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About this record

This item consists of copies of correspondence, minutes and consultations cited in, or enclosed with, letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai].

The item concerns complaints of unfair treatment by British subjects trading in Mocha, and in particular the efforts of Stafford Bettesworth Haines, Commander of HMS *Palinurus*, to seek redress on behalf of these merchants. It includes:

- A petition from a group of Surat merchants complaining of additional fees being charged at Mocha, something they claim is at odds with an earlier agreement
- The investigations of Haines into the duties being charged on goods traded by British subjects in Mocha
- The alleged interference of the Mocha authorities in the trade in certain goods, in particular coffee, to the detriment of British subjects
- Accusations of damage caused to goods while being held in the Custom House in Mocha
- The correspondence of Haines with Ibrahim Pasha [Ibrahim Pasha Kavali], Commander in

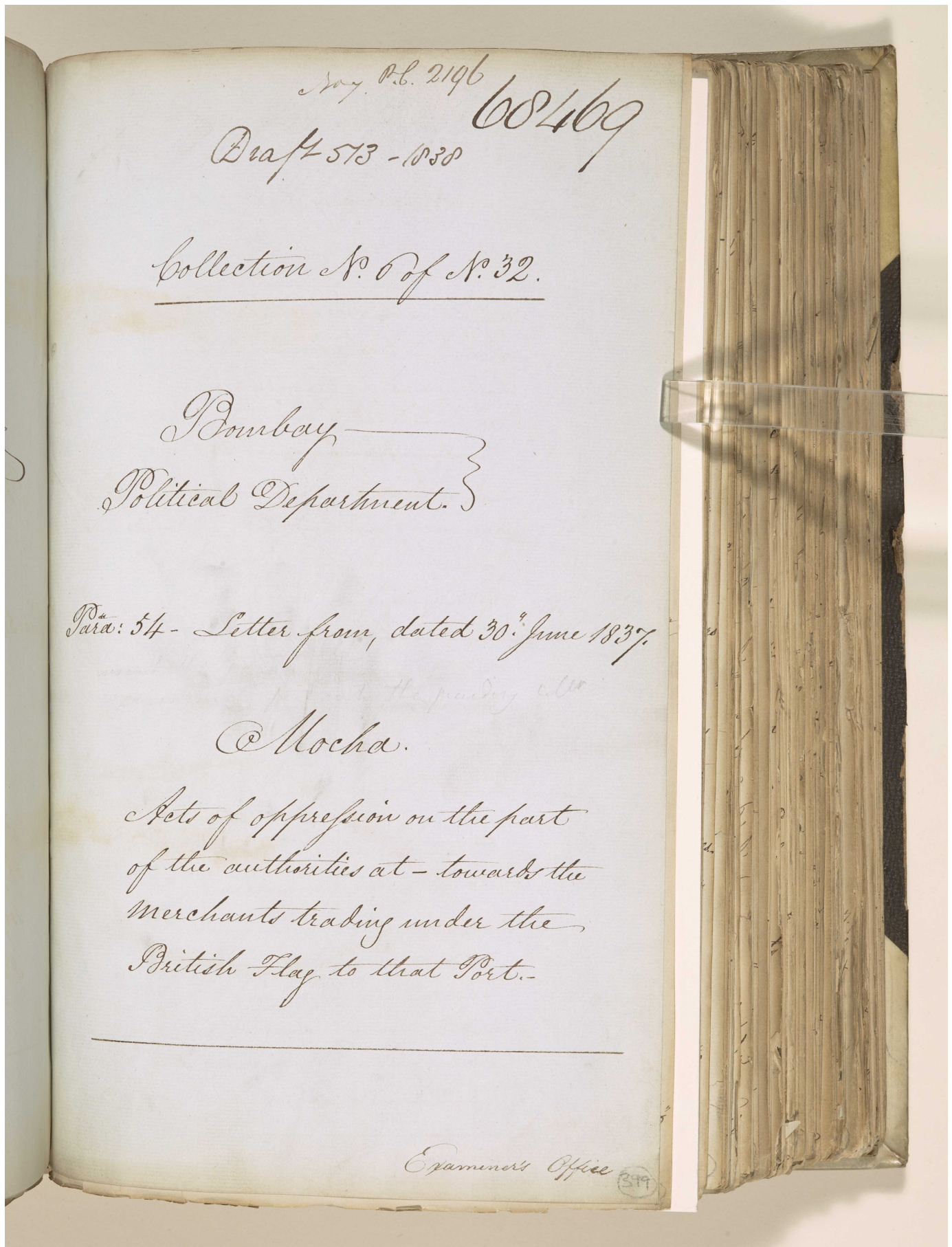
Chief of the Egyptian Army in Yemen, and Solyman Aga [Sulaymān Āghā], Governor [Dola] of Mocha, regarding the above complaints

- The representation made by Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Campbell, Consul General in Egypt, to Mehemit Ali [Muḥammad 'Alī Pāshā al-Mas'ūd bin Āghā], Viceroy of Egypt [Wali of Egypt and Sudan].

