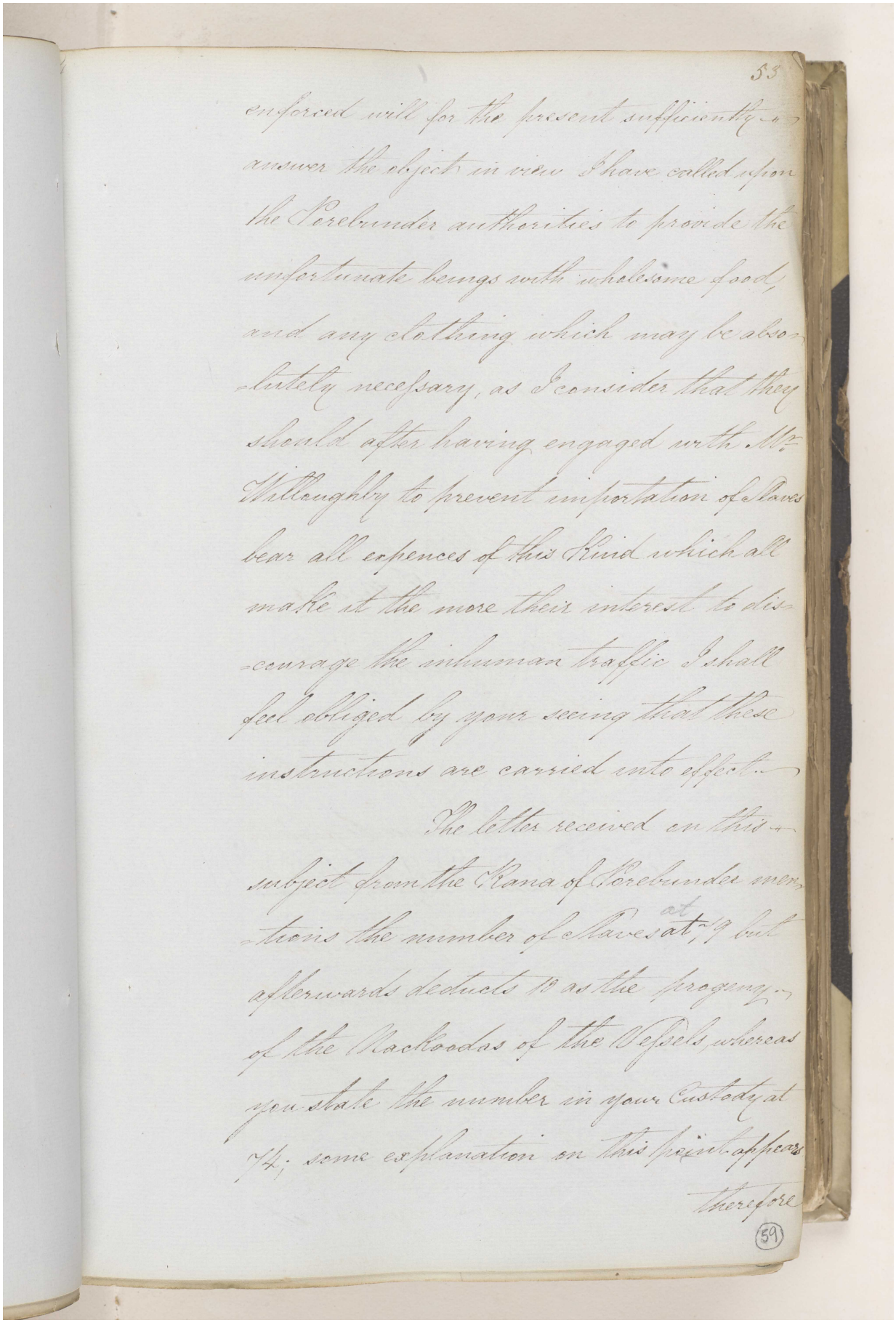

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enforced will for the present sufficiently answer the object in view I have called upon the Porebunder authorities to provide the unfortunate beings with wholesome food, and any clothing which may be absolutely necessary, as I consider that they should after having engaged with Mr Willoughby to prevent importation of slaves bear all expences of this kind which will make it the more their interest to discourage the inhuman traffic I shall feel obliged by your seeing that these instructions are carried into effect

The letter received on this subject from the Rana of Porebunder mentions the number of slaves at 19 but afterwards deducts 10 as the progeny of the Nackodas of the Vessels whereas you state the number in your Custody at 24. some explanation on this point appears therefore

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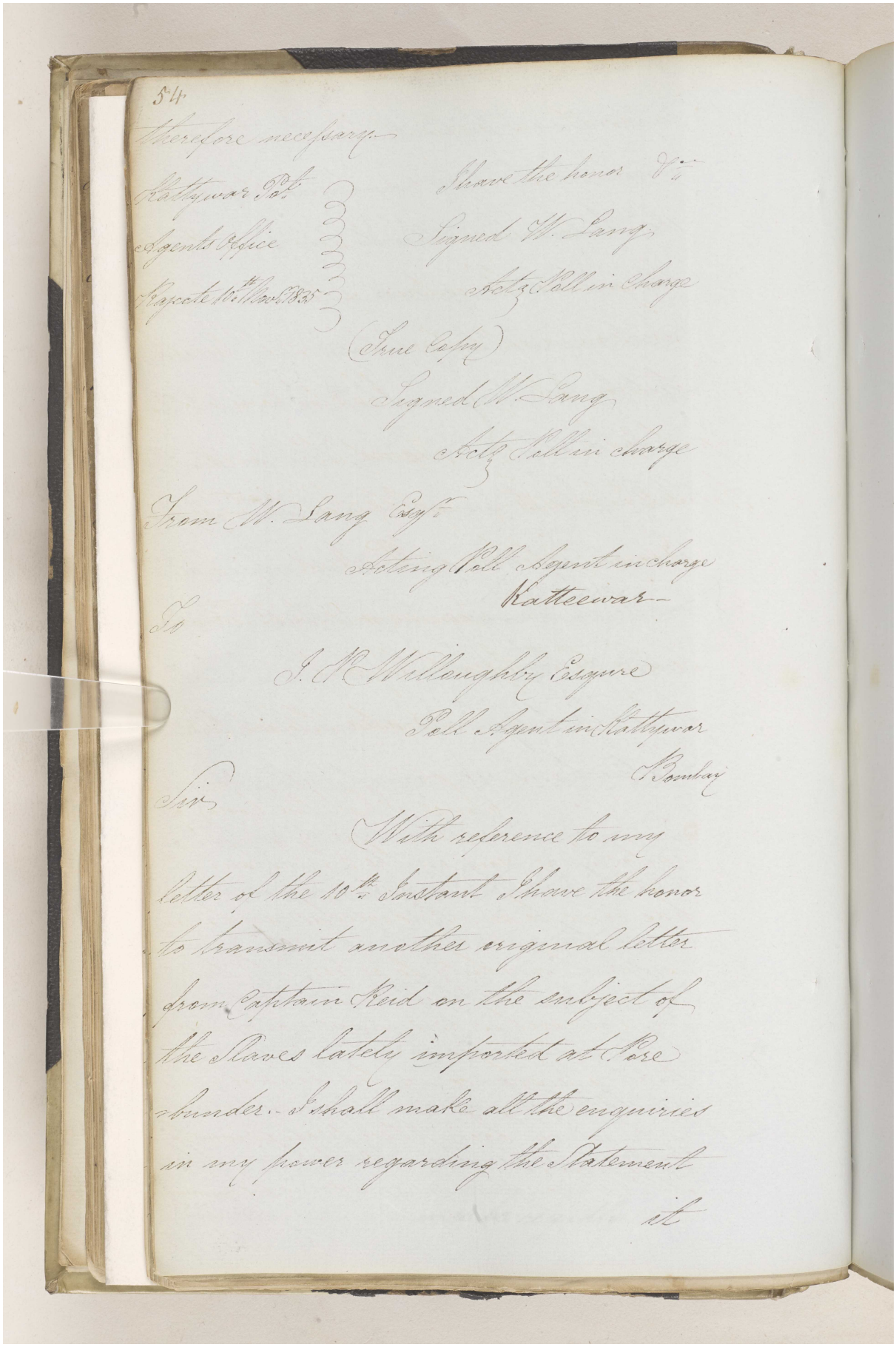

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therefore necessary.

Kattywar Pol.
Agents Office
Rajcote 10th Novr 1835

I have the honor &c.

Signed W. Lang
Actg Poll in Charge

(True Copy)

Signed W. Lang
Actg Poll in charge

From W. Lang Esqr
Acting Poll Agent in charge
Katteewar

To

J. P. Willoughby Esqure
Poll Agent in Kattywar
Bombay

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 10th Instant I have the honor to transmit another original letter from Captain Reid on the subject of the Slaves lately imported at Porebunder. I shall make all the enquiries in my power regarding the Statement

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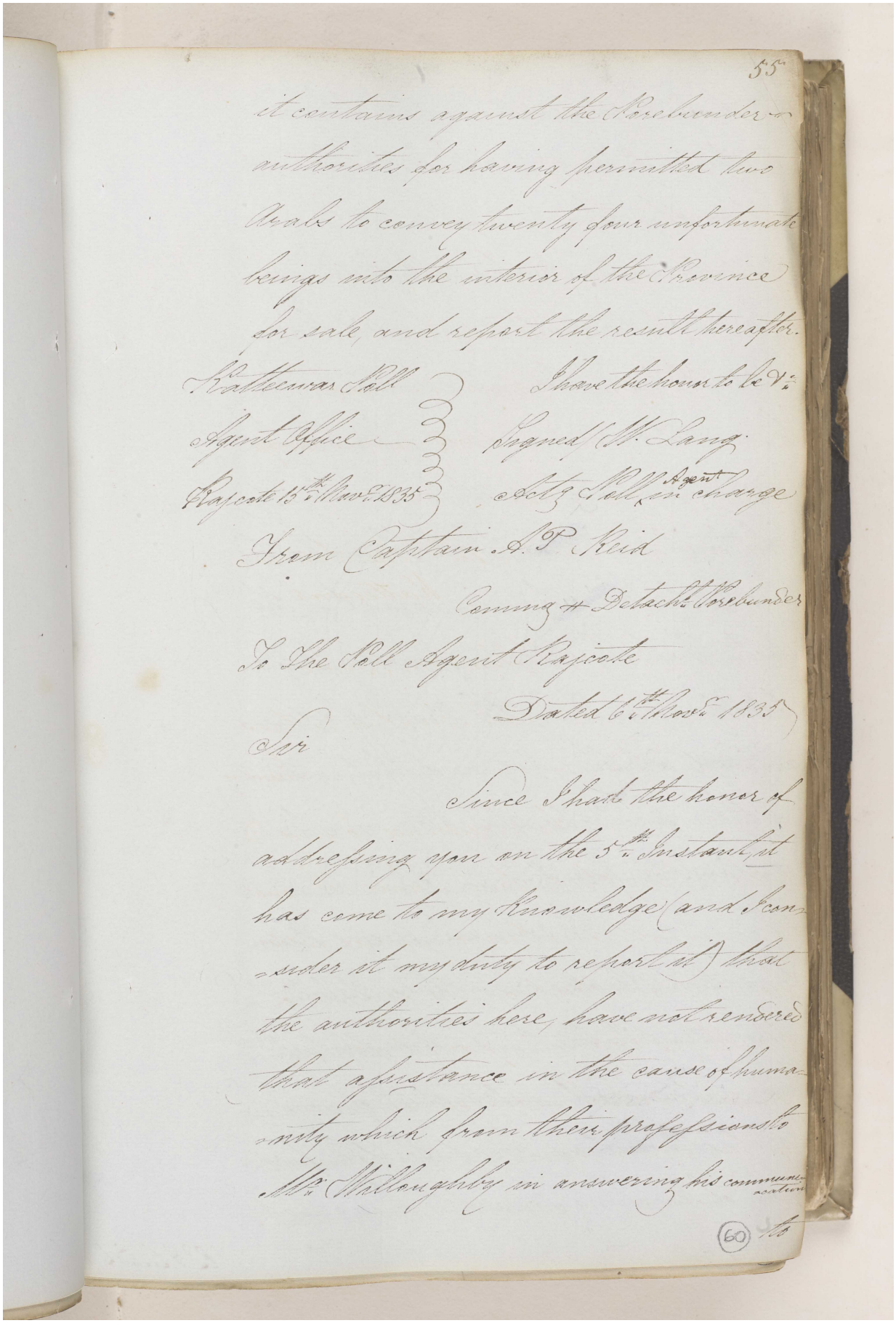

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it contains against the Porebunder authorities for having permitted two Arabs to convey twenty four unfortunate beings into the interior of the Province for sale, and report the result hereafter.

Katteewar Poll Agent Office
Rajcote 15th Novr 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed W. Lang
Actg Poll Agent in charge

From Captain A. P. Reid
Comma & Detachd Porebunder

To The Poll Agent Rajcote
Dated 6th Novr 1835

Sir

Since I had the honor of addressing you on the 5th Instant, it has come to my Knowledge (and I consider it my duty to report it) that the authorities here, have not rendered that assistance in the cause of humanity which from their professions to Mr Willoughby in answering his communication

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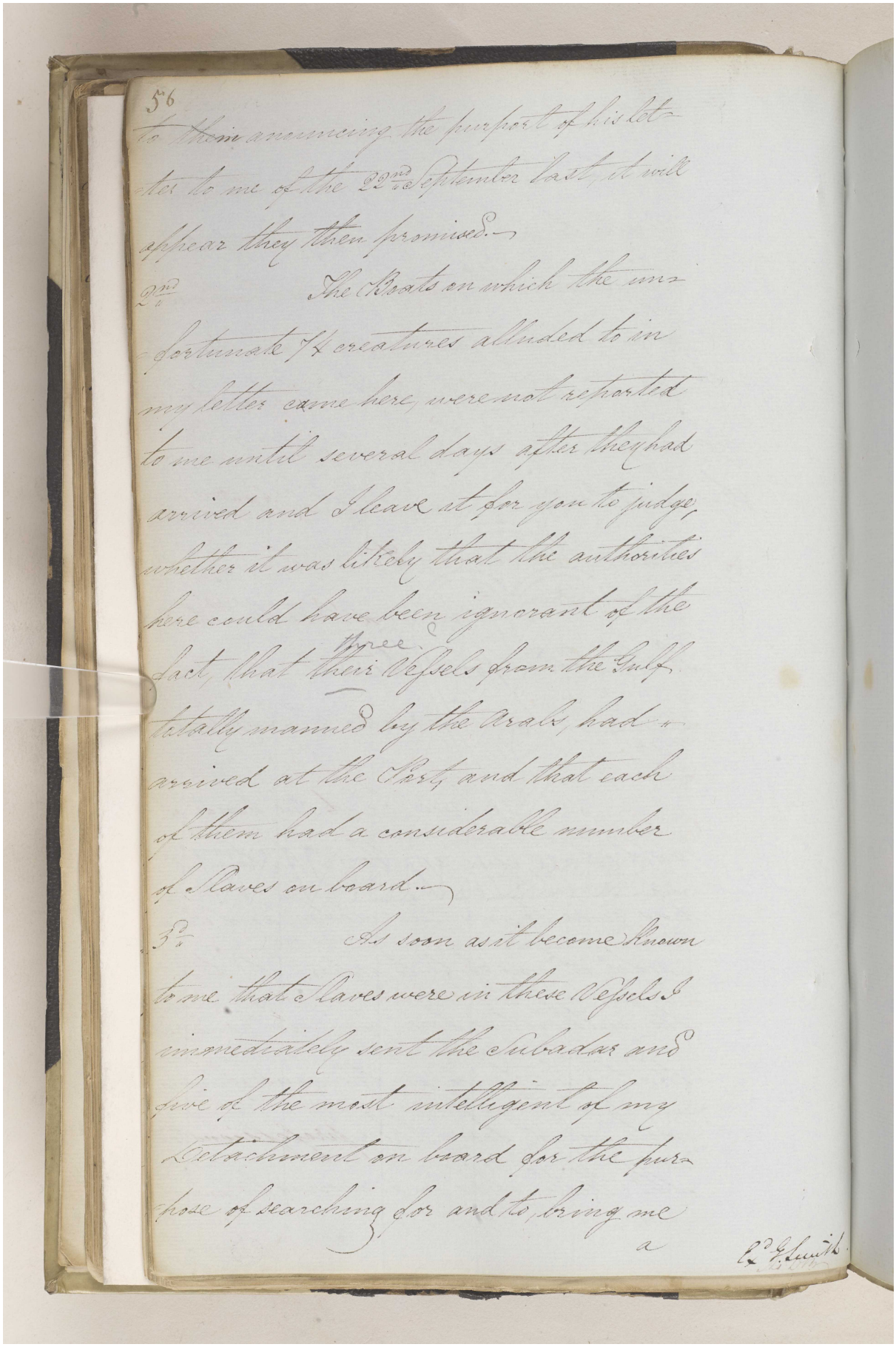

to them announcing the purport of his letter to me of the 22nd September last, it will appear they then promised.—

2nd The Boats on which the unfortunate 74 creatures alluded to in my letter came here, were not reported to me until several days after they had arrived and I leave it for you to judge, whether it was likely that the authorities here could have been ignorant of the fact, that three Vessels from the Gulf totally manned by the Arabs, had arrived at the Port, and that each of them had a considerable number of Slaves on board.—

3d As soon as it become known to me that Slaves were in these Vessels I immediately sent the Subadar and five of the most intelligent of my Detachment on board for the purpose of searching for and to bring me

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Ex. G. Smith

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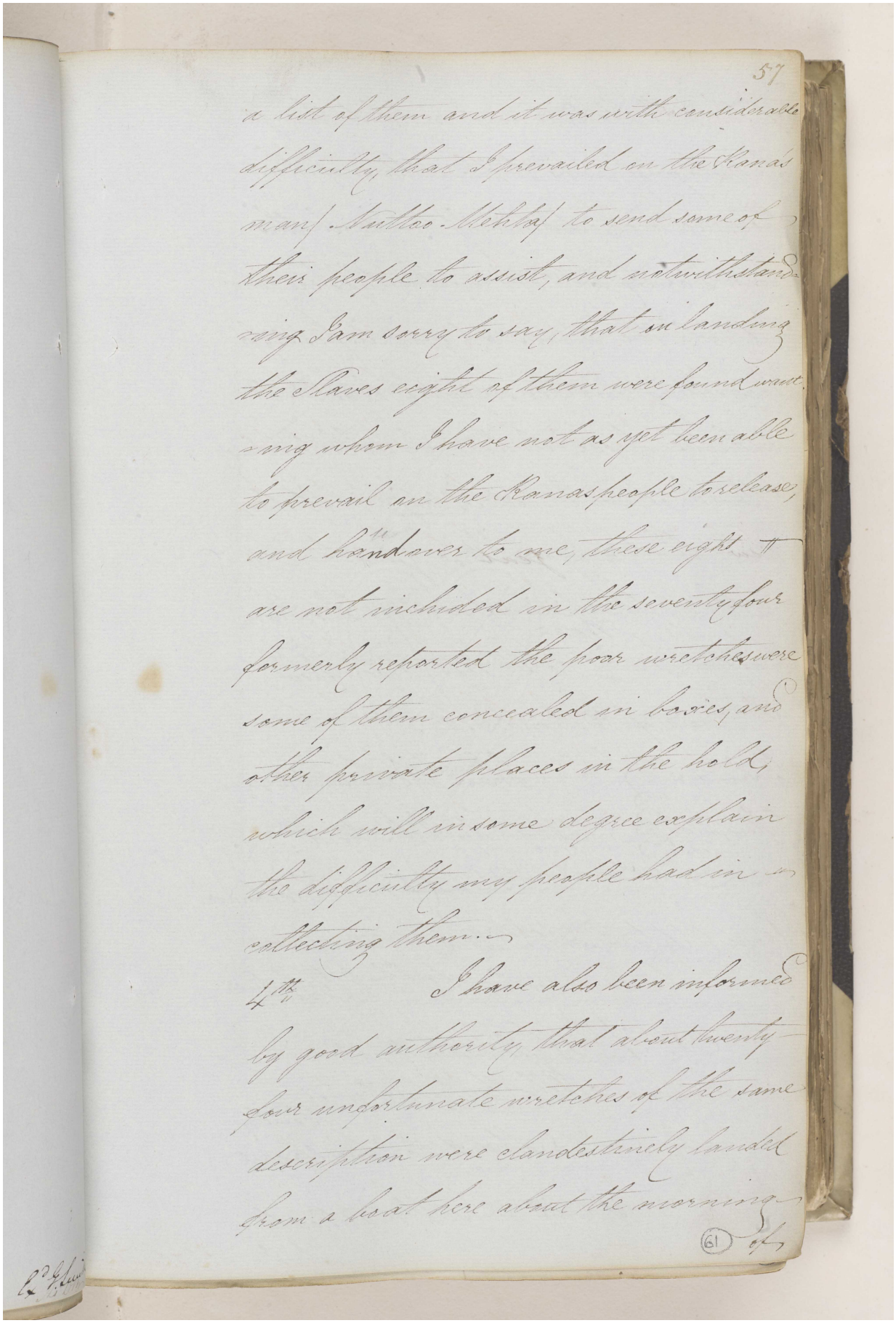

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a list of them and it was with considerable difficulty that I prevailed on the Ranas many Muttao Mehtaj to send some of their people to assist, and notwithstanding I am sorry to say, that on landing the Slaves eight of them were found wanting whom I have not as yet been able to prevail on the Ranas people to release, and hand over to me, these eight are not included in the seventy four formerly reported the poor wretches were some of them concealed in boxes, and other private places in the hold, which will in some degree explain the difficulty my people had in collecting them.

4th I have also been informed by good authority that about twenty four unfortunate wretches of the same description were clandestinely landed from a boat here about the morning of

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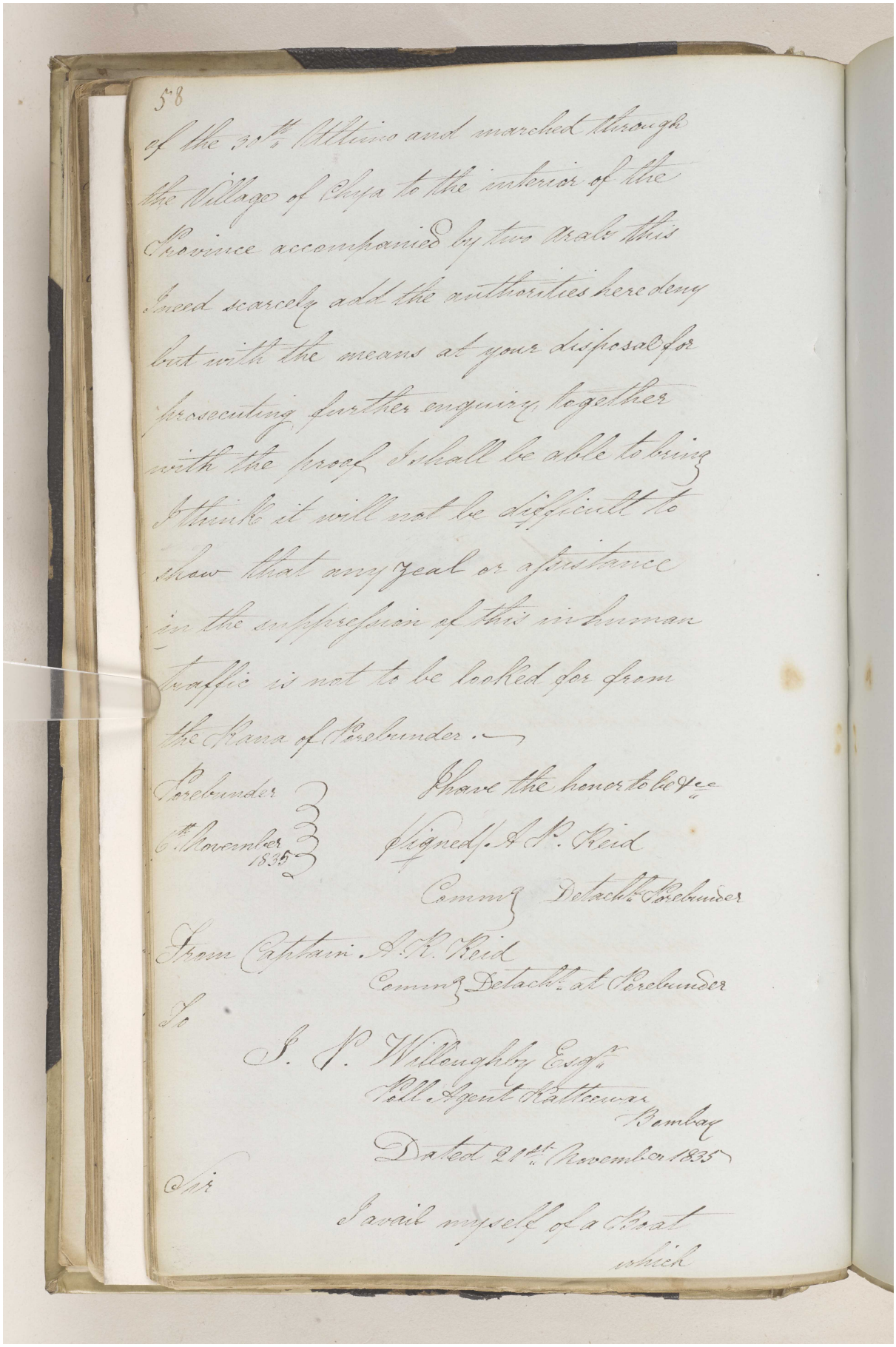

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of the 30th Ultimo and marched through the Village of Chya to the interior of the Province accompanied by two Arabs this I need scarcely add the authorities here deny but with the means at your disposal for prosecuting further enquiry together with the proof I shall be able to bring I think it will not be difficult to show that any zeal or assistance in the suppression of this in human traffic is not to be looked for from the Rana of Porebunder.

Porebunder
6th November 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed A. P. Reid
Comm^g Detach^t Porebunder

From Captain A. R. Reid
Comm^g Detach^t at Porebunder

To
J. P. Willoughby Esqr
Poll Agent Katteewar
Bombay

Dated 21st November 1835

Sir

I avail myself of a Boat which

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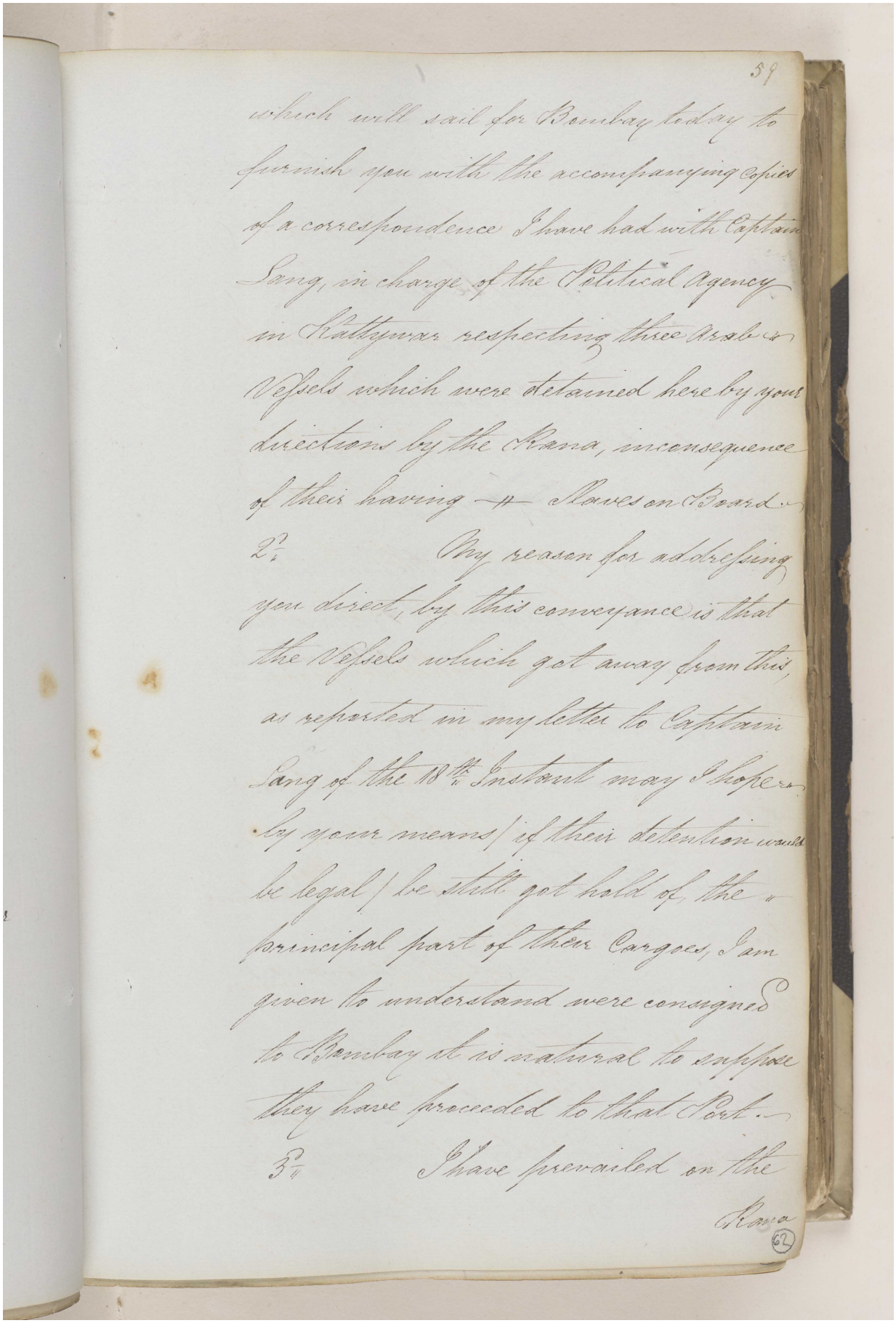

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which will sail for Bombay today to furnish you with the accompanying copies of a correspondence I have had with Captain Lang, in charge of the Political Agency in Kattywar respecting three Arab Vessels which were detained here by your directions by the Rana, in consequence of their having 4 Slaves on Board.

2d. My reason for addressing you direct, by this conveyance is that the Vessels which got away from this, as reported in my letter to Captain Lang of the 18th Instant may I hope by your means, if their detention would be legal, be still got hold of, the principal part of their Cargoes, I am given to understand were consigned to Bombay & it is natural to suppose they have proceeded to that Port.

3d. I have prevailed on the

Rana

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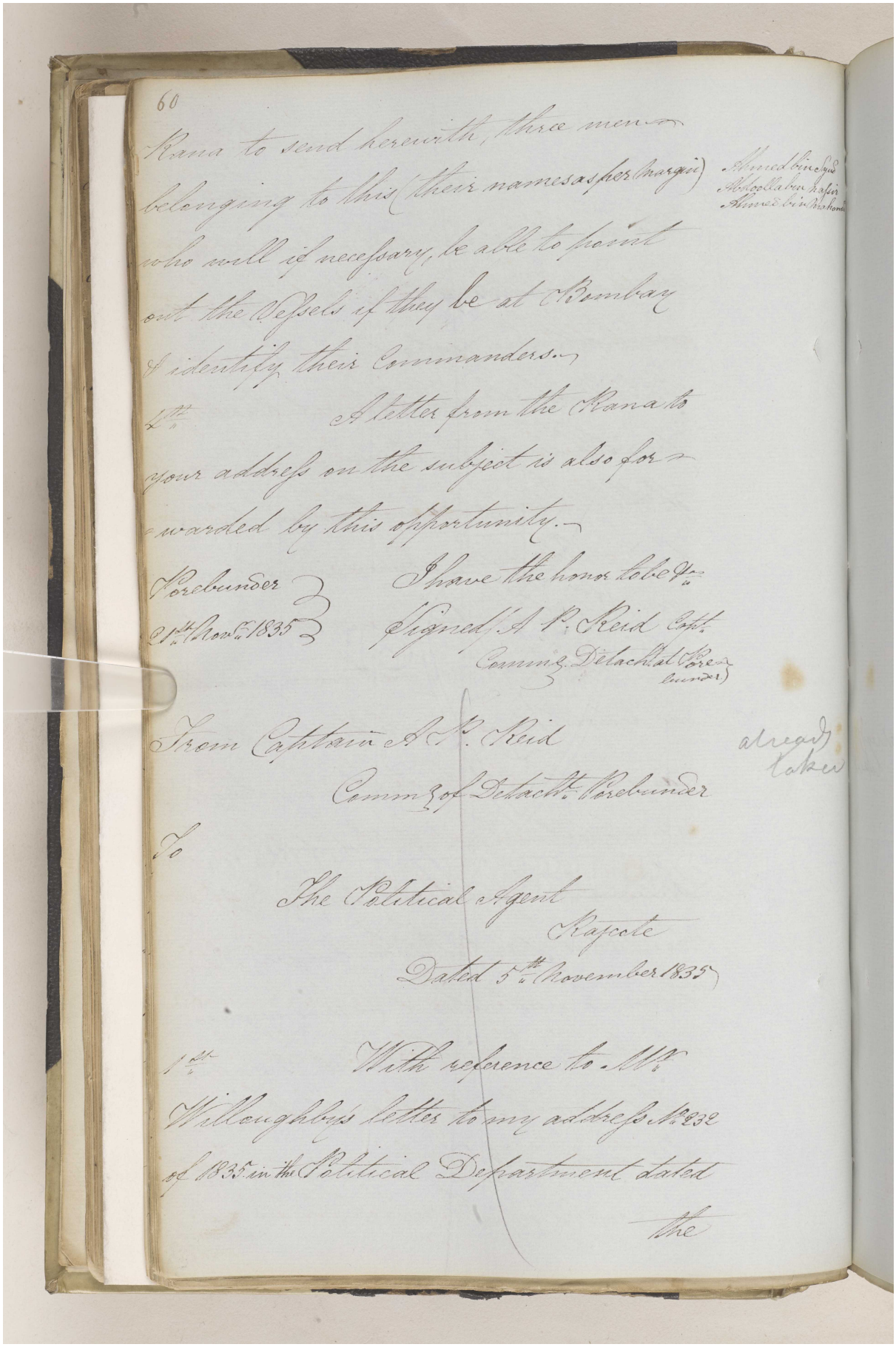

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Rana to send herewith, three men
belonging to this (their names as per margin) Ahmed bin Seid
Abdoollah bin Nasir
Ahmed bin Nakhoda
who will if necessary, be able to point
out the Vessels if they be at Bombay
& identify their Commanders.

2d. A letter from the Rana to
your address on the subject is also for-
warded by this opportunity.

Porebunder
2d. November 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed A. P. Reid Capt.
Comm.g Detachment (Porebunder)

From Captain A. P. Reid
Comm.g of Detachment Porebunder
already taken

To
The Political Agent
Rajcote

Dated 5th November 1835

1st. With reference to Mr.
Willoughby's letter to my address of 1832
of 1835 in the Political Department dated
the

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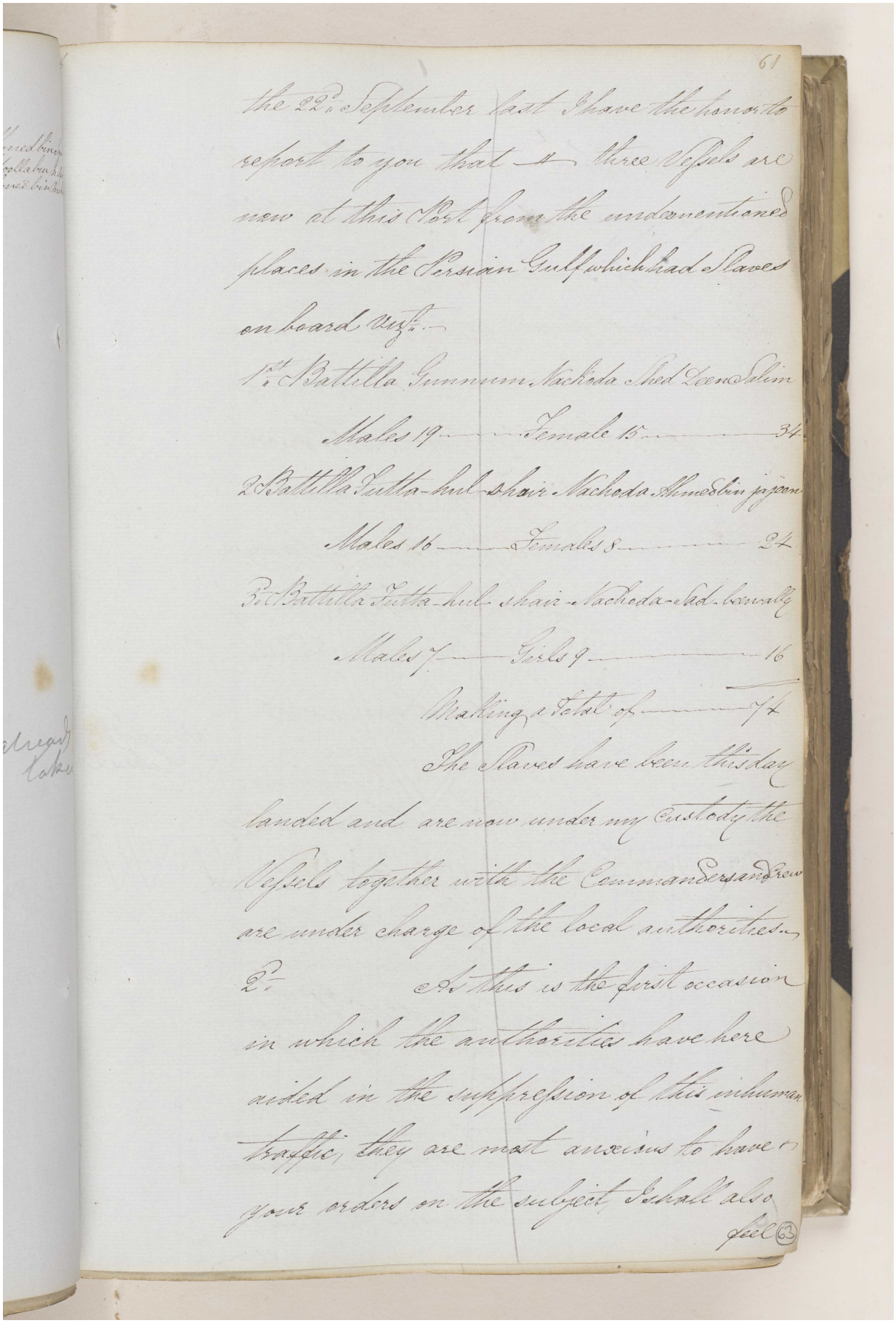

the 22d September last I have the honor to report to you that three Vessels are now at this Port from the undermentioned places in the Persian Gulf which had Slaves on board viz.

1st Battilla Gunnum Nackoda Shed Deen Salim

Males 19 — Female 15 — 34

2 Battilla Tutta-hul-shair Nachoda Ahmed bin jajeen

Males 16 — Females 8 — 24

3d Battilla Tutta-hul-shair-Nachoda-Sad-been-ally

Males 7 — Girls 9 — 16

Making a Total of — 74

The Slaves have been this day landed and are now under my Custody the Vessels together with the Commanders and Crew are under charge of the local authorities.

2d As this is the first occasion in which the authorities have here aided in the suppression of this inhuman traffic, they are most anxious to have your orders on the subject, I shall also

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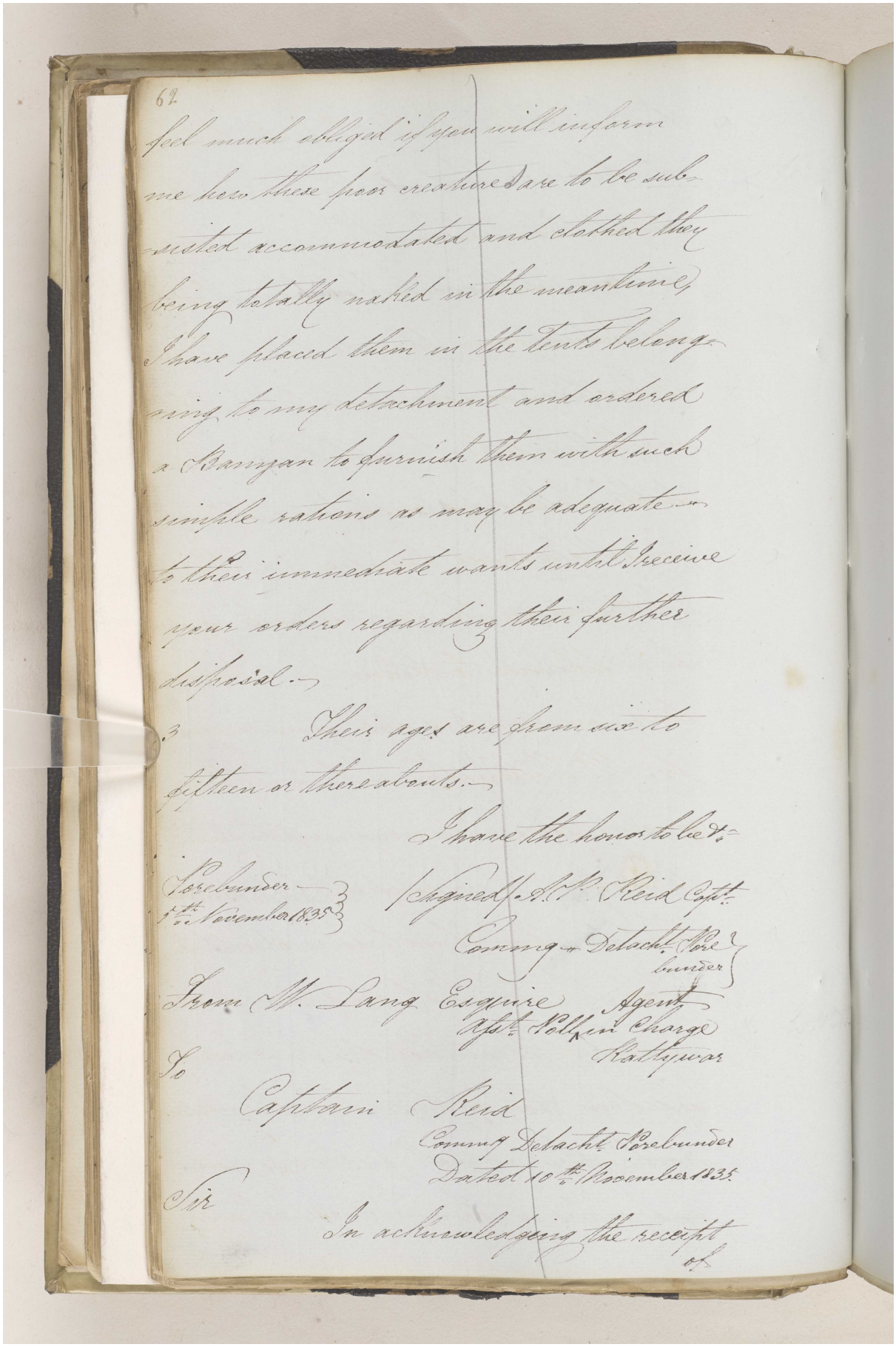

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feel much obliged if you will inform me how these poor creatures are to be subsisted accommodated and clothed they being totally naked in the meantime, I have placed them in the tents belonging to my detachment and ordered a Banyan to furnish them with such simple rations as may be adequate to their immediate wants until I receive your orders regarding their further disposal.

3 Their ages are from six to fifteen or thereabouts.

I have the honor to be &c.

Porebunder 5th November 1835

(Signed) A. P. Reid Capt.
Comm.g Detacht. Porebunder

From W. Lang Esquire Agent
Asst. Poll. in Charge
Kattywar

To
Captain Reid
Comm.g Detacht. Porebunder
Dated 10th November 1835.

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of

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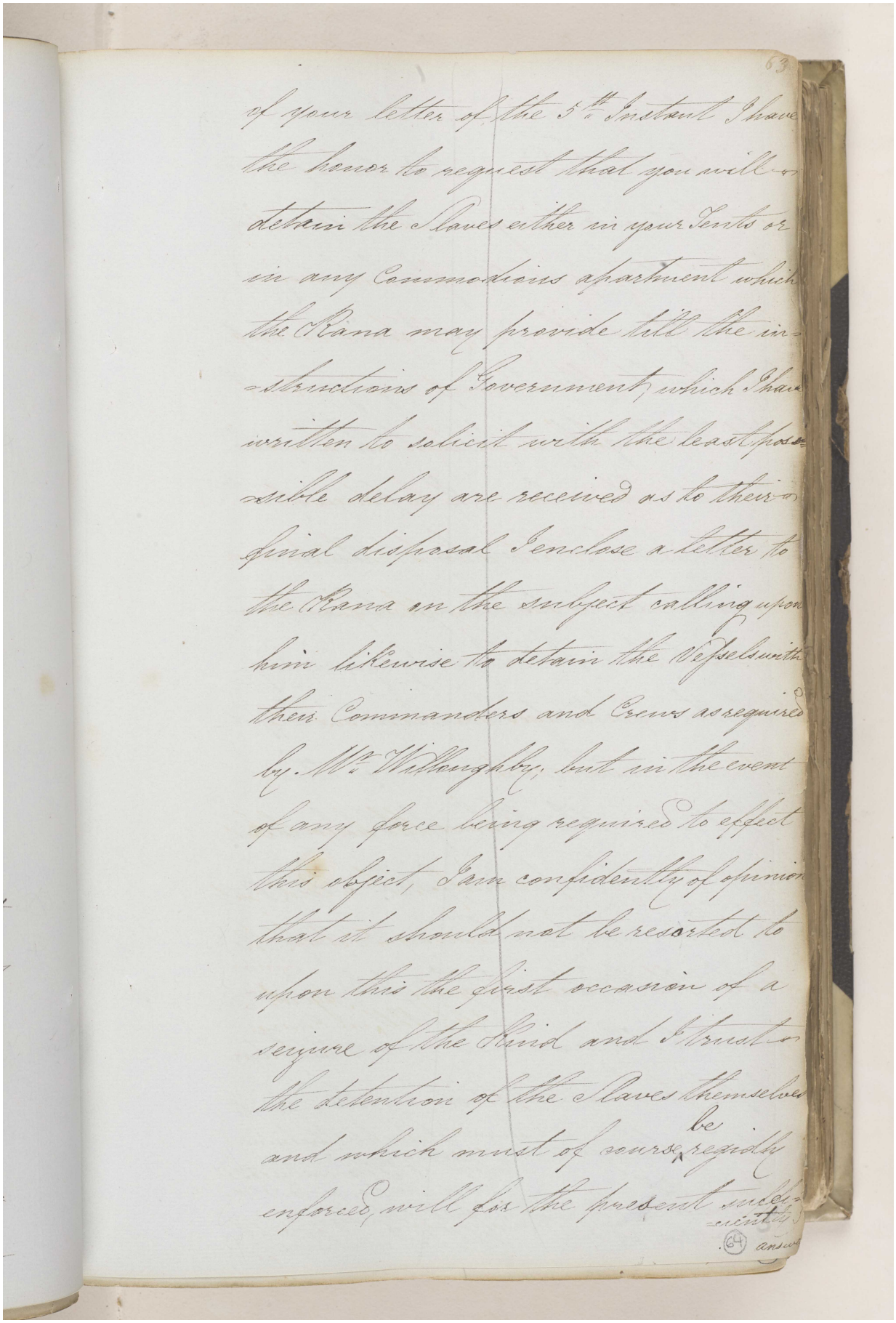

of your letter of the 5th Instant I have the honor to request that you will detain the Slaves either in your Tanks or in any Commodious apartment which the Rana may provide till the instructions of Government which I have written to solicit with the least possible delay are received as to their final disposal I enclose a letter to the Rana on the subject calling upon him likewise to detain the Vessels with their Commanders and Crews as required by Mr Willoughby, but in the event of any force being required to effect this object, I am confidently of opinion that it should not be resorted to upon this the first occasion of a refusal of the Rana and I trust the detention of the Slaves themselves and which must of course be enforced will for the present succeed

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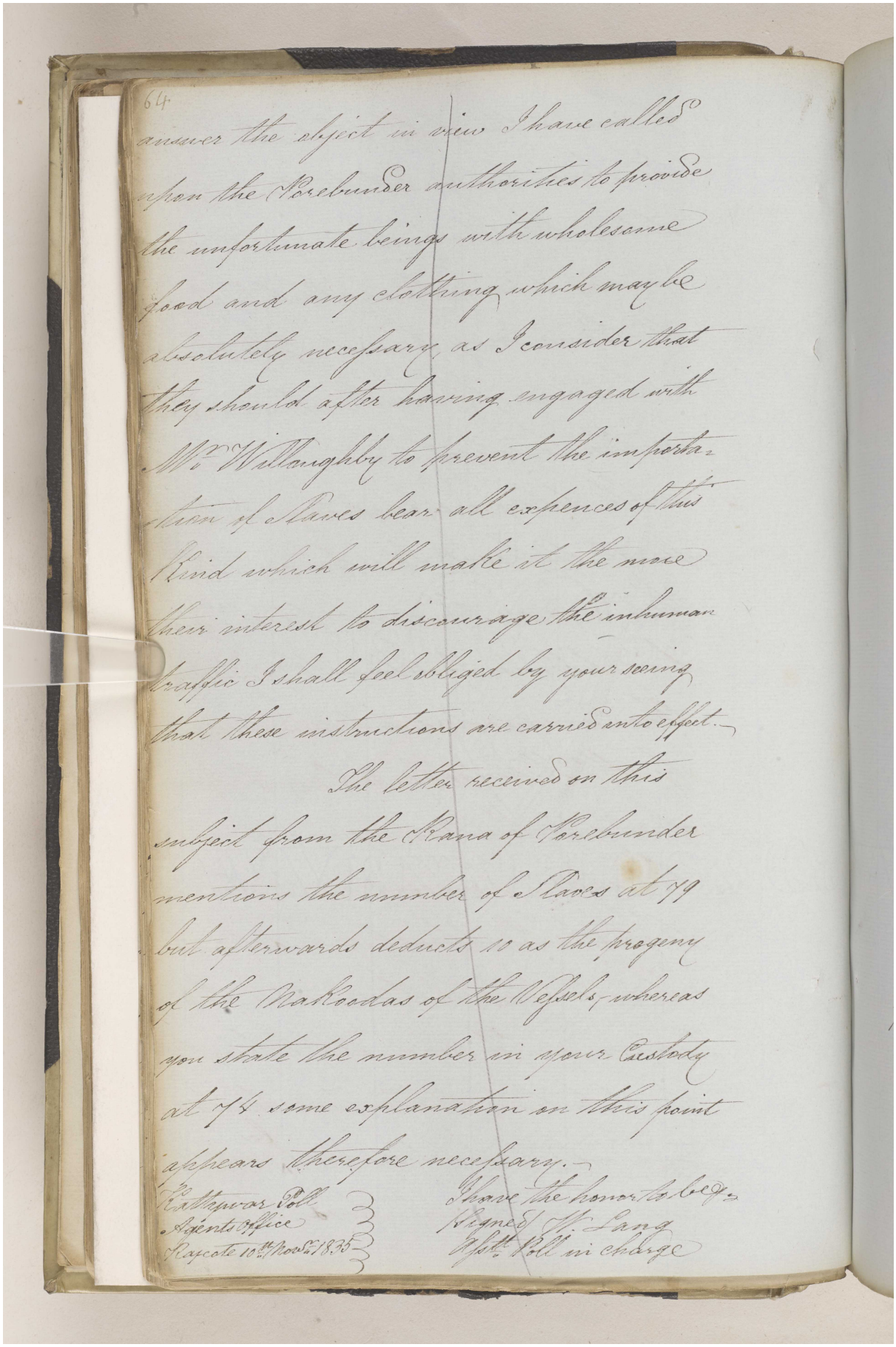

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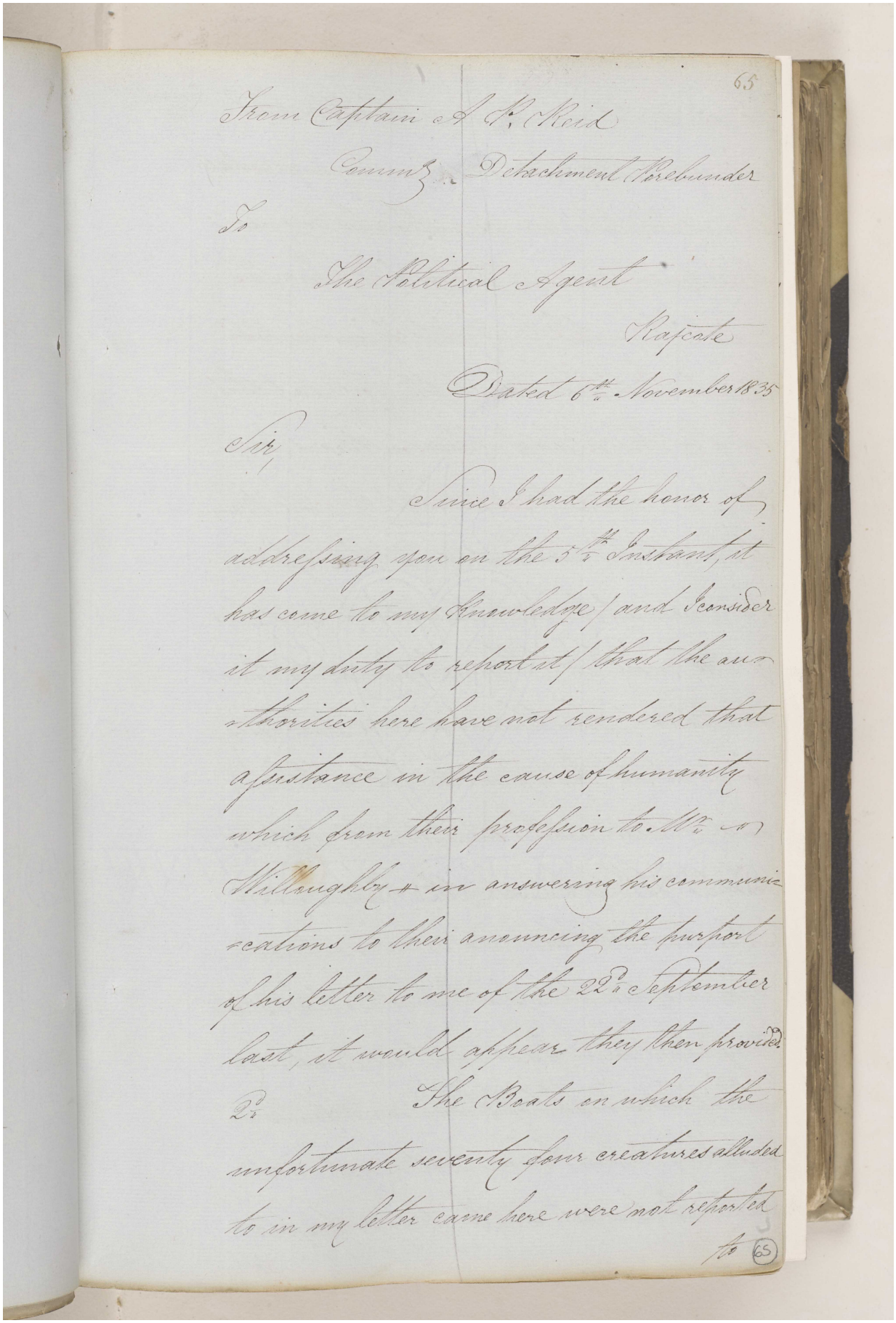
answer the object in view I have called upon the Porebunder authorities to provide the unfortunate beings with wholesome food and any clothing which may be absolutely necessary as I consider that they should after having engaged with Mr Willoughby to prevent the importation of Slaves bear all expences of this kind which will make it the more their interest to discourage the inhuman traffic I shall feel obliged by your seeing that these instructions are carried into effect.

The letter received on this subject from the Rana of Porebunder mentions the number of Slaves at 79 but afterwards deducts 10 as the progeny of the Nakoodas of the Vessels, whereas you state the number in your Custody at 74 some explanation on this point appears therefore necessary.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed W. Lang
Asst. Pol in charge

Kattywar Pol
Agents Office
Rajcote 10th Nov 1835



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From Captain A. P. Kemball
Comm.g Detachment Persian Gulf

To

The Political Agent
Muscat

Dated 6th November 1835

Sir,

Since I had the honor of addressing you on the 5th Instant, it has come to my knowledge, and I consider it my duty to report it, that the authorities here have not rendered that assistance in the cause of humanity which from their profession to Mr. Willoughby in answering his communications to them announcing the purport of his letter to me of the 22d September last, it would appear they then provided

2d The Boats on which the unfortunate seventy four creatures alluded to in my letter came here were not reported

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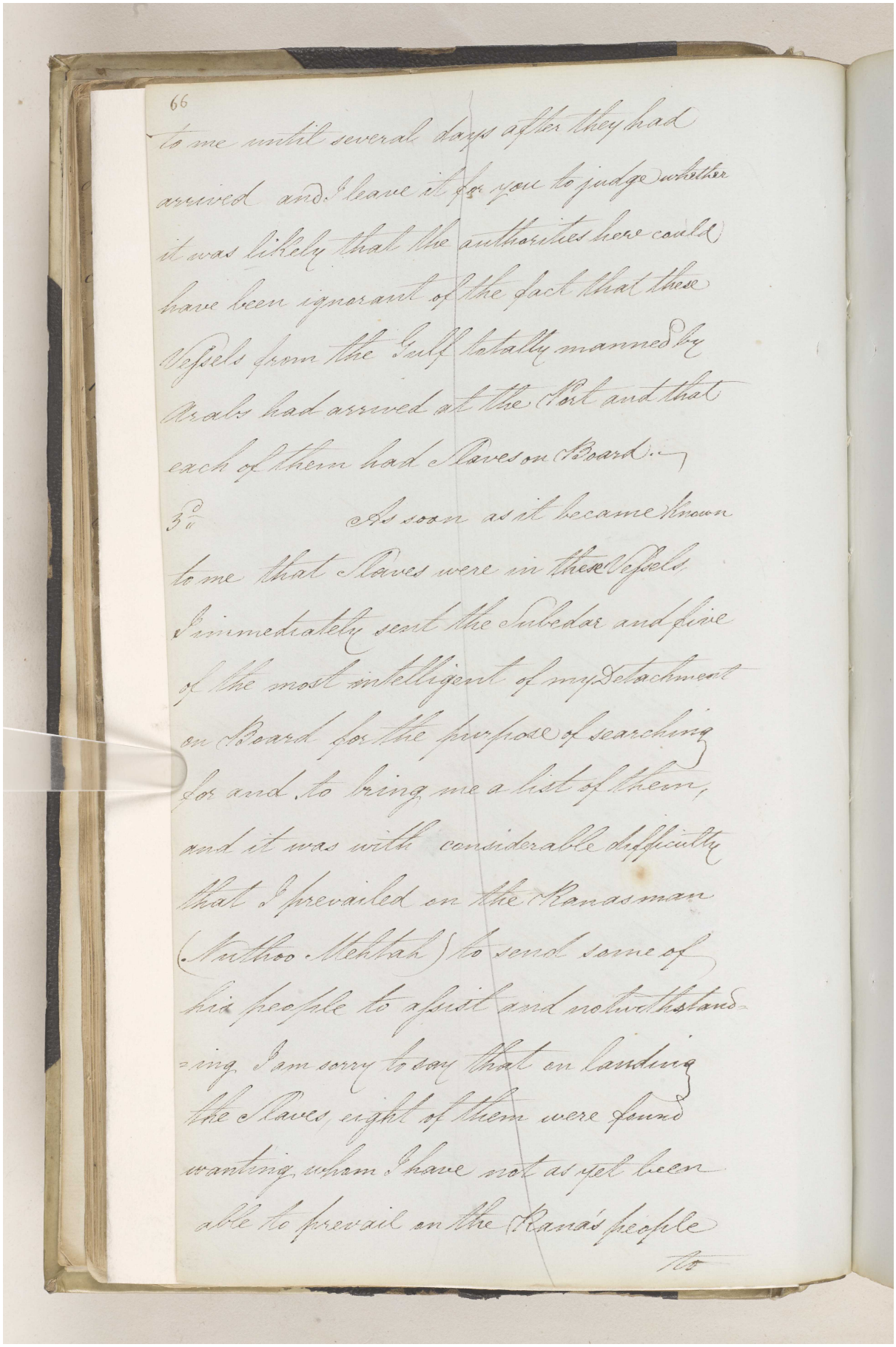

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to me until several days after they had
arrived and I leave it for you to judge whether
it was likely that the authorities here could
have been ignorant of the fact that these
Vessels from the Gulf totally manned by
Arabs had arrived at the Port and that
each of them had Slaves on Board.

3d As soon as it became known
to me that Slaves were in these Vessels
I immediately sent the Subedar and five
of the most intelligent of my Detachment
on Board for the purpose of searching
for and to bring me a list of them,
and it was with considerable difficulty
that I prevailed on the Ranas man
(Muthoo Mehtah) to send some of
his people to assist and notwithstand-
ing I am sorry to say that on landing
the Slaves, eight of them were found
wanting, whom I have not as yet been
able to prevail on the Ranas people

to

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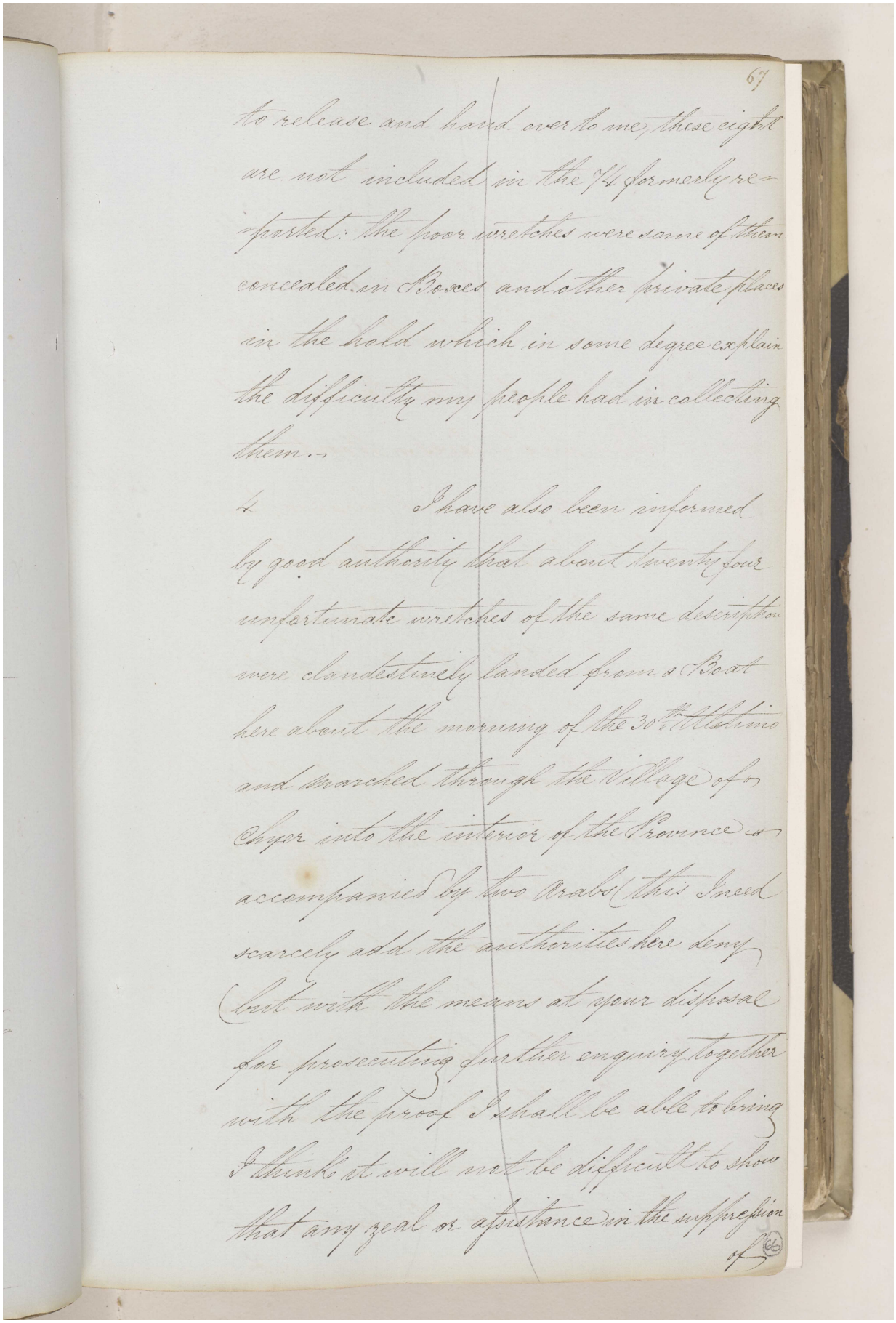

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to release and hand over to me, those eight
are not included in the 74 formerly re-
ported: the poor wretches were some of them
concealed in Boxes and other private places
in the hold which in some degree explain
the difficulty my people had in collecting
them.

4 I have also been informed
by good authority that about twenty four
unfortunate wretches of the same descriptio
were clandestinely landed from a Boat
here about the morning of the 30th Ultimo
and marched through the Village of
Chyar into the interior of the Province a
accompanied by two Arabs (this I need
scarcely add the authorities here deny
but with the means at your disposal
for prosecuting further enquiry together
with the proof I shall be able to bring
I think it will not be difficult to show
that any zeal or assistance in the suppression
of

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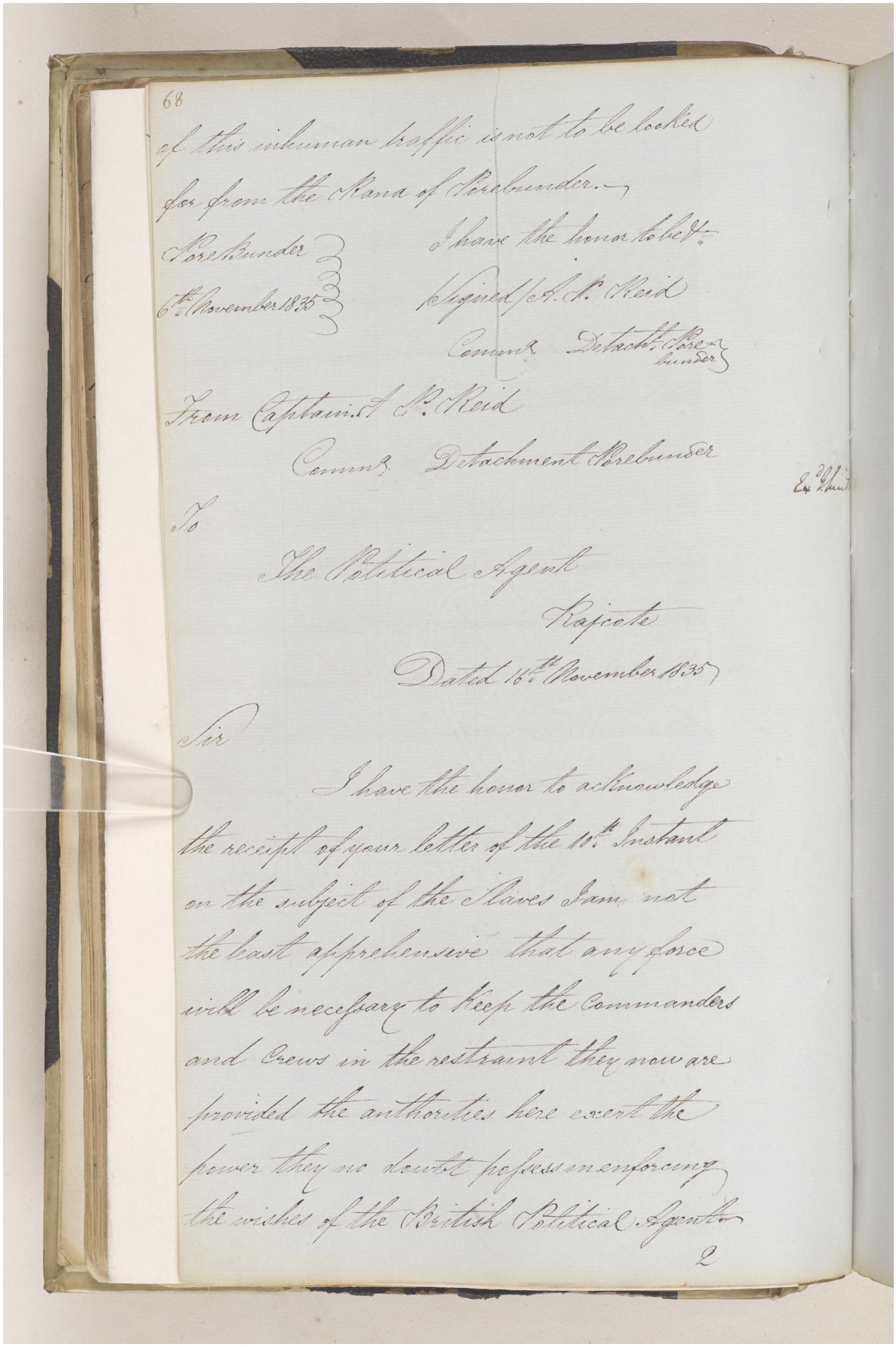

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of this inhuman traffic is not to be looked for from the Rana of Porebunder.

Porebunder
6th November 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. P. Reid
Comm.g Detacht. Porebunder

From Captain A. P. Reid
Comm.g Detachment Porebunder

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To
The Political Agent
Rajcote
Dated 16th November 1835

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant on the subject of the Slaves I am not the least apprehensive that any force will be necessary to keep the Commanders and Crews in the restraint they now are provided the authorities here exert the power they no doubt possess in enforcing the wishes of the British Political Agent

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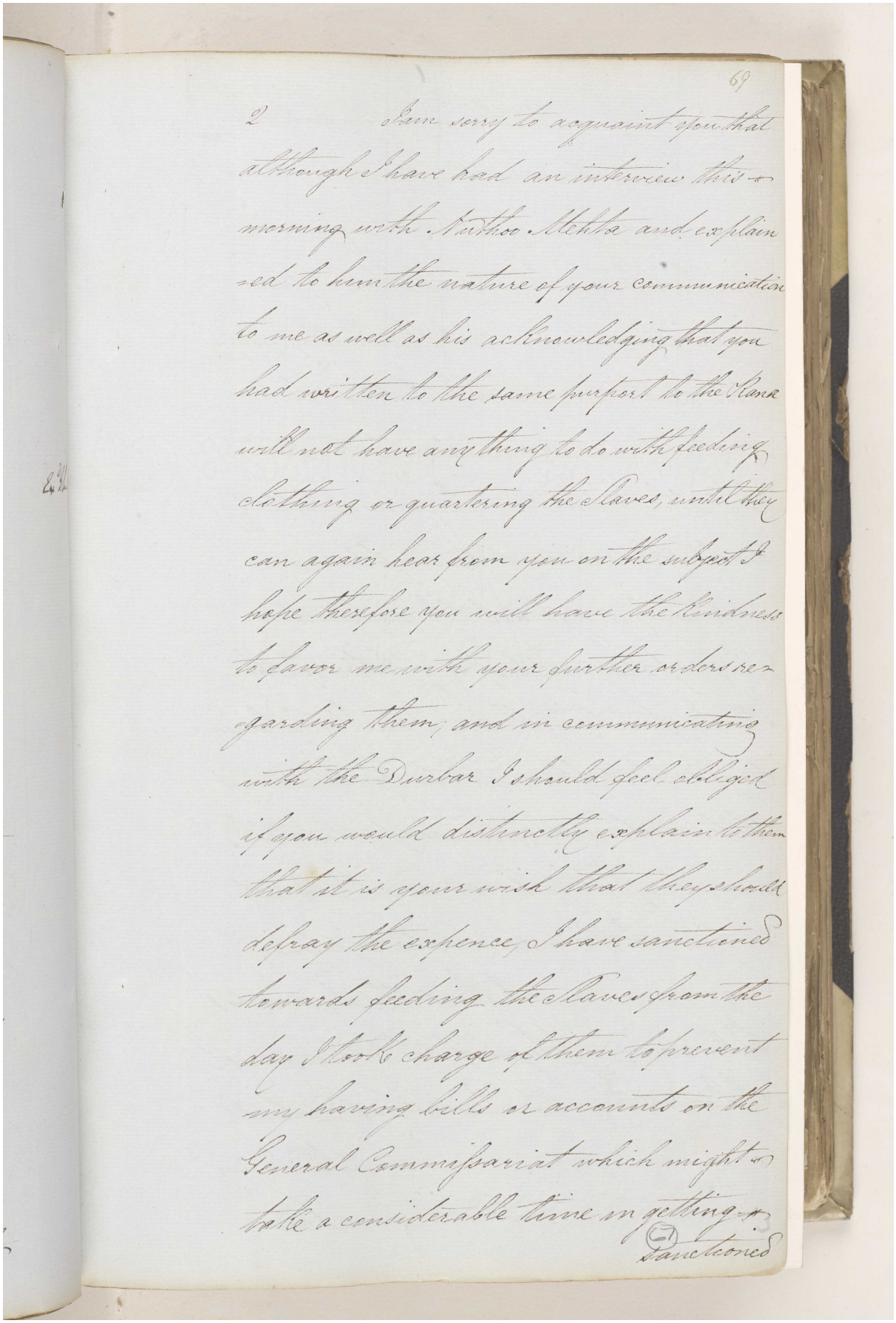

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2 I am sorry to acquaint you that although I have had an interview this morning with Nathoo Mehta and explained to him the nature of your communication to me as well as his acknowledging that you had written to the same purport to the Nawab will not have any thing to do with feeding clothing or quartering the Slaves, until they can again hear from you on the subject I hope therefore you will have the kindness to favor me with your further orders regarding them, and in communicating with the Durbar I should feel obliged if you would distinctly explain to them that it is your wish that they should defray the expence I have sanctioned towards feeding the Slaves from the day I took charge of them to prevent my having bills or accounts on the General Commissariat which might take a considerable time in getting

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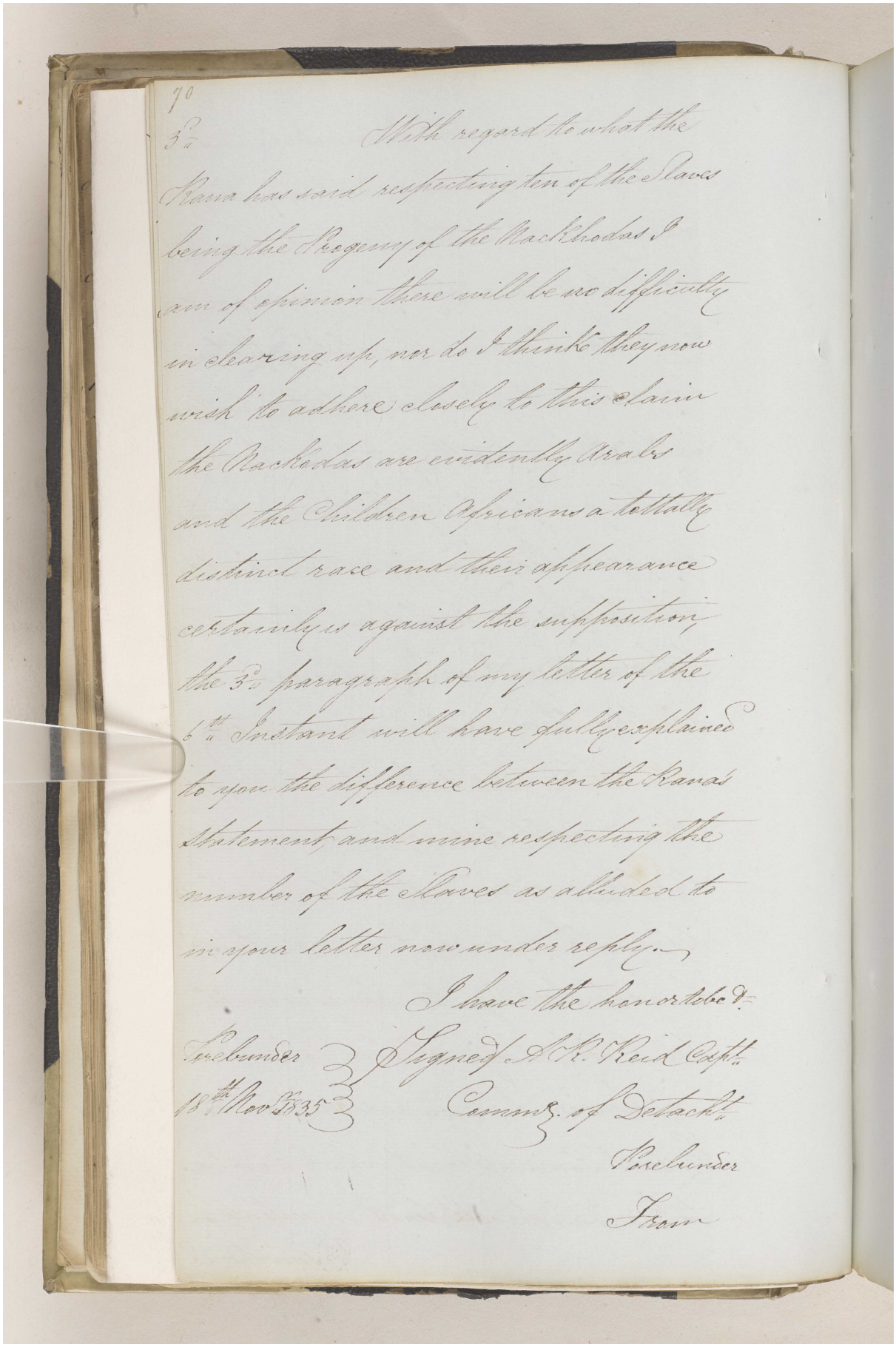

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3d With regard to what the Rana has said respecting ten of the Slaves being the Progeny of the Nackhodas I am of opinion there will be no difficulty in clearing up, nor do I think they now wish to adhere closely to this claim the Nackodas are evidently Arabs and the Children Africans a tottally distinct race and their appearance certainly is against the supposition, the 3d paragraph of my letter of the 6th Instant will have fully explained to you the difference between the Rana's Statement, and mine respecting the number of the Slaves as alluded to in your letter now under reply.

I have the honor to be &c.

Porebunder
18th Nov 1835

Signed A. R. Reid Capt.
Commg. of Detacht.
Porebunder

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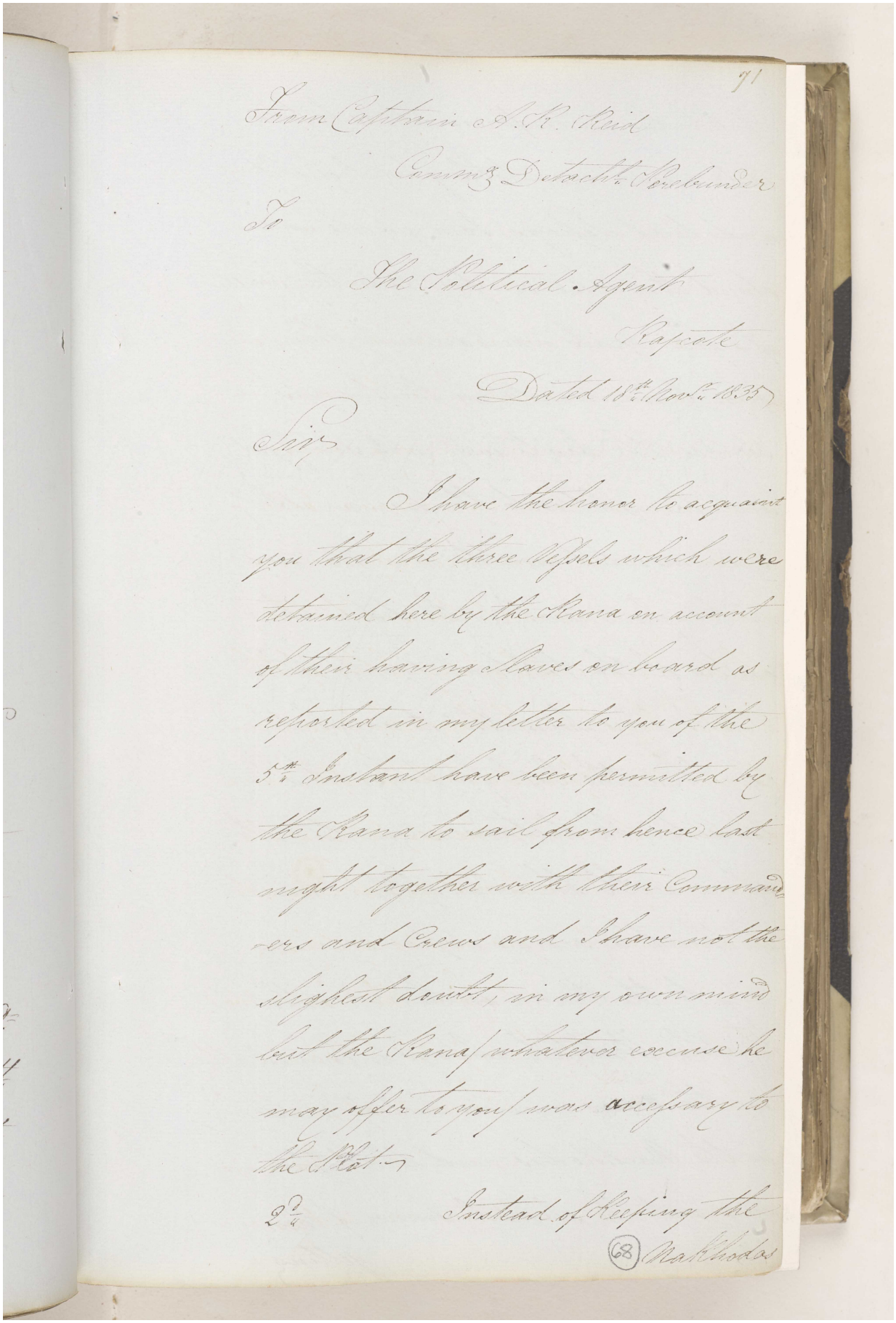

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From Captain A. R. Reid
Commg. Detacht. Porebunder

To

The Political Agent
Rajcote

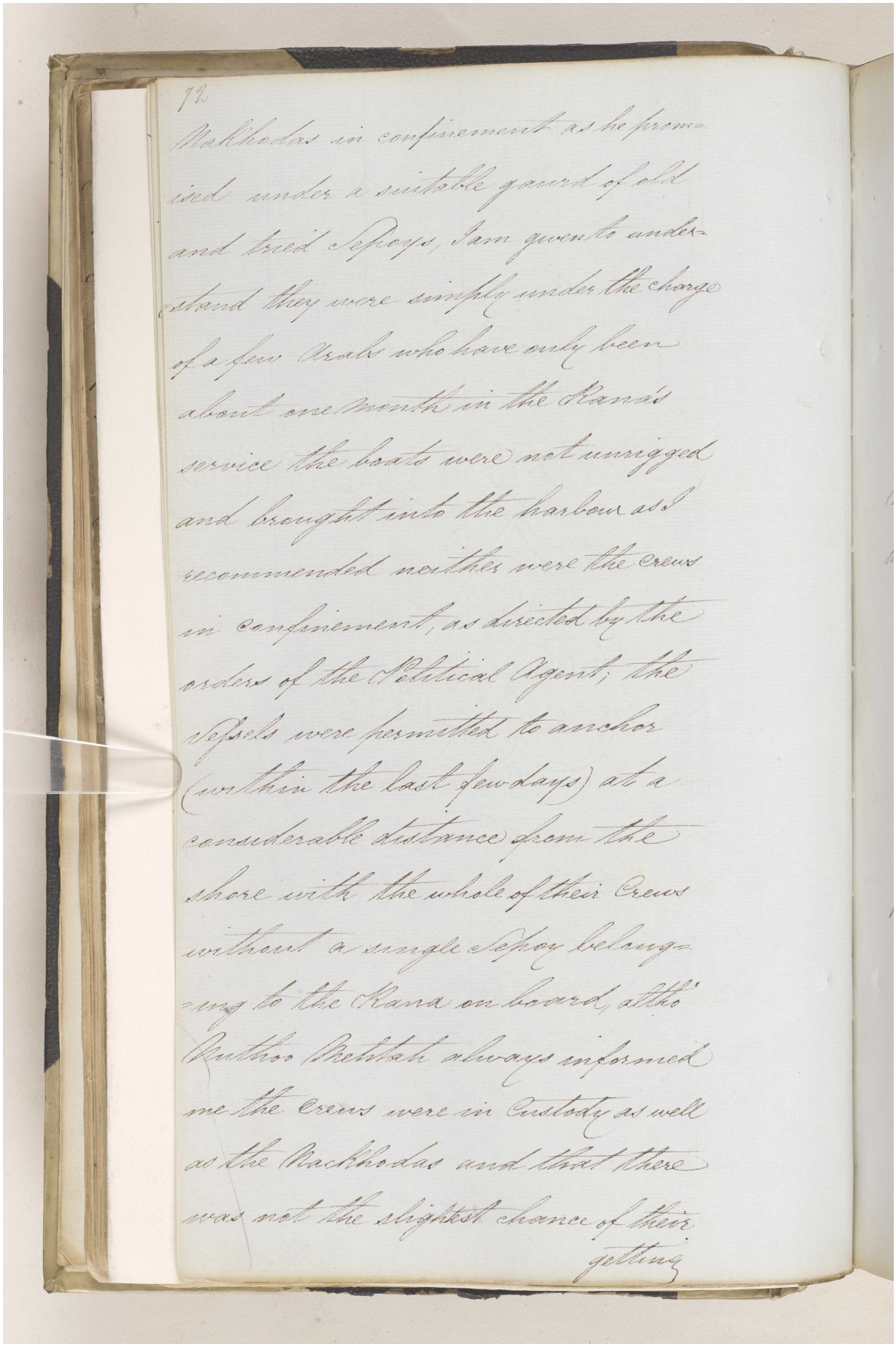
Dated 18th Novr. 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the three Vessels which were detained here by the Rana on account of their having Slaves on board as reported in my letter to you of the 5th Instant have been permitted by the Rana to sail from hence last night together with their Commanders and Crews and I have not the slighest doubt, in my own mind but the Rana (whatever excuse he may offer to you) was accessary to the Plot.

2d Instead of Keeping the

(68) Nakhodas



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Nakhodas in confinement as he promised under a suitable guard of old and tried Sepoys, I am given to understand they were simply under the charge of a few Arabs who have only been about one month in the Rana's service the boats were not unrigged and brought into the harbour as I recommended neither were the crews in confinement, as directed by the orders of the Political Agent; the Vessels were permitted to anchor (within the last few days) at a considerable distance from the shore with the whole of their Crews without a single Sepoy belonging to the Rana on board, altho' Ruthoo Bechtah always informed me the Crews were in Custody as well as the Nachkodas and that there was not the slightest chance of their getting

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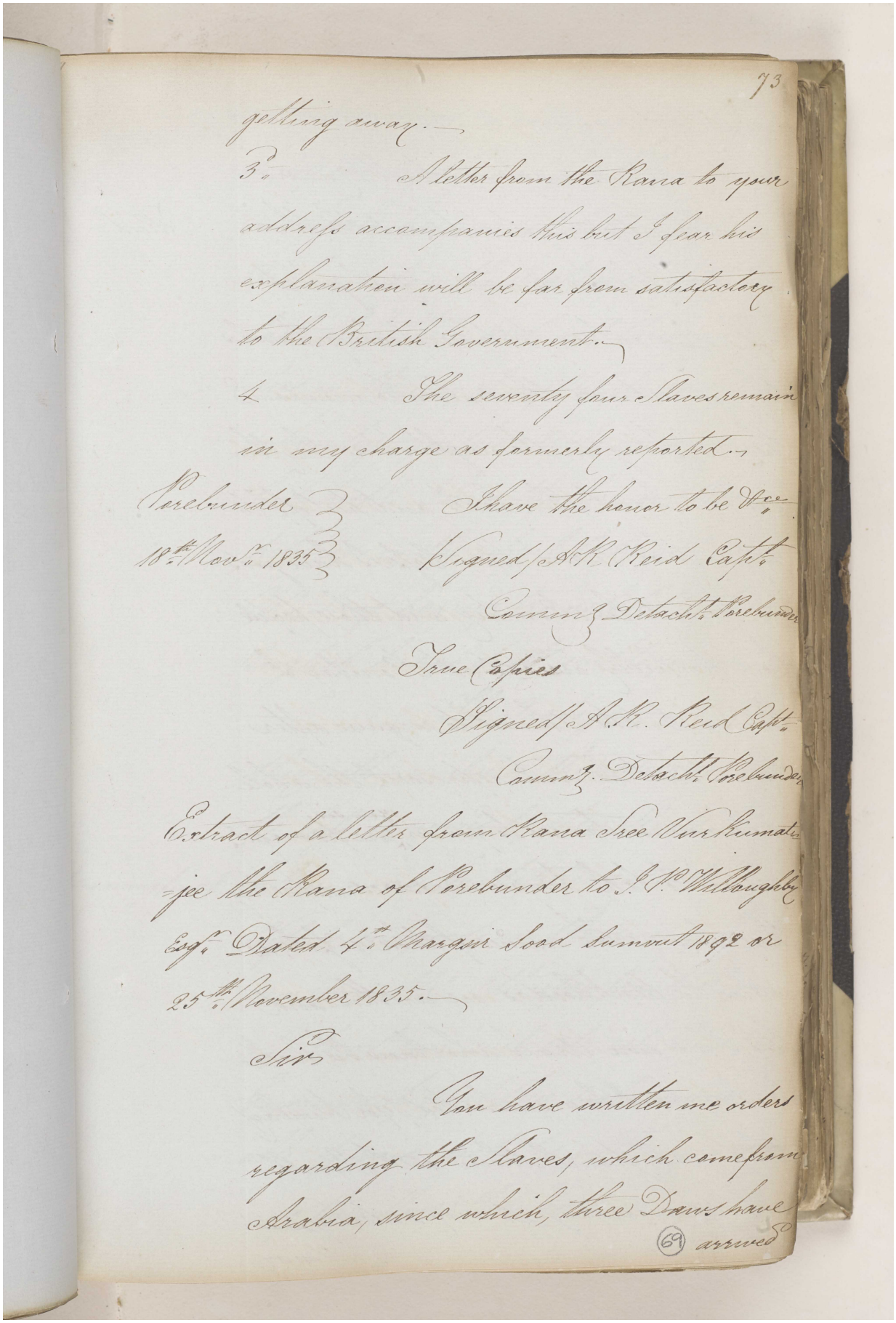

getting away.—

3d. A letter from the Rana to your address accompanies this but I fear his explanation will be far from satisfactory to the British Government.—

4 The seventy four Slaves remain in my charge as formerly reported.—

Porebunder 18th Novr. 1835 } I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) A. R. Reid Capt.
Commg. Detacht. Porebunder

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(Signed) A. R. Reid Capt.
Commg. Detacht. Porebunder

Extract of a letter from Rana Sree Vurkumatsjee the Rana of Porebunder to J. P. Willoughby Esqr. Dated 4th Margsir Sood Sumvut 1892 or 25th November 1835.—

Sir

You have written me orders regarding the Slaves, which come from Arabia, since which, three Daws have

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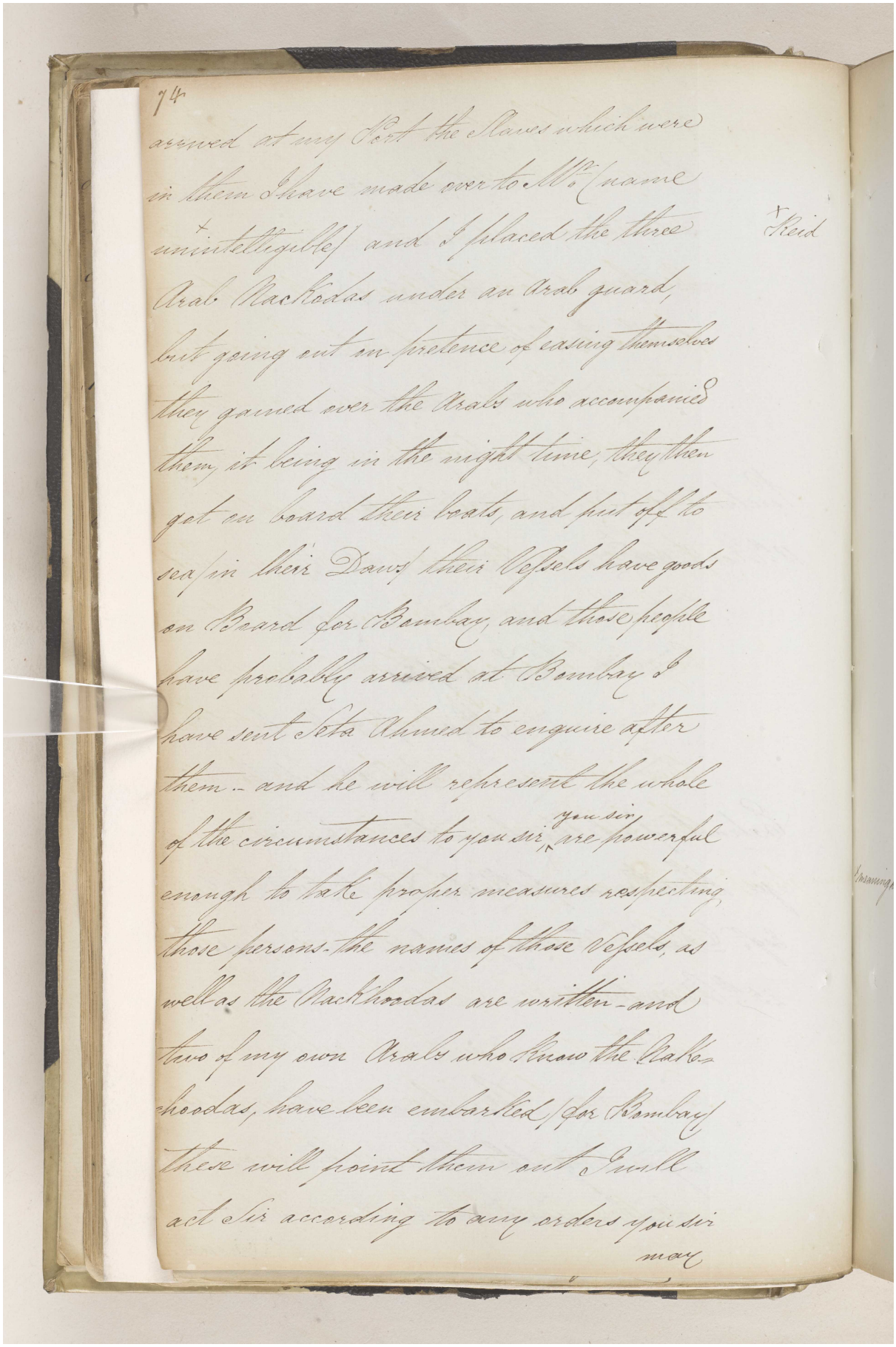

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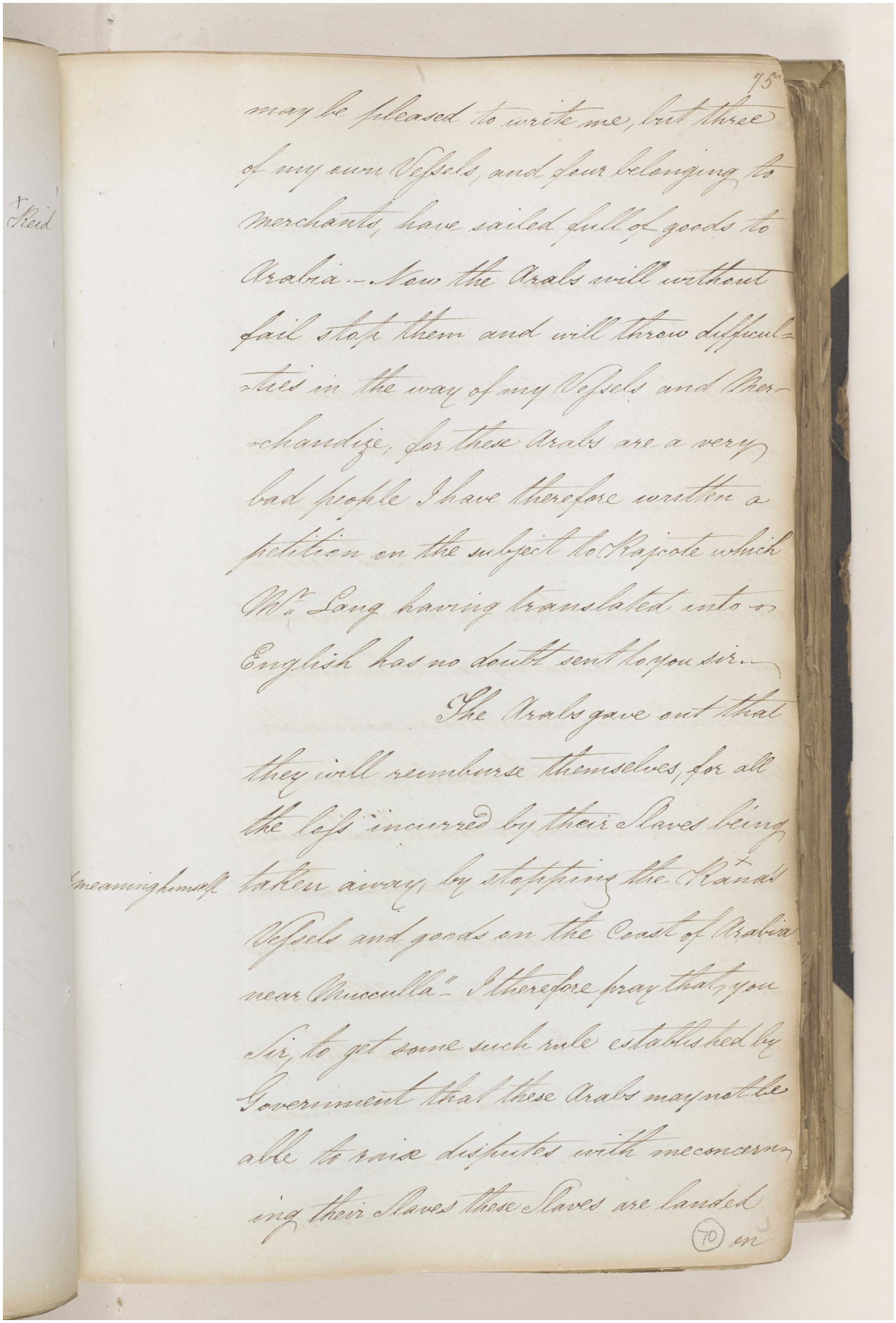
arrived at my Post the Slaves which were
in them I have made over to Mr (name
unintelligible) and I placed the three
Arab Nackodas under an Arab guard,
but going out on pretence of easing themselves
they gained over the Arabs who accompanied
them, it being in the night time, they then
got on board their boats, and put off to
sea in their Dows their Vessels have goods
on Board for Bombay, and those people
have probably arrived at Bombay &
have sent Seta Ahmed to enquire after
them - and he will represent the whole
of the circumstances to you sir, you sir
are powerful
enough to take proper measures respecting
those persons. the names of those Vessels, as
well as the Nackhoodas are written - and
two of my own Arabs who know the Naka-
hoodas, have been embarked for Bombay
these will point them out & I will
act Sir according to any orders you sir
may

Read

Remaining



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may be pleased to write me, but three
of my own Vessels, and four belonging to
Merchants, have sailed full of goods to
Arabia — Now the Arabs will without
fail stop them and will throw difficul-
ties in the way of my Vessels and Mer-
chandize, for these Arabs are a very
bad people I have therefore written a
petition on the subject to Rajcote which
Mr. Lang having translated into
English has no doubt sent to you sir —

The Arabs gave out that
they will reimburse themselves, for all
the loss incurred by their Slaves being
taken away, by stopping the Rands
Vessels and goods on the Coast of Arabia
near Musculla — I therefore pray that, you
Sir, to get some such rule established by
Government that these Arabs may not be
able to raise disputes with me concern-
ing their Slaves these Slaves are landed

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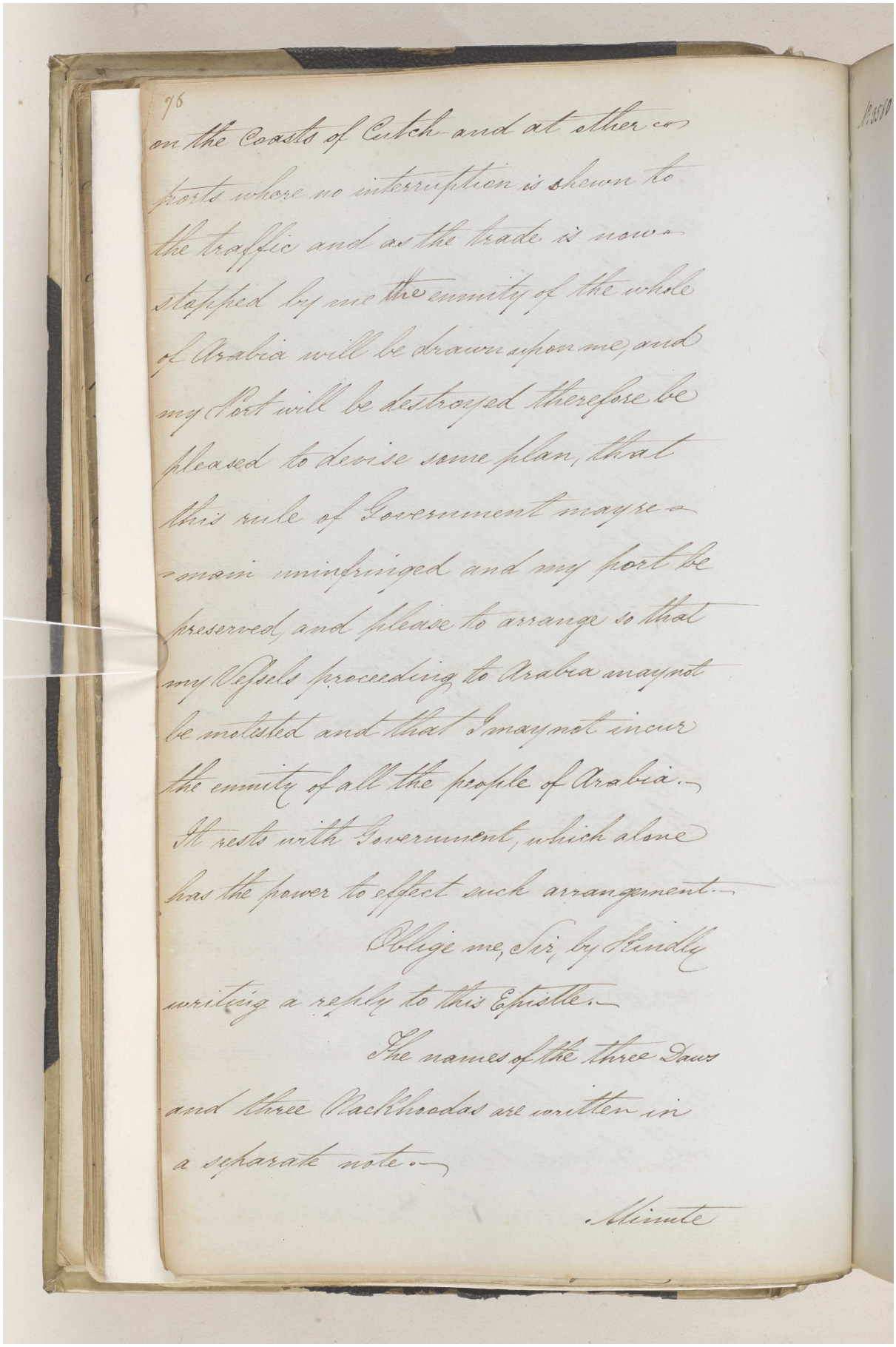

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on the Coasts of Cutch and at other ports where no interruption is shewn to the traffic and as the trade is now stopped by me the enmity of the whole of Arabia will be drawn upon me, and my Port will be destroyed therefore be pleased to devise some plan, that this rule of Government may remain unimpringed and my port be preserved, and please to arrange so that my Vessels proceeding to Arabia may not be molested and that I may not incur the enmity of all the people of Arabia.

It rests with Government, which alone has the power to effect such arrangement.

Oblige me, Sir, by kindly writing a reply to this Epistle.

The names of the three Daws and three Nackhoodas are written in a separate note.

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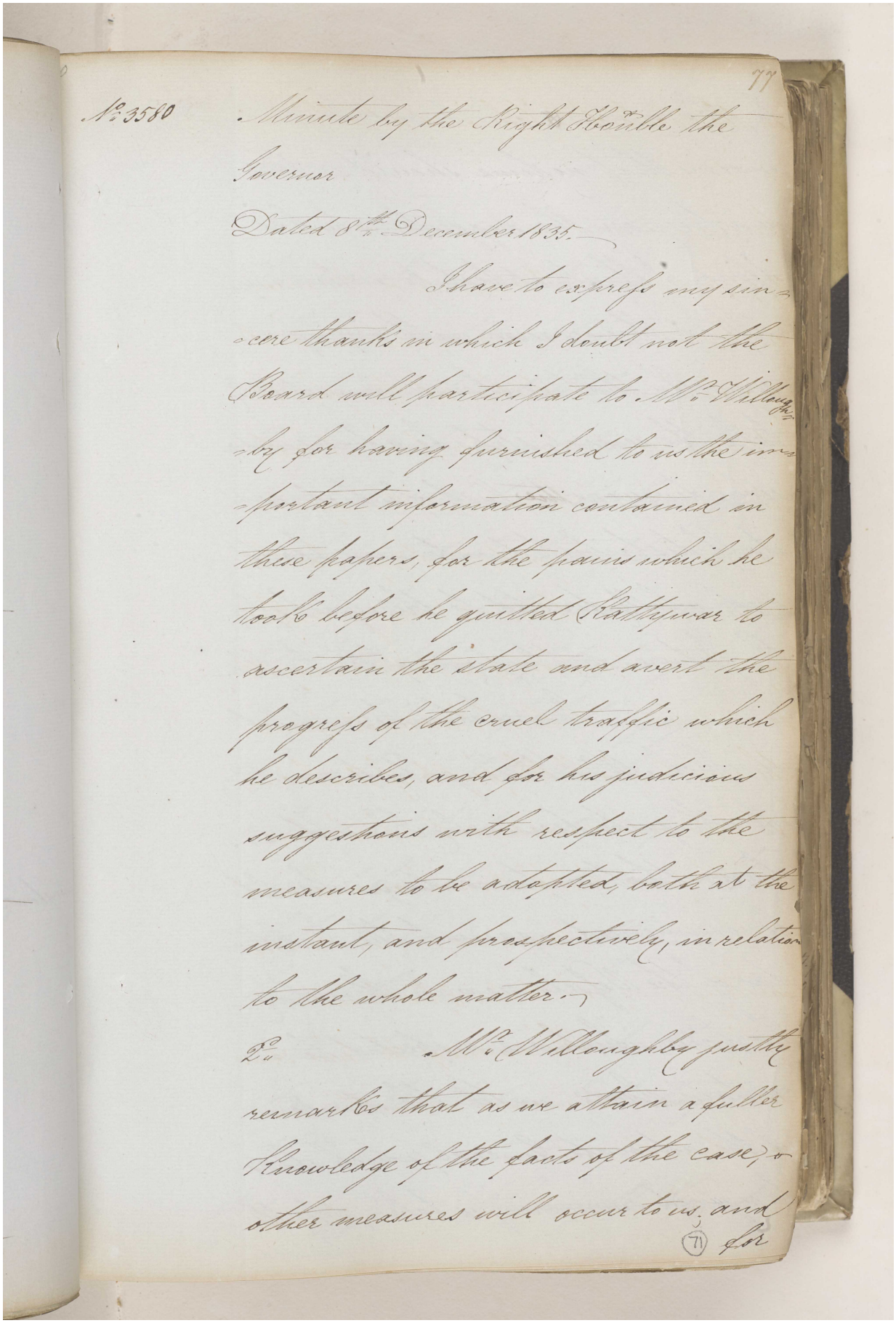

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No. 3580 Minute by the Right Honble the Governor

Dated 8th December 1835.

I have to express my sincere thanks in which I doubt not the Board will participate to Mr. Willoughby for having furnished to us the important information contained in these papers, for the pains which he took before he quitted Kattywar to ascertain the state and avert the progress of the cruel traffic which he describes, and for his judicious suggestions with respect to the measures to be adopted, both at the instant, and prospectively, in relation to the whole matter.

2d. Mr. Willoughby justly remarks that as we attain a fuller knowledge of the facts of the case, other measures will occur to us, and

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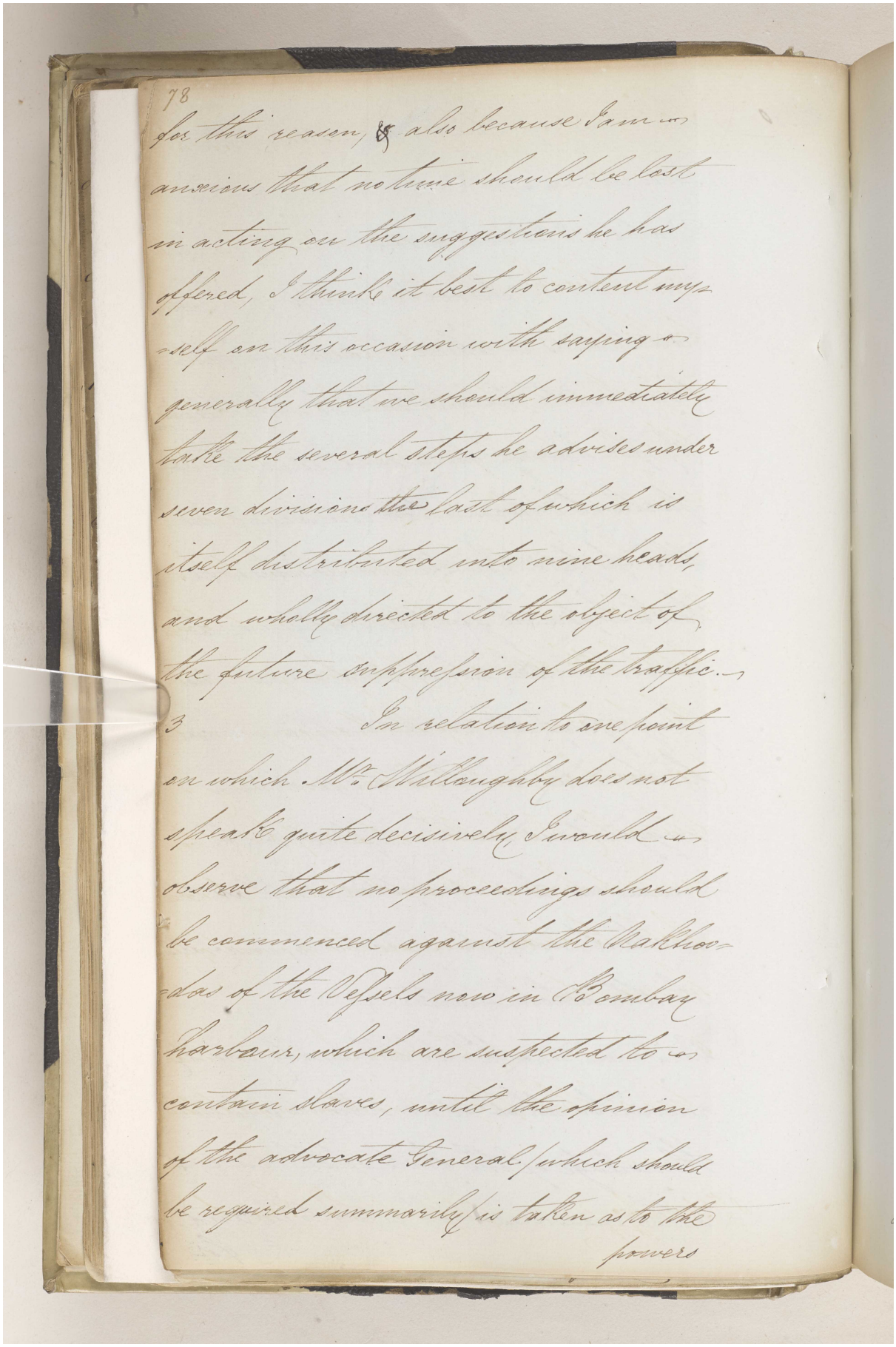

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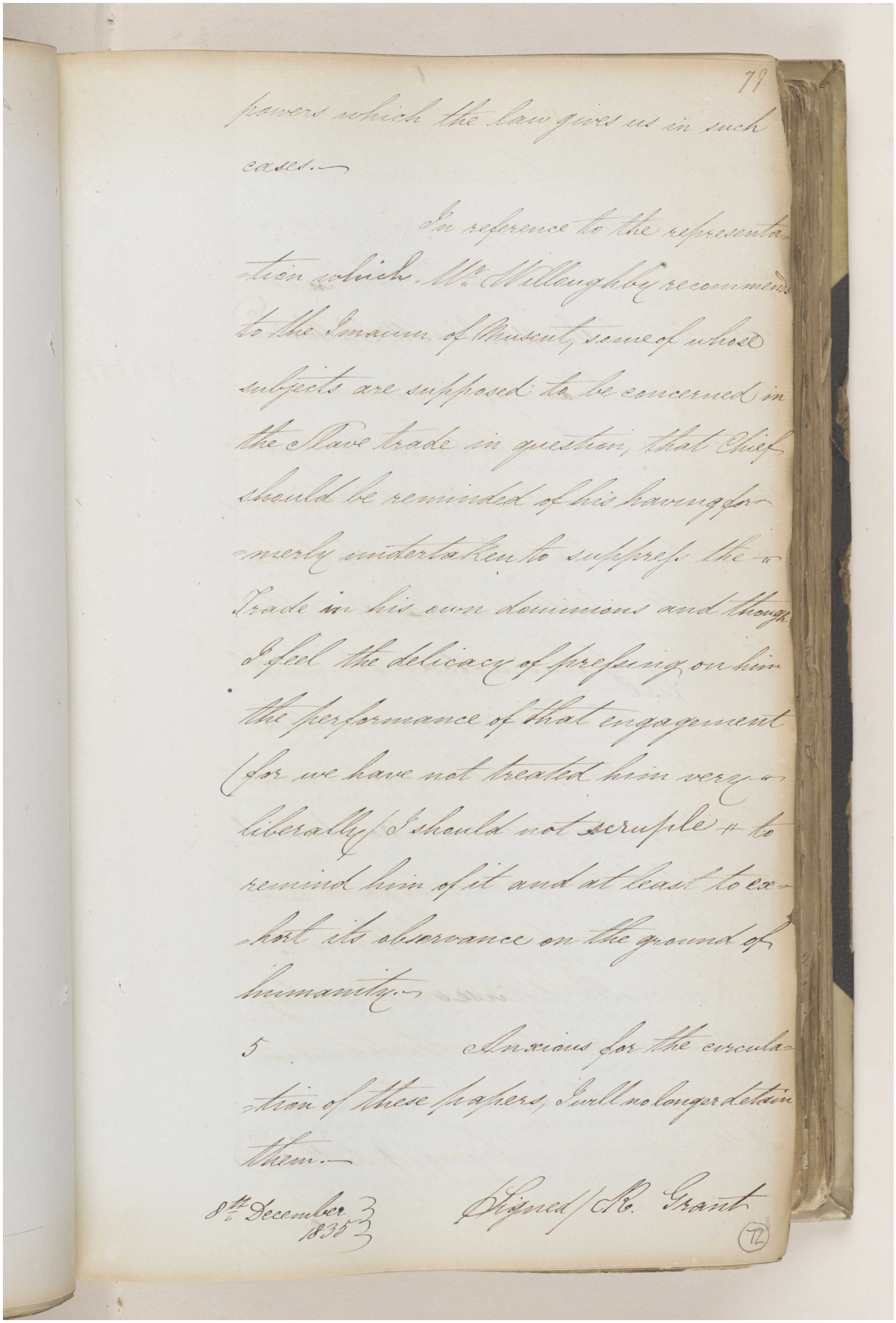
for this reason, & also because I am anxious that no time should be lost in acting on the suggestions he has offered, I think it best to content myself on this occasion with saying generally that we should immediately take the several steps he advises under seven divisions the last of which is itself distributed into nine heads, and wholly directed to the object of the future suppression of the traffic.

3 In relation to one point on which Mr. Willoughby does not speak quite decisively I would observe that no proceedings should be commenced against the Nakhodas of the Vessels now in Bombay harbour, which are suspected to contain slaves, until the opinion of the advocate General (which should be required summarily) is taken as to the powers



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powers which the law gives us in such cases.—

In reference to the representation which Mr. Willoughby recommends to the Imaum of Muscat, some of whose subjects are supposed to be concerned in the Slave trade in question, that Chief should be reminded of his having formerly undertaken to suppress the Trade in his own dominions and though I feel the delicacy of pressing on him the performance of that engagement (for we have not treated him very liberally) I should not scruple to remind him of it and at least to exhort its observance on the ground of humanity.—

5 Anxious for the circulation of these papers, I will no longer detain them.—

8th December 1836 Signed/ R. Grant

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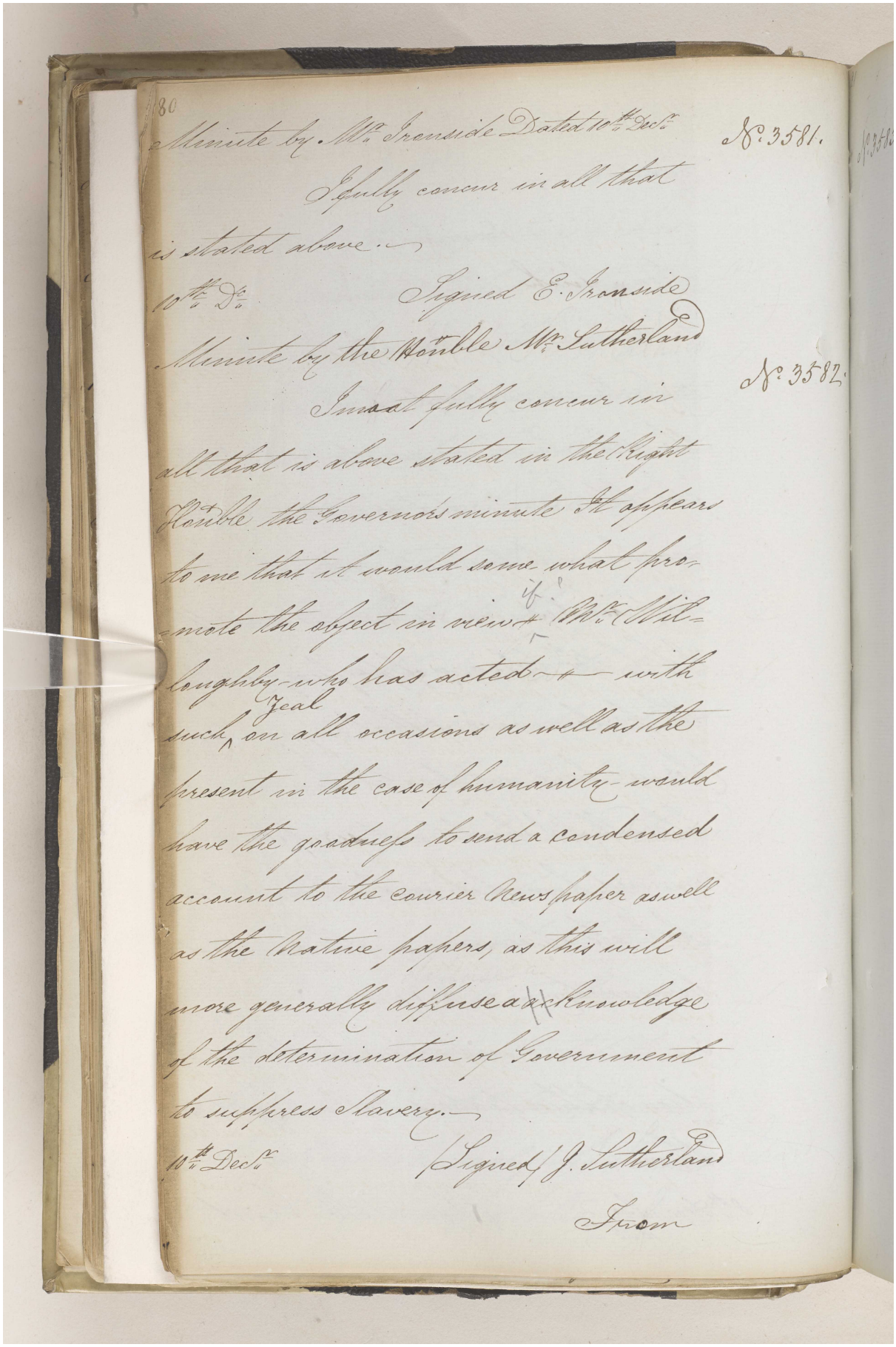

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Minute by Mr. Ironside Dated 10th Dec.r

No. 3581.

I fully concur in all that is stated above.—

10th Dc. Signed E. Ironside

Minute by the Honble Mr. Sutherland

No. 3582.

I must fully concur in all that is above stated in the Right Honble the Governors minute. It appears to me that it would some what promote the object in view if Mr. Willoughby who has acted with such zeal on all occasions as well as the present in the case of humanity would have the goodness to send a condensed account to the Courier Newspaper aswell as the Native papers, as this will more generally diffuse a knowledge of the determination of Government to suppress Slavery.—

10th Dec.r Signed J. Sutherland

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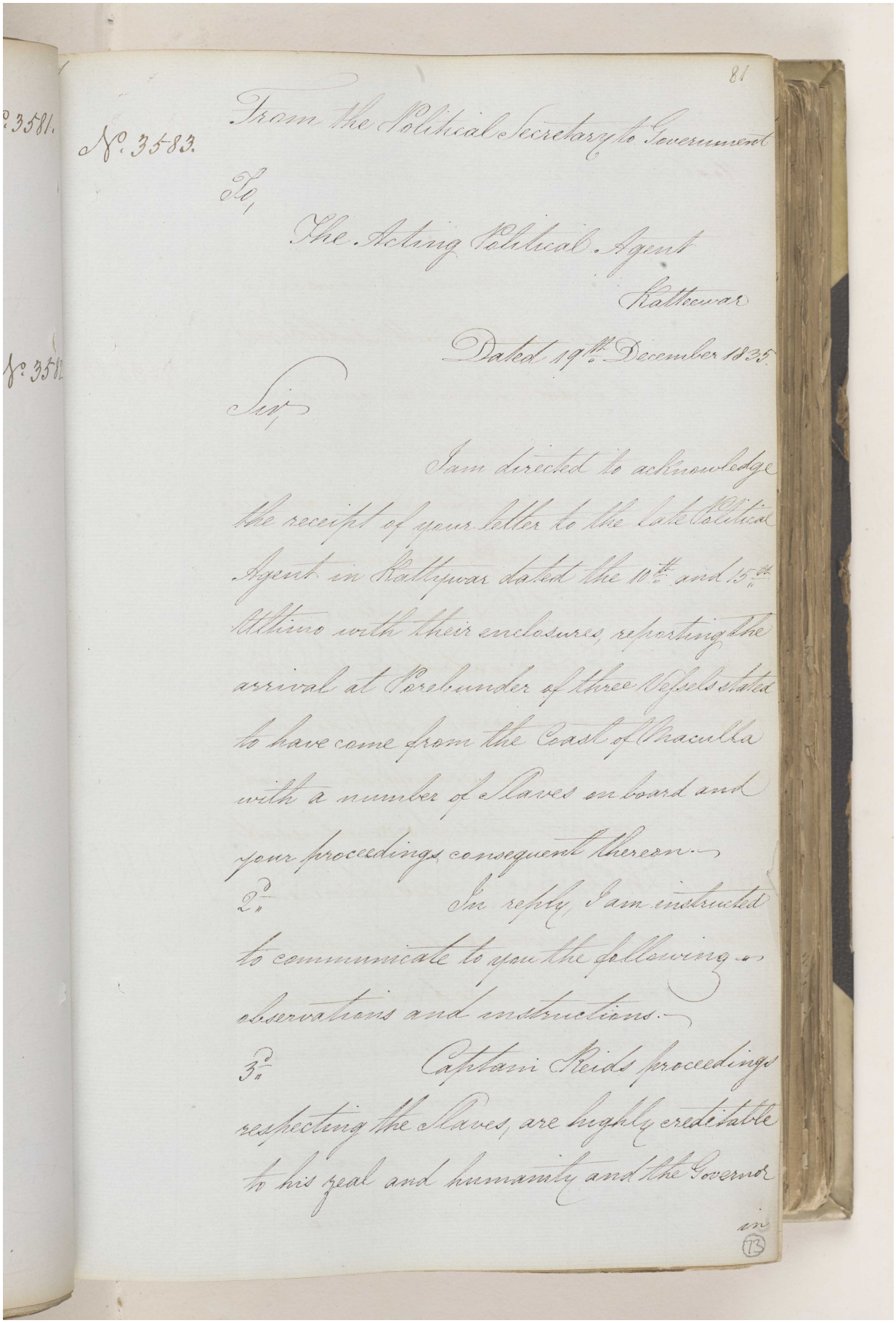

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No. 3581.

No. 3583.

From the Political Secretary to Government

To,

The Acting Political Agent

Kattewar

Dated 19th December 1835

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the late Political Agent in Kattywar dated the 10th and 15th Ultimo with their enclosures, reporting the arrival at Porbunder of three Vessels stated to have come from the Coast of Maculla with a number of Slaves on board and your proceedings consequent thereon.

2d. In reply, I am instructed to communicate to you the following observations and instructions.

3d. Captain Reids proceedings respecting the Slaves, are highly creditable to his zeal and humanity and the Governor

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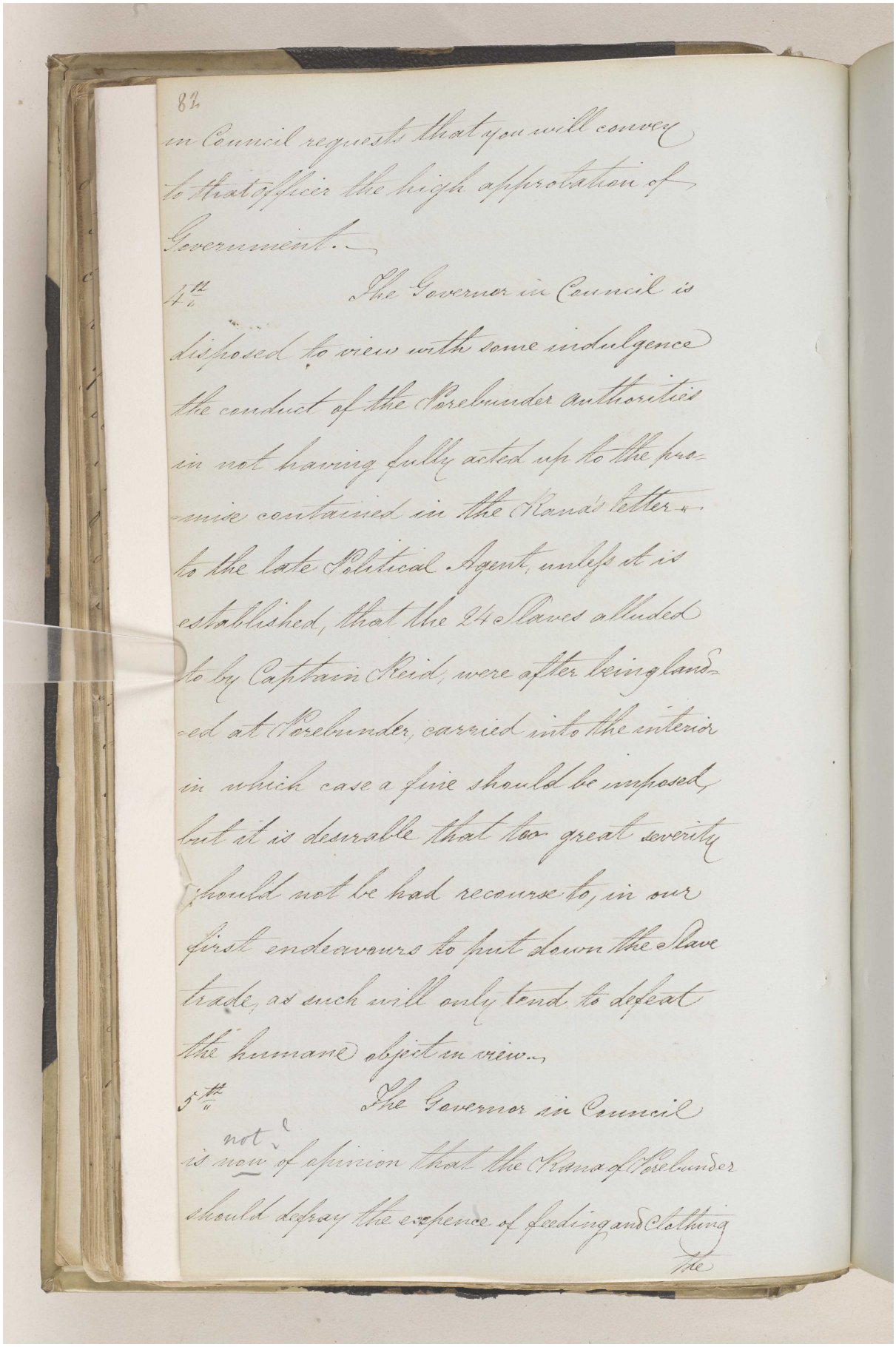

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in Council requests that you will convey to that Officer the high approbation of Government.

4th The Governor in Council is disposed to view with some indulgence the conduct of the Porebunder authorities in not having fully acted up to the promise contained in the Rana's letter to the late Political Agent, unless it is established, that the 24 Slaves alluded to by Captain Reid, were after being landed at Porebunder, carried into the interior in which case a fine should be imposed, but it is desirable that too great severity should not be had recourse to, in our first endeavours to put down the Slave trade, as such will only tend to defeat the humane object in view.

5th The Governor in Council is not of opinion that the Rana of Porebunder should defray the expence of feeding and clothing the

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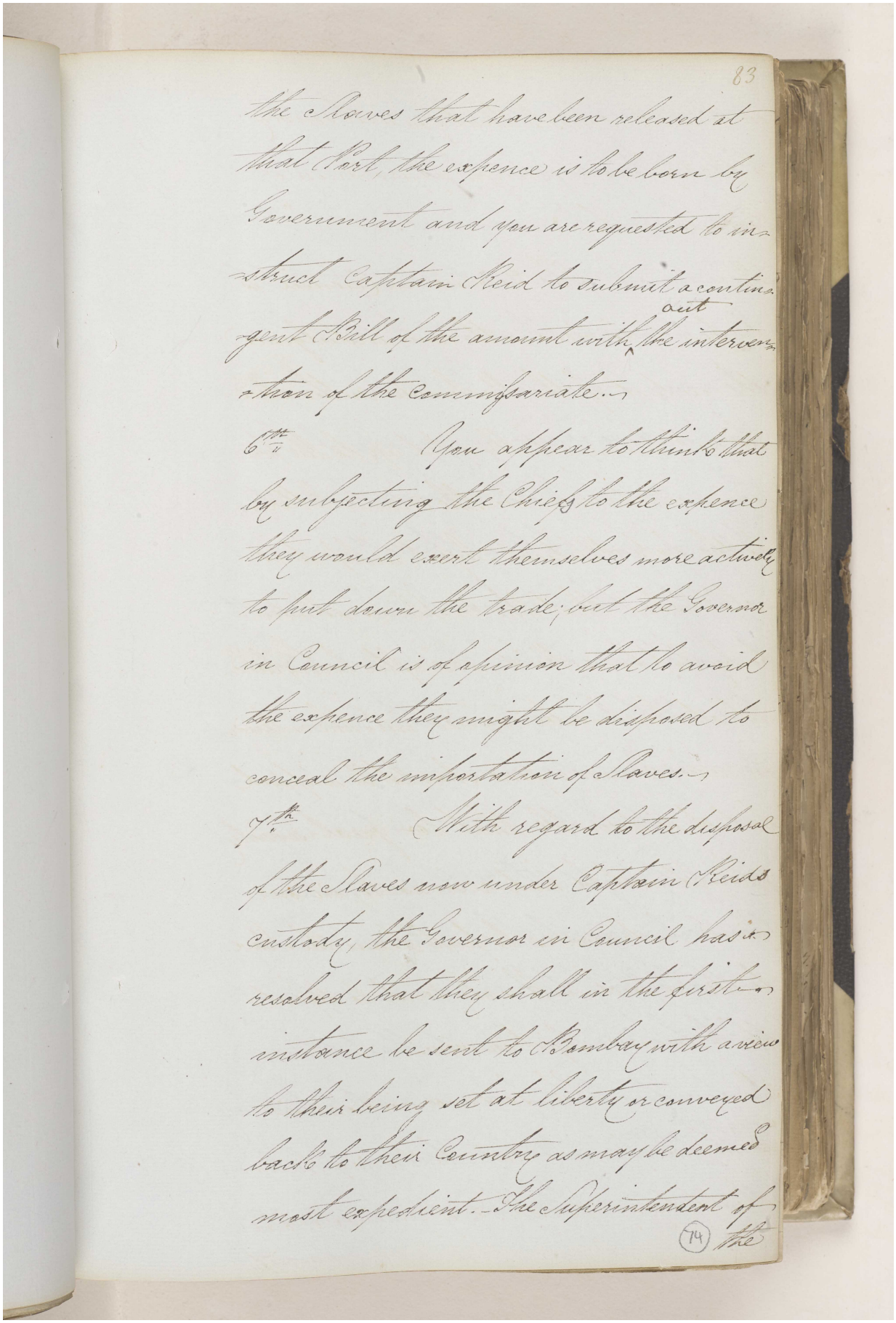

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the Slaves that have been released at that Port, the expence is to be born by Government and you are requested to instruct Captain Reid to submit a contingent Bill of the amount with the intervention of the Commissariate.

6th You appear to think that by subjecting the Chiefs to the expence they would exert themselves more actively to put down the trade, but the Governor in Council is of opinion that to avoid the expence they might be disposed to conceal the importation of Slaves.

7th With regard to the disposal of the Slaves now under Captain Reid's custody, the Governor in Council has resolved that they shall in the first instance be sent to Bombay with a view to their being set at liberty or conveyed back to their Country as may be deemed most expedient. The Superintendent of the

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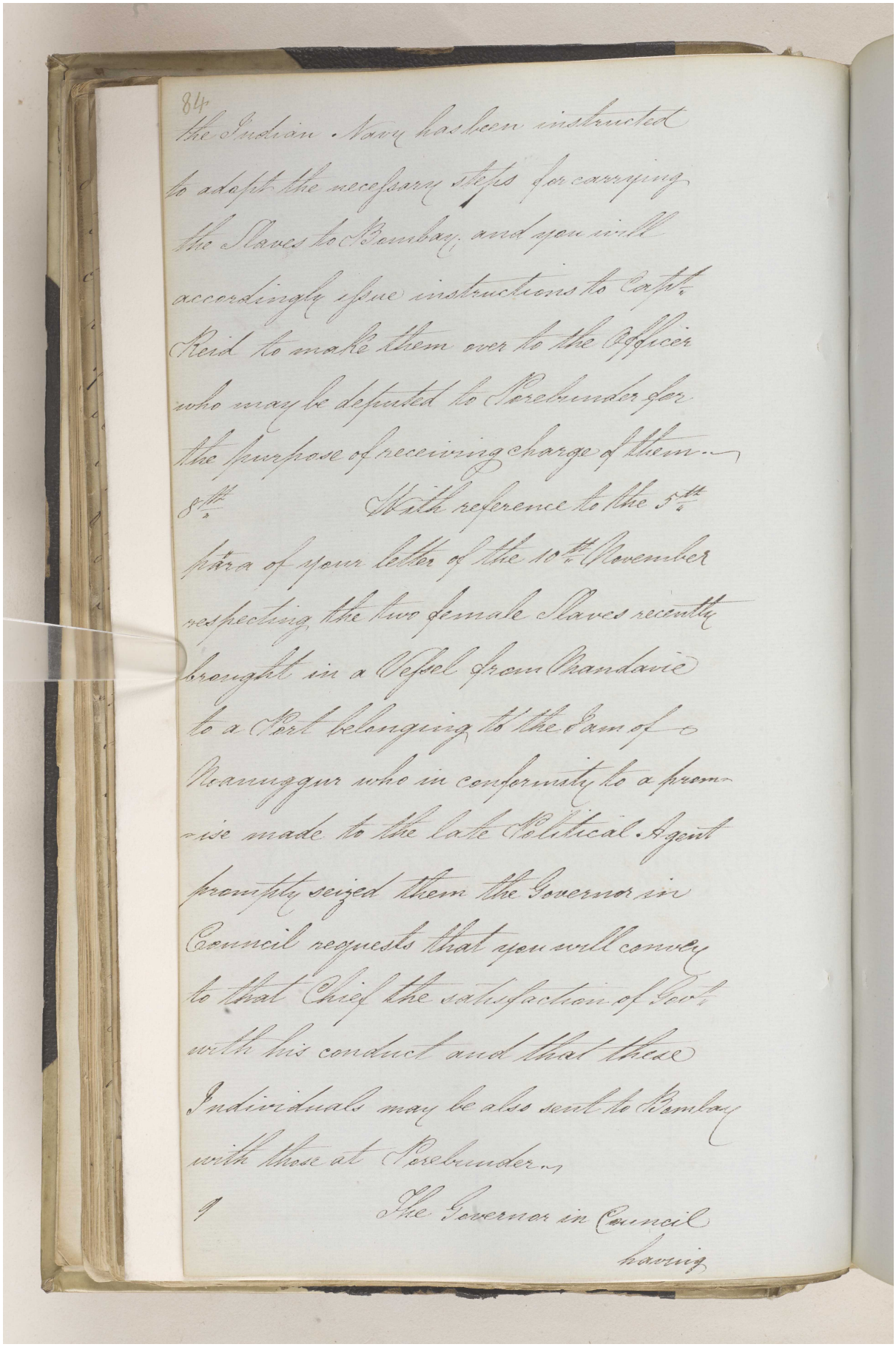

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the Indian Navy has been instructed
to adopt the necessary steps for carrying
the Slaves to Bombay, and you will
accordingly issue instructions to Capt.
Reid to make them over to the Officer
who may be deputed to Porebunder for
the purpose of receiving charge of them.

8th With reference to the 5th
para of your letter of the 10th November
respecting the two female Slaves recently
brought in a Vessel from Mandavie
to a Port belonging to the Dam of
Nawuggur who in conformity to a prom-
ise made to the late Political Agent
promptly seized them the Governor in
Council requests that you will convey
to that Chief the satisfaction of Govt
with his conduct and that these
Individuals may be also sent to Bombay
with those at Porebunder.

9 The Governor in Council
having

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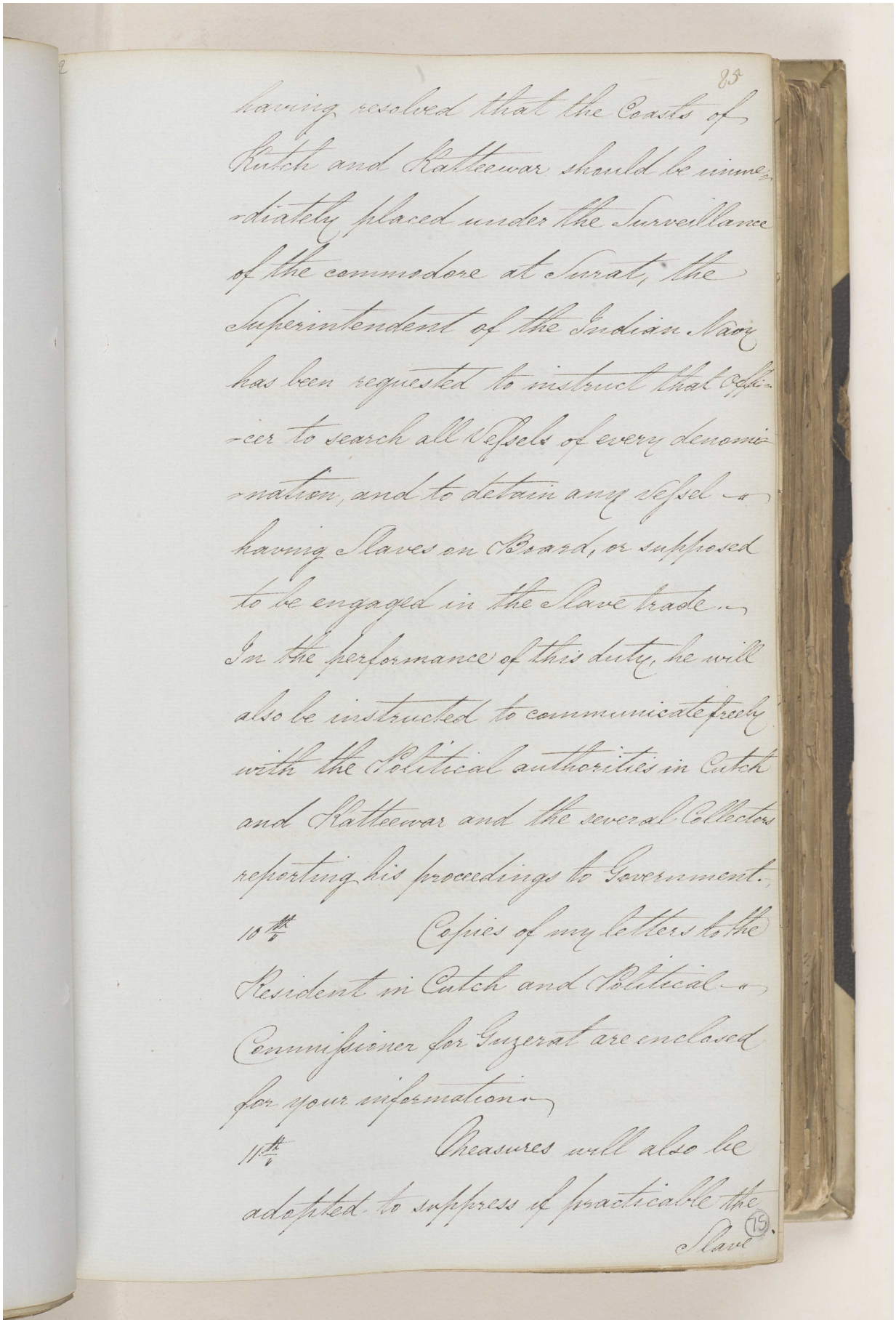

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having resolved that the Coasts of
Kutch and Katteewar should be immediately placed under the Surveillance
of the commodore at Surat, the
Superintendent of the Indian Navy
has been requested to instruct that Officer to search all Vessels of every denomination, and to detain any vessel
having Slaves on Board, or supposed
to be engaged in the Slave trade.
In the performance of this duty, he will
also be instructed to communicate freely
with the Political authorities in Cutch
and Katteewar and the several Collectors
reporting his proceedings to Government.

10th Copies of my letters to the
Resident in Cutch and Political
Commissioner for Guzerat are enclosed
for your information.

11th Measures will also be
adopted to suppress if practicable the
Slave

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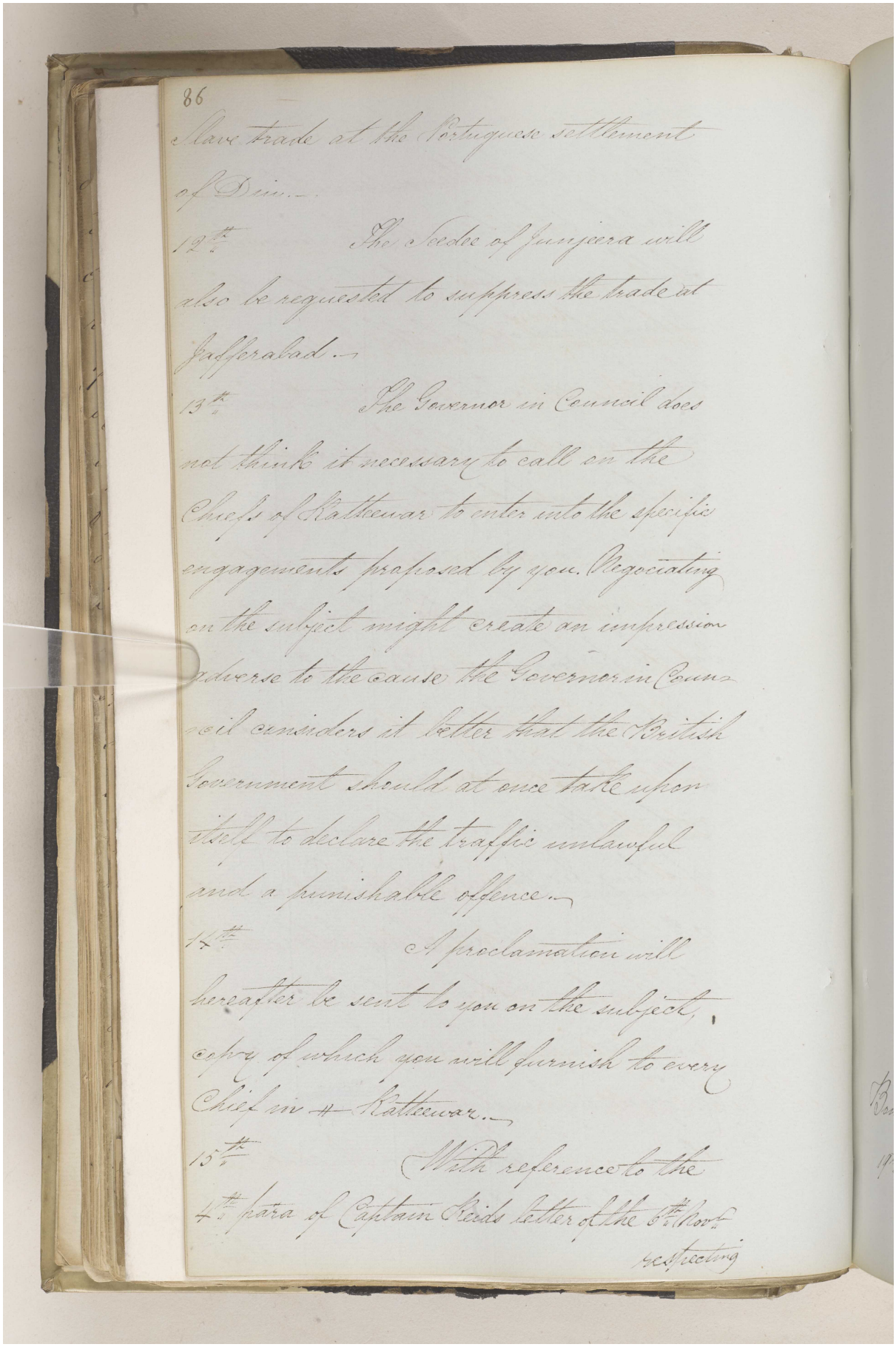

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Slave trade at the Portuguese settlement of Diu.—

12th The Seedee of Jungeera will also be requested to suppress the trade at Jafferabad.—

13th The Governor in Council does not think it necessary to call on the Chiefs of Kattewar to enter into the specific engagements proposed by you. Negociating on the subject might create an impression adverse to the cause the Governor in Council considers it better that the British Government should at once take upon itself to declare the traffic unlawful and a punishable offence.—

14th A proclamation will hereafter be sent to you on the subject, copy of which you will furnish to every Chief in Kattewar.—

15th With reference to the 4th para of Captain Reids letter of the 6th Nov.r respecting

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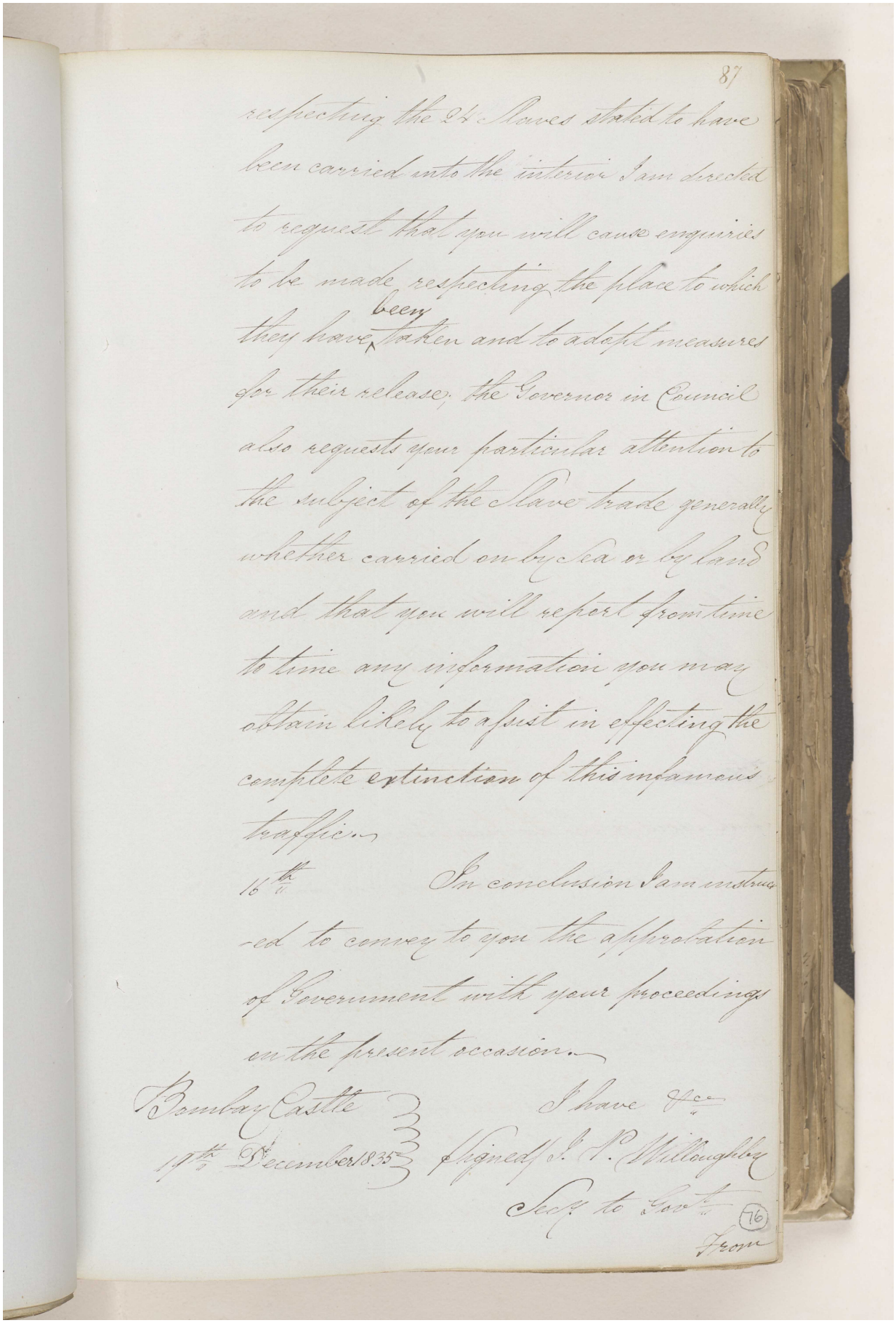

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respecting the 24 Slaves stated to have been carried into the interior I am directed to request that you will cause enquiries to be made respecting the place to which they have been taken and to adopt measures for their release, the Governor in Council also requests your particular attention to the subject of the Slave trade generally whether carried on by sea or by land and that you will report from time to time any information you may obtain likely to assist in effecting the complete extinction of this infamous traffic.

16th In conclusion I am instructed to convey to you the approbation of Government with your proceedings on the present occasion.

Bombay Castle
19th December 1835

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

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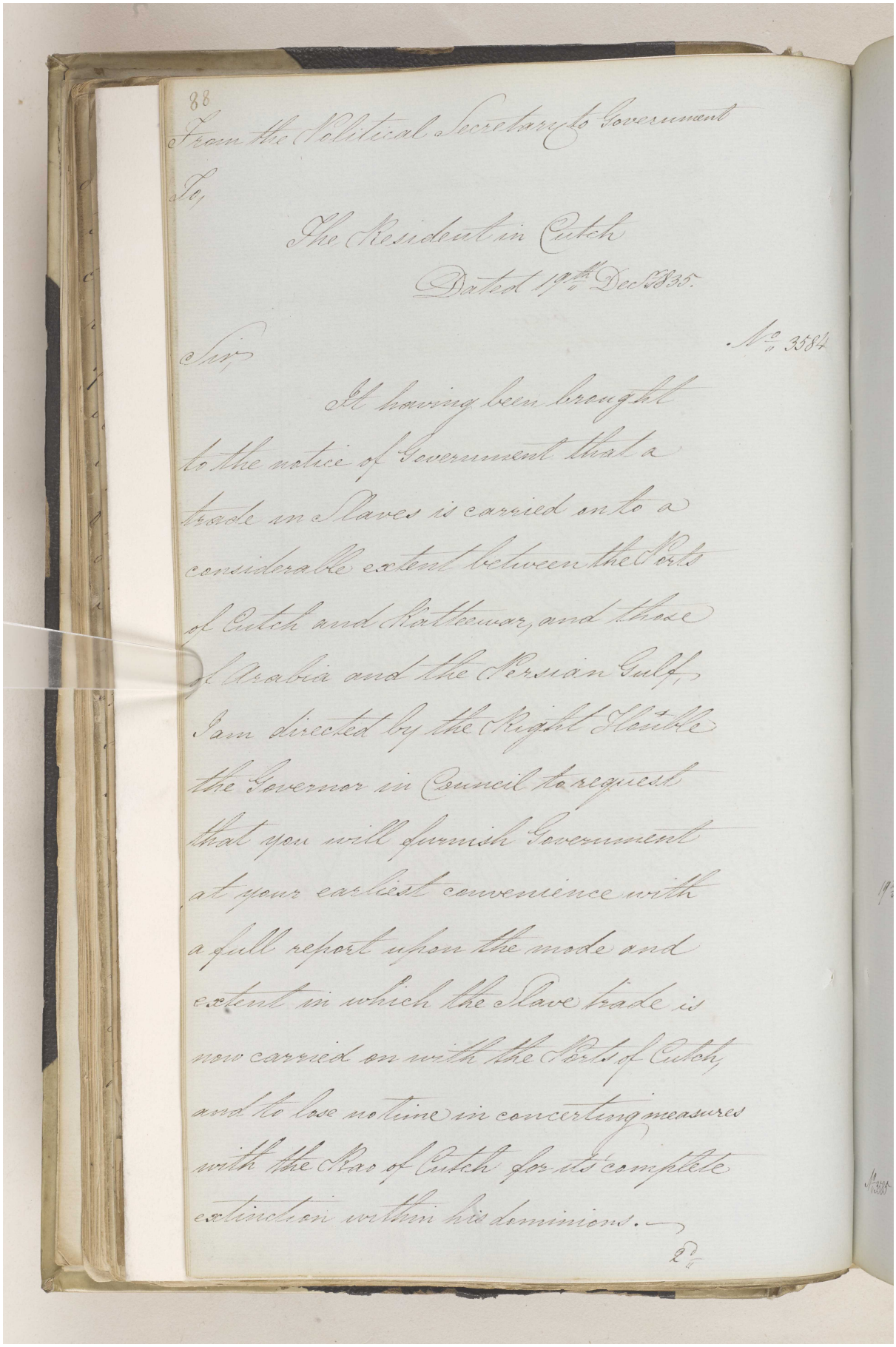

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From the Political Secretary to Government

To,

The Resident in Cutch

Dated 19th Dec 1835.

No. 3584

Sir,

It having been brought to the notice of Government that a trade in Slaves is carried on to a considerable extent between the Ports of Cutch and Kattewar, and those of Arabia and the Persian Gulf, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will furnish Government at your earliest convenience with a full report upon the mode and extent in which the Slave trade is now carried on with the Ports of Cutch, and to lose no time in concerting measures with the Rao of Cutch for its complete extinction within his dominions.

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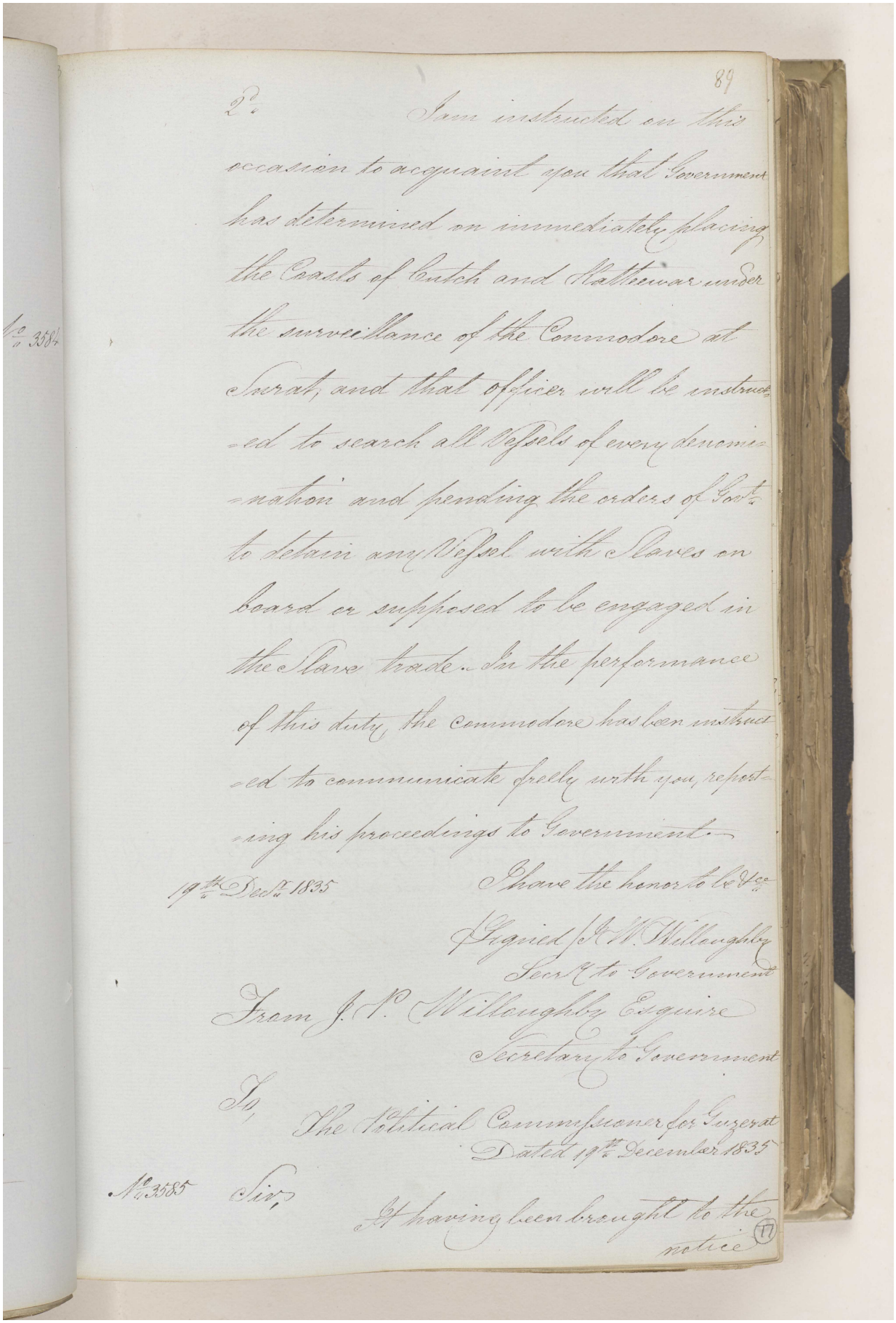

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2d. I am instructed on this occasion to acquaint you that Government has determined on immediately placing the Coasts of Cutch and Kattewar under the surveillance of the Commodore at Surat, and that officer will be instructed to search all Vessels of every denomination and pending the orders of Govt. to detain any Vessel with Slaves on board or supposed to be engaged in the Slave trade. In the performance of this duty, the Commodore has been instructed to communicate freely with you, reporting his proceedings to Government.

19th Decr. 1835 I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. W. Willoughby
Secry. to Government

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To,
The Political Commissioner for Guzerat
Dated 19th December 1835

No. 3585 Sir,

It having been brought to the notice

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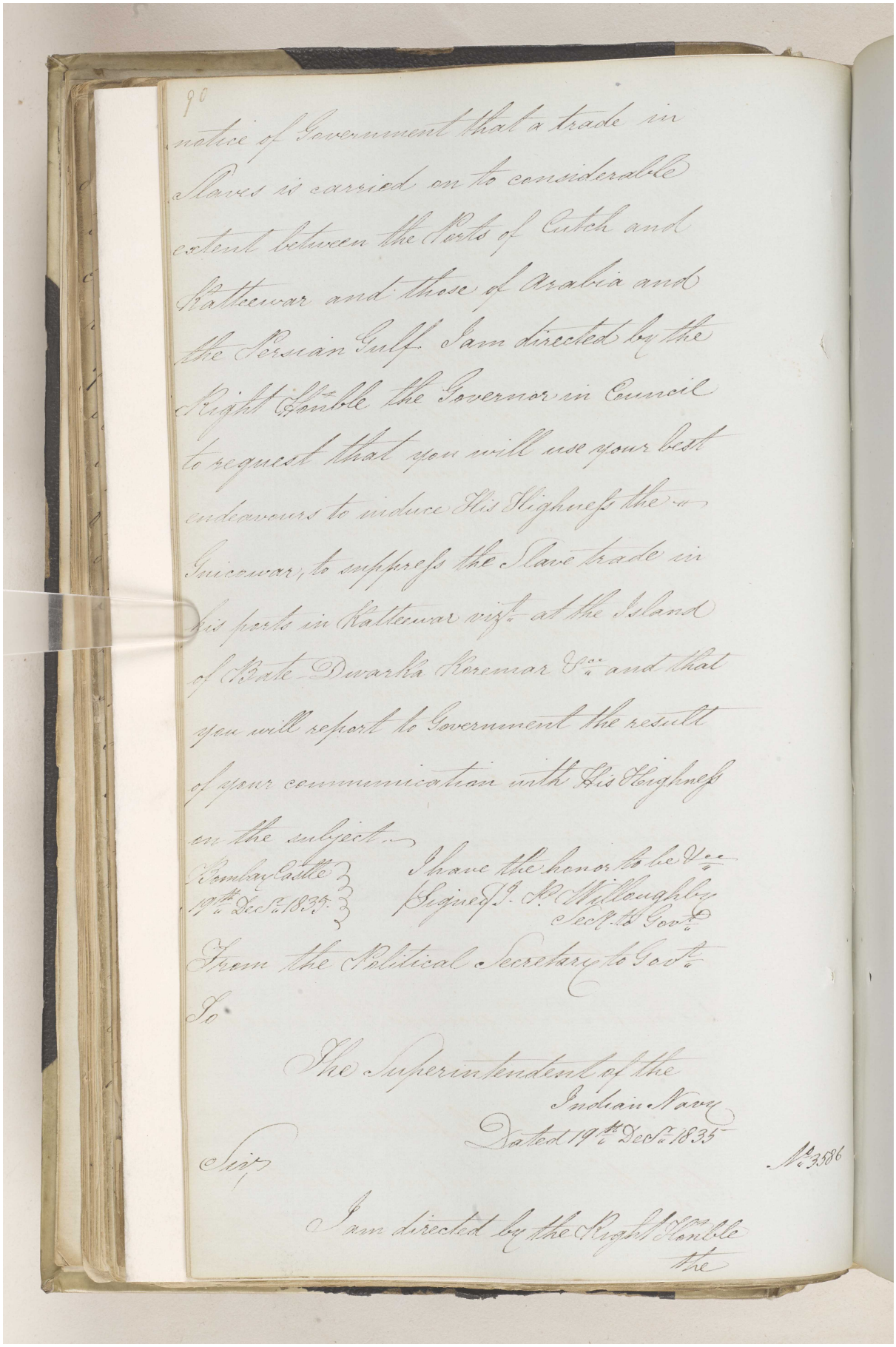

notice of Government that a trade in Slaves is carried on to considerable extent between the Ports of Cutch and Katteewar and those of Arabia and the Persian Gulf. I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will use your best endeavours to induce His Highness the Guicowar, to suppress the Slave trade in his ports in Katteewar vizt. at the Island of Bate Dwarka Koremar &c. and that you will report to Government the result of your communication with His Highness on the subject.

Bombay Castle
19th Decr. 1835.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

From the Political Secretary to Govt.

To

The Superintendent of the Indian Navy
Dated 19th Decr. 1835

Sir,

No. 3586

I am directed by the Right Honble the

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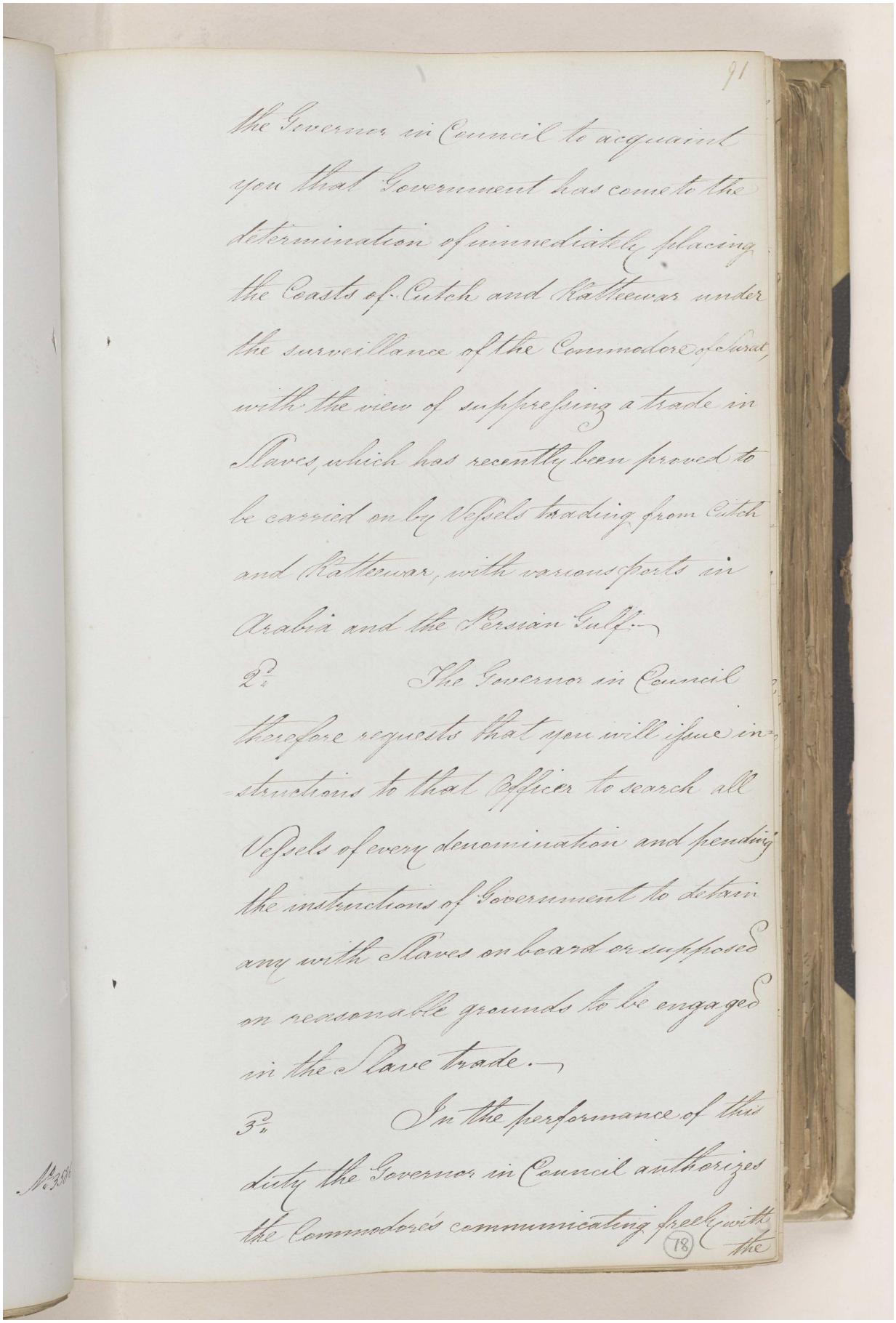

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the Governor in Council to acquaint you that Government has come to the determination of immediately placing the Coasts of Cutch and Kattiewar under the surveillance of the Commodore of that with the view of suppressing a trade in Slaves, which has recently been proved to be carried on by Vessels trading from Cutch and Kattiewar, with various ports in Arabia and the Persian Gulf.—

2d The Governor in Council therefore requests that you will issue instructions to that Officer to search all Vessels of every denomination and pending the instructions of Government to detain any with Slaves on board or suppposed on reasonable grounds to be engaged in the Slave trade.—

3d In the performance of this duty the Governor in Council authorizes the Commodore's communicating freely with the

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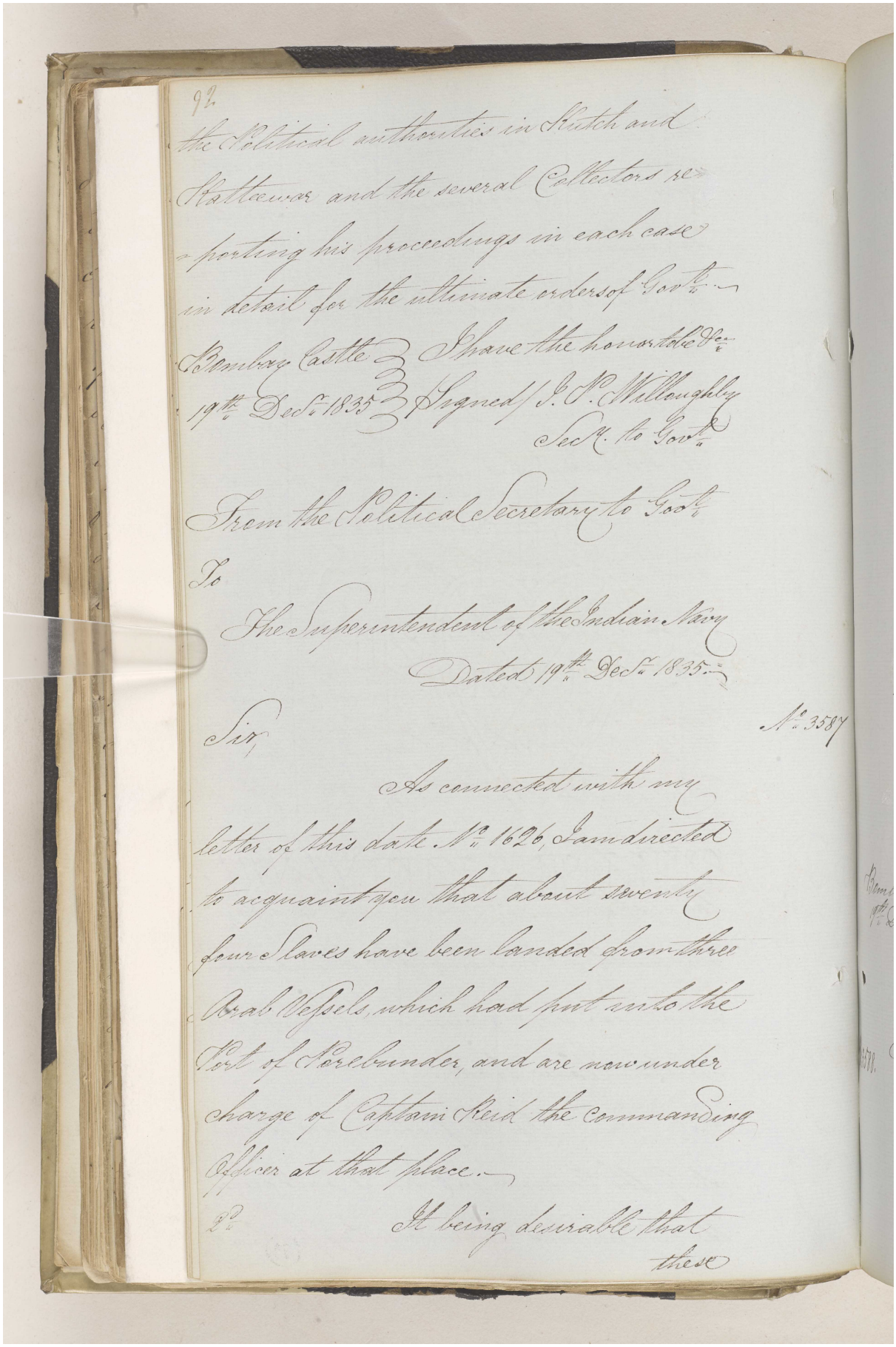

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the Political authorities in Kutch and Katteewar and the several Collectors reporting his proceedings in each case in detail for the ultimate orders of Govt.

Bombay Castle 19th Decr. 1835 } I have the honor to be &c. Signed/ J. P. Willoughby Secy. to Govt.

From the Political Secretary to Govt.

To

The Superintendent of the Indian Navy

Dated 19th Decr. 1835.

Sir, No. 3587

As connected with my letter of this date No. 1626, I am directed to acquaint you that about seventy four Slaves have been landed from three Arab Vessels, which had put into the Port of Porebunder, and are now under charge of Captain Reid the commanding Officer at that place.

2d. It being desirable that these

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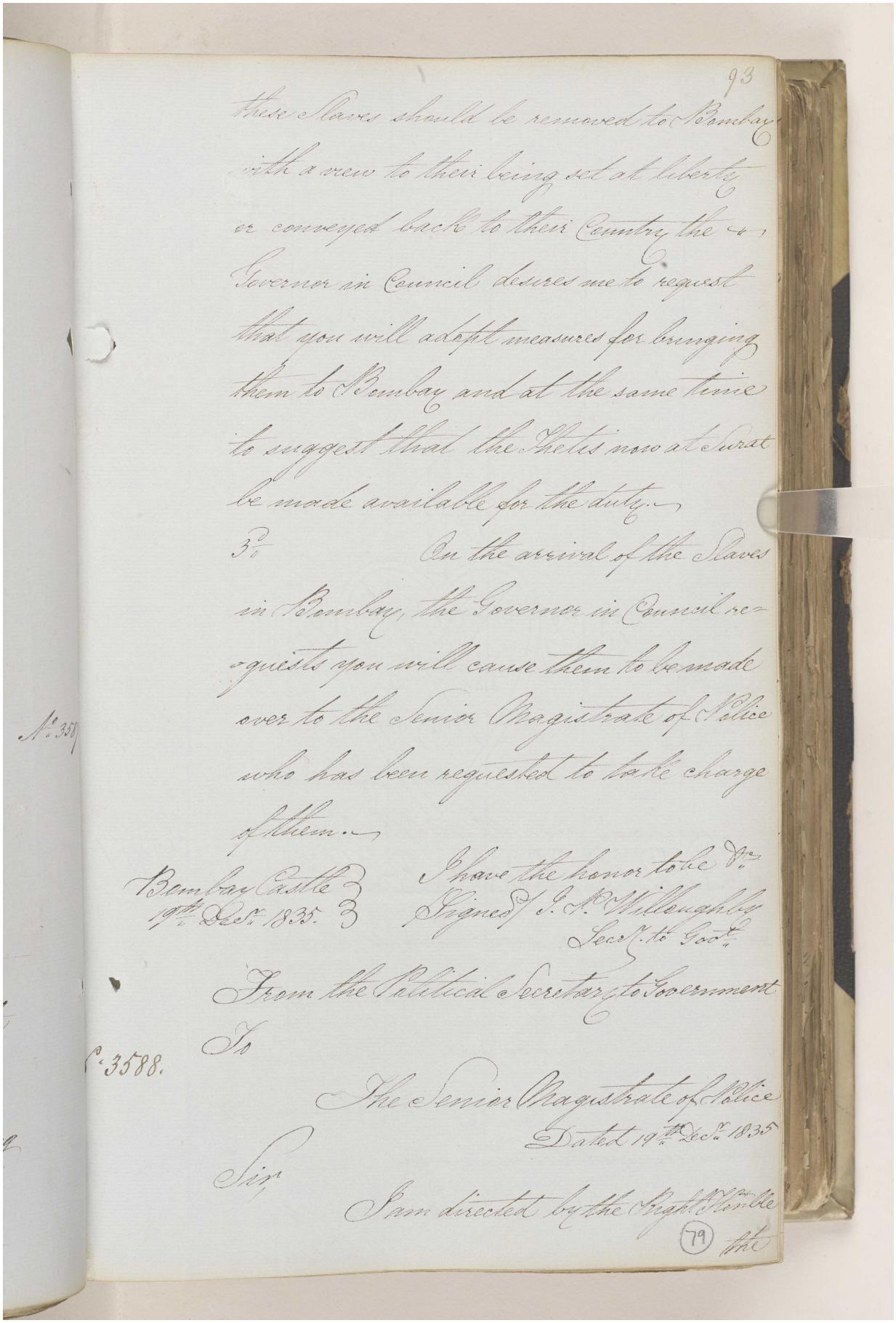

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these Slaves should be removed to Bombay with a view to their being set at liberty or conveyed back to their Country the Governor in Council desires me to request that you will adopt measures for bringing them to Bombay and at the same time to suggest that the Fleets now at Surat be made available for the duty.

3d. On the arrival of the Slaves in Bombay, the Governor in Council requests you will cause them to be made over to the Senior Magistrate of Police who has been requested to take charge of them.

No. 358

Bombay Castle
19th Dec. 1835.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. F. Millingchip
Secy. to Govt.

From the Political Secretary to Government

To

C. 3588.

The Senior Magistrate of Police
Dated 19th Dec. 1835

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble

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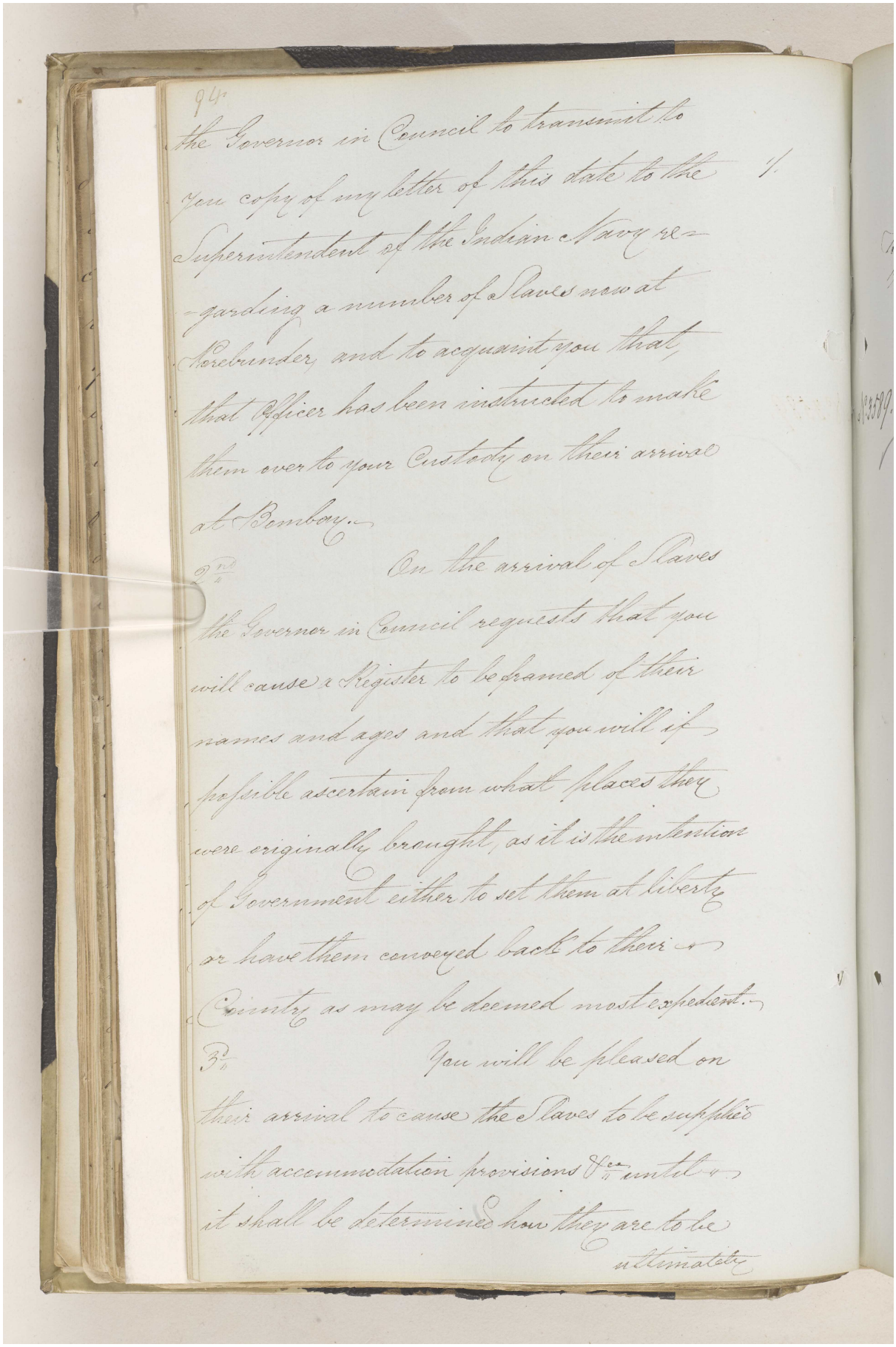

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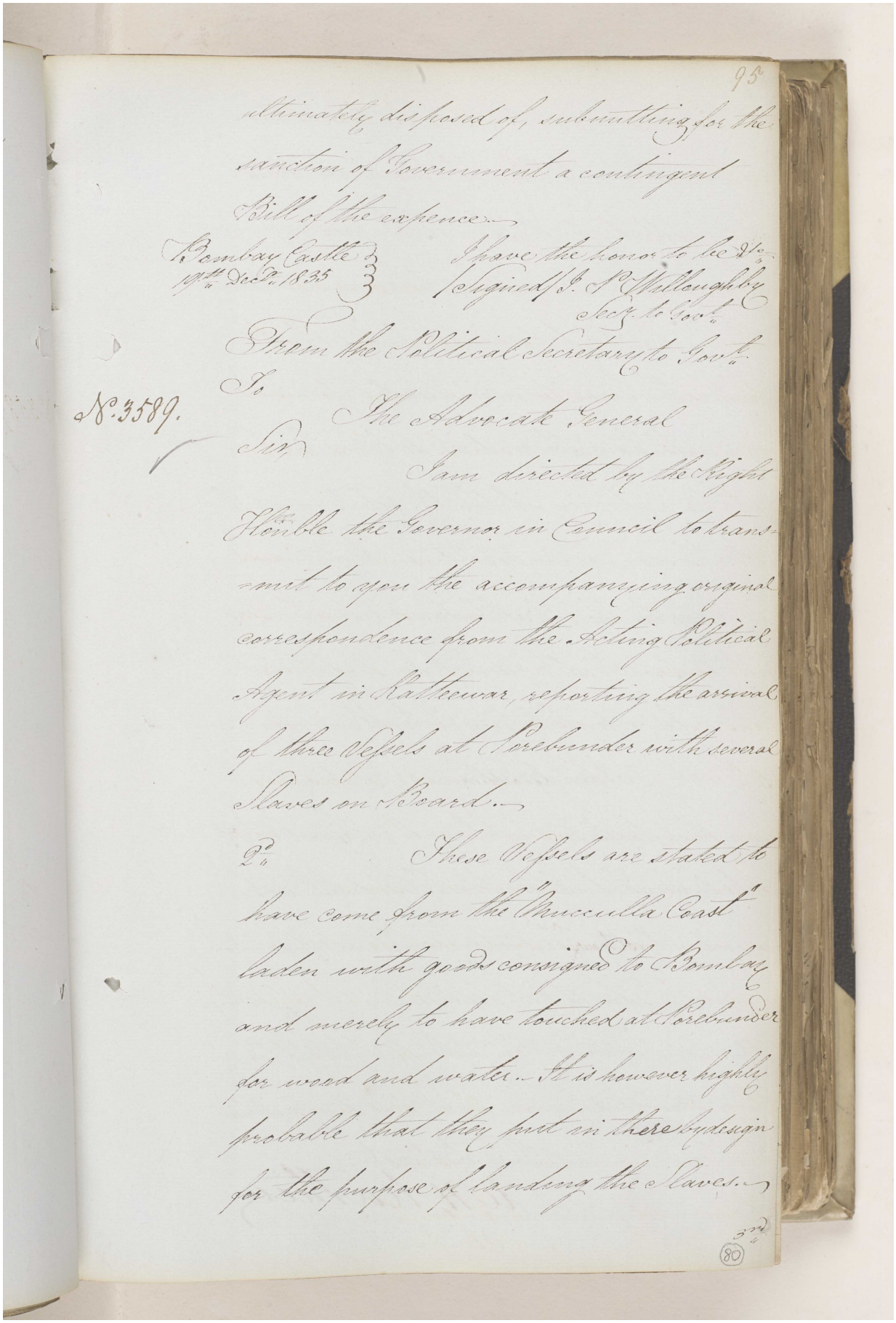
the Governor in Council to transmit to
you copy of my letter of this date to the
Superintendent of the Indian Navy re-
-garding a number of Slaves now at
Porebunder, and to acquaint you that
that Officer has been instructed to make
them over to your Custody on their arrival
at Bombay.

2nd On the arrival of Slaves
the Governor in Council requests that you
will cause a Register to be framed of their
names and ages and that you will if
possible ascertain from what places they
were originally brought, as it is the intention
of Government either to set them at liberty
or have them conveyed back to their
Country as may be deemed most expedient.

3d You will be pleased on
their arrival to cause the Slaves to be supplied
with accommodation provisions &c until
it shall be determined how they are to be
ultimately



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ultimately disposed of, submitting for the
sanction of Government a contingent
Bill of the expence.

Bombay Castle
19th Decr. 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

From the Political Secretary to Govt.

To

No. 3589.

The Advocate General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
Honble the Governor in Council to trans-
mit to you the accompanying original
correspondence from the Acting Political
Agent in Kattiawar, reporting the arrival
of three Vessels at Porebunder with several
Slaves on Board.

2d. These Vessels are stated to
have come from the "Mucculla Coast"
laden with goods consigned to Bombay
and merely to have touched at Porebunder
for wood and water. It is however highly
probable that they put in there by design
for the purpose of landing the Slaves.

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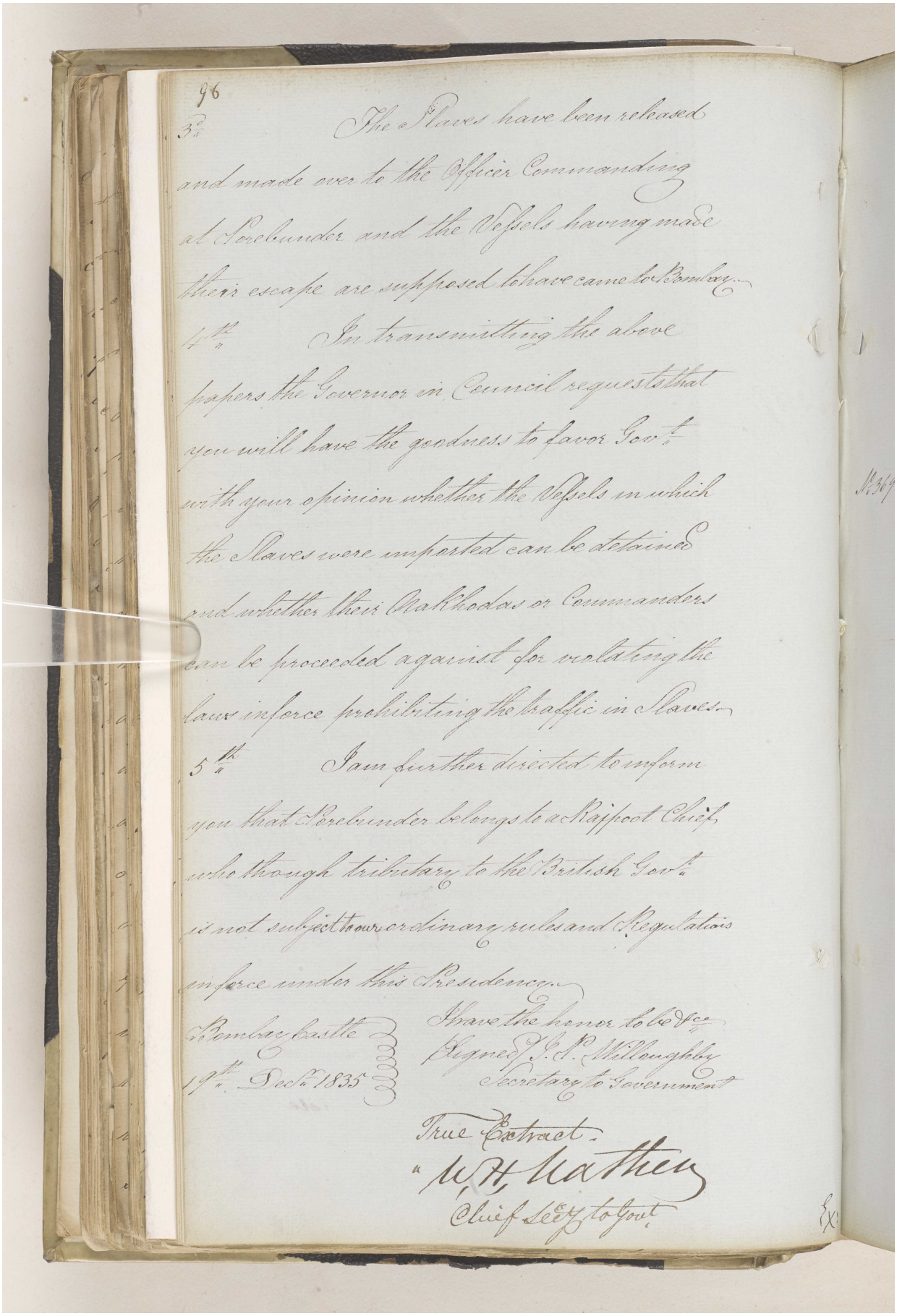

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3d The Slaves have been released and made over to the Officer Commanding at Porebunder and the Vessels having made their escape are supposed to have come to Bombay.

4th In transmitting the above papers the Governor in Council requests that you will have the goodness to favor Govt with your opinion whether the Vessels in which the Slaves were imported can be detained and whether their Nakhodas or Commanders can be proceeded against for violating the laws in force prohibiting the traffic in Slaves.

5th I am further directed to inform you that Porebunder belongs to a Rajpoot Chief who though tributary to the British Govt is not subject to our ordinary rules and Regulations in force under this Presidency.

Bombay Castle
19th Decr 1835

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. S. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

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Chief Secy to Govt

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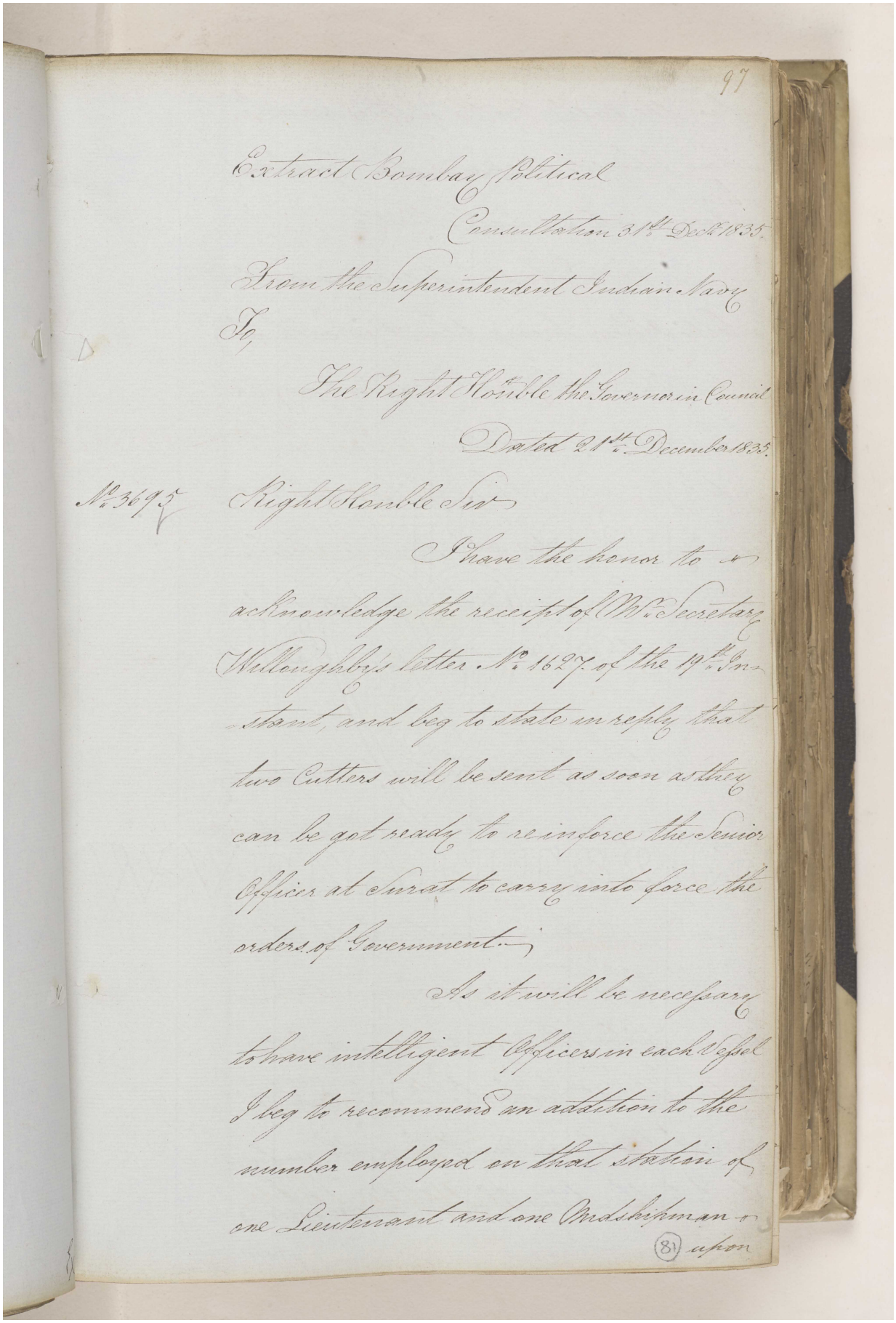

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Consultation 31st Decr 1835.

From the Superintendent Indian Navy

To

The Right Honble the Governor in Council

Dated 21st December 1835.

No 3697

Right Honble Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter No 1627 of the 19th Instant, and beg to state in reply that two Cutters will be sent as soon as they can be got ready to reinforce the Senior Officer at Surat to carry into force the orders of Government.

As it will be necessary to have intelligent Officers in each Vessel I beg to recommend an addition to the number employed on that station of one Lieutenant and one Midshipman

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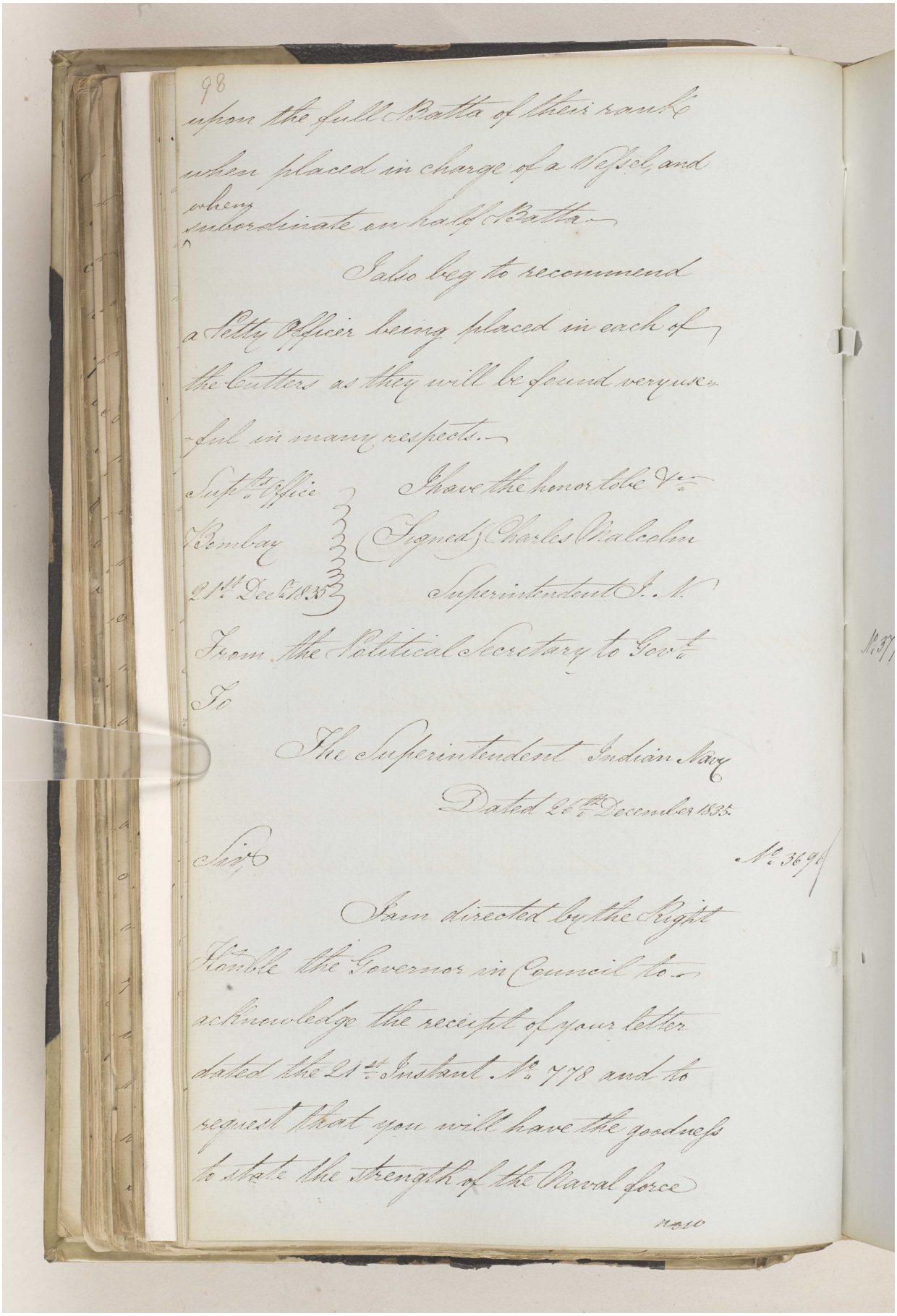

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upon the full Batta of their rank when placed in charge of a Vessel, and when subordinate on half Batta.

I also beg to recommend a Petty Officer being placed in each of the Cutters as they will be found very useful in many respects.

Supt.ts Office
Bombay
21st Decr 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Charles Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

From the Political Secretary to Govt.
To
The Superintendent Indian Navy
Dated 26th December 1835.

Sir,

No. 3696

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 21st Instant No. 778 and to request that you will have the goodness to state the strength of the Naval force

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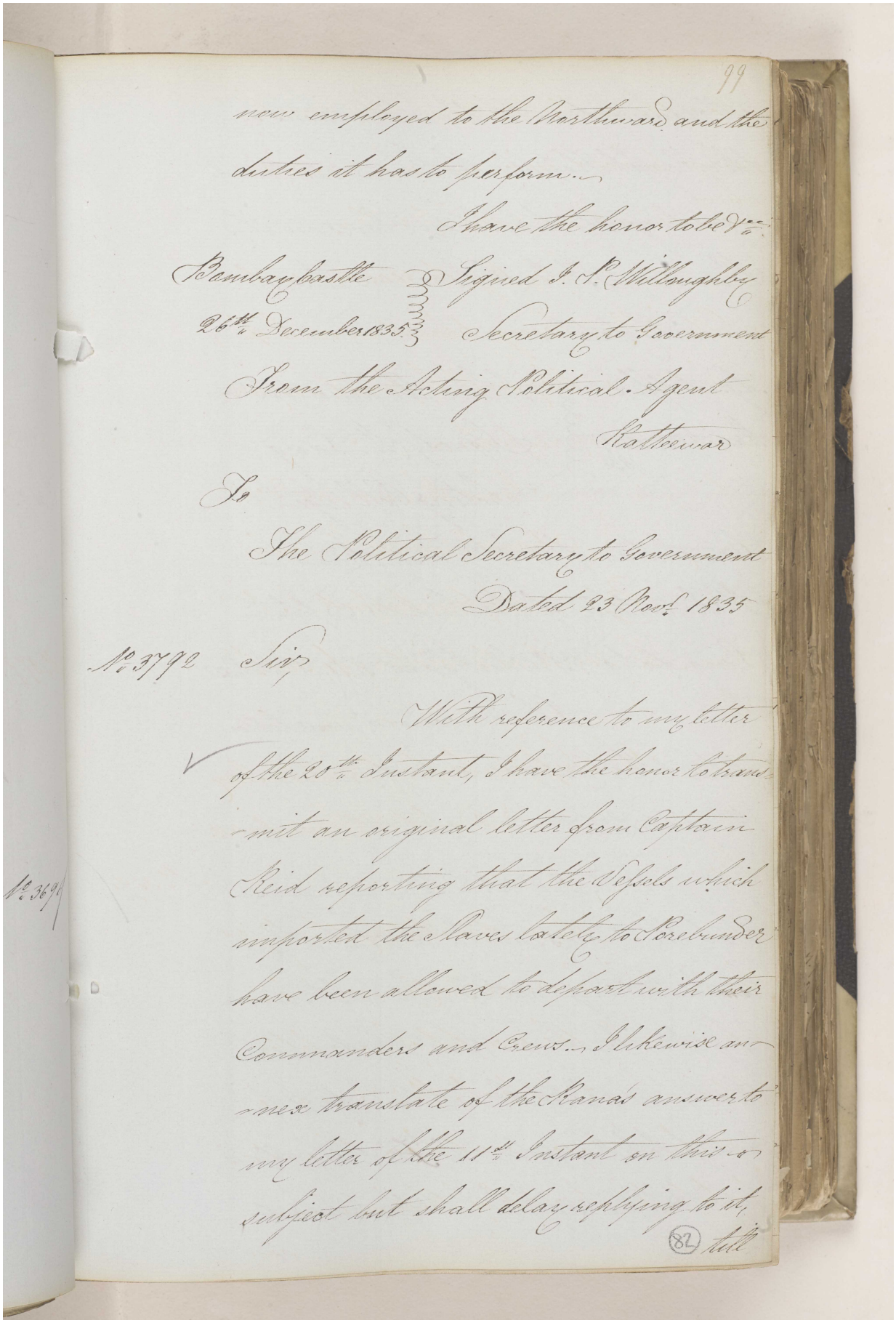

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now employed to the Northward and the
duties it has to perform.

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
26th December 1835

Signed J. R. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From the Acting Political Agent
Kattiawar

To

The Political Secretary to Government
Dated 23 Nov. 1835

No. 3792

Sir,

With reference to my letter
of the 20th instant, I have the honor to trans-
mit an original letter from Captain
Reid reporting that the Vessels which
imported the Slaves lately to Porebunder
have been allowed to depart with their
Commanders and Crews. I likewise an-
nex translate of the Rana's answer to
my letter of the 11th Instant on this
subject but shall delay replying to it,
till

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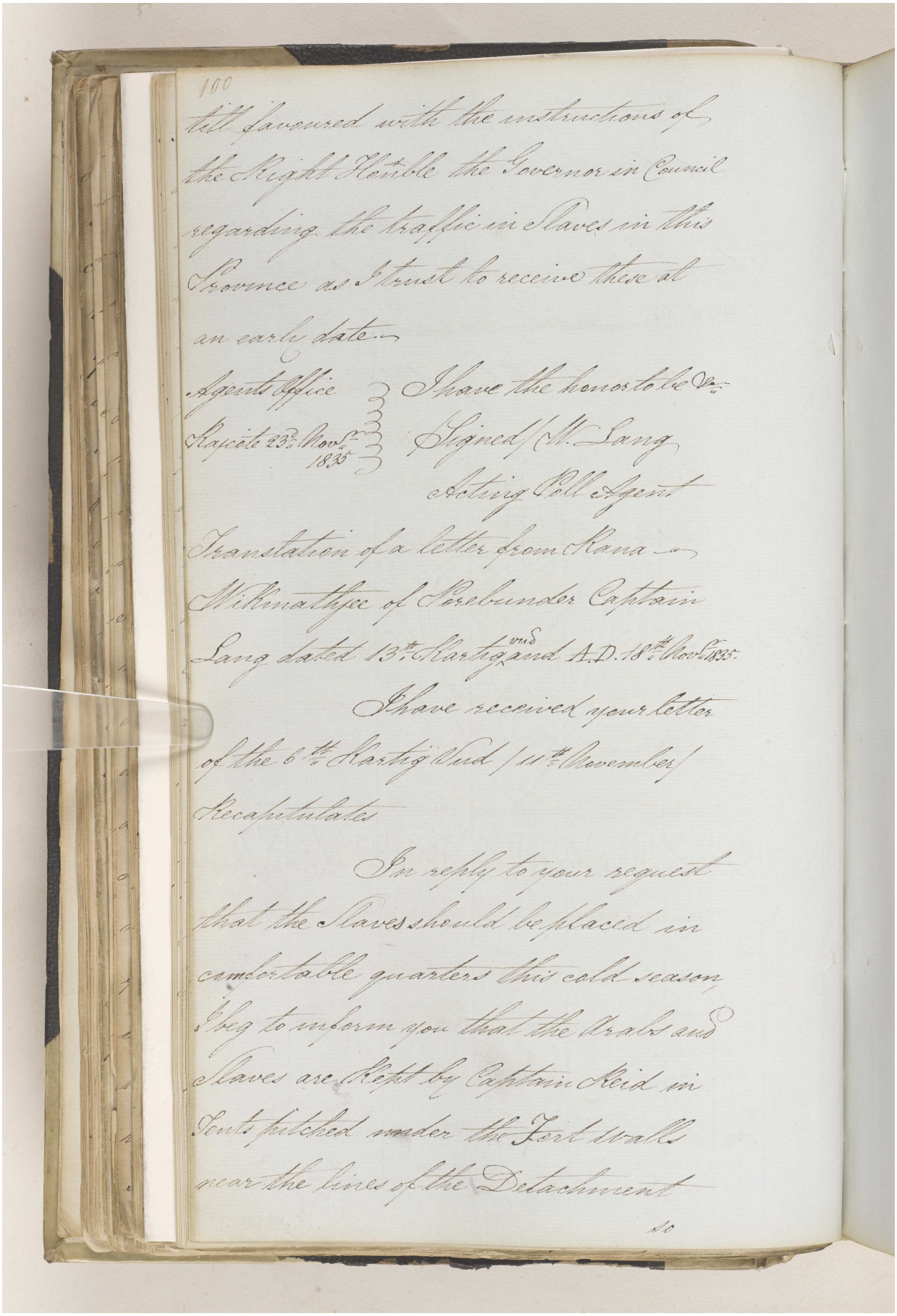

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till favoured with the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council regarding the traffic in Slaves in this Province as I trust to receive these at an early date.—

Agents Office
Rajcote 23rd Novr 1835

I have the honor to be &c
Signed/ M. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

Translation of a letter from Rana Vikmatjee of Porebunder Captain Lang dated 13th Kartig Vud and A.D. 18th Novr 1835.

I have received your letter of the 6th Kartig Vud / 11th November/ Recapitulates

In reply to your request that the Slaves should be placed in comfortable quarters this cold season I beg to inform you that the Arabs and Slaves are kept by Captain Reid in Tents pitched under the Fort Walls near the lines of the Detachment

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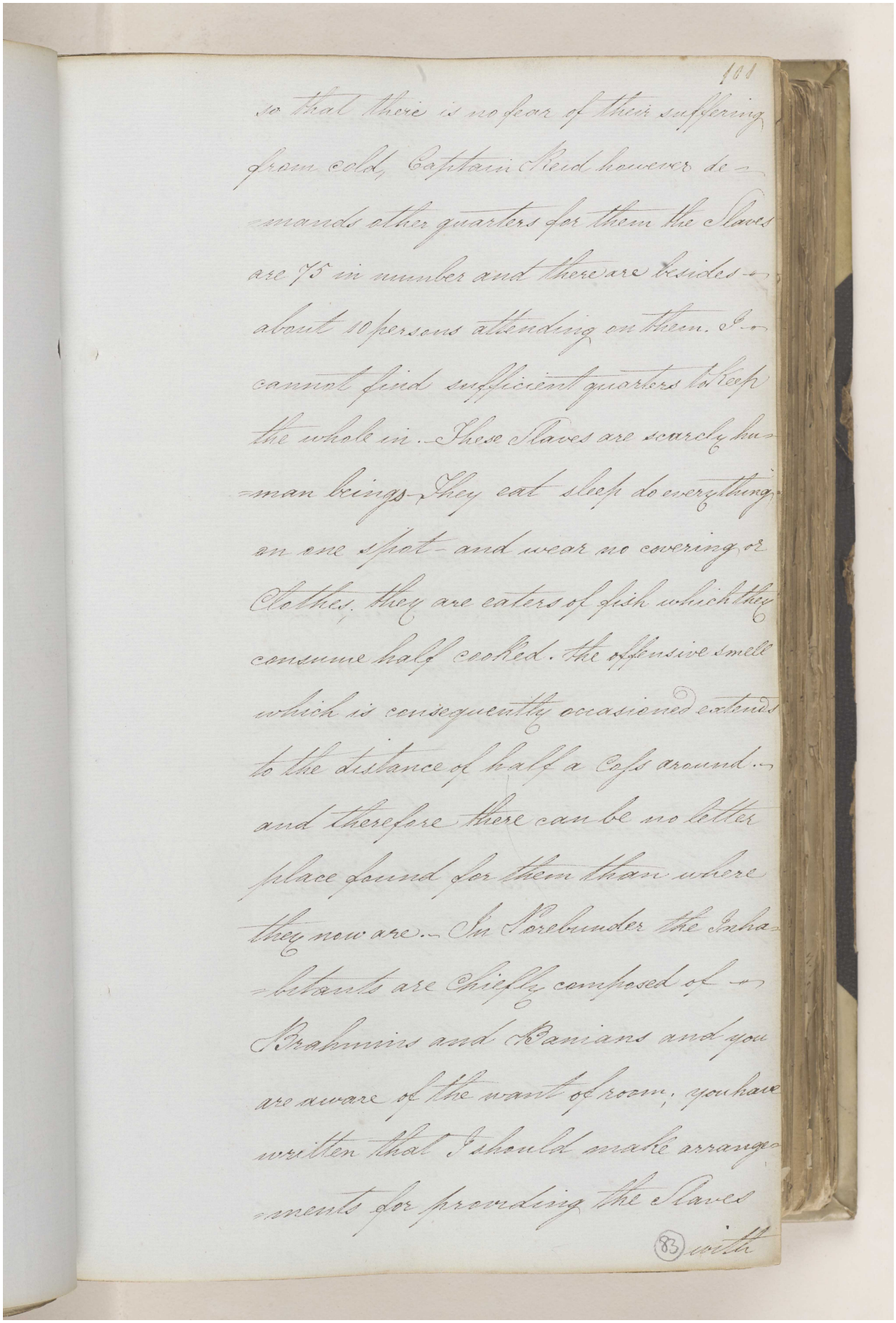

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so that there is no fear of their suffering from cold, Captain Reid however de-
mands other quarters for them the Slaves
are 75 in number and there are besides
about 10 persons attending on them. I
cannot find sufficient quarters to keep
the whole in. These Slaves are scarcely hu-
man beings. They eat sleep do everything
on one spot and wear no covering or
clothes. they are eaters of fish which they
consume half cooked. the offensive smell
which is consequently occasioned extends
to the distance of half a Cos around
and therefore there can be no better
place found for them than where
they now are. In Sorebunder the Inha-
bitants are chiefly composed of
Brahmins and Banians and you
are aware of the want of room, you have
written that I should make arrange-
ments for provideing the Slaves

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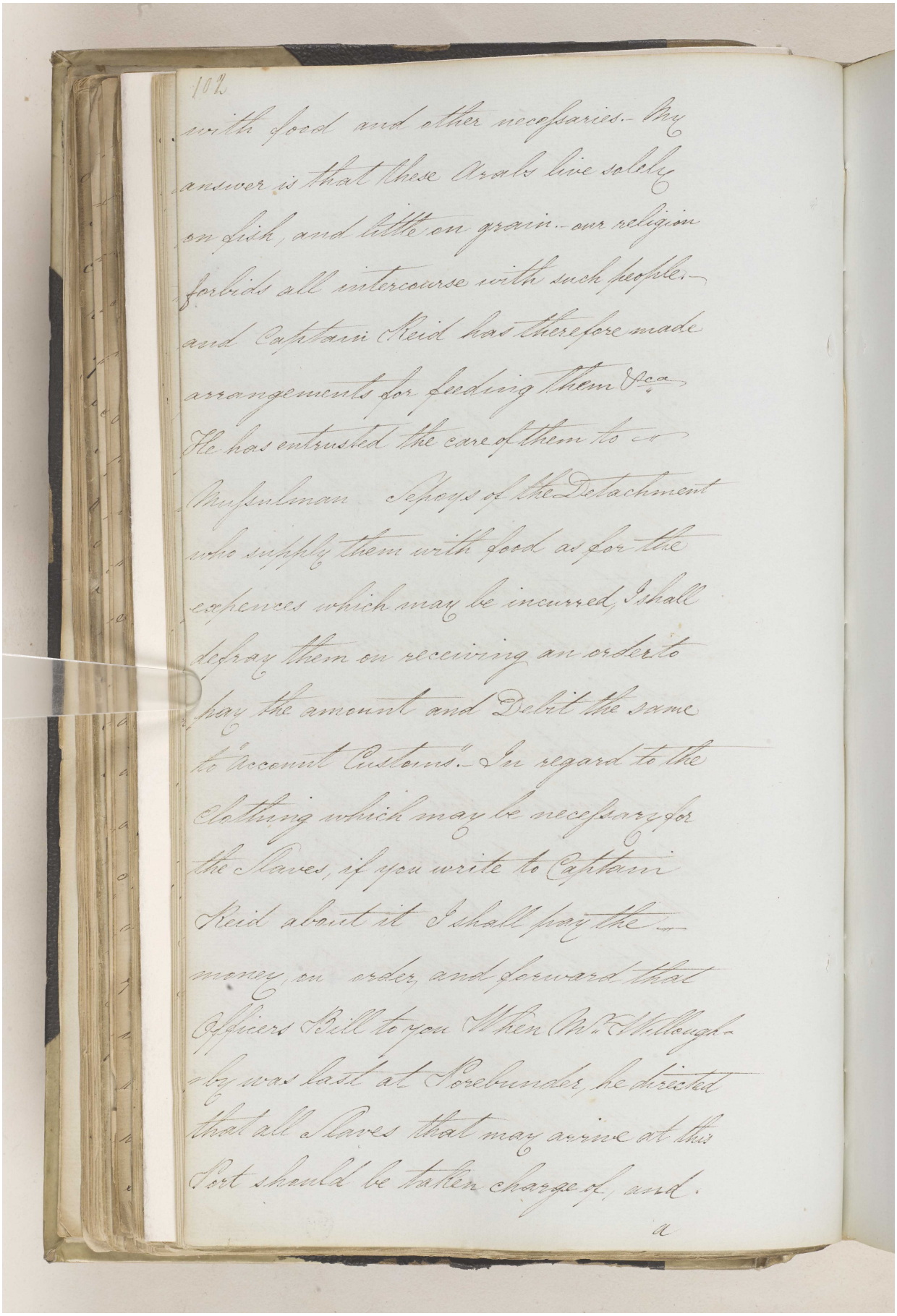

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with food and other necessaries. My answer is that these Arabs live solely on fish, and little on grain. our religion forbids all intercourse with such people and Captain Reid has therefore made arrangements for feeding them &c.a He has entrusted the care of them to a Mussulman Sepoys of the Detachment who supply them with food as for the expences which may be incurred, I shall defray them on receiving an order to pay the amount and Debit the same to "Account Customs". In regard to the clothing which may be necessary for the Slaves, if you write to Captain Reid about it I shall pay the money on order, and forward that Officers Bill to you When Mr Willoughby was last at Porebunder, he directed that all Slaves that may arrive at this Port should be taken charge of, and.

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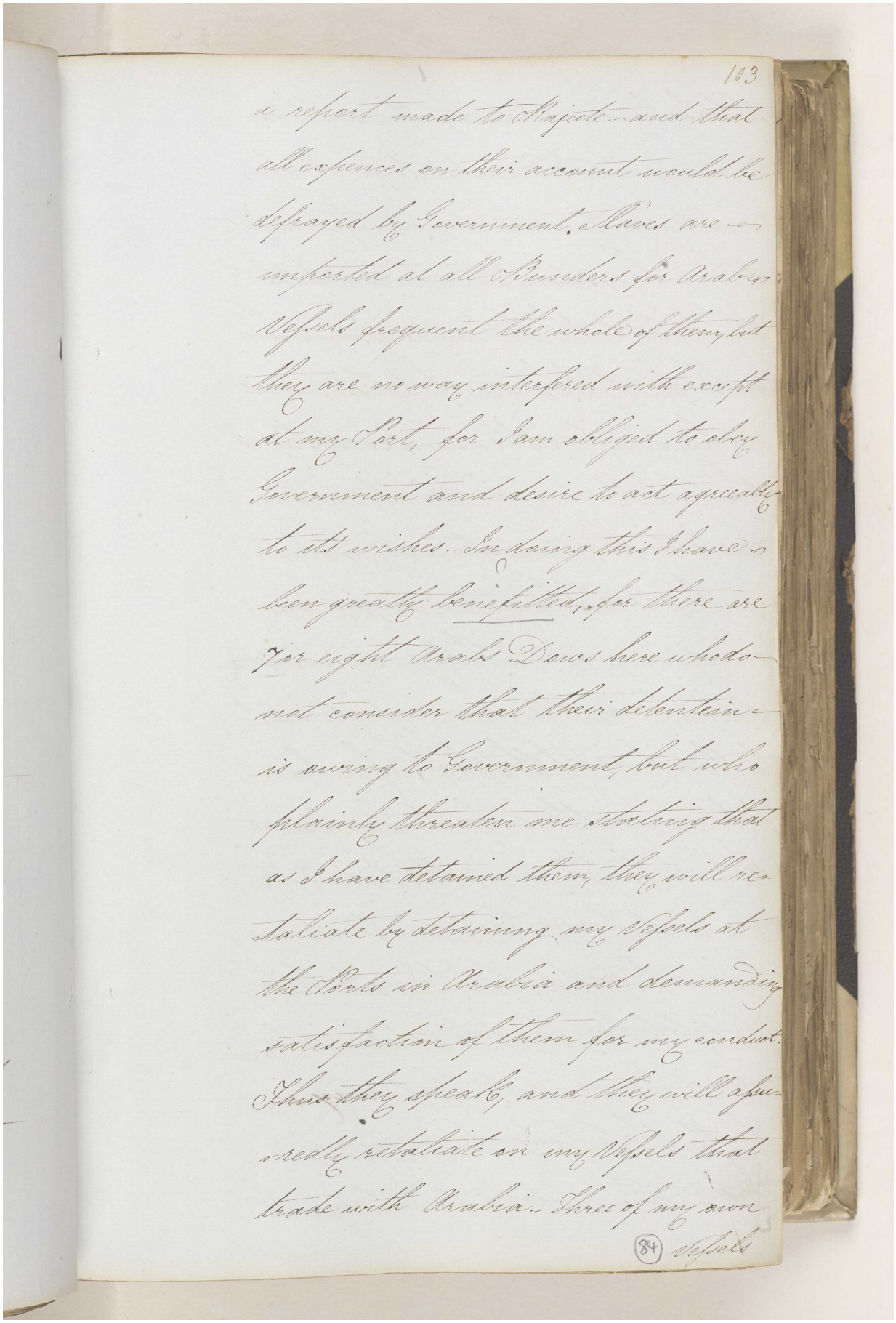

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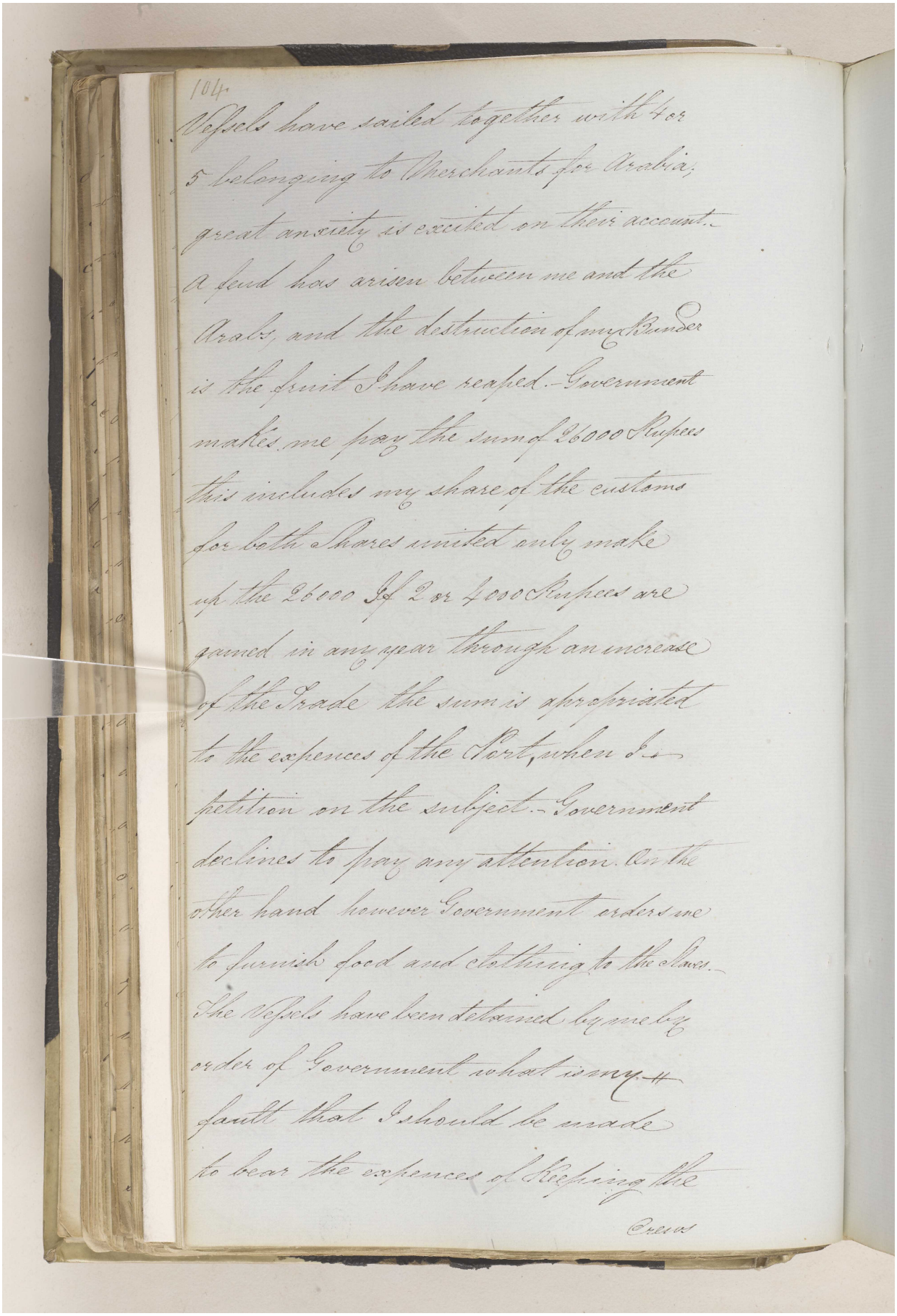
a report made to Rajcote - and that all expences on their account would be defrayed by Government. Slaves are imported at all Bunders for Arabian Vessels frequent the whole of them but they are no way interfered with except at my Port, for I am obliged to obey Government and desire to act agreeable to its wishes. In doing this I have been greatly benefitted, for there are for eight Arabs Dows here who do not consider that their detention is owing to Government, but who plainly threaten me stating that as I have detained them, they will retaliate by detaining my Vessels at the Ports in Arabia and demanding satisfaction of them for my conduct. Thus they speak, and they will assuredly retaliate on my Vessels that trade with Arabia. Three of my own

(84) Vessels



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Vessels have sailed together with 4 or
5 belonging to Merchants for Arabia;
great anxiety is excited on their account.
A feud has arisen between me and the
Arabs, and the destruction of my Bander
is the fruit I have reaped. Government
makes me pay the sum of 26000 Rupees
this includes my share of the customs
for both Shares united only make
up the 26000 If 2 or 4000 Rupees are
gained in any year through an increase
of the Trade the sum is appropriated
to the expences of the Port, when I
petition on the subject. Government
declines to pay any attention. On the
other hand however Government orders me
to furnish food and clothing to the slaves.
The Vessels have been detained by me by
order of Government what is my
fault that I should be made
to bear the expences of keeping the

Crews

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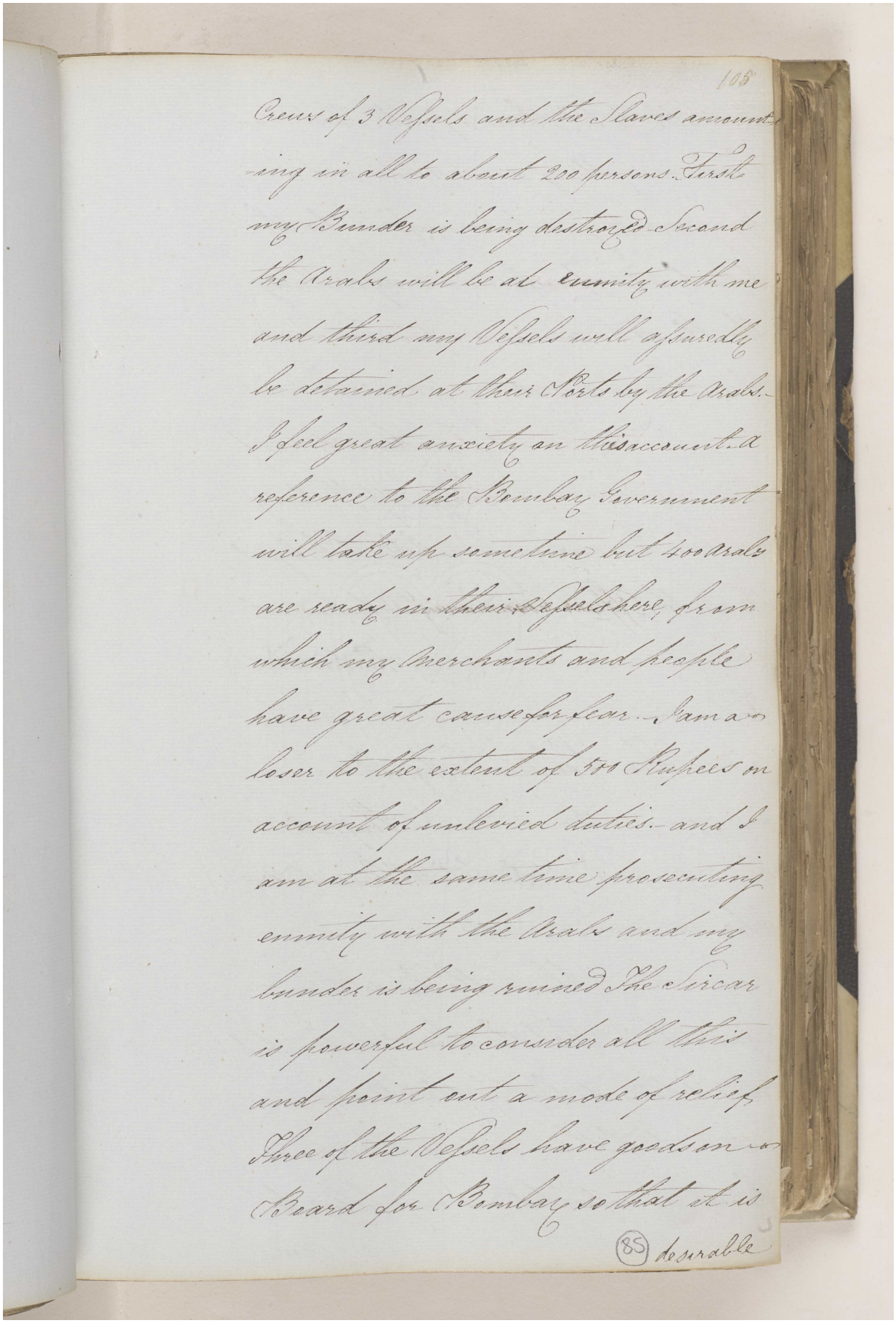

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Crews of 3 Vessels and the Slaves amounting in all to about 200 persons. First my Bunder is being destroyed Second the Arabs will be at enmity with me and third my Vessels will assuredly be detained at their Ports by the Arabs. I feel great anxiety on this account. A reference to the Bombay Government will take up some time but 400 Arabs are ready in their Vessels here, from which my Merchants and people have great cause for fear. I am a loser to the extent of 500 Rupees on account of unlevied duties. and I am at the same time prosecuting enmity with the Arabs and my bunder is being ruined The Circar is powerful to consider all this and point out a mode of relief. Three of the Vessels have goods on Board for Bombay so that it is

(85) desirable

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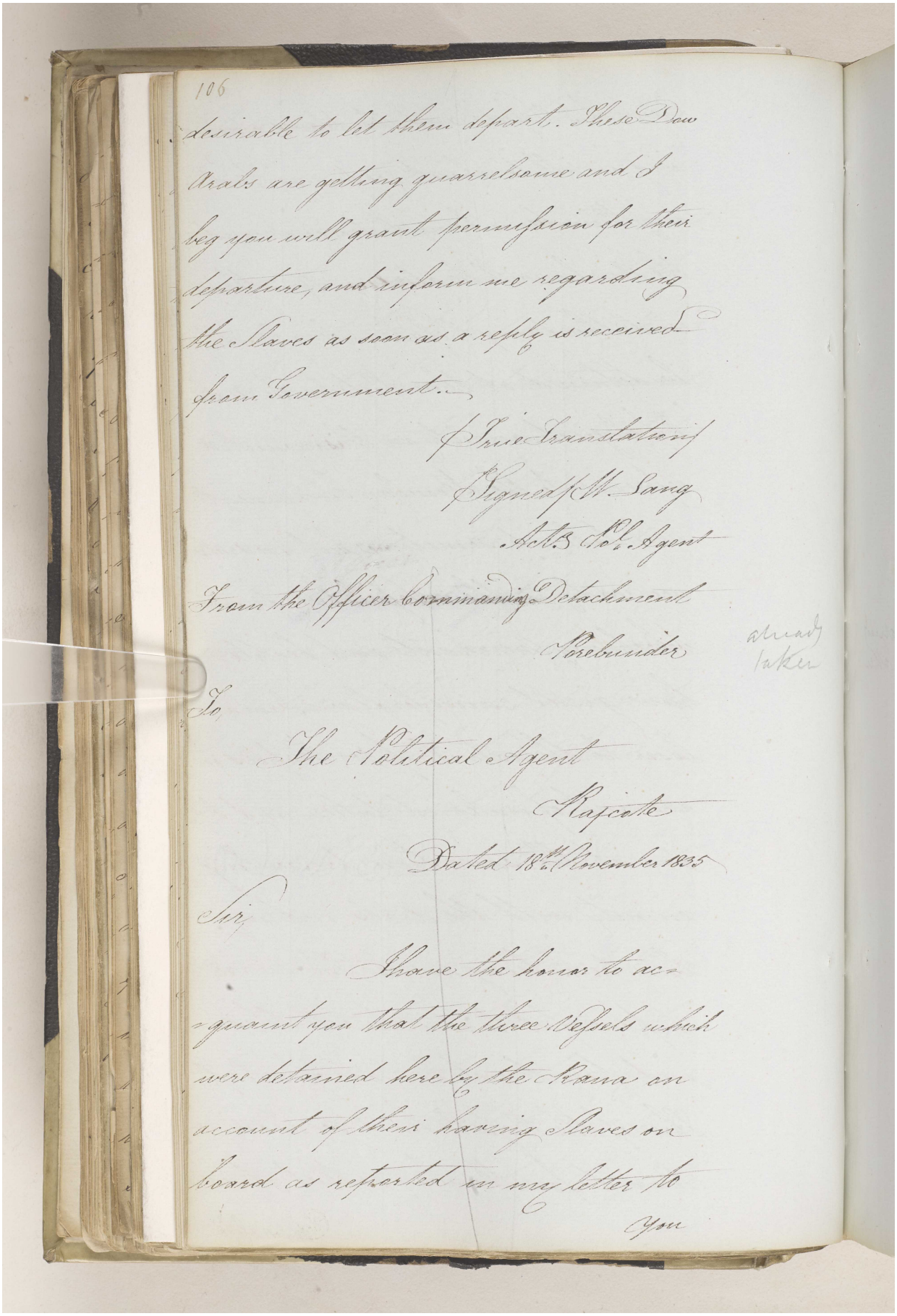

desirable to let them depart. These Dow Arabs are getting quarrelsome and I beg you will grant permission for their departure, and inform me regarding the Slaves as soon as a reply is received from Government.

(True Translation)

(Signed) W. Lang

Actg Pol. Agent

From the Officer Commanding Detachment

Porebunder

already taken

To,

The Political Agent

Rajcote

Dated 18th November 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the three Vessels which were detained here by the Rana on account of their having Slaves on board as reported in my letter to

you

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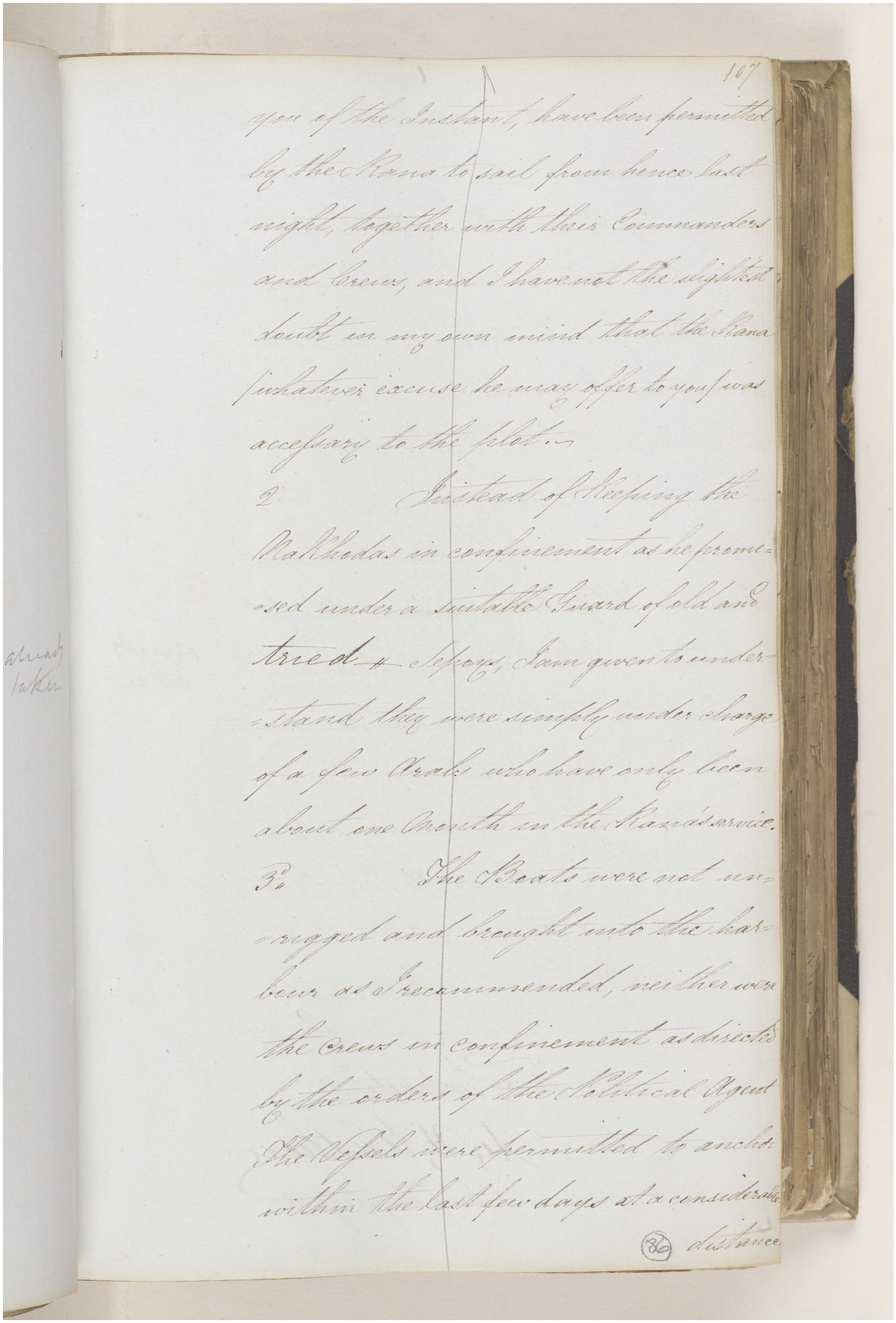

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you of the Instant, have been permitted by the Rana to sail from hence last night, together with their Commanders and Crews, and I have not the slightest doubt in my own mind that the Rana (whatever excuse he may offer to you) was accessary to the plot.—

2d Instead of keeping the Malkhodas in confinement as he promised under a suitable Guard of old and tried Sepoys, I am given to understand they were simply under charge of a few Arabs who have only been about one Month in the Rana's service.

3d The Boats were not unrigged and brought into the harbour as I recommended, neither were the Crews in confinement as directed by the orders of the Political Agent. The Vessels were permitted to anchor within the last few days at a considerable

(86) distance.

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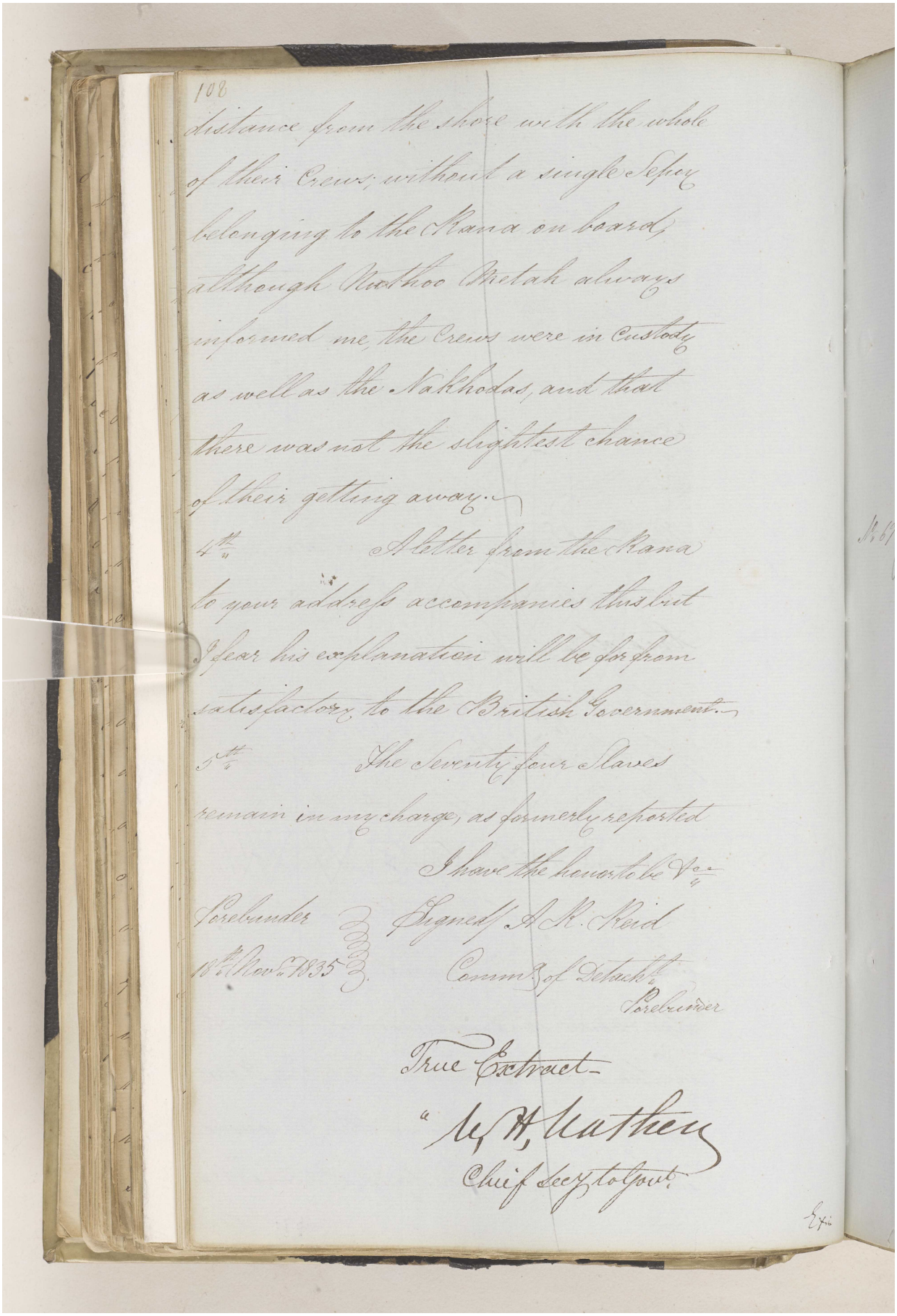

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distance from the shore with the whole of their Crews; without a single Sepoy belonging to the Rana on board, although Nuthoo Metah always informed me, the Crews were in Custody as well as the Nakhodas, and that there was not the slightest chance of their getting away.

4th A letter from the Rana to your address accompanies this but I fear his explanation will be far from satisfactory to the British Government.

5th The Seventy four Slaves remain in my charge, as formerly reported

I have the honor to be &c.

Porebunder
18th Novr 1835

Signed A. K. Reid
Commg of Detacht
Porebunder

True Extract

"M. H. Nathen
Chief Secy to Govt.

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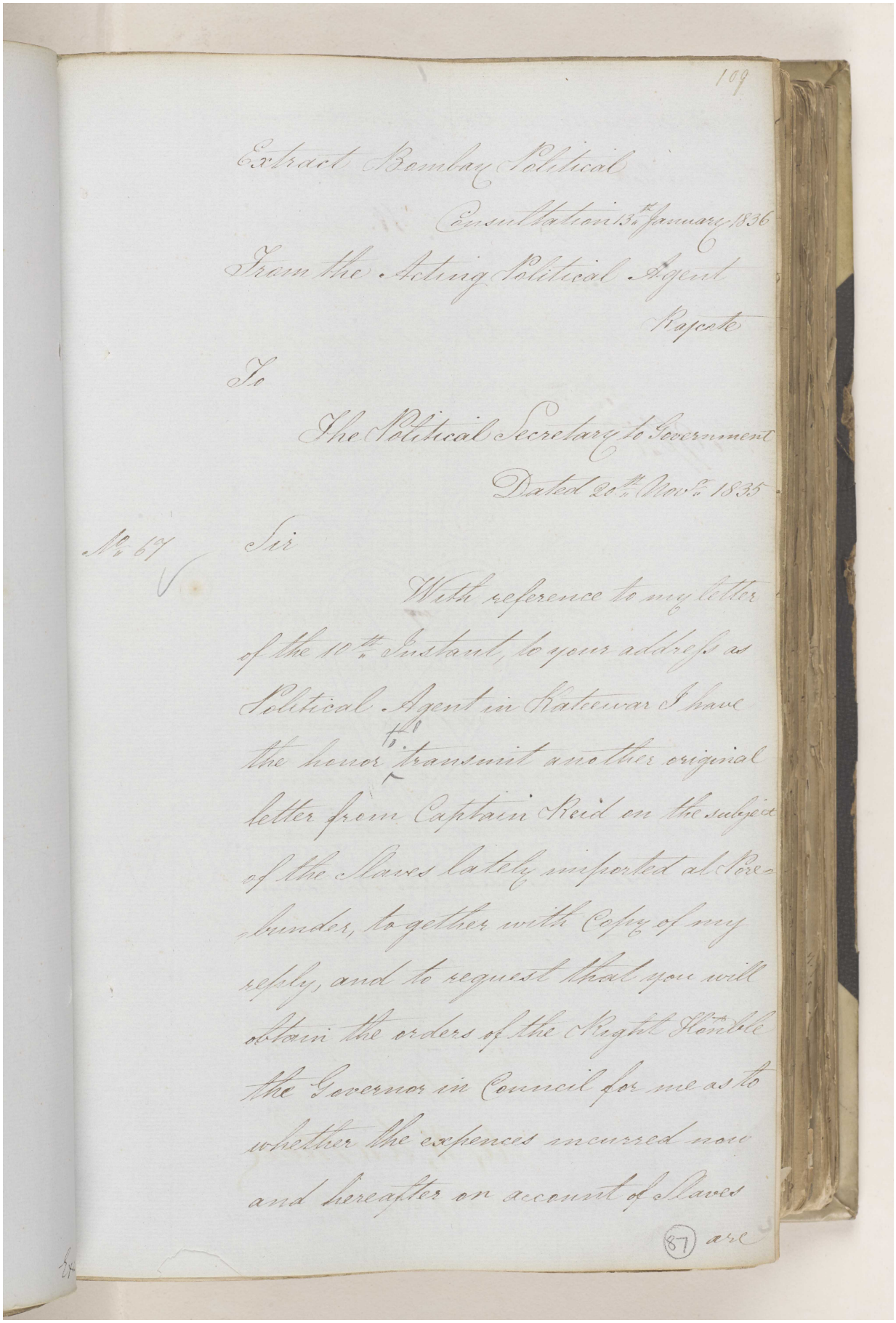

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 13th January 1836

From the Acting Political Agent

Rajcote

To

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 20th Novr 1835

No 67

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 10th Instant, to your address as Political Agent in Kattewar I have the honor to transmit another original letter from Captain Reid on the subject of the Slaves lately imported at Porebunder, together with Copy of my reply, and to request that you will obtain the orders of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for me as to whether the expences incurred now and hereafter on account of Slaves

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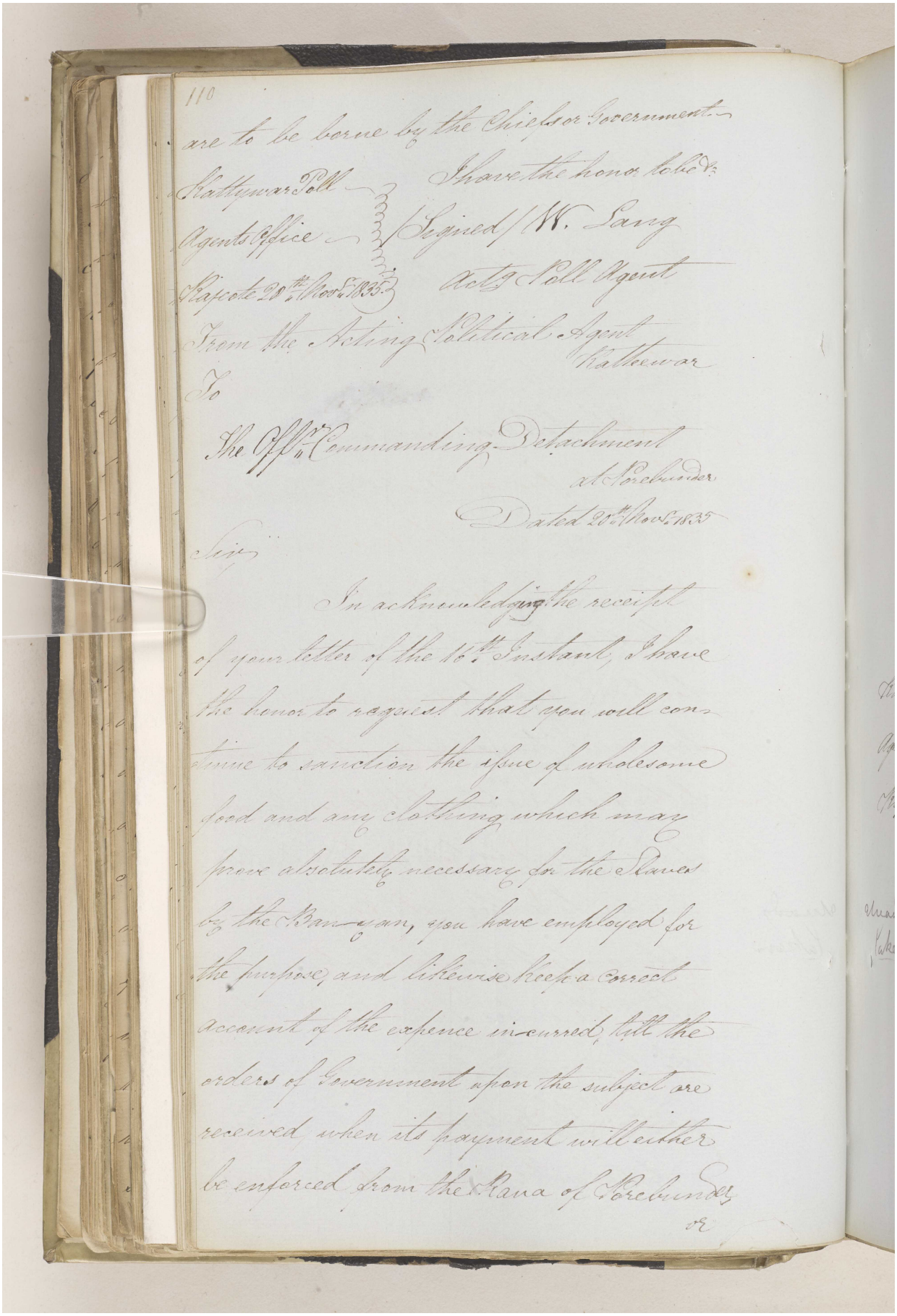

are to be borne by the Chiefs or Government.

Kattywar Poll Agents Office
Rajcote 20th Novr 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. Lang
Actg Poll Agent

From the Acting Political Agent
Katteewar

To

The Offr Commanding Detachment
at Porebunder

Dated 20th Novr 1835

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant, I have the honor to request that you will continue to sanction the issue of wholesome food and any clothing which may prove absolutely necessary for the Slaves by the Banyan, you have employed for the purpose, and likewise keep a correct account of the expence incurred, till the orders of Government upon the subject are received, when its payment will either be enforced from the Rana of Porebunder

or

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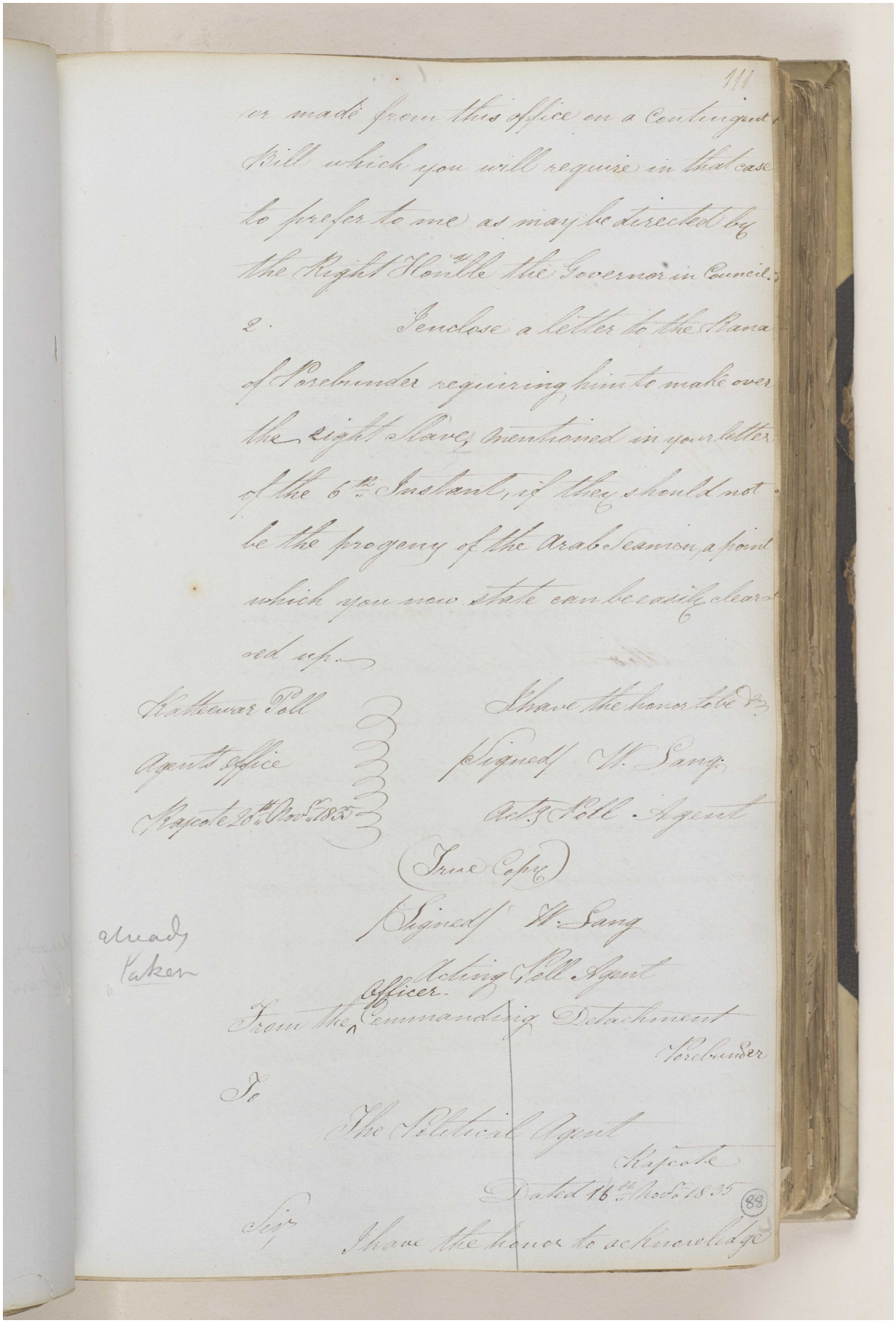

or made from this office on a Contingent Bill which you will require in that case to prefer to me as may be directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

2. I enclose a letter to the Rana of Porebunder requiring him to make over the eight Slaves mentioned in your letter of the 6th Instant, if they should not be the progeny of the Arab Seamen, a point which you now state can be easily clear-ed up.

Katteewar Poll
Agent's office
Rajcote 20th Novr 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. Lang
Act^g Poll Agent

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

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From the Officer Commanding Detachment
Porebunder

To
The Political Agent
Rajcote

Dated 16th Novr 1835

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Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge

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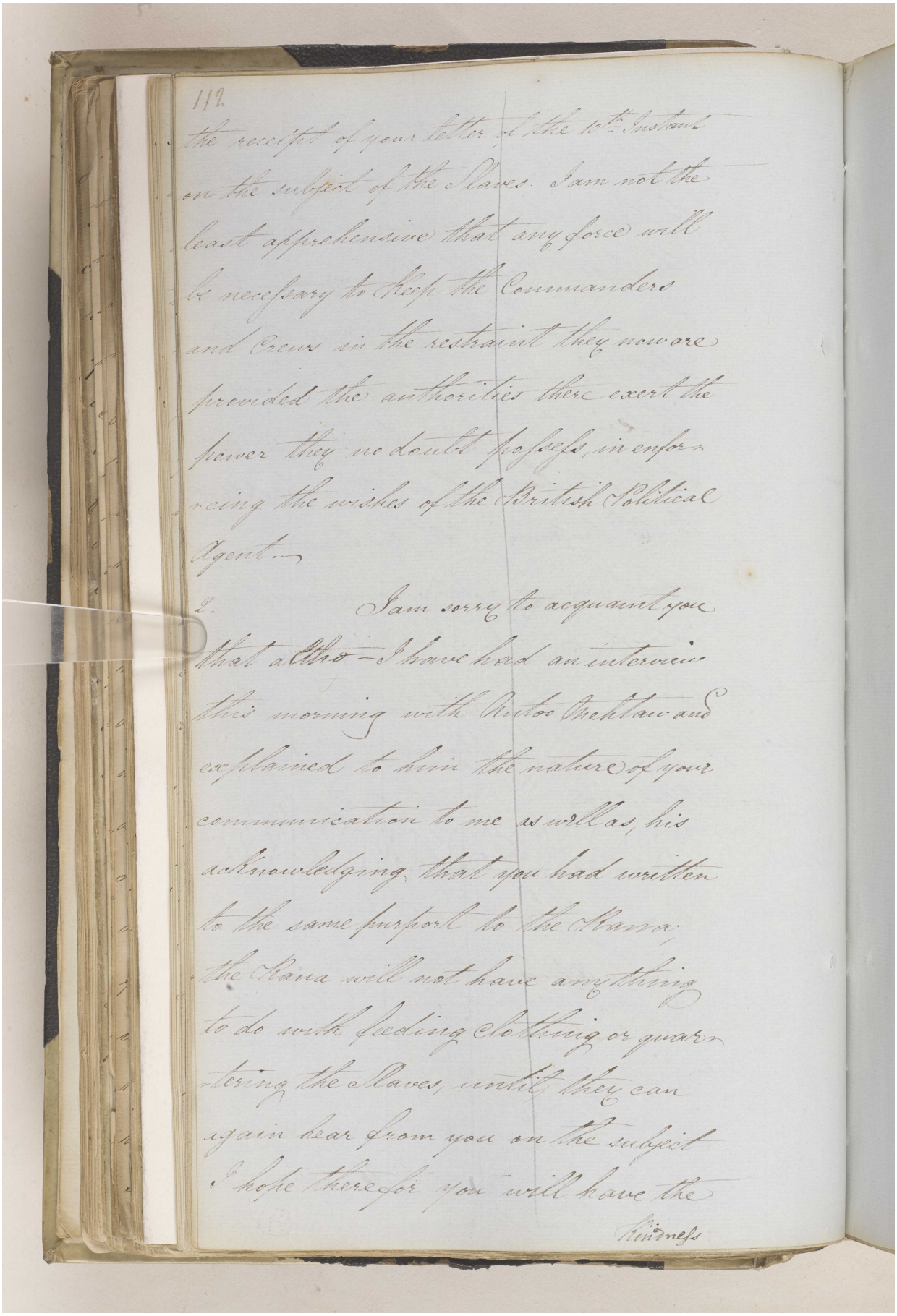

the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant on the subject of the Slaves. I am not the least apprehensive that any force will be necessary to keep the Commanders and Crews in the restraint they now are provided the authorities there exert the power they no doubt possess, in enforcing the wishes of the British Political Agent.

2. I am sorry to acquaint you that altho — I have had an interview this morning with Antoo Mehtaw and explained to him the nature of your communication to me as well as, his acknowledging that you had written to the same purport to the Rana; the Rana will not have any thing to do with feeding clothing or quartering the Slaves, until they can again hear from you on the subject I hope therefor you will have the

Kindness

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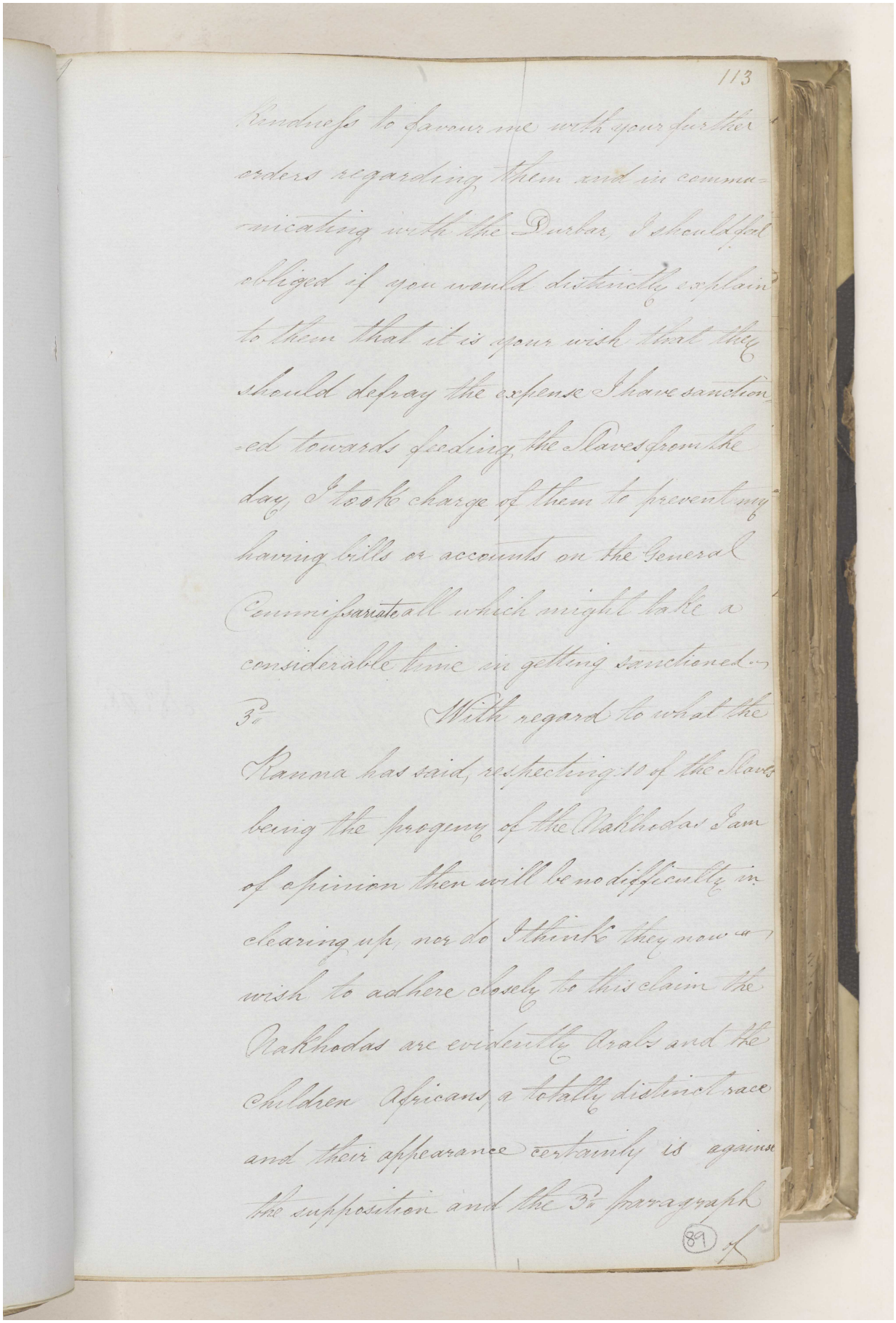

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Kindness to favour me with your further orders regarding them and in communicating with the Durbar, I should feel obliged if you would distinctly explain to them that it is your wish that they should defray the expense I have sanctioned towards feeding the Slaves from the day I took charge of them to prevent my having bills or accounts on the General Commissariat all which might take a considerable time in getting sanctioned.

3d. With regard to what the Ranna has said, respecting 10 of the Slaves being the progeny of the Nakhodas I am of opinion there will be no difficulty in clearing up, nor do I think they now wish to adhere closely to this claim the Nakhodas are evidently Arabs and the children Africans, a totally distinct race and their appearance certainly is against the supposition and the 3d paragraph

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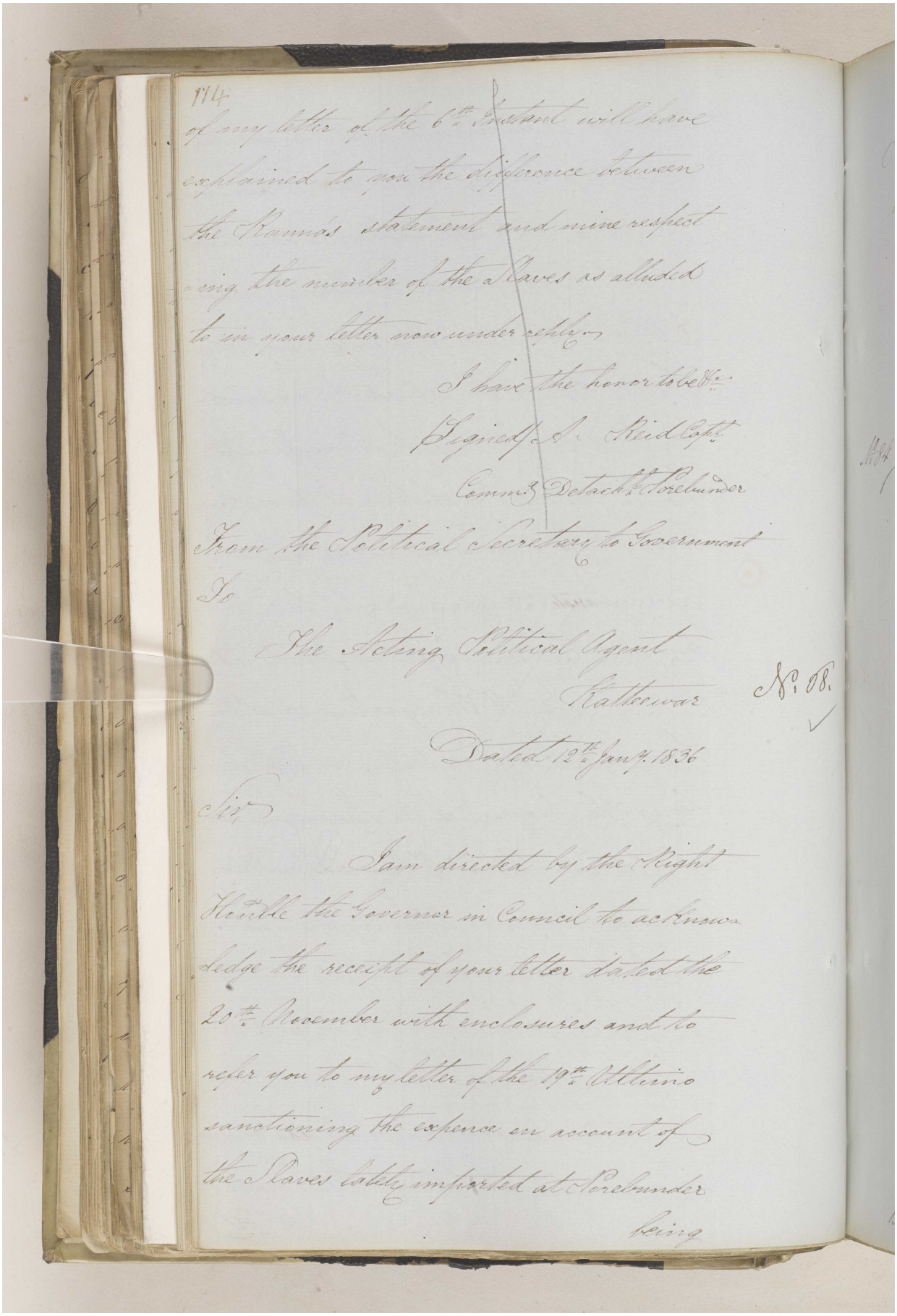

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of my letter of the 6th Instant will have explained to you the difference between the Ramas statement and mine respecting the number of the Slaves as alluded to in your letter now under reply

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed J. Reid Capt.

Comm.g Detach.t Porebunder

From the Political Secretary to Government

To

The Acting Political Agent

Kattewar

No. 08.

Dated 12th Jan.y 1836

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 20th November with enclosures and to refer you to my letter of the 19th Ultimo sanctioning the expence on account of the Slaves lately imported at Porebunder

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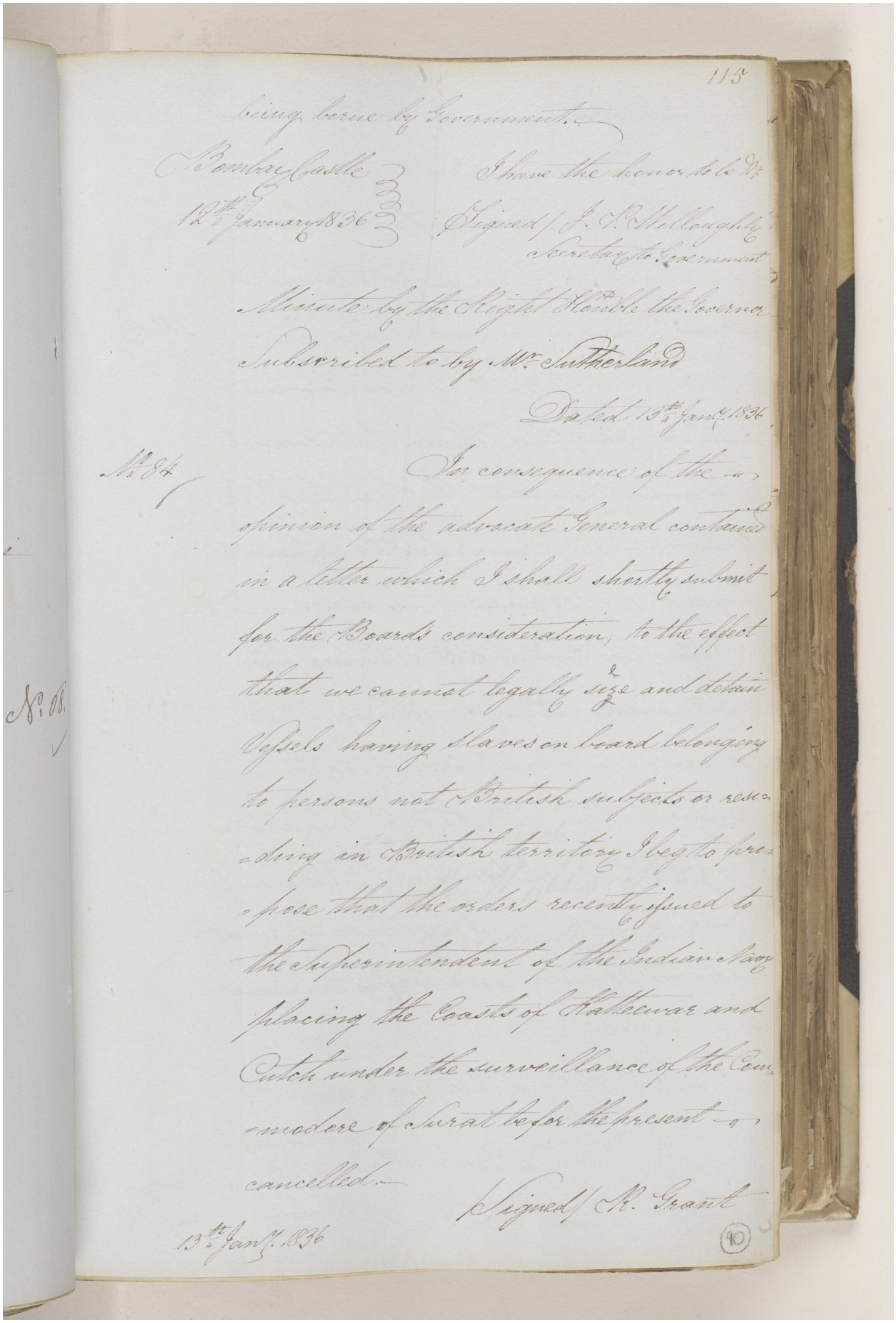

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being borne by Government.

Bombay Castle
12th January 1836

I have the honor to be &c
Signed/ J. R. Mellonghly
Secretary to Government

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor
Subscribed to by Mr Sutherland

Dated 13th Jany. 1836

No 84

In consequence of the opinion of the advocate General contained in a letter which I shall shortly submit for the Boards consideration, to the effect that we cannot legally seize and detain Vessels having Slaves on board belonging to persons not British subjects or residing in British territory I beg to propose that the orders recently issued to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy placing the Coasts of Kattiawar and Cutch under the surveillance of the Commodore of Surat be for the present cancelled.

Signed/ R. Grant

13th Jany. 1836

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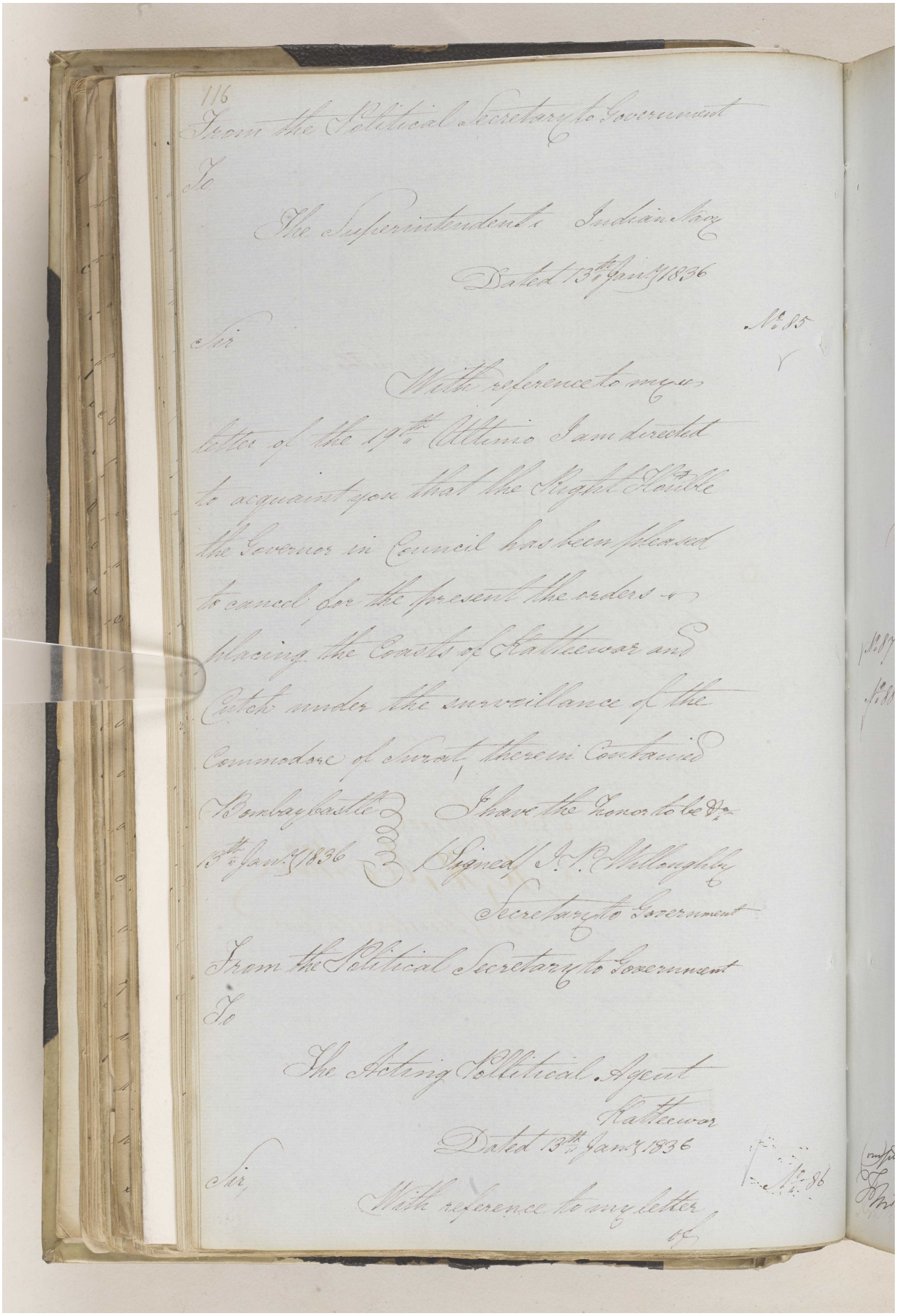

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From the Political Secretary to Government

To

The Superintendent Indian Navy

Dated 13th Jany 1836

No 85

Sir

With reference to my
letter of the 12th Instnt I am directed
to acquaint you that the Right Honble
the Governor in Council has been pleased
to cancel for the present the orders
placing the Coasts of Kattiewar and
Cutch under the surveillance of the
Commodore of Surat therein contained

Bombay Castle
13th Jany 1836

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From the Political Secretary to Government

To

The Acting Political Agent
Kattiewar

Dated 13th Jany 1836

Sir

With reference to my letter

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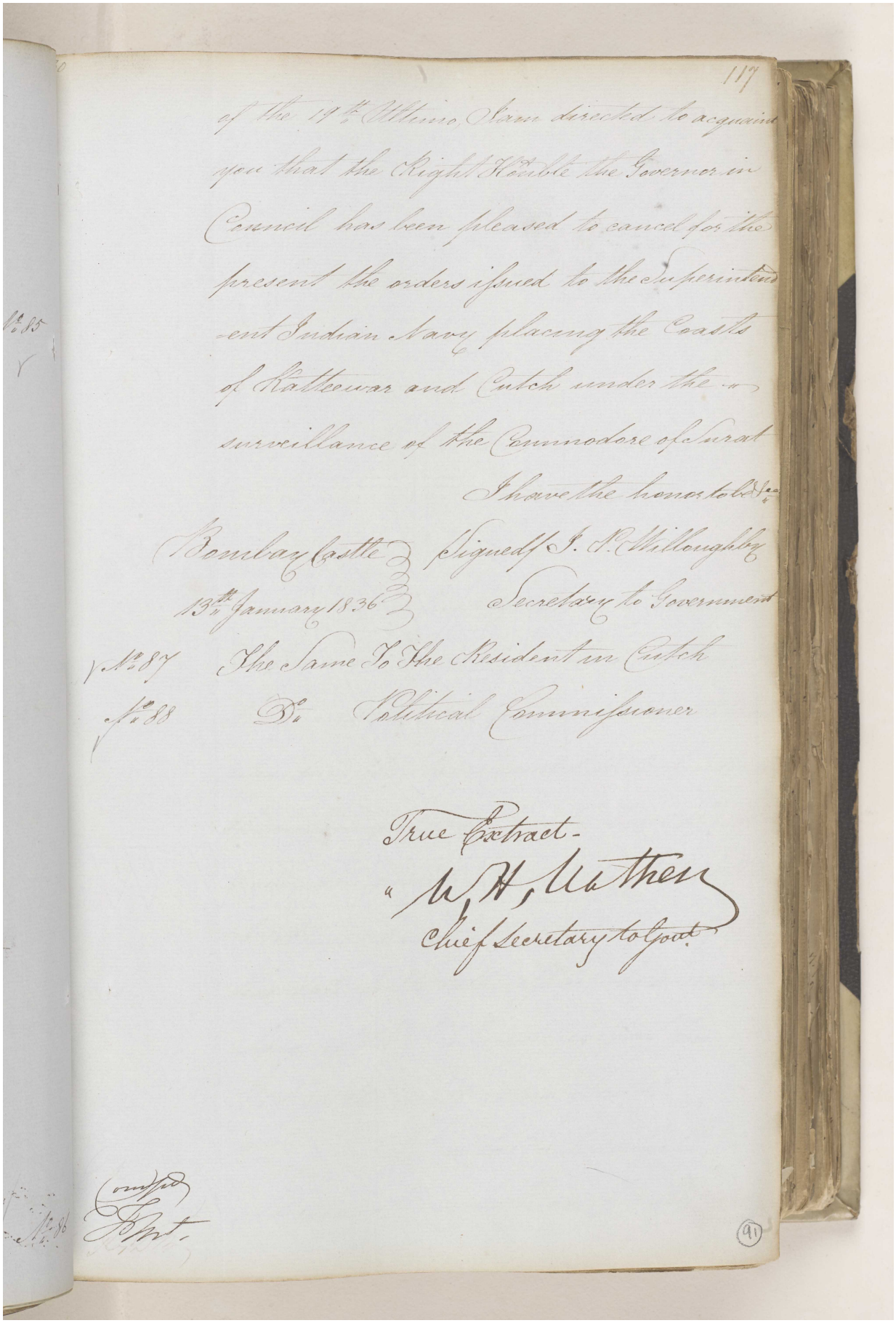

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of the 19th Ultimo, I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to cancel for the present the orders issued to the Superintendent Indian Navy placing the Coasts of Katteewar and Cutch under the surveillance of the Commodore of Surat

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
13th January 1836

Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

No. 85

No. 87 The Same To The Resident in Cutch

No. 88 Do. Political Commissioner

True Extract.
W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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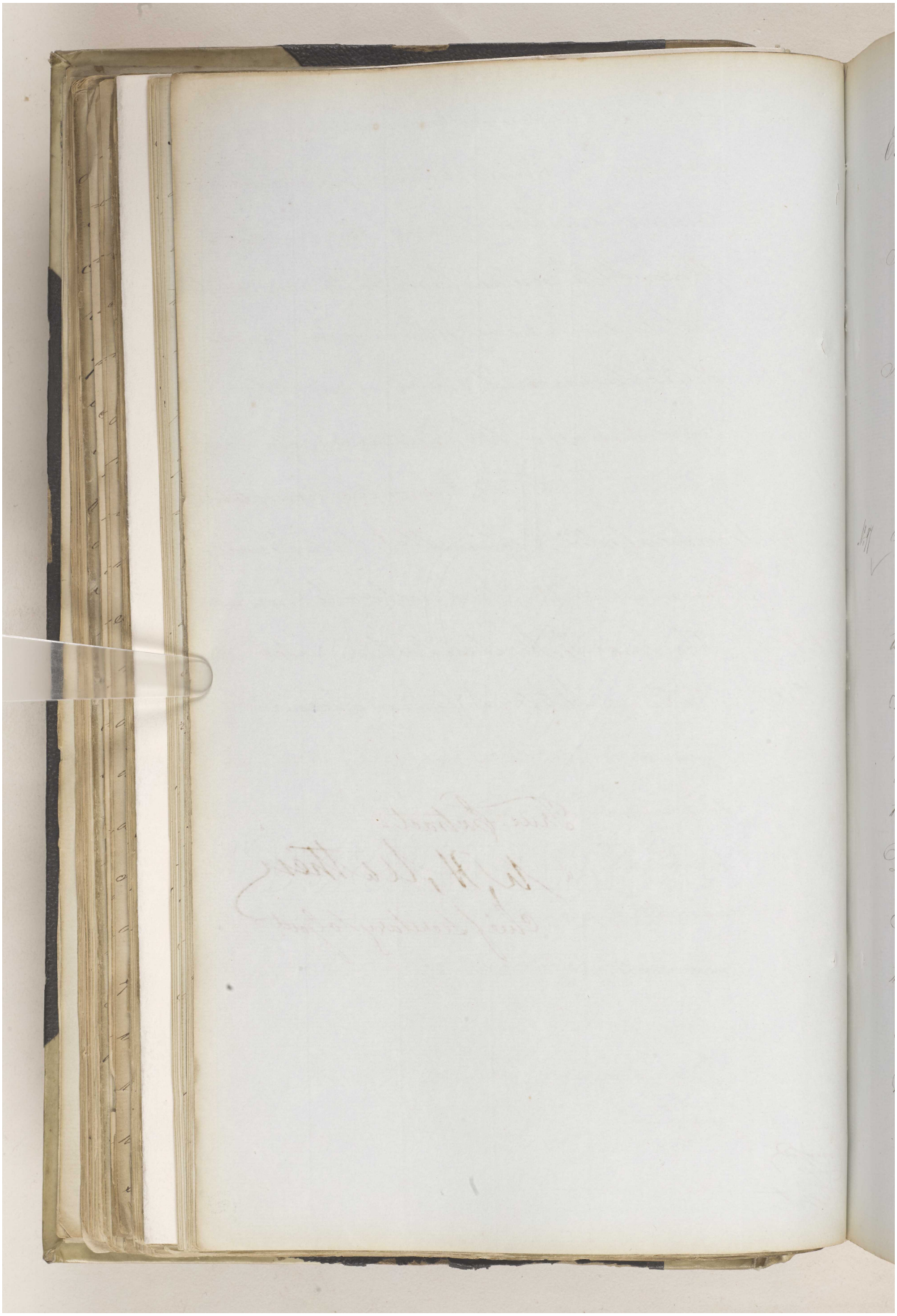

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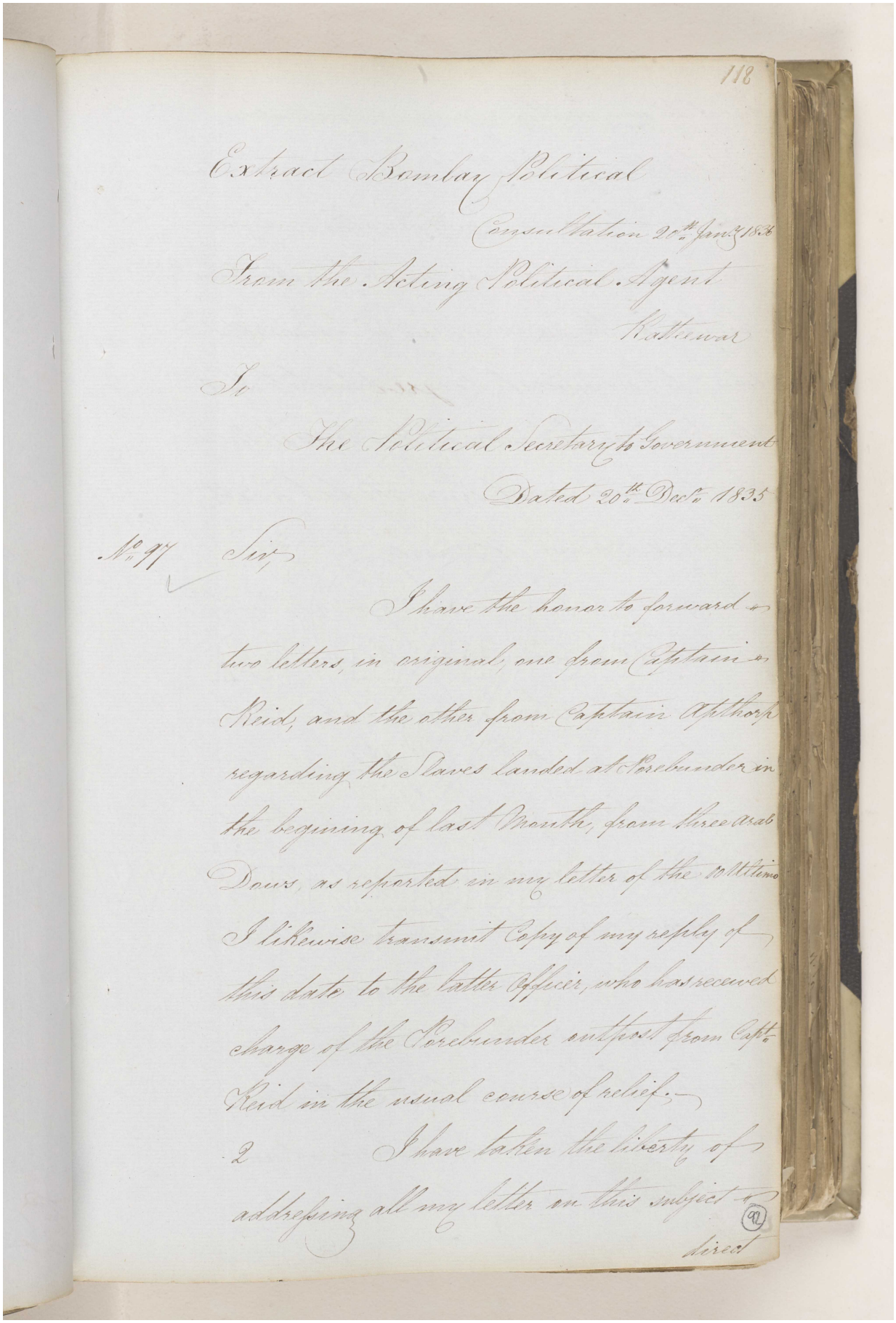

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 20th June 1836

From the Acting Political Agent

Kattewar

To

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 20th Dec.r 1835

No. 97 Sir,

I have the honor to forward two letters, in original, one from Captain Reid, and the other from Captain Apthorp regarding the Slaves landed at Porebunder in the beginning of last Month, from three and Dows, as reported in my letter of the 10 Ultimo

I likewise transmit Copy of my reply of this date to the latter Officer, who has received charge of the Porebunder outpost from Capt.n Reid in the usual course of relief.

2 I have taken the liberty of addressing all my letter on this subject

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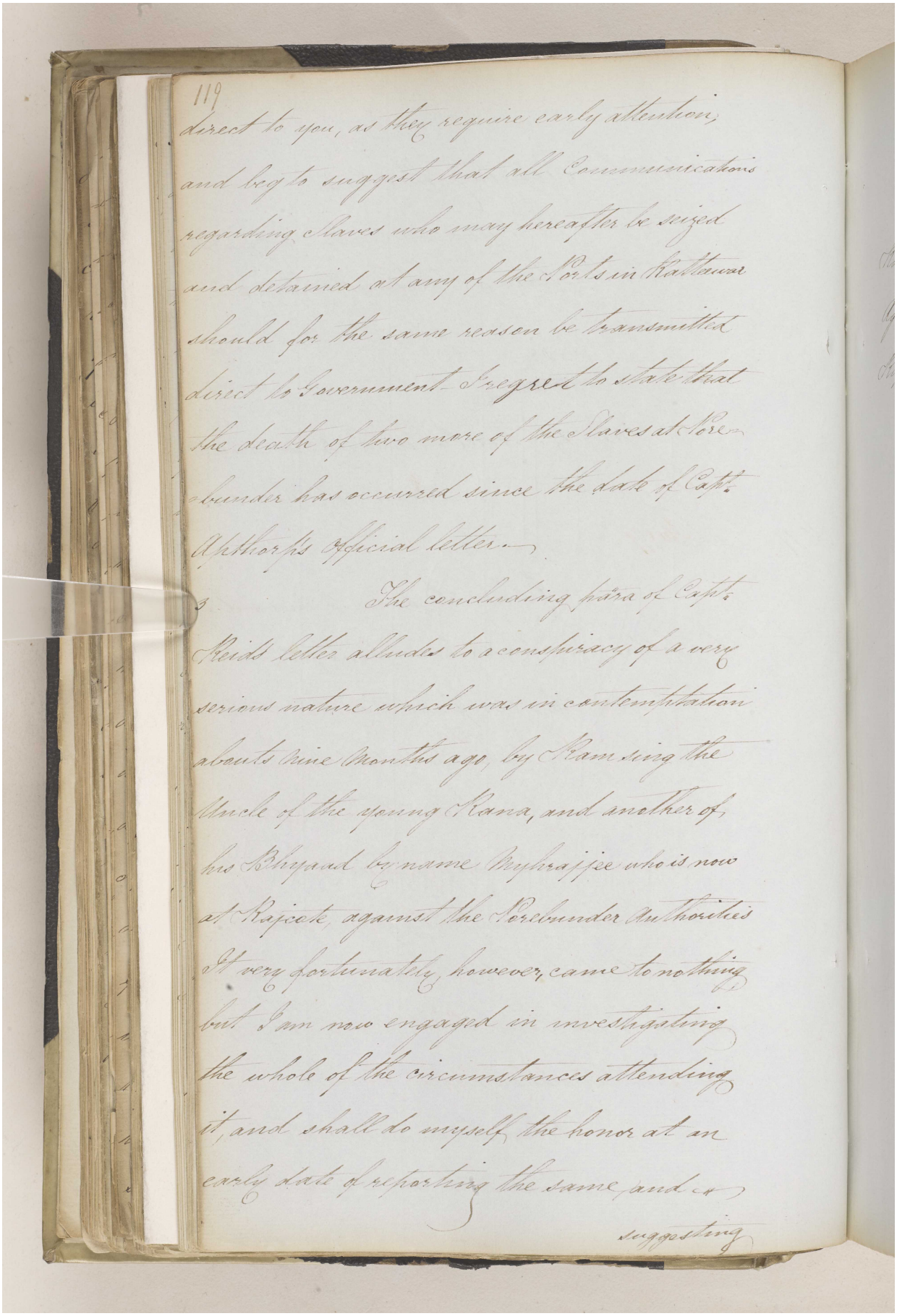

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direct to you, as they require early attention, and beg to suggest that all Communications regarding Slaves who may hereafter be seized and detained at any of the Ports in Kattawar should for the same reason be transmitted direct to Government. I regret to state that the death of two more of the Slaves at Porebunder has occurred since the date of Capt. Apthorp's Official letter.

3 The concluding para of Capt. Reid's letter alludes to a conspiracy of a very serious nature which was in contemptation abouts nine Months ago, by Ramsing the Uncle of the young Rana, and another of his Bhyaad by name Myhrajjee who is now at Rajcote, against the Porebunder Authorities. It very fortunately, however, came to nothing but I am now engaged in investigating the whole of the circumstances attending it, and shall do myself the honor at an early date of reporting the same, and

suggesting

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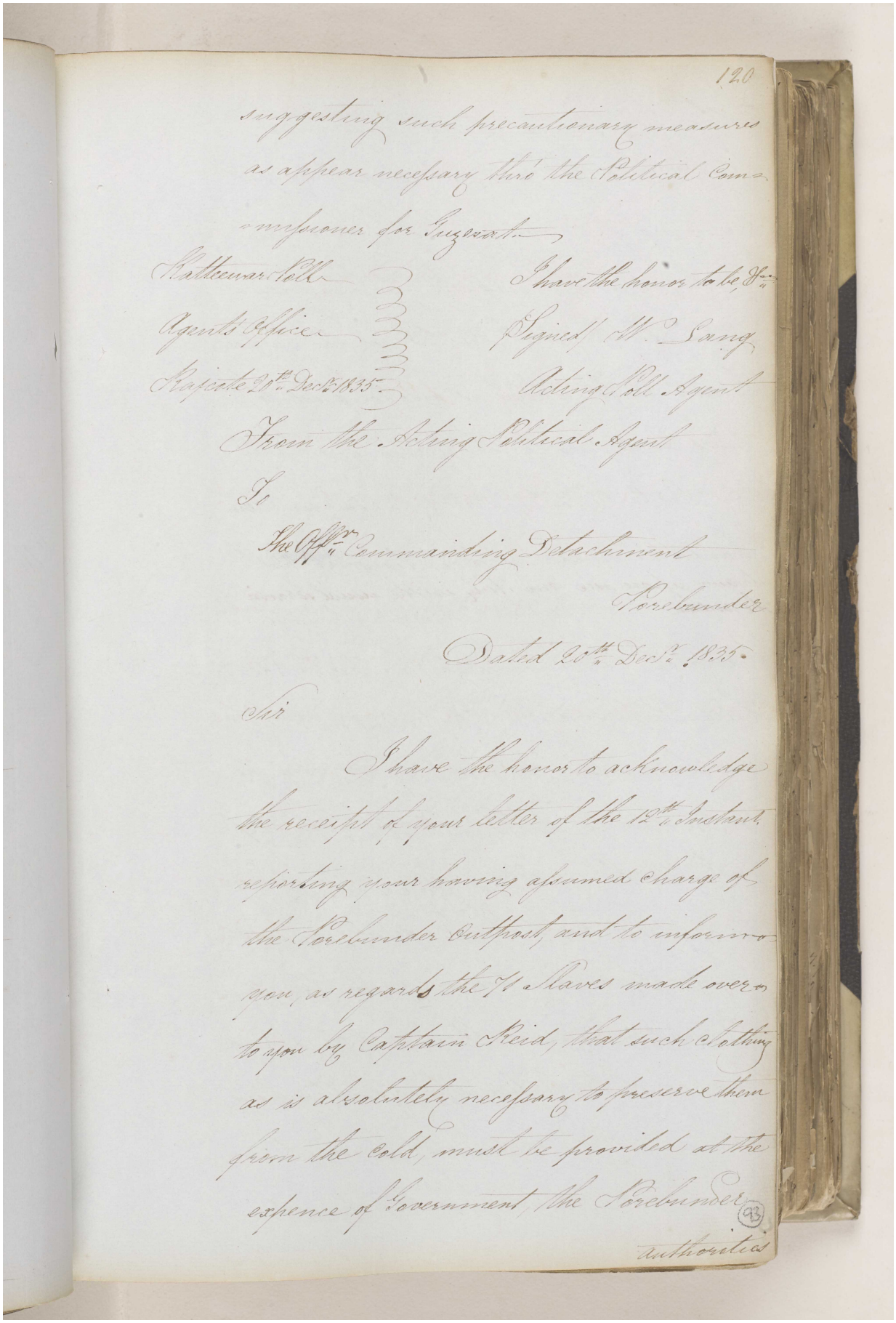

suggesting such precautionary measures as appear necessary thro' the Political Commissioner for Guzerat.

Katteewar Poll
Agents Office
Rajcote 20th Decr 1835

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Signed) W. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

From the Acting Political Agent

To

The Offr Commanding Detachment
Porebunder

Dated 20th Decr 1835.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, reporting your having assumed charge of the Porebunder Outpost, and to inform you, as regards the 71 Slaves made over to you by Captain Reid, that such clothing as is absolutely necessary to preserve them from the cold, must be provided at the expence of Government, the Porebunder

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authorities

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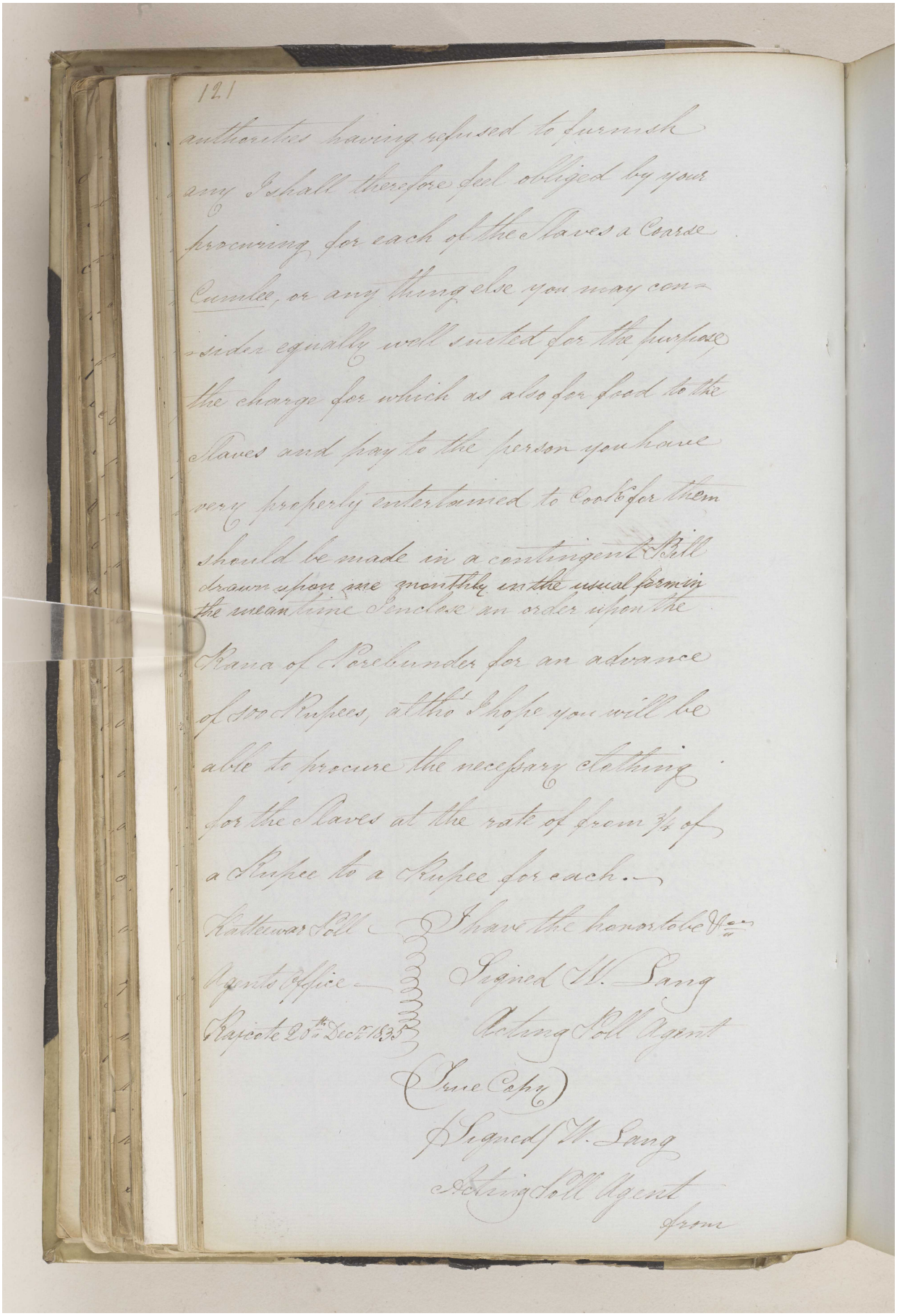

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authorities having refused to furnish any I shall therefore feel obliged by your procuring for each of the Slaves a Coarse Cumlee, or any thing else you may consider equally well suited for the purpose, the charge for which as also for food to the Slaves and pay to the person you have very properly entertained to Cook for them should be made in a contingent Bill drawn upon me monthly in the usual form in the meantime I enclose an order upon the Rana of Porebunder for an advance of 100 Rupees, altho' I hope you will be able to procure the necessary clothing for the Slaves at the rate of from 3/4 of a Rupee to a Rupee for each.—

Katteewar Poll Agents Office
Rajcote 20th Decr 1835

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed W. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

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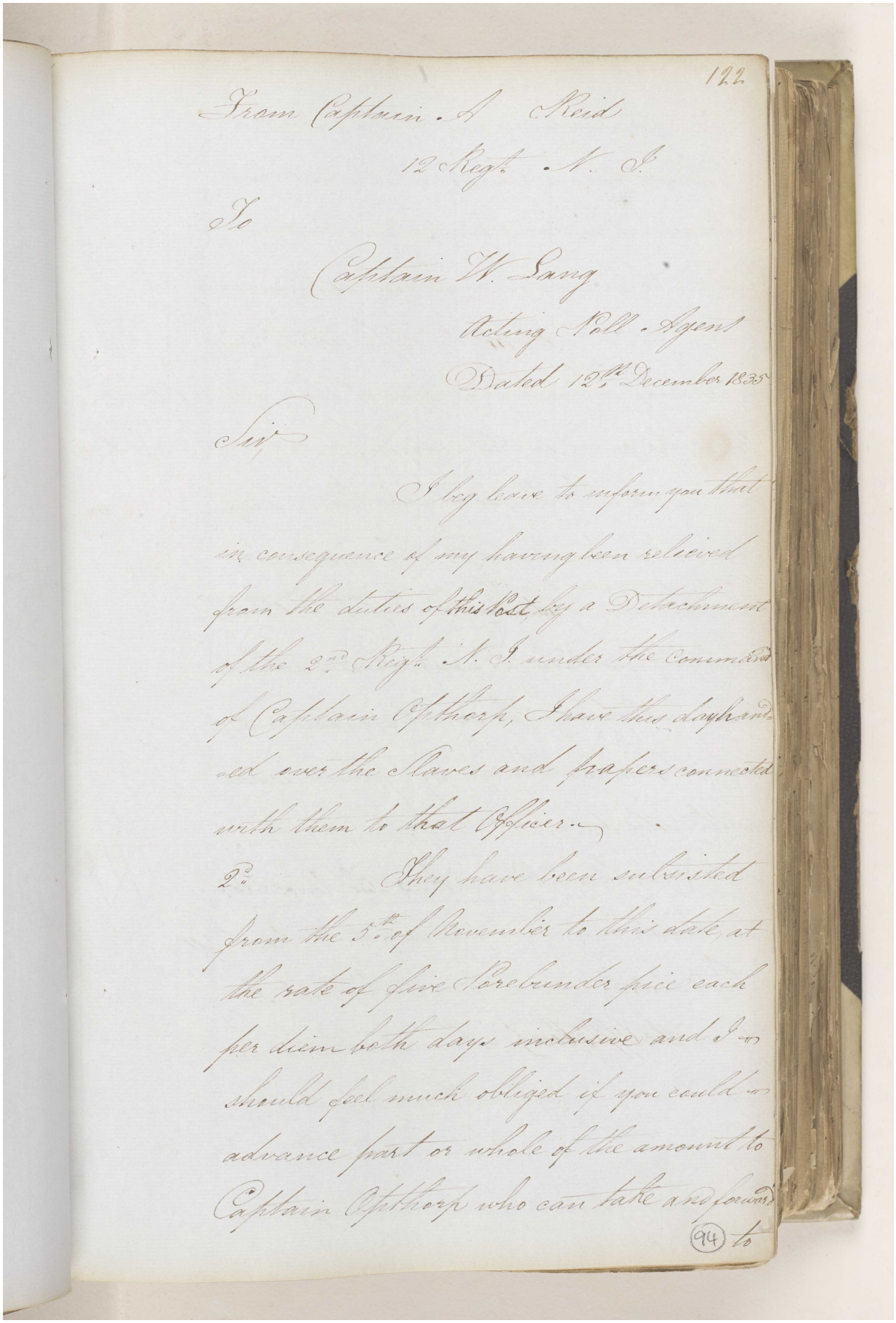

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From Captain A. Reid
12 Regt. N. I.

To

Captain W. Lang
Acting Poll. Agent

Dated 12th December 1835

Sir

I beg leave to inform you that in consequence of my having been relieved from the duties of this Post by a Detachment of the 2nd Regt. N. I. under the command of Captain Osthorp, I have this day handed over the Slaves and papers connected with them to that Officer.

2d. They have been subsisted from the 5th of November to this date, at the rate of five Perebunder pice each per diem both days inclusive and I would feel much obliged if you could advance part or whole of the amount to Captain Osthorp who can take and grant

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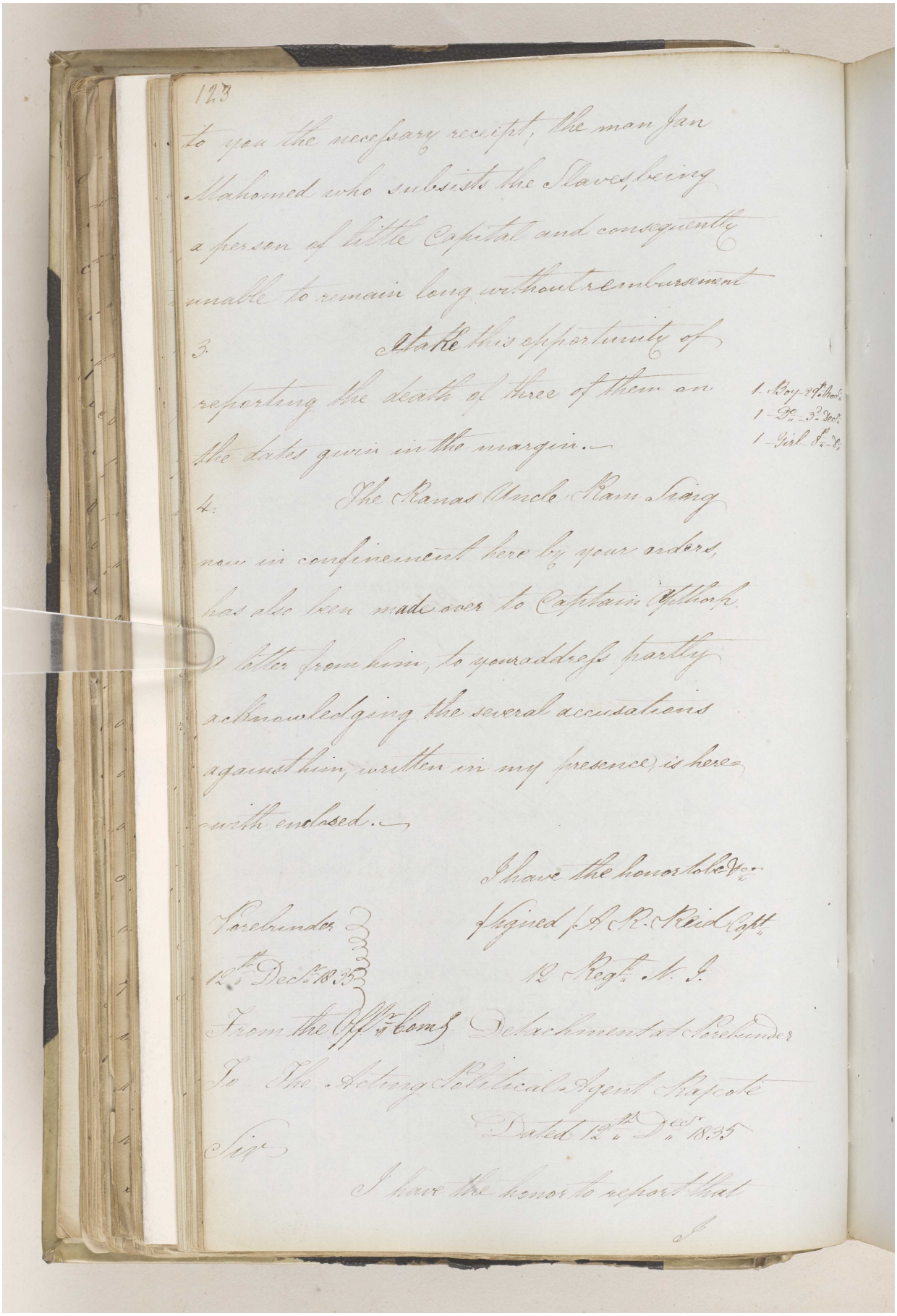

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to you the necessary receipt, the man Jan Mahomed who subsists the Slaves, being a person of little Capital and consequently unable to remain long without reimbursement

3. I take this opportunity of reporting the death of three of them on the dates given in the margin.—

1 Boy 29th March
1 Do 3d Dec.
1 Girl 8th 2d

4. The Ranas Uncle Ram Sing now in confinement here by your orders, has also been made over to Captain Pelly. A letter from him, to your address partly acknowledging the several accusations against him, written in my presence, is here with enclosed.—

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. A. R. Reid Capt.
12 Regt. N. I.

Forebunder
12th Dec. 1835

From the Offg Com. Detachment at Forebunder
To The Acting Political Agent Rajcote

Dated 12th Dec. 1835

Sir

I have the honor to report that I

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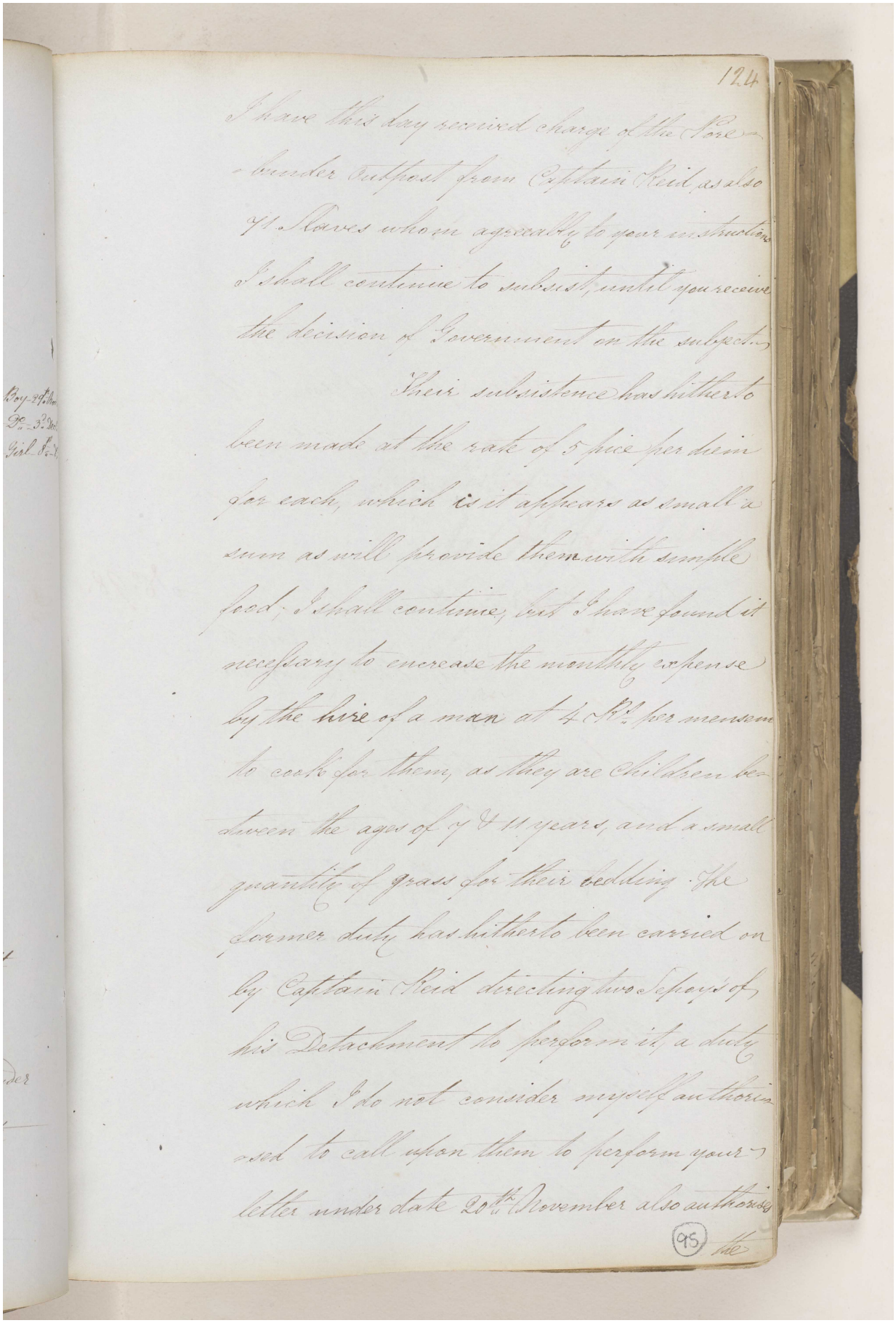

I have this day received charge of the Pore-
-bunder Outpost from Captain Reid, as also
71 Slaves whom agreeably to your instructions
I shall continue to subsist, until you receive
the decision of Government on the subject.

Their subsistence has hitherto
been made at the rate of 5 pice per diem
for each, which is it appears as small a
sum as will provide them with simple
food; I shall continue, but I have found it
necessary to encrease the monthly expense
by the hire of a man at 4 Rs. per mensem
to cook for them, as they are Children be-
tween the ages of 7 & 11 years, and a small
quantity of grass for their bedding. The
former duty has hitherto been carried on
by Captain Reid directing two Sepoys of
his Detachment to perform it, a duty
which I do not consider myself authori-
-sed to call upon them to perform your
letter under date 20th November also authorises

the

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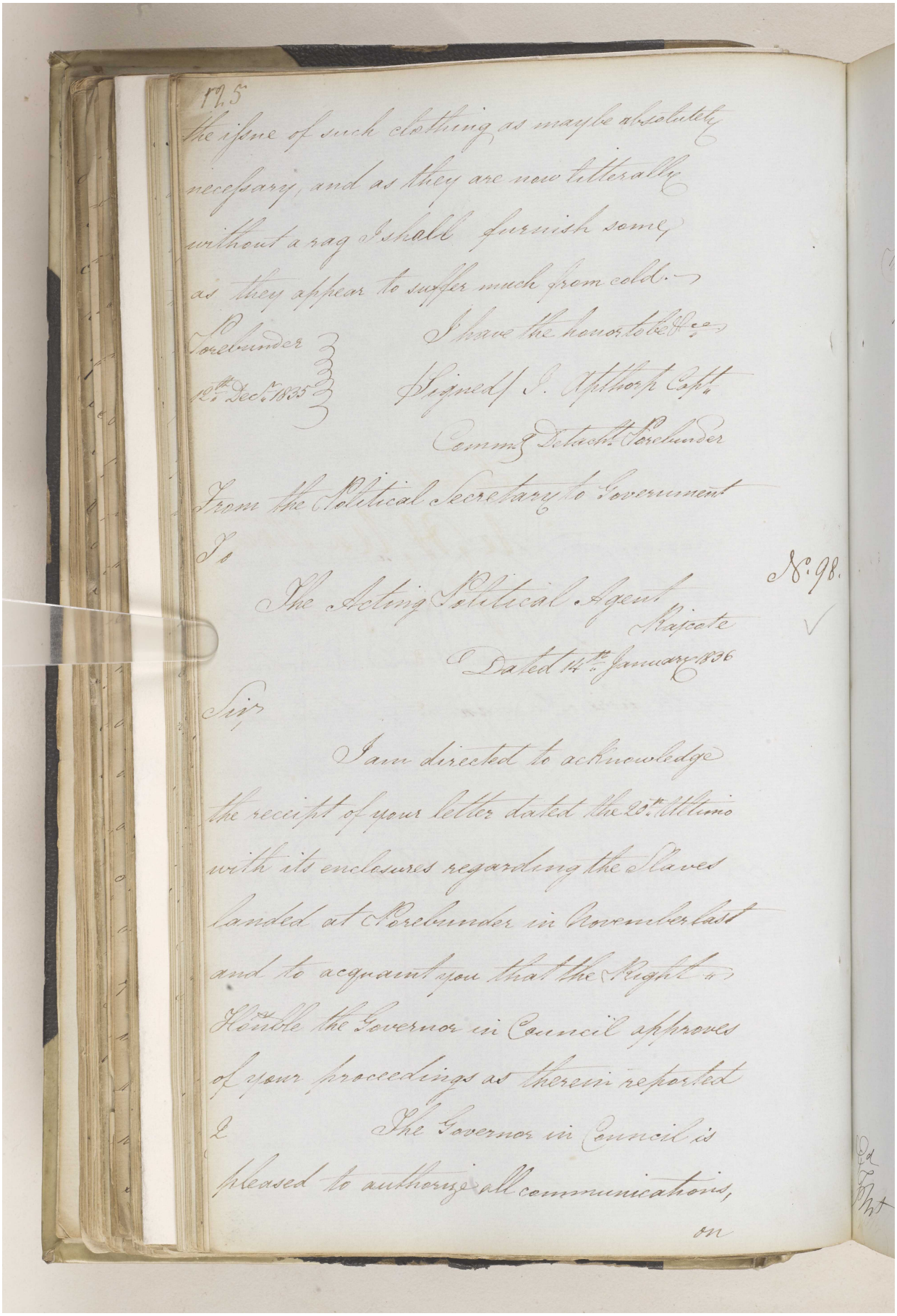

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the issue of such clothing as maybe absolutely necessary, and as they are now litterally without a rag I shall furnish some, as they appear to suffer much from cold.

I have the honor to be &c.

Porebunder
12th Decr. 1835

(Signed) J. Apthorp Capt.
Comm.g Detacht. Porebunder

From the Political Secretary to Government
To
The Acting Political Agent
Rajcote

No. 98.

Dated 14th January 1836

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 20th Ultimo with its enclosures regarding the Slaves landed at Porebunder in November last and to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council approves of your proceedings as therein reported

2 The Governor in Council is pleased to authorize all communications, on

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on the subject of Slaves on the Slave trade, being made direct to Government as suggested in the 2d. para of your letter now acknowledged.

Bombay Castle
14th January 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

True Extract.
W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Govt.

No. 98.

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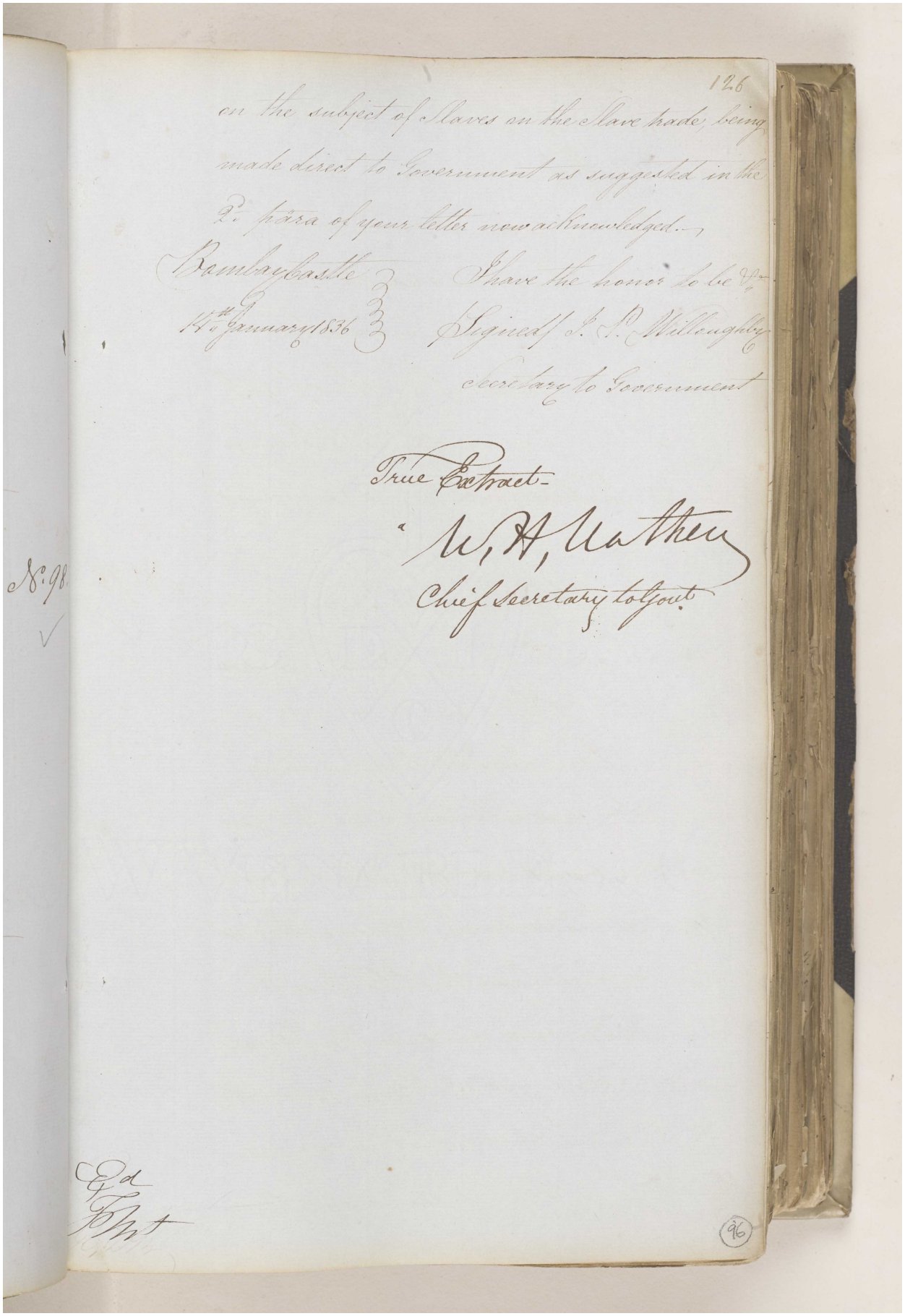

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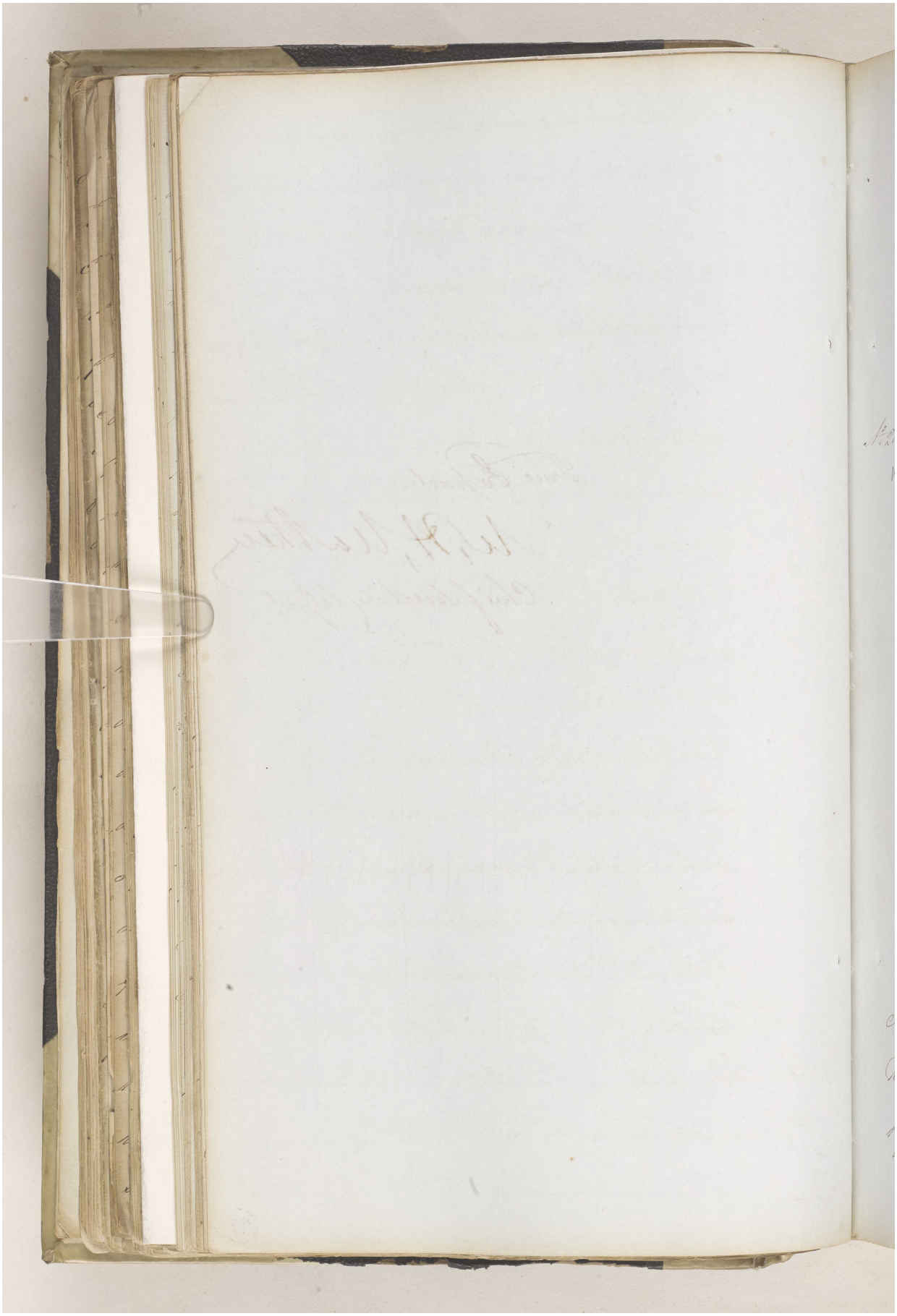

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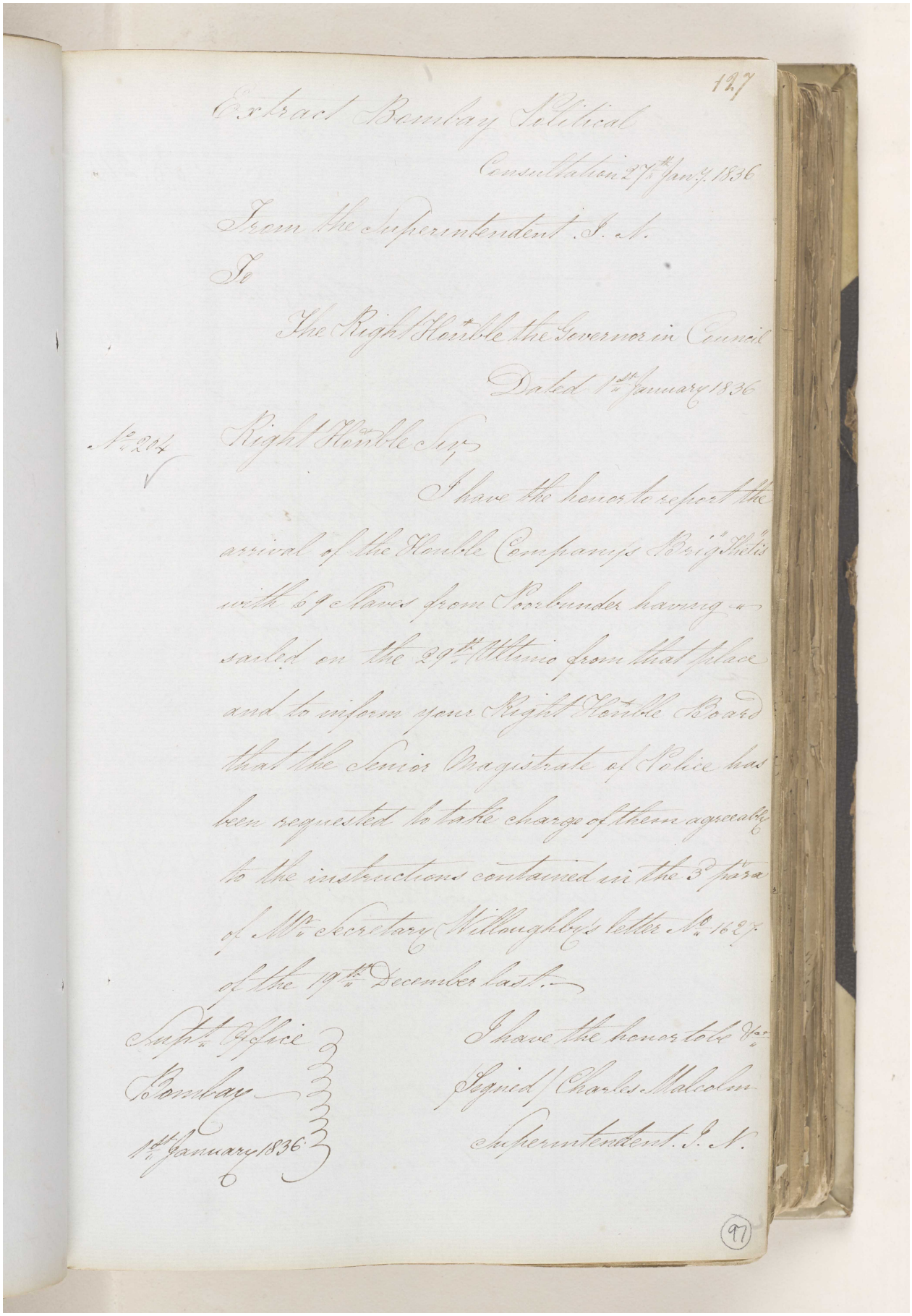

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From the Superintendent I. N.

To

The Right Honble the Governor in Council

Dated 1st January 1836

No. 204 Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to report the arrival of the Honble Company's Brig "Thetis" with 69 Slaves from Poorbunder having sailed on the 29th Ultimo from that place and to inform your Right Honble Board that the Senior Magistrate of Police has been requested to take charge of them agreeably to the instructions contained in the 3d para of Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter No. 1627 of the 19th December last.

Supt. Office
Bombay
1st January 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Charles Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

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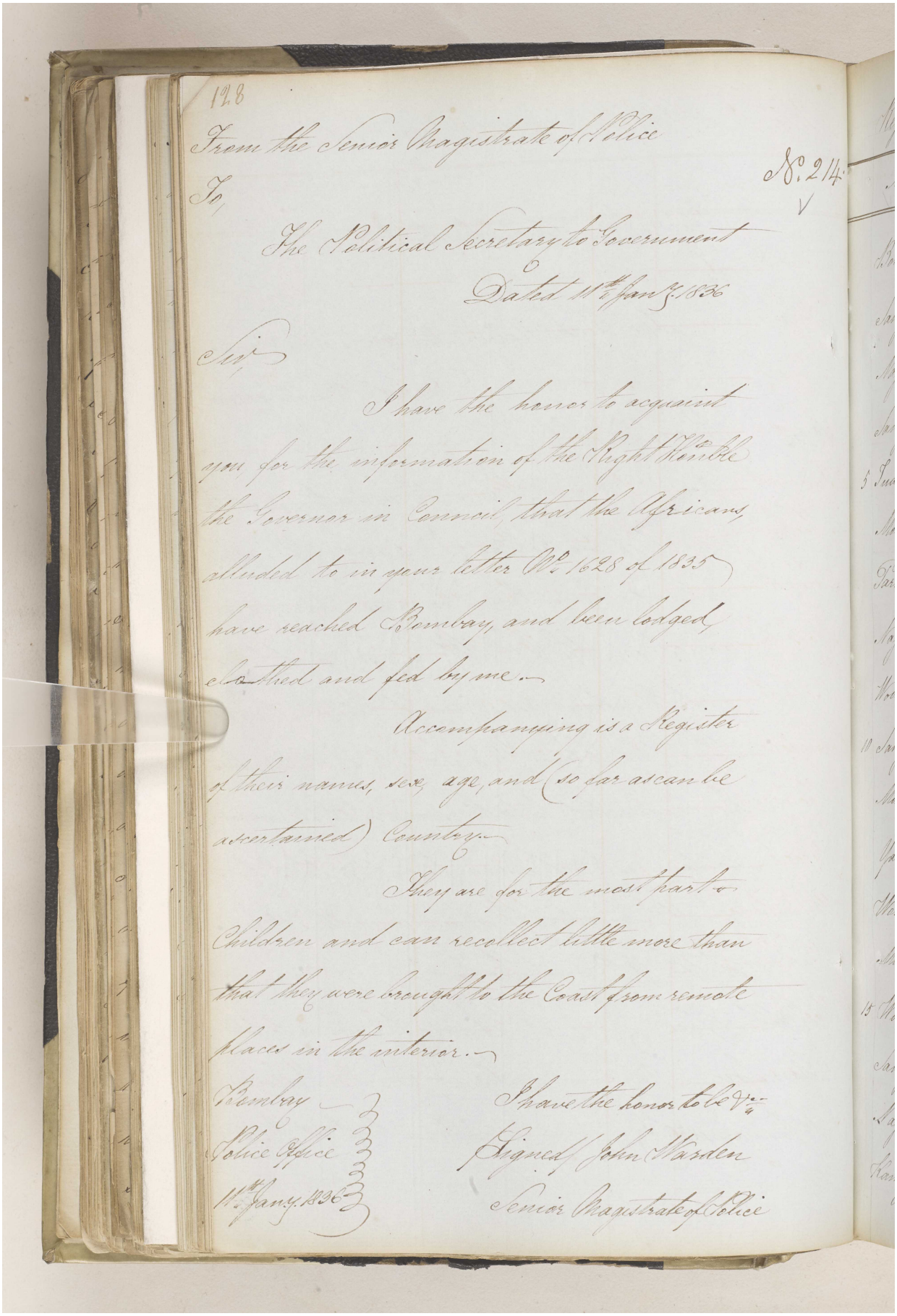

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From the Senior Magistrate of Police

No. 214.

To,

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 11th Jany 1836

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that the Africans alluded to in your letter No. 1628 of 1835 have reached Bombay, and been lodged, clothed and fed by me.

Accompanying is a Register of their names, sex, age, and (so far as can be ascertained) Country.

They are for the most part Children and can recollect little more than that they were brought to the Coast from remote places in the interior.

Bombay
Police Office
11th Jany 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

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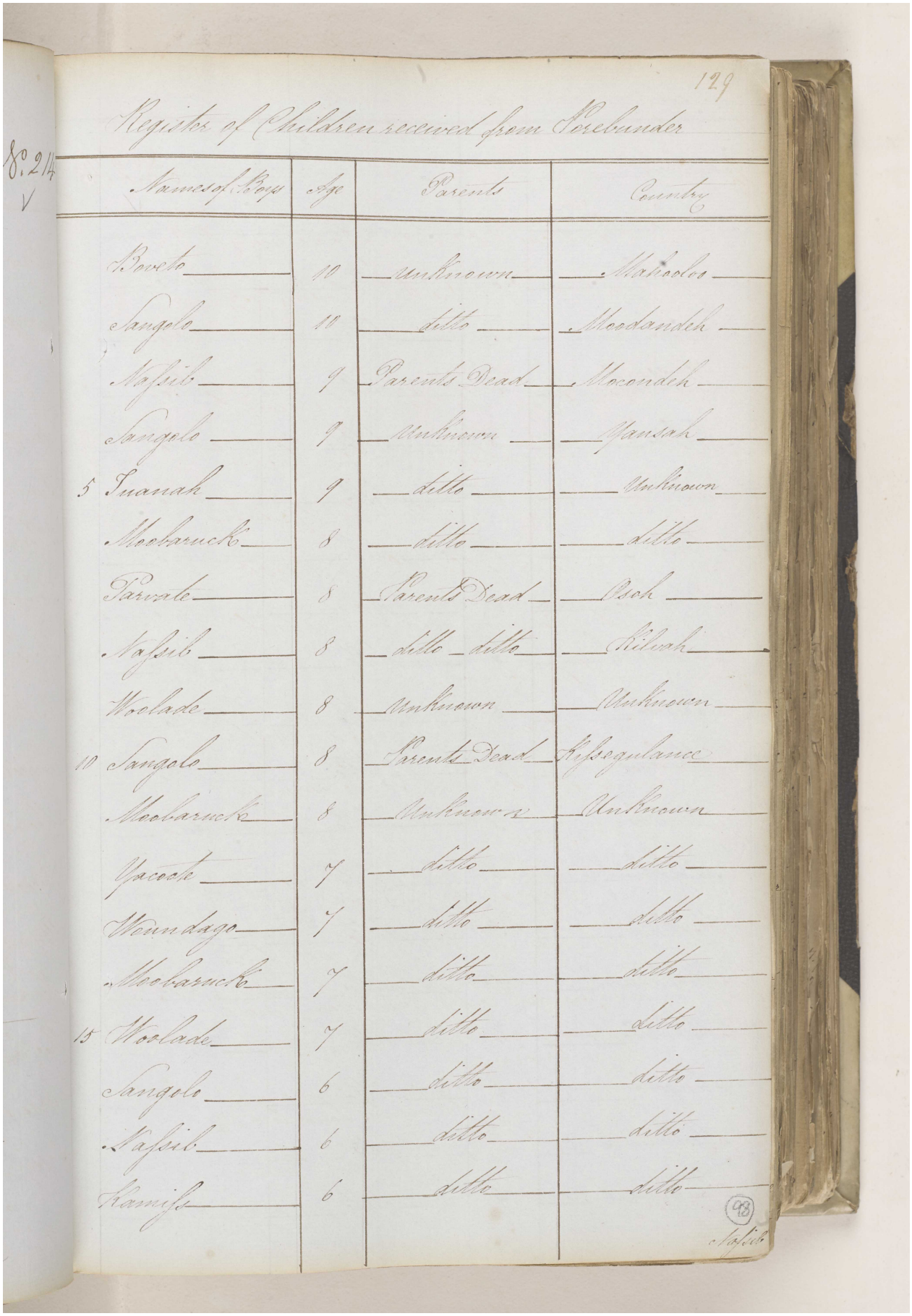

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Register of Children received from Porebunder

	Names of Boys	Age	Parents	Country
	Boveto	10	unknown	Mahooloo
	Sangolo	10	ditto	Moodandeh
	Nassib	9	Parents Dead	Mocondeh
	Sangolo	9	Unknown	Yansah
5	Juanah	9	ditto	Unknown
	Moobaruck	8	ditto	ditto
	Parvate	8	Parents Dead	Osoh
	Nassib	8	ditto ditto	Kilvah
	Woolade	8	Unknown	Unknown
10	Sangolo	8	Parents Dead	Kissegulance
	Moobaruck	8	Unknown	Unknown
	Yacoote	7	ditto	ditto
	Woundago	7	ditto	ditto
	Moobaruck	7	ditto	ditto
15	Woolade	7	ditto	ditto
	Sangolo	6	ditto	ditto
	Nassib	6	ditto	ditto
	Kamiss	6	ditto	ditto

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Nassib

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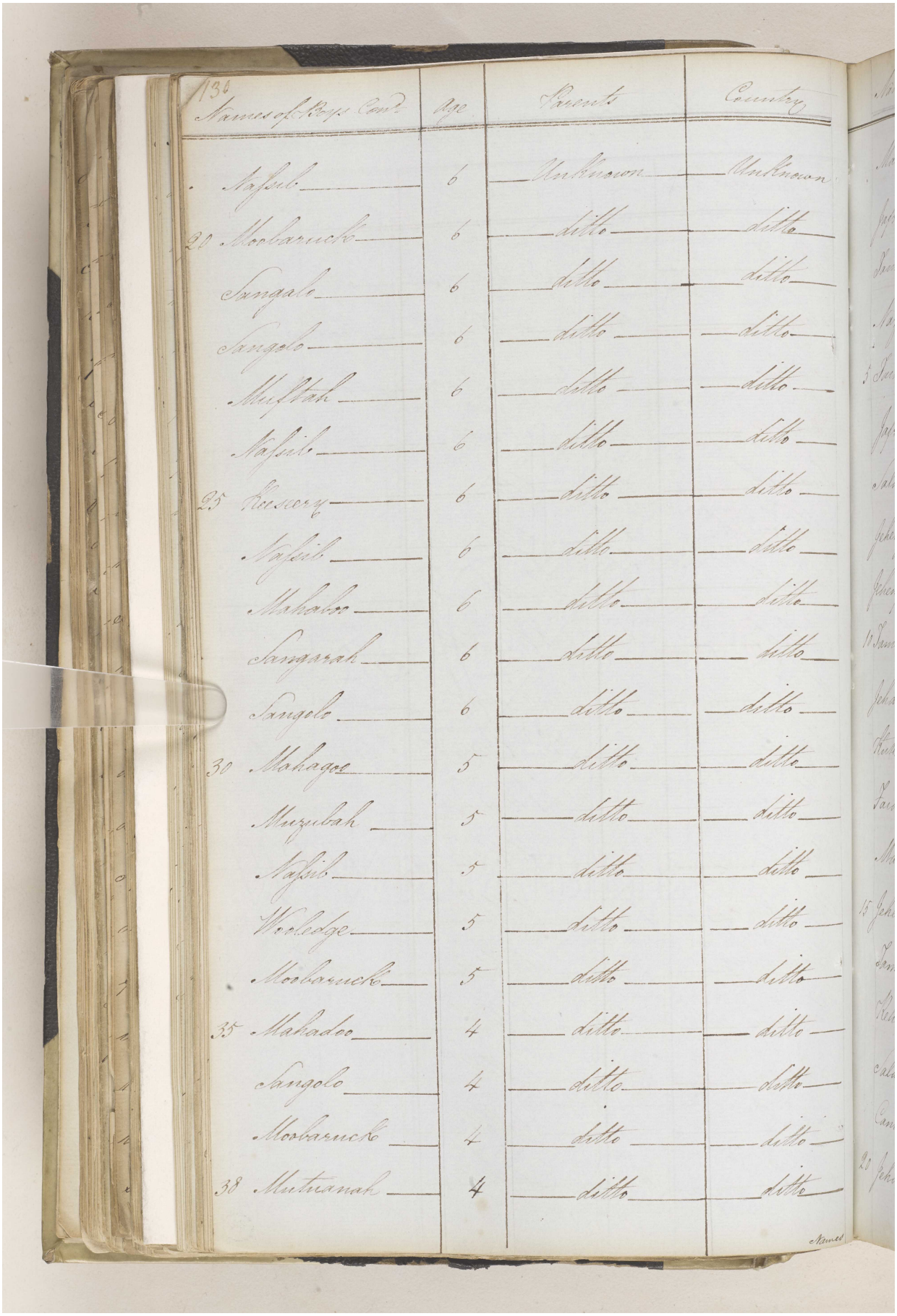

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	Names of Boys Cont.	Age	Parents	Country
	Nassib	6	Unknown	Unknown
20	Moobaruck	6	ditto	ditto
	Sangalo	6	ditto	ditto
	Sangolo	6	ditto	ditto
	Muftah	6	ditto	ditto
	Nassib	6	ditto	ditto
25	Koeseery	6	ditto	ditto
	Nassib	6	ditto	ditto
	Mahaboo	6	ditto	ditto
	Sangarah	6	ditto	ditto
	Sangolo	6	ditto	ditto
30	Mahagoo	5	ditto	ditto
	Muzubah	5	ditto	ditto
	Nassib	5	ditto	ditto
	Wooledge	5	ditto	ditto
	Moobaruck	5	ditto	ditto
35	Mahadoo	4	ditto	ditto
	Sangolo	4	ditto	ditto
	Moobaruck	4	ditto	ditto
38	Mutuanah	4	ditto	ditto

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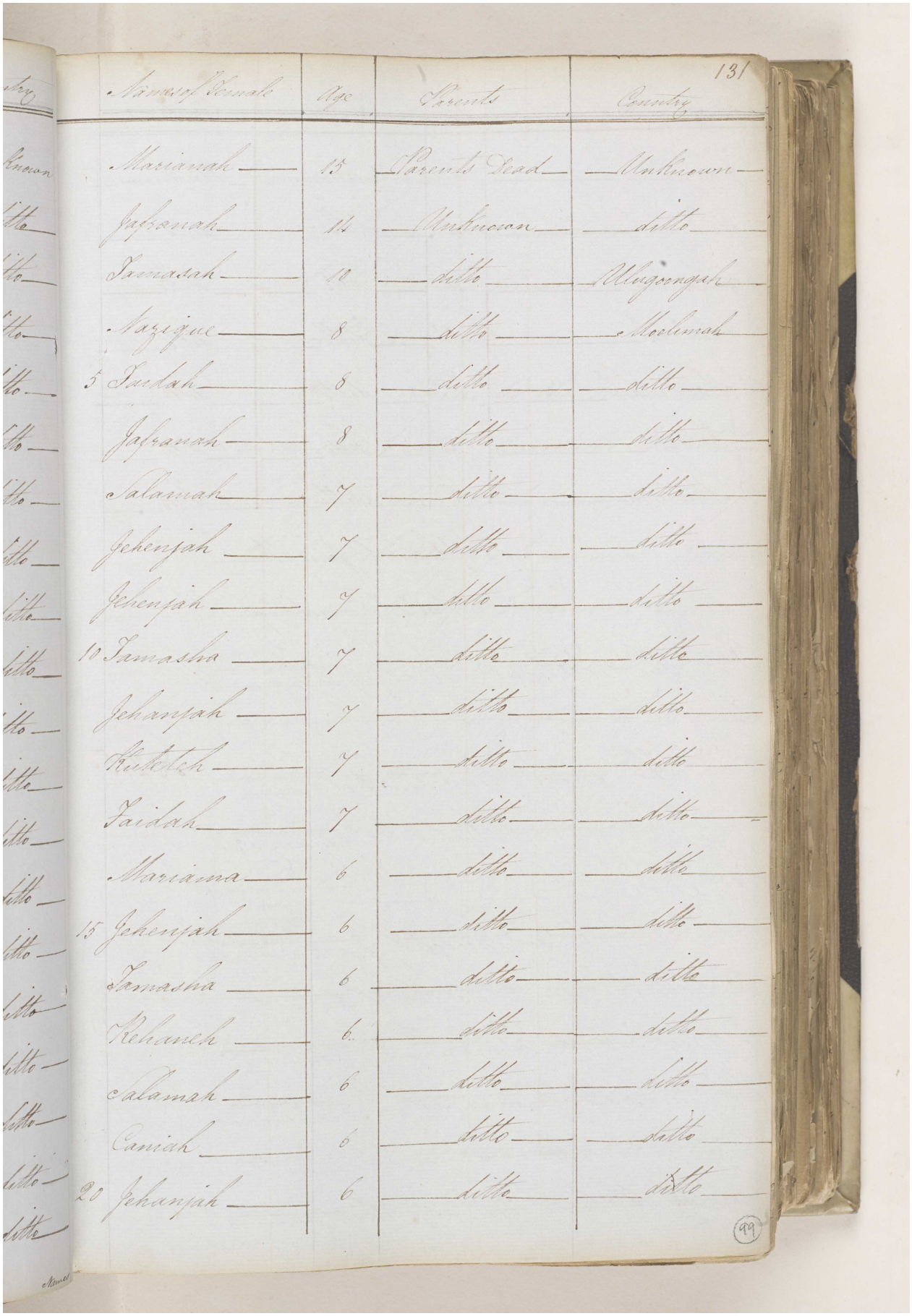

	Names of Female	Age	Parents	Country
	Marianah	15	Parents Dead	Unknown
	Jafranah	14	Unknown	ditto
	Tamasah	10	ditto	Ulugoongah
	Nazique	8	ditto	Moolimah
5	Taidah	8	ditto	ditto
	Jafranah	8	ditto	ditto
	Salamah	7	ditto	ditto
	Jehenjah	7	ditto	ditto
	Jehenjah	7	ditto	ditto
10	Tamasha	7	ditto	ditto
	Jehanjah	7	ditto	ditto
	Kuteteh	7	ditto	ditto
	Taidah	7	ditto	ditto
	Mariama	6	ditto	ditto
15	Jehenjah	6	ditto	ditto
	Tamasha	6	ditto	ditto
	Kehaneh	6	ditto	ditto
	Salamah	6	ditto	ditto
	Caniah	6	ditto	ditto
20	Jehanjah	6	ditto	ditto

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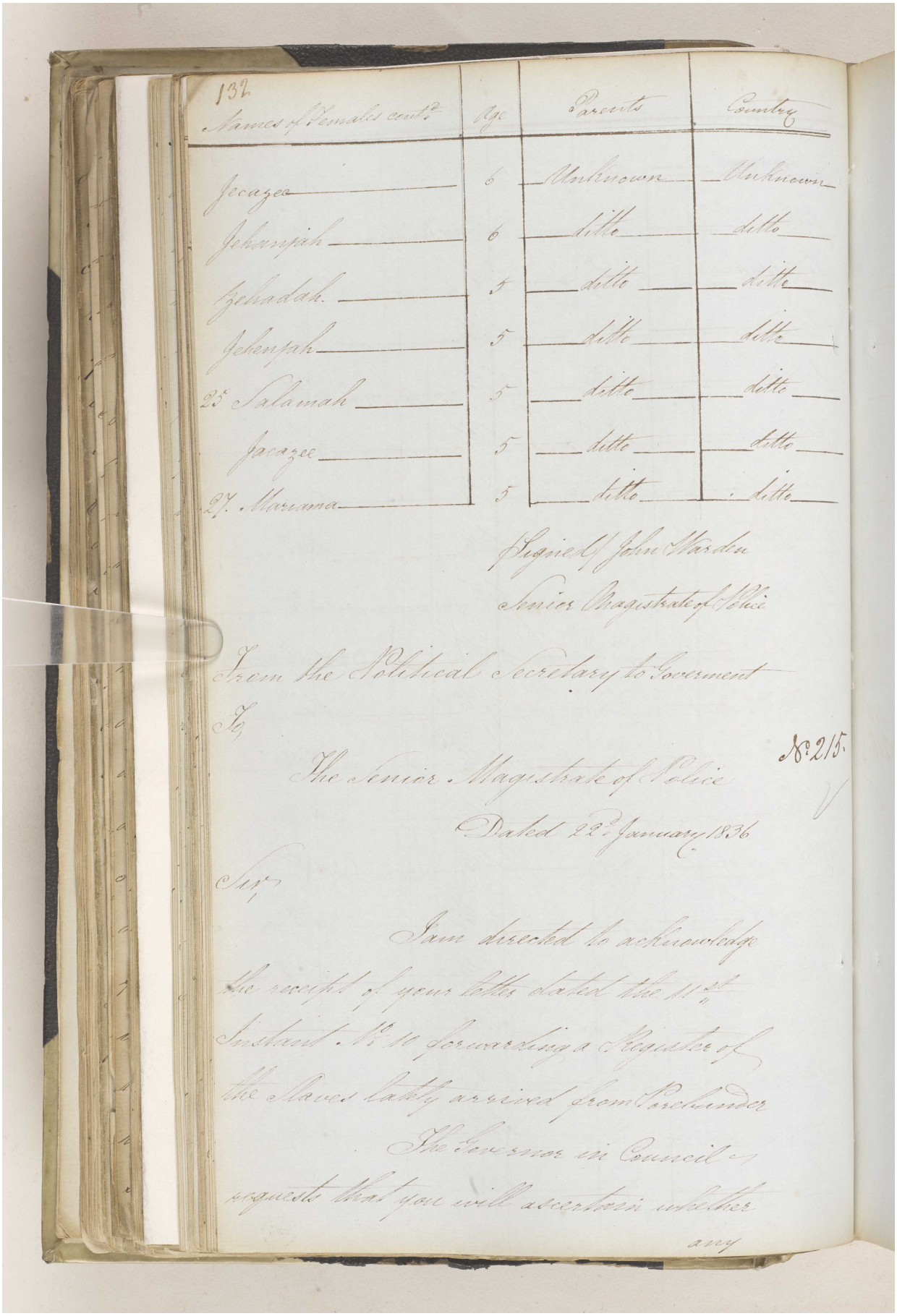

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Names of Females contd	Age	Parents	Country
Jecazee	6	Unknown	Unknown
Jehanpah	6	ditto	ditto
Zehadah	5	ditto	ditto
Jehenpah	5	ditto	ditto
25 Salamah	5	ditto	ditto
Jecazee	5	ditto	ditto
27 Maremma	5	ditto	ditto

Signed J. John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

From the Political Secretary to Government

To

The Senior Magistrate of Police

No. 215.

Dated 22d January 1836

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 11th Instant No. 10 forwarding a Register of the Slaves lately arrived from Porbunder

The Governor in Council requests that you will ascertain whether any

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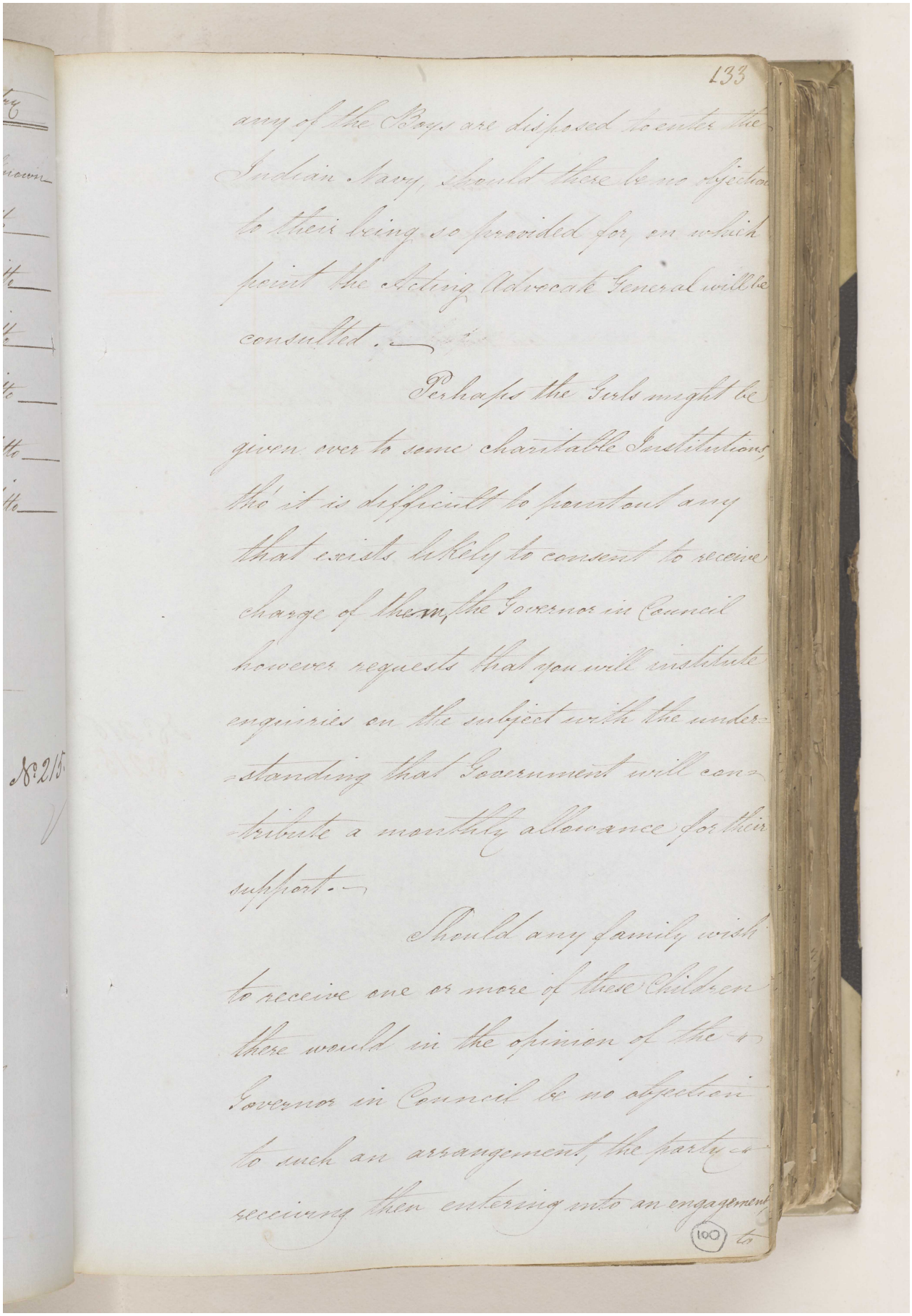

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any of the Boys are disposed to enter the Indian Navy, should there be no objection to their being so provided for, on which point the Acting Advocate General will be consulted.—

Perhaps the Girls might be given over to some charitable Institutions tho' it is difficult to point out any that exists likely to consent to receive charge of them, the Governor in Council however requests that you will institute enquiries on the subject with the understanding that Government will contribute a monthly allowance for their support.—

Should any family wish to receive one or more of these Children there would in the opinion of the Governor in Council be no objection to such an arrangement, the party receiving them entering into an engagement

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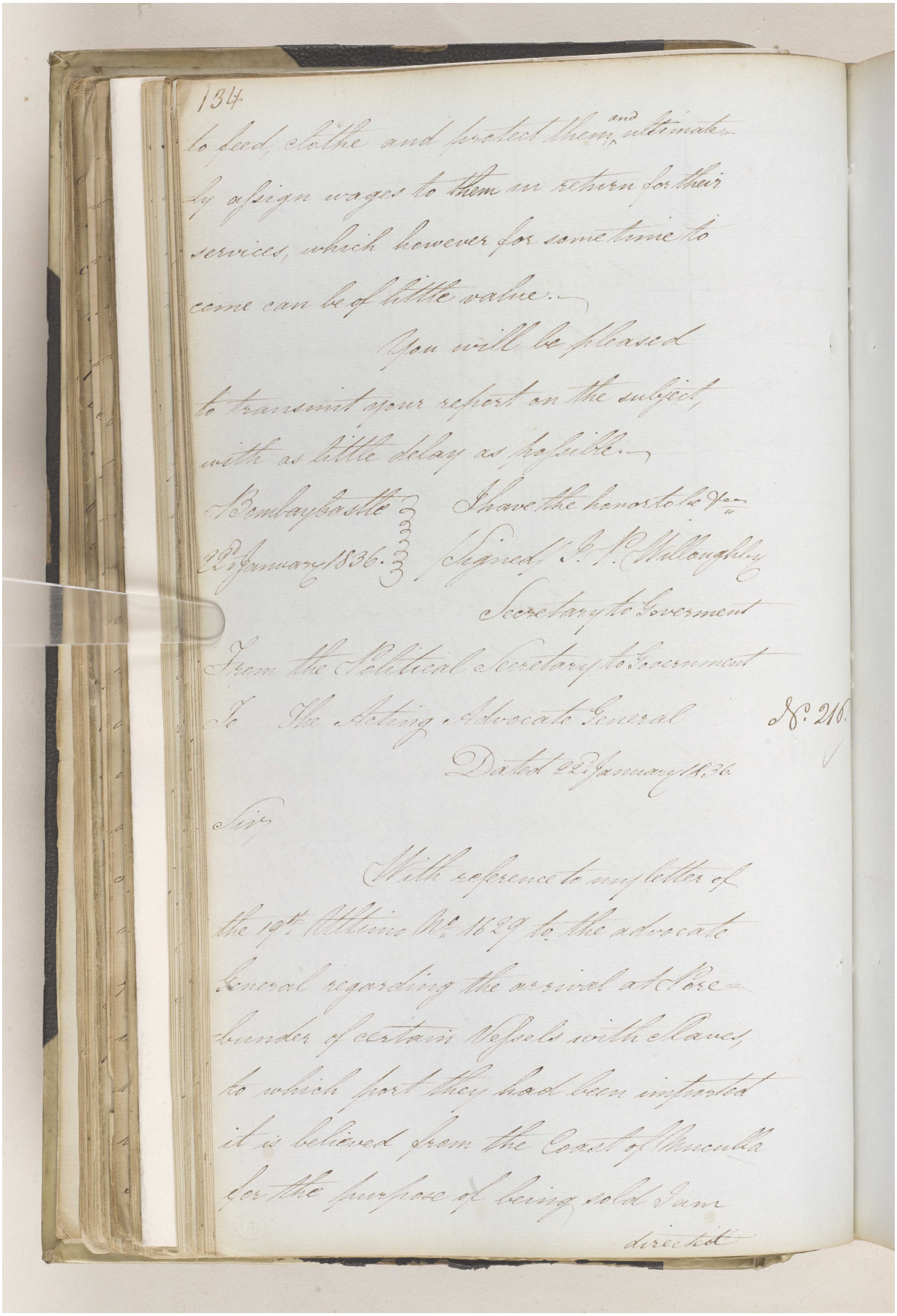

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to feed, clothe and protect them, and ultimately assign wages to them in return for their services, which however for some time to come can be of little value.

You will be pleased to transmit your report on the subject with as little delay as possible.

Bombay Castle 22nd January 1836.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From the Political Secretary to Government
To The Acting Advocate General

Dated 22d January 1836.

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 19th Ultimo No. 1629 to the advocate General regarding the arrival at Porebunder of certain Vessels with Slaves, to which port they had been imported it is believed from the Coast of Mozambique for the purpose of being sold I am directed

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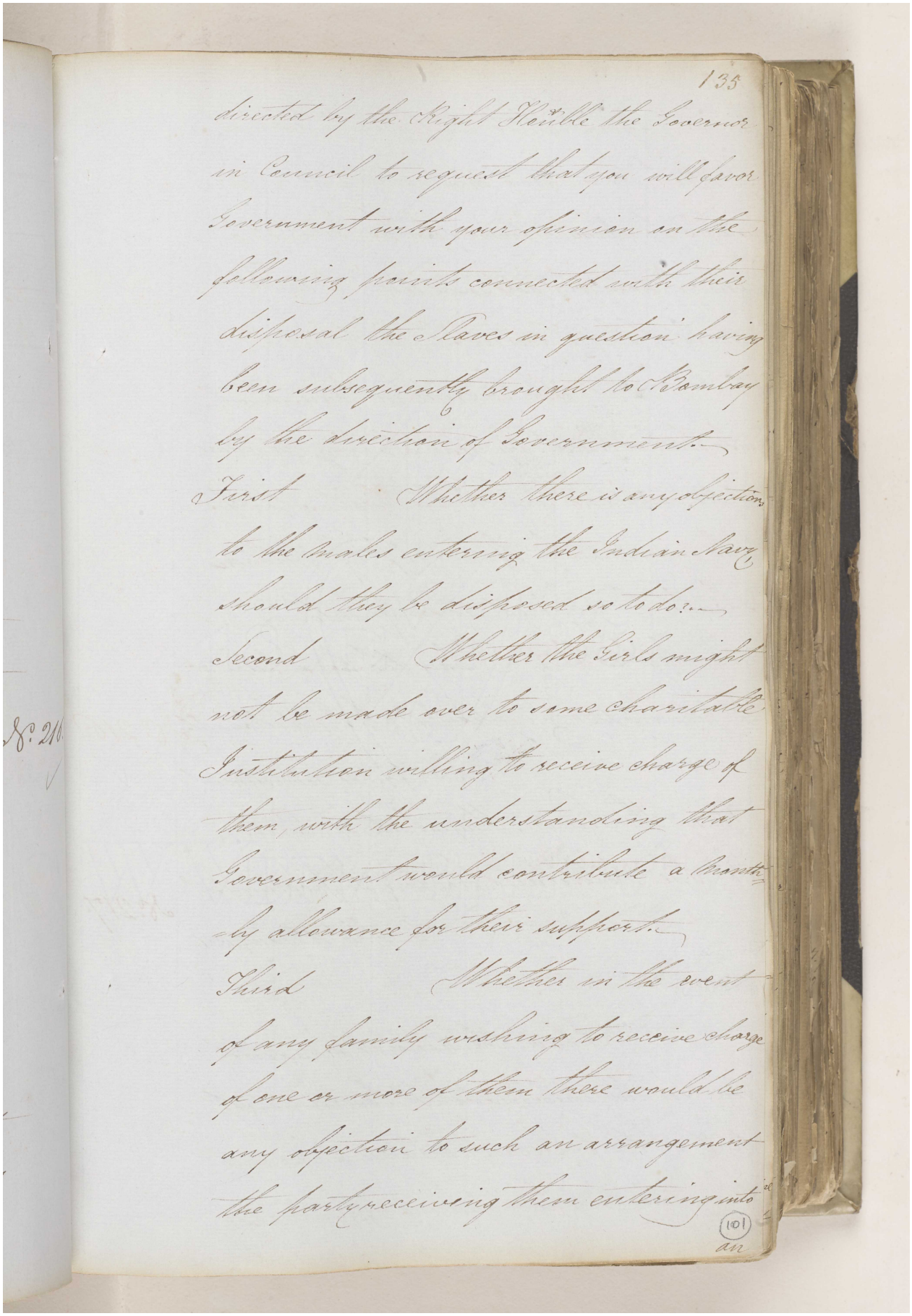

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directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will favor Government with your opinion on the following points connected with their disposal the Slaves in question having been subsequently brought to Bombay by the direction of Government.—

First Whether there is any objection to the males entering the Indian Navy should they be disposed so to do.—

Second Whether the Girls might not be made over to some charitable Institution willing to receive charge of them, with the understanding that Government would contribute a monthly allowance for their support.—

Third Whether in the event of any family wishing to receive charge of one or more of them there would be any objection to such an arrangement the party receiving them entering into

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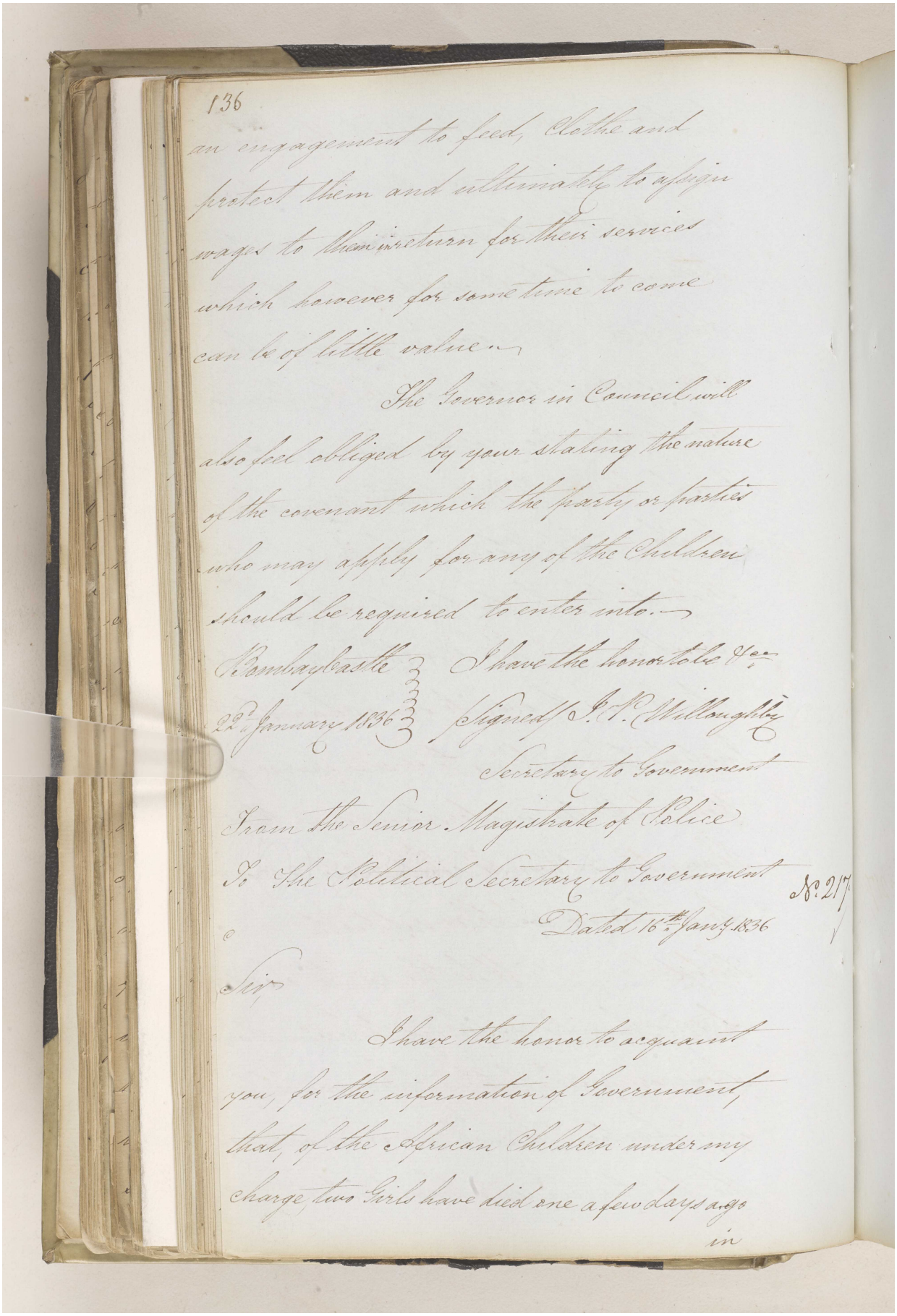

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an engagement to feed, Clothe and protect them and ultimately to assign wages to them in return for their services which however for some time to come can be of little value.

The Governor in Council will also feel obliged by your stating the nature of the covenant which the party or parties who may apply for any of the Children should be required to enter into.

Bombay Castle 22nd January 1836

I have the honorable &c.
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From the Senior Magistrate of Police
To The Political Secretary to Government

No. 217

Dated 16th January 1836

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that, of the African Children under my charge, two Girls have died one a few days ago in

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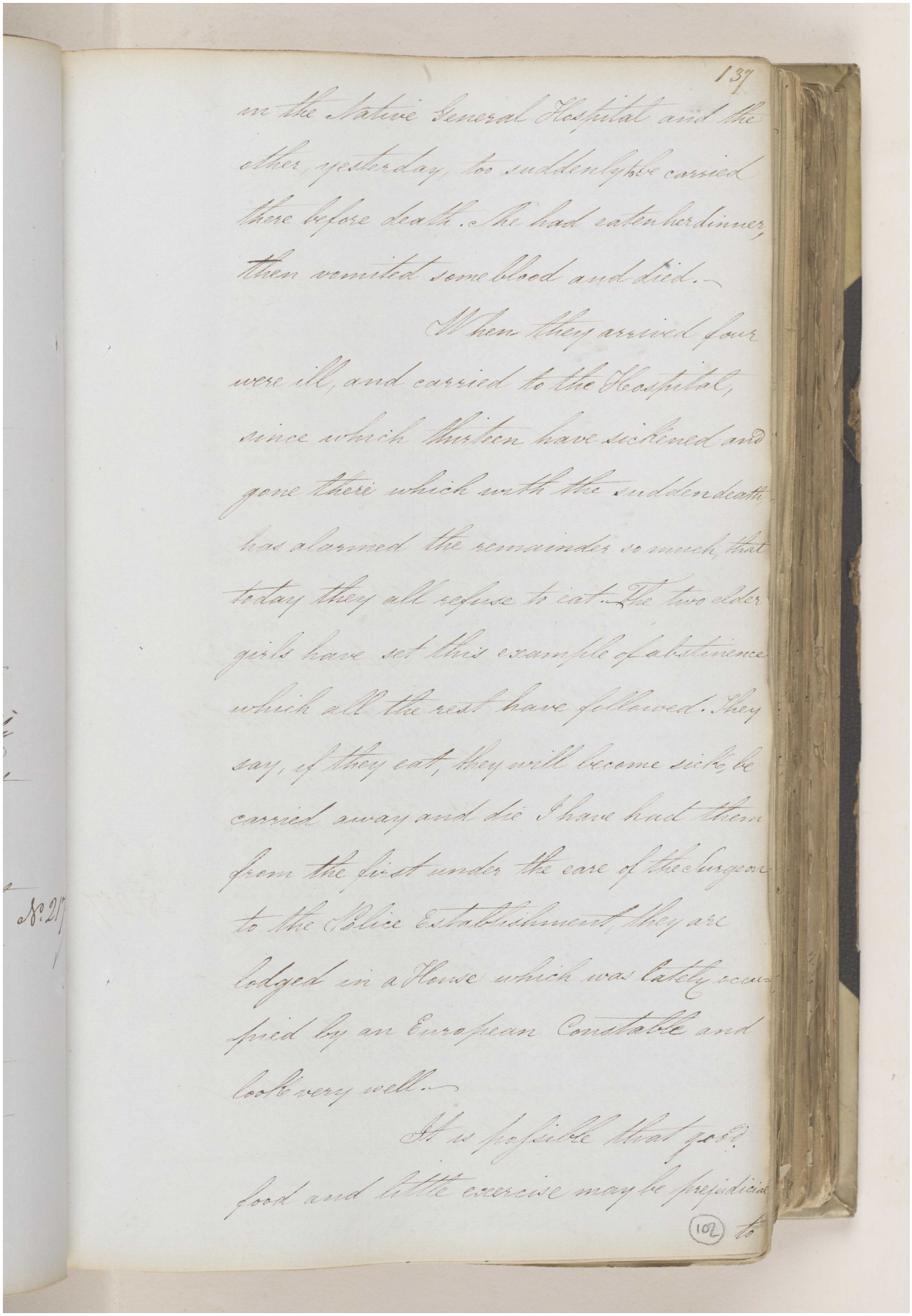

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in the Native General Hospital and the other, yesterday, too suddenly to be carried there before death. She had eaten her dinner, then vomited some blood and died.—

When they arrived four were ill, and carried to the Hospital, since which thirteen have sickened and gone there which with the sudden death has alarmed the remainder so much, that today they all refuse to eat. The two elder girls have set this example of abstinence which all the rest have followed. They say, if they eat, they will become sick, be carried away and die I have had them from the first under the care of the Surgeon to the Police Establishment, they are lodged in a House which was lately occupied by an European Constable and look very well.—

It is possible that good food and little exercise may be prejudicial

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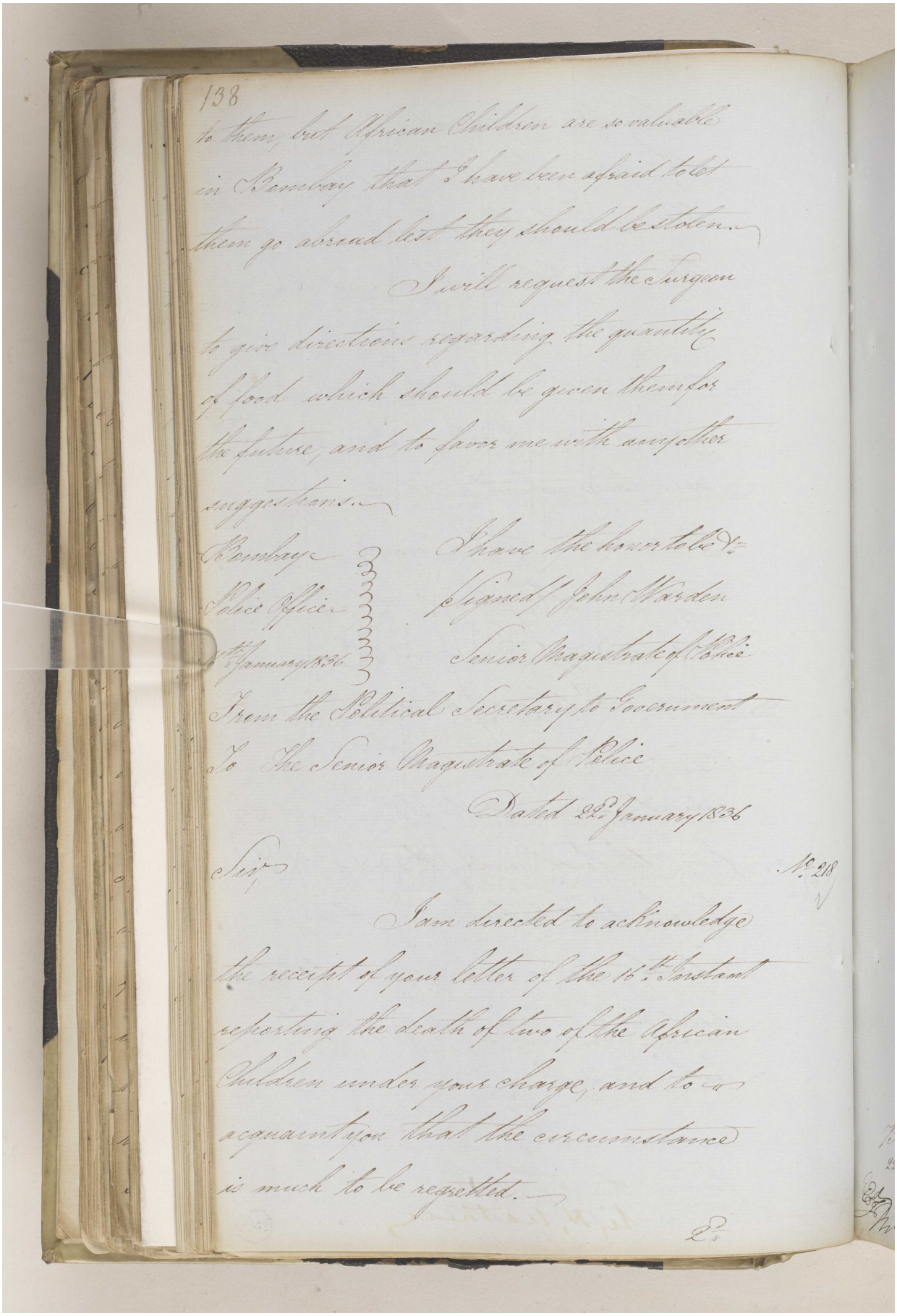

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to them, but African Children are so valuable
in Bombay that I have been afraid to let
them go abroad lest they should be stolen.

I will request the Surgeon
to give directions regarding the quantity
of food which should be given them for
the future, and to favor me with any other
suggestions.

Bombay
Police Office
17th January 1836

I have the honorable &c
(Signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

From the Political Secretary to Government
To The Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 22d January 1836

No. 218

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant
reporting the death of two of the African
Children under your charge, and to
acquaint you that the circumstance
is much to be regretted.

&c

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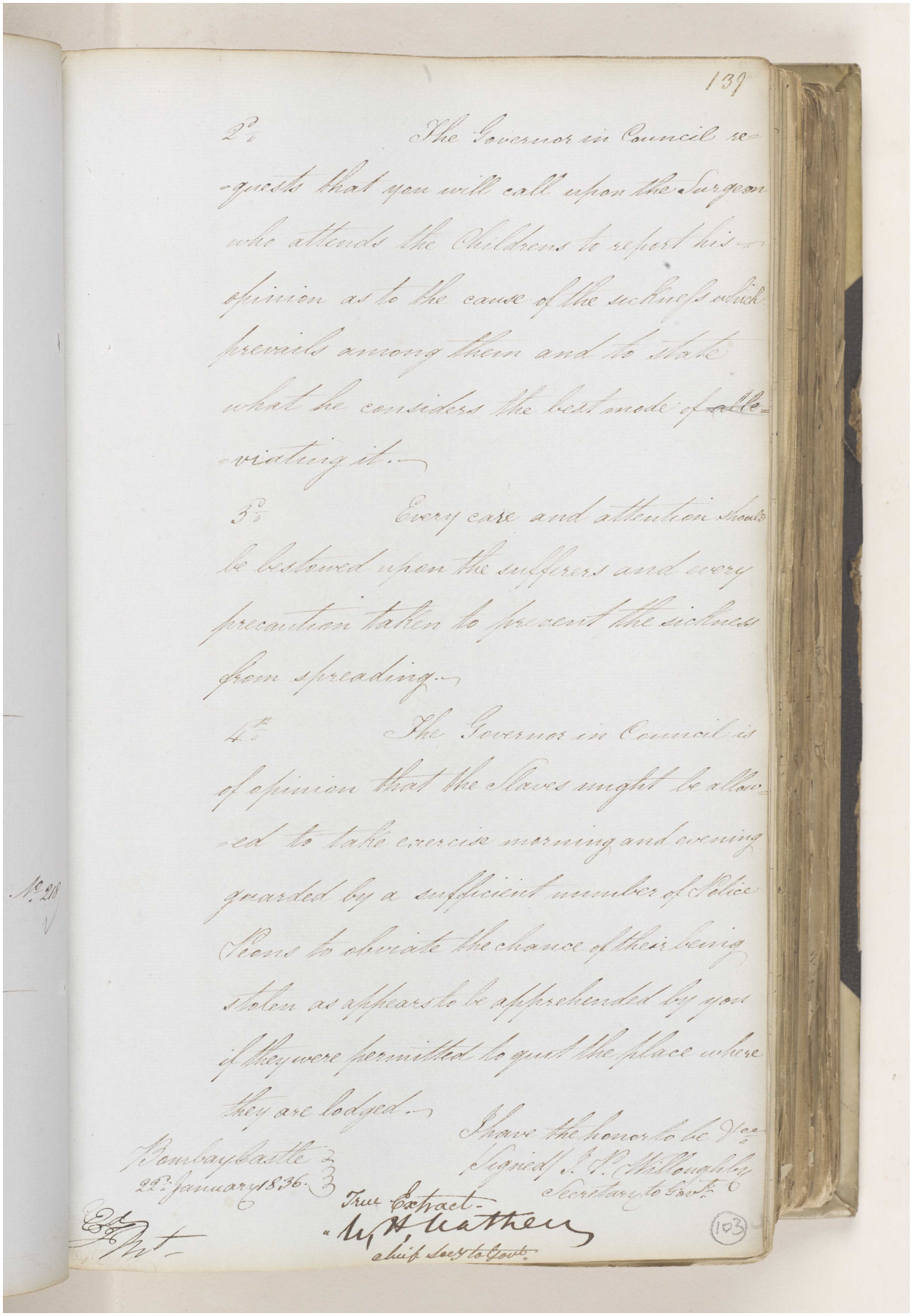

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2d The Governor in Council requests that you will call upon the Surgeon who attends the Childrens to report his opinion as to the cause of the sickness which prevails among them and to state what he considers the best mode of alleviating it.

3d Every care and attention should be bestowed upon the sufferers and every precaution taken to prevent the sickness from spreading.

4th The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Slaves ought be allowed to take exercise morning and evening guarded by a sufficient number of Police Peons to obviate the chance of their being stolen as appears to be apprehended by you if they were permitted to quit the place where they are lodged.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

Bombay Castle
22d January 1836.

True Extract
W. H. Mathews
Chief Secy to Govt

No. 218

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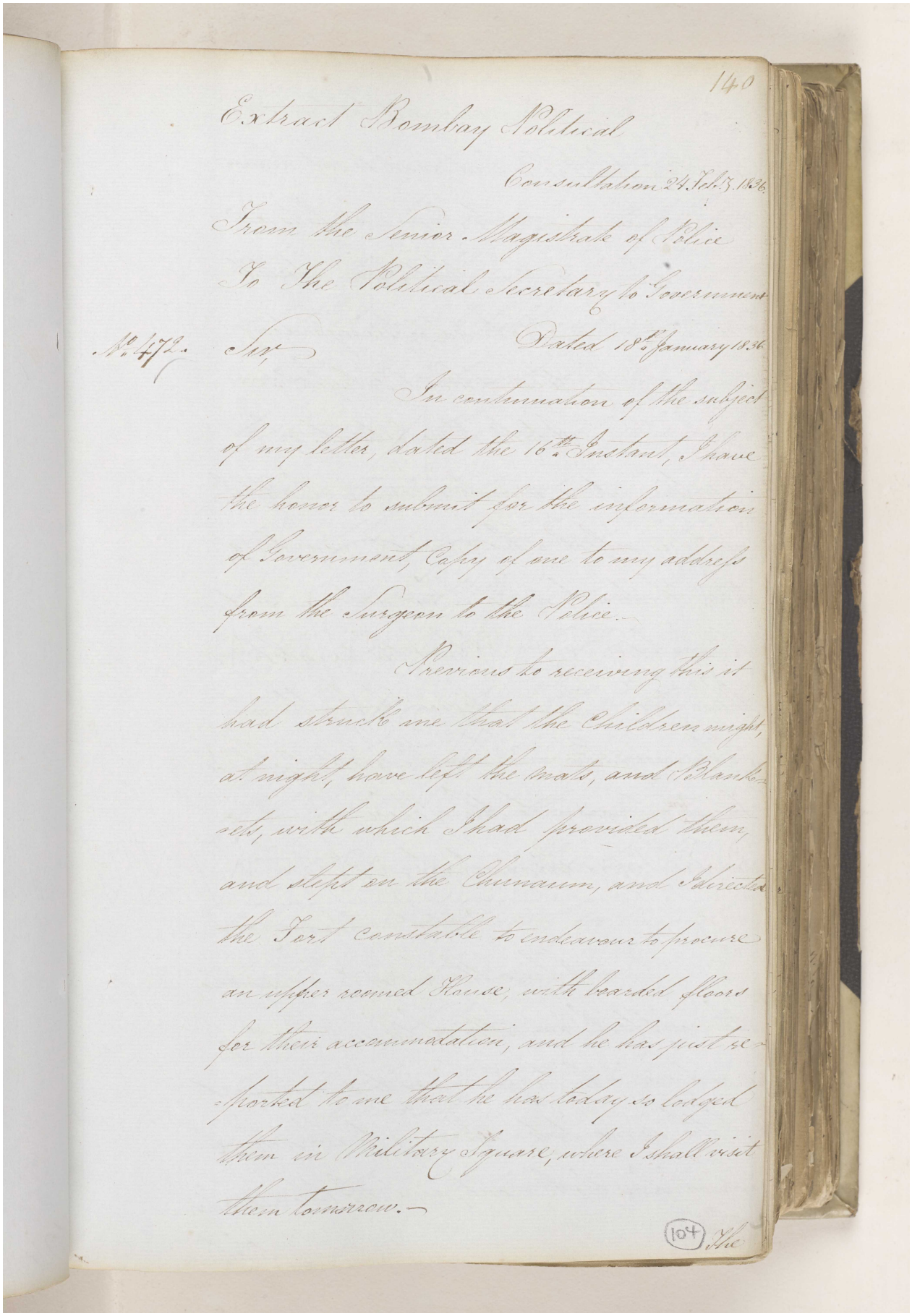

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From the Senior Magistrate of Police

To The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 18th January 1836

No 472. Sir,

In continuation of the subject of my letter, dated the 16th Instant, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government, Copy of one to my address from the Surgeon to the Police.

Previous to receiving this it had struck me that the Children might, at night, have left the mats, and Blankets, with which I had provided them, and slept on the Chunnam, and directed the Port constable to endeavour to procure an upper roomed House, with boarded floors for their accommodation, and he has just reported to me that he has today so lodged them in Military Square, where I shall visit them tomorrow.

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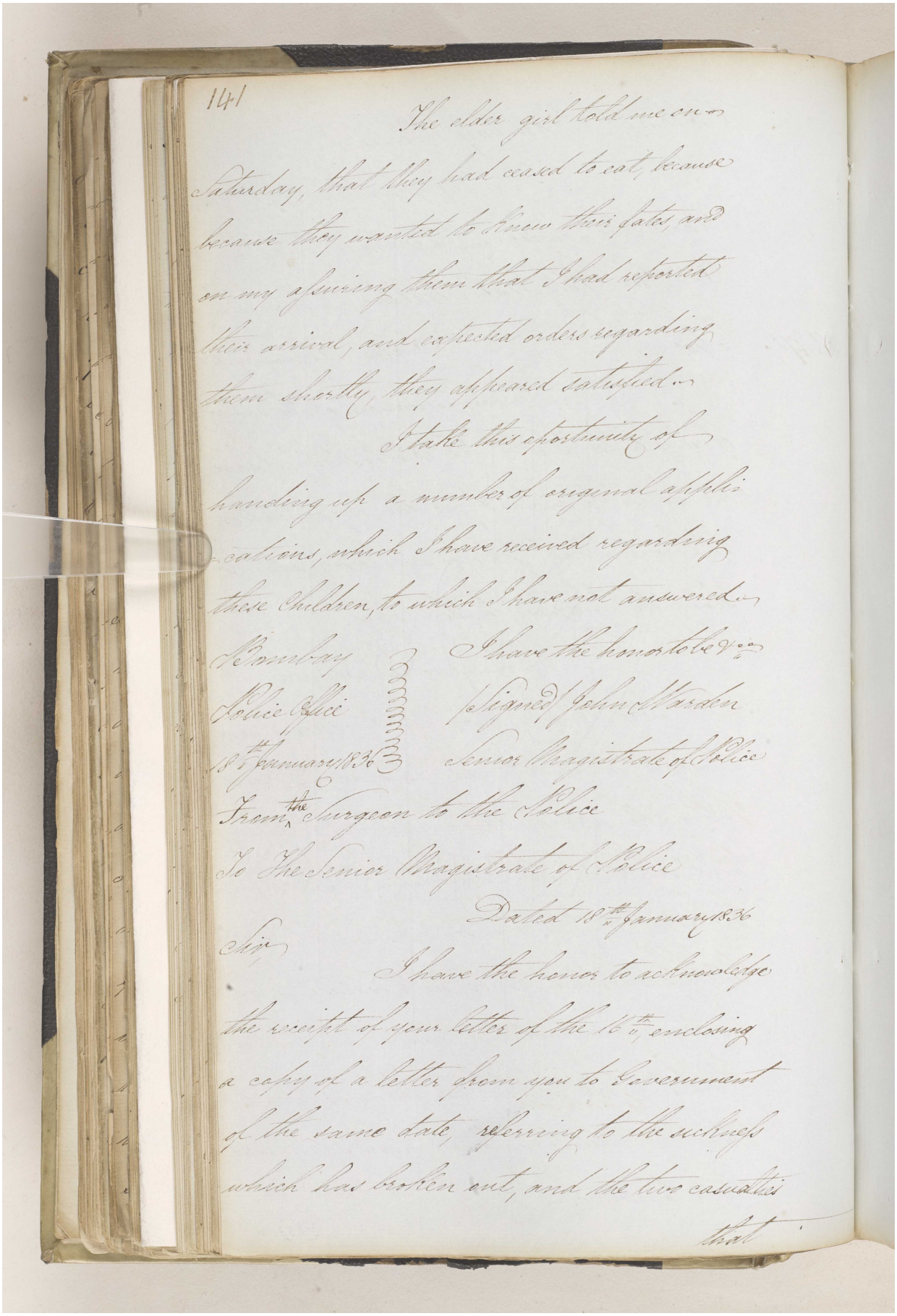

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The elder girl told me on Saturday, that they had ceased to eat, because because they wanted to know their fates, and on my assuring them that I had reported their arrival, and expected orders regarding them shortly, they appeared satisfied.

I take this opportunity of handing up a number of original applications, which I have received regarding these Children, to which I have not answered.

Bombay
Police Office
18th January 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

From the Surgeon to the Police
To The Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 18th January 1836

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th, enclosing a copy of a letter from you to Government of the same date, referring to the sickness which has broken out, and the two casualties that

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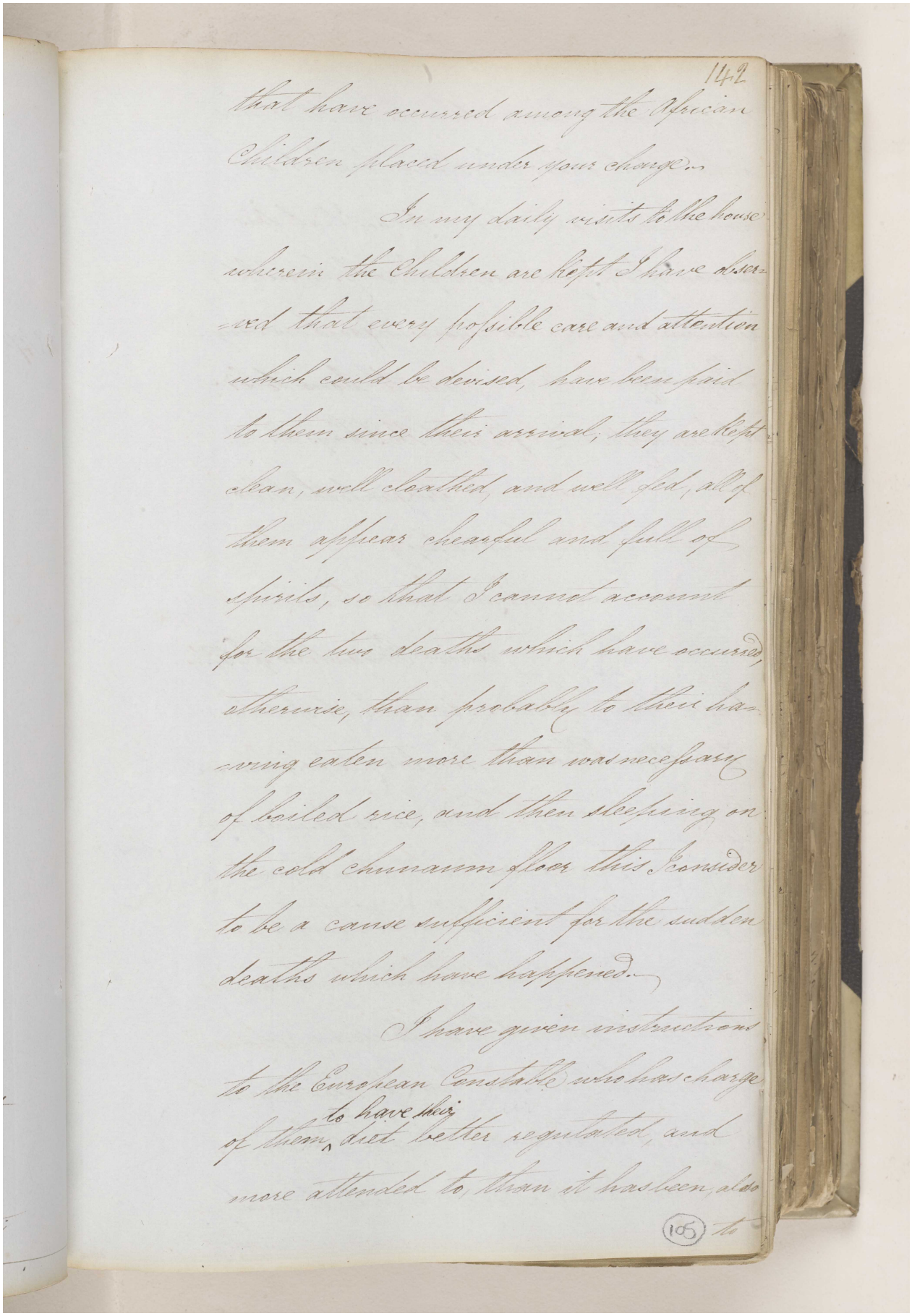

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that have occurred among the African
Children placed under your charge.

In my daily visits to the house
wherein the Children are kept I have observed that every possible care and attention
which could be devised, have been paid
to them since their arrival; they are kept
clean, well cloathed, and well fed, all of
them appear cheerful and full of
spirits, so that I cannot account
for the two deaths which have occurred
otherwise, than probably to their having
eaten more than was necessary
of boiled rice, and then sleeping on
the cold chunnam floor this I consider
to be a cause sufficient for the sudden
deaths which have happened.

I have given instructions
to the European Constable who has charge
of them, to have their
diet better regulated, and
more attended to than it has been, also

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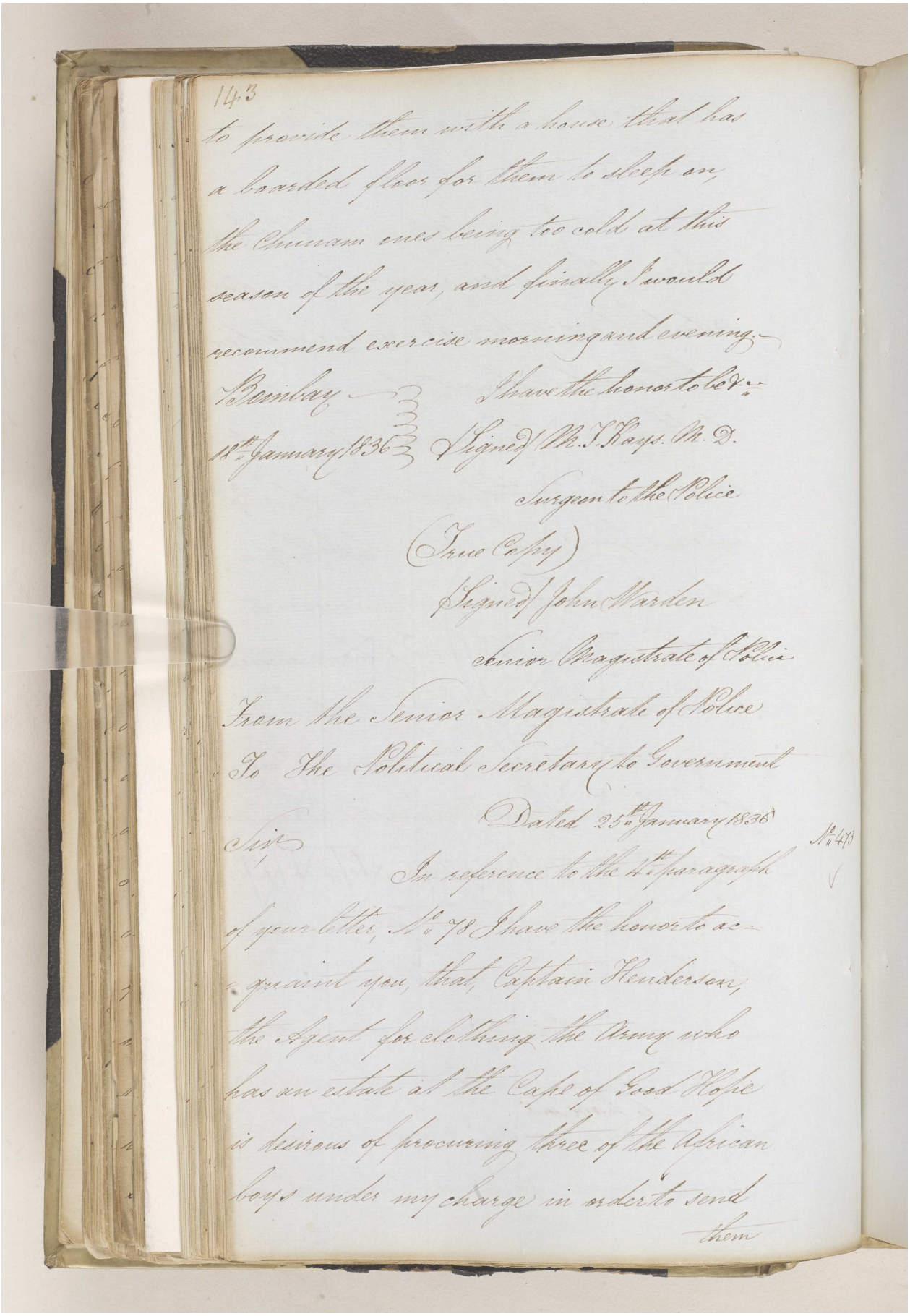

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to provide them with a house that has a boarded floor for them to sleep on, the Chunam ones being too cold at this season of the year, and finally I would recommend exercise morning and evening.

Bombay
18th January 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) M. T. Kays. M. D.
Surgeon to the Police

(True Copy)
(Signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

From the Senior Magistrate of Police
To The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 25th January 1836

No. 473

Sir,

In reference to the 4th paragraph of your letter, No. 78 I have the honor to acquaint you, that, Captain Henderson, the Agent for clothing the Army who has an estate at the Cape of Good Hope is desirous of procuring three of the African boys under my charge in order to send them

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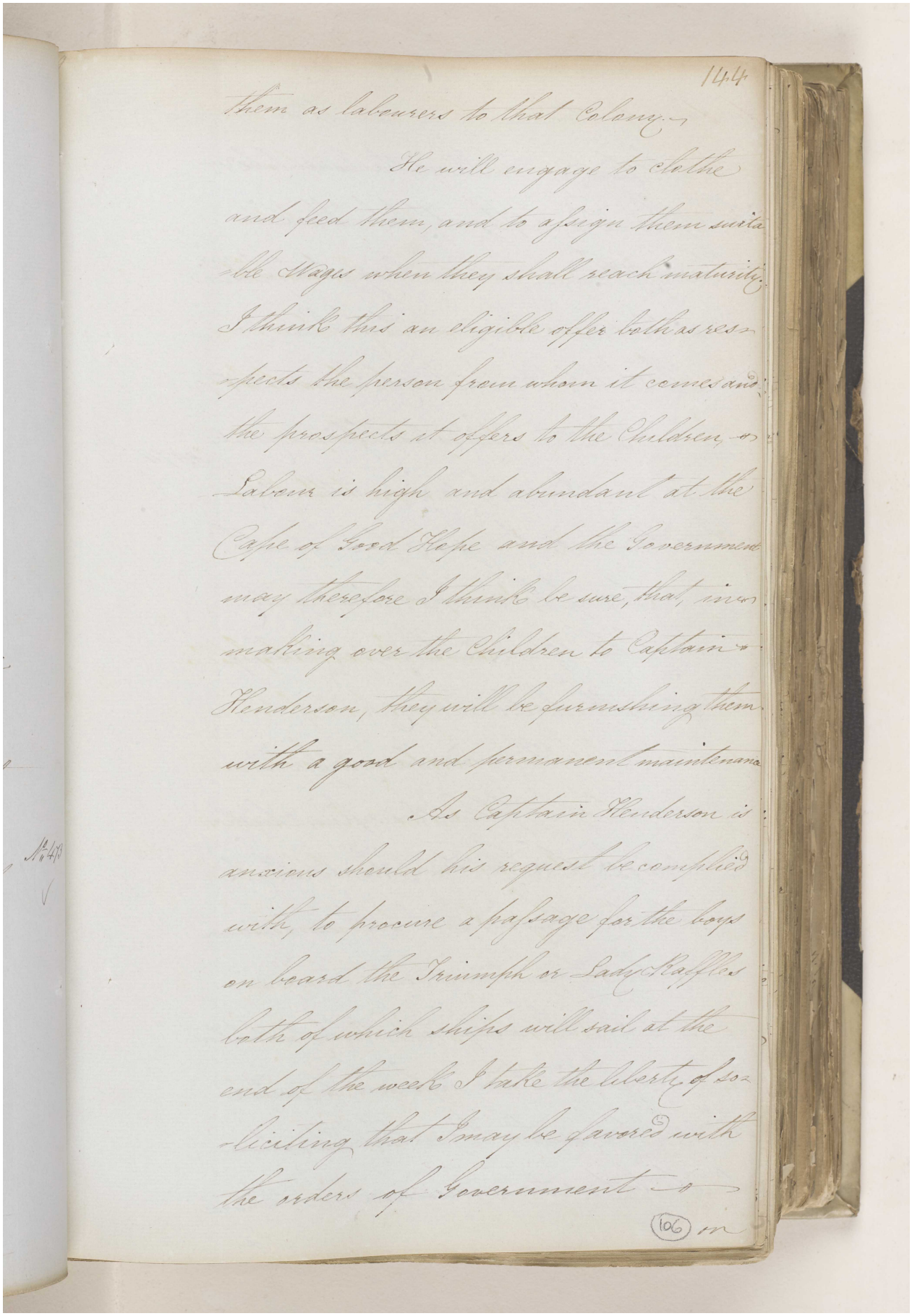

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them as labourers to that Colony.—

He will engage to clothe and feed them, and to assign them suitable Wages when they shall reach maturity. I think this an eligible offer both as respects the person from whom it comes and the prospects it offers to the Children.— Labour is high and abundant at the Cape of Good Hope and the Government may therefore I think be sure, that, in making over the Children to Captain Henderson, they will be furnishing them with a good and permanent maintenance.

As Captain Henderson is anxious should his request be complied with, to procure a passage for the boys on board the Triumph or Lady Raffles both of which ships will sail at the end of the week I take the liberty of soliciting that I may be favored with the orders of Government.—

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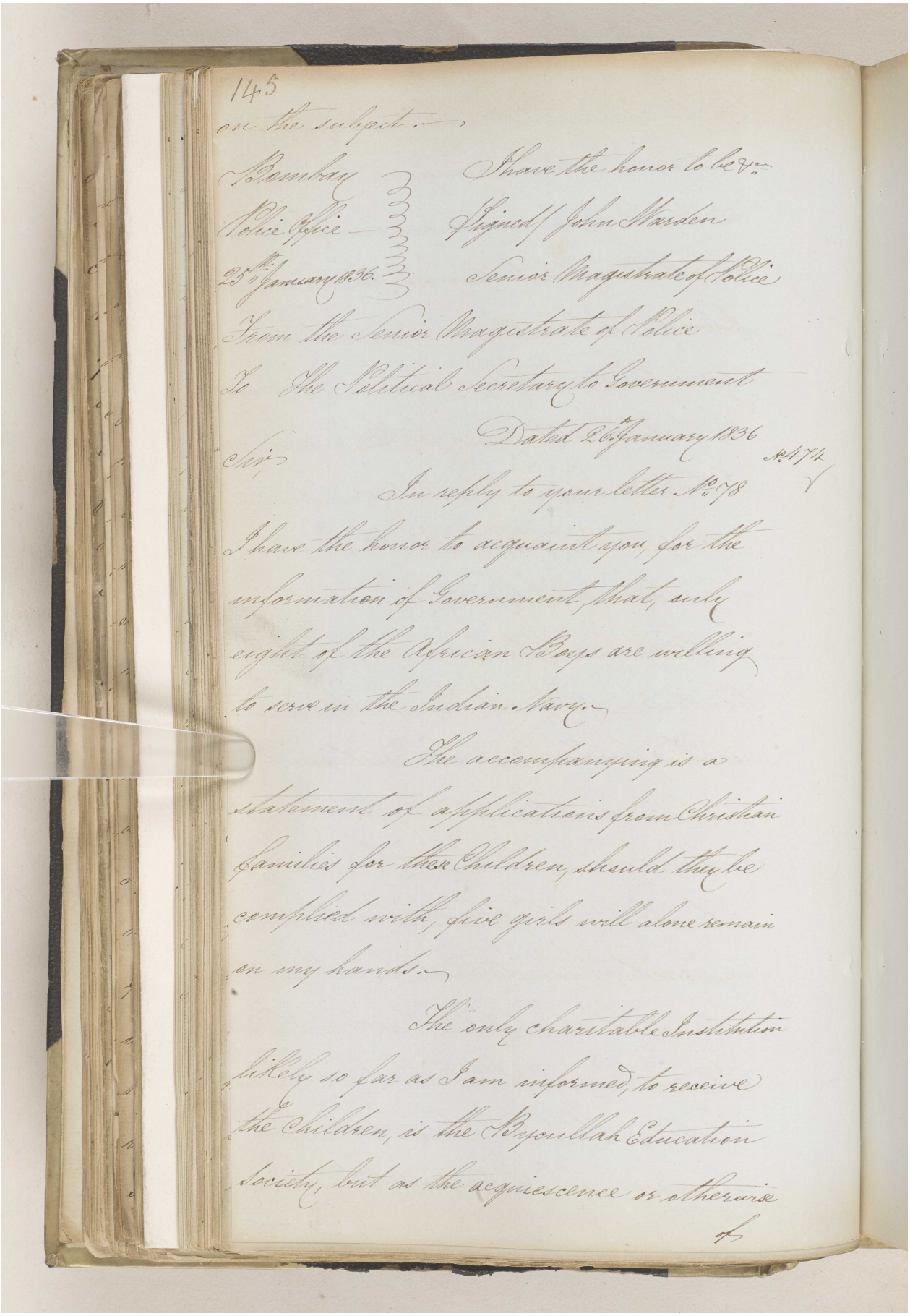

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on the subject.—

Bombay
Police Office
25th January 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ John Marsden
Senior Magistrate of Police

From the Senior Magistrate of Police
To The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 26th January 1836

No. 474

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 78 I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that only eight of the African Boys are willing to serve in the Indian Navy.—

The accompanying is a statement of applications from Christian families for these Children, should they be complied with, five girls will alone remain on my hands.—

The only charitable Institution likely so far as I am informed, to receive the Children, is the Byculla Education Society, but as the acquiescence or otherwise

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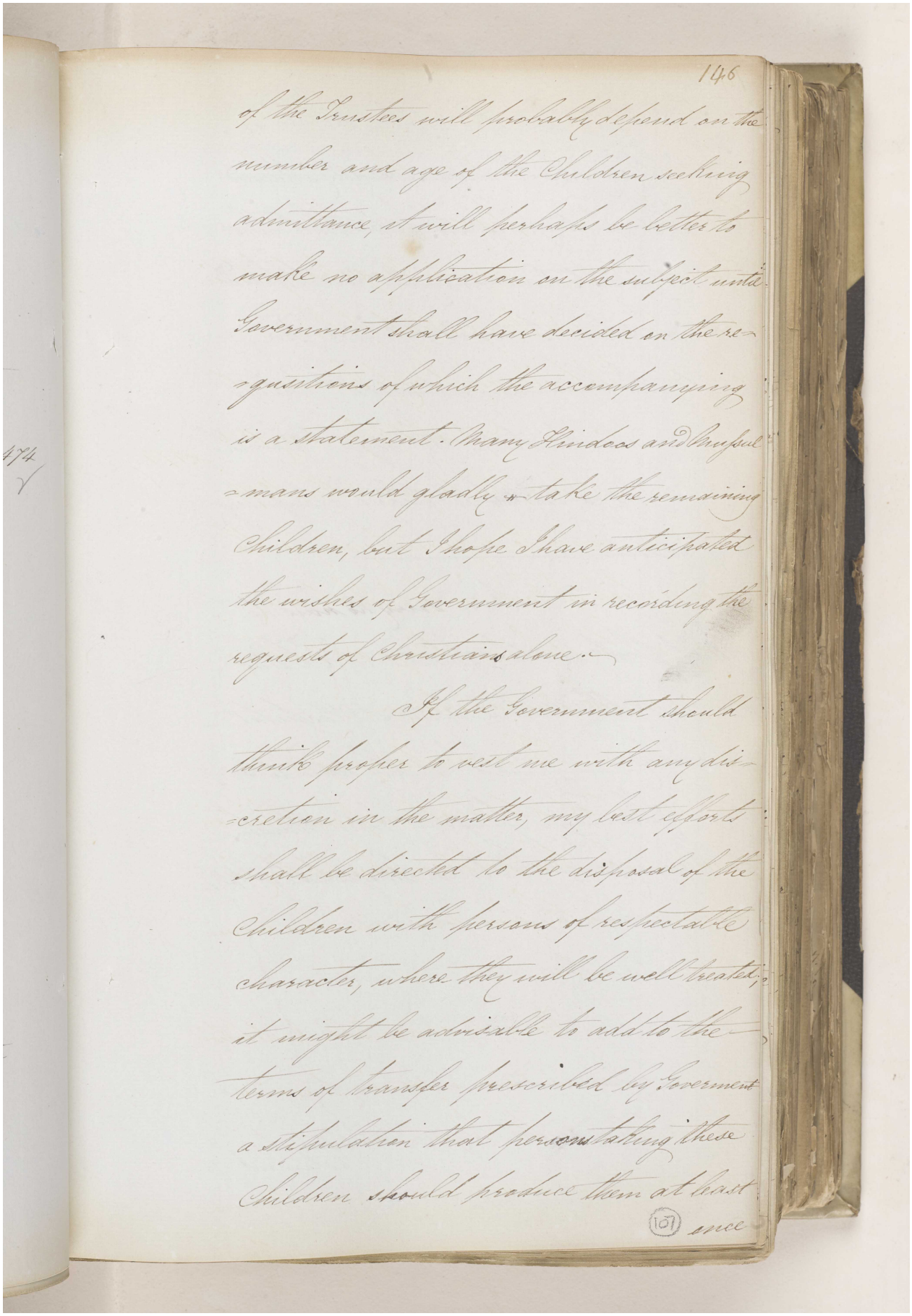

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of the Trustees will probably depend on the number and age of the Children seeking admittance, it will perhaps be better to make no application on the subject until Government shall have decided on the re-quisitions of which the accompanying is a statement. Many Hindoos and Mussul-mans would gladly take the remaining Children, but I hope I have anticipated the wishes of Government in recording the requests of Christians alone.

If the Government should think proper to vest me with any dis-cretion in the matter, my best efforts shall be directed to the disposal of the Children with persons of respectable character, where they will be well treated, it might be advisable to add to the terms of transfer prescribed by Goverment a stipulation that persons taking these Children should produce them at least

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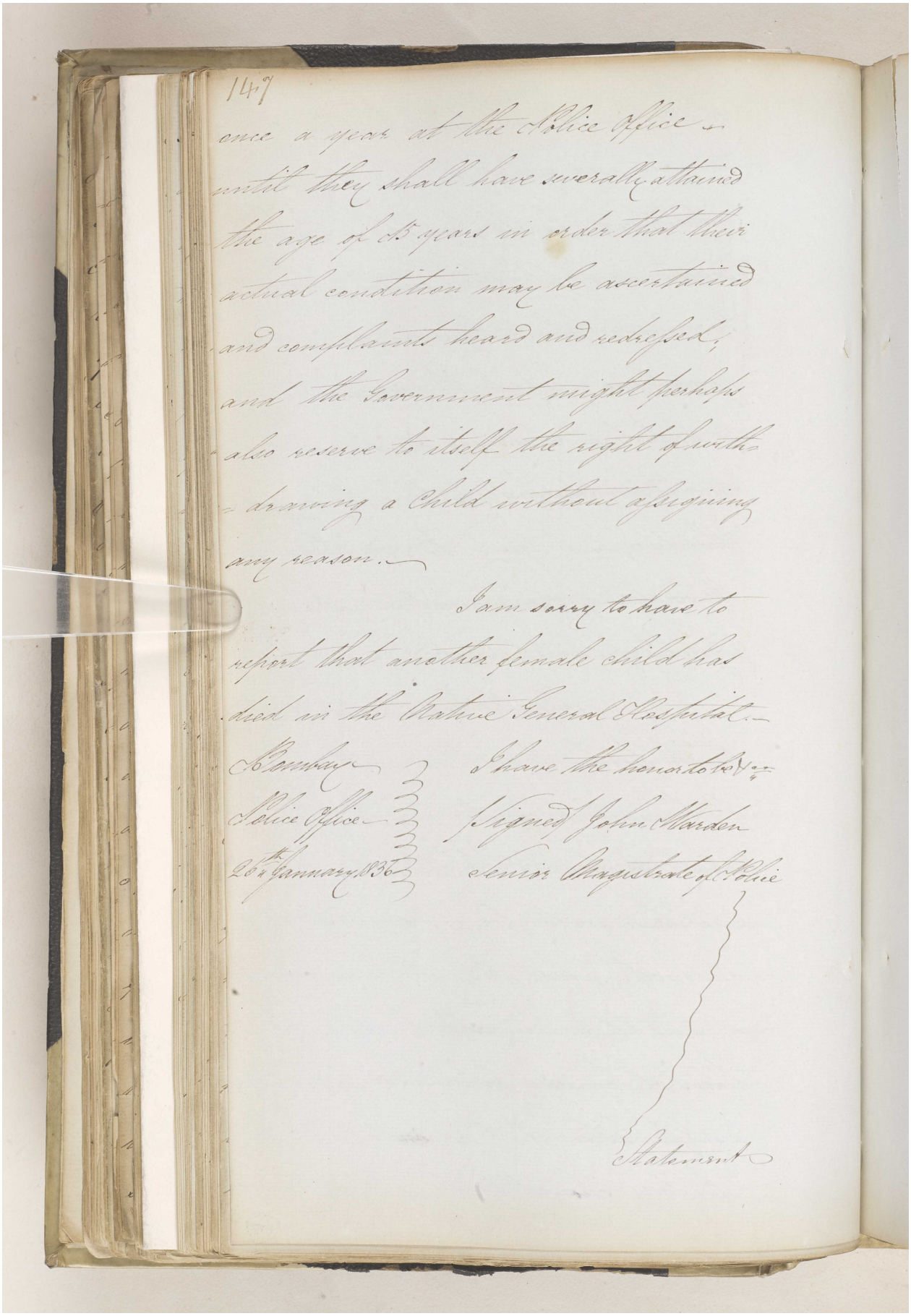

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once a year at the Police Office
until they shall have severally attained
the age of 25 years in order that their
actual condition may be ascertained
and complaints heard and redressed,
and the Government might perhaps
also reserve to itself the right of with-
drawing a Child without assigning
any reason.

I am sorry to have to
report that another female child has
died in the Native General Hospital.

Bombay
Police Office
26th January 1836

I have the honor to be &c
Signed John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

Statement

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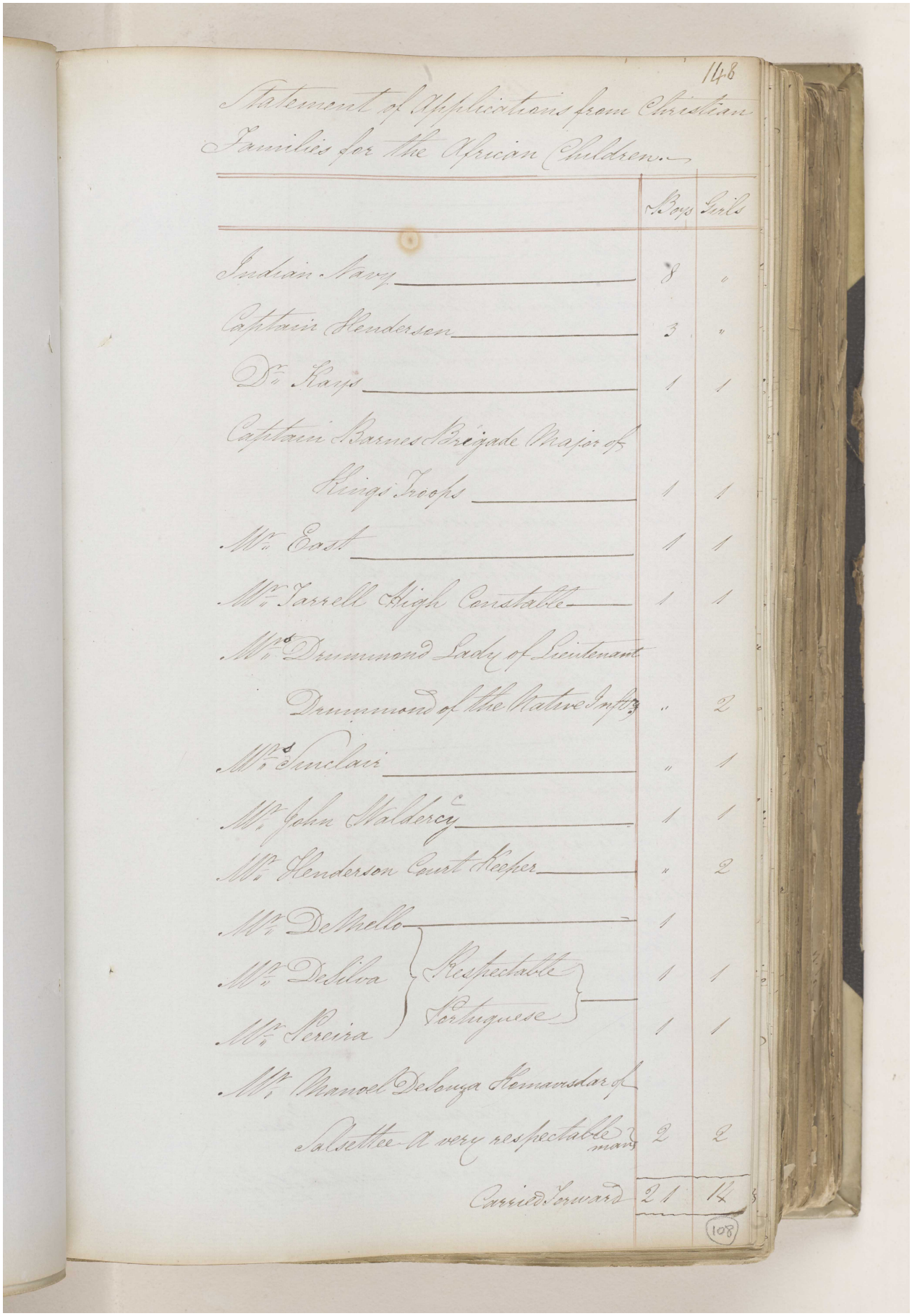

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Statement of Applications from Christian Families for the African Children.