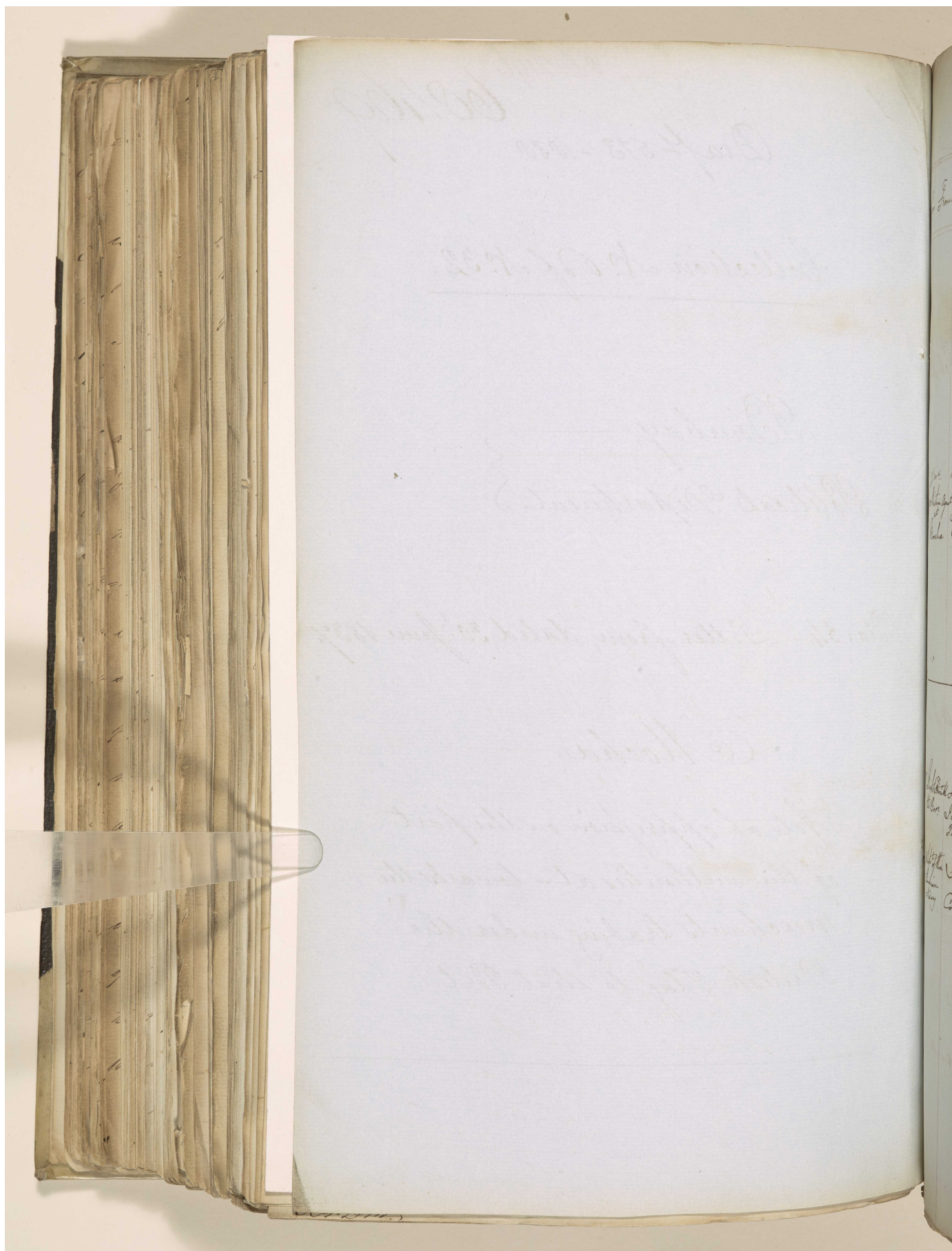
As well as the above, correspondents include: Meeya Shaik Tyeb Ebrahimjee [Mīrzā Shaikh Ṭayyib Ibrāhīmī], Native Agent at Mocha; Sir Charles Malcolm, Superintendent of the Indian Navy; Sir Robert Grant, Governor of Bombay; and John Pollard Willoughby, Secretary to Government, Bombay.