	Boys	Girls
Indian Navy	8	"
Captain Henderson	3	"
Dr. Kays	1	1
Captain Barnes Brigade Major of Kings Troops	1	1
Mr. East	1	1
Mr. Farrell High Constable	1	1
Mrs. Drummond Lady of Lieutenant Drummond of the Native Infty.	"	2
Mrs. Sinclair	"	1
Mr. John Waldergy	1	1
Mr. Henderson Court Keeper	"	2
Mr. De Mello	1	
Mr. De Silva (Respectable Portuguese)	1	1
Mr. Pereira (Respectable Portuguese)	1	1
Mr. Manoel De Souza Remembrancer of Salsettee A very respectable man	2	2
Carried Forward	21	14

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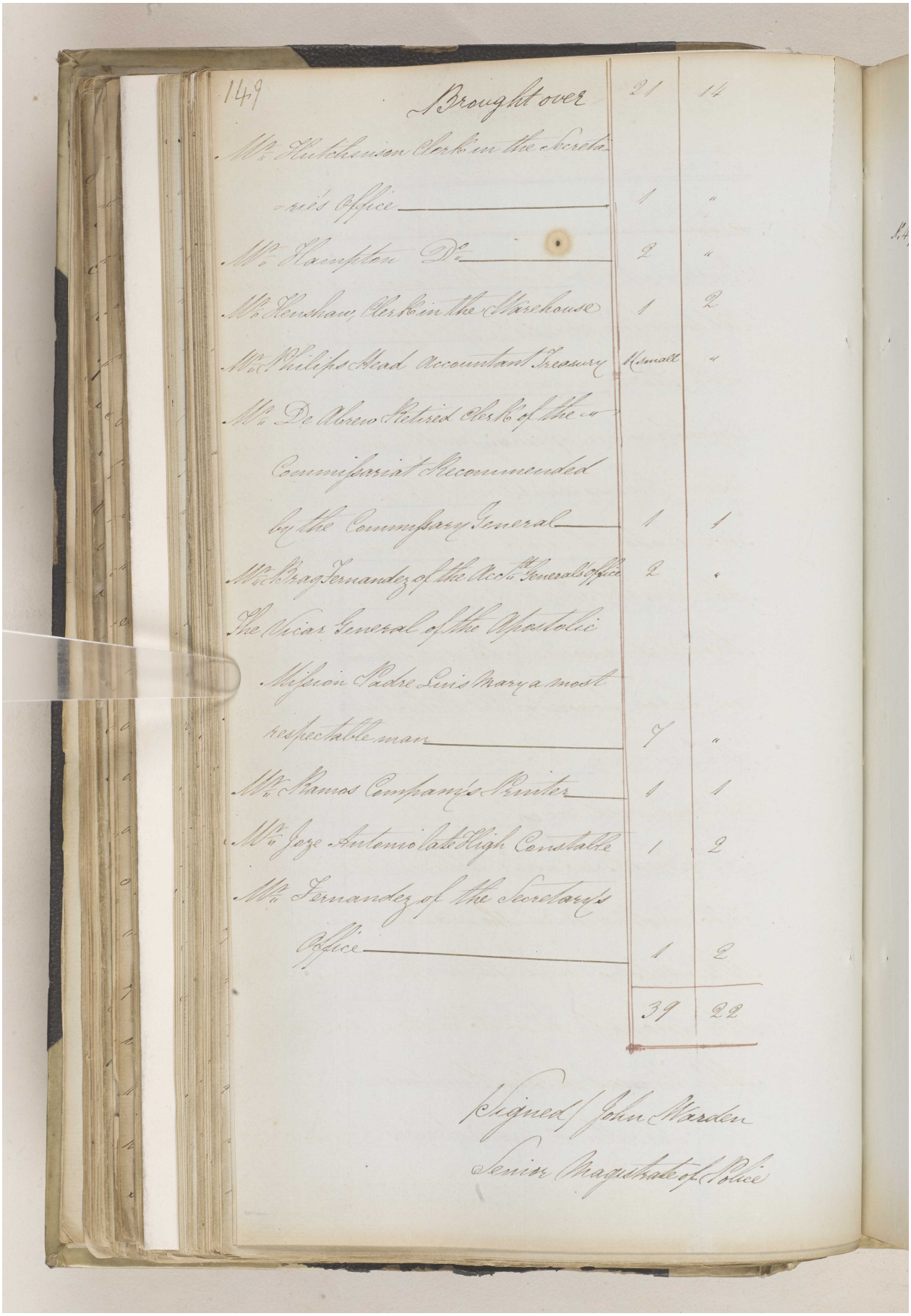

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Brought over	21	14
Mr. Hutchinson Clerk in the Secretaries Office	1	"
Mr. Hampton Do.	2	"
Mr. Henshaw Clerk in the Warehouse	1	2
Mr. Phillips Head Accountant Treasury	Remade	"
Mr. De Abreu Retired Clerk of the Commissariat Recommended by the Commissary General	1	1
Mr. Braz Fernandez of the Accts. Generals Office	2	"
The Vicar General of the Apostolic Mysorian Padre Luis Maria a most respectable man	7	"
Mr. Ramos Company's Printer	1	1
Mr. Joze Antonio late High Constable	1	2
Mr. Fernandez of the Secretary's Office	1	2
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Signed/ John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

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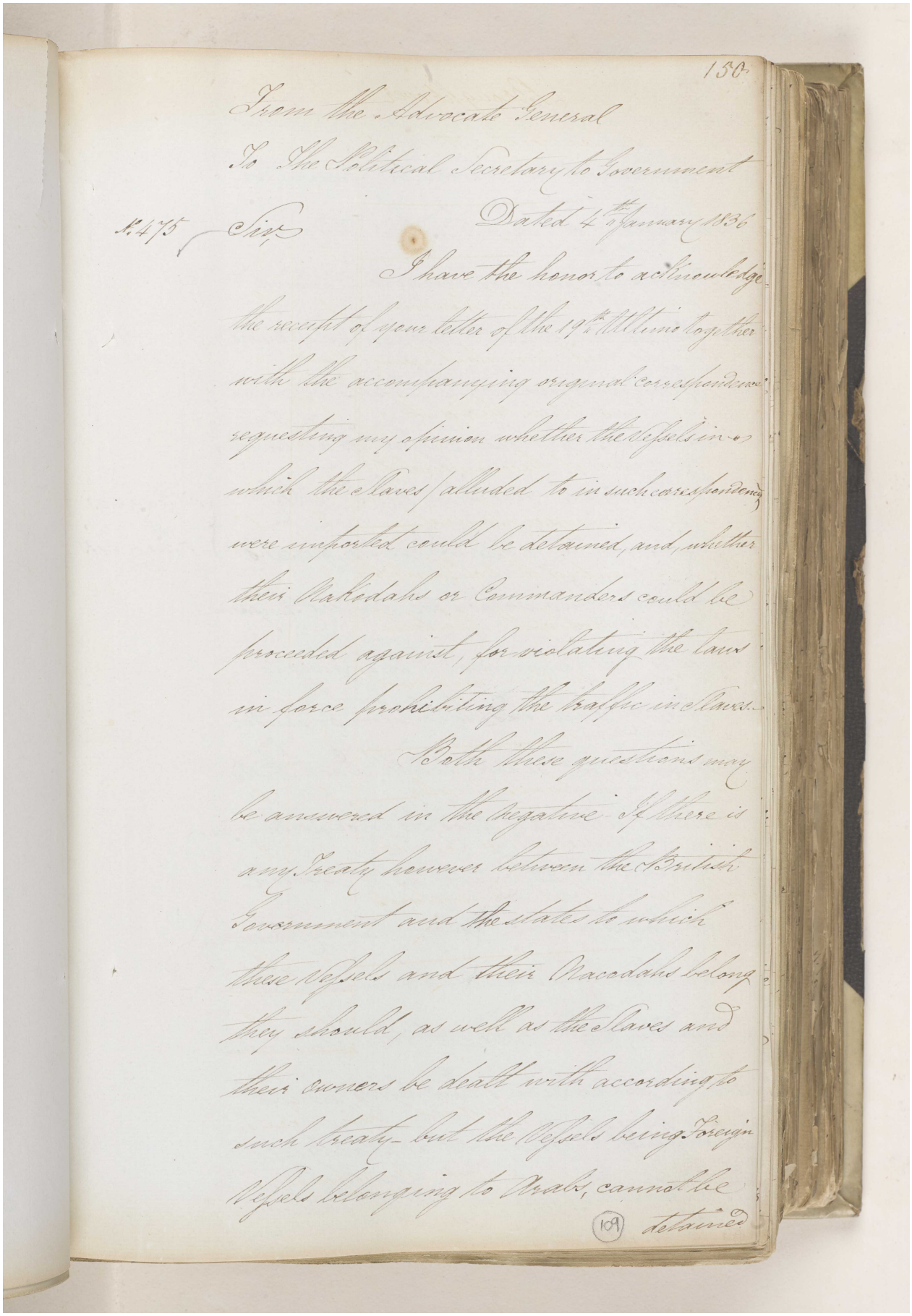

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From the Advocate General

To The Political Secretary to Government

No 475 Sir,

Dated 4th January 1836

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Ultimo together with the accompanying original correspondence requesting my opinion whether the Vessels in which the slaves alluded to in such correspondence were imported could be detained, and, whether their Nakodahs or Commanders could be proceeded against, for violating the laws in force prohibiting the traffic in slaves.

Both these questions may be answered in the negative - If there is any Treaty however between the British Government and the states to which these Vessels and their Nacodahs belong they should, as well as the Slaves and their owners be dealt with according to such treaty - but the Vessels being Foreign Vessels belonging to Arabs, cannot be

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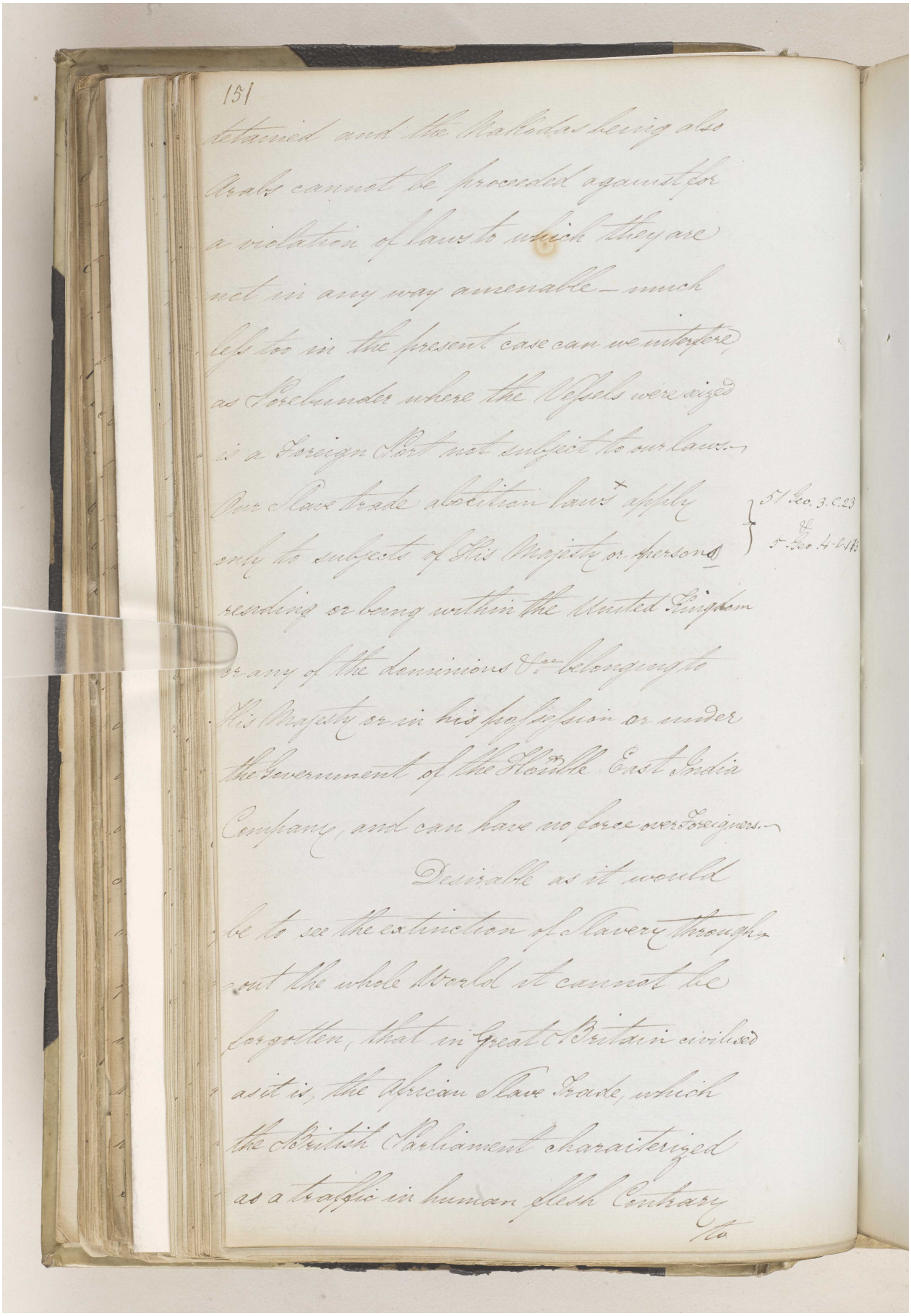

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detained and the Nakodas being also
Arabs cannot be proceeded against for
a violation of laws to which they are
not in any way amenable — much
less too in the present case can we interfere
as Foreclosures where the Vessels were seized
is a Foreign Port not subject to our laws —
Our Slave trade abolition laws apply
only to subjects of His Majesty or persons
residing or being within the United Kingdom
or any of the dominions &c belonging to
His Majesty or in his possession or under
the Government of the Honble East India
Company, and can have no force over Foreigners —

5 Geo. 3. C. 73
& 5 Geo. 4. C. 113

Desirable as it would
be to see the extinction of Slavery throughout
out the whole World it cannot be
forgotten, that in Great Britain civilised
as it is, the African Slave Trade, which
the British Parliament characterised
as a traffic in human flesh Contrary
to

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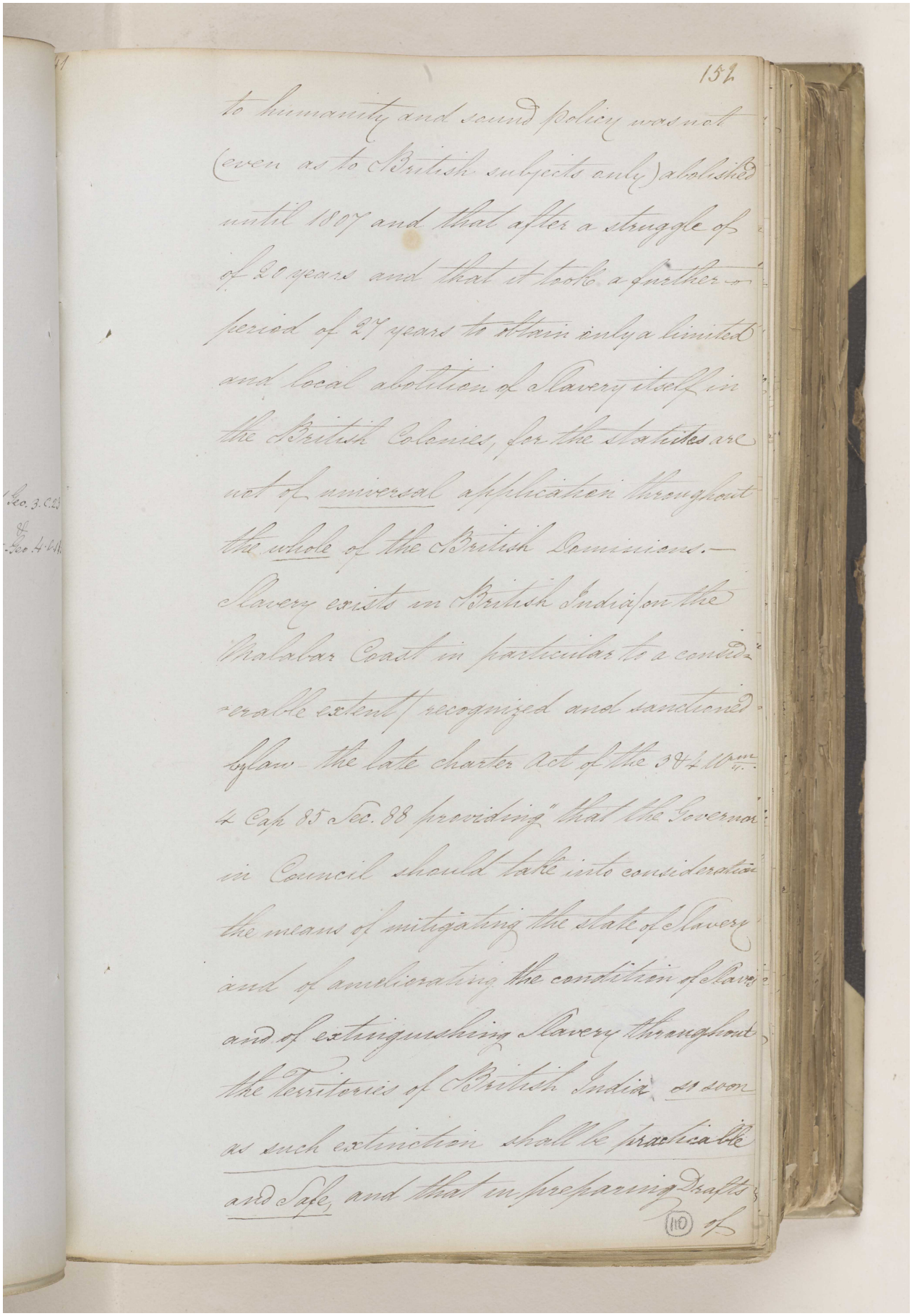

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to humanity and sound policy was not
(even as to British subjects only) abolished
until 1807 and that after a struggle of
of 20 years and that it took a further
period of 27 years to obtain only a limited
and local abolition of Slavery itself in
the British Colonies, for the Statutes are
not of universal application throughout
the whole of the British Dominions.—
Slavery exists in British India on the
Malabar Coast in particular to a consid-
erable extent recognized and sanctioned
by law the late charter Act of the 3d & 4th Wm. IV.
& Cap 85 Sec. 88 providing "that the Governor
in Council should take into consideration
the means of mitigating the state of Slavery
and of ameliorating the condition of Slaves
and of extinguishing Slavery throughout
the territories of British India as soon
as such extinction shall be practicable
and safe, and that in preparing Drafts
of

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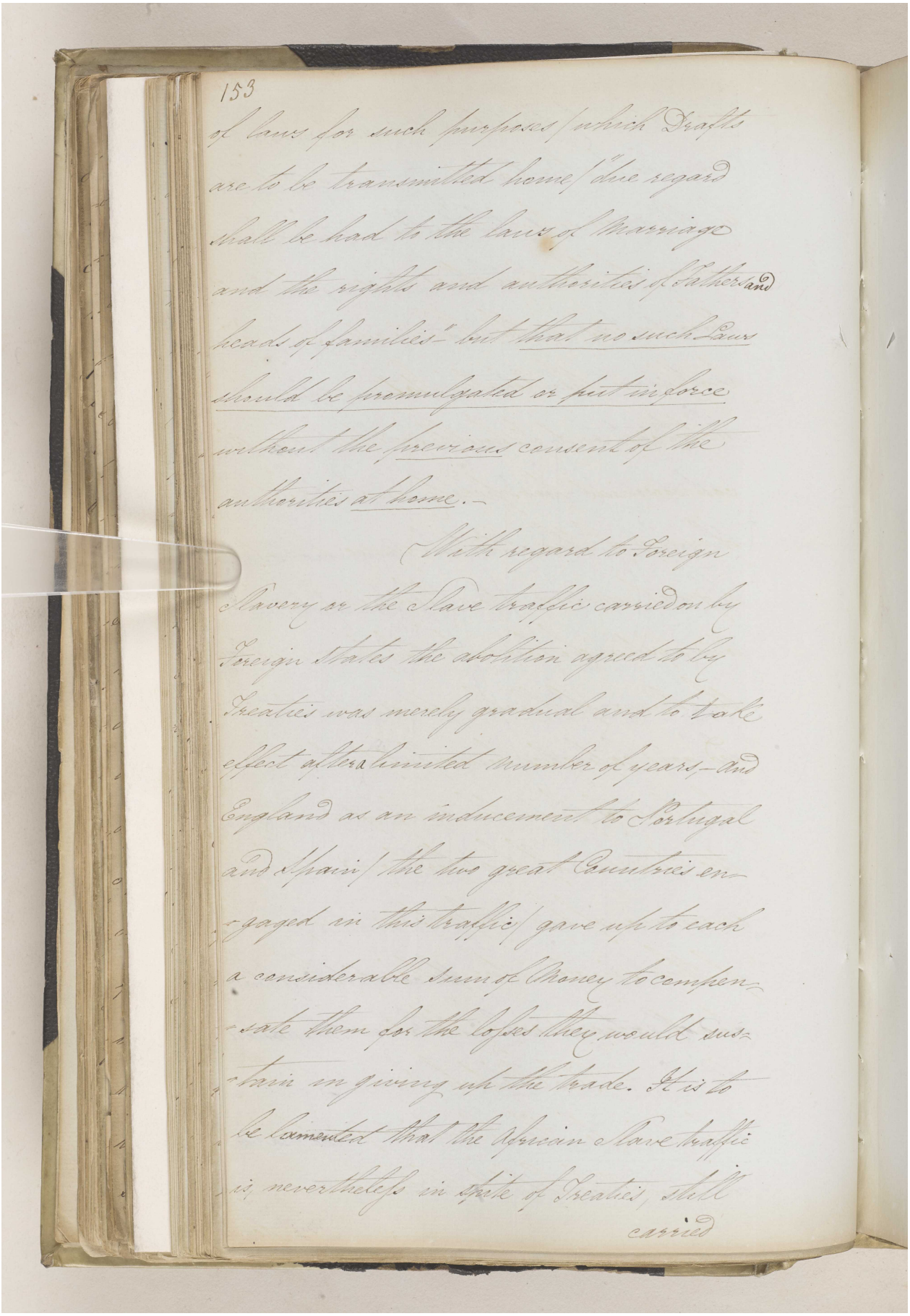

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of laws for such purposes which Drafts are to be transmitted home / due regard shall be had to the laws of Marriage and the rights and authorities of Fathers and heads of families" but that no such Laws should be promulgated or put in force without the previous consent of the authorities at home.—

With regard to Foreign Slavery or the Slave trafficic carried on by Foreign States the abolition agreed to by Treaties was merely gradual and to take effect after a limited number of years—and England as an inducement to Portugal and Spain / the two great Countries engaged in this traffic / gave up to each a considerable sum of Money to compensate them for the losses they would sustain in giving up the trade. It is to be lamented that the African Slave traffic is, nevertheless in spite of Treaties, still

carried

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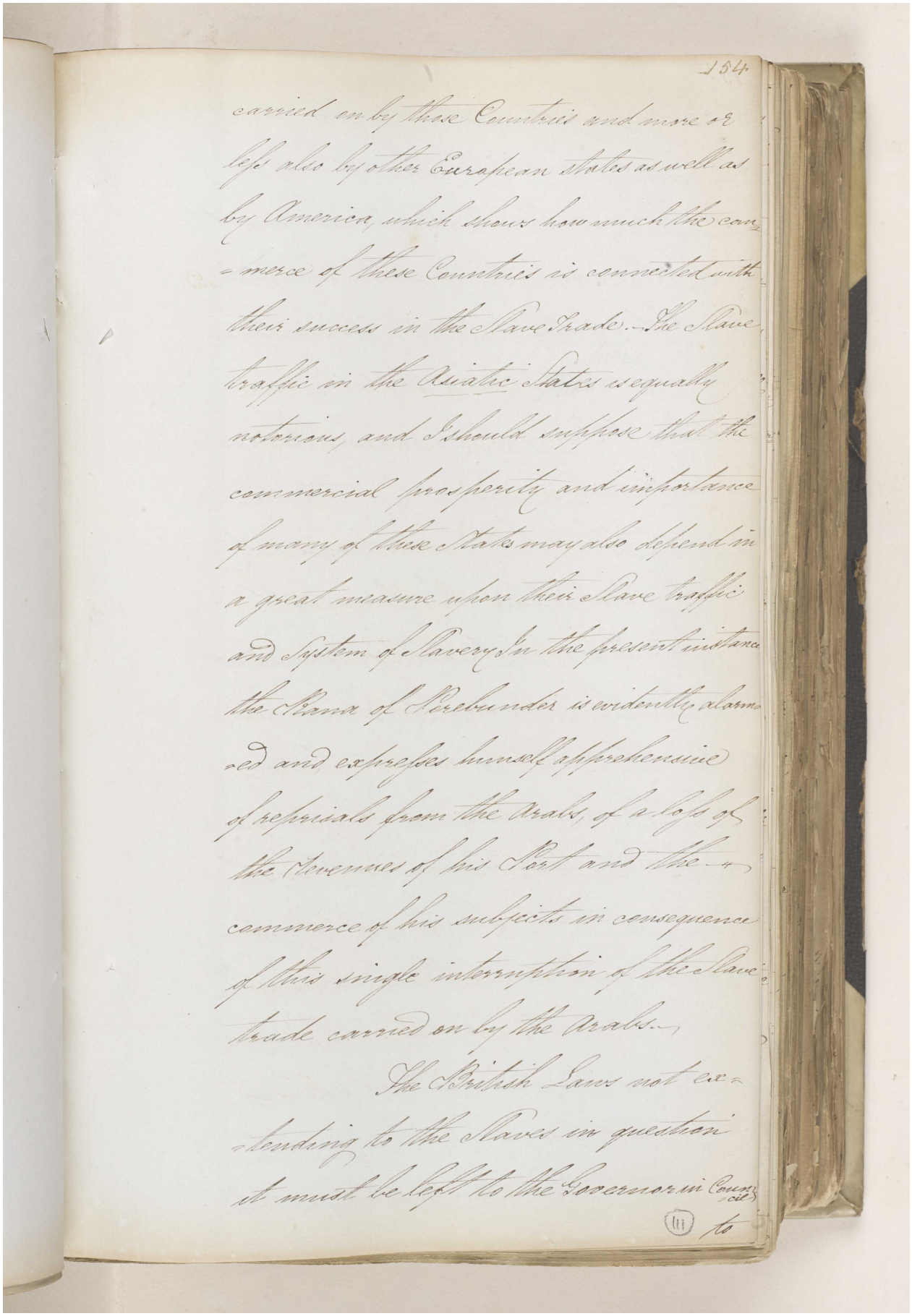

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carried on by these Countries and more es-
pecially also by other European States as well as
by America, which shows how much the com-
merce of these Countries is connected with
their success in the Slave Trade. The Slave
traffic in the Asiatic States is equally
notorious, and I should suppose that the
commercial prosperity and importance
of many of these States may also depend in
a great measure upon their Slave traffic
and System of Slavery. In the present instance
the Rana of Porebunder is evidently alarm-
ed and expresses himself apprehensive
of reprisals from the Arabs, of a loss of
the Revenues of his Port and the
commerce of his subjects in consequence
of this single interruption of the Slave
trade carried on by the Arabs.

The British Laws not ex-
tending to the Slaves in question
it must be left to the Governors in Council
to

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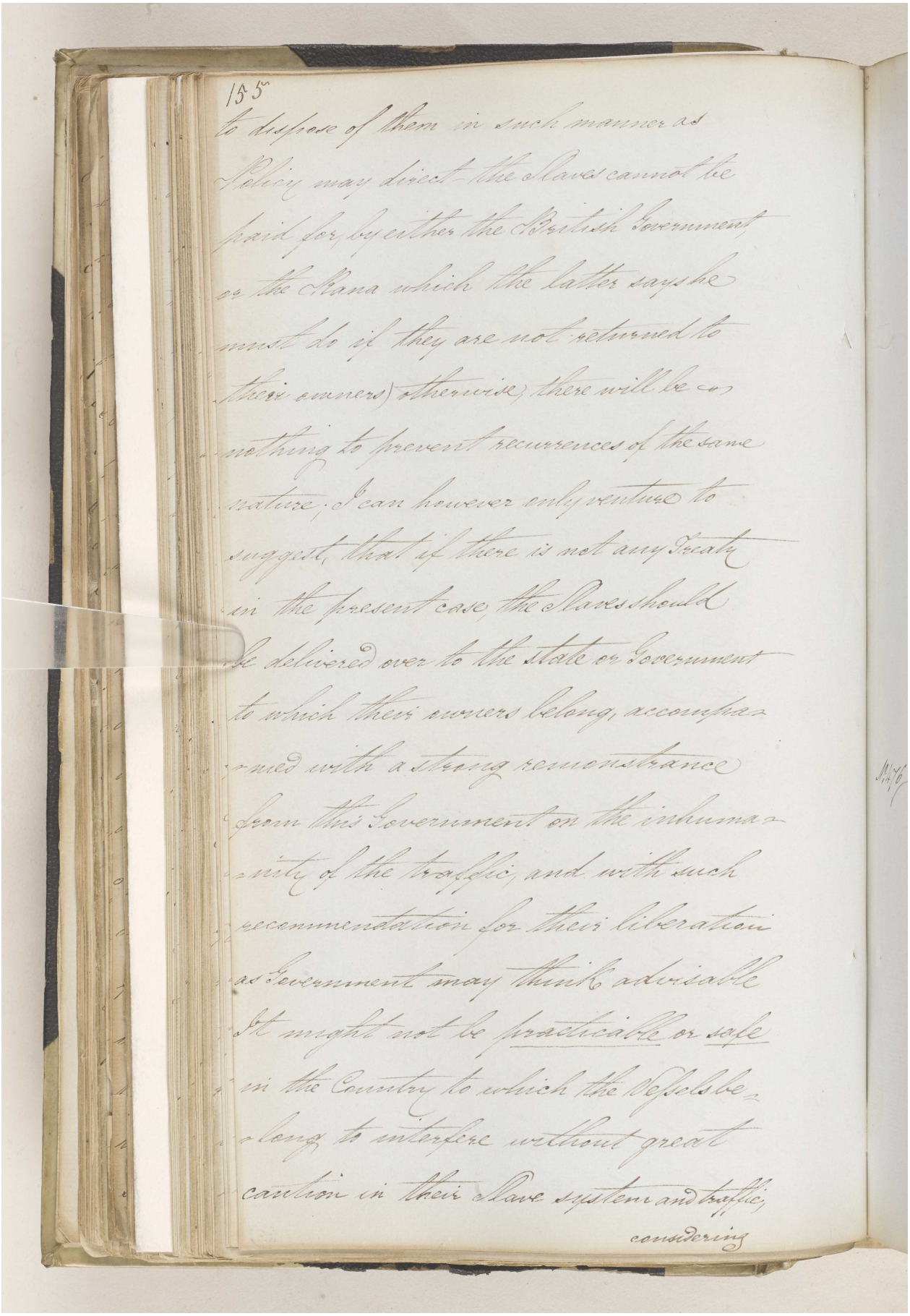

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to dispose of them in such manner as Policy may direct - the Slaves cannot be paid for by either the British Government or the Nana which the latter says he must do if they are not returned to their owners) otherwise, there will be nothing to prevent recurrences of the same nature, I can however only venture to suggest, that if there is not any Treaty in the present case, the Slaves should be delivered over to the State or Government to which their owners belong, accompanied with a strong remonstrance from this Government on the inhumanity of the traffic, and with such recommendation for their liberation as Government may think advisable It might not be practicable or safe in the Country to which the Vessels belong to interfere without great caution in their Slave system and traffic, considering

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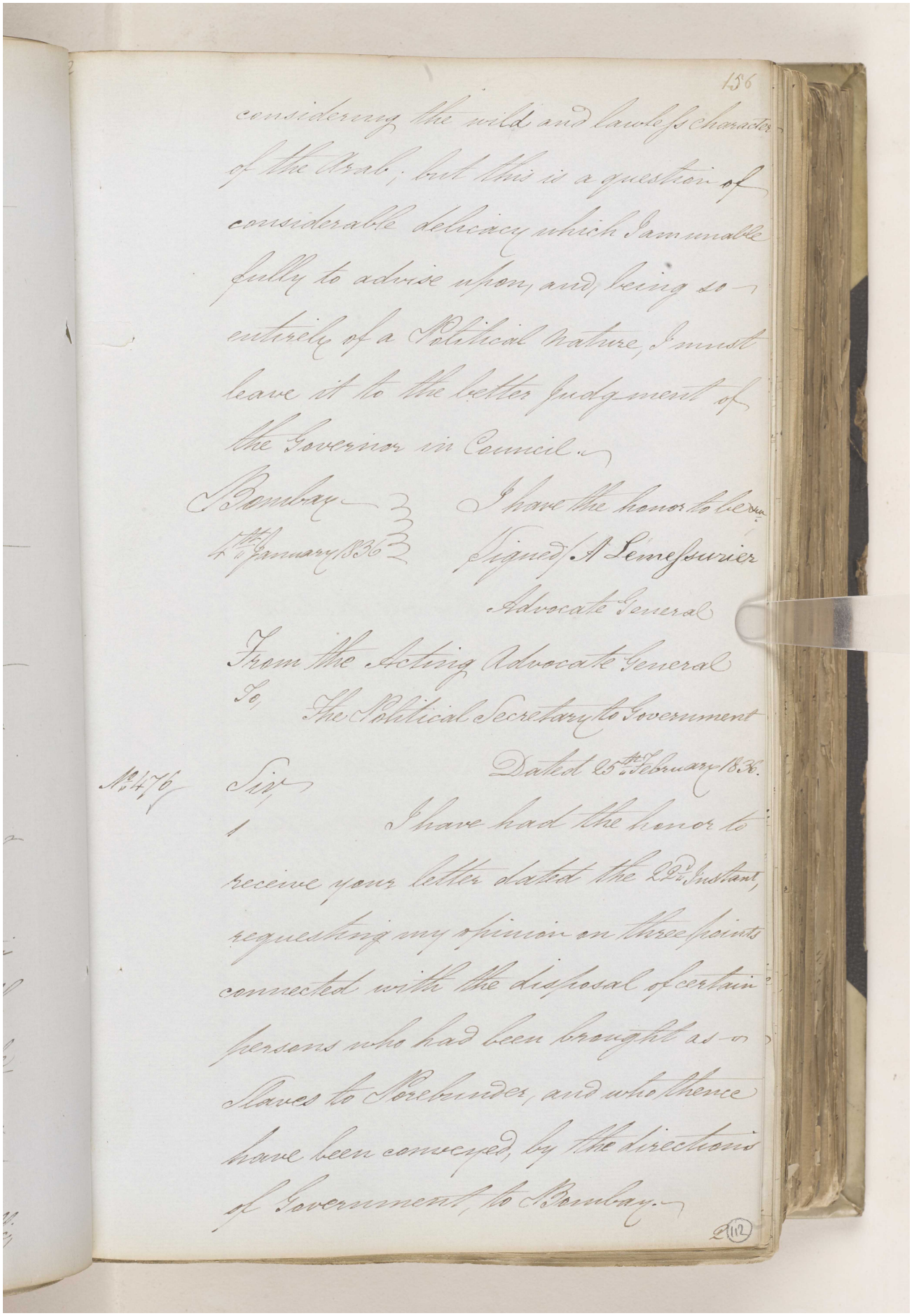

considering the wild and lawless character of the Arab; but this is a question of considerable delicacy which I am unable fully to advise upon, and, being so entirely of a Political nature, I must leave it to the better judgment of the Governor in Council.

Bombay
4th January 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ A Lemessurier
Advocate General

From the Acting Advocate General
To,
The Political Secretary to Government
Dated 25th February 1836.

No. 476

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 22d Instant, requesting my opinion on three points connected with the disposal of certain persons who had been brought as Slaves to Norebunder, and who thence have been conveyed, by the directions of Government, to Bombay.

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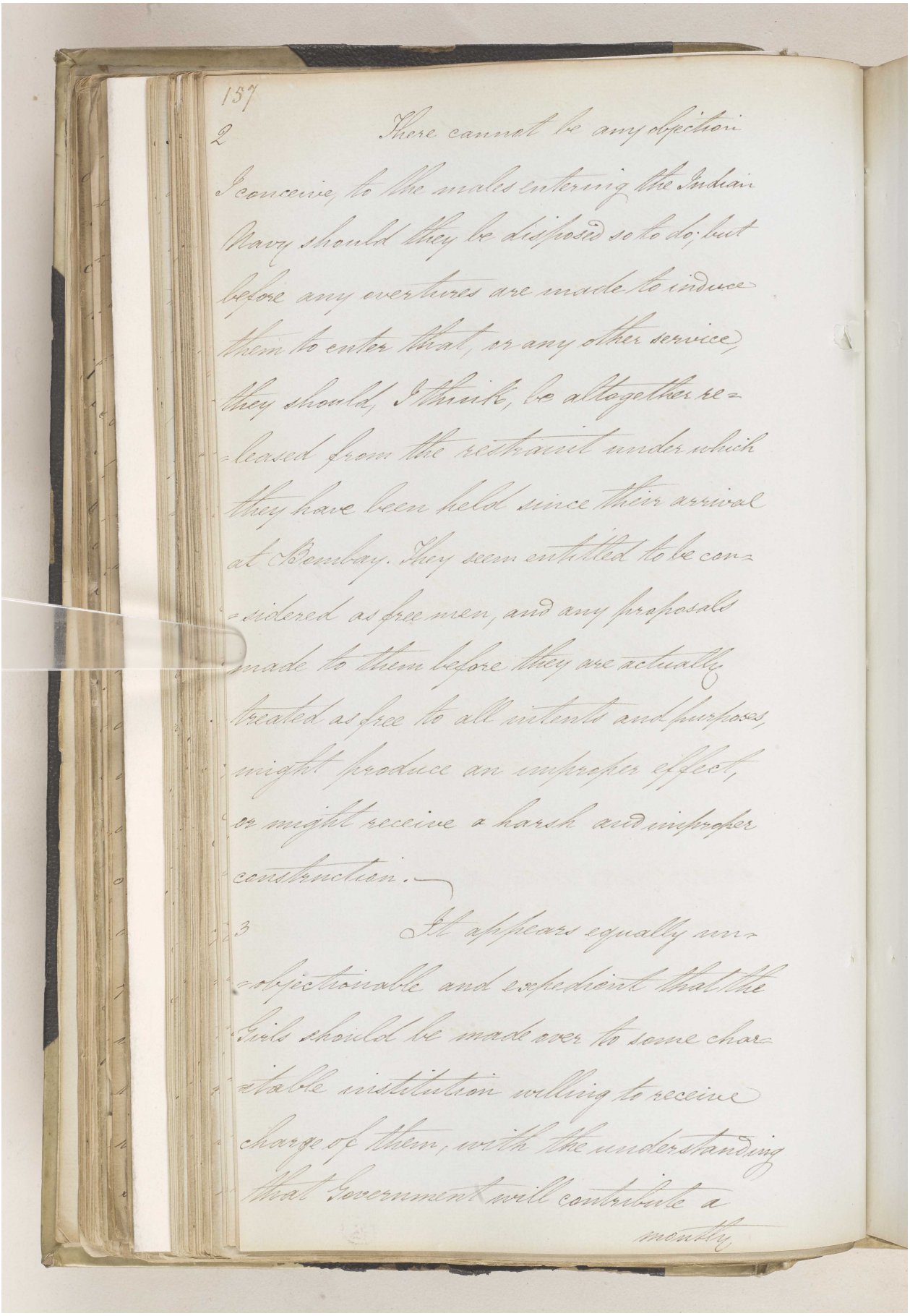

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2 There cannot be any objection I conceive, to the males entering the Indian Navy should they be disposed so to do; but before any overtures are made to induce them to enter that, or any other service, they should, I think, be altogether released from the restraint under which they have been held since their arrival at Bombay. They seem entitled to be considered as free men, and any proposals made to them before they are actually treated as free to all intents and purposes, might produce an improper effect, or might receive a harsh and improper construction.

3 It appears equally unobjectionable and expedient that the Girls should be made over to some charitable institution willing to receive charge of them, with the understanding that Government will contribute a monthly

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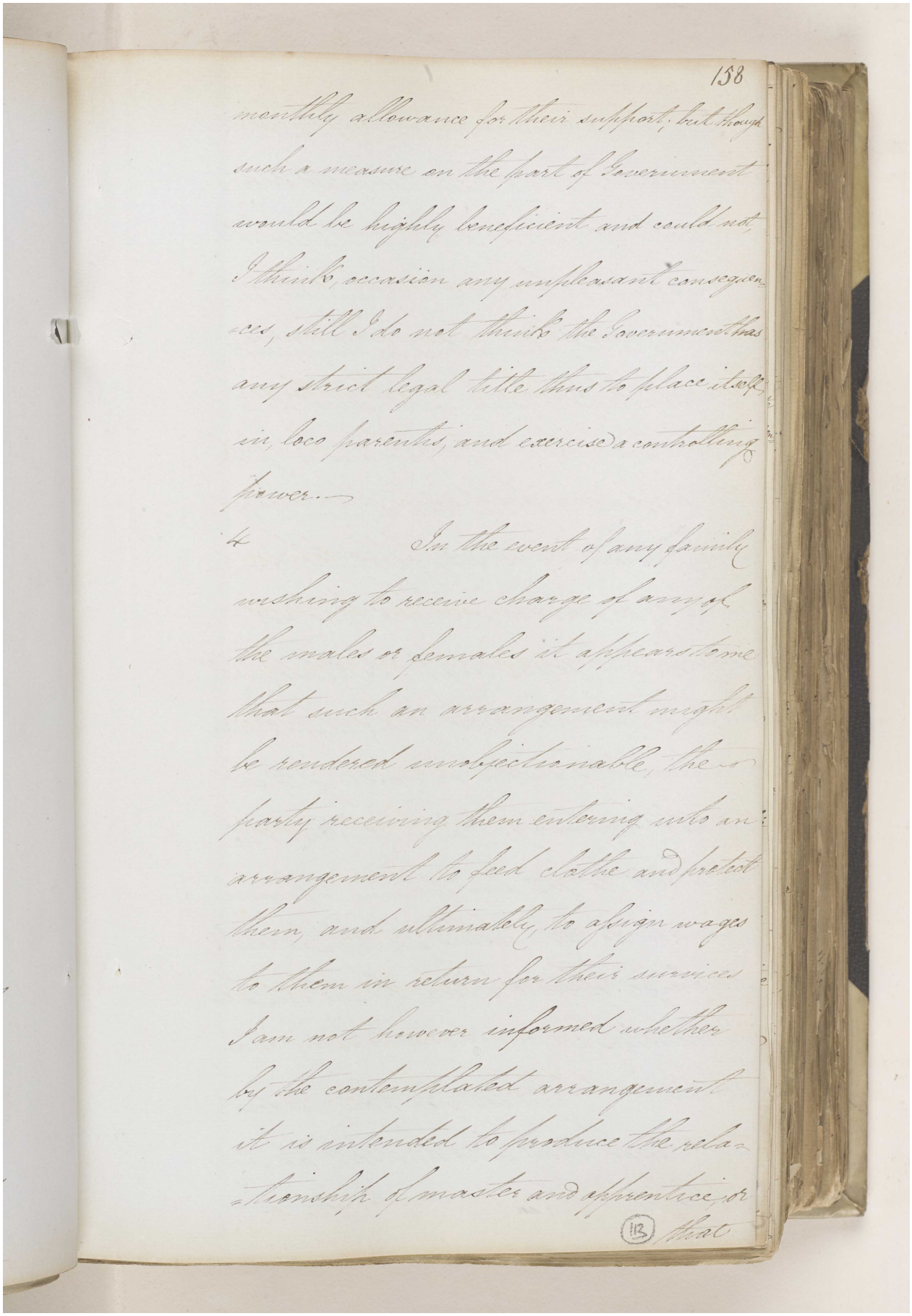

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monthly allowance for their support, but though such a measure on the part of Government would be highly beneficient and could not, I think, occasion any unpleasant consequences, still I do not think the Government has any strict legal title thus to place itself in loco parentis, and exercise a controlling power.—

4 In the event of any family wishing to receive charge of any of the males or females it appears to me that such an arrangement might be rendered unobjectionable, the party receiving them entering into an arrangement to feed clothe and protect them, and ultimately to assign wages to them in return for their services I am not however informed whether by the contemplated arrangement it is intended to produce the relationship of master and apprentice, or that

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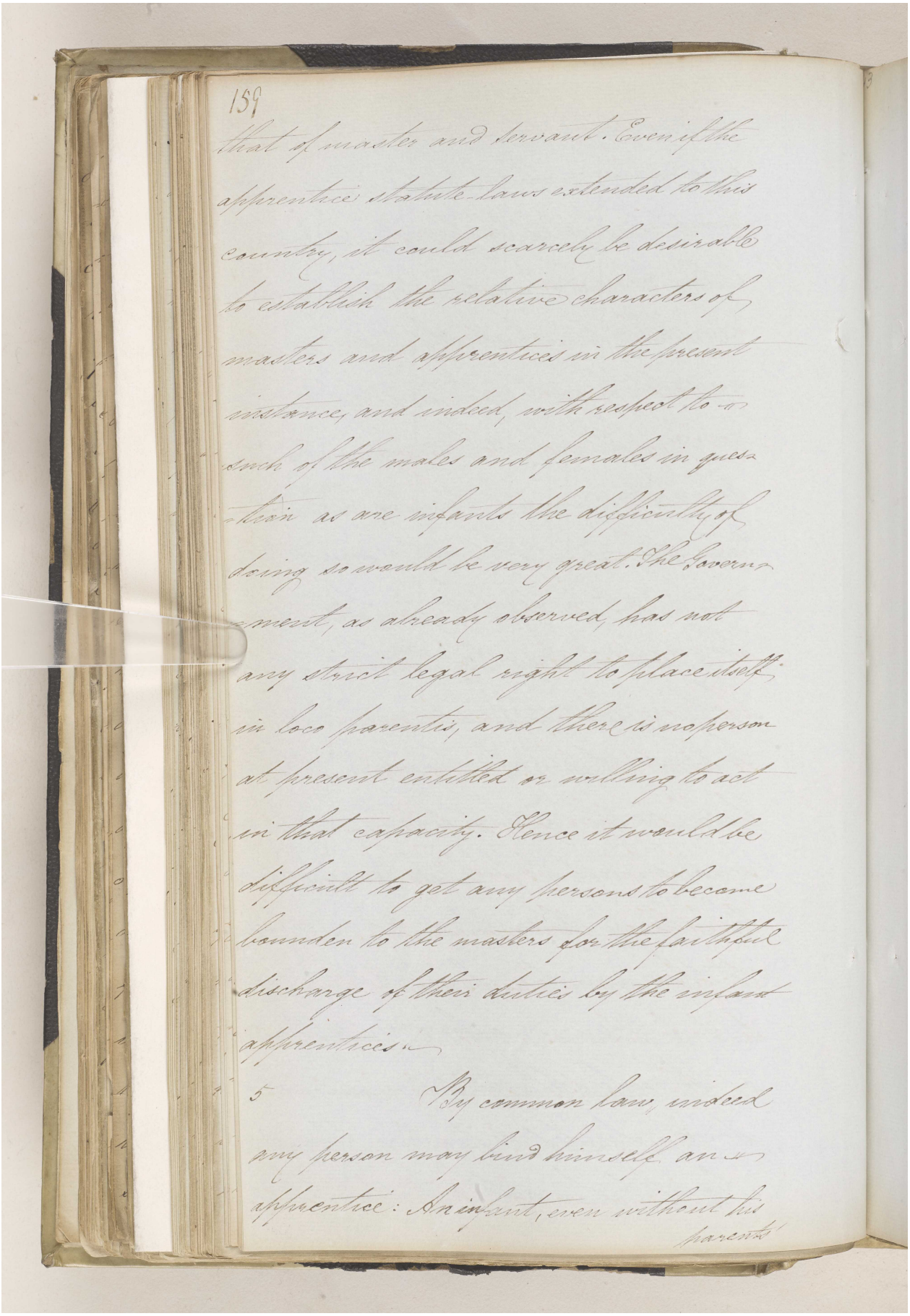

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that of master and servant. Even if the apprentice statute-laws extended to this country, it could scarcely be desirable to establish the relative characters of masters and apprentices in the present instance, and indeed, with respect to such of the males and females in question as are infants the difficulty of doing so would be very great. The Government, as already observed, has not any strict legal right to place itself in loco parentis, and there is no person at present entitled or willing to act in that capacity. Hence it would be difficult to get any persons to become bounden to the masters for the faithful discharge of their duties by the inland apprentices.

5 By common law, indeed any person may bind himself an apprentice: An infant, even without his parents'

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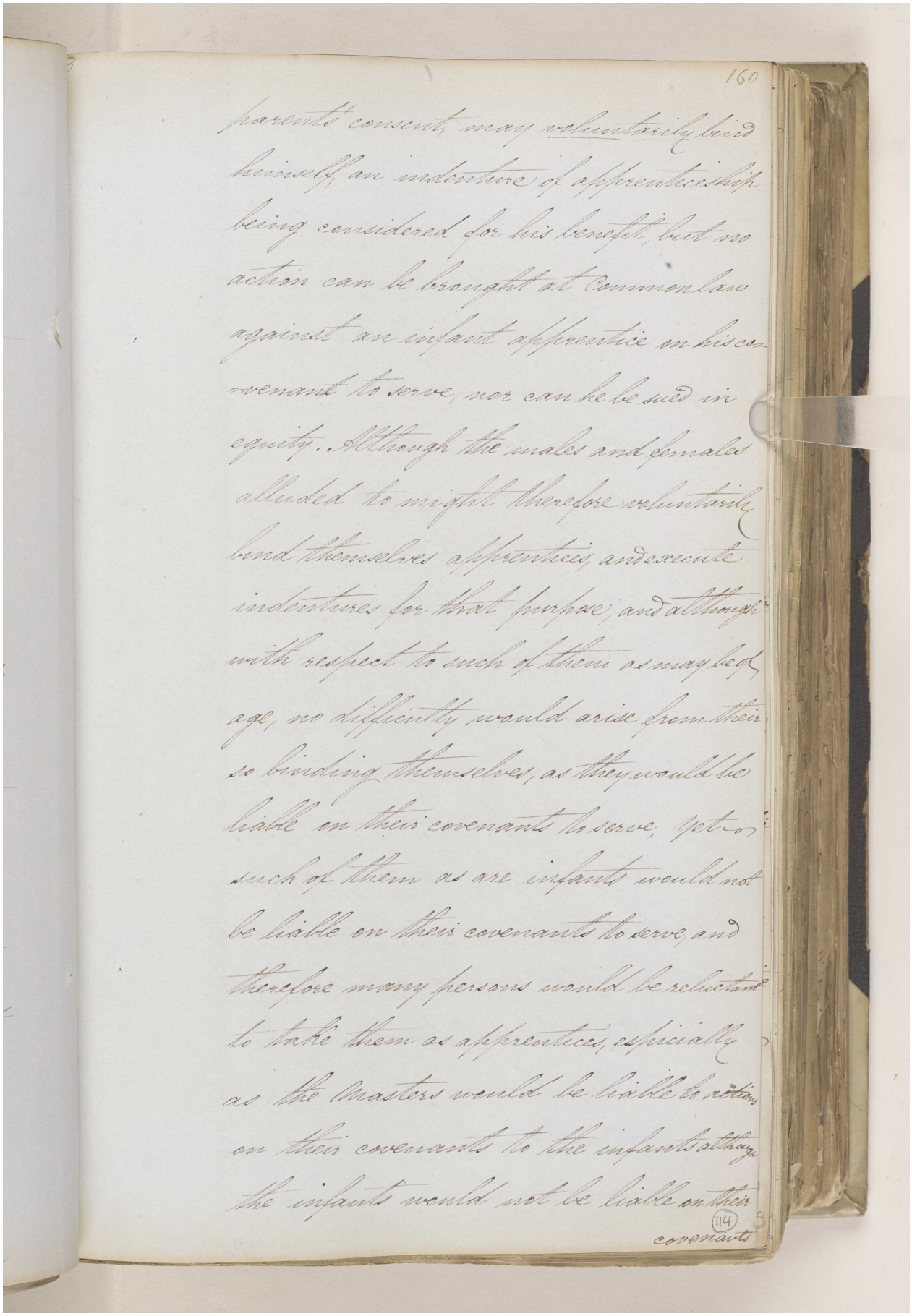

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parents consent, may voluntarily bind
himself an indenture of apprenticeship
being considered for his benefit, but no
action can be brought at Common law
against an infant apprentice on his co-
venant to serve, nor can he be sued in
equity. Although the males and females
alluded to might therefore voluntarily
bind themselves apprentices, and execute
indentures for that purpose, and although
with respect to such of them as may be of
age, no difficulty would arise from their
so binding themselves, as they would be
liable on their covenants to serve, yet
such of them as are infants would not
be liable on their covenants to serve, and
therefore many persons would be reluctant
to take them as apprentices, especially
as the Masters would be liable to actions
on their covenants to the infants although
the infants would not be liable on their
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covenants

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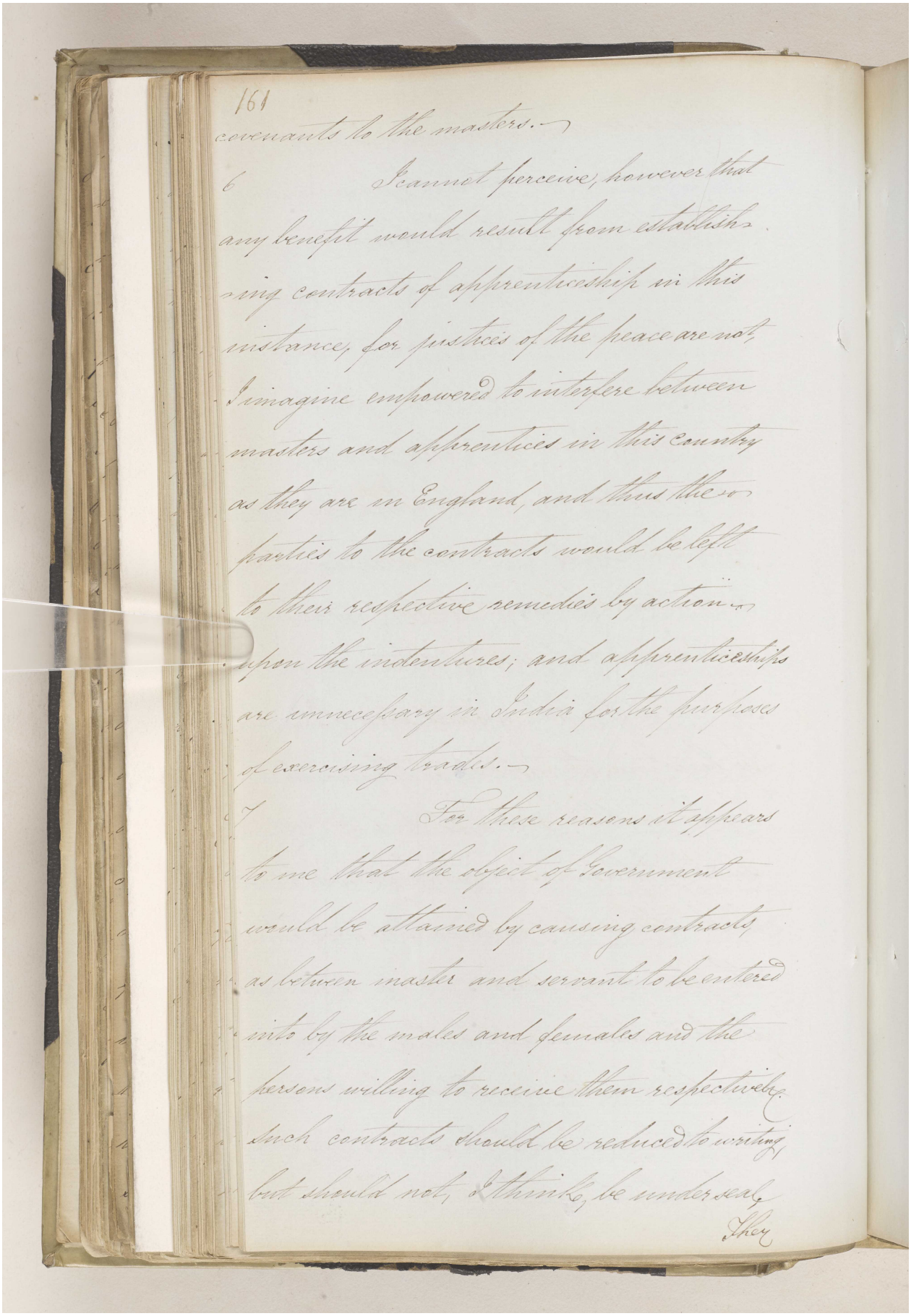

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covenants to the masters.—

6 I cannot perceive, however that any benefit would result from establishing contracts of apprenticeship in this instance, for justices of the peace are not, I imagine empowered to interfere between masters and apprentices in this country as they are in England, and thus the parties to the contracts would be left to their respective remedies by action upon the indentures; and apprenticeships are unnecessary in India for the purposes of exercising trades.—

7 For these reasons it appears to me that the object of Government would be attained by causing contracts as between master and servant to be entered into by the males and females and the persons willing to receive them respectively such contracts should be reduced to writing but should not, I think, be under seal.

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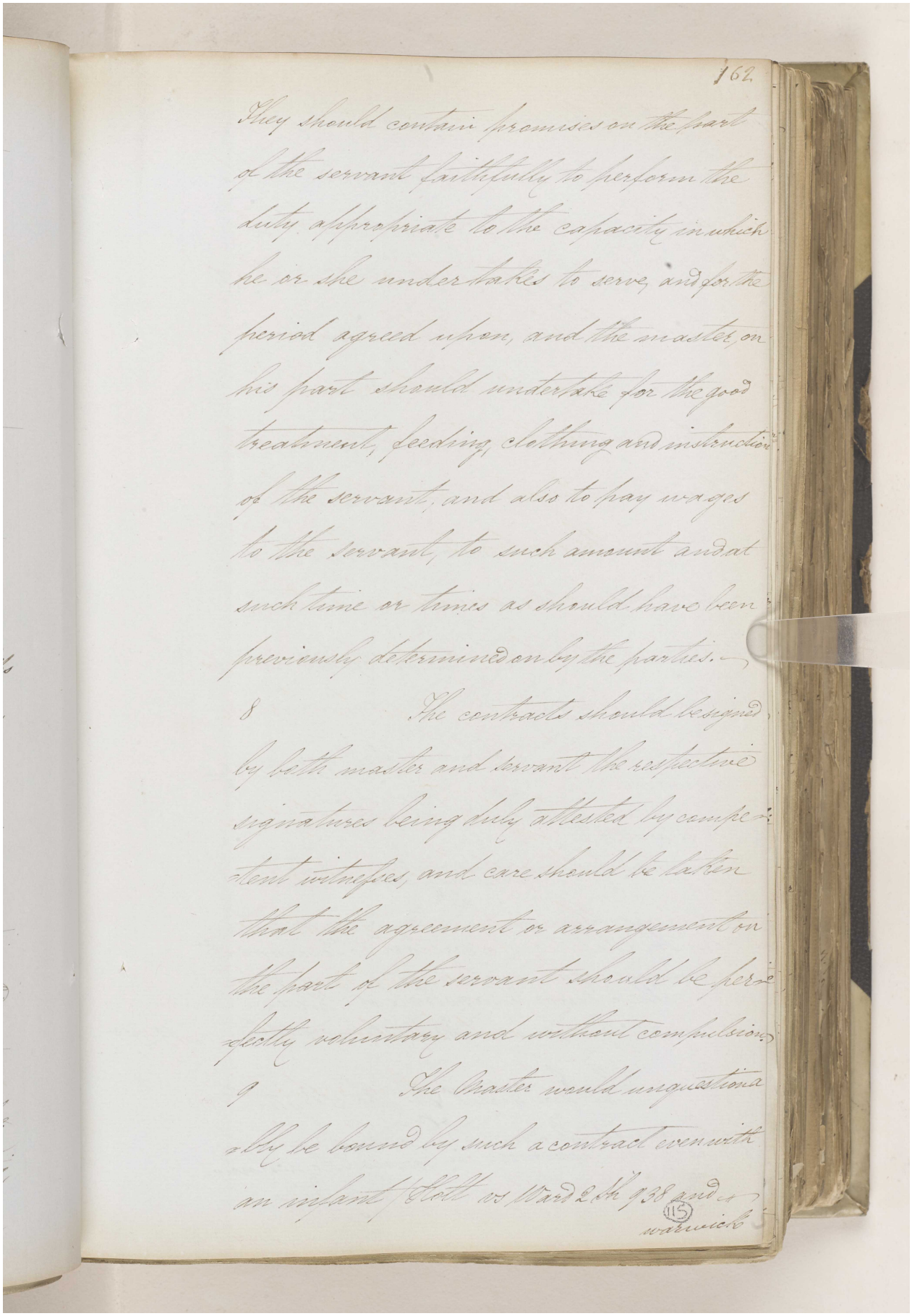

They should contain promises on the part of the servant faithfully to perform the duty appropriate to the capacity in which he or she undertakes to serve, and for the period agreed upon, and the master, on his part should undertake for the good treatment, feeding, clothing and instruction of the servant, and also to pay wages to the servant, to such amount and at such time or times as should have been previously determined on by the parties.

8 The contracts should be signed by both master and servant the respective signatures being duly attested by competent witnesses, and care should be taken that the agreement or arrangement on the part of the servant should be perfectly voluntary and without compulsion.

9 The Master would unquestionably be bound by such a contract even with an infant (Holt vs Ward 2 Sh 938 and warwick

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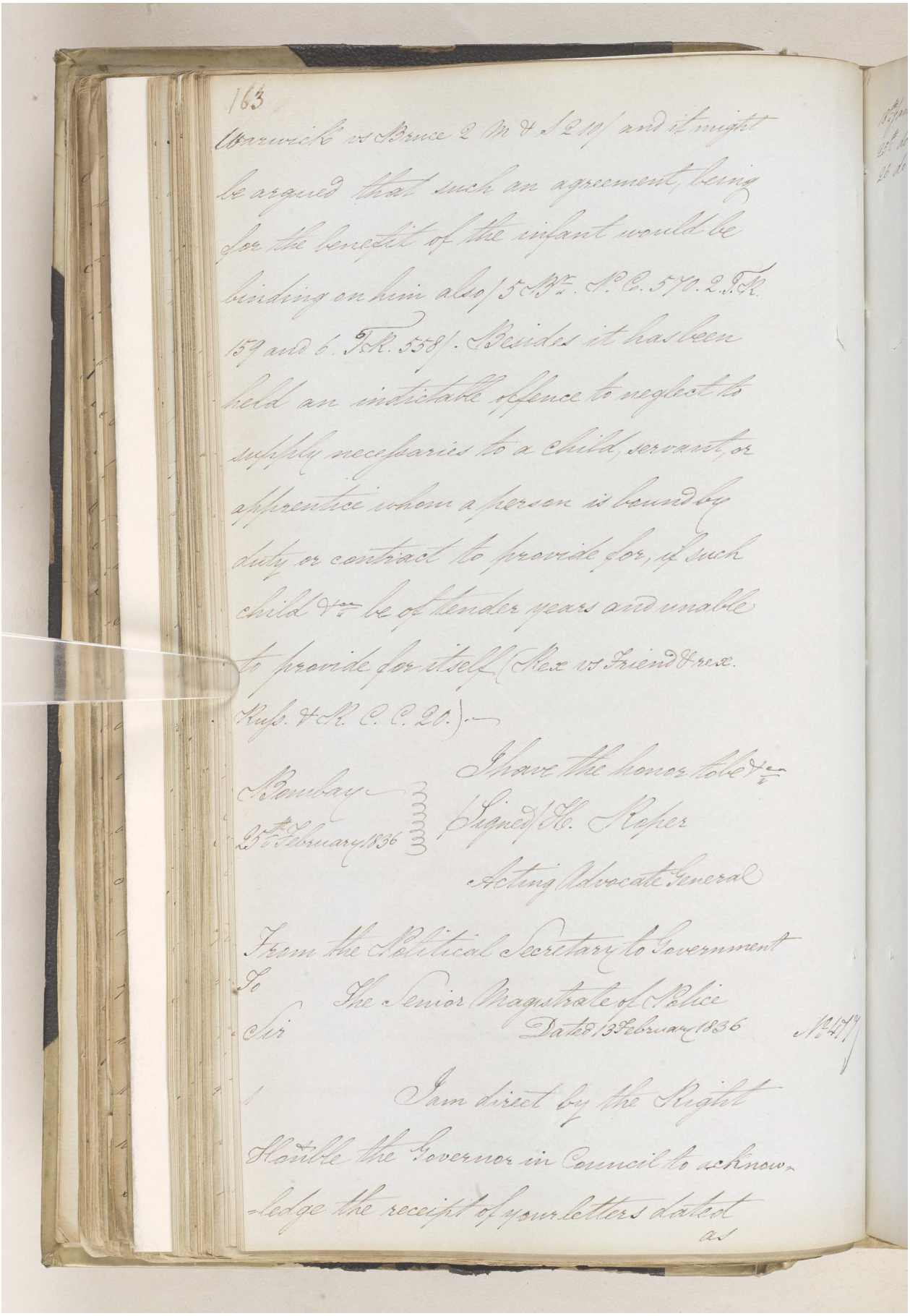

Warwick vs Bruce 2 M & S 210/ and it might be argued that such an agreement, being for the benefit of the infant would be binding on him also/ 5 Br. N. C. 570. 2 T. R. 159 and 6. T. R. 558/. Besides it has been held an indictable offence to neglect to supply necessaries to a child, servant, or apprentice whom a person is bound by duty or contract to provide for, if such child &c be of tender years and unable to provide for itself (Rex vs Friend & rex. Russ. & R. C. C. 20.)—

I have the honor to be &c

Bombay
25th February 1836

(Signed) H. Roper
Acting Advocate General

From the Political Secretary to Government
To
The Senior Magistrate of Police
Sir
Dated 13 February 1836 No. 477

I am direct by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated as

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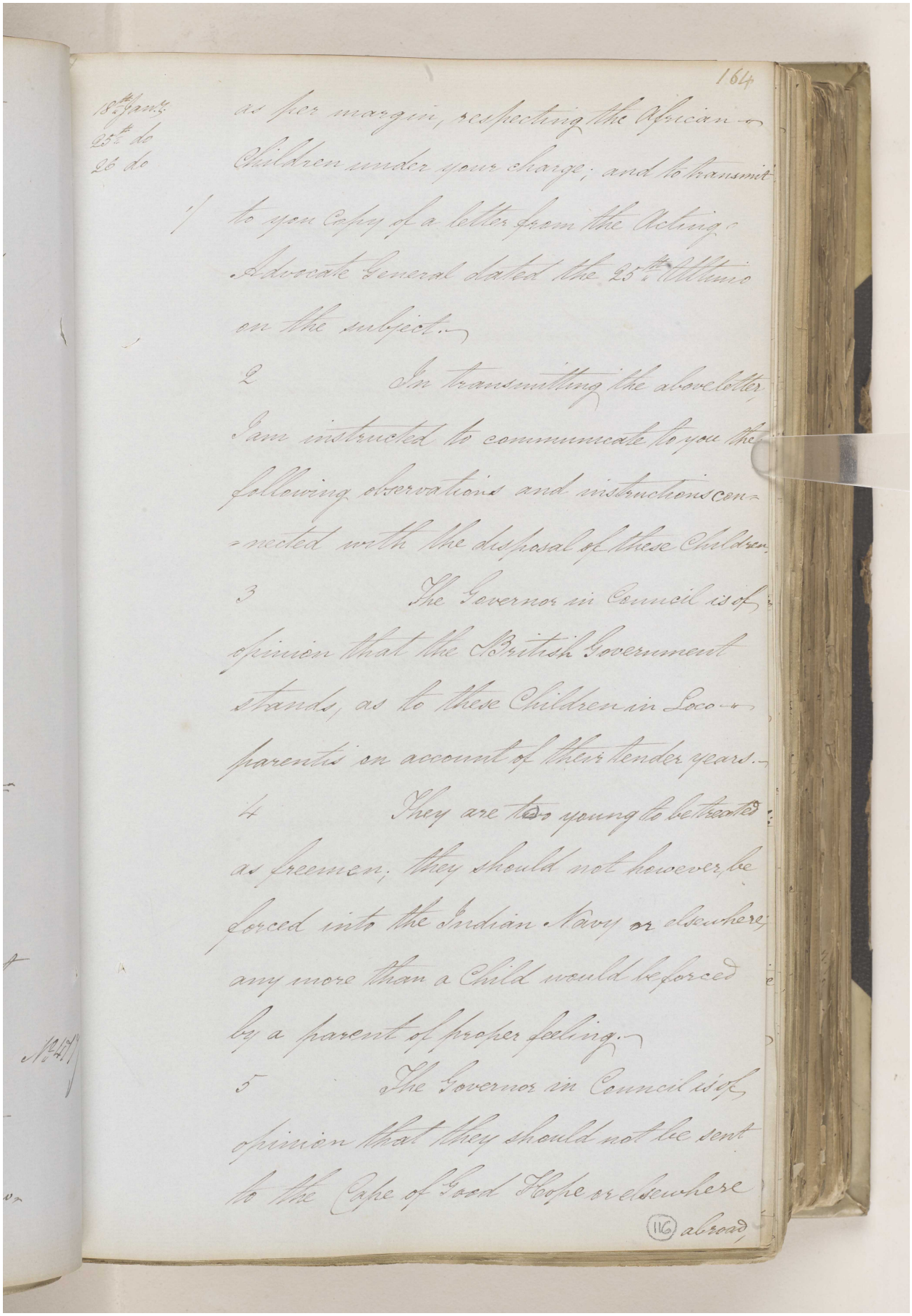

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as per margin, respecting the African Children under your charge; and to transmit to you Copy of a letter from the Acting Advocate General dated the 25th Ultimo on the subject.

2 In transmitting the above letter, I am instructed to communicate to you the following observations and instructions connected with the disposal of these Children.

3 The Governor in Council is of opinion that the British Government stands, as to these Children in Loco parentis on account of their tender years.

4 They are too young to be treated as freemen; they should not however, be forced into the Indian Navy or elsewhere; any more than a Child would be forced by a parent of proper feeling.

5 The Governor in Council is of opinion that they should not be sent to the Cape of Good Hope or elsewhere

(116) abroad,

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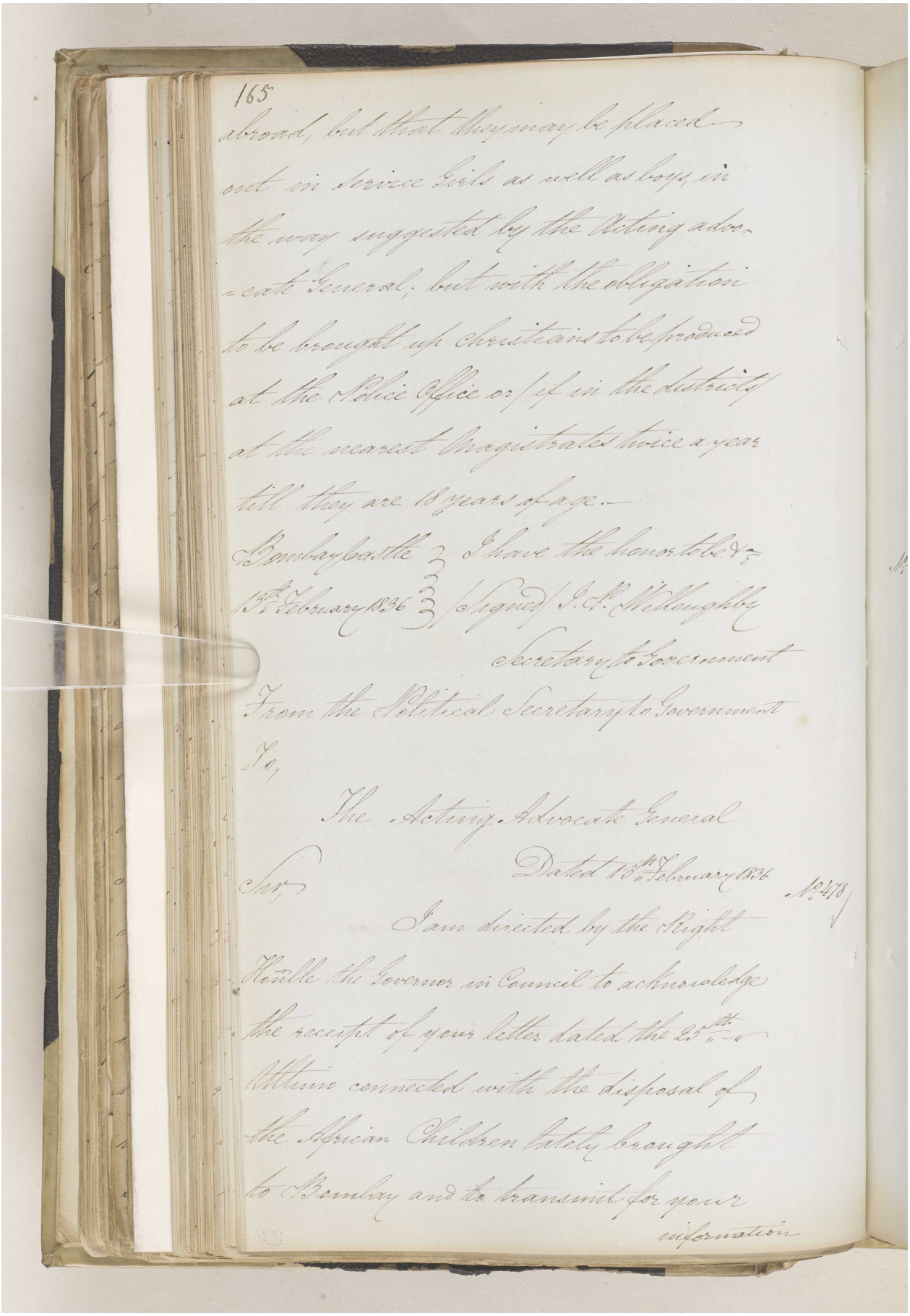

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abroad, but that they may be placed out in service Girls as well as boys, in the way suggested by the Acting advocate General; but with the obligation to be brought up Christians to be produced at the Police Office or (if in the districts) at the nearest Magistrates twice a year till they are 18 years of age.—

Bombay Castle 13th February 1836 } I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From the Political Secretary to Government

To,

The Acting Advocate General

Dated 13th February 1836

Sir,

No. 478

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th Ultimo connected with the disposal of the African Children lately brought to Bombay and to transmit for your information

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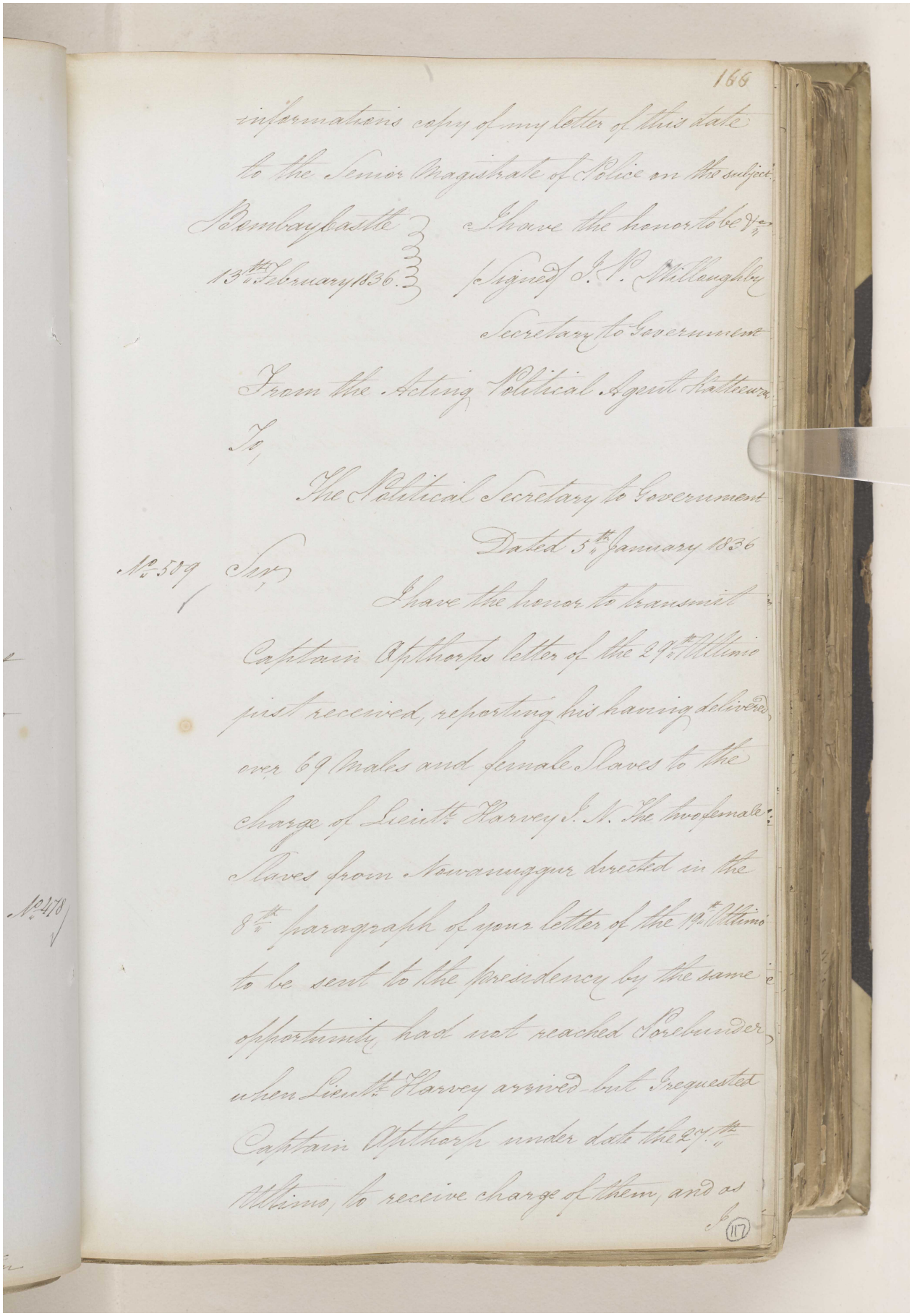

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information a copy of my letter of this date
to the Senior Magistrate of Police on the subject.
Bombay Castle I have the honor to be &c
13th February 1836. (Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From the Acting Political Agent Kattiawar
To
The Political Secretary to Government
Dated 5th January 1836

No 509 Sir,
I have the honor to transmit
Captain Apthorps letter of the 29th Ultimo
just received, reporting his having delivered
over 69 Males and female Slaves to the
charge of Lieut.t Harvey I. N. The two female
Slaves from Nowanuggur directed in the
8th paragraph of your letter of the 19th Ultimo
No 478 to be sent to the Presidency by the same
opportunity, had not reached Porebunder
when Lieut.t Harvey arrived but I requested
Captain Apthorp under date the 29th
Ultimo, to receive charge of them, and as

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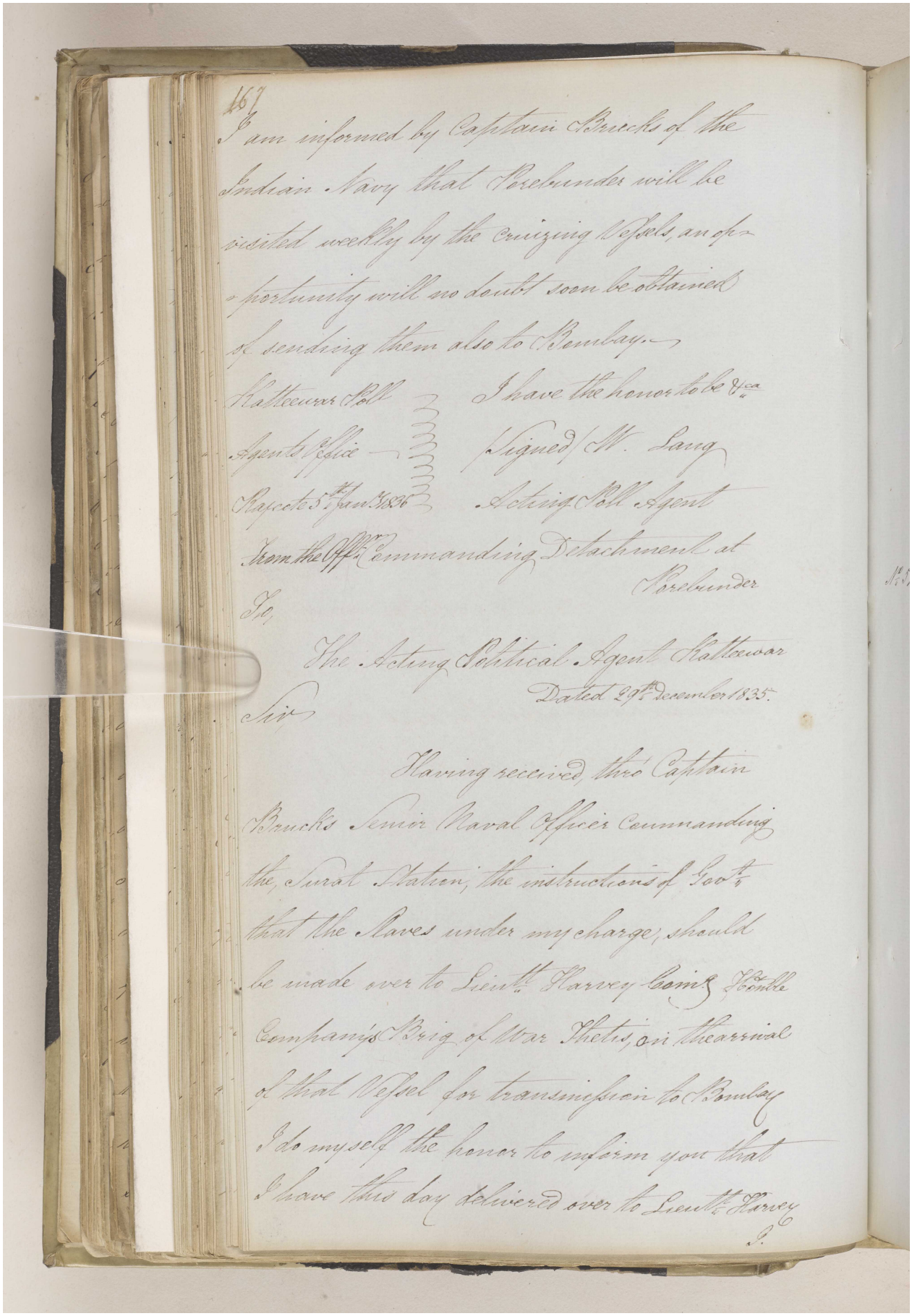

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I am informed by Captain Brucks of the Indian Navy that Porebunder will be visited weekly by the cruizing Vessels, an opportunity will no doubt soon be obtained of sending them also to Bombay.

Katteewar Poll Agents Office
Rajcote 5th Jany 1836

I have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) W. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

From the Offr Commanding Detachment at Porebunder

To,

The Acting Political Agent Katteewar

Dated 29th December 1835.

Sir,

Having received, thro' Captain Brucks Senior Naval Officer Commanding the Surat Station, the instructions of Govt that the Slaves under my charge, should be made over to Lieutt Harvey Coms Hon'ble Company's Brig of War Thetis, on the arrival of that Vessel for transmission to Bombay I do myself the honor to inform you that I have this day delivered over to Lieutt Harvey

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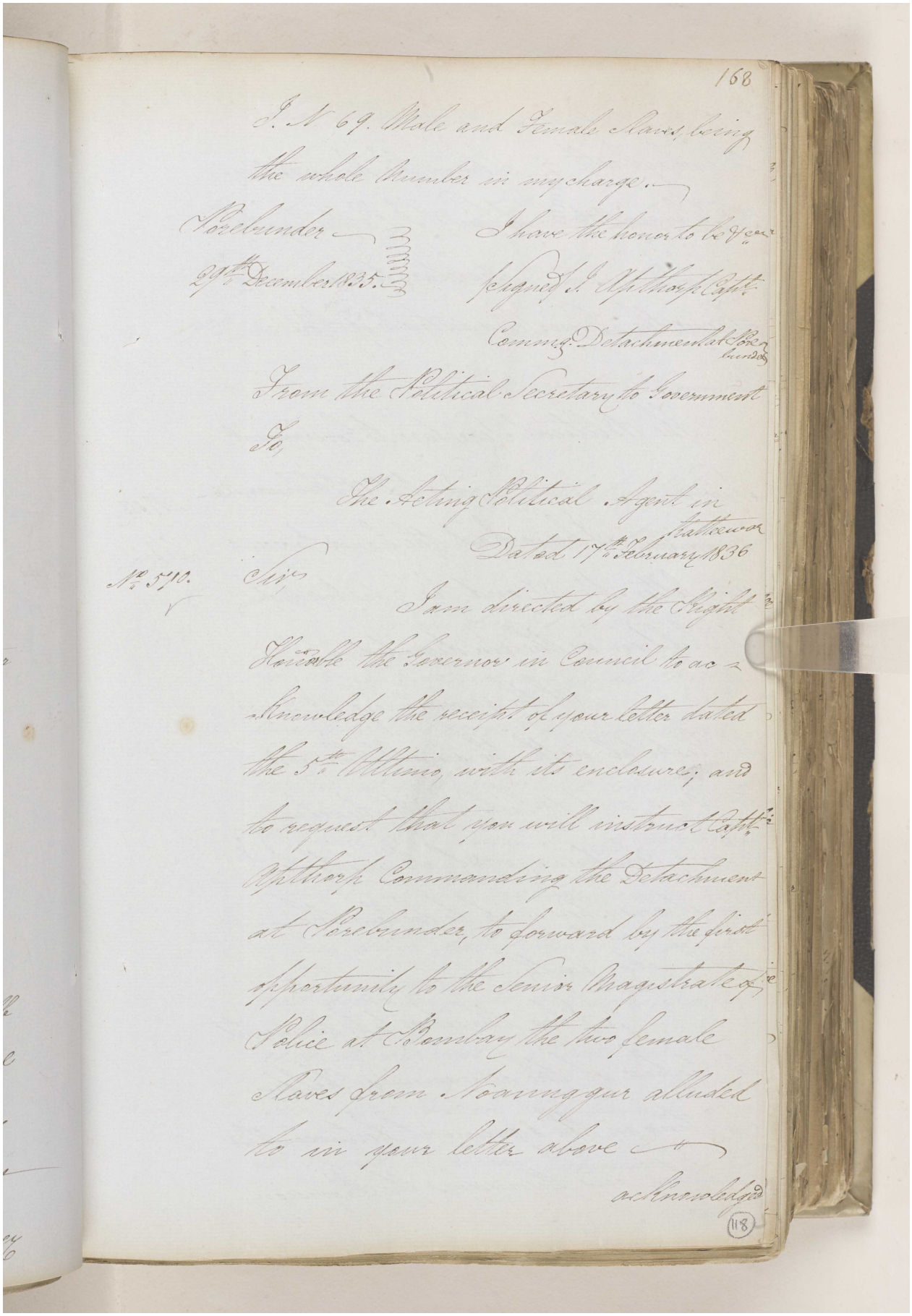

J. N. 69. Male and Female Slaves, being the whole Number in my charge.

Porebunder
29th December 1835.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. Apthorp Capt.
Comm.g Detachment at Porebunder

From the Political Secretary to Government
To,
The Acting Political Agent in Kattiewar
Dated 17th February 1836

No. 510.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th Ultimo, with its enclosure; and to request that you will instruct Capt. Apthorp Commanding the Detachment at Porebunder, to forward by the first opportunity to the Senior Magistrate of Police at Bombay the two female Slaves from Noanuggur alluded to in your letter above

acknowledged

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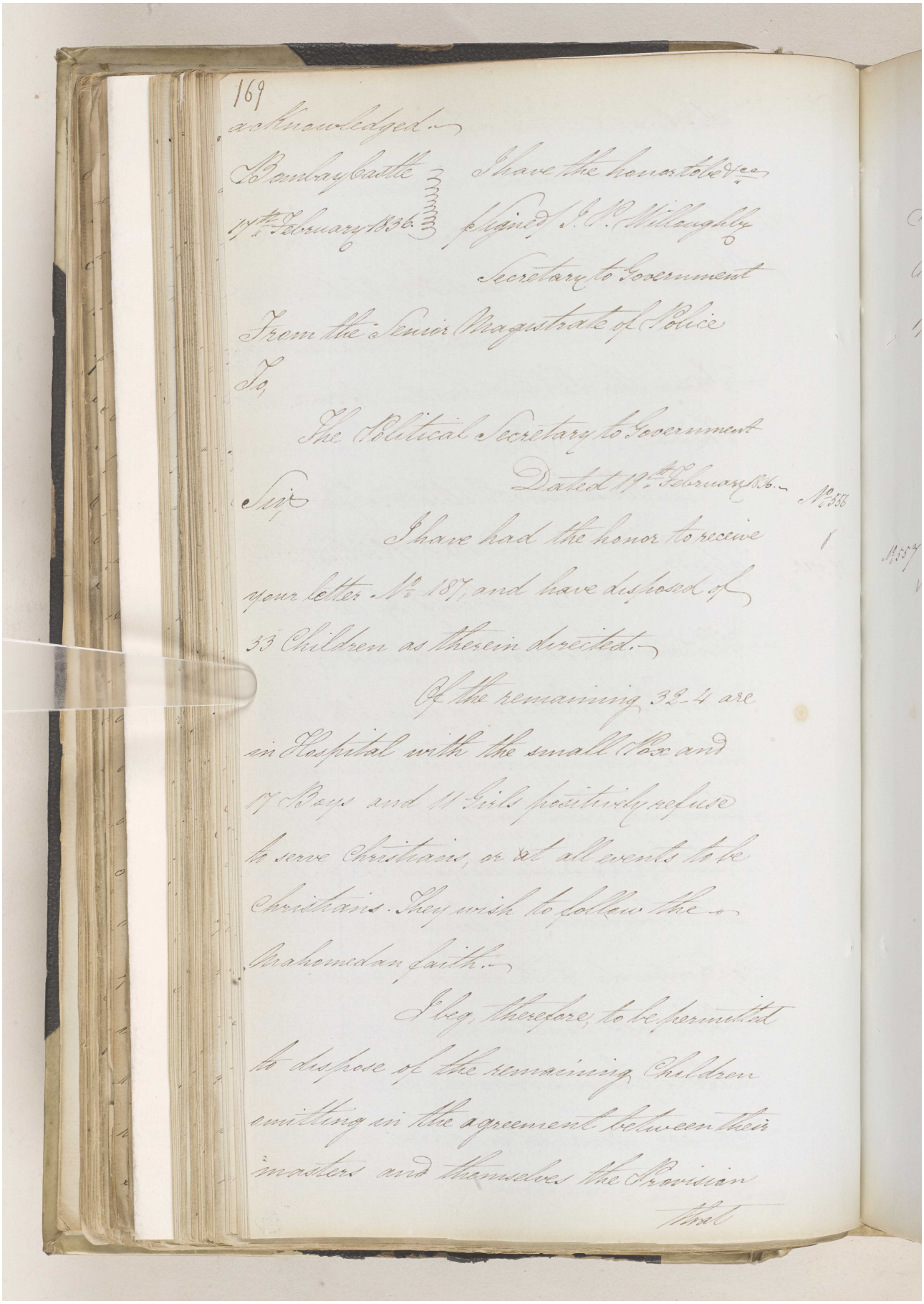

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acknowledged

Bombay Castle
17th February 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From the Senior Magistrate of Police

To

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 17th February 1836

No 338

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter No 187, and have disposed of 33 Children as therein directed.

Of the remainning 32 4 are in Hospital with the small Pox and 17 Boys and 11 Girls positively refuse to serve Christians, or at all events to be Christians. They wish to follow the Mahomedan faith.

I beg, therefore, to be permitted to dispose of the remainning Children omitting in the agreement between their masters and themselves the Provision

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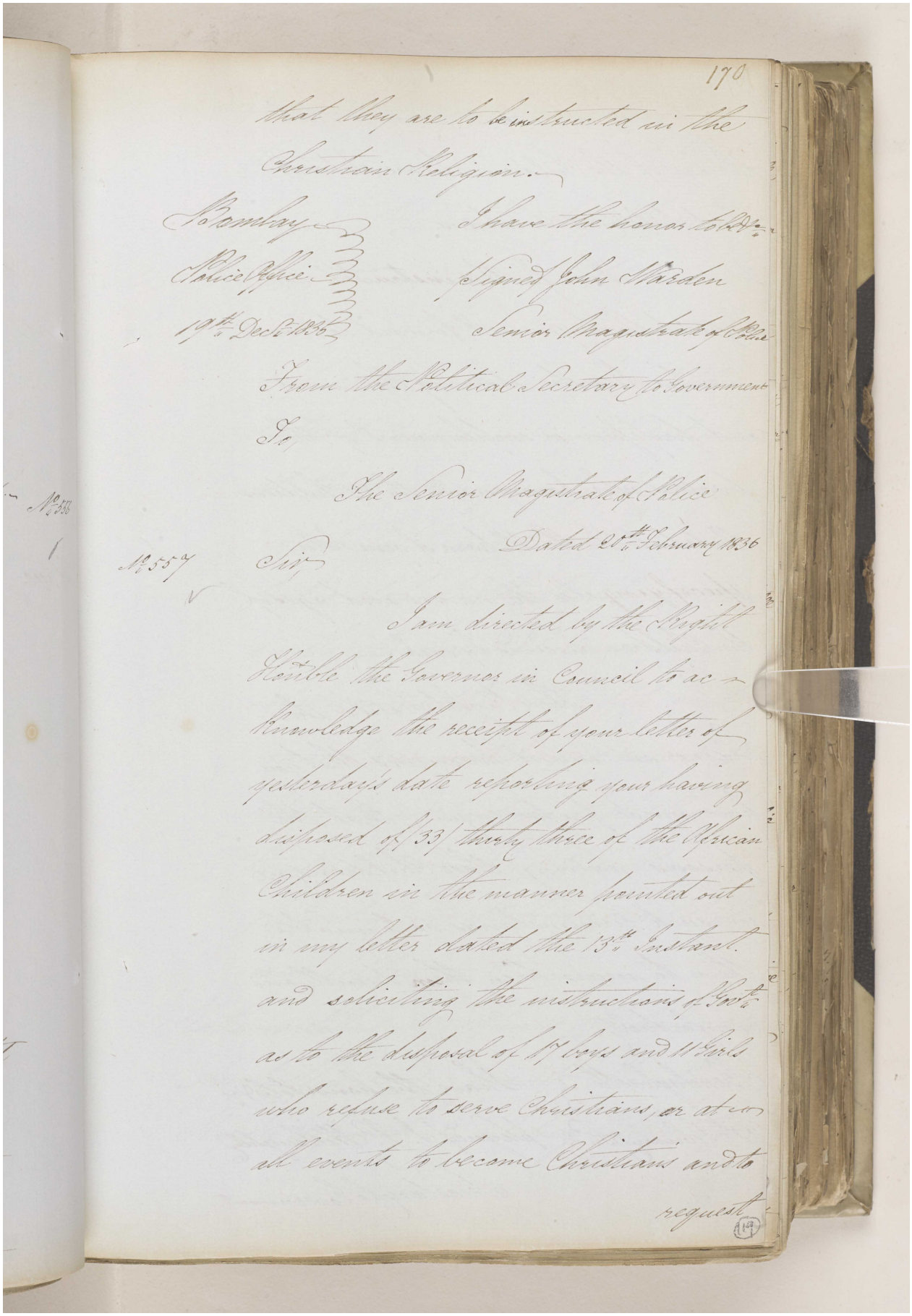

that they are to be instructed in the Christian Religion.

Bombay
Police Office
19th Decr 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

From the Political Secretary to Government
To,
The Senior Magistrate of Police
Dated 20th February 1836

No 556

No 557

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date reporting your having disposed of (33) thirty three of the African Children in the manner pointed out in my letter dated the 13th Instant. and soliciting the instructions of Govt as to the disposal of 17 boys and 11 Girls who refuse to serve Christians, or at all events to become Christians and to

request

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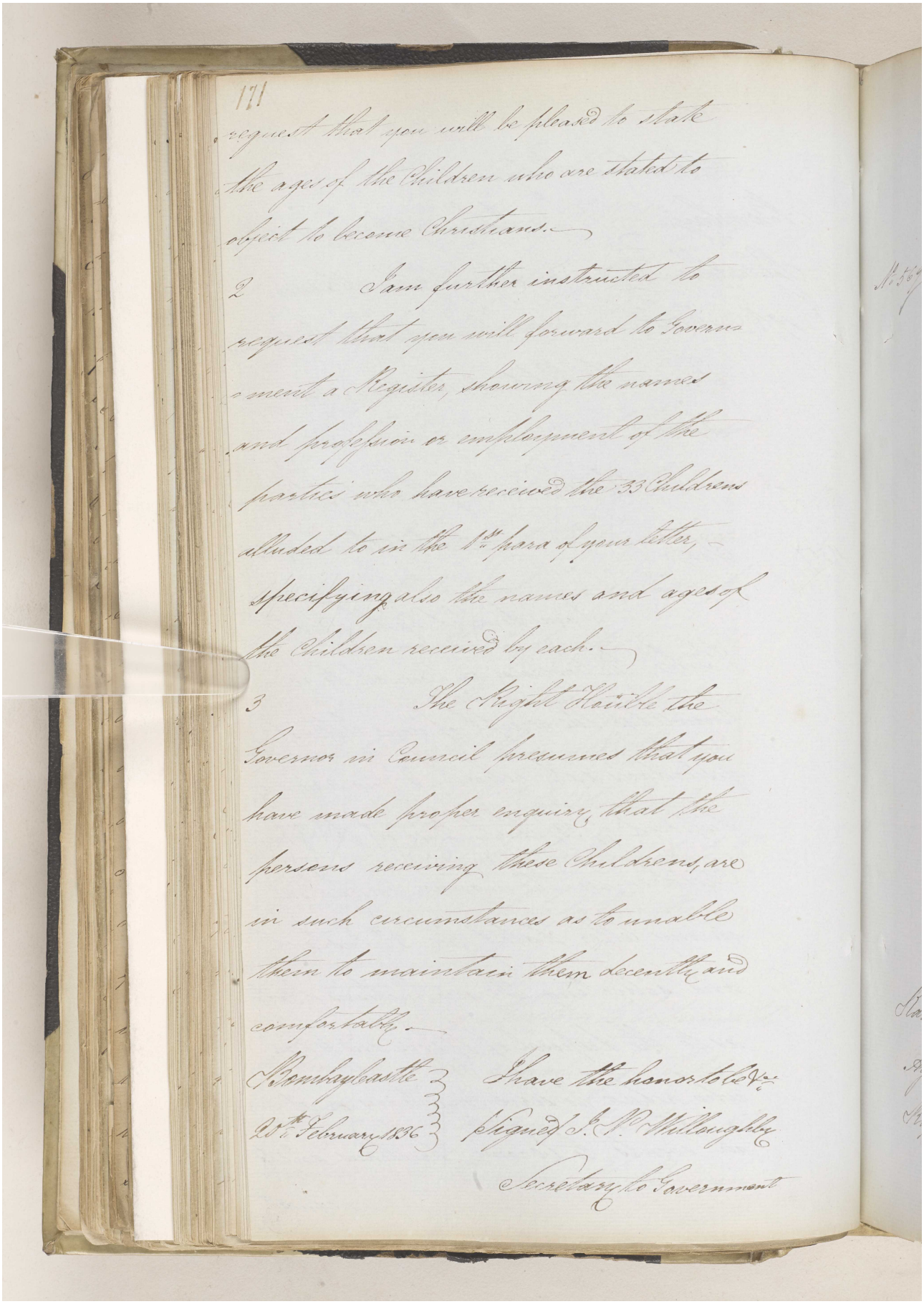

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request that you will be pleased to state the ages of the Children who are stated to object to become Christians.

2 I am further instructed to request that you will forward to Government a Register, showing the names and profession or employment of the parties who have received the 33 Childrens alluded to in the 4th para of your letter, specifying also the names and ages of the Children received by each.

3 The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council presumes that you have made proper enquiry that the persons receiving these Childrens are in such circumstances as to enable them to maintain them decently and comfortably.

Bombay Castle
20th February 1836

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

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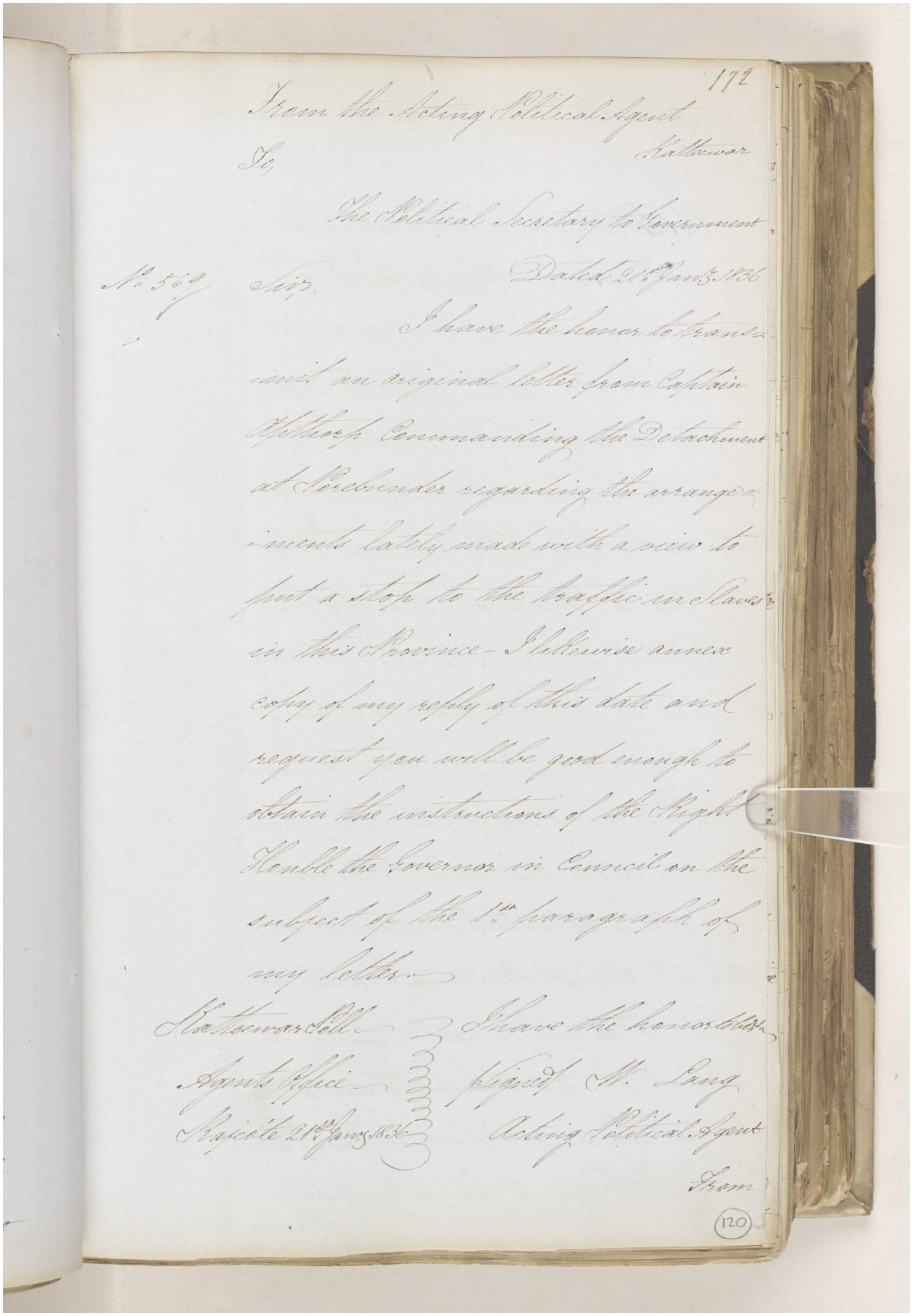

From the Acting Political Agent
Kattewar

To,

The Political Secretary to Government

No. 569 Sir, Dated 21st Jany. 1836

I have the honor to transmit an original letter from Captain Apthorp Commanding the Detachment at Porebunder regarding the arrangements lately made with a view to put a stop to the traffic in Slaves in this Province - I likewise annex copy of my reply of this date and request you will be good enough to obtain the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council on the subject of the 1st paragraph of my letter.

Kattewar Poll
Agents Office
Rajcote 21st Jany. 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. Lang
Acting Political Agent

From

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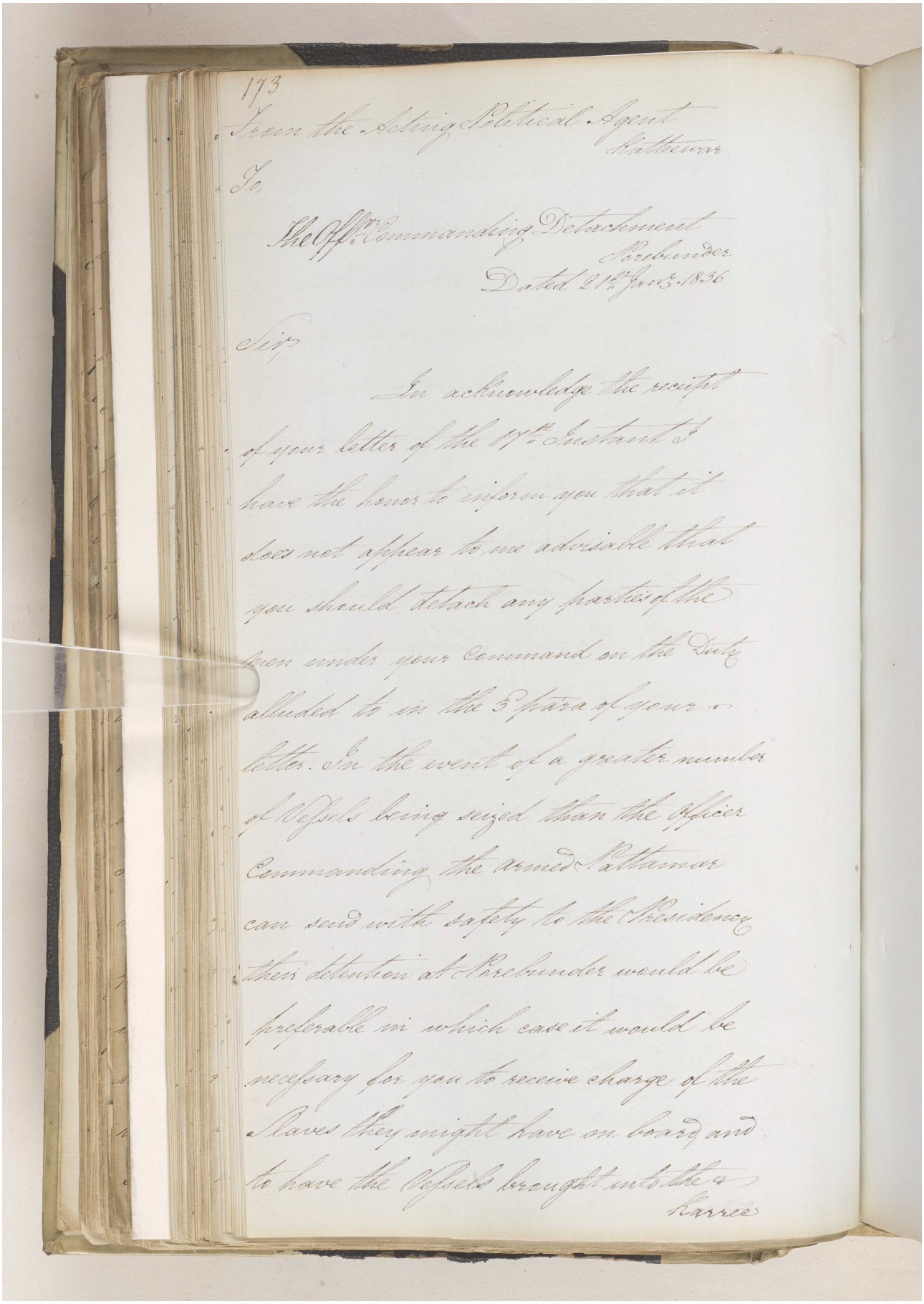

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From the Acting Political Agent
Kattiawar

To

The Officer Commanding Detachment
Porebunder

Dated 21st June 1836

Sir,

In acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant & have the honor to inform you that it does not appear to me advisable that you should detach any part of the men under your Command on the Duty alluded to in the 3 para of your letter. In the event of a greater number of Vessels being seized than the Officer Commanding the armed Pattamar can send with safety to the Residency their detention at Porebunder would be preferable in which case it would be necessary for you to receive charge of the Slaves they might have on board and to have the Vessels brought into the

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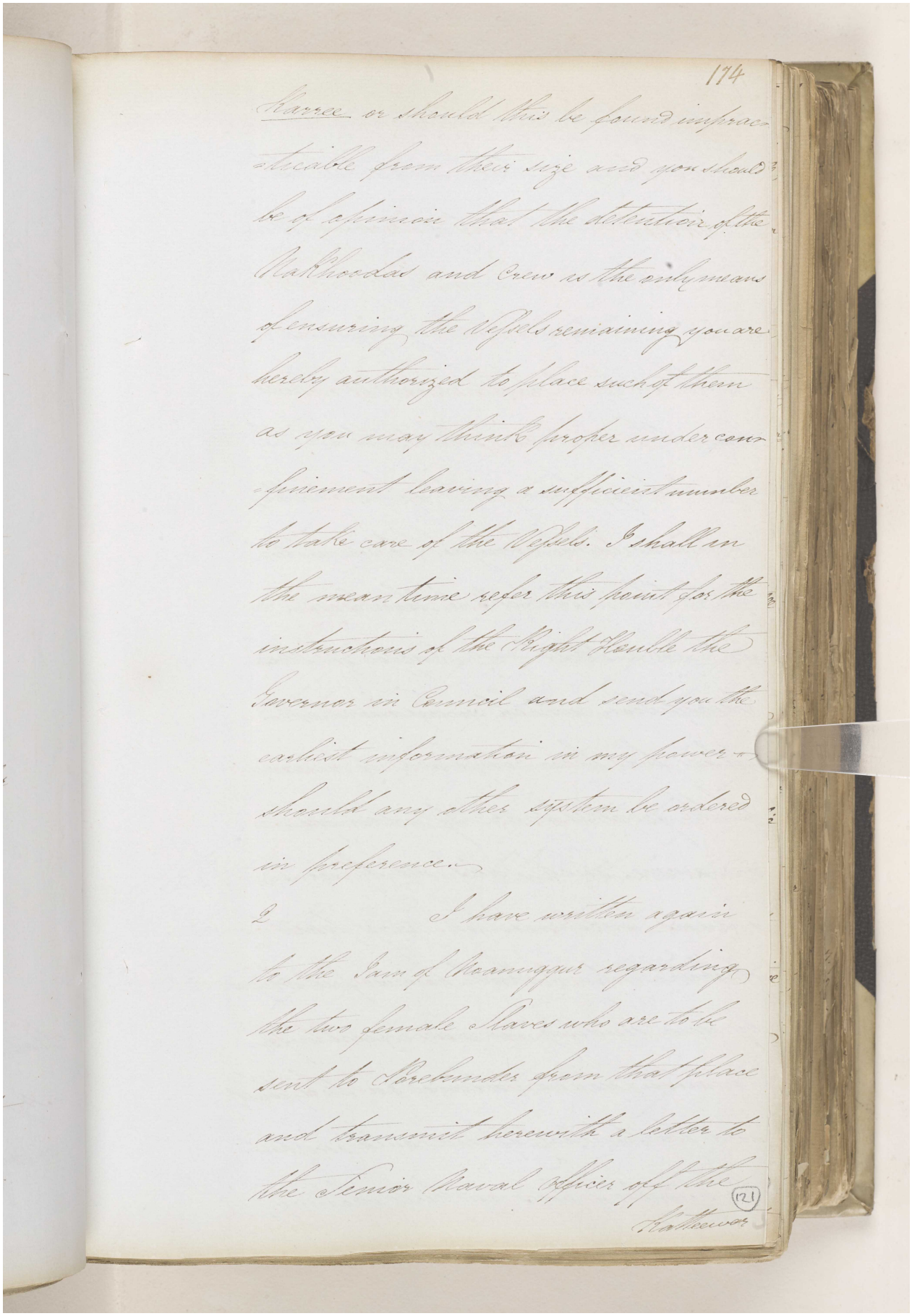

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Kharee or should this be found impracticable from their size and you should be of opinion that the detention of the Nakhodas and Crew is the only means of ensuring the Vessels remaining you are hereby authorized to place such of them as you may think proper under confinement leaving a sufficient number to take care of the Vessels. I shall in the mean time refer this point for the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council and send you the earliest information in my power should any other system be ordered in preference.

2 I have written again to the Jam of Nawanuggur regarding the two female Slaves who are to be sent to Porebunder from that place and transmit herewith a letter to the Senior Naval Officer off the Kattiewar

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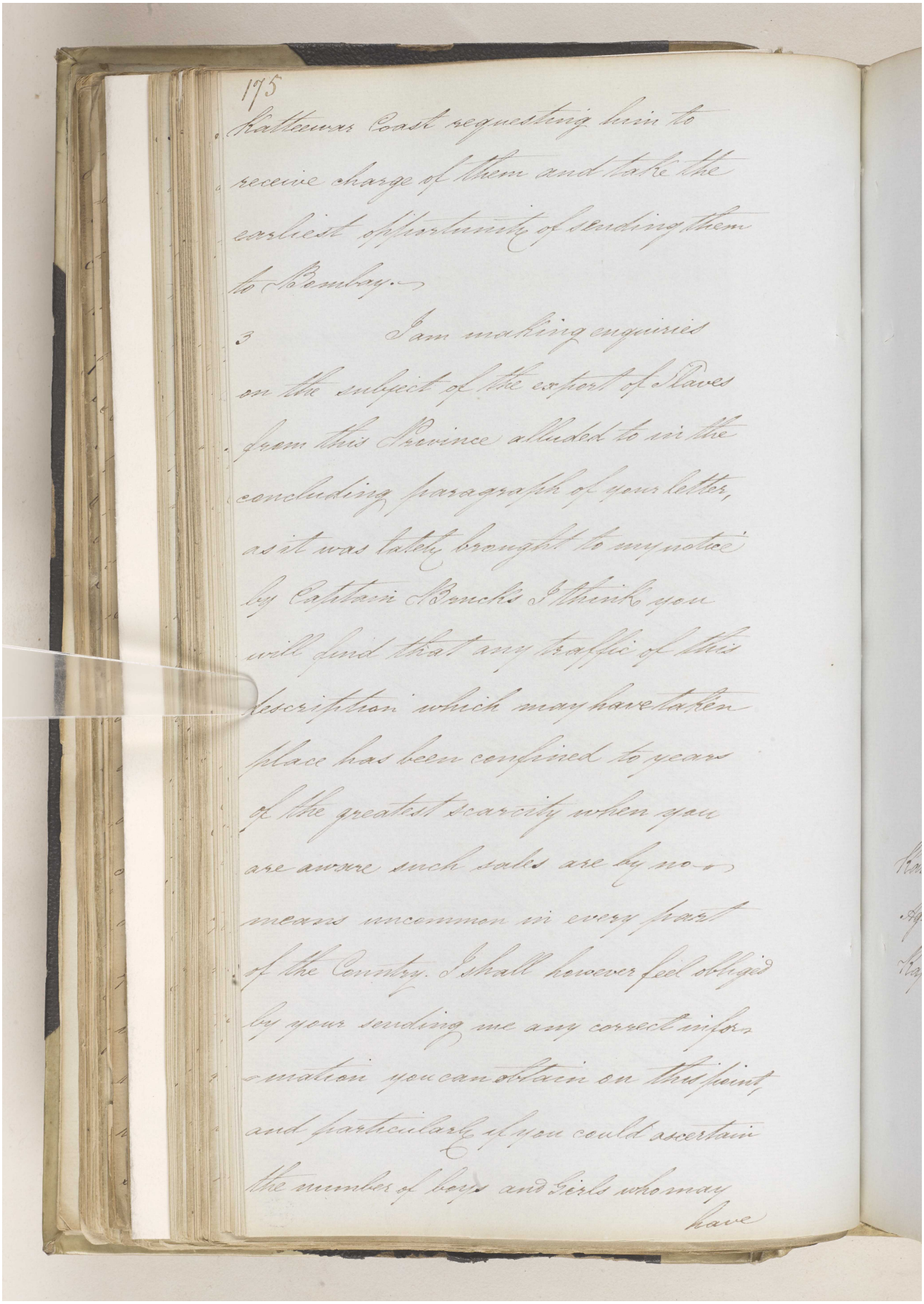

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Kattewar Coast requesting him to receive charge of them and take the earliest opportunity of sending them to Bombay.

3 I am making enquiries on the subject of the export of Slaves from this Province alluded to in the concluding paragraph of your letter, as it was lately brought to my notice by Captain Brucks I think you will find that any traffic of this description which may have taken place has been confined to years of the greatest scarcity when you are aware such sales are by no means uncommon in every part of the Country. I shall however feel obliged by your sending me any correct information you can obtain on this point and particularly if you could ascertain the number of boys and Girls who may have

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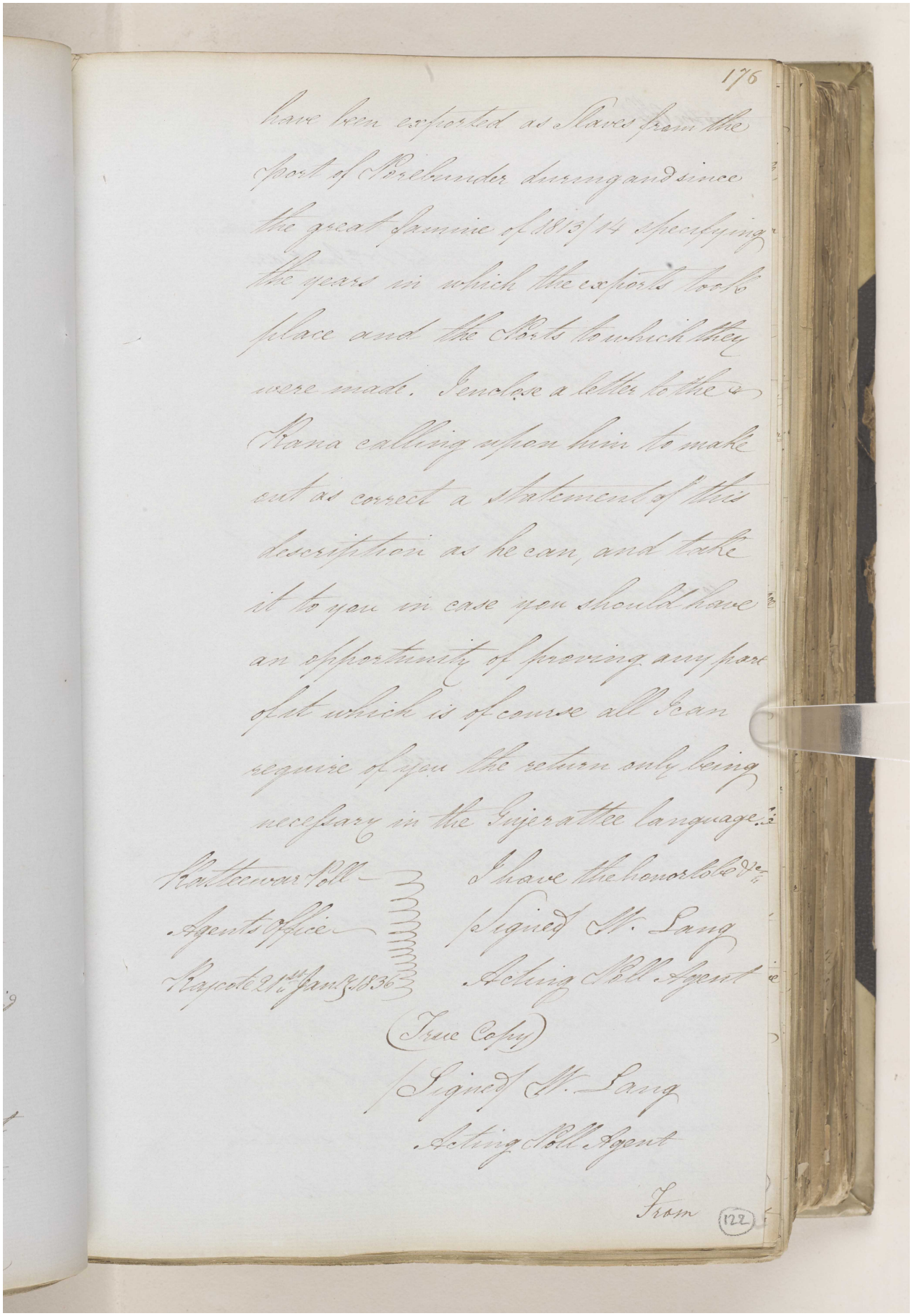

have been exported as Slaves from the port of Porebunder during and since the great famine of 1813/14 specifying the years in which the exports took place and the Ports to which they were made. I enclose a letter to the Rana calling upon him to make out as correct a statement of this description as he can, and take it to you in case you should have an opportunity of proving any part of it which is of course all I can require of you the return only being necessary in the Gujerattee language.

Katteewar Poll Agents Office
Rajcote 21st Jany 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Lang
Acting Poll Agent

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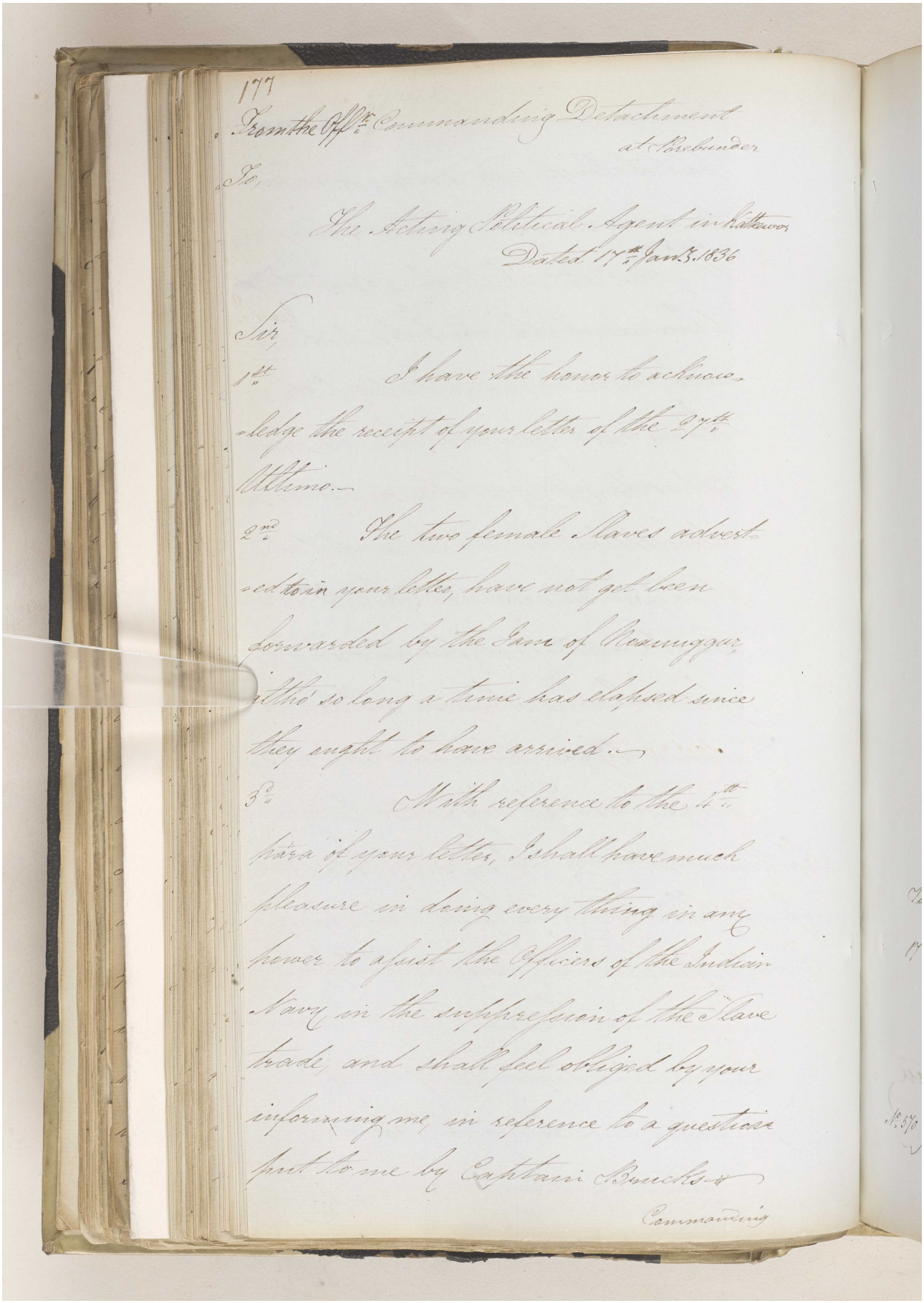

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From the Offg Commanding Detachment
at Porebunder

To,

The Acting Political Agent in Kattewar

Dated 17th Jany 1836

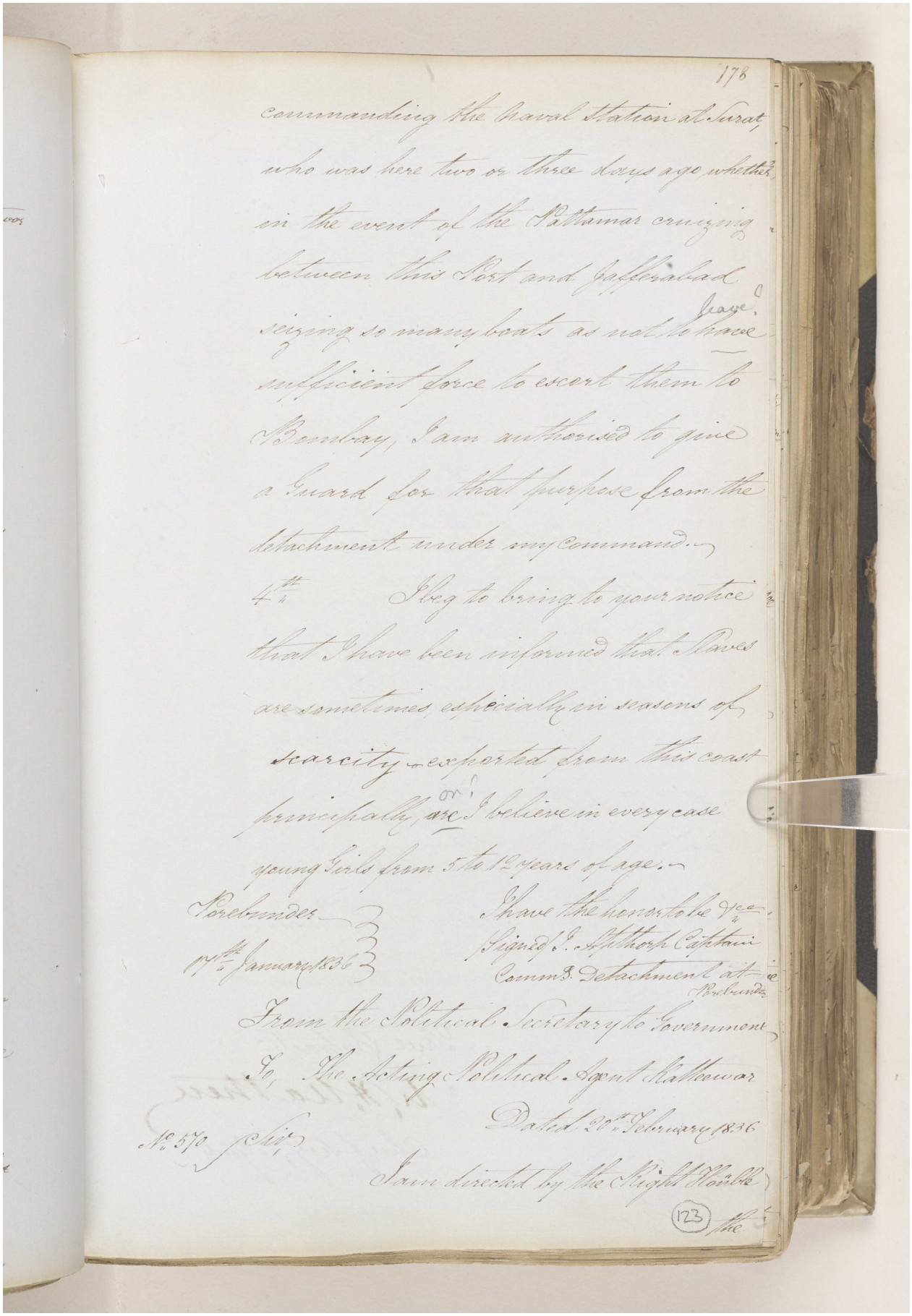
Sir,

1st I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo.

2nd The two female Slaves adverted to in your letter, have not yet been forwarded by the Jam of Nawanuggur, altho' so long a time has elapsed since they ought to have arrived.

3d With reference to the 4th para of your letter, I shall have much pleasure in doing every thing in my power to assist the Officers of the Indian Navy in the suppression of the Slave trade, and shall feel obliged by your informing me, in reference to a question put to me by Captain Brucks

Commanding



commanding the Naval Station at Surat, who was here two or three days ago, whether in the event of the Pattamar cruizing between this Port and Jafferabad seizing so many boats as not to have sufficient force to escort them to Bombay, I am authorised to give a Guard for that purpose from the detachment under my command.

4th I beg to bring to your notice that I have been informed that Slaves are sometimes, especially in seasons of scarcity, exported from this coast principally, or are I believe in every case young Girls from 5 to 12 years of age.

Porebunder
17th January 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. Apthorp Captain
Comm.g Detachment at Porebunder

From the Political Secretary to Government
To, The Acting Political Agent Kattewar

Dated 20th February 1836

No. 570 Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble

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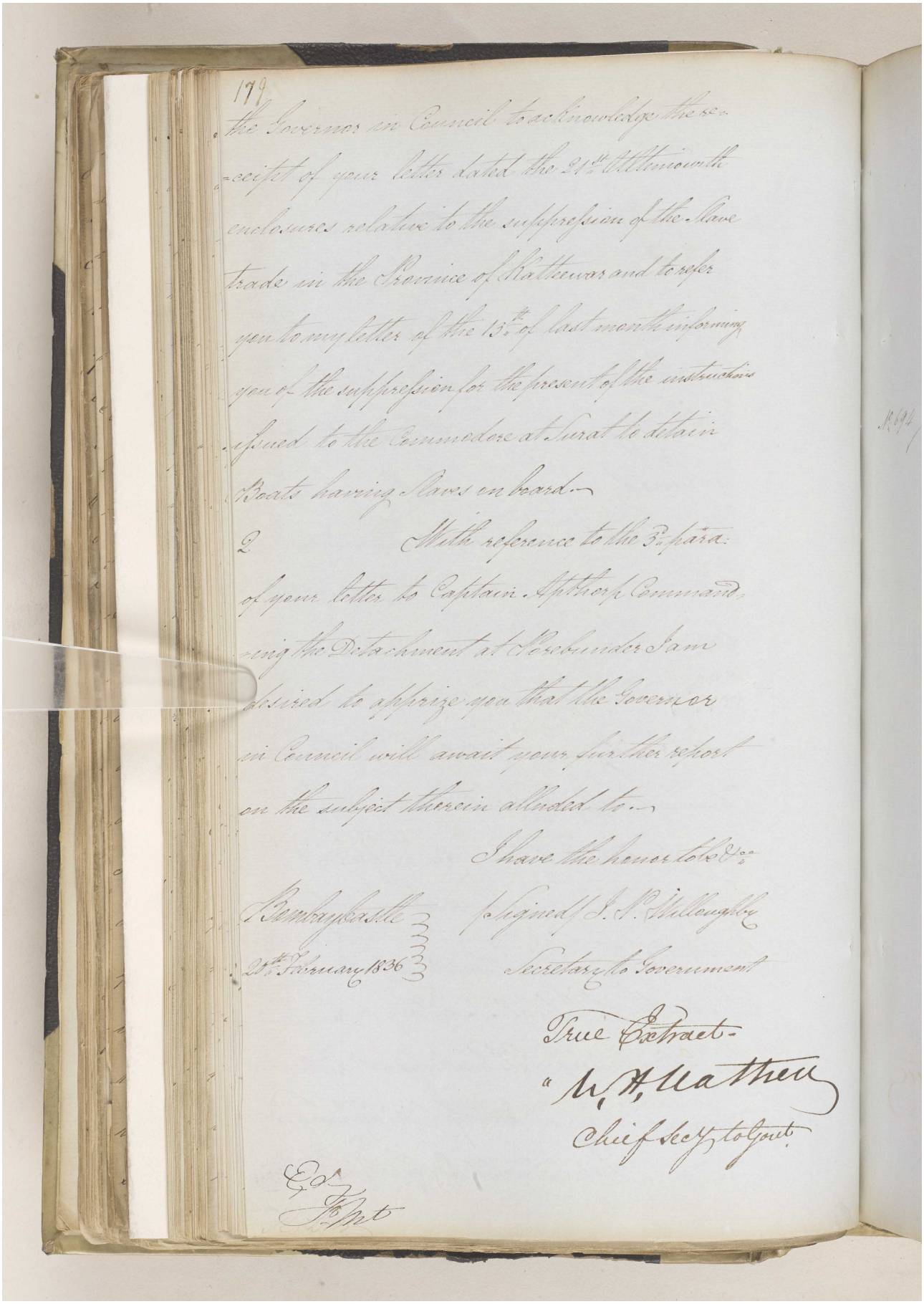

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the Governor in Council to acknowledge the re-
-ceipt of your letter dated the 21st Ultimo with
enclosures relative to the suppression of the Slave
trade in the Province of Katteewar and to refer
you to my letter of the 13th of last month informing
you of the suppression for the present of the instructions
issued to the Commodore at Surat to detain
Boats having Slaves on board.

2 With reference to the 3d para:
of your letter to Captain Apthorp Command-
-ing the Detachment at Porebunder I am
desired to apprize you that the Governor
in Council will await your further report
on the subject therein alluded to.

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
20th February 1836

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

True Extract.
W. H. Mathew
Chief Secy to Govt.

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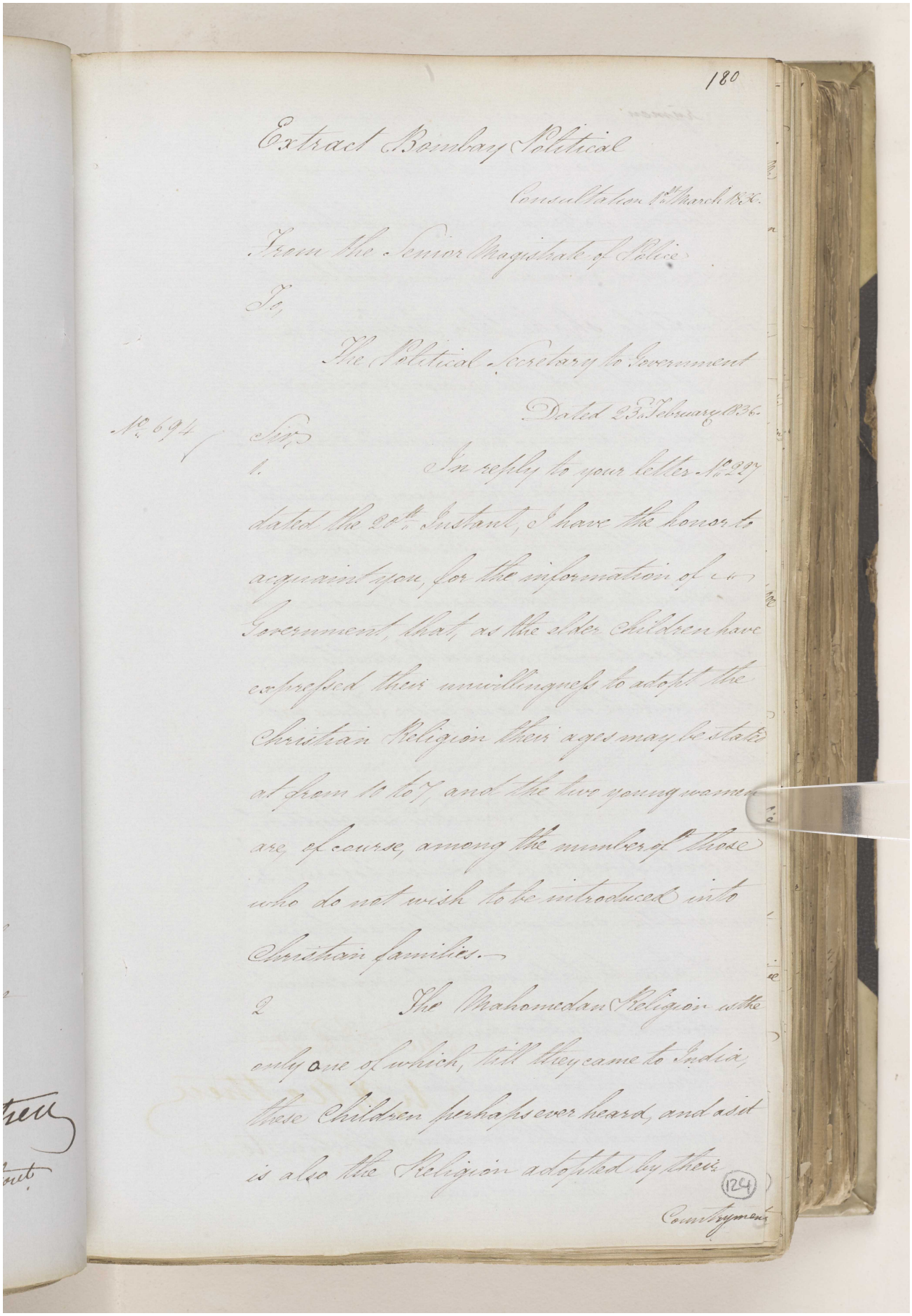

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 8th March 1836.

From the Senior Magistrate of Police

To,

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 23d February 1836.

No. 694

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter No. 227 dated the 20th Instant, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that as the elder Children have expressed their unwillingness to adopt the Christian Religion their ages may be stated at from 10 to 17, and the two young women are, of course, among the number of those who do not wish to be introduced into Christian families.

2 The Mahomedan Religion is the only one of which, till they came to India, these Children perhaps ever heard, and said is also the Religion adopted by their (124) Countrymen

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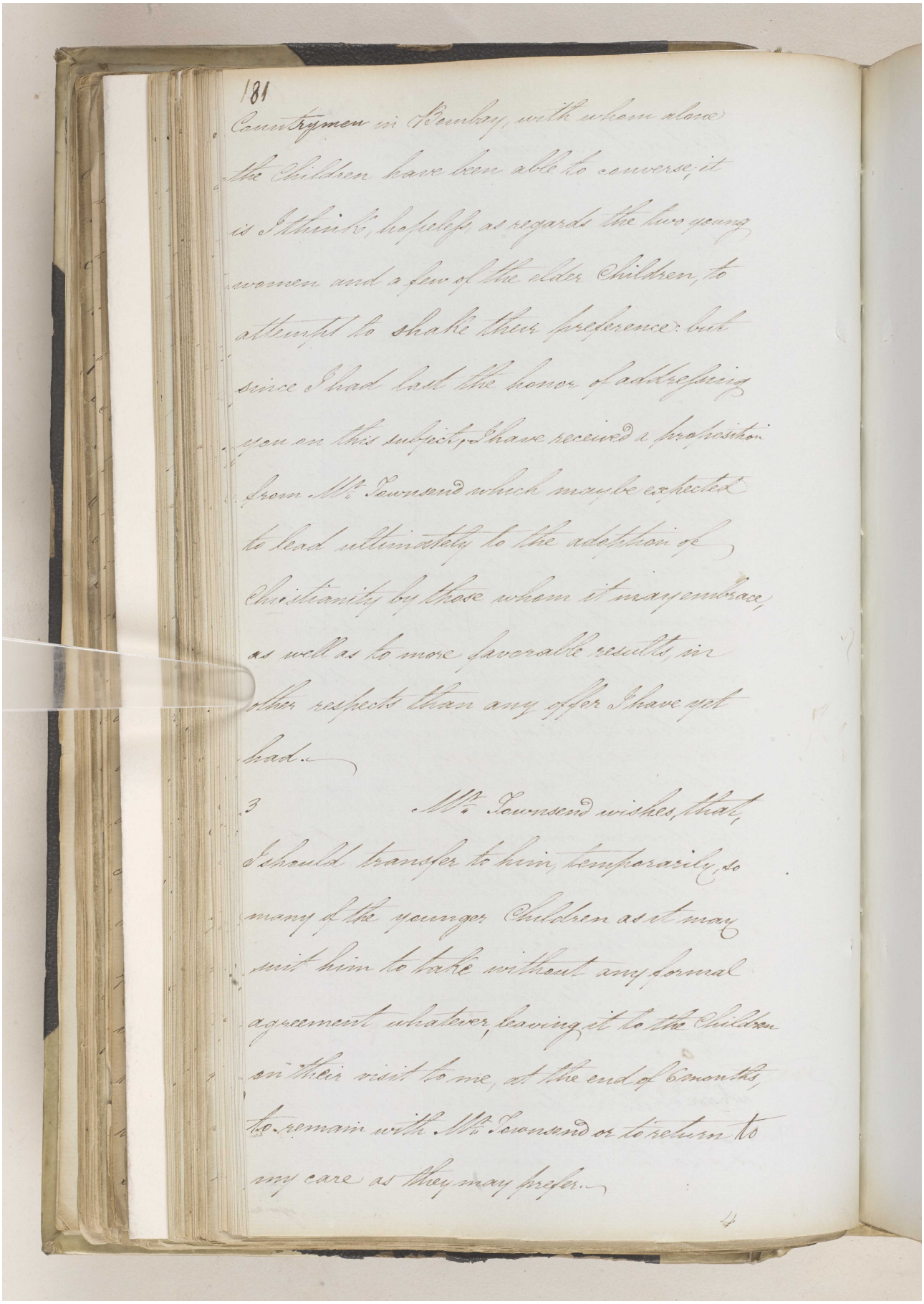

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Countrymen in Bombay, with whom alone the Children have been able to converse, it is I think, hopeless as regards the two young women and a few of the elder Children, to attempt to shake their preference: but since I had last the honor of addressing you on this subject, I have received a proposition from Mr. Townsend which may be expected to lead ultimately to the adoption of Christianity by those whom it may embrace, as well as to more favorable results, in other respects than any offer I have yet had.

3 Mr. Townsend wishes, that I should transfer to him, temporarily, so many of the younger Children as it may suit him to take without any formal agreement whatever, leaving it to the Children on their visit to me, at the end of 6 months, to remain with Mr. Townsend or to return to my care as they may prefer.

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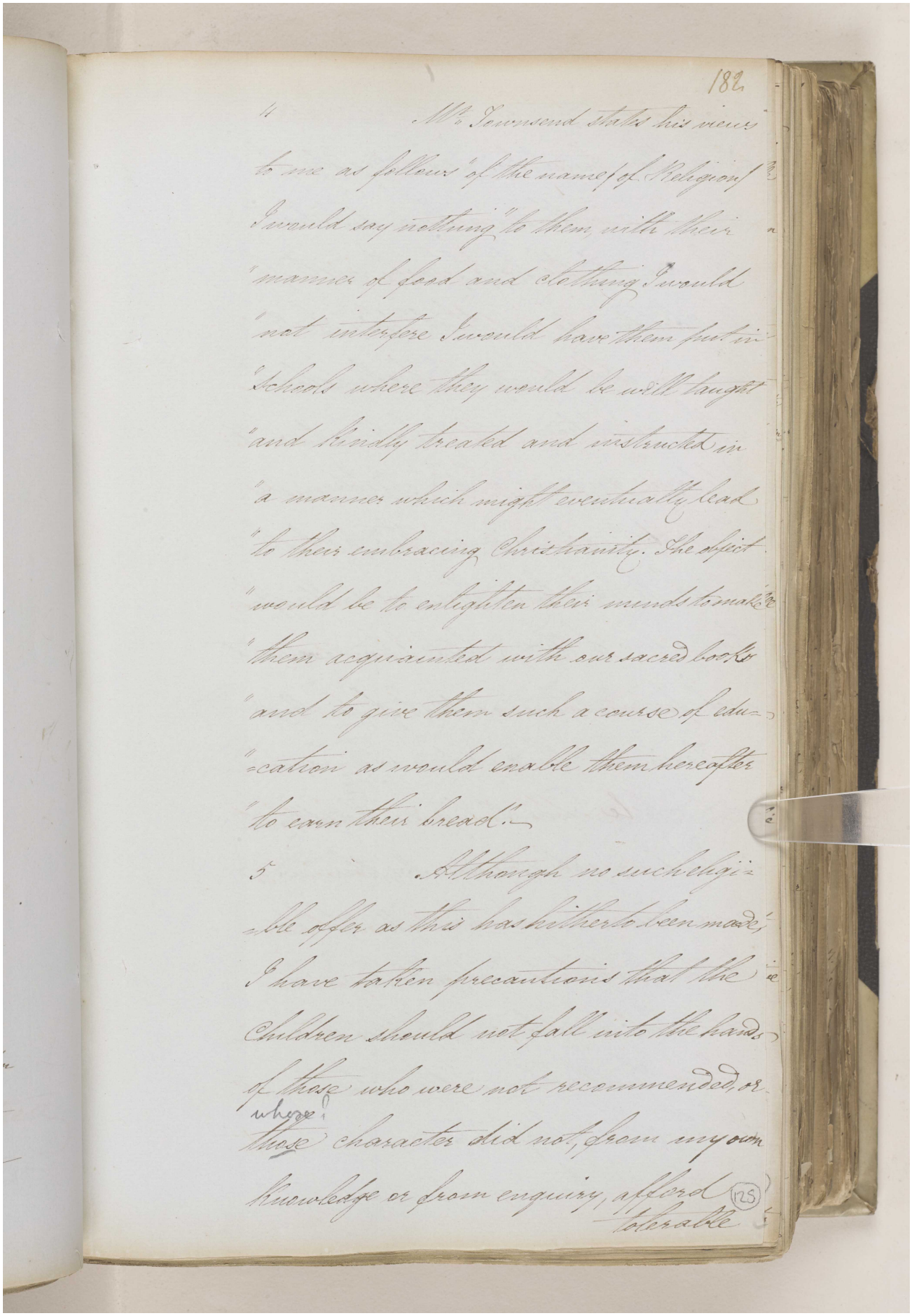

4 Mr. Townsend states his views to me as follows "of the name (of Religion) I would say nothing" to them, with their "manner of food and clothing I would "not interfere I would have them put in "schools where they would be well taught "and kindly treated and instructed in "a manner which might eventually lead "to their embracing Christianity. The object "would be to enlighten their minds to make "them acquainted with our sacred books "and to give them such a course of edu-"-cation as would enable them hereafter "to earn their bread."

5 Although no such eligi-ble offer as this has hitherto been made, I have taken precautions that the Children should not fall into the hands of those who were not recommended, or whose? those character did not, from my own knowledge or from enquiry, afford tolerable

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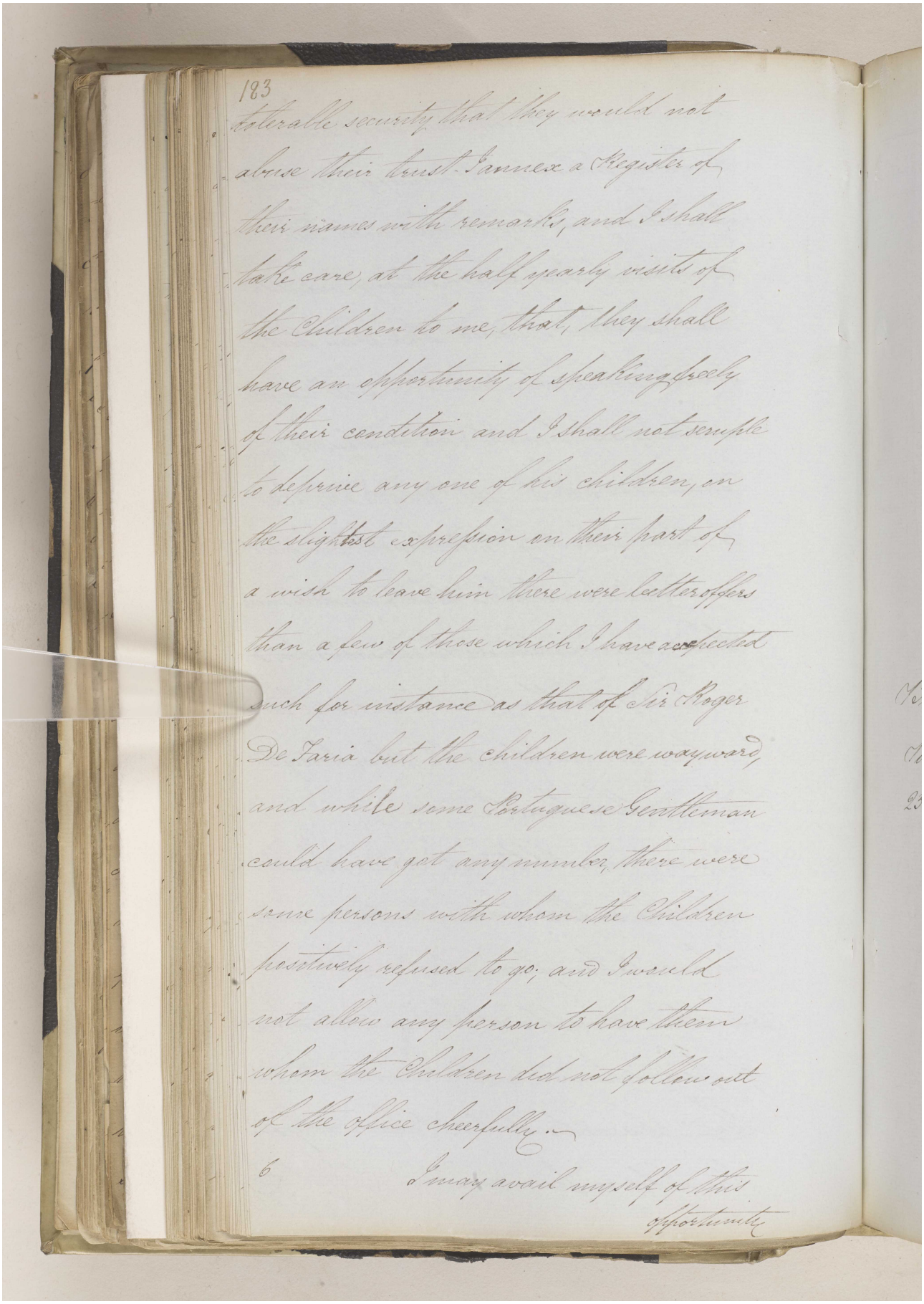

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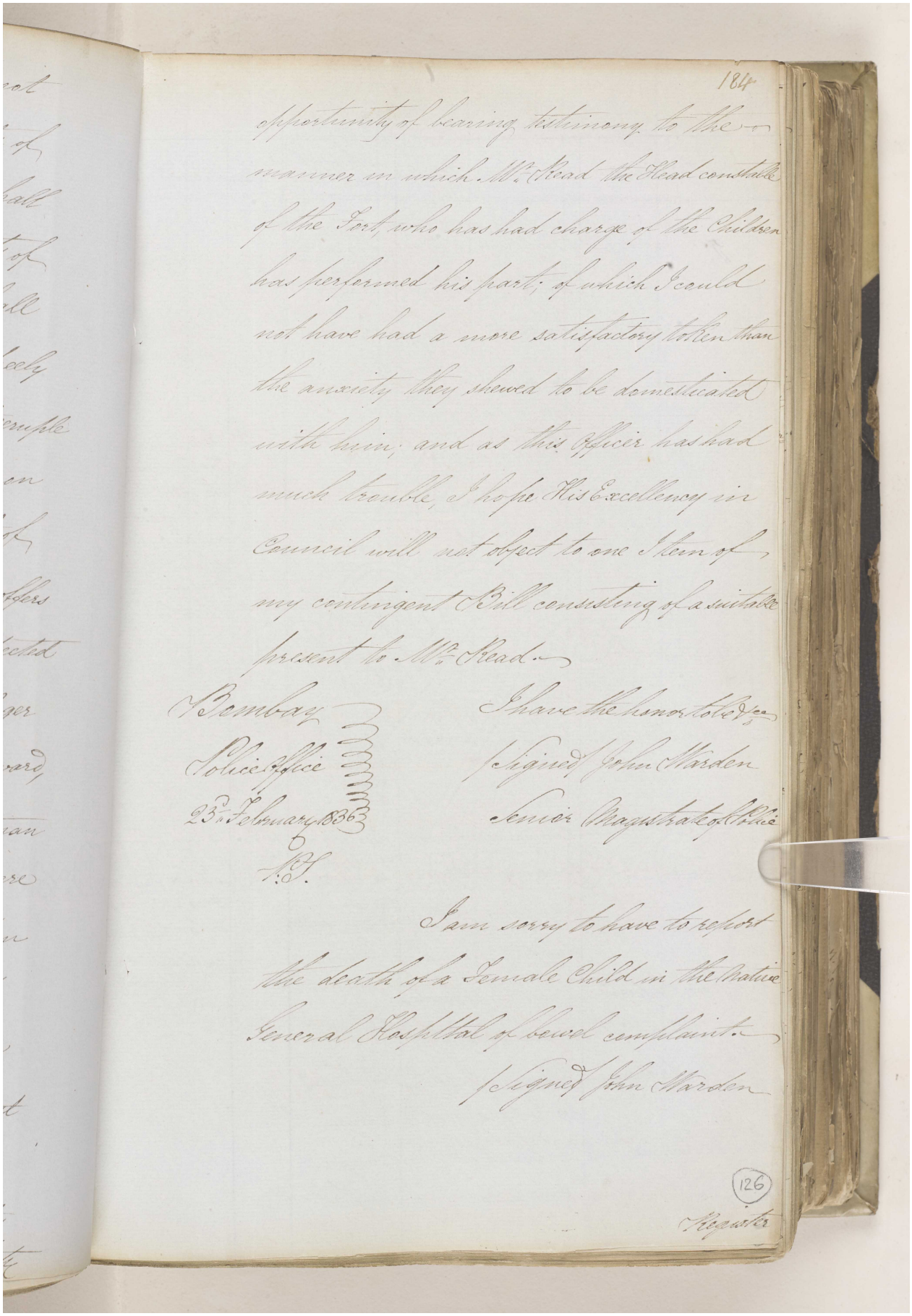
tolerable security that they would not
abuse their trust. I annex a Register of
their names with remarks, and I shall
take care, at the half yearly visits of
the Children to me, that they shall
have an opportunity of speaking freely
of their condition and I shall not scruple
to deprive any one of his children, on
the slightest expression on their part of
a wish to leave him there were better offers
than a few of those which I have accepted
such for instance as that of Sir Roger
De Faria but the children were wayward
and while some Portuguese Gentleman
could have got any number, there were
some persons with whom the Children
positively refused to go, and I would
not allow any person to have them
whom the Children did not follow out
of the office cheerfully.—

6 I may avail myself of this
opportunity



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opportunity of bearing testimony to the manner in which Mr. Read the Head constable of the Fort who has had charge of the Children has performed his part, of which I could not have had a more satisfactory token than the anxiety they showed to be domesticated with him; and as this Officer has had much trouble, I hope His Excellency in Council will not object to one Sloop of my contingent Bill consisting of a suitable present to Mr. Read.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) John Marsden
Senior Magistrate of Police

Bombay
Police Office
23rd February 1836
J.M.

I am sorry to have to report the death of a Female Child in the Native General Hospital of bowel complaint.

(signed) John Marsden

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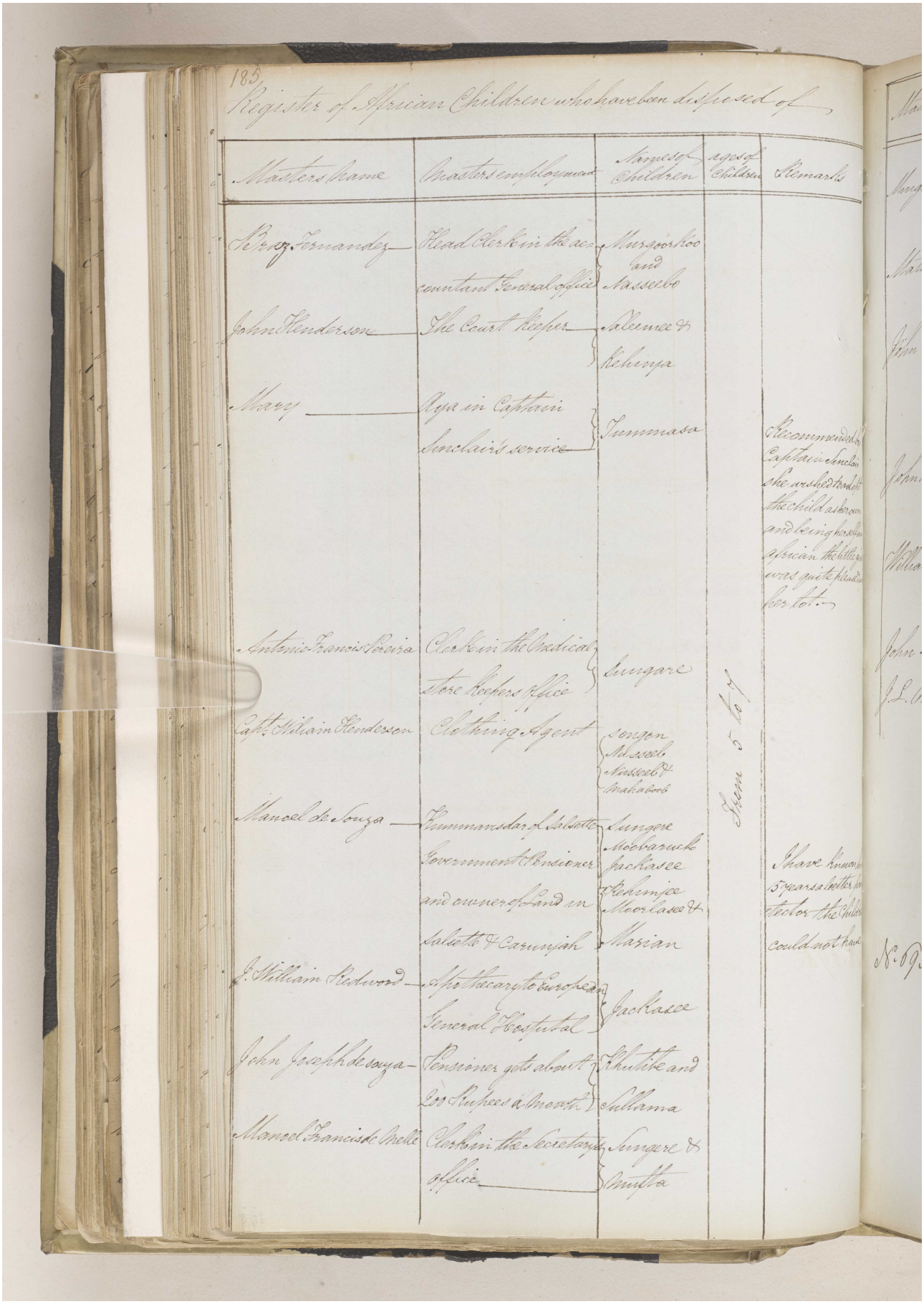

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Register of African Children who have been disposed of

Masters Name	Masters employment	Names of Children	ages of Children	Remarks
Braz Fernandez	Head Clerk in the accountant General office	Murgoorkoo and Nasseebo		
John Henderson	The Court Keeper	Saleemee & Kehinya		
Mary	Aya in Captain Sinclair's service	Tummasa		Recommended by Captain Sinclair she wished to adopt the child as her own and being herself an African the little girl was quite pleased with her lot.
Antonio Francis Pereira	Clerk in the Medical store Keepers office	Sungare	From 5 to 7	
Capt. William Henderson	Clothing Agent	Songon Nusseeb Nusseeb & Mahaboob		
Manoel de Souza	Kummansdar of Salsette Government Pensioner and owner of Land in Salsette & Carunjah	Sungere Moobaruck Jackasee Rehimjee Moorlasee & Marian		I have known her 15 years a better protector the Children could not have
J. William Redwood	Apothecary to European General Hospital	Jackasee		
John Joseph de Souza	Pensioner gets about 200 Rupees a Month	Khutibe and Sullama		
Manoel Francis de Melle	Clerk in the Secretary's office	Sungere & Mutta		

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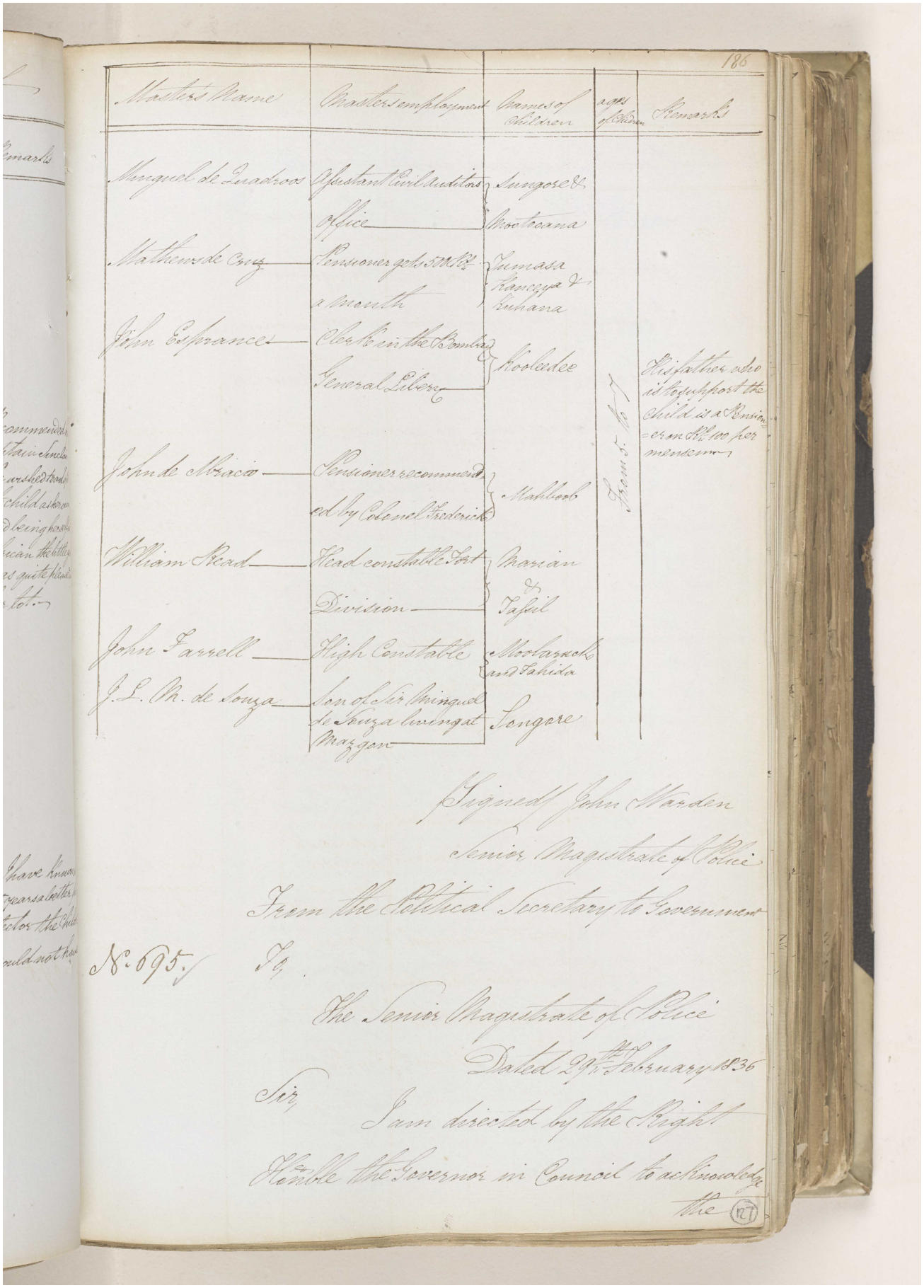

Master's Name	Master's employment	Names of Children	ages of Children	Remarks
Miguel de Quadroos	Assistant Civil Auditors Office	Sungore & Mootooana		
Mathews de Cruz	Pensioner gets 500 Rs a month	Tumasa Kanceya & Kuhana		
John Esprance	Clerk in the Bombay General Liberty	Kooleedee		His father who is to support the child is a Pensioner on Rs 100 per mensem
John de Abracio	Pensioner recommended by Colonel Frederick	Mahboob	From 5 to 7	
William Read	Head constable Fort Division	Marian & Tassil		
John Farrell	High Constable	Moolarack and Fahida		
J. L. M. de Souza	Son of Sir Miguel de Souza living at Mazgon	Songore		

(Signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

From the Political Secretary to Government

No. 695. To,

The Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 29th February 1836

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the

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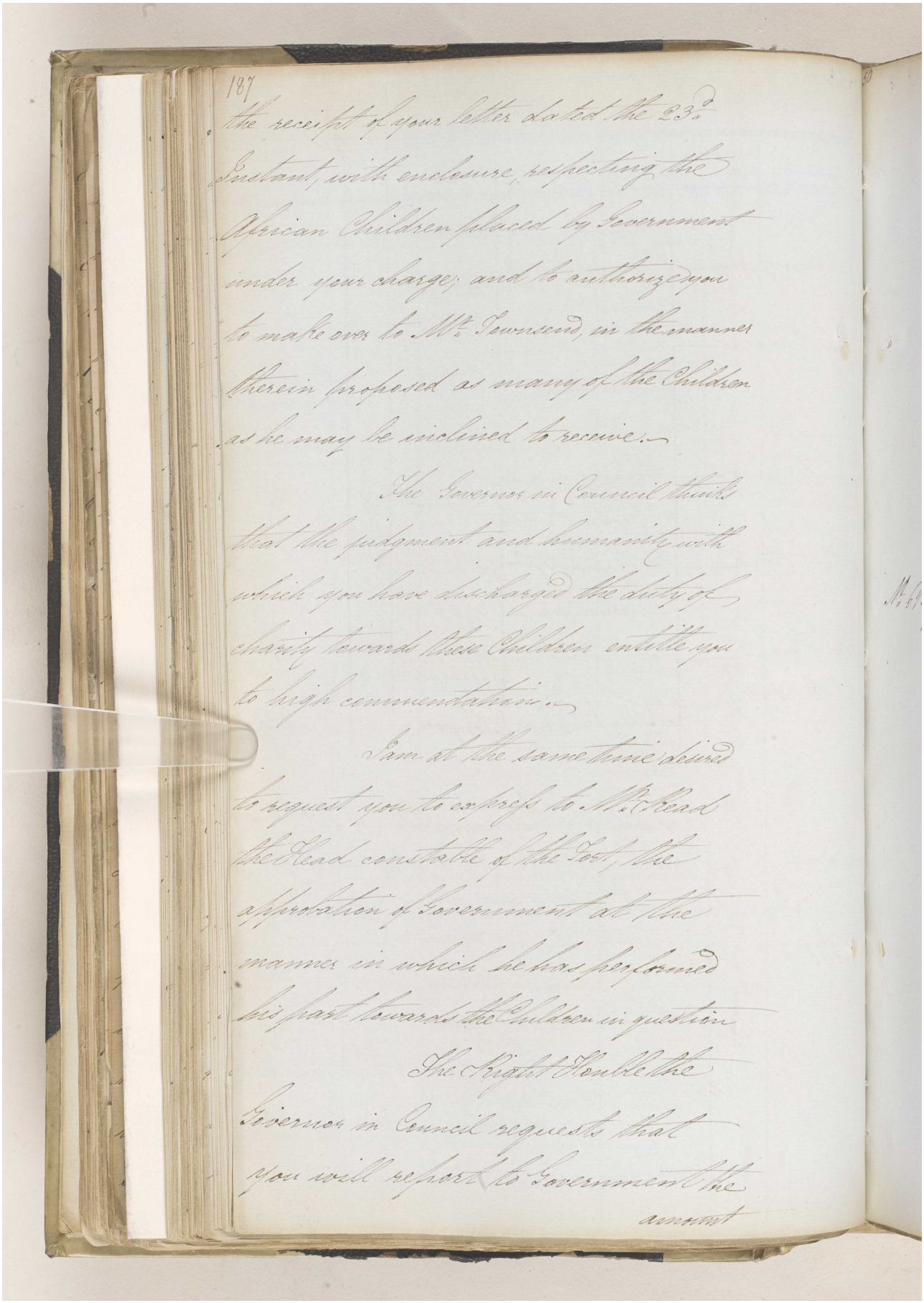

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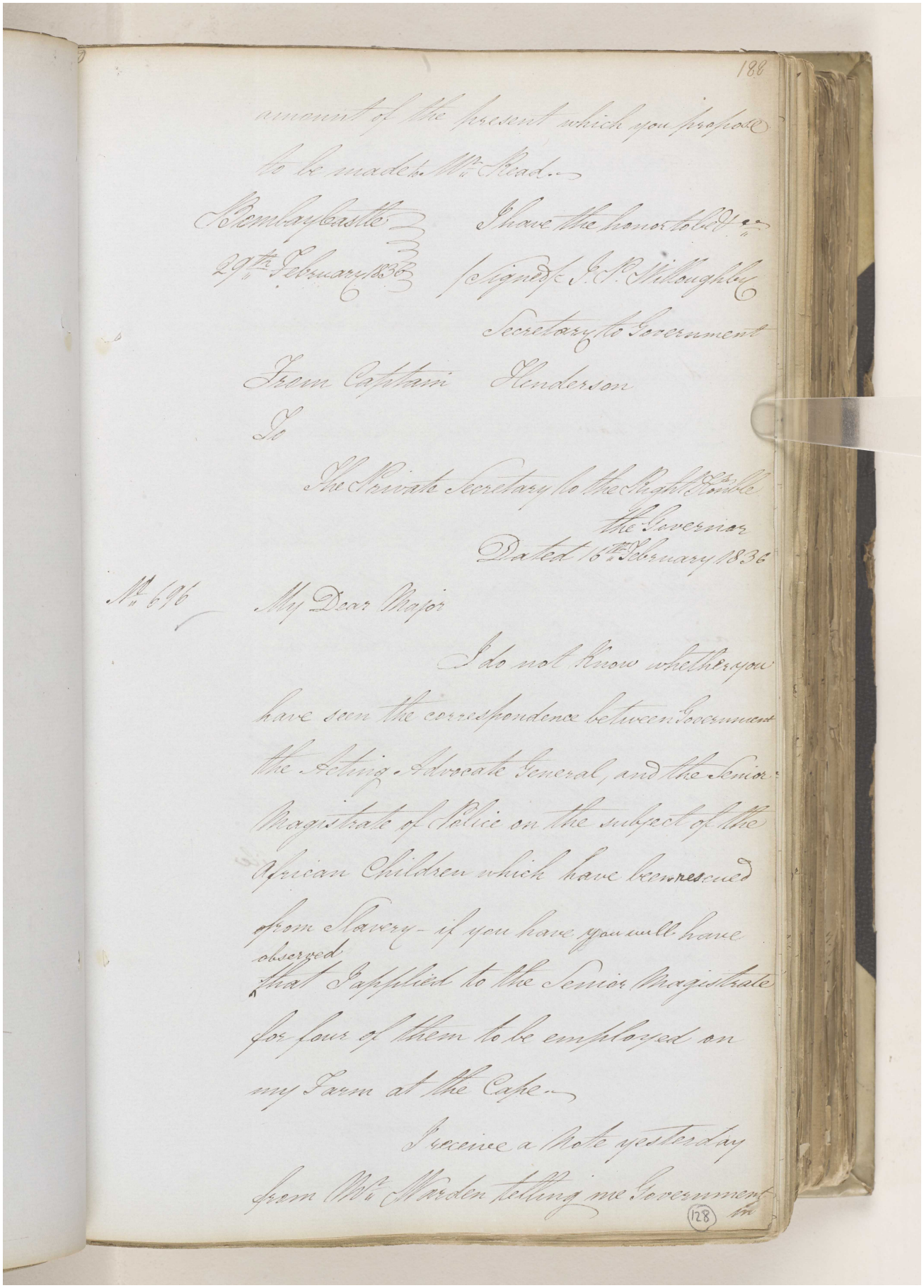
the receipt of your letter dated the 23d
Instant, with enclosure, respecting the
African Children placed by Government
under your charge, and to authorize you
to make over to Mr. Townsend, in the manner
therein proposed as many of the Children
as he may be inclined to receive.

The Governor in Council thinks
that the judgment and humanity with
which you have discharged the duty of
charity towards these Children entitle you
to high commendation.

I am at the same time desired
to request you to express to Mr. Read
the Head constable of the Post, the
approbation of Government at the
manner in which he has performed
his part towards the Children in question

The Right Honble the
Governor in Council requests that
you will report to Government the
amount



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amount of the present which you propose
to be made to Mr Read.

Bombay Castle
29th February 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From Captain Henderson
To
The Private Secretary to the Right Honble
the Governor
Dated 16th February 1836

No 696

My Dear Major

I do not know whether you
have seen the correspondence between Government
the Acting Advocate General and the Senior
Magistrate of Police on the subject of the
African Children which have been rescued
from Slavery - if you have you will have
observed
that I applied to the Senior Magistrate
for four of them to be employed on
my Farm at the Cape -

I receive a note yesterday
from Mr Marsden telling me Government

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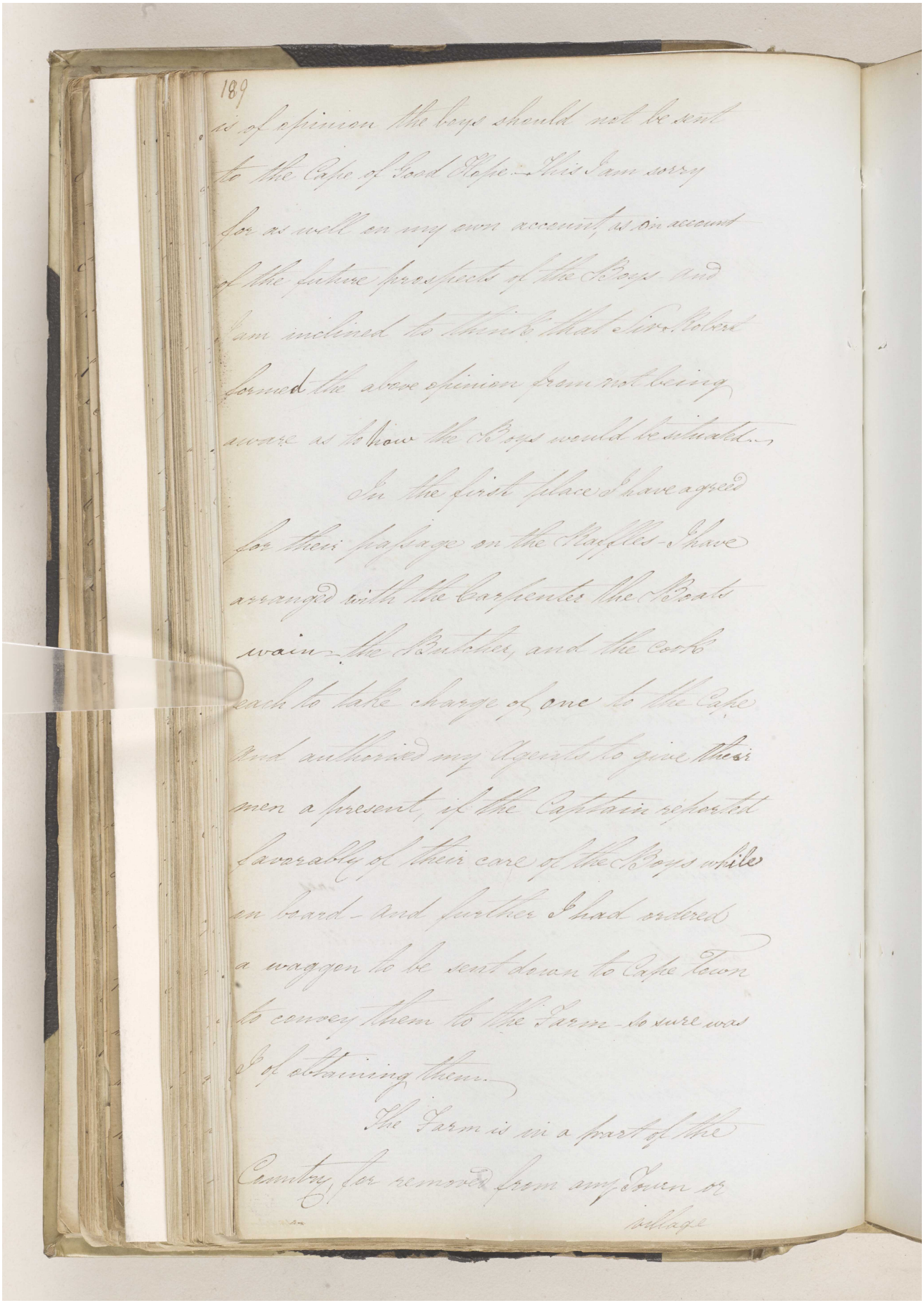

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is of opinion the boys should not be sent to the Cape of Good Hope – This I am sorry for as well on my own account, as on account of the future prospects of the Boys and I am inclined to think that Lieut. Colvert formed the above opinion from not being aware as to how the Boys would be situated –

In the first place I have agreed for their passage on the Mauritius – I have arranged with the Carpenter the Boats swain – the Butcher, and the Cook each to take charge of one to the Cape and authorized my Agents to give their men a present, if the Captain reported favorably of their care of the Boys while on board – and further I had ordered a waggon to be sent down to Cape Town to convey them to the Farm – to insure me of obtaining them –

The Farm is in a part of the Country far removed from any town or village

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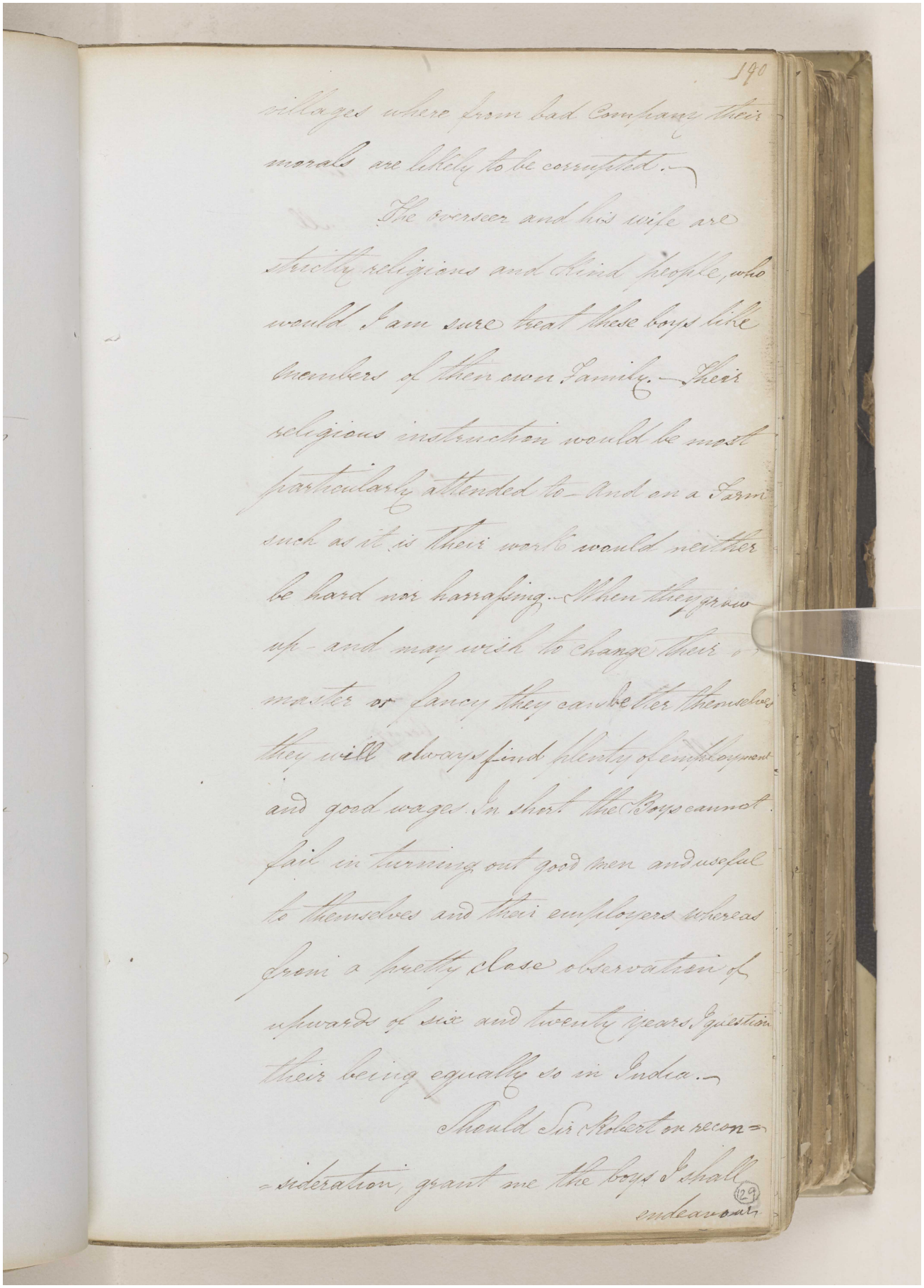

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villages where from bad Company their morals are likely to be corrupted.—

The overseer and his wife are strictly religious and kind people, who would I am sure treat these boys like members of their own family.— Their religious instruction would be most particularly attended to— And on a Farm such as it is their work would neither be hard nor harrassing.— When they grow up— and may wish to change their masters or fancy they can better themselves they will always find plenty of employment and good wages. In short the Boys cannot fail in turning out good men and useful to themselves and their employers whereas from a strictly close observation of upwards of six and twenty years I question their being equally so in India.—

Should Sir Robert on reconsideration, grant me the boys I shall endeavour

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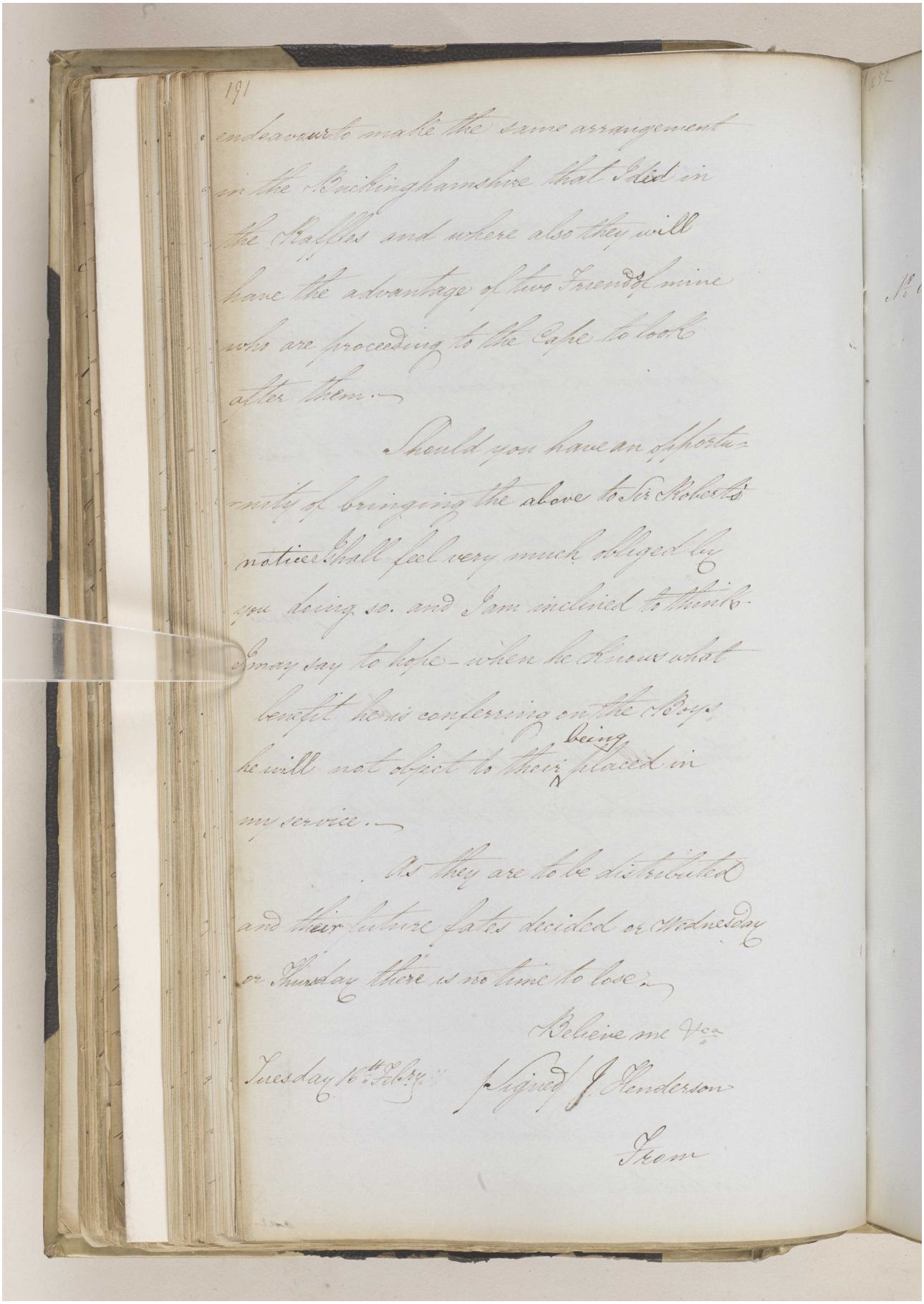

endeavour to make the same arrangement in the Buckinghamshire that I did in the Raffles and where also they will have the advantage of two Friends of mine who are proceeding to the Cape to look after them.—

Should you have an opportunity of bringing the above to Sir Roberts notice I shall feel very much obliged by you doing so. and I am inclined to think I may say to hope - when he knows what benefit he is conferring on the Boys he will not object to their being placed in my service.—

As they are to be distributed and their future fates decided on Wednesday or Thursday there is no time to lose.—

Believe me &ca

Tuesday 16th Feby. (Signed) J. Henderson

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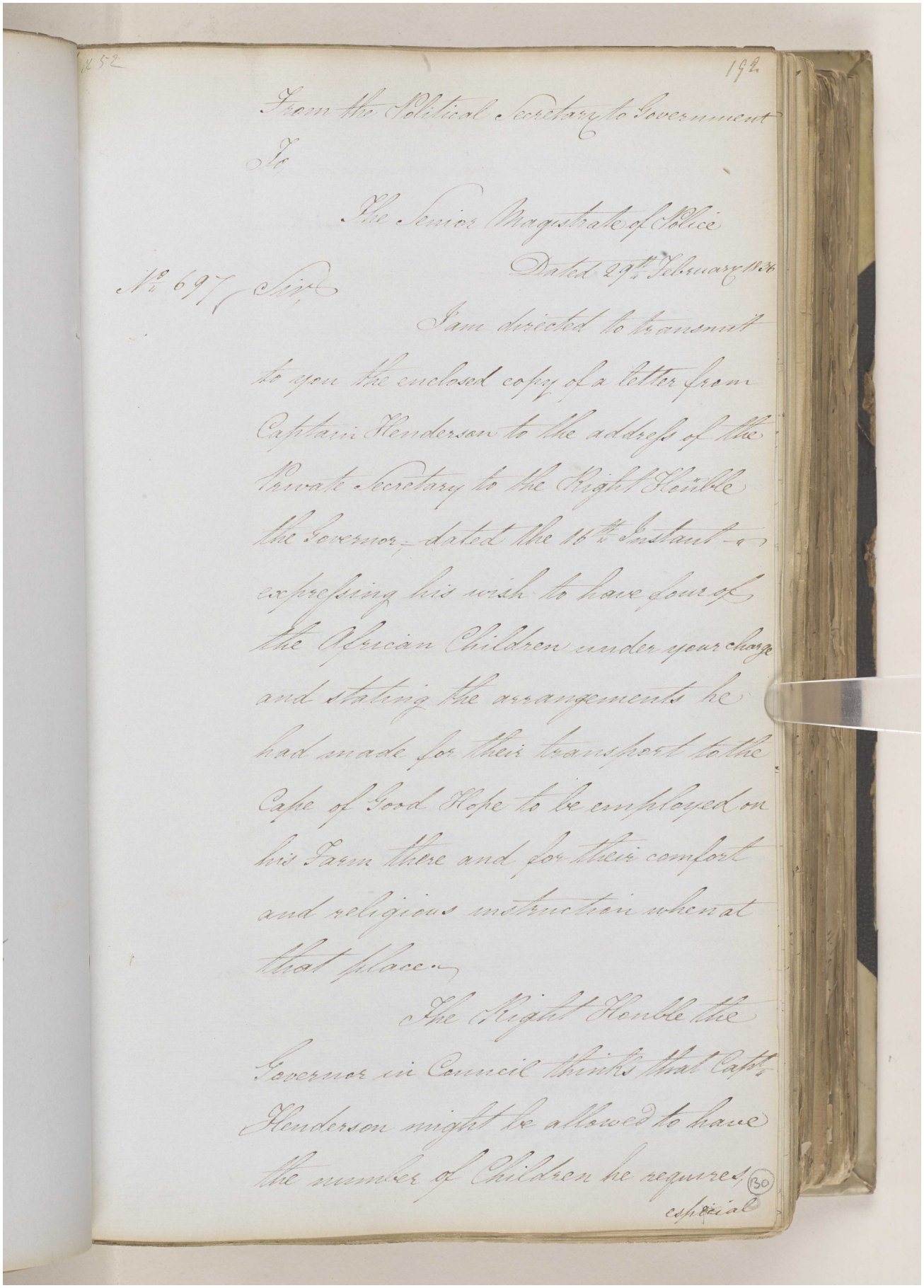

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From the Political Secretary to Government

To

The Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 29th February 1836

No 697 Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter from Captain Henderson to the address of the Private Secretary to the Right Honble the Governor, dated the 16th Instant, expressing his wish to have some of the African Children under your charge and stating the arrangements he had made for their transport to the Cape of Good Hope to be employed on his Farm there and for their comfort and religious instruction when at that place.

The Right Honble the Governor in Council thinks that Capt. Henderson might be allowed to have the number of Children he requires,

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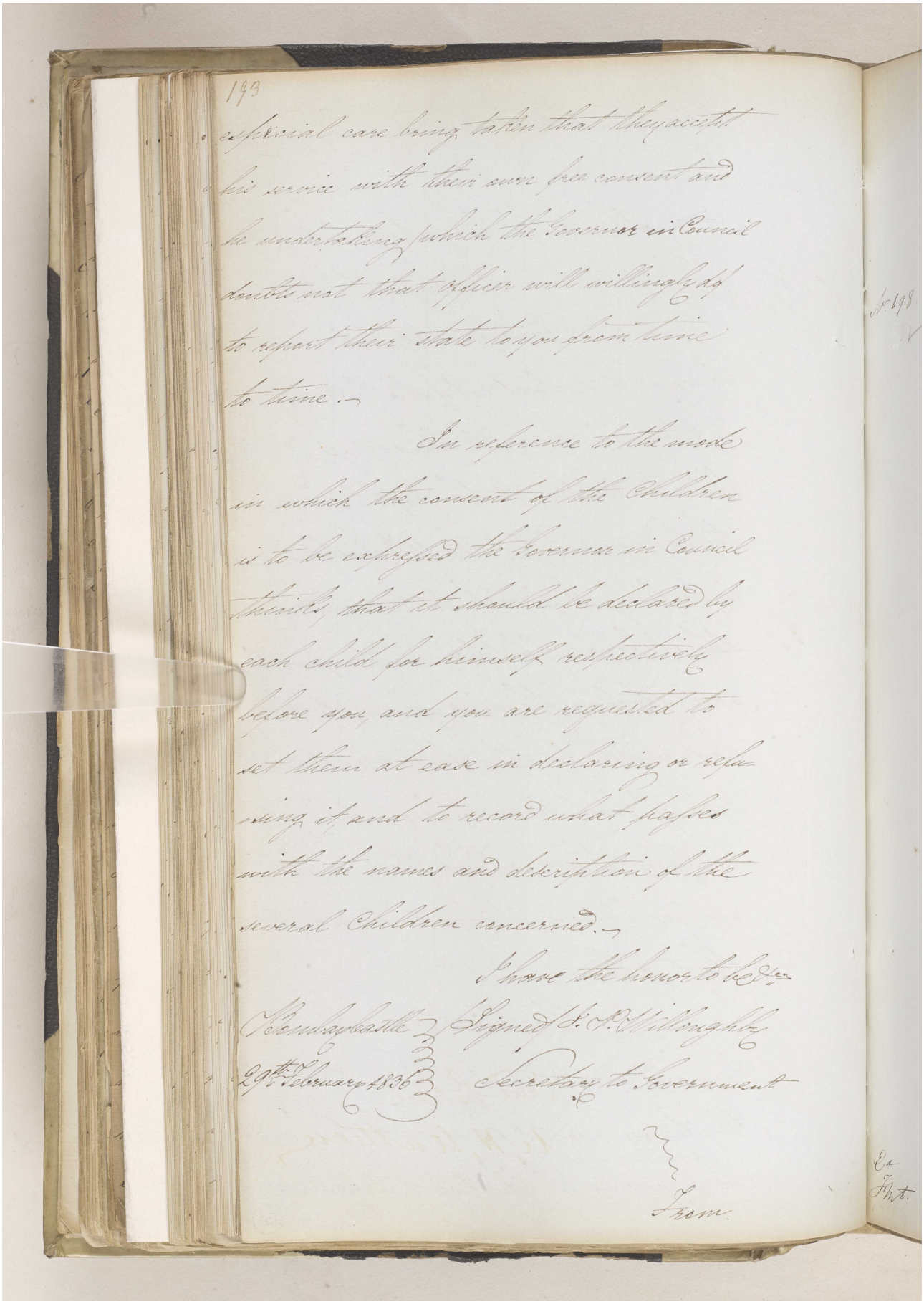

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especial care bring taken that they accept his service with their own free consent and he undertaking (which the Governor in Council doubts not that officer will willingly do) to report their state to you from time to time.—

In reference to the mode in which the consent of the Children is to be expressed the Governor in Council thinks, that it should be declared by each child for himself respectively before you, and you are requested to set them at ease in declaring or refusing it, and to record what passes with the names and description of the several Children concerned.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
29th February 1836

Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From

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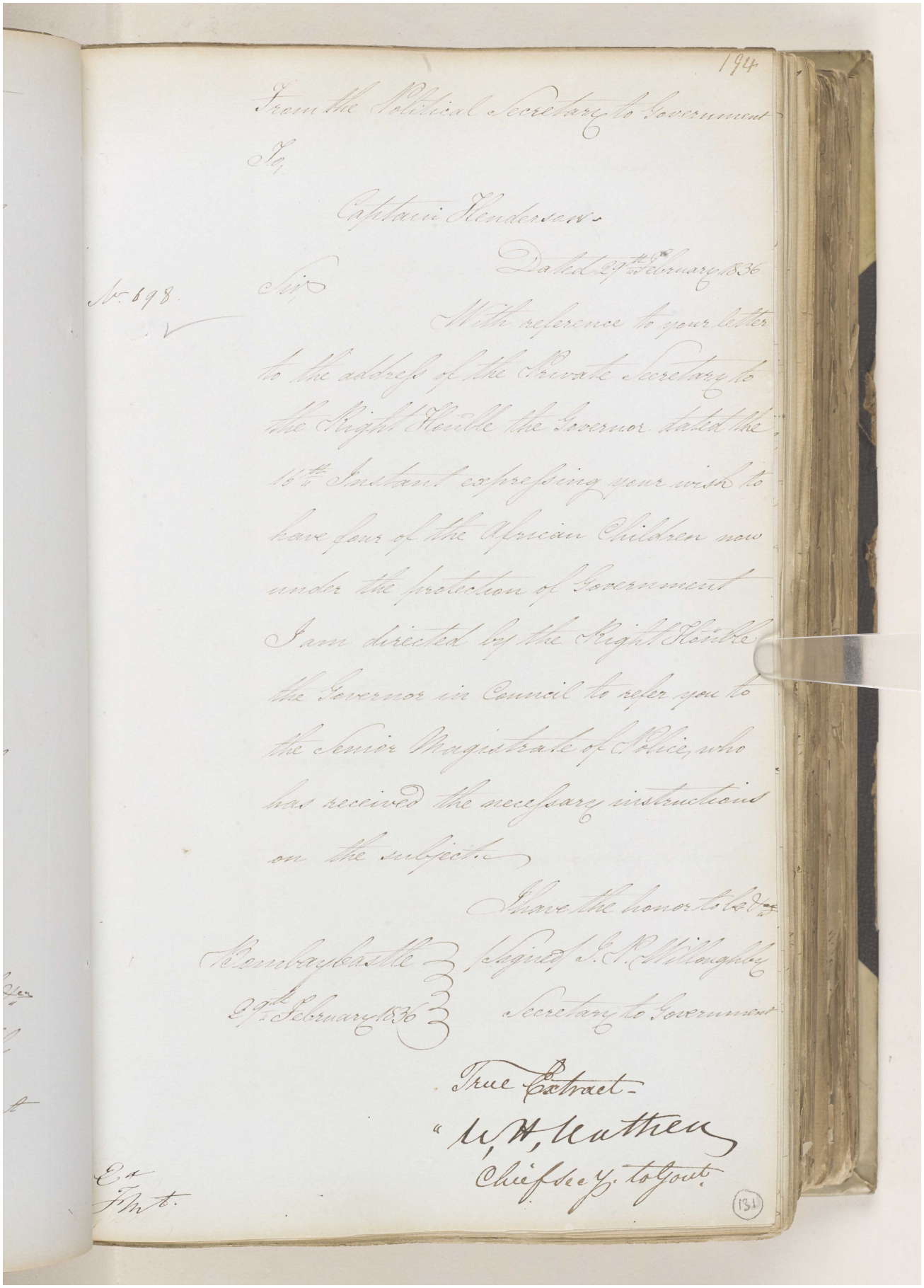

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From the Political Secretary to Government

To,

Captain Henderson.

Dated 29th February 1836

No. 698.

Sir,

With reference to your letter to the address of the Private Secretary to the Right Honble the Governor dated the 16th Instant expressing your wish to have four of the African Children now under the protection of Government I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to refer you to the Senior Magistrate of Police, who has received the necessary instructions on the subject.

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
29th February 1836

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

True Extract.

"W. H. Mathew
Chief Secy. to Govt.

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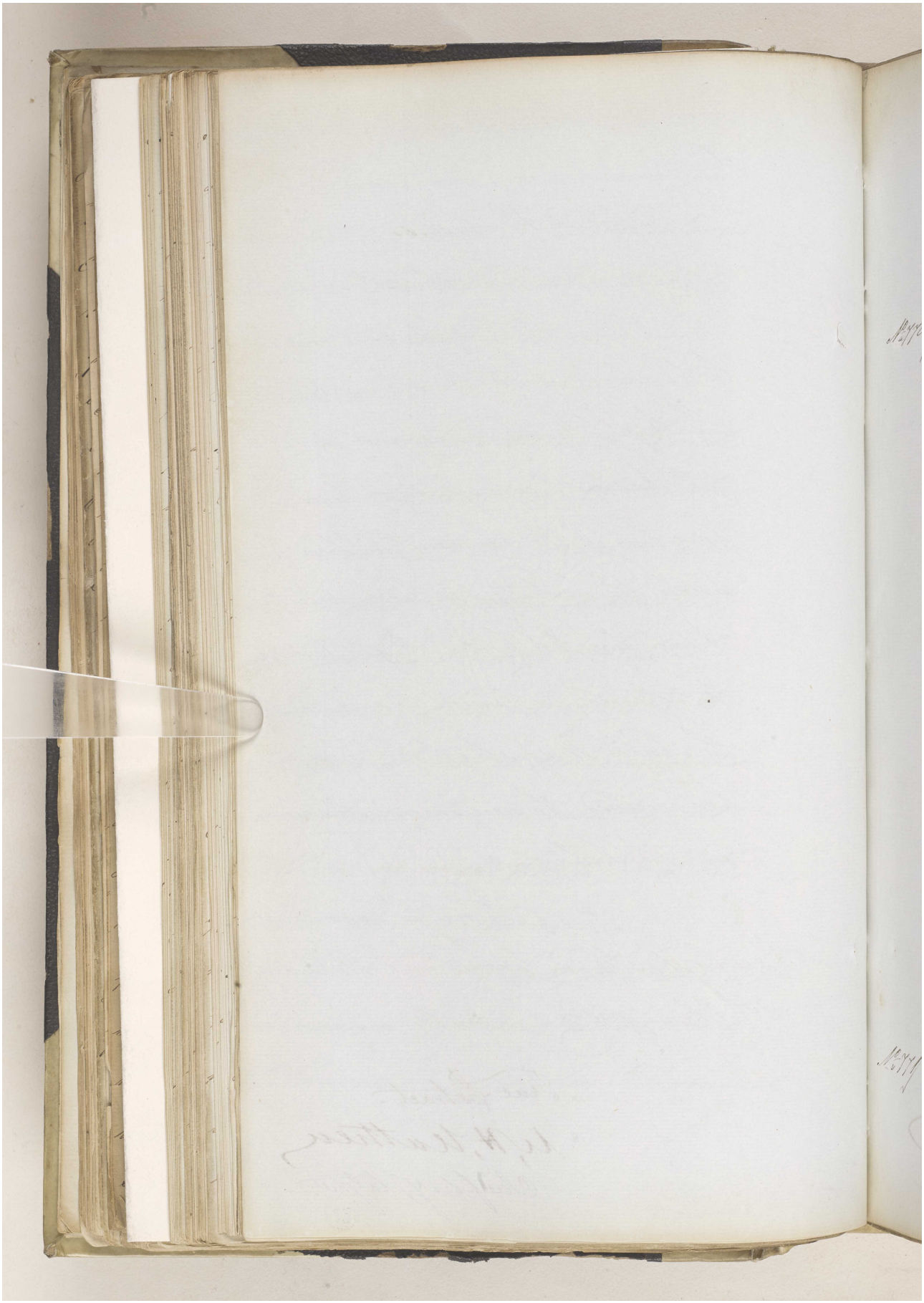

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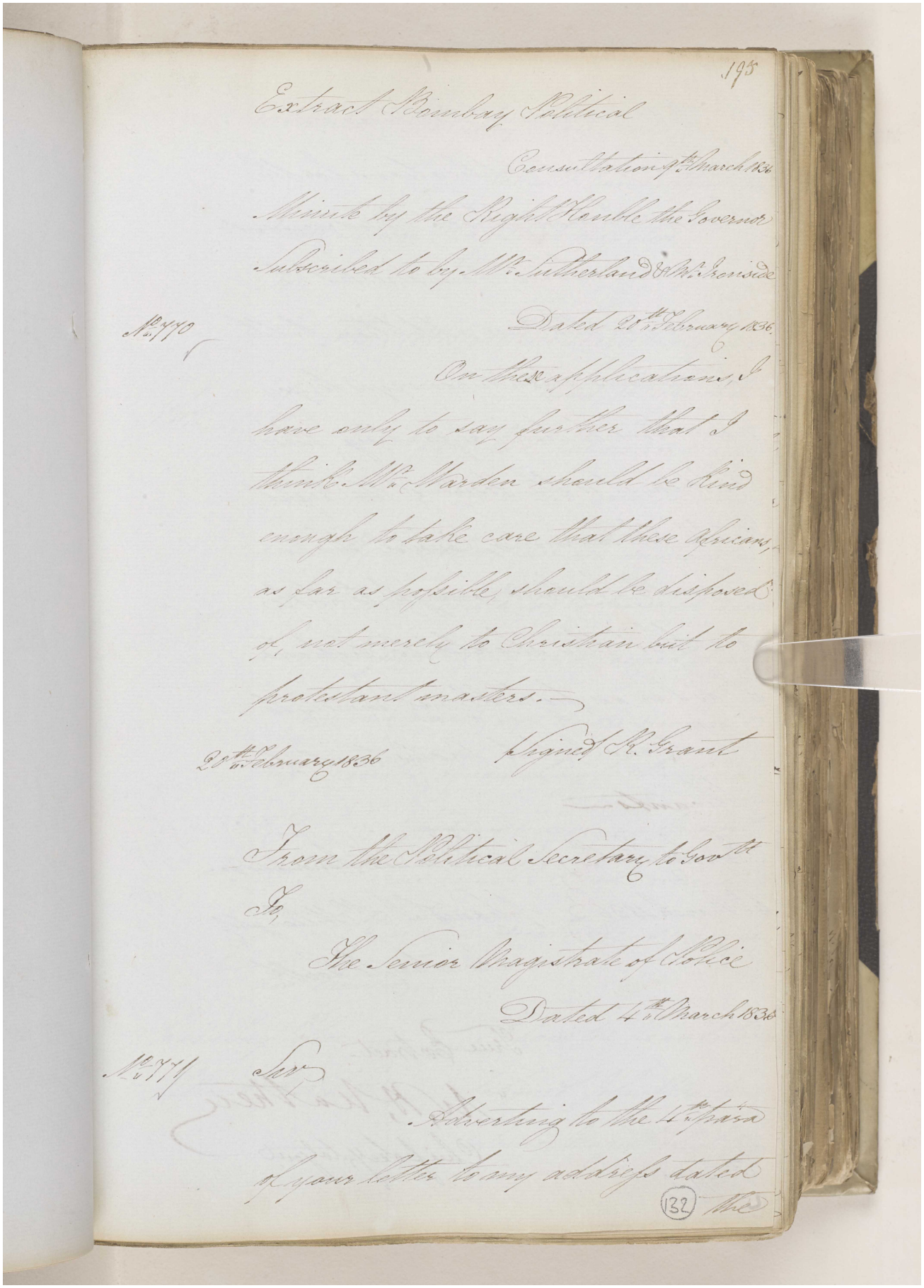

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 9th March 1836

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor

Subscribed to by Mr Sutherland & Mr Ironside

No 770

Dated 29th February 1836

On these applications I have only to say further that I think Mr Marsden should be kind enough to take care that these Africans as far as possible should be disposed of not merely to Christian but to protestant masters.