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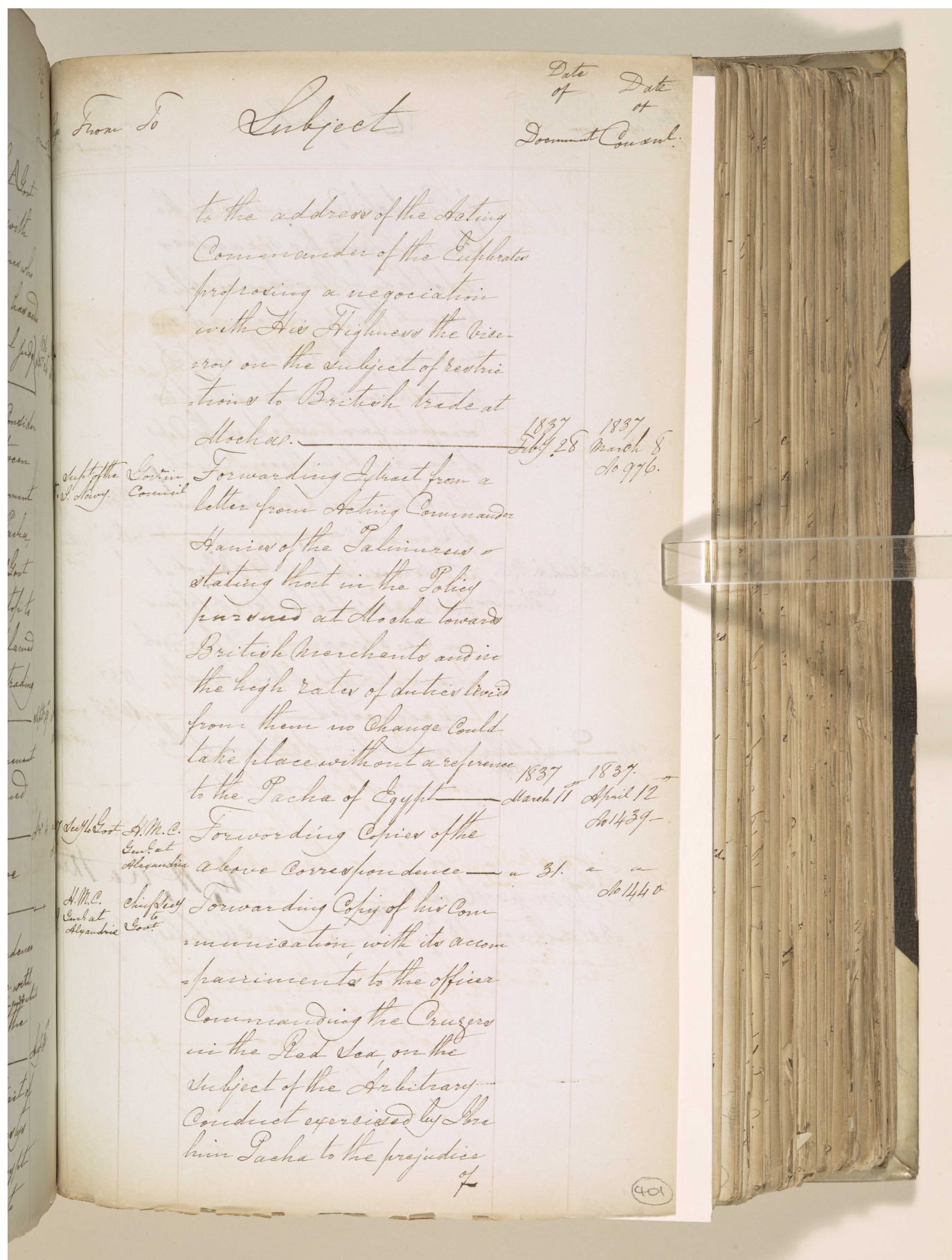
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Extract Political Letter from Bombay
Dated 30th June (N^o 32) 1837

Mocha Para: 5th We have the honor to lay
before your Honorable Court, Extracts
from our proceedings connected with certain
acts of oppression on the part of the authorities
at Mocha towards the Merchants
trading under the British flag
to that Port, and the high rates of
duties levied at that place on British
produce.

9th June 1836
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Consultation 29th June. 1836

No 2796.

Substance of a letter from Merya Shash Tyeb
Abrahimjee Native Agent at Mokka to the
Persian Secretary to Government Dated 18th May
and received 1st June 1836.

A.C.

I beg to enclose herein a petition addressed
to the Right Honble the Governor in Council
given to me by the Merchants of Surat trading
to Mokka. on the perusal of which you will know
their case.

In a letter addressed to me from Hoodeda
by Ibrahim Pasha it is stated that the "Dastoo-
ree" or amount fees, proposed to be levied on the
Merchants of Surat, will be enforced, if no answer
comes from the Bombay Government on the sub-
ject by the end of the season. In my reply, I in-
formed him, that no fees could be levied on
them, nor would they pay any such thing - and
that if he chose to use forcible means to oblige
them to pay them, he might succeed, the Merchants
being at his port. requesting him at the same
time to enquire whether or not they were in-
debt.