29th February 1836

Signed R. Grant

From the Political Secretary to Govt

To

The Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 4th March 1836

No 771

Sir

Adverting to the 4th para of your letter to my address dated

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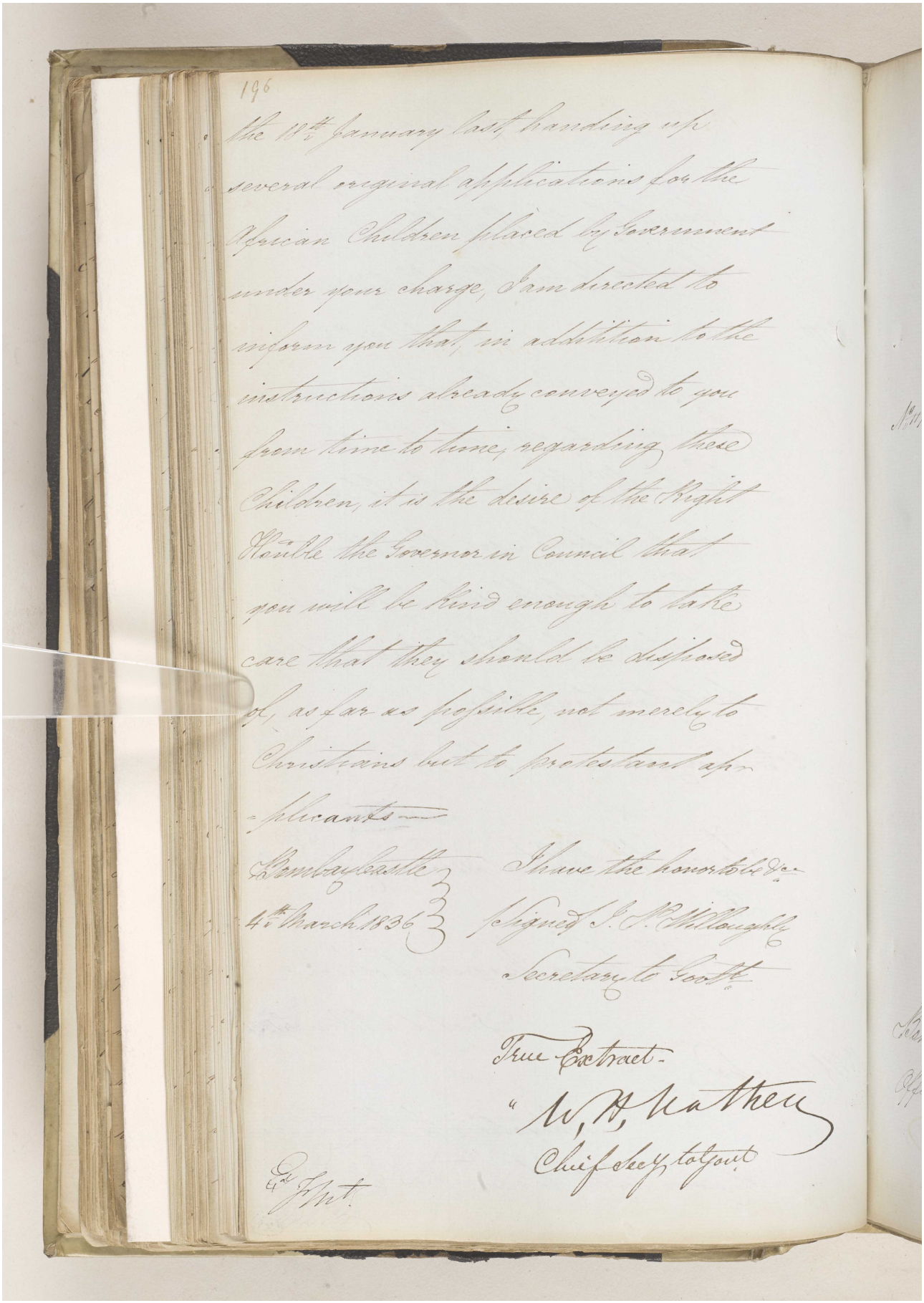

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the 10th January last handing up several original applications for the African Children placed by Government under your charge, I am directed to inform you that, in addition to the instructions already conveyed to you from time to time, regarding these Children, it is the desire of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that you will be kind enough to take care that they should be disposed of, as far as possible, not merely to Christians but to protestant applicants

Bombay Castle
4th March 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. A. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

True Extract
W. H. Mathews
Chief Secy to Govt

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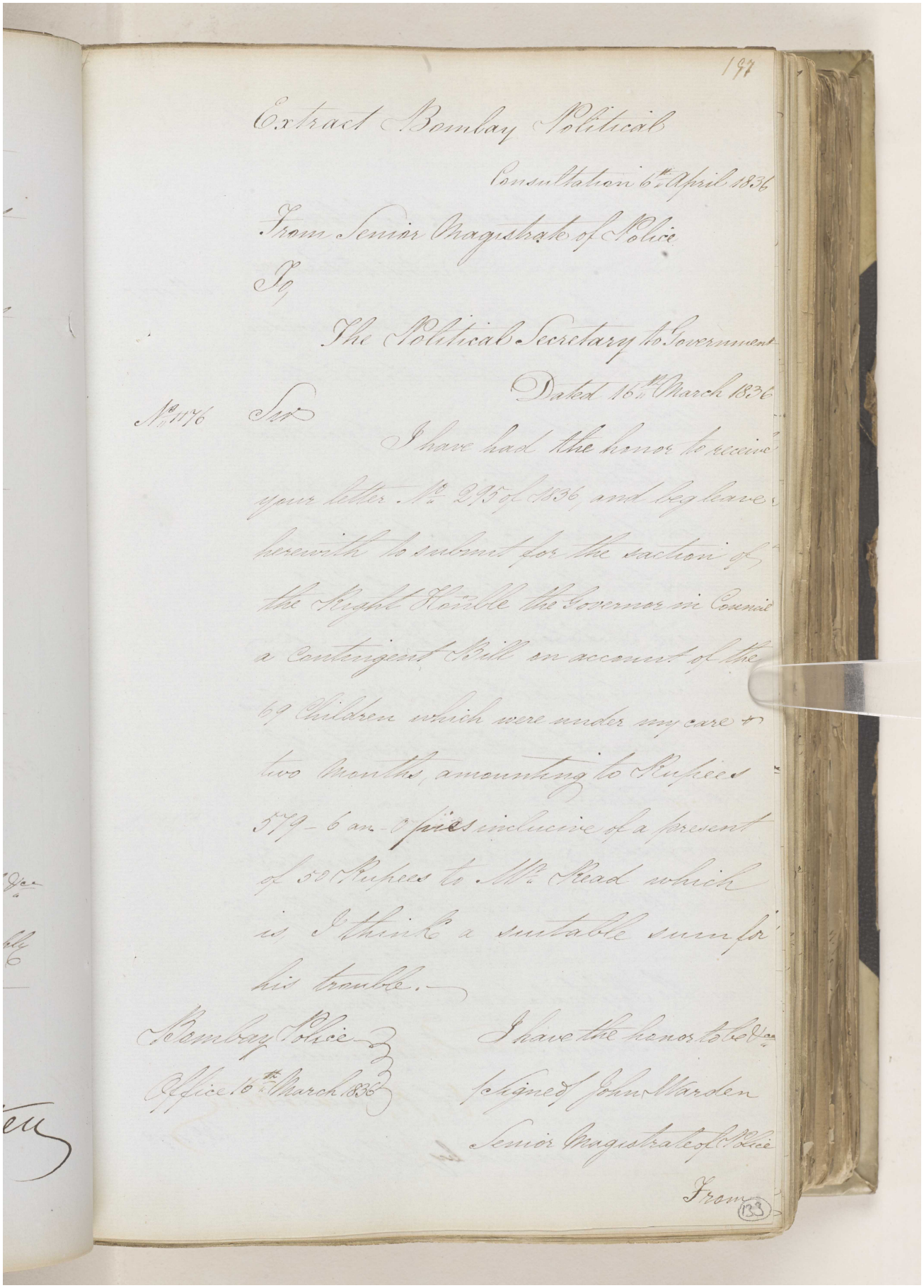

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Consultation 6th April 1836

From Senior Magistrate of Police

To

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 16th March 1836

No 1176 Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter No 295 of 1836 and beg leave herewith to submit for the sanction of the Right Honble the Governor in Council a Contingent Bill on account of the 69 Children which were under my care two Months, amounting to Rupees 379-6 an-0 pies inclusive of a present of 50 Rupees to Mr Read which is I think a suitable sum for his trouble.

Bombay Police Office 16th March 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

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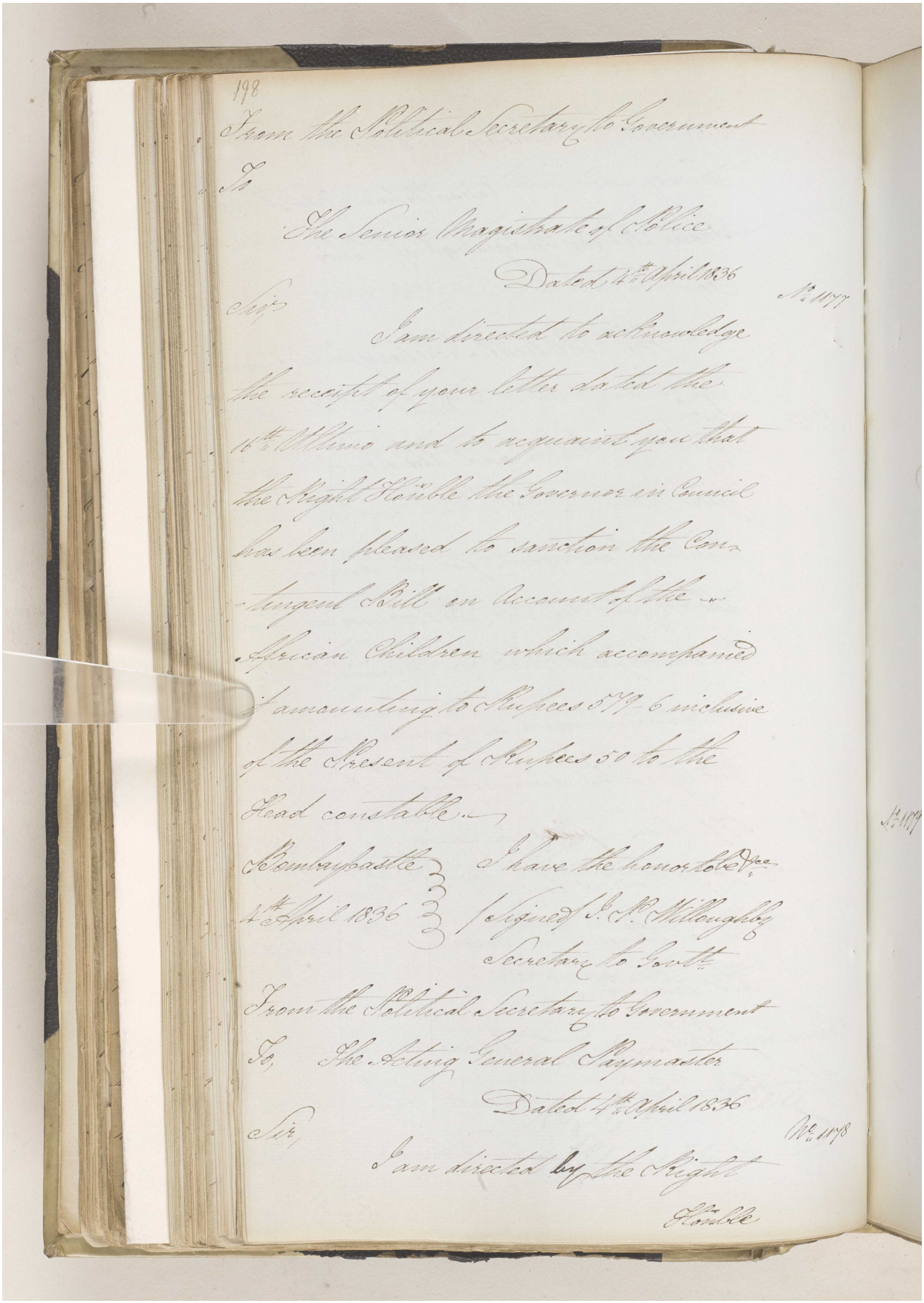

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From the Political Secretary to Government

To

The Senior Magistrate of Police

Dated 4th April 1836

No. 1177

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 16th Ultimo and to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to sanction the Contingent Bill on account of the African Children which accompanied it amounting to Rupees 379-6 inclusive of the Present of Rupees 50 to the Head constable.

Bombay Castle
4th April 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. A. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

No. 1177

From the Political Secretary to Government

To The Acting General Paymaster

Dated 4th April 1836

No. 1178

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble

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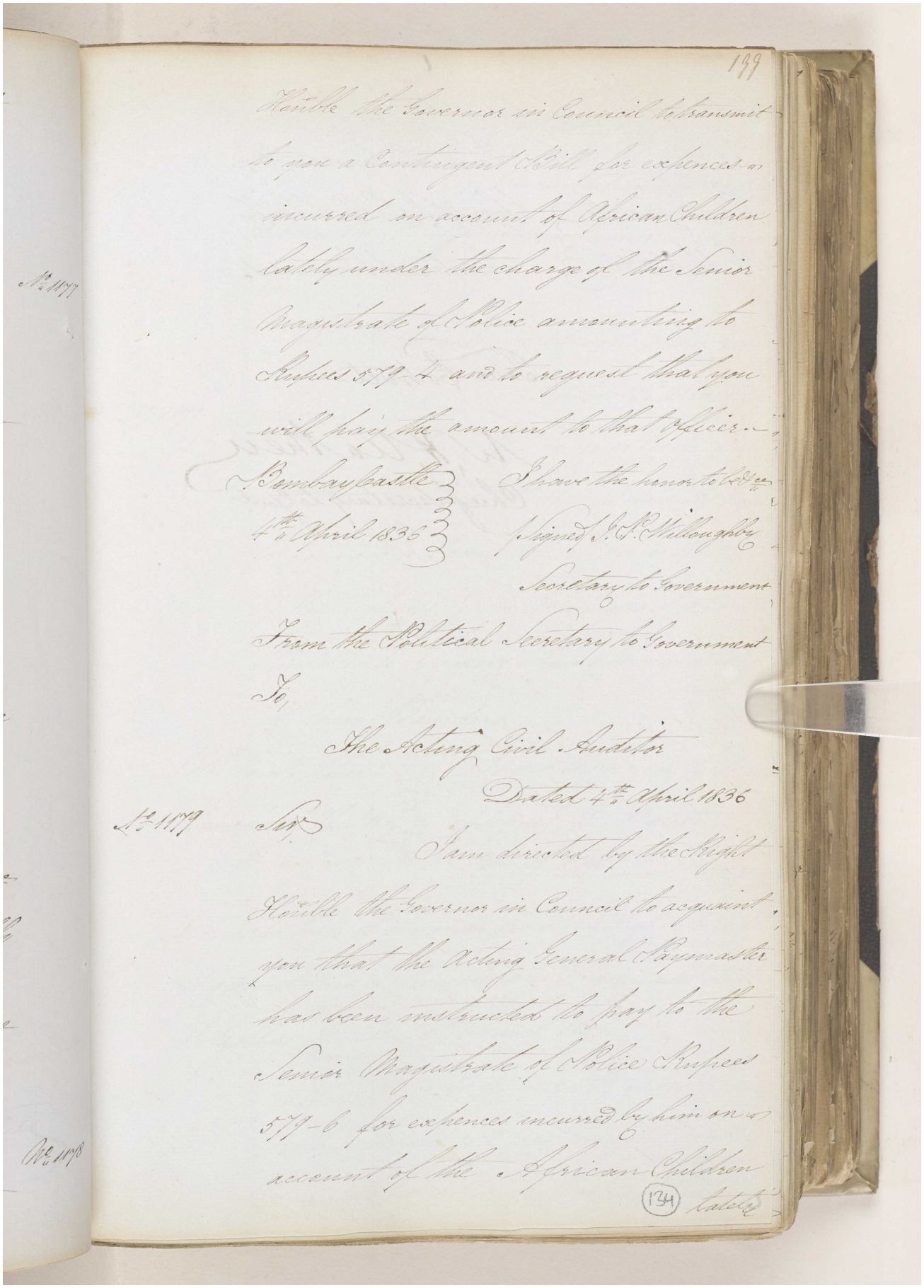

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Hon'ble the Governor in Council to transmit to you a Contingent Bill for expences incurred on account of African Children lately under the charge of the Senior Magistrate of Police amounting to Rupees 579-4 and to request that you will pay the amount to that Officer.

Bombay Castle 4th April 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. G. Shillingsby
Secretary to Government

From the Political Secretary to Government

To,

The Acting Civil Auditor

Dated 4th April 1836

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to acquaint you that the Acting General Paymaster has been instructed to pay to the Senior Magistrate of Police Rupees 579-6 for expences incurred by him on account of the African Children lately

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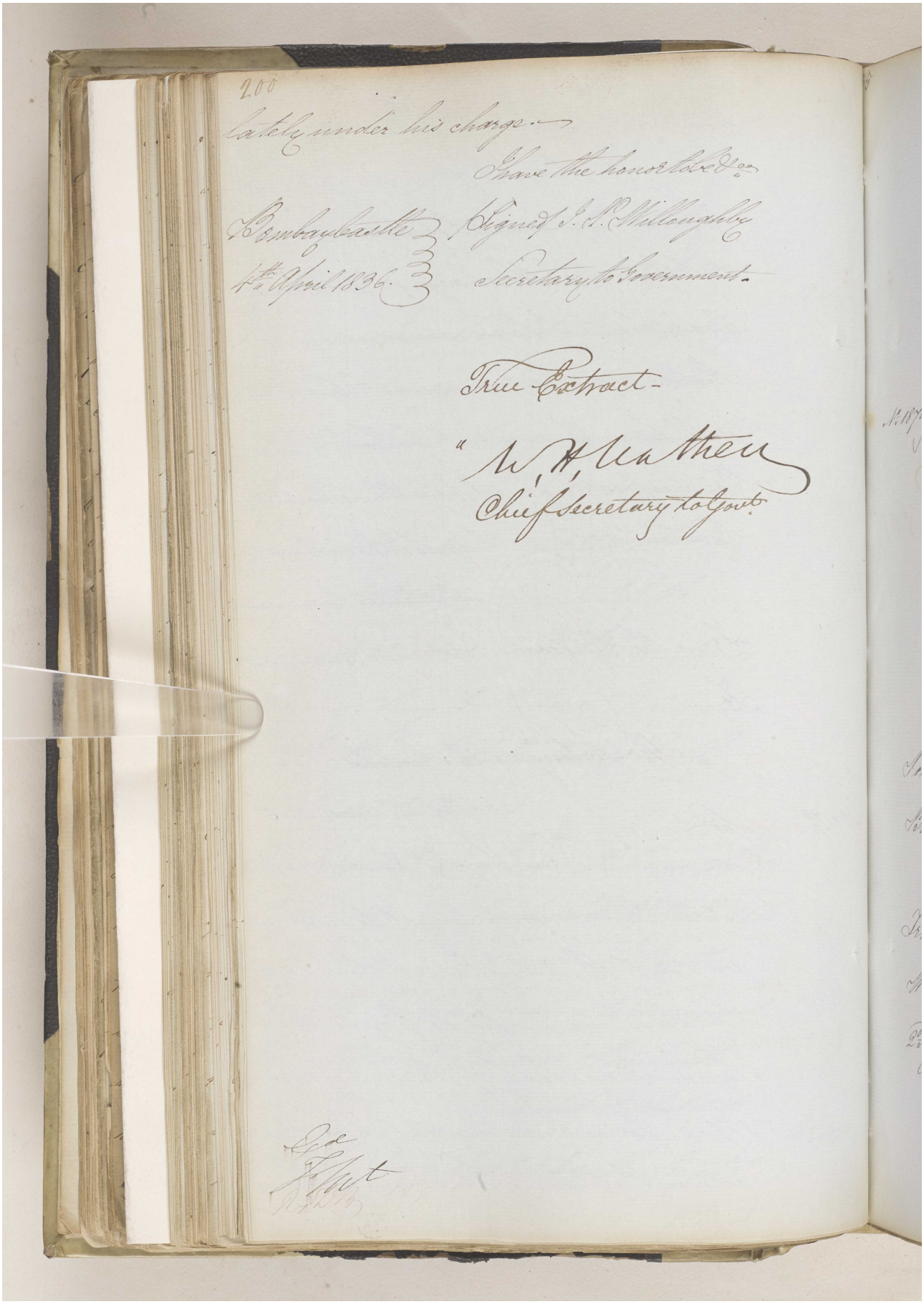

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lately under his charge.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
4th April 1836.

Signed J. S. Willoughby
Secretary to Government.

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W. H. Nathen
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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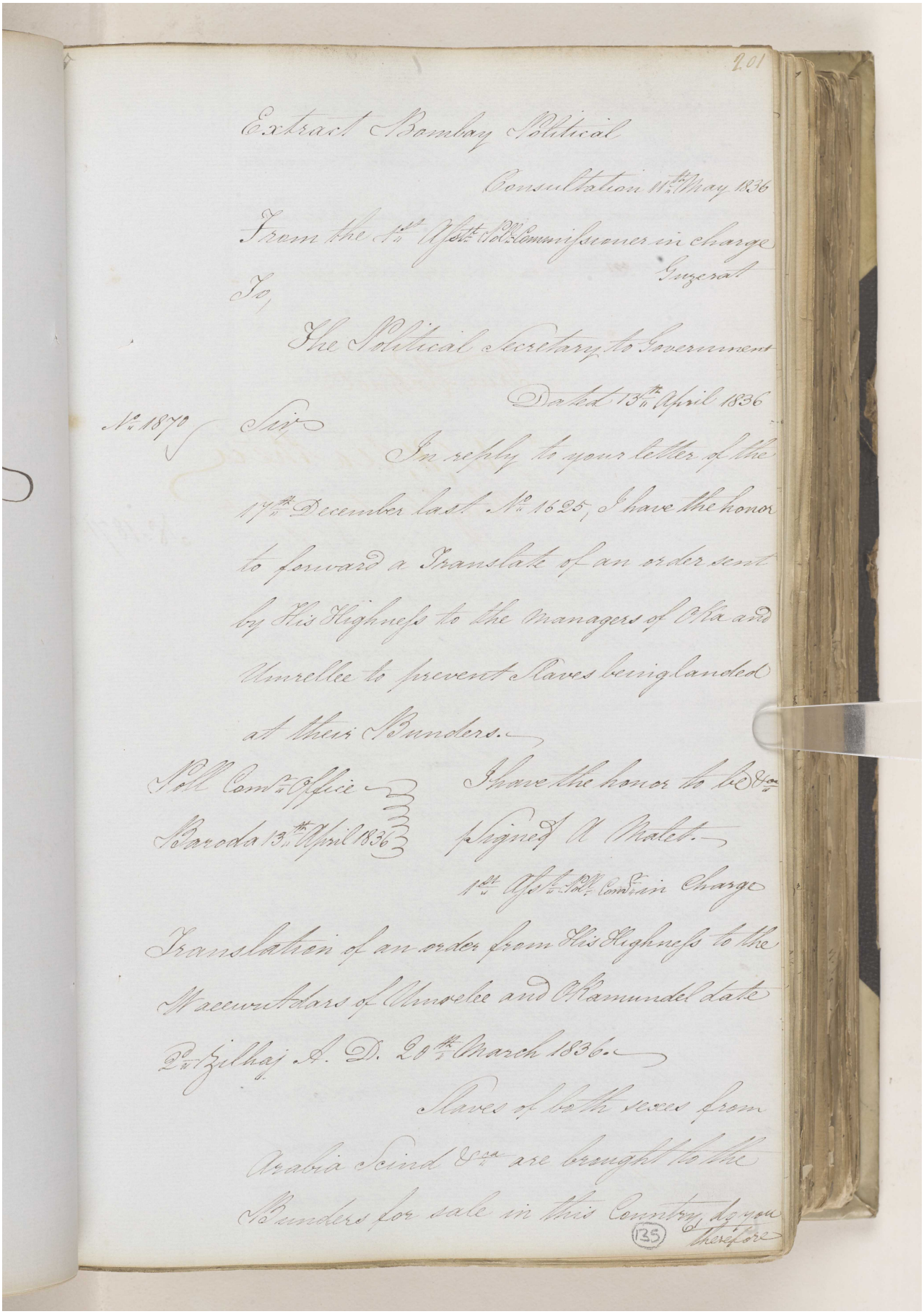

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Consultation 11th May 1836

From the 1st Asst. Poll. Commissioner in charge Guzerat

To,

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 13th April 1836

No. 1870 Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th December last No. 1625, I have the honor to forward a Translate of an order sent by His Highness to the managers of Oka and Umrellee to prevent Slaves being landed at their Bunders.

Poll Comr. Office
Baroda 13th April 1836

I have the honor to be &ca.
Signed A Malet.
1st Asst. Poll. Comr. in Charge

Translation of an order from His Highness to the Waeewutdars of Umrelee and Okamundel date 2d Zilhaj A. D. 20th March 1836.

Slaves of both sexes from Arabia Scind &ca are brought to the Bunders for sale in this Country, do you therefore

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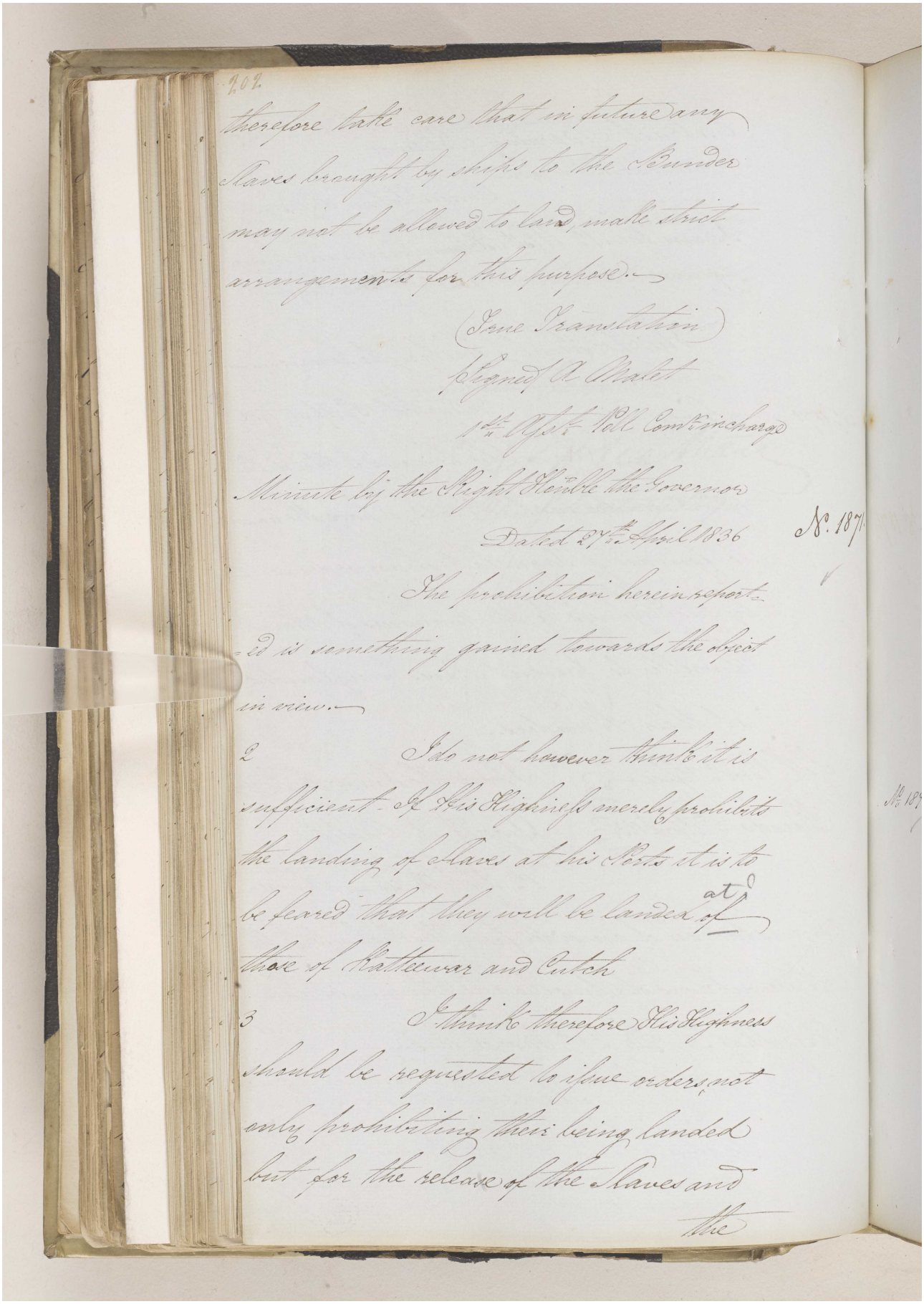

therefore take care that in future any Slaves brought by ships to the Bunder may not be allowed to land, make strict arrangements for this purpose.—

(True Translation)
Signed A Malet
1st Asst Poll Comr in charge

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor
Dated 27th April 1836 No. 1871

The prohibition herein reported is something gained towards the object in view.—

2 I do not however think it is sufficient. If His Highness merely prohibits the landing of Slaves at his Ports it is to be feared that they will be landed at those of Katteewar and Cutch

3 I think therefore His Highness should be requested to issue orders, not only prohibiting their being landed but for the release of the Slaves and the

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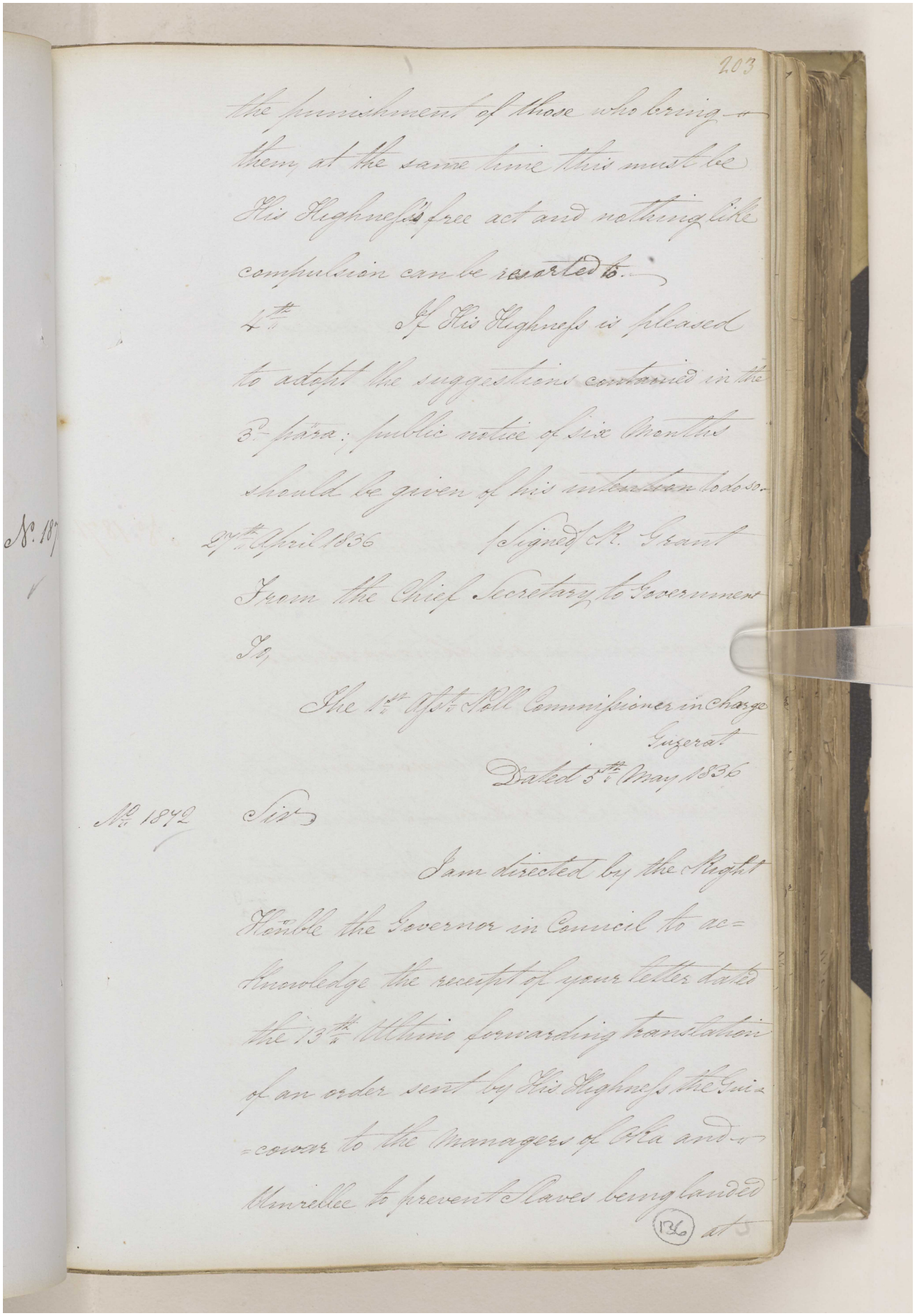

the punishment of those who bring them, at the same time this must be His Highness's free act and nothing like compulsion can be resorted to.

4th If His Highness is pleased to adopt the suggestions contained in the 3d para; public notice of six Months should be given of his intention to do so.

No. 187 27th April 1836 (Signed) R. Grant

From the Chief Secretary to Government

To,

The 1st Asst. Poll Commissioner in Charge Guzerat

Dated 5th May 1836

No. 1872 Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 13th Ultimo forwarding translation of an order sent by His Highness the Guicowar to the Managers of Oka and Umrellee to prevent Slaves being landed

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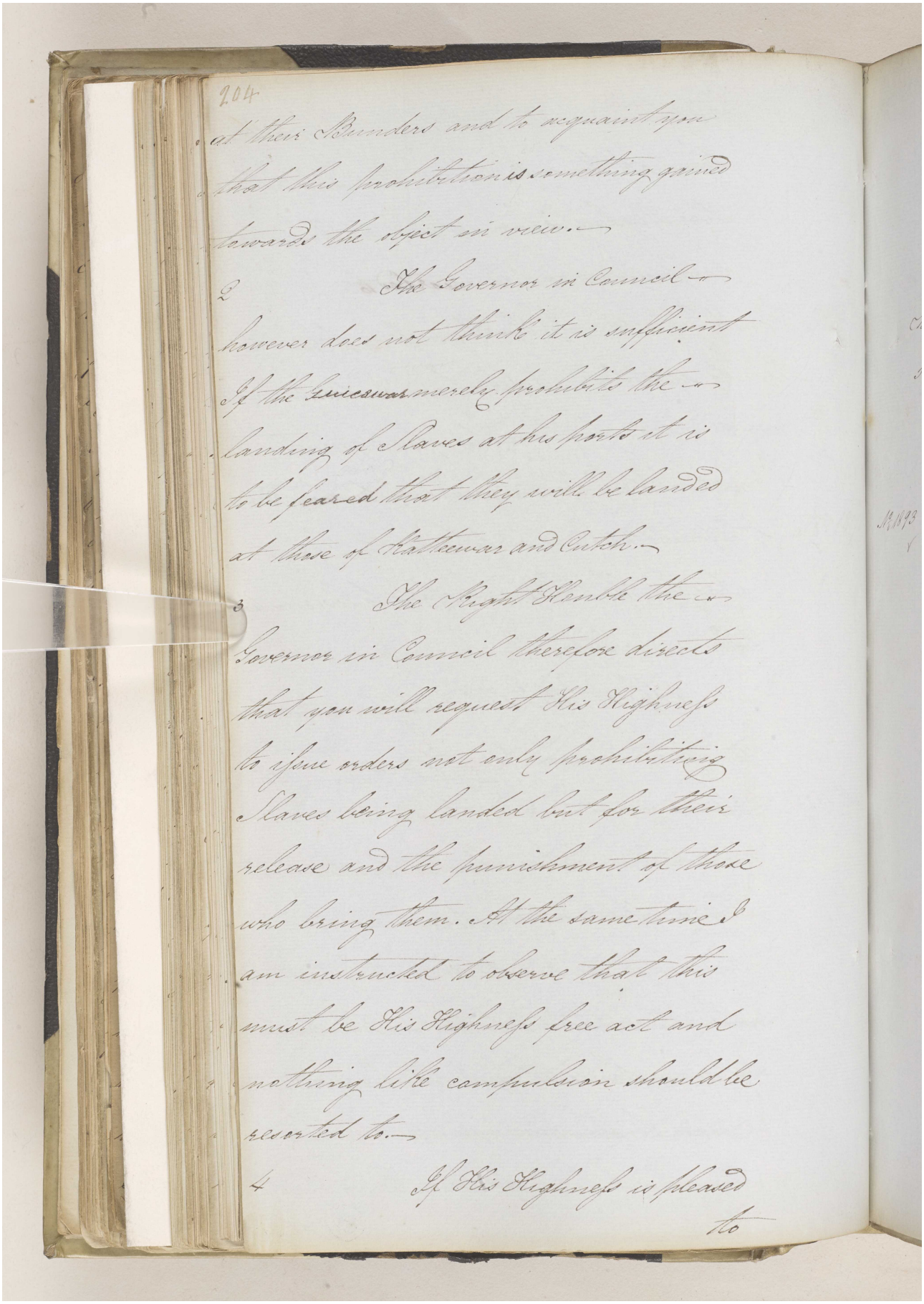

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at their Borders and to acquaint you that this prohibition is something gained towards the object in view.—

2 The Governor in Council however does not think it is sufficient if the Juicewar merely prohibits the landing of Slaves at his ports it is to be feared that they will be landed at those of Kattiawar and Cutch.—

3 The Right Honble the Governor in Council therefore directs that you will request His Highness to issue orders not only prohibiting Slaves being landed but for their release and the punishment of those who bring them. At the same time I am instructed to observe that this must be His Highness free act and nothing like compulsion should be resorted to.—

4 If His Highness is pleased to

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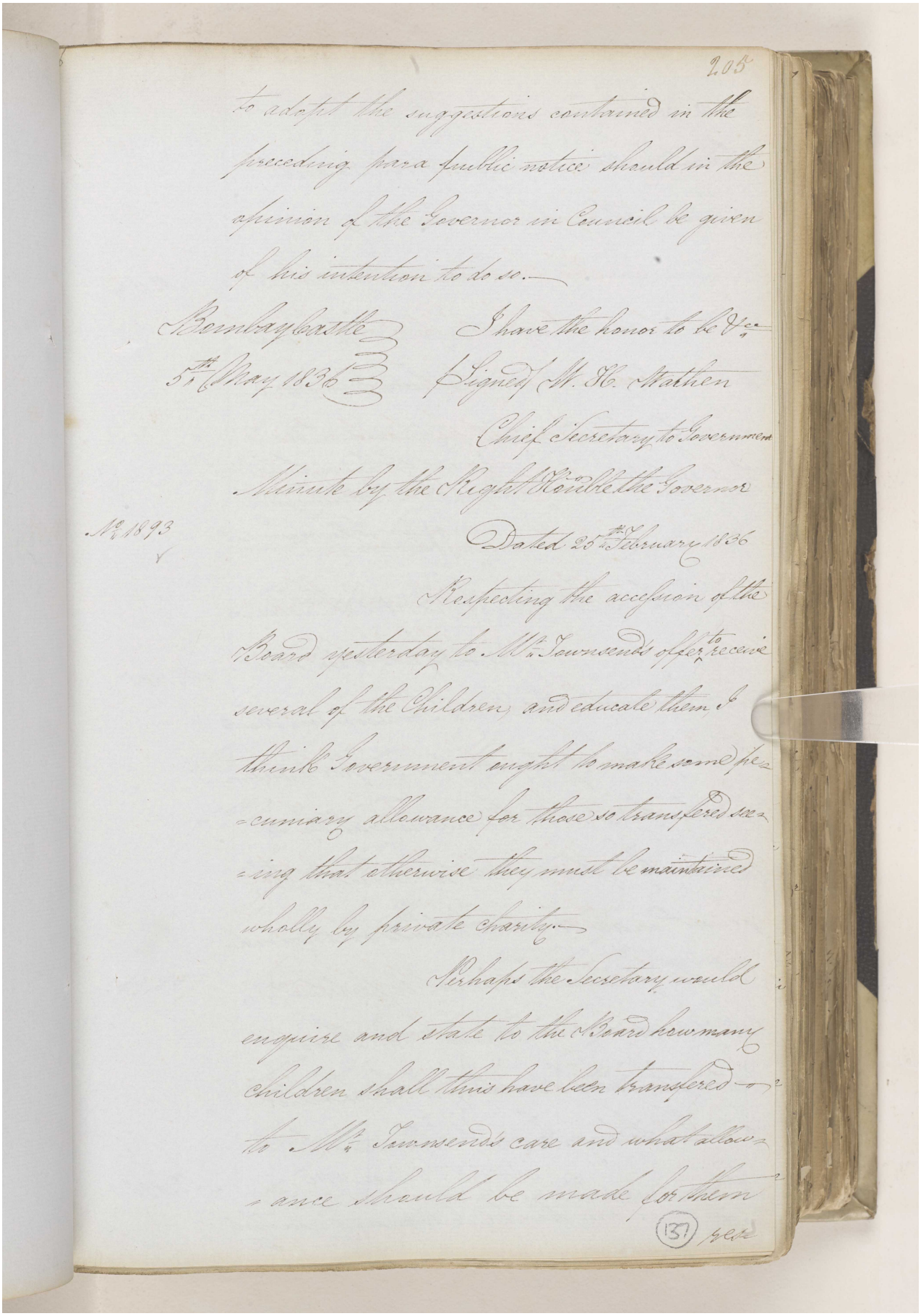

to adopt the suggestions contained in the preceding para public notice should in the opinion of the Governor in Council be given of his intention to do so.—

Bombay Castle
5th May 1836

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

Minute by the Right Hon'ble the Governor

No. 1893

Dated 25th February 1836

Respecting the accession of the Board yesterday to Mr. Townsend's offer to receive several of the Children, and educate them, I think Government ought to make some pecuniary allowance for those so transfered seeing that otherwise they must be maintained wholly by private charity.—

Perhaps the Secretary would enquire and state to the Board how many children shall thus have been transfered to Mr. Townsend's care and what allowance should be made for them

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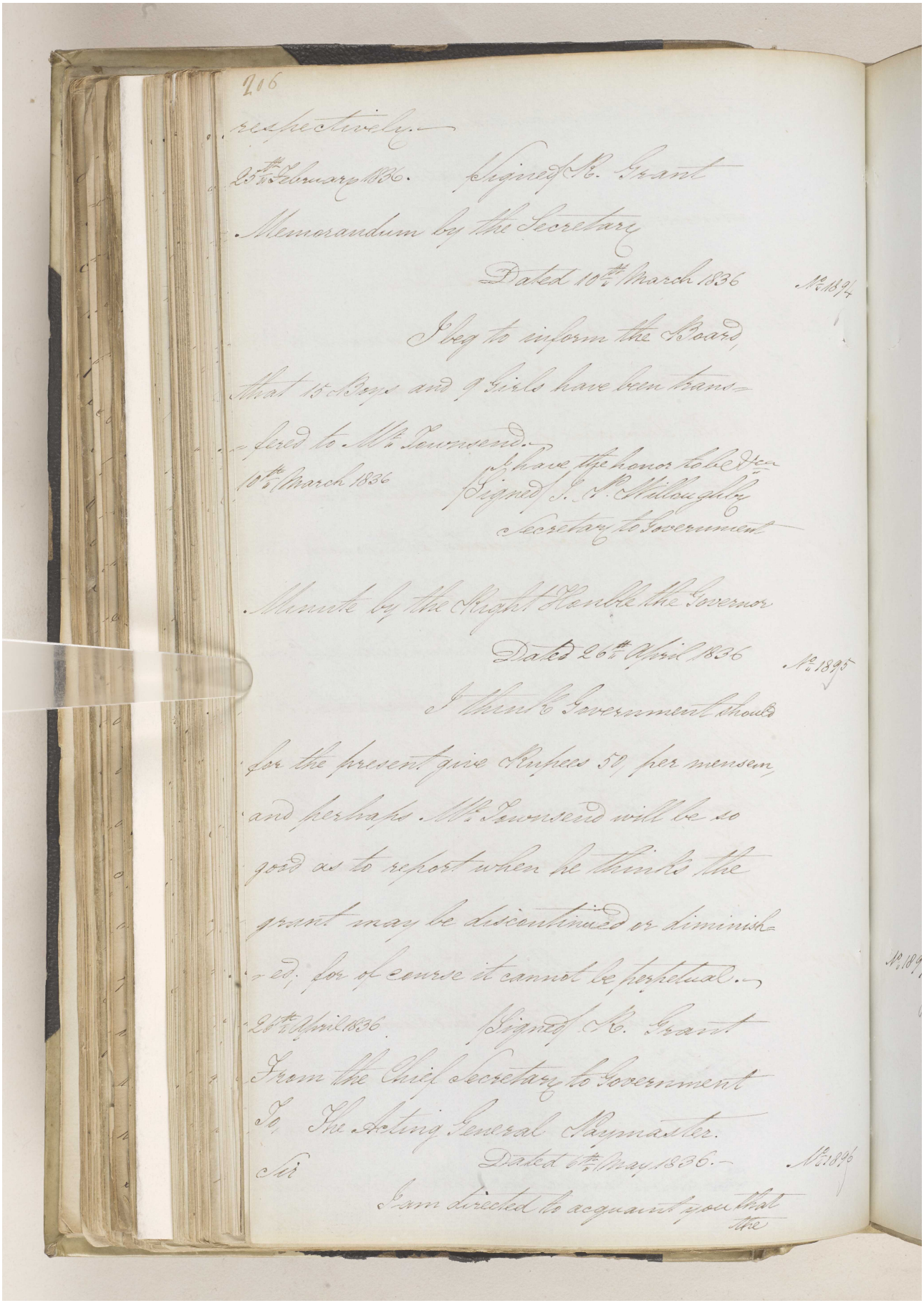

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respectively.—

28th February 1836. Signed K. Grant

Memorandum by the Secretary

Dated 10th March 1836 No. 1894

I beg to inform the Board,
that 15 Boys and 9 Girls have been trans-
-ferred to Mr. Townsend.—
10th March 1836 I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

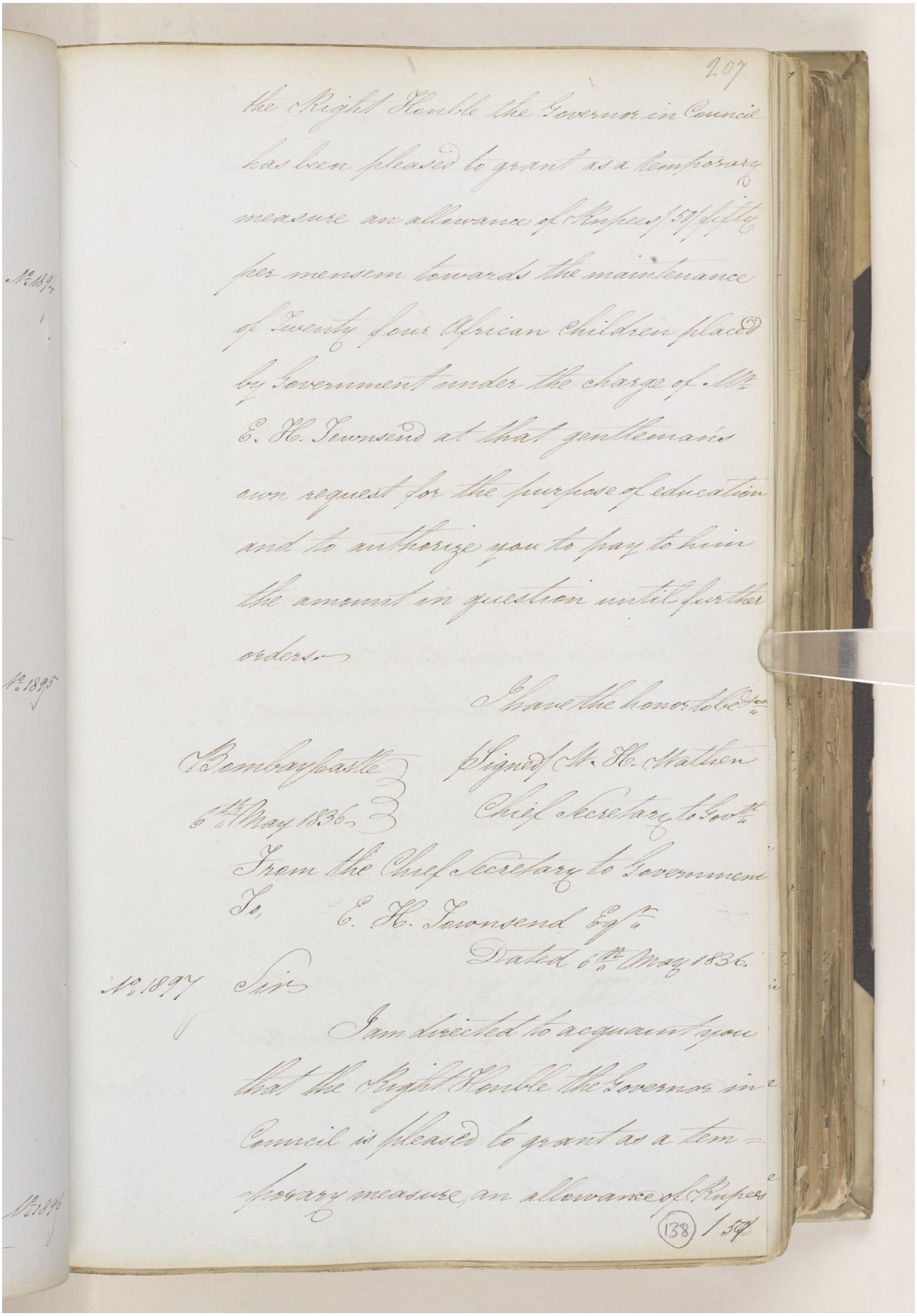
Minute by the Right Honble the Governor

Dated 26th April 1836 No. 1895

I think Government should
for the present give Rupees 50 per mensem
and perhaps Mr. Townsend will be so
good as to report when he thinks the
grant may be discontinued or diminish-
-ed, for of course it cannot be perpetual.—
28th April 1836. Signed K. Grant

From the Chief Secretary to Government
To The Acting General Paymaster.
Sir Dated 6th May 1836.— No. 1896

I am directed to acquaint you that the



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the Right Honble the Governor in Council
has been pleased to grant as a temporary
measure an allowance of Rupees 37/ fifty
per mensem towards the maintenance
of twenty four African children placed
by Government under the charge of Mr
E. H. Townsend at that gentleman's
own request for the purpose of education
and to authorize you to pay to him
the amount in question until further
orders.

I have the honorable &c.

Bombay Castle
6th May 1836.

Signed H. H. Walhen
Chief Secretary to Govt

From the Chief Secretary to Government
To E. H. Townsend Esq.
Dated 6th May 1836.

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you
that the Right Honble the Governor in
Council is pleased to grant as a tem-
porary measure, an allowance of Rupees

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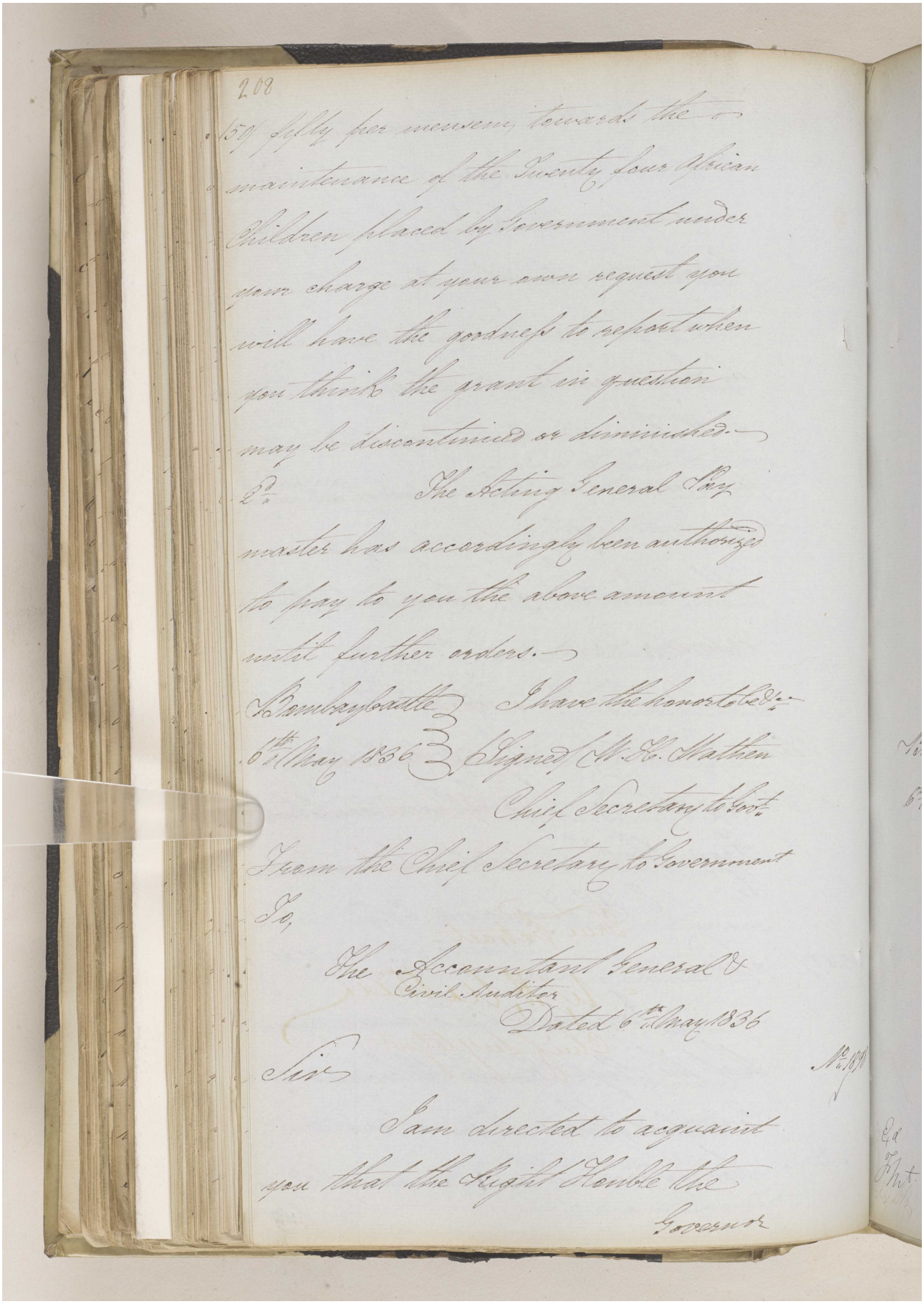

150/ fifty per mensem, towards the maintenance of the Twenty four African Children placed by Government under your charge at your own request you will have the goodness to report when you think the grant in question may be discontinued or diminished.

2d. The Acting General Pay master has accordingly been authorized to pay to you the above amount until further orders.

Bombay Castle
6th May 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ W. H. Wathen
Chief Secretary to Govt.

From the Chief Secretary to Government
To,
The Accountant General &
Civil Auditor
Dated 6th May 1836

No. 1898

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor

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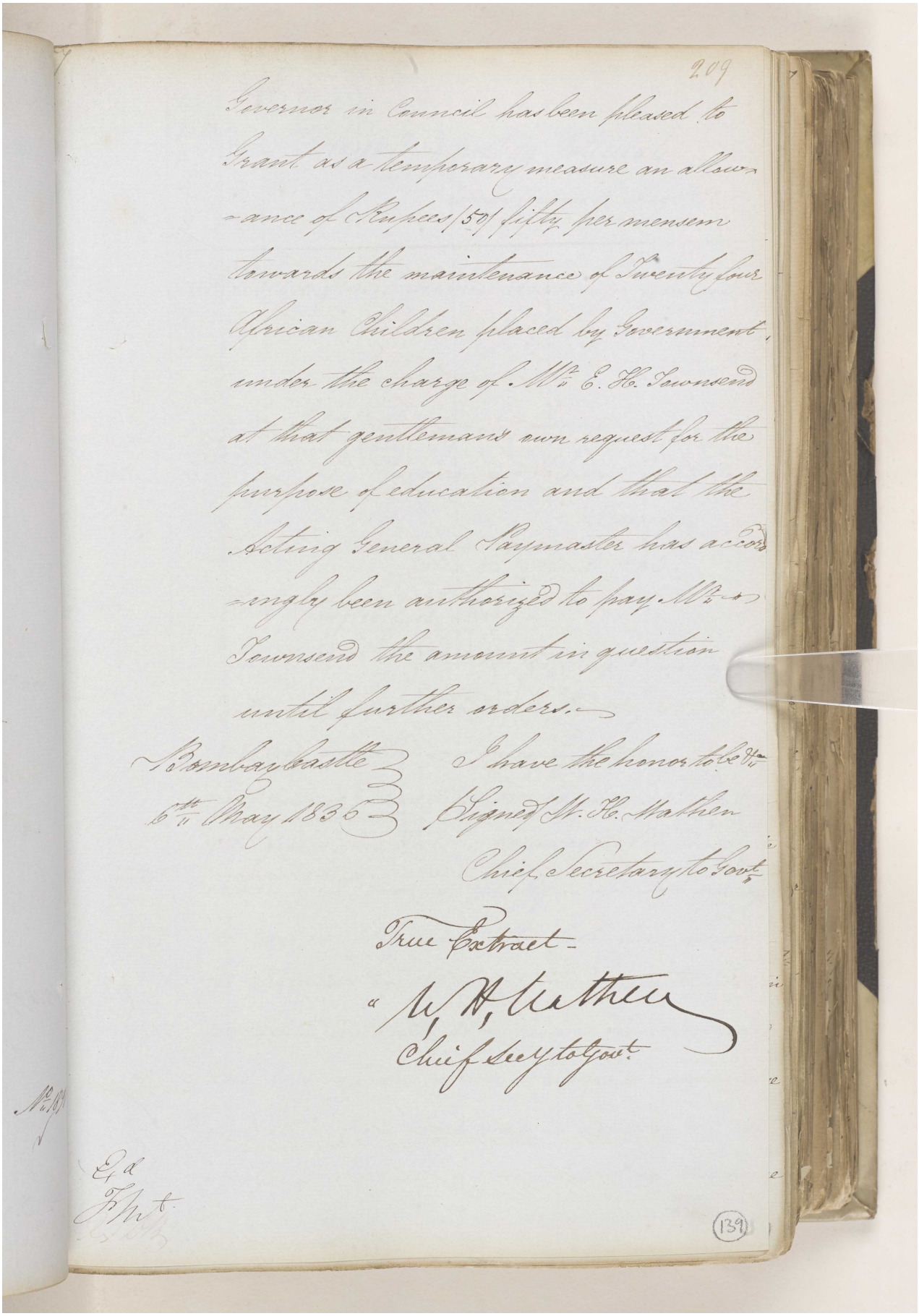

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Governor in Council has been pleased to
Grant as a temporary measure an allow-
-ance of Rupees 150/ fifty per mensem
towards the maintenance of Twenty four
African Children placed by Government
under the charge of Mr. E. H. Townsend
at that gentlemans own request for the
purpose of education and that the
Acting General Paymaster has accor-
-ingly been authorized to pay Mr.
Townsend the amount in question
until further orders.

Bombay Castle
6th May 1836

I have the honor to be &c
Signed H. E. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Govt.

True Extract
H. E. Mathew
Chief Secy to Govt.

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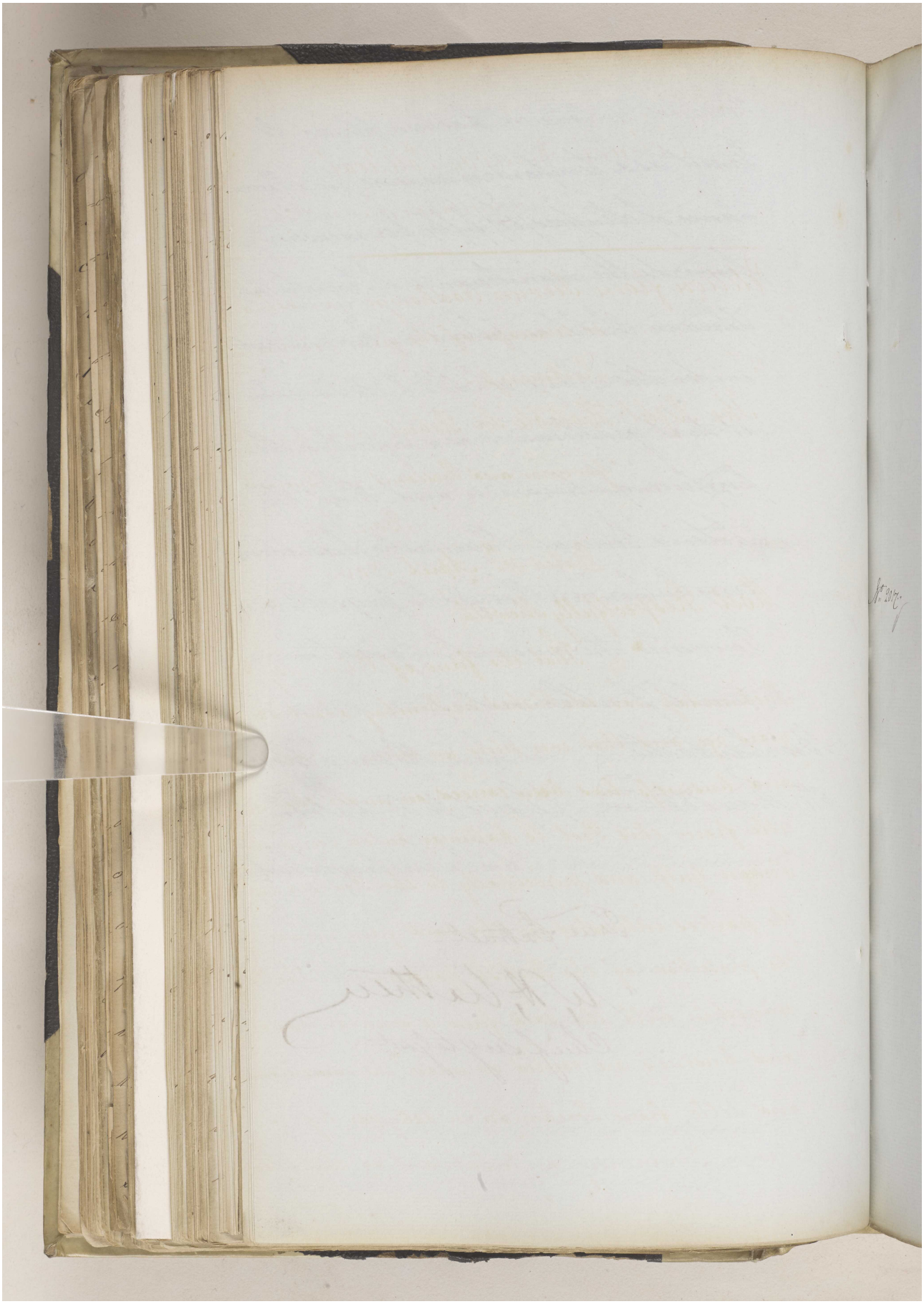

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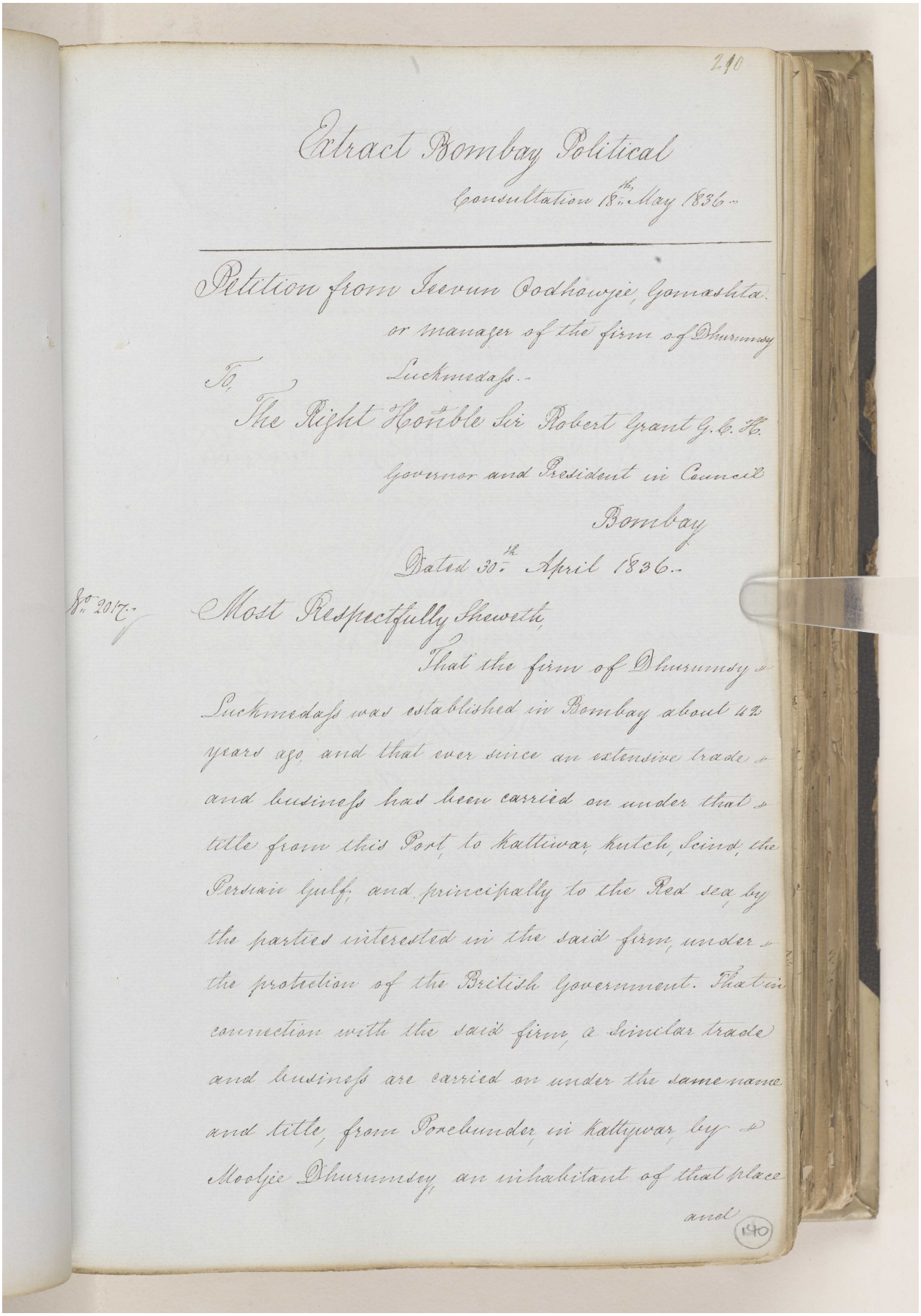

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 18th May 1836.

Petition from Jeevun Oodhowjee, Gomashta or manager of the firm of Dhurumsy Luckmedas.

To,

The Right Honble Sir Robert Grant G.C.H.

Governor and President in Council

Bombay

Dated 30th April 1836.

Rs. 20/7/-

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That the firm of Dhurumsy Luckmedas was established in Bombay about 42 years ago, and that ever since an extensive trade and business has been carried on under that title from this Port to Kattiwar, Kutch, Scind, the Persian Gulf, and principally to the Red sea by the parties interested in the said firm, under the protection of the British Government. That in connection with the said firm, a similar trade and business are carried on under the same name and title, from Porebunder in Kattywar by Moolje Dhurumsey an inhabitant of that place and

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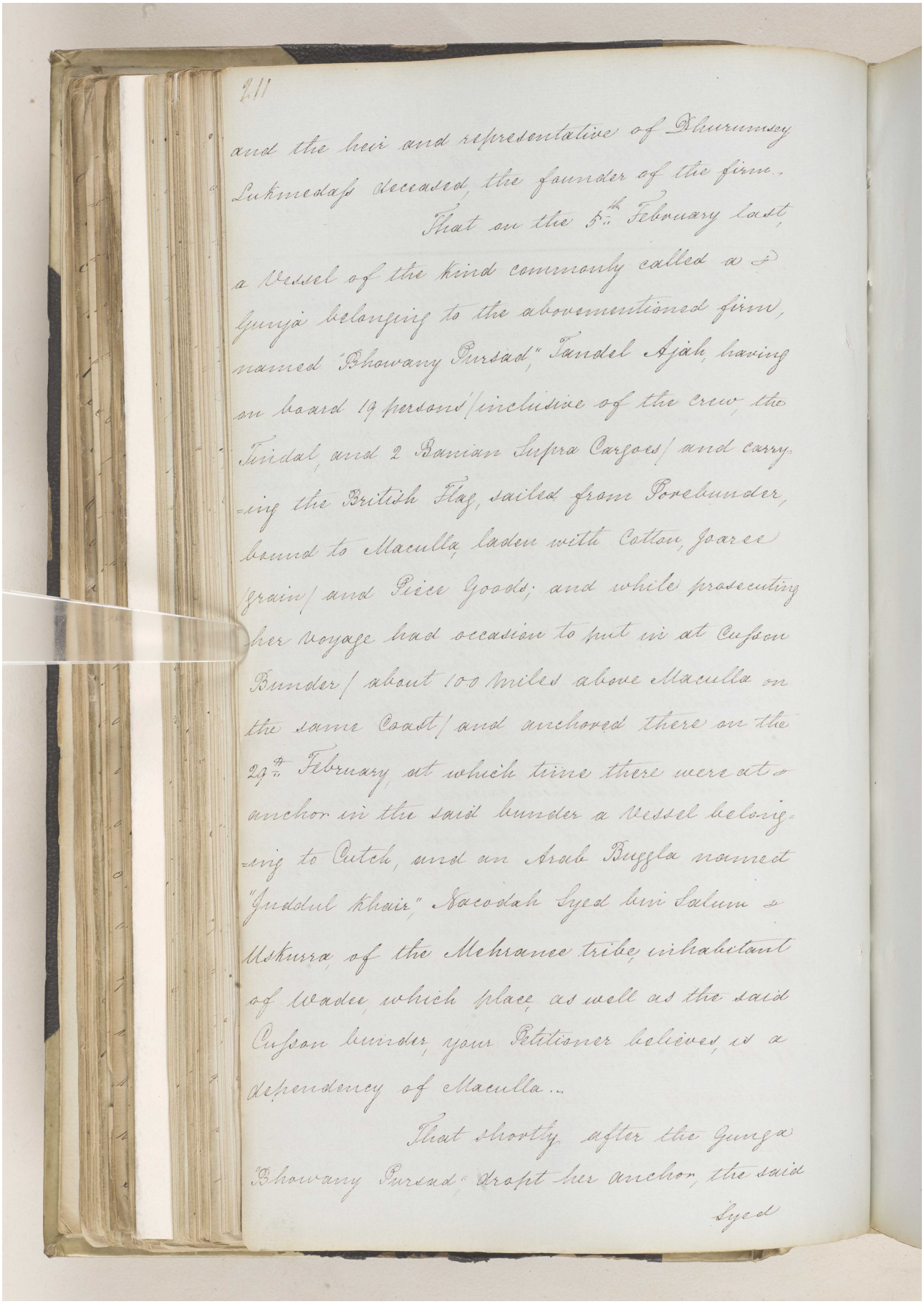

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and the heir and representative of Khurumsey Lukmeedas deceased, the founder of the firm.

That on the 5th. February last, a Vessel of the kind commonly called a Gunja belonging to the abovementioned firm, named "Bhowany Pursad," Tandel Ajah, having on board 19 persons (inclusive of the crew, the Tindal, and 2 Banian Supra Cargoes) and carrying the British Flag, sailed from Porebunder, bound to Maculla, laden with Cotton, Joaree (grain) and Piece Goods; and while prosecuting her voyage had occasion to put in at Cufsan Bunder (about 100 miles above Maculla on the same Coast) and anchored there on the 29th. February, at which time there were at anchor in the said Bunder a Vessel belonging to Cutch, and an Arab Buggla named "Jeddul Khair," Nacodah Syed bin Salum a Mskura of the Mehranee tribe, inhabitant of Weadee, which place, as well as the said Cufsan Bunder, your Petitioner believes, is a dependency of Maculla.

That shortly after the Gunja Bhowany Pursad, dropt her anchor, the said

Syed

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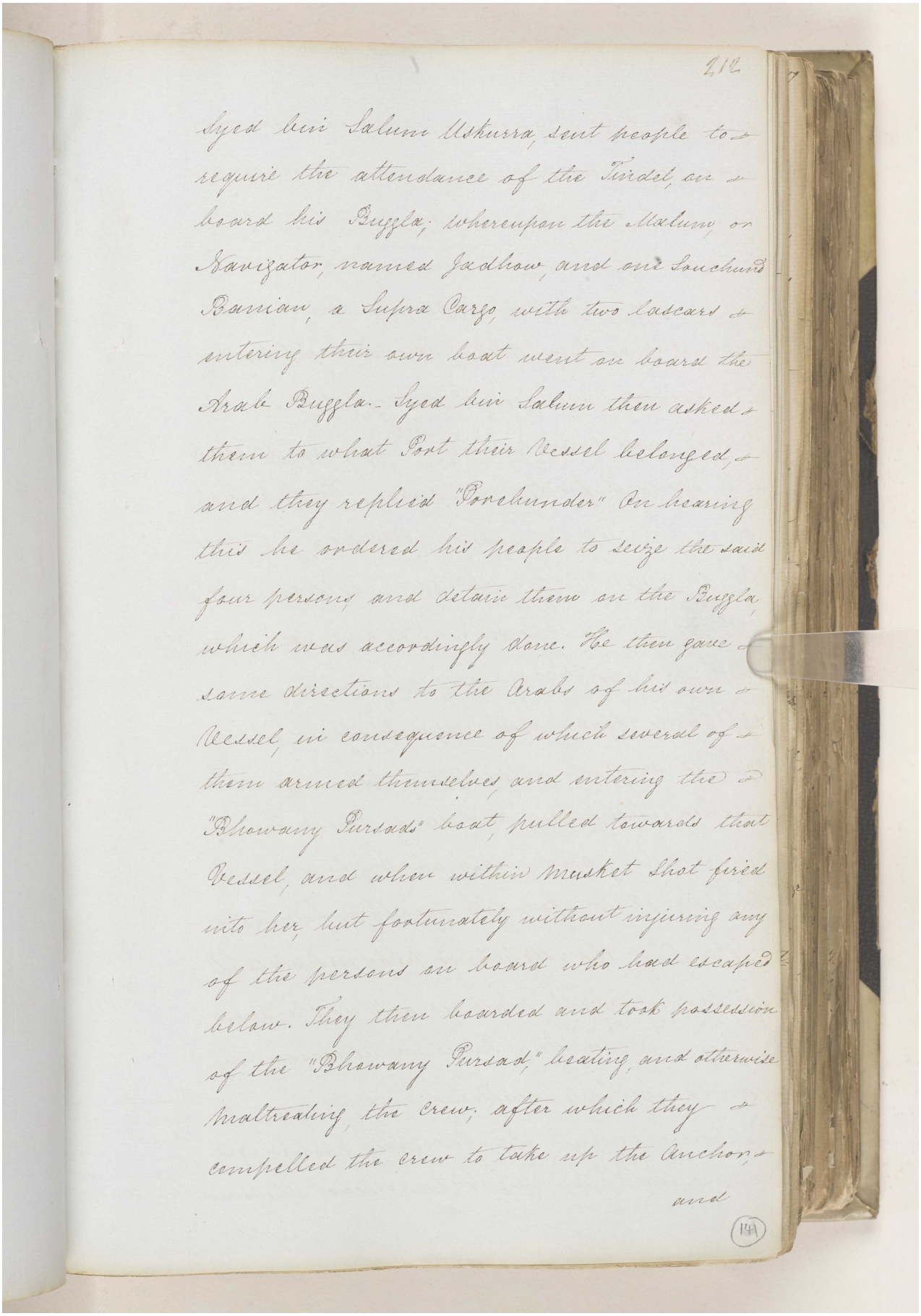

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Syed bin Salum Ushurra, sent people to require the attendance of the Tindel, on board his Buggla; whereupon the Malum or Navigator, named Jadhow, and one Lauchund Ranian, a Supra Cargo, with two Lascars entering their own boat went on board the Arab Buggla. Syed bin Salum then asked them to what Port their Vessel belonged, and they replied "Porebunder" On hearing this he ordered his people to seize the said four persons, and detain them on the Buggla, which was accordingly done. He then gave some directions to the Arabs of his own Vessel, in consequence of which several of them armed themselves, and entering the "Bhowany Pursad" boat, pulled towards that Vessel, and when within Musket Shot fired into her, but fortunately without injuring any of the persons on board who had escaped below. They then boarded and took possession of the "Bhowany Pursad," beating, and otherwise maltreating the crew, after which they compelled the crew to take up the Anchor, and

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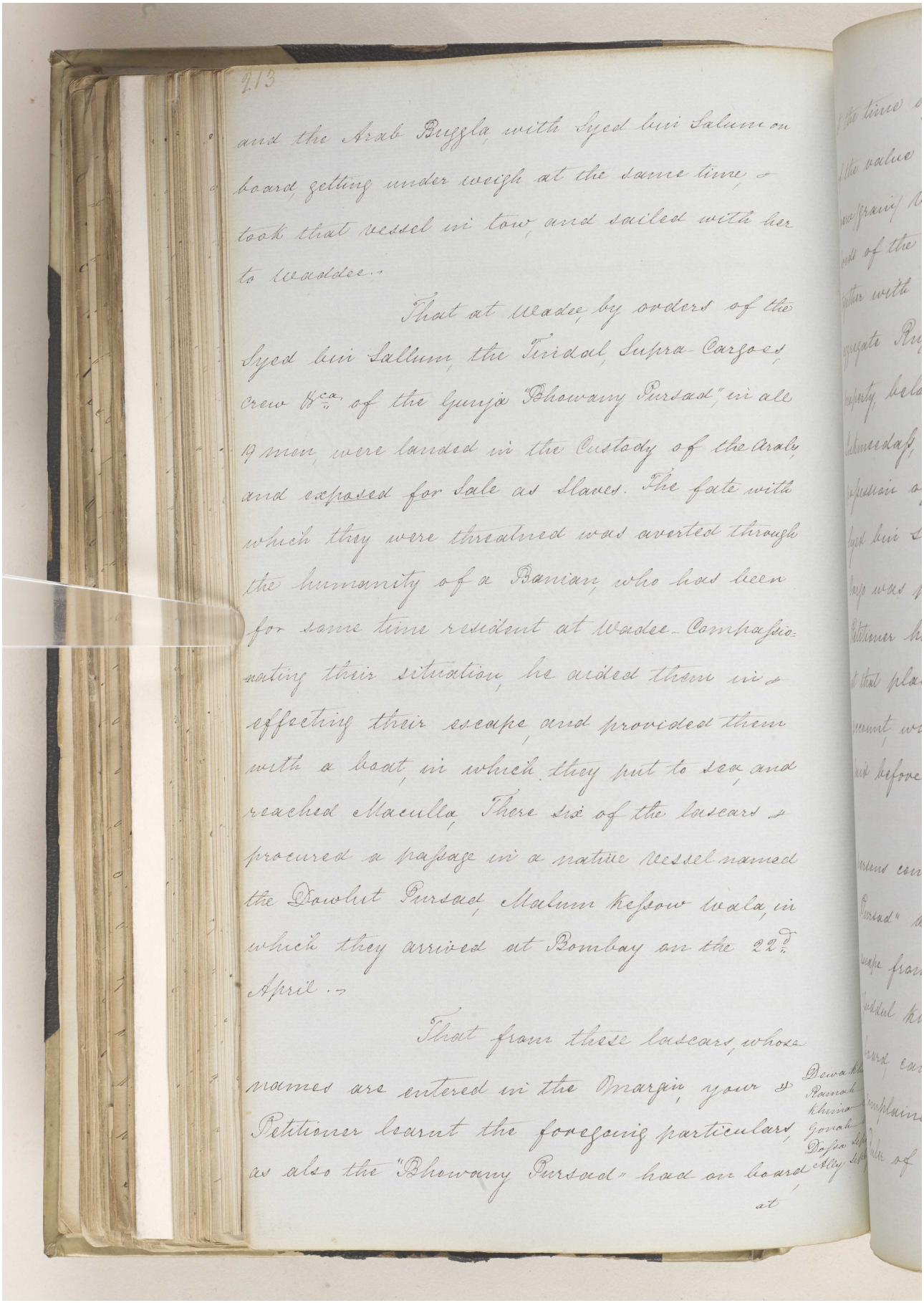

and the Arab Buggla, with Syed bin Salum on board, getting under weigh at the same time, & took that vessel in tow, and sailed with her to Waddee.

That at Wadee, by orders of the Syed bin Sallum, the Tindal, Supra-Cargoes, crew &ca. of the Gunja "Bhowany Pursad", in all 19 men, were landed in the Custody of the Arabs, and exposed for Sale as Slaves. The fate with which they were threatned was averted through the humanity of a Banian, who has been for some time resident at Wadee. Compassionating their situation, he aided them in & effecting their escape, and provided them with a boat, in which they put to sea, and reached Maculla. There six of the lascars & procured a passage in a native vessel named the Dowlut Pursad, Malum Kessow Wala, in which they arrived at Bombay on the 22d. April.

That from these lascars, whose names are entered in the Margin, your & Petitioner learnt the foregoing particulars, as also the "Bhowany Pursad" had on board, at

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Alley Lep

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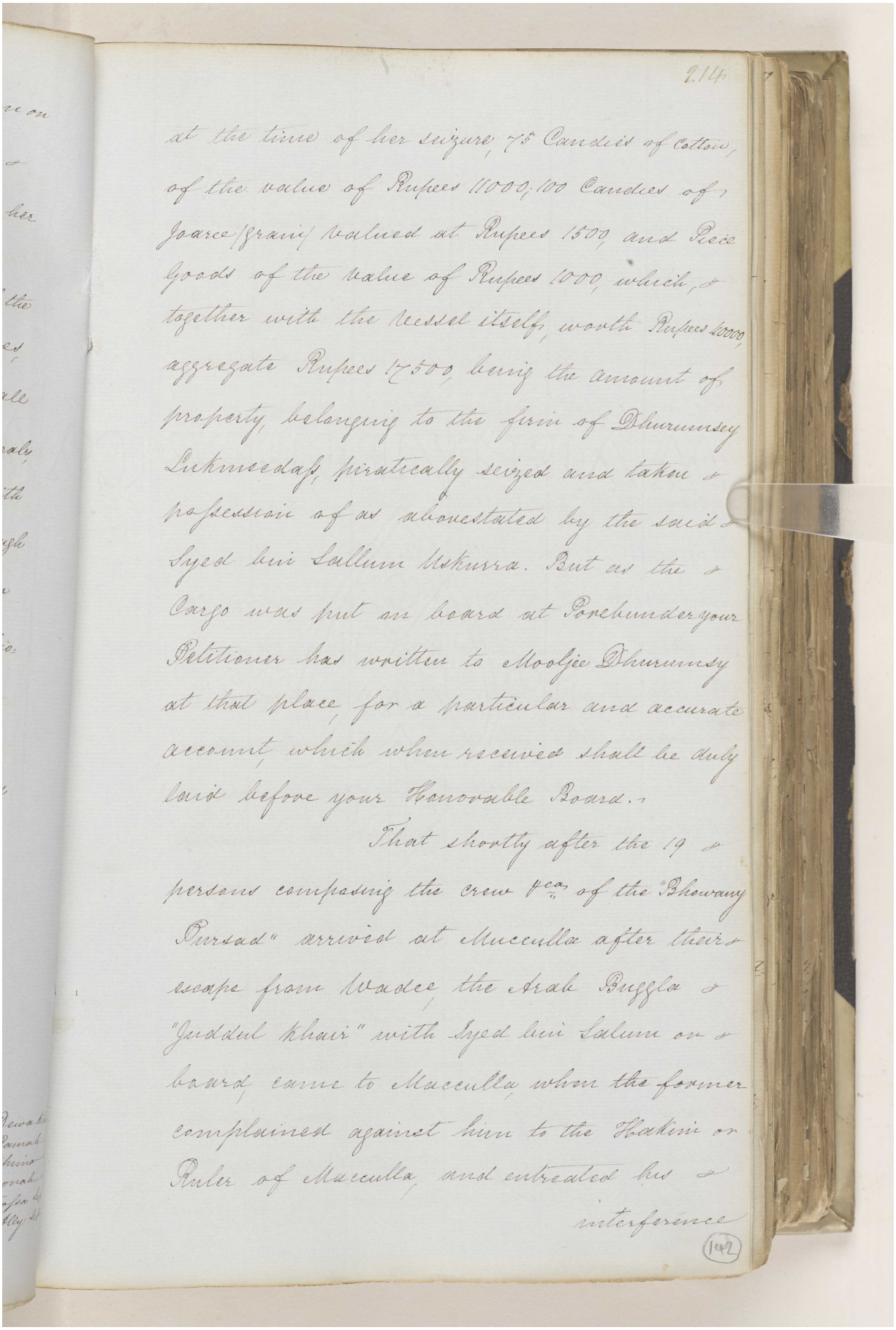

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at the time of her seizure, 75 Candies of cotton, of the value of Rupees 11000; 100 Candies of Joarce/grain/ valued at Rupees 1500, and Piece Goods of the value of Rupees 1000, which, together with the Vessel itself, worth Rupees 30000, aggregate Rupees 43500, being the amount of property belonging to the firm of Dhurumsey Lukmeedas, piratically seized and taken possession of as aforestated by the said Syed bin Sallum Mahurra. But as the Cargo was put on board at Porebunder your Petitioner has written to Mooljee Dhurumsy at that place, for a particular and accurate account, which when received shall be duly laid before your Honorable Board.

That shortly after the 19 persons composing the crew &c. of the "Bhowany Pursad" arrived at Mucculla after their escape from Wadee the Arab Buggla "Juddul khair" with Syed bin Salum on board, came to Muccullo when the former complained against him to the Hakim or Ruler of Muccullo, and entreated his interference

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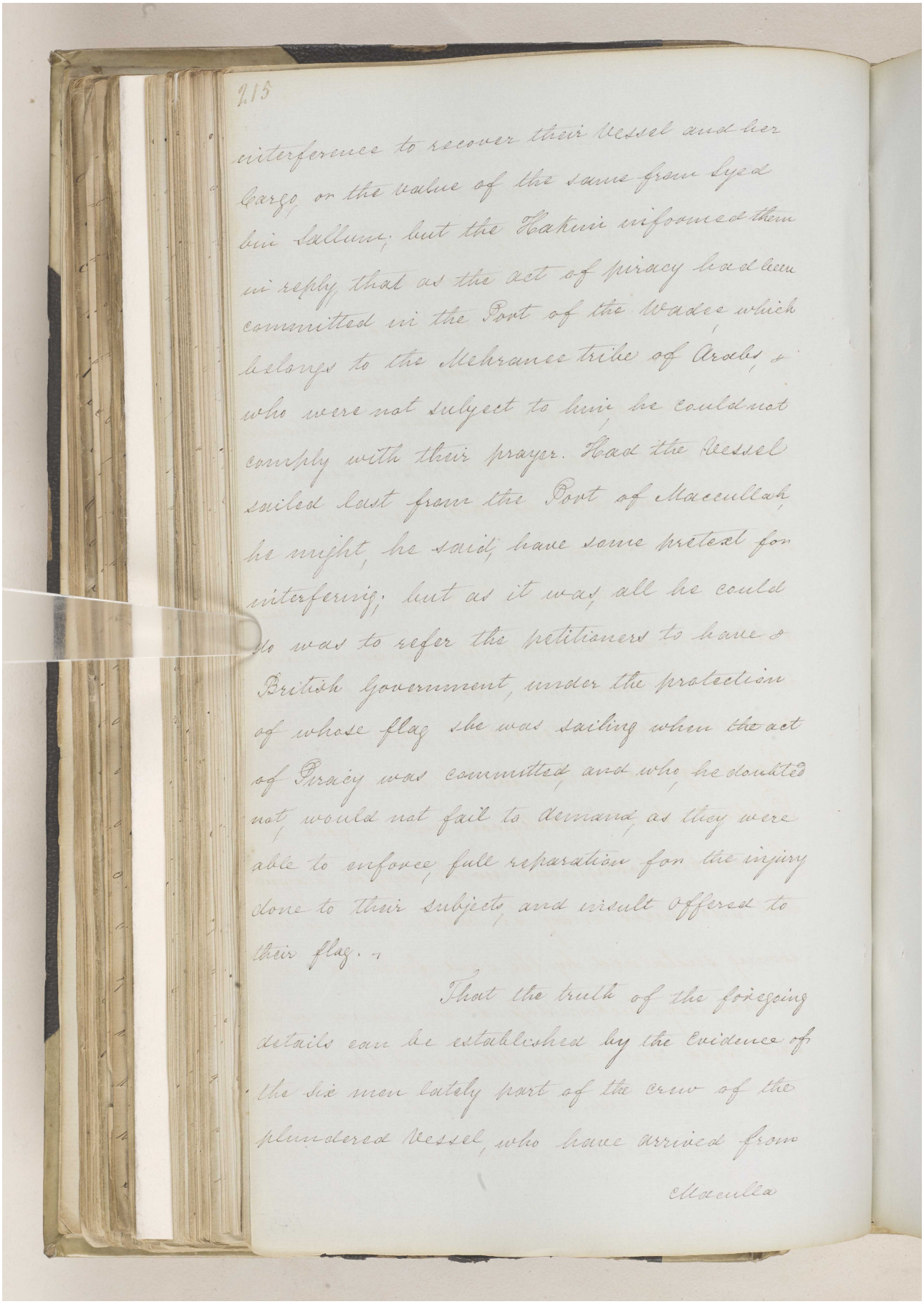

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interference to recover their Vessel and her Cargo or the value of the same from Syed bin Sallum; but the Hakim informed them in reply that as the act of piracy had been committed in the Port of the Wadee which belongs to the Mehranee tribe of Arabs, & who were not subject to him, he could not comply with their prayer. Had the Vessel sailed last from the Port of Macculla, he might, he said, have some pretext for interfering; but as it was, all he could do was to refer the petitioners to have a British Government, under the protection of whose flag she was sailing when the act of Piracy was committed, and who he doubted not, would not fail to demand, as they were able to enforce, full reparation for the injury done to their subjects, and insult offered to their flag.

That the truth of the foregoing details can be established by the evidence of the six men lately part of the crew of the plundered Vessel, who have arrived from Macculla

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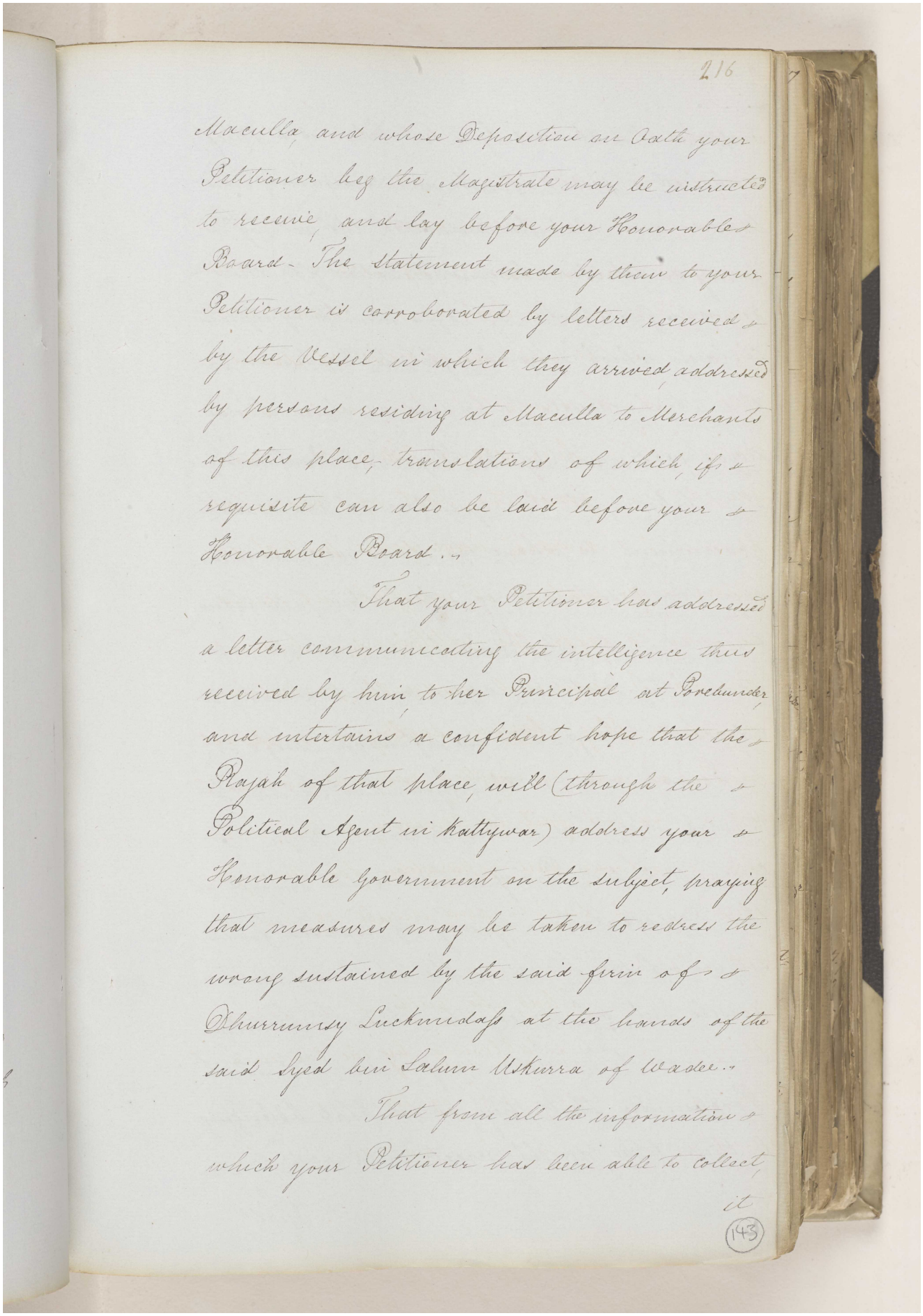

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Maculla and whose Deposition on Oath your Petitioner beg the Magistrate may be instructed to receive and lay before your Honorable Board. The Statement made by them to your Petitioner is corroborated by letters received by the Vessel in which they arrived, addressed by persons residing at Maculla to Merchants of this place, translations of which if requisite can also be laid before your Honorable Board.

That your Petitioner has addressed a letter communicating the intelligence thus received by him to her Principal at Poreebunder and intertains a confident hope that the Rajah of that place, will (through the Political Agent in Kattywar) address your Honorable government on the subject, praying that measures may be taken to redress the wrong sustained by the said Sirin of Dhurrumsy Luckmedas at the hands of the said Syed bin Salum Ushurra of Wadee.

That from all the information which your Petitioner has been able to collect, it

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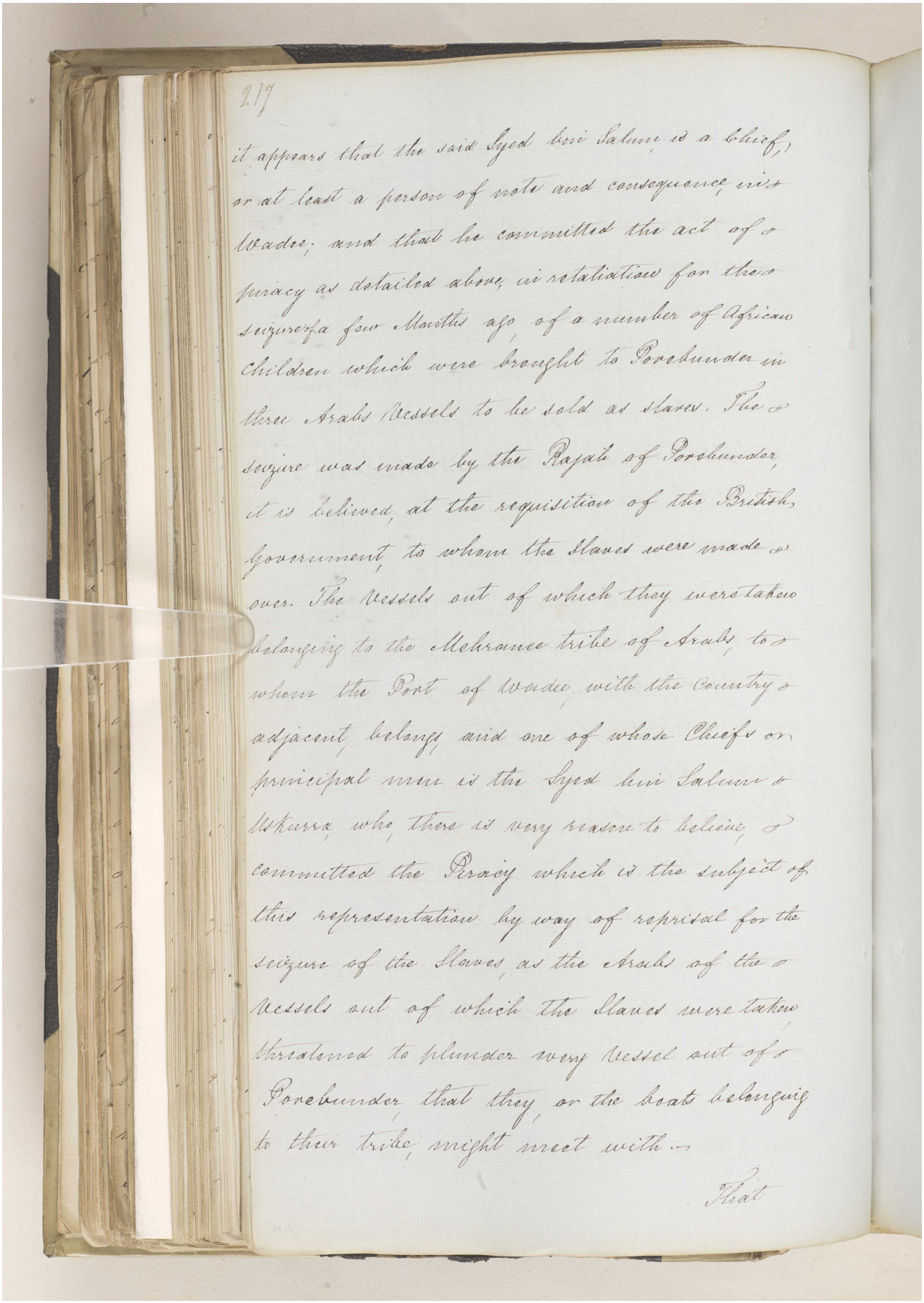

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it appears that the said Syed bin Salum is a Chief, or at least a person of note and consequence in Wadee; and that he committed the act of Piracy as detailed above, in retaliation for the seizure a few Months ago of a number of African Children which were brought to Porebunder in three Arabs Vessels to be sold as Slaves. The seizure was made by the Rajah of Porebunder, it is believed, at the requisition of the British Government, to whom the Slaves were made over. The Vessels out of which they were taken belonging to the Mekranee tribe of Arabs, to whom the Port of Wadee with the Country adjacent belongs and one of whose Chiefs or principal men is the Syed bin Salum of Ushurra, who there is very reason to believe committed the Piracy which is the subject of this representation by way of reprisal for the seizure of the Slaves, as the Arabs of the Vessels out of which the Slaves were taken threatened to plunder every Vessel out of Porebunder that they, or the boats belonging to their tribe, might meet with.—

That

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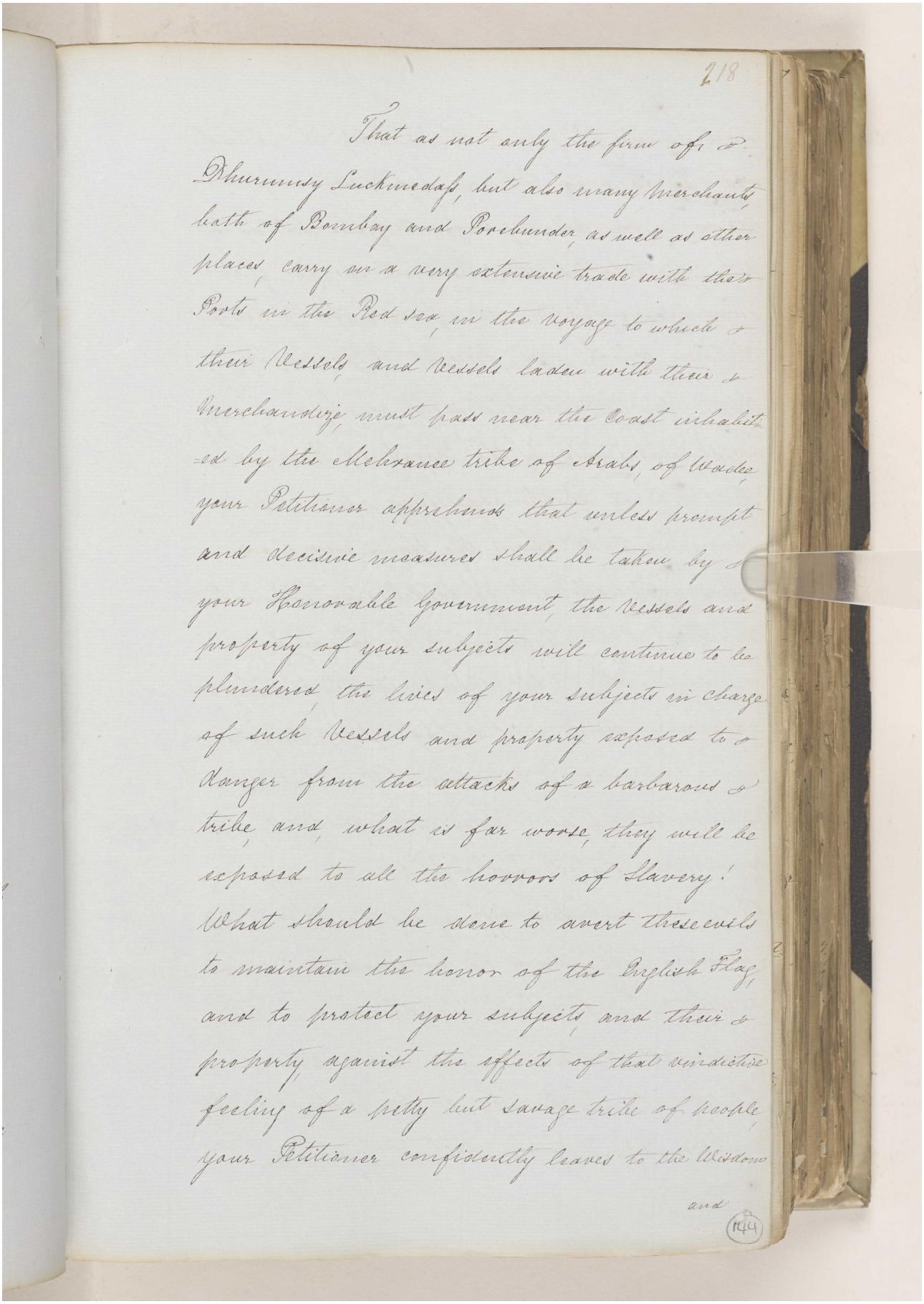

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That as not only the firm of D. Dhurumsy Luckmedas, but also many Merchants both of Bombay and Porebunder, as well as other places, carry on a very extensive trade with their Ports in the Red Sea, in the voyage to which their Vessels and Vessels laden with their Merchandize, must pass near the Coast inhabited by the Mekranee tribe of Arabs, of whose your Petitioner apprehends that unless prompt and decisive measures shall be taken by your Honorable Government, the Vessels and property of your subjects will continue to be plundered, the lives of your subjects in charge of such Vessels and property exposed to danger from the attacks of a barbarous tribe, and, what is far worse, they will be exposed to all the horrors of Slavery!

What should be done to avert these evils to maintain the honor of the English Flag, and to protect your subjects and their property against the effects of that vindictive feeling of a petty but savage tribe of people, your Petitioner confidently leaves to the Wisdom

and

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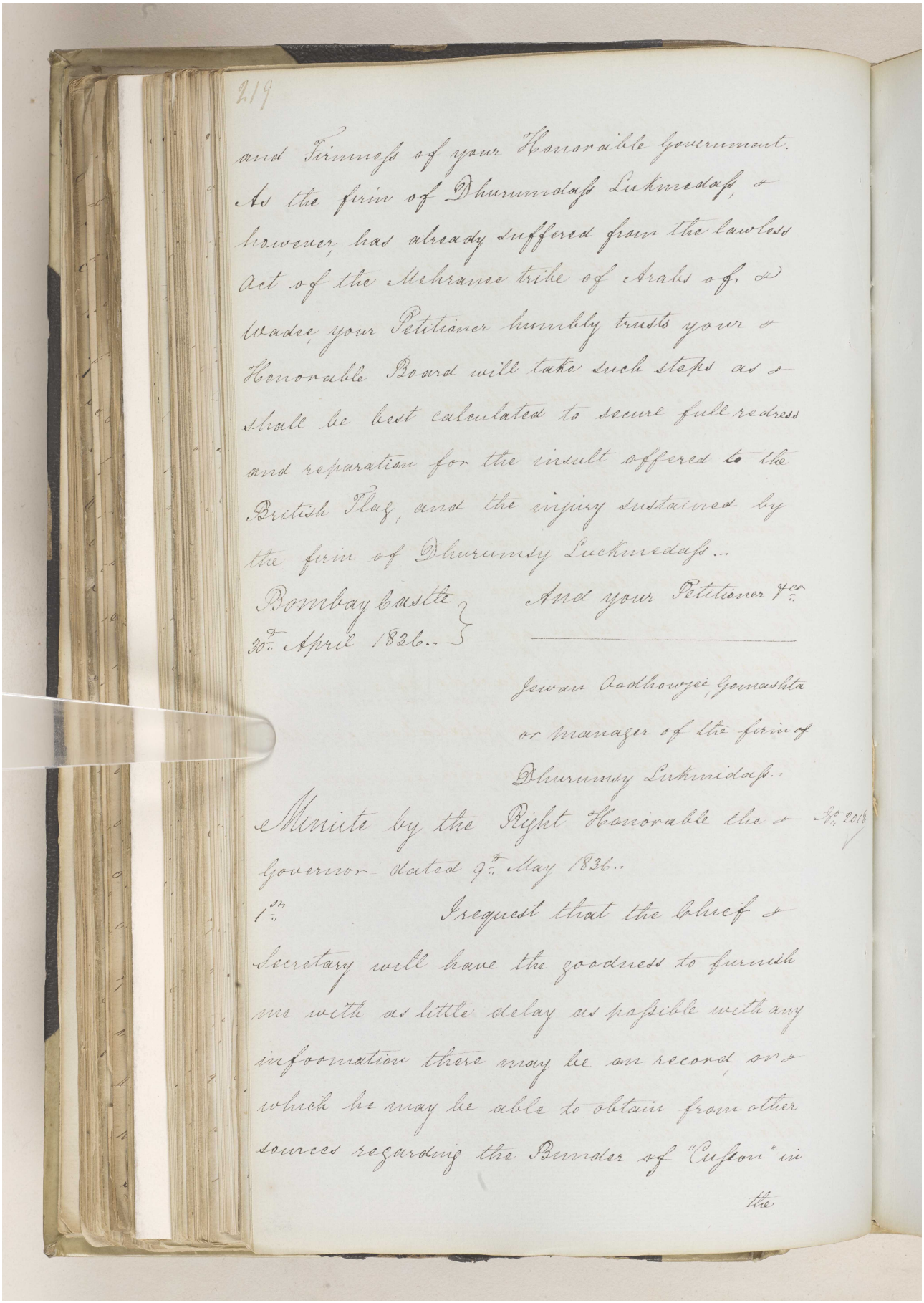

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and Firmness of your Honorable Government. As the firm of Dhurmdass Luckmedass & however, has already suffered from the lawless act of the Mehranee tribe of Arabs of & Wadee your Petitioner humbly trusts your Honorable Board will take such steps as shall be best calculated to secure full redress and reparation for the insult offered to the British Flag, and the injury sustained by the firm of Dhurumsy Luckmedass.

Bombay Castle 30th April 1836.

And your Petitioner &c.

Jewan Radhowjee Gomashta or manager of the firm of Dhurumsy Lukmidass.

Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor dated 9th May 1836.

No 208

1st I request that the Chief Secretary will have the goodness to furnish me with as little delay as possible with any information there may be on record, or which he may be able to obtain from other sources regarding the Surrender of "Cufton" in the

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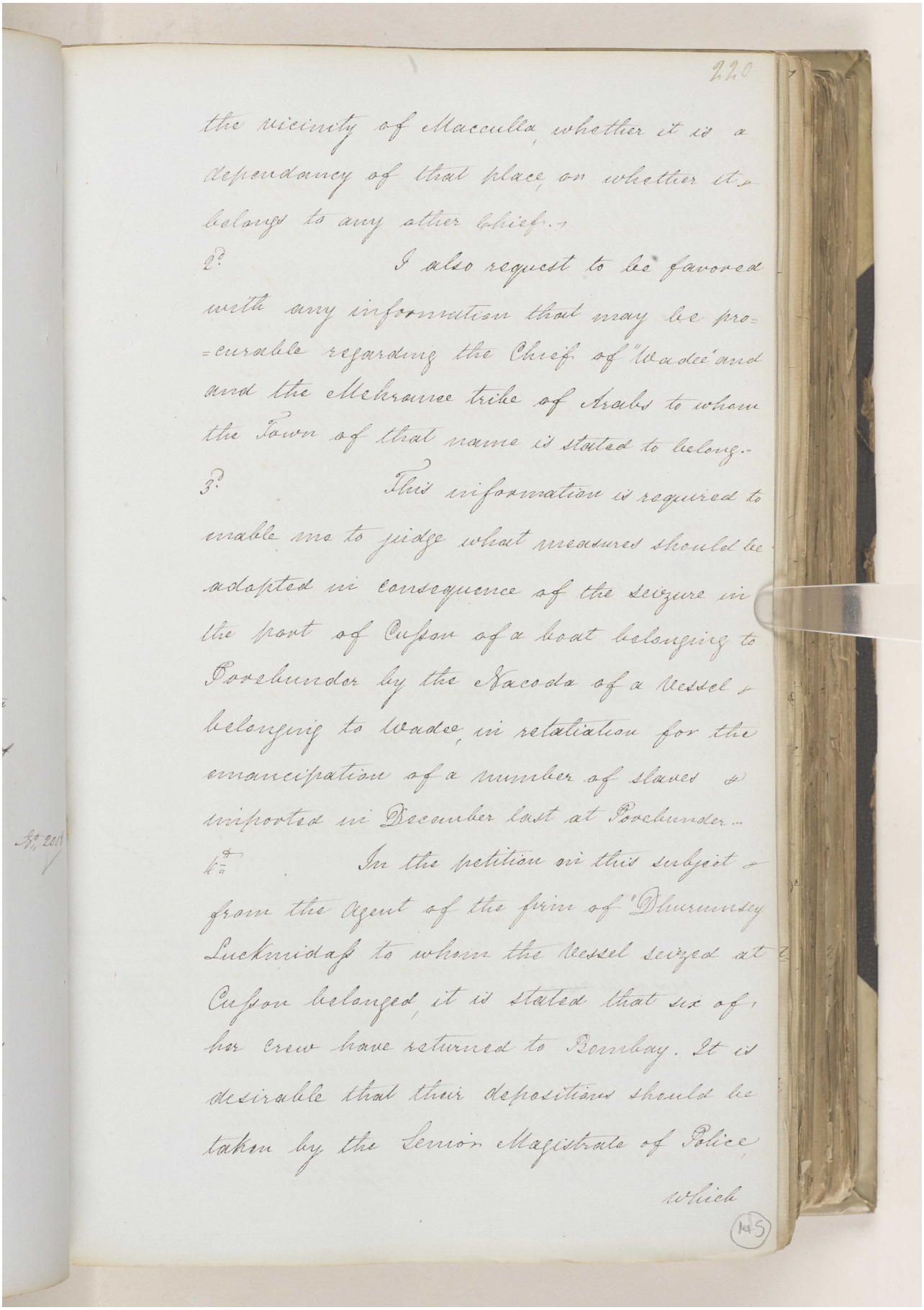

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the vicinity of Macculla, whether it is a dependancy of that place, or whether it belongs to any other Chief.

2d I also request to be favored with any information that may be procurable regarding the Chief of "Wadee" and and the Mehranee tribe of Arabs to whom the Town of that name is stated to belong.

3d This information is required to enable me to judge what measures should be adopted in consequence of the seizure in the port of Cutch of a boat belonging to Porebunder by the Nacoda of a vessel belonging to Wadee, in retaliation for the emancipation of a number of slaves imported in December last at Porebunder.

4th In the petition on this subject from the Agent of the firm of "Dhurumsey Luckmidas" to whom the vessel seized at Cutch belonged, it is stated that six of her crew have returned to Bombay. It is desirable that their depositions should be taken by the Senior Magistrate of Police,

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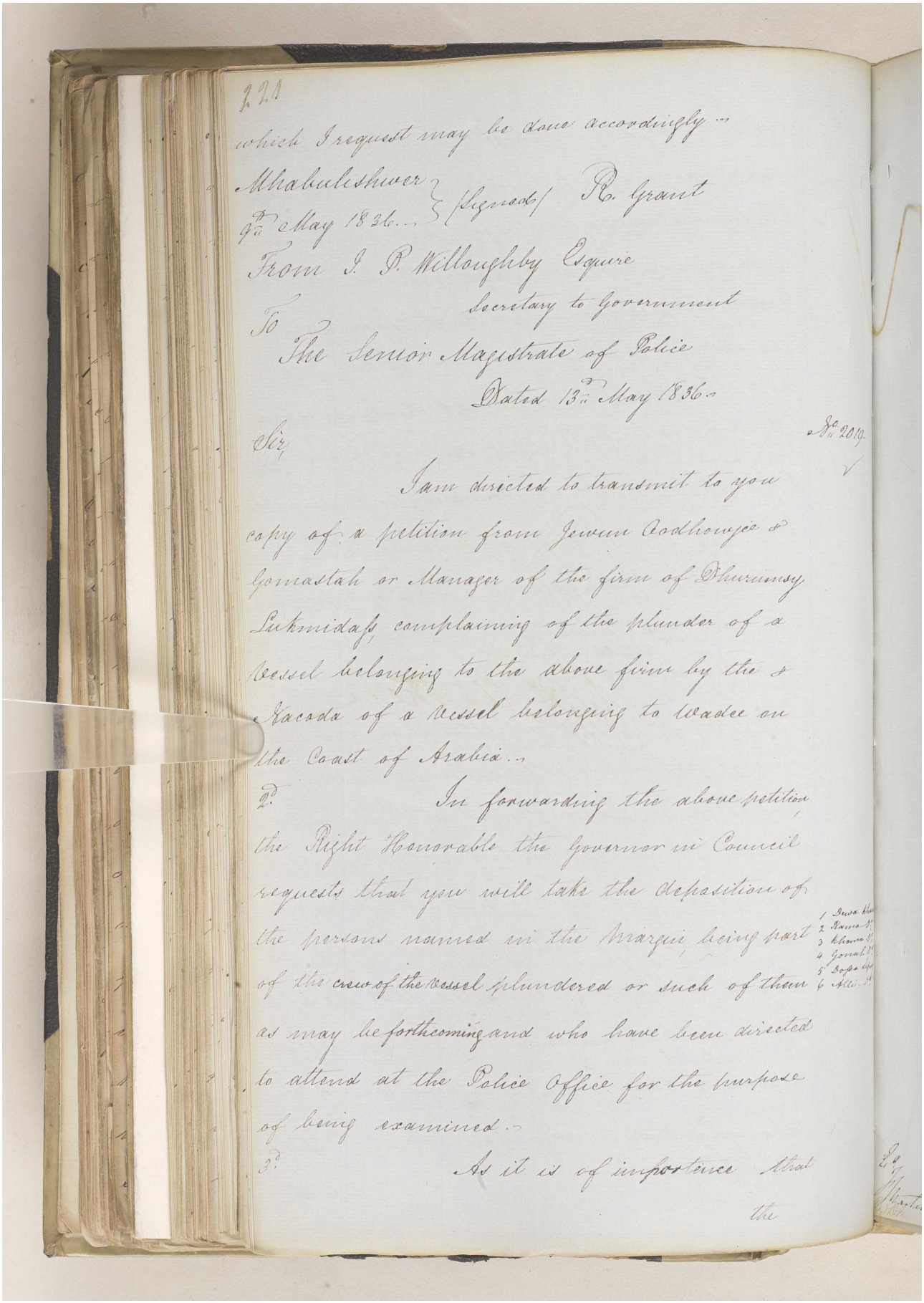

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which I request may be done accordingly.

Mhabulishwer
9th May 1836. } (Signed) R. Grant

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To
The Senior Magistrate of Police
Dated 13th May 1836.

No. 2019.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you copy of a petition from Jewun Oodhowjee & Gomastah or Manager of the firm of Dhurumsy Lukmidass, complaining of the plunder of a vessel belonging to the above firm by the & Nacoda of a vessel belonging to Wadee on the Coast of Arabia.

2d In forwarding the above petition the Right Honorable the Governor in Council requests that you will take the deposition of the persons named in the Margin, being part of the crew of the vessel plundered or such of them as may be forthcoming and who have been directed to attend at the Police Office for the purpose of being examined.

1 Dewa Khan
2 Rama D.
3 Khoma D.
4 Gonal D.
5 Dossa Sepa
6 Alli D.

3d As it is of importance that the

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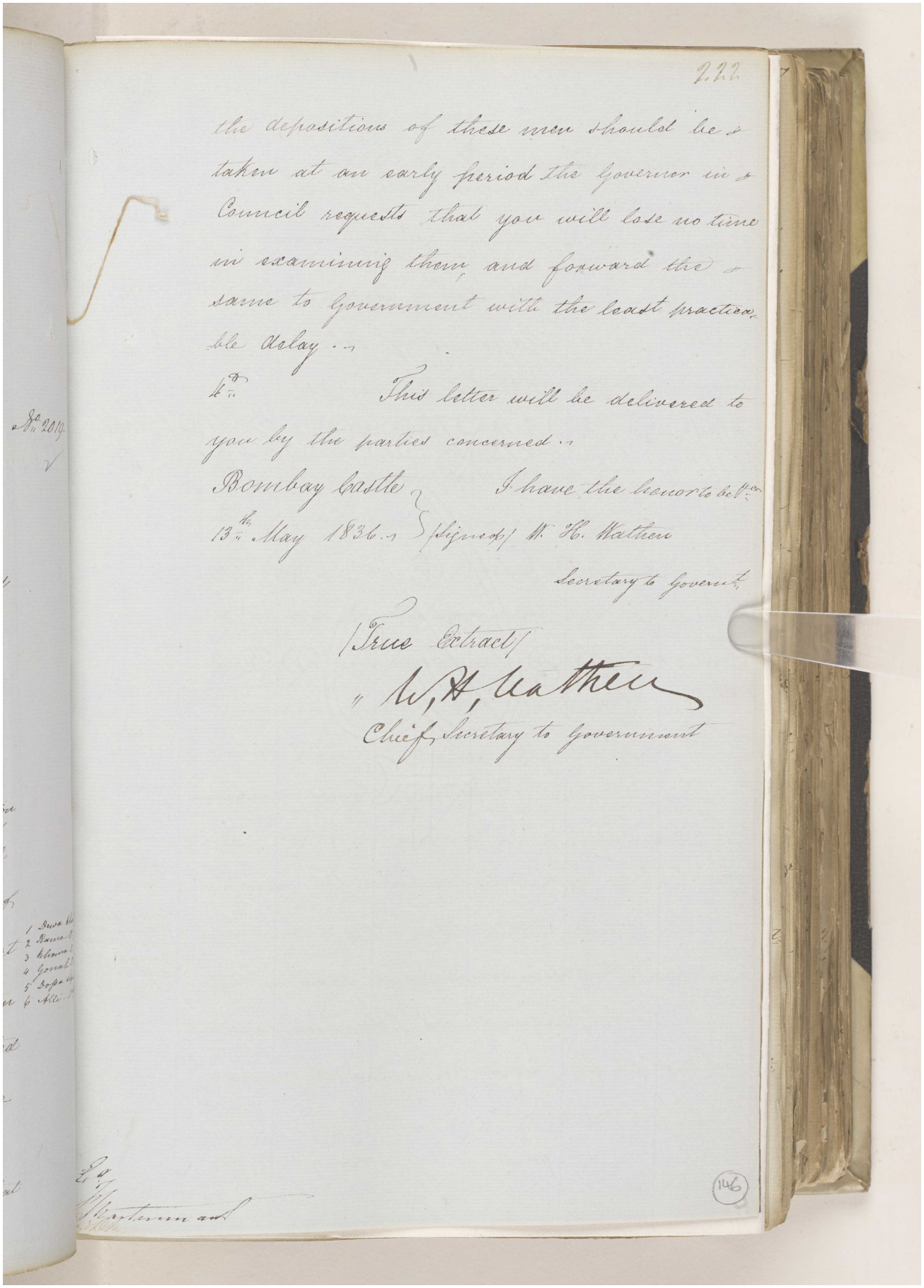

the depositions of these men should be
taken at an early period the Governor in
Council requests that you will lose no time
in examining them, and forward the
same to Government with the least practica-
ble delay.

4th. This letter will be delivered to
you by the parties concerned.

Bombay Castle, I have the honor to be &c.
13th. May 1836. (Signed) W. H. Mathew
Secretary to Govt.

True Extract
W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Government

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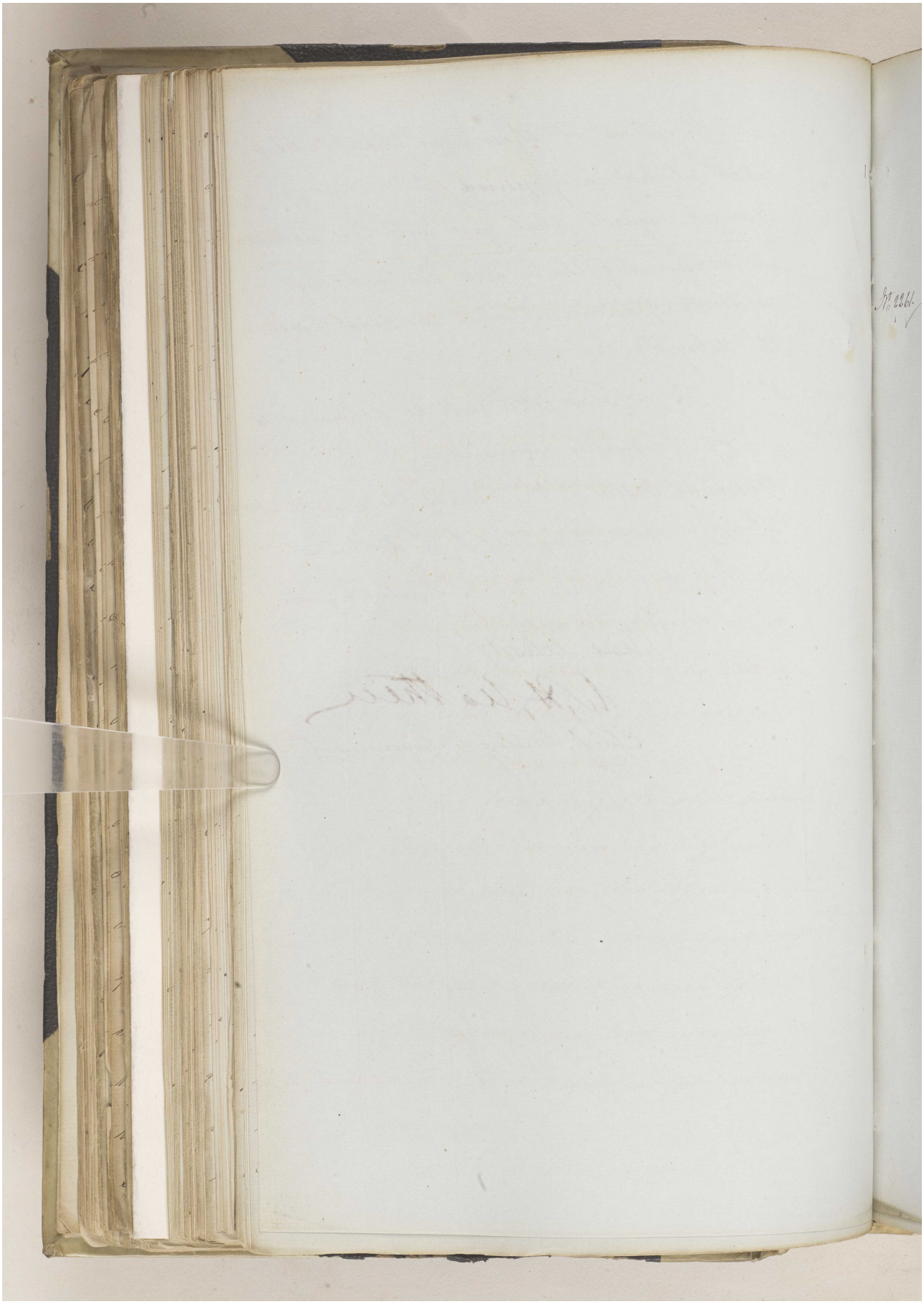

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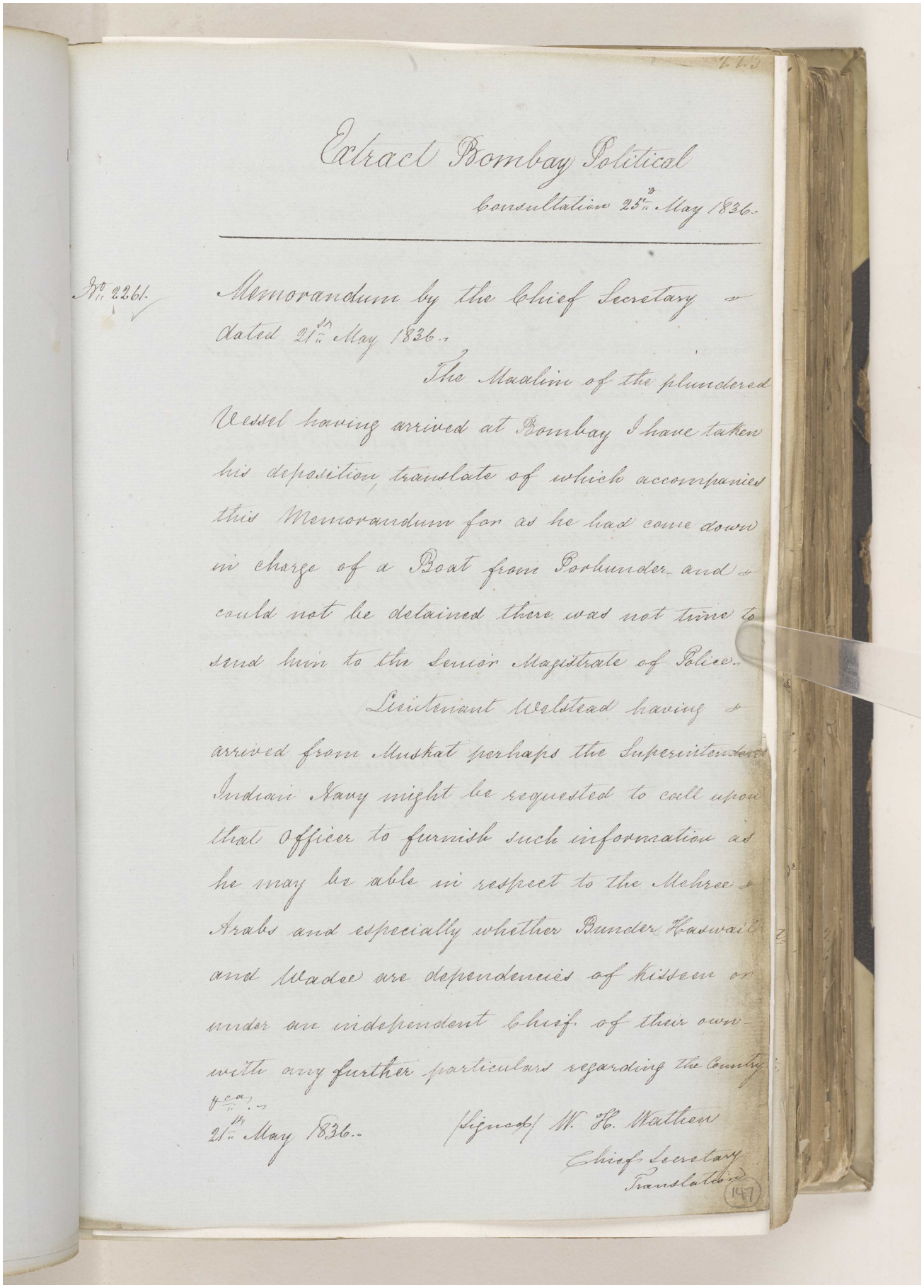

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Consultation 25th May 1836.

No. 2261.

Memorandum by the Chief Secretary
dated 21st May 1836.

The Maulim of the plundered Vessel having arrived at Bombay I have taken his deposition, translate of which accompanies this Memorandum for as he had come down in charge of a Boat from Porbunder and could not be detained there was not time to send him to the Senior Magistrate of Police.

Lieutenant Wellsted having arrived from Muskat perhaps the Superintendent Indian Navy might be requested to call upon that officer to furnish such information as he may be able in respect to the Mehree Arabs and especially whether Bunder Kaswail and Wadee are dependencies of Kisseen or under an independent Chief of their own with any further particulars regarding the Country &c.

21st May 1836.

(Signed) W. H. Wathen
Chief Secretary

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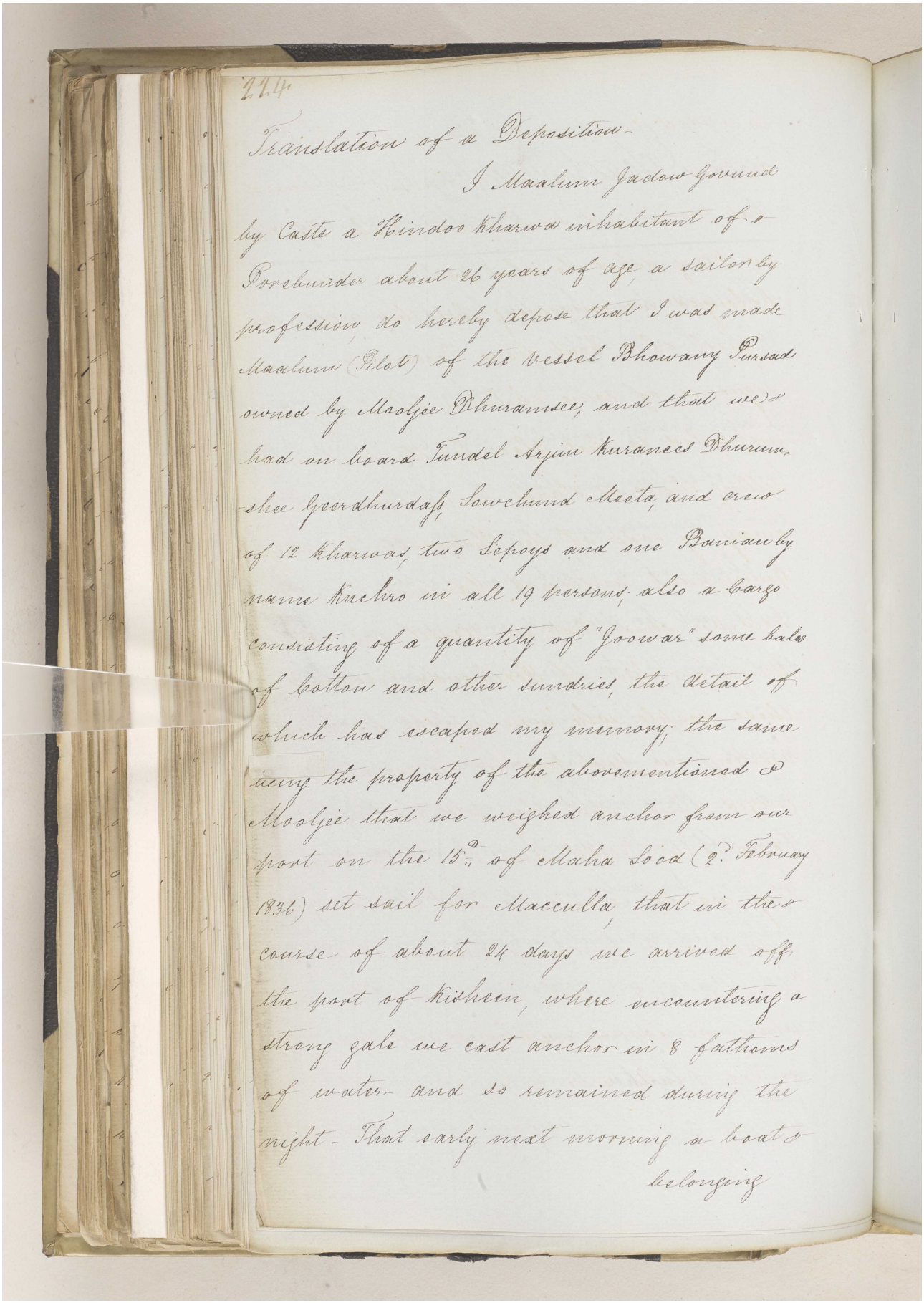

Translation of a Deposition-

I Maalum Jadow Govund by Caste a Hindoo Kharwa inhabitant of Porebunder about 26 years of age, a sailor by profession, do hereby depose that I was made Maalum (Pilot) of the vessel Bhowany Pursad owned by Mooljee Dhuramsee, and that we had on board Tundel Arjun Kurances Dhurumshee Geerdhurdass, Sowchund Meeta, and crew of 12 Kharwas, two Sepoys and one Banian by name Kuchro in all 19 persons; also a Cargo consisting of a quantity of "Joowar" some bales of Cotton and other sundries, the detail of which has escaped my memory; the same being the property of the abovementioned Mooljee that we weighed anchor from our port on the 15th of Maha Sood (2d February 1836) set sail for Macculla, that in the course of about 24 days we arrived off the port of Kisheen, where encountering a strong gale we cast anchor in 8 fathoms of water and so remained during the night- That early next morning a boat belonging

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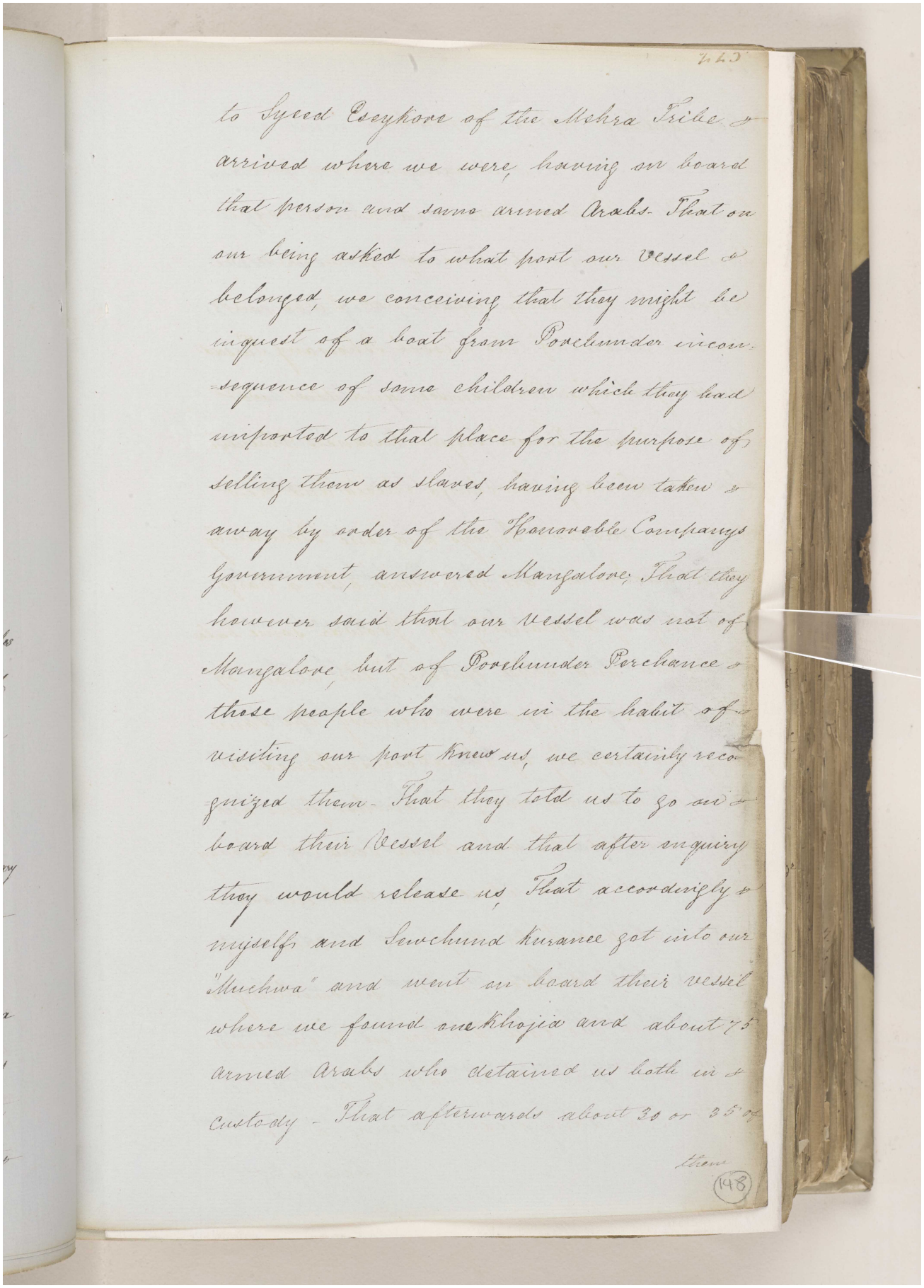

to Syeed Ceyphore of the Mehra Tribe & arrived where we were, having on board that person and same armed Arabs. That on our being asked to what port our vessel & belonged, we conceiving that they might be in quest of a boat from Poorbunder in consequence of some children which they had imported to that place for the purpose of selling them as slaves, having been taken & away by order of the Honorable Companys Government, answered Mangalore, That they however said that our vessel was not of Mangalore, but of Poorbunder Perchance those people who were in the habit of visiting our port knew us, we certainly recognized them. That they told us to go on board their Vessel and that after enquiry they would release us. That accordingly myself and Sewchund Kurance got into our "Muchwa" and went on board their vessel where we found one Khojia and about 75 armed Arabs who detained us both in custody. That afterwards about 30 or 35 of them

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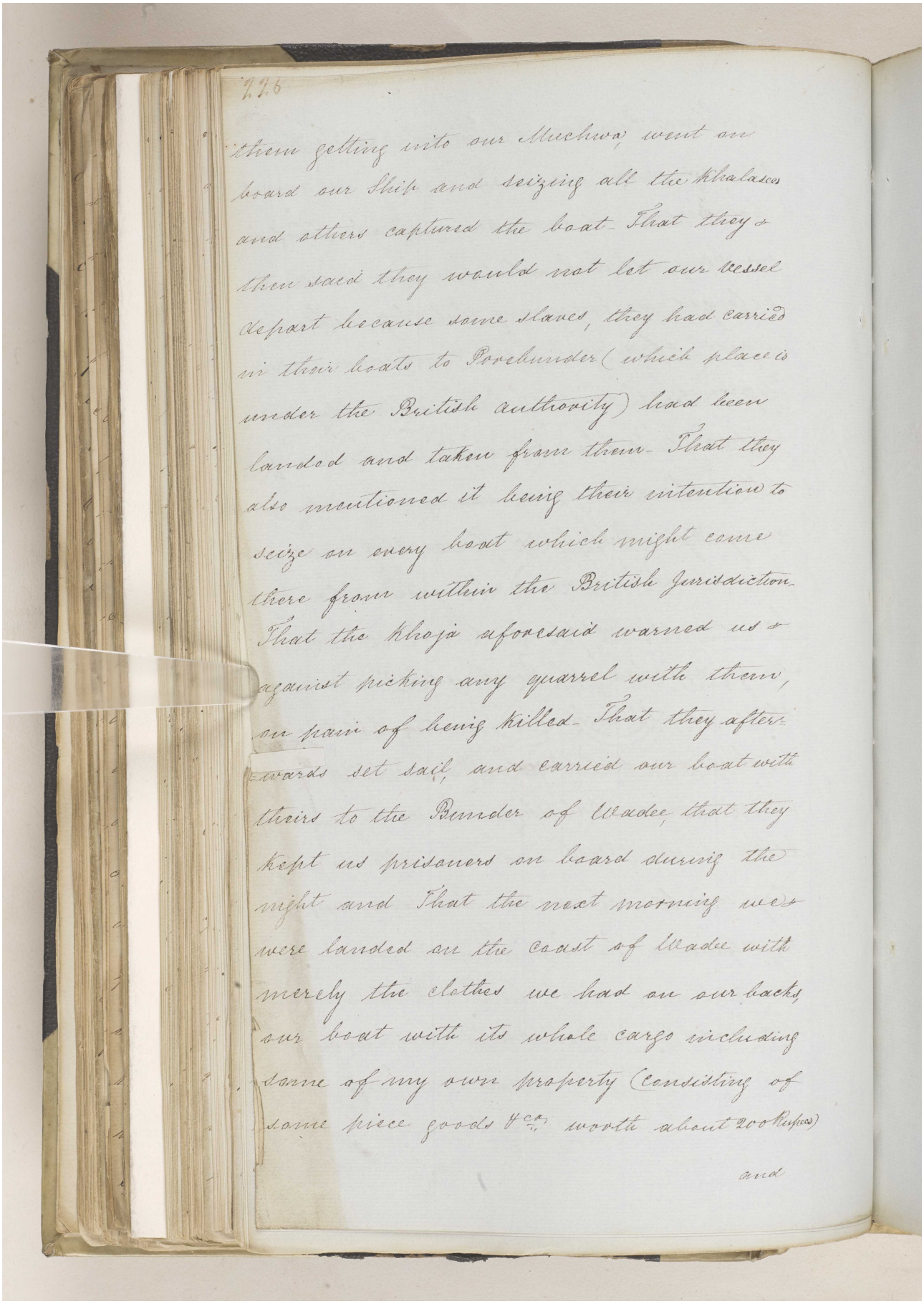

them getting into our Muchwa, went on
board our Ship and seizing all the Khalasees
and others captured the boat. That they
then said they would not let our vessel
depart because some slaves, they had carried
in their boats to Porebunder (which place is
under the British authority) had been
landed and taken from them. That they
also mentioned it being their intention to
seize on every boat which might come
there from within the British Jurisdiction.
That the Khoja aforesaid warned us
against picking any quarrel with them,
on pain of being killed. That they after-
wards set sail, and carried our boat with
theirs to the Bunder of Wadee, that they
kept us prisoners on board during the
night and That the next morning we
were landed on the coast of Wadee with
merely the clothes we had on our backs,
our boat with its whole cargo including
some of my own property (consisting of
some piece goods &c., worth about 200 Rupees)

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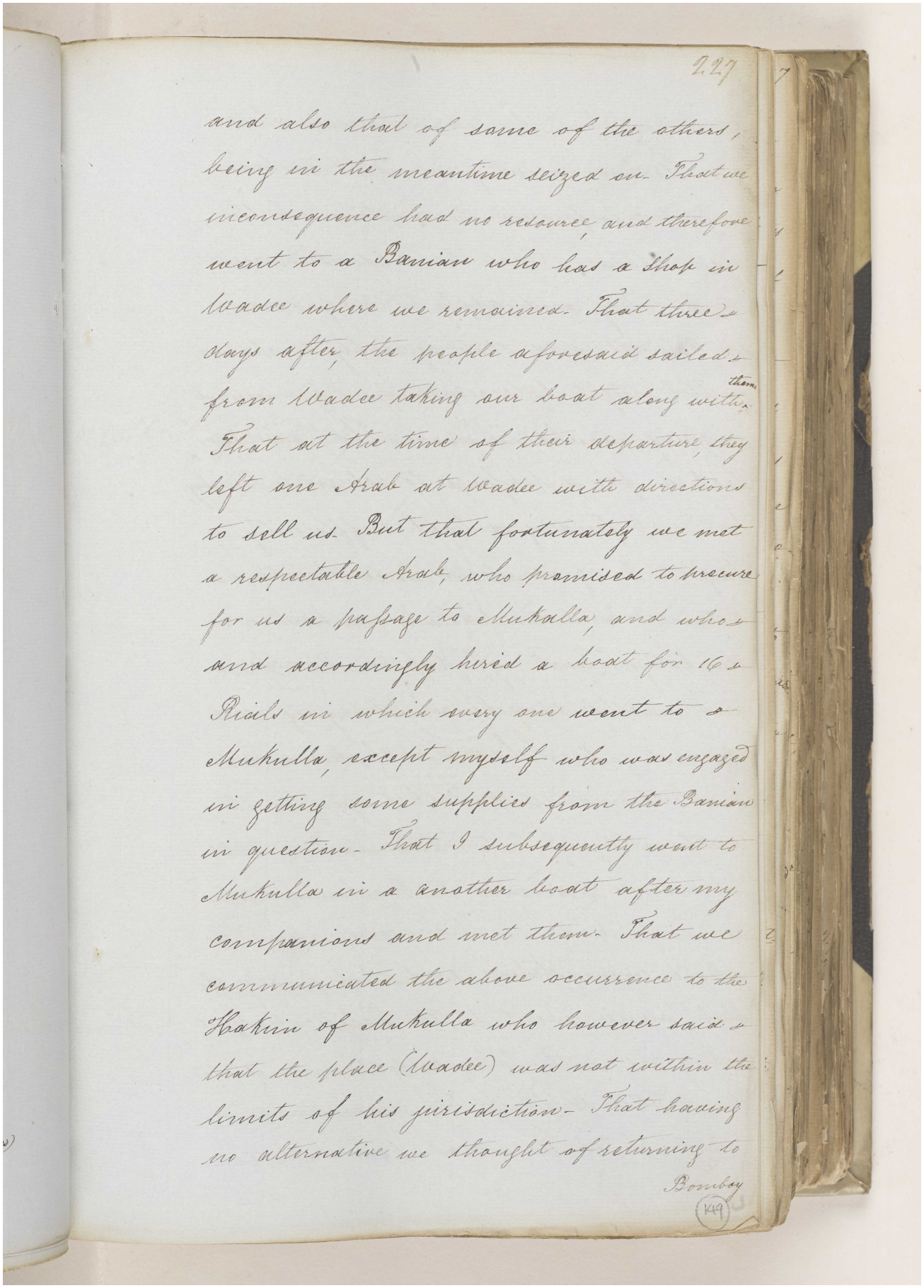

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and also that of some of the others, being in the meantime seized on. That we in consequence had no resource, and therefore went to a Banian who has a Shop in Wadee where we remained. That three days after, the people aforesaid sailed from Wadee taking our boat along with them. That at the time of their departure, they left one Arab at Wadee with directions to sell us. But that fortunately we met a respectable Arab, who promised to procure for us a passage to Mukulla, and who and accordingly hired a boat for 16 Rials in which every one went to Mukulla, except myself who was engaged in getting some supplies from the Banian in question. That I subsequently went to Mukulla in a another boat after my companions and met them. That we communicated the above occurrence to the Hakim of Mukulla who however said that the place (Wadee) was not within the limits of his jurisdiction. That having no alternative we thought of returning to Bombay

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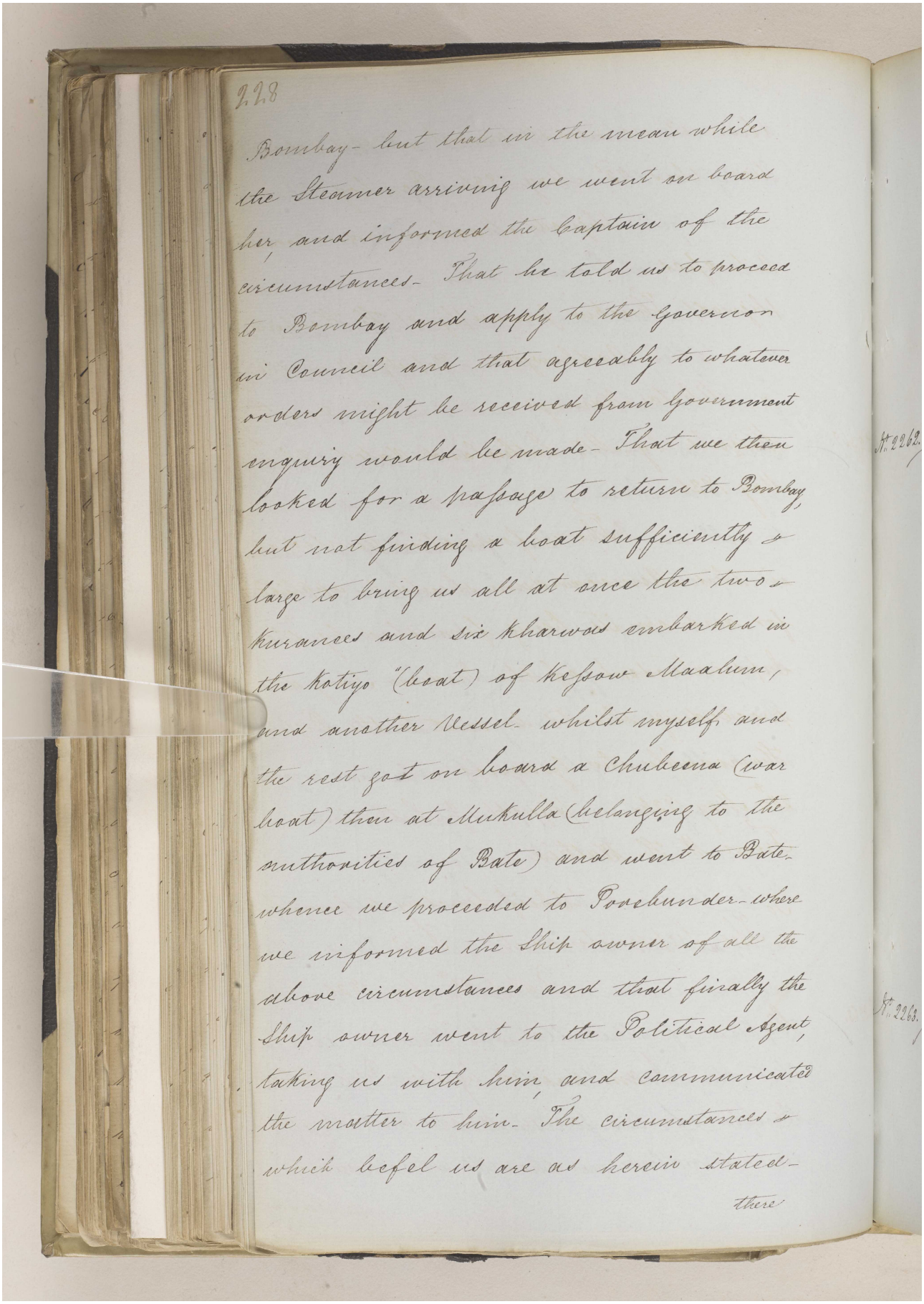

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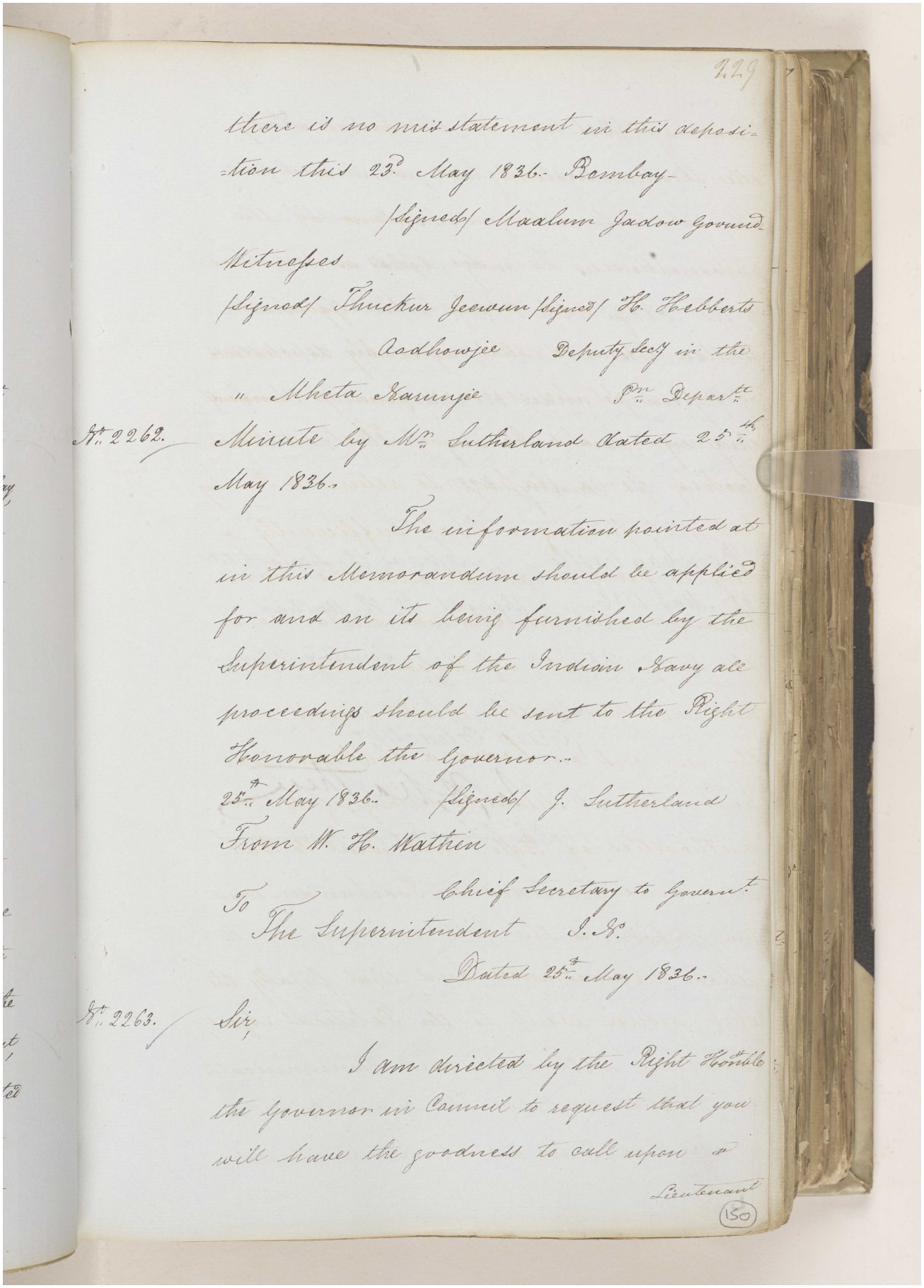
Bombay- but that in the mean while the Steamer arriving we went on board her, and informed the Captain of the circumstances- That he told us to proceed to Bombay and apply to the Governor in Council and that agreeably to whatever orders might be received from Government enquiry would be made- That we then looked for a passage to return to Bombay, but not finding a boat sufficiently & large to bring us all at once the two & kurances and six kharwas embarked in the Kotiyo "(boat) of Kessow Maalum, and another Vessel- whilst myself and the rest got on board a Chubeena (war boat) then at Mukulla (belonging to the authorities of Bate) and went to Bate- whence we proceeded to Porebunder- where we informed the Ship owner of all the above circumstances and that finally the Ship owner went to the Political Agent, taking us with him, and communicated the matter to him- The circumstances & which befel us are as herein stated-

there

No. 2262.

No. 2263.



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there is no mis statement in this deposition this 23d May 1836.- Bombay-

/Signed/ Maalum Jadow Govind

Witnesses

/Signed/ Thuckur Jeewun /Signed/ H. Hebbert

Aadhowjee Deputy Secy in the

" Mheta Karunjee Pol. Depart.

No. 2262. Minute by Mr. Sutherland dated 25th May 1836.-

The information pointed at in this Memorandum should be applied for and on its being furnished by the Superintendent of the Indian Navy all proceedings should be sent to the Right Honorable the Governor.-

25th May 1836.- /Signed/ J. Sutherland

From W. H. Wathen

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To The Superintendent I. N.

Dated 25th May 1836.-

No. 2263. Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will have the goodness to call upon

Lieutenant

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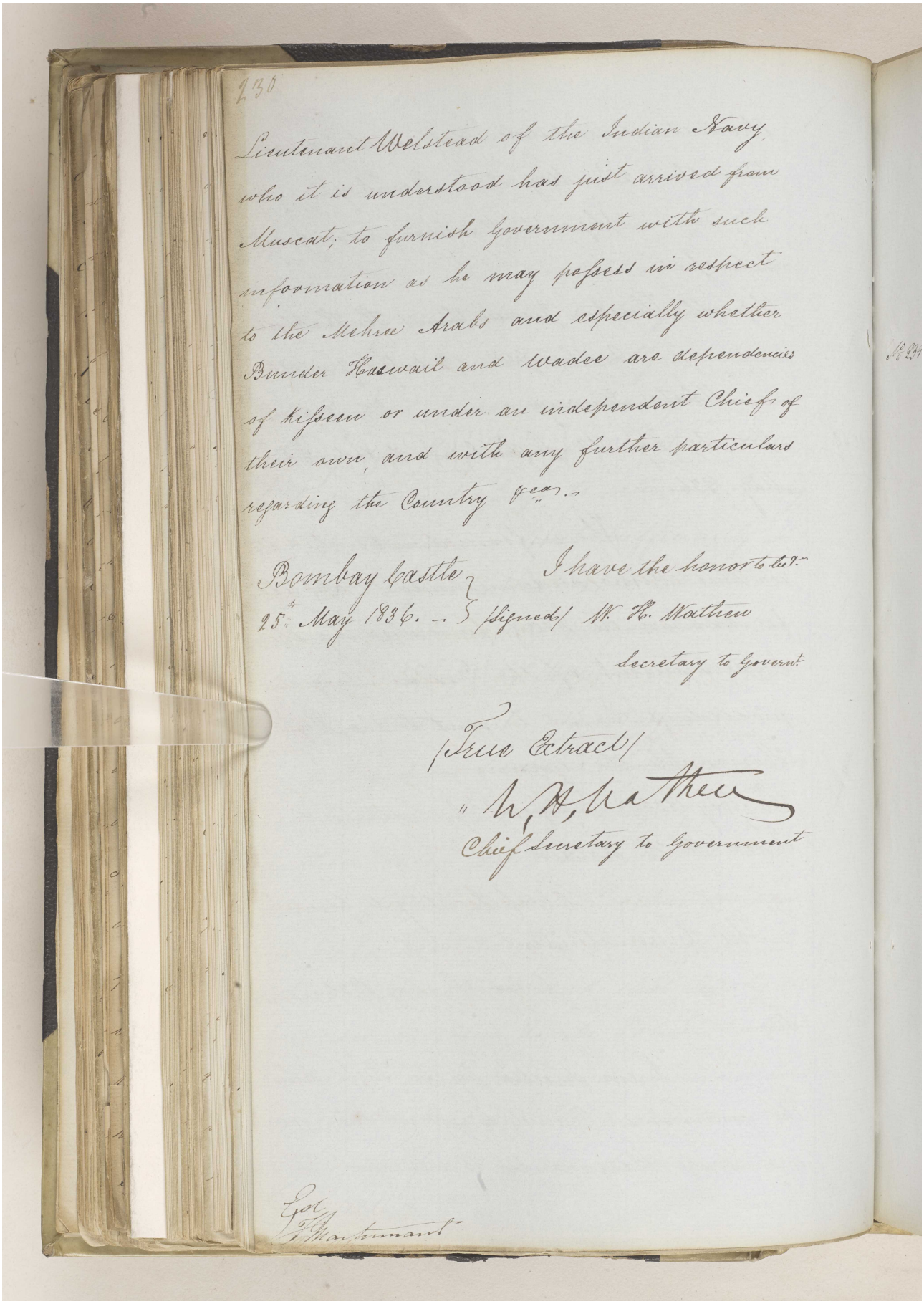

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Lieutenant Welstead of the Indian Navy, who it is understood has just arrived from Muscat; to furnish Government with such information as he may possess in respect to the Mehree Arabs and especially whether Bunder Haswail and Wadee are dependencies of Kisseen or under an independent Chief of their own, and with any further particulars regarding the Country &ca.

Bombay Castle
25th May 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. H. Wathen
Secretary to Govern.t

(True Extract)
W. H. Wathen
Chief Secretary to Government

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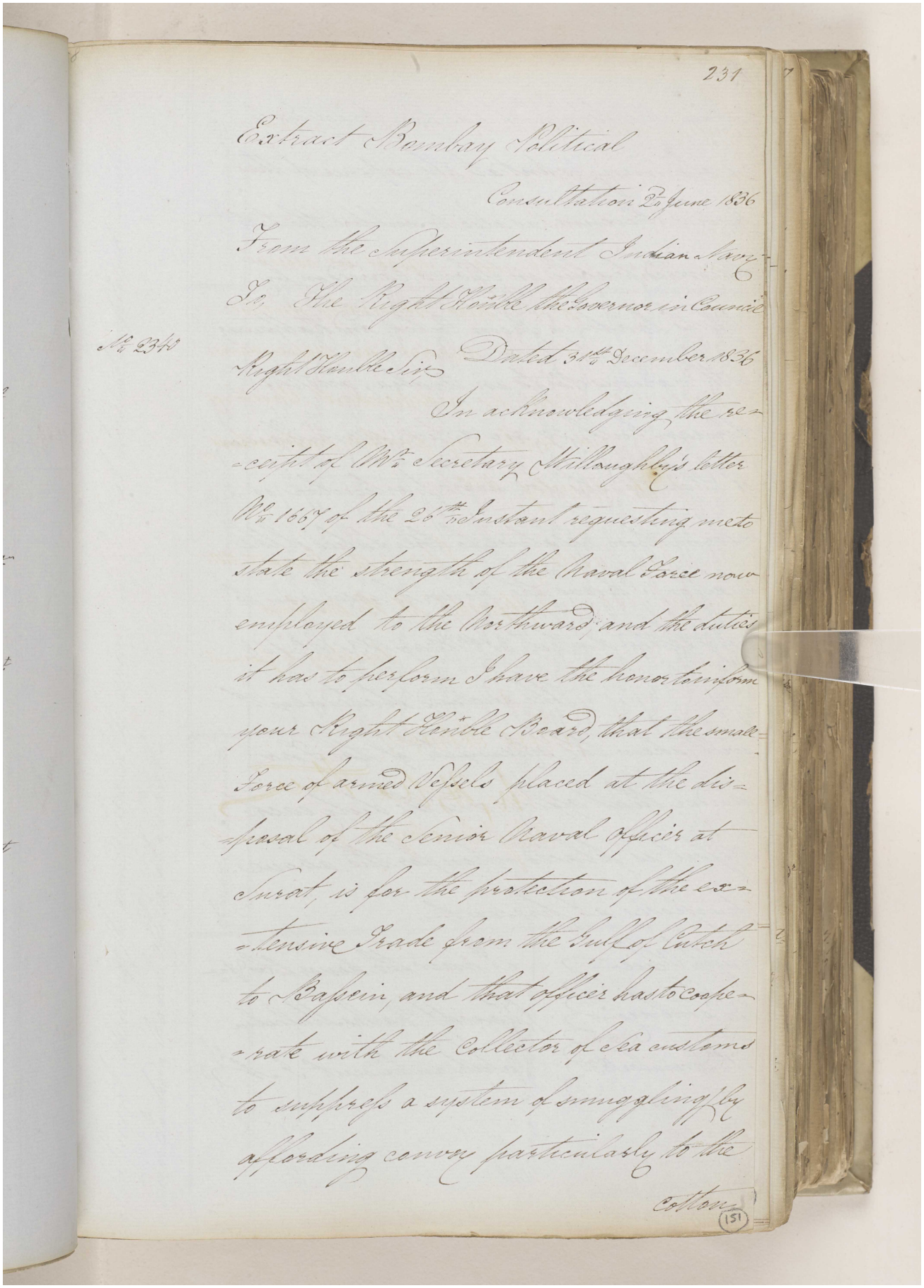

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Consultation 21st June 1836

From the Superintendent Indian Navy

To The Right Honble the Governor in Council

No 2349 Right Honble Sir Dated 31st December 1836

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr Secretary Millroughby's letter No 1667 of the 26th instant requesting me to state the strength of the Naval Force now employed to the Northward and the duties it has to perform I have the honor to inform your Right Honble Board, that the small Force of armed Vessels placed at the disposal of the Senior Naval Officer at Surat, is for the protection of the extensive Trade from the Gulf of Cutch to Bassein, and that Officer has to cooperate with the Collector of Sea customs to suppress a system of smuggling by affording convoy particularly to the

Cotton

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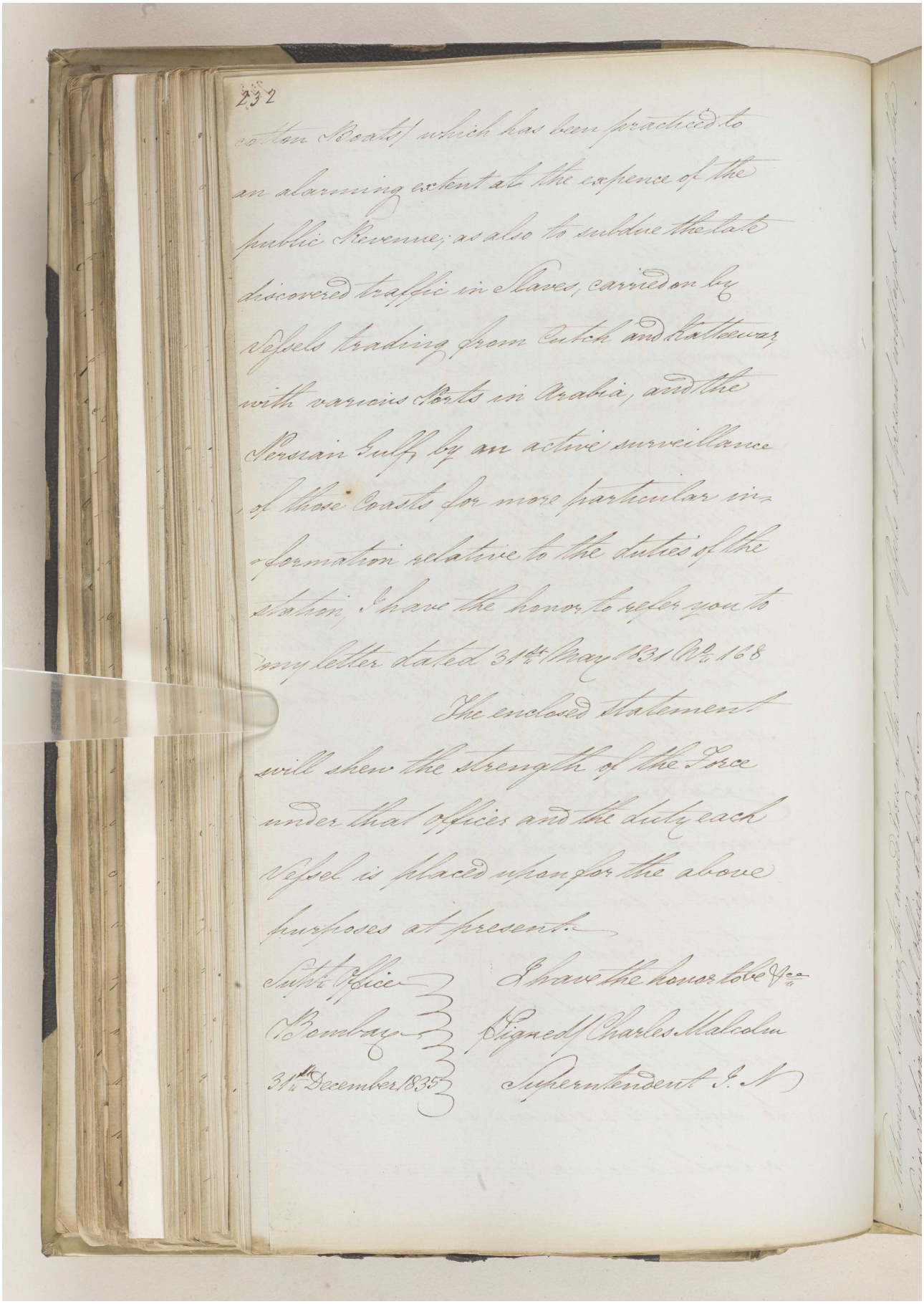

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cotton Boats) which has been practiced to
an alarming extent at the expence of the
public Revenue; as also to subdue the late
discovered traffic in Slaves, carried on by
Vessels trading from Cutch and Kattewar
with various Ports in Arabia, and the
Persian Gulf, by an active surveillance
of those Coasts for more particular in-
formation relative to the duties of the
station I have the honor to refer you to
my letter dated 31st May 1834 No. 168

The enclosed Statement
will shew the strength of the Force
under that officers and the duty each
Vessel is placed upon for the above
purposes at present.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed) Charles Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

Sub't Office
Bombay
31st December 1835

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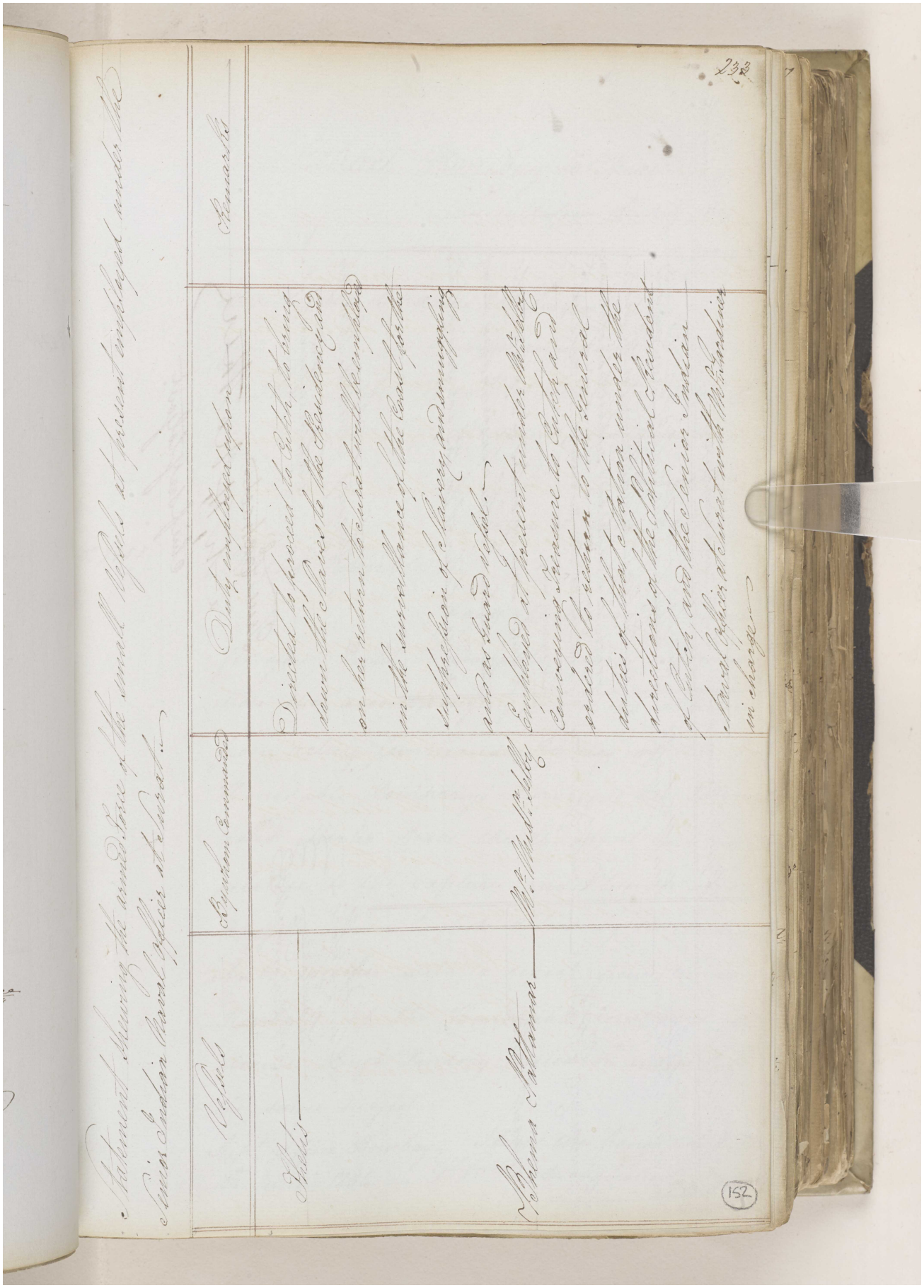

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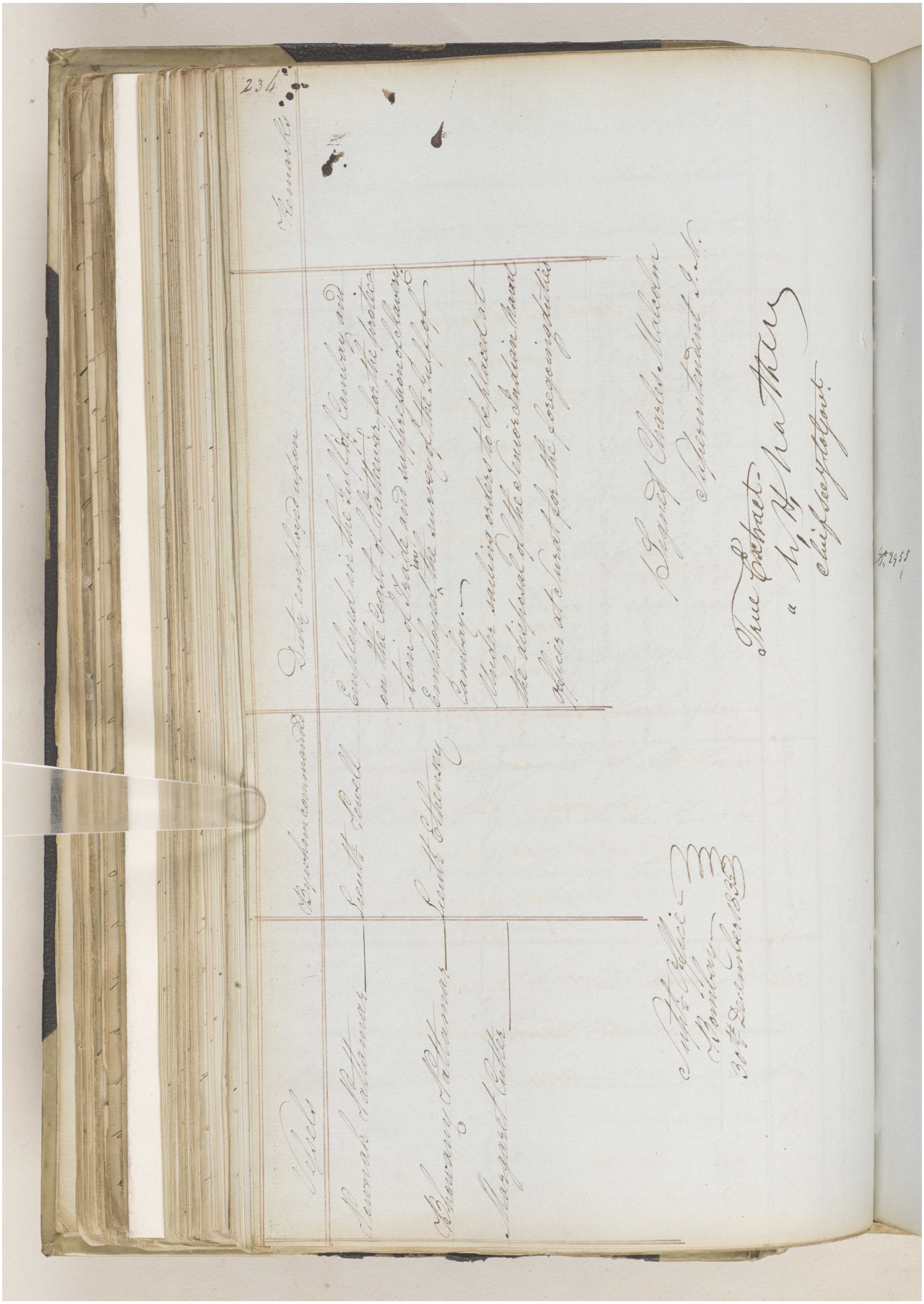

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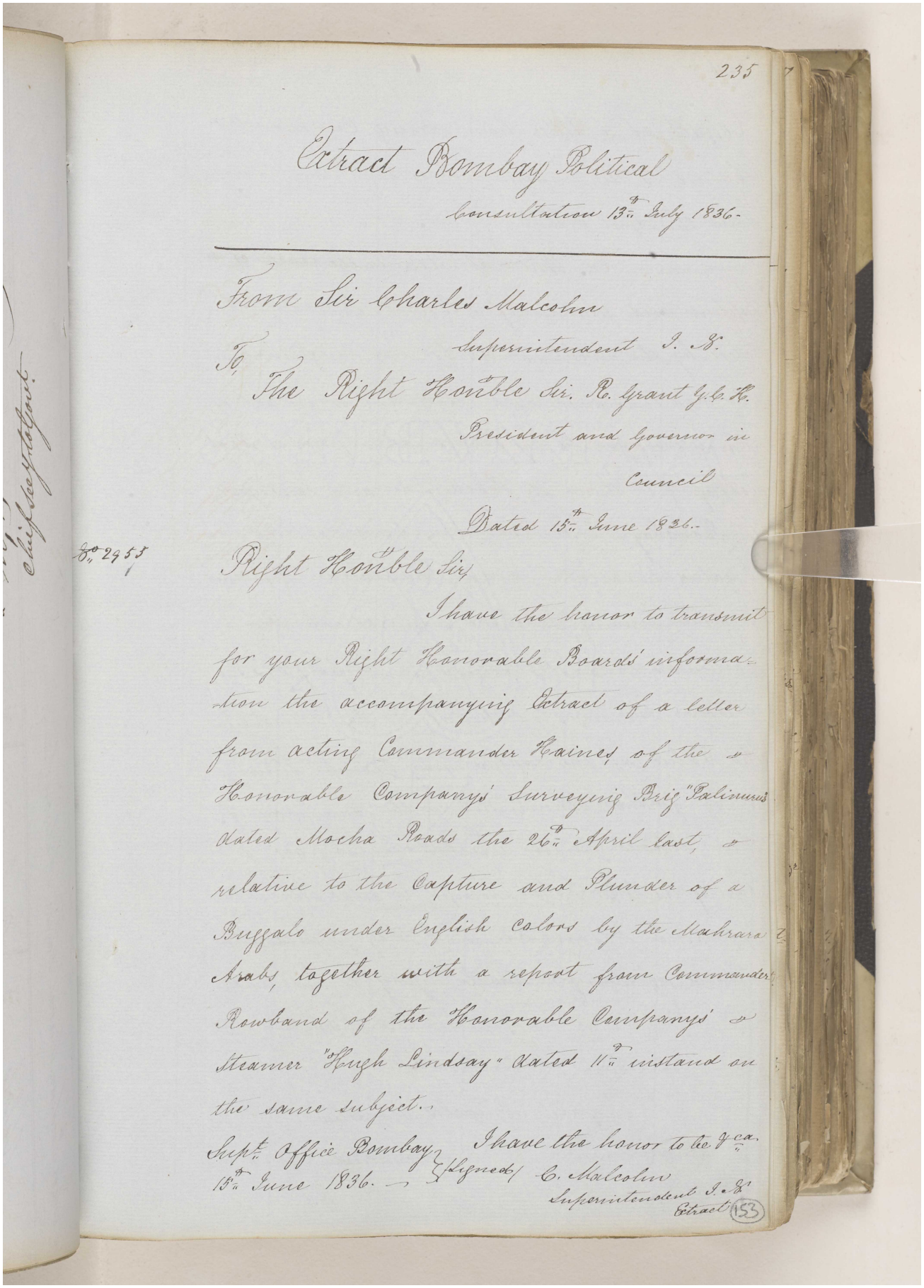

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Consultation 13th July 1836.

From Sir Charles Malcolm

Superintendent I. N.

To

The Right Honble Sir. R. Grant G.C.H.

President and Governor in

Council

Dated 15th June 1836.

No 2955

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for your Right Honorable Board's information the accompanying Extract of a letter from acting Commander Haines of the Honorable Company's Surveying Brig "Palinurus" dated Mocha Roads the 26th April last, relative to the Capture and Plunder of a Buggalo under English colors by the Mahrara Arabs, together with a report from Commander Rowland of the Honorable Company's Steamer "Hugh Lindsay" dated 11th instand on the same subject.

Supt. Office Bombay 15th June 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) C. Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

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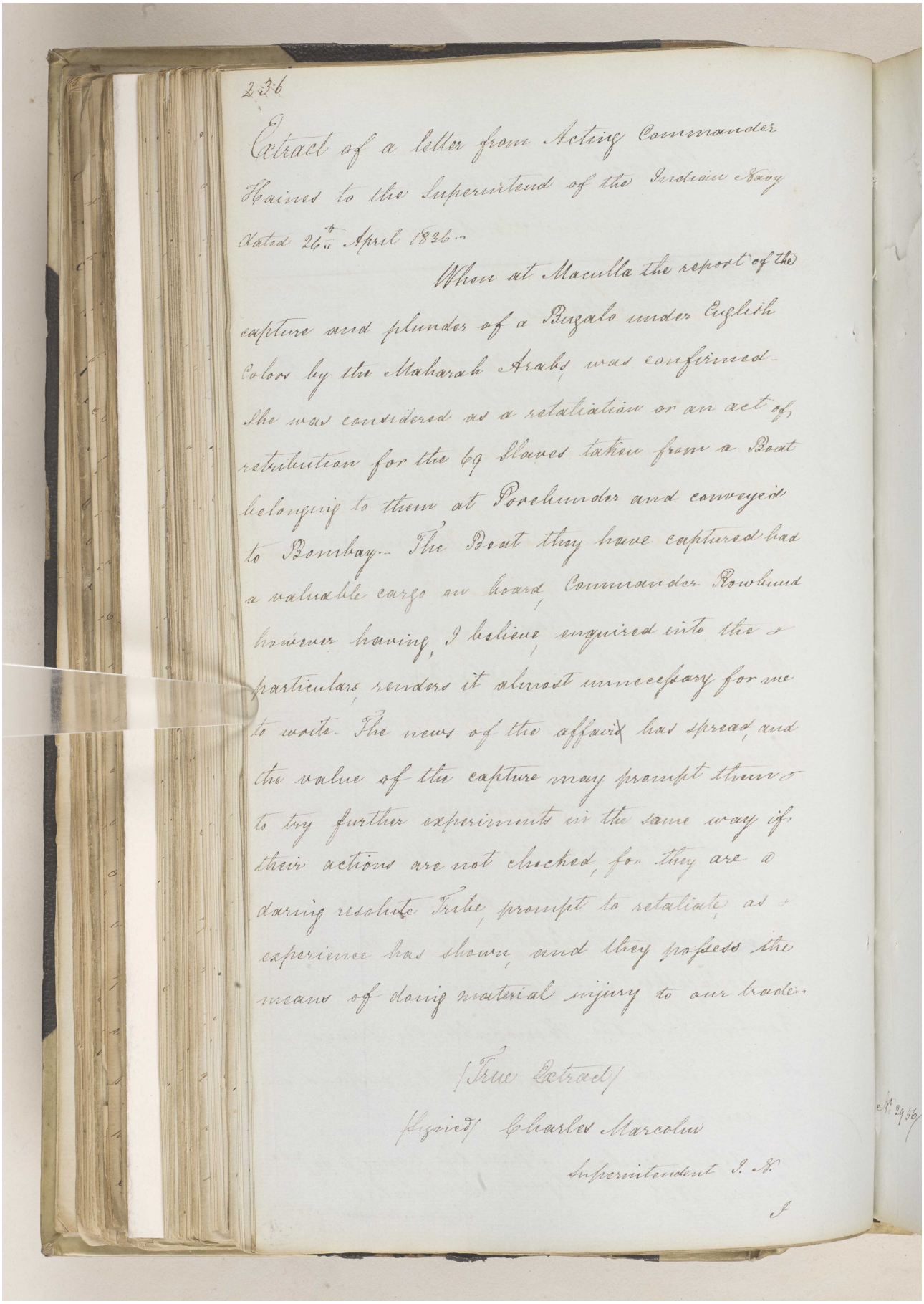

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Extract of a letter from Acting Commander Haines to the Superintend of the Indian Navy dated 26th April 1836.

When at Maculla the report of the capture and plunder of a Buzalo under English Colors by the Mahurah Arabs, was confirmed. She was considered as a retaliation or an act of retribution for the 69 Slaves taken from a Boat belonging to them at Porebunder and conveyed to Bombay. The Boat they have captured had a valuable cargo on board, Commander Rowlands however having, I believe, enquired into the particulars, renders it almost unnecessary for me to write. The news of the affair has spread, and the value of the capture may prompt them to try further experiments in the same way if their actions are not checked, for they are a daring resolute Tribe, prompt to retaliate, as experience has shown, and they possess the means of doing material injury to our trade.

(True Extract)
(Signed) Charles Marcolm
Superintendent I. N.

No 2456

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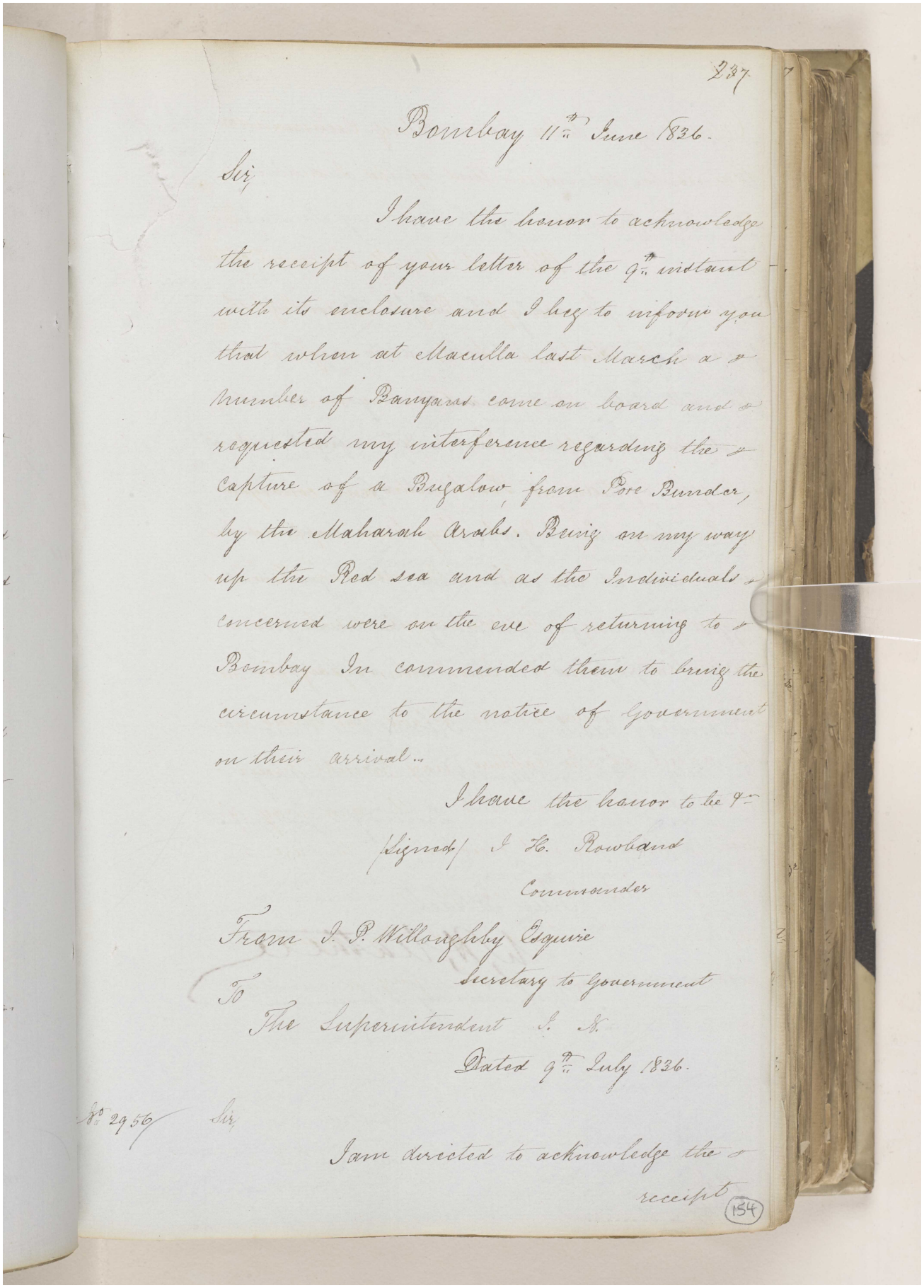

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Bombay 11th June 1836.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant with its enclosure and I beg to inform you that when at Maculla last March a number of Banyans came on board and requested my interference regarding the capture of a Bugalow from Poe Bunder, by the Maharah Arabs. Being on my way up the Red sea and as the Individuals concerned were on the eve of returning to Bombay I recommended them to bring the circumstance to the notice of Government on their arrival.

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J. L. Rowland
Commander

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
To
The Superintendent I. N.
Dated 9th July 1836.

No 2956

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt

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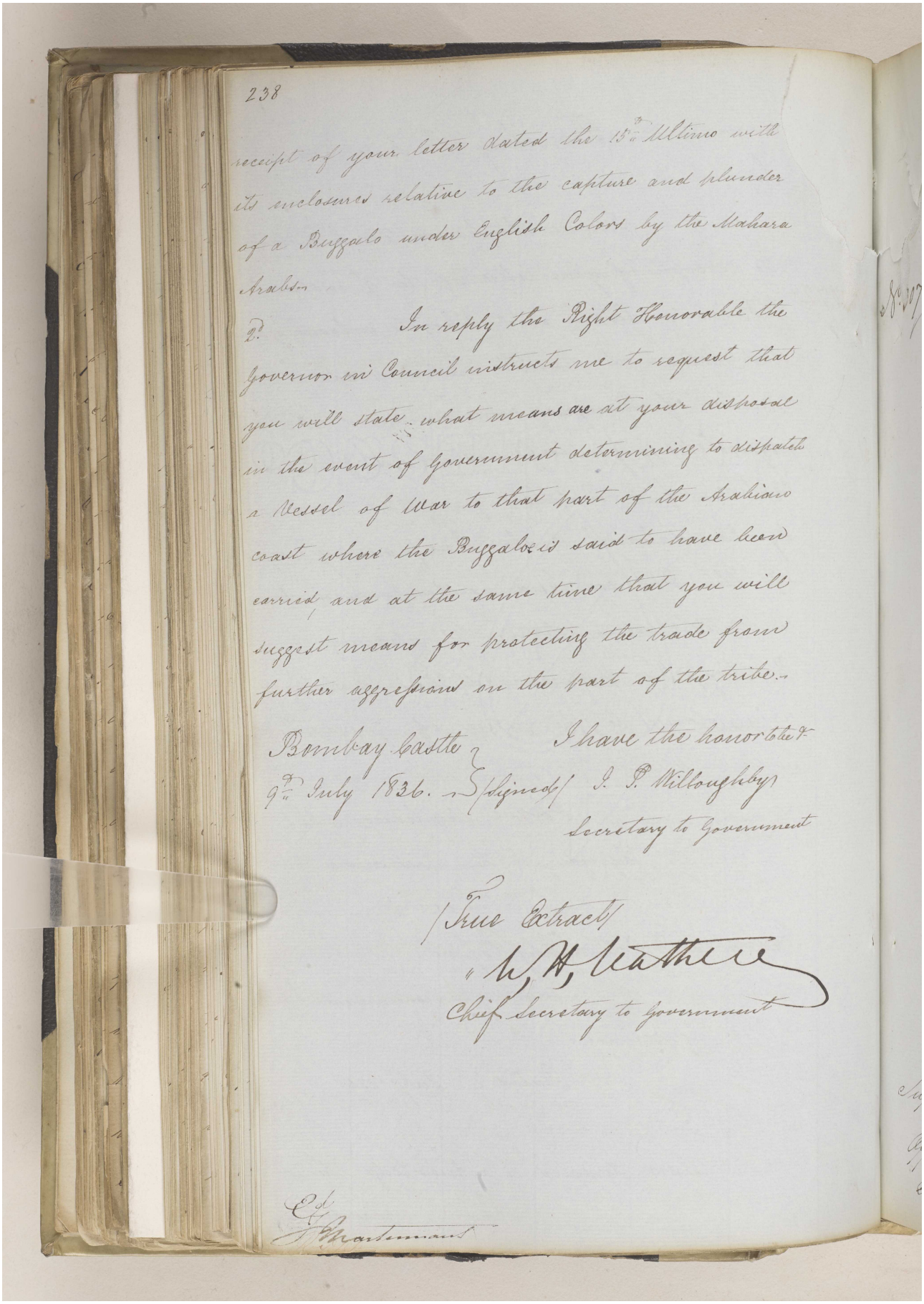

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receipt of your letter dated the 15th Ultimo with its enclosures relative to the capture and plunder of a Buggalo under English Colors by the Mahara Arabs.

2d. In reply the Right Honorable the Governor in Council instructs me to request that you will state what means are at your disposal in the event of Government determining to dispatch a Vessel of War to that part of the Arabian coast where the Buggalow is said to have been carried, and at the same time that you will suggest means for protecting the trade from further aggression on the part of the tribe.

Bombay Castle 9th July 1836.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

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W. H. Leathes
Chief Secretary to Government

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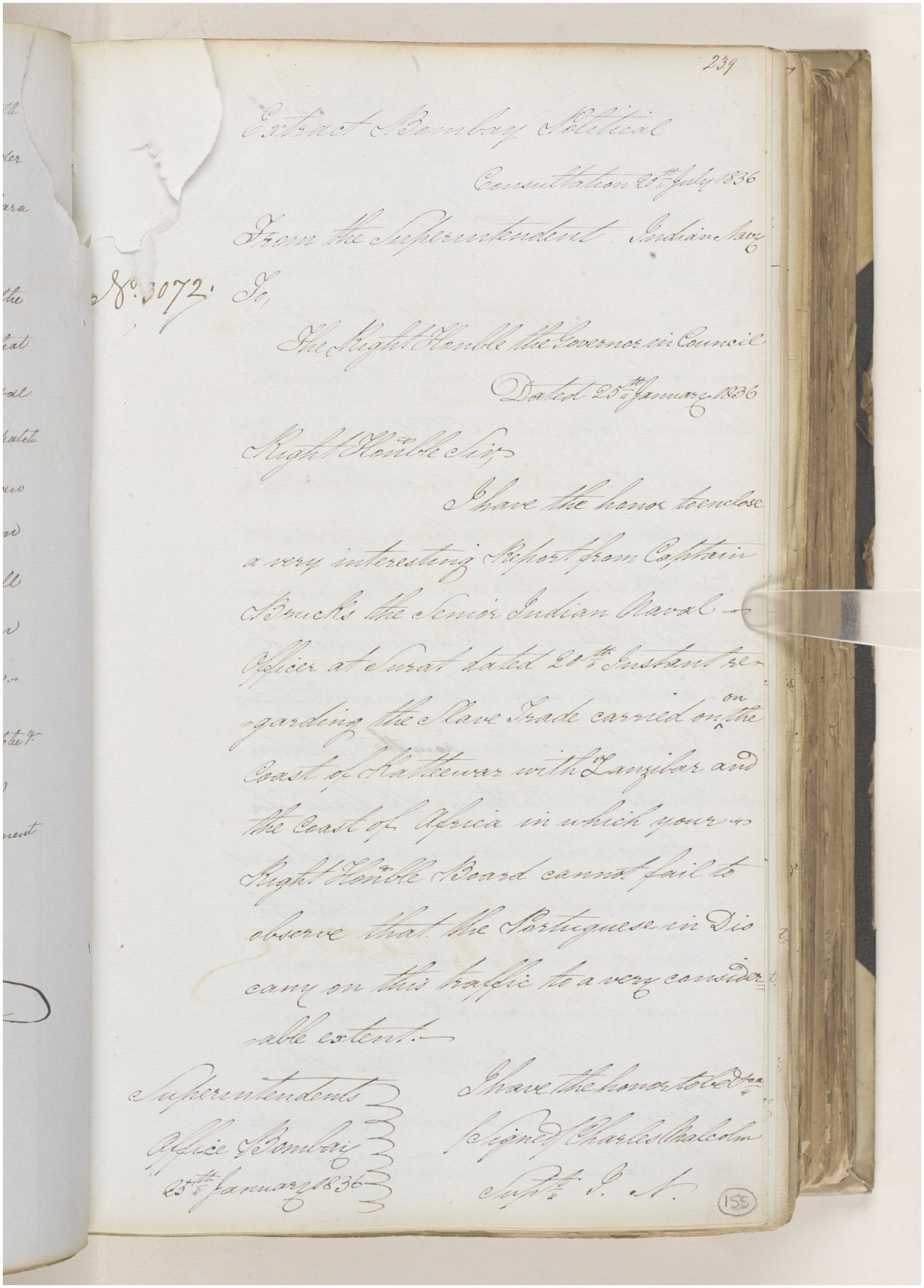

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Consultation 20th July 1836

From the Superintendent Indian Navy

No. 3072. To,

The Right Honble the Governor in Council

Dated 25th January 1836

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a very interesting Report from Captain Brucks the Senior Indian Naval Officer at Surat dated 20th Instant regarding the Slave Trade carried on on the Coast of Katteewar with Zanzibar and the Coast of Africa in which your Right Honble Board cannot fail to observe that the Portuguese in Diocany on this traffic to a very considerable extent.

I have the honor to be &ca

(Signed) Charles Malcolm

Supt. I. N.

Superintendents Office Bombay 25th January 1836

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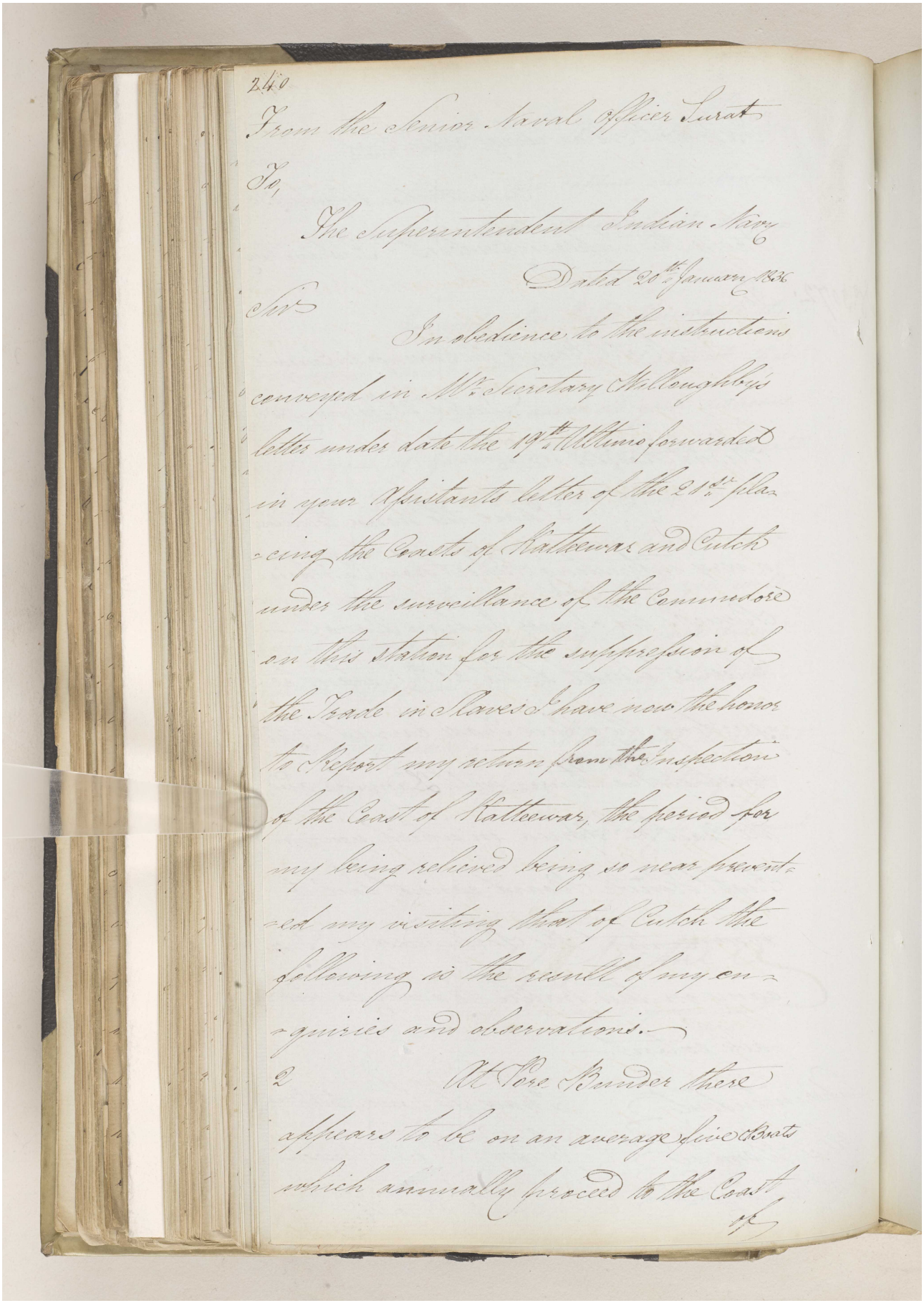

From the Senior Naval Officer Surat

To,

The Superintendent Indian Navy

Dated 20th January 1836

Sir

In obedience to the instructions conveyed in Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter under date the 19th Ultimo forwarded in your Assistants letter of the 21st placing the Coasts of Katteewar and Cutch under the surveillance of the Commodore on this station for the suppression of the Trade in Slaves I have now the honor to Report my return from the Inspection of the Coast of Katteewar, the period for my being relieved being so near prevented my visiting that of Cutch the following is the result of my enquiries and observations.

2 At Pore Bunder there appears to be on an average five Boats which annually proceed to the Coast of

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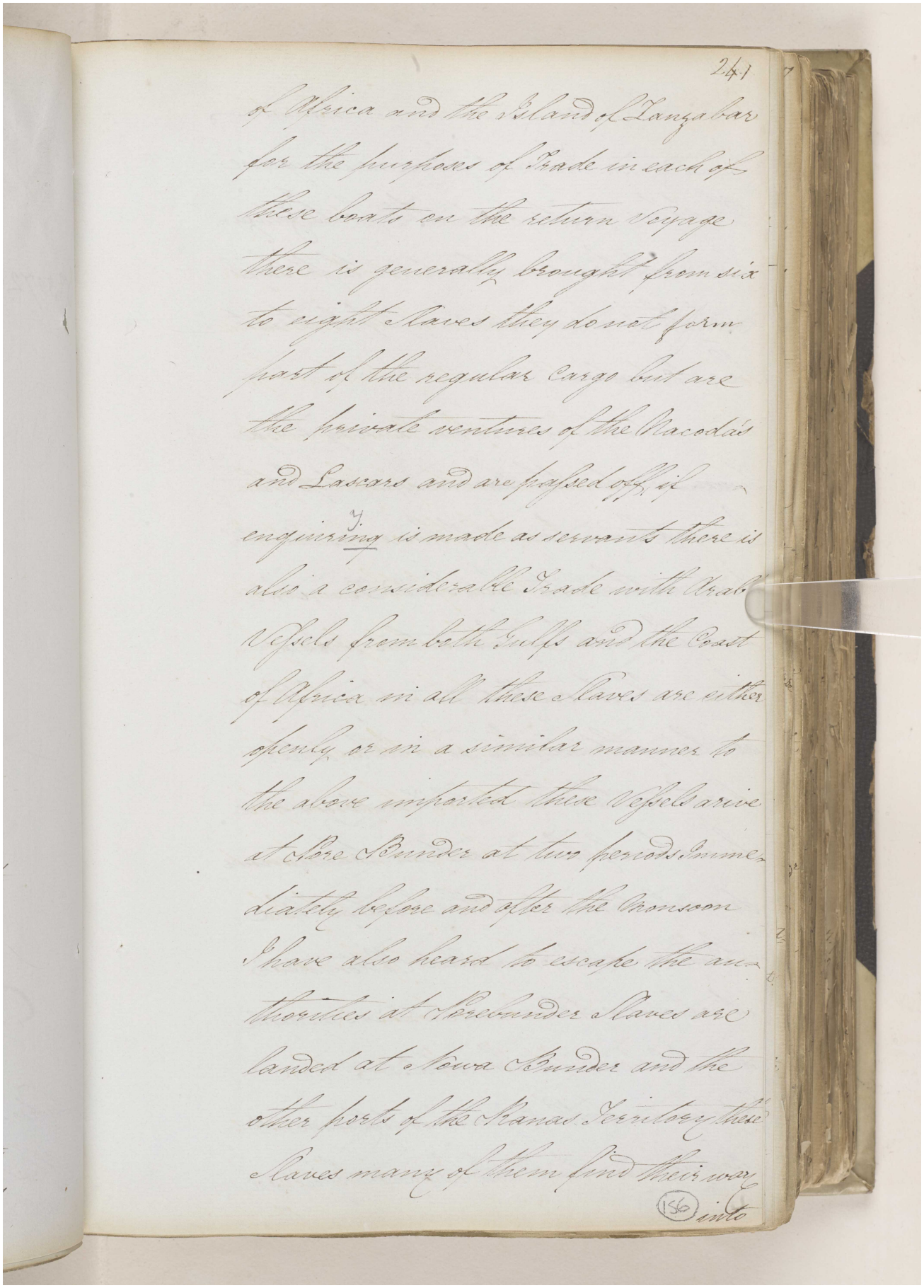

of Africa and the Island of Zanzabar
for the purposes of Trade in each of
these boats on the return Voyage
there is generally brought from six
to eight Slaves they do not form
part of the regular Cargo but are
the private ventures of the Nacoda's
and Lascars and are passed off if
enquiry is made as servants there is
also a considerable Trade with Arab
Vessels from both Gulfs and the Coast
of Africa in all these Slaves are either
openly or in a similar manner to
the above imported these Vessels arive
at Pore Bunder at two periods Imme-
diately before and after the Monsoon
I have also heard to escape the au-
thorities at Porebunder Slaves are
landed at Nowa Bunder and the
other ports of the Ranas Territory these
Slaves many of them find their way

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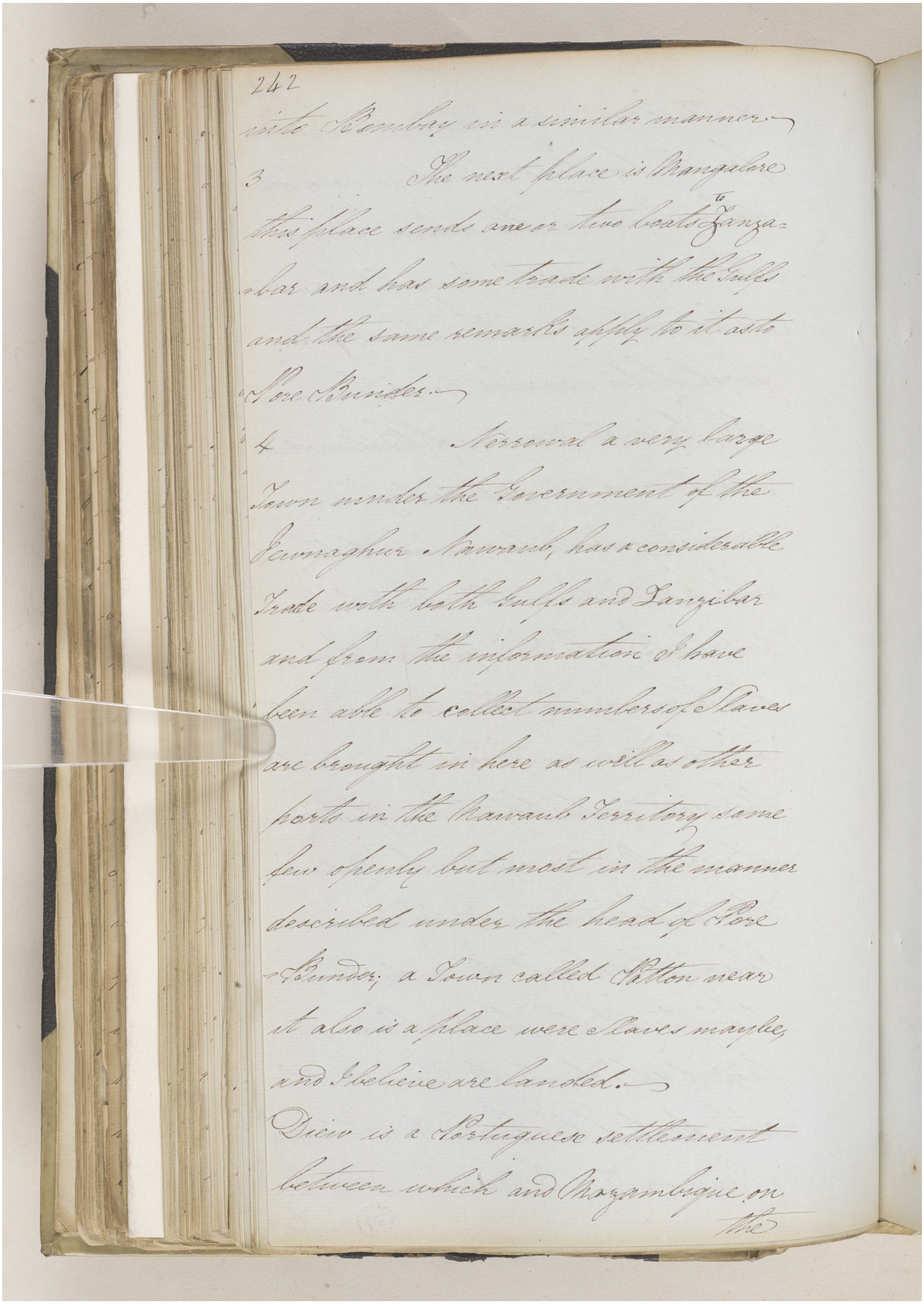

into Bombay in a similar manner.

3 The next place is Mangalore this place sends one or two boats to Zanzabar and has some trade with the Gulfs and the same remarks apply to it as to Pore Bunder.

4 Nerrowal a very large Town under the Government of the Jewnaghur Nawaub, has a considerable Trade with both Gulfs and Zanzibar and from the information I have been able to collect numbers of Slaves are brought in here as well as other ports in the Nawaub Territory some few openly but most in the manner described under the head of Pore Bunder; a Town called Patton near it also is a place were Slaves maybe, and I believe are landed.

Diew is a Portuguese settlement between which and Mozambique on the

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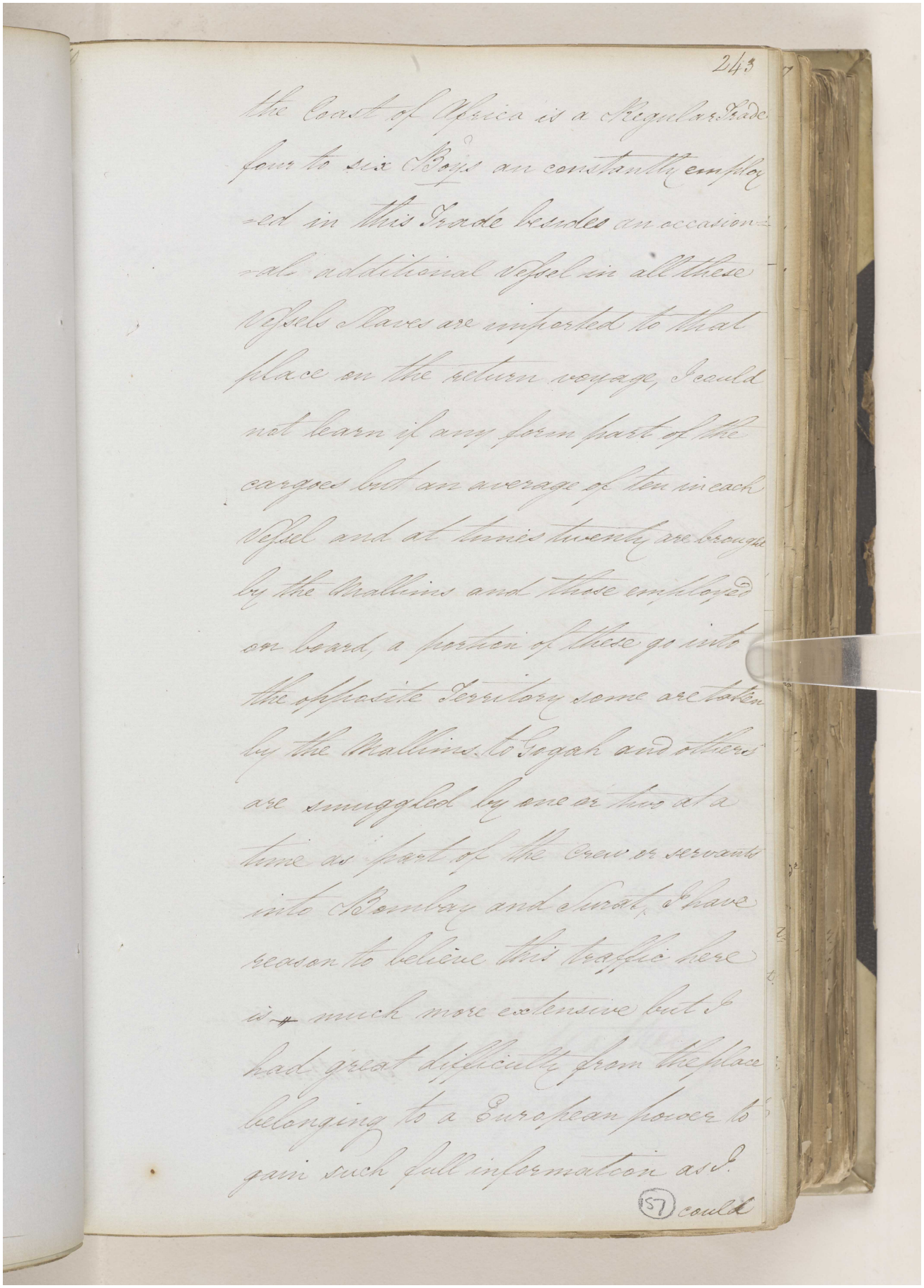

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the Coast of Africa is a Regular Trade four to six Boys are constantly employed in this Trade besides an occasional additional Vessel in all these Vessels Slaves are imported to that place on the return voyage, I could not learn if any form part of the cargoes but an average of ten in each Vessel and at times twenty are brought by the Mallims and those employed on board, a portion of these go into the Arabian Territory some are taken by the Mallims to Sugah and others are smuggled by one or two at a time as part of the Crew or servants into Bombay and Surat, I have reason to believe this traffic here is much more extensive but I had great difficulty from the Place belonging to a European Power to gain such full information as I could

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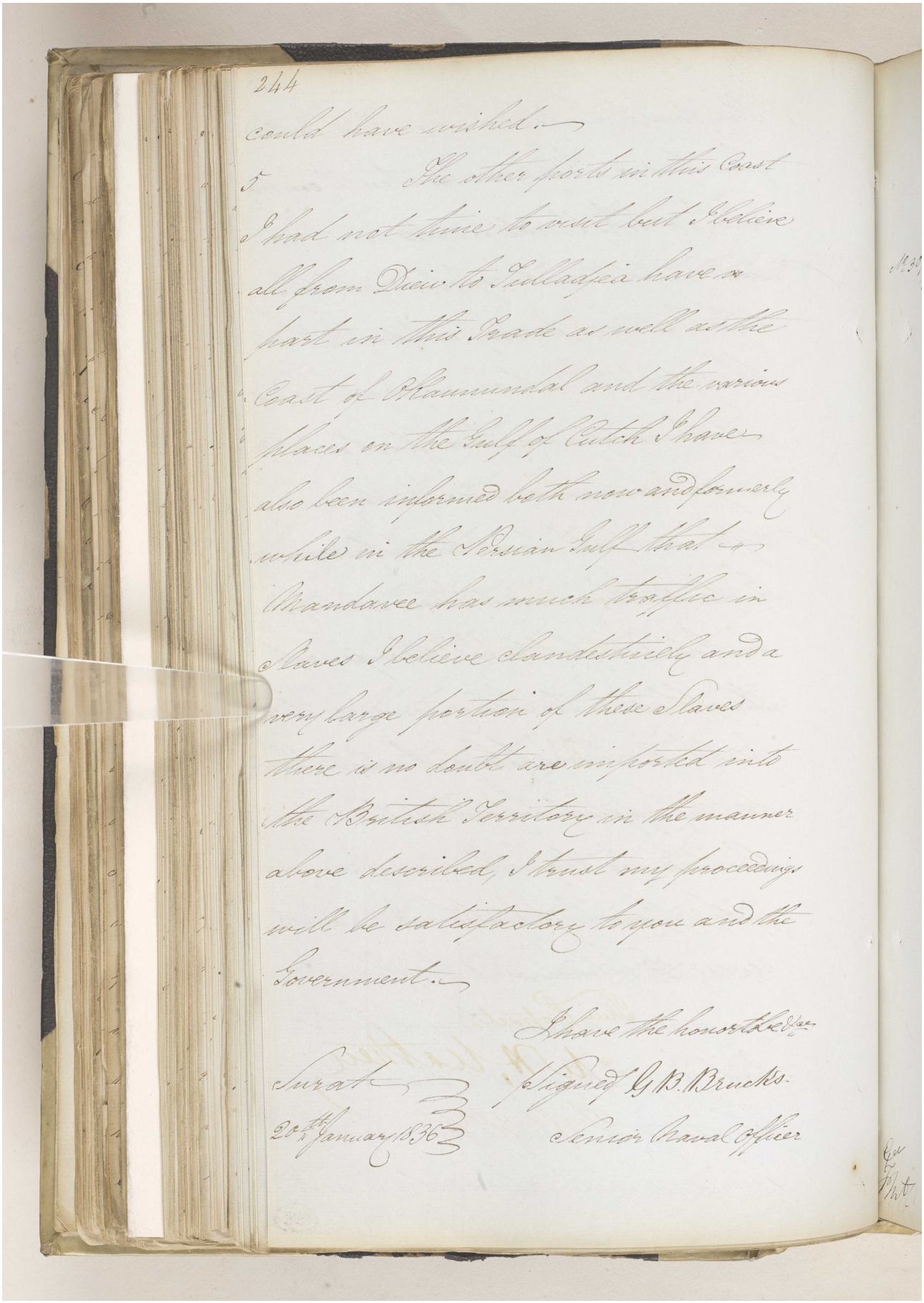

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could have wished.

5 The other ports on this Coast I had not time to visit but I believe all from Diew to Sullapea have a part in this Trade as well as the Coast of Maumundal and the various places on the Gulf of Cutch I have also been informed both now and formerly while in the Persian Gulf that Mandavee has much traffic in Slaves I believe clandestinely and a very large portion of these Slaves there is no doubt are imported into the British Territory in the manner above described, I trust my proceedings will be satisfactory to you and the Government.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) G B. Brucks.

Senior Naval Officer

Surat

20th January 1836

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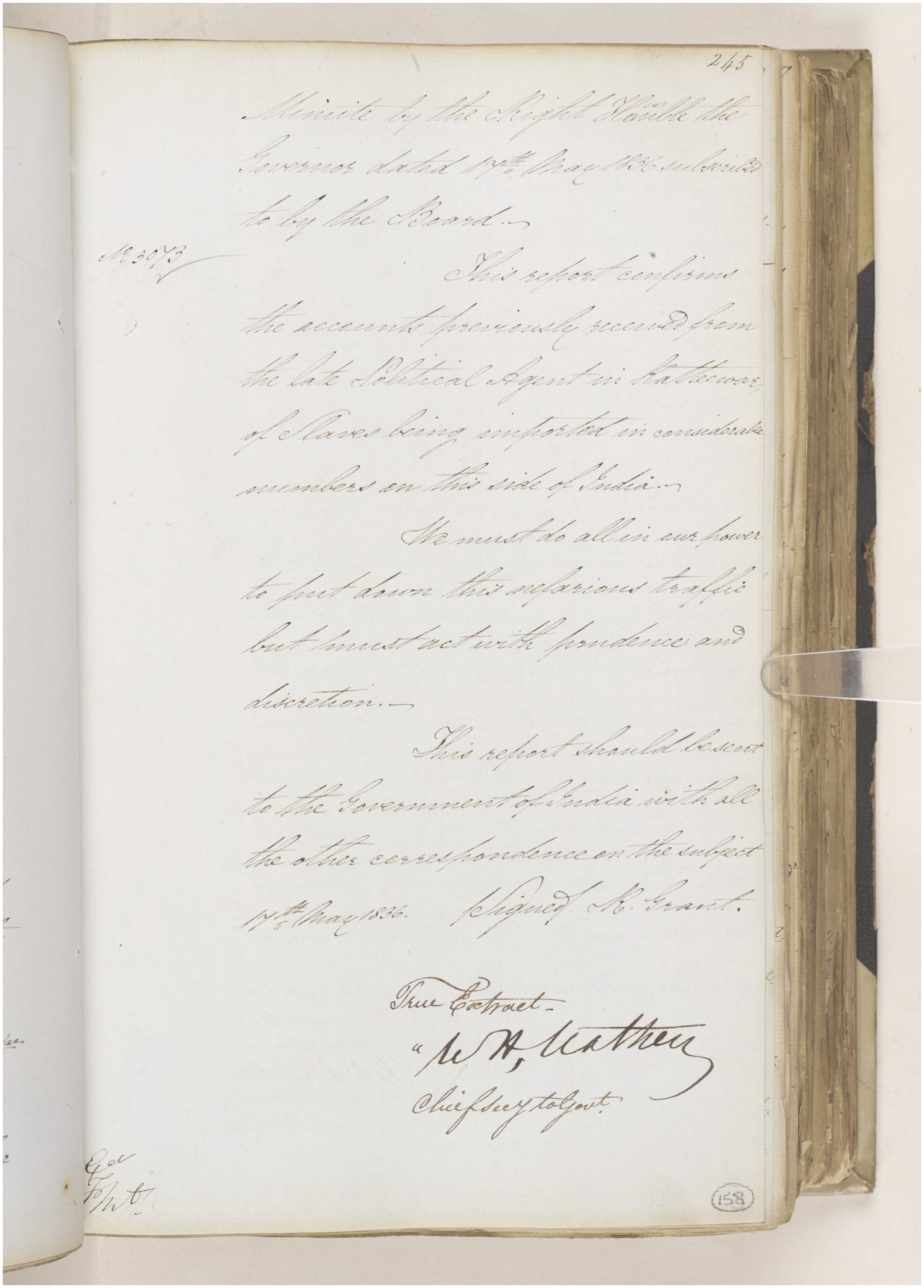

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor dated 17th May 1836 subscribed to by the Board.—

No. 3073

This report confirms the accounts previously received from the late Political Agent in Katteewar, of Slaves being imported in considerable numbers on this side of India.—

We must do all in our power to put down this nefarious traffic but must act with prudence and discretion.—

This report should be sent to the Government of India with all the other correspondence on the subject

17th May 1836. (Signed) R. Grant.

True Extract.—

"W. H. Mathew

Chief Secy to Govt.

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Fmt.

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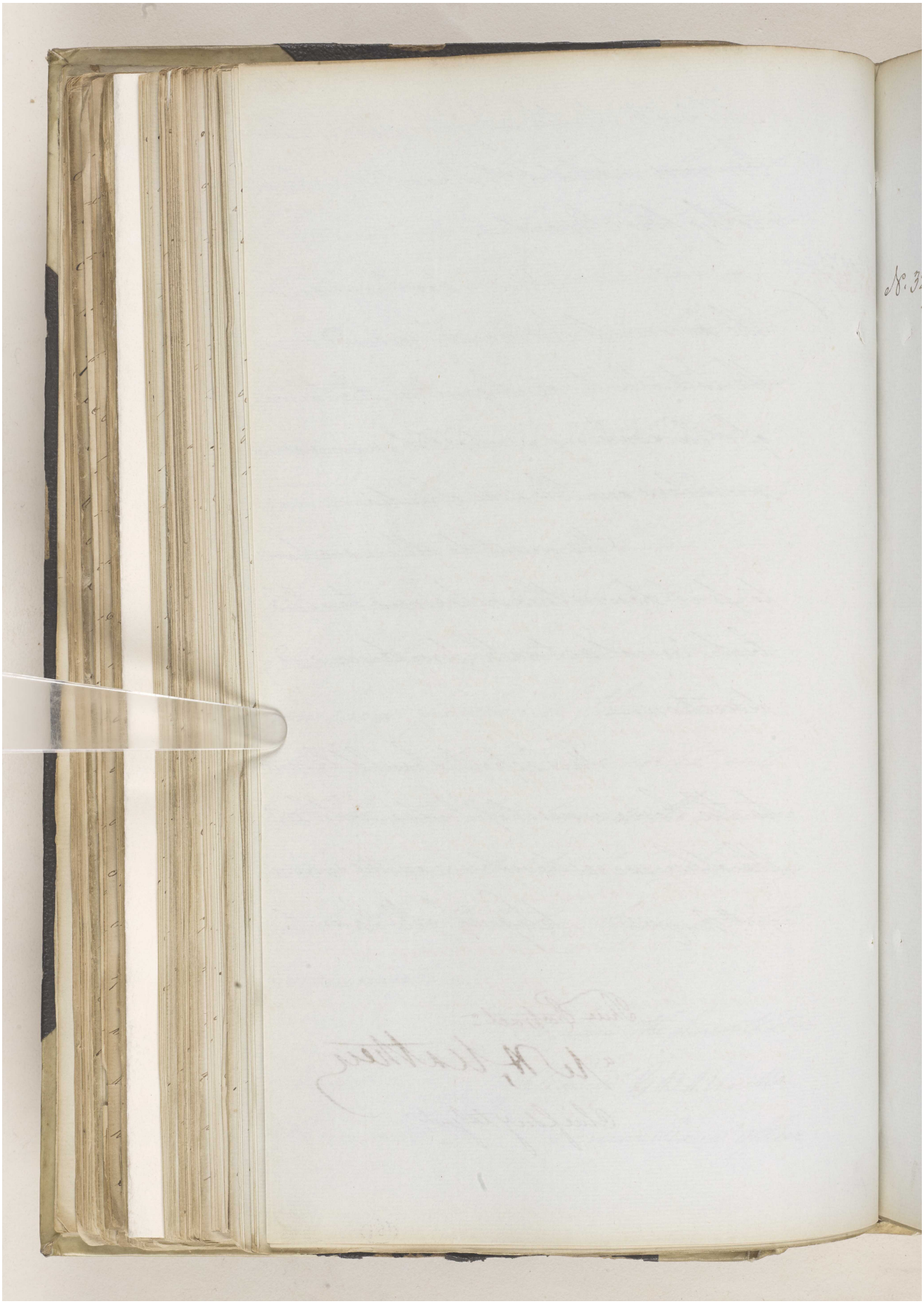

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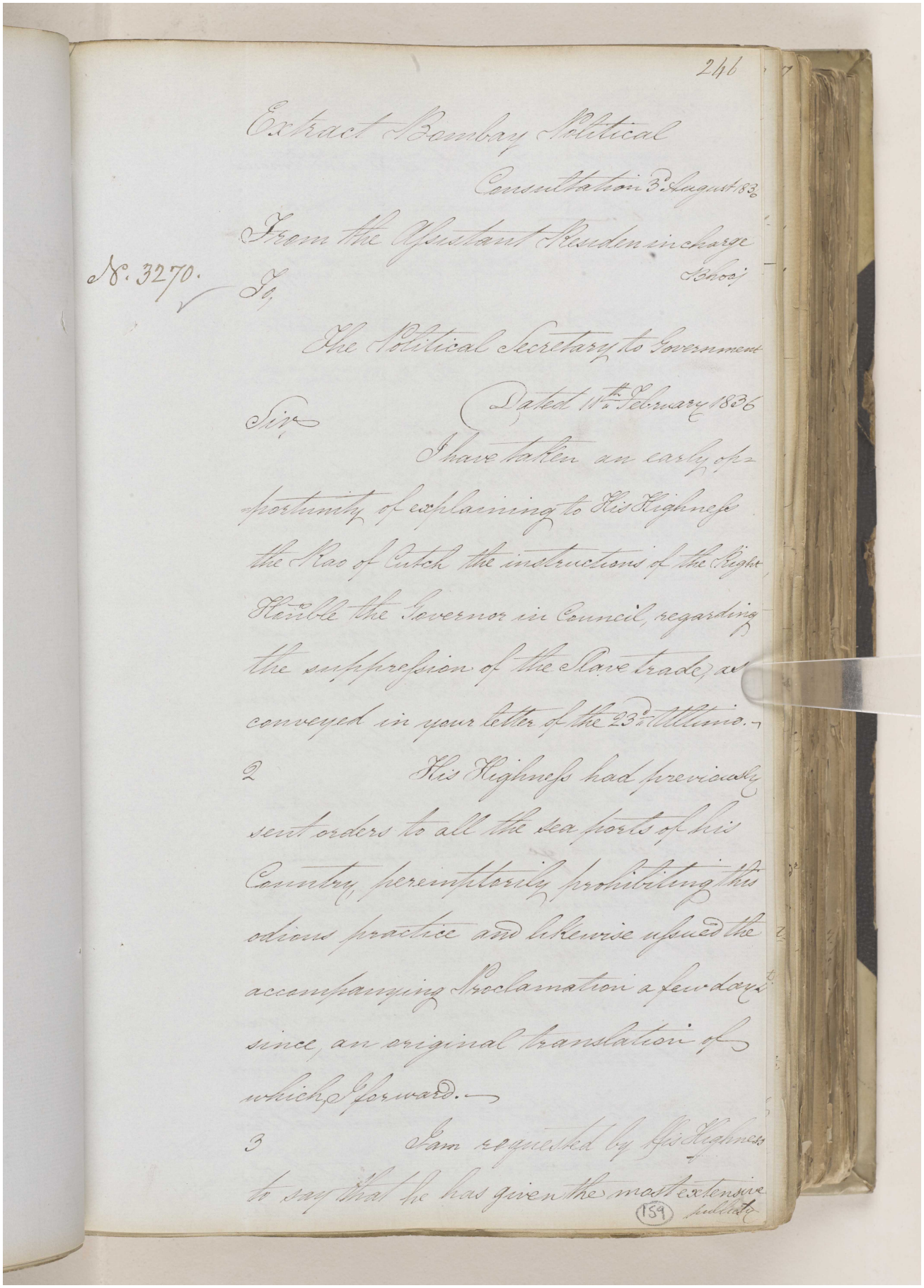

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Consultation 3d August 836

From the Assistant Resident in charge

Kattywar

No. 3270.

To

The Political Secretary to Government

Dated 11th February 1836

Sir,

I have taken an early opportunity of explaining to His Highness the Rao of Cutch the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council regarding the suppression of the Slave trade, as conveyed in your letter of the 23rd Ultimo.

2 His Highness had previously sent orders to all the sea ports of his Country peremptorily prohibiting this odious practice and likewise issued the accompanying Proclamation a few days since, an original translation of which I forward.

3 I am requested by His Highness to say that he has given the most extensive publicity

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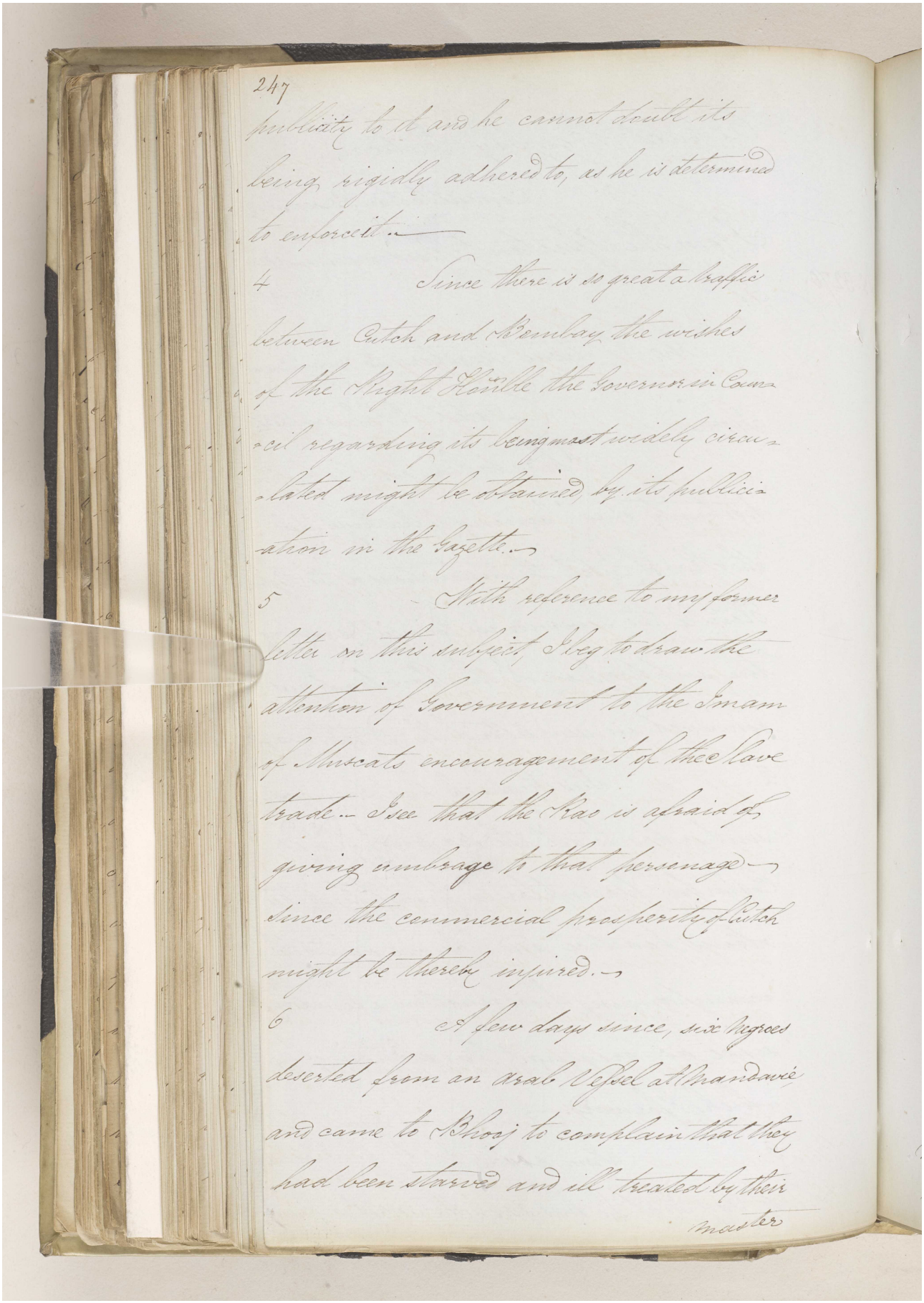

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publicity to it and he cannot doubt its being rigidly adhered to, as he is determined to enforce it.—

4 Since there is so great a traffic between Cutch and Bombay the wishes of the Right Honble the Governor in Council regarding its being most widely circulated might be obtained by its publication in the Gazette.—

5 With reference to my former letter on this subject I beg to draw the attention of Government to the Imam of Muscats encouragement of the Slave trade.— I see that the Rao is afraid of giving umbrage to that personage— since the commercial prosperity of Cutch might be thereby injured.—

6 A few days since, six Negroes deserted from an Arab Vessel at Mandavie and came to Bhooj to complain that they had been starved and ill treated by their master

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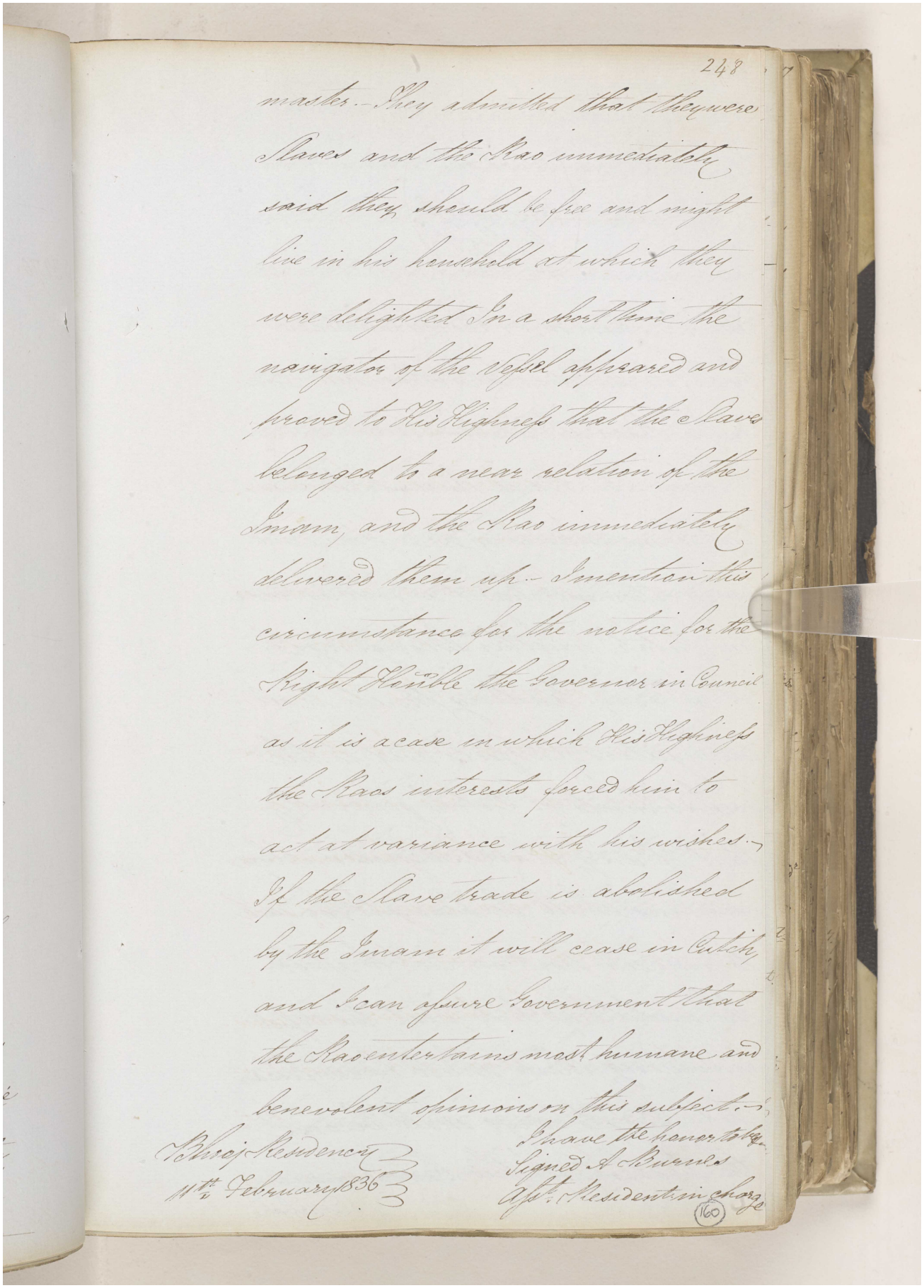

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masters.- They admitted that they were Slaves and the Rao immediately said they should be free and might live in his household at which they were delighted In a short time the navigator of the Vessel appeared and proved to His Highness that the Slaves belonged to a near relation of the Imam, and the Rao immediately delivered them up.- I mention this circumstance for the notice for the Right Honble the Governor in Council as it is a case in which His Highness the Raos interests forced him to act at variance with his wishes.- If the Slave trade is abolished by the Imam it will cease in Cutch, and I can assure Government that the Rao entertains most humane and benevolent opinions on this subject.-

I have the honor to be
Signed A Burnes
Agt. Resident in charge

Bhooj Residency
11th February 1836

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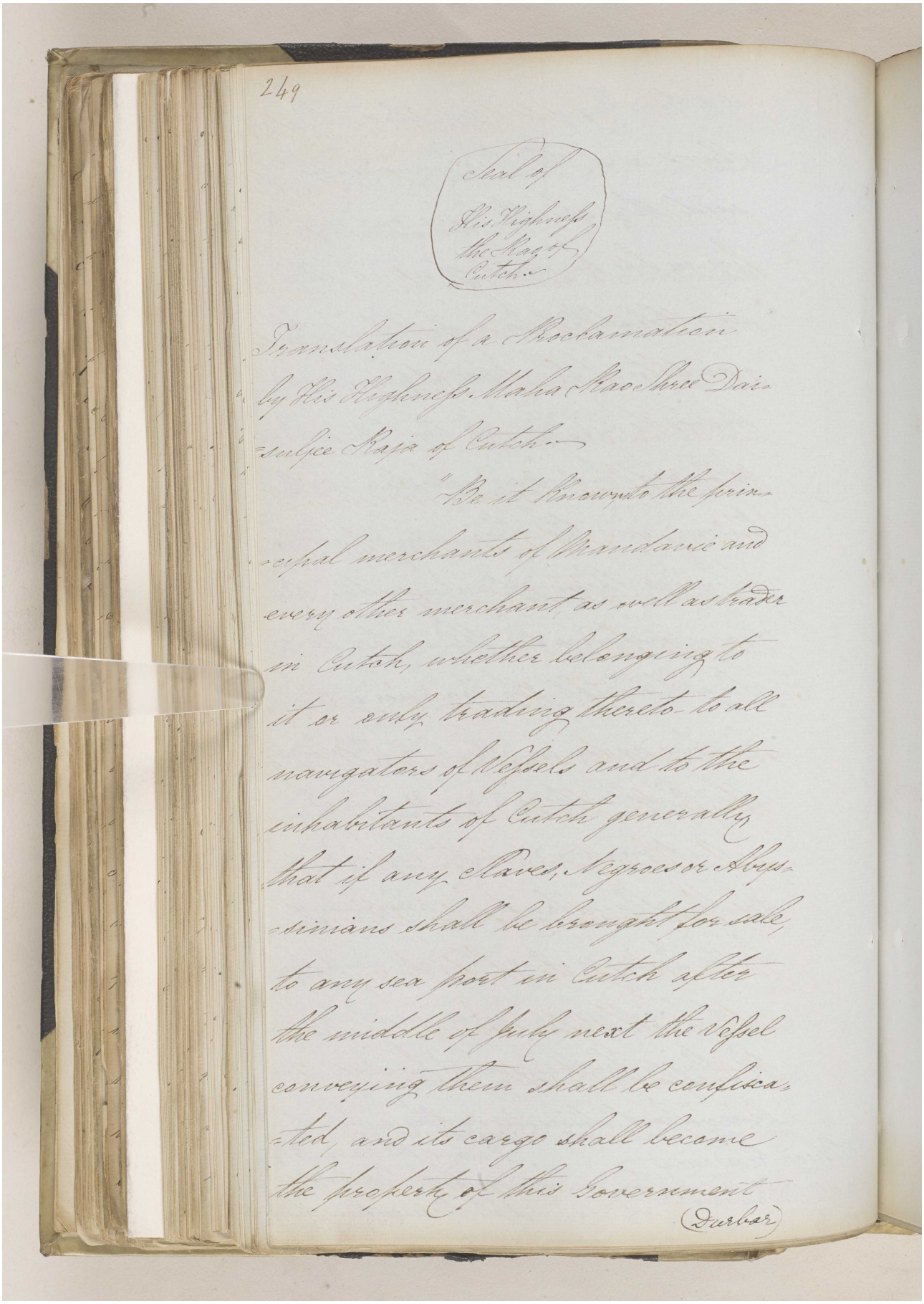

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Seal of
His Highness
the Rao of
Cutch.

Translation of a Proclamation
by His Highness Maha Rao Shree Dai-
-suljee Raja of Cutch.—

"Be it known to the prin-
-cipal merchants of Mandavie and
every other merchant as well as trader
in Cutch, whether belonging to
it or only trading thereto—to all
navigators of Vessels and to the
inhabitants of Cutch generally
that if any Slaves, Negroes or Abys-
-sinians shall be brought for sale,
to any sea port in Cutch after
the middle of July next the Vessel
conveying them shall be confisca-
-ted, and its cargo shall become
the property of this Government

(Durbar)

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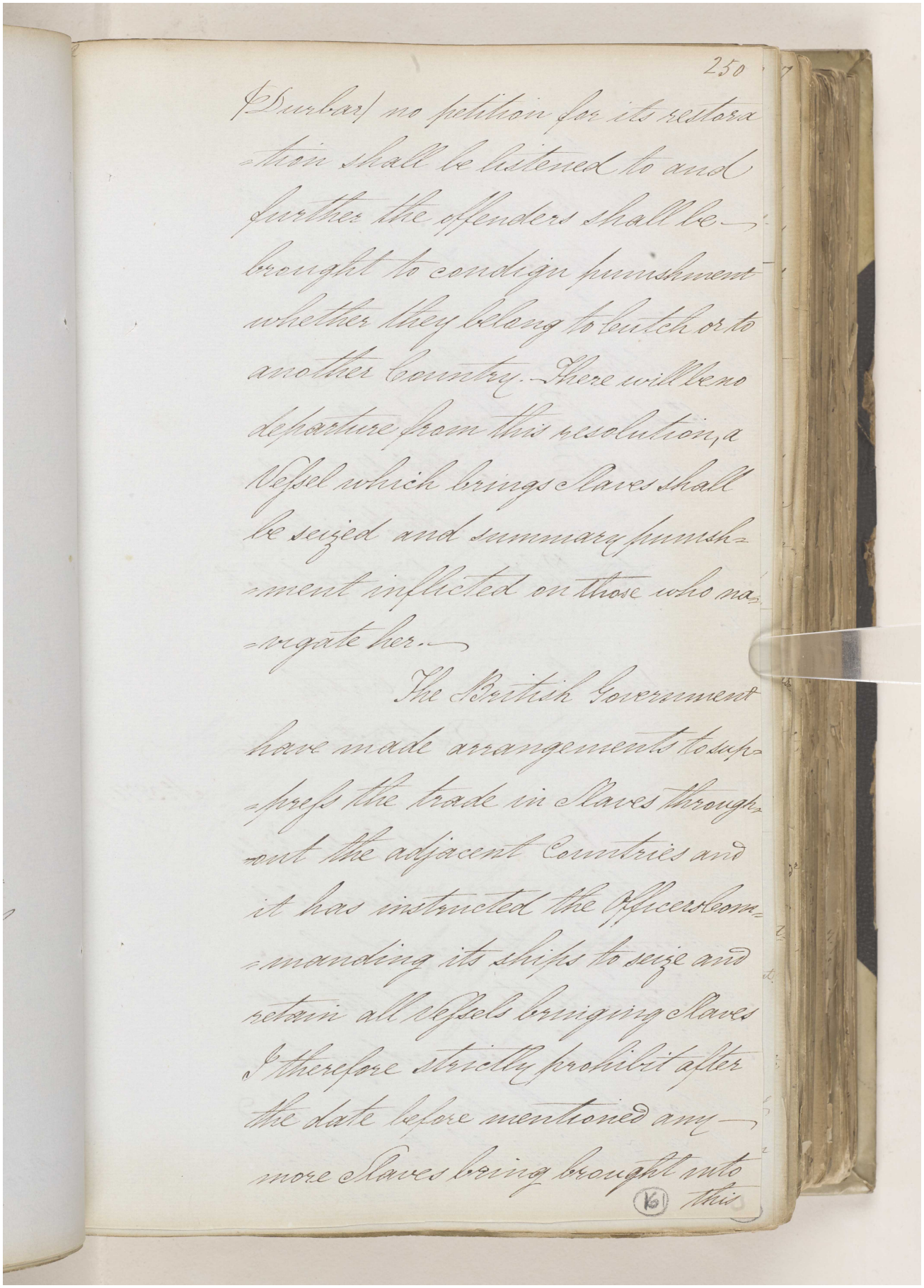

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Durbar/ no petition for its redress
tion shall be listened to and
Justice the offenders shall be
brought to condign punishment
whether they belong to Scinde or to
another Country. There will be no
departure from this resolution, a
Vessel which brings Slaves shall
be seized and summary punish-
ment inflicted on those who na-
vigate her.

The British Government
have made arrangements to sup-
press the trade in Slaves through-
out the adjacent Countries and
it has instructed the Officers com-
manding its ships to seize and
detain all Vessels bringing Slaves
& therefore strictly prohibit after
the date before mentioned any
more Slaves being brought into
this

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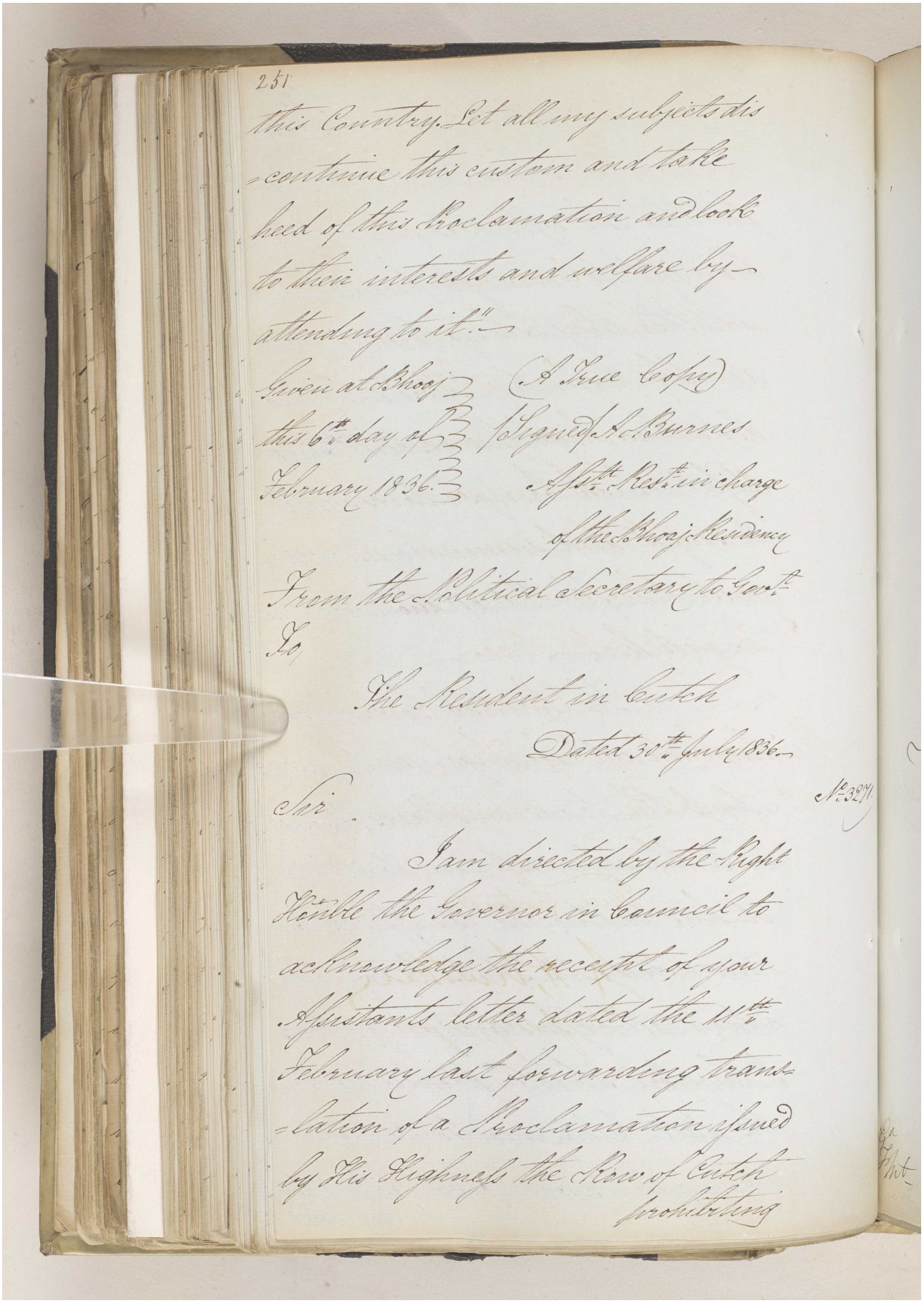

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this Country. Let all my subjects dis-
-continue this custom and take
heed of this Proclamation and look
to their interests and welfare by-
attending to it."—

Given at Bhooj
this 6th day of
February 1836.

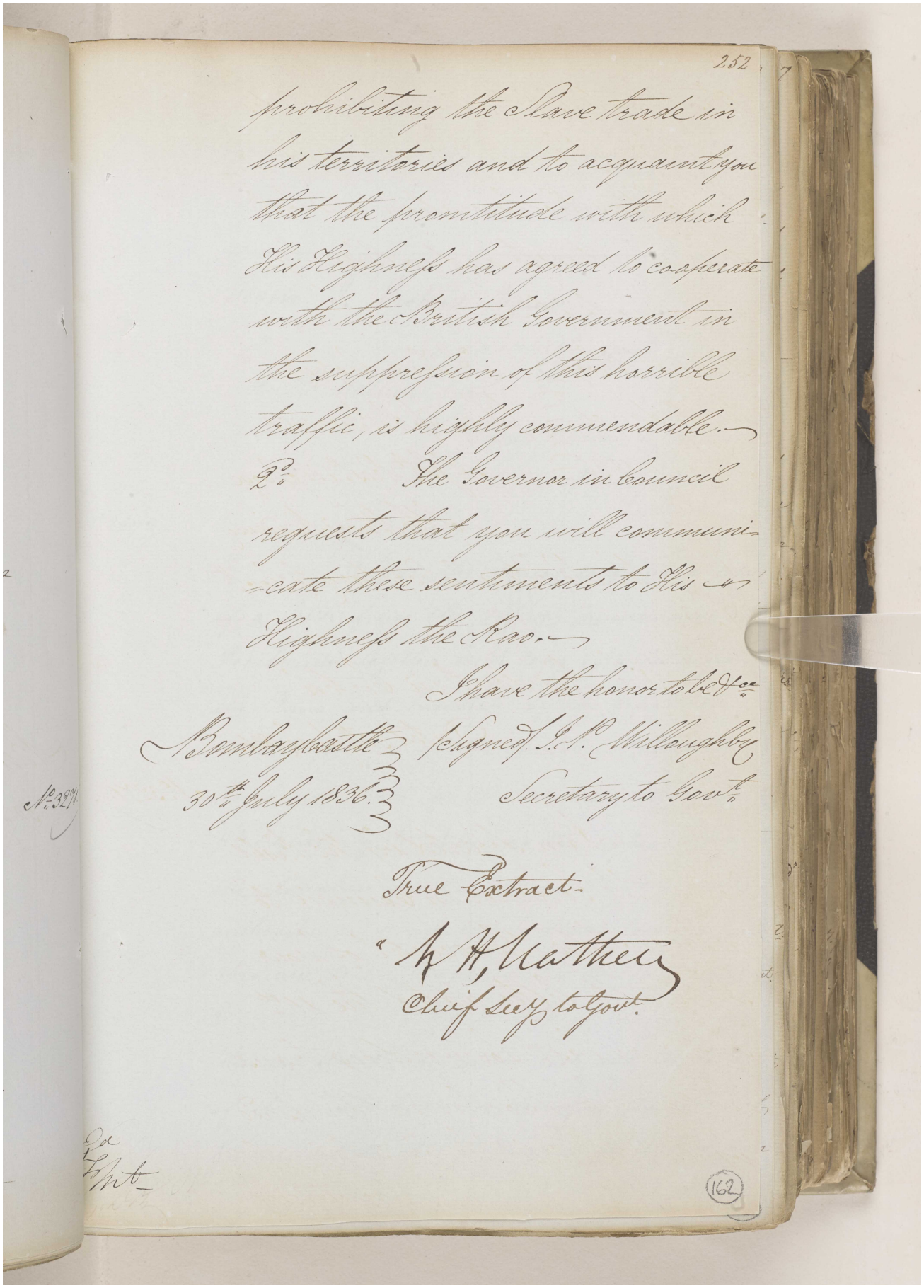
(A True Copy)
(Signed) A. Burnes
Asst. Resit. in charge
of the Bhooj Residency

From the Political Secretary to Govt.
To
The Resident in Cutch
Dated 30th July 1836.

No. 3274.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
Honble the Governor in Council to
acknowledge the receipt of your
Assistants letter dated the 11th
February last forwarding trans-
-lation of a Proclamation issued
by His Highness the Rao of Cutch
prohibiting



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prohibiting the Slave trade in
his territories and to acquaint you
that the promptitude with which
His Highness has agreed to cooperate
with the British Government in
the suppression of this horrible
traffic, is highly commendable.—
2d. The Governor in Council
requests that you will communi-
cate these sentiments to His
Highness the Rao.—

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle
30th July 1836.

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True Extract.
W. H. Mathews
Chief Secy to Govt.

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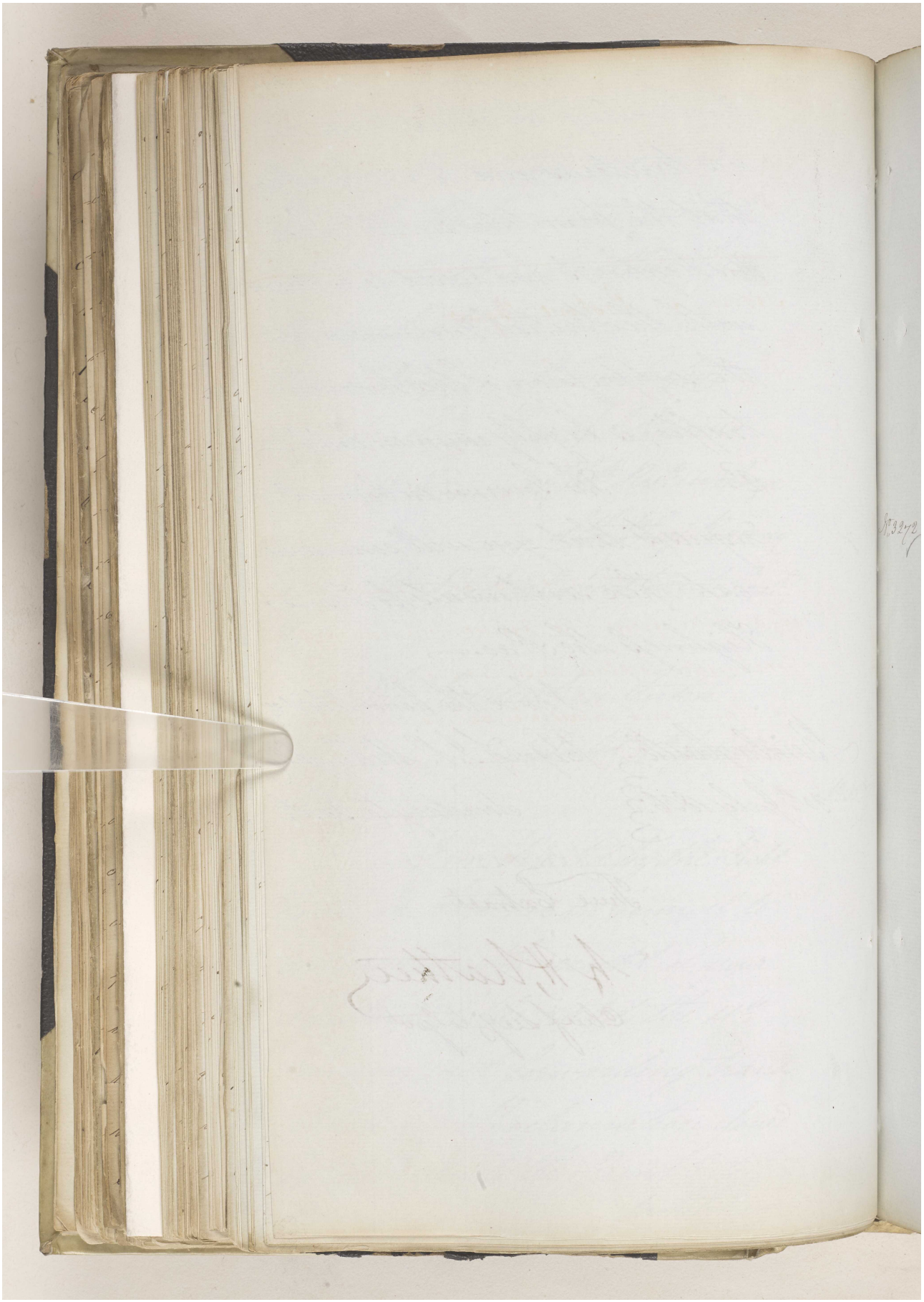

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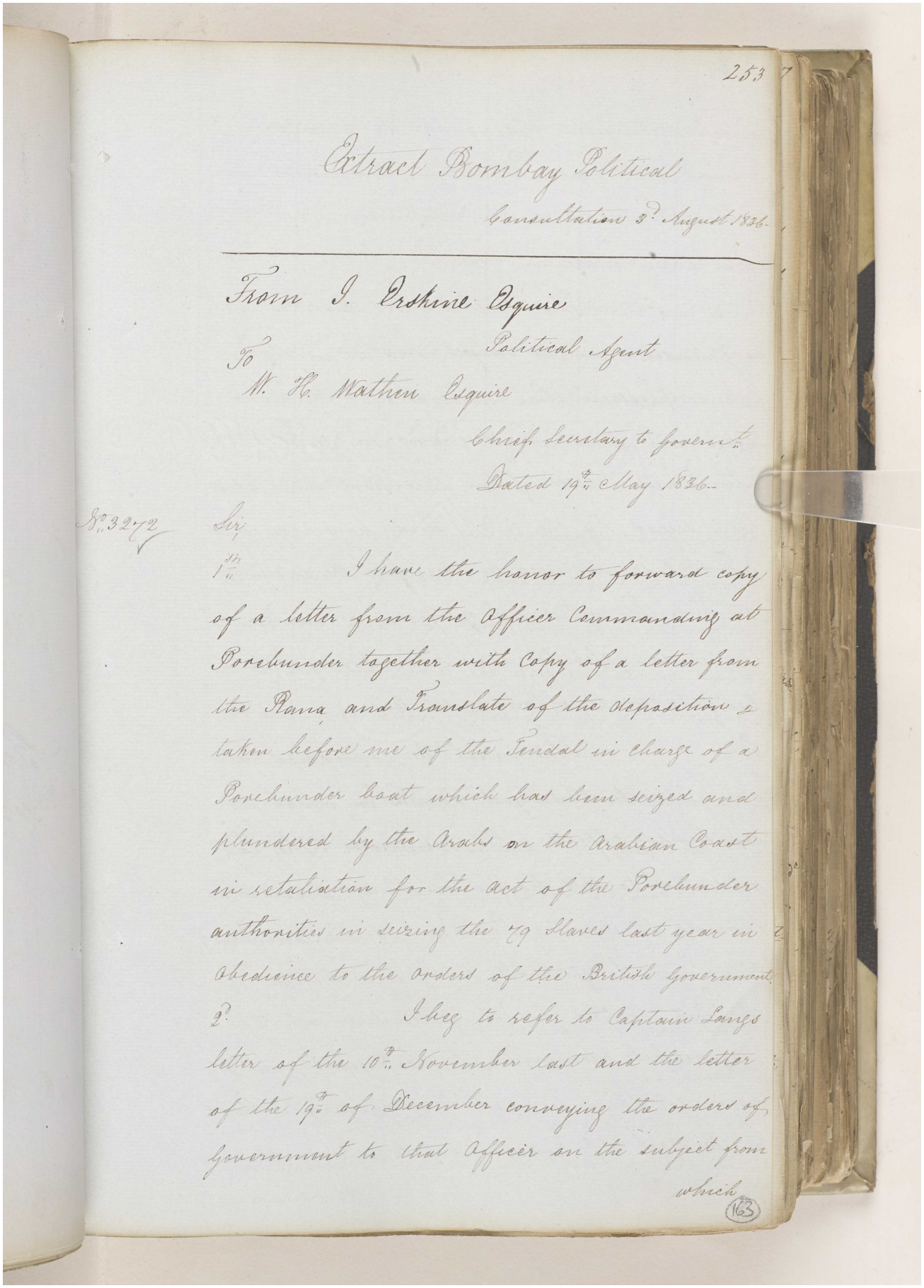

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Consultation 3d August 1836.

From J. Erskine Esquire

Political Agent

To

W. H. Mathew Esquire

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Dated 19th May 1836.

No. 3272

Sir,

1st I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Porebunder together with Copy of a letter from the Rana and Translate of the deposition taken before me of the Tendal in charge of a Porebunder boat which has been seized and plundered by the Arabs on the Arabian Coast in retaliation for the act of the Porebunder authorities in seizing the 79 Slaves last year in obedience to the orders of the British Government.

2d I beg to refer to Captain Langs letter of the 10th November last and the letter of the 19th of December conveying the orders of Government to that Officer on the subject from which

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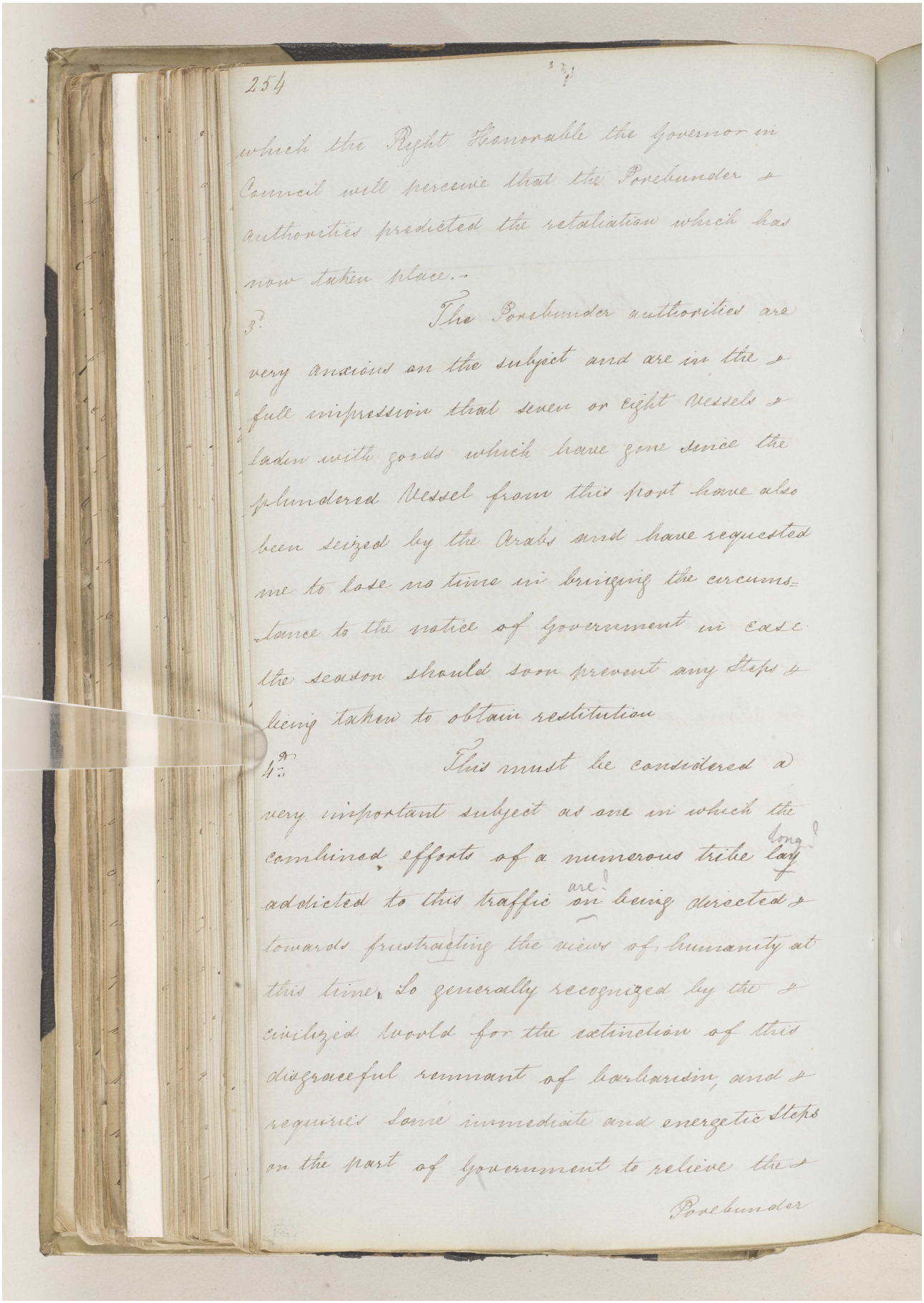

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which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will perceive that the Porebunder authorities predicted the retaliation which has now taken place.

3d. The Porebunder authorities are very anxious on the subject and are in the full impression that seven or eight Vessels laden with goods which have gone since the plundered Vessel from this Port have also been seized by the Arabs and have requested me to lose no time in bringing the circumstance to the notice of Government in case the season should soon prevent any steps being taken to obtain restitution

4th. This must be considered a very important subject as one in which the combined efforts of a numerous tribe long lay addicted to this traffic are being directed towards frustrating the views of humanity at this time, so generally recognized by the civilized World for the extinction of this disgraceful remnant of barbarism, and requires some immediate and energetic steps on the part of Government to relieve the

Porebunder

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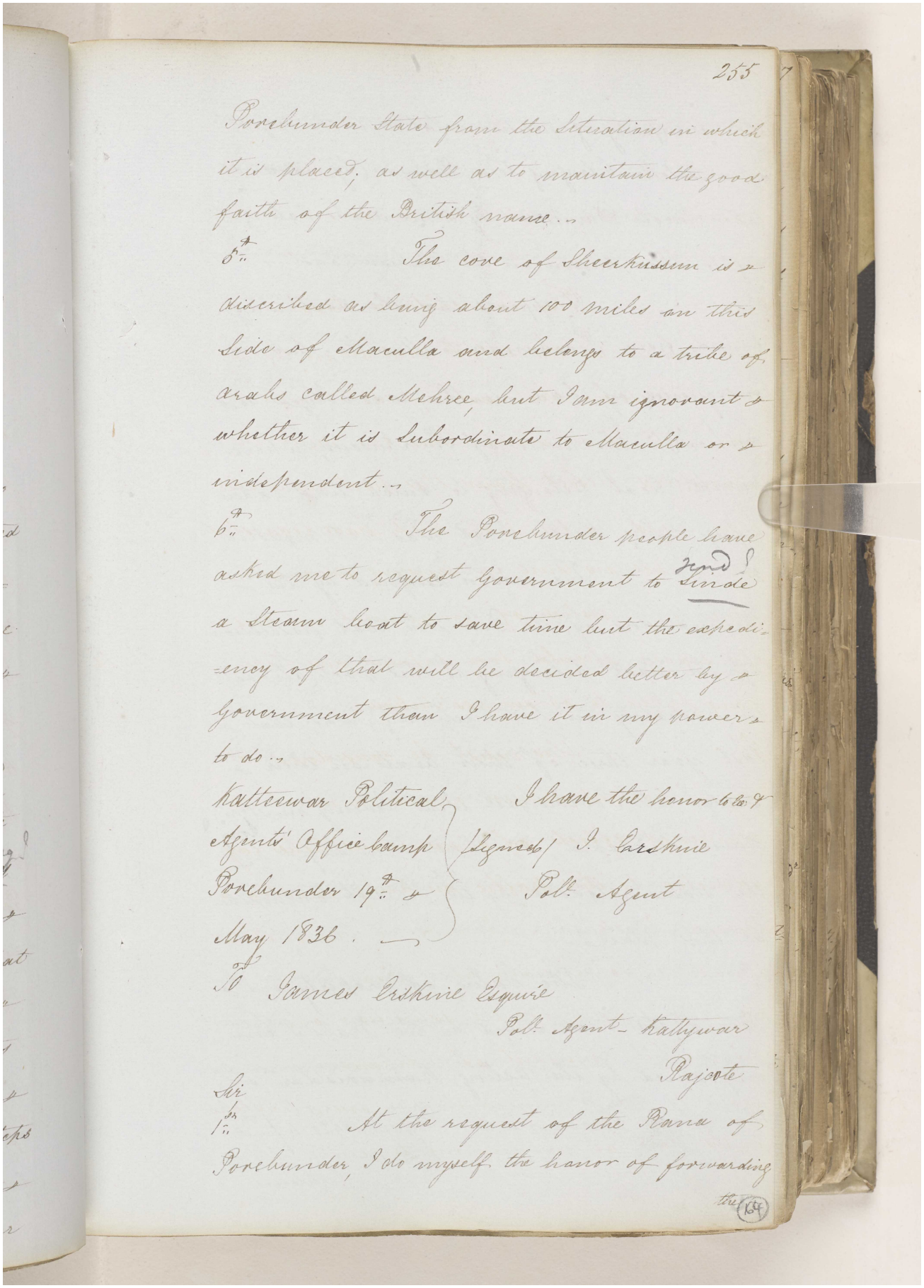

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Porebunder State from the Situation in which it is placed, as well as to maintain the good faith of the British name.

5th The cove of Sheerkussum is described as being about 100 miles on this side of Muscat and belongs to a tribe of Arabs called Mehree, but I am ignorant whether it is Subordinate to Muscat or independent.

6th The Porebunder people have asked me to request Government to send a Steam boat to save time but the expediency of that will be decided better by Government than I have it in my power to do.

Kattewar Political Agents' Office camp Porebunder 19th May 1836.

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) J. Carshine
Polt. Agent

To James Erskine Esquire
Polt. Agent Kattywar
Rajcote

Sir
1st At the request of the Rana of Porebunder, I do myself the honor of forwarding the

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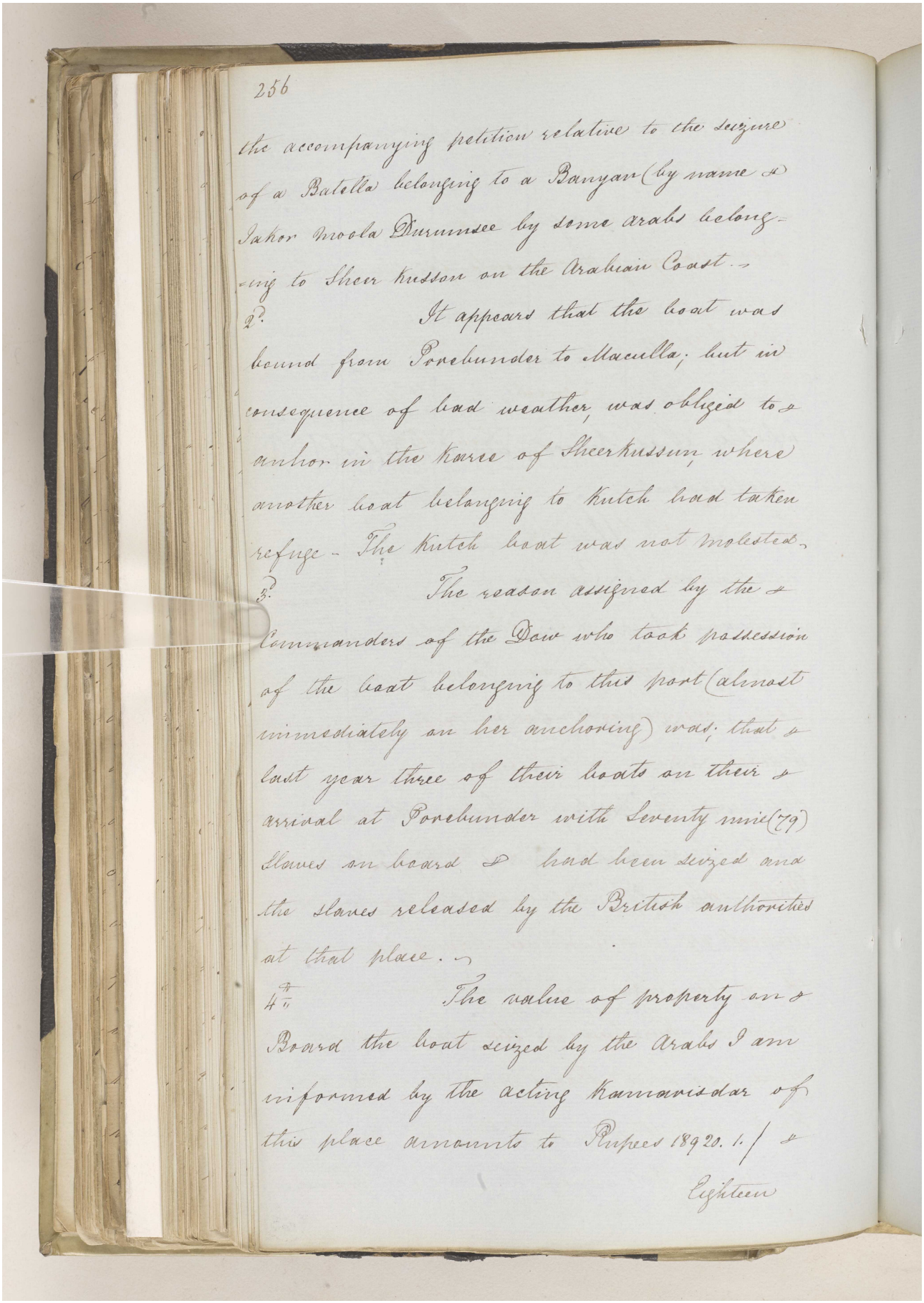

the accompanying petition relative to the seizure of a Batella belonging to a Banyan (by name & Jakor Moola Durumsee by some arabs belonging to Sheer kusson on the Arabian Coast.

2d. It appears that the boat was bound from Porebunder to Maculla; but in consequence of bad weather, was obliged to & anhor in the Karee of Sheerkussun, where another boat belonging to Kutch had taken refuge. The Kutch boat was not molested.

3d. The reason assigned by the & Commanders of the Dow who took possession of the boat belonging to this port (almost immediately on her anchoring) was; that & last year three of their boats on their & arrival at Porebunder with Seventy nine (79) Slaves on board & had been seized and the slaves released by the British authorities at that place.

4th. The value of property on & Board the boat seized by the Arabs I am informed by the acting Kamarisdar of this place amounts to Rupees 18920. 1./ &

Eighteen

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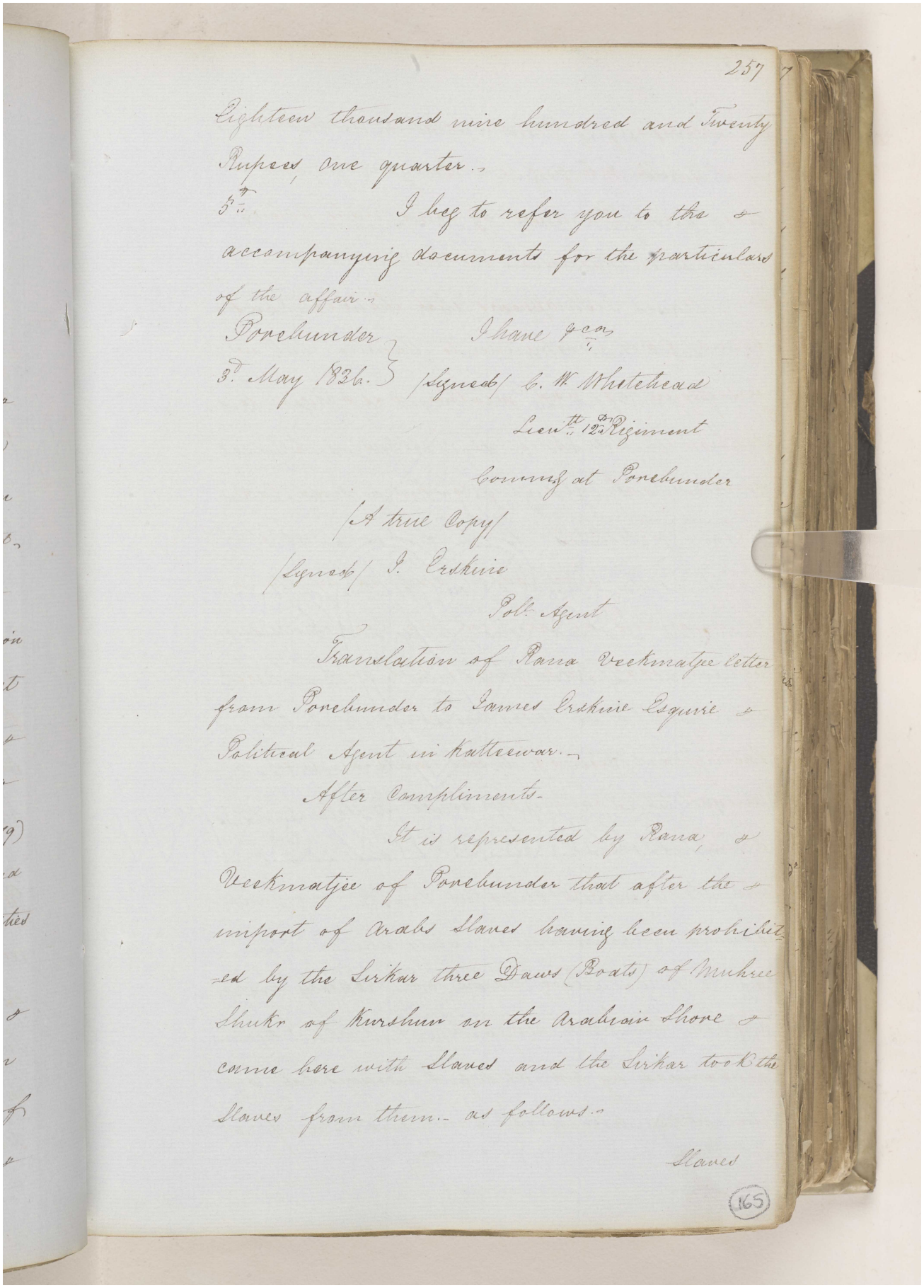

Eighteen thousand nine hundred and Twenty Rupees, one quarter.

5th I beg to refer you to the accompanying documents for the particulars of the affair.

Porebunder
3d May 1836.

I have &ca
(Signed) C. W. Whitehead
Lieut. 12th Regiment
Comm.g at Porebunder

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. Erskine
Pol. Agent

Translation of Rana Veekmatjee letter from Porebunder to James Erskine Esquire & Political Agent in Katteewar.

After Compliments.

It is represented by Rana, & Veekmatjee of Porebunder that after the import of Arabs Slaves having been prohibited by the Sirkar three Daws (Boats) of Muhree Shukr of Kurshun on the Arabian Shore & came here with Slaves and the Sirkar took the Slaves from them. as follows.

Slaves

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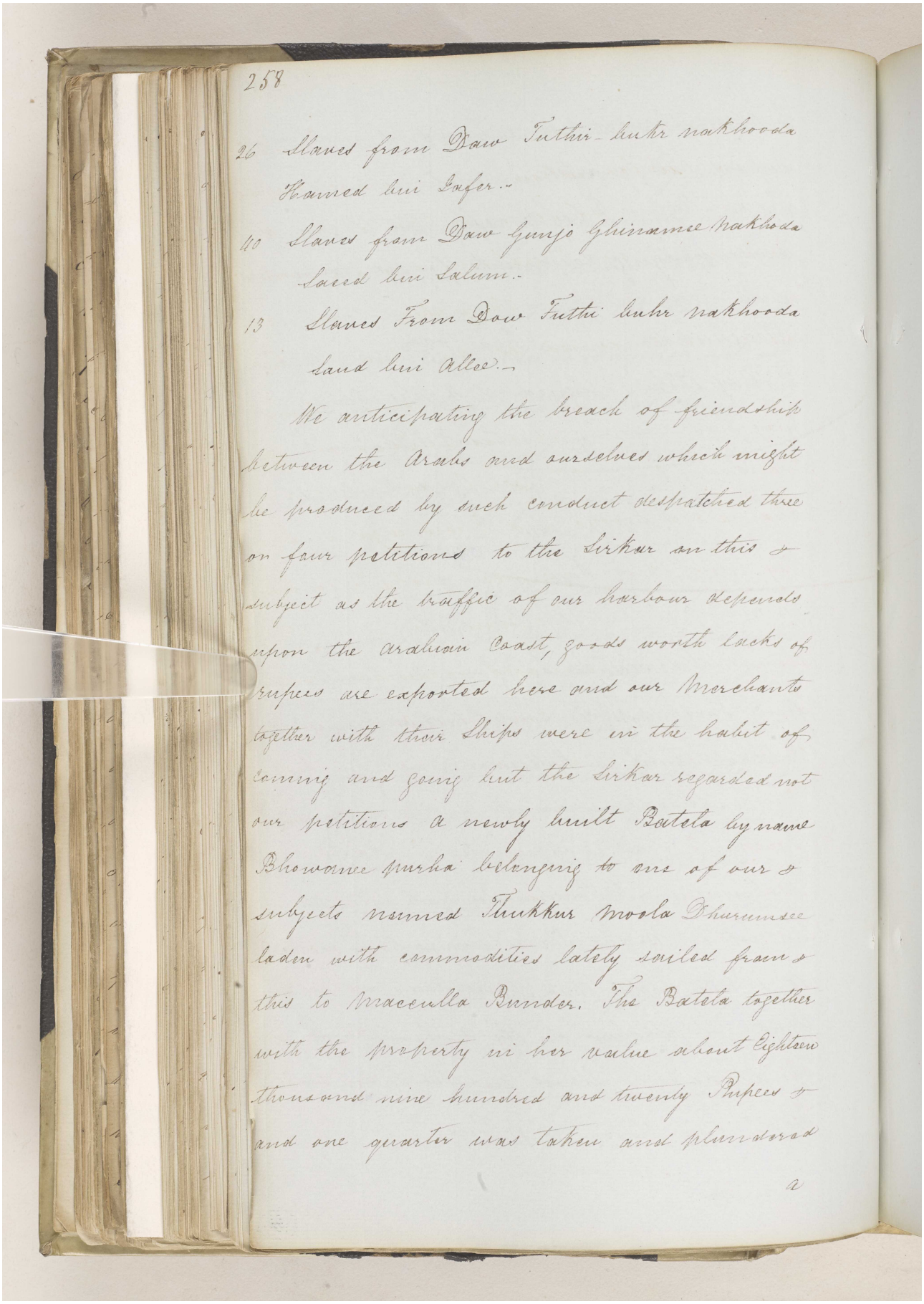

26 Slaves from Daw Futhir-buhr nakhooda Hamed bin Jafer.-

40 Slaves from Daw Gunjo Ghinamee nakhoda Saeed bin Salum.-

13 Slaves From Dow Futhi buhr nakhooda Saud bin Allee.-

We anticipating the breach of friendship between the Arabs and ourselves which might be produced by such conduct despatched three or four petitions to the Sirkar on this & subject as the traffic of our harbour depends upon the Arabian Coast, goods worth lacks of rupees are exported here and our Merchants together with their Ships were in the habit of coming and going but the Sirkar regarded not our petitions a newly built Batela by name Bhowanee purha belonging to one of our & subjects named Thukkur moola Dhurumsee laden with commodities lately sailed from & this to Maceulla Bunder. The Batela together with the property in her value about Eighteen thousand nine hundred and twenty Rupees & and one quarter was taken and plundered

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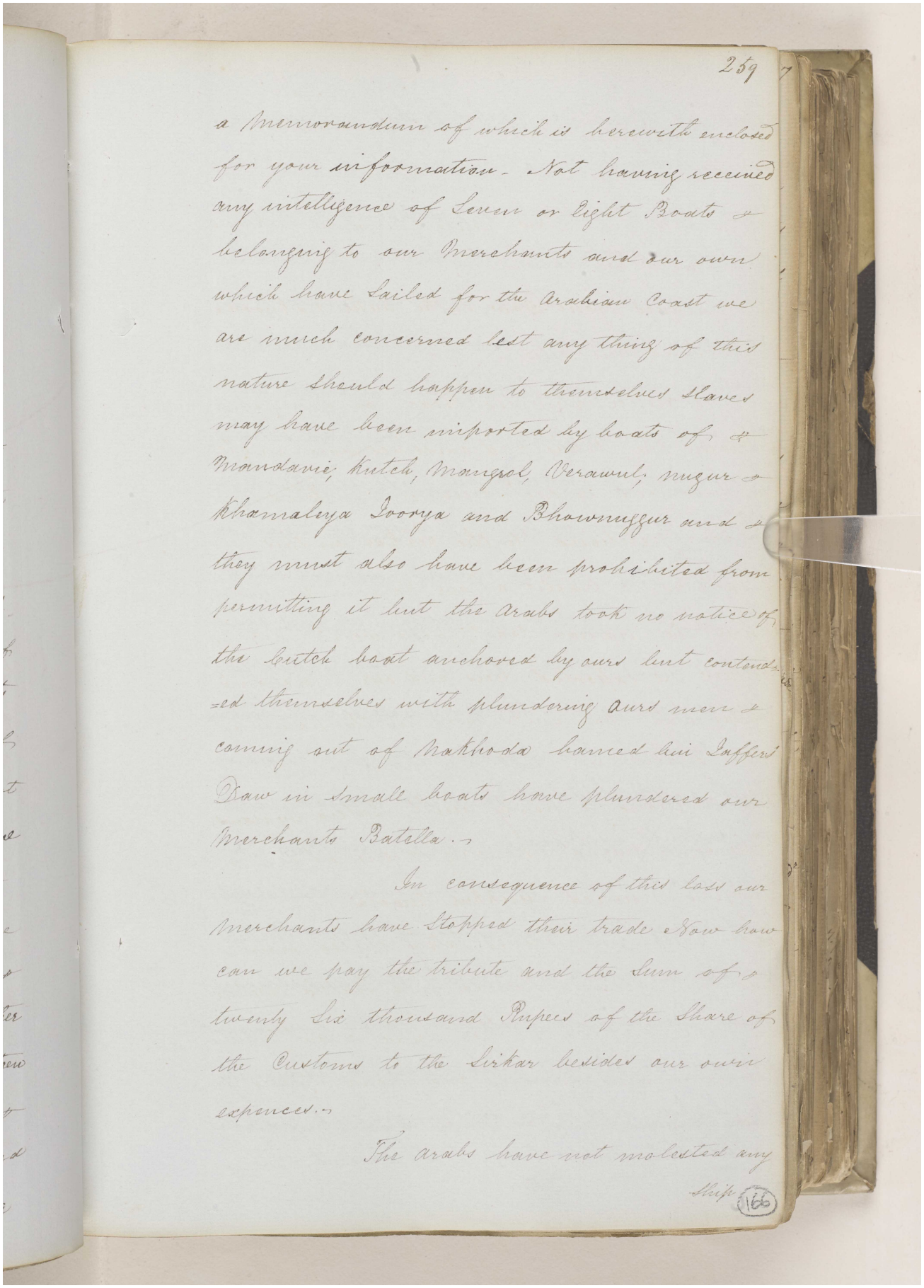

a Memorandum of which is herewith enclosed for your information. Not having received any intelligence of Seven or Eight Boats & belonging to our Merchants and our own which have Sailed for the Arabian Coast we are much concerned lest any thing of this nature should happen to themselves Slaves may have been imported by boats of & Mandavie, Kutch, Mangrol, Verawul, nuzur & Khamaleya Joorya and Bhownuggur and & they must also have been prohibited from permitting it but the Arabs took no notice of the Cutch boat anchored by ours but contend=ed themselves with plundering ours men & coming out of Nakhoda hamed bin Jaffers Daw in small boats have plundered our Merchants Batella.

In consequence of this loss our Merchants have Stopped their trade Now how can we pay the tribute and the Sum of & twenty Six thousand Rupees of the Share of the Customs to the Sirkar besides our own expences.

The Arabs have not molested any

Ship

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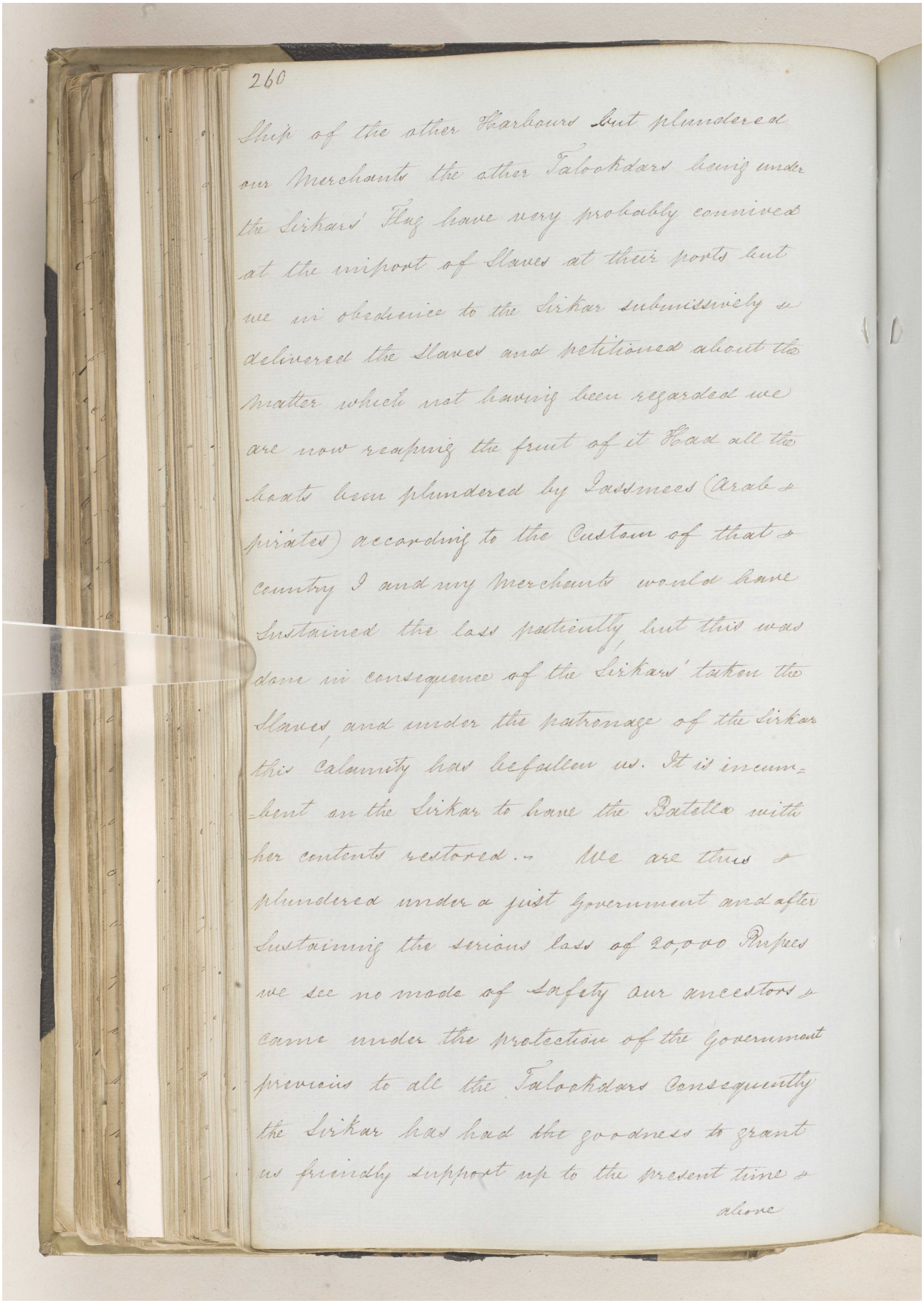

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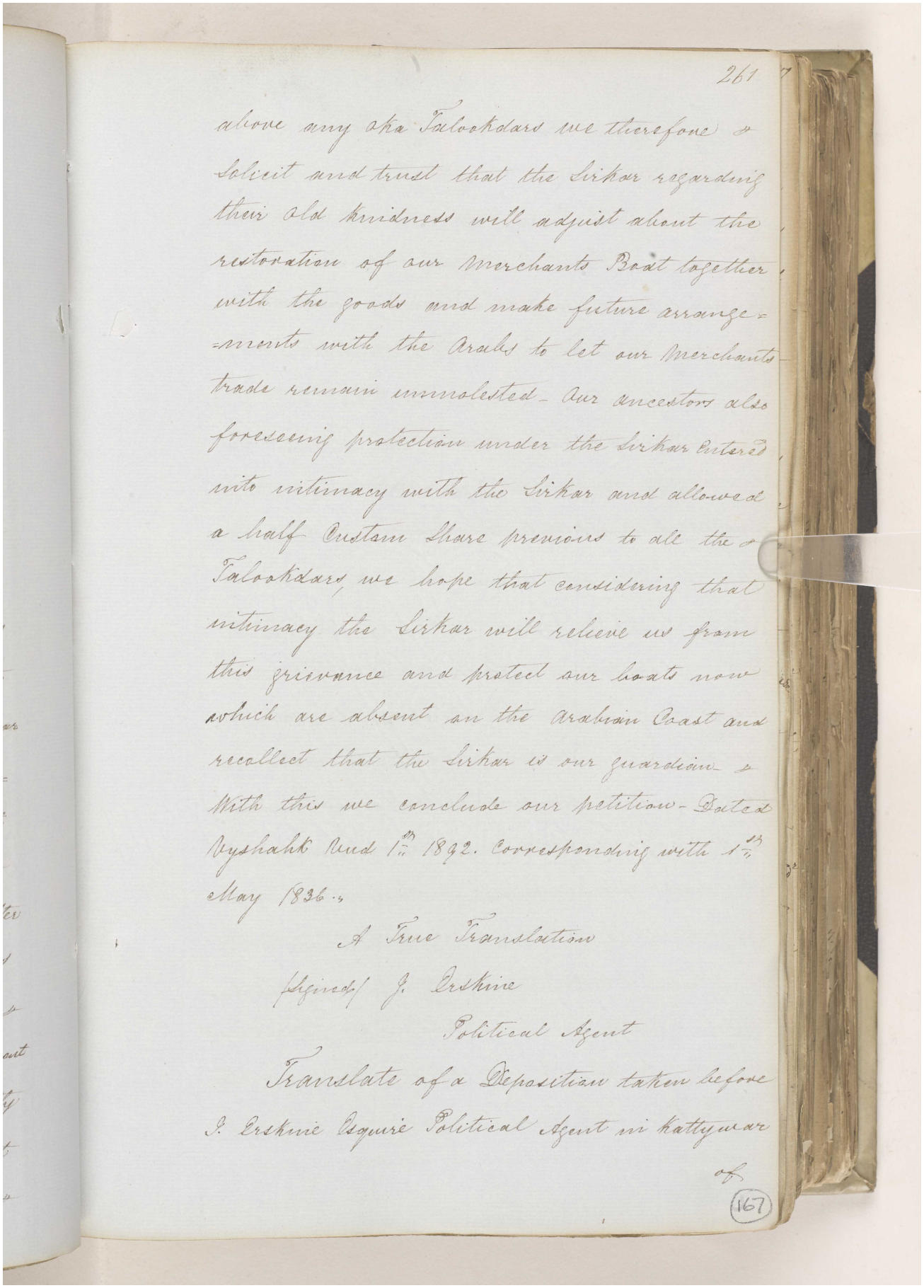
Ship of the other Harbours but plundered our Merchants the other Talookdars being under the Sirkars' Flag have very probably connived at the import of Slaves at their ports but we in obedience to the Sirkar submissively & delivered the Slaves and petitioned about the matter which not having been regarded we are now reaping the fruit of it Had all the boats been plundered by Sassmees (Arab & pirates) according to the Custom of that & country I and my Merchants would have sustained the loss patiently but this was done in consequence of the Sirkars' taken the Slaves, and under the patronage of the Sirkar this calamity has befallen us. It is incumbent on the Sirkar to have the Batella with her contents restored.— We are thus & plundered under a just Government and after sustaining the serious loss of 20,000 Rupees we see no mode of safety our ancestors & came under the protection of the Government previous to all the Talookdars Consequently the Sirkar has had the goodness to grant us friendly support up to the present time & above



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above any aka Talookdars we therefore
Solicit and trust that the Sirkar regarding
their old kindness will adjust about the
restoration of our Merchants Boat together
with the goods and make future arrange-
-ments with the Arabs to let our Merchants
trade remain unmolested - Our ancestors also
foreseeing protection under the Sirkar entered
into intimacy with the Sirkar and allowed
a half Custom Share previous to all the
Talookdars, we hope that considering that
intimacy the Sirkar will relieve us from
this grievance and protect our boats now
which are absent on the Arabian Coast and
recollect that the Sirkar is our guardian
With this we conclude our petition - Dated
Beyshakh Sud 1st 1892. Corresponding with 1st
May 1836.

A True Translation

(Signed) J. Erskine

Political Agent

Translate of a Deposition taken before
J. Erskine Esquire Political Agent in Kattywar
of

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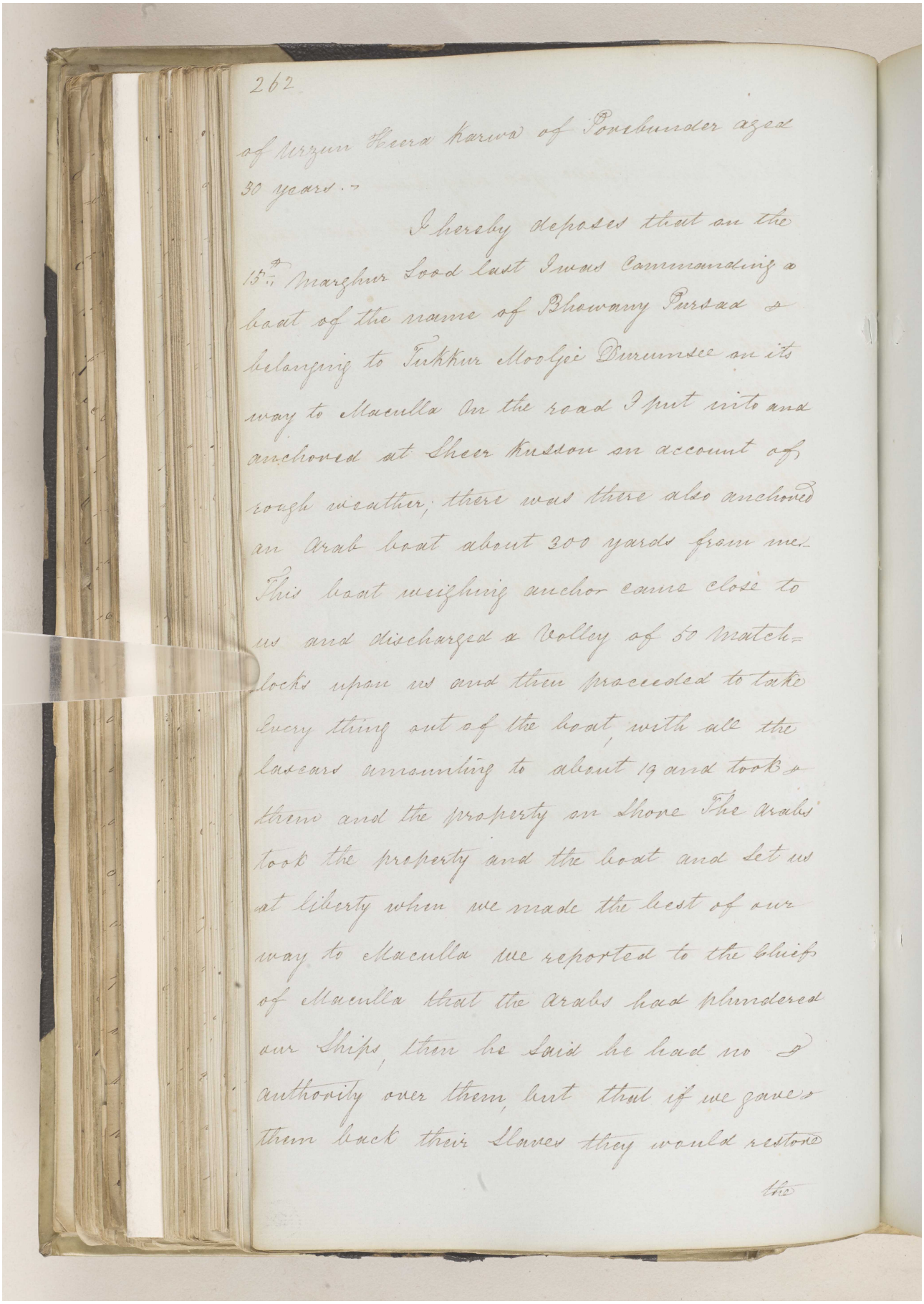

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of Urzun Heera Karwa of Porebunder aged 30 years.

I hereby deposes that on the 15th Marghur Sood last I was Commanding a boat of the name of Bhowany Pursad & belonging to Tukkur Mooljee Durumsee on its way to Maculla On the road I put into and anchored at Sheer Kusson on account of rough weather; there was there also anchored an Arab boat about 300 yards from me. This boat weighing anchor came close to us and discharged a Volley of 50 Match-locks upon us and then proceeded to take Every thing out of the boat, with all the lascars amounting to about 19 and took & them and the property on Shore The Arabs took the property and the boat and Set us at liberty when we made the best of our way to Maculla we reported to the Chief of Maculla that the Arabs had plundered our Ships, then he Said he had no & authority over them, but that if we gave & them back their Slaves they would restore

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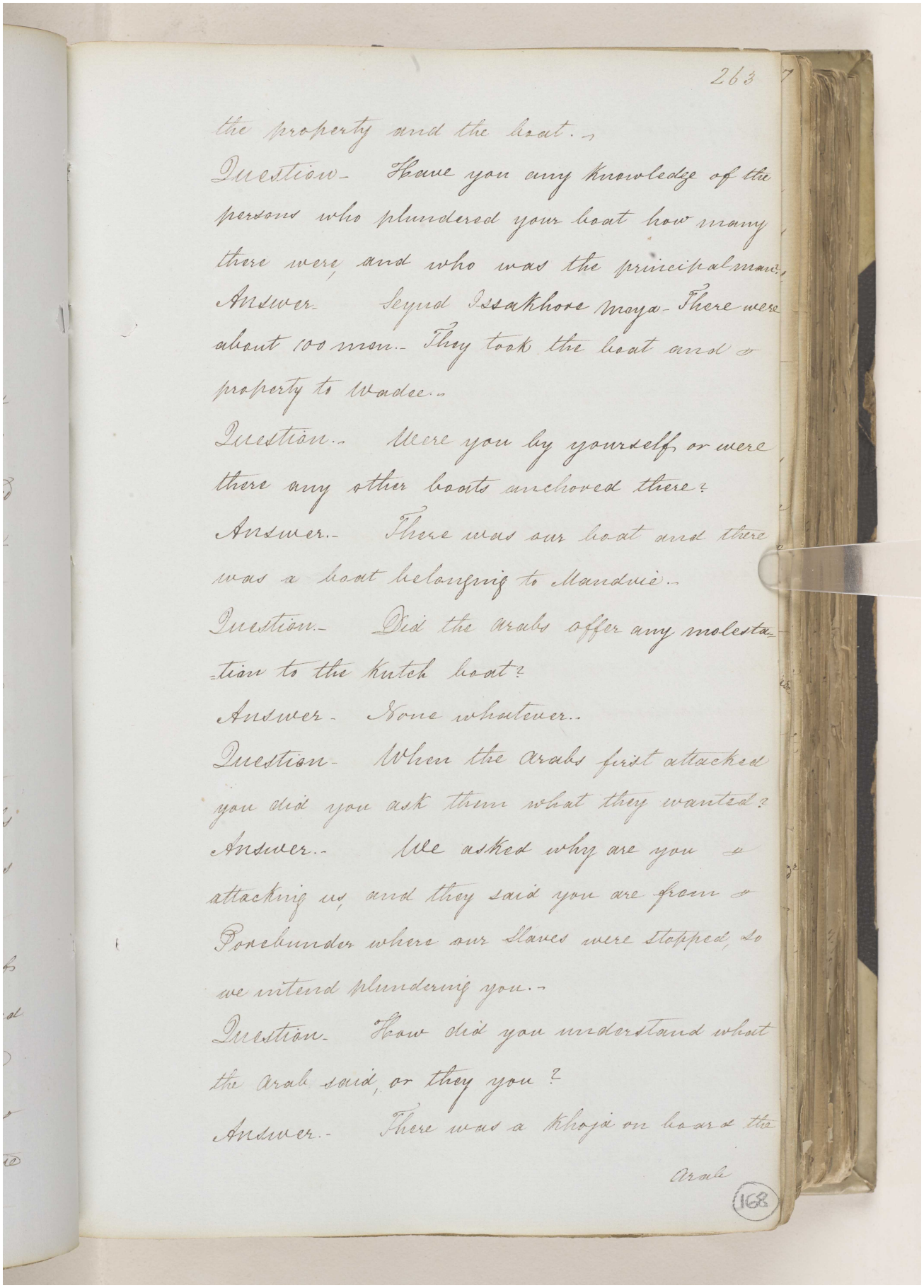

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the property and the boat.

Question. Have you any knowledge of the persons who plundered your boat how many there were, and who was the principal man?

Answer. Seyud Issakhore Moya. There were about 100 men. They took the boat and property to Wadee.

Question. Were you by yourself, or were there any other boats anchored there?

Answer. There was our boat and there was a boat belonging to Mandvie.

Question. Did the Arabs offer any molestation to the Kutch boat?

Answer. None whatever.

Question. When the Arabs first attacked you did you ask them what they wanted?

Answer. We asked why are you attacking us, and they said you are from Porebunder where our slaves were stopped, so we intend plundering you.

Question. How did you understand what the Arab said, or they you?

Answer. There was a Khoja on board the

Arab

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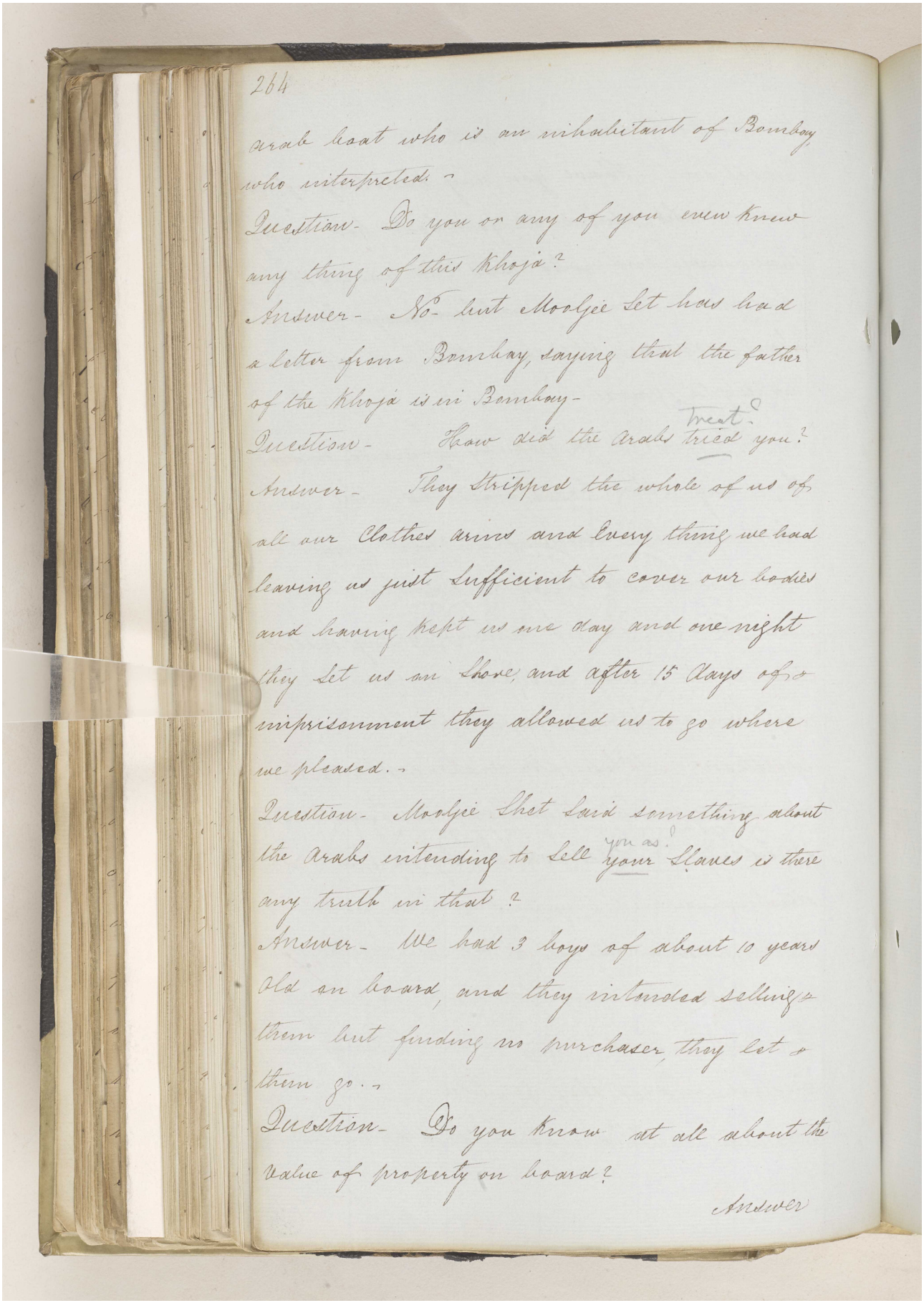

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arabe boat who is an inhabitant of Bombay who interpreted.-

Question- Do you or any of you ever know any thing of this khoja?

Answer- No- but Moolgie Set has had a letter from Bombay, saying that the father of the khoja is in Bombay-

Question- How did the Arabs treat you?

Answer- They stripped the whole of us of all our Clothes arms and Every thing we had leaving us just Sufficient to cover our bodies and having kept us one day and one night they Let us on Shore, and after 15 days of imprisonment they allowed us to go where we pleased.-

Question- Moolgie Shet Said something about the Arabs intending to Sell you as your Slaves is there any truth in that?

Answer- We had 3 boys of about 10 years old on board, and they intended selling them but finding no purchaser, they let them go.-

Question- Do you know at all about the value of property on board?

Answer

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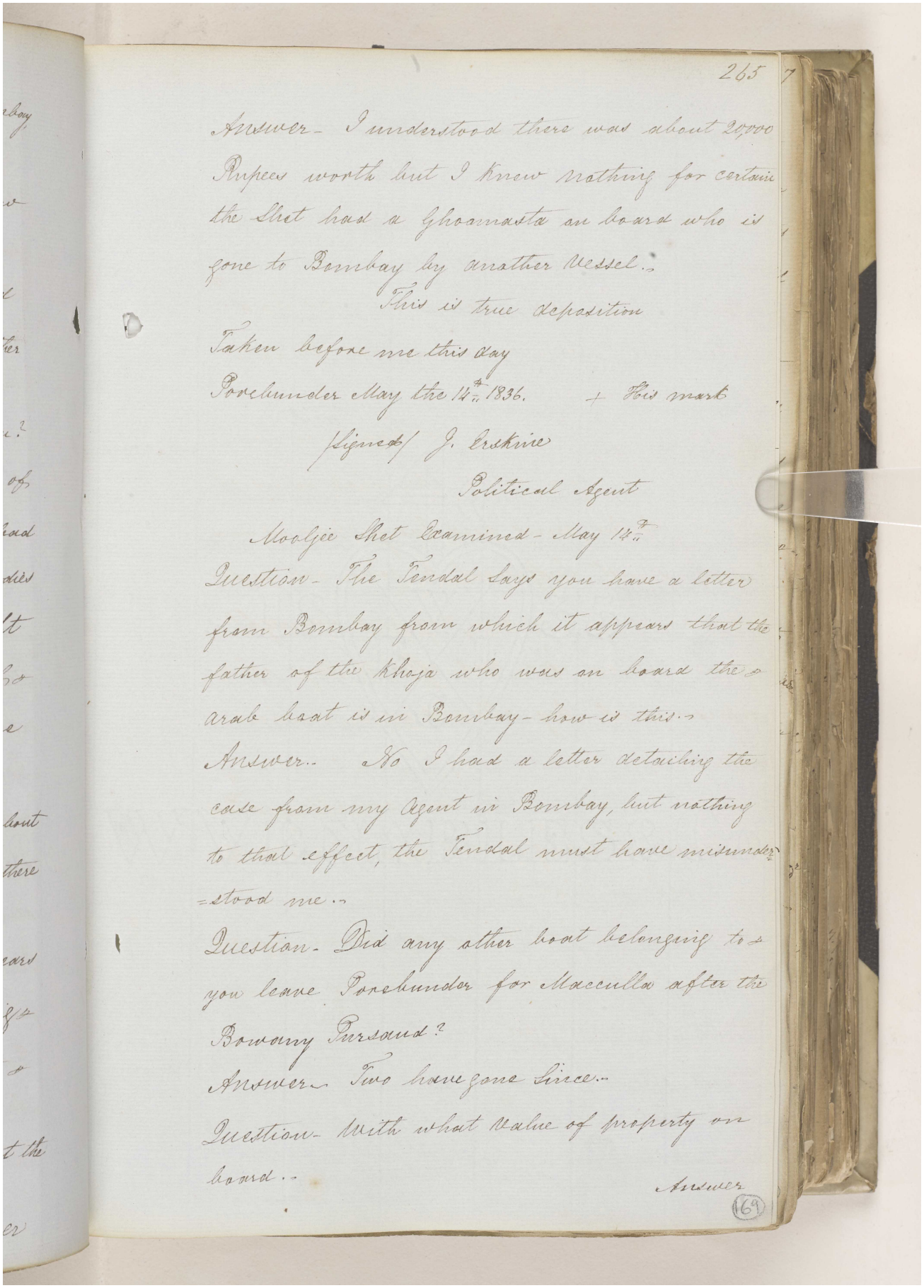

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Answer- I understood there was about 2000 Rupees worth but I know nothing for certain the Shet has a Ghoomasta on board who is gone to Bombay by another Vessel.-

This is true deposition

Taken before me this day

Porebunder May the 14th 1836. + His mark

/signed/ J. Erskine

Political Agent

Moolgie Shet Examined - May 14th

Question- The Tendal says you have a letter from Bombay from which it appears that the father of the Khoja who was on board the Arab boat is in Bombay- how is this.-

Answer- No I had a letter detailing the case from my Agent in Bombay, but nothing to that effect, the Tendal must have misunderstood me.-

Question- Did any other boat belonging to you leave Porebunder for Maccalla after the Bombay Pursaud?

Answer- Two have gone since.-

Question- With what value of property on board.-

Answer

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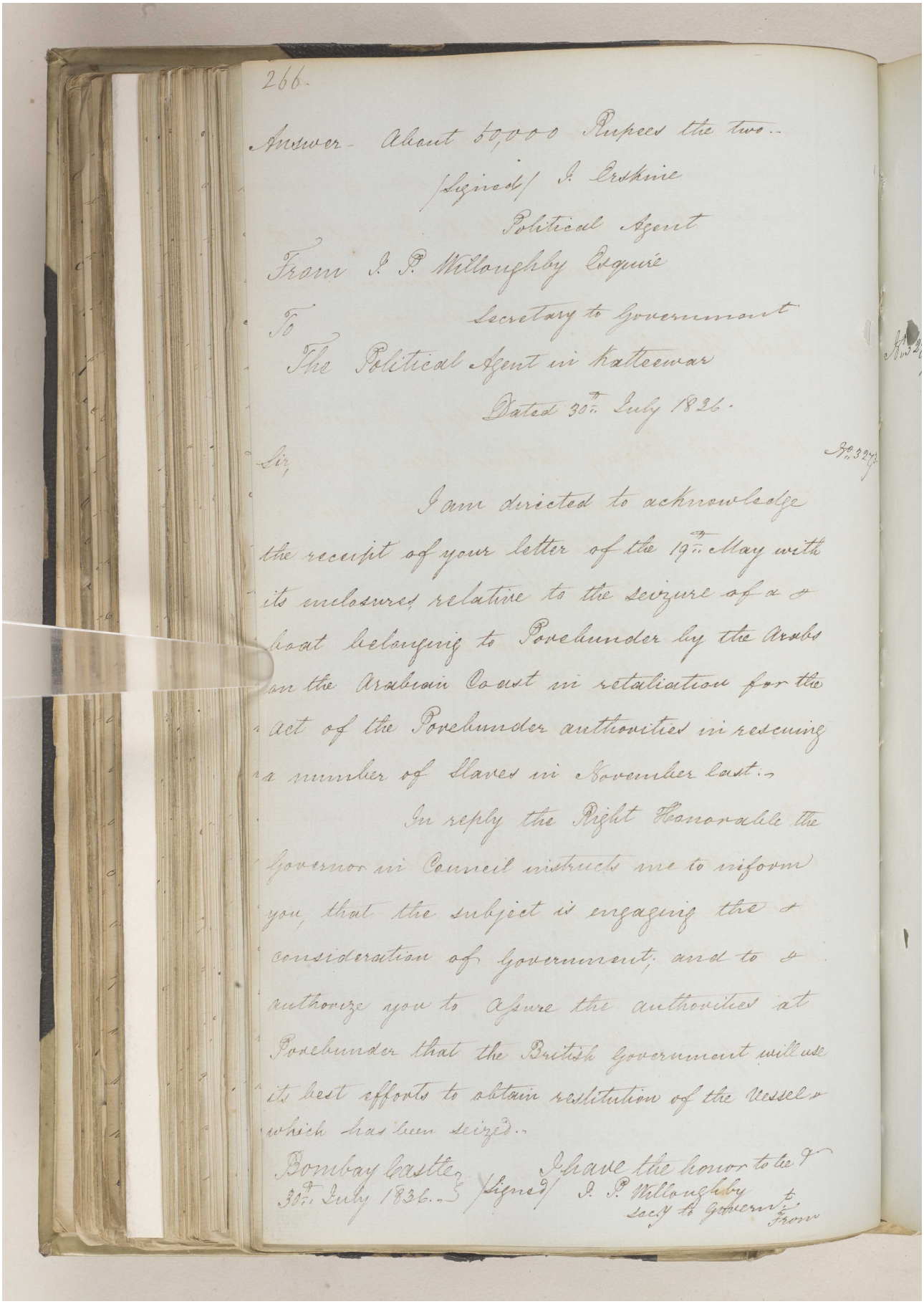

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Answer - About 50,000 Rupees the two.-

/Signed/ J. Erskine
Political Agent

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To
The Political Agent in Katteewar

Dated 30th. July 1826.

Sir,

30, 327

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th. May with its enclosures, relative to the seizure of a boat belonging to Porebunder by the Arabs on the Arabian Coast in retaliation for the act of the Porebunder authorities in rescuing a number of Slaves in November last.-

In reply the Right Honorable the Governor in Council instructs me to inform you, that the subject is engaging the consideration of Government, and to authorize you to Assure the authorities at Porebunder that the British Government will use its best efforts to obtain restitution of the Vessels which has been seized.-

Bombay Castle,
30th. July 1826.-

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.

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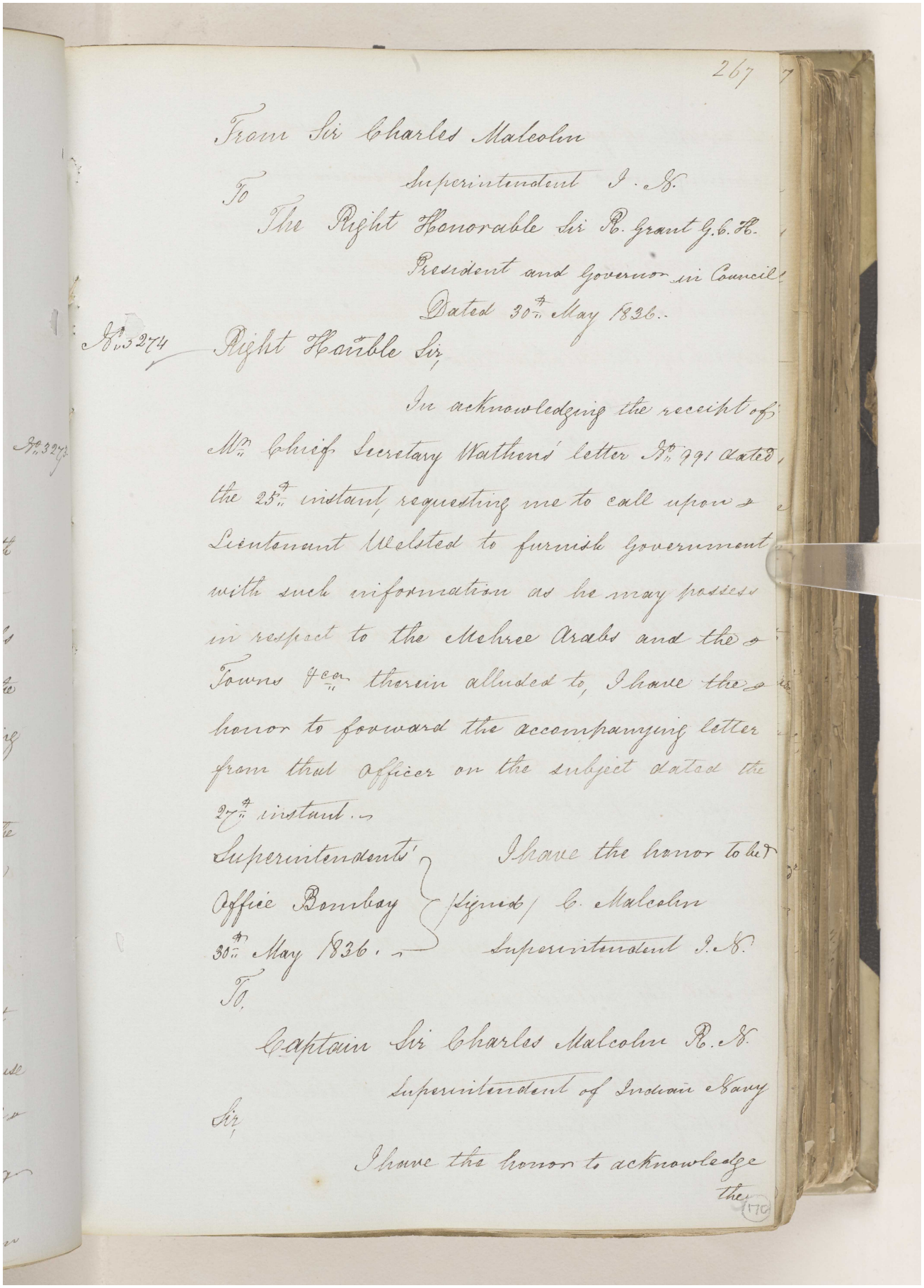

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From Sir Charles Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.
To
The Right Honorable Sir R. Grant G.C.H.
President and Governor in Council
Dated 30th May 1836.

No. 3274

Right Honble Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Chief Secretary Mathews' letter No. 991 dated the 25th instant, requesting me to call upon Lieutenant Wellsted to furnish government with such information as he may possess in respect to the Mehree Arabs and the Towns &c. therein alluded to, I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from that officer on the subject dated the 27th instant.

Superintendents' Office Bombay 30th May 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) C. Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

To
Captain Sir Charles Malcolm R. N.
Superintendent of Indian Navy
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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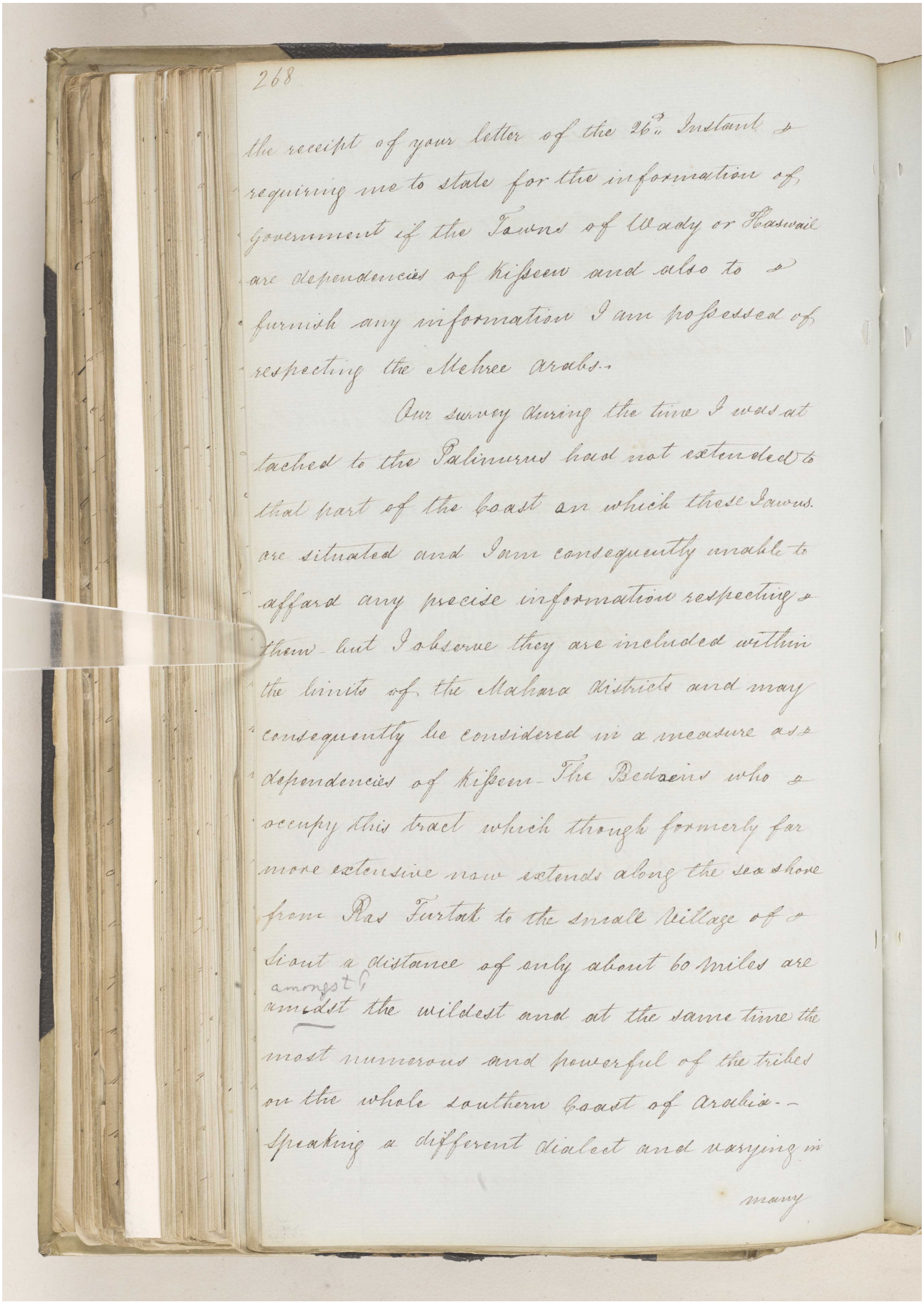

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the receipt of your letter of the 26th Instant &
requiring me to state for the information of
government if the Towns of Wady or Hasswaie
are dependencies of Kiseem and also to &
furnish any information I am possessed of
respecting the Mehree Arabs.-

Our survey during the time I was at
tached to the Palinurus had not extended to
that part of the coast on which these Towns
are situated and I am consequently unable to
afford any precise information respecting &
them- but I observe they are included within
the limits of the Mahara districts and may
consequently be considered in a measure as
dependencies of Kiseem- The Bedaeins who &
occupy this tract which though formerly far
more extensive now extends along the sea shore
from Ras Furtak to the small Village of &
Siout a distance of only about 60 miles are
amongst the
amidst the wildest and at the same time the
most numerous and powerful of the tribes
on the whole southern Coast of Arabia.-
Speaking a different dialect and varying in
many

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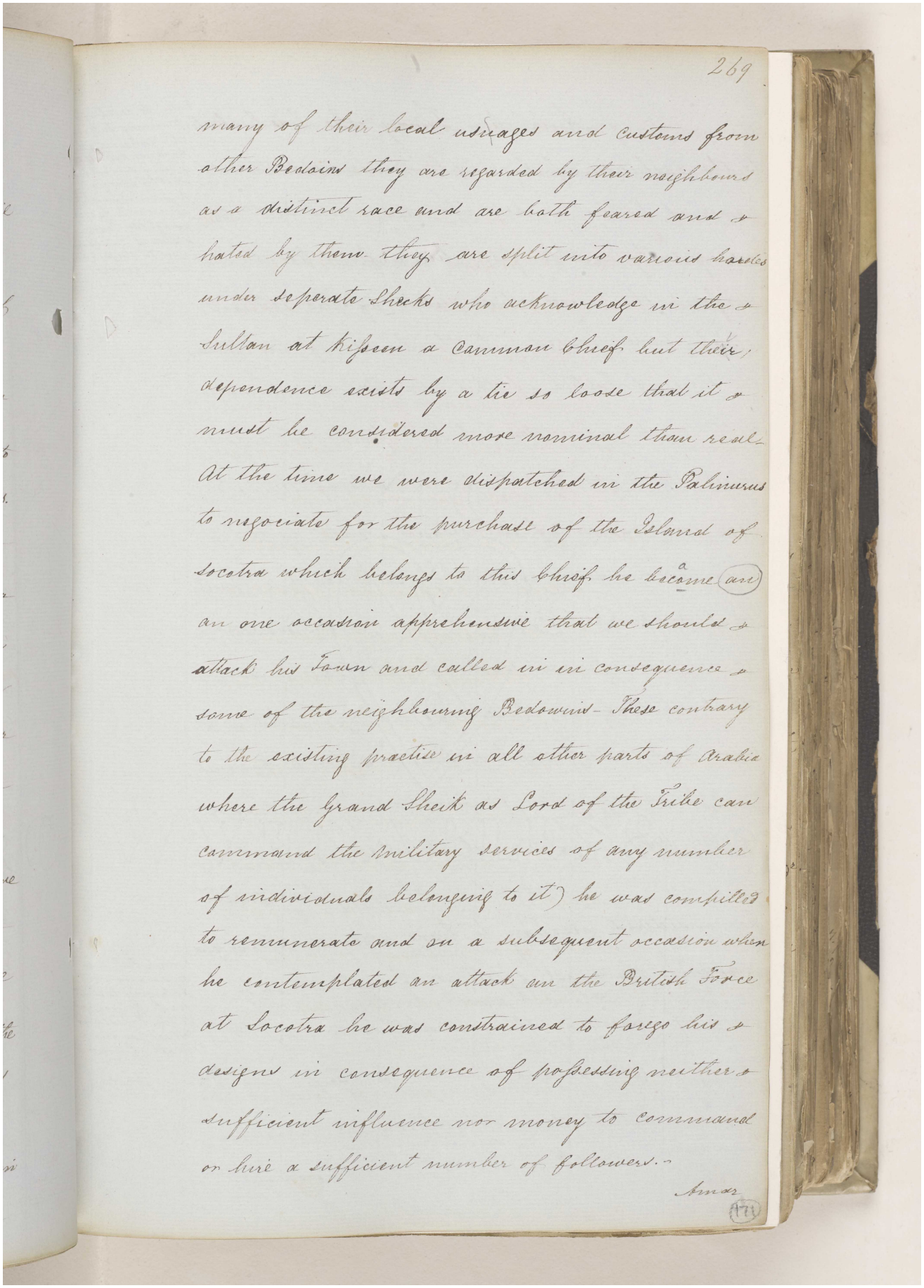

many of their local usuages and customs from other Bedains they are regarded by their neighbours as a distinct race and are both feared and hated by them they are split into various hordes under seperate Sheeks who acknowledge in the Sultan at Kiseem a Common Chief but their dependence exists by a tie so loose that it must be considered more nominal than real At the time we were dispatched in the Palinurus to negociate for the purchase of the Island of Socotra which belongs to this Chief he became (an) an one occasion apprehensive that we should attack his Town and called in in consequence some of the neighbouring Bedowins- These contrary to the existing practice in all other parts of Arabia where the grand Sheik as Lord of the Tribe can command the Military services of any number of individuals belonging to it) he was compelled to remunerate and on a subsequent occasion when he contemplated an attack on the British Force at Socotra he was constrained to forego his designs in consequence of possessing neither sufficient influence nor money to command or hire a sufficient number of followers.-

Amar

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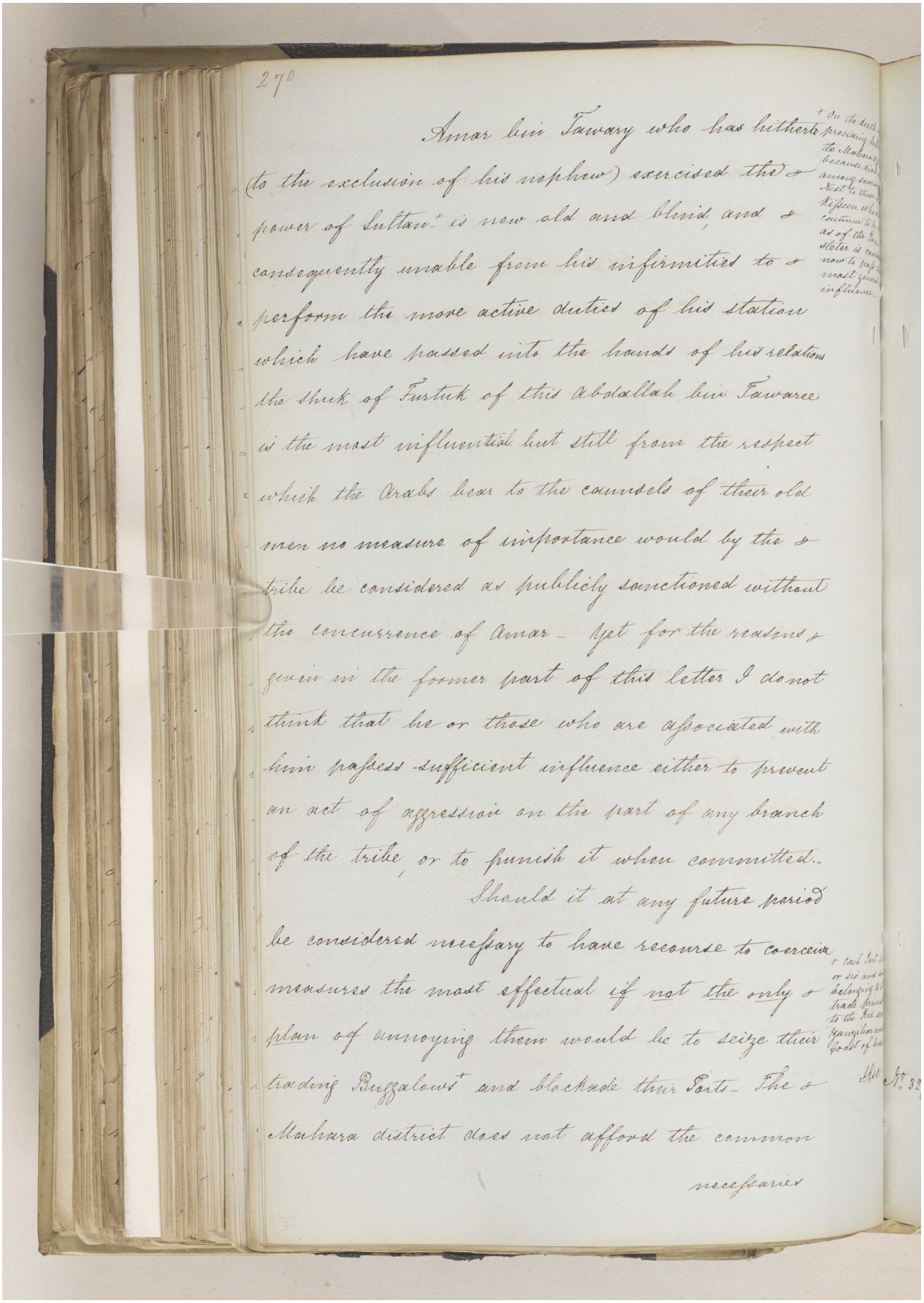

Amar bin Tawary who has hitherto (to the exclusion of his nephew) exercised the power of Sultan+ is now old and blind, and consequently unable from his infirmities to perform the more active duties of his station which have passed into the hands of his relations the shuk of Furtuk of this Abdallah bin Tawaree is the most influential but still from the respect which the Arabs bear to the counsels of their old men no measure of importance would by the tribe be considered as publicly sanctioned without the concurrence of Amar - Yet for the reasons given in the former part of this letter I do not think that he or those who are associated with him possess sufficient influence either to prevent an act of aggression on the part of any branch of the tribe, or to punish it when committed.

Should it at any future period be considered necessary to have recourse to coercive measures the most effectual if not the only plan of annoying them would be to seize their trading Buggalows+ and blockade their Ports - The Mahara district does not afford the common

necessaries

+ On the death of preceding Sultan the Mahara [illegible] because divided among several [illegible] Next to those [illegible] Kisseen who [illegible] continue to be [illegible] as of the Parent [illegible] sleter is cause [illegible] now to pass [illegible] most general influence.

+ Each Port [illegible] or six and [illegible] belonging to [illegible] trade principally to the Red sea [illegible] Zanzibar and Coast of India

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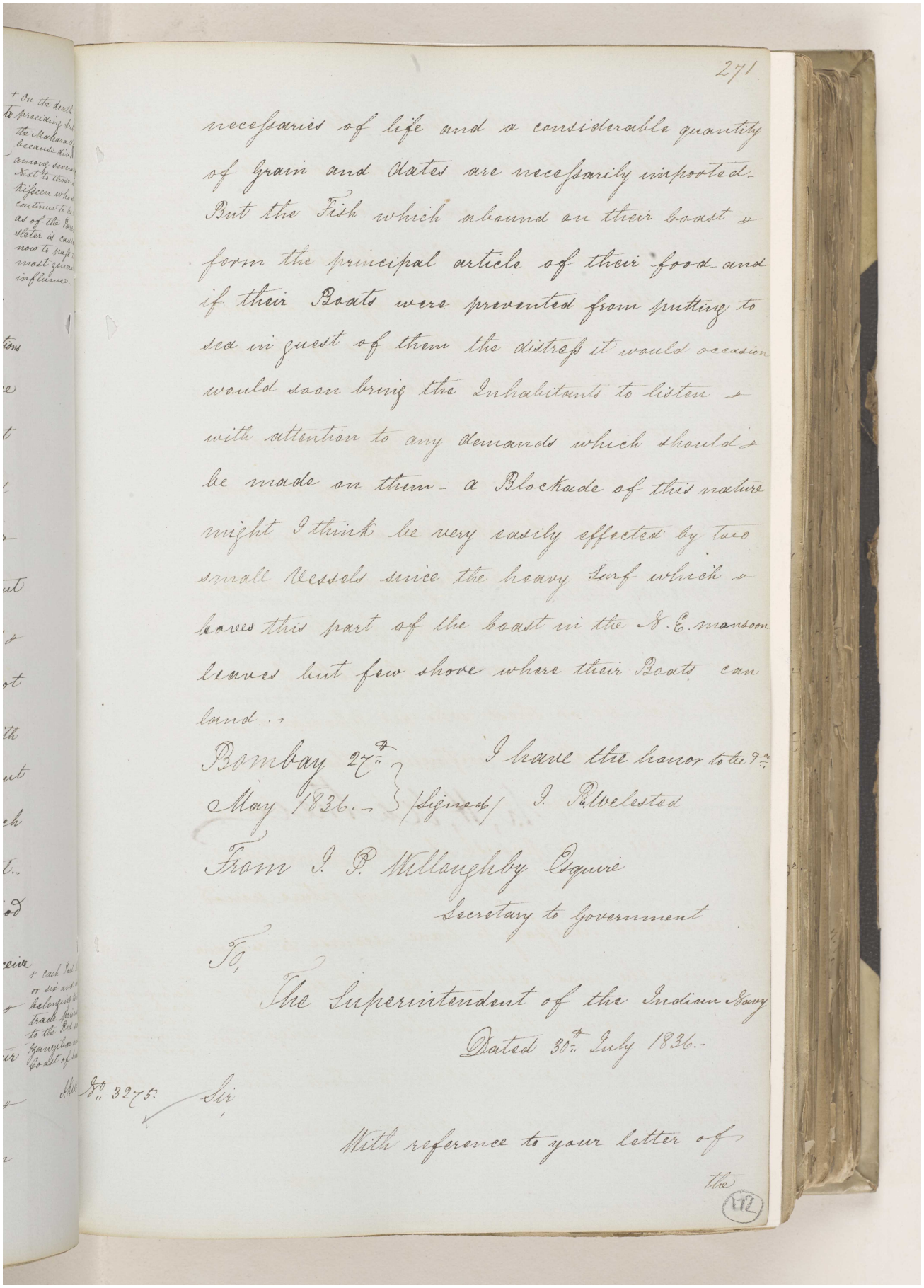

necessaries of life and a considerable quantity of Grain and Dates are necessarily imported. But the Fish which abound on their boast & form the principal article of their food and if their Boats were prevented from putting to sea in guest of them the distress it would occasion would soon bring the Inhabitants to listen & with attention to any demands which should be made on them. a Blockade of this nature might I think be very easily effected by two small Vessels since the heavy Surf which & loves this part of the boast in the N.E. monsoon leaves but few shore where their Boats can land.

Bombay 27th May 1836. } I have the honor to be &c. (Signed) I. R. Welested

From I. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To,
The Superintendent of the Indian Navy
Dated 30th July 1836.

No. 3275. Sir,

With reference to your letter of the

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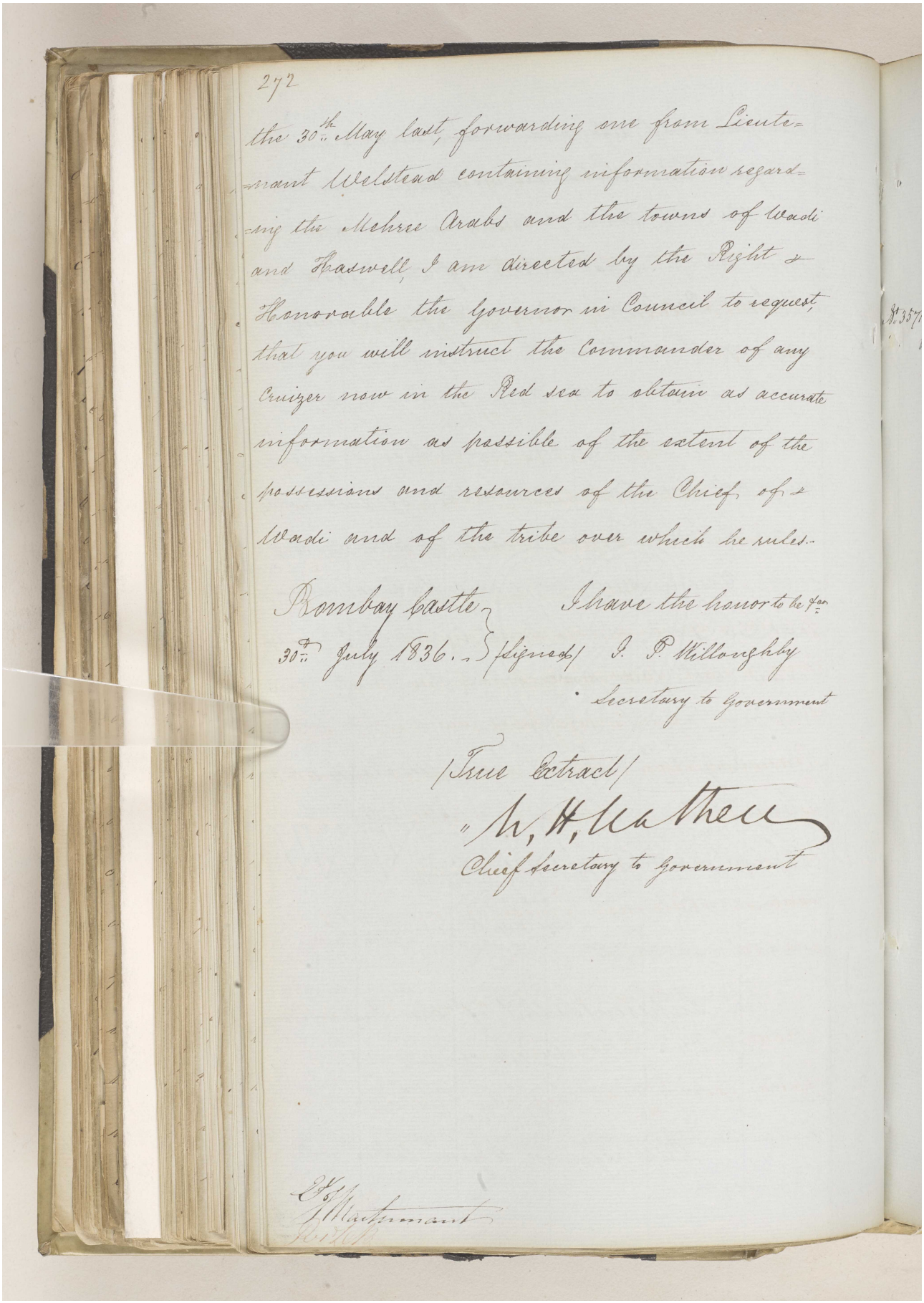

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the 30th. May last, forwarding one from Lieute-
nant Welstead containing information regard-
ing the Mehree Arabs and the towns of Wadi
and Haswell, I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council to request
that you will instruct the Commander of any
Cruizer now in the Red sea to obtain as accurate
information as possible of the extent of the
possessions and resources of the Chief of
Wadi and of the tribe over which he rules.

Bombay Castle, 30th. July 1836. } I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

(True Extract)
W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Government

Lieutenant

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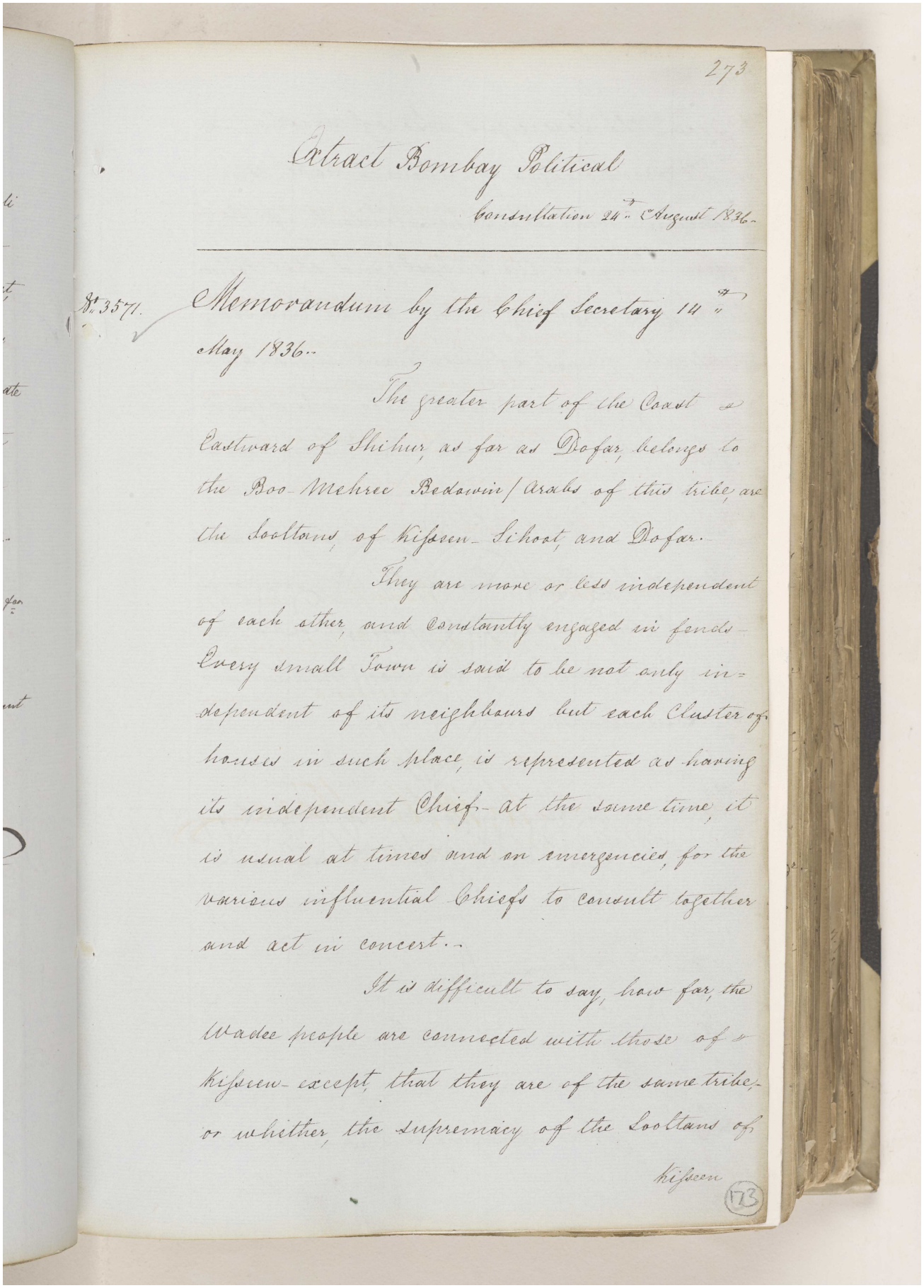

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 24th August 1836.

No. 3571. Memorandum by the Chief Secretary 14th May 1836.

The greater part of the Coast Eastward of Shihur as far as Dofar, belongs to the Boo-Mehree Bedawin Arabs of this tribe are the Sooltans of Kiseen, Sihoot, and Dofar.

They are more or less independent of each other, and constantly engaged in feuds. Every small Town is said to be not only independent of its neighbours but each Cluster of houses in such place, is represented as having its independent Chief. at the same time, it is usual at times and on emergencies, for the various influential Chiefs to consult together and act in concert.

It is difficult to say, how far, the Wadee people are connected with those of Kiseen, except that they are of the same tribe, or whether the supremacy of the Sooltans of Kiseen

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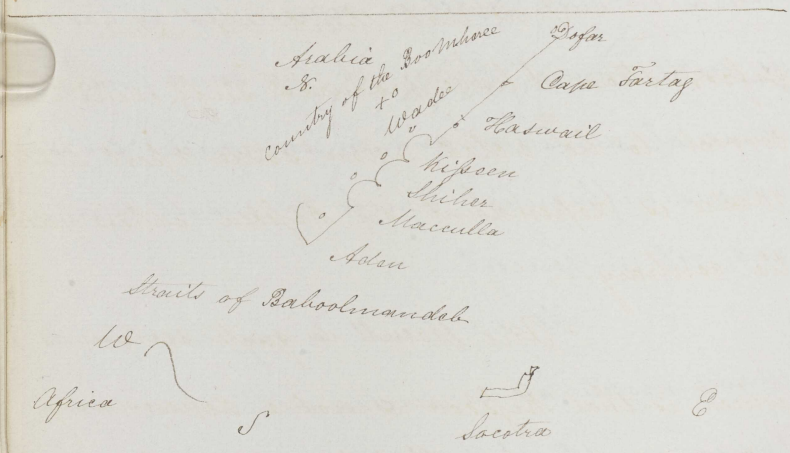
Kisseen-(the Sovereigns also of Socotra) is at all acknowledged by them- I have communicated with the Superintendent of the Indian Navy on the subject and that Officer thinks, that nothing certain can be elicited, until the arrival of Lieutenant Welstead & and Acting Commander Haines- who possess, he believes, most accurate information on these points.

The accompanying rough sketch will give the Right Honorable the Governor in Council some idea of the geographical situation of the Country of the Boo-Mehree & Buddooee-Arabs.-



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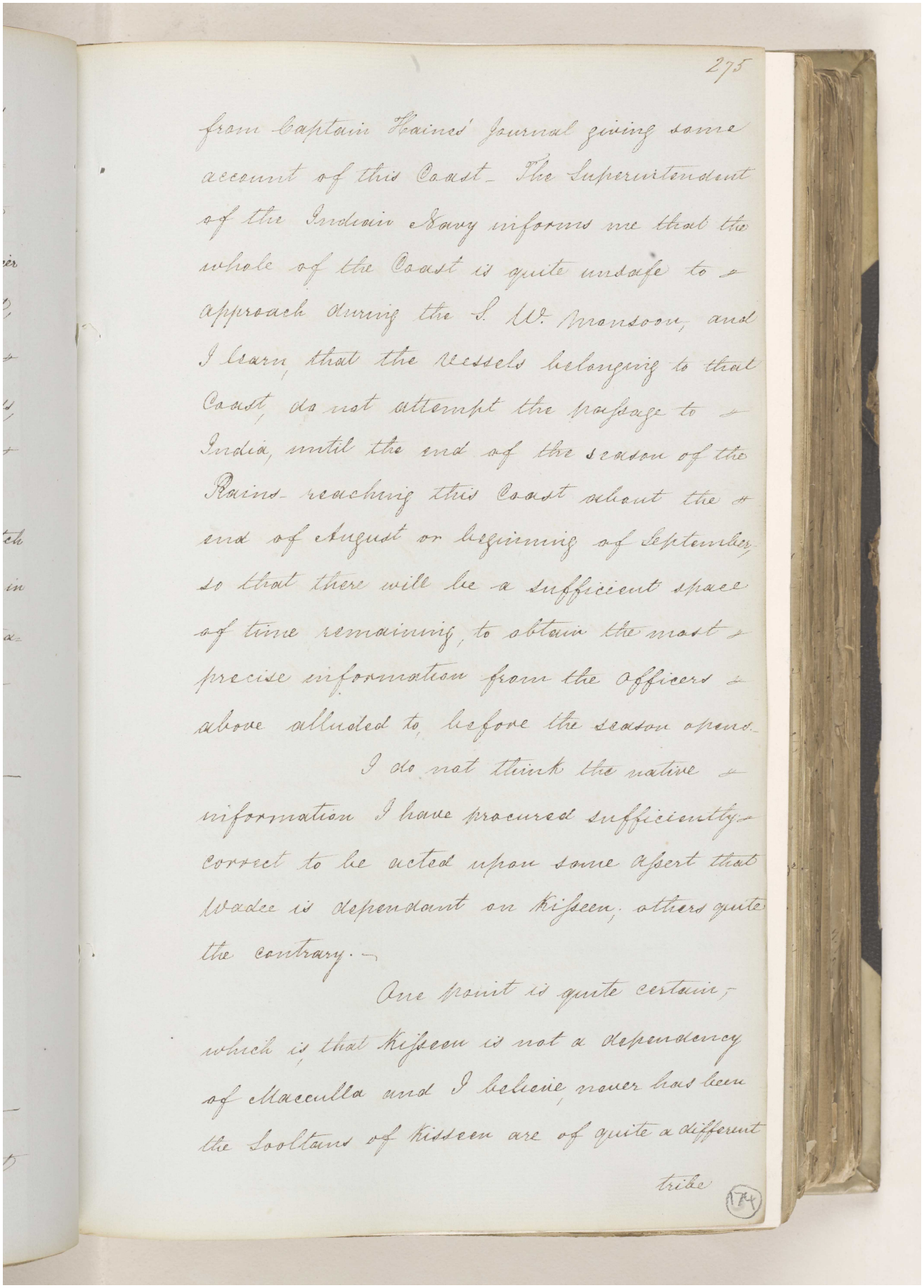

from Captain Haines' Journal giving some account of this Coast. The Superintendent of the Indian Navy informs me that the whole of the Coast is quite unsafe to approach during the S. W. Monsoon, and I learn, that the vessels belonging to that Coast, do not attempt the passage to India, until the end of the season of the Rains reaching this Coast about the end of August or beginning of September, so that there will be a sufficient space of time remaining, to obtain the most precise information from the officers above alluded to, before the season opens.

I do not think the native information I have procured sufficiently correct to be acted upon some assert that Wadee is dependant on Kijseen, others quite the contrary.

One point is quite certain, which is that Kijseen is not a dependency of Macculla and I believe never has been the Sooltans of Kisseen are of quite a different tribe

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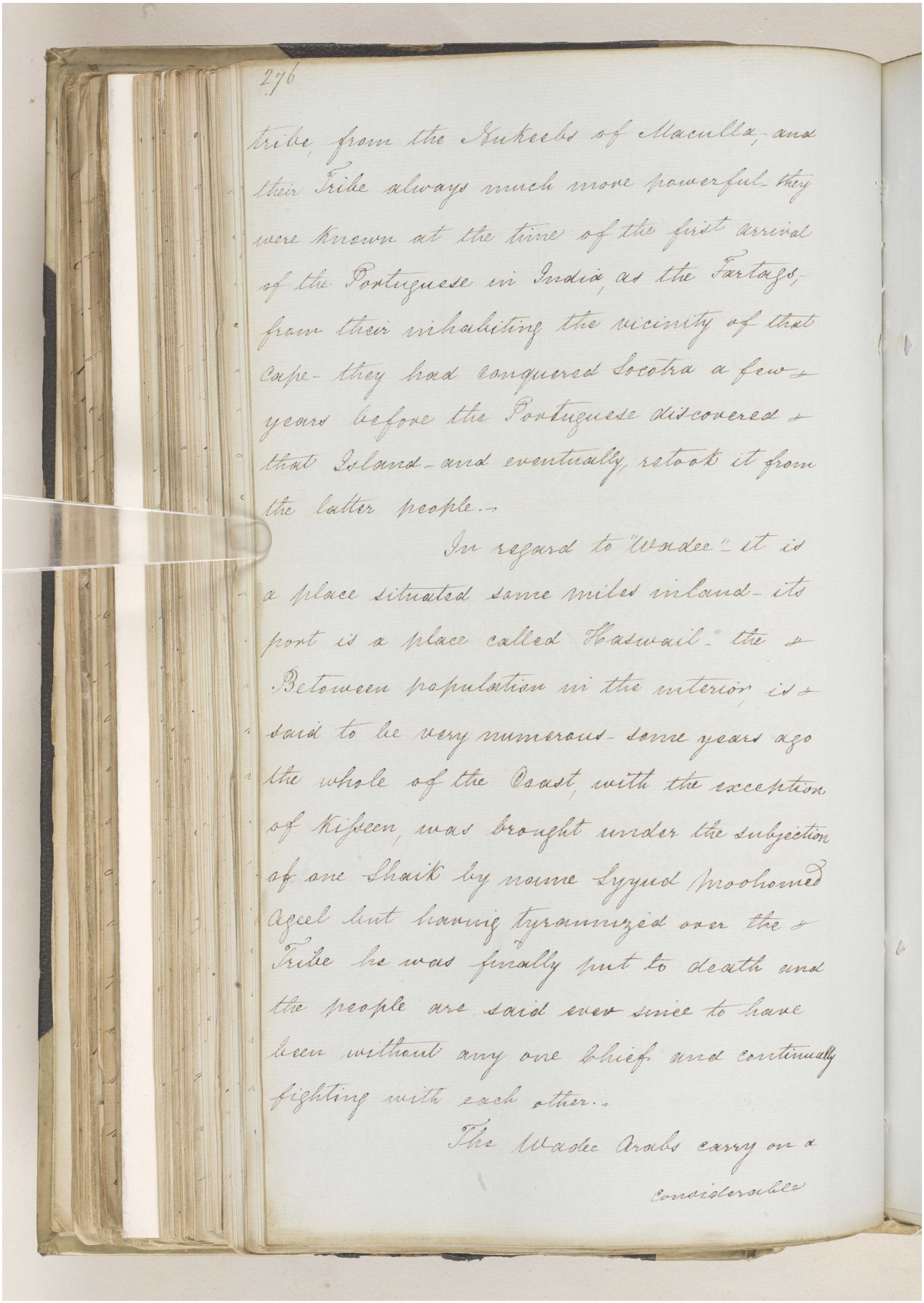

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tribe, from the Nukeebs of Maculla, and their Tribe always much more powerful they were known at the time of the first arrival of the Portuguese in India, as the Fartags, from their inhabiting the vicinity of that Cape - they had conquered Socotra a few & years before the Portuguese discovered & that Island - and eventually retook it from the latter people.

In regard to "Wadee" - it is a place situated some miles inland - its port is a place called "Haswail" - the & Betoween population in the interior, is & said to be very numerous - some years ago the whole of the Coast, with the exception of Kisseen, was brought under the subjection of one Shaik by name Syyud Moohomed Ageel but having tyrannized over the & Tribe he was finally put to death and the people are said ever since to have been without any one Chief and continually fighting with each other.

The Wadee Arabs carry on a

considerable

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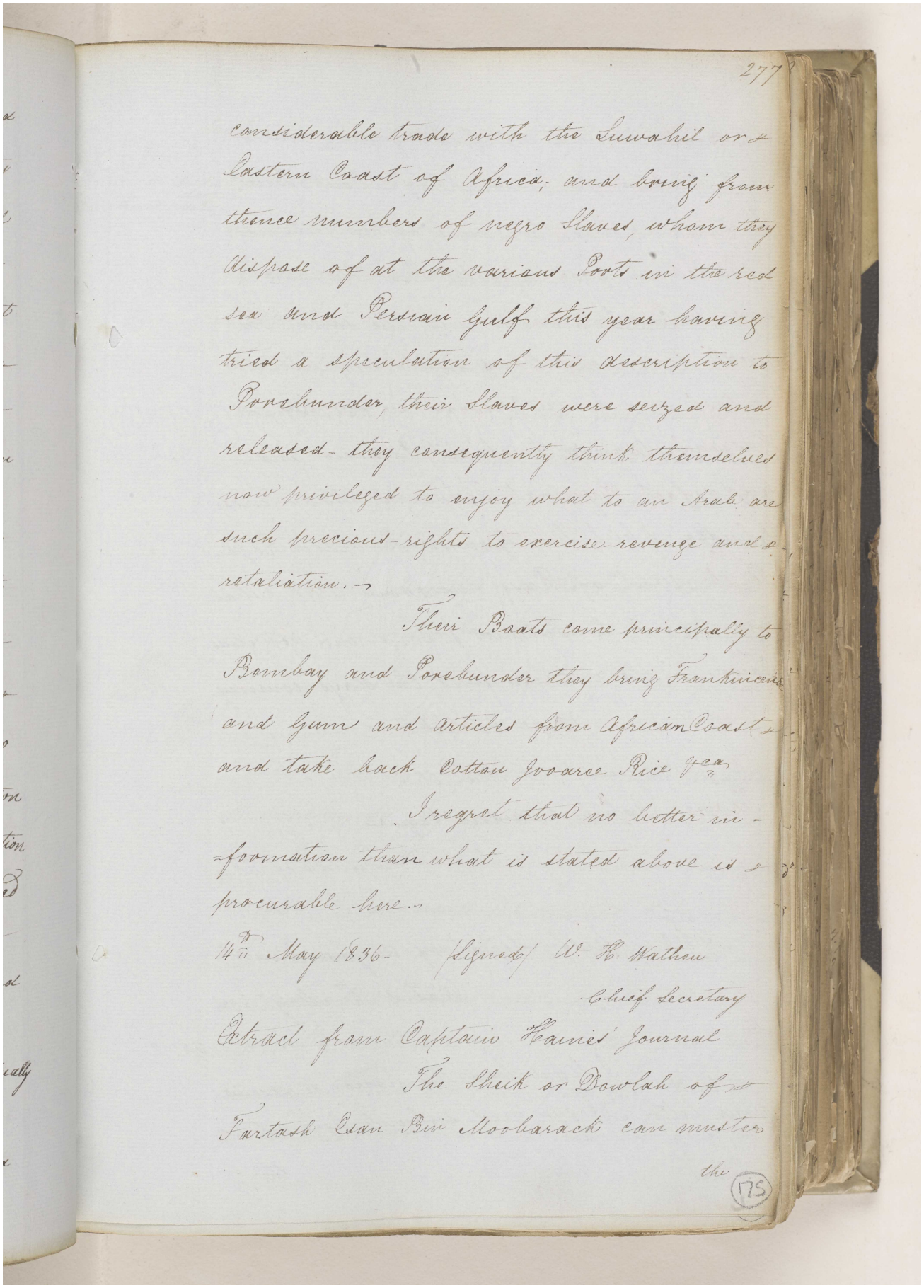

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considerable trade with the Suwahil or Eastern Coast of Africa, and bring from thence numbers of negro Slaves, whom they dispose of at the various Ports in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf. this year having tried a speculation of this description to Porebunder, their Slaves were seized and released - they consequently think themselves now privileged to enjoy what to an Arab are such precious rights to exercise revenge and retaliation. -

Their Boats come principally to Bombay and Porebunder they bring Frankincense and Gum and articles from African Coast and take back Cotton Jowaree Rice &c.

I regret that no better information than what is stated above is procurable here. -

14th May 1836 - [Signed] W. H. Wathen
Chief Secretary

Extract from Captain Haines' Journal

The Sheik or Dowlah of Fartash Esau Bin Moobarack can muster the

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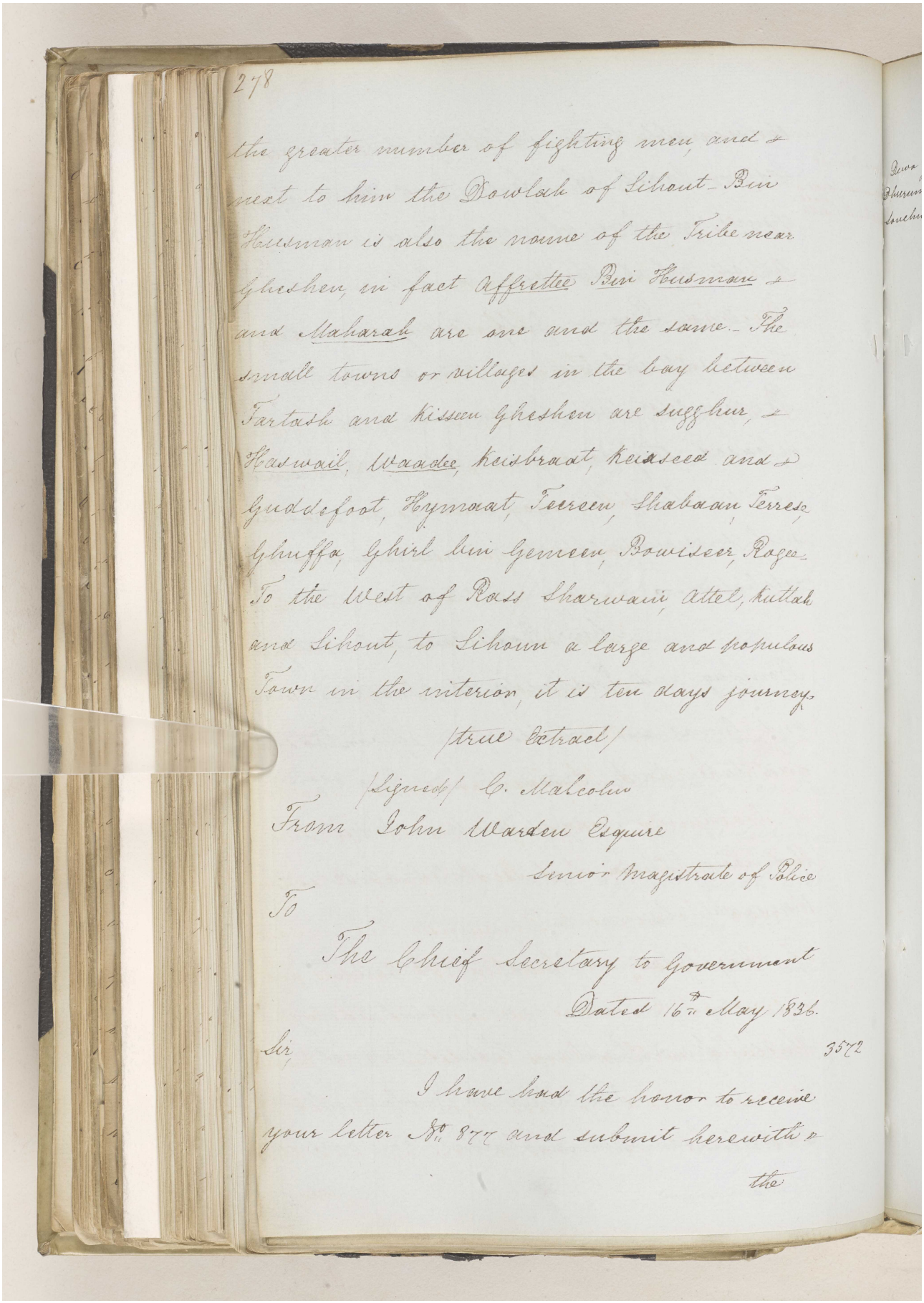

the greater number of fighting men, and & next to him the Dowlah of Sihout - Bin Husman is also the name of the Tribe near Gheshen, in fact Affrettee Bin Husman & and Maharah are one and the same. The small towns or villages in the bay between Fartash and Kisseen Gheshen are sugghur, & Haswail, Waadee, Keisbraat, Keiasseed and & Guddefoot, Hymaat, Teereen, Shabaan, Terrese, Ghuffa, Ghirl bin Gemeen, Bowiseer, Rogee. To the West of Rass Sharwain, Attel, Kuttah and Sihout, to Sihoun a large and populous Town in the interior, it is ten days journey.

(true Extract)

(Signed) C. Malcolm

From John Warden Esquire

Senior Magistrate of Police

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 16th May 1836.

Sir, 3572

I have had the honor to receive your letter No. 877 and submit herewith &

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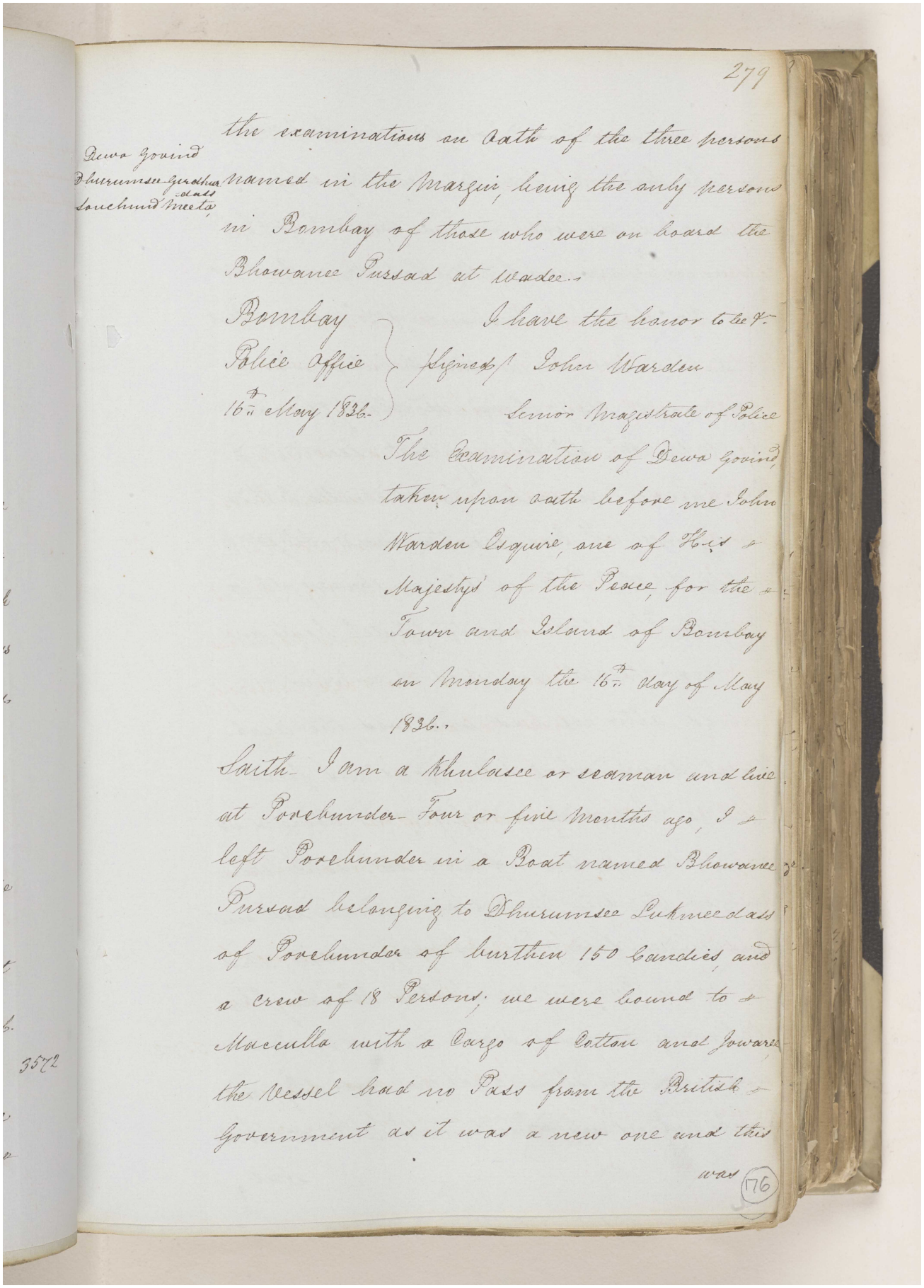

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Dewa Govind
Dhurumsee Lukmeedass
Soochund Meeta

the examinations on oath of the three persons named in the Margin, being the only persons in Bombay of those who were on board the Bhowanee Pursad at Wadee.

Bombay Police Office 16th May 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police

The Examination of Dewa Govind taken upon oath before me John Warden Esquire, one of Her &c Majestys' of the Peace for the Town and Island of Bombay on Monday the 16th day of May 1836.

Saith. I am a Khulasee or seaman and live at Porebunder. Four or five months ago, I left Porebunder in a Boat named Bhowanee Pursad belonging to Dhurumsee Lukmeedass of Porebunder of burthen 150 Candies, and a crew of 18 Persons, we were bound to Musculla with a Cargo of Cotton and Jowaree the Vessel had no Pass from the British Government as it was a new one and this was

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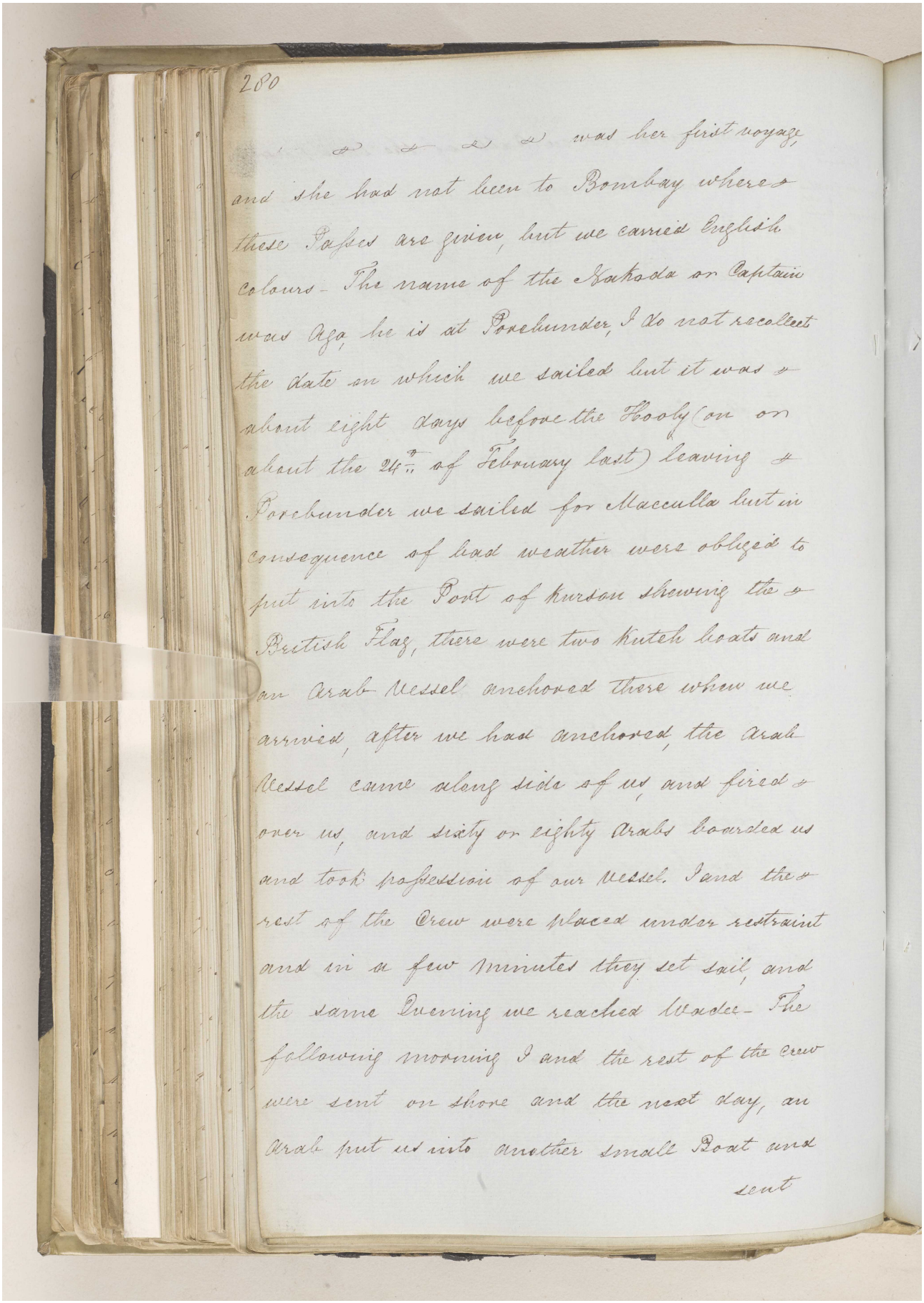

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" " " " was her first voyage, and she had not been to Bombay where these Papers are given, but we carried English colours - The name of the Nakoda or Captain was Aga, he is at Porebunder, I do not recollect the date on which we sailed but it was about eight days before the Hooly (on or about the 24th. of February last) leaving Porebunder we sailed for Maccalla but in consequence of bad weather were obliged to put into the Port of Kursan shewing the British Flag, there were two Kutch boats and an Arab Vessel anchored there when we arrived, after we had anchored, the Arab Vessel came along side of us and fired over us, and sixty or eighty Arabs boarded us and took possession of our Vessel. I and the rest of the Crew were placed under restraint and in a few Minutes they set sail, and the same Evening we reached Wadee - The following morning I and the rest of the Crew were sent on shore and the next day, an Arab put us into another small Boat and

sent

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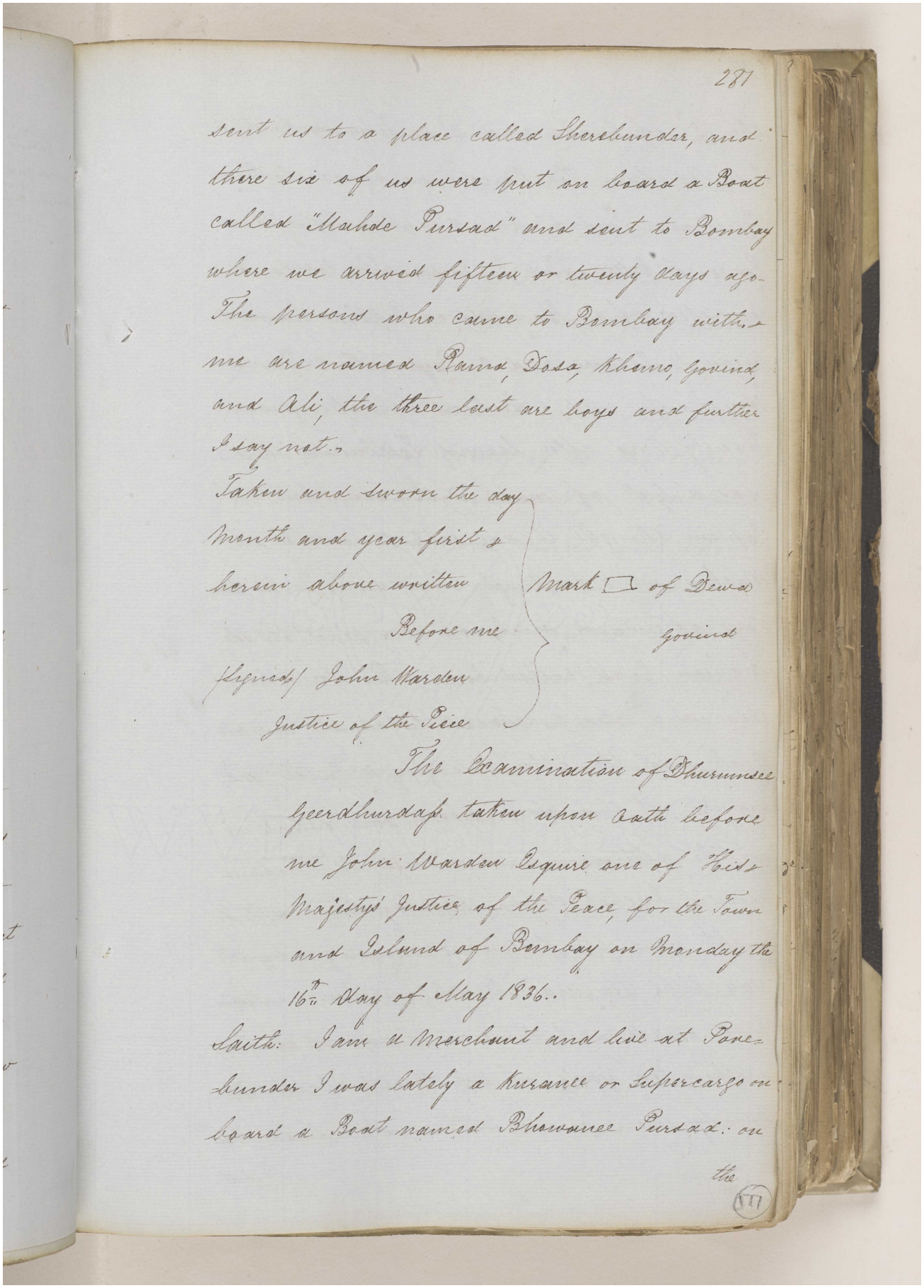

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sent us to a place called Sherbunder, and there six of us were put on board a Boat called "Mahode Pursad" and sent to Bombay where we arrived fifteen or twenty days ago. The persons who came to Bombay with me are named Rama, Dosa, Khamo, Govind and Ali, the three last are boys and further I say not.

Taken and sworn the day month and year first herein above written

Before me

(Signed) John Warden
Justice of the Peace

Mark ☐ of Dewa Govind

The Examination of Dhurmundee Geerdhurdas taken upon oath before me John Warden Esqure one of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace for the Town and Island of Bombay on Monday the 16th Day of May 1836.

Saith: I am a Merchant and live at Porebunder I was lately a Insurance or Supercargo on board a Boat named Bhowanee Pursad: on the

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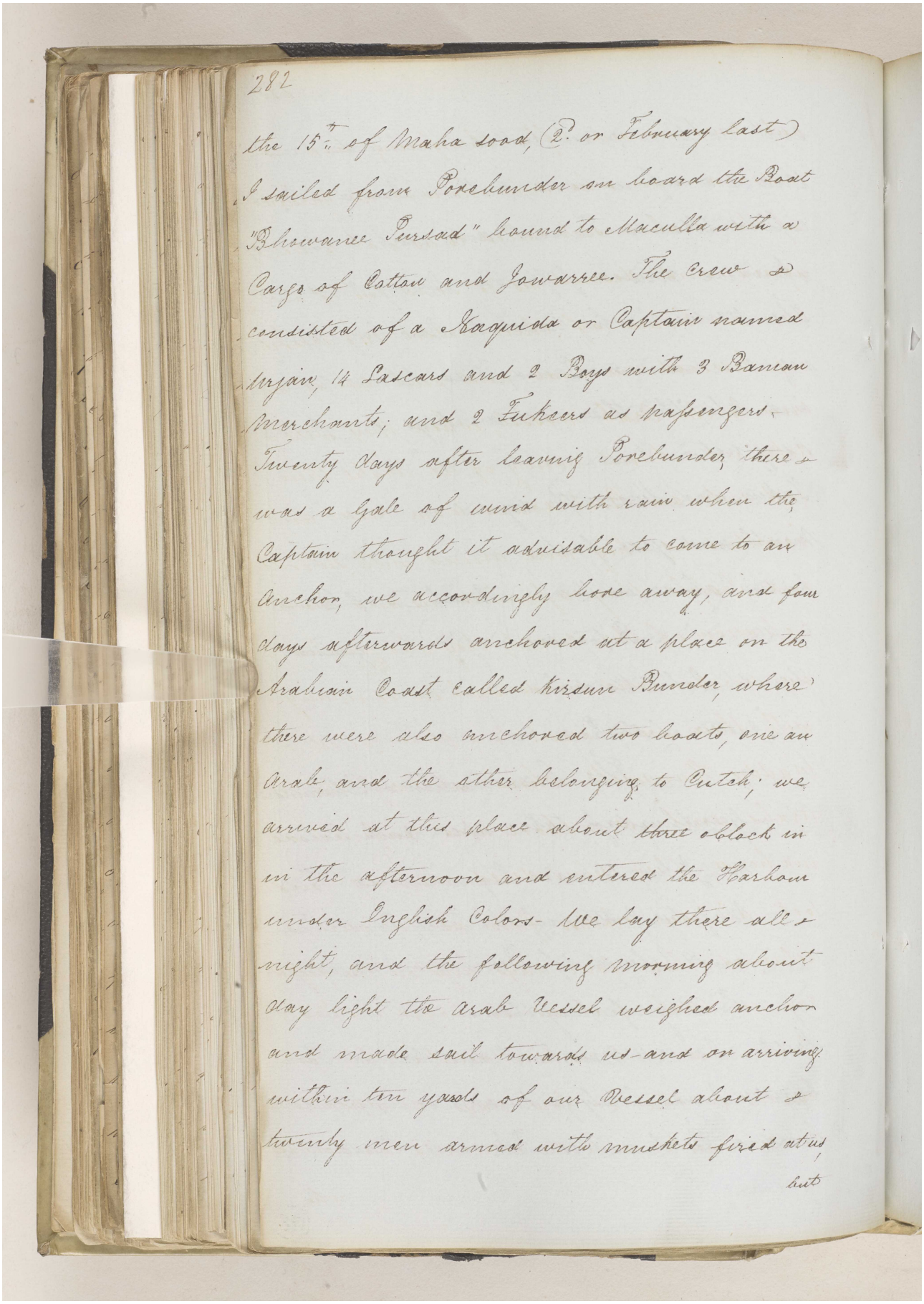

the 15th of Maha sood, (2d or February last) I sailed from Porebunder on board the Boat "Bhowanee Pursad" bound to Maculla with a Cargo of Cotton and Jowarree. The crew consisted of a Naquida or Captain named Urjan, 14 Lascars and 2 Boys with 3 Banian Merchants; and 2 Fukeers as passengers. Twenty days after leaving Porebunder, there was a Gale of wind with rain when the Captain thought it advisable to come to an Anchor, we accordingly bore away, and four days afterwards anchored at a place on the Arabian Coast called Kirsun Bunder, where there were also anchored two boats, one an Arab, and the other belonging to Cutch; we arrived at this place about three oblock in in the afternoon and entered the Harbour under English Colors- We lay there all night, and the following morning about day light the Arab Vessel weighed anchor and made sail towards us- and on arriving within ten yards of our Vessel about twenty men armed with muskets fired at us,

but

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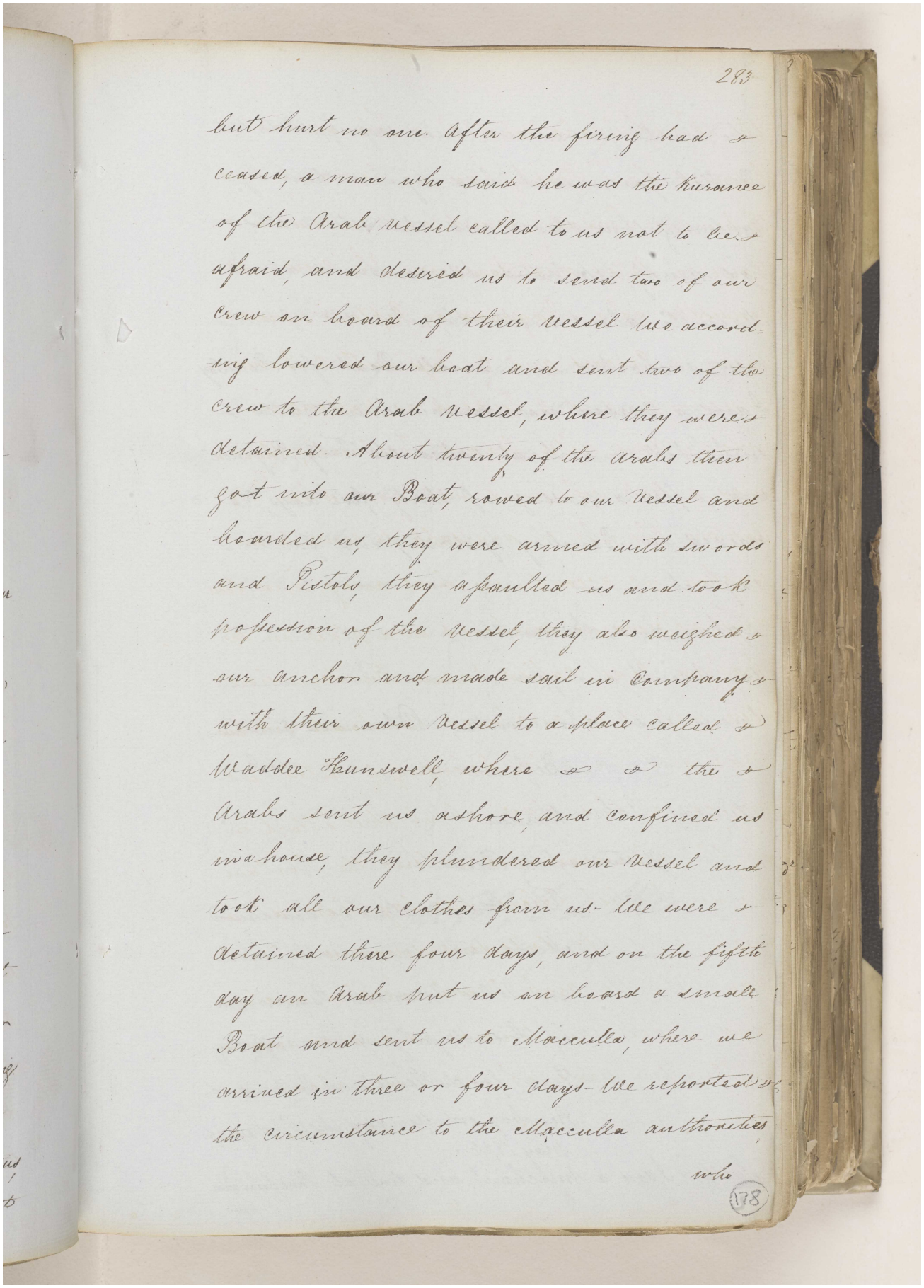

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but hurt no one. After the firing had ceased, a man who said he was the Nuranee of the Arab Vessel called to us not to be afraid, and desired us to send two of our crew on board of their Vessel We accordingly lowered our boat and sent two of the crew to the Arab Vessel, where they were detained. About twenty of the Arabs then got into our Boat, rowed to our Vessel and boarded us, they were armed with swords and Pistols, they assaulted us and took possession of the Vessel, they also weighed our anchor and made sail in Company with their own Vessel to a place called Waddee Hunswell, where & & the Arabs sent us ashore, and confined us in a house, they plundered our Vessel and took all our clothes from us. We were detained there four days, and on the fifth day an Arab put us on board a small Boat and sent us to Mucculla, where we arrived in three or four days. We reported the circumstance to the Muccullo authorities who

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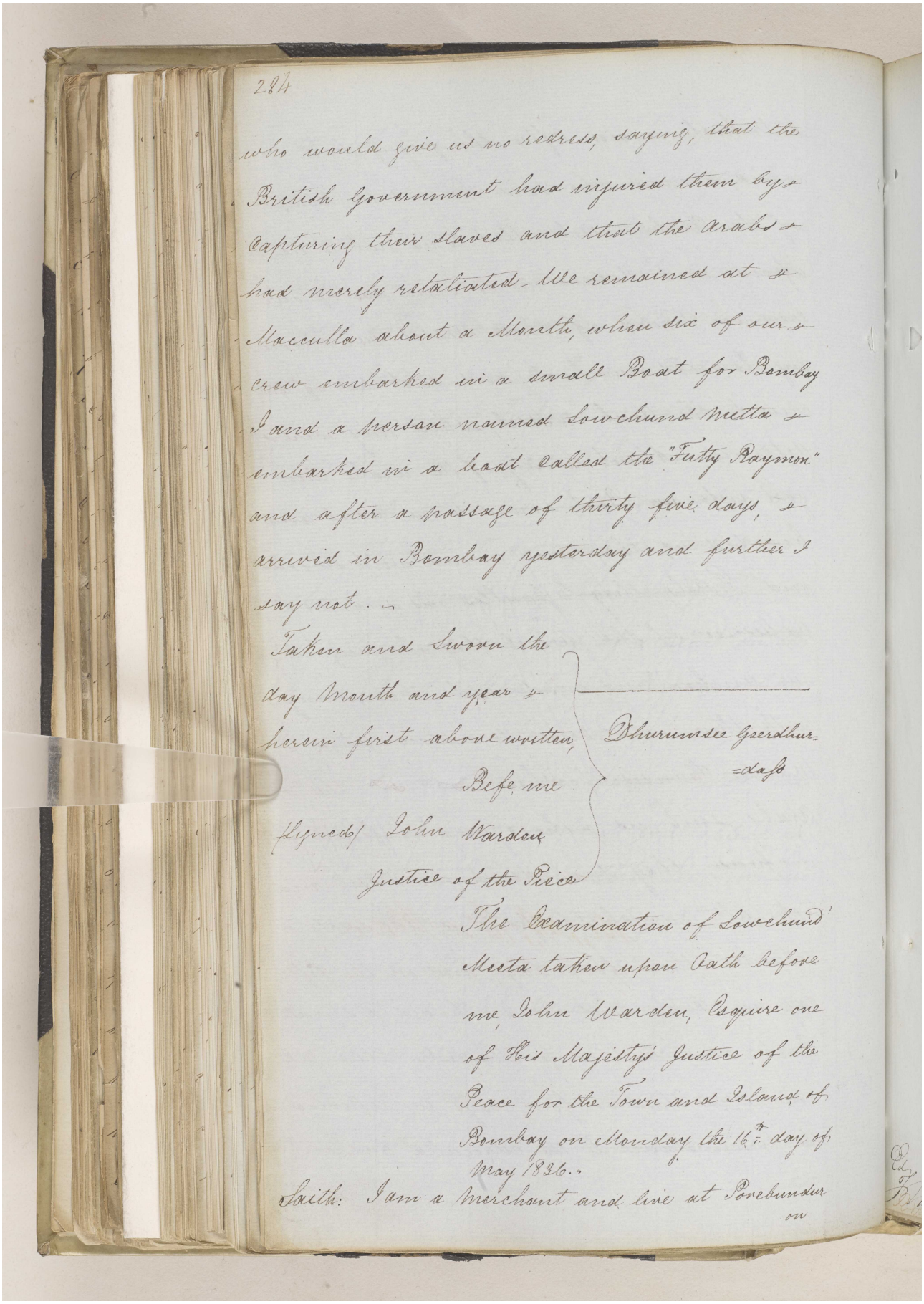

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who would give us no redress, saying, that the British Government had injured them by capturing their slaves and that the Arabs had merely retaliated. We remained at Maccalla about a Month, when six of our crew embarked in a small Boat for Bombay I and a Persian named Sowchund Metta embarked in a boat called the "Futty Raymon" and after a passage of thirty five days, arrived in Bombay yesterday and further I say not.

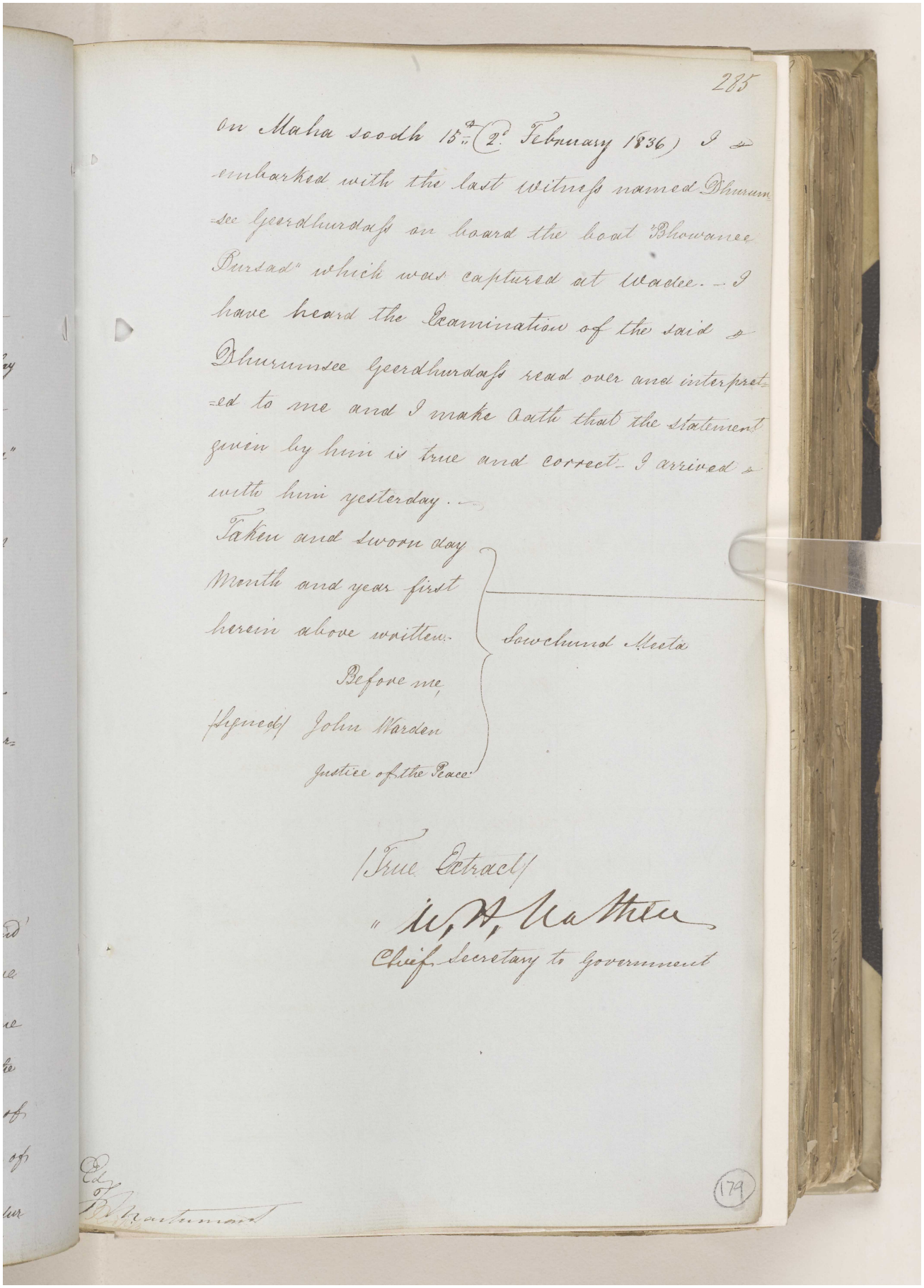
Taken and Sworn the day Month and year herein first above written, Before me

Dhurumsee Geerdhur=dass

Signed/ John Warden
Justice of the Peace

The Examination of Sowchund Metta taken upon Oath before me, John Warden, Esquire one of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace for the Town and Island of Bombay on Monday the 16th day of May 1836.

Saith: I am a Merchant and live at Porebundur on



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on Maha soodh 15th (2d February 1836) I
embarked with the last witness named Dhurum
-see Geerdhurdass on board the boat "Bhowanee
Bursad" which was captured at Wadee.— I
have heard the Examination of the said
Dhurumsee Geerdhurdass read over and interpret-
-ed to me and I make oath that the statement
given by him is true and correct. I arrived
with him yesterday.—

Taken and Sworn day
Month and year first
herein above written.
Before me,
(Signed) John Warden
Justice of the Peace

Sowchund Meeta

(True Extract)
W. A. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Government

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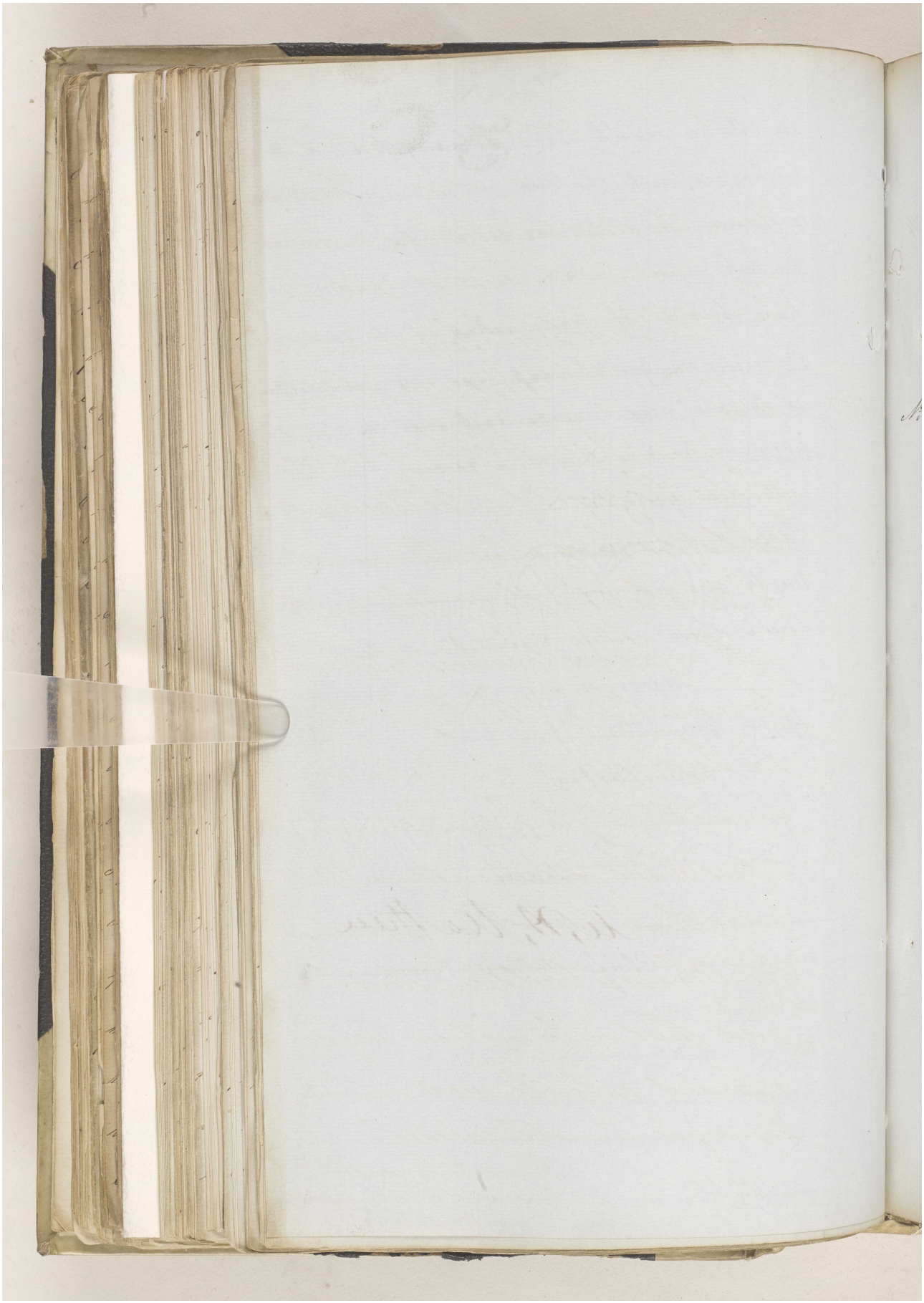

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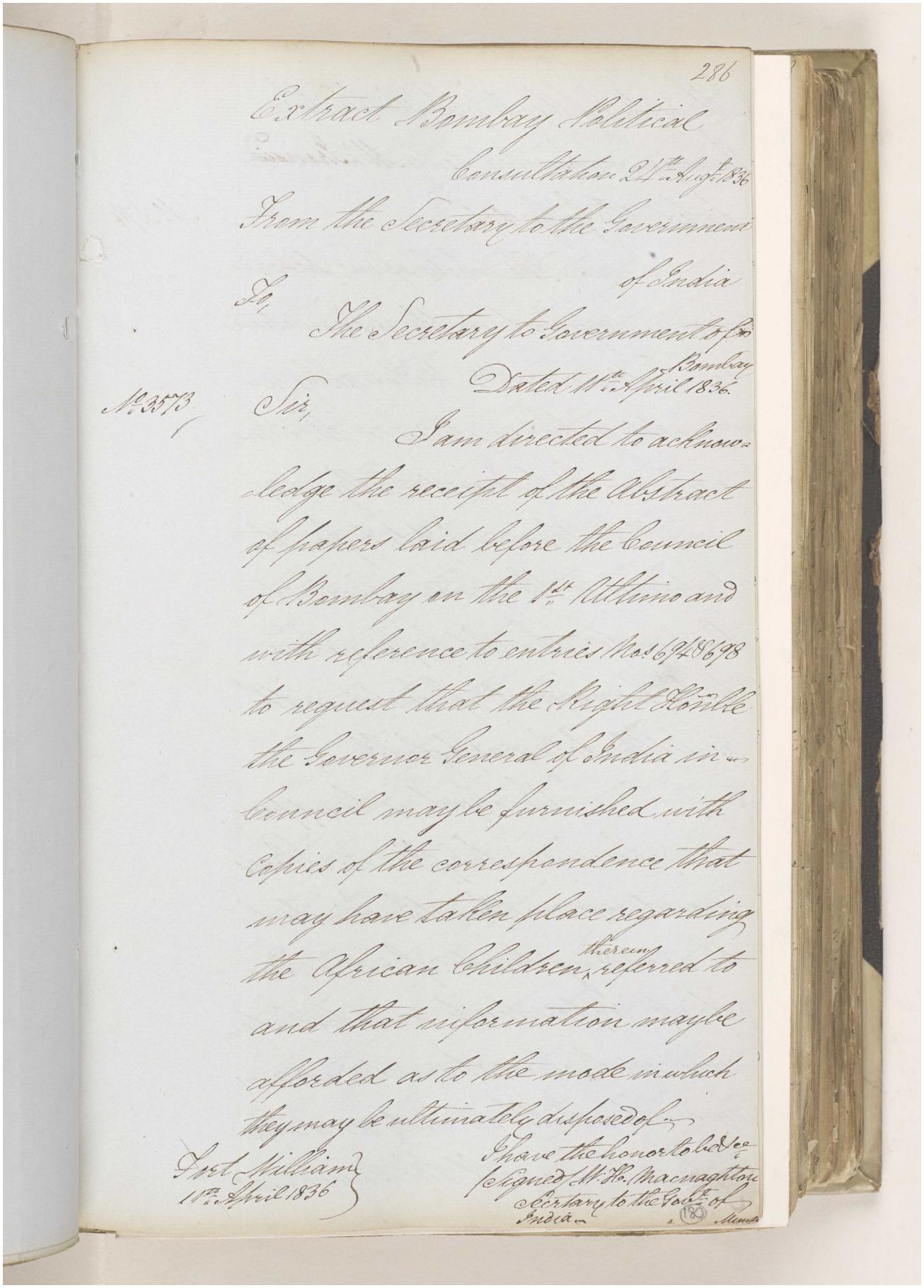

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 21st August 1836

From the Secretary to the Government
of India

To,
The Secretary to Government of Bombay

Dated 11th April 1836.

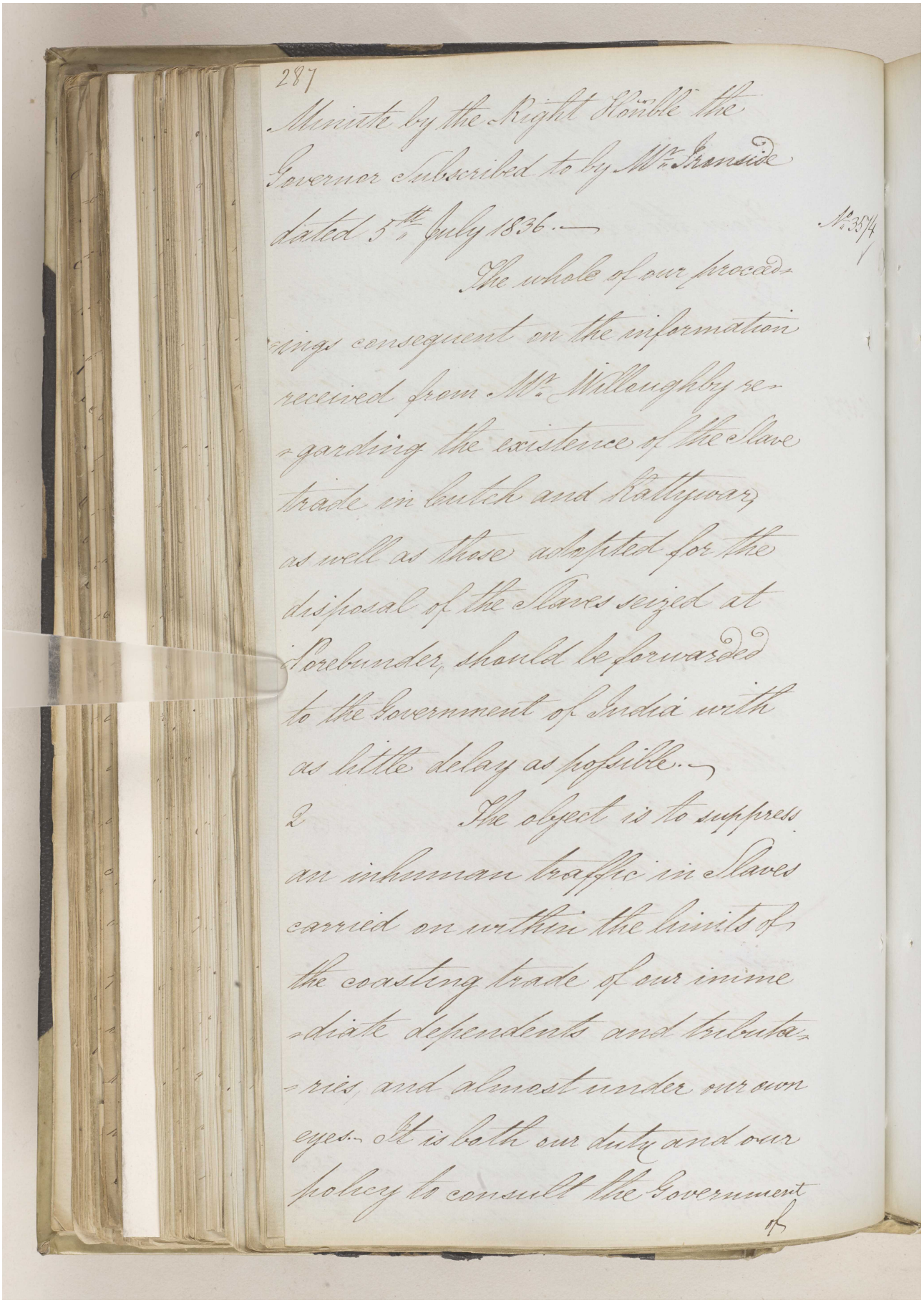
No. 2573

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Abstract of Papers laid before the Council of Bombay on the 1st Ultimo and with reference to entries Nos. 6 & 8 of 8 to request that the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council may be furnished with Copies of the correspondence that may have taken place regarding the African Children therein referred to and that information may be afforded as to the mode in which they may be ultimately disposed of.

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

Fort William
11th April 1836



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Minute by the Right Honble the Governor subscribed to by Mr Ironside dated 5th July 1836.—

No 3574

The whole of our proceedings consequent on the information received from Mr Willoughby regarding the existence of the Slave trade in Cutch and Kattywar as well as those adopted for the disposal of the Slaves seized at Porebunder, should be forwarded to the Government of India with as little delay as possible.—

2 The object is to suppress an inhuman traffic in Slaves carried on within the limits of the coasting trade of our immediate dependents and tributaries, and almost under our own eyes.— It is both our duty and our policy to consult the Government

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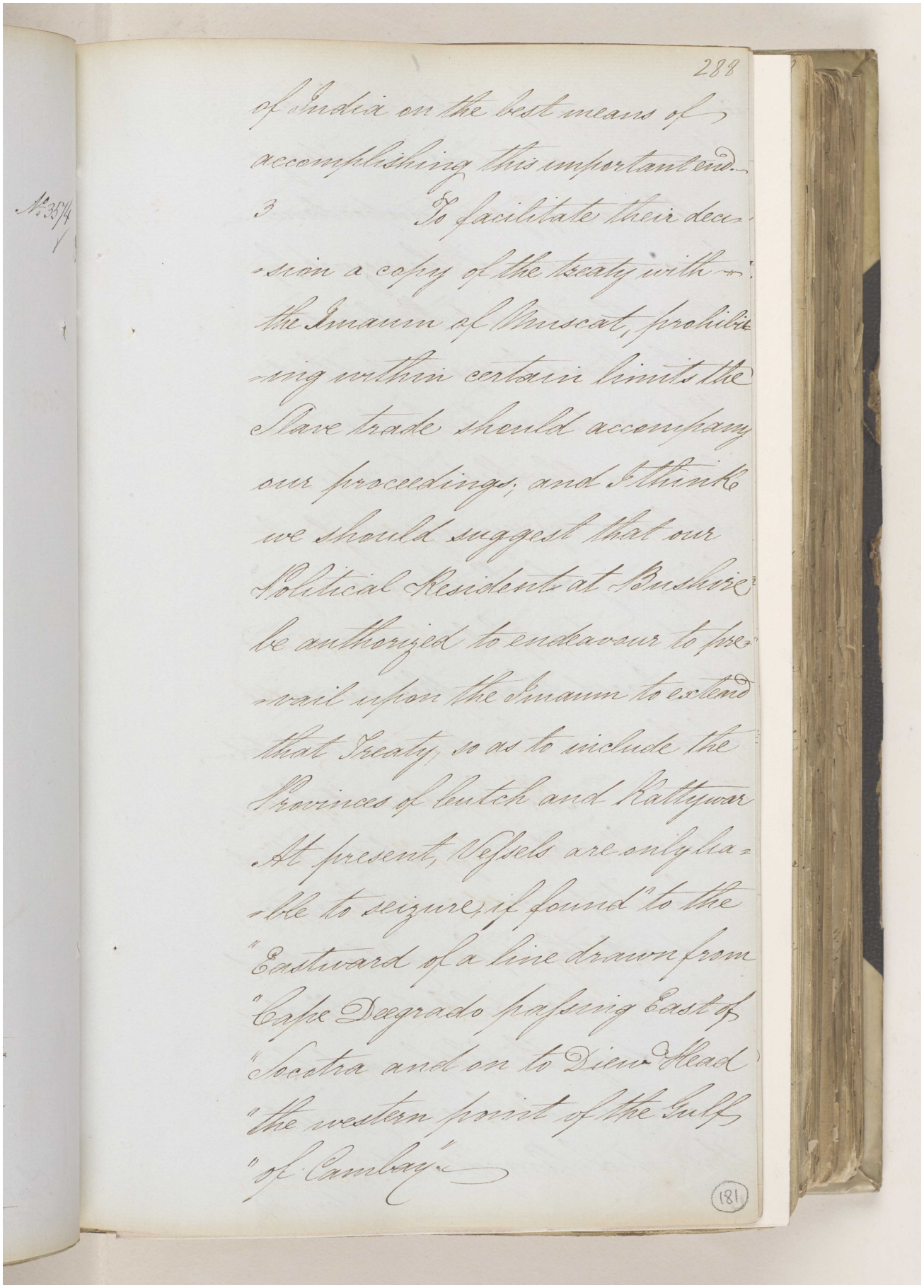

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of India on the best means of
accomplishing this important end.

3 To facilitate their decision a copy of the treaty with the Imaum of Muscat, prohibiting within certain limits the Slave trade should accompany our proceedings, and I think we should suggest that our Political Residents at Bushire be authorized to endeavour to prevail upon the Imaum to extend that Treaty, so as to include the Provinces of Cutch and Kattywar. At present, Vessels are only liable to seizure if found "to the "Eastward of a line drawn from "Cape Deygrado passing East of "Socotra and on to Dieu Head "the western point of the Gulf "of Cambay."

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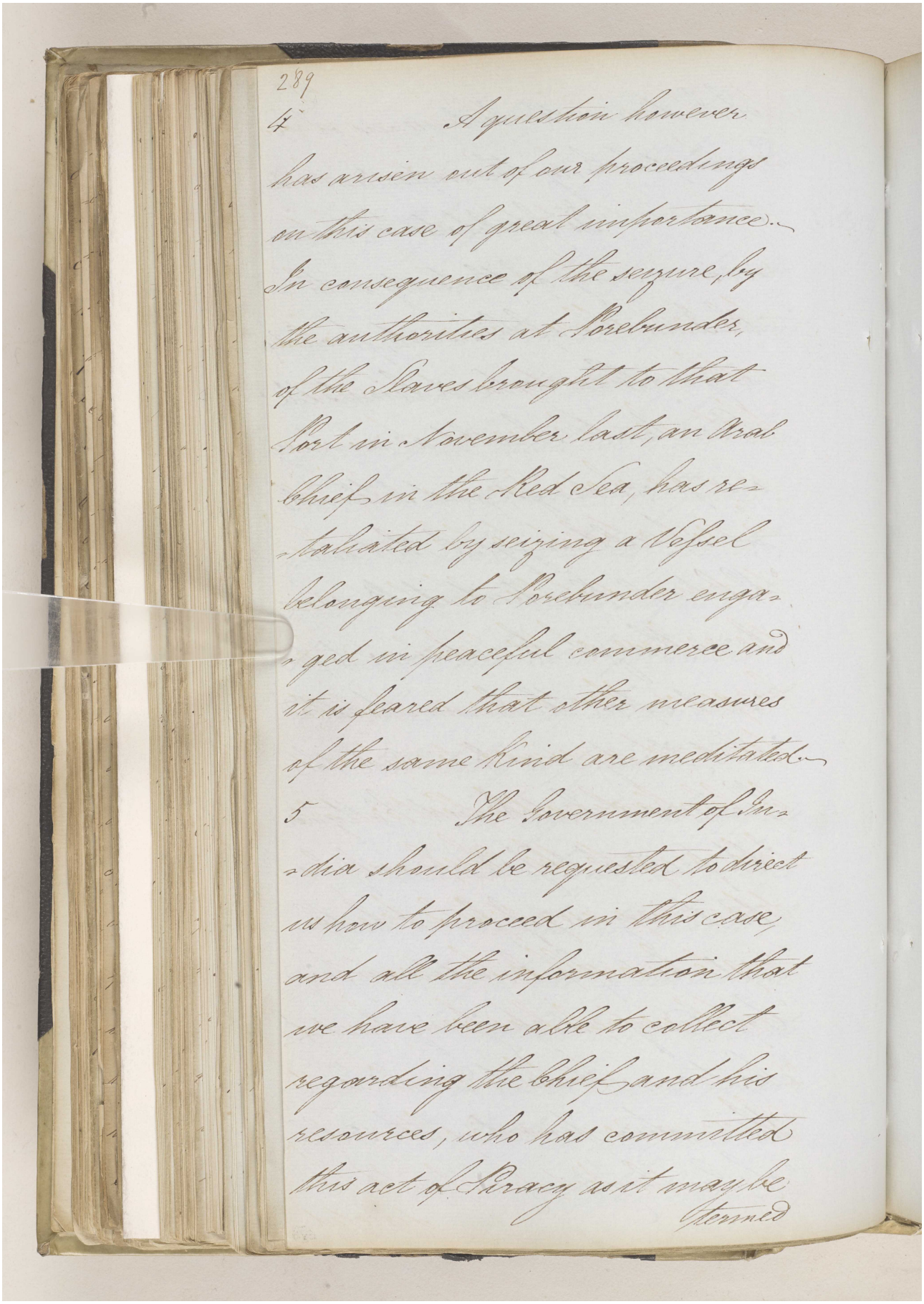

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4 A question however has arisen out of our proceedings on this case of great importance. In consequence of the seizure, by the authorities at Sorebunder, of the Slaves brought to that Port in November last, an Arab Chief in the Red Sea, has retaliated by seizing a Vessel belonging to Sorebunder engaged in peaceful commerce and it is feared that other measures of the same kind are meditated.

5 The Government of India should be requested to direct us how to proceed in this case, and all the information that we have been able to collect regarding the Chief and his resources, who has committed this act of Piracy as it may be deemed

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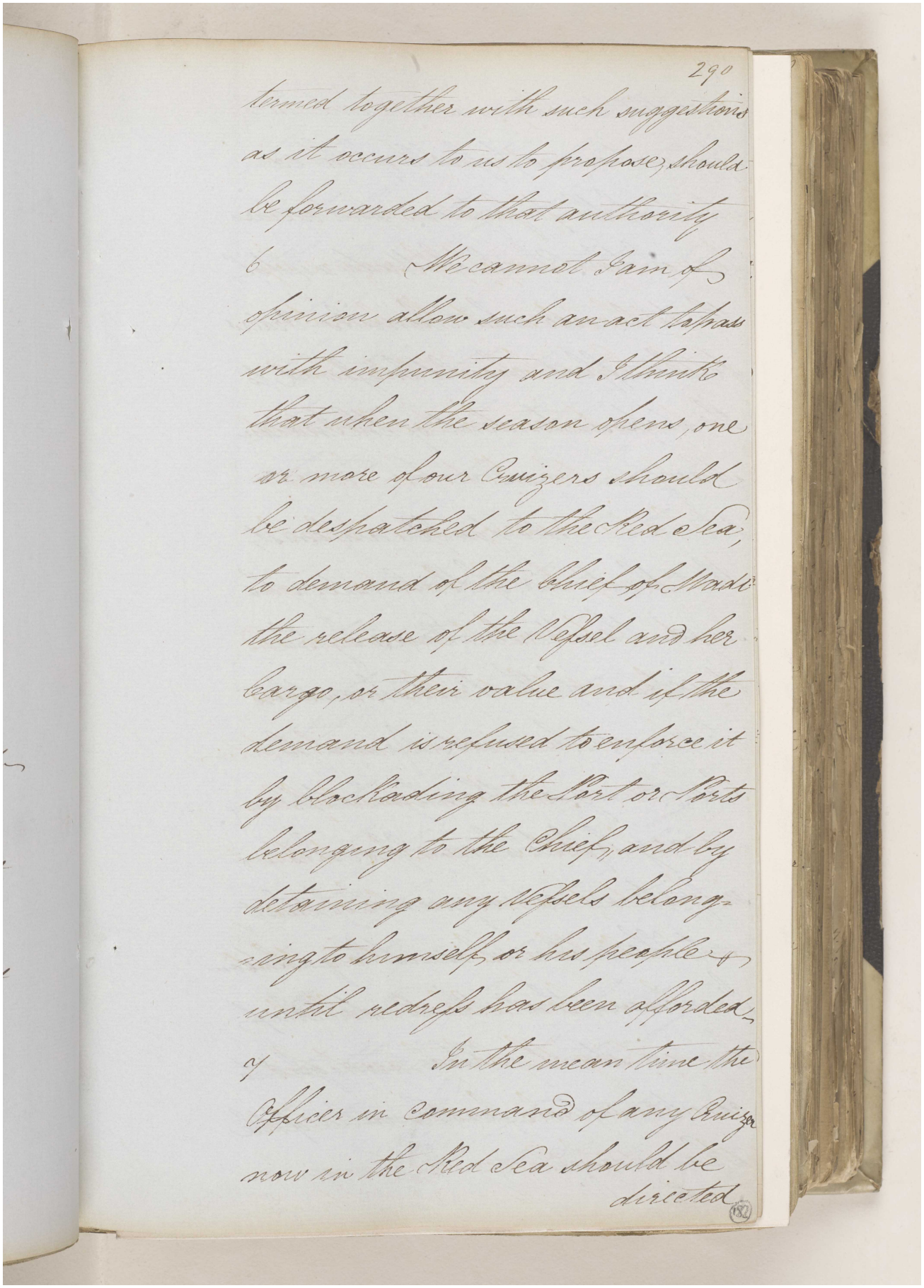

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termed together with such suggestions as it occurs to us to propose, should be forwarded to that authority

6 We cannot form a opinion allow such an act to pass with impunity and I think that when the season opens, one or more of our Cruizers should be despatched to the Red Sea, to demand of the Chief of Wadi the release of the Vessel and her cargo, or their value and if the demand is refused to enforce it by blockading the Port or Ports belonging to the Chief, and by detaining any Vessels belonging to himself or his people until redress has been afforded.

7 In the mean time the Officer in command of any Cruizer now in the Red Sea should be directed

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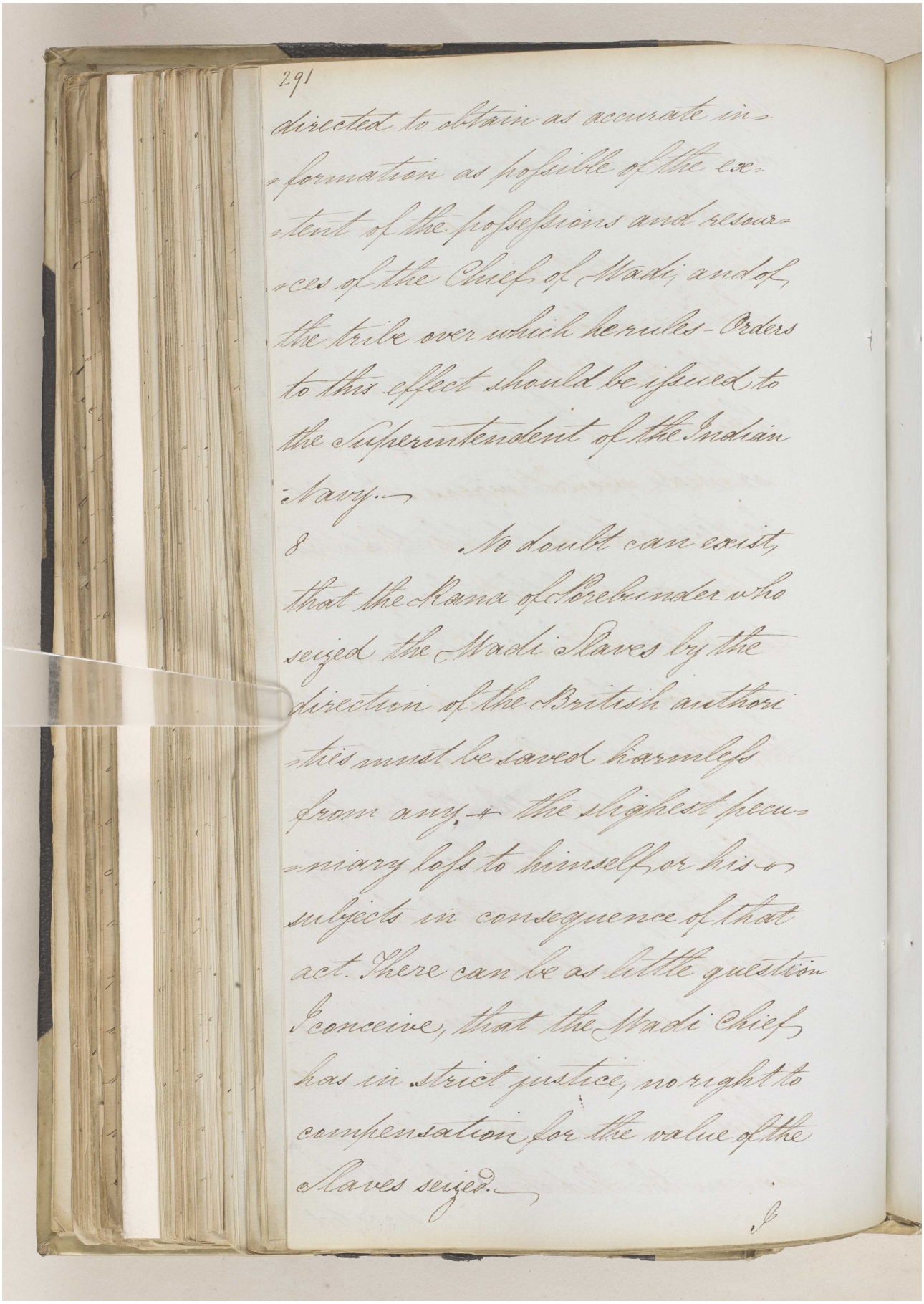

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directed to obtain as accurate in-
formation as possible of the ex-
tent of the possessions and resour-
ces of the Chief of Wadi, and of
the tribe over which he rules - Orders
to this effect should be issued to
the Superintendent of the Indian
Navy.

8 No doubt can exist,
that the Rana of Porebunder who
seized the Wadi Slaves by the
direction of the British authori-
ties must be saved harmless
from any + the slightest pecu-
niary loss to himself or his +
subjects in consequence of that
act. There can be as little question
I conceive, that the Wadi Chief
has in strict justice, no right to
compensation for the value of the
Slaves seized.

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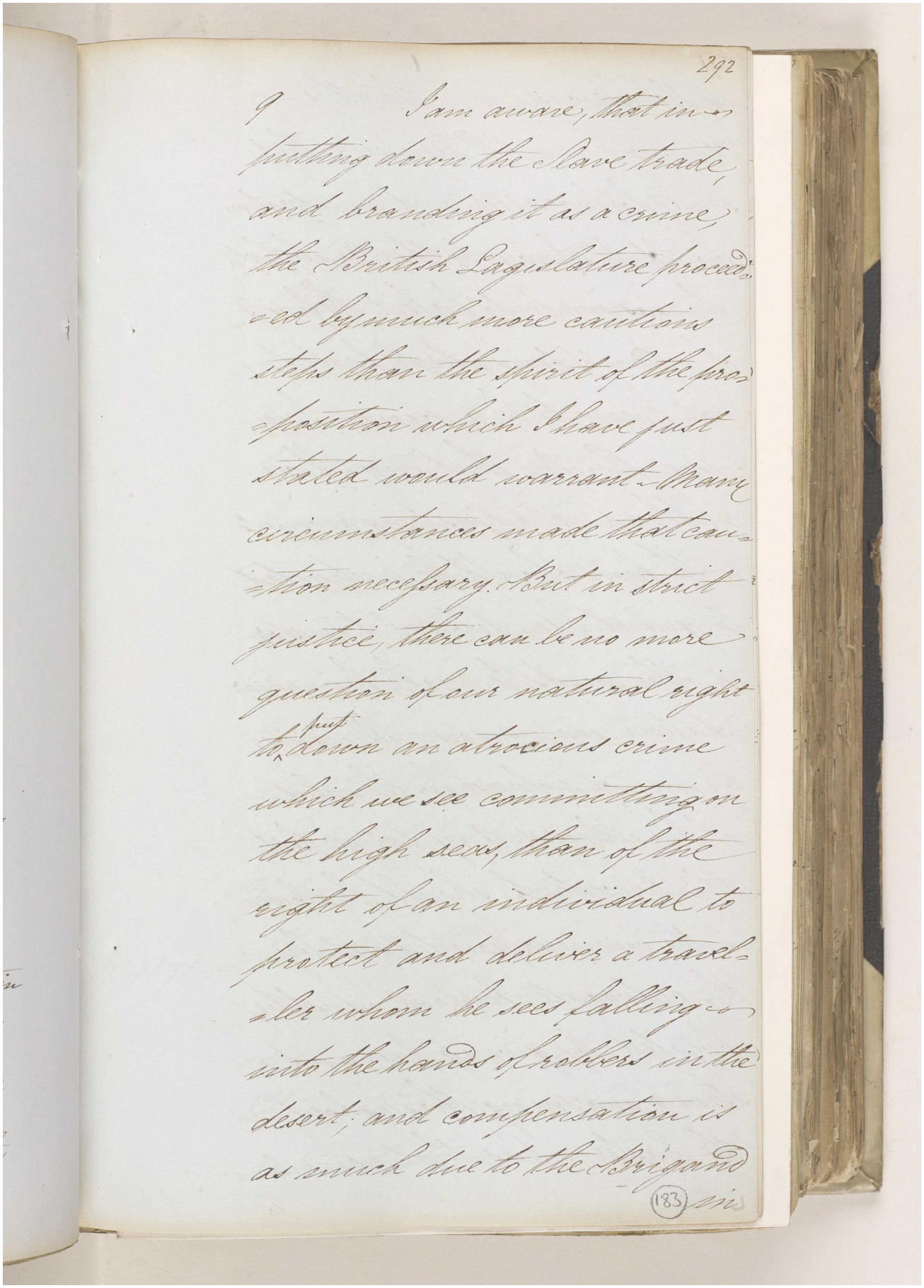

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9 I am aware, that in putting down the Slave trade, and branding it as a crime, the British Legislature proceeded by much more cautious steps than the spirit of the proposition which I have just stated would warrant. Many circumstances made that caution necessary. But in strict justice, there can be no more question of our natural right to put down an atrocious crime which we see committing on the high seas, than of the right of an individual to protect and deliver a traveller whom he sees falling into the hands of robbers in the desert; and compensation is as much due to the Brigand

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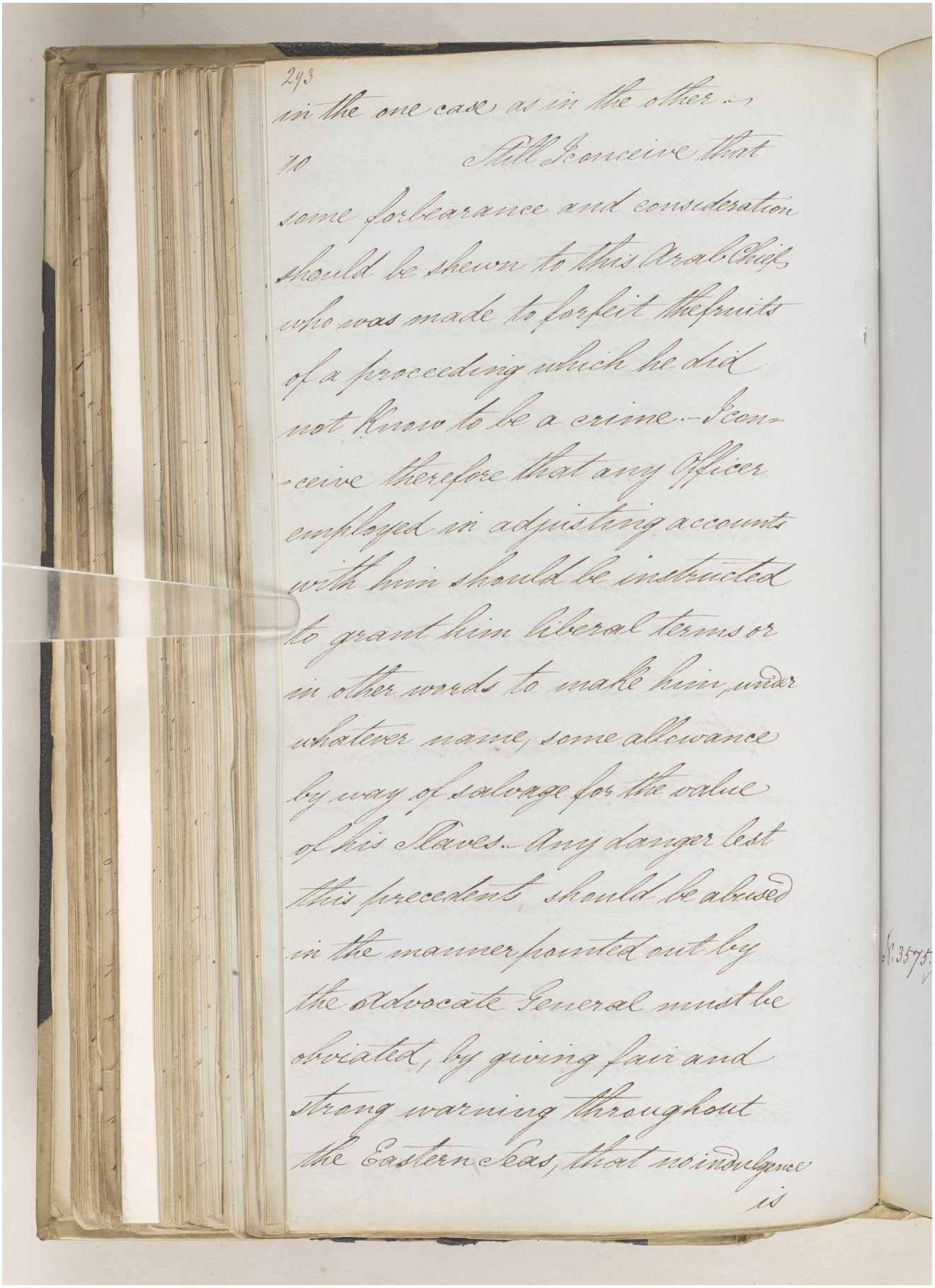

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in the one case as in the other —

10 Still I conceive that some forbearance and consideration should be shewn to this Arab Chief who was made to forfeit the fruits of a proceeding which he did not know to be a crime — I conceive therefore that any Officer employed in adjusting accounts with him should be instructed to grant him liberal terms or in other words to make him, under whatever name, some allowance by way of salvage for the value of his Slaves. Any danger lest this precedent should be abused in the manner pointed out by the Advocate General must be obviated, by giving fair and strong warning throughout the Eastern Seas, that no indulgence is

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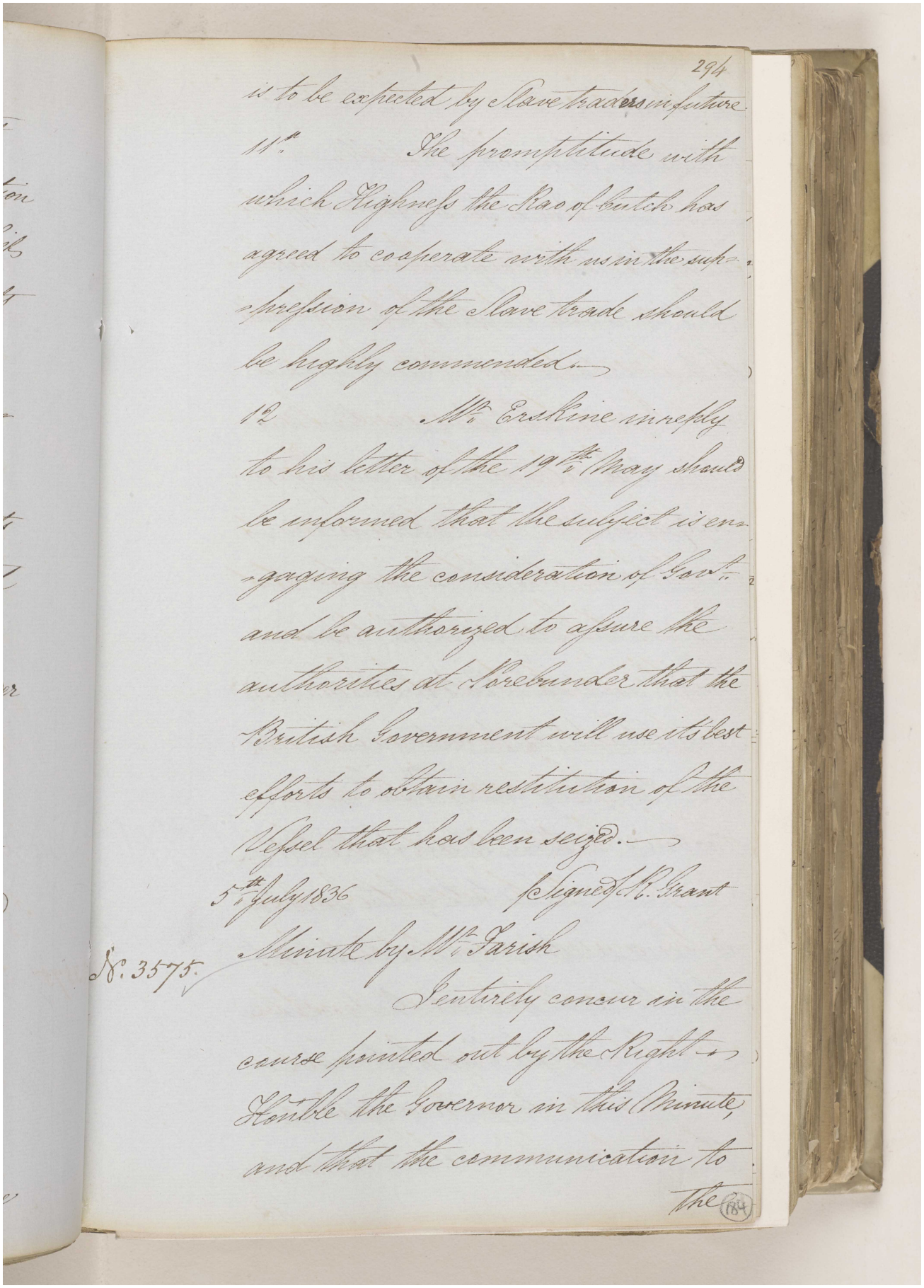

is to be expected by Slave traders in future

11th. The promptitude with which Highness the Rao of Cutch has agreed to cooperate with us in the suppression of the Slave trade should be highly commended.

12 Mr. Erskine in reply to his letter of the 19th May should be informed that the subject is engaging the consideration of Govt. and be authorized to assure the authorities at Porebunder that the British Government will use its best efforts to obtain restitution of the Vessel that has been seized.

5th July 1836 (Signed) R. Grant

No. 3575. Minute by Mr. Farish

I entirely concur in the course pointed out by the Right Honble the Governor in this Minute, and that the communication to the

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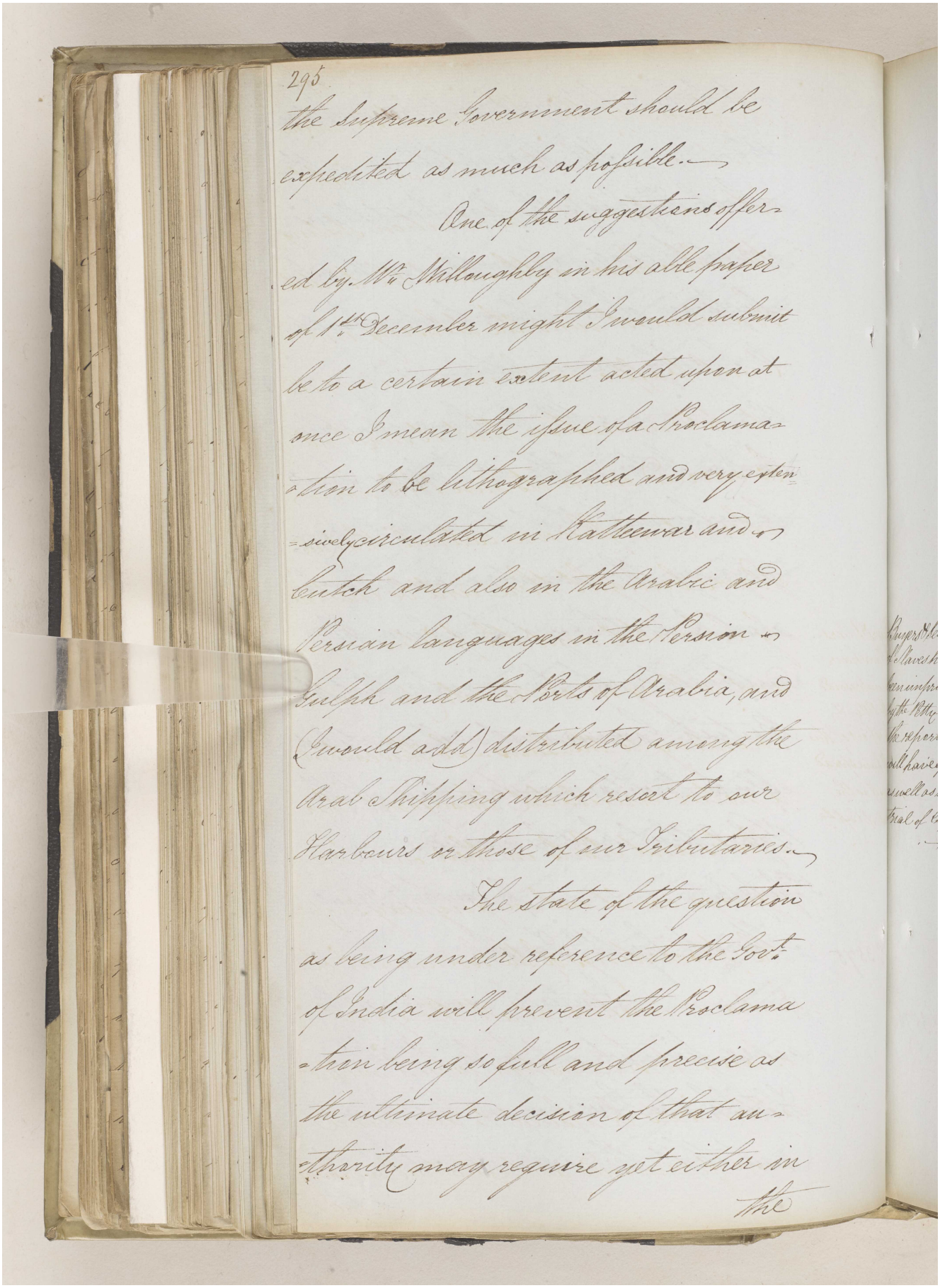

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the Supreme Government should be expedited as much as possible.—

One of the suggestions offered by Mr. Willoughby in his able paper of 1st December might I would submit be to a certain extent acted upon at once I mean the issue of a Proclamation to be lithographed and very extensively circulated in Kattiawar and Cutch and also in the Arabic and Persian languages in the Persian Gulph and the Ports of Arabia, and (I would add) distributed among the Arab Shipping which resort to our Harbours or those of our Tributaries.—

The state of the question as being under reference to the Govt. of India will prevent the Proclamation being so full and precise as the ultimate decision of that authority may require yet either in the

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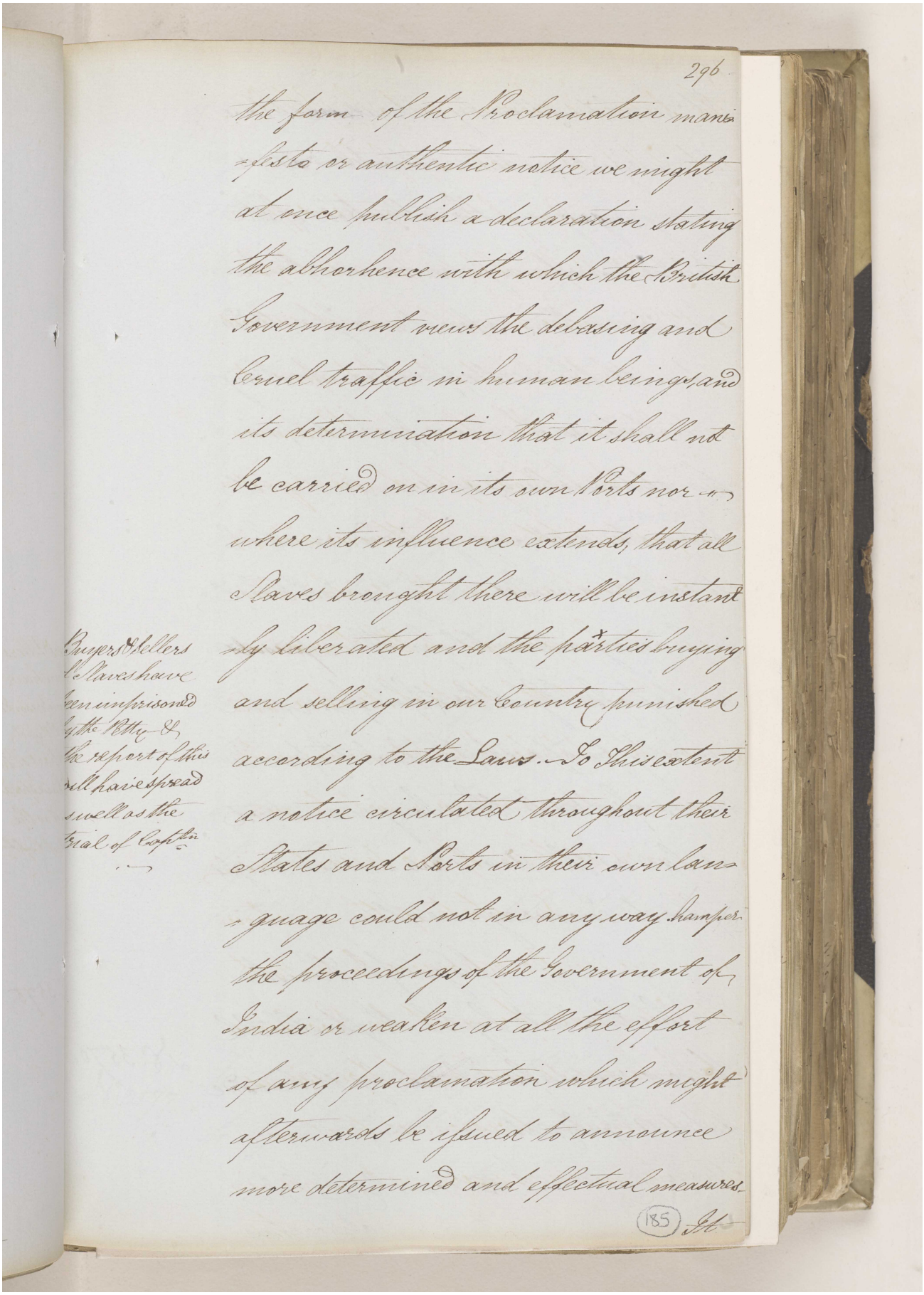

the form of the Proclamation mani-
-festo or authentic notice we might
at once publish a declaration stating
the abhorhence with which the British
Government views the debasing and
Cruel traffic in human beings, and
its determination that it shall not
be carried on in its own Ports nor
where its influence extends, that all
Slaves brought there will be instant
-ly liberated and the parties buying
and selling in our Country punished
according to the Laws. To This extent
a notice circulated throughout their
States and Ports in their own lan-
-guage could not in any way hamper
the proceedings of the Government of
India or weaken at all the effort
of any proclamation which might
afterwards be issued to announce
more determined and effectual measures.

Buyers & Sellers
of Slaves have
been imprisoned
by the Petty &
the report of this
will have spread
as well as the
trial of Captn.

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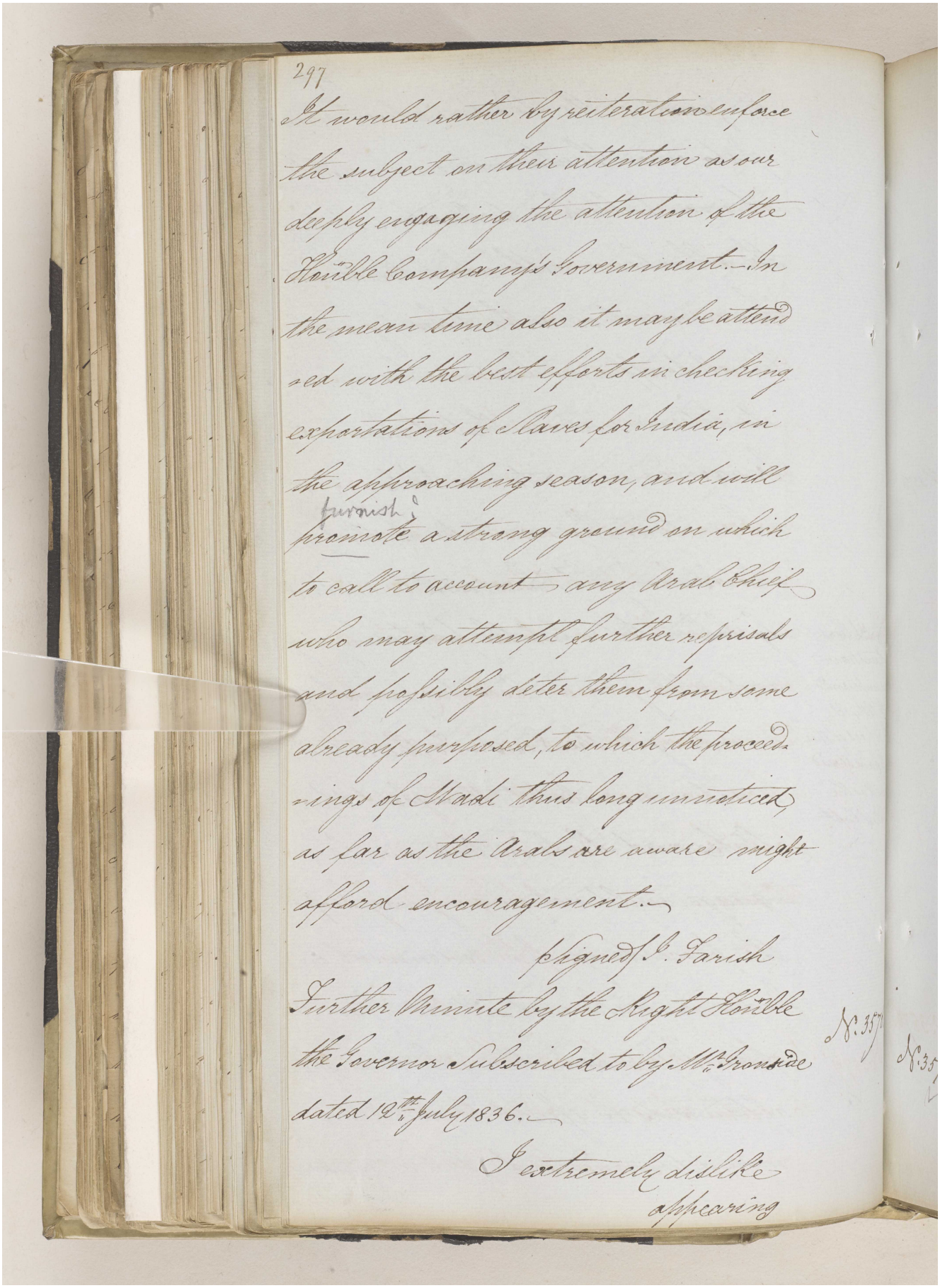

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It would rather by reiteration enforce the subject on their attention as our deeply engaging the attention of the Honble Company's Government.— In the mean time also it may be attended with the best efforts in checking exportations of Slaves for India, in the approaching season, and will furnish promote a strong ground on which to call to account any Arab Chief who may attempt further reprisals and possibly deter them from some already purposed, to which the proceedings of Wadi thus long unnoticed, as far as the Arabs are aware might afford encouragement.—

Signed J. Farish

Further Minute by the Right Honble the Governor Subscribed to by Mr. Crawfurd dated 12th July 1836.—

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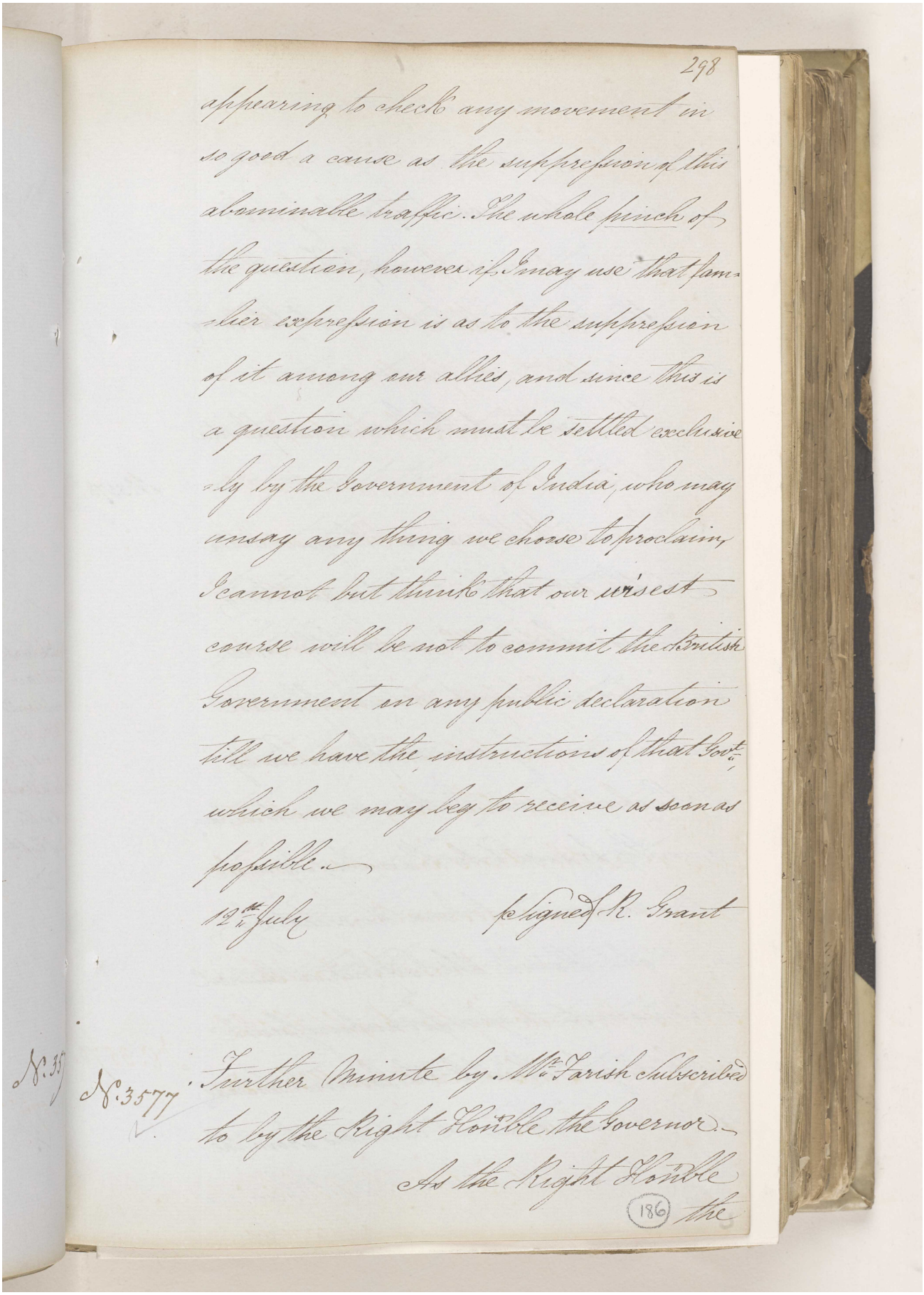

appearing to check any movement in so good a cause as the suppression of this abominable traffic. The whole pinch of the question, however if I may use that familier expression is as to the suppression of it among our allies, and since this is a question which must be settled exclusively by the Government of India, who may unsay any thing we choose to proclaim, I cannot but think that our wisest course will be not to commit the British Government on any public declaration till we have the instructions of that Govt. which we may beg to receive as soon as possible.

12th July (Signed) R. Grant

No. 3577 Further Minute by Mr. Farish subscribed to by the Right Honble the Governor.

As the Right Honble the

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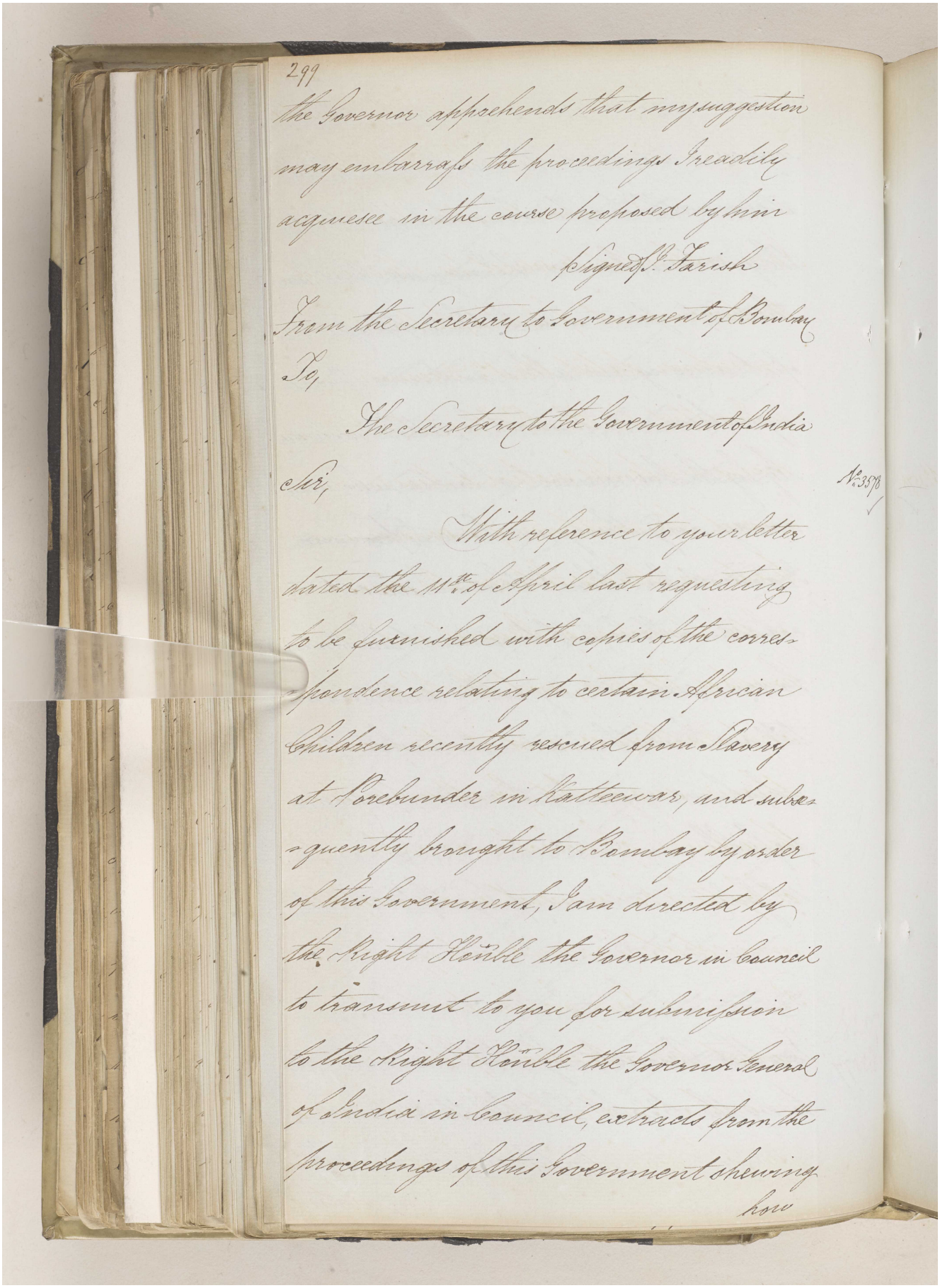

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the Governor apprehends that my suggestion may embarrass the proceedings I readily acquiesce in the course proposed by him

Signed J. Farish

From the Secretary to Government of Bombay

To,

The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

No. 3570

With reference to your letter dated the 11th. of April last requesting to be furnished with copies of the correspondence relating to certain African Children recently rescued from Slavery at Porebunder in Kattiewar, and subsequently brought to Bombay by order of this Government, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council, extracts from the proceedings of this Government shewing how

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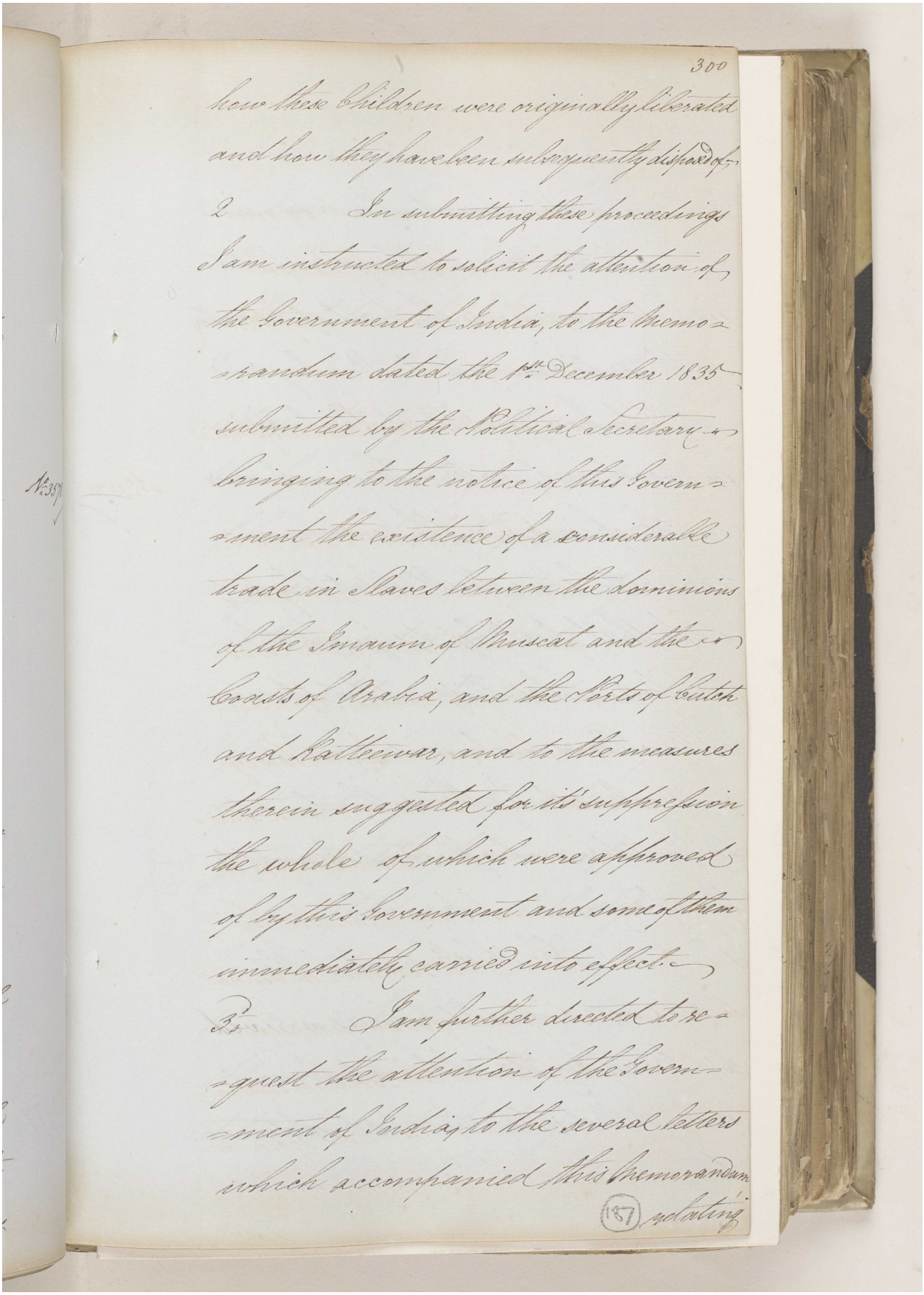

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how these children were originally liberated and how they have been subsequently disposed of.

2d In submitting these proceedings I am instructed to solicit the attention of the Government of India, to the Memorandum dated the 1st December 1835 submitted by the Political Secretary bringing to the notice of this Government the existence of a considerable trade in Slaves between the dominions of the Imaum of Muscat and the Coasts of Arabia, and the Ports of Cutch and Kattiawar, and to the measures therein suggested for its suppression the whole of which were approved of by this Government and some of them immediately carried into effect.

3d I am further directed to request the attention of the Government of India to the several letters which accompanied this Memorandum relating

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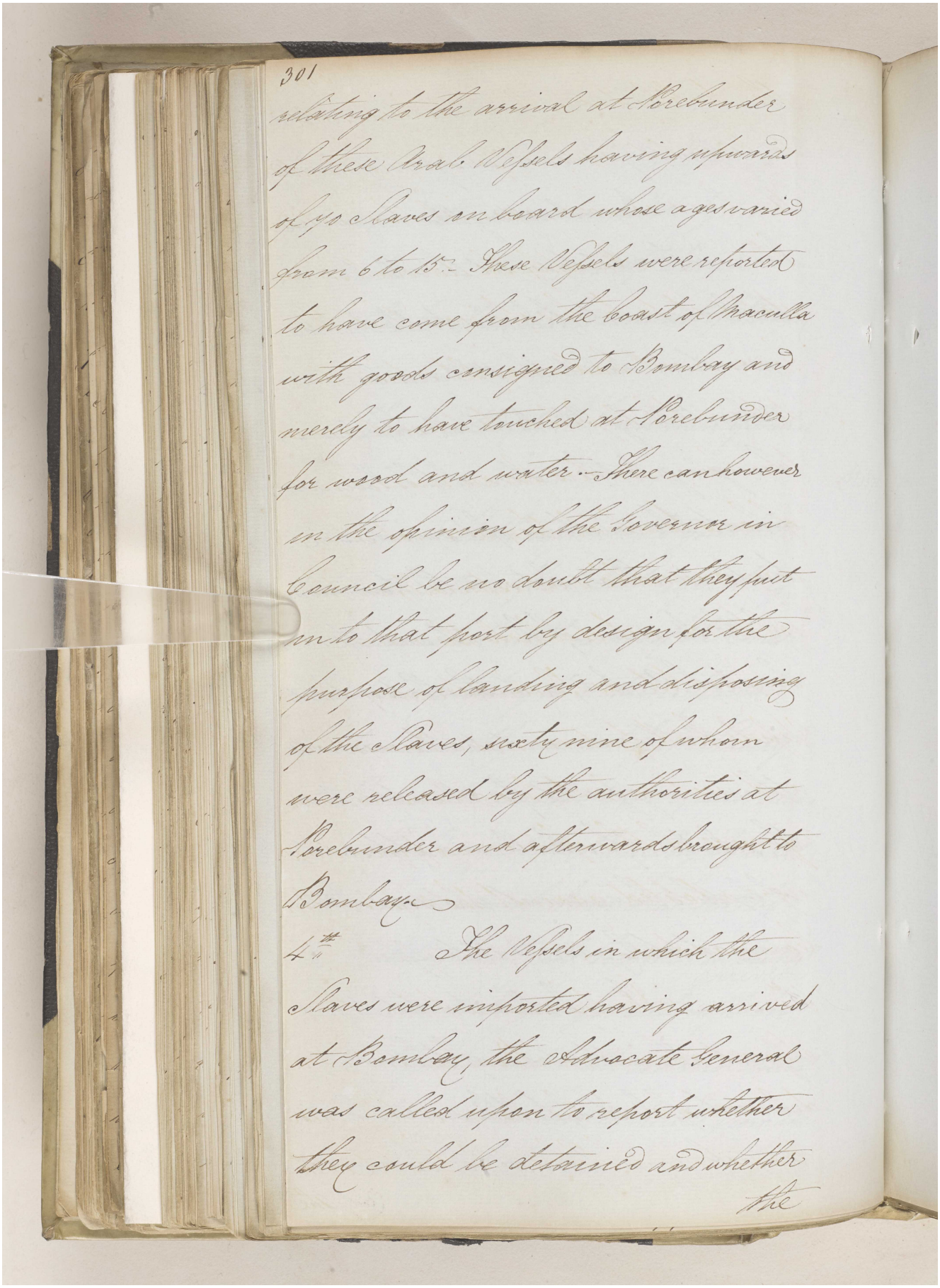

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relating to the arrival at Porebunder of three Arab Vessels having upwards of 300 Slaves on board whose ages varied from 6 to 15 - These Vessels were reported to have come from the Coast of Maculla with goods consigned to Bombay and merely to have touched at Porebunder for wood and water - There can however in the opinion of the Governor in Council be no doubt that they put in to that port by design for the purpose of landing and disposing of the Slaves, sixty nine of whom were released by the authorities at Porebunder and afterwards brought to Bombay -

4th The Vessels in which the Slaves were imported having arrived at Bombay, the Advocate General was called upon to report whether they could be detained and whether the

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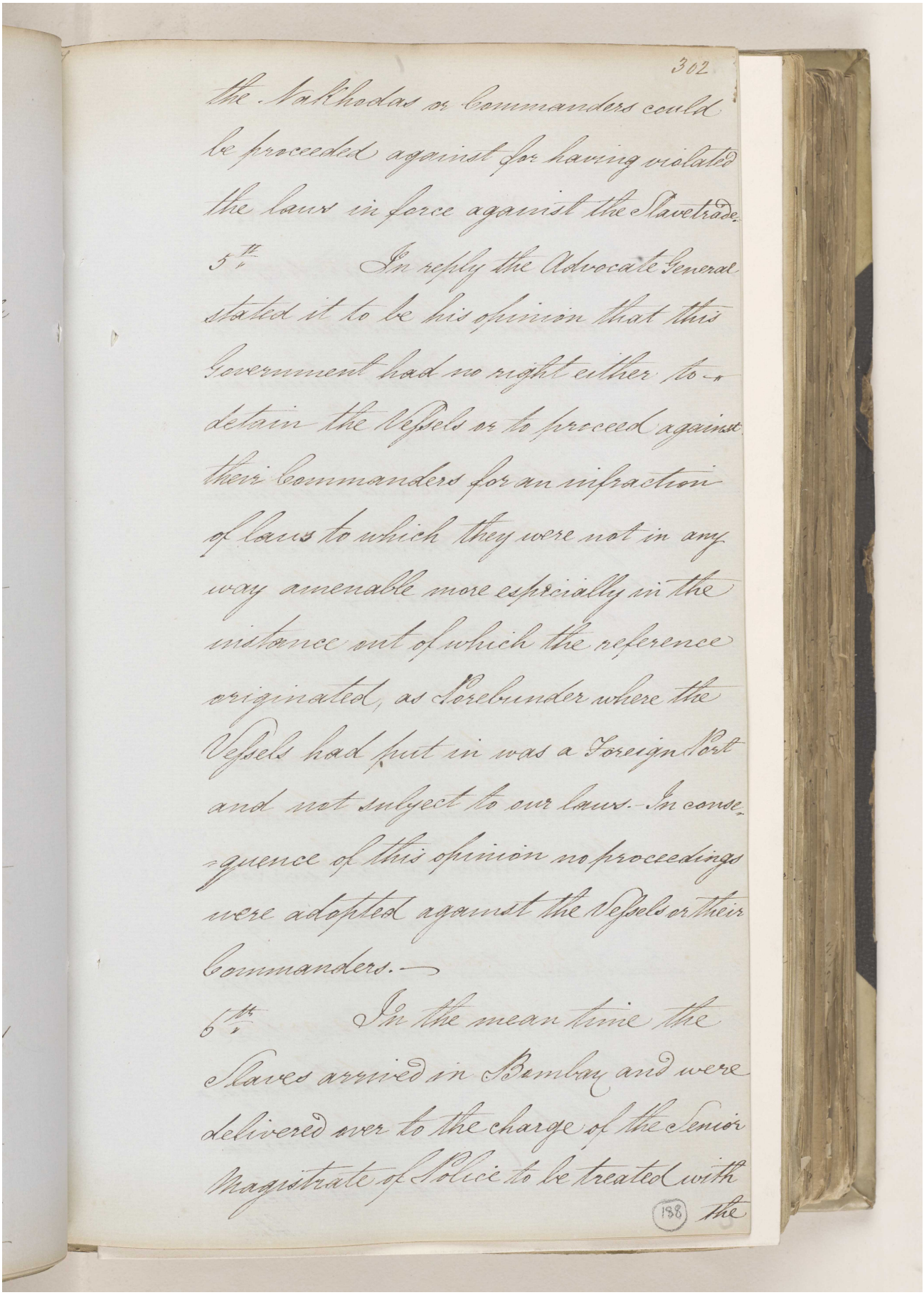

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the Nakhodas or Commanders could be proceeded against for having violated the laws in force against the Slavetrade.

5th. In reply the Advocate General stated it to be his opinion that this Government had no right either to detain the Vessels or to proceed against their Commanders for an infraction of laws to which they were not in any way amenable more especially in the instance out of which the reference originated, as hereunder where the Vessels had put in was a Foreign Port and not subject to our laws. In consequence of this opinion no proceedings were adopted against the Vessels or their Commanders.—

6th. In the mean time the Slaves arrived in Bombay and were delivered over to the charge of the Senior Magistrate of Police to be treated with the

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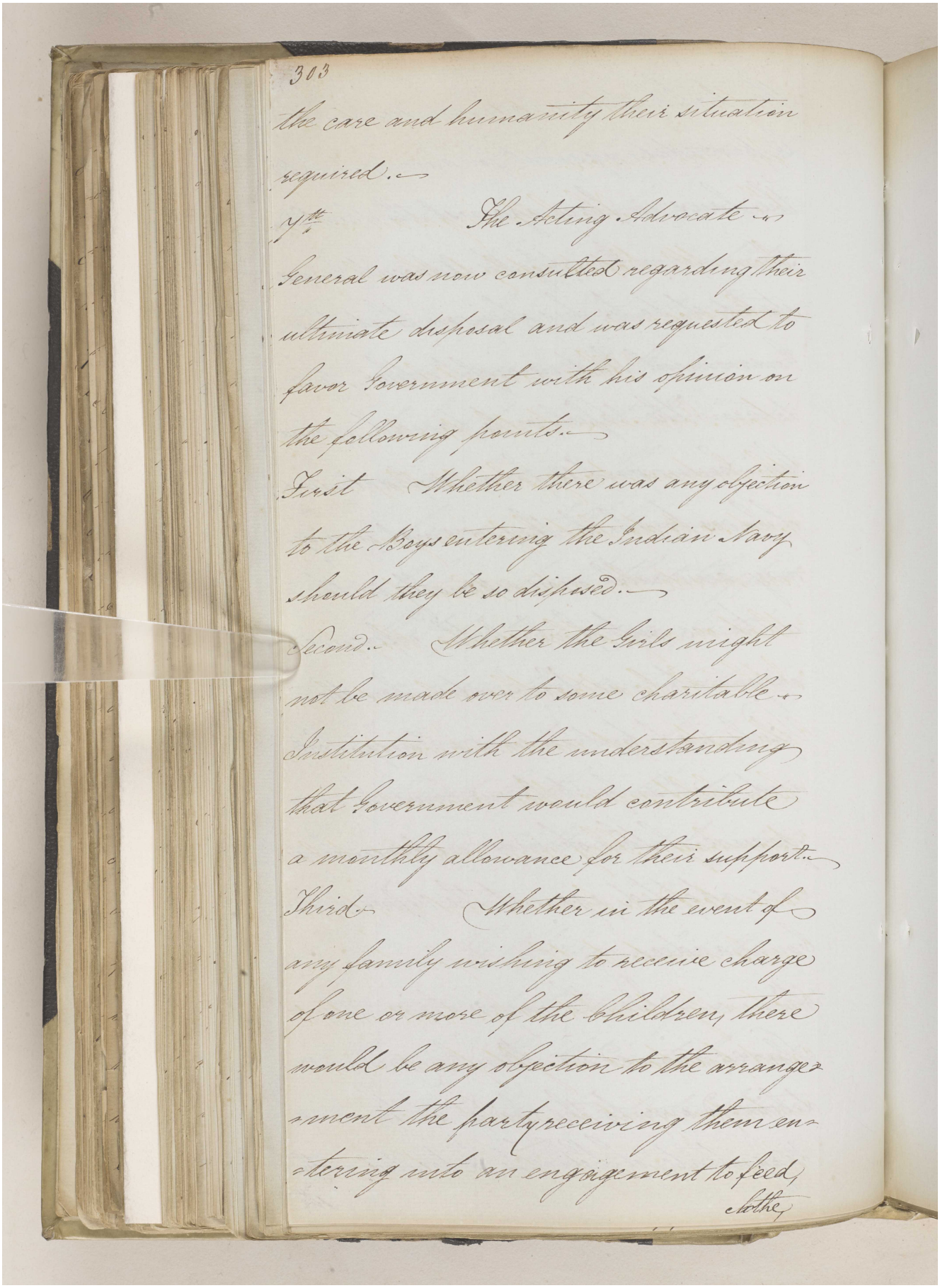

the care and humanity their situation required.

7th The Acting Advocate General was now consulted regarding their ultimate disposal and was requested to favor Government with his opinion on the following points.

First Whether there was any objection to the Boys entering the Indian Navy should they be so disposed.

Second. Whether the Girls might not be made over to some charitable Institution with the understanding that Government would contribute a monthly allowance for their support.

Third. Whether in the event of any family wishing to receive charge of one or more of the Children, there would be any objection to the arrangement the party receiving them entering into an engagement to feed,

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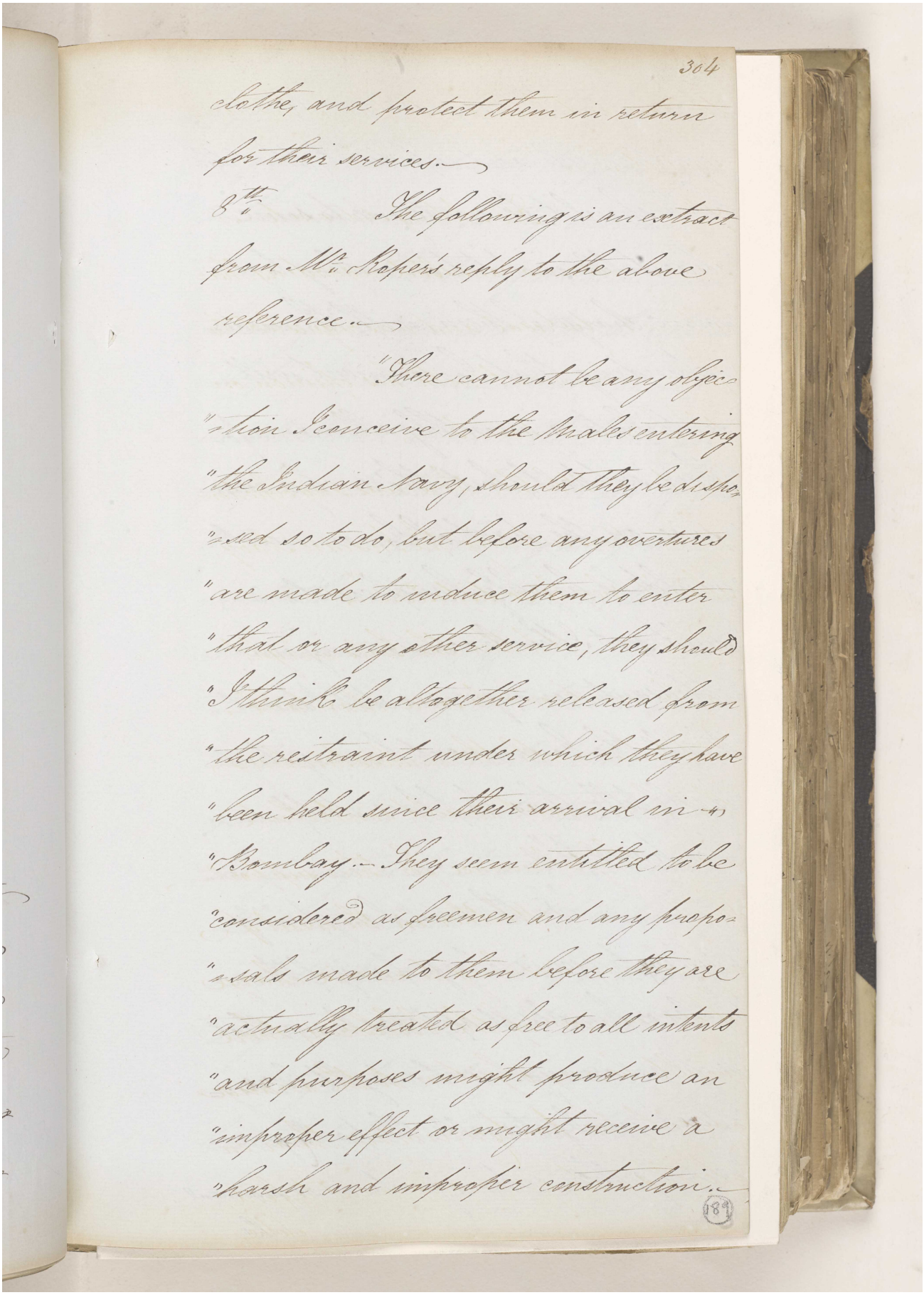

clothe, and protect them in return
for their services.—

8th. The following is an extract
from Mr. Roper's reply to the above
reference.—

"There cannot be any objec-
"tion I conceive to the Males entering
"the Indian Navy, should they be dispo-
"sed so to do, but before any overtures
"are made to induce them to enter
"that or any other service, they should
"I think be altogether released from
"the restraint under which they have
"been held since their arrival in
"Bombay.— They seem entitled to be
"considered as freemen and any propo-
"sals made to them before they are
"actually treated as free to all intents
"and purposes might produce an
"improper effect or might receive a
"harsh and improper construction.—

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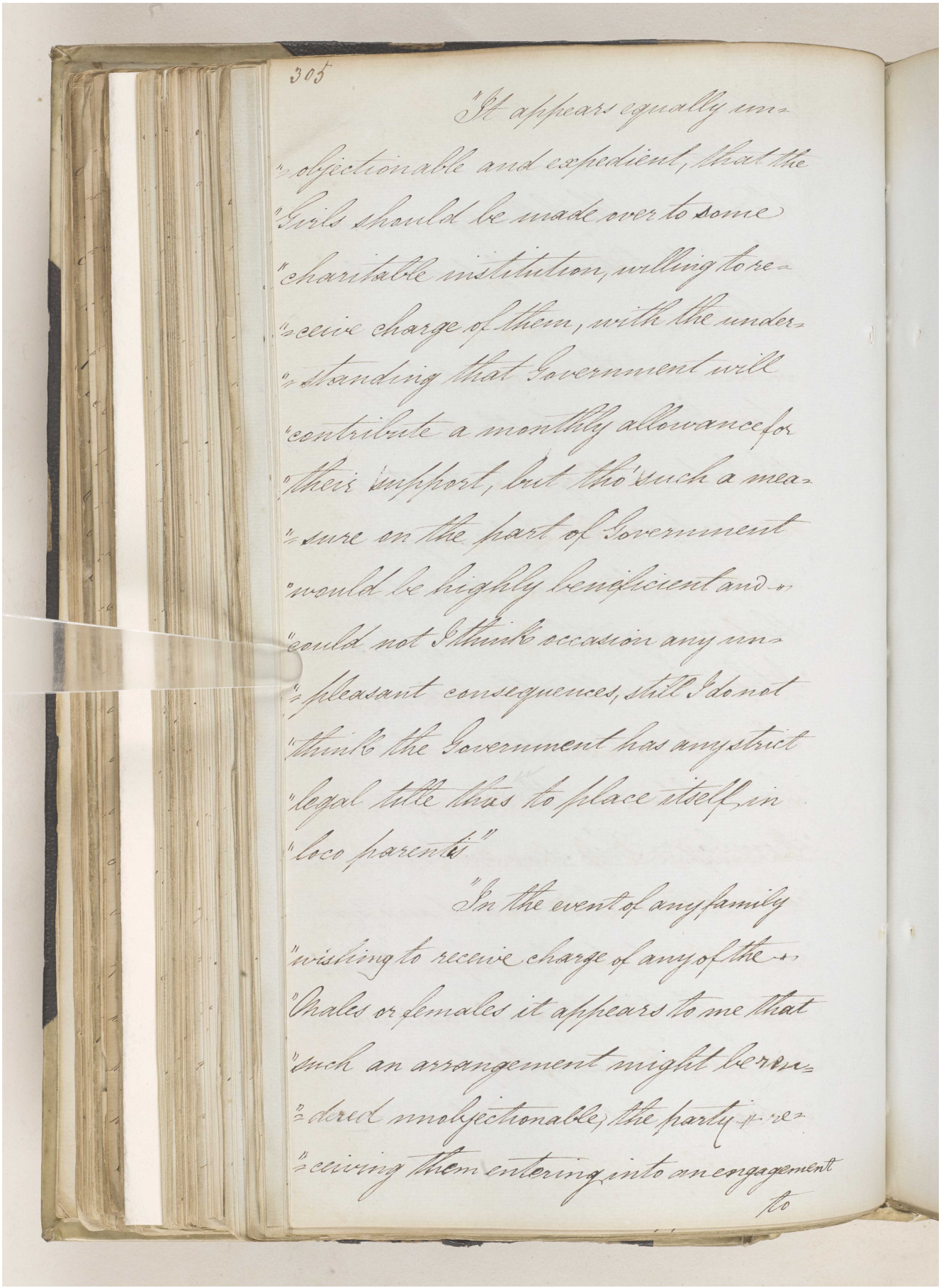

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"It appears equally unobjectionable and expedient, that the Girls should be made over to some charitable institution, willing to receive charge of them, with the understanding that Government will contribute a monthly allowance for their support, but tho' such a measure on the part of Government would be highly beneficient and could not I think occasion any unpleasant consequences, still I do not think the Government has any strict legal title thus to place itself in "loco parentis"

"In the event of any family wishing to receive charge of any of the Males or females it appears to me that such an arrangement might be rendered unobjectionable, the party receiving them entering into an engagement to

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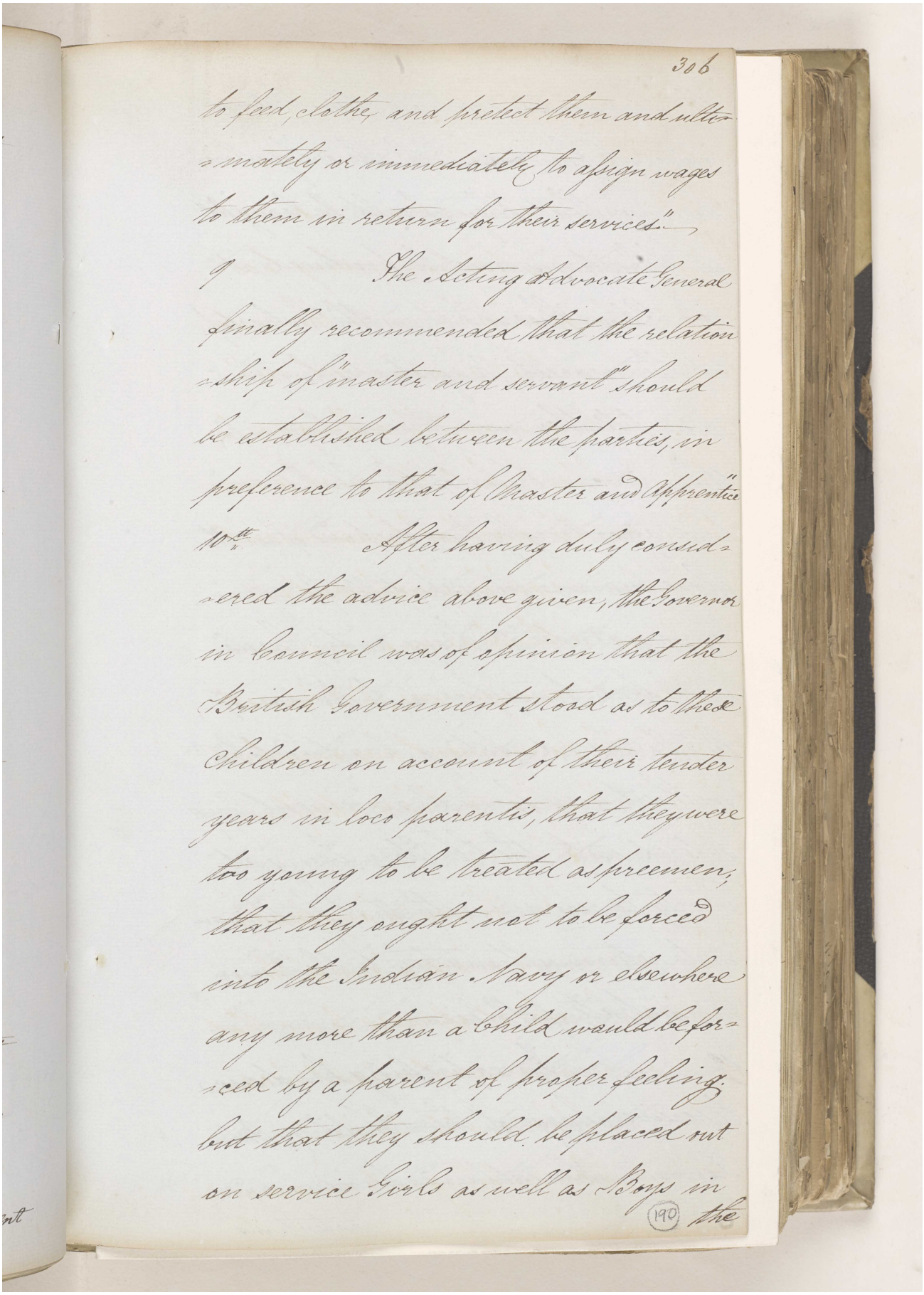

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to feed, clothe and protect them and subsequently or immediately to assign wages to them in return for their services."

9 The Acting Advocate General finally recommended that the relationship of "master and servant" should be established between the parties, in preference to that of Master and Apprentice

10th After having duly considered the advice above given, the Governor in Council was of opinion that the British Government stood as to these Children on account of their tender years in loco parentis, that they were too young to be treated as freemen, that they ought not to be forced into the Indian Navy or elsewhere any more than a child would be forced by a parent of proper feeling, but that they should be placed out on service Girls as well as Boys in the

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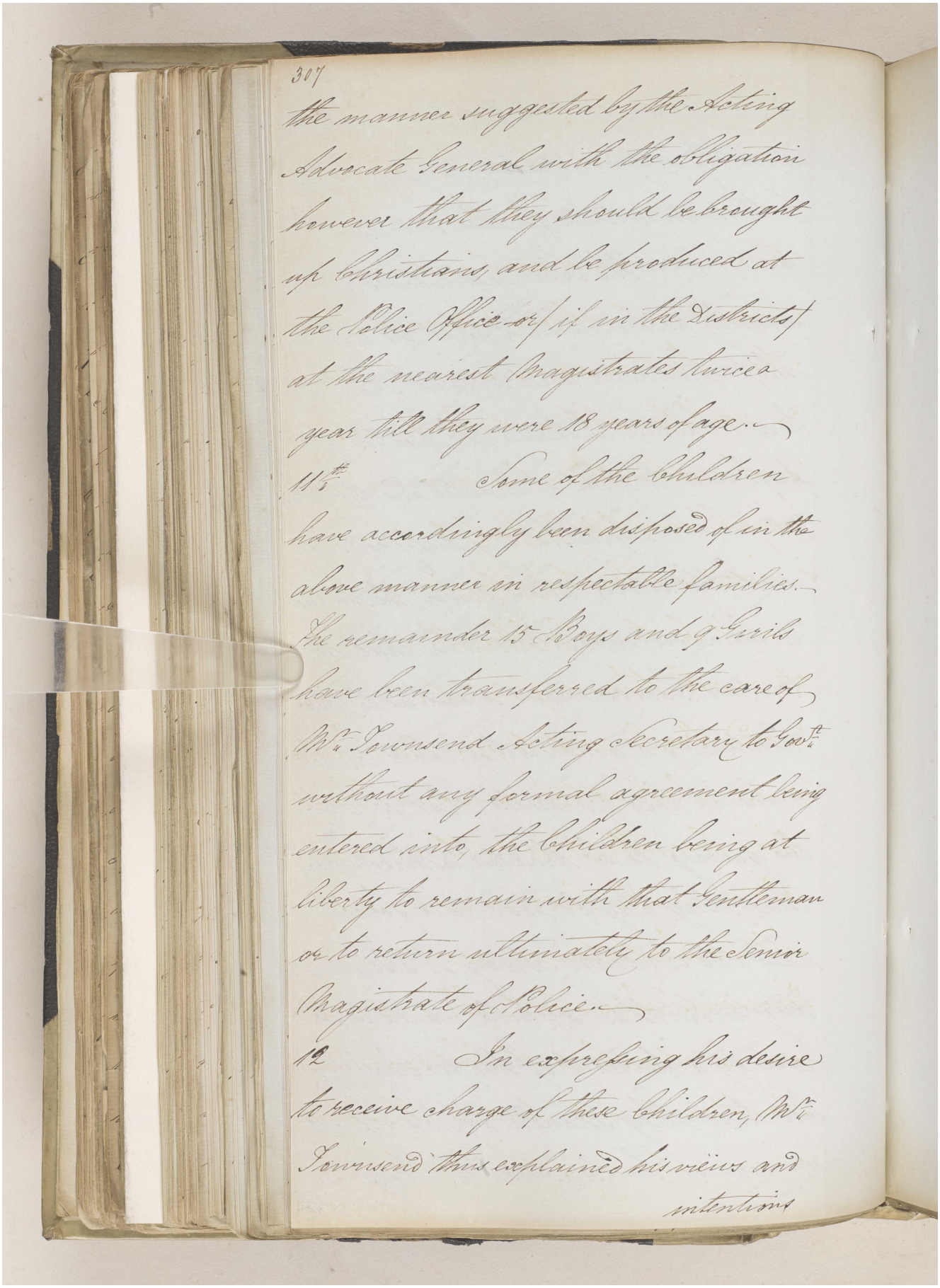

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the manner suggested by the Acting Advocate General with the obligation however that they should be brought up Christians, and be produced at the Police Office or if in the Districts at the nearest Magistrates twice a year till they were 18 years of age.

11th Some of the Children have accordingly been disposed of in the above manner in respectable families. The remainder 15 Boys and 9 Girls have been transferred to the care of Mr. Townsend Acting Secretary to Govt without any formal agreement being entered into, the Children being at liberty to remain with that Gentleman or to return ultimately to the Senior Magistrate of Police.

12 In expressing his desire to receive charge of these Children, Mr. Townsend thus explained his views and intentions

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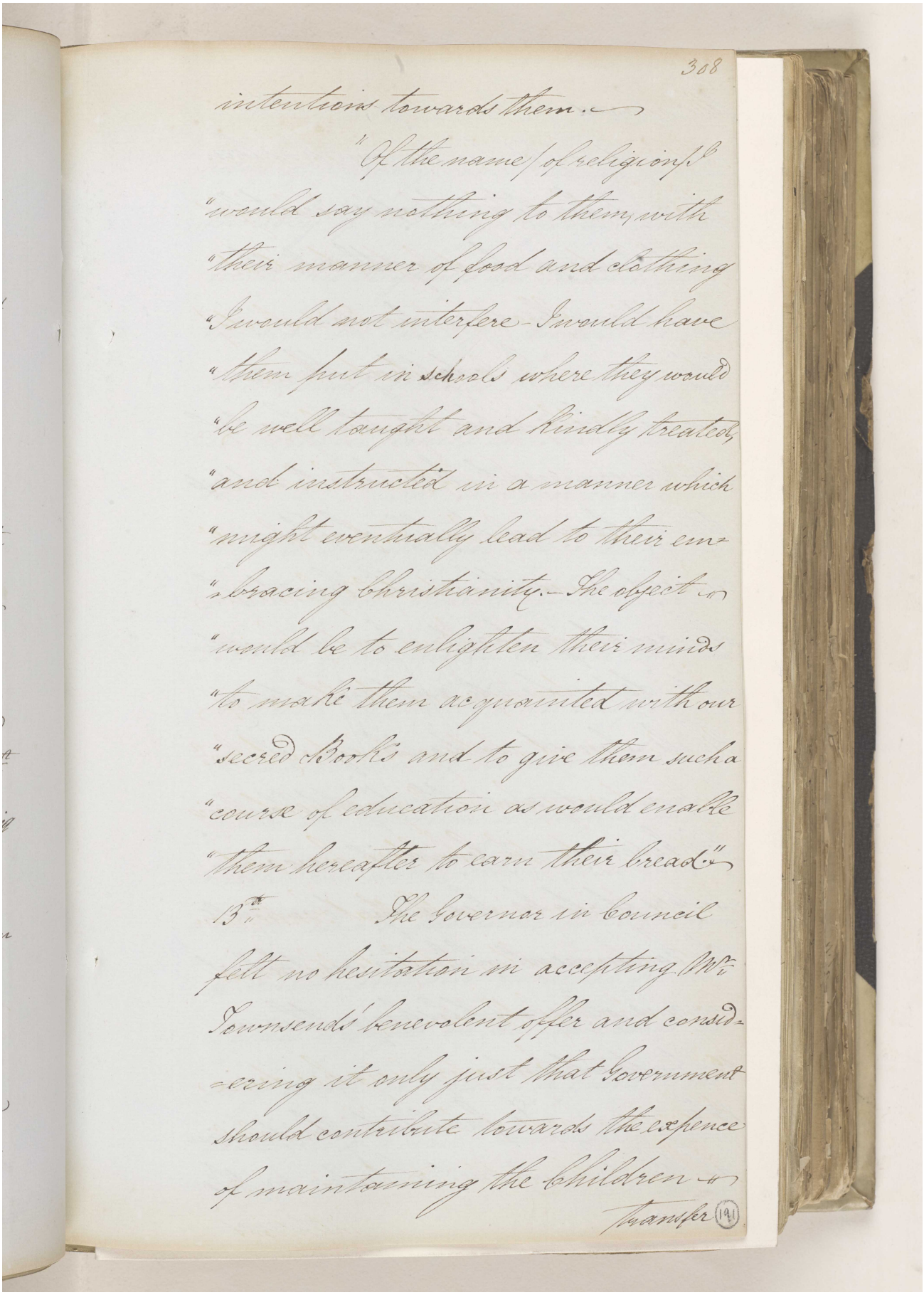

intentions towards them.

"Of the name (of religion) I "would say nothing to them, with "their manner of food and clothing "I would not interfere - I would have "them put in schools where they would "be well taught and kindly treated, "and instructed in a manner which "might eventually lead to their em-"bracing Christianity. - The object "would be to enlighten their minds "to make them acquainted with our "secred Books and to give them such a "course of education as would enable "them hereafter to earn their bread."

13th. The Governor in Council felt no hesitation in accepting Mr. Townsend's benevolent offer and consid-ering it only just that Government should contribute towards the expence of maintaining the Children

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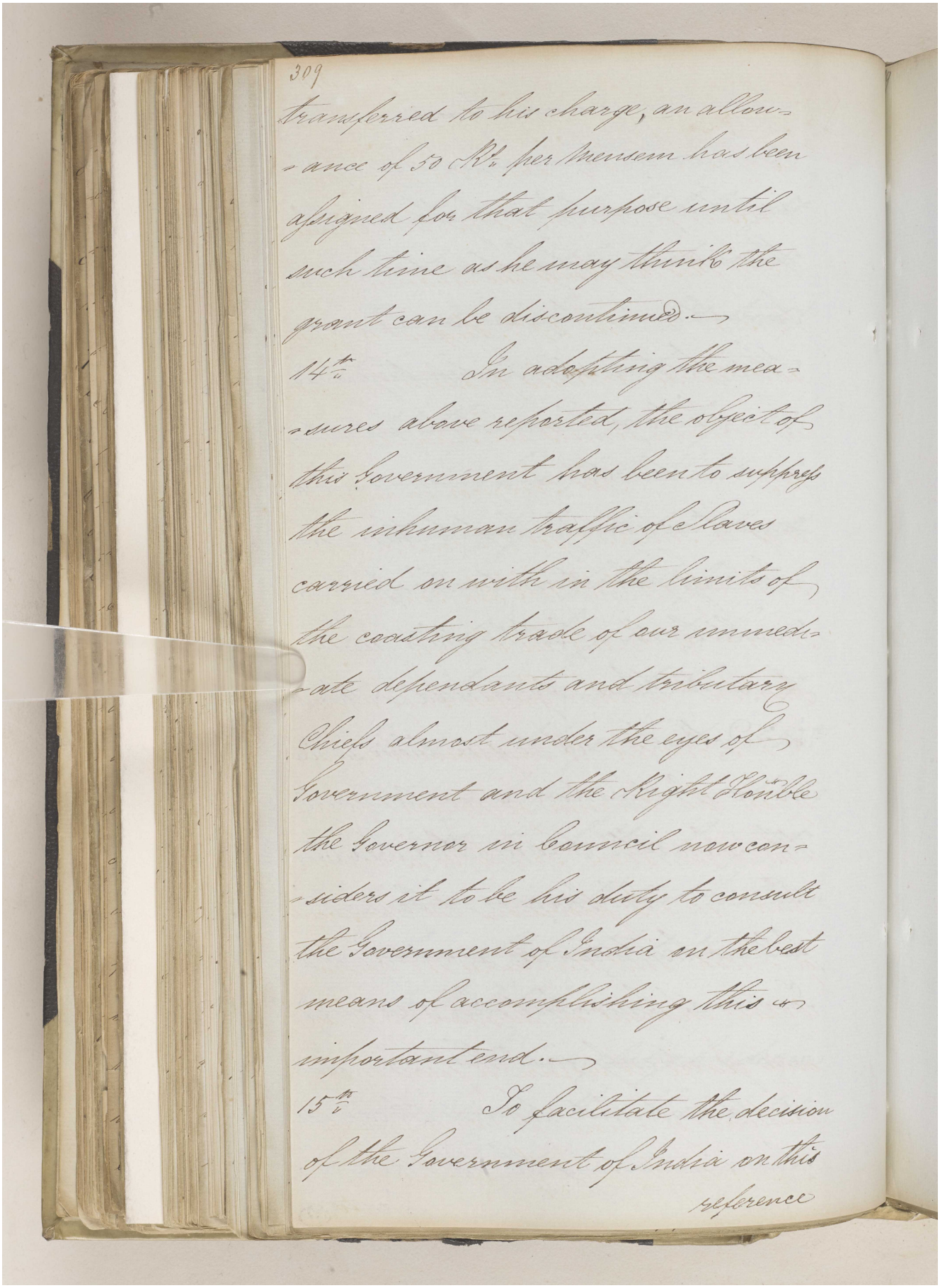

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transferred to his charge, an allow-
-ance of 50 Rs. per mensem has been
assigned for that purpose until
such time as he may think the
grant can be discontinued.—

14th In adopting the mea-
-sures above reported, the object of
this Government has been to suppress
the inhuman traffic of Slaves
carried on with in the limits of
the coasting trade of our immedi-
-ate dependants and tributary
Chiefs almost under the eyes of
Government and the Right Honble
the Governor in Council now con-
-siders it to be his duty to consult
the Government of India on the best
means of accomplishing this im-
important end.—

15th In facilitate the decision
of the Government of India on this
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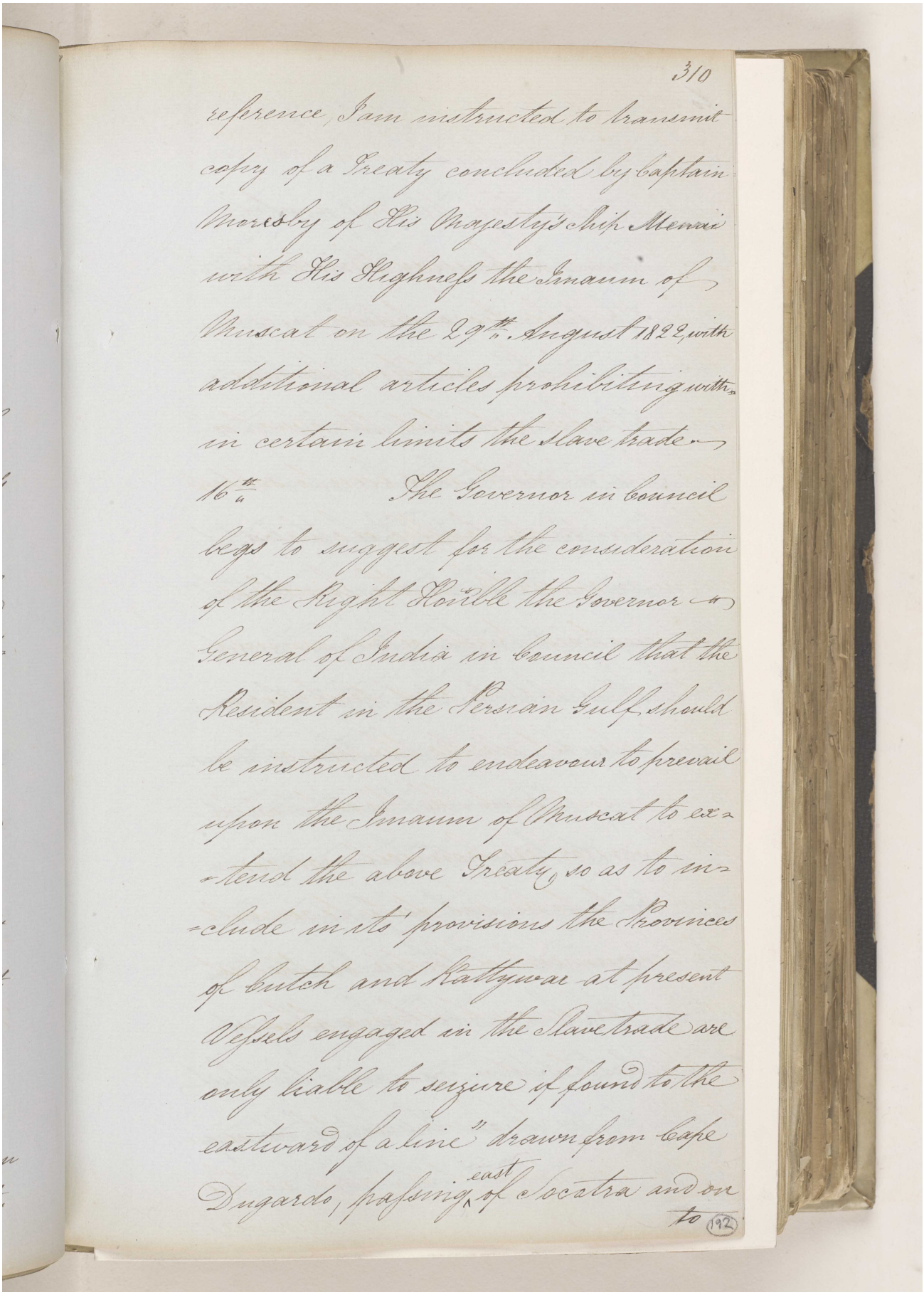

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reference, I am instructed to transmit copy of a Treaty concluded by Captain Moresby of His Majesty's Ship Menai with His Highness the Imaum of Muscat on the 29th August 1822 with additional articles prohibiting within certain limits the Slave trade—

16th The Governor in Council begs to suggest for the consideration of the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council that the Resident in the Persian Gulf should be instructed to endeavour to prevail upon the Imaum of Muscat to extend the above Treaty, so as to include in its provisions the Provinces of Cutch and Kattywar at present Vessels engaged in the Slave trade are only liable to seizure if found to the eastward of a line drawn from Cape Dugarda, passing east of Socotra and on to

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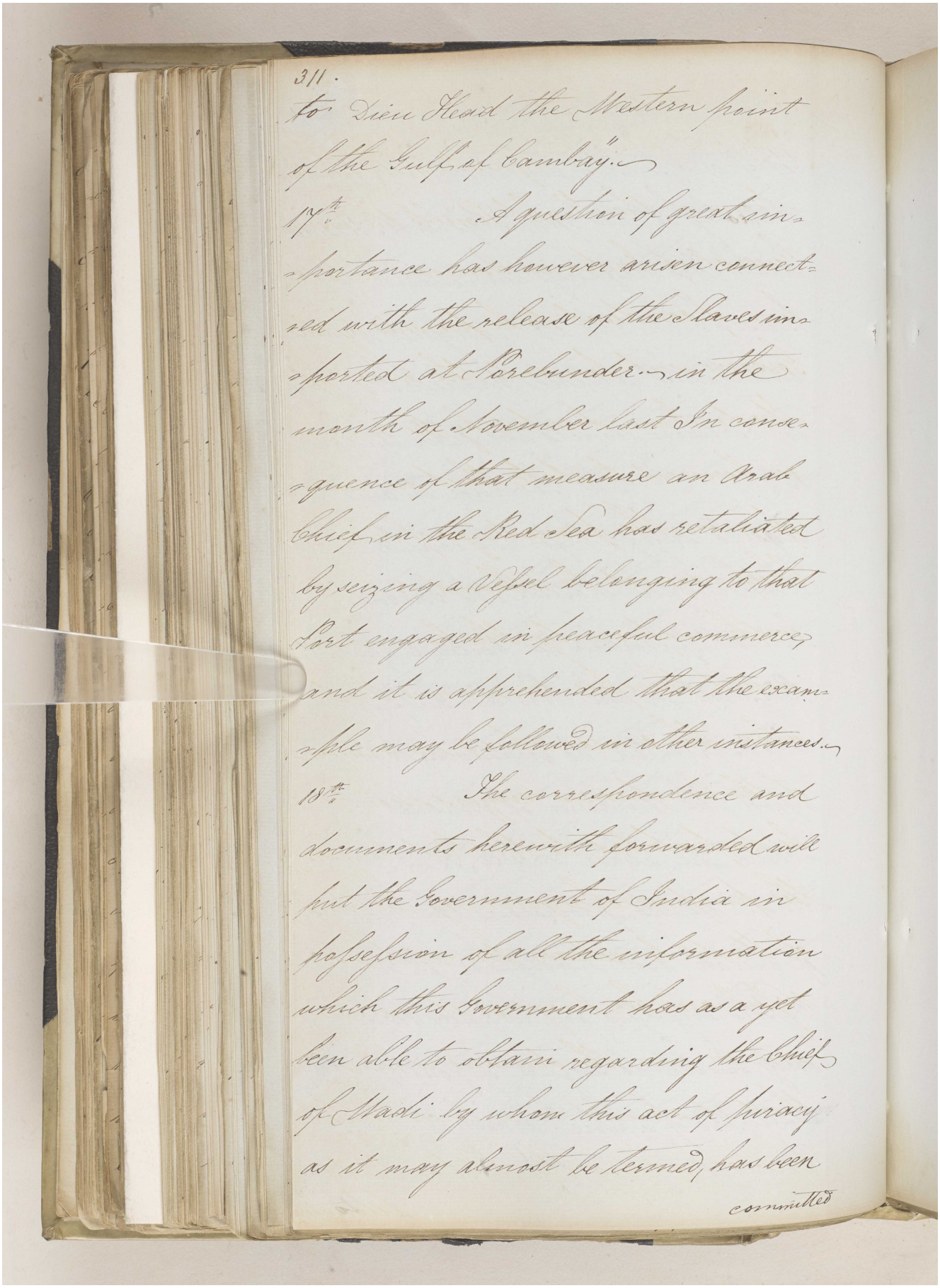

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for Diu Head the Western point of the Gulf of Cambay."

17th A question of great importance has however arisen connected with the release of the Slaves imported at Porebunder in the month of November last In consequence of that measure an Arab Chief in the Red Sea has retaliated by seizing a Vessel belonging to that Port engaged in peaceful commerce and it is apprehended that the example may be followed in other instances.

18th The correspondence and documents herewith forwarded will put the Government of India in possession of all the information which this Government has as yet been able to obtain regarding the Chief of Wadi by whom this act of piracy as it may almost be termed, has been committed

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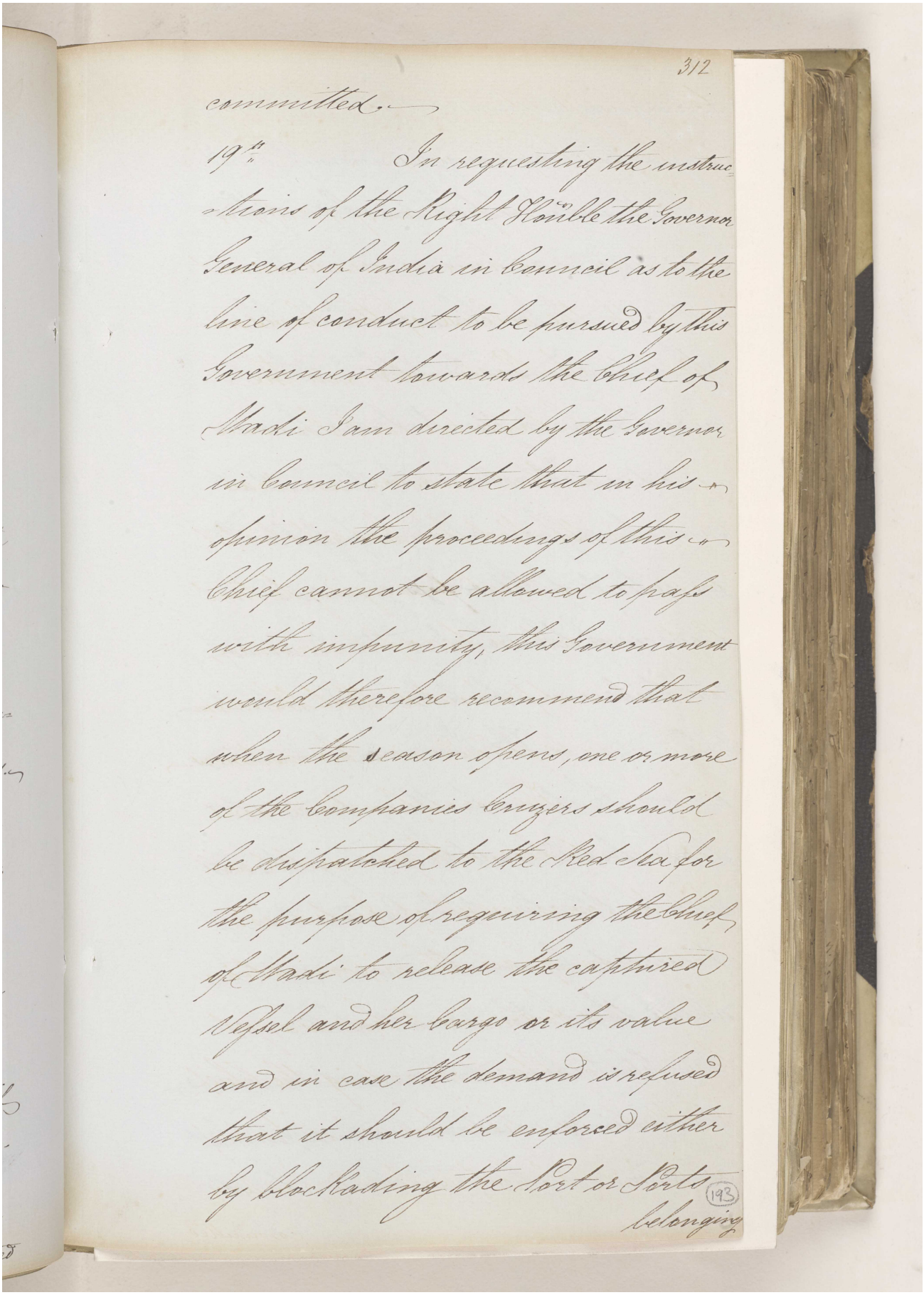

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committed.

19th. In requesting the instruc-
tions of the Right Honble the Governor
General of India in Council as to the
line of conduct to be pursued by this
Government towards the Chief of
Wadi I am directed by the Governor
in Council to state that in his
opinion the proceedings of this
Chief cannot be allowed to pass
with impunity, this Government
would therefore recommend that
when the season opens, one or more
of the Companies Cruizers should
be dispatched to the Red Sea for
the purpose of requiring the Chief
of Wadi to release the captured
Vessel and her Cargo or its value
and in case the demand is refused
that it should be enforced either
by blockading the Port or Ports
belonging

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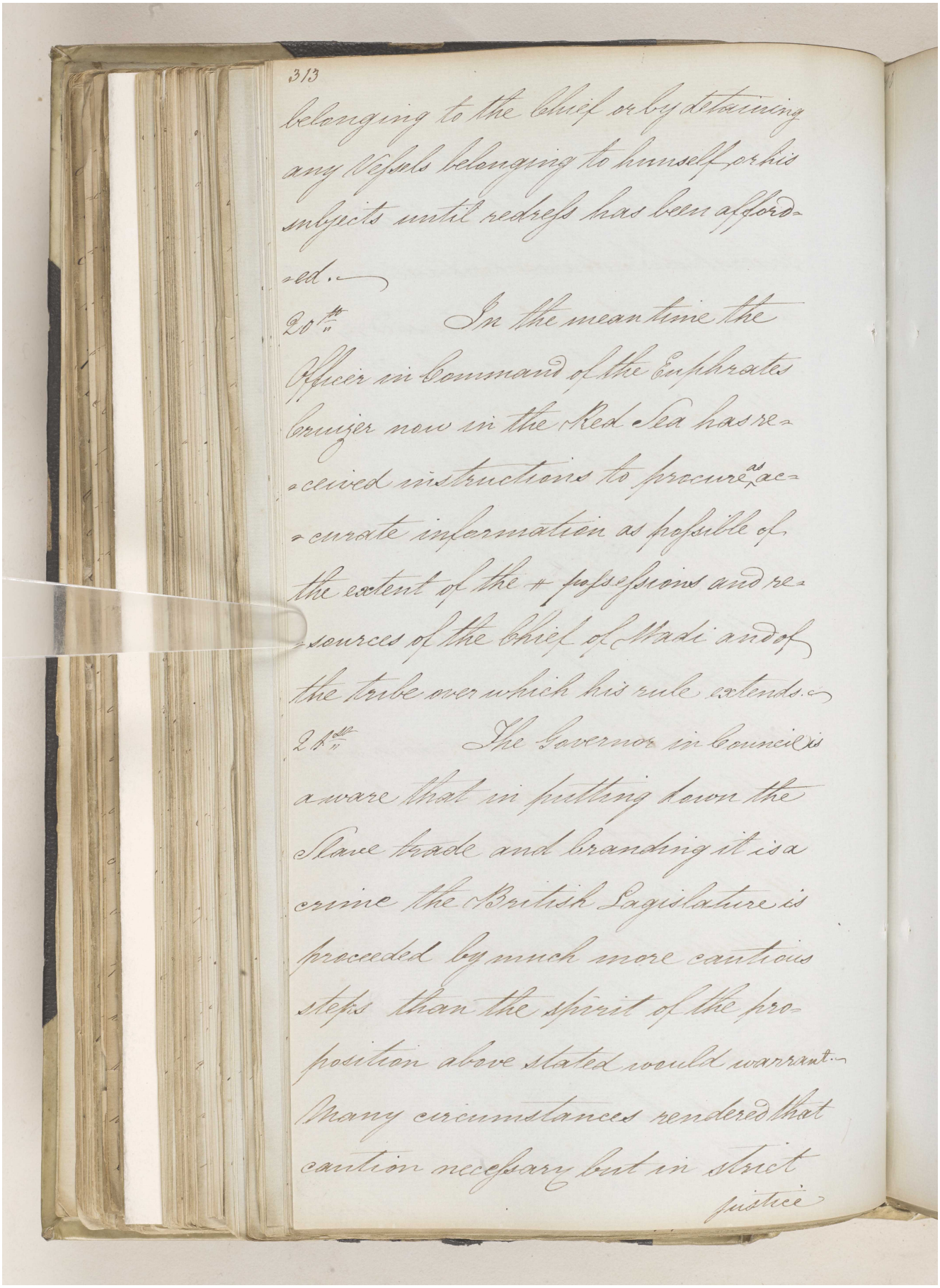

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belonging to the Chief or by detaining any Vessels belonging to himself or his subjects until redress has been afforded.

20th " In the meantime the Officer in Command of the Euphrates Cruizer now in the Red Sea has received instructions to procure as accurate information as possible of the extent of the Possessions and resources of the Chief of Wadi and of the tribe over which his rule extends.

21st " The Governor in Council is aware that in putting down the Slave trade and branding it as a crime the British Legislature is proceeded by much more cautious steps than the spirit of the proposition above stated would warrant. Many circumstances rendered that caution necessary but in strict justice

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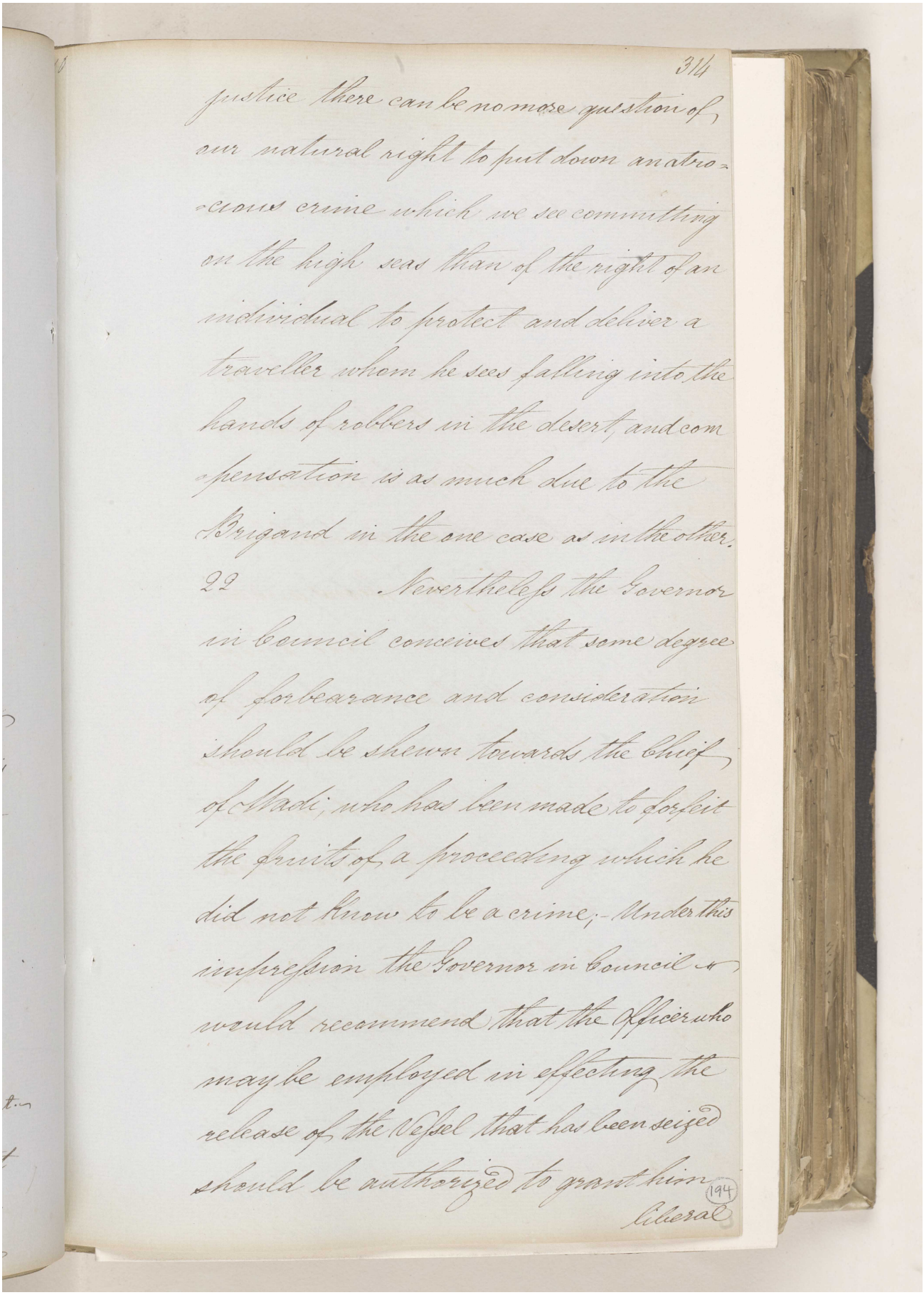

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justice there can be no more question of our natural right to put down an atrocious crime which we see committing on the high seas than of the right of an individual to protect and deliver a traveller whom he sees falling into the hands of robbers in the desert, and compensation is as much due to the Brigand in the one case as in the other.

22 Nevertheless the Governor in Council conceives that some degree of forbearance and consideration should be shewn towards the Chief of Mudi, who has been made to forfeit the fruits of a proceeding which he did not know to be a crime. Under this impression the Governor in Council would recommend that the Officer who may be employed in effecting the release of the Vessel that has been seized should be authorized to grant him a liberal

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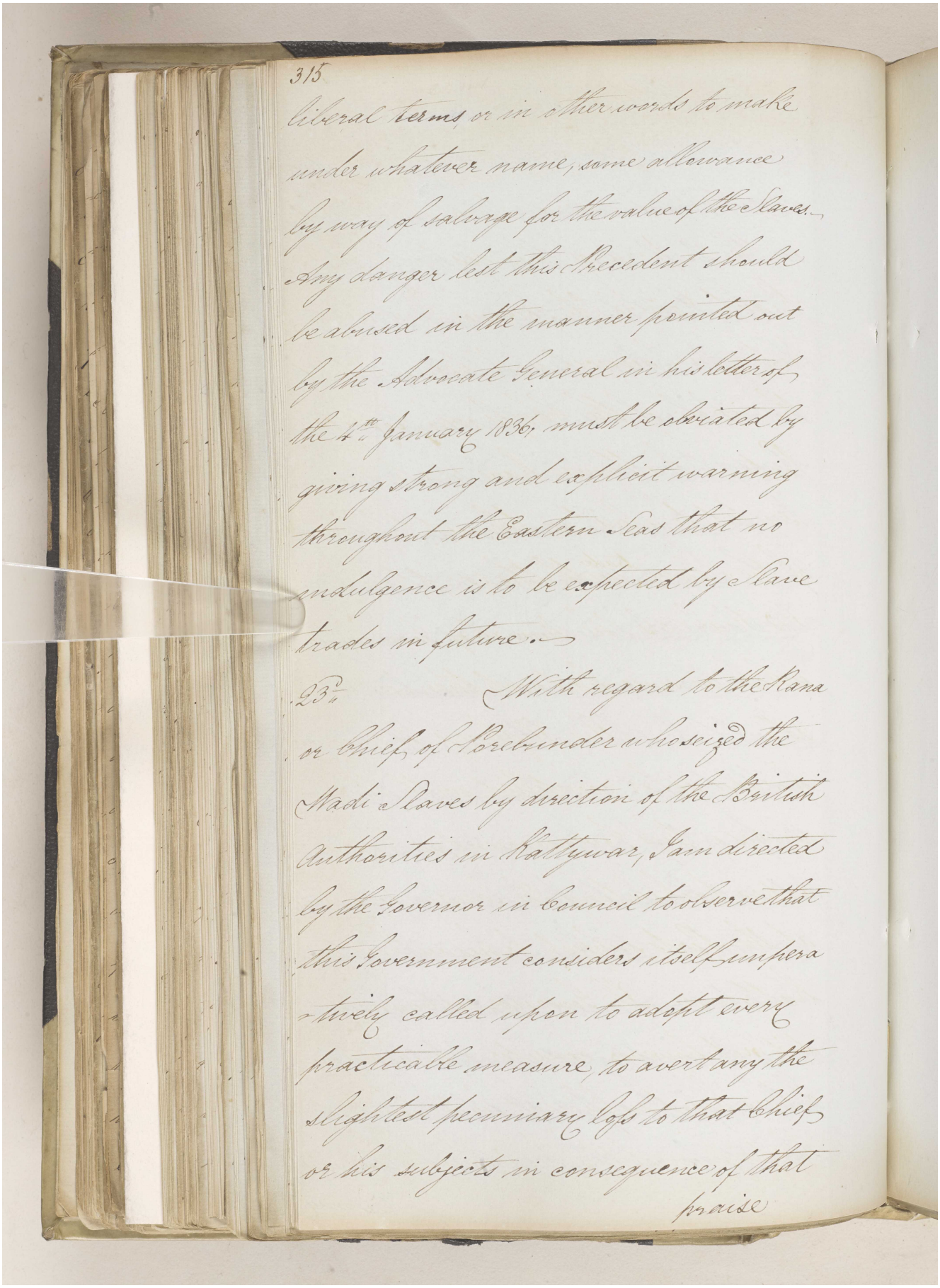

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liberal terms, or in other words to make under whatever name, some allowance by way of salvage for the value of the Slaves. Any danger lest this Precedent should be abused in the manner pointed out by the Advocate General in his letter of the 4th. January 1836, must be obviated by giving strong and explicit warning throughout the Eastern Seas that no indulgence is to be expected by Slave trades in future.

23d. With regard to the Rana or Chief of Porebunder who seized the Madi Slaves by direction of the British Authorities in Kattywar, I am directed by the Governor in Council to observe that this Government considers itself imperatively called upon to adopt every practicable measure, to avert any the slightest pecuniary loss to that Chief or his subjects in consequence of that praise

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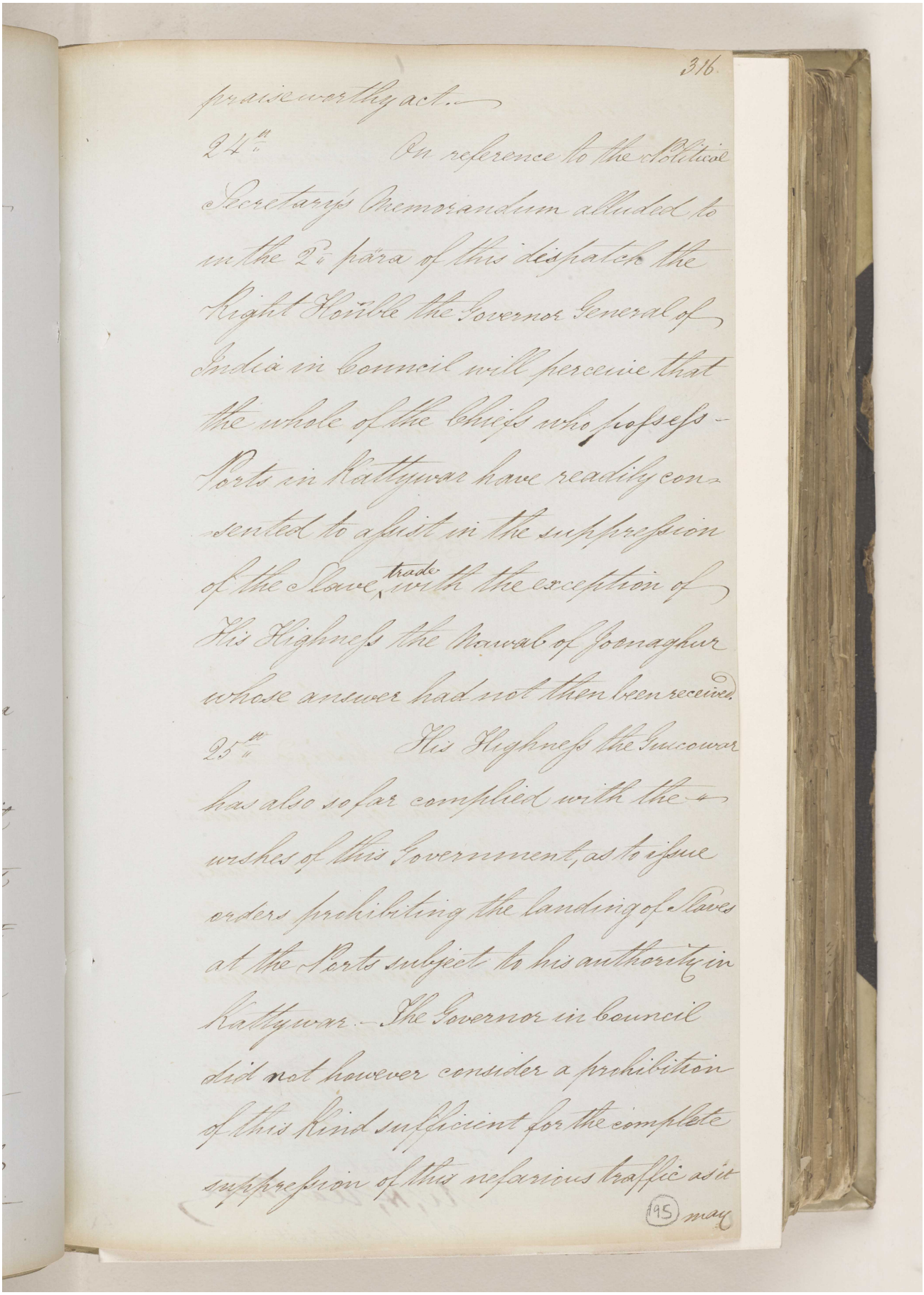

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praiseworthy act.—

24th. On reference to the Political Secretary's Memorandum alluded to in the 2d para of this dispatch the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council will perceive that the whole of the Chiefs who professs Ports in Kattywar have readily consented to assist in the suppression of the Slave trade with the exception of His Highness the Nawab of Joonaghur whose answer had not then been received.

25th. His Highness the Guicowar has also so far complied with the wishes of this Government as to issue orders prohibiting the landing of Slaves at the Ports subject to his authority in Kattywar.— The Governor in Council did not however consider a prohibition of this kind sufficient for the complete suppression of this nefarious traffic as it

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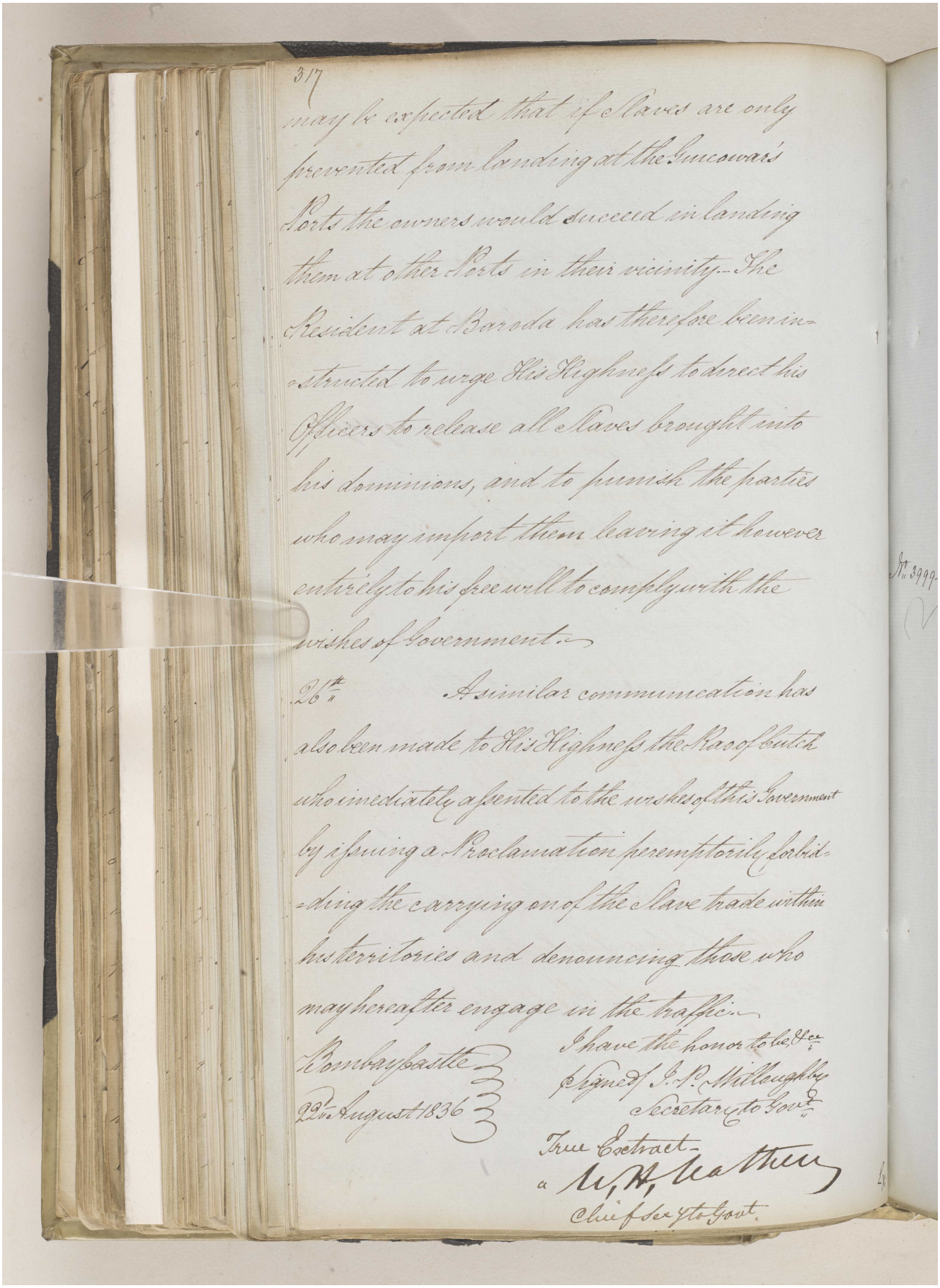

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may be expected that if Slaves are only prevented from landing at the Guicowar's Ports the owners would succeed in landing them at other Ports in their vicinity.- The Resident at Baroda has therefore been instructed to urge His Highness to direct his Officers to release all Slaves brought into his dominions, and to punish the parties who may import them leaving it however entirely to his free will to comply with the wishes of Government.-

26th A similar communication has also been made to His Highness the Rao of Cutch who imediately assented to the wishes of this Government by issuing a Proclamation peremptorily forbidding the carrying on of the Slave trade within his territories and denouncing those who may hereafter engage in the traffic.-

Bombay Castle
22nd August 1836

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

True Extract.
a W. H. Mathew
Chief Secy to Govt.

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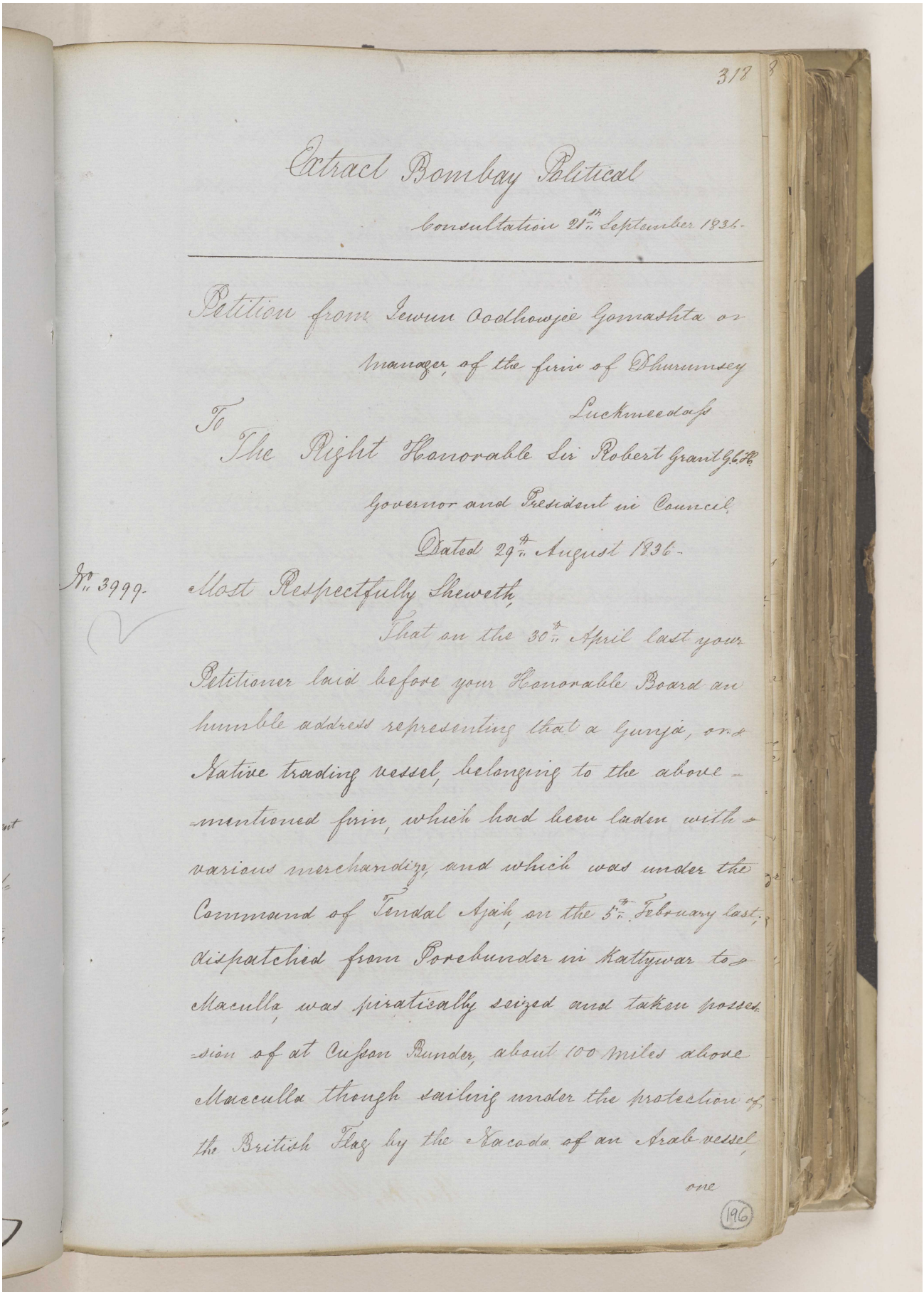

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Consultation 21st. September 1836.

Petition from Sewun Oodhowjee Gomashta or manager of the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmeedas

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

Dated 29th. August 1836.

No. 3999. Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That on the 30th. April last your Petitioner laid before your Honorable Board an humble address representing that a Gunja, or a Native trading vessel, belonging to the above mentioned firm, which had been laden with various merchandize, and which was under the Command of Tendal Ajah, on the 5th. February last, dispatched from Porebunder in Kattywar to Maculla, was piratically seized and taken possession of at Cujon Bunder, about 100 miles above Maculla though sailing under the protection of the British Flag by the Nacoda of an Arab vessel,

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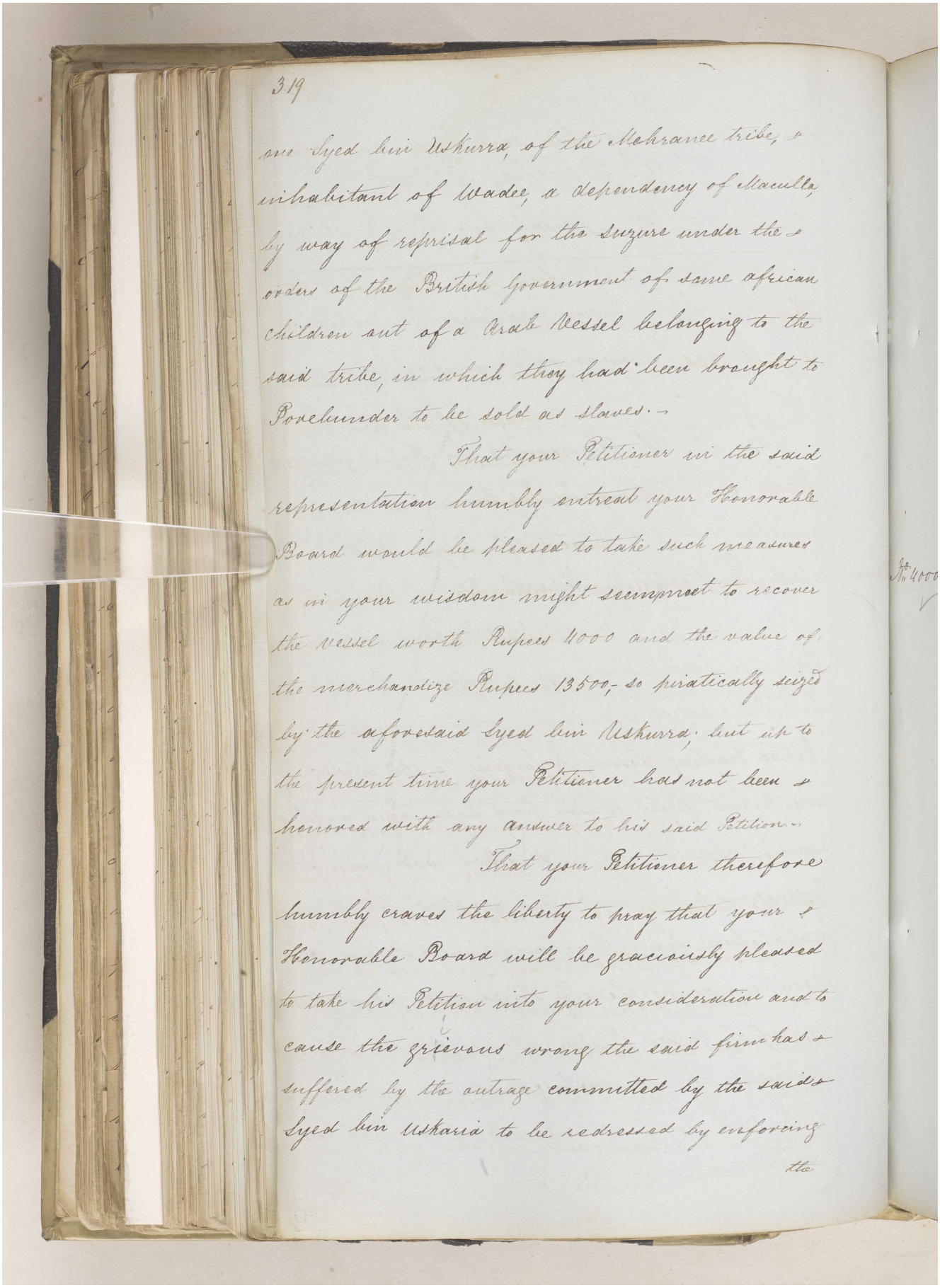

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one Syed bin Uskurra, of the Mehranee tribe, & inhabitant of Wadee, a dependency of Maculla, by way of reprisal for the Suzure under the & orders of the British Government of some african children out of a Arab Vessel belonging to the said tribe, in which they had been brought to Porebunder to be sold as slaves.-

That your Petitioner in the said representation humbly entreat your Honorable Board would be pleased to take such measures as in your wisdom might seem meet to recover the vessel worth Rupees 4000 and the value of the merchandize Rupees 13500,- so piratically seized by the aforesaid Syed bin Uskurra; but up to the present time your Petitioner has not been & honored with any answer to his said Petition.-

That your Petitioner therefore humbly craves the liberty to pray that your & Honorable Board will be graciously pleased to take his Petition into your consideration and to cause the grievous wrong the said firm has & suffered by the outrage committed by the said & Syed bin Uskaria to be redressed by enforcing

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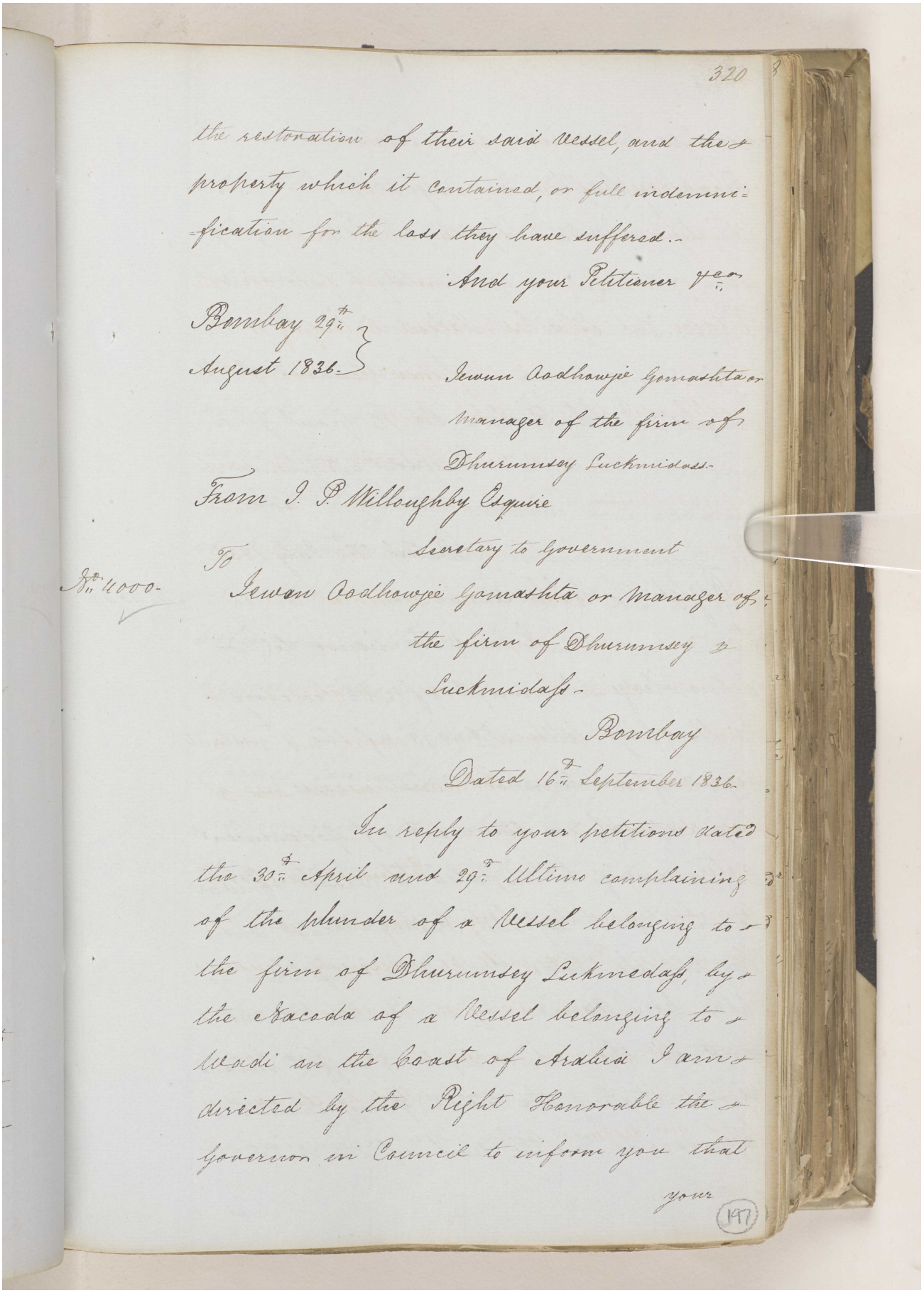

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the restoration of their said vessel, and the property which it contained, or full indemnification for the loss they have suffered.-

And your Petitioner &c.

Bombay 29th August 1836.

Jewun Oodhowjee Gomashta or Manager of the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmidass.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

To

Rs. 4000-

Jewun Oodhowjee Gomashta or Manager of the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmidass.

Bombay

Dated 16th September 1836.

In reply to your petitions dated the 30th April and 29th Ultimo complaining of the plunder of a Vessel belonging to the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmedass, by the Nacoda of a Vessel belonging to Wadi on the Coast of Arabia I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you that your

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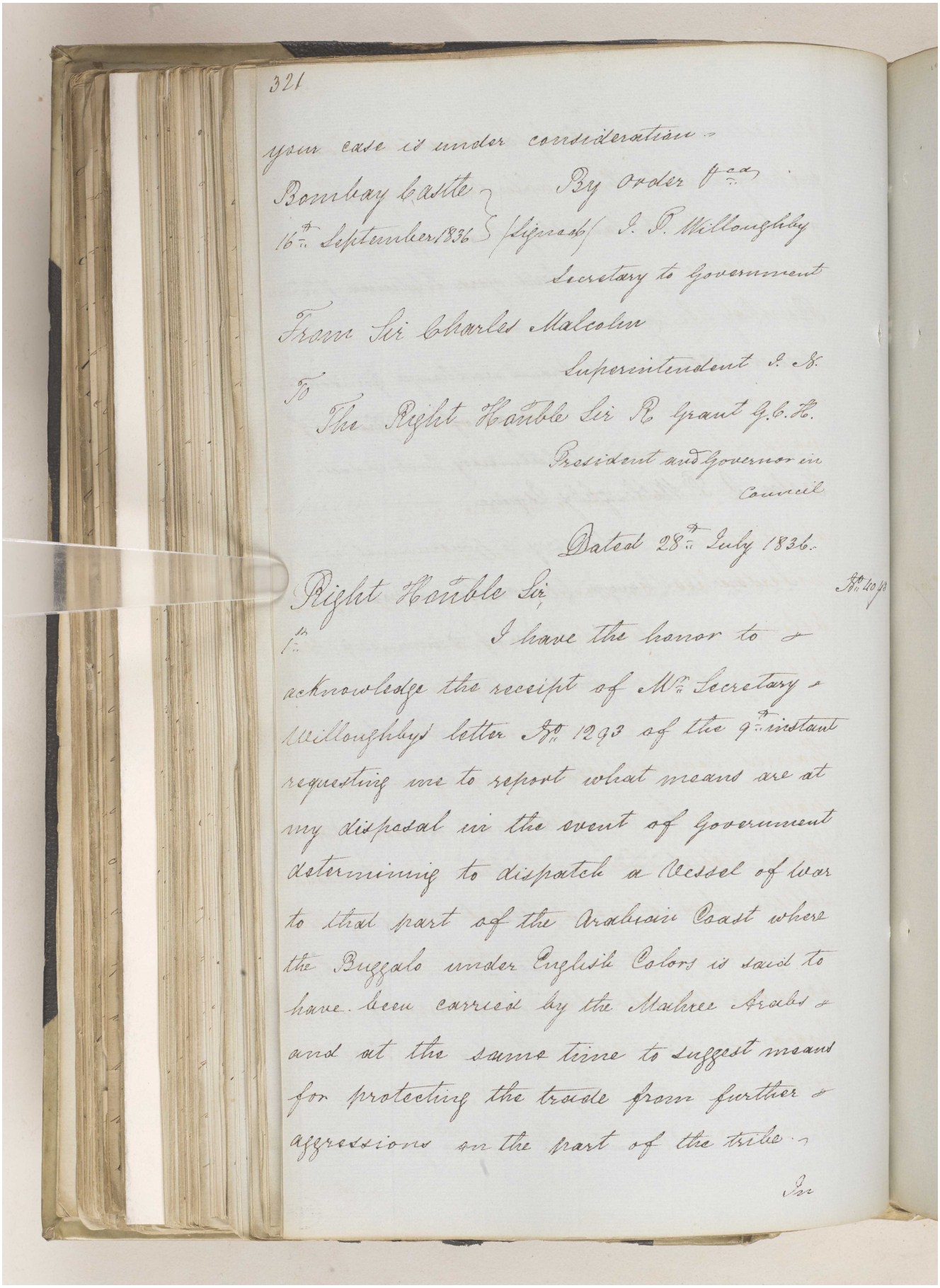

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your case is under consideration.

Bombay Castle
16th September 1836

By Order &c.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From Sir Charles Malcolm
Superintendent &c. &c.

To
The Right Honble Sir R Grant G.C.H.
President and Governor in
Council

Dated 28th July 1836.

Right Honble Sir

No. 40/93

I have the honor to
1st
acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary
Willoughby's letter No. 1293 of the 9th instant
requesting me to report what means are at
my disposal in the event of Government
determining to dispatch a Vessel of War
to that part of the Arabian Coast where
the Buggalo under English Colors is said to
have been carried by the Mahree Arabs
and at the same time to suggest means
for protecting the trade from further
aggressions on the part of the tribe.

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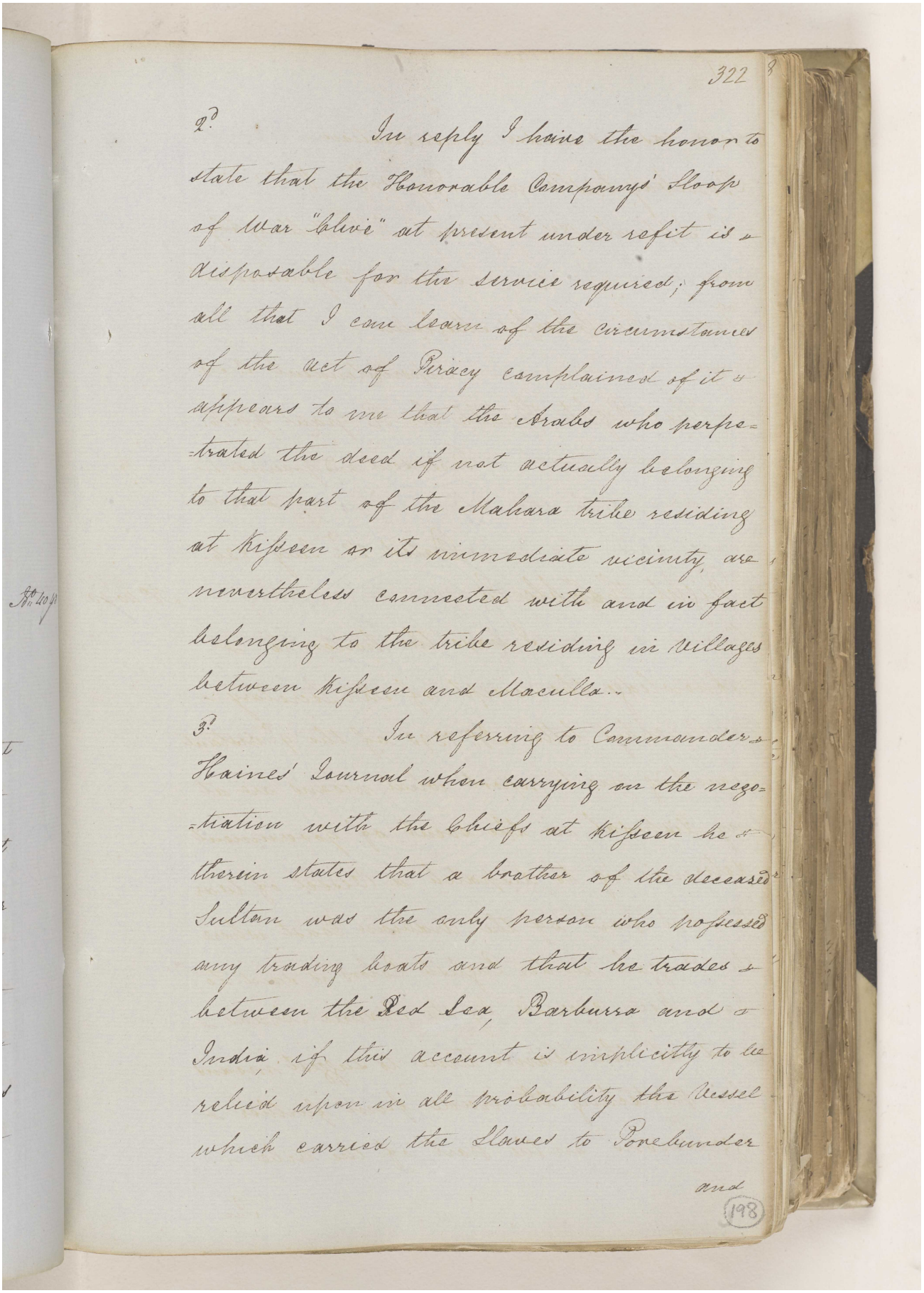

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2? In reply I have the honor to state that the Honorable Company's Sloop of War "Clive" at present under refit is indisposable for the service required; from all that I can learn of the circumstances of the act of Piracy complained of it appears to me that the Arabs who perpetrated the deed if not actually belonging to that part of the Mahara tribe residing at Kipseen or its immediate vicinity, are nevertheless connected with and in fact belonging to the tribe residing in villages between Kipseen and Maculla.

3? In referring to Commander Haines' Journal when carrying on the negotiation with the Chiefs at Kipseen he therein states that a brother of the deceased Sultan was the only person who possessed any trading boats and that he trades between the Red Sea, Barbarra and India, if this account is implicitly to be relied upon in all probability the Vessel which carried the Slaves to Porebunder and

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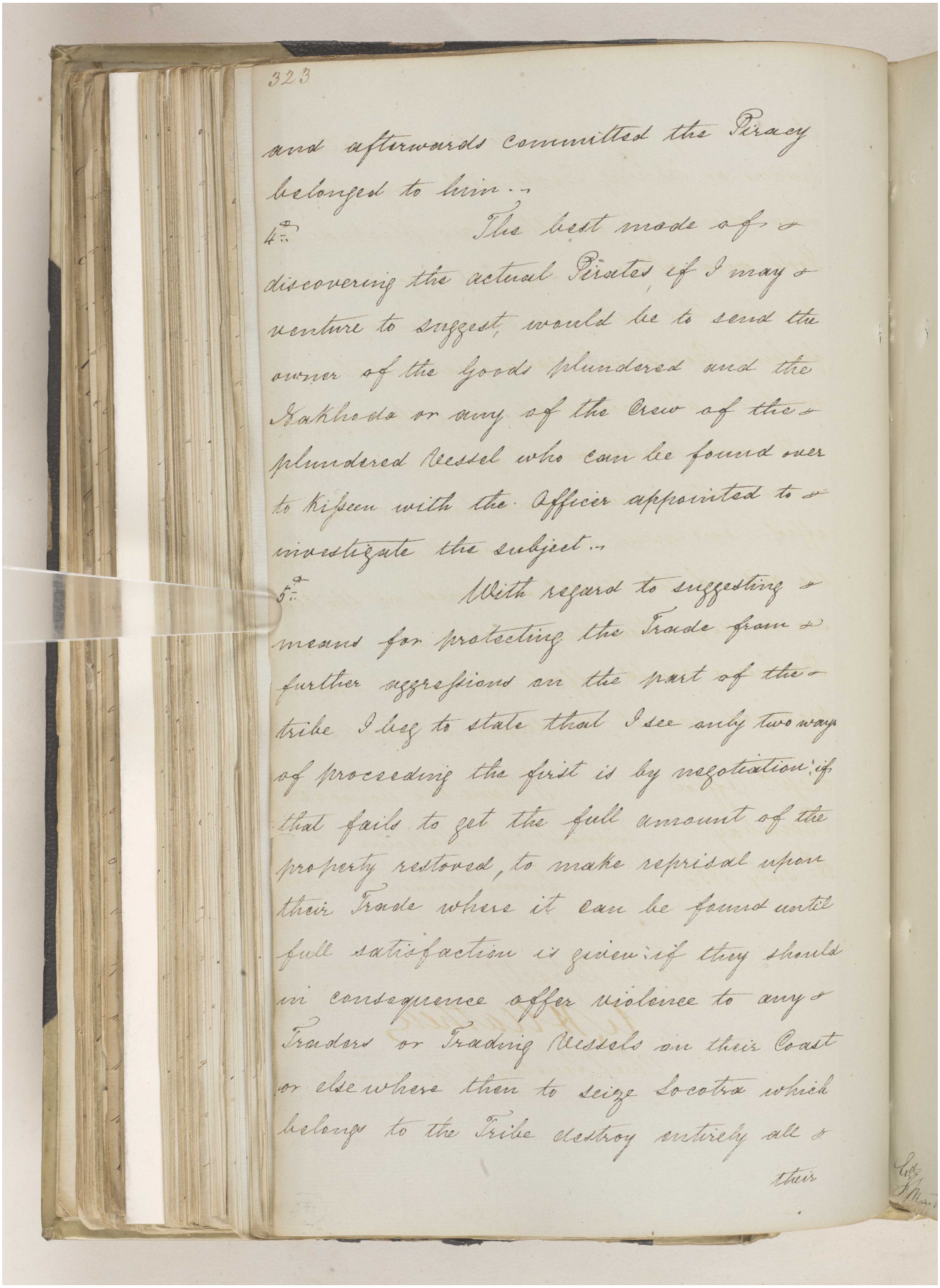

and afterwards committed the Piracy belonged to him.-

4th. The best mode of discovering the actual Pirates, if I may venture to suggest, would be to send the owner of the Goods plundered and the Nakhoda or any of the Crew of the plundered Vessel who can be found over to Kiseen with the Officer appointed to investigate the subject.-

5th. With regard to suggesting means for protecting the Trade from further aggressions on the part of the tribe I beg to state that I see only two ways of proceeding the first is by negotiation; if that fails to get the full amount of the property restored, to make reprisal upon their Trade where it can be found until full satisfaction is given; if they should in consequence offer violence to any Traders or Trading Vessels on their Coast or elsewhere then to seize Socotra which belongs to the Tribe destroy entirely all their

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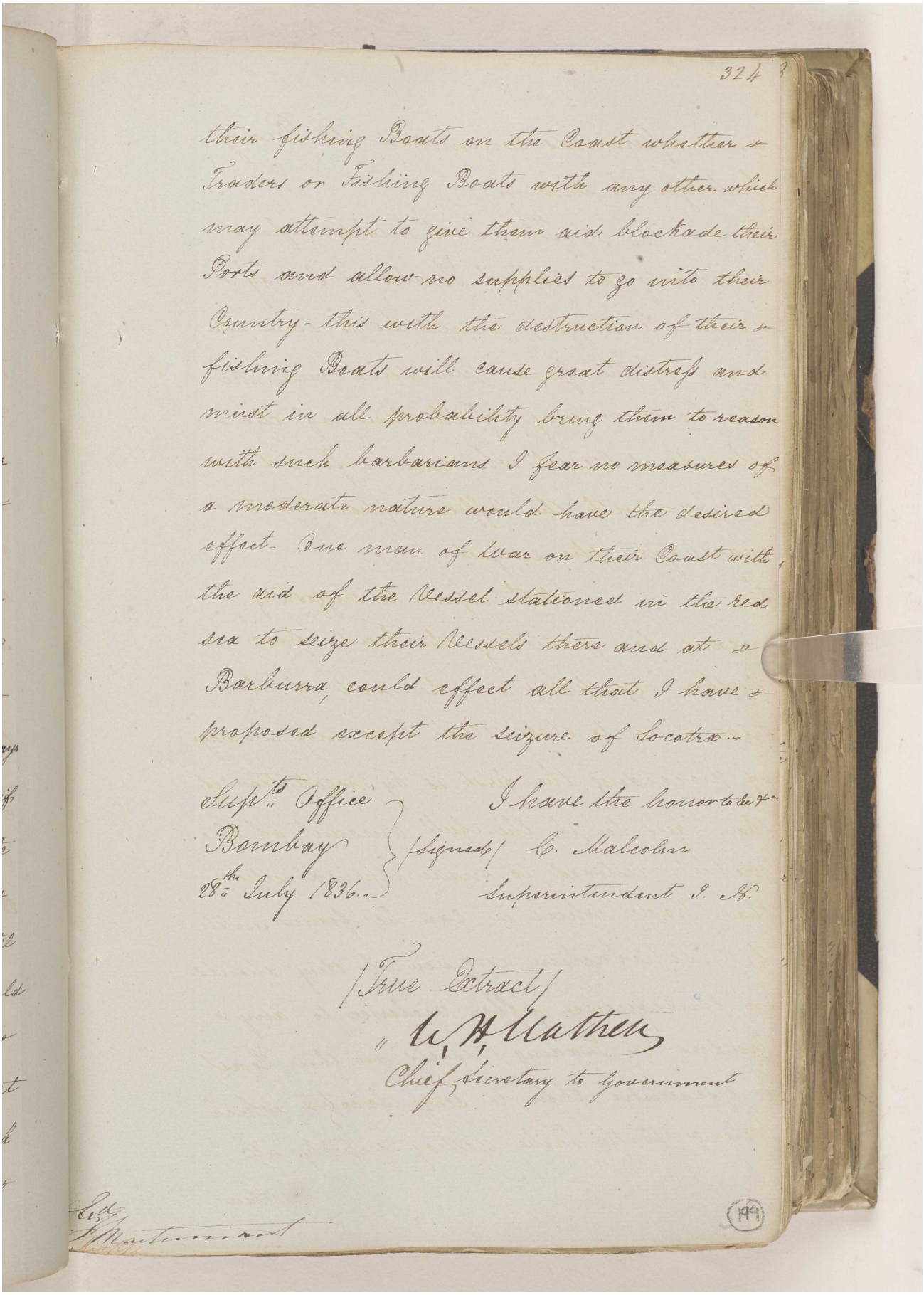

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their fishing Boats on the Coast whether
Traders or Fishing Boats with any other which
may attempt to give them aid blockade their
Ports and allow no supplies to go into their
Country - this with the destruction of their
fishing Boats will cause great distress and
must in all probability bring them to reason
with such barbarians I fear no measures of
a moderate nature would have the desired
effect - One man of war on their Coast with
the aid of the Vessel stationed in the Red
sea to seize their Vessels there and at
Barbarra, could effect all that I have
proposed except the seizure of Socotra -

Supt.s Office
Bombay
28th July 1836.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) C. Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

True Extract
W. H. Mathews
Chief Secretary to Government

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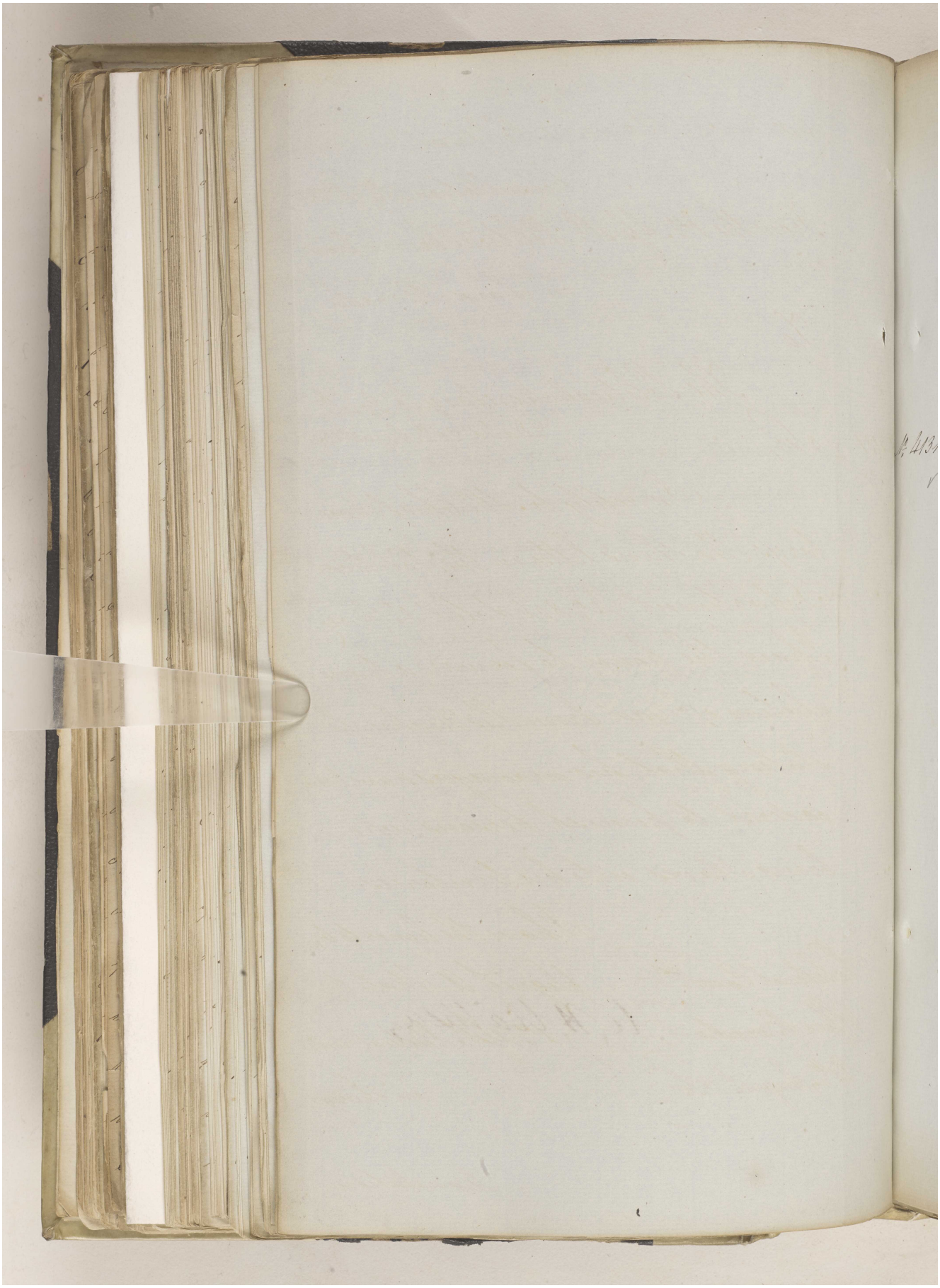

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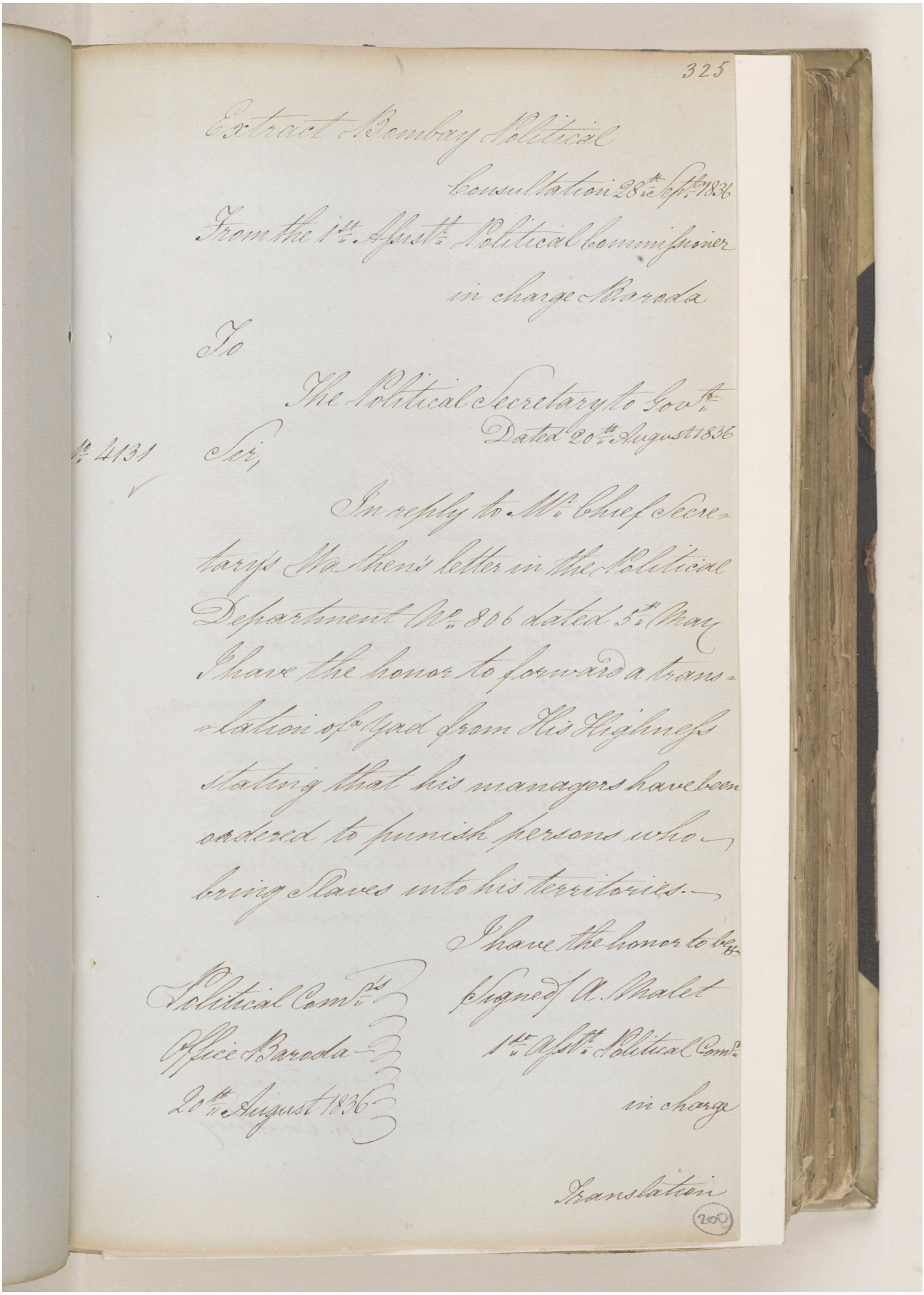

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Consultation 28th Sept. 1836

From the 1st Assistt. Political Commissioner in charge Baroda

To

The Political Secretary to Govt.

Dated 20th August 1836

No. 4131 Sir,

In reply to Mr. Chief Secretary's Wathen's letter in the Political Department No. 806 dated 5th May I have the honor to forward a translation of a Yad from His Highness stating that his managers have been ordered to punish persons who bring Slaves into his territories.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) A. Malet
1st Asstt. Political Comr.
in charge

Political Comrs.
Office Baroda
20th August 1836

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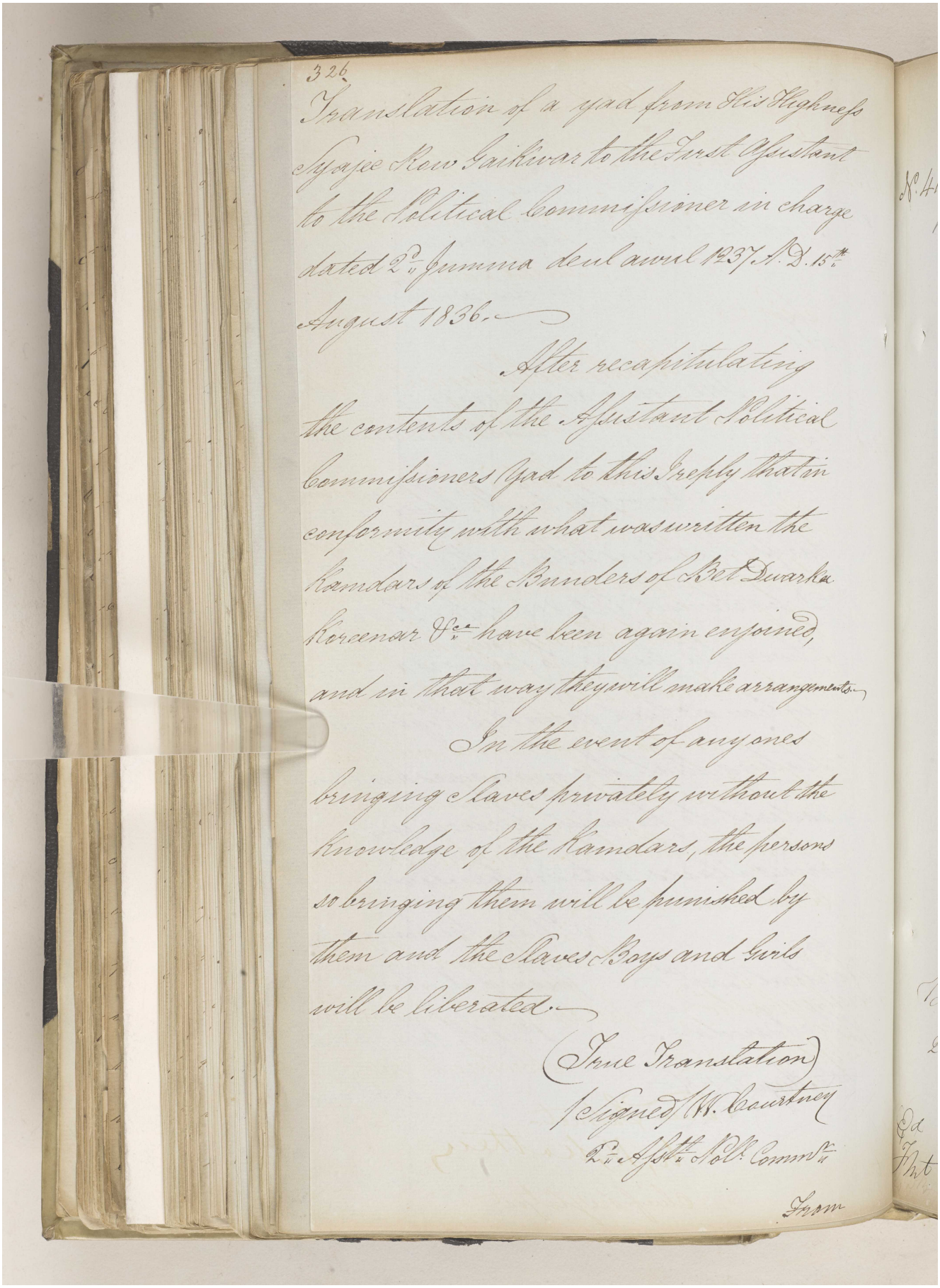

Translation of a yad from His Highness Syajee Row Gaikwar to the First Assistant to the Political Commissioner in charge dated 2d Jumma deul awul 1237 A.D. 15th August 1836.

After recapitulating the contents of the Assistant Political Commissioners Yad to this I reply that in conformity with what was written the Kamdars of the Bunders of Bet Dwarka Korcenar &c have been again enjoined, and in that way they will make arrangements.

In the event of any ones bringing Slaves privately without the knowledge of the Kamdars, the persons so bringing them will be punished by them and the Slaves Boys and Girls will be liberated.

(True Translation)
(Signed) W. Courtney
2d Asstt Poll. Commr

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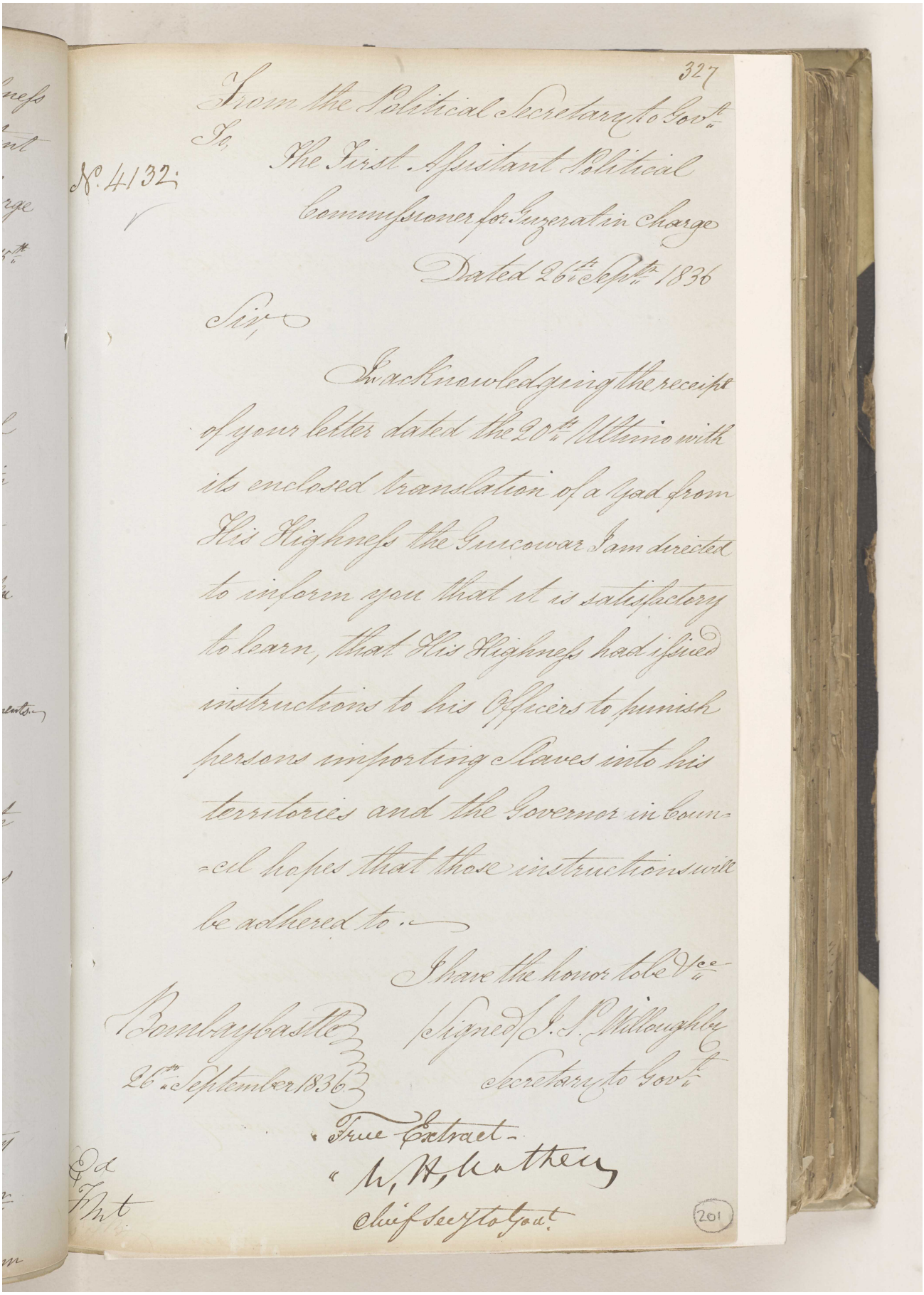

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From the Political Secretary to Govt.

To

The First Assistant Political

Commissioner for Guzerat in Charge

Dated 26th Sept. 1836

No. 4132

Sir,

I acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated the 20th Ultimo with its enclosed translation of a Yad from His Highness the Guicowar I am directed to inform you that it is satisfactory to learn, that His Highness had issued instructions to his Officers to punish persons importing Slaves into his territories and the Governor in Council hopes that those instructions will be adhered to.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed J. S. Willoughby

Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle

26th September 1836

True Extract

W. H. Matthews

Chief Secy to Govt.

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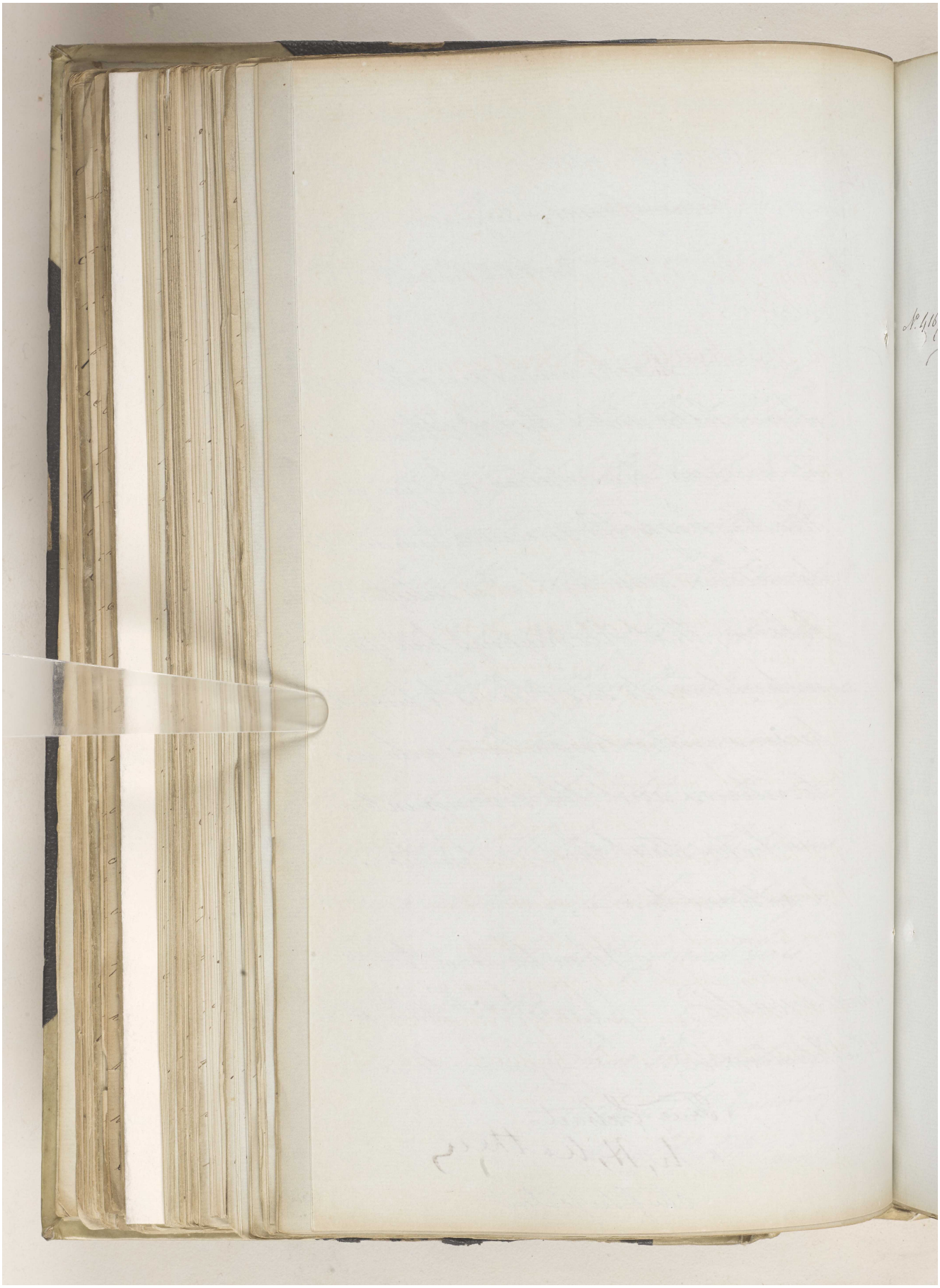

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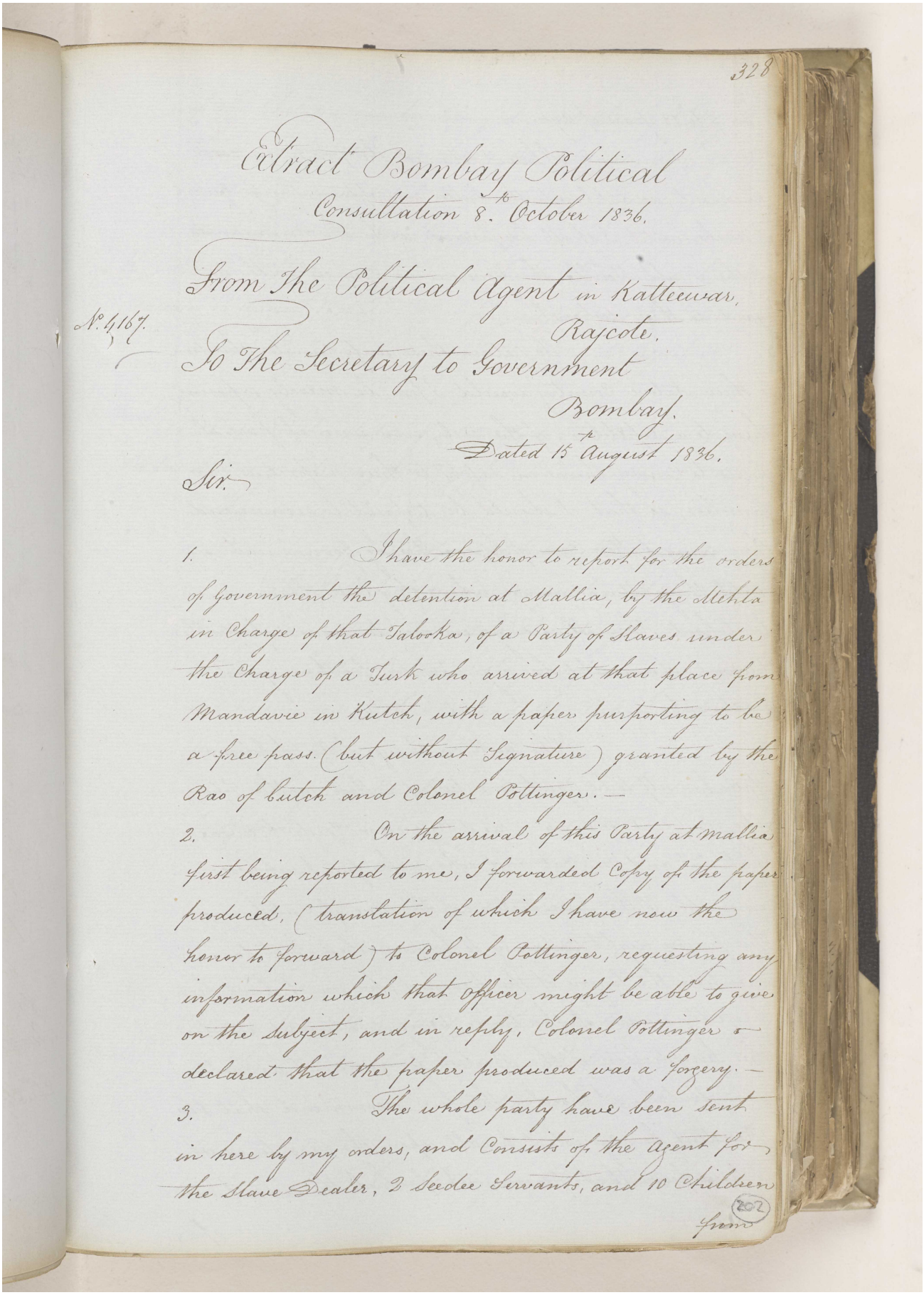

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 8th October 1836.

From The Political Agent in Kattewar,
Rajcote.
No. 4167.
To The Secretary to Government
Bombay.
Dated 15th August 1836.

Sir.

1. I have the honor to report for the orders of Government the detention at Mallia, by the Mehta in Charge of that Talooka, of a Party of Slaves under the Charge of a Turk who arrived at that place from Mandavie in Kutch, with a paper purporting to be a free pass (but without Signature) granted by the Rao of Kutch and Colonel Pottinger. —

2. On the arrival of this Party at Mallia first being reported to me, I forwarded Copy of the paper produced, (translation of which I have now the honor to forward) to Colonel Pottinger, requesting any information which that Officer might be able to give on the subject, and in reply, Colonel Pottinger has declared that the paper produced was a forgery. —

3. The whole party have been sent in here by my orders, and Consists of the Agent for the Slave Dealer, 2 Seedee Servants, and 10 Children

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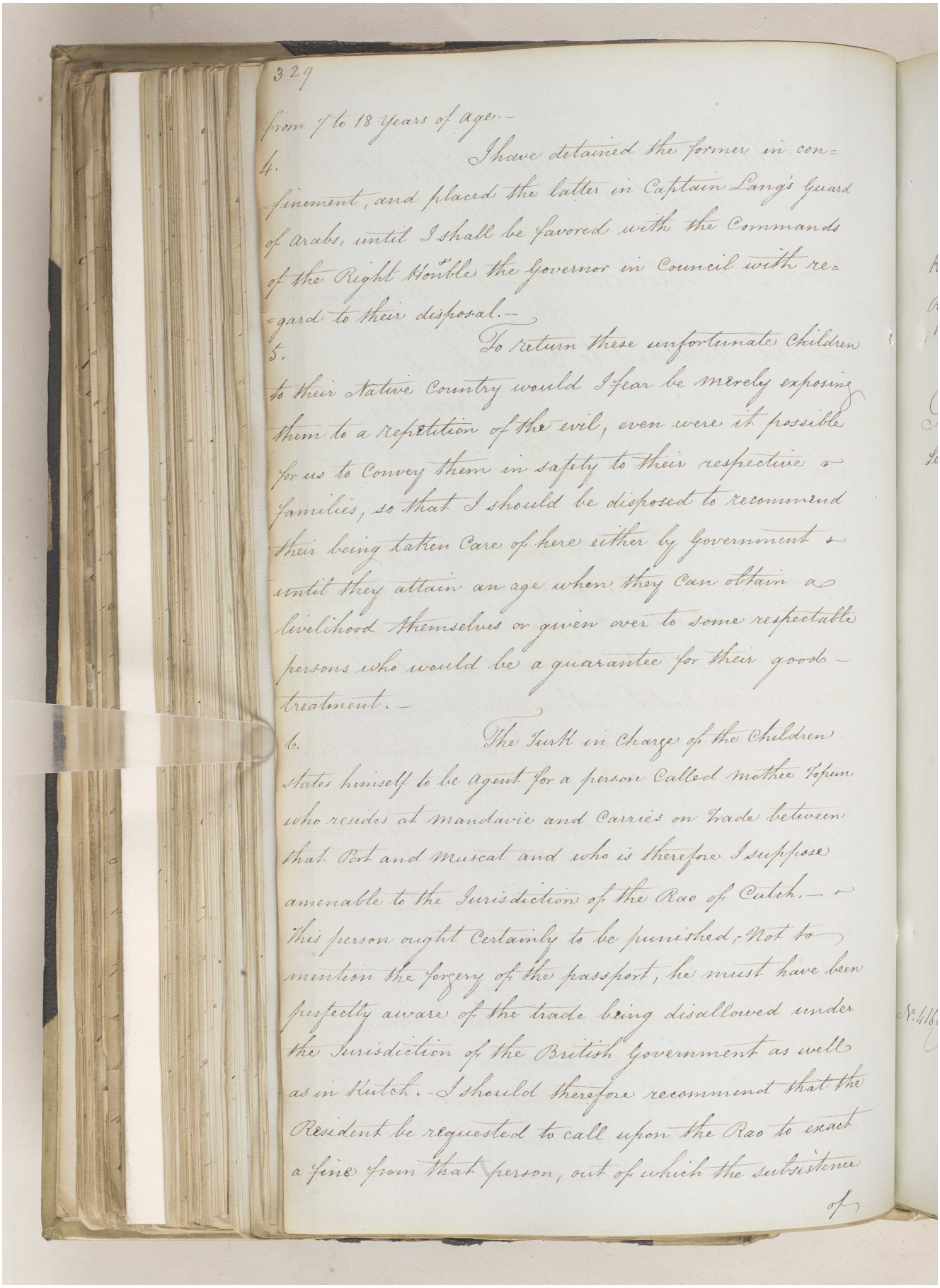

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from 7 to 18 years of age.—

4. I have detained the former in con=
finement, and placed the latter in Captain Lang's Guard
of Arabs, until I shall be favored with the Commands
of the Right Honble the Governor in Council with re=
=gard to their disposal.—

5. To return these unfortunate Children
to their Native Country would I fear be merely exposing
them to a repetition of the evil, even were it possible
for us to Convey them in safety to their respective
families, so that I should be disposed to recommend
their being taken Care of here either by Government
until they attain an age when they Can obtain a
livelihood themselves or given over to some respectable
persons who would be a guarantee for their good=
treatment.—

6. The Jusk in Charge of the Children
states himself to be Agent for a person Called Mothee Topun
who resides at Mandavie and Carries on Trade between
that Port and Muscat and who is therefore I suppose
amenable to the Jurisdiction of the Rao of Cutch.—
This person ought Certainly to be punished. Not to
mention the forgery of the passport, he must have been
perfectly aware of the trade being disallowed under
the Jurisdiction of the British Government as well
as in Kutch.—I should therefore recommend that the
Resident be requested to call upon the Rao to exact
a fine from that person, out of which the subsistence

of

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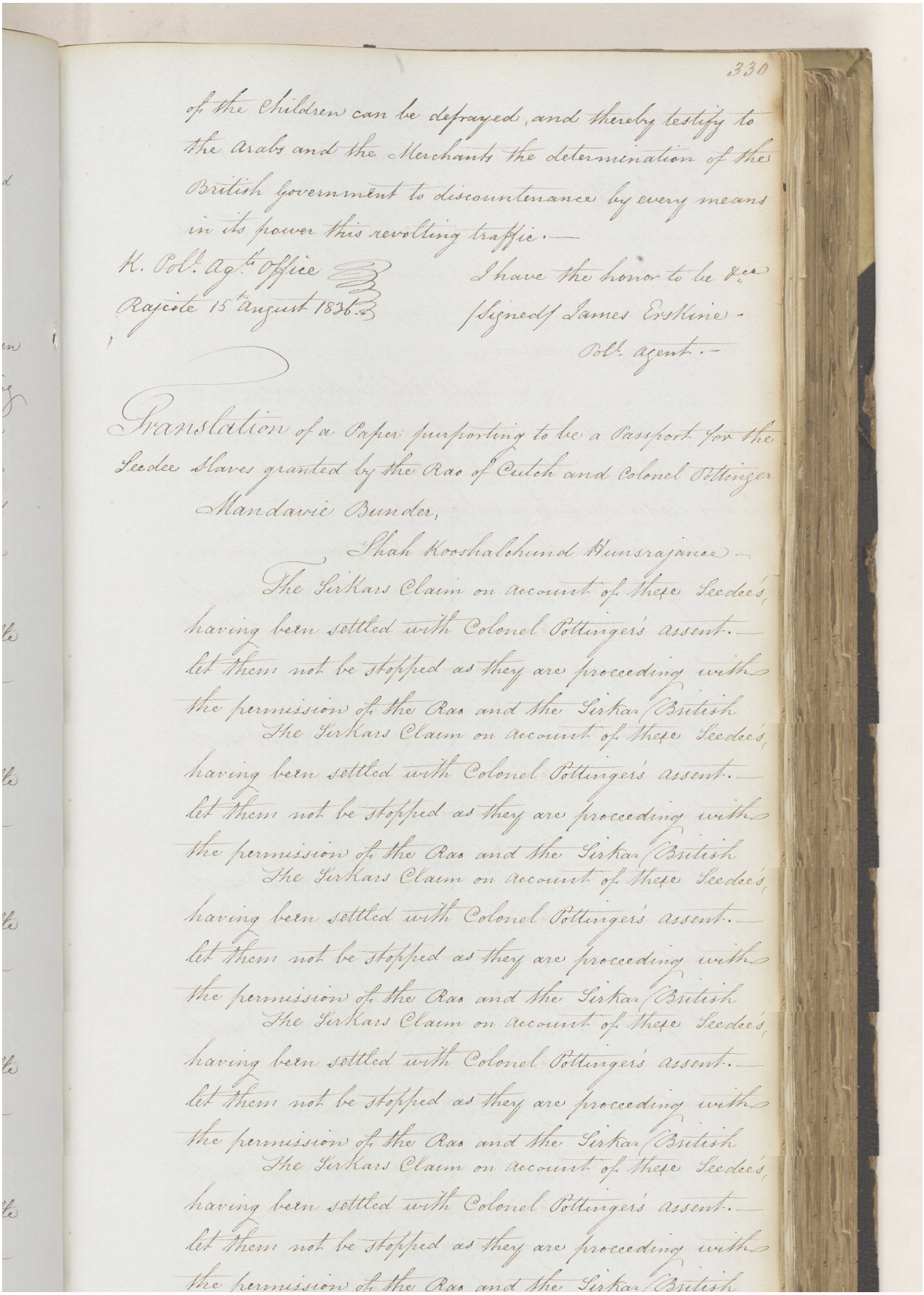

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of the Children can be defrayed, and thereby testify to the Arabs and the Merchants the determination of the British Government to discountenance by every means in its power this revolting traffic.—

K. Poll. Agt. Office
Rajcote 15th August 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) James Erskine.
Poll. agent.—

Translation of a Paper purporting to be a Passport for the Seedee Slaves granted by the Rao of Cutch and Colonel Pottinger

Mandavie Bunder,

Shah Kooshalchund Bunsrajanee—

The Sirkars Claim on account of these Seedee's, having been settled with Colonel Pottinger's assent.— let them not be stopped as they are proceeding with the permission of the Rao and the Sirkar/British

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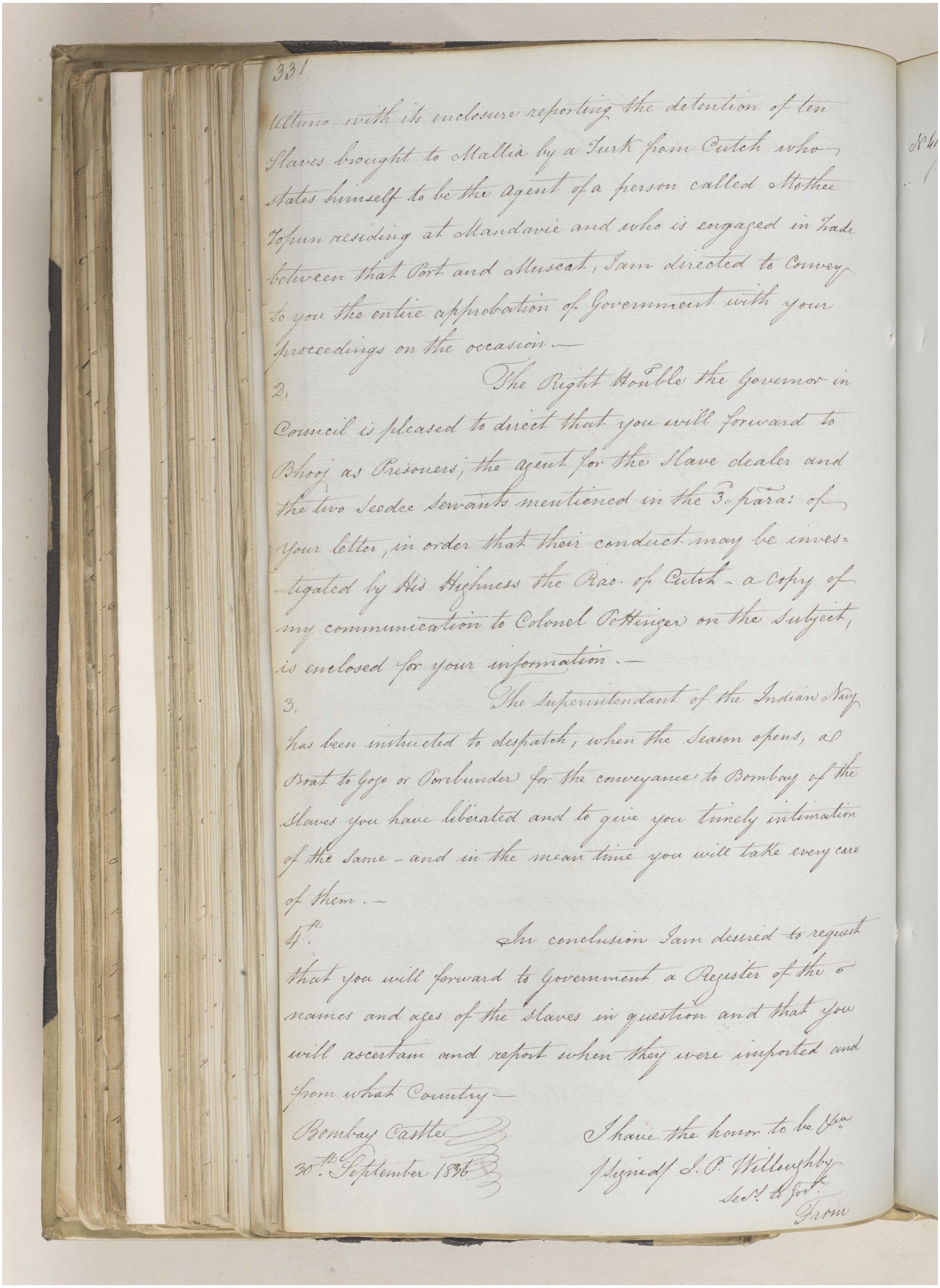

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Ultimo with its enclosure reporting the detention of ten Slaves brought to Mallia by a Turk from Cutch who states himself to be the agent of a person called Mothee Tofun residing at Mandavie and who is engaged in trade between that Port and Muscat, I am directed to convey to you the entire approbation of Government with your proceedings on the occasion.—

2. The Right Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that you will forward to Bhooj as Prisoners, the agent for the Slave dealer and the two Seedee Servants mentioned in the 3. para: of your letter, in order that their conduct may be investigated by His Highness the Rao of Cutch – a Copy of my communication to Colonel McGregor on the Subject, is enclosed for your information.—

3. The Superintendant of the Indian Navy has been instructed to despatch, when the Season opens, a Boat to Goga or Porebunder for the conveyance to Bombay of the Slaves you have liberated and to give you timely intimation of the same – and in the mean time you will take every care of them.—

4th. In conclusion I am desired to request that you will forward to Government a Register of the names and ages of the Slaves in question and that you will ascertain and report when they were imported and from what Country.—

Bombay Castle
30th September 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt
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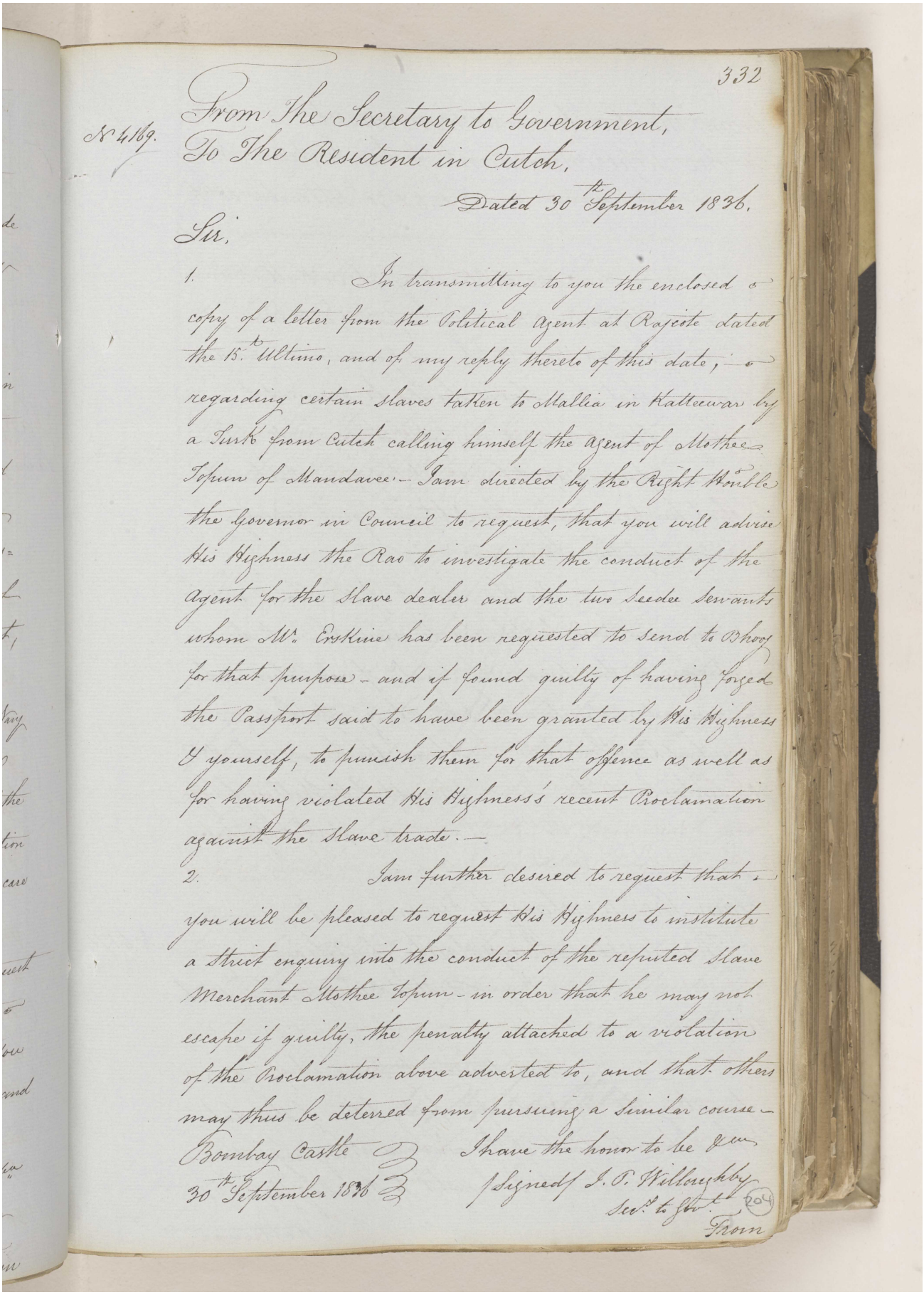

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No 4169.

From The Secretary to Government,
To The Resident in Cutch.

Dated 30th September 1836.

Sir,

1. In transmitting to you the enclosed a copy of a letter from the Political Agent at Rajcote dated the 15th Ultimo, and of my reply thereto of this date, regarding certain slaves taken to Mallia in Kattewar by a Turk from Cutch calling himself the agent of Mothee Tejum of Mandavee — I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request, that you will advise His Highness the Rao to investigate the conduct of the Agent for the Slave dealer and the two Seedee Servants whom Mr. Erskine has been requested to send to Bhooj for that purpose — and if found guilty of having forged the Passport said to have been granted by His Highness & yourself, to punish them for that offence as well as for having violated His Highness's recent Proclamation against the Slave trade —

2. I am further desired to request that you will be pleased to request His Highness to institute a strict enquiry into the conduct of the reputed Slave Merchant Mothee Tejum — in order that he may not escape if guilty, the penalty attached to a violation of the Proclamation above adverted to, and that others may thus be deterred from pursuing a similar course —

Bombay Castle
30th September 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt

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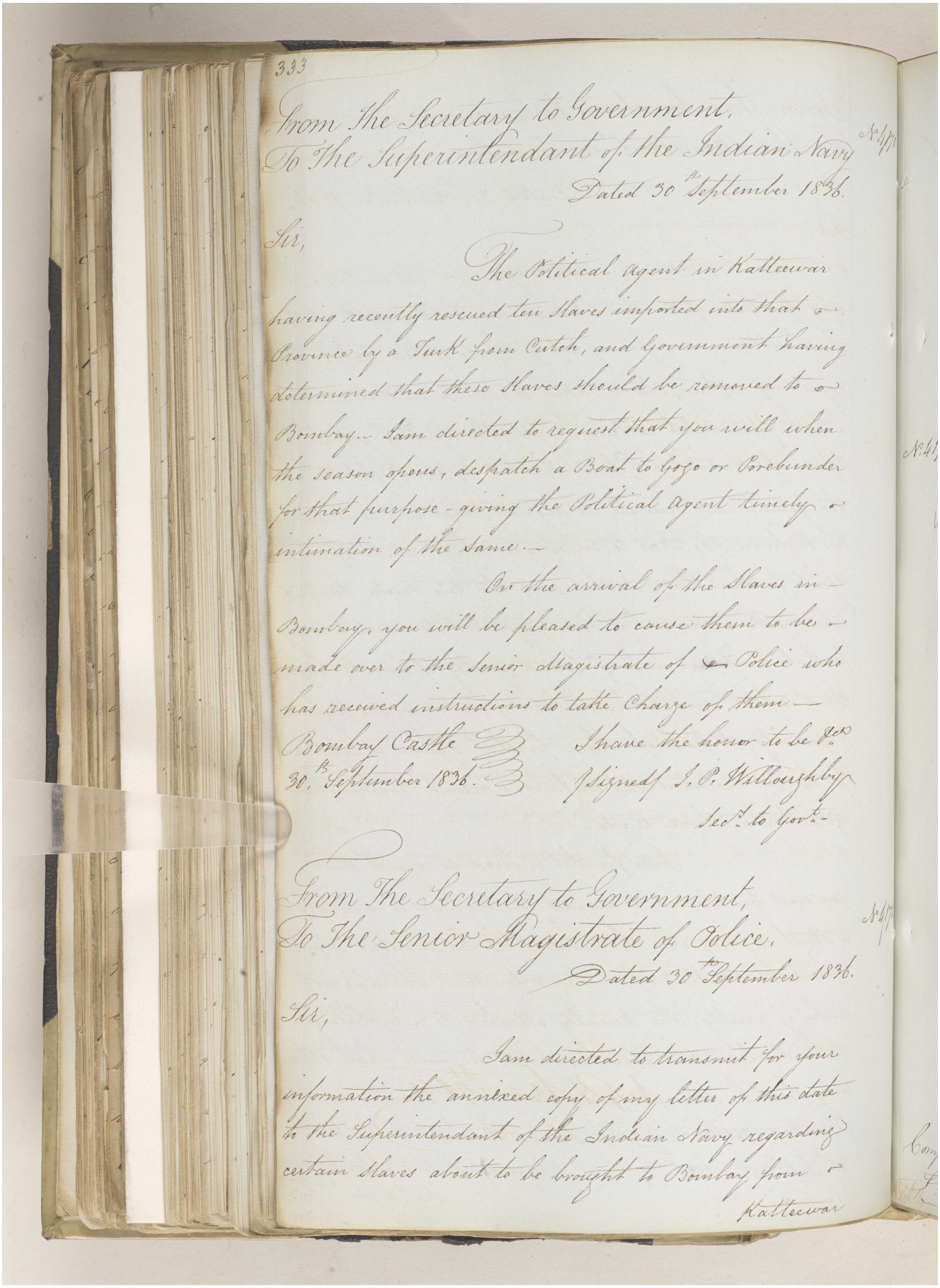

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From The Secretary to Government,
To The Superintendant of the Indian Navy
Dated 30th September 1836.

Sir,

The Political Agent in Kattiewar having recently rescued ten Slaves imported into that Province by a Turk from Cutch, and Government having determined that these Slaves should be removed to Bombay — I am directed to request that you will when the season opens, despatch a Boat to Gogo or Porebunder for that purpose - giving the Political Agent timely intimation of the same —

On the arrival of the Slaves in Bombay, you will be pleased to cause them to be made over to the Senior Magistrate of Police who has received instructions to take Charge of them —

Bombay Castle
30th September 1836.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. R. Willoughby
Secy to Govt —

From The Secretary to Government,
To The Senior Magistrate of Police.
Dated 30th September 1836.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit for your information the annexed copy of my letter of this date to the Superintendant of the Indian Navy regarding certain Slaves about to be brought to Bombay from Kattiewar

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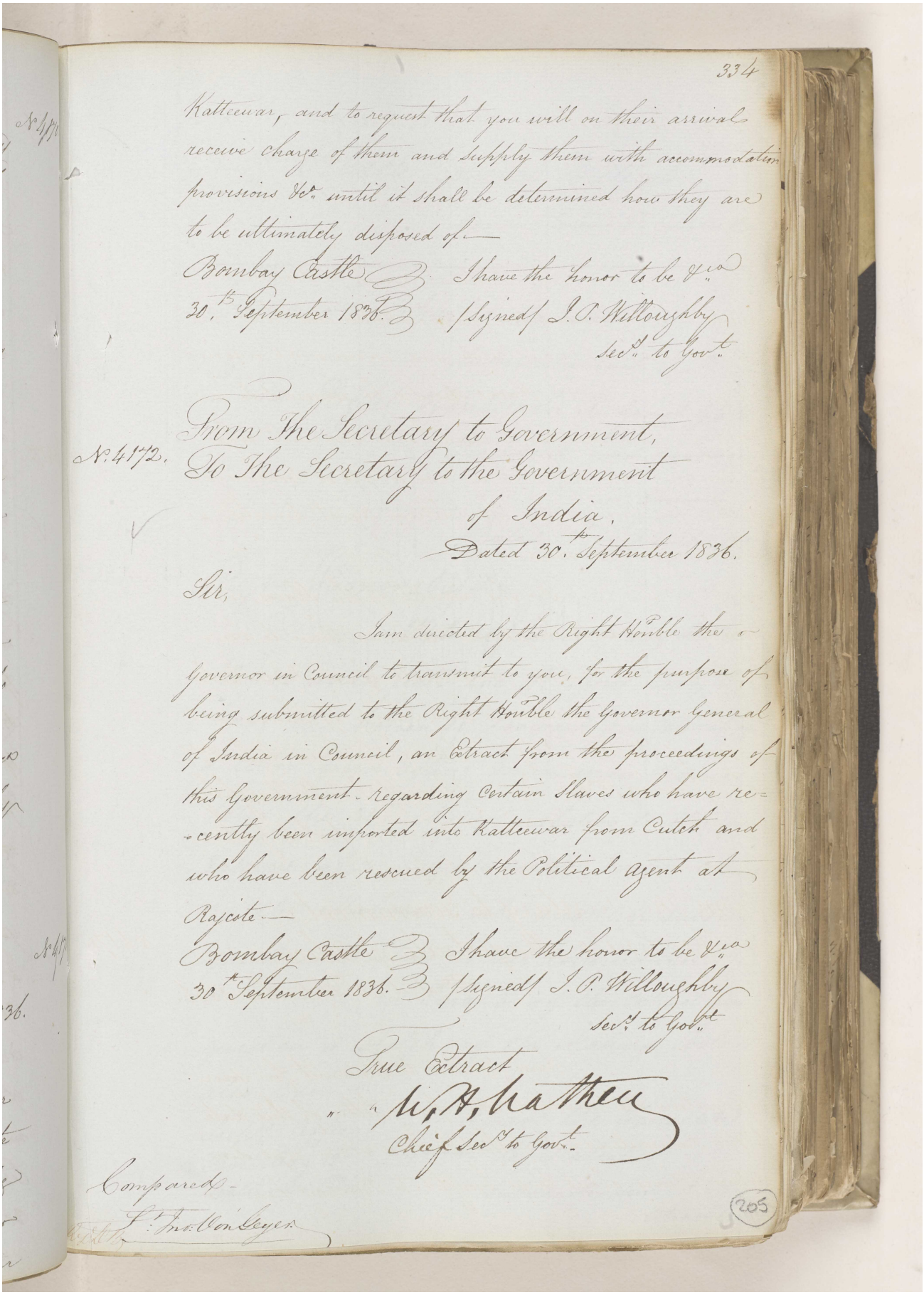

Kattewar, and to request that you will on their arrival receive charge of them and supply them with accommodation provisions &c. until it shall be determined how they are to be ultimately disposed of—

Bombay Castle 30th September 1836. I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ J. P. Willoughby
Sec.y to Gov.t

No. 4172.

From The Secretary to Government,
To The Secretary to the Government of India,
Dated 30th September 1836.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you, for the purpose of being submitted to the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council, an Extract from the proceedings of this Government regarding certain Slaves who have recently been imported into Kattewar from Cutch and who have been rescued by the Political Agent at Rajcote—

Bombay Castle 30th September 1836. I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ J. P. Willoughby
Sec.y to Gov.t

True Extract
W. H. Mathew
Chief Sec.y to Gov.t

Compared—
Lt. Jno. Van Leyen

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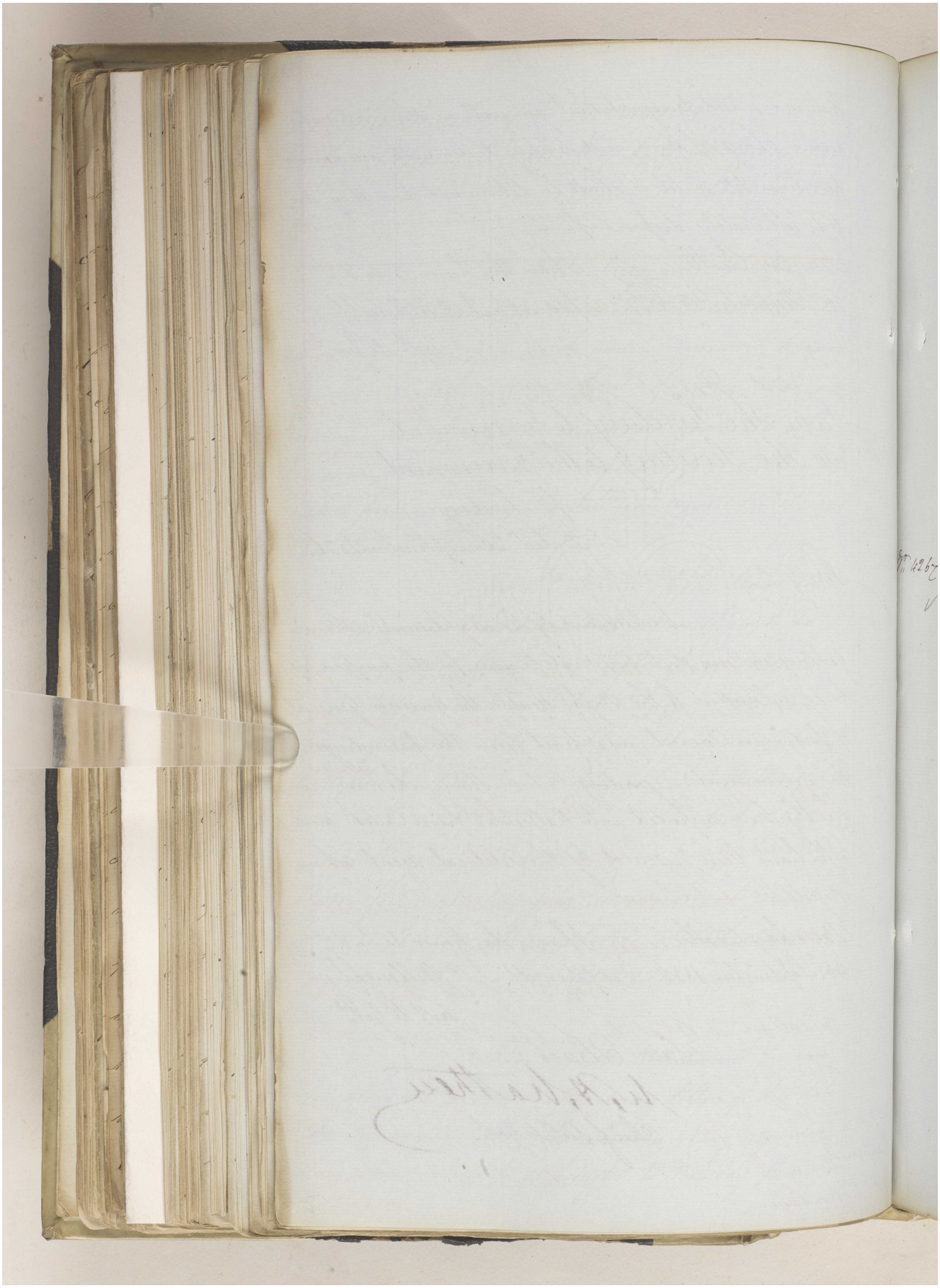

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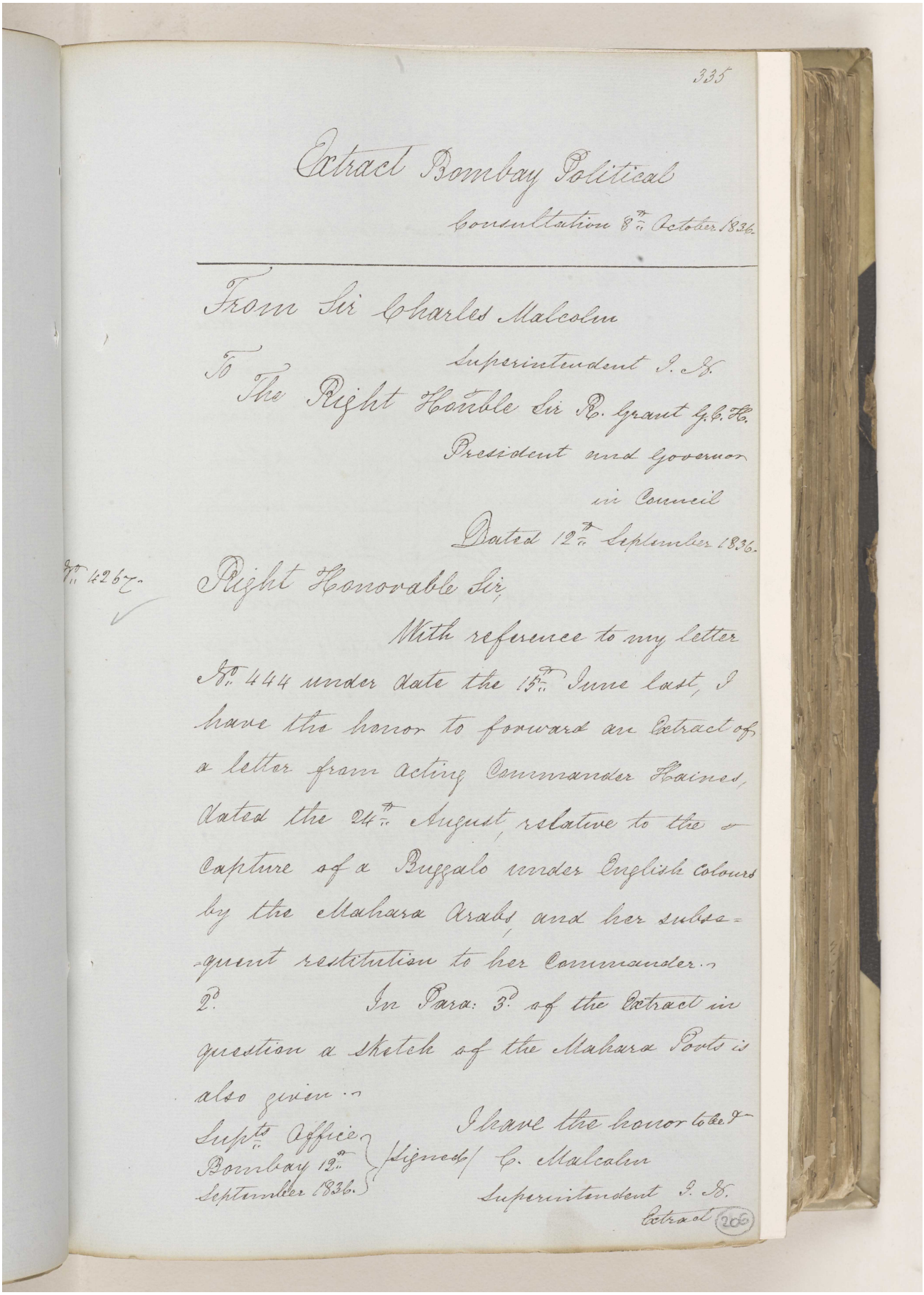

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 8th October 1836

From Sir Charles Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.
To The Right Honble Sir R. Grant G.C.H.
President and Governor
in Council
Dated 12th September 1836.

No. 4267.

Right Honorable Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 444 under date the 15th June last, I have the honor to forward an Extract of a letter from acting Commander Haines, dated the 24th August, relative to the capture of a Buggalo under English Colours by the Mahara Arabs, and her subsequent restitution to her Commander.

2d. In Para: 3d of the Extract in question a Sketch of the Mahara Ports is also given.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed/ C. Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

Supt. Office
Bombay 12th
September 1836.

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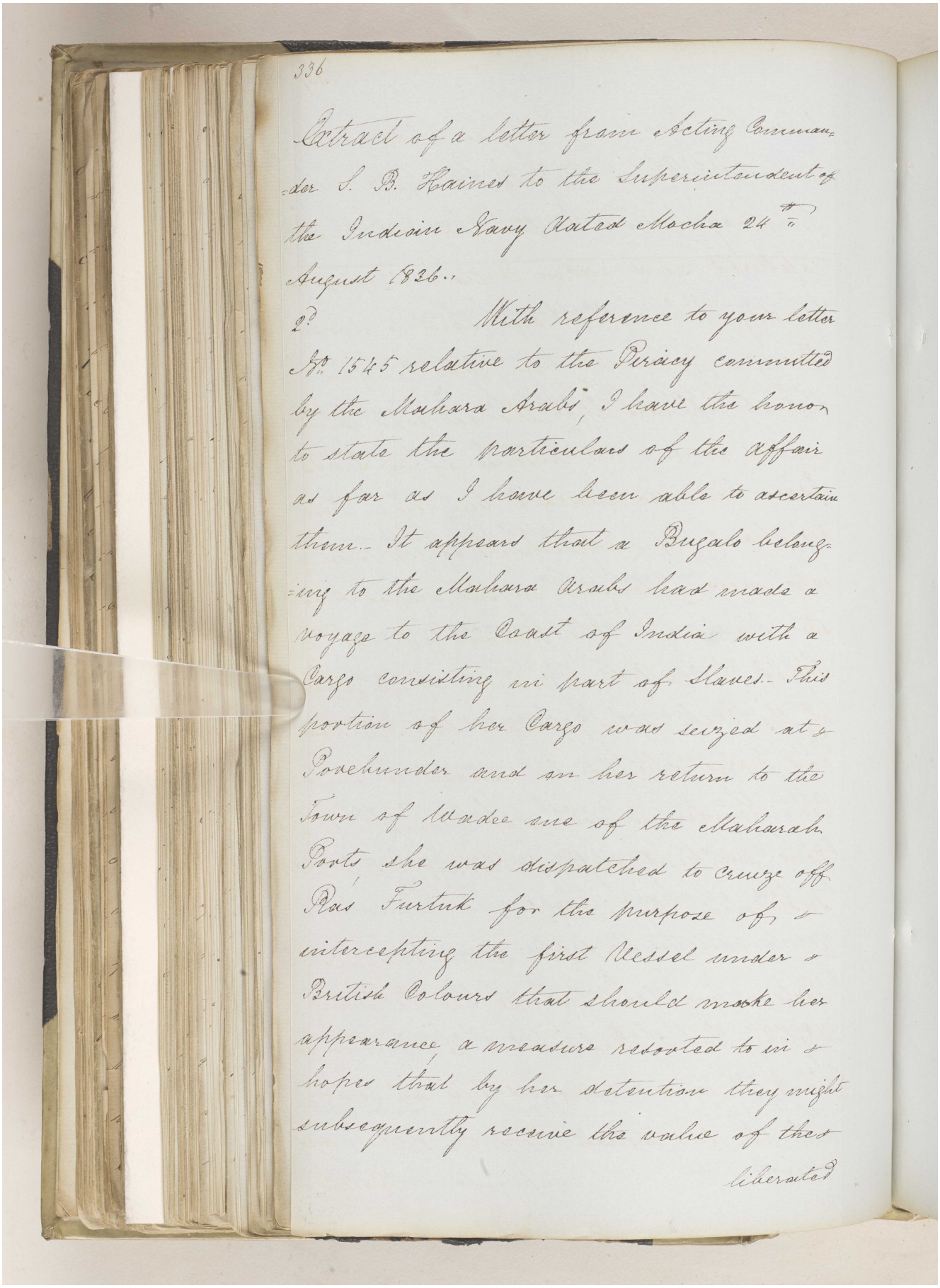

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Extract of a letter from Acting Commander J. B. Haines to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy dated Mocha 24th August 1826.

2d With reference to your letter No. 1545 relative to the Piracy committed by the Mahara Arabs, I have the honor to state the particulars of the affair as far as I have been able to ascertain them. It appears that a Bugalo belonging to the Mahara Arabs had made a voyage to the Coast of India with a Cargo consisting in part of Slaves. This portion of her Cargo was seized at Porebunder and on her return to the Town of Wadee one of the Maharah Ports she was dispatched to Cruize off Ras Furtuk for the purpose of intercepting the first Vessel under British Colours that should make her appearance a measure resorted to in hopes that by her detention they might subsequently receive the value of their liberated

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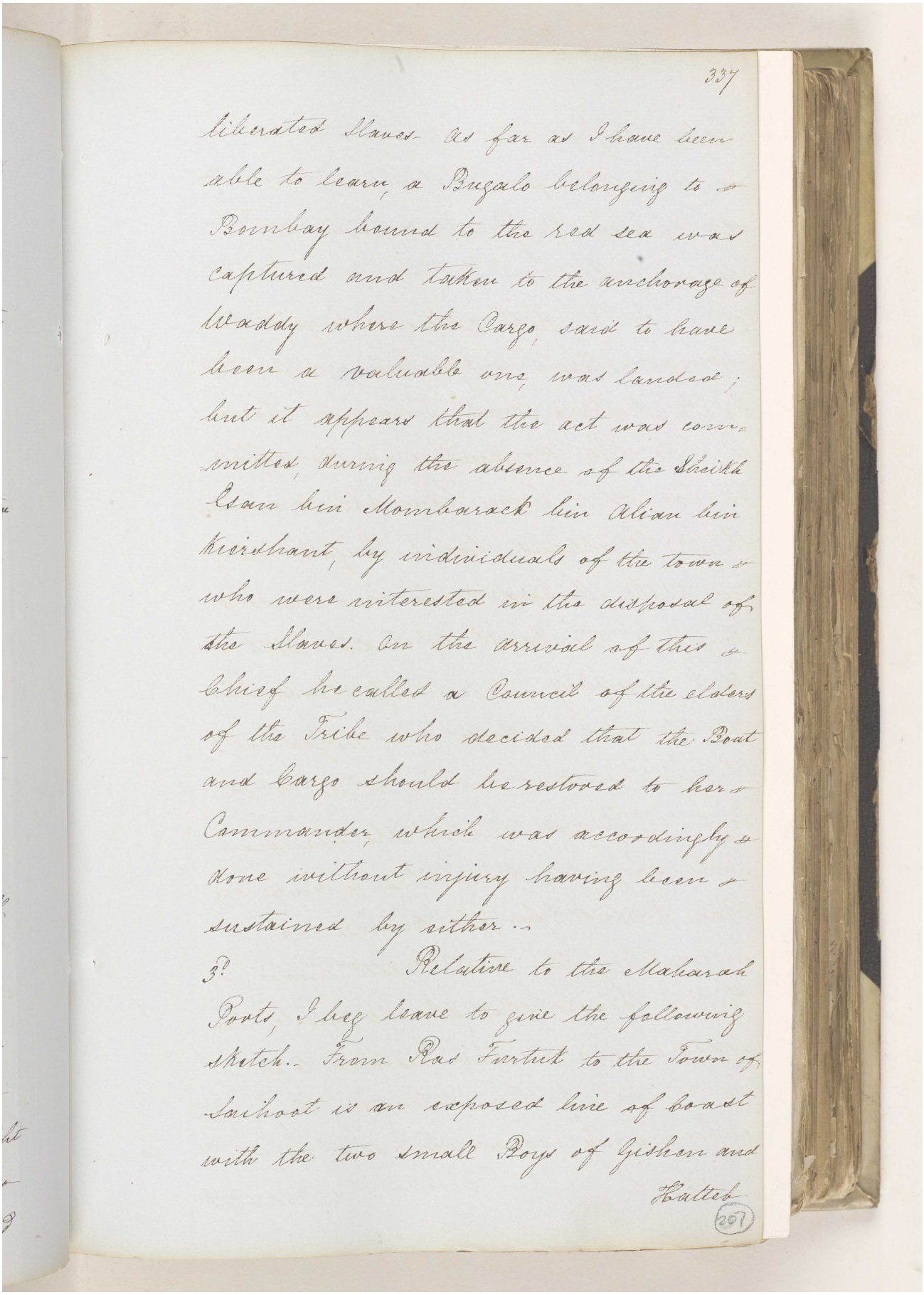

liberated Slaves. As far as I have been able to learn, a Bugalo belonging to Bombay bound to the red sea was captured and taken to the anchorage of Waddy where the Cargo, said to have been a valuable one, was landed; but it appears that the act was committed, during the absence of the Sheikh Esan bin Mombarack bin Alian bin Kiershant, by individuals of the town who were interested in the disposal of the Slaves. On the arrival of this Chief he called a Council of the elders of the Tribe who decided that the Boat and Cargo should be restored to her Commander, which was accordingly done without injury having been sustained by either.

3d. Relative to the Maharah Ports, I beg leave to give the following sketch. From Ras Furtuk to the Town of Saihoot is an exposed line of coast with the two small Boys of Gishen and

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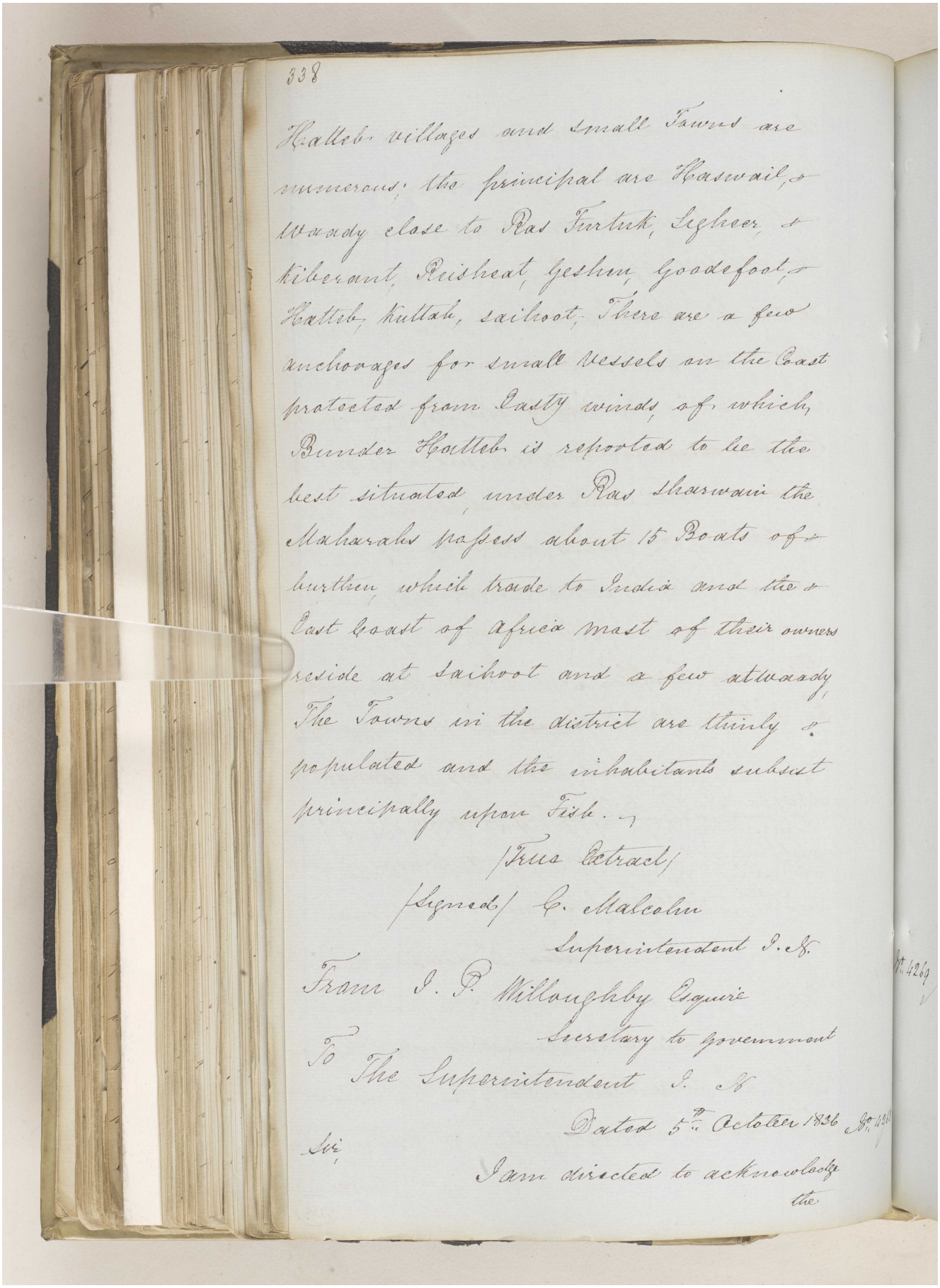

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Hatteb villages and small Towns are numerous; the principal are Haswail, & Waady close to Ras Furtuk, Sigheer, & Kiberant, Reisheat, Geshen, Goodefoot, & Hatteb, Kuttah, saihoot; There are a few anchorages for small Vessels on the Coast protected from Easty winds, of which, Bunder Hatteb is reported to be the best situated, under Ras Sharwain the Maharahs possess about 15 Boats of & burthen, which trade to India and the & East Coast of Africa most of their owners reside at Saihoot and a few at Waady, The Towns in the district are thinly & populated and the inhabitants subsist principally upon Fish.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

From I. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To The Superintendent I. N.

Dated 5th October 1836 No. 4269

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the

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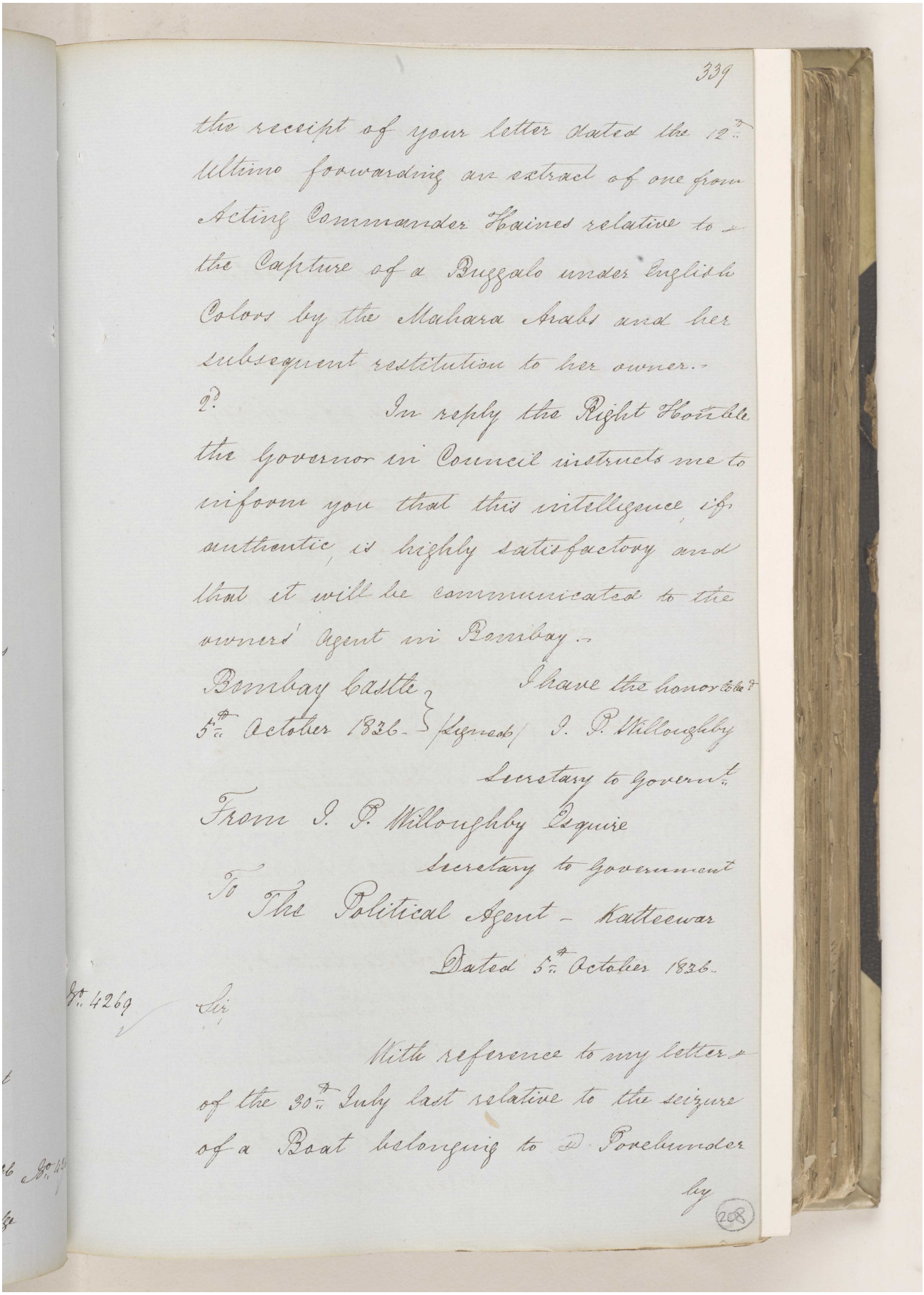

the receipt of your letter dated the 12th Ultimo forwarding an extract of one from Acting Commander Haines relative to the Capture of a Buggalo under English Colors by the Mahara Arabs and her subsequent restitution to her owner.

2d In reply the Right Honble the Governor in Council instructs me to inform you that this intelligence, if authentic, is highly satisfactory and that it will be communicated to the owners' Agent in Bombay.

Bombay Castle
5th October 1836.

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govern.t

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To The Political Agent - Katteewar

Dated 5th October 1836.

No. 4269

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 30th July last relative to the seizure of a Boat belonging to D. Porebunder

by

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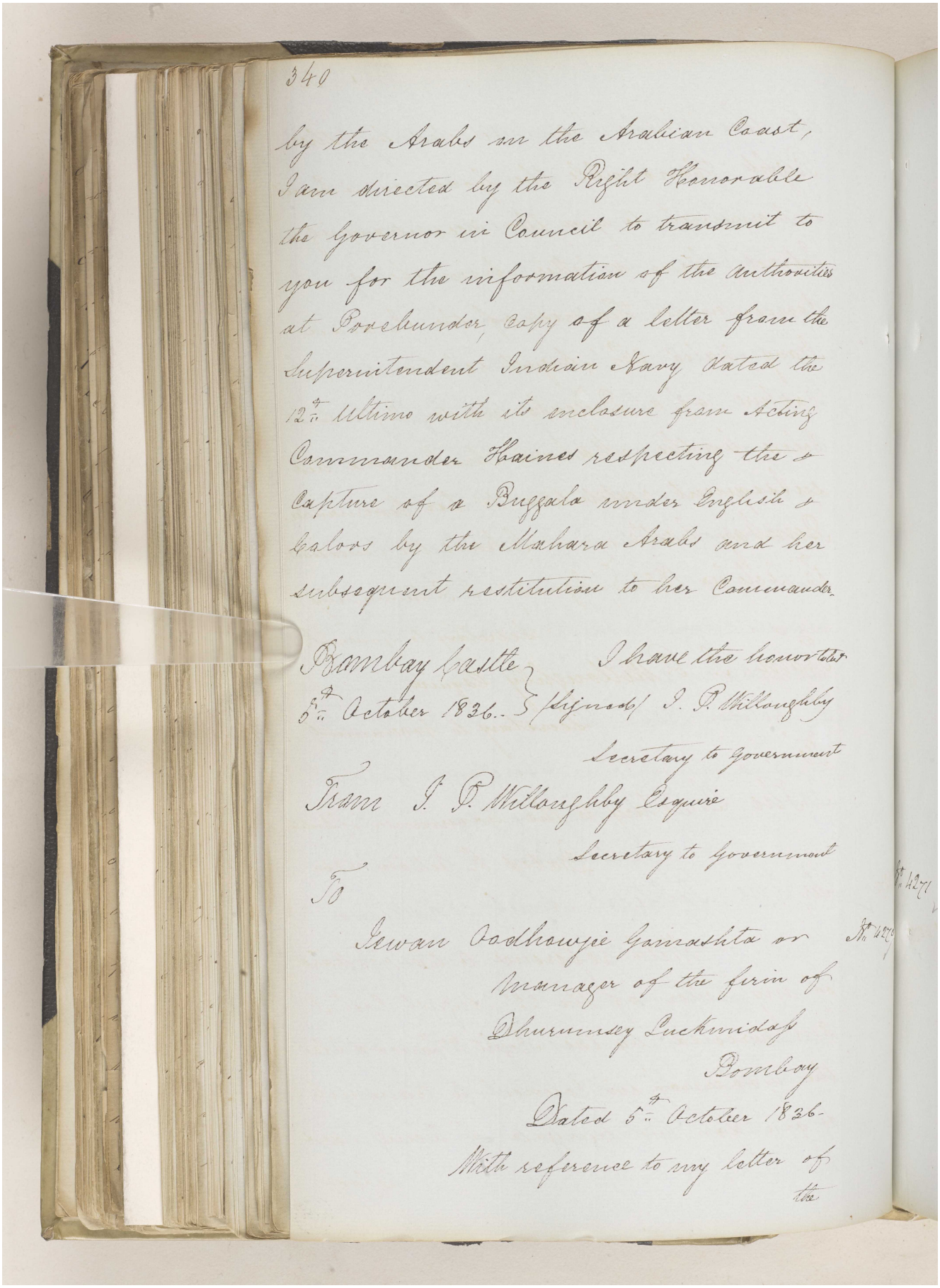

by the Arabs on the Arabian Coast, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the information of the Authorities at Porebunder, copy of a letter from the Superintendent Indian Navy dated the 12th Ultimo with its enclosure from Acting Commander Haines respecting the Capture of a Buggala under English Colors by the Mahara Arabs and her subsequent restitution to her Commander.

Bombay Castle
5th October 1836.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To

Jewan Oodhowjee Gomashta or
Manager of the firm of
Dhurumsey Luckmidass
Bombay

Dated 5th October 1836.

With reference to my letter of
the

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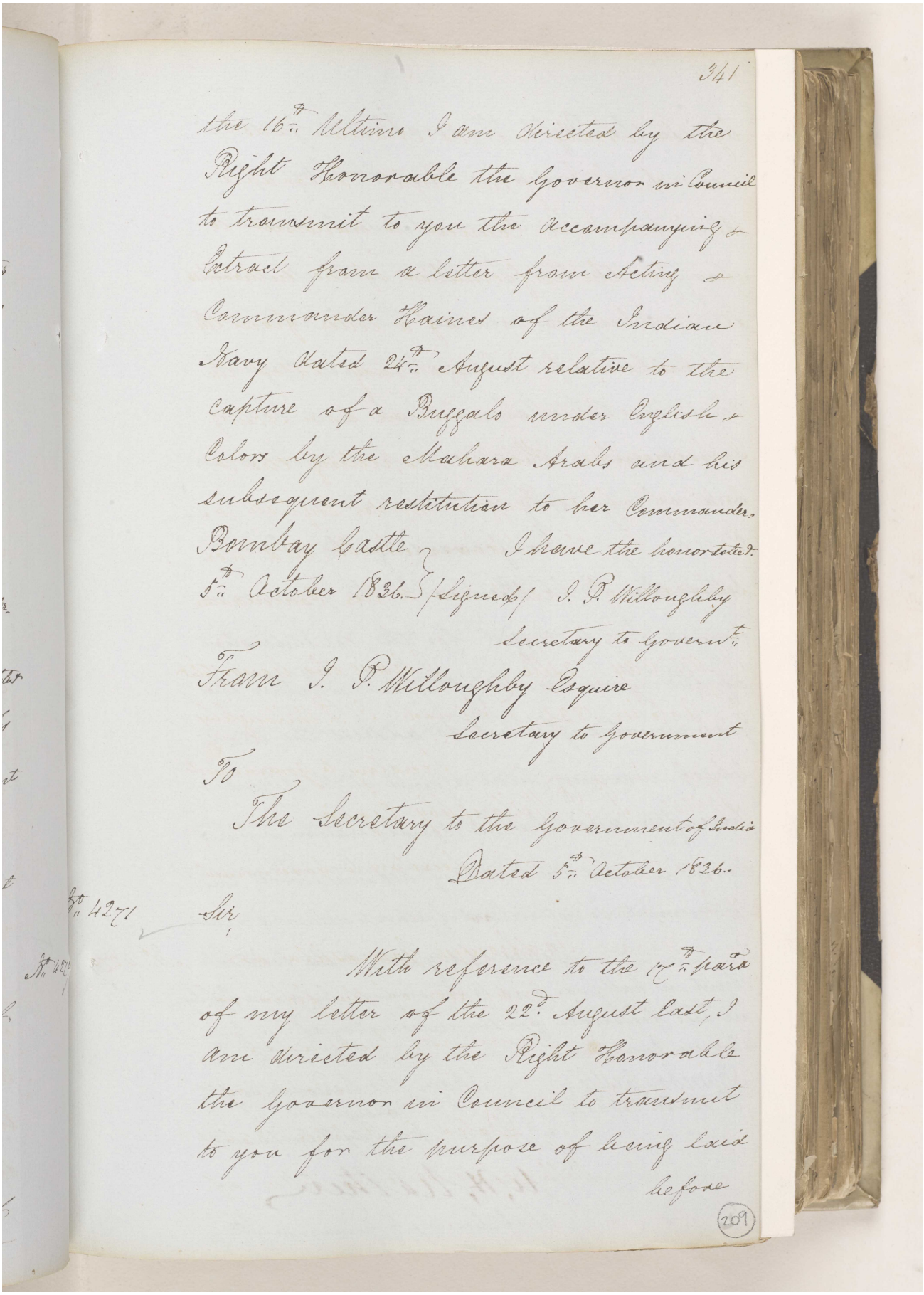

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the 16th. Ultimo I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Extract from a letter from Acting Commander Haines of the Indian Navy dated 24th. August relative to the capture of a Buggalo under English Colors by the Mahara Arabs and his subsequent restitution to her Commander.

Bombay Castle 5th. October 1826. I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble Servant /Signed/ I. P. Willoughby Secretary to Govert.

From I. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Dated 5th. October 1826.

No. 4271

Sir,

With reference to the 4th. para of my letter of the 22d. August last, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before

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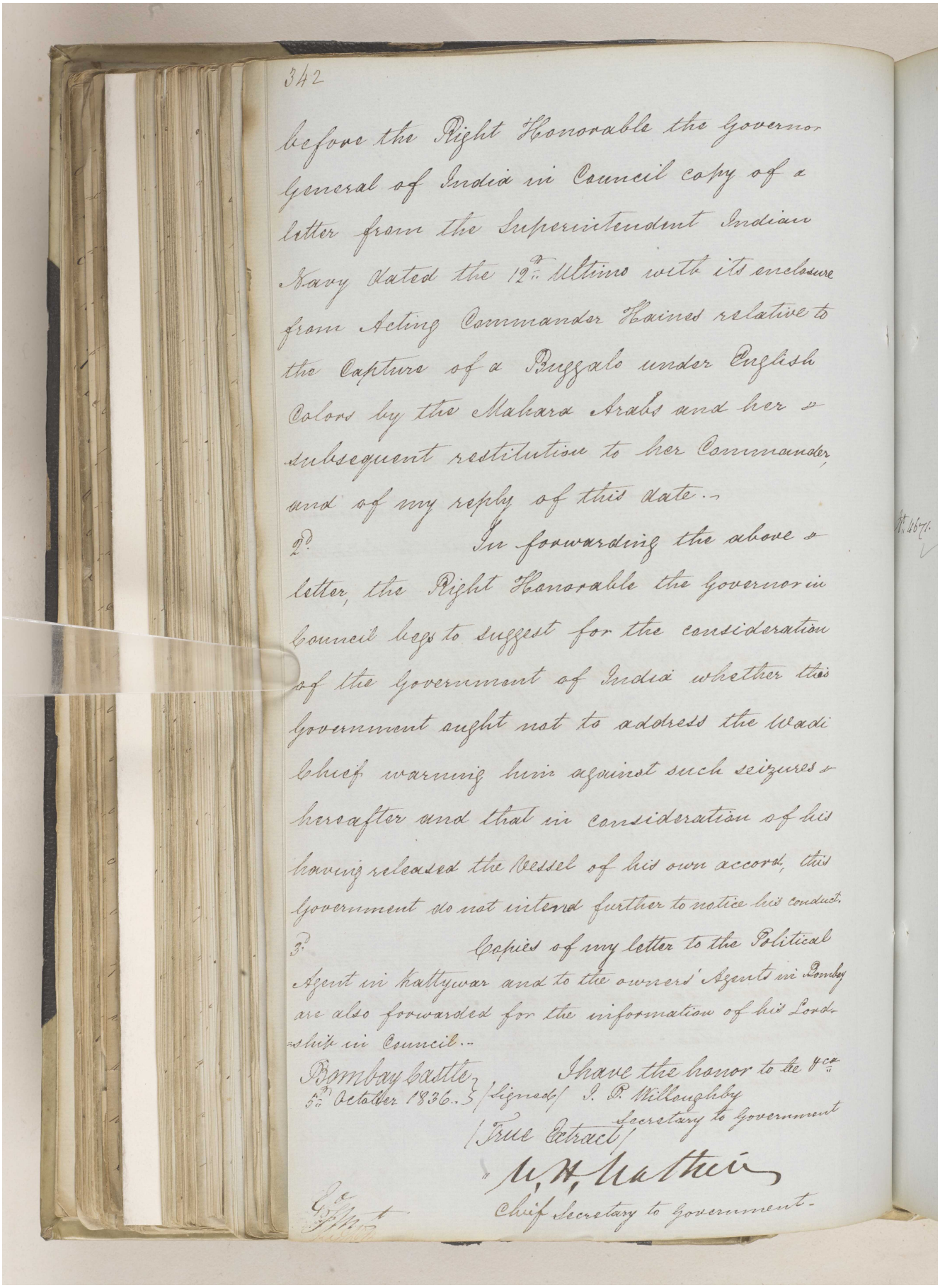

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before the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council copy of a letter from the Superintendent Indian Navy dated the 12th Ultimo with its enclosure from Acting Commander Haines relative to the Capture of a Buggalo under English Colors by the Mahara Arabs and her subsequent restitution to her Commander, and of my reply of this date.-

2d. In forwarding the above letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council begs to suggest for the consideration of the Government of India whether this Government ought not to address the Wadi Chief warning him against such seizures hereafter and that in consideration of his having released the Vessel of his own accord, this Government do not intend further to notice his conduct.

3d. Copies of my letter to the Political Agent in Kattywar and to the owners' Agents in Bombay are also forwarded for the information of his Lordship in Council.-

Bombay Castle 5th October 1836. I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ J. R. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

/True Extract/
W. H. Mathias
Chief Secretary to Government.

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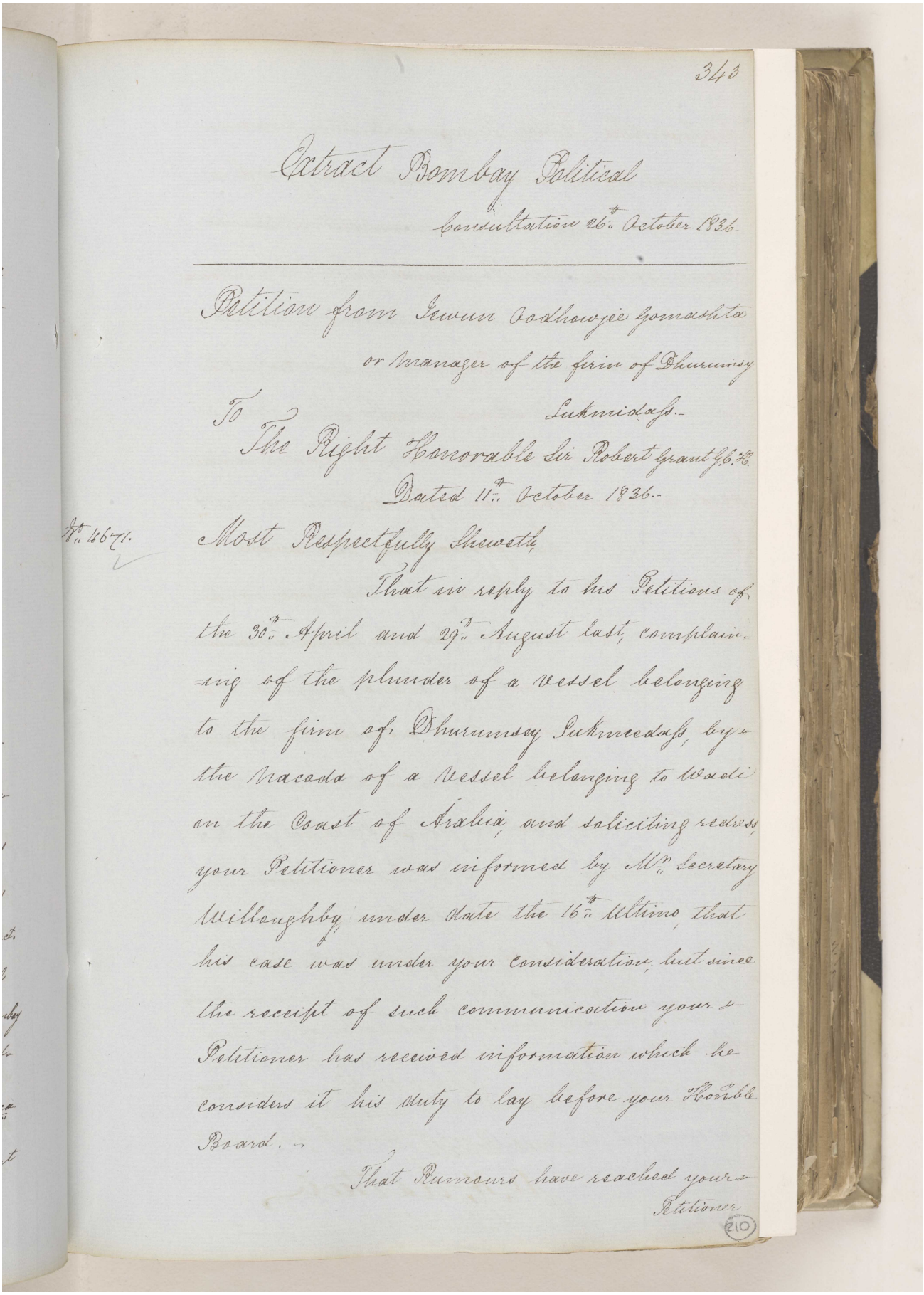

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 26th October 1836.

Petition from Jewun Oodhowjee Gomashta or Manager of the firm of Dhurmsey Sukmidas.

To

The Right Honorable Sir Robert Grant &c. &c.

Dated 11th October 1836.

No. 4671.

Most Respectfully Sheweth

That in reply to his Petitions of the 30th April and 29th August last, complaining of the plunder of a vessel belonging to the firm of Dhurmsey Sukmeedas, by the Nacoda of a Vessel belonging to Wadi on the Coast of Arabia, and soliciting redress, your Petitioner was informed by Mr. Secretary Willoughby under date the 16th Ultimo, that his case was under your consideration, but since the receipt of such communication your Petitioner has received information which he considers it his duty to lay before your Honble Board. –

That Rumours have reached your Petitioner

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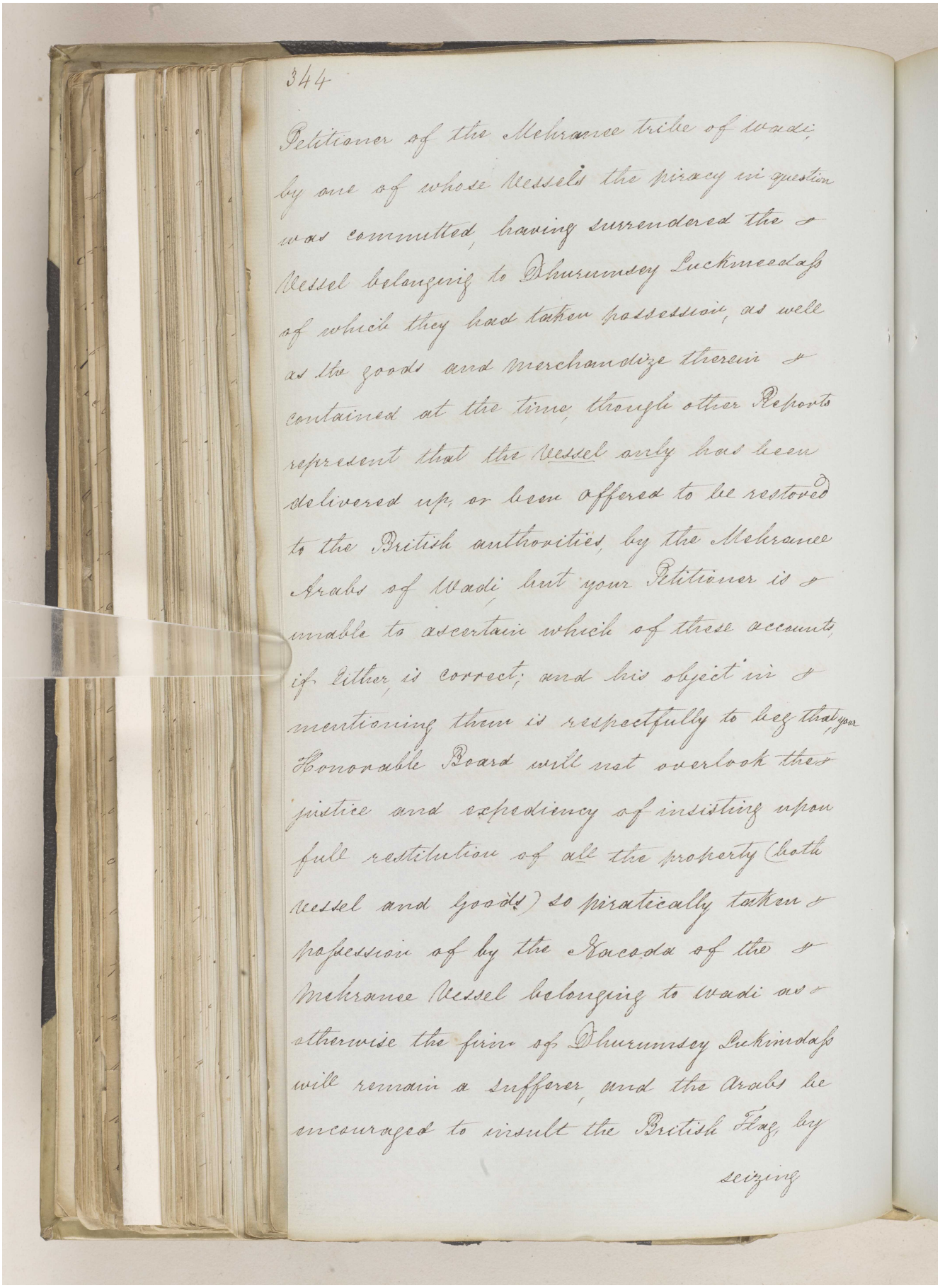

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Petitioner of the Mekranee tribe of Wadi, by one of whose Vessels the piracy in question was committed, having surrendered the Vessel belonging to Dhurumsey Luckmeedas of which they had taken possession, as well as the goods and merchandize therein contained at the time, though other Reports represent that the Vessel only has been delivered up, or been offered to be restored to the British authorities, by the Mekranee Arabs of Wadi but your Petitioner is unable to ascertain which of these accounts, if either, is correct; and his object in mentioning them is respectfully to beg that your Honorable Board will not overlook the justice and expediency of insisting upon full restitution of all the property (both Vessel and goods) so piratically taken possession of by the Nacoda of the Mekranee Vessel belonging to Wadi as otherwise the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmeedas will remain a sufferer, and the Arabs be encouraged to insult the British Flag, by

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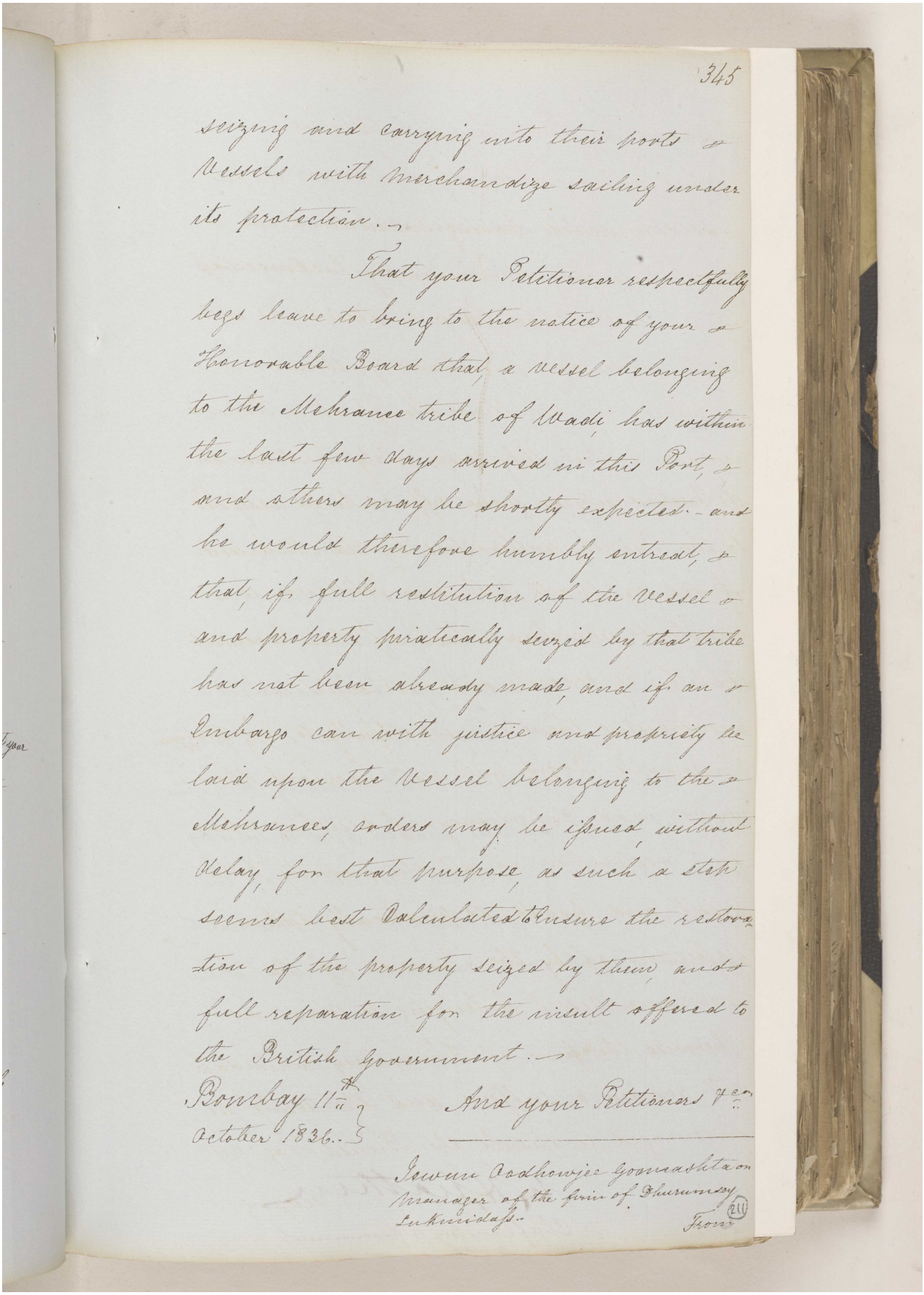

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seizing and carrying into their ports
Vessels with Merchandize sailing under
its protection.—

That your Petitioner respectfully
begs leave to bring to the notice of your
Honorable Board that a vessel belonging
to the Mehrance tribe of Wadi has within
the last few days arrived in this Port,
and others may be shortly expected.—and
he would therefore humbly entreat,
that, if full restitution of the vessel
and property piratically seized by that tribe
has not been already made, and if an
Embargo can with justice and propriety be
laid upon the Vessel belonging to the
Mehrances, orders may be issued without
delay, for that purpose, as such a step
seems best Calculated to ensure the restora-
tion of the property seized by them, and
full reparation for the insult offered to
the British Government.—

Bombay 11th October 1826.— And your Petitioners &c.

Jewun Oodhowjee Goomashta on
Manager of the firm of Thurumsey
Lukmidas.—

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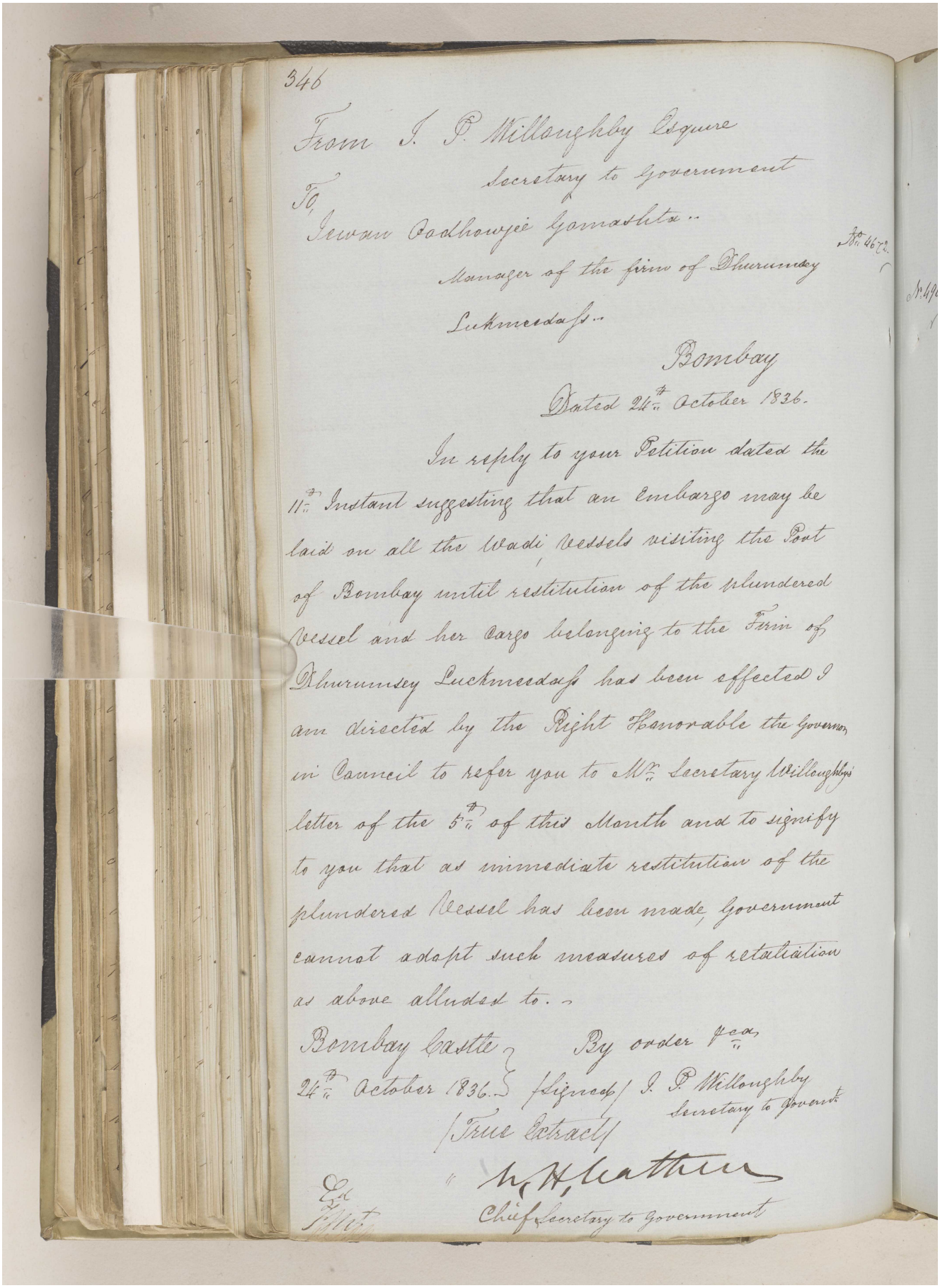

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From J. P. Willoughby Esqure
Secretary to Government

To,
Jeevan Dadhowjee Gomashta
Manager of the firm of Dhurumsey
Luckmeedas

Bombay
Dated 26th October 1836.

In reply to your Petition dated the 11th Instant suggesting that an Embargo may be laid on all the Wadi Vessels visiting this Port of Bombay until restitution of the plundered Vessel and her Cargo belonging to the Firm of Dhurumsey Luckmeedas has been effected I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to refer you to Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter of the 5th of this Month and to signify to you that as immediate restitution of the plundered Vessel has been made, Government cannot adopt such measures of retaliation as above alludes to.

Bombay Castle
26th October 1836.

By order &c.
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

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W. H. Mathews
Chief Secretary to Government

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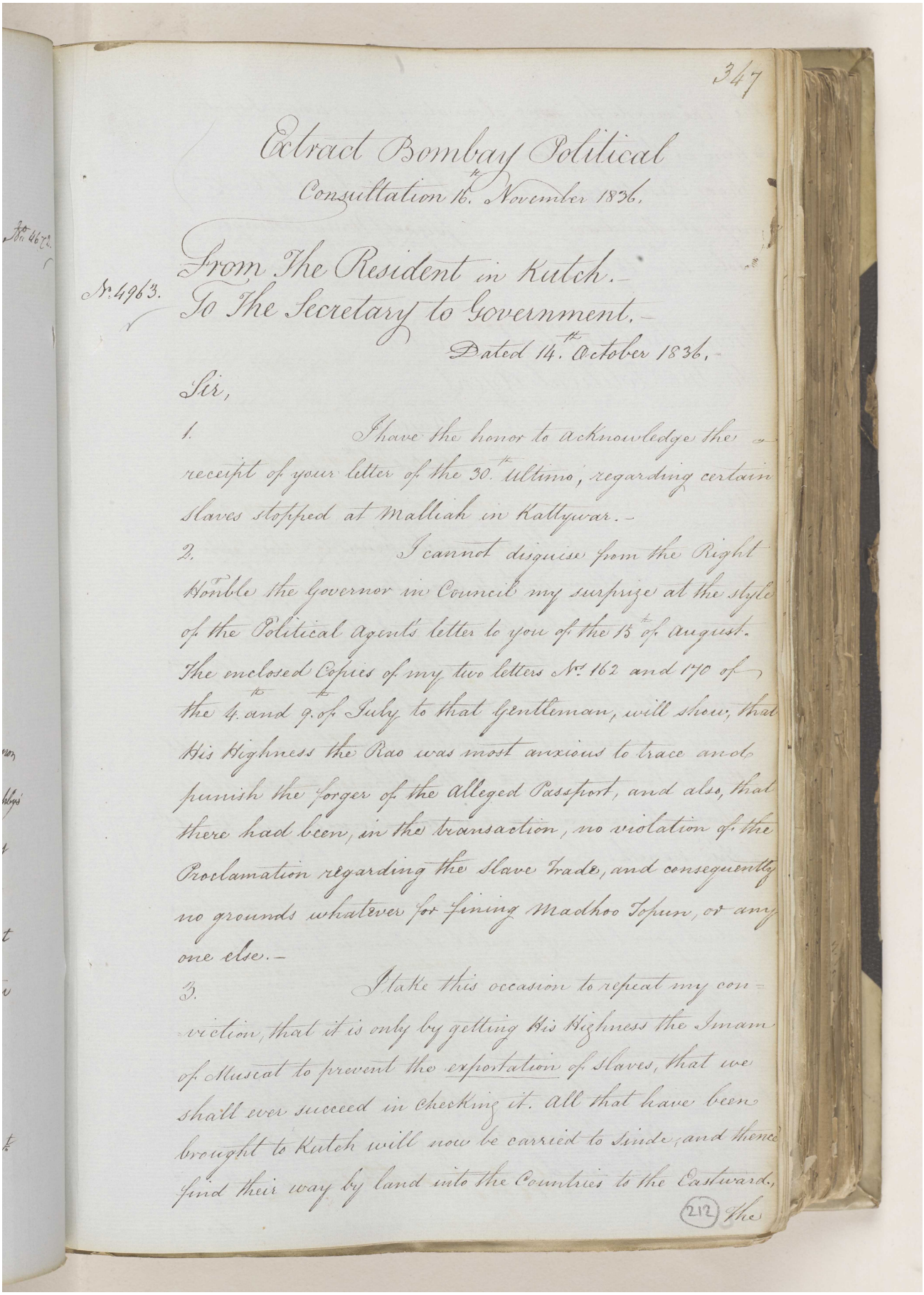

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 16th November 1836.

No. 4963.

From The Resident in Kutch.
To The Secretary to Government.
Dated 14th October 1836.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo, regarding certain slaves stopped at Malliah in Kattywar.

2. I cannot disguise from the Right Honble the Governor in Council my surprize at the style of the Political Agents letter to you of the 15th of August. The enclosed Copies of my two letters No. 162 and 170 of the 4th and 9th of July to that Gentleman, will show, that His Highness the Rao was most anxious to trace and punish the forger of the alleged Passport, and also, that there had been, in the transaction, no violation of the Proclamation regarding the Slave Trade, and consequently no grounds whatever for fining Madhoo Sopun, or any one else.

3. I take this occasion to repeat my conviction, that it is only by getting His Highness the Imam of Muscat to prevent the exportation of Slaves, that we shall ever succeed in checking it. all that have been brought to Kutch will now be carried to Sinde, and thence find their way by land into the Countries to the Eastward,

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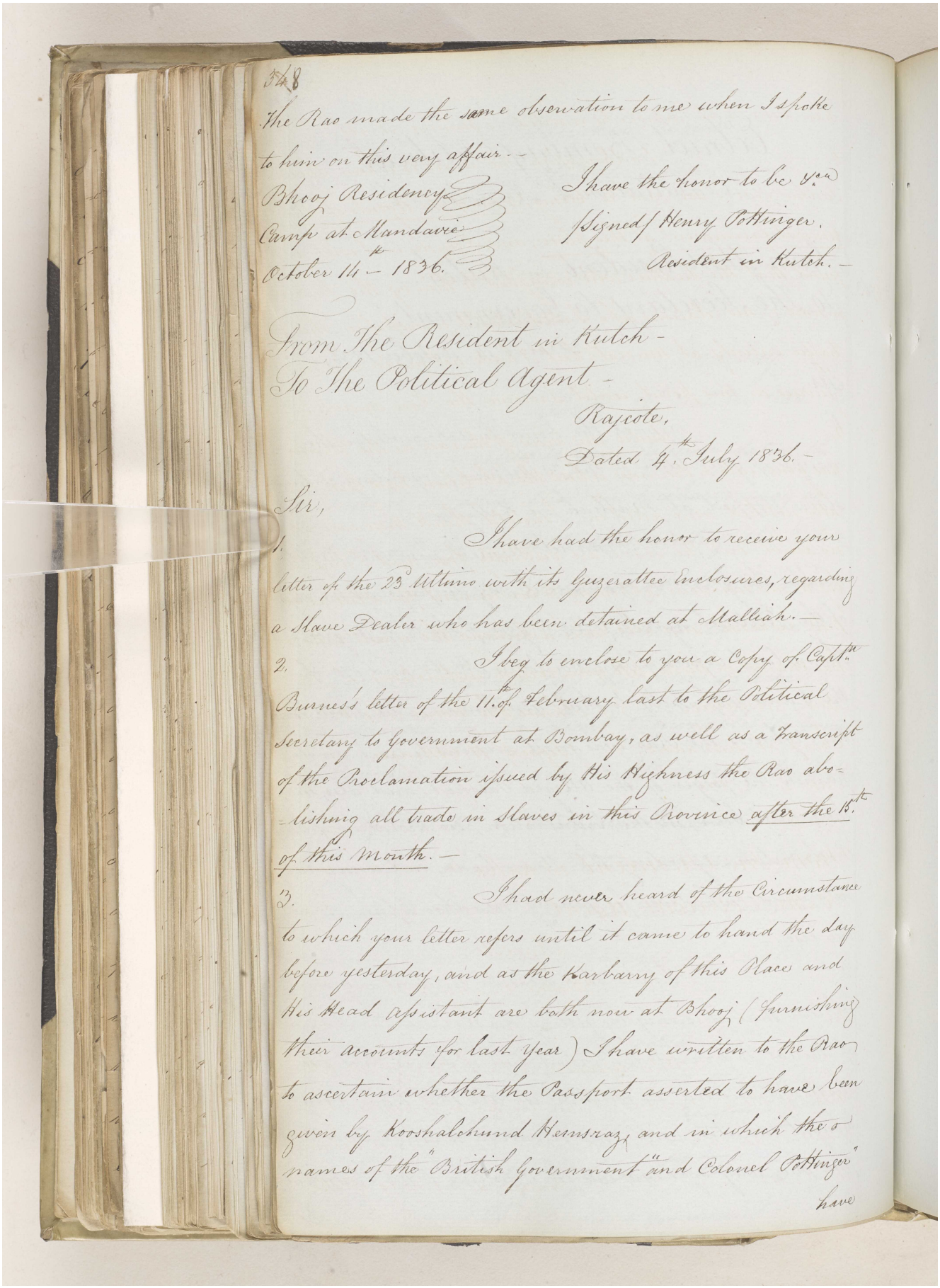

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The Rao made the same observation to me when I spoke to him on this very affair.—

Bhooj Residency
Camp at Mandavee
October 11th — 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Henry Pottinger.
Resident in Kutch.—

From The Resident in Kutch —
To The Political Agent —

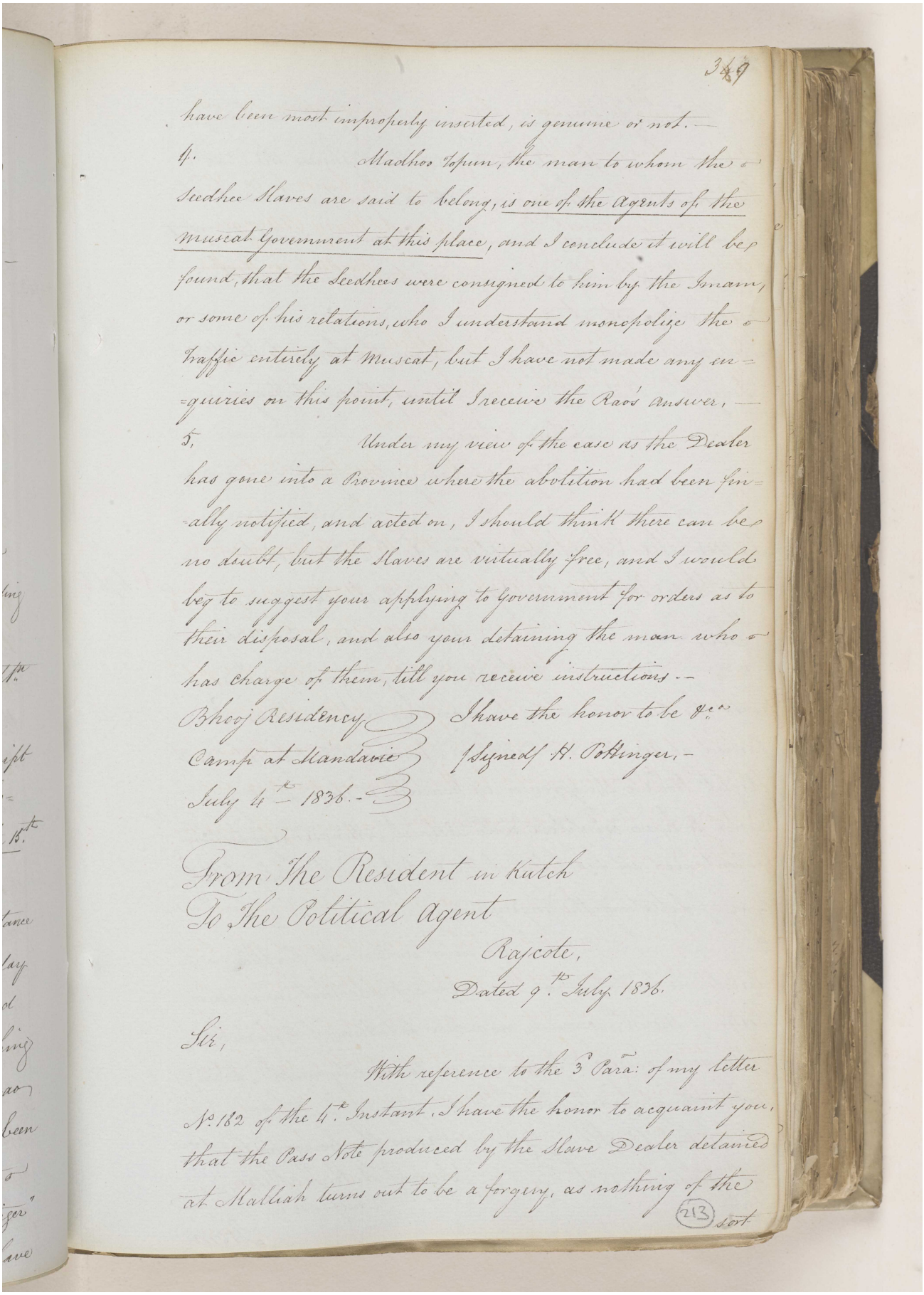
Rajcote,
Dated 4th July 1836.—

Sir,

1. I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 23 Ultimo with its Guzerattee Enclosures, regarding a Slave Dealer who has been detained at Mallia.—

2. I beg to enclose to you a Copy of Captn Burnes's letter of the 11th of February last to the Political Secretary to Government at Bombay, as well as a Transcript of the Proclamation issued by His Highness the Rao abolishing all trade in Slaves in this Province after the 15th of this Month.—

3. I had never heard of the Circumstance to which your letter refers until it came to hand the day before yesterday, and as the Karbarry of this Place and His Head Assistant are both now at Bhooj (furnishing their accounts for last year) I have written to the Rao to ascertain whether the Passport asserted to have been given by Kooshalchund Hemsraz, and in which the names of the "British Government" and Colonel Pottinger" have



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have been most improperly inserted, is genuine or not.—

4. Madhoo Topun, the man to whom the Seedhee Slaves are said to belong, is one of the Agents of the Muscat Government at this place, and I conclude it will be found, that the Seedhees were consigned to him by the Imaum, or some of his relations, who I understand monopolize the traffic entirely at Muscat, but I have not made any enquiries on this point, until I receive the Rao's answer,—

5. Under my view of the case as the Dealer has gone into a Province where the abolition had been finally notified, and acted on, I should think there can be no doubt, but the Slaves are virtually free, and I would beg to suggest your applying to Government for orders as to their disposal, and also your detaining the man who has charge of them, till you receive instructions.—

Bhooj Residency
Camp at Mandavie
July 4th 1836.—

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) H. Pottinger.—

From The Resident in Kutch
To The Political Agent

Rajcote,
Dated 9th July 1836.

Sir,

With reference to the 3d Para: of my letter No. 182 of the 4th Instant, I have the honor to acquaint you, that the Pass Note produced by the Slave Dealer detained at Mallah turns out to be a forgery, as nothing of the

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sort has ever been given to him or any one else by the Karbarry of Mandavie, or his assistants, and His Highness the Rao has requested me to beg you will be so good as to have the original Note secured, and send it to me in the hope that it may lead to the discovery and punishment of the Person who wrote it.—

Bhooj Residency
July 9th 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ Henry Pottinger.—

/True Copies/
/Signed/ Henry Pottinger.

From The Chief Secretary to Government,
To The Political Agent in Katteewar,—

Dated 4th November 1836

Sir,

With reference to your correspondence with the Resident in Cutch, regarding certain Slaves detained at Mallia in Katteewar, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to state that you ought to have complied with Colonel Pottinger's requesition as contained in his letter of the 9th July as the only likely way of detecting the forgery.—

2, The Governor in Council further directs me to state that it is remarkable that in your letter of the 15th August, no notice is taken of Colonel Pottinger's request & to desire you to comply with it forthwith if practicable.—

Bombay Castle
4th November 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ W. H. Wathen.
Chief Secy

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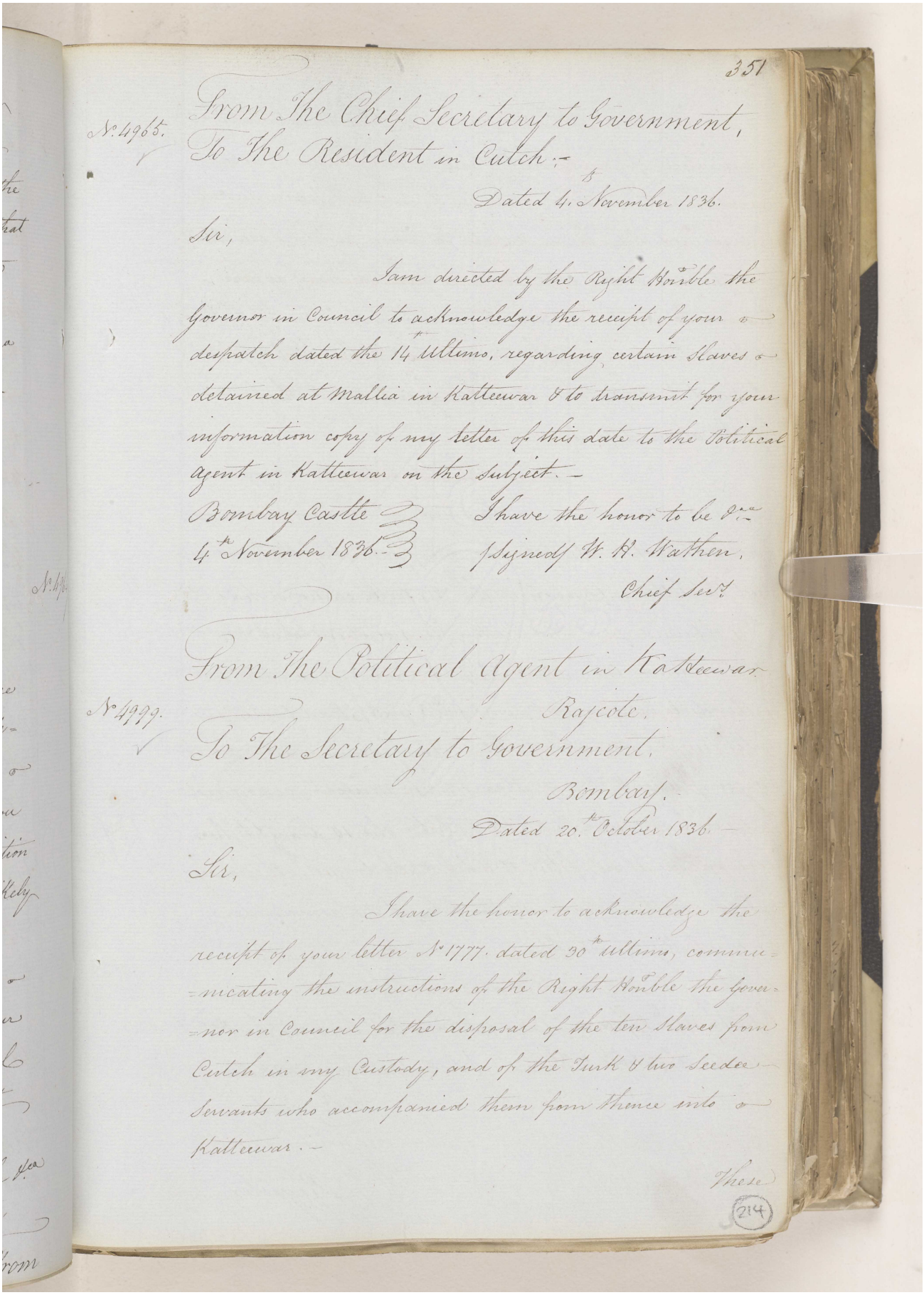

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No. 4965.

From The Chief Secretary to Government,
To The Resident in Cutch:-

Dated 4. November 1836.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch dated the 14th Ultimo, regarding certain Slaves detained at Mallia in Kattewar & to transmit for your information copy of my letter of this date to the Political Agent in Kattewar on the subject.-

Bombay Castle
4th November 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) W. H. Wathen,
Chief Secy.

From The Political Agent in Kattewar.

Rajcote.

No. 4999.

To The Secretary to Government,

Bombay.

Dated 20th October 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1777. dated 30th Ultimo, communicating the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council for the disposal of the ten Slaves from Cutch in my Custody, and of the Turk & two Seedee Servants who accompanied them from thence into Kattewar.-

These

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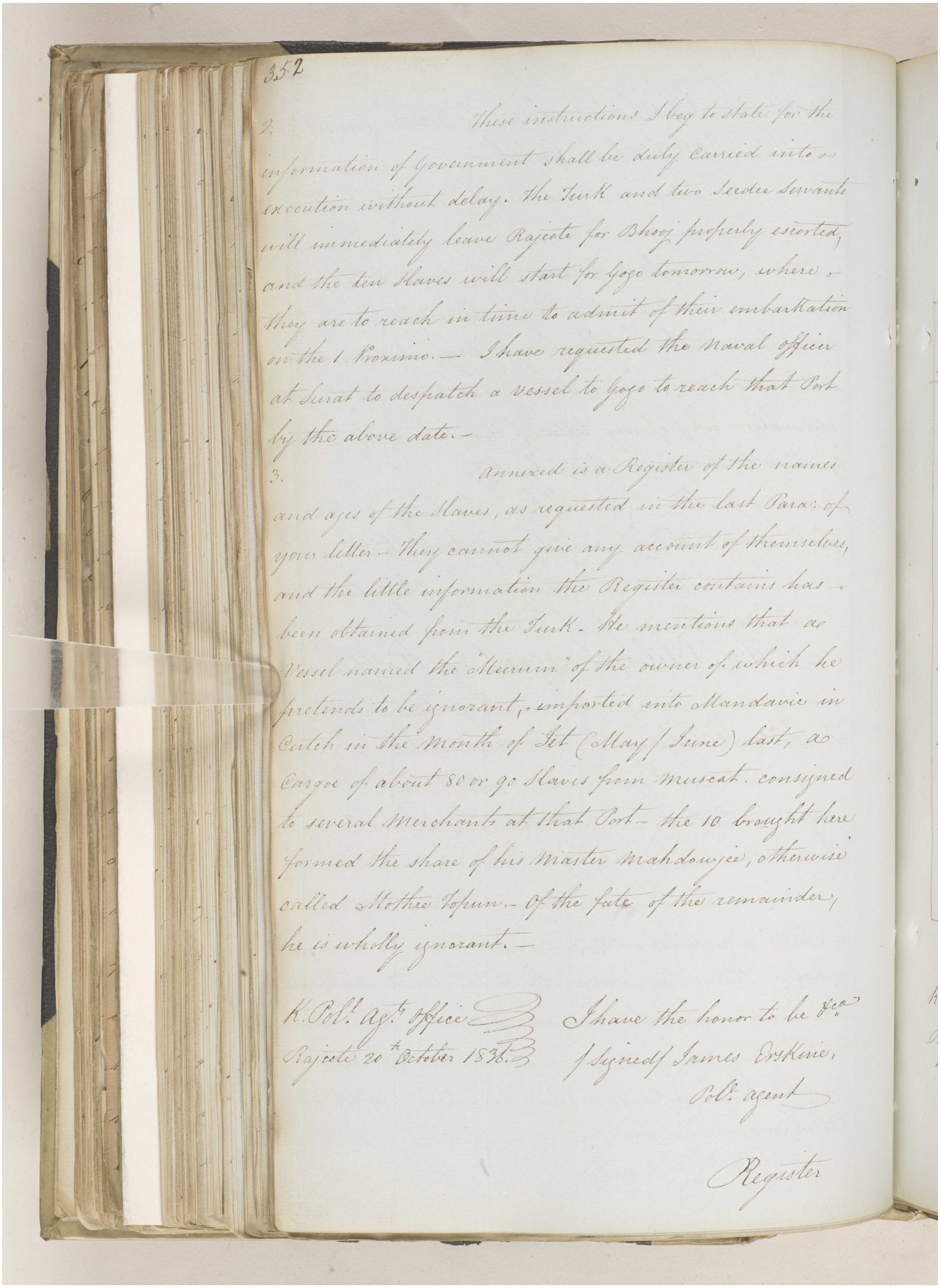

2. These instructions I beg to state for the information of Government shall be duly carried into execution without delay. The Turk and two Seedee Servants will immediately leave Rajcote for Bhooj properly escorted, and the ten Slaves will start for Gogo tomorrow, where they are to reach in time to admit of their embarkation on the 1 Proximo.— I have requested the Naval Officer at Surat to despatch a vessel to Gogo to reach that Port by the above date.—

3. Annexed is a Register of the names and ages of the Slaves, as requested in the last Para: of your letter.— They cannot give any account of themselves, and the little information the Register contains has been obtained from the Turk. He mentions that a Vessel named the "Meerum" of the owner of which he pretends to be ignorant, imported into Mandavie in Cutch in the Month of Jet (May / June) last, a Cargoe of about 80 or 90 Slaves from Muscat. consigned to several Merchants at that Port.— the 10 brought here formed the share of his Master Mahdowjee, otherwise called Mothee Topun.— Of the fate of the remainder, he is wholly ignorant.—

K. Pol.l Ag.ts Office
Rajcote 20th October 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.a
(Signed) James Erskine,
Pol.l agent

Register

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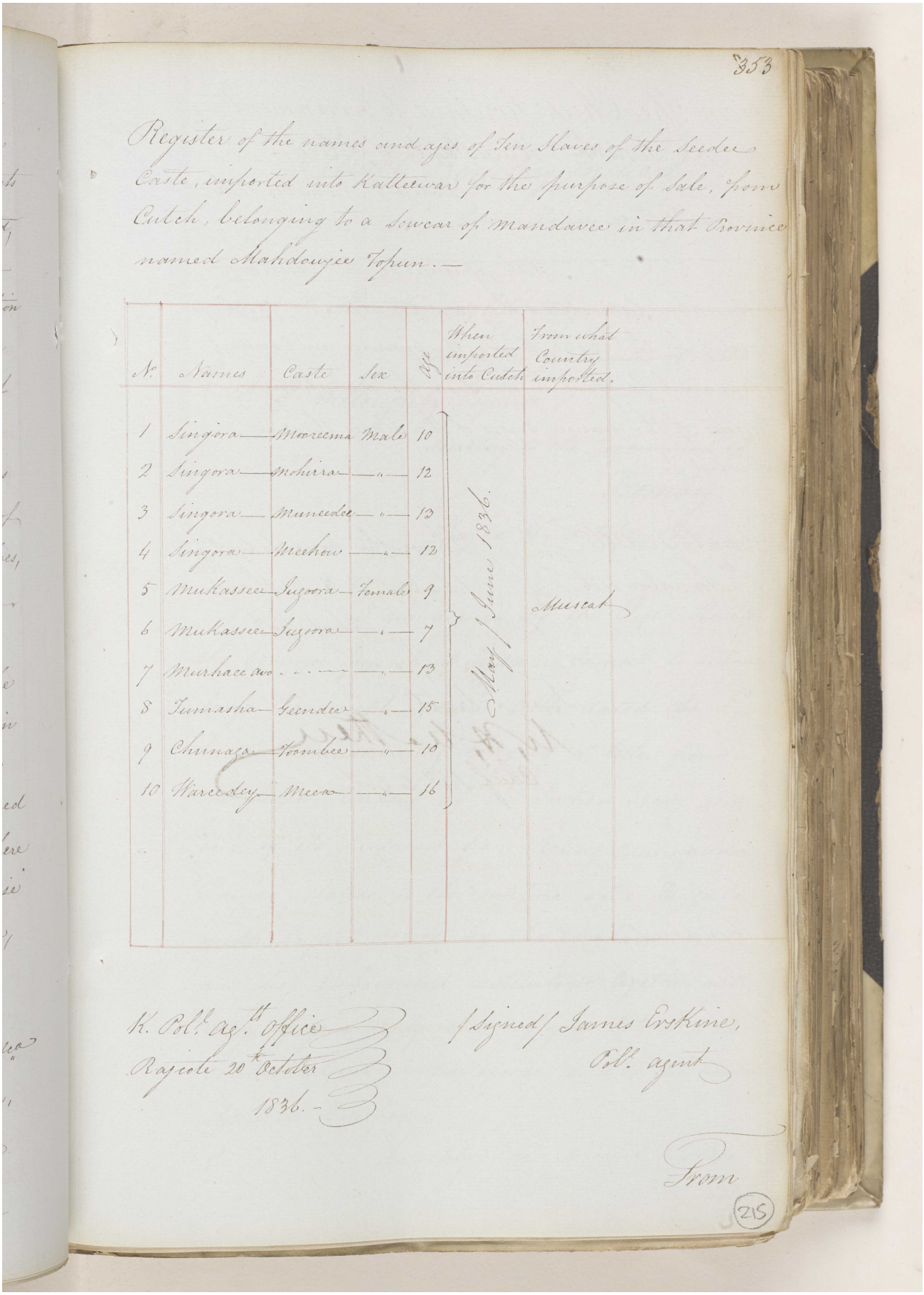

Register of the names and ages of Ten Slaves of the Seedee Caste, imported into Katteewar for the purpose of Sale, from Cutch, belonging to a Sowcar of Mandavee in that Province named Mahdowjee Topun.—

No.	Names	Caste	Sex	Age	When imported into Cutch	From what Country imported.
1	Singora	Mooreema	Male	10	May / June 1836.	Muscat
2	Singora	Mohirra	"	12		
3	Singora	Muneedee	"	13		
4	Singora	Meehow	"	12		
5	Mukassee	Jugoora	Female	9		
6	Mukassee	Jugoora	"	7		
7	Murhaee avo	...	"	13		
8	Tumasha	Geendee	"	15		
9	Chunaga	Toombee	"	10		
10	Wareedey	Meea	"	16		

K. Pol.l Ag.ts Office
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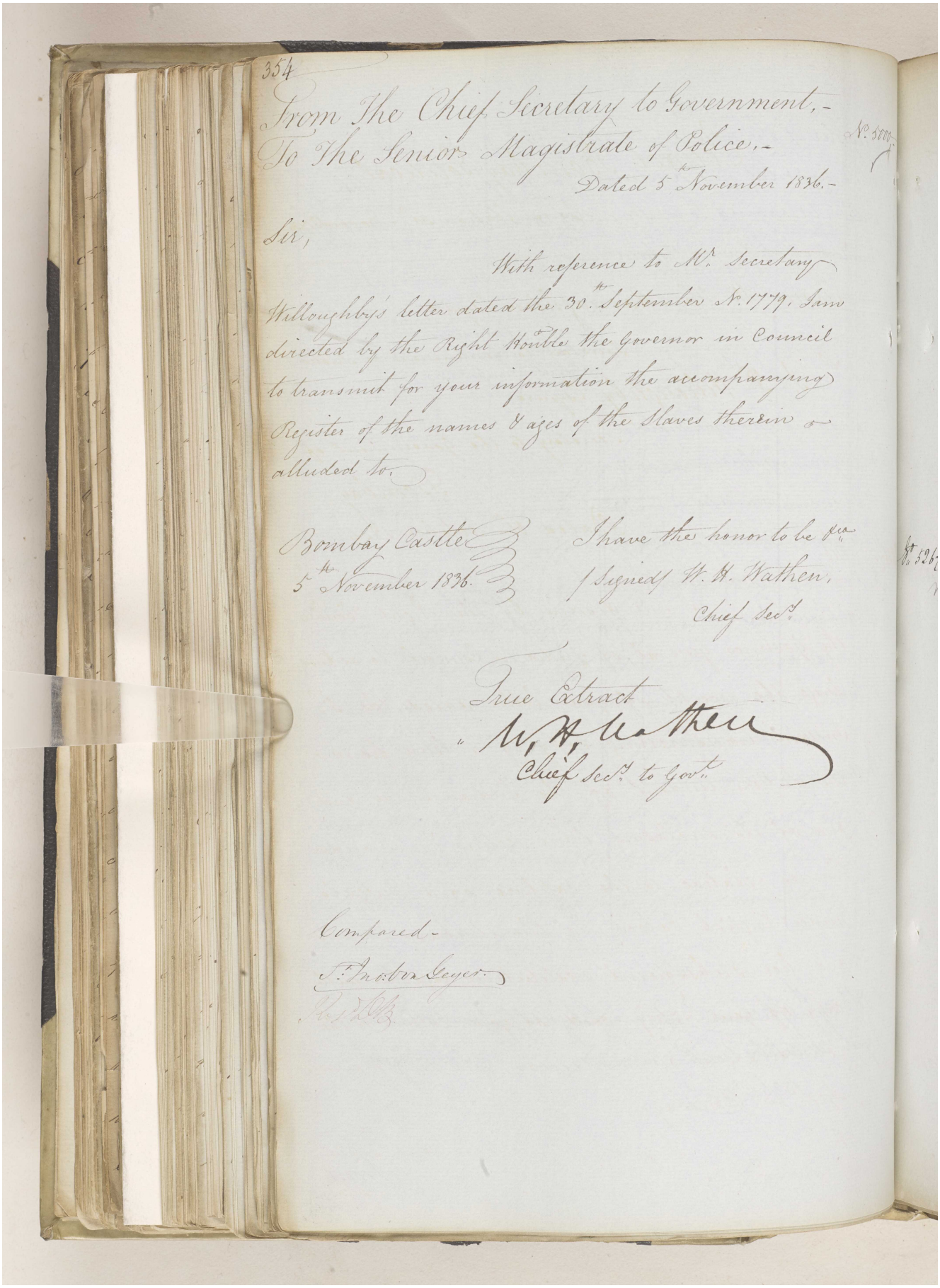

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From The Chief Secretary to Government,-
To The Senior Magistrate of Police,-
Dated 5th November 1836.-

Sir,

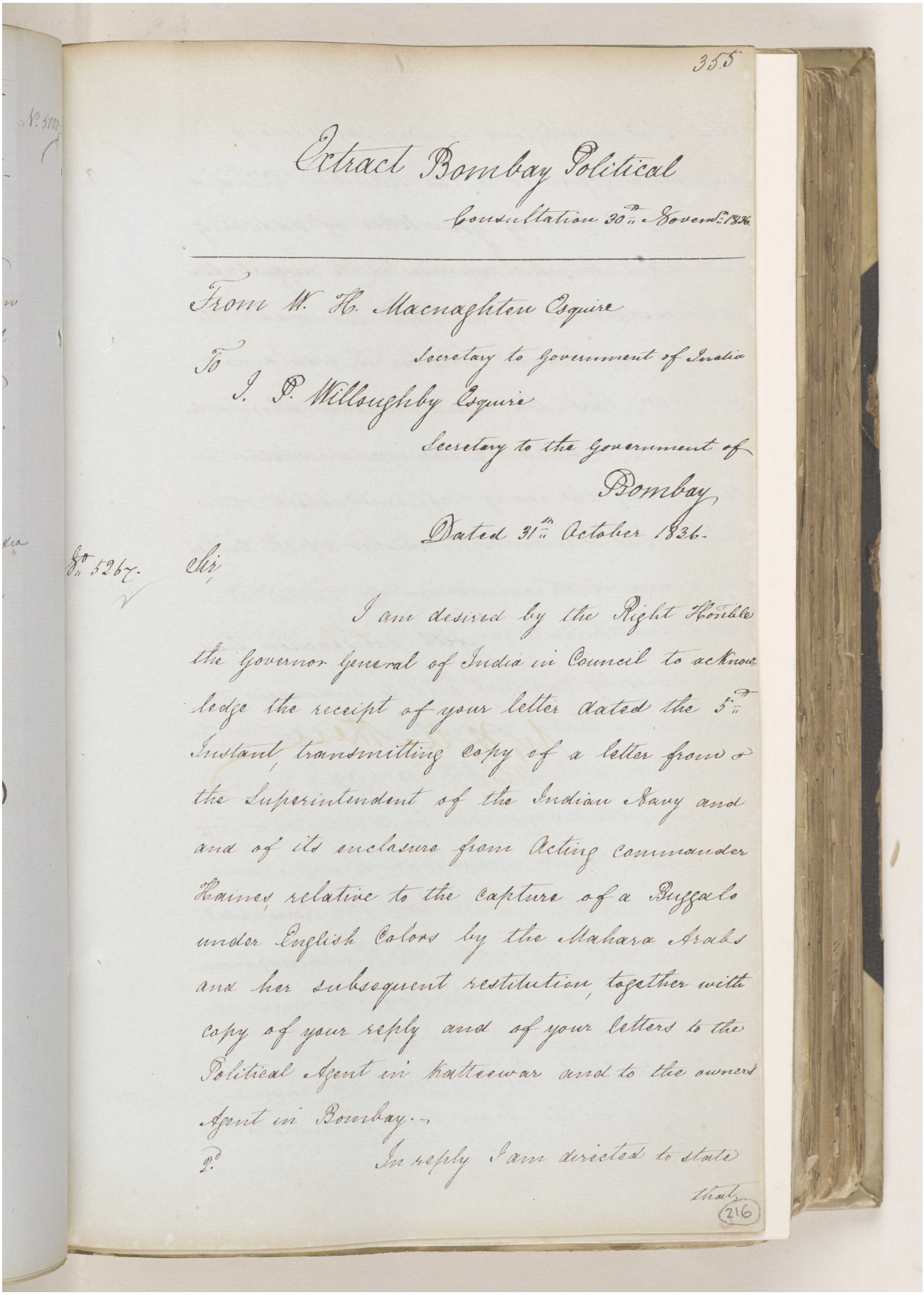
With reference to Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter dated the 30th September No. 1779, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit for your information the accompanying Register of the names & ages of the Slaves therein alluded to.

Bombay Castle
5th November 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. H. Wathen,
Chief Secy.

True Extract
W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy. to Govt.

Compared-
J. Probyn Geyer.



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Consultation 30th November 1826

From W. H. Macnaghten Esquire

Secretary to Government of India

To

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to the Government of

Bombay

Dated 31st October 1826.

No. 5267.

Sir,

I am desired by the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th Instant, transmitting copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Indian Navy and and of its enclosure from Acting commander Haines, relative to the capture of a Buggalo under English Colors by the Mahara Arabs and her subsequent restitution, together with copy of your reply and of your letters to the Political Agent in Kattiawar and to the owners Agent in Bombay.-

2d In reply I am directed to state

that

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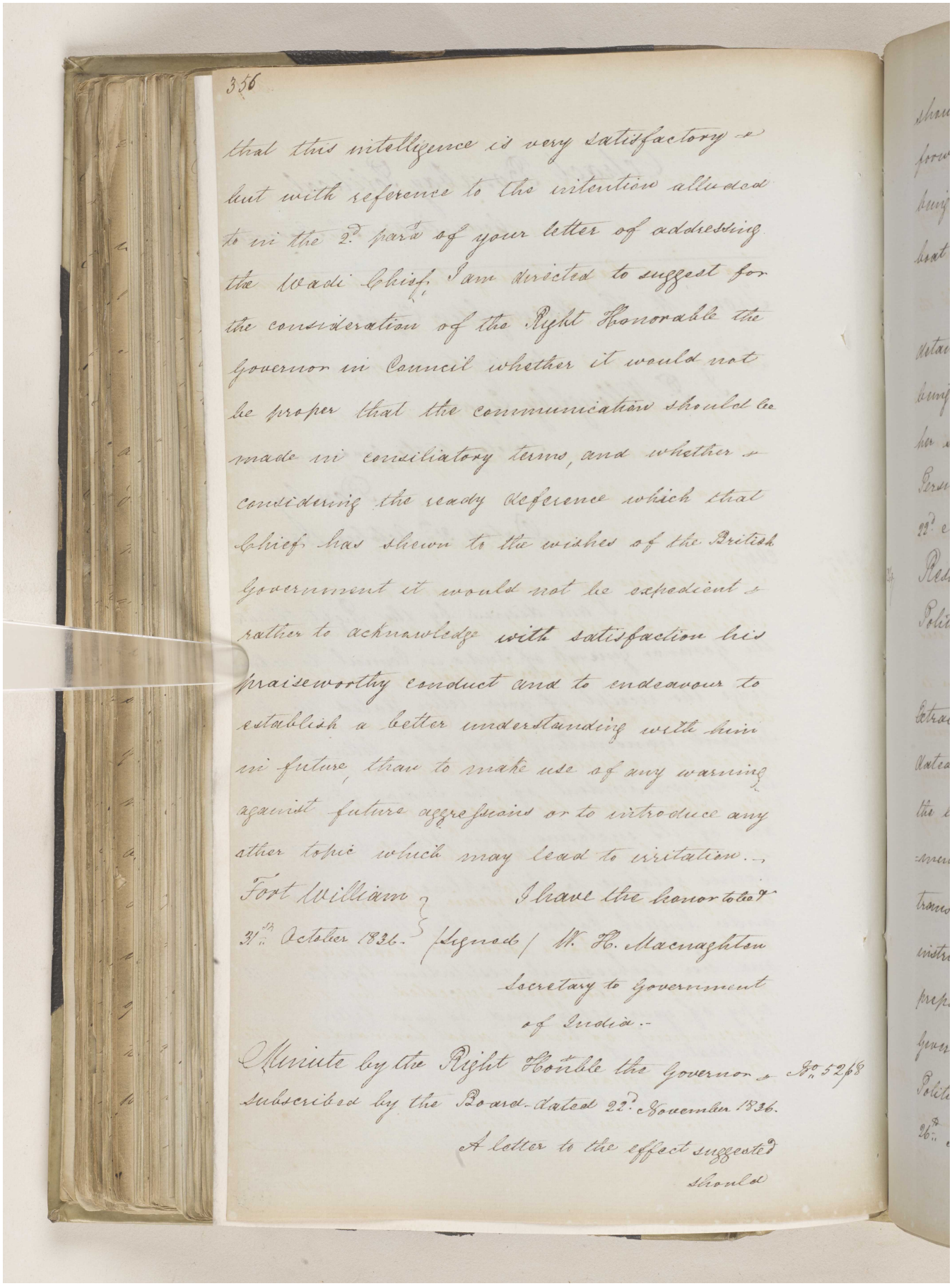

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that this intelligence is very satisfactory - but with reference to the intention alluded to in the 2d para of your letter of addressing the Wadi Chief, I am directed to suggest for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council whether it would not be proper that the communication should be made in conciliatory terms, and whether - considering the ready deference which that Chief has shewn to the wishes of the British Government it would not be expedient - rather to acknowledge with satisfaction his praiseworthy conduct and to endeavour to establish a better understanding with him in future, than to make use of any warning against future aggressions or to introduce any other topic which may lead to irritation. -

Fort William
31st October 1836.

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ W. H. Macnaghten
Secretary to Government
of India. -

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor - No. 5268
subscribed by the Board. dated 22d November 1836.

A letter to the effect suggested
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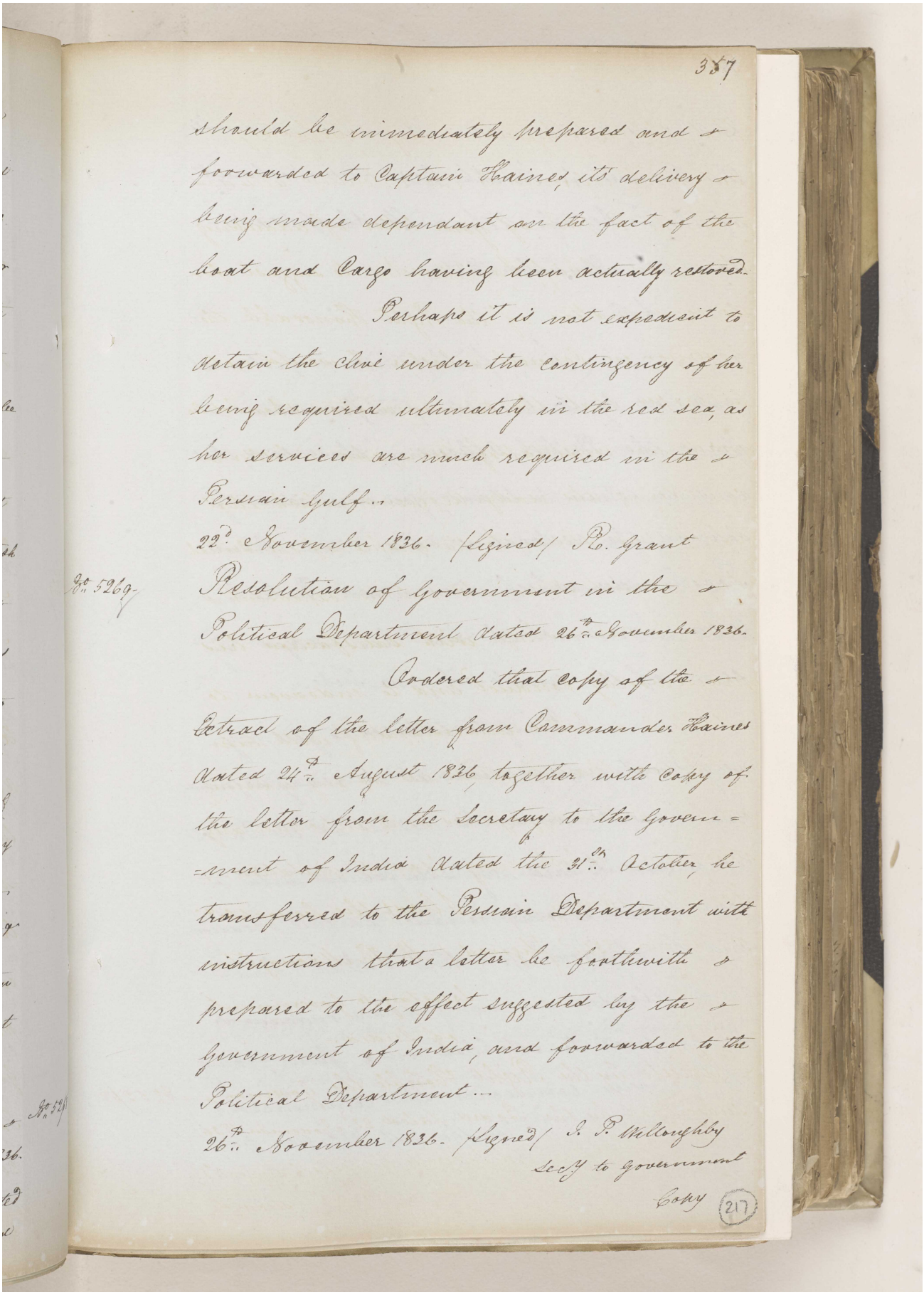

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should be immediately prepared and forwarded to Captain Haines, its delivery being made dependant on the fact of the boat and Cargo having been actually restored.

Perhaps it is not expedient to detain the Clive under the contingency of her being required ultimately in the red sea, as her services are much required in the Persian Gulf.

22d. November 1836. (Signed) R. Grant

No. 5269.

Resolution of Government in the Political Department dated 26th. November 1836.

Ordered that copy of the Extract of the letter from Commander Haines dated 24th. August 1836 together with copy of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India dated the 31st. October be transferred to the Persian Department with instructions that a letter be forthwith prepared to the effect suggested by the Government of India, and forwarded to the Political Department.

No. 52

26th. November 1836. (Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Government

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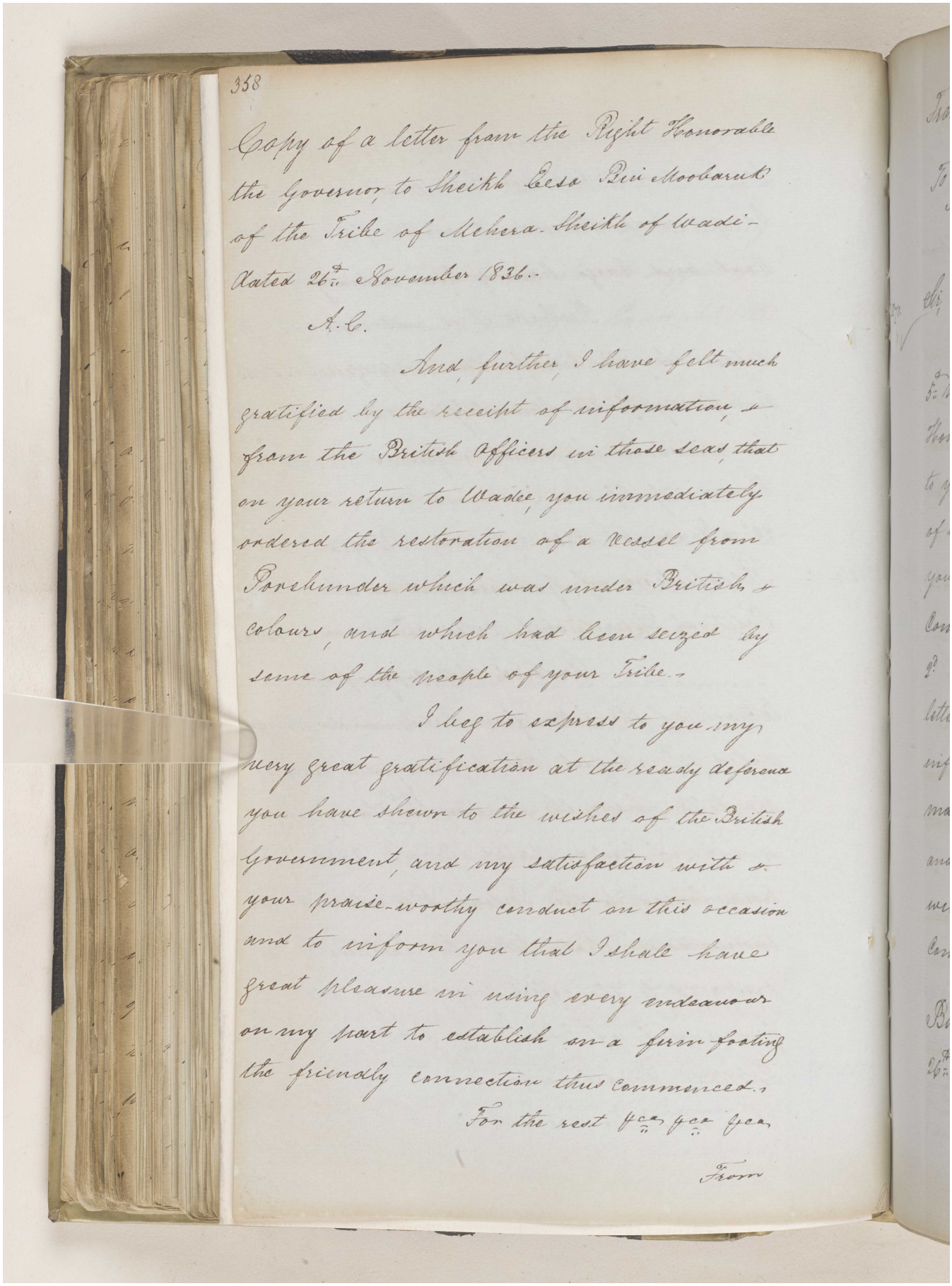

Copy of a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor, to Sheikh Eesa Bin Moobaruk of the Tribe of Mehera-Sheikh of Wadi-Dated 26th November 1836.

A.C.

And, further, I have felt much gratified by the receipt of information, & from the British Officers in those seas, that on your return to Wadee, you immediately ordered the restoration of a vessel from Porebunder which was under British & colours, and which had been seized by some of the people of your Tribe.

I beg to express to you my very great gratification at the ready deference you have shewn to the wishes of the British Government, and my satisfaction with & your praise-worthy conduct on this occasion and to inform you that I shall have great pleasure in using every endeavour on my part to establish on a firm footing the friendly connection thus commenced.

For the rest &ca &ca &ca

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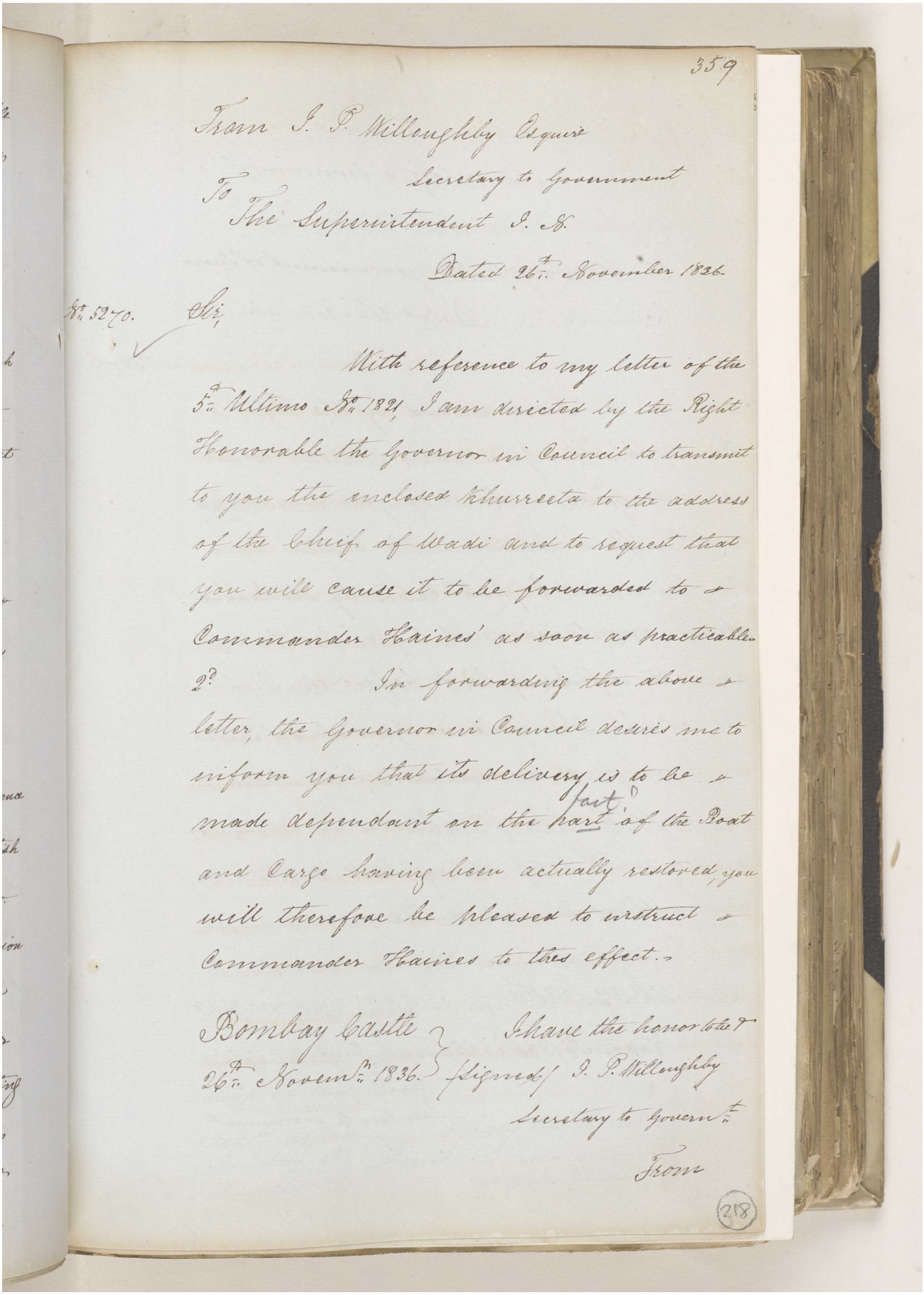

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From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
To The Superintendent I. M.
Dated 26th. November 1836.

No. 5270. Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 5th. Ultimo No. 1821, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Khurreeta to the address of the Chief of Wadi and to request that you will cause it to be forwarded to Commander Haines' as soon as practicable.

2d. In forwarding the above letter, the Governor in Council desires me to inform you that its delivery is to be made dependant on the part of the Boat and Cargo having been actually restored, you will therefore be pleased to instruct Commander Haines to this effect.

Bombay Castle 26th. Novemr. 1836. I have the honor to be &c. (Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govemt.

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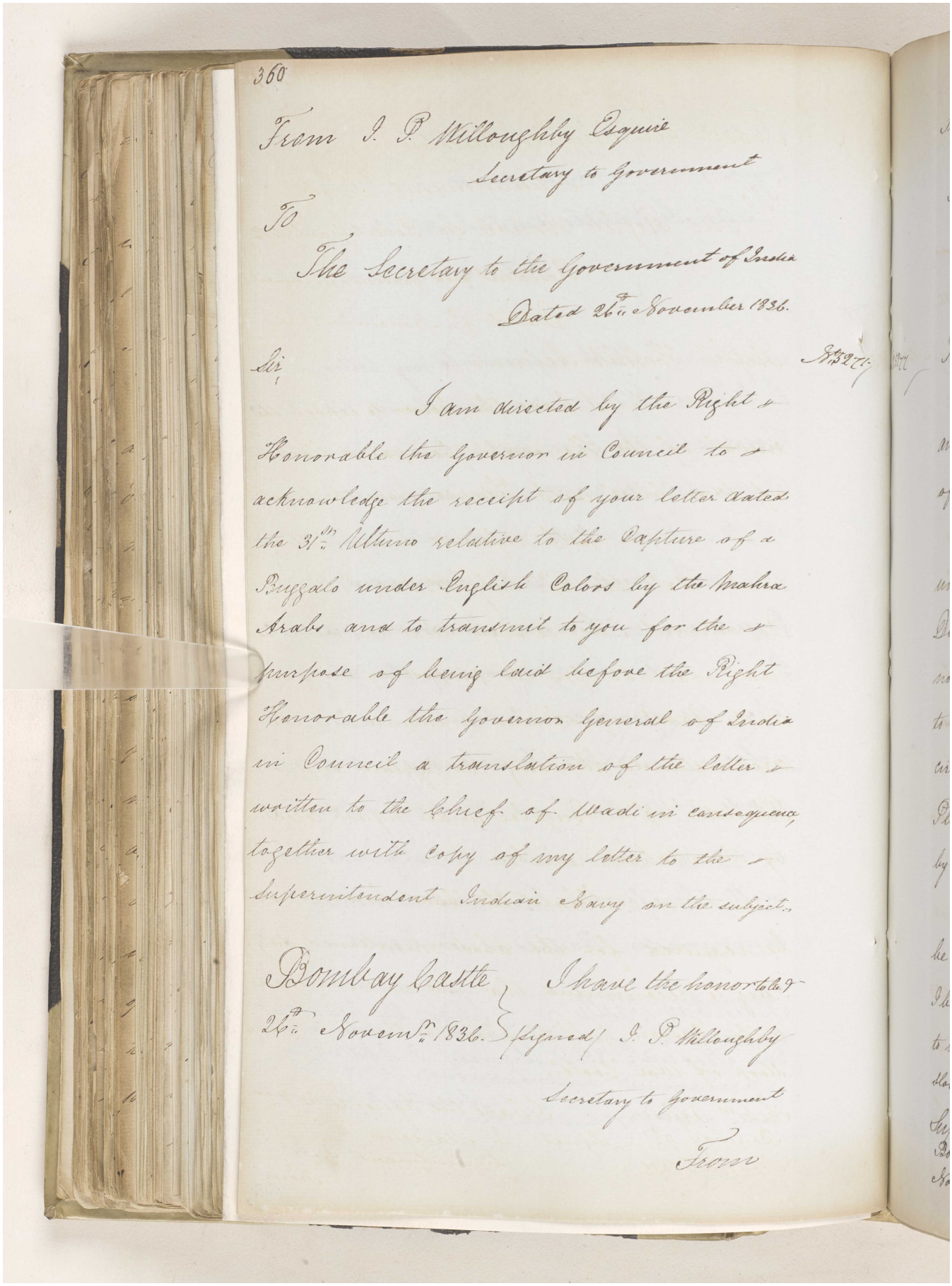

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From I. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Dated 26th November 1836.

Sir,

No. 3271.

I am directed by the Right & Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 31st Ultimo relative to the Capture of a Buggalo under English Colors by the Mahra Arabs and to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council a translation of the letter written to the Chief of Wadi in consequence, together with copy of my letter to the Superintendent Indian Navy on the subject.

Bombay Castle
26th Novemr. 1836.

I have the honor to be &
(Signed) I. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

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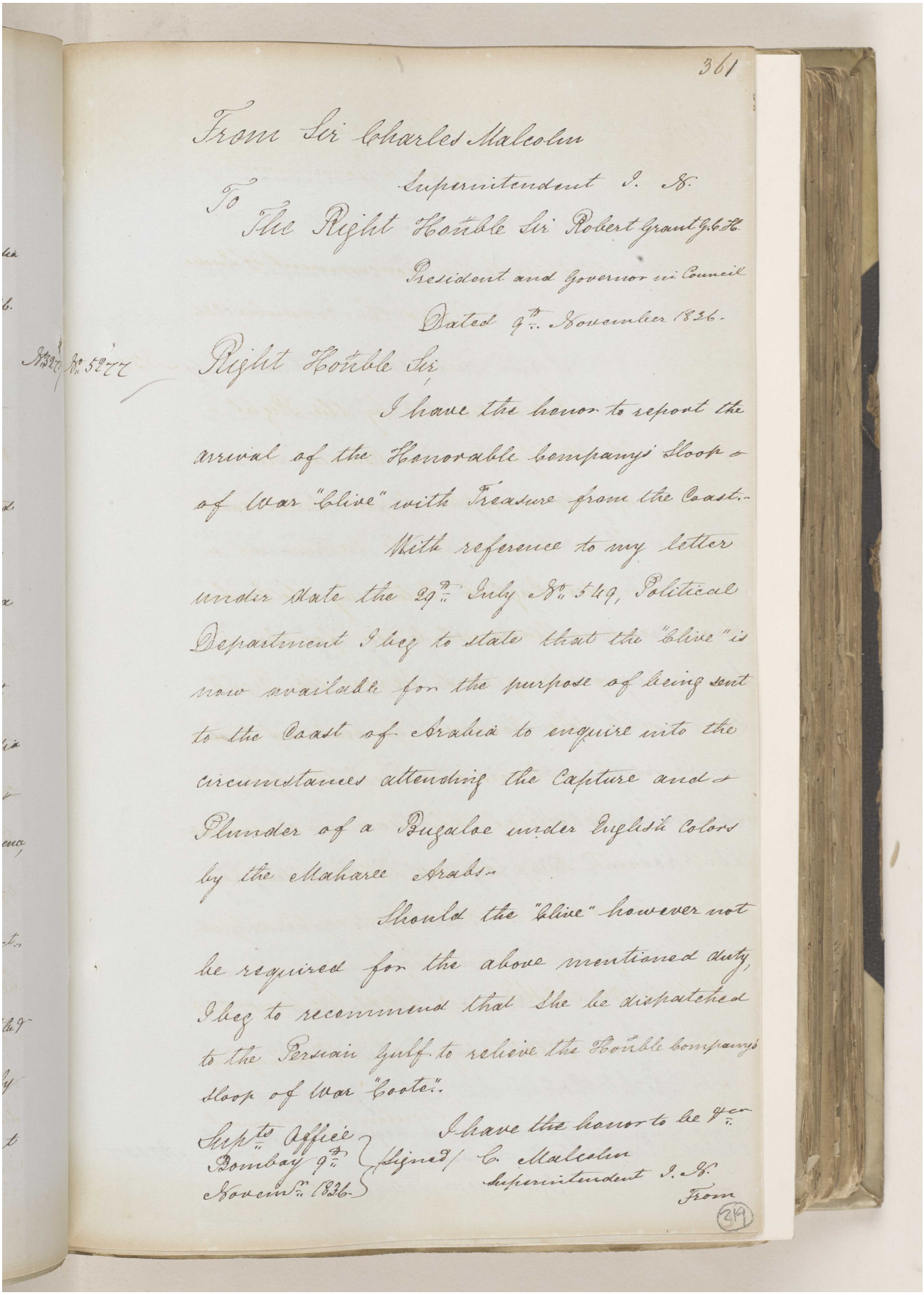

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From Sir Charles Malcolm

Superintendent I. N.

To The Right Honble Sir Robert Grant G.C.H.

President and Governor in Council

Dated 9th. November 1836.

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to report the arrival of the Honorable Company's Sloop of War "Clive" with Treasure from the Coast.

With reference to my letter under date the 29th. July No. 549, Political Department I beg to state that the "Clive" is now available for the purpose of being sent to the Coast of Arabia to enquire into the circumstances attending the Capture and Plunder of a Bugalee under English Colors by the Maharee Arabs.

Should the "Clive" however not be required for the above mentioned duty, I beg to recommend that She be dispatched to the Persian Gulf to relieve the Honble Company's Sloop of War "Coote".

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) C. Malcolm
Superintendent I. N.

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Bombay 9th.
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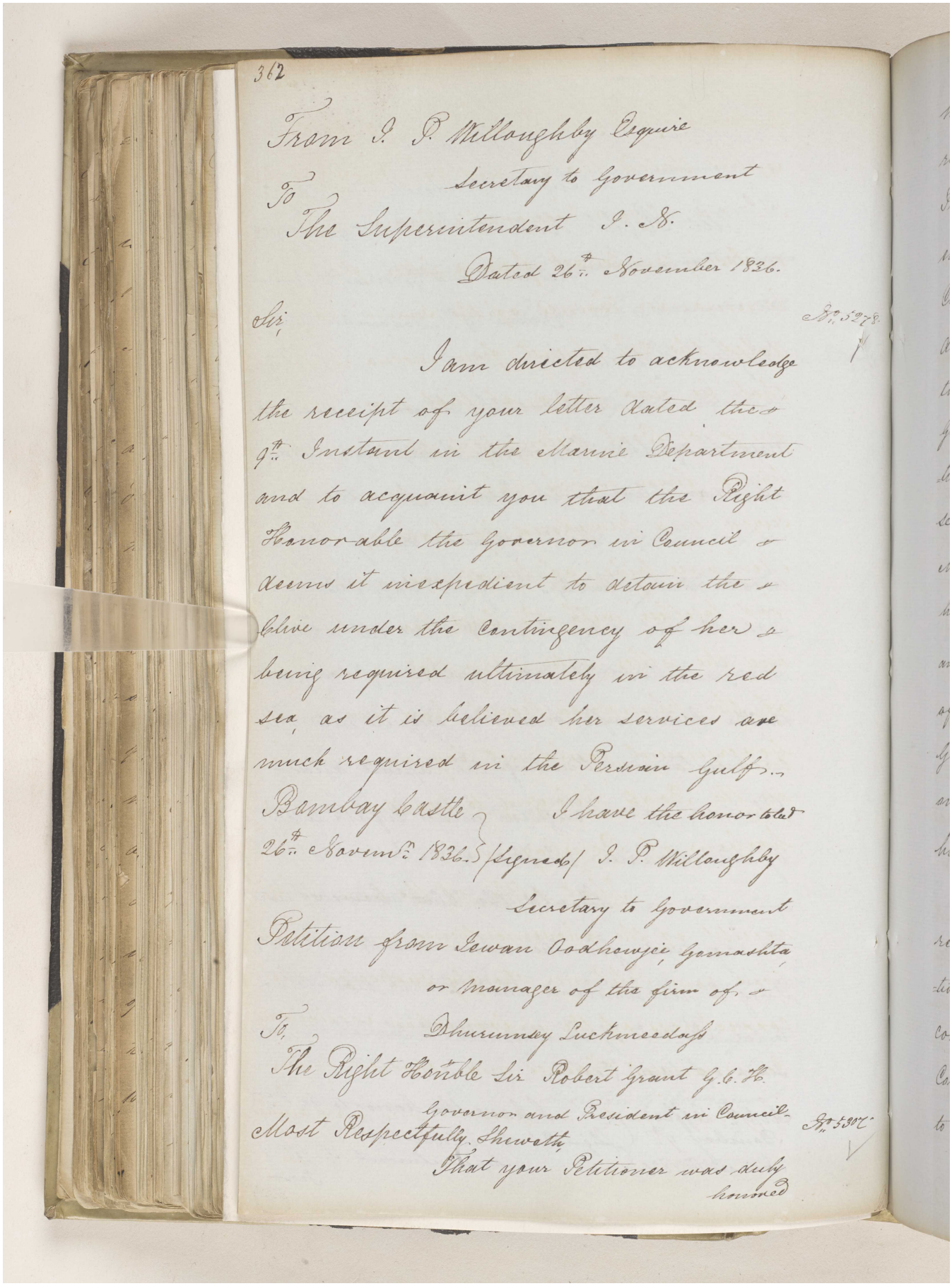

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From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
To
The Superintendent I. N.
Dated 26th November 1836.

Sir, No. 5278.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 9th Instant in the Marine Department and to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council deems it inexpedient to detain the Clive under the Contingency of her being required ultimately in the red sea, as it is believed her services are much required in the Persian Gulf.

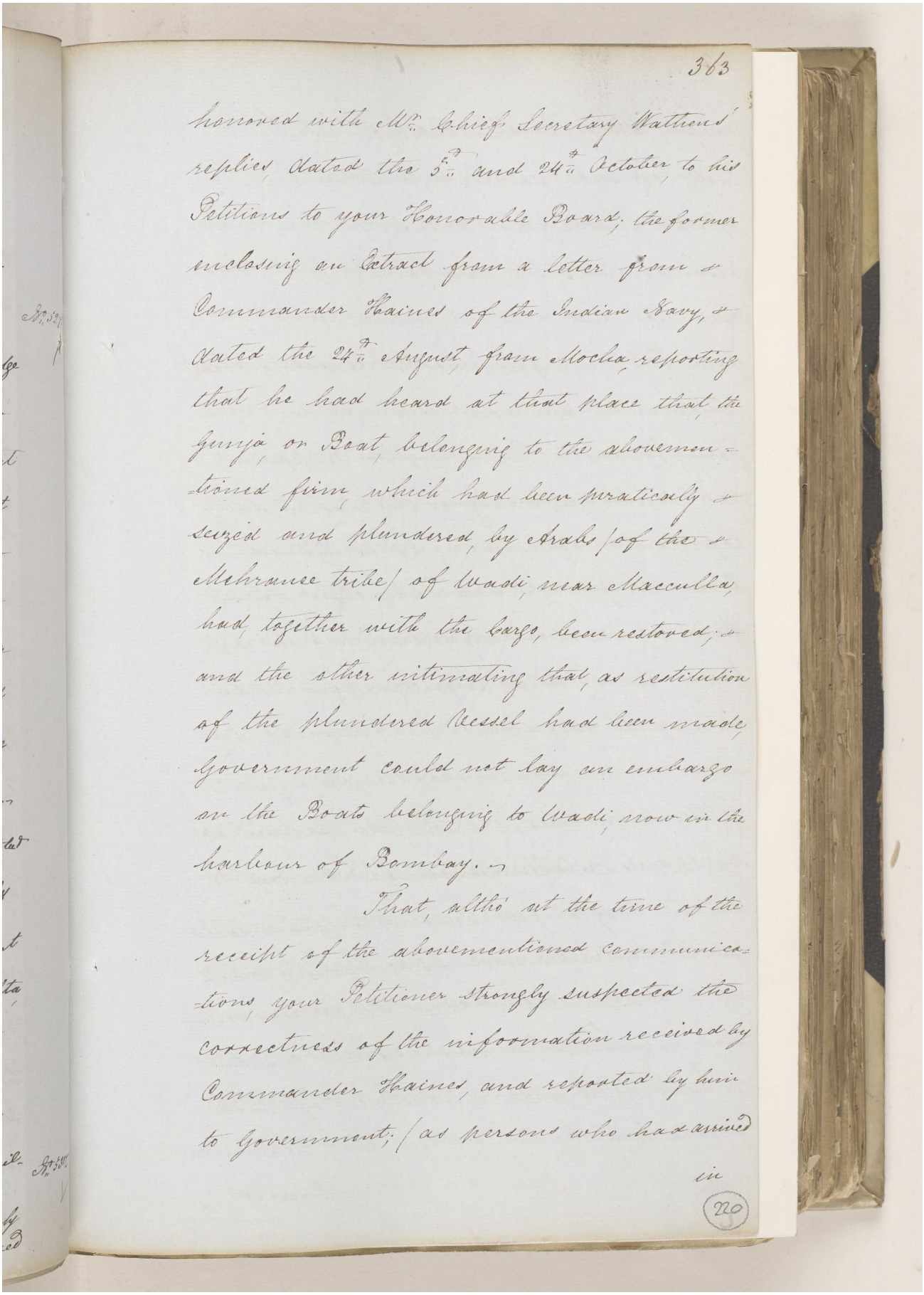
Bombay Castle
26th Novemr. 1836.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

Petition from Jewan Oodhowjee, Gomashta, or Manager of the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmeedass
To,
The Right Honble Sir Robert Grant G.C.H.
Governor and President in Council.

Most Respectfully Sheweth, No. 5307.

That your Petitioner was duly honored



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honored with Mr. Chief Secretary Mathews' replies, dated the 5th. and 24th. October, to his Petitions to your Honorable Board, the former enclosing an Extract from a letter from Commander Haines of the Indian Navy, dated the 24th. August from Mocha, reporting that he had heard at that place that the Gunja, or Boat belonging to the above mentioned firm, which had been piratically seized and plundered, by Arabs of the Mehrunee tribe of Wadi, near Macculla, had, together with the Cargo, been restored; and the other intimating that, as restitution of the plundered Vessel had been made, Government could not lay an embargo on the Boats belonging to Wadi, now in the harbour of Bombay.

That, altho' at the time of the receipt of the abovementioned communications, your Petitioner strongly suspected the correctness of the information received by Commander Haines, and reported by him to Government, as persons who had arrived in

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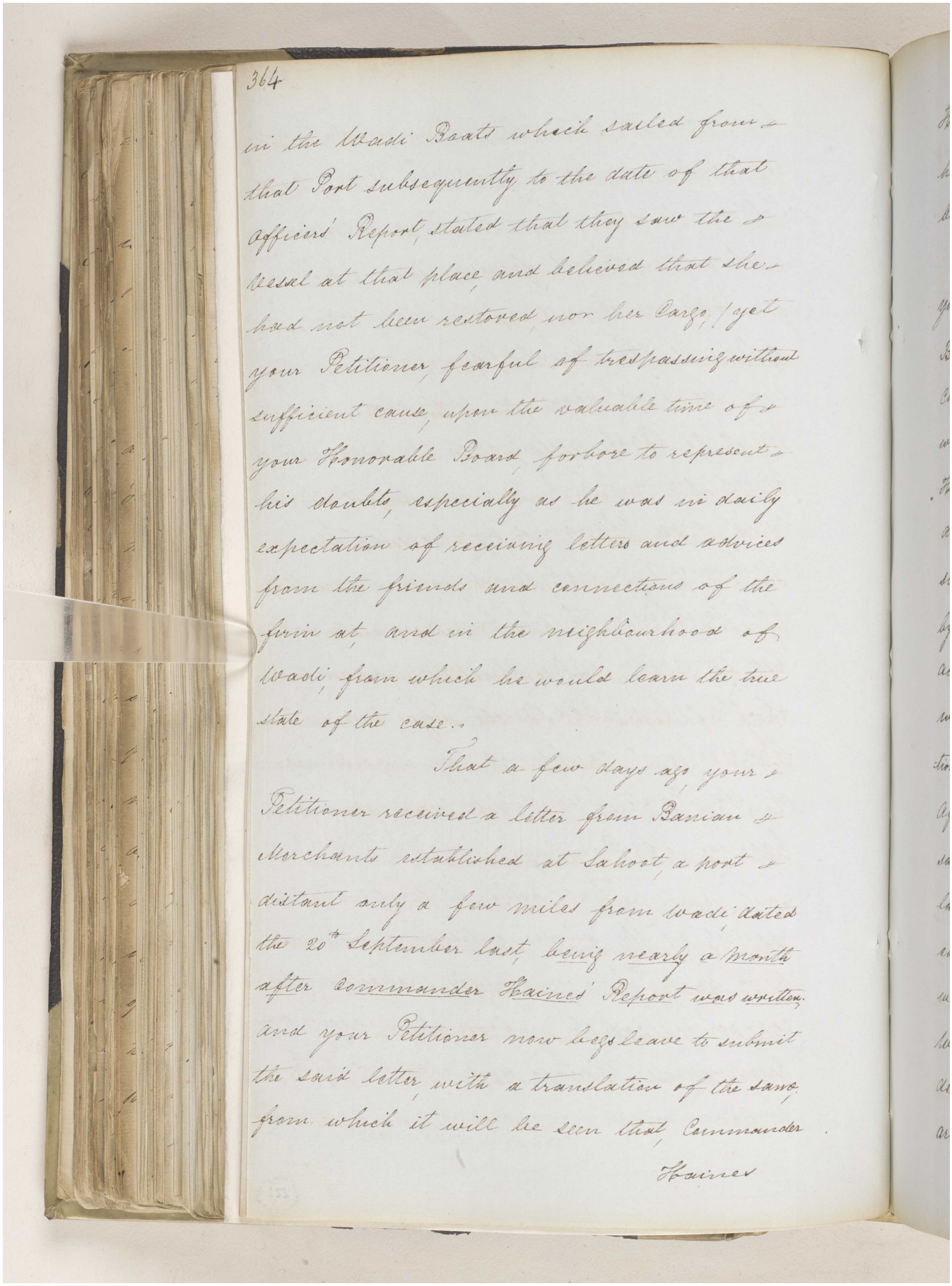

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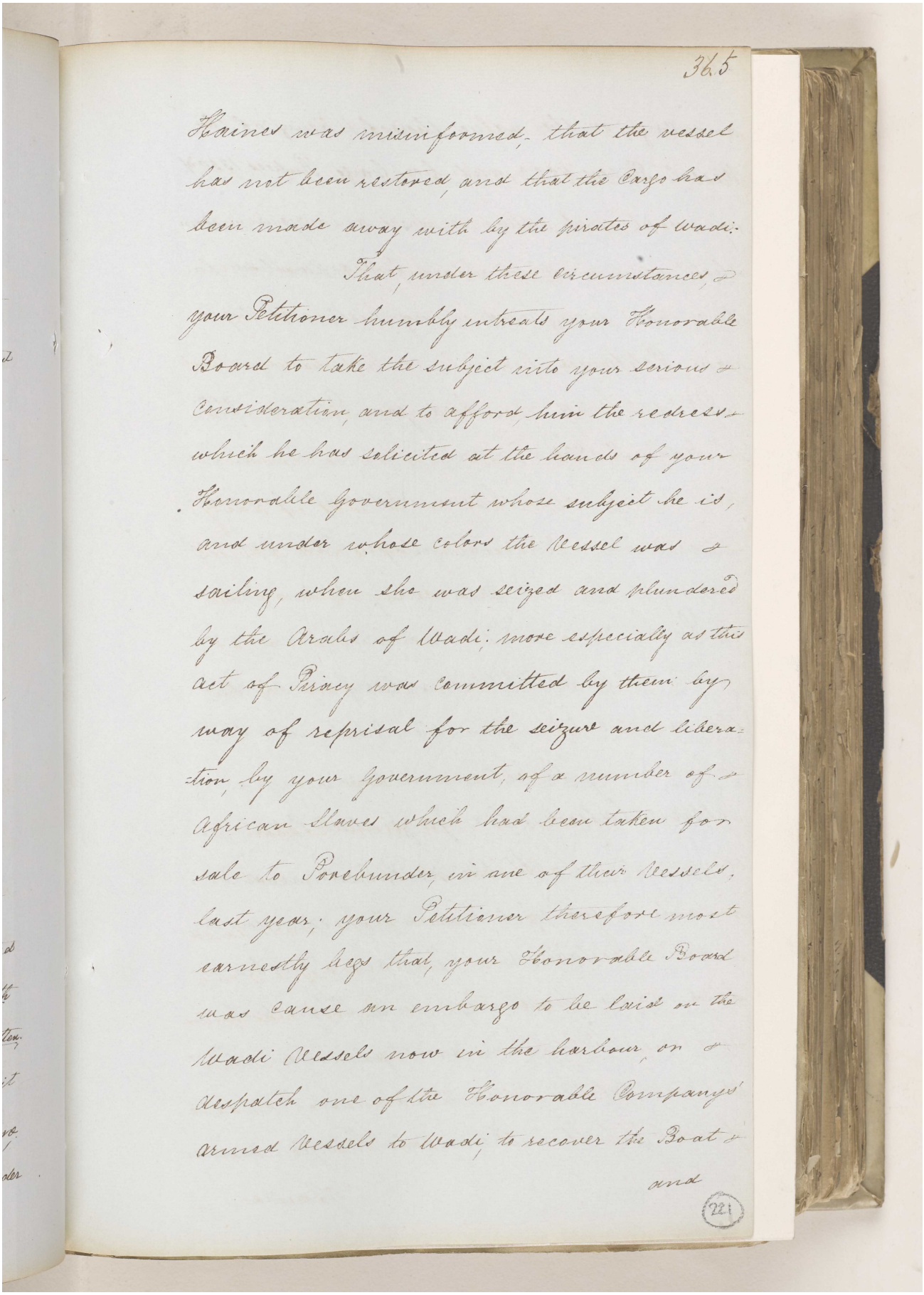
in the Wadi Boats which sailed from that Port subsequently to the date of that officers' Report, stated that they saw the Vessel at that place, and believed that she had not been restored, nor her Cargo, / yet your Petitioner, fearful of trespassing without sufficient cause, upon the valuable time of your Honorable Board, forbore to represent his doubts, especially as he was in daily expectation of receiving letters and advices from the friends and connections of the firm at, and in the neighbourhood of Wadi, from which he would learn the true state of the case.

That a few days ago, your Petitioner received a letter from Banian Merchants established at Sahoot, a port distant only a few miles from Wadi, dated the 20th September last, being nearly a Month after Commander Haines' Report was written, and your Petitioner now begs leave to submit the said letter, with a translation of the same, from which it will be seen that Commander

Haines



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Highness was misinformed, that the vessel has not been restored, and that the Cargo has been made away with by the pirates of Wadi.

That, under these circumstances, your Petitioner humbly intreats your Honorable Board to take the subject into your serious consideration, and to afford him the redress which he has solicited at the hands of your Honorable Government whose subject he is, and under whose colors the Vessel was sailing, when she was seized and plundered by the Arabs of Wadi; more especially as this act of Piracy was committed by them by way of reprisal for the seizure and liberation, by your Government, of a number of African Slaves which had been taken for sale to Porebunder, in one of their Vessels, last year; your Petitioner therefore most earnestly begs that your Honorable Board will cause an embargo to be laid on the Wadi Vessels now in the harbour, or despatch one of the Honorable Company's armed Vessels to Wadi, to recover the Boat and

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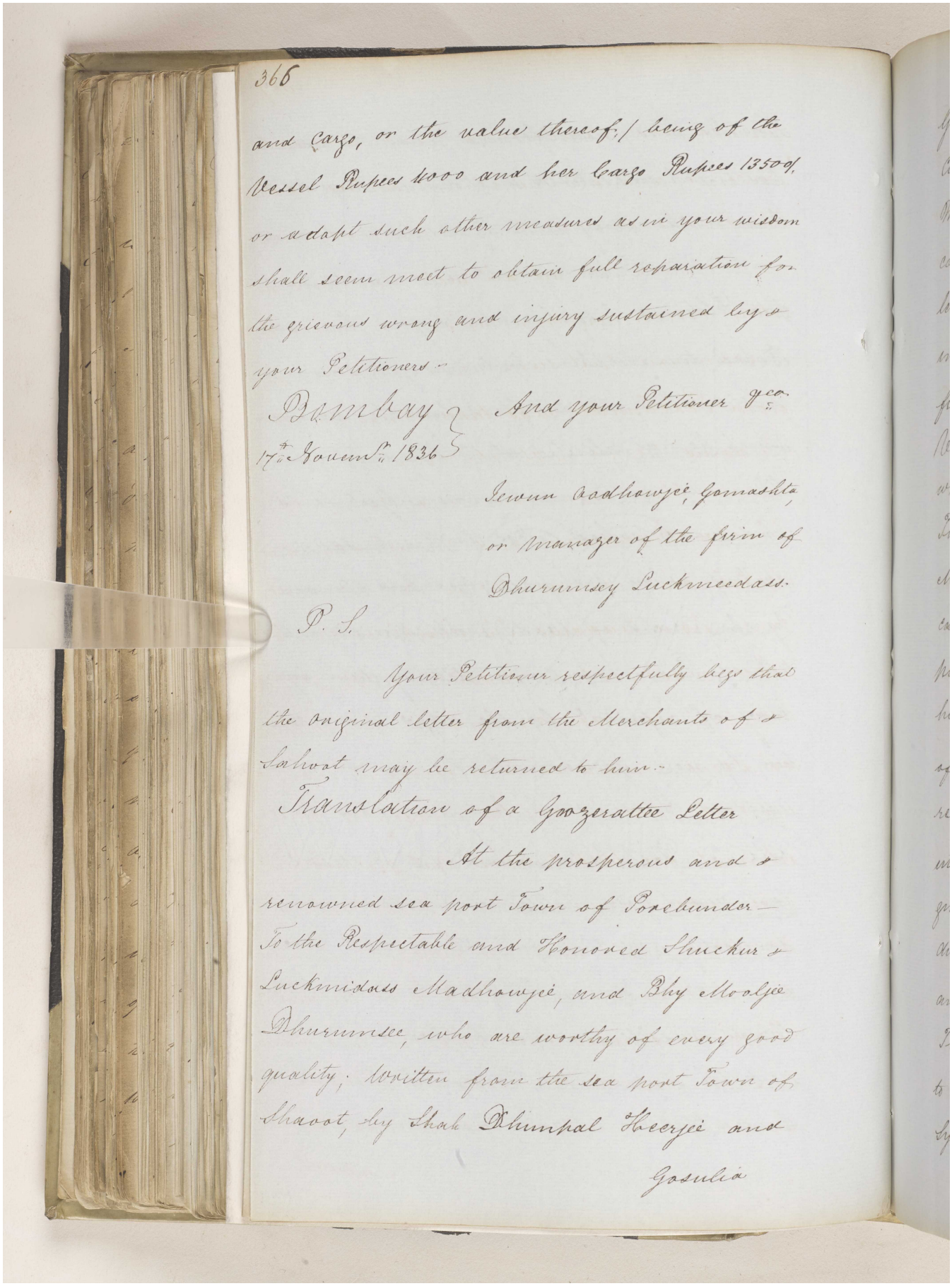

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and Cargo, or the value thereof; / being of the Vessel Rupees 10000 and her Cargo Rupees 13500/, or adopt such other measures as in your wisdom shall seem meet to obtain full reparation for the grievous wrong and injury sustained by o your Petitioners -

Bombay 17th January 1836

And your Petitioner &c.

Jewun Aadhowjee Gomashta or Manager of the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmeedass.

P. S.

Your Petitioner respectfully begs that the original letter from the Merchants of o Sahvat may be returned to him -

Translation of a Goozerattee Letter

At the prosperous and o renowned sea port Town of Porebunder -

To the Respectable and Honored Shuckur o Luckmidass Madhowjee, and Bhy Mooljee Dhurumsee, who are worthy of every good quality; Written from the sea port Town of Shavot by Shah Dhumpal Heerjee and

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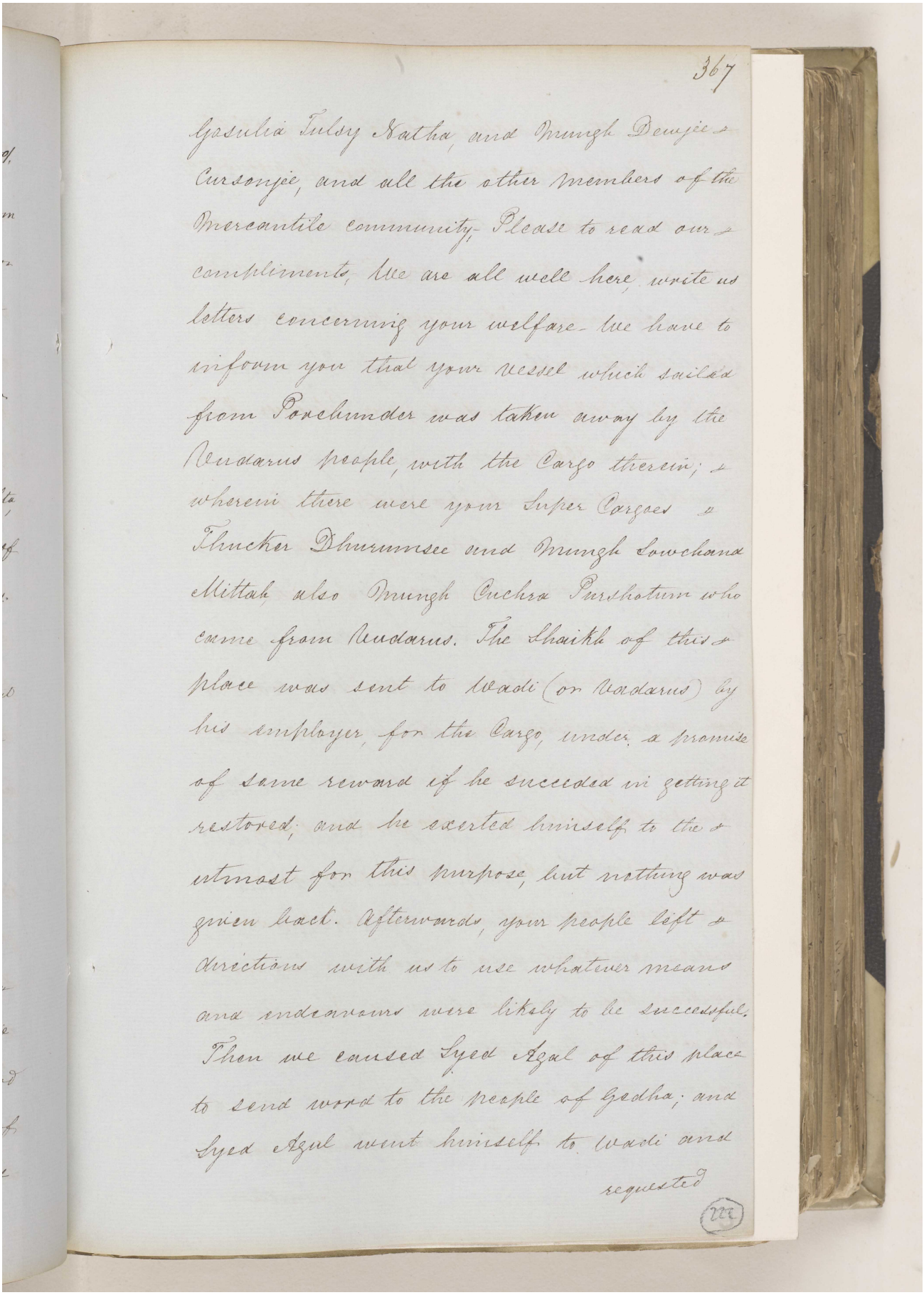

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Gasulia Tulsy Natha, and Mungh Dewjee
Cursonjee, and all the other Members of the
Mercantile community. Please to read our
compliments, We are all well here, write us
letters concerning your welfare. We have to
inform you that your Vessel which sailed
from Porebunder was taken away by the
Reodarus people, with the Cargo therein;
wherein there were your Super Cargoes
Thucker Dhurumsee and Mungh Sowchand
Mittah, also Mungh Cuchra Purshotum who
came from Reodarus. The Shaikh of this
place was sent to Wadi (or Reodarus) by
his employer, for the Cargo, under a promise
of some reward if he succeeded in getting it
restored; and he exerted himself to the
utmost for this purpose, but nothing was
given him. Afterwards, your people left
directions with us to use whatever means
and endeavours were likely to be successful.
Then we caused Syed Azal of this place
to send word to the people of Gadha; and
Syed Azul went himself to Wadi and
requested

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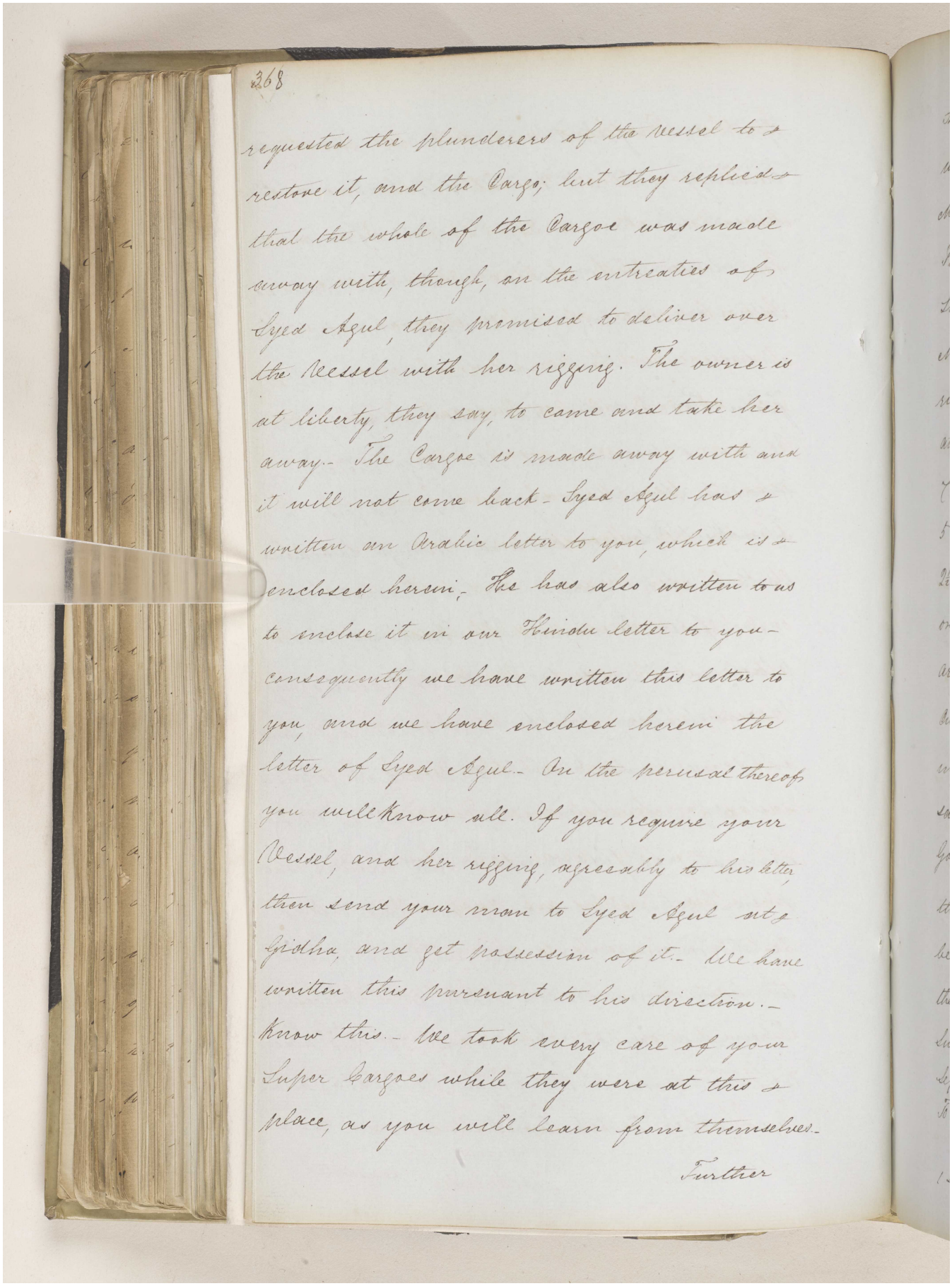

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requested the plunderers of the Vessel to restore it, and the Cargo; but they replied that the whole of the Cargoe was made away with, though, on the entreaties of Syed Agul, they promised to deliver over the Vessel with her rigging. The owner is at liberty, they say, to come and take her away.- The Cargoe is made away with and it will not come back.- Syed Agul has written an Arabic letter to you, which is enclosed herein.- He has also written to us to enclose it in our Hindu letter to you- consequently we have written this letter to you, and we have enclosed herein the letter of Syed Agul.- On the perusal thereof you will know all. If you require your Vessel, and her rigging, agreeably to his letter, then send your man to Syed Agul at Gjodha, and get possession of it.- We have written this pursuant to his direction.- Know this.- We took every care of your Super Cargoes while they were at this place, as you will learn from themselves.-

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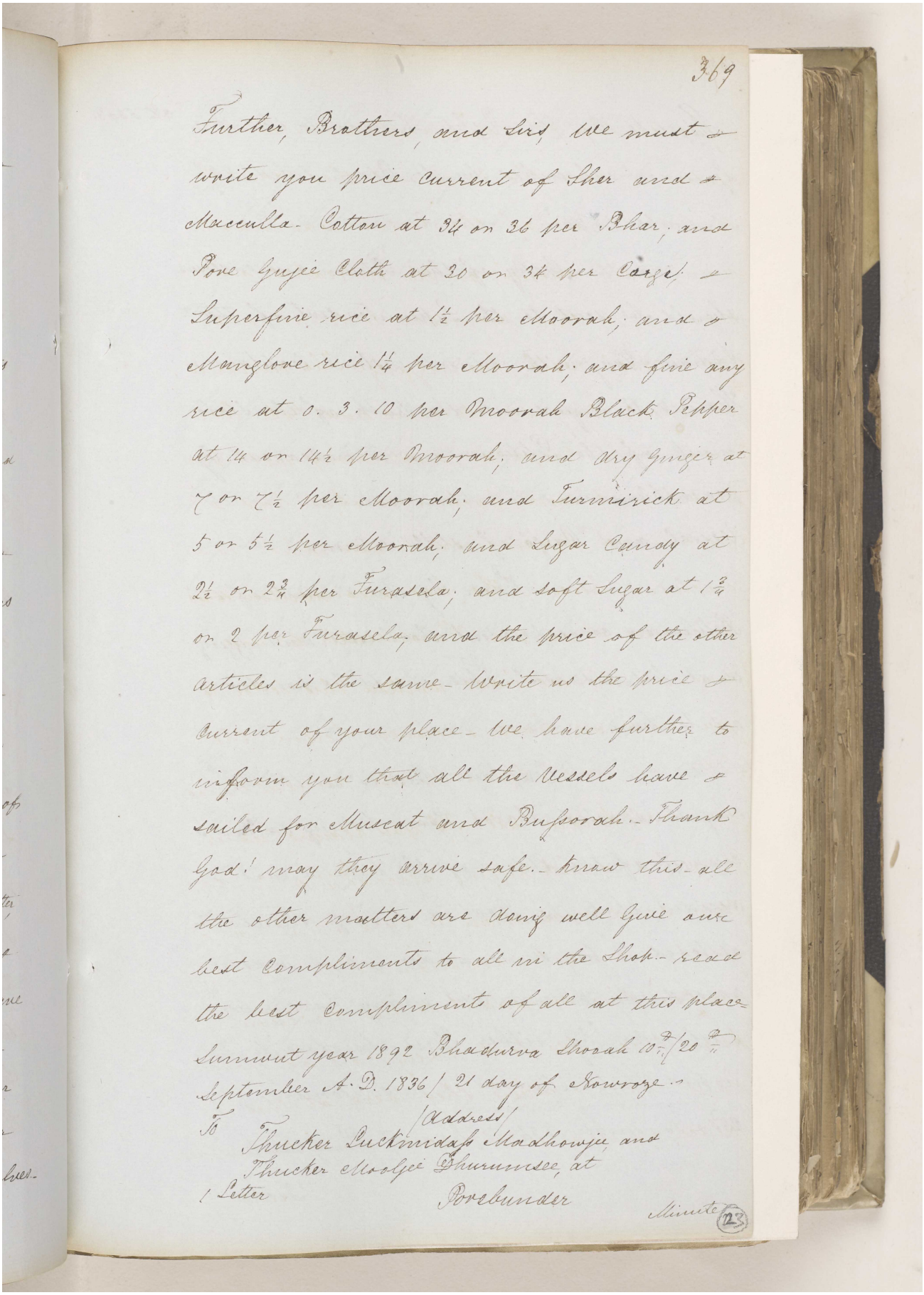

Further, Brothers, and Sirs, We must & write you price current of Sher and & Macculla- Cotton at 34 or 36 per Bhar; and Pore Gujee Cloth at 30 or 34 per Corge; & Superfine rice at 1½ per Moorah; and & Manglove rice 1¼ per Moorah; and fine any rice at 0. 3. 10 per Moorah Black Pepper at 14 or 14½ per Moorah; and dry Ginger at 7 or 7½ per Moorah; and Turmirick at 5 or 5½ per Moorah; and Sugar Candy at 2½ or 2¾ per Furasela; and soft Sugar at 1¾ or 2 per Furasela; and the price of the other articles is the same- Write us the price & current of your place- We have further to inform you that all the Vessels have & sailed for Muscat and Bussorah.- Thank God! may they arrive safe.- know this- all the other matters are doing well Give our best Compliments to all in the Shop.- read the best Compliments of all at this place- Summut year 1892 Bhadurva Shooah 10th/20th September A. D. 1836/ 21 day of Nowroze.-

(Address)

To
Thucker Luckmidass Madhowjee and
Thucker Mooljee Dhurumsee, at
Porebunder

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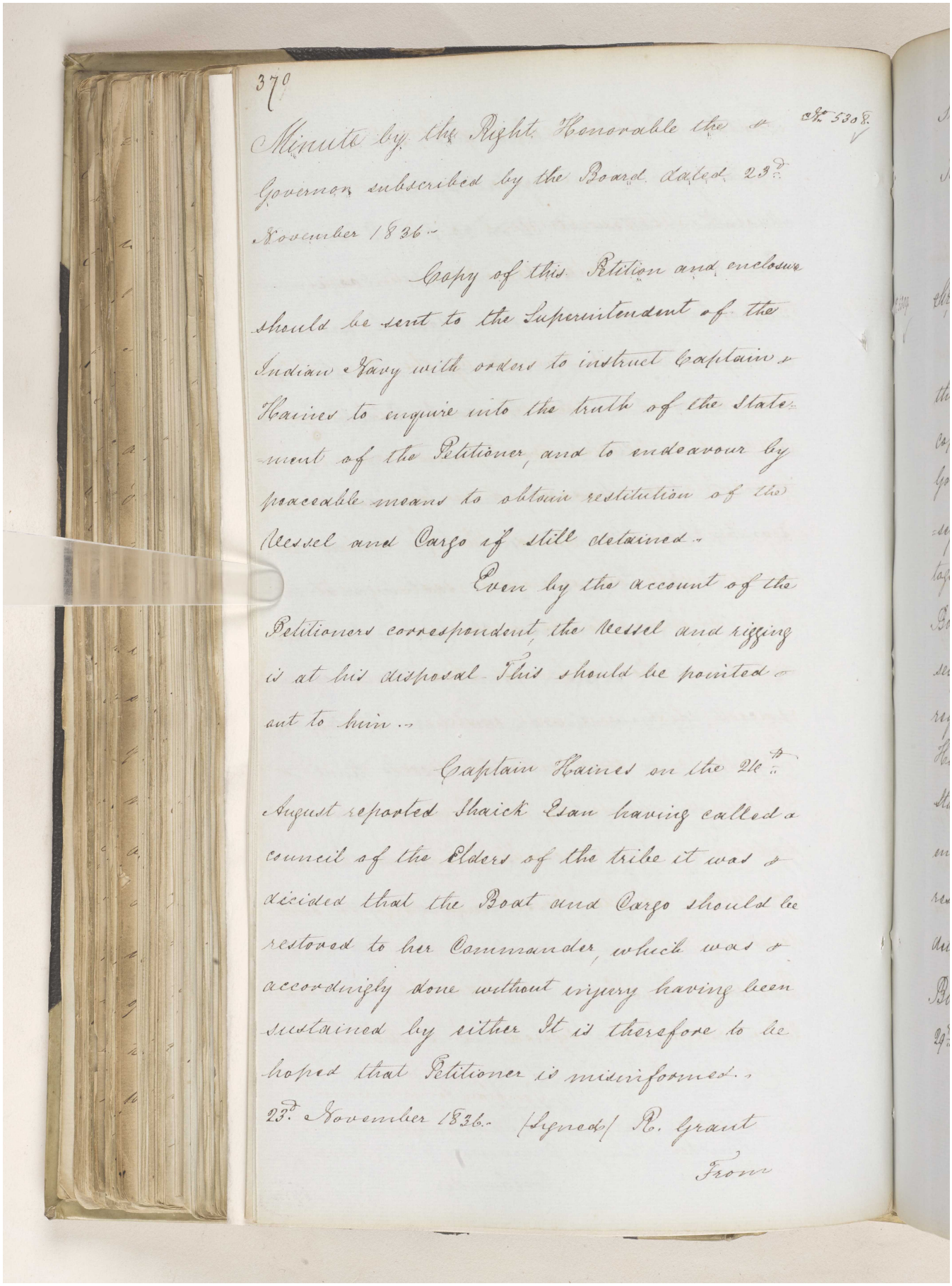

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Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor subscribed by the Board dated 23d November 1836.

Copy of this Petition and enclosure should be sent to the Superintendant of the Indian Navy with orders to instruct Captain Haines to enquire into the truth of the Statement of the Petitioner, and to endeavour by peaceable means to obtain restitution of the Vessel and Cargo if still detained.

Even by the account of the Petitioners correspondent the Vessel and rigging is at his disposal. This should be pointed out to him.

Captain Haines on the 21st August reported Shaick Esan having called a council of the Elders of the tribe it was decided that the Boat and Cargo should be restored to her Commander, which was accordingly done without injury having been sustained by either. It is therefore to be hoped that Petitioner is misinformed.

23d November 1836. (Signed) R. Grant

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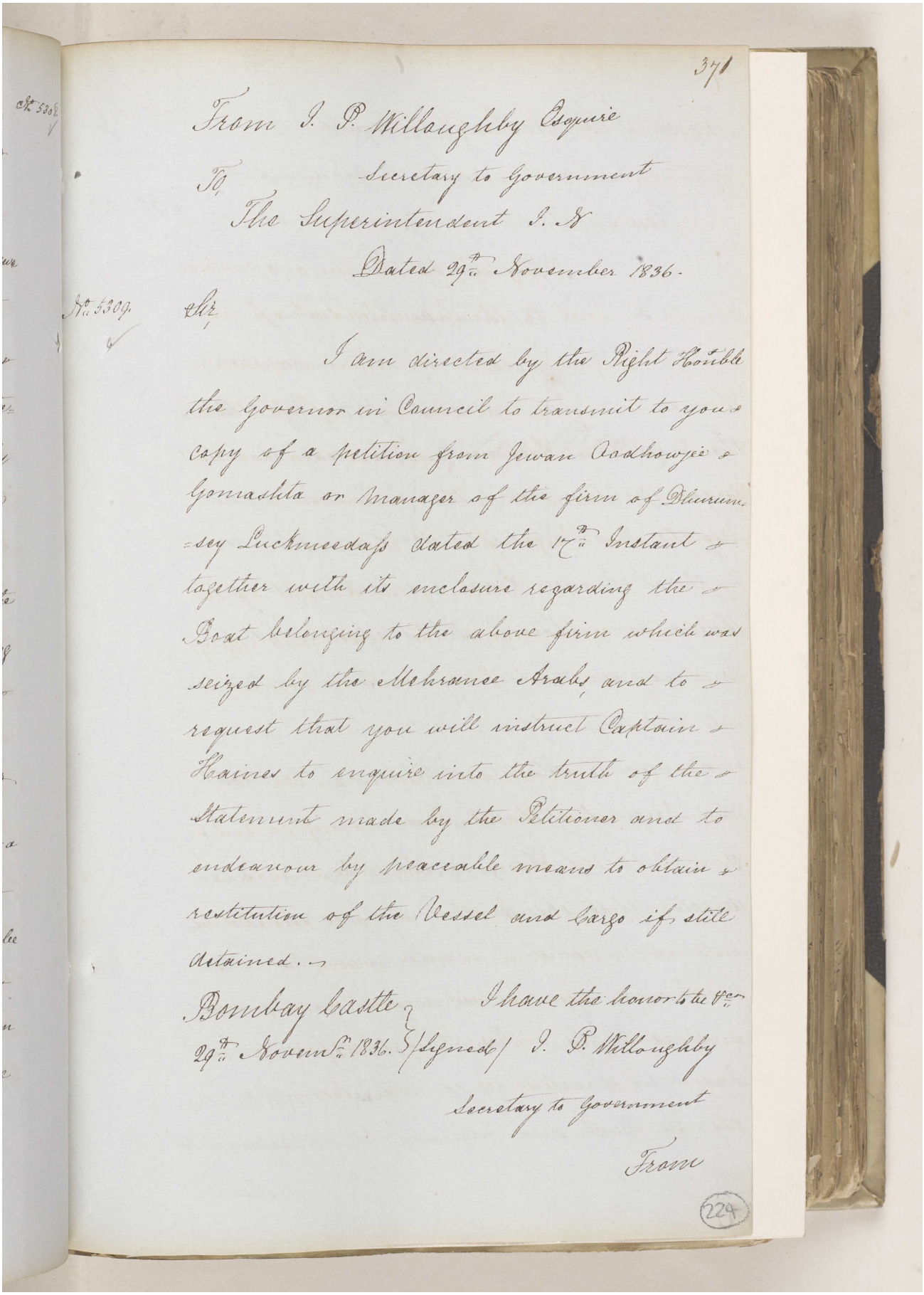

No. 5308

From I. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
To,
The Superintendent I. N
Dated 29th November 1836.

No. 5309. Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you copy of a petition from Jewan Oodhowjee Gomashta or Manager of the firm of Dhurumsey Luckmeedass dated the 17th Instant together with its enclosure regarding the Boat belonging to the above firm which was seized by the Mehrance Arabs, and to request that you will instruct Captain Haines to enquire into the truth of the Statement made by the Petitioner and to endeavour by peaceable means to obtain restitution of the Vessel and Cargo if still detained.

Bombay Castle
29th Novemr 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) I. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

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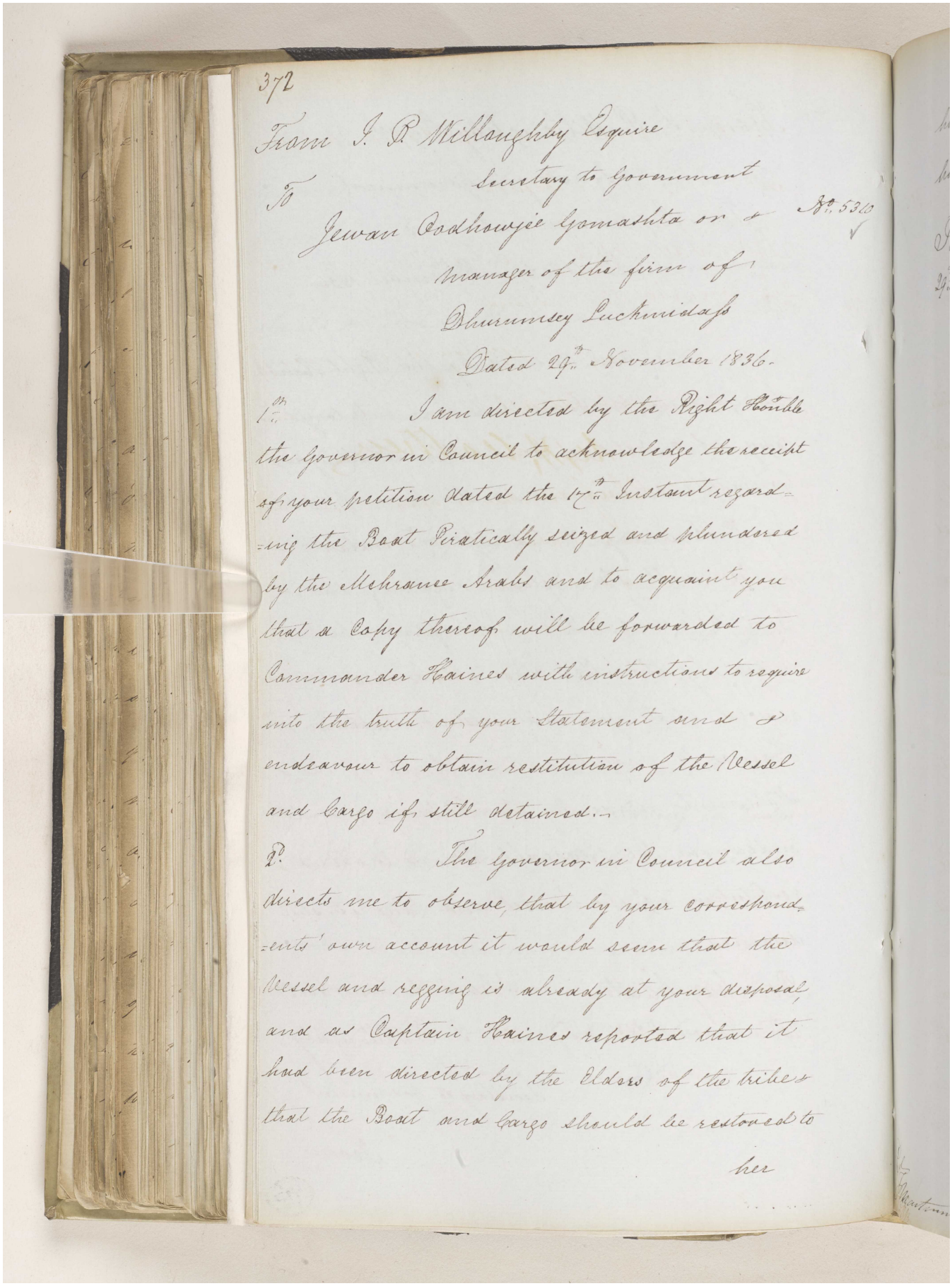

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From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To
Jewan Oodhowjee Gomashta or & No. 5310
Manager of the firm of
Dhurumsey Luckmidass
Dated 29th November 1836.

1st I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your petition dated the 17th Instant regarding the Boat Piratically seized and plundered by the Mehranee Arabs and to acquaint you that a Copy thereof will be forwarded to Commander Haines with instructions to require into the truth of your Statement and & endeavour to obtain restitution of the Vessel and Cargo if still detained.

2d The Governor in Council also directs me to observe, that by your correspondents' own account it would seem that the Vessel and regging is already at your disposal, and as Captain Haines reported that it had been directed by the Elders of the tribe & that the Boat and Cargo should be restored to

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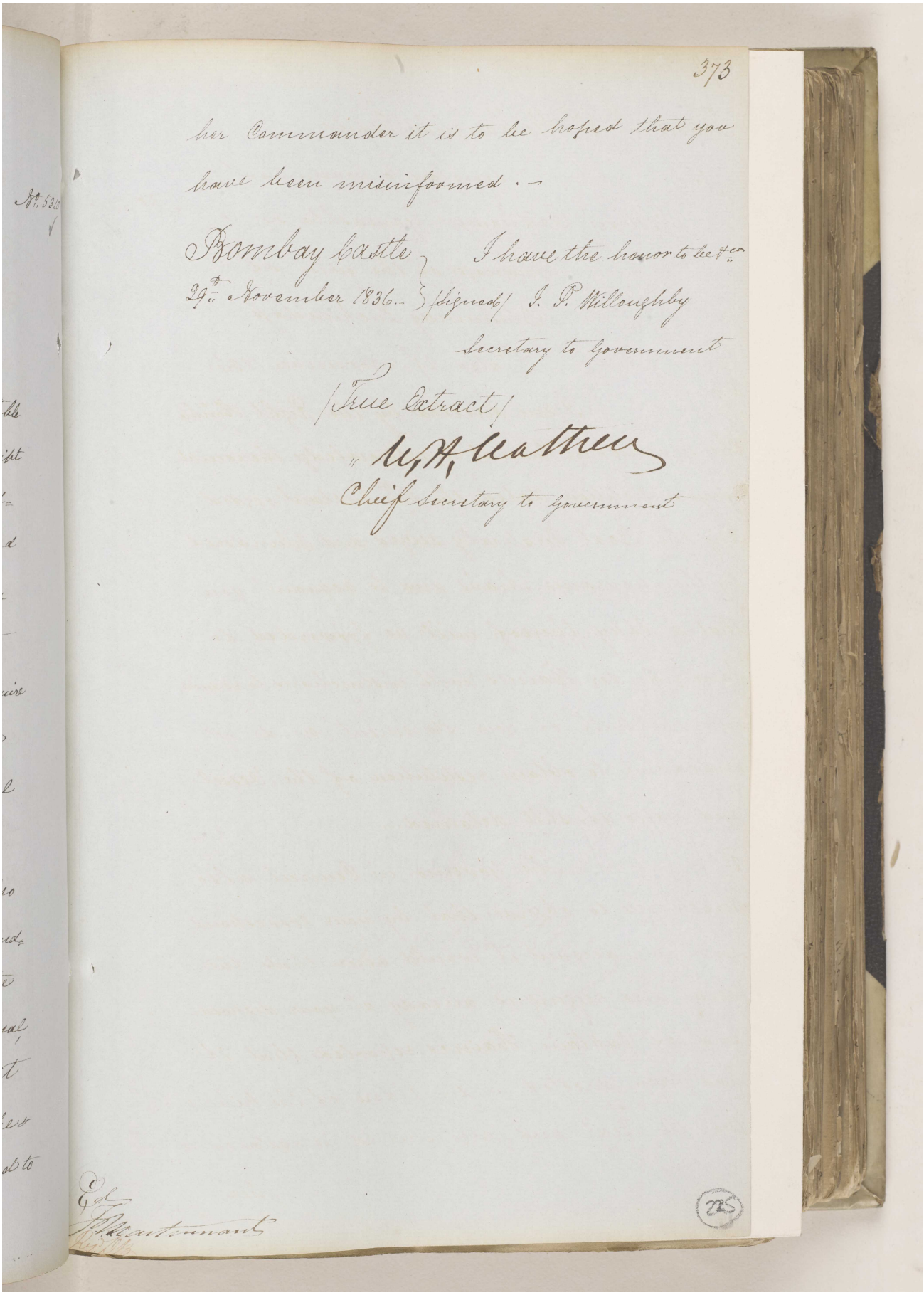

her Commander it is to be hoped that you have been misinformed.—

Bombay Castle
29th November 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

(True Extract)
W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Government

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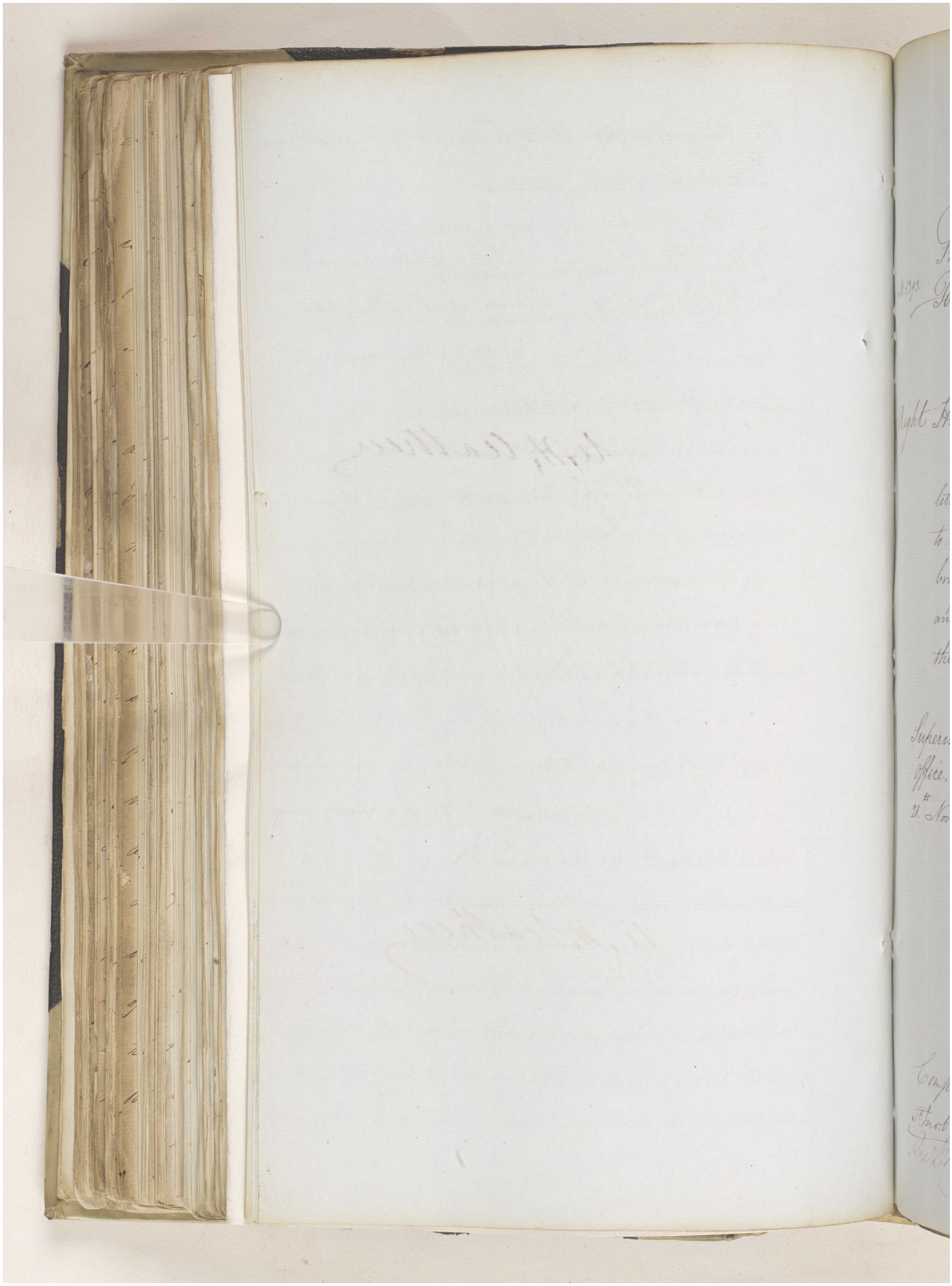

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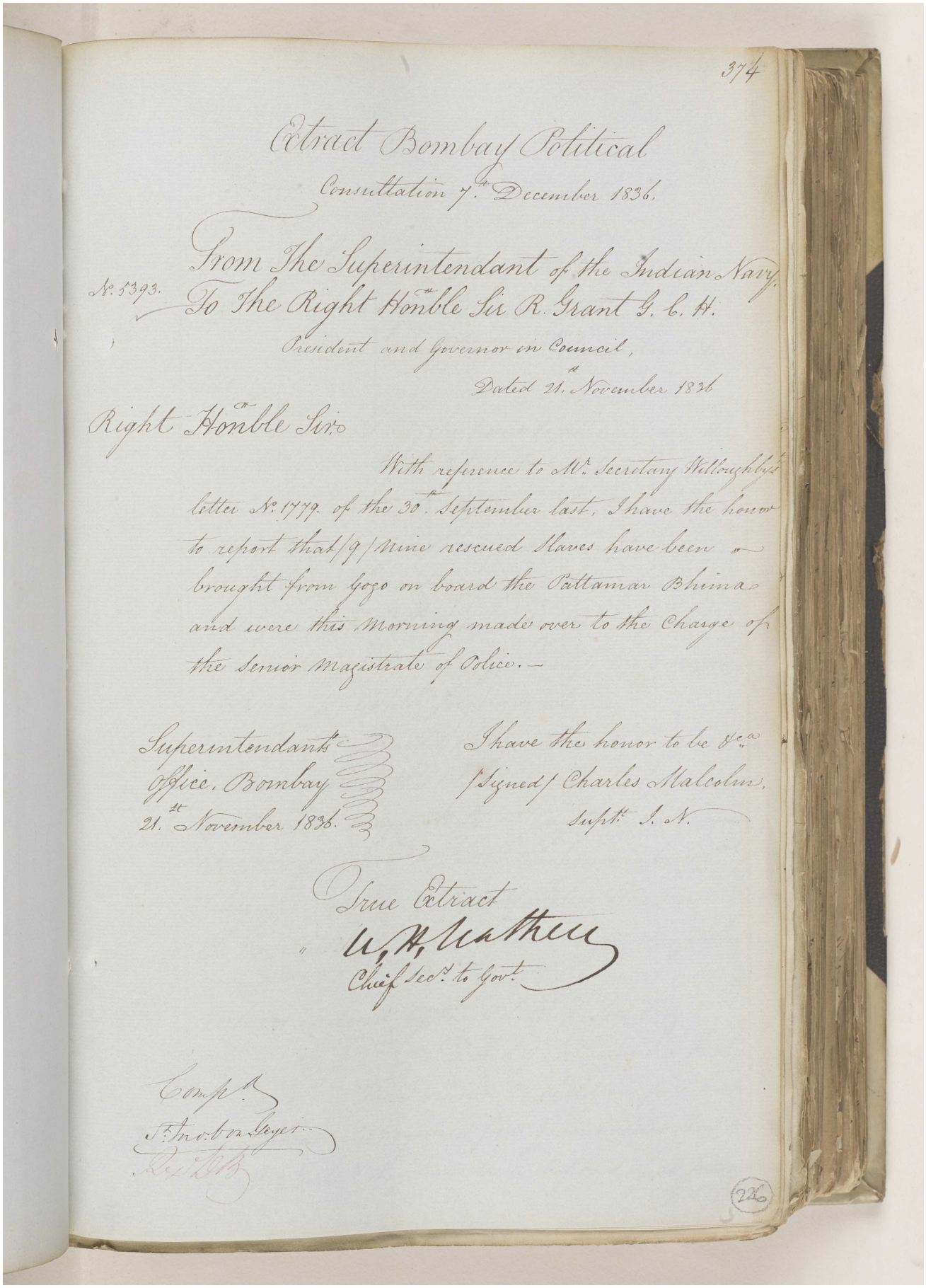

Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 7th December 1836.

From The Superintendant of the Indian Navy
No. 5393. To The Right Honble Sir R. Grant G. C. H.
President and Governor in Council,
Dated 21st November 1836

Right Honble Sir,

With reference to Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter No. 1779. of the 30th September last, I have the honor to report that (9) Nine rescued Slaves have been brought from Gozo on board the Pattamar Bhima and were this Morning made over to the Charge of the Senior Magistrate of Police.—

Superintendants Office. Bombay
21st November 1836.

I have the honor to be &ca.
(Signed) Charles Malcolm,
Supt. I. N.

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Chief Secy. to Govt.

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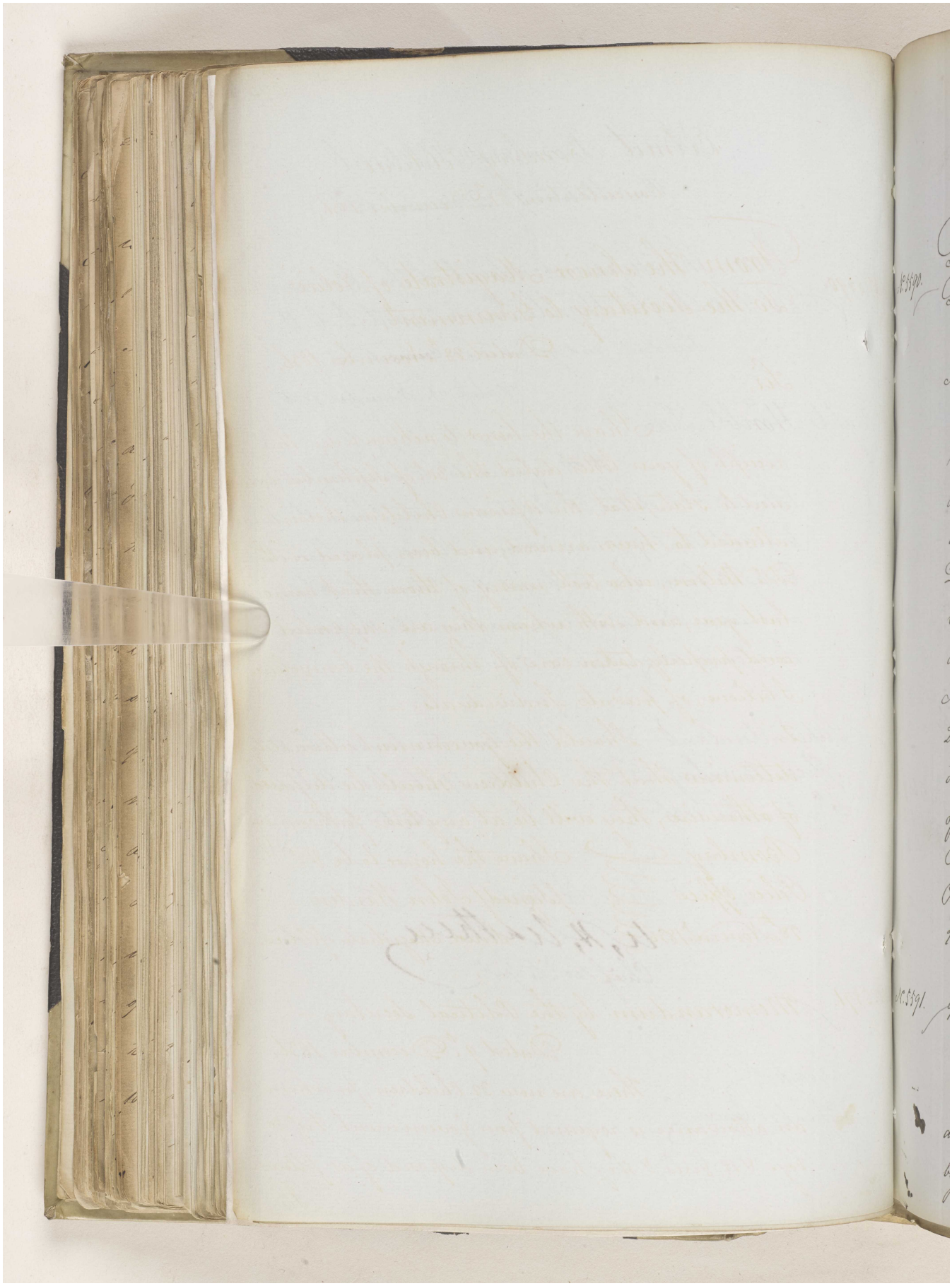

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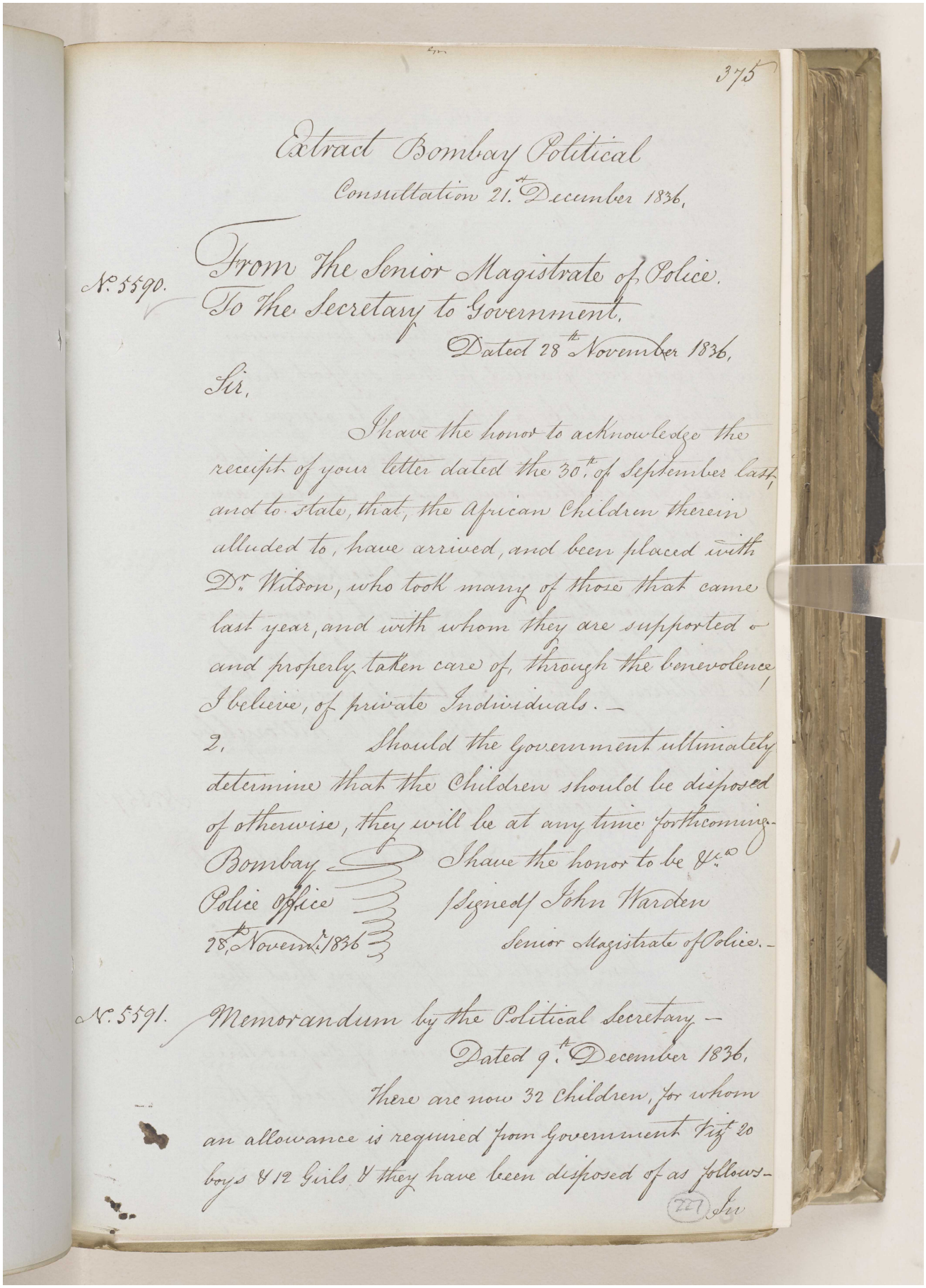

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 21st December 1836,

No. 5590. From The Senior Magistrate of Police.
To The Secretary to Government.
Dated 28th November 1836,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30th of September last, and to state, that, the African Children therein alluded to, have arrived, and been placed with Dr. Wilson, who took many of those that came last year, and with whom they are supported & and properly taken care of, through the benevolence I believe, of private Individuals. —

2. Should the Government ultimately determine that the Children should be disposed of otherwise, they will be at any time forthcoming.

Bombay Police Office 28th November 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) John Warden
Senior Magistrate of Police. —

No. 5591. Memorandum by the Political Secretary —
Dated 9th December 1836,

There are now 32 Children, for whom an allowance is required from Government viz 20 boys & 12 Girls & they have been disposed of as follows —

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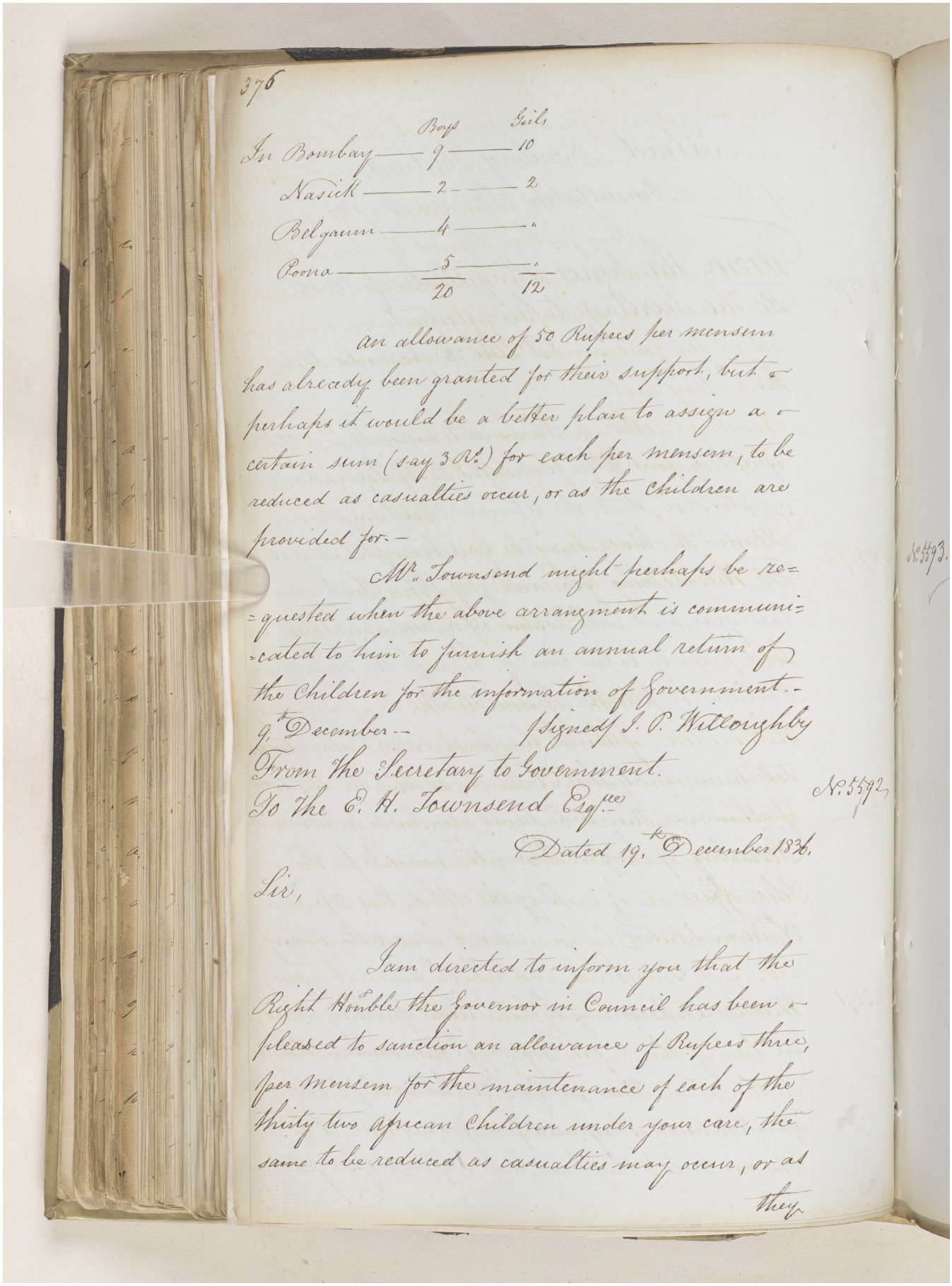

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	Boys	Girls
In Bombay	9	10
Nasick	2	2
Belgaum	4	"
Poona	5	"
	20	12

an allowance of 50 Rupees per mensem has already been granted for their support, but perhaps it would be a better plan to assign a certain sum (say 3 Rs.) for each per mensem, to be reduced as casualties occur, or as the children are provided for.—

Mr. Townsend might perhaps be requested when the above arrangement is communicated to him to furnish an annual return of the Children for the information of Government.—

9th December.— (Signed) J. P. Willoughby

No. 5593.

From the Secretary to Government.
To the E. H. Townsend Esqre

No. 5592

Dated 19th December 1836.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to sanction an allowance of Rupees three, per mensem for the maintenance of each of the thirty two african Children under your care, the same to be reduced as casualties may occur, or as they

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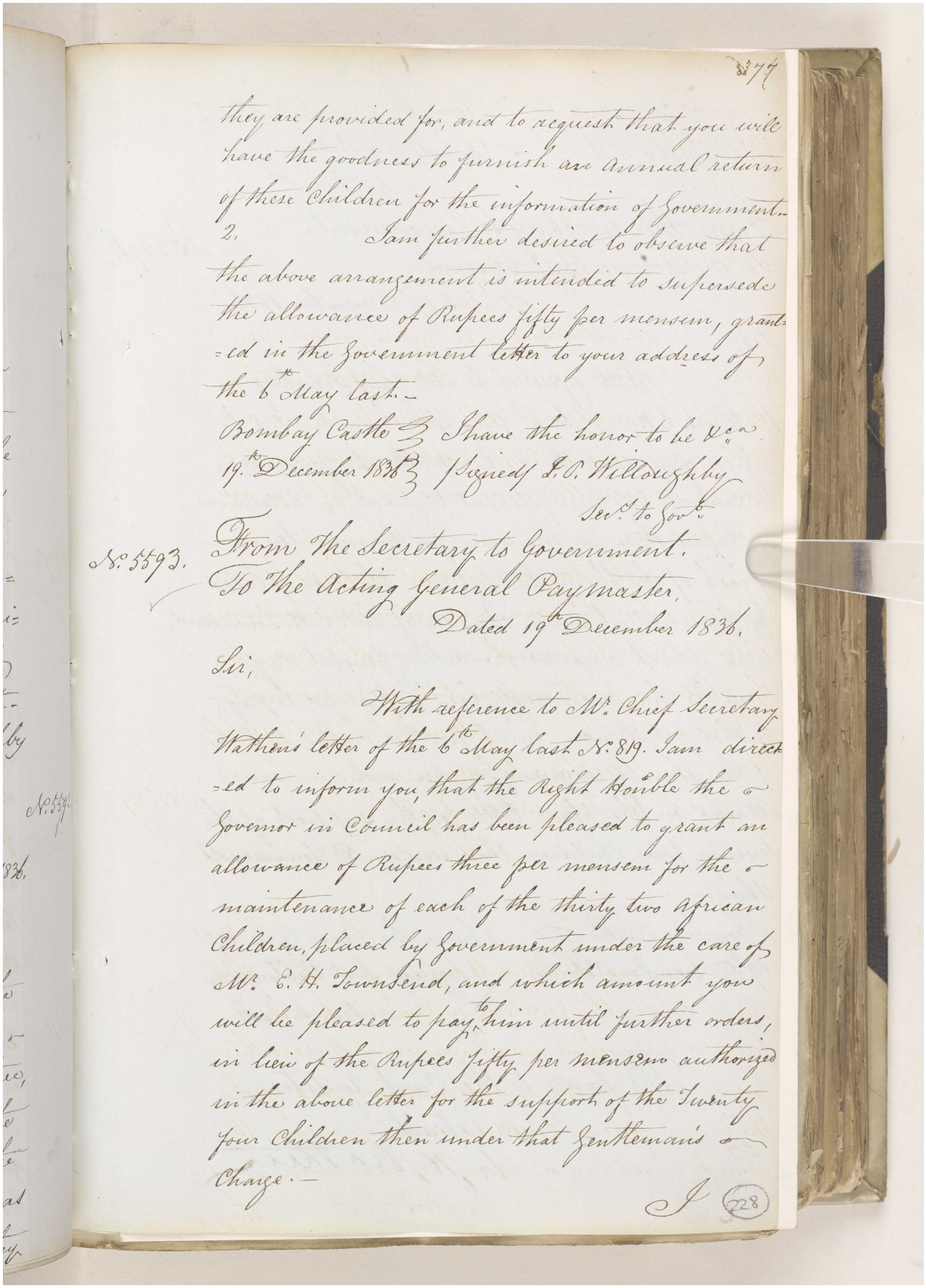

they are provided for, and to request that you will have the goodness to furnish an annual return of these Children for the information of Government.—

2. I am further desired to observe that the above arrangement is intended to supersede the allowance of Rupees fifty per mensem, granted in the Government letter to your address of the 6th May last.—

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be &ca.
19th December 1836 } (Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

No. 5593. From the Secretary to Government.
To the Acting General Paymaster.
Dated 19th December 1836.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Chief Secretary Wathen's letter of the 6th May last No. 819. I am directed to inform you, that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to grant an allowance of Rupees three per mensem for the maintenance of each of the thirty two African Children, placed by Government under the care of Mr. E. H. Townsend, and which amount you will be pleased to pay to him until further orders, in lieu of the Rupees fifty per mensem authorized in the above letter for the support of the Twenty four Children then under that Gentleman's Charge.—

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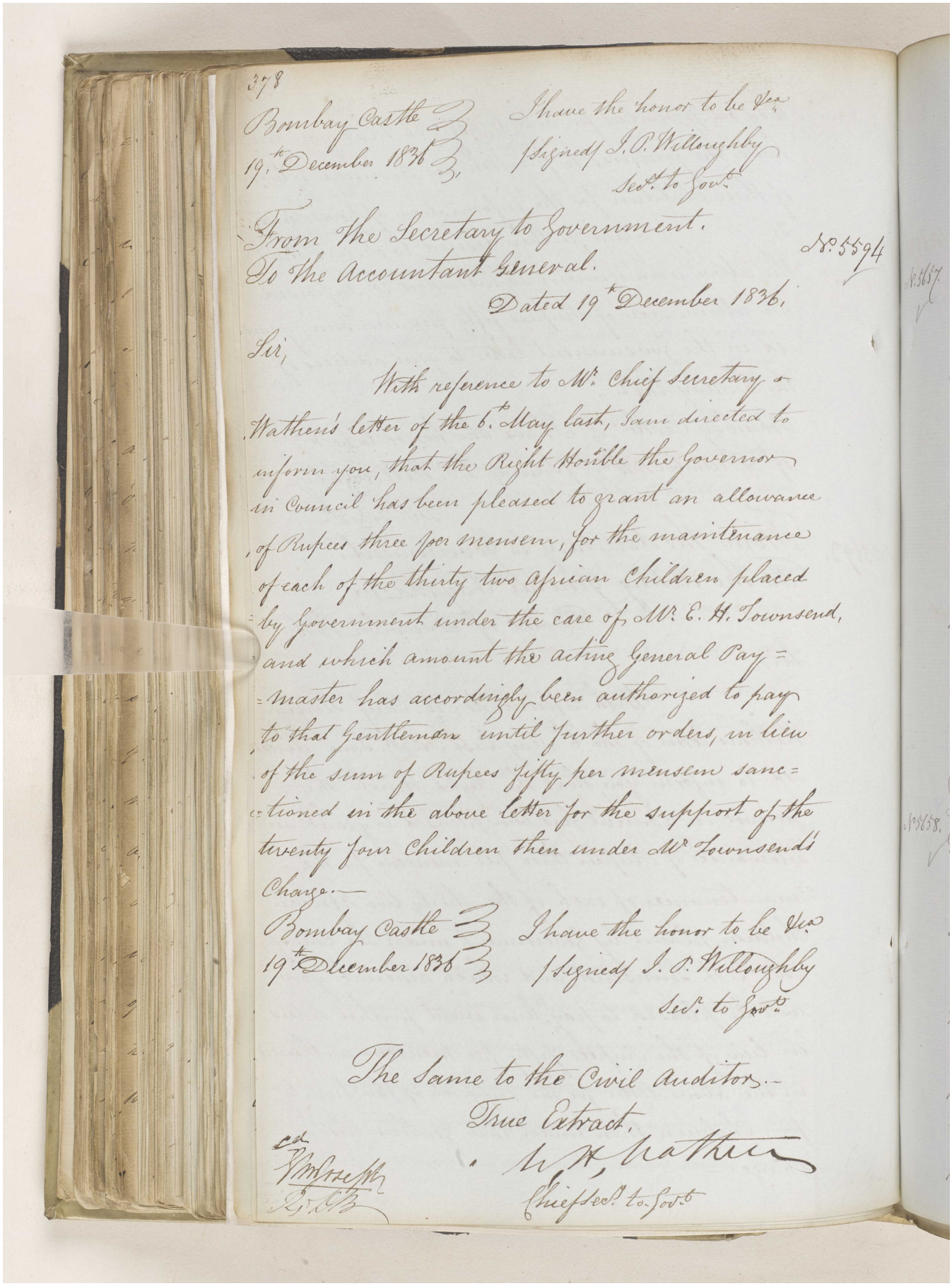

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Bombay Castle
19th December 1836

I have the honor to be &ca.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

From the Secretary to Government.
To the Accountant General.

No. 5594

Dated 19th December 1836.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Chief Secretary Wathen's letter of the 6th May last, I am directed to inform you, that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to grant an allowance of Rupees three per mensem, for the maintenance of each of the thirty two African Children placed by Government under the care of Mr. E. H. Townsend, and which amount the acting General Pay=master has accordingly been authorized to pay to that Gentleman until further orders, in lieu of the sum of Rupees fifty per mensem sanc=tioned in the above letter for the support of the twenty four Children then under Mr. Townsend's Charge.—

Bombay Castle
19th December 1836

I have the honor to be &ca.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

The Same to the Civil Auditor.—
True Extract.
W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy. to Govt.

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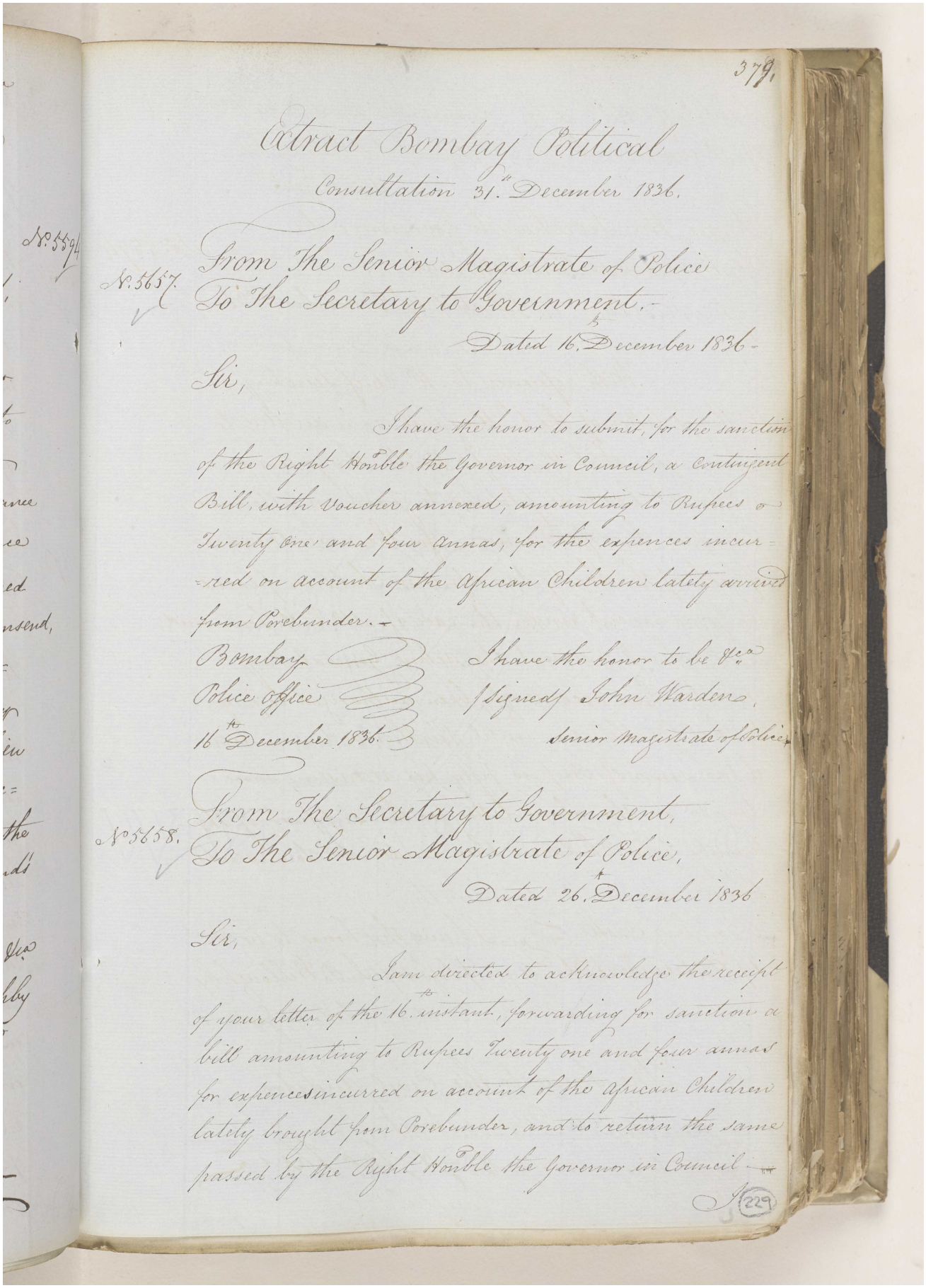

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No. 5594

No. 5657

From The Senior Magistrate of Police
To The Secretary to Government.-
Dated 16. December 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, a Contingent Bill, with Voucher annexed, amounting to Rupees Twenty one and four Annas, for the expences incurred on account of the African Children lately arrived from Porebunder.

Bombay Police Office
16th December 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) John Warden,
Senior Magistrate of Police.

No. 5658.

From The Secretary to Government,
To The Senior Magistrate of Police,
Dated 26. December 1836

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, forwarding for sanction a bill amounting to Rupees Twenty one and four annas for expences incurred on account of the African Children lately brought from Porebunder, and to return the same passed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

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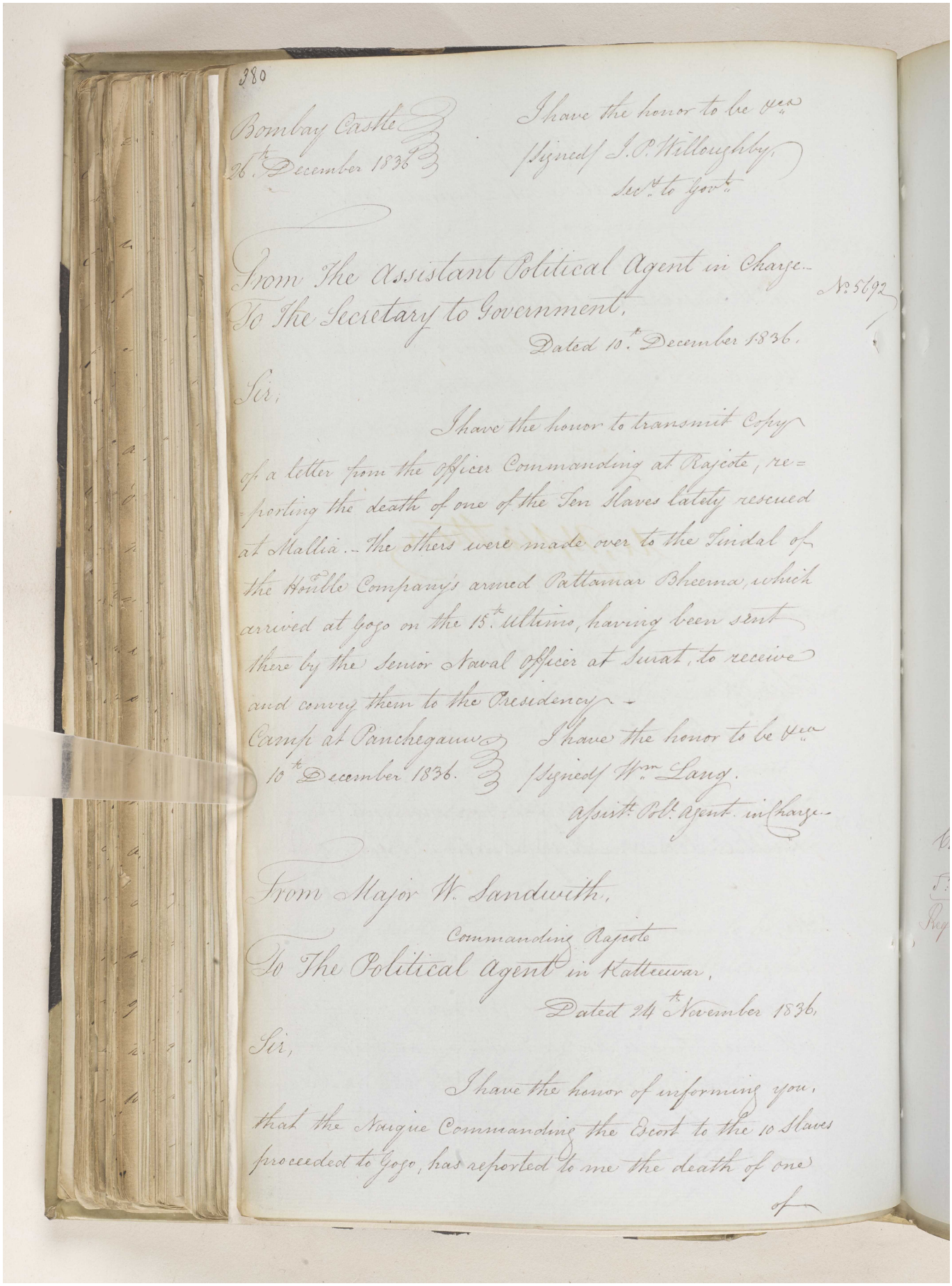

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Bombay Castle
26th December 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby,
Secy to Govt.

From The Assistant Political Agent in Charge.
To The Secretary to Government,

No. 5692

Dated 10th December 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Rajcote, reporting the death of one of the Ten Slaves lately rescued at Mallia.—The others were made over to the Tindal of the Honble Company's armed Pattamar Bheema, which arrived at Gogo on the 15th ultimo, having been sent there by the Senior Naval Officer at Surat, to receive and convey them to the Presidency.—

Camp at Panchegaum
10th December 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Wm Lang.
Asstt Pol. Agent in charge.

From Major W. Sandwith,
Commanding Rajcote
To The Political Agent in Kattiewar,

Dated 24th November 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor of informing you, that the Naique Commanding the Escort to the 10 Slaves proceeded to Gogo, has reported to me the death of one of

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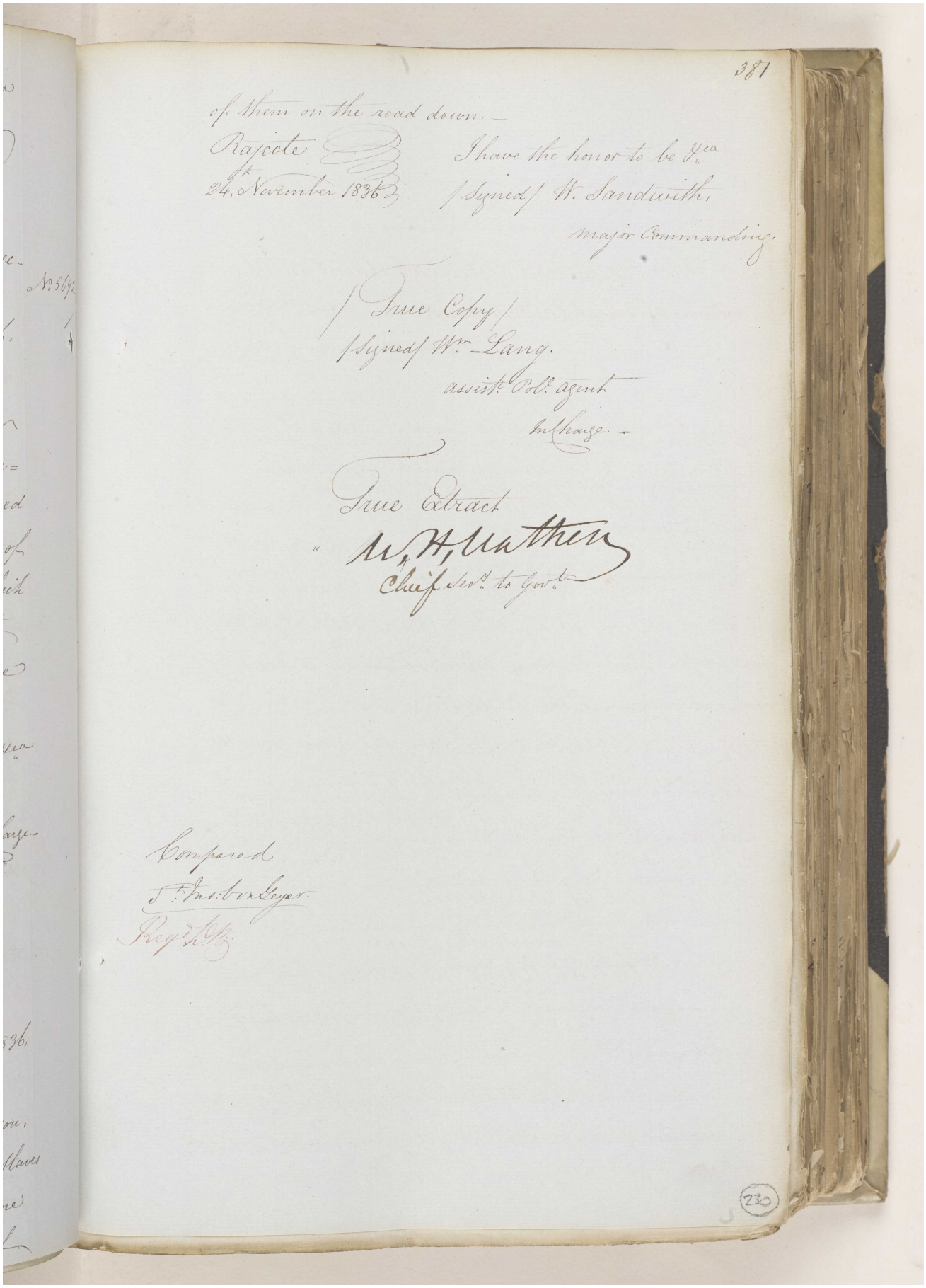

of them on the road down.—

Rajcote
24th November 1836

I have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) W. Sandwith,
Major Commanding.

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm. Lang.
assist. Pol. agent
In Charge.—

True Extract
" W. H. Mathew
Chief Secy. to Govt.

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St. Jno. von Geyer.
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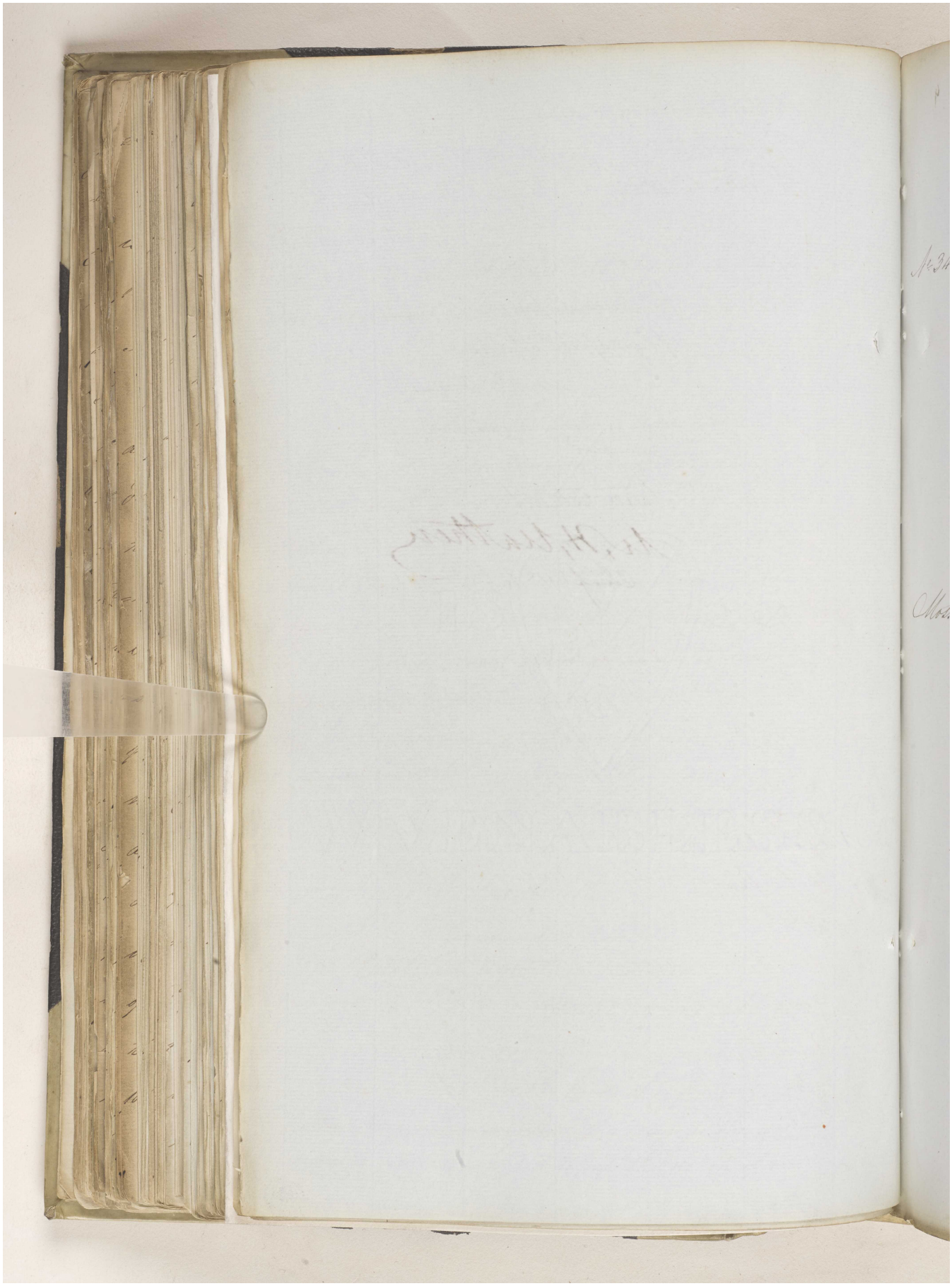

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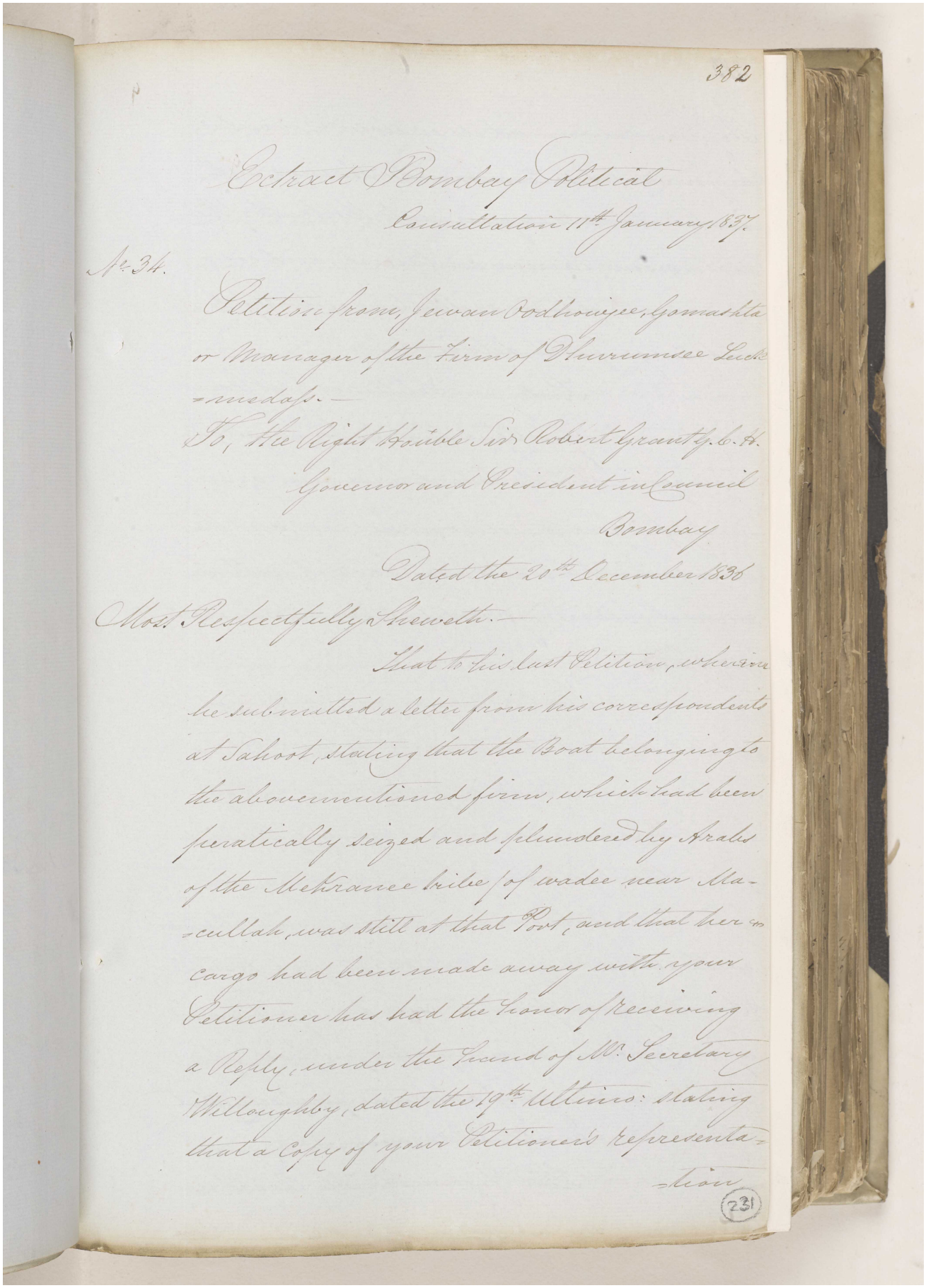

Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 11th January 1837.

No. 34.

Petition from, Jewan Oodhowjee, Gomashta or Manager of the Firm of Dhurumsee Luck-medass.—

To, the Right Hon'ble Sir Robert Grant G.C.H.
Governor and President in Council
Bombay

Dated the 20th December 1836

Most Respectfully Sheweth.—

That to his last Petition, wherein he submitted a letter from his correspondents at Sahoot, stating that the Boat belonging to the abovementioned firm, which had been peratically seized and plundered by Arabs of the Mekranee tribe (of wadee near Ma-cullah, was still at that Port, and that her cargo had been made away with your Petitioner has had the honor of receiving a Reply, under the hand of Mr. Secretary Willoughby, dated the 19th Ultimo: stating that a Copy of your Petitioner's representa-tion

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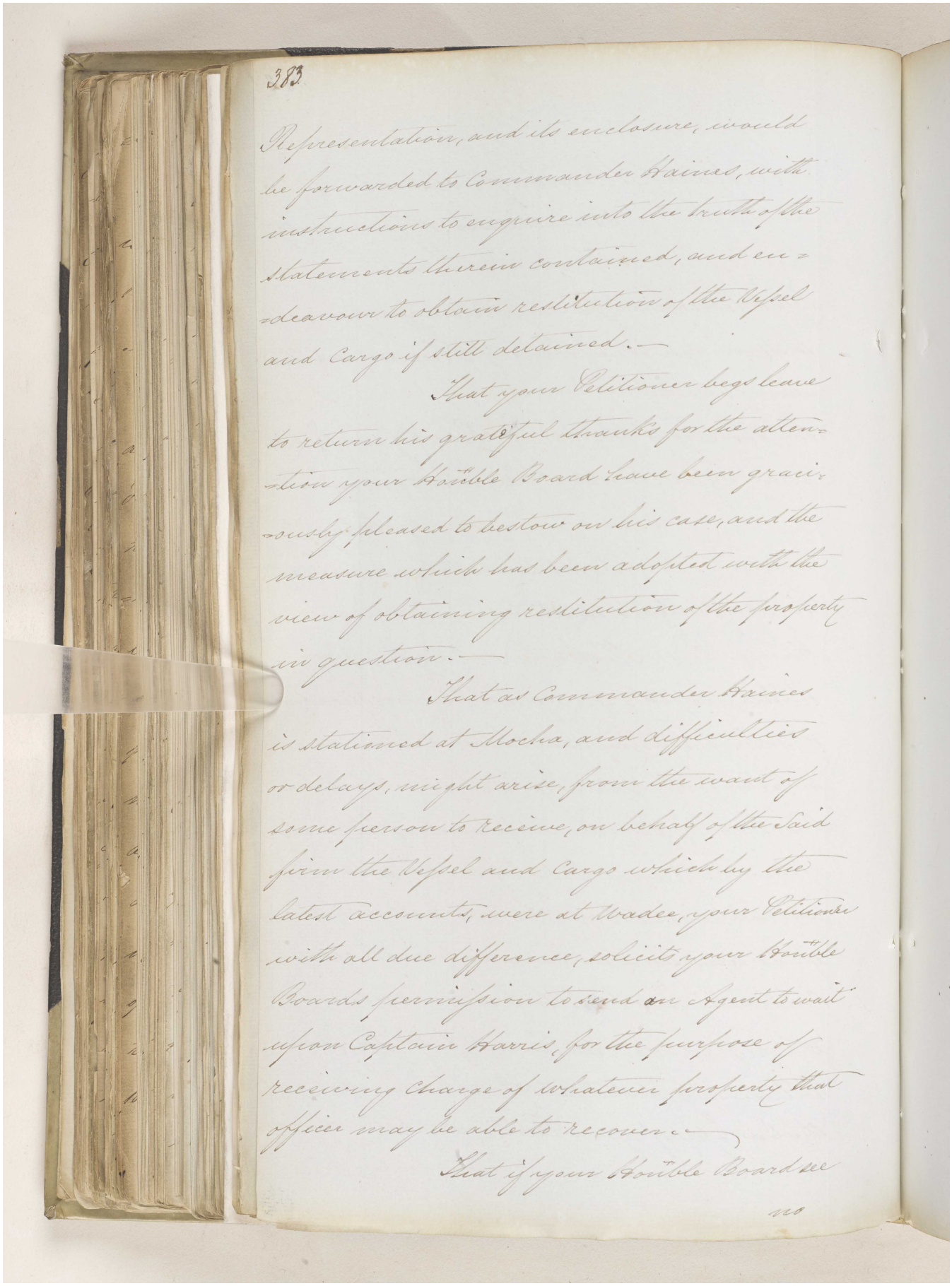

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Representation, and its enclosure, would be forwarded to Commander Haines, with instructions to enquire into the truth of the statements therein contained, and endeavour to obtain restitution of the Vessel and Cargo if still detained.—

That your Petitioner begs leave to return his grateful thanks for the attention your Honble Board have been graciously pleased to bestow on his case, and the measure which has been adopted with the view of obtaining restitution of the property in question.—

That as Commander Haines is stationed at Mocha, and difficulties or delays, might arise, from the want of some person to receive, on behalf of the said firm the Vessel and Cargo which by the latest accounts, were at Hodeida, your Petitioner with all due deference, solicits your Honble Boards permission to send an Agent to wait upon Captain Harris, for the purpose of receiving charge of whatever property that officer may be able to recover.—

That if your Honble Board see

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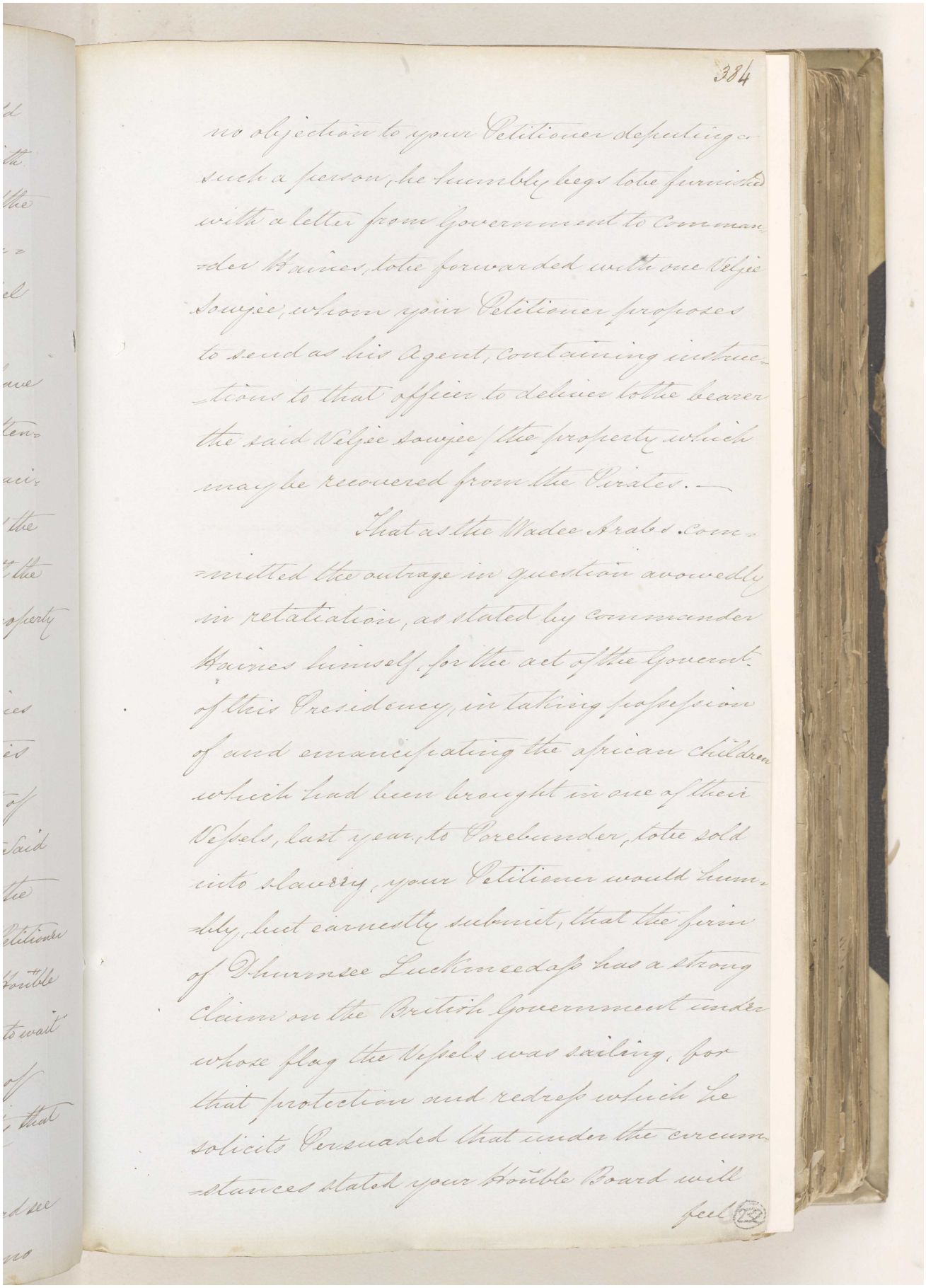

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no objection to your Petitioner depending on such a person, he humbly begs to be furnished with a letter from Government to Commander Baines, to be forwarded with one Vejee Sonjee, whom your Petitioner proposes to send as his Agent, containing instructions to that officer to deliver to the bearer the said Vejee Sonjee, the property which may be recovered from the Pirates.—

That as the Wadee Arabs committed the outrage in question avowedly in retaliation, as stated by Commander Baines himself, for the act of the Govt. of this Presidency, in taking possession of and emancipating the African children which had been brought in one of their Vessels, last year, to Porebunder, to be sold into slavery, your Petitioner would humbly, but earnestly submit, that the firm of Dhurmsee Luckmeedas has a strong claim on the British Government under whose flag the Vessels was sailing, for that protection and redress which he solicits Persuaded that under the circumstances stated your Honble Board will

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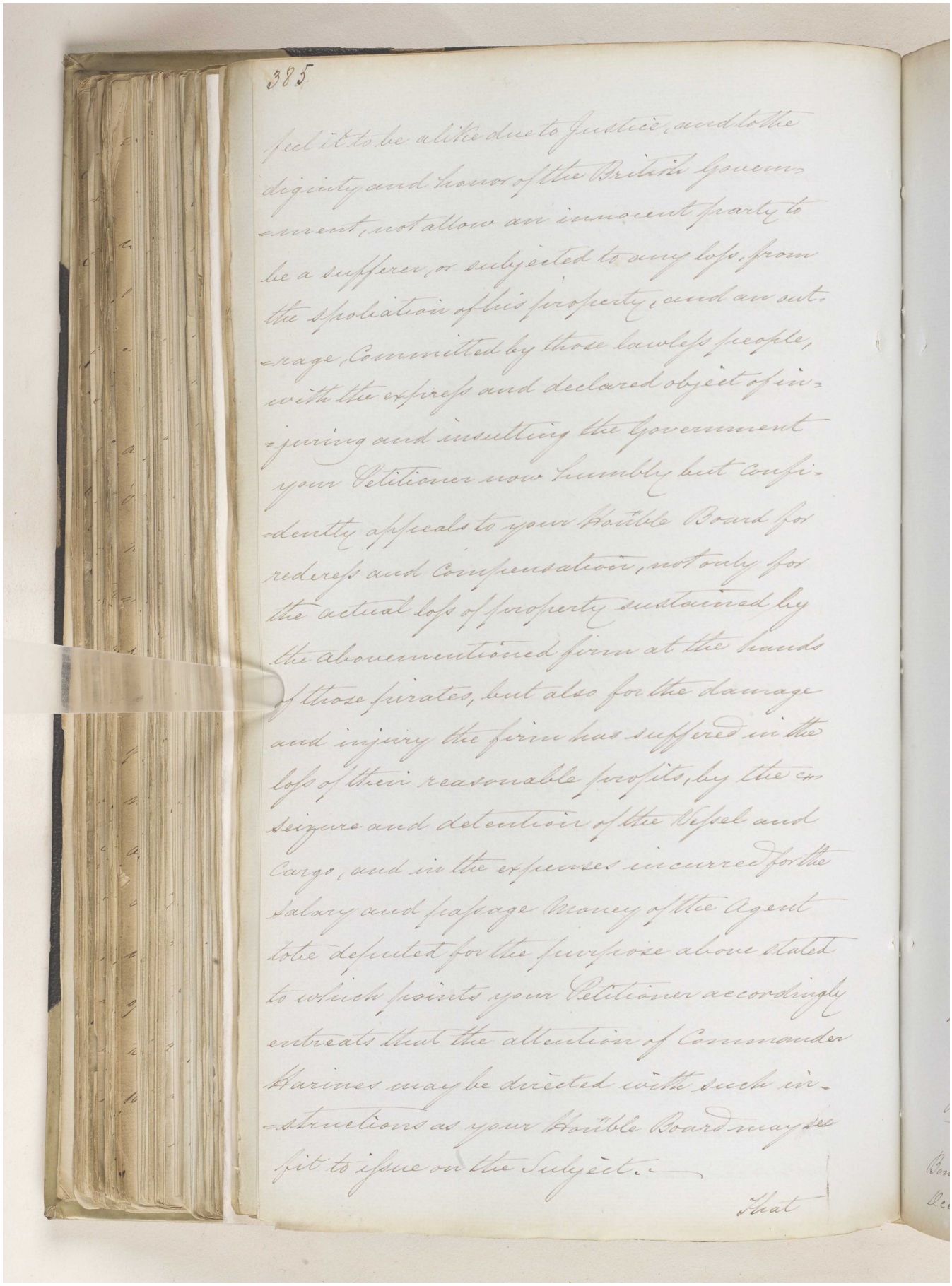

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feel it to be alike due to justice, and to the dignity and honor of the British Government, not allow an innocent party to be a sufferer, or subjected to any loss, from the spoliation of his property, and an outrage, Committed by those lawless people, with the express and declared object of insulting and insulting the Government your Petitioner now humbly but confidently appeals to your Honble Board for redress and Compensation, not only for the actual loss of property sustained by the abovementioned firm at the hands of those pirates, but also for the damage and injury the firm has suffered in the loss of their reasonable profits, by the Seizure and detention of the Vessel and Cargo, and in the expenses incurred for the salary and passage Money of the Agent to be deputed for the purpose above stated to which points your Petitioner accordingly entreats that the attention of Commander Barnes may be directed with such instructions as your Honble Board may see fit to issue on the Subject.

That

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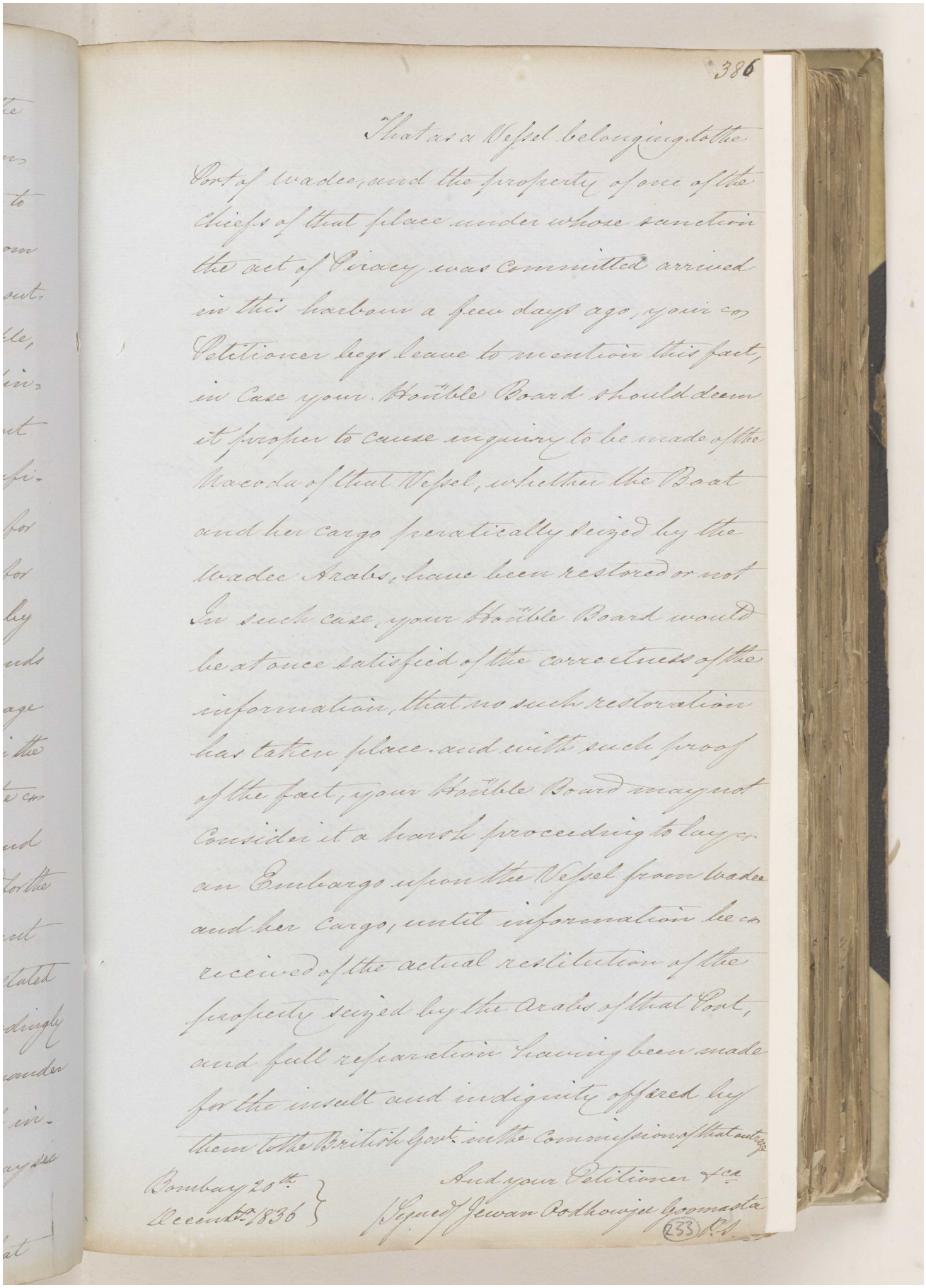


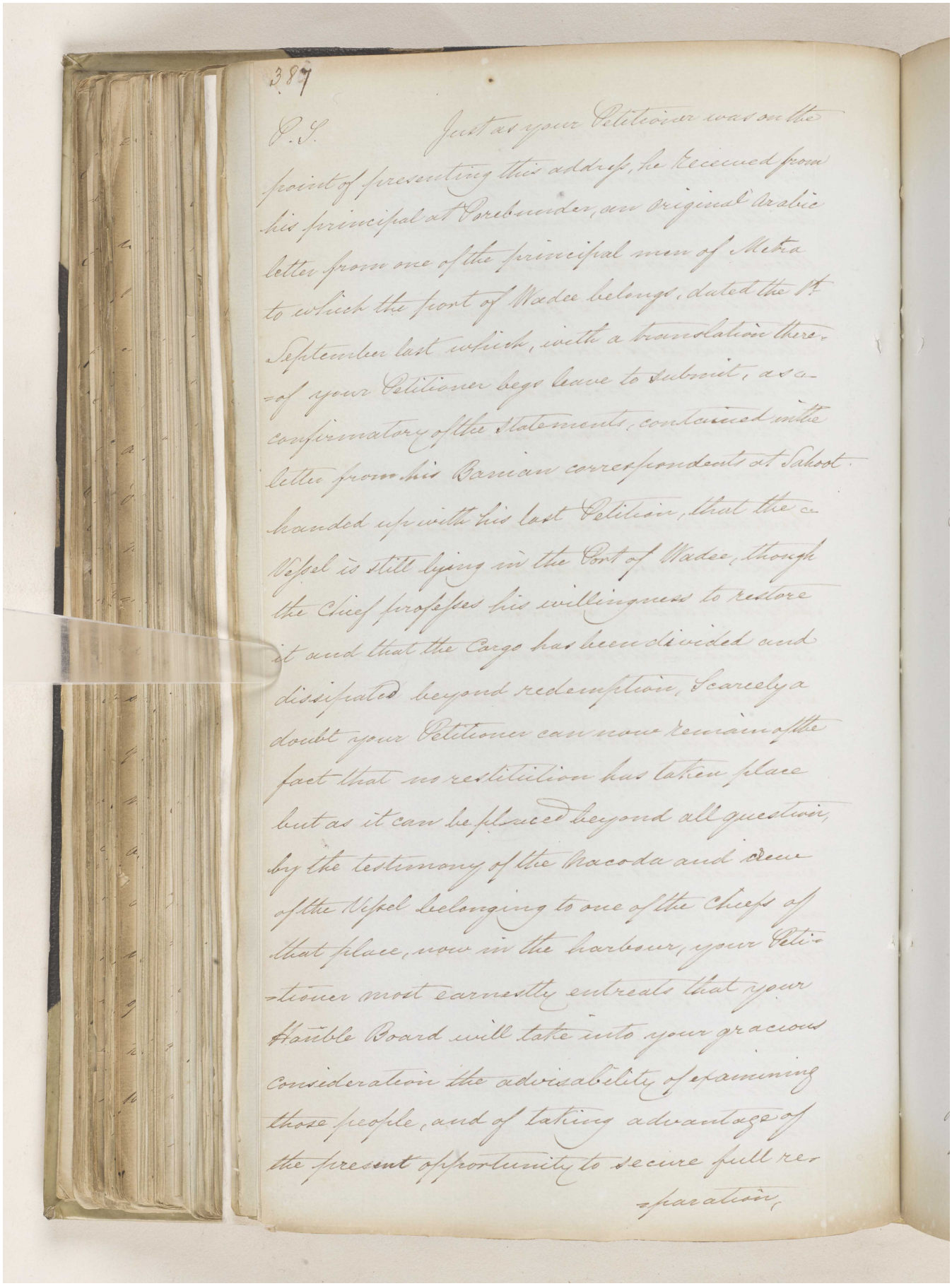
That as a Vessel belonging to the Port of Wadee, and the property of one of the Chiefs of that place under whose sanction the act of Piracy was committed arrived in this harbour a few days ago, your Petitioner begs leave to mention this fact, in case your Honble Board should deem it proper to cause inquiry to be made of the Nacoda of that Vessel, whether the Boat and her cargo peratically seized by the Wadee Arabs, have been restored or not In such case, your Honble Board would be at once satisfied of the correctness of the information, that no such restoration has taken place and with such proof of the fact, your Honble Board may not consider it a harsh proceeding to lay an Embargo upon the Vessel from Wadee and her cargo, until information be received of the actual restitution of the property seized by the Arabs of that Port, and full reparation having been made for the insult and indignity offered by them to the British Govt. in the Commission of that outrage

Bombay 20th December 1836

And your Petitioner &ca

(Signed) Jewan Oodhowjee Goomasta

(233) P.S.



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P.S. Just as your Petitioner was on the point of presenting this address, he Receeived from his principal at Porebunder, an original Arabic letter from one of the principal men of Mekra to which the port of Wadee belongs, dated the 1st September last which, with a translation there- of your Petitioner begs leave to submit, as a confirmatory of the statements, contained in the letter from his Banian correspondents at Sabot. handed up with his last Petition, that the Vessel is still lying in the Port of Wadee, though the Chief professes his willingness to restore it and that the Cargo has been divided and dissipated beyond redemption, Scarcely a doubt your Petitioner can now remain of the fact that no restitution has taken place but as it can be placed beyond all question, by the testimony of the Nacoda and crew of the Vessel belonging to one of the Chiefs of that place, now in the harbour, your Petitioner most earnestly entreats that your Hanble Board will take into your gracious consideration the advisability of examining those people, and of taking advantage of the present opportunity to secure full re- paration,

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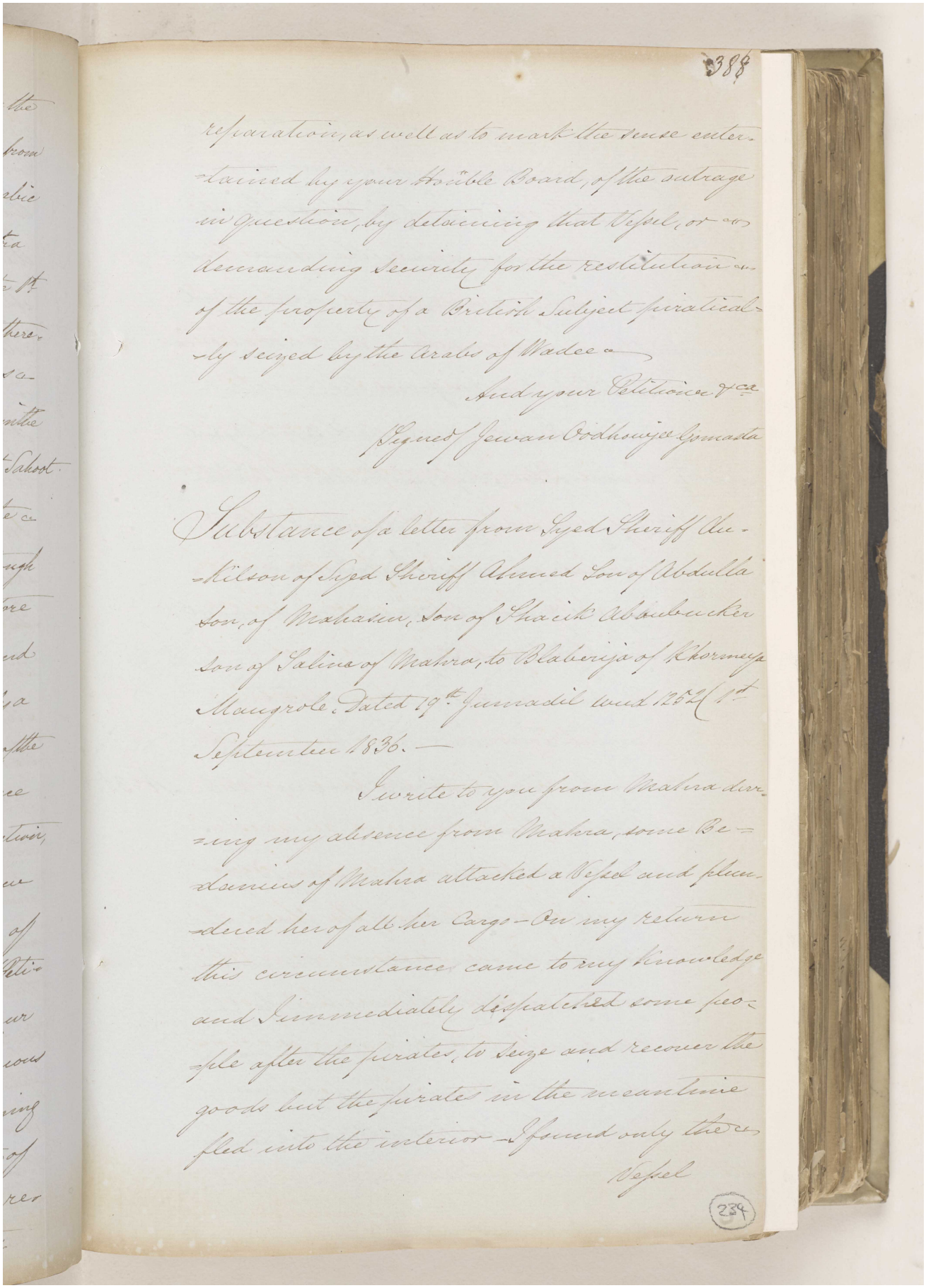

reparation, as well as to mark the sense entertained by your Hon'ble Board, of the outrage in question, by detaining that Vessel, or demanding security for the restitution of the property of a British Subject piratically seized by the Arabs of Wadee.

And your Petitioner &ca

Signed/ Jewan Oodhowjee Gomasta

Substance of a letter from Syed Sheriff Abukilson of Syed Sheriff Ahmed Son of Abdulla son, of Mahasin, son of Shacik Abbubucker son of Saline of Mahra, to Blaberija of Khormeya Maugrole. Dated 19th Jumadil wud 1252 (1st September 1836.—

I write to you from Mahra during my absence from Mahra, some Bedanius of Mahra attacked a Vessel and plundered her of all her Cargo — On my return this circumstance came to my knowledge and I immediately dispatched some people after the pirates, to seize and recover the goods but the pirates in the meantime fled into the interior — I found only the

Vessel

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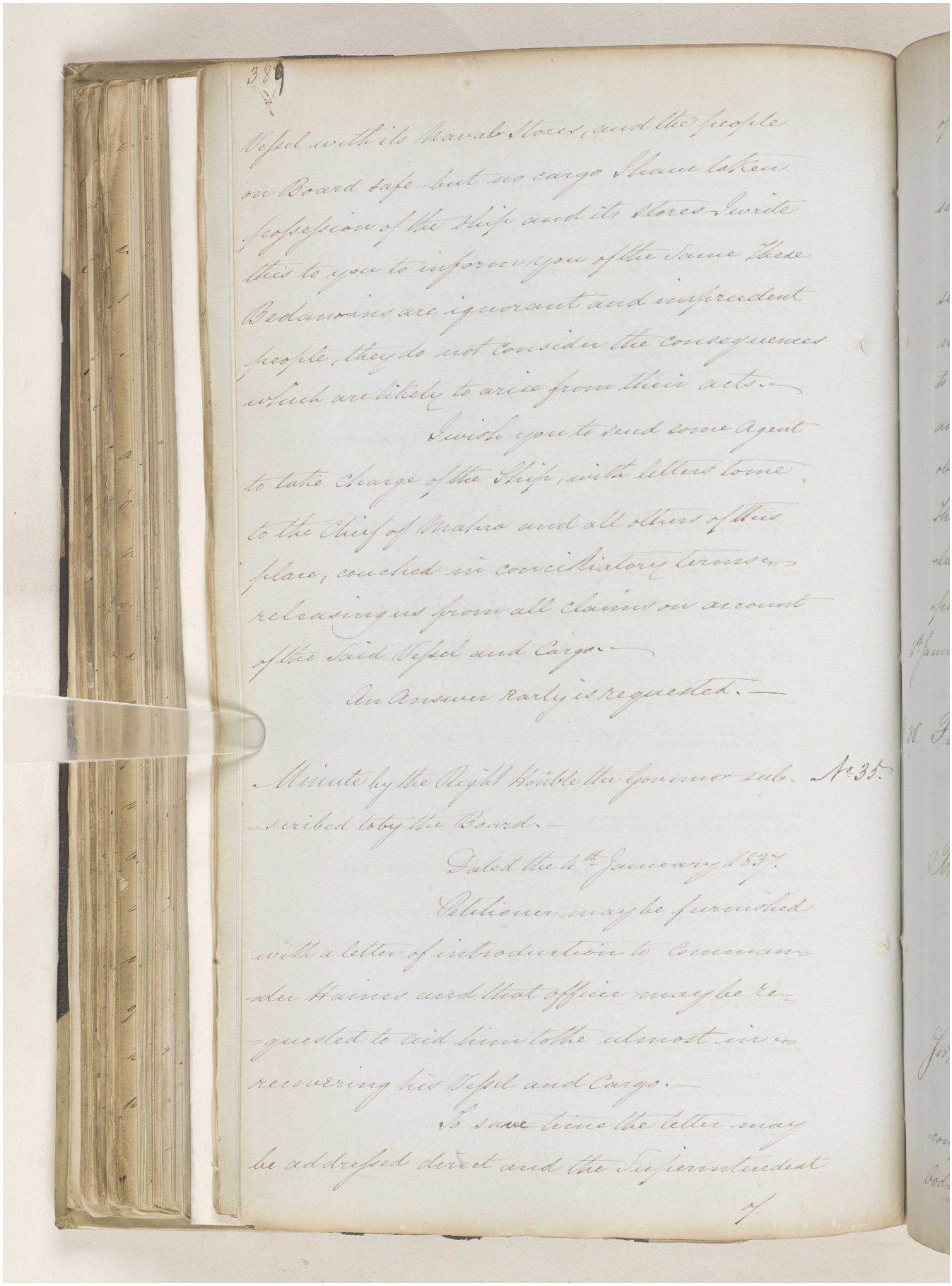

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Vessel with its Naval Stores, and the people on Board safe but no cargo I have taken possession of the Ship and its Stores I write this to you to inform you of the same These Bedawins are ignorant and imprudent people, they do not consider the consequences which are likely to arise from their acts.

I wish you to send some Agent to take Charge of the Ship, with letters to me to the Chief of Mahra and all others of this place, couched in conciliatory terms releasing us from all claims on account of the said Vessel and Cargo.

An Answer early is requested.

Minute by the Right Hon'ble the Governor subscribed to by the Board. No. 35.

Dated the 4th January 1837.

Petitioner may be furnished with a letter of introduction to Commander Haines and that officer may be requested to aid him to the utmost in recovering his Vessel and Cargo.

To save time the letter may be addressed direct and the Superintendent

of

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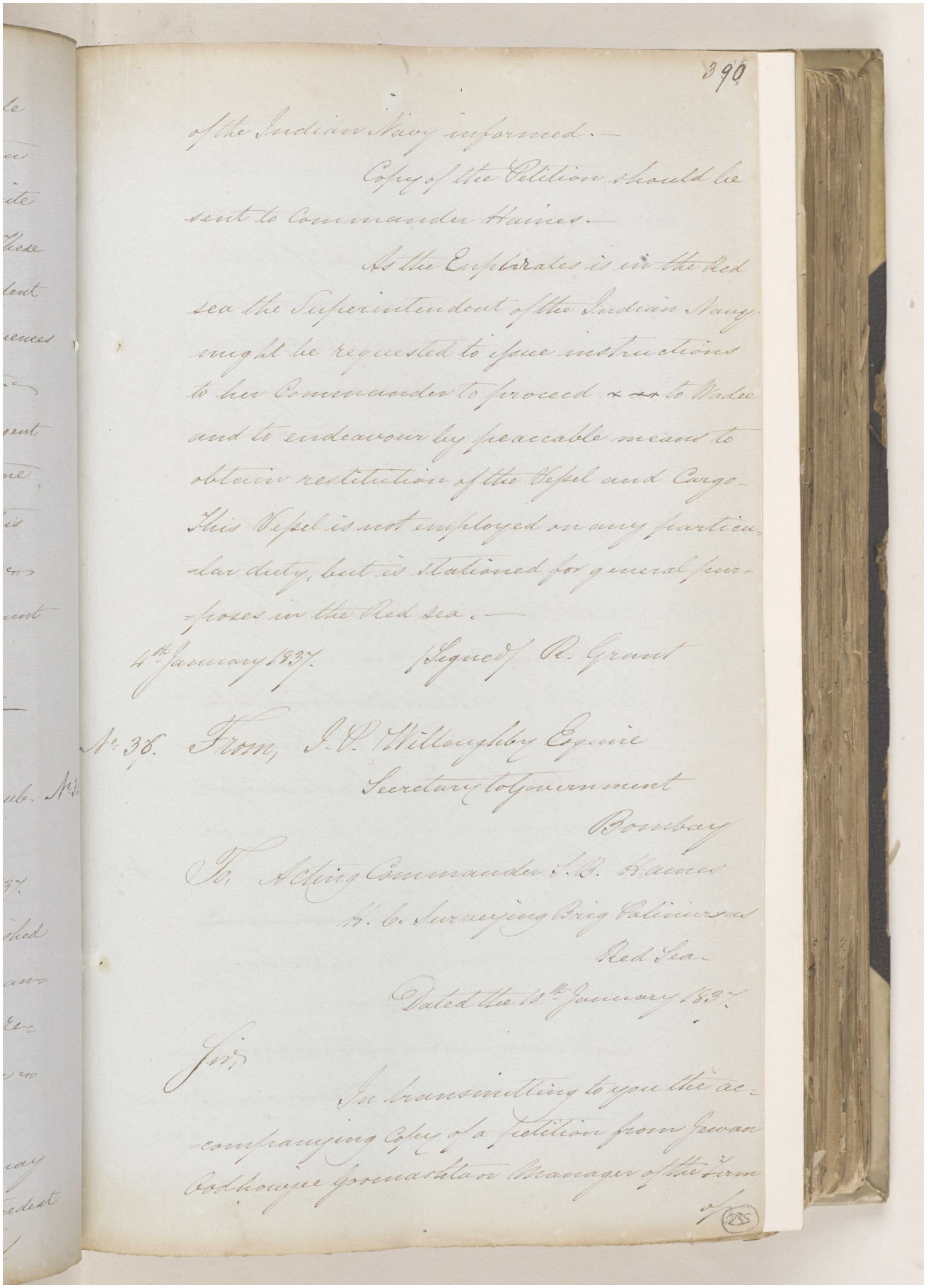

of the Indian Navy informed.—

Copy of the Petition should be sent to Commander Haines.—

As the Euphrates is in the Red sea the Superintendent of the Indian Navy might be requested to issue instructions to her Commander to proceed ~~x xx~~ to Wadee and to endeavour by peaceable means to obtain restitution of the Vessel and Cargo. This Vessel is not employed on any particular duty, but is stationed for general purposes in the Red sea.—

4th January 1837. (Signed) R. Grant

No. 36. From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To, Acting Commander S. B. Haines
H. C. Surveying Brig Palinurus
Red Sea.

Dated the 10th January 1837.

Sir,

In transmitting to you the accompanying Copy of a petition from Jewan Oodhowjee Goomashtaor Manager of the Firm

of

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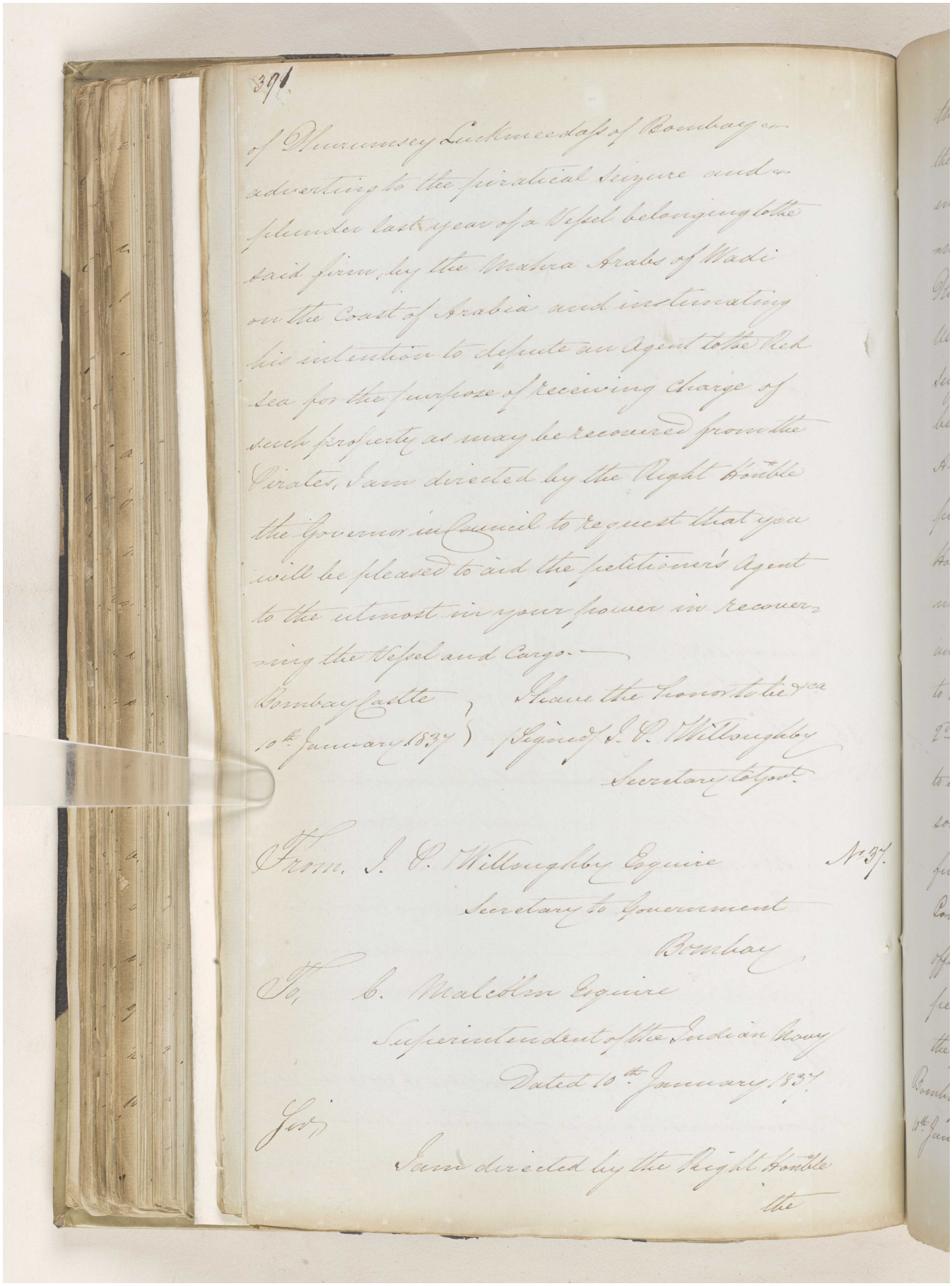

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of Thurumsey Luckmeedass of Bombay &c
adverting to the piratical seizure and
plunder last year of a Vessel belonging to the
said firm, by the Mahra Arabs of Wadi
on the Coast of Arabia and intimating
his intention to depute an Agent to the Red
sea for the purpose of receiving charge of
such property as may be recovered from the
Pirates, I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor in Council to request that you
will be pleased to aid the petitioner's Agent
to the utmost in your power in recover-
ing the Vessel and Cargo.—

Bombay Castle
10th January 1837

I have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

From. J. P. Willoughby Esquire No. 37.
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To, C. Malcolm Esquire
Superintendent of the Indian Navy
Dated 10th January 1837

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the

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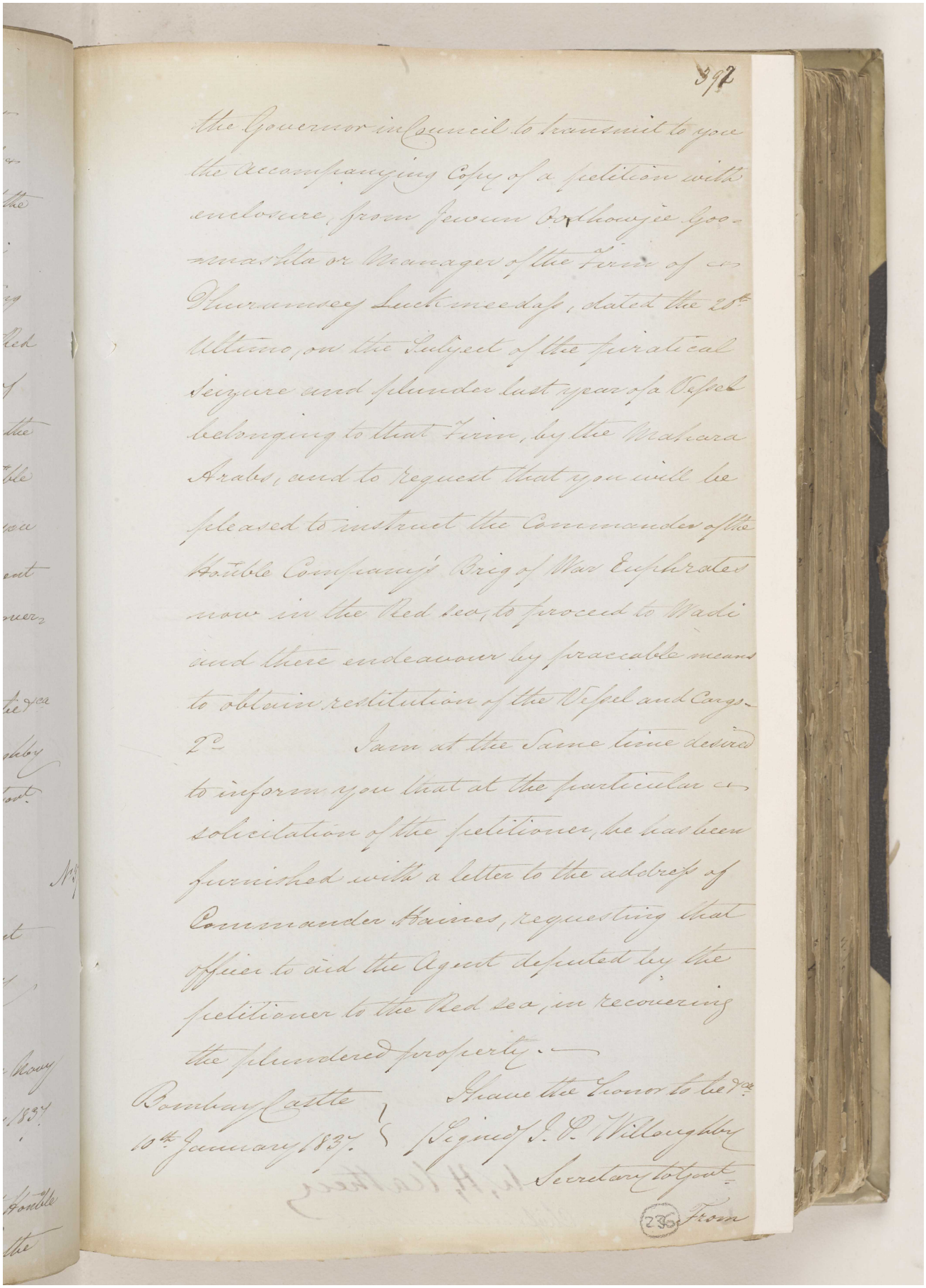

the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a petition with enclosure, from Jewun Oodhowjee Goo-mashta or Manager of the Firm of Dhurumsey Luckmeedass, dated the 20th Ultimo, on the Subject of the piratical seizure and plunder last year of a Vessel belonging to that Firm, by the Mahara Arabs, and to request that you will be pleased to instruct the Commander of the Hon'ble Company's Brig of War Euphrates now in the Red sea, to proceed to Wadi and there endeavour by praccable means to obtain restitution of the Vessel and Cargo.

2d. I am at the same time desired to inform you that at the particular solicitation of the petitioner, he has been furnished with a letter to the address of Commander Haines, requesting that officer to aid the Agent deputed by the petitioner to the Red sea, in recovering the plundered property.

Bombay Castle
10th January 1837.

I have the honor to be &ca.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

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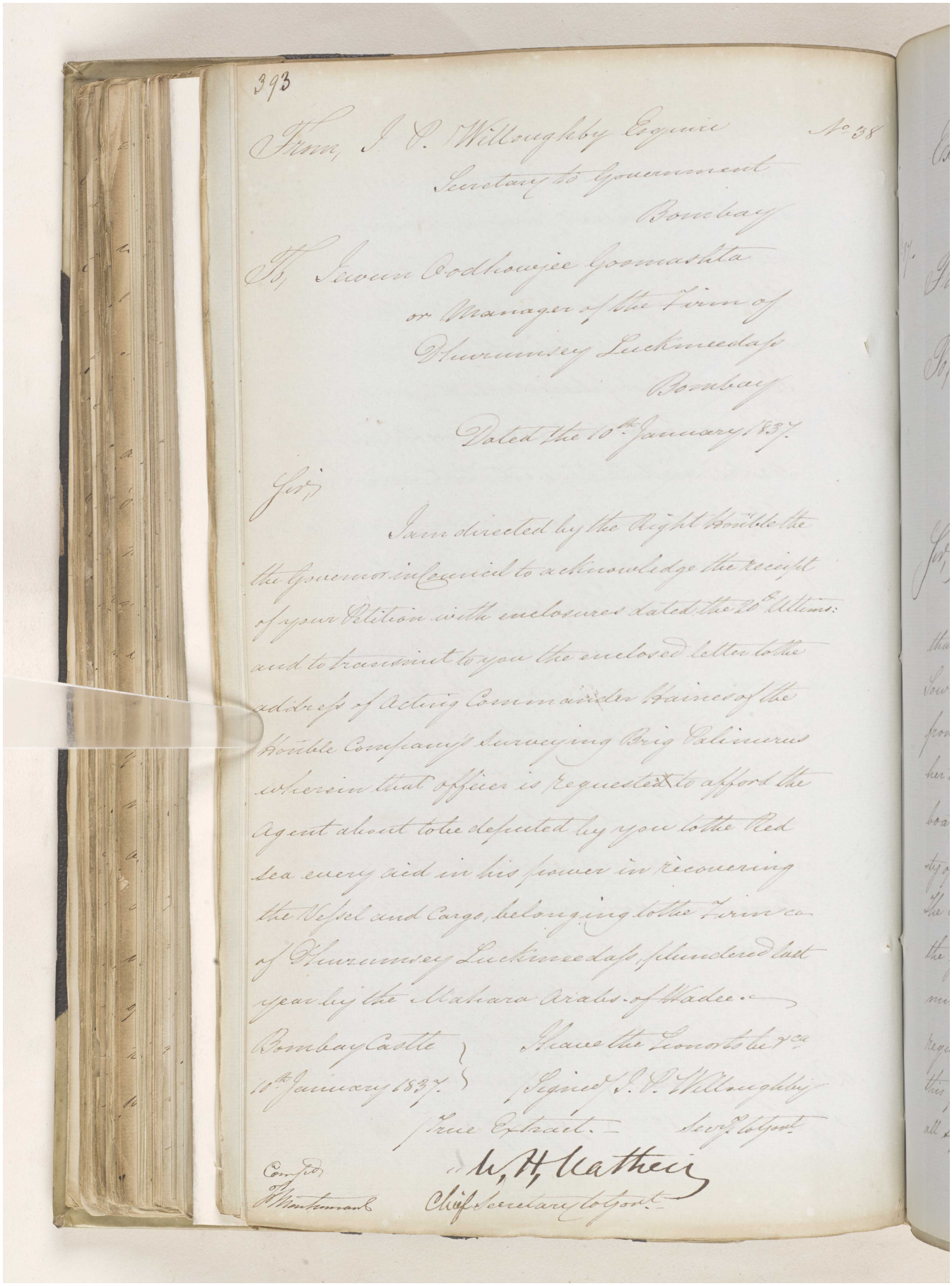

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From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire No. 38
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To, Jewun Oodhowjee Goomashta
or Manager of the Firm of
Dhurumsey Luckmeedass
Bombay

Dated the 10th January 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Petition with enclosures dated the 20th Ultimo: and to transmit to you the enclosed letter to the address of Acting Commander Haines of the Hon'ble Company's Surveying Brig Palinurus wherein that officer is requested to afford the Agent about to be deputed by you to the Red sea every aid in his power in recovering the Vessel and Cargo, belonging to the Firm co of Dhurumsey Luckmeedass, plundered last year by the Mahara Arabs of Wadee.

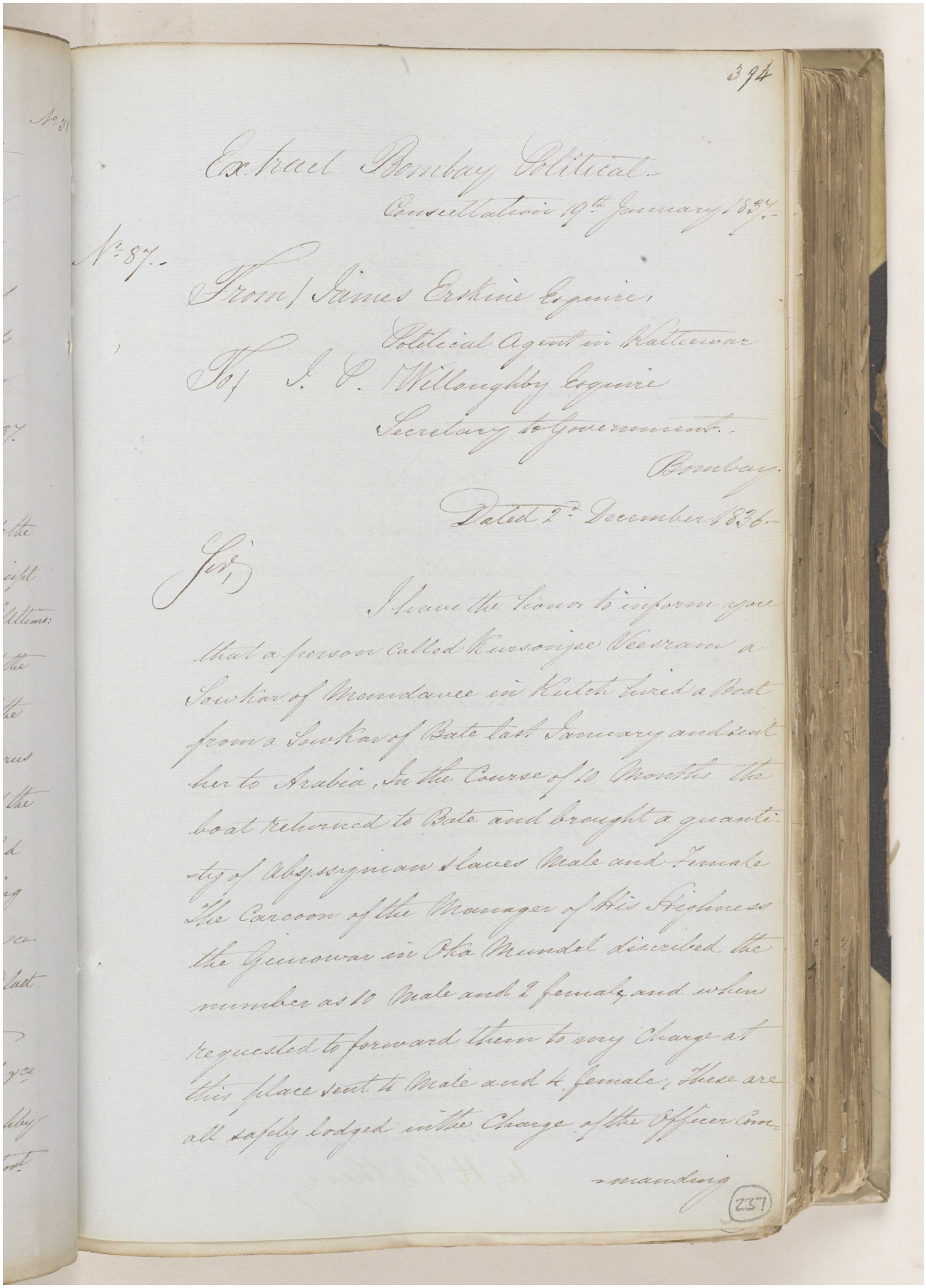
Bombay Castle
10th January 1837.

I have the Honor to be &ca
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.

True Extract.

W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Comd
J. Montgomery



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Extract Bombay Political Consultation 19th January 1837.

No 87.

From James Erskine Esquire
Political Agent in Kattiewar
To J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government.

Bombay.
Dated 2d December 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that a person called Kursonjee Veeram a Sowkar of Mondavee in Kutch hired a Boat from a Sowkar of Bate last January and sent her to Arabia. In the Course of 10 Months the boat returned to Bate and brought a quantity of Abyssynian Slaves Male and Female. The Carcoon of the Manager of His Highness the Guicowar in Ota Mundel discribed the number as 10 Male and 2 female and when requested to forward them to my Charge at this place sent 6 Male and 4 female. These are all safely lodged in the Charge of the Officer Commanding

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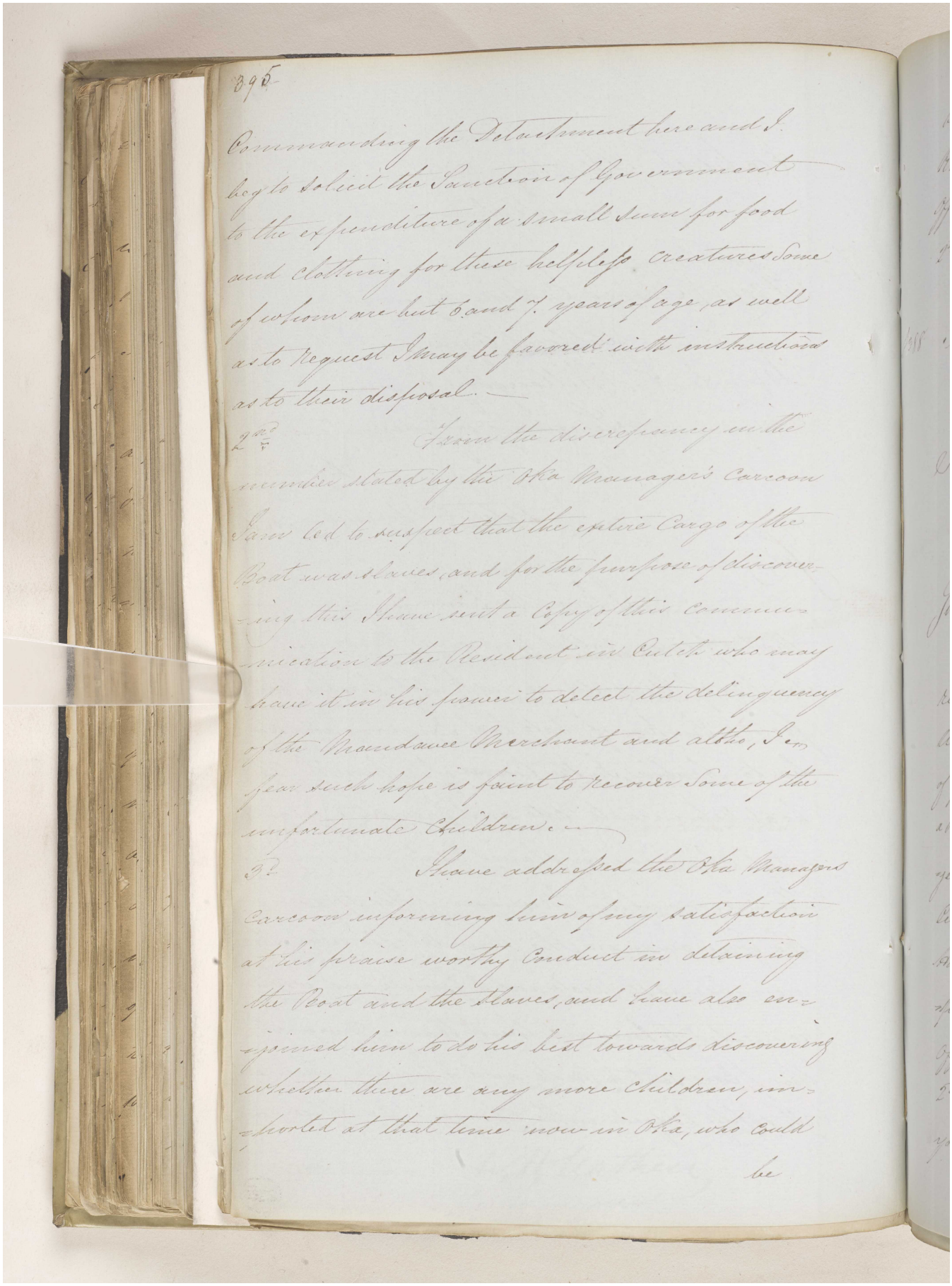

Commanding the Detachment here and I beg to solicit the Sanction of Government to the expenditure of a small sum for food and clothing for these helpless creatures some of whom are but 6 and 7 years of age, as well as to request I may be favored with instructions as to their disposal.

2nd From the discrepancy in the number stated by the Oka Manager's Carcoon I am led to suspect that the entire Cargo of the Boat was slaves, and for the purpose of discovering this I have sent a Copy of this communication to the Resident in Cutch who may have it in his power to detect the delinquency of the Mandavee Merchant and altho, I fear such hope is faint to recover some of the unfortunate Children.

3d I have addressed the Oka Managers Carcoon informing him of my satisfaction at his praise worthy Conduct in detaining the Boat and the slaves, and have also enjoined him to do his best towards discovering whether there are any more Children, imported at that time now in Oka, who could

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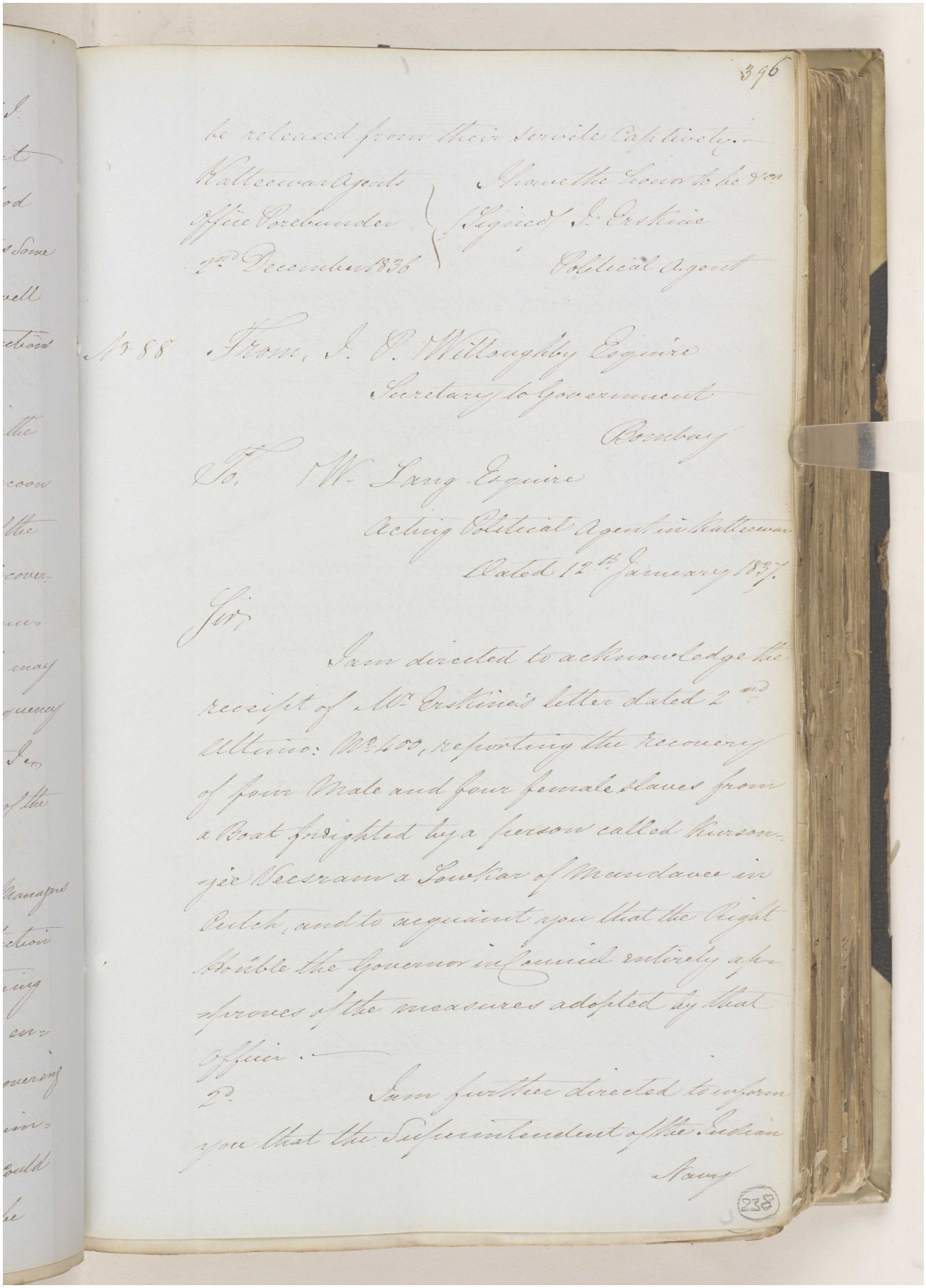

be released from their servile Captivity.—

Katteewar Agents Office Porebunder 2nd December 1836 } I have the honor to be &ca (Signed) J. Erskine Political Agent

No. 88 From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire Secretary to Government Bombay

To, W. Lang Esquire Acting Political Agent in Katteewar Dated 12th January 1837.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Erskine's letter dated 2nd Ultimo: No. 400, reporting the recovery of four Male and four female slaves from a Boat freighted by a person called Kursonjee Veesram a Sowkar of Mandavee in Cutch, and to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council entirely approves of the measures adopted by that Officer.—

2d. I am further directed to inform you that the Superintendent of the Indian Navy

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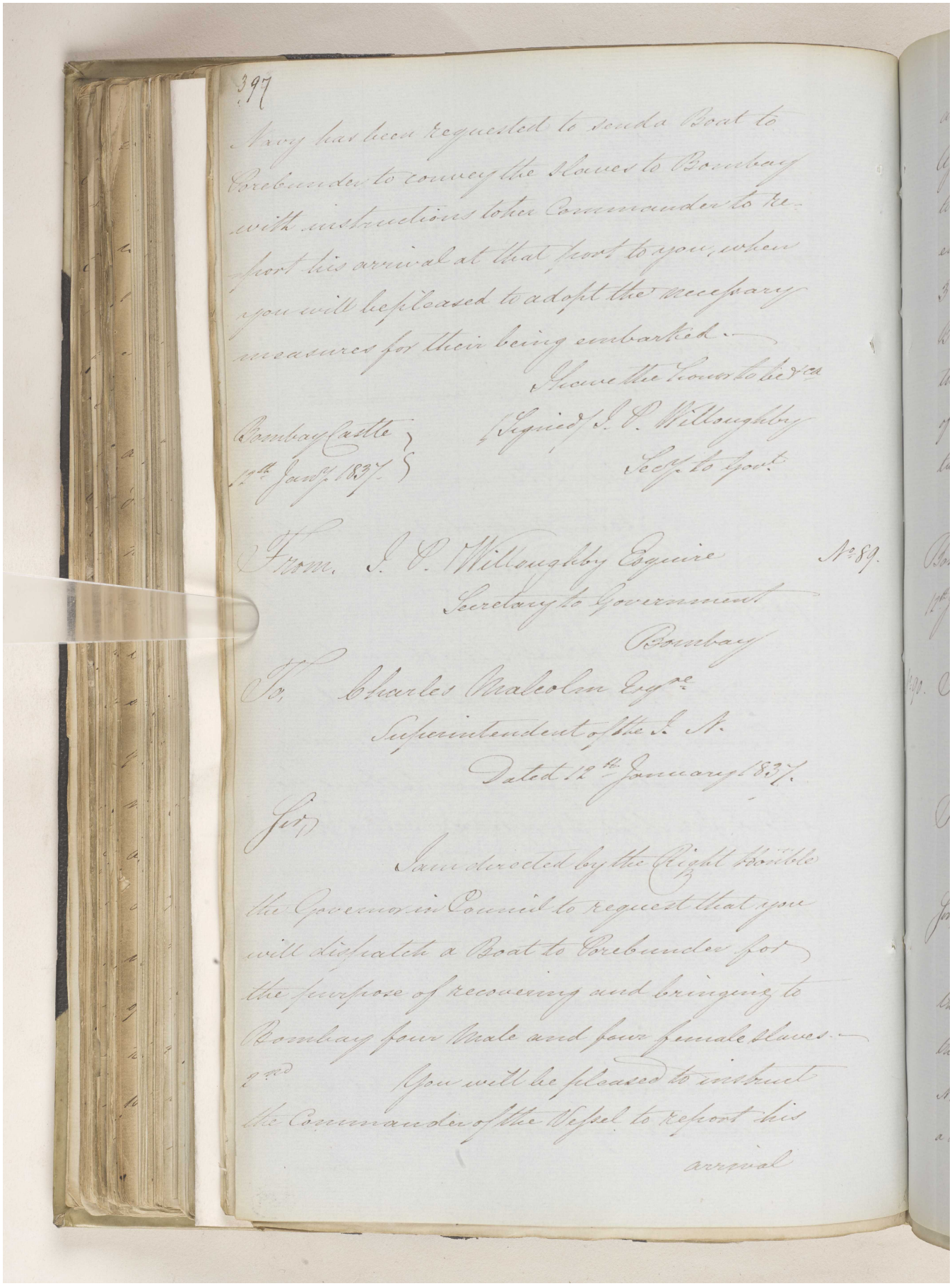

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Navy has been requested to send a Boat to Porebunder to convey the Slaves to Bombay with instructions to the Commander to report his arrival at that Port to you, when you will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for their being embarked.

I have the honor to be &c

Bombay Castle
12th January 1837.

Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

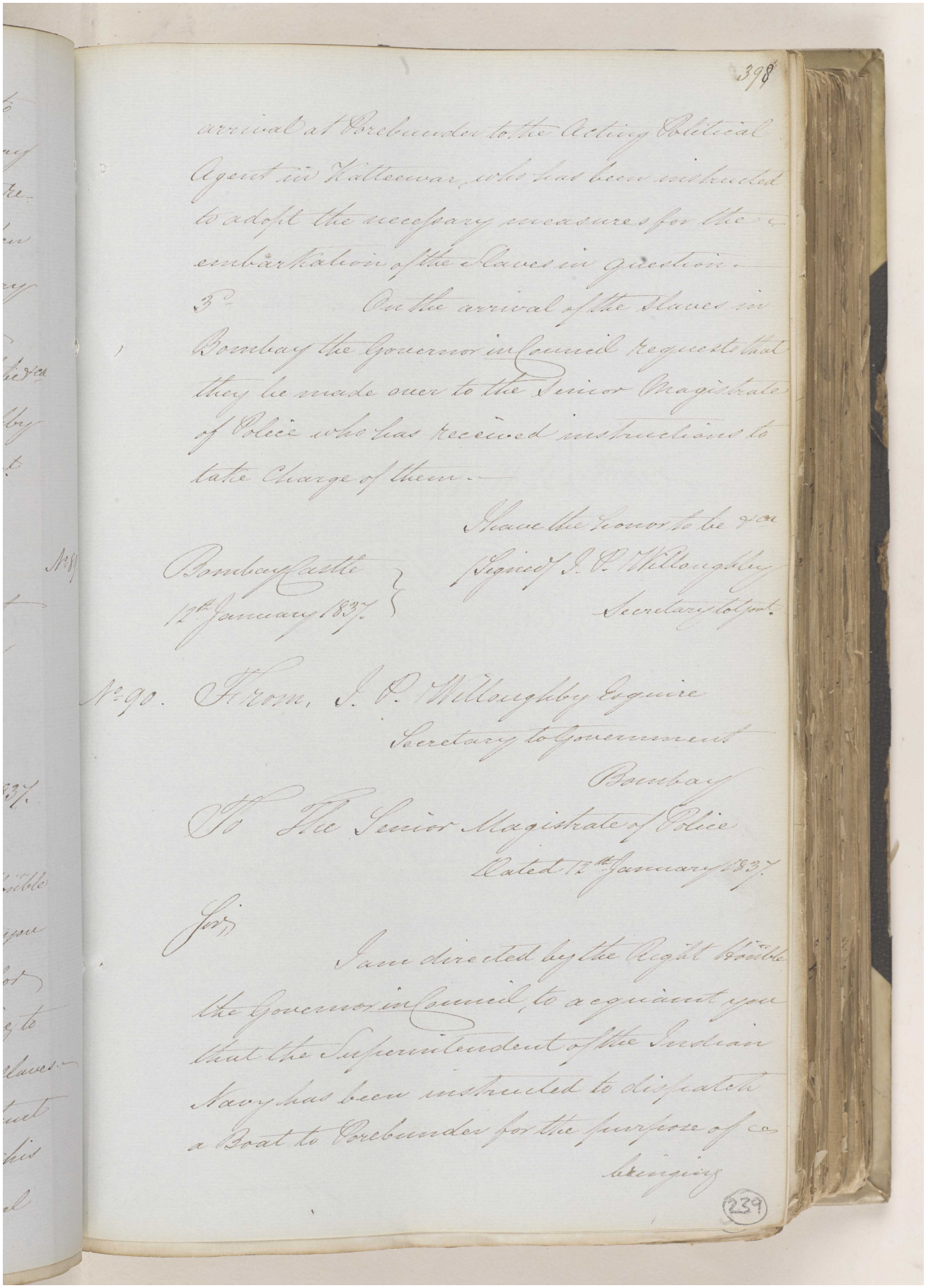
No. 89.

To Charles Malcolm Esqre
Superintendent of the I. N.
Dated 12th January 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will dispatch a Boat to Porebunder for the purpose of recovering and bringing to Bombay four Male and four female Slaves.

2nd You will be pleased to instruct the Commander of the Vessel to report his arrival



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arrival at Porbunder to the Acting Political Agent in Kattewar, who has been instructed to adopt the necessary measures for the embarkation of the slaves in question.

3rd On the arrival of the Slaves in Bombay the Governor in Council requests that they be made over to the Senior Magistrate of Police who has received instructions to take Charge of them.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle
12th January 1837.

No 90. From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
To The Senior Magistrate of Police
Dated 12th January 1837.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council, to acquaint you that the Superintendent of the Indian Navy has been instructed to dispatch a Boat to Porbunder for the purpose of bringing

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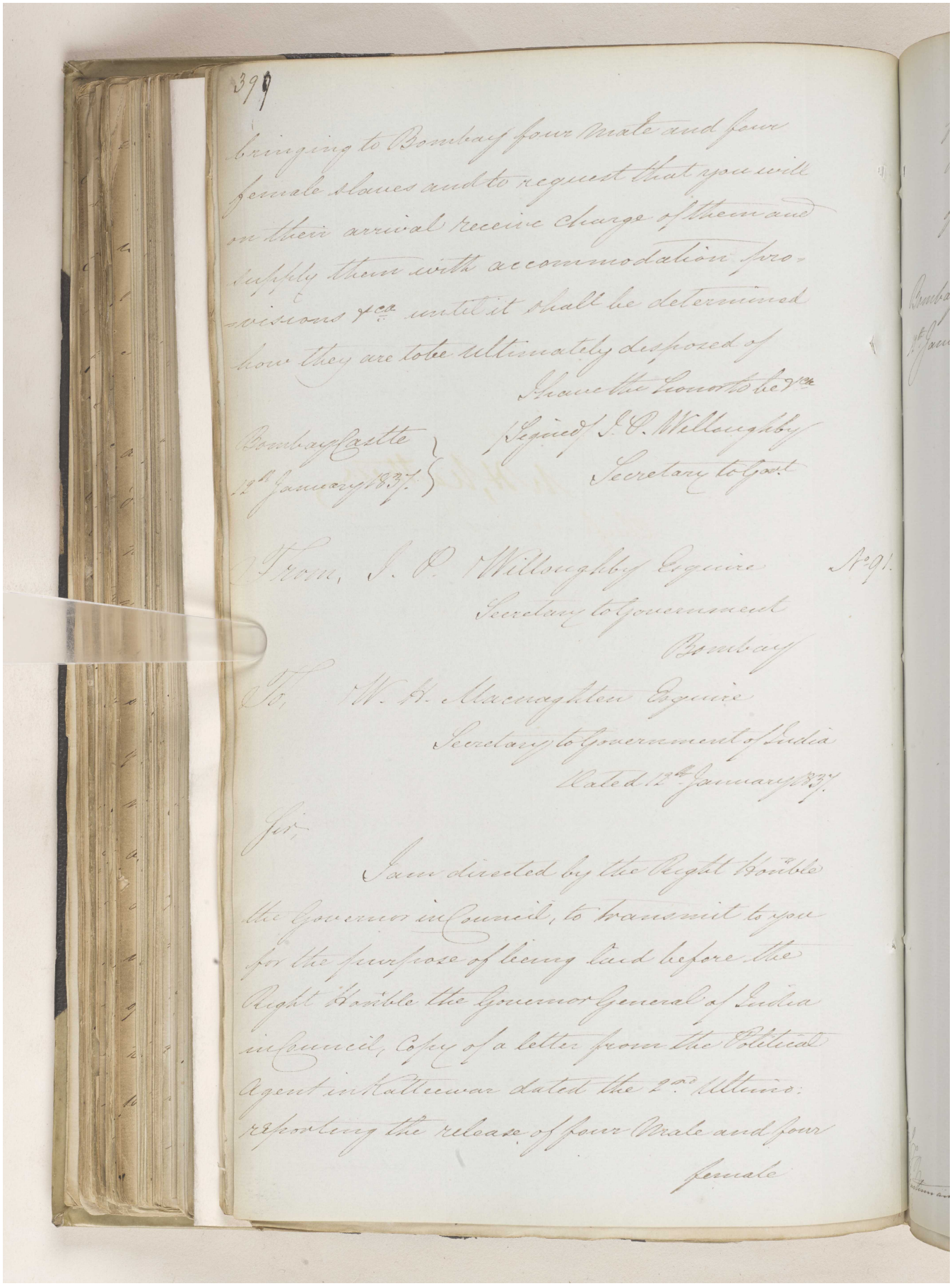

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bringing to Bombay four Male and four female Slaves and to request that you will on their arrival receive charge of them and supply them with accommodation provisions &c.a until it shall be determined how they are to be ultimately disposed of

I have the honor to be &c.a

Bombay Castle 12th January 1837.

Signed J. P. Willoughby Secretary to Govt.

From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire Secretary to Government Bombay

No. 191.

To, W. H. Macnaghten Esquire Secretary to Government of India

Dated 12th January 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council, to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council, Copy of a letter from the Political Agent in Kattiewar dated the 2nd Ultimo: reporting the release of four Male and four female

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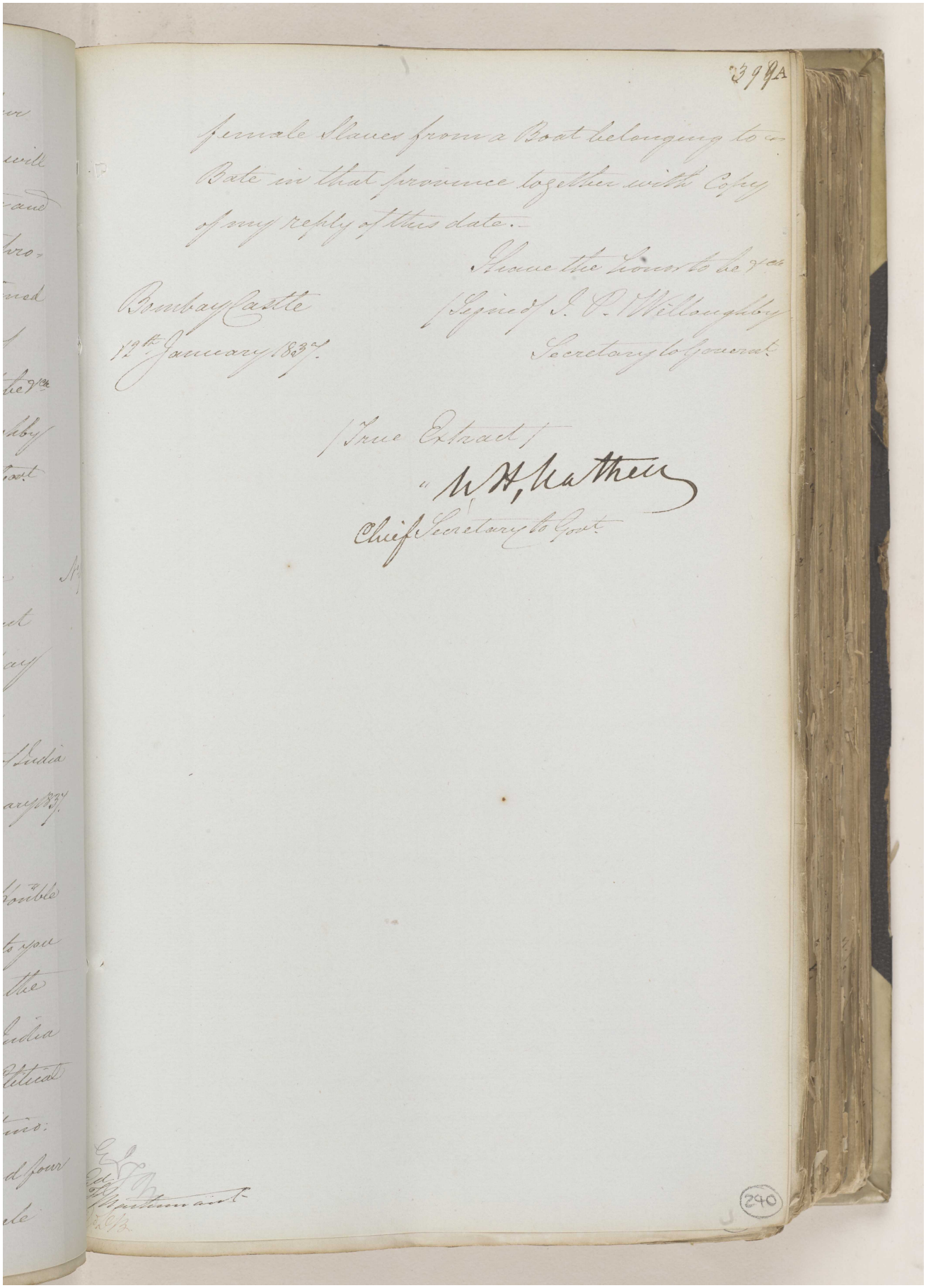



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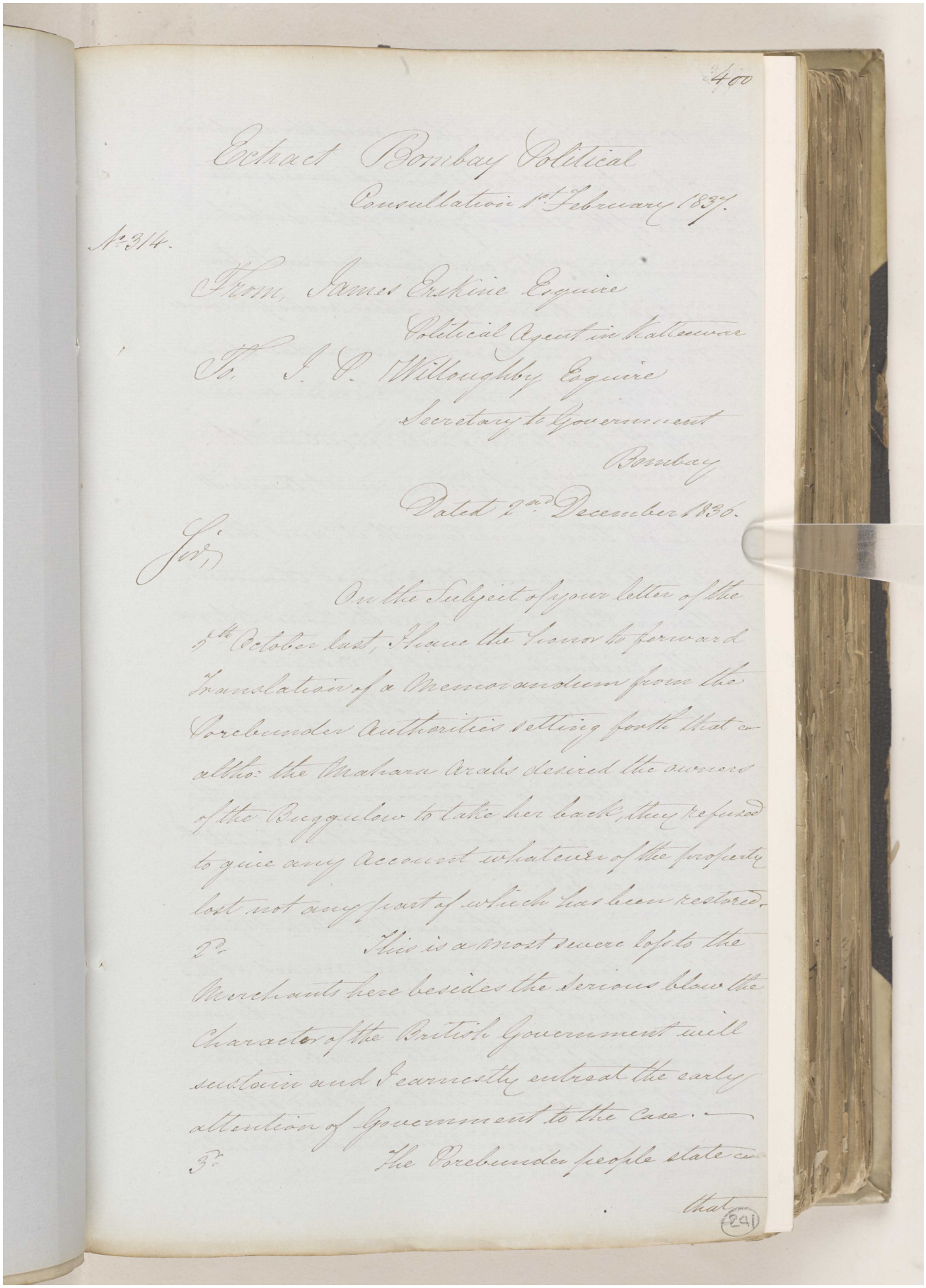

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 1st February 1837.

No 314.

From James Erskine Esquire
Political Agent in Kattewar
To J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated 2nd December 1836.

Sir,

On the subject of your letter of the 5th October last, I have the honor to forward Translation of a Memorandum from the Porebunder Authorities stating positively that although the Mahara Arabs desired the owners of the Buggulow to take her back, they refused to give any account whatever of the property lost nor any part of which has been restored.

2. This is a most severe loss to the Merchants here besides the serious blow the character of the British Government will sustain and I earnestly entreat the early attention of Government to the case.

3. The Porebunder people state on that

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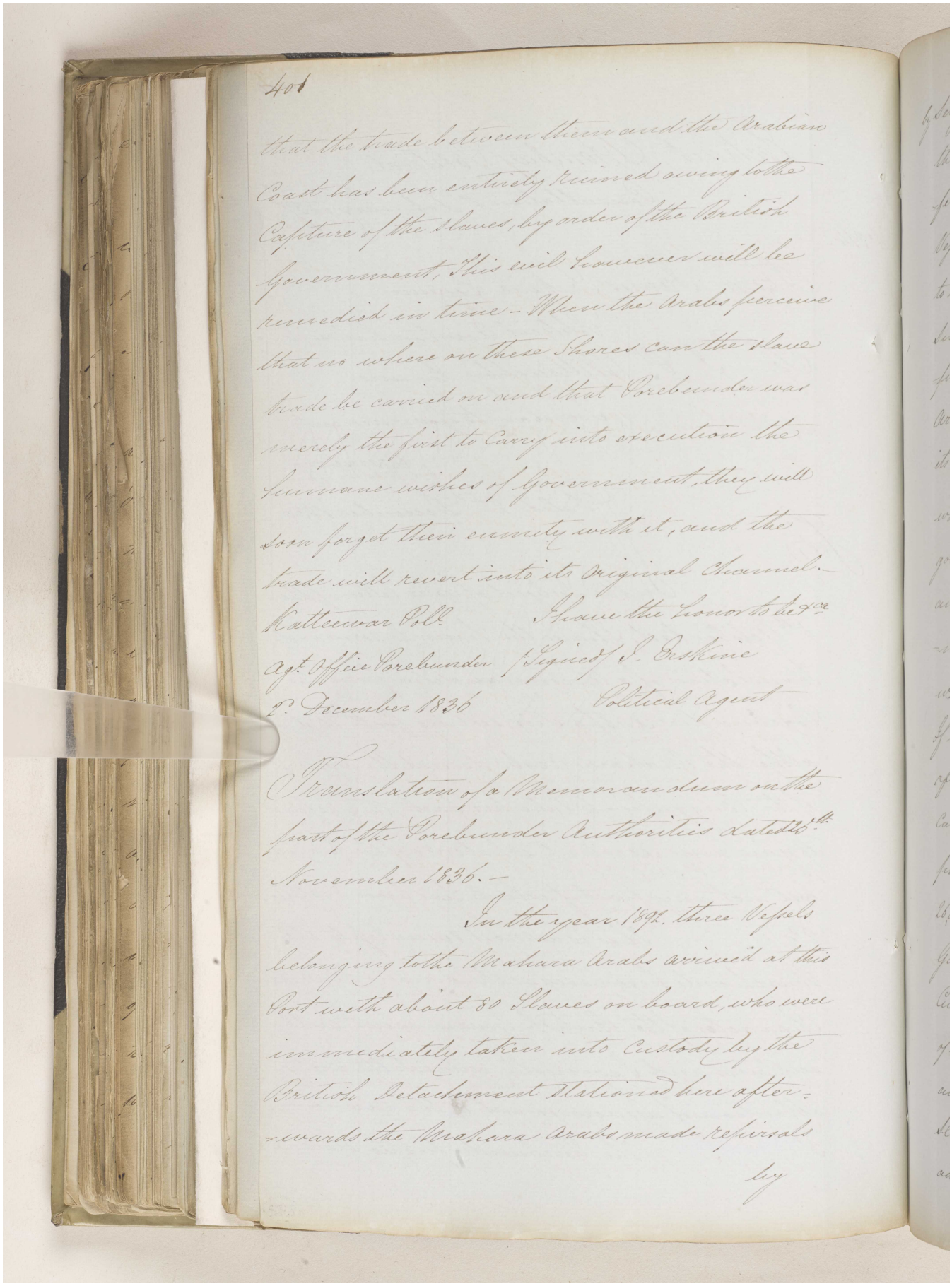

that the trade between them and the Arabian Coast has been entirely ruined owing to the Capture of the slaves, by order of the British Government, This evil however will be remedied in time - When the Arabs perceive that no where on these Shores can the slave trade be carried on and that Porebunder was merely the first to Carry into execution the humane wishes of Government, they will soon forget their enmity with it, and the trade will revert into its original Channel.

Katteewar Poll. I have the honor to be &ca.
Agt. Office Porebunder (Signed) J. Erskine
2d. December 1836 Political Agent

Translation of a Memorandum on the part of the Porebunder Authorities dated 25th. November 1836.—

In the year 1892. three Vessels belonging to the Mahara Arabs arrived at this Port with about 80 Slaves on board, who were immediately taken into Custody by the British Detachment stationed here after-wards the Mahara Arabs made repirsals

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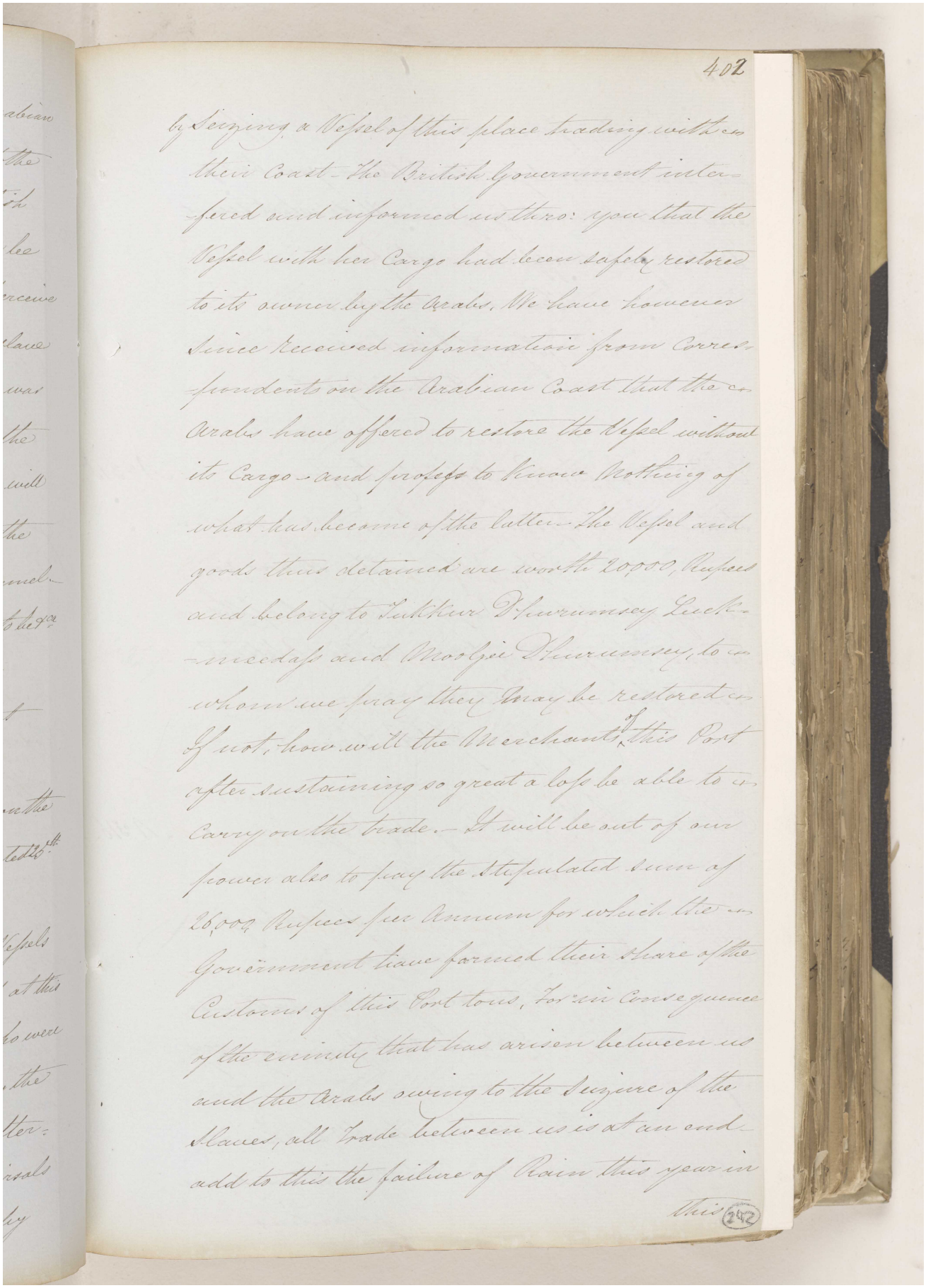

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by Seizing a Vessel of this place trading with their Coast - The British Government interfered and informed us thro: you that the Vessel with her Cargo had been safely restored to its owner by the Arabs. We have however since received information from Correspondents on the Arabian Coast that the Arabs have offered to restore the Vessel without its Cargo - and profess to know Nothing of what has become of the latter - The Vessel and goods thus detained are worth 20,000, Rupees and belong to Tukkur Dhurumsey Luckmeedass and Moolgee Dhurumsey, to whom we pray they may be restored - If not, how will the Merchants of this Port after sustaining so great a loss be able to carry on the trade. - It will be out of our power also to pay the stipulated sum of 26,000 Rupees per Annum for which the Government have farmed their share of the Customs of this Port tous, For in Consequence of the enmity that has arisen between us and the Arabs owing to the Seizure of the Slaves, all Trade between us is at an end - add to this the failure of Rain this year in

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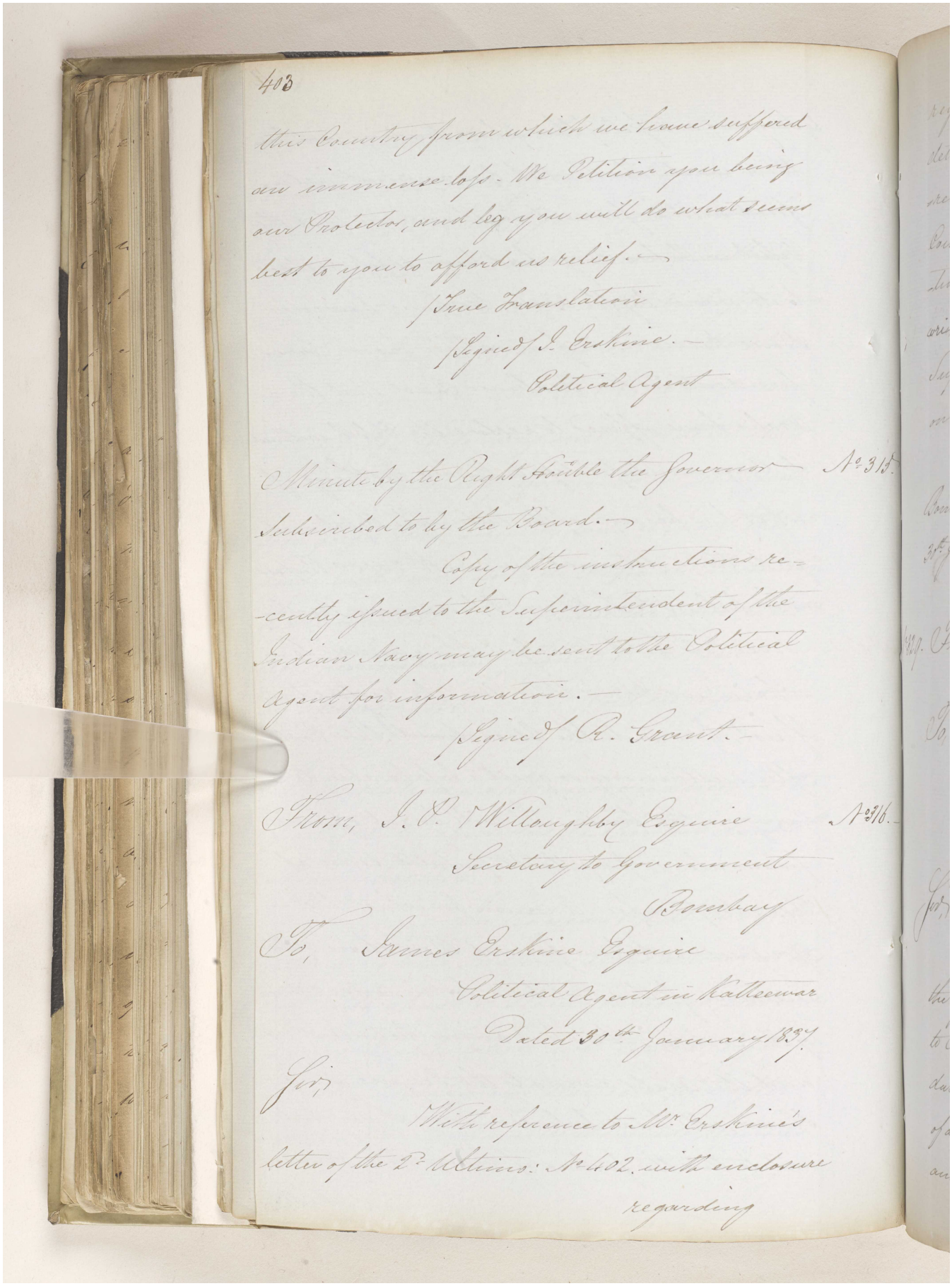

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this Country from which we have suffered
our immense loss - We Petition upon being
our Protector, and beg you will do what seems
best to you to afford us relief. —

True Translation
Signed J. Erskine. —
Political Agent

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor — No. 315.
Subscribed to by the Board. —

Copy of the instructions re-
-cently issued to the Superintendent of the
Indian Navy may be sent to the Political
Agent for information. —

Signed R. Grant. —

From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire — No. 216. —
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To, James Erskine Esquire
Political Agent in Kattiawar
Dated 30th January 1839

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Erskine's
letter of the 2d Instant: No. 402. with enclosure
regarding

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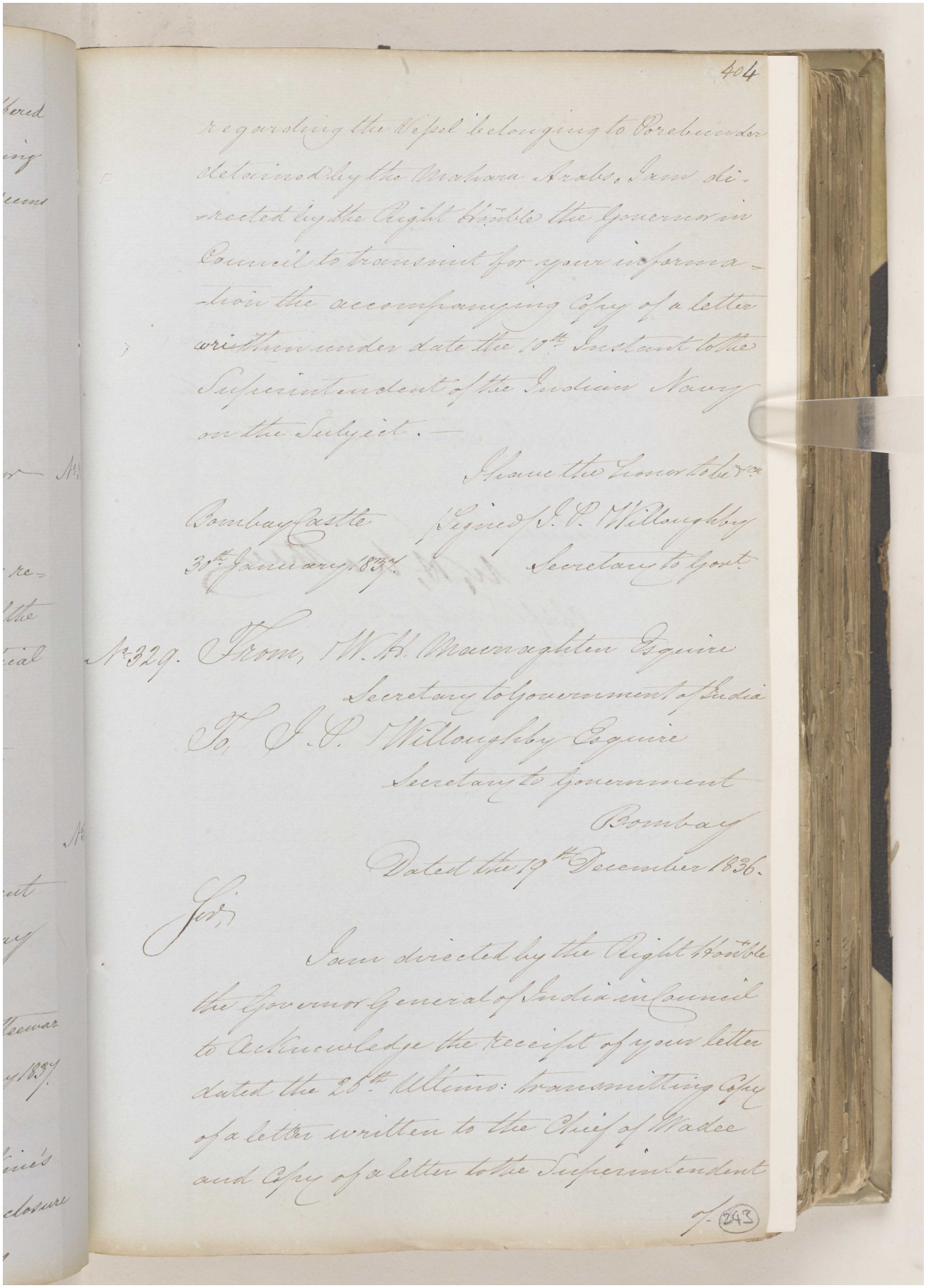

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regarding the Vessel belonging to Porebunder detained by the Mahara Arabs. I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit for your information the accompanying Copy of a letter with this under date the 10th Instant to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy on the Subject. —

I have the Honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
30th January 1837.

Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

No 329. From, W. H. Macnaghten Esquire
Secretary to Government of India
To J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated the 19th December 1836.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 28th Ultimo: transmitting Copy of a letter written to the Chief of Wadee and Copy of a letter to the Superintendent

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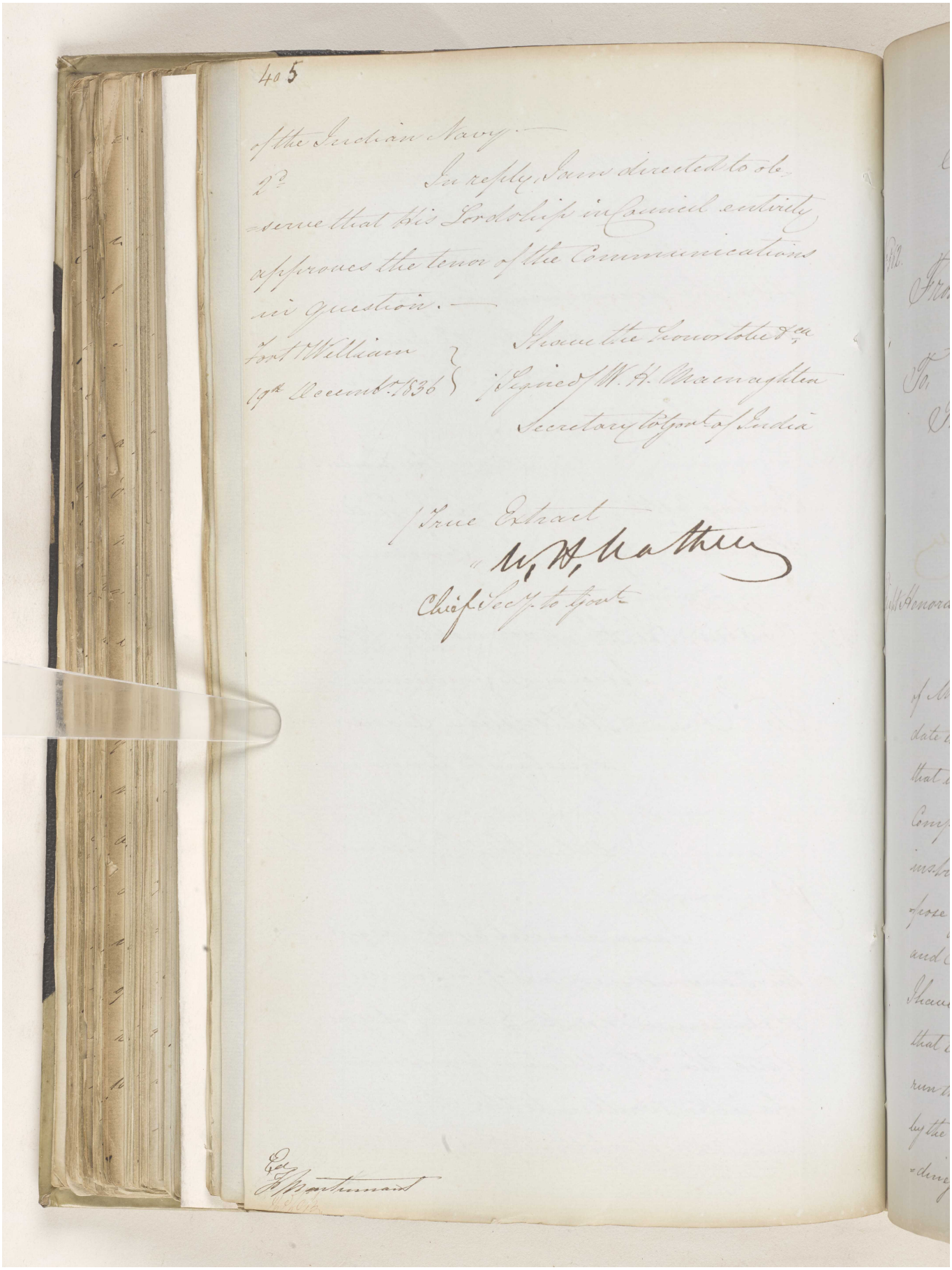
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of the Indian Navy.—

2d In reply, I am directed to observe that His Lordship in Council entirely approves the tenor of the Communications in question.—

Fort William
19th December 1836

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) W. H. Macnaghten
Secretary to Govt of India

True Extract
W. H. Mathews
Chief Secy to Govt

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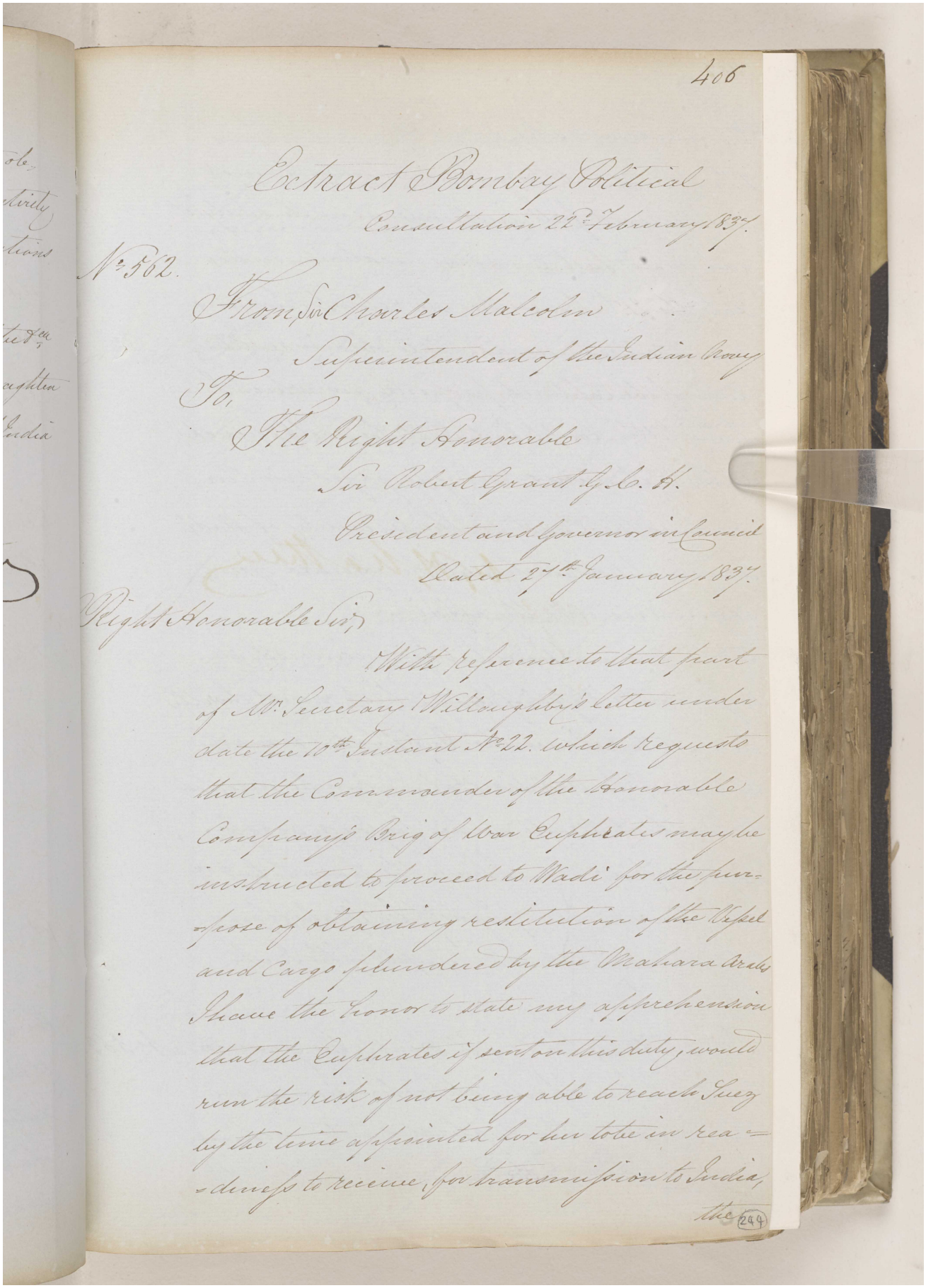

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 22nd February 1837.

No 562.

From Sir Charles Malcolm
Superintendent of the Indian Navy
To,
The Right Honorable
Sir Robert Grant G.C.H.
President and Governor in Council
Dated 27th January 1837.

Right Honorable Sir,

With reference to that part of Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter under date the 10th Instant No 22. which Requests that the Commander of the Honorable Company's Brig of War Euphrates may be instructed to proceed to Madi for the purpose of obtaining restitution of the Vessel and Cargo plundered by the Mahara Arabs I have the honor to state my apprehension that the Euphrates if sent on this duty, would run the risk of not being able to reach Suez by the time appointed for her to be in readiness to receive, for transmission to India, the

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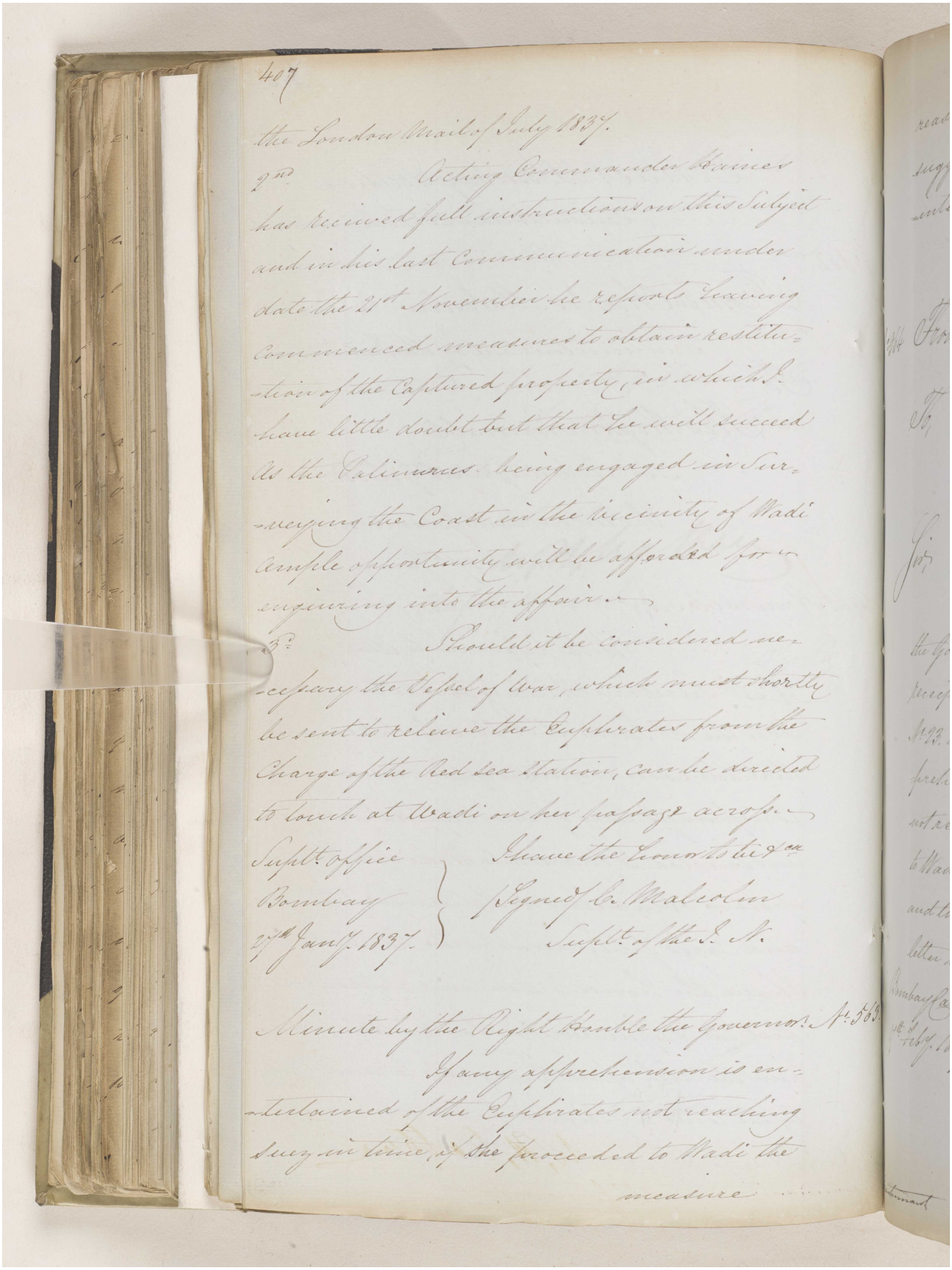

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the London Mail of July 1837.

2nd Acting Commander Haines has received full instructions on this Subject and in his last Communication under date the 21st November he reports having commenced measures to obtain restitution of the Captured property, in which I have little doubt but that he will succeed as the Palinurus being engaged in surveying the Coast in the vicinity of Wadi ample opportunity will be afforded for enquiring into the affair.

3d Should it be considered necessary the Vessel of War, which must shortly be sent to relieve the Euphrates from the Charge of the Red Sea Station, can be directed to touch at Wadi on her passage across.

Supt. office
Bombay
27th Jany. 1837.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed C. Malcolm
Supt. of the I. N.

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor. No. 563.

If any apprehension is entertained of the Euphrates not reaching Suez in time, if she proceeded to Wadi the measure

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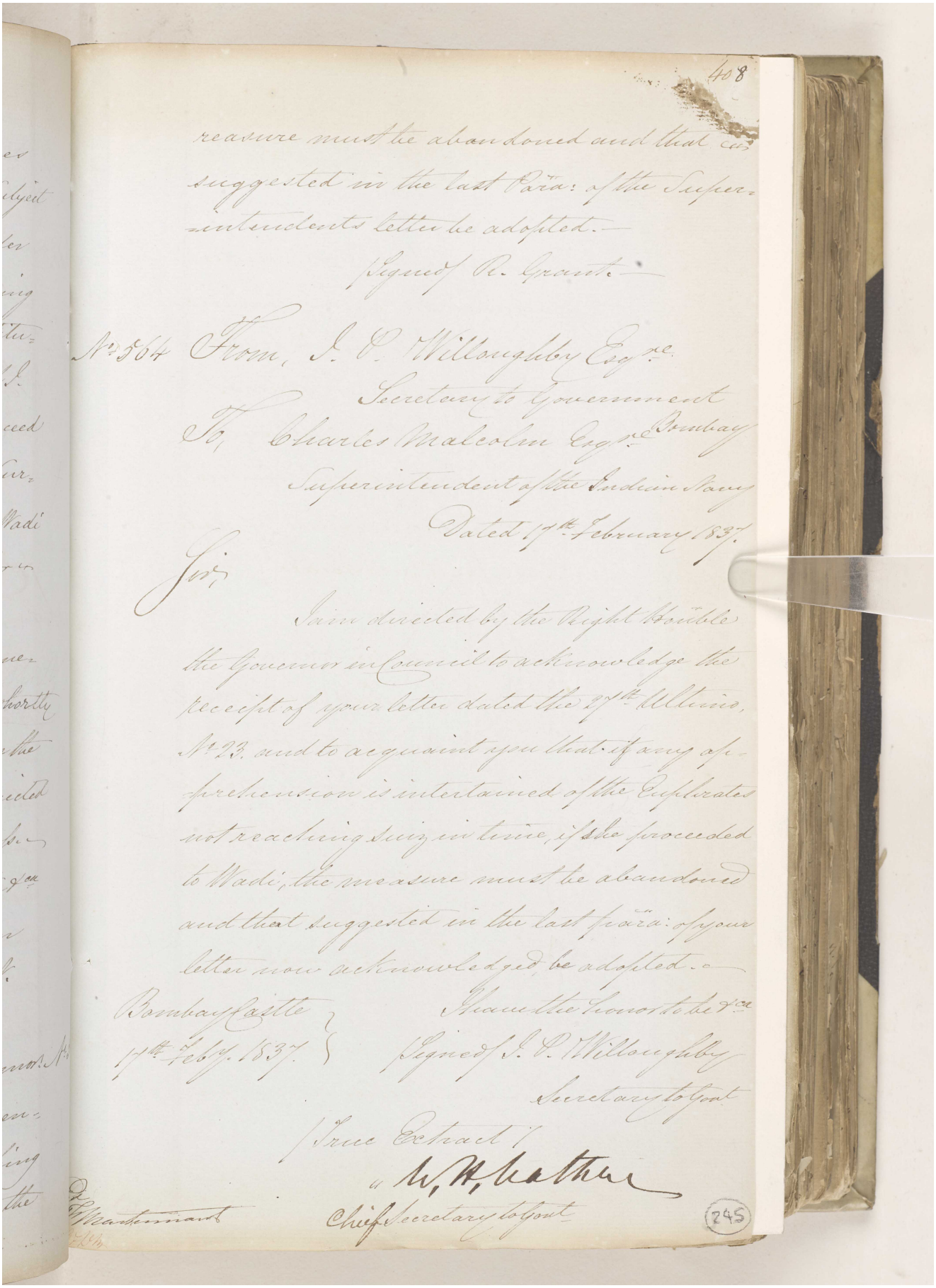

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measure must be abandoned and that as suggested in the last Para: of the Superintendents letter be adopted.—

Signed R. Grant.—

No 364 From J. P. Willoughby Esqre
Secretary to Government
To Charles Malcolm Esqre Bombay
Superintendent of the Indian Navy
Dated 17th February 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 27th Ulto. No 23. and to acquaint you that if any apprehension is entertained of the Euphrates not reaching Anjar in time, if she proceeded to Wadi, the measure must be abandoned and that suggested in the last para: of your letter now acknowledged be adopted.—

Bombay Castle
17th Feby. 1837.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

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W. H. Leathes
Chief Secretary to Govt

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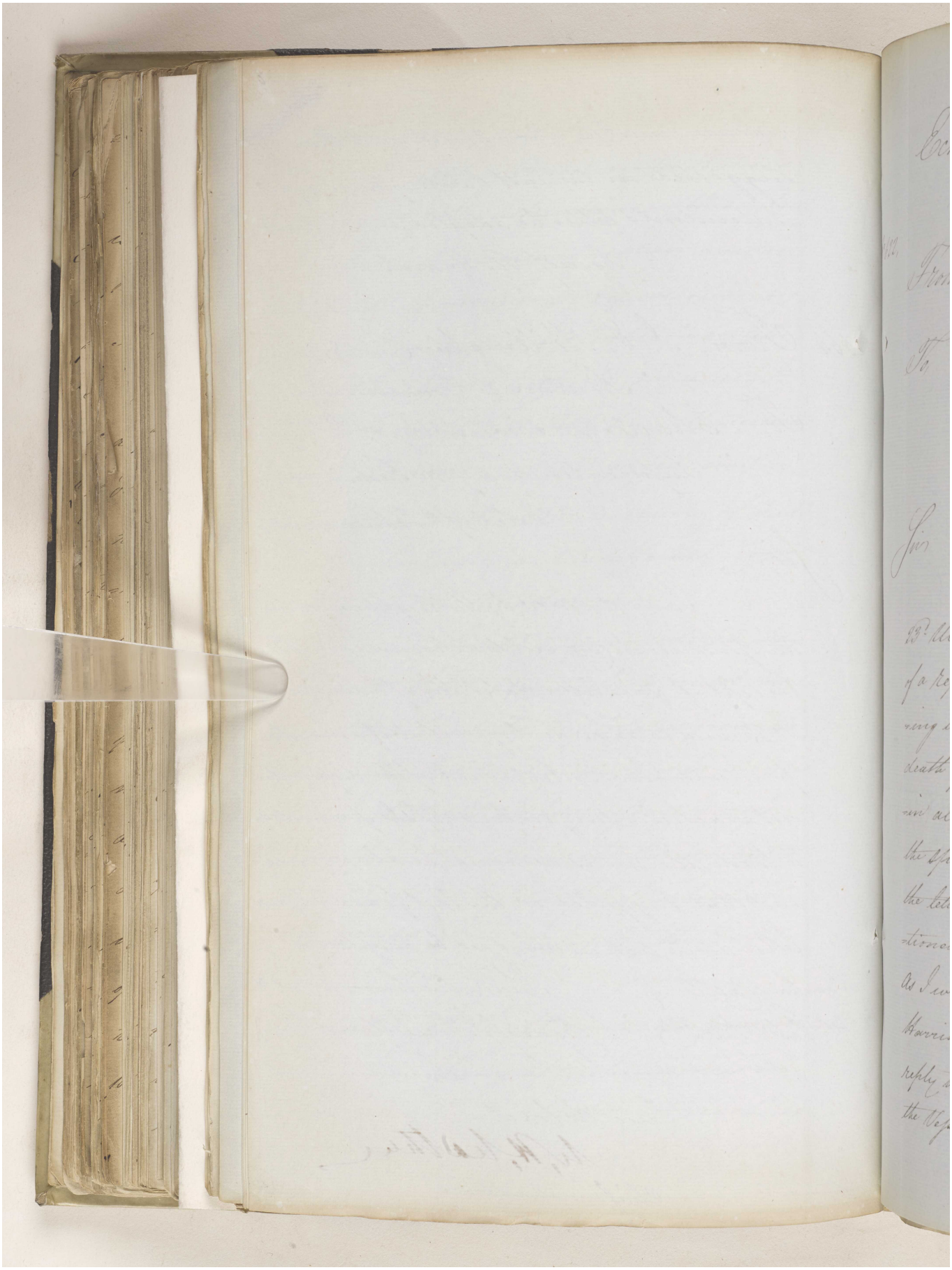

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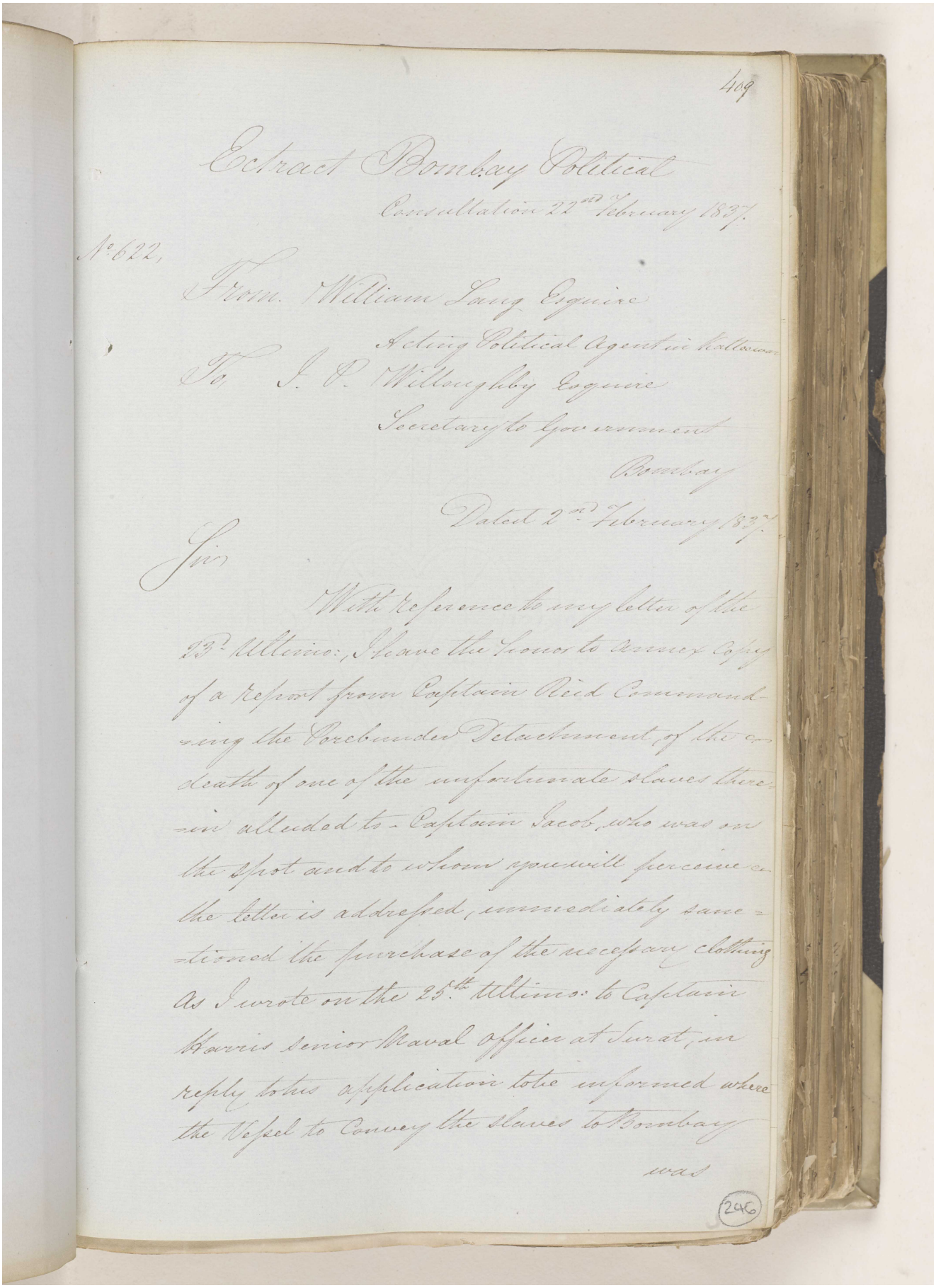

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No. 622.

From William Lang Esquire

Acting Political Agent in Kattiawar

To J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

Bombay

Dated 2nd February 1837.

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 23rd Ultimo: I have the honor to transmit a copy of a Report from Captain Reid Commanding the Porebunder Detachment of the death of one of the unfortunate slaves therein alluded to - Captain Jacob, who was on the spot and to whom you will perceive the letter is addressed, immediately sanctioned the purchase of the necessary clothing as I wrote on the 25th Ultimo: to Captain Harris Senior Naval officer at Surat, in reply to his application to be informed where the Vessel to convey the slaves to Bombay was

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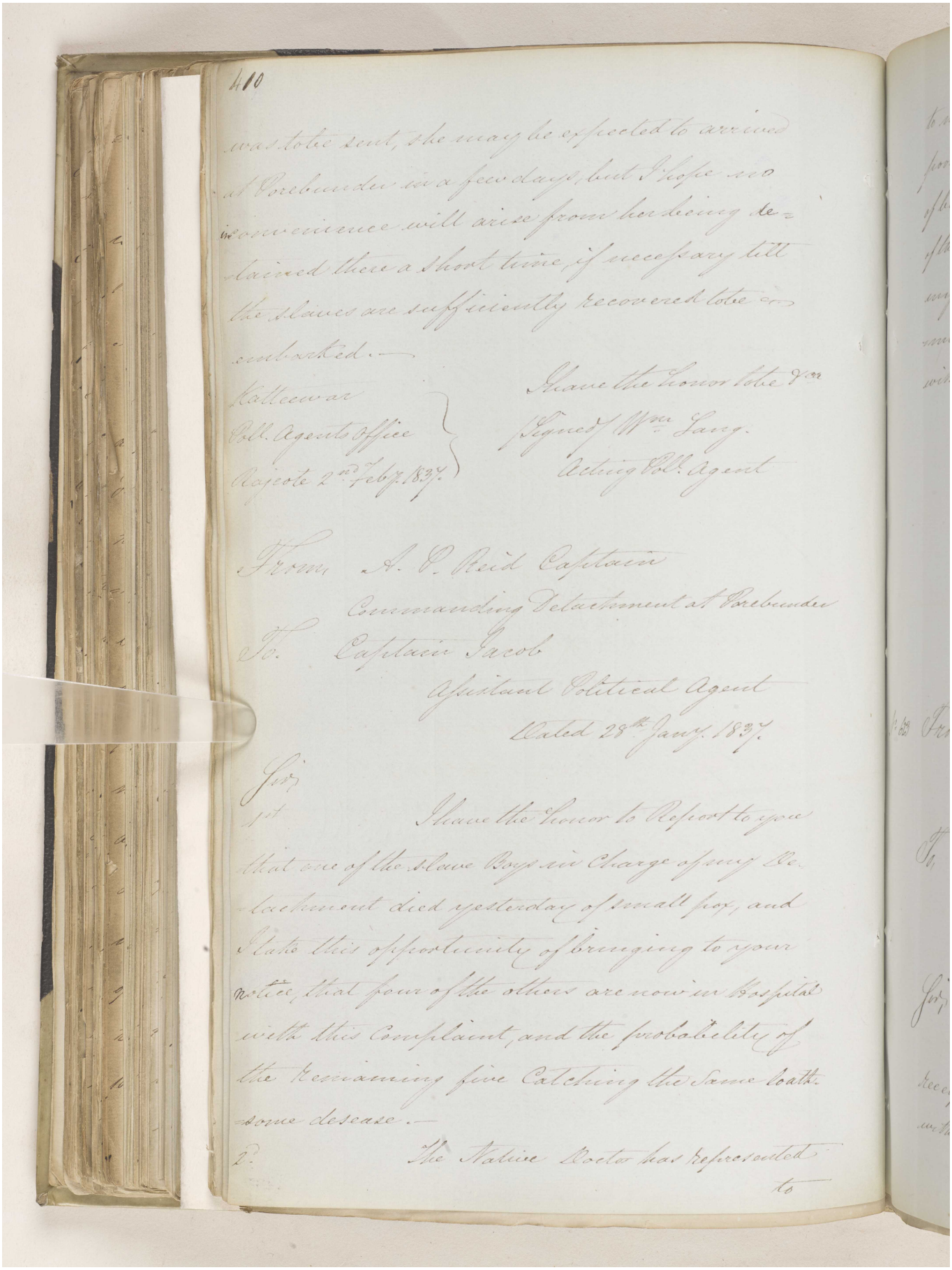

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was to be sent, she may be expected to arrive
at Porebunder in a few days, but I hope no
inconvenience will arise from her being de-
tained there a short time if necessary till
the slaves are sufficiently recovered to be re-
embarked.—

Kattewar
Pol. Agents Office
Rajcote 2nd Feby. 1837.

I have the Honor to be &c
Signed Wm. Lang.
Acting Pol. Agent

From A. D. Reid Captain
Commanding Detachment at Porebunder
To Captain Jacob
Assistant Political Agent
Dated 28th Janv. 1837.

Sir
1st I have the Honor to Report to you
that one of the Slave Boys in Charge of my De-
tachment died yesterday of small pox, and
I take this opportunity of bringing to your
notice, that four of the others are now in Hospital
with this Complaint, and the probability of
the Remaining five Catching the Same both
some desease.—
2. The Native Doctor has represented
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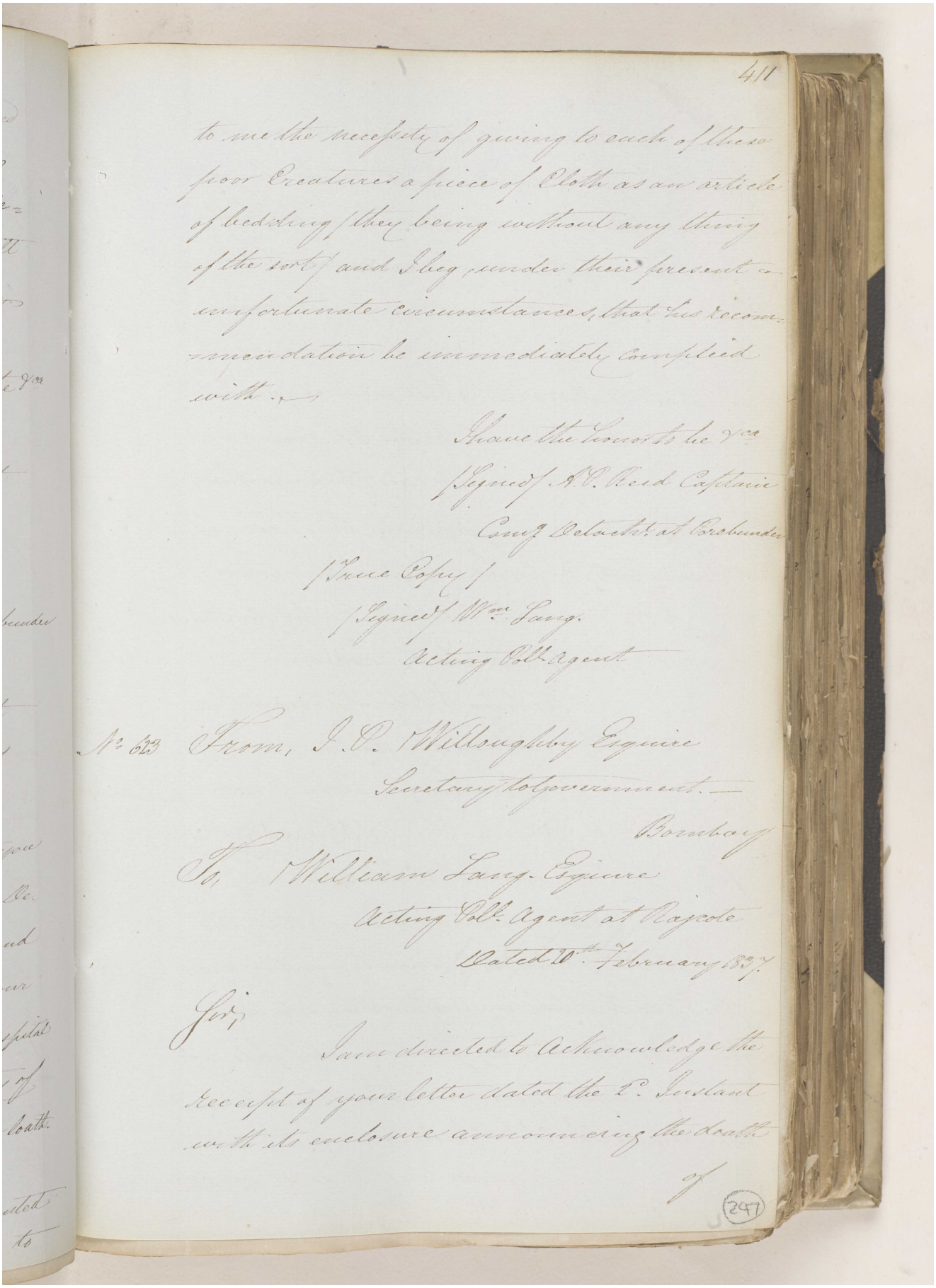

to me the necessity of giving to each of these poor Creatures a piece of Cloth as an article of bedding (they being without any thing of the sort) and I beg, under their present unfortunate circumstances, that his recommendation be immediately complied with.

I have the honor to be &ca

(Signed) A. P. Reid Captain
Comg Detacht. at Porebunder

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm. Lang.
Acting Poll. Agent

No. 623 From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to government.
Bombay

To, William Lang Esquire
Acting Poll. Agent at Rajcote
Dated 20th February 1837

Sir,

I am directed to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 2d. Instant with its enclosure announcing the death of

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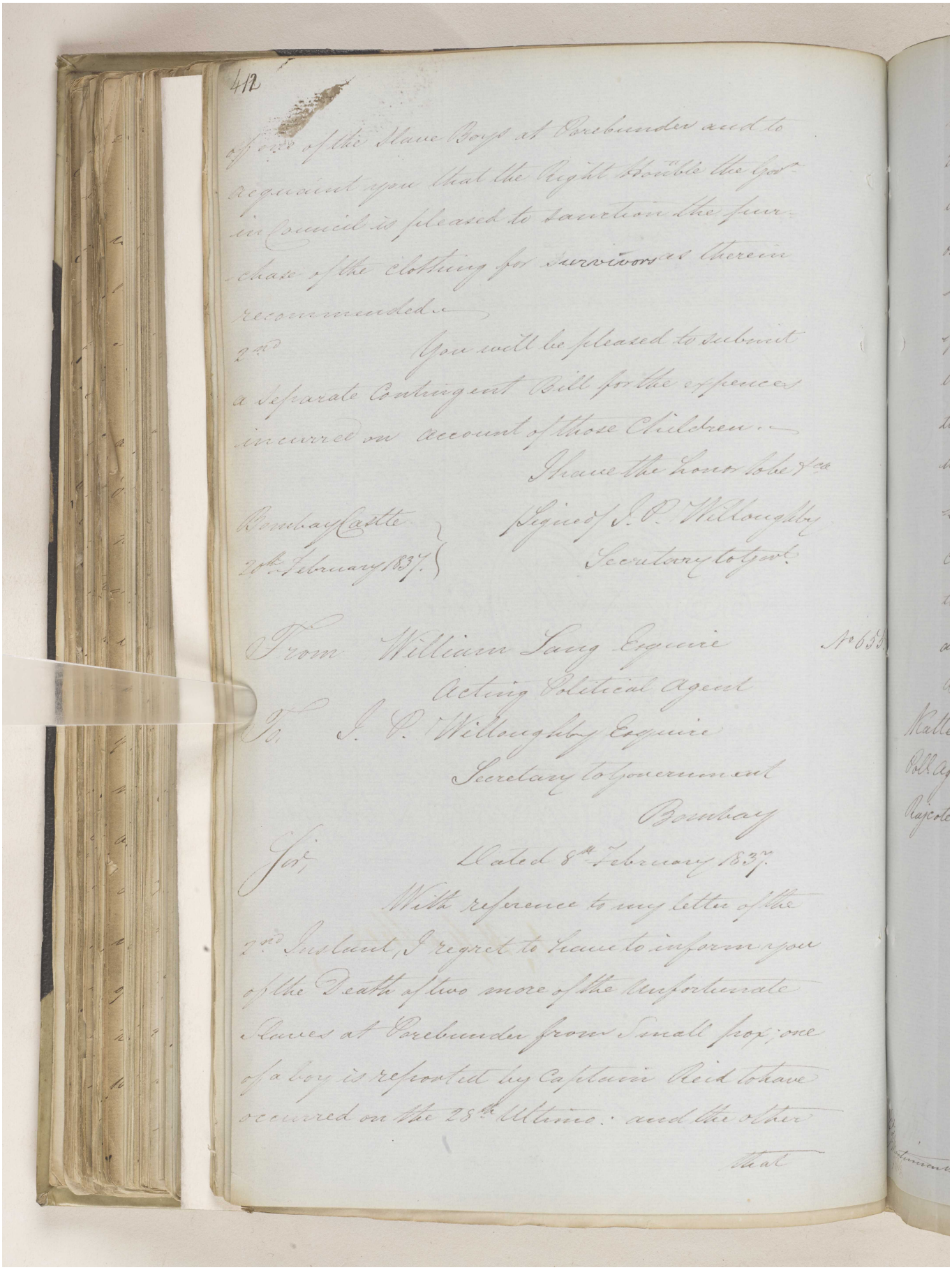

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of the Slave Boys at Porebunder and to request you that the Right Honble the Govr in Council is pleased to sanction the purchase of the clothing for survivors therein recommended.

2nd You will be pleased to submit a Separate Contingent Bill for the expences incurred on account of those Children.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle
20th February 1837.

From William Sang Esquire
Acting Political Agent

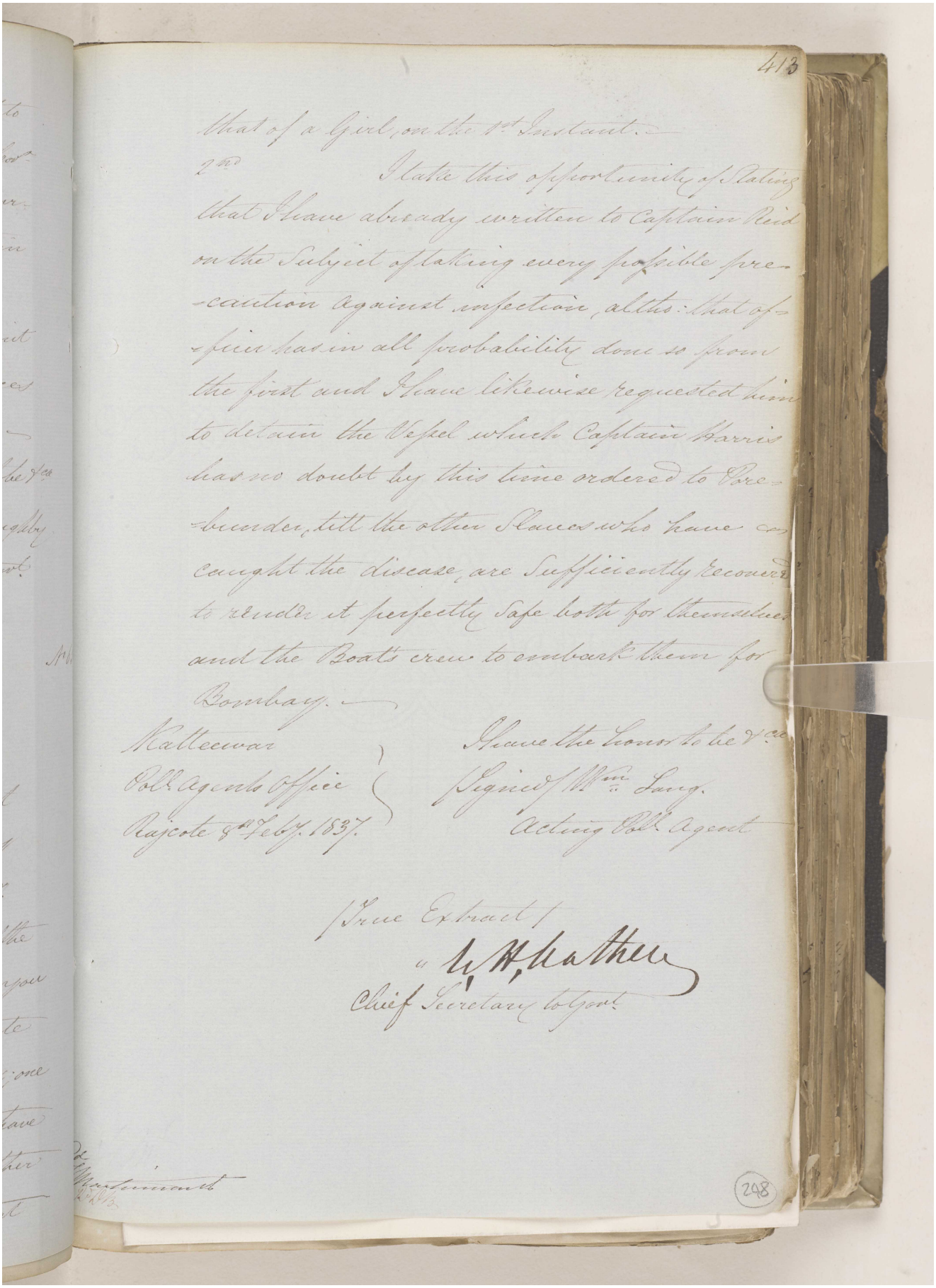
To J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

Sir,

Dated 8th February 1837.

With reference to my letter of the 2nd Instant, I regret to have to inform you of the Death of two more of the unfortunate Slaves at Porebunder from Small Pox; one of a boy is reported by Captain Reid to have occurred on the 28th Ultimo: and the other

that



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that of a Girl, on the 1st Instant.—

2nd I take this opportunity of stating that I have already written to Captain Reid on the Subject of taking every possible precaution against infection, altho: that officer has in all probability done so from the first and I have likewise requested him to detain the Vessel which Captain Harris has no doubt by this time ordered to Bombay, till the other Slaves who have caught the disease, are sufficiently recovered to render it perfectly safe both for themselves and the Boats crew to embark them for Bombay.—

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ Wm. Lang.
Acting Pol. Agent

Kattiawar
Pol. Agents Office
Rajcote 8th Feby. 1837.

/True Extract/
W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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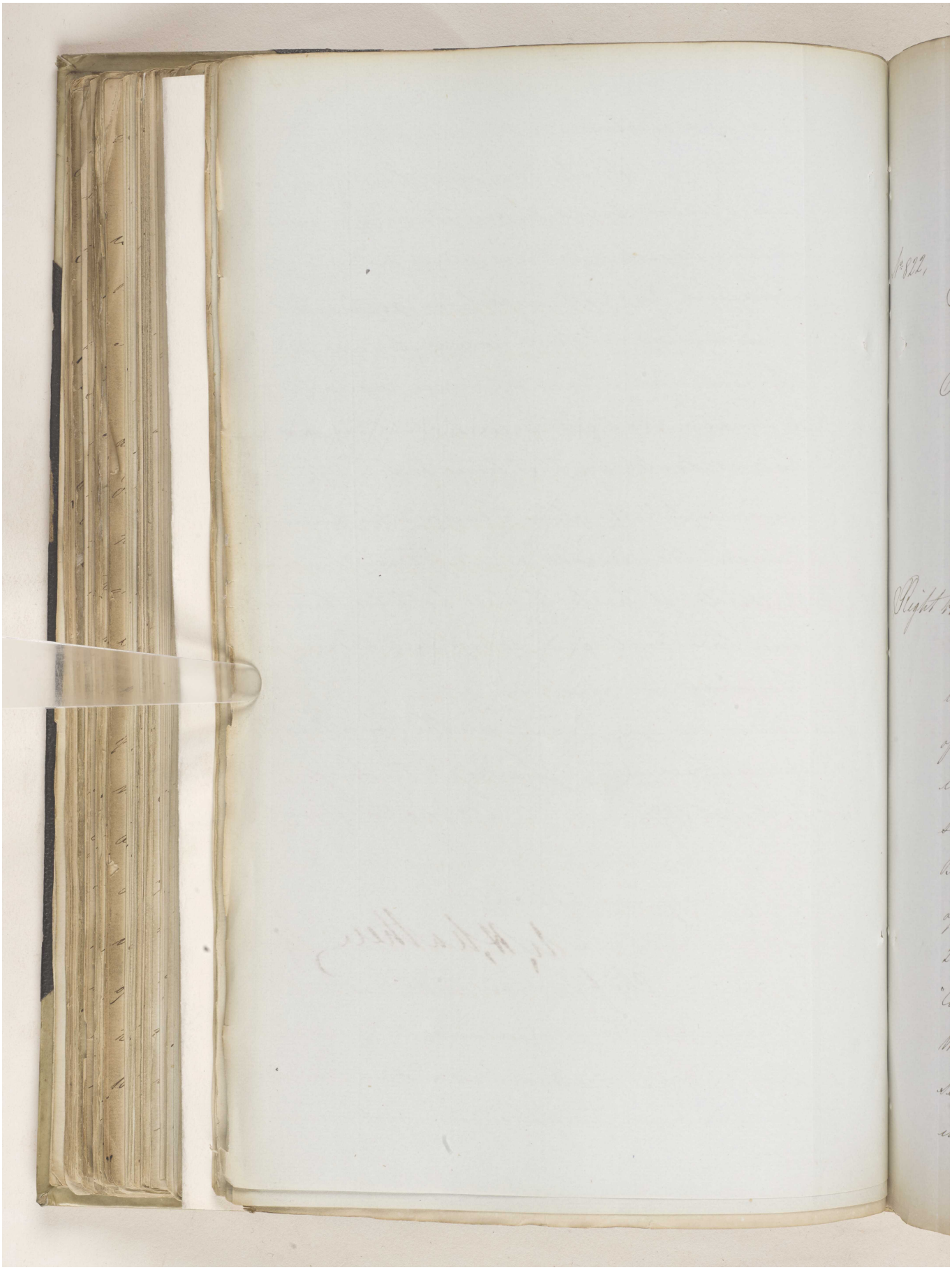

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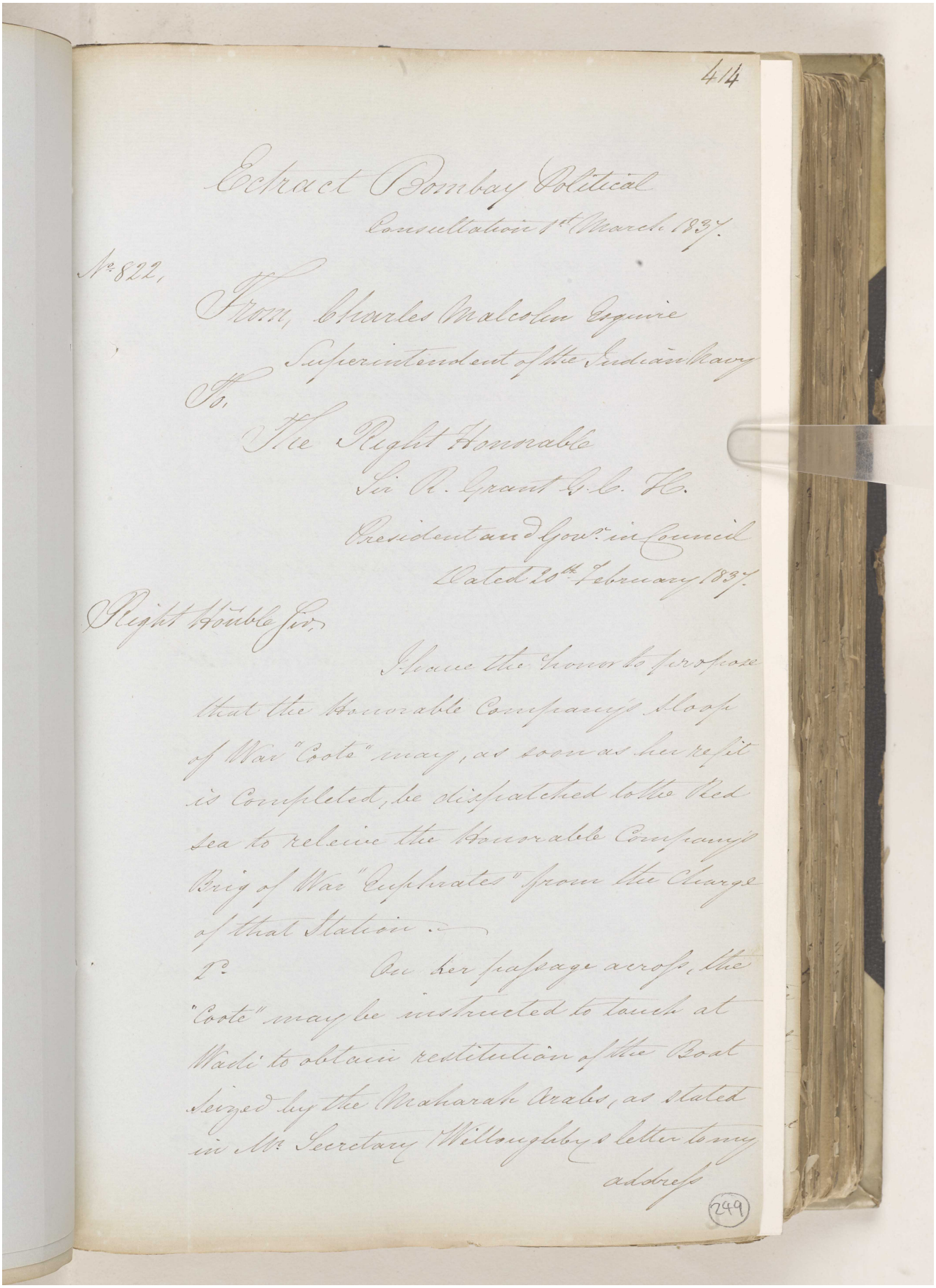

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No. 822.

From, Charles Malcolm Esquire
Superintendent of the Indian Navy
To,
The Right Honorable
Sir R. Grant G.C.H.
President and Govr. in Council
Dated 20th February 1837.

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to propose that the Honorable Company's Sloop of War "Coote" may, as soon as her refit is completed, be dispatched to the Red sea to relieve the Honorable Company's Brig of War "Euphrates" from the charge of that Station.

2d. On her passage across, the "Coote" may be instructed to touch at Wadi to obtain restitution of the Boat seized by the Maharah Arabs, as stated in Mr. Secretary Willoughby's letter to my address

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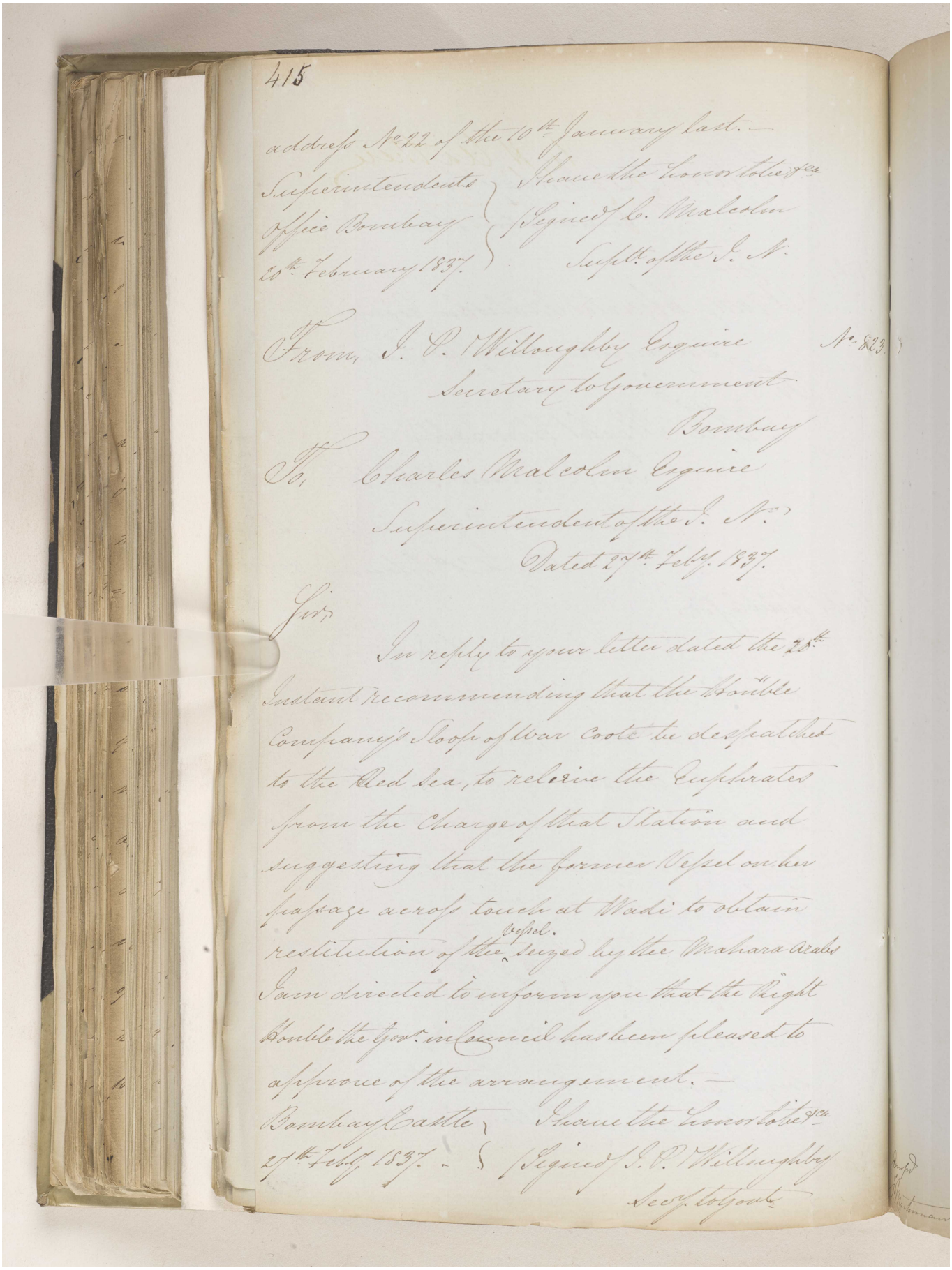

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address No. 22 of the 10th January last.—
Superintendents office Bombay 25th February 1837.
I have the honor to be &c.
Signed C. Malcolm
Supt. of the I. N.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
No. 823

To Charles Malcolm Esquire
Superintendent of the I. N.
Dated 27th Feby. 1837.

Sir

In reply to your letter dated the 25th Instant Recommending that the Honble Company's Sloop of War Coote be despatched to the Red Sea, to relieve the Euphrates from the charge of that Station and suggesting that the former Vessel on her passage across touch at Wadi to obtain restitution of the Vessel seized by the Mahara Arabs I am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the Govr. in Council has been pleased to approve of the arrangement.—
Bombay Castle 27th Feby 1837.
I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy. to Govt.

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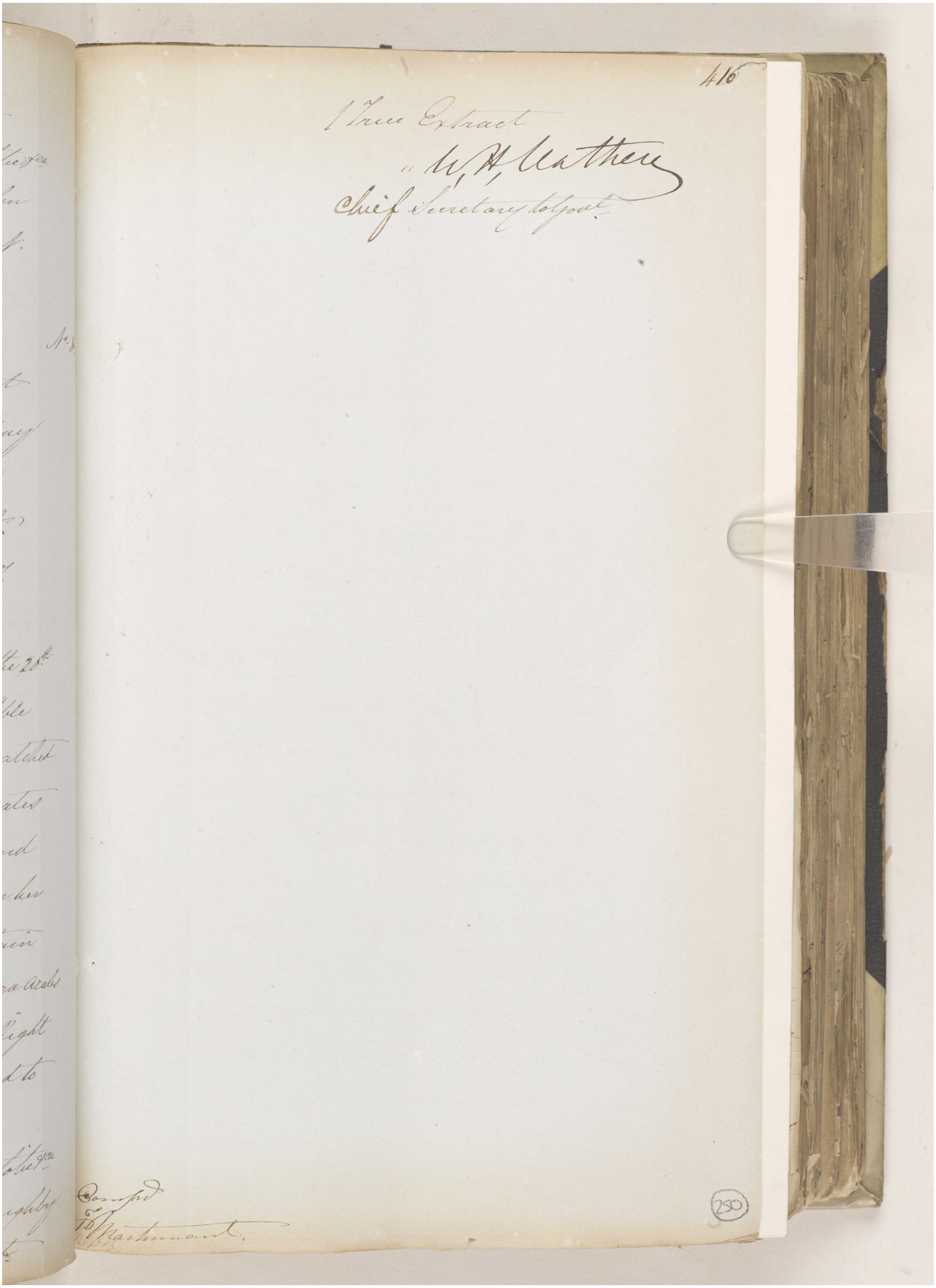

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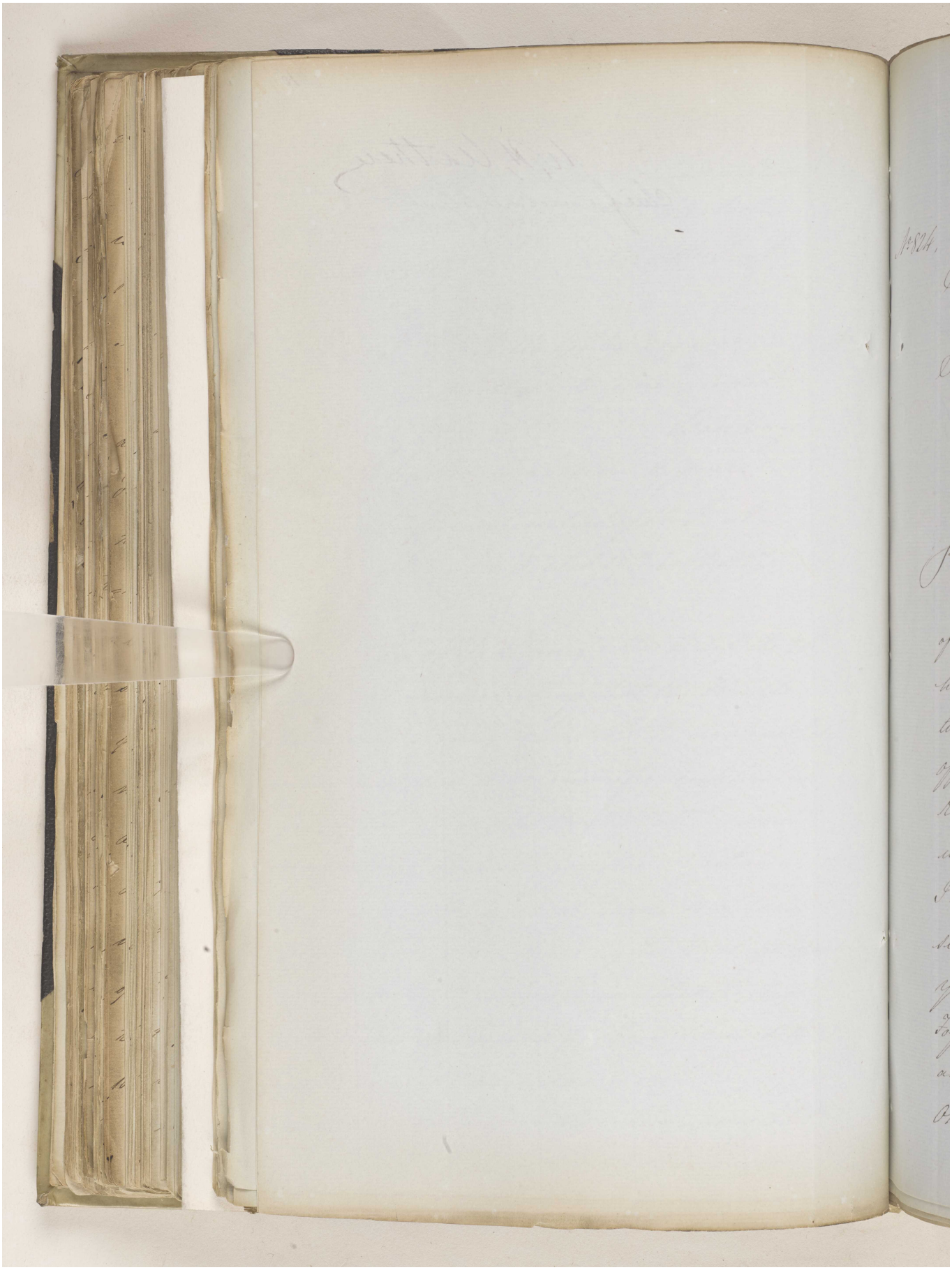

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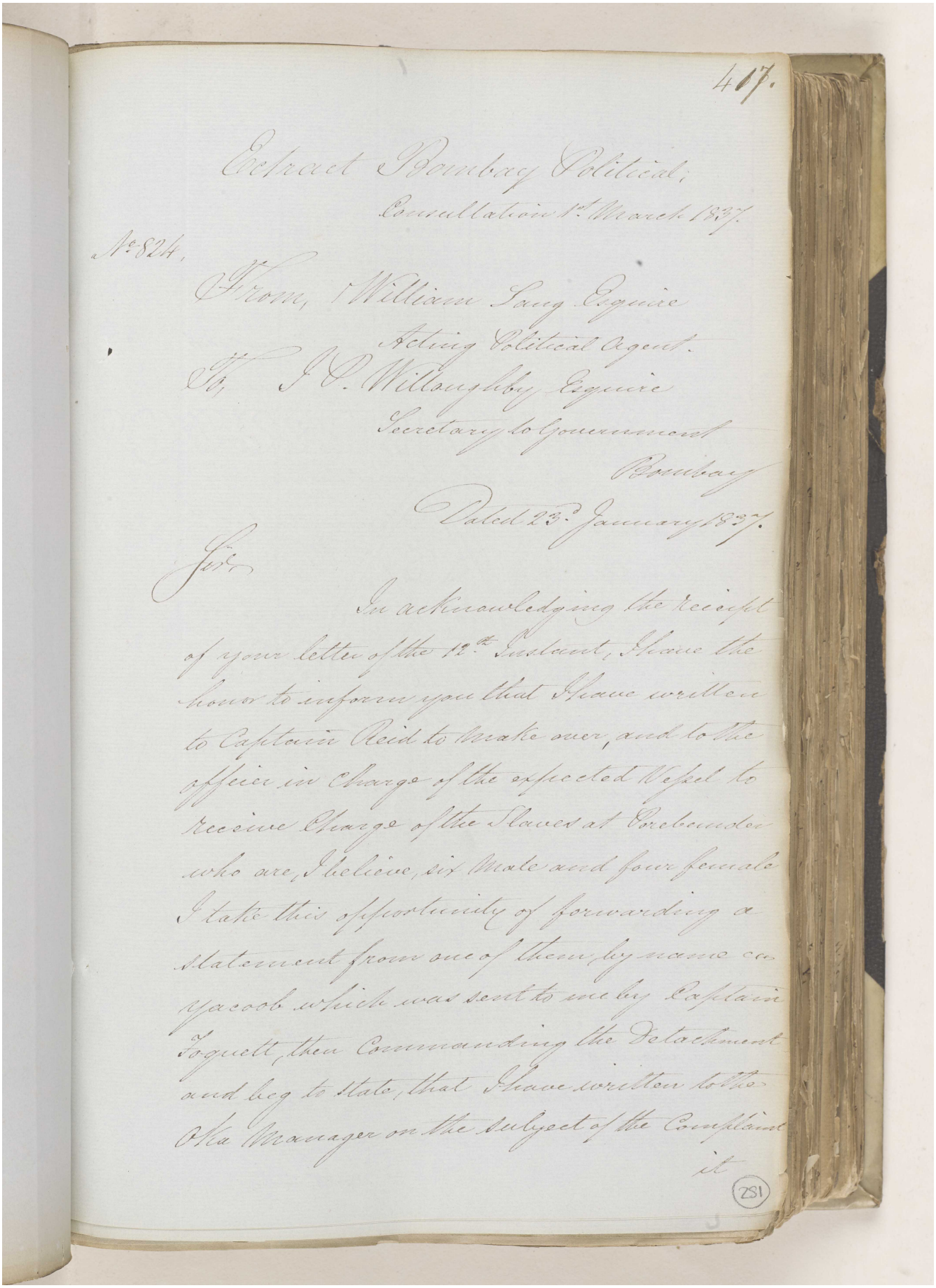

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No. 824,

From, William Lang Esquire
Acting Political Agent.
To, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated 23d January 1837.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have written to Captain Reid to make over, and to the officer in charge of the expected Vessel to receive charge of the Slaves at Porebunder who are, I believe, six Male and four female I take this opportunity of forwarding a statement from one of them, by name ca Yacoob which was sent to me by Captain Foquett, then Commanding the Detachment and beg to state, that I have written to the Oka Manager on the subject of the Complaint

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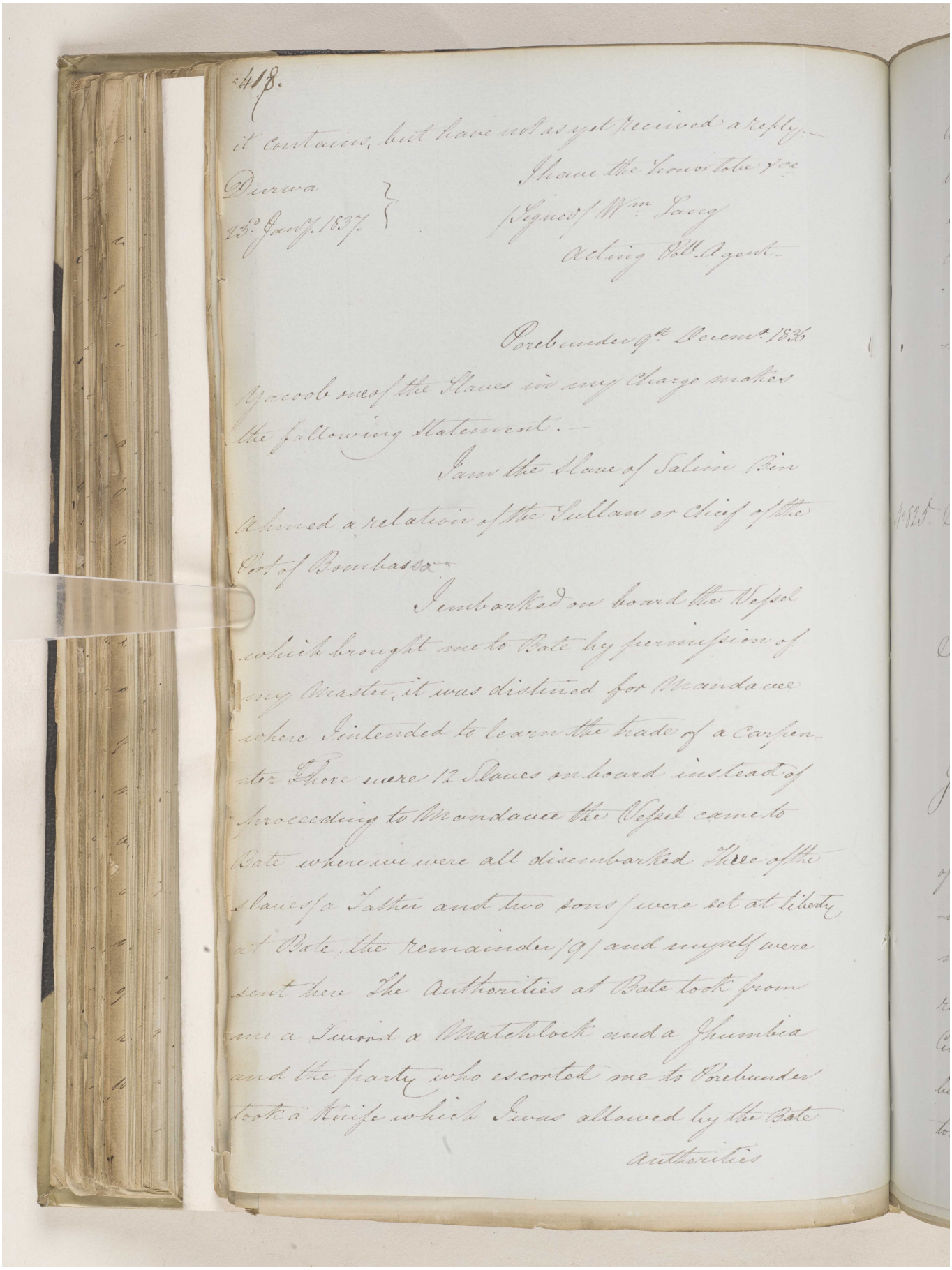

it contains, but have not as yet received a reply.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Durwa
23d Jany. 1837.

(Signed) Wm. Lang
Acting Poll. Agent.

Porebunder 9th Decemr. 1836

Yacoob one of the Slaves in my Charge makes the following Statement.—

I am the Slave of Salim Bin Ahmed a relation of the Sullan or Chief of the Port of Bombassa.

I embarked on board the Vessel which brought me to Bate by permission of my Master, it was distined for Mandavee where I intended to learn the trade of a Carpenter There were 12 Slaves on board instead of proceeding to Mandavee the Vessel came to Bate where we were all disembarked Three of the slaves (a Father and two sons) were set at liberty at Bate, the remainder (9) and myself were sent here The Authorities at Bate took from me a Sword a Matchlock and a Jhumbia and the party who escorted me to Porebunder took a Knife which I was allowed by the Bate

Authorities

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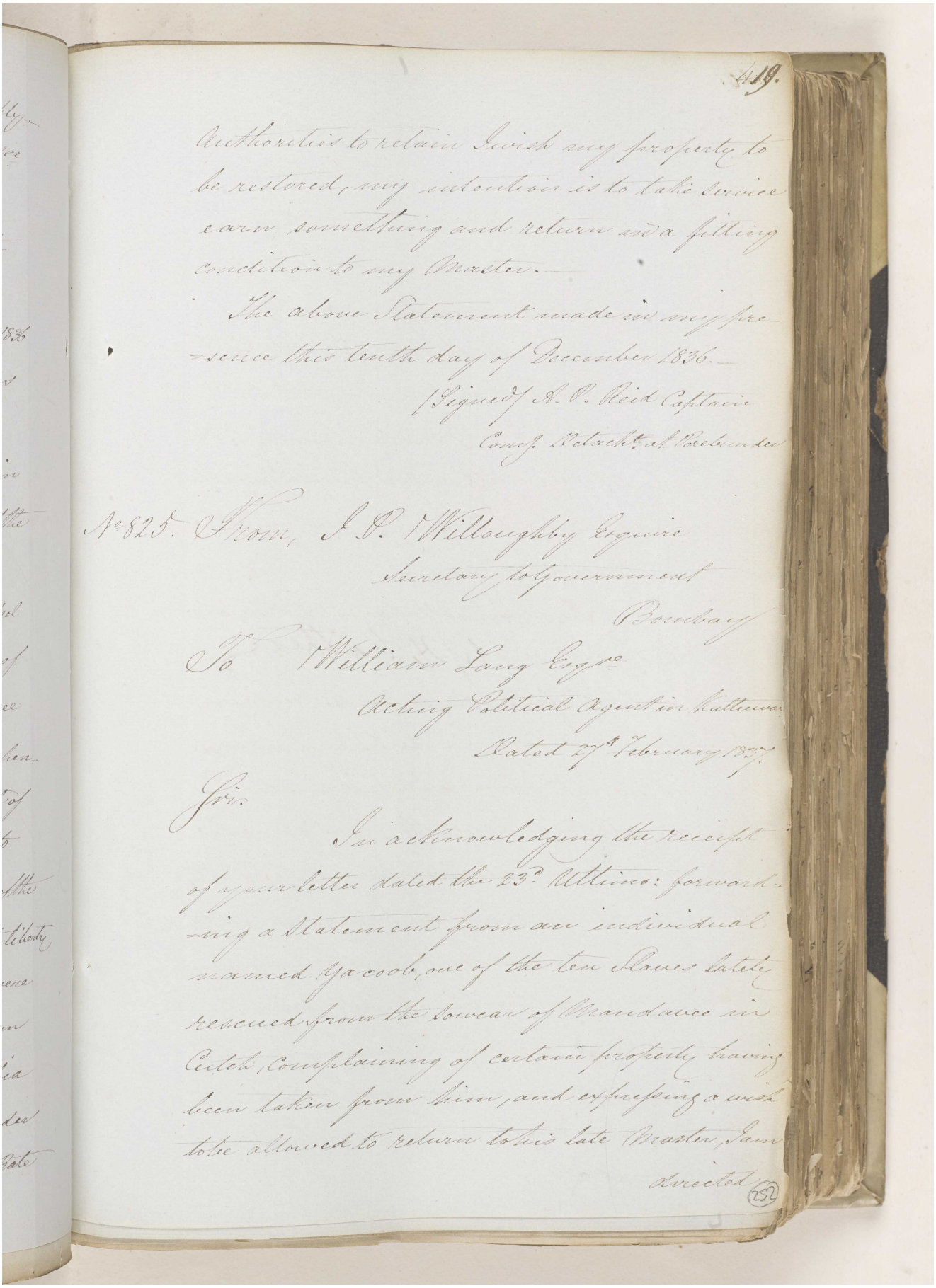

Authorities to retain I wish my property to be restored, my intention is to take service earn something and return in a fitting condition to my Master.—

The above Statement made in my presence this tenth day of December 1836.—

(Signed) A. P. Reid Captain
Comg. Detacht. at Porebunder

No. 825. From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To William Lang Esqre.
Acting Political Agent in Kattiewar
Dated 27th February 1837.

Sir.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated the 23d. Ultimo: forwarding a Statement from an individual named Yacoob, one of the ten Slaves lately rescued from the Sowcar of Mandavee in Cutch, complaining of certain property having been taken from him, and expressing a wish to be allowed to return to his late Master, I am

directed

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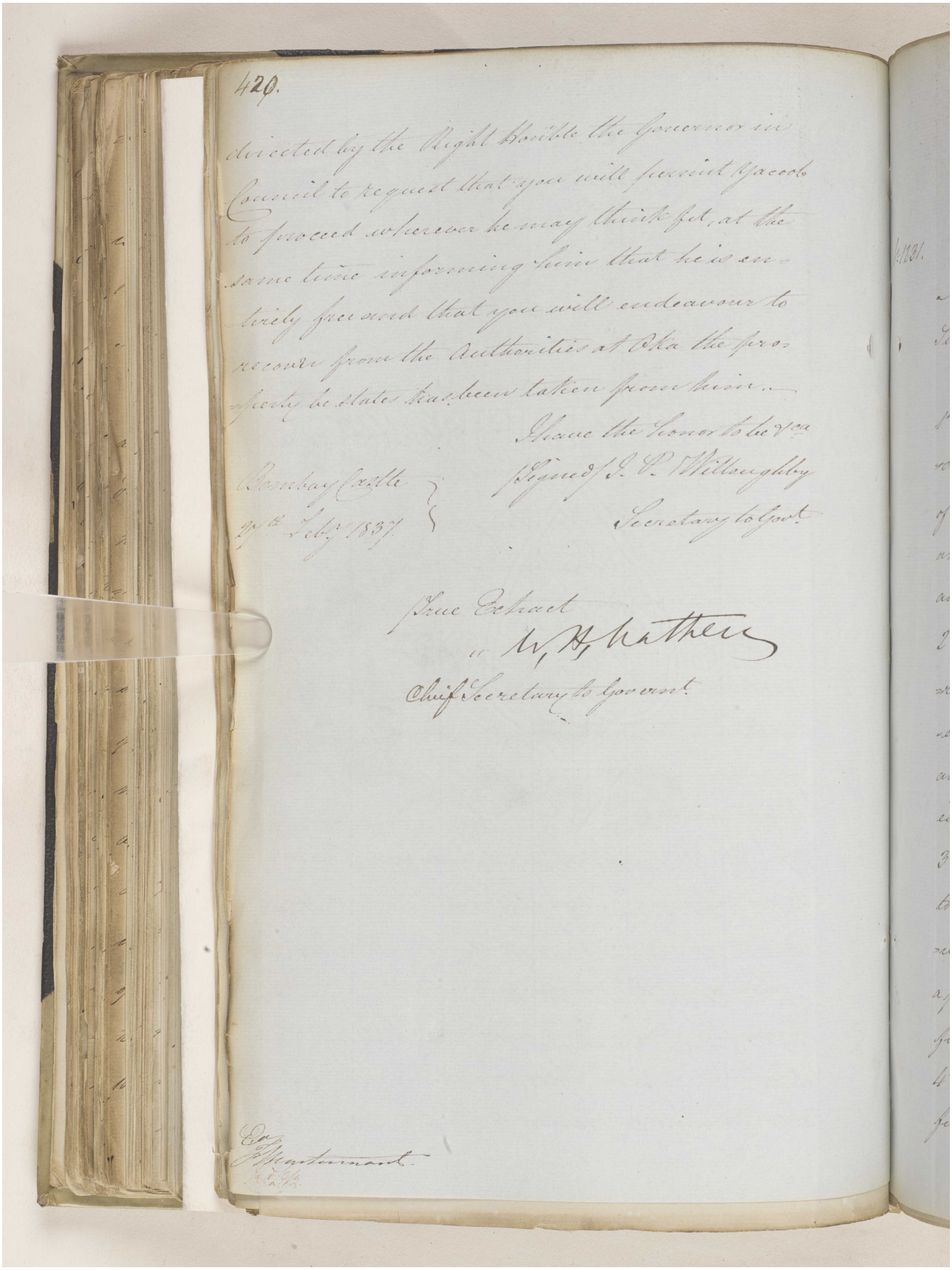

directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to request that you will permit Yacoob to proceed wherever he may think fit, at the same time informing him that he is entirely free and that you will endeavour to recover from the Authorities at Oka the property he states has been taken from him.

I have the honor to be &ca

Bombay Castle
27th Feby 1837

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

True Extract
" W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Govern.

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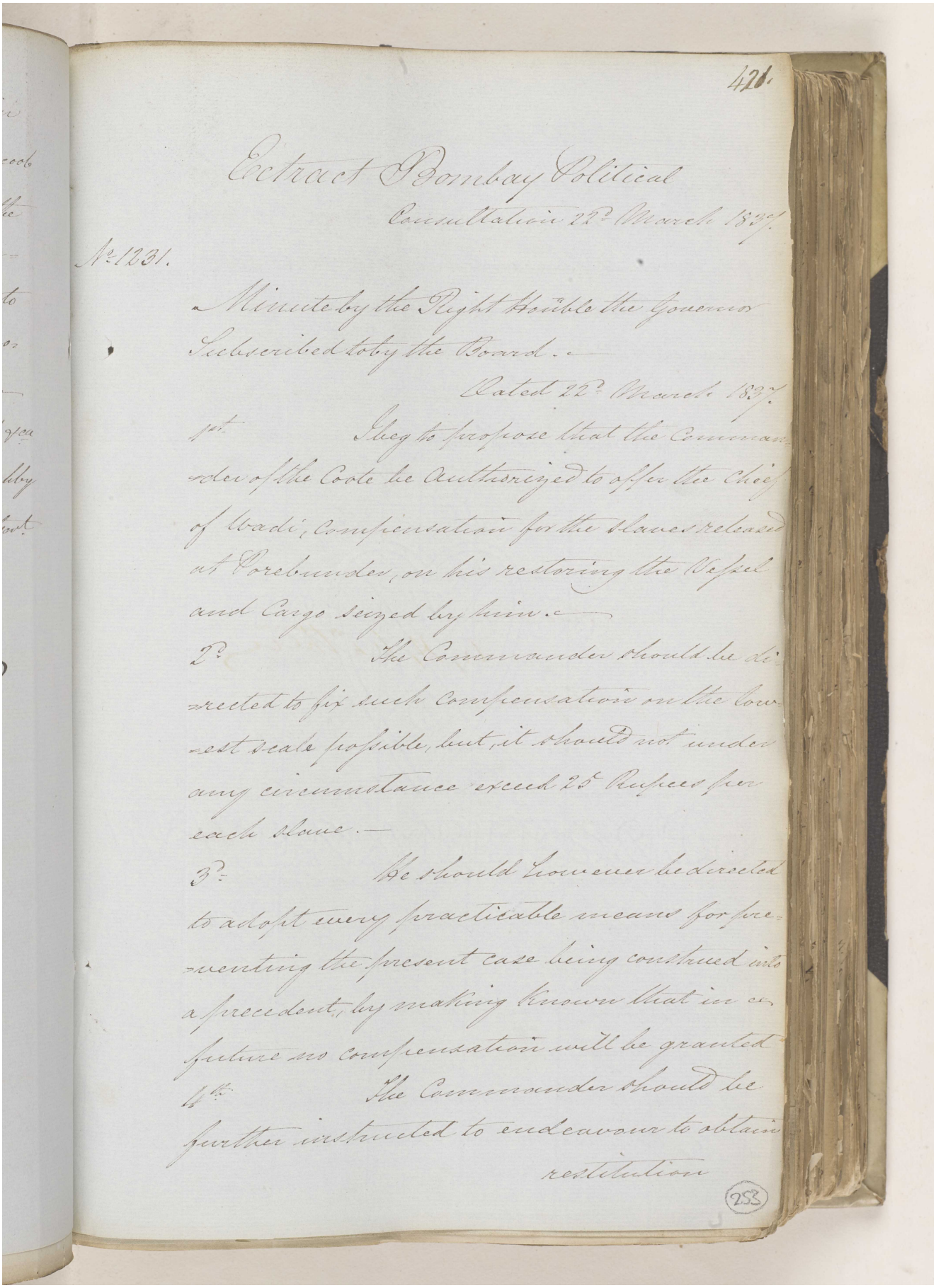

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 22d March 1837.

No. 1231.

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor
Subscribed to by the Board.—
Dated 22d March 1837.

1st. Beg to propose that the Commander of the Coote be Authorized to offer the Chief of Wadi, Compensation for the Slaves released at Porebunder, on his restoring the Vessel and Cargo seized by him.—

2d. The Commander should be directed to fix such Compensation on the lowest scale possible, but it should not under any circumstance exceed 25 Rupees per each Slave.—

3d. He should however be directed to adopt every practicable means for preventing the present case being construed into a precedent, by making known that in no future no Compensation will be granted.

4th. The Commander should be further instructed to endeavour to obtain restitution

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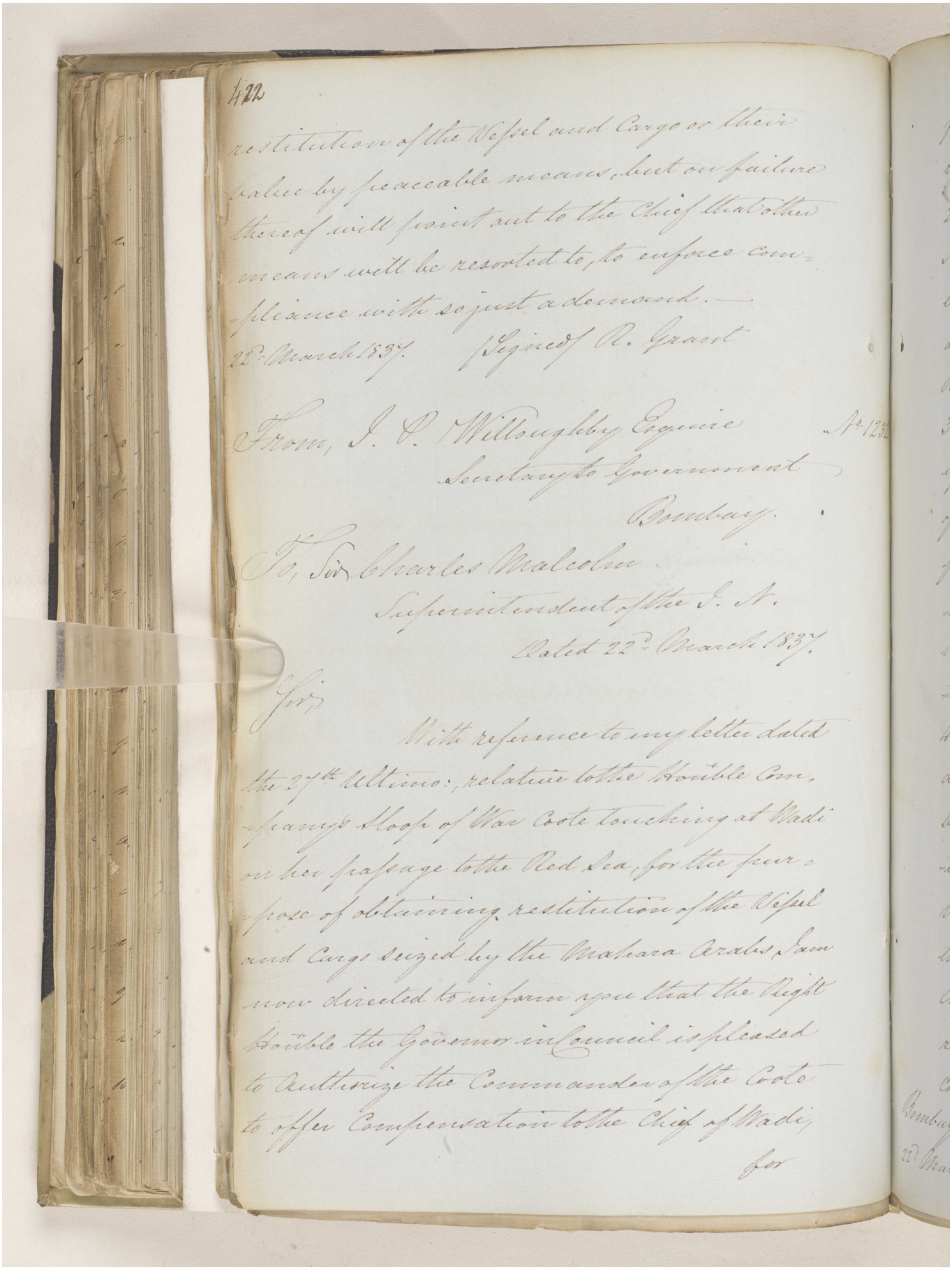

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restitution of the Vessel and Cargo or their value by peaceable means, but on failure thereof will point out to the Chief Mahratta means will be resorted to, to enforce compliance with so just a demand.—

22d March 1837. Signed J. R. Grant

From, J. P. Willoughby Esquire No. 1232
Secretary to Government
Bombay.

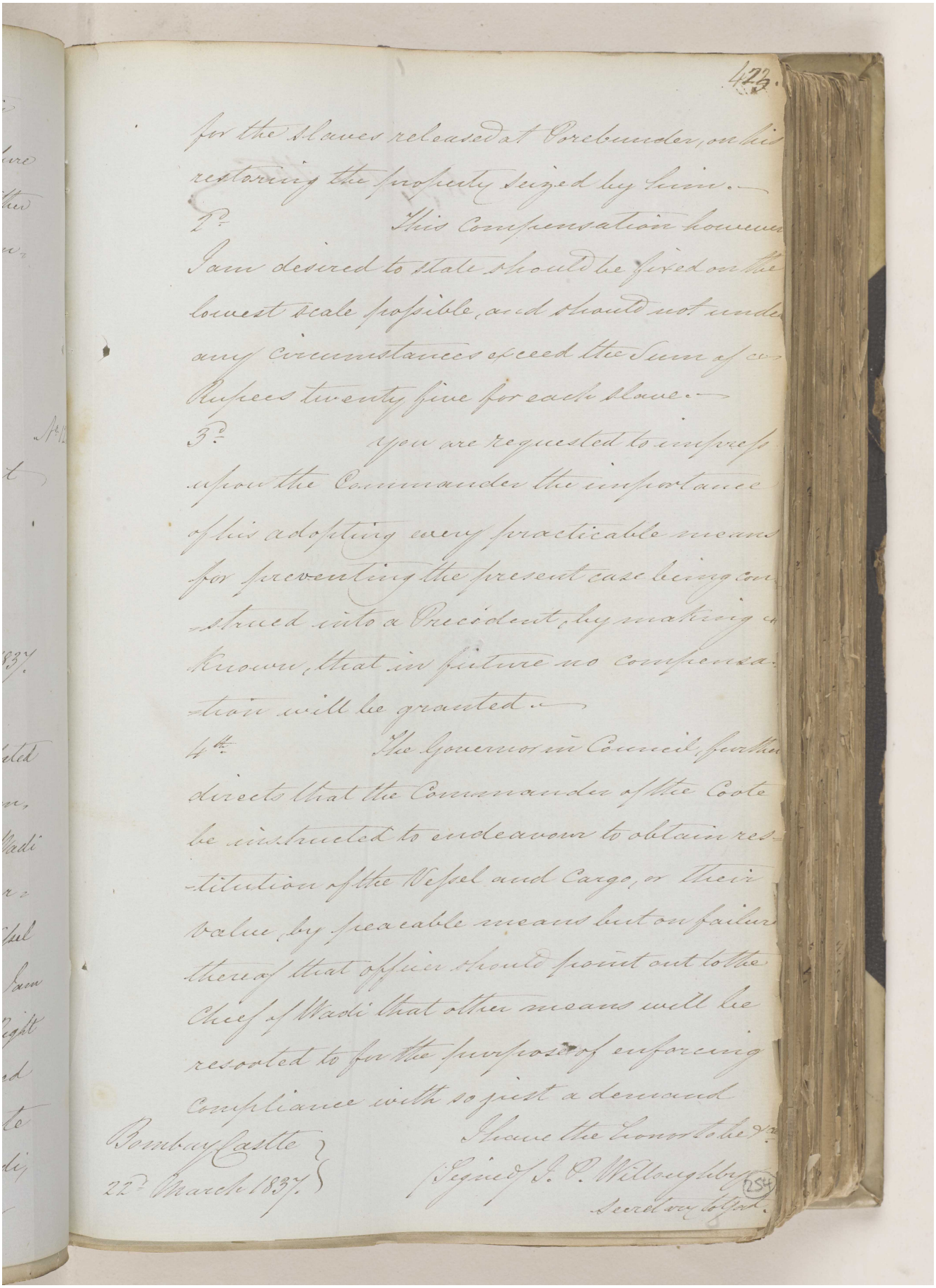
To, Sir Charles Malcolm
Superintendent of the I. N.
Dated 22d March 1837.

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated the 27th Ultimo: relative to the trouble Commissary Sloop of War Cooke touching at Madi on her passage to the Red Sea, for the purpose of obtaining restitution of the Vessel and Cargo seized by the Mahara Arabs, I am now directed to inform you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the Commander of the Cooke to offer Compensation to the Chief of Madi

for

Bombay
22d Mar



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for the Slaves released at Porebunder on his
restoring the property seized by them.—
2d. This Compensation however
I am desired to state should be fixed on the
lowest scale possible, and should not under
any circumstances exceed the Sum of
Rupees twenty five for each Slave.—
3d. You are requested to impress
upon the Commander the importance
of his adopting every practicable means
for preventing the present case being con
strued into a Precedent, by making it
known, that in future no compensa
tion will be granted.—
4th. The Governor in Council further
directs that the Commander of the Coote
be instructed to endeavour to obtain res
titution of the Vessel and Cargo, or their
value, by peaceable means but on failur
thereof that officer should point out to the
Chief of Wadi that other means will be
resorted to for the purpose of enforcing
compliance with so just a demand
I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. C. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle
22d March 1837.

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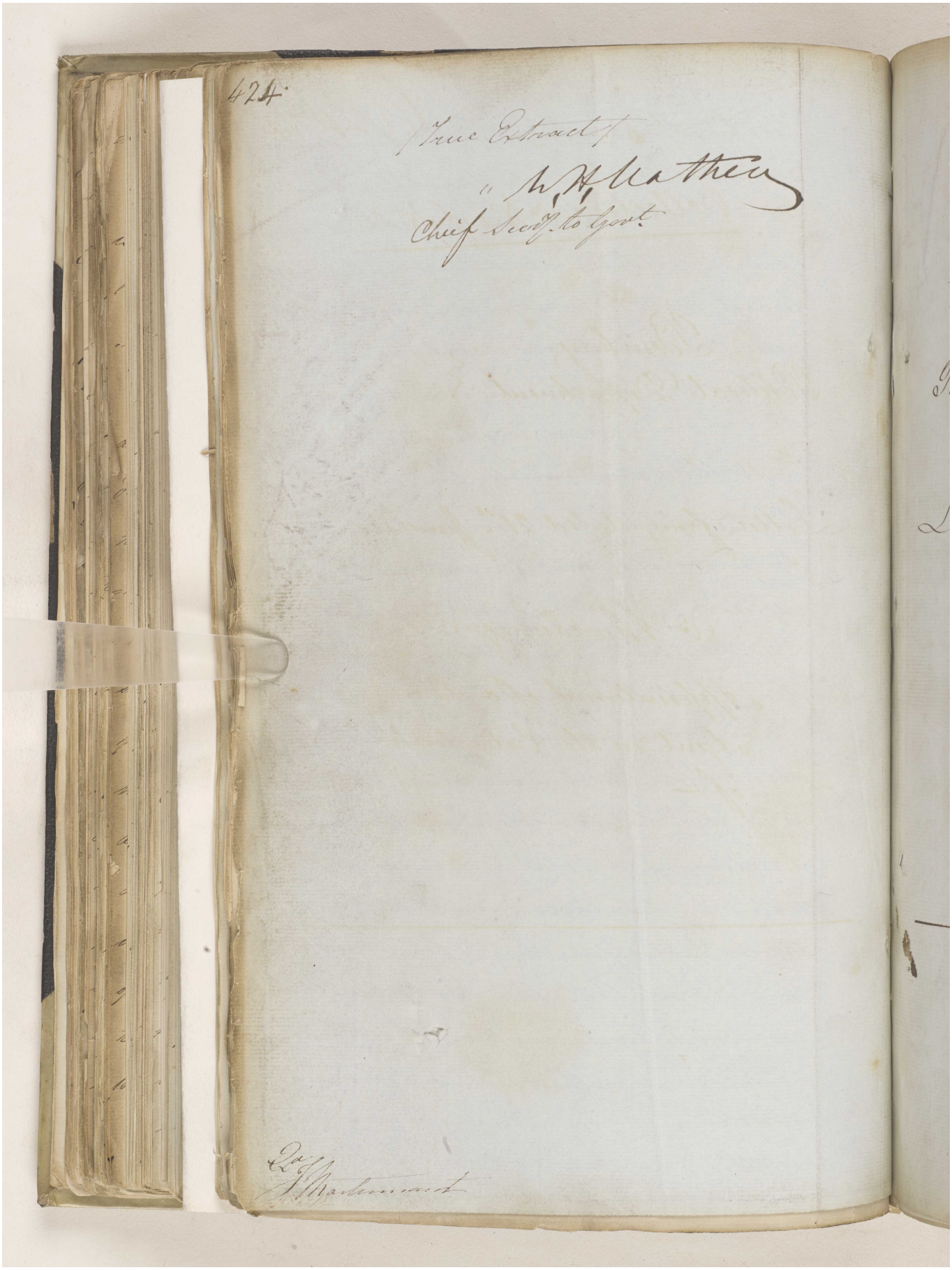

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