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2.
lible to such exertions. I have however received
no answer from him as yet.

Signed W. H. Waltham
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Substance of a Petition from the undersigned
Merchants of Surat now at Mocha to the Right
Honble the Governor in Council. Dated Satur-
-day 14th Bysackood Suroont 1892. or 30th April
and received 1st June 1836.

We beg to represent that after the plu-
-der of Mocha the Government Malice Agutthya
Shikh Lyp Mahingie acted himself much &
procured from Shaik Hussan ben Yuseid who
was then appointed Rakhim of Mocha, a written
document for the purpose of facilitating our
trade to that port. The first condition in it is,
that our piece-goods were to be rated at the
amount which they realised by being sold at
the Market; the second that we were to be allowed
the same exemption which used to be given us
by the Imam of Sena & the third, ^{that the money} 125 German
crowns, which we used to give to the former Rakh-
-him as a present, on account of his purchasing piece
goods from us for the Imam of Sena and also
that which we gave to his writer should be remitted.
After

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3.
After the removal of Hussein bin Yuhayra the
Authority of Mohammed Pasha was established here.
During the last year when he visited Mocha,
Loorthe Mohammed Ameen Beg who was Hakim,
collected the duties from us to the extent we were
subject to, in the time of the Imam of Sena-
notwithstanding the document ^{which} the Agent had
in his possession after our return from Mocha
to Surat, Ibrahim Pasha arrived there and his
Beyzer Mostafa Beg having sent for our head
Merchant Abdul Karim Moya Khan asked him
to pay 665 Riads as "Award" or extra contribution
due to him by us Merchants of Surat. He
answered that it was not usual and that a
document showing the legal demand on
the Merchants was with the Agent. The Beyzer
then called the Agent and seeing the document
in question gave up his demand.

On our ^{next} visit Sulaman Aga the Hakim
made the same demand and we gave him
the same answer as was given to the Beyzer
above alluded to. He then told us to write out
our case on a paper and give it to him that
he might submit it to Ibrahim Pasha and
receiving his orders on the subject, act accord-
ingly. We did so and the Hakim sent it to him.

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4.
Hoodaida but no answer is yet come.

We beg to observe that we are not at all
liable to any such exactions as above specified.

Shahim Pasha has addressed the Native
Agent that in case of no answer coming from
the Bombay Government up to the end of the
season, the levy will be made from the Surat
Merchants for two years. The Agent then sent
first and communicated the above to us. He has
sent an answer to Shahim Pasha and made
a recommendation in our favour to the Hakim
who who ever does not settle the matter.

Right Honorable Sir, innovations continue
to be introduced every year in regard to us.
The Merchants of Bombay, Bengal, Cuttack,
Mushkat, &c, who trade to Mocha are not
subject to any such troubles. Their goods
are valued at the price which they fetch on
being sold, whilst ours are appraised at a
greater rate.

Under these circumstances
we hope and trust that the terms of the
document obtained from Hussein bin
Yusheya will be enforced, that we may
be saved the trouble we are annually put to.

Signed Shaikh Abdool Karim
Mocha Khan.

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5.
Signed Syed Ally Fursoghlabhace,
" Mootabhallah Seabhace,
" Shaikh Fakhroodun Mottabhallah-
" Abdool Ally Abdool Wadid
" Fattabhallah Luttifbhallah
" Abdool Wadid Mootabhallah
" Abdool Wadid Nassunjee-
and 12 others.

Signed W H Warren
Chief Clerk to Govt.

Minute by the Right Honble the Governor.
Subscribed to by the Board dated 22nd June 1836.
The case is very imperfectly explained,
and there is not time, I am afraid to have it
fully elucidated.

I think, however, we may give our
Native Agent credit for telling us the truth
when he says that Ibrahim Pasha is threatening
who are British Subjects with an evasion which
he has promised to waive if applied to for that
purpose by the Govt, and that the fees imposed
on the petitioners which Ibrahim calls on
either miscalls by the term Custorce have no
foundation in Justice or precedent.

If I am right in these Ideas, of which

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my colleagues will judge, - I should think
a letter may - be written to Shashim
Pacha in the name of the acting Gov.
of Bombay to deprecate the enforcing of the
fees -

The Chief Secretary, who probably
can throw some light on the whole matter
will best judge of the proper letter to be written.

Whatever is done, should be done
expeditiously -

22nd June 1836.

Signed R. Grant

Copy of a letter from the Right Honble
the Governor to his Excellency Shashim Pacha
dated 29th June 1836.

A.C.

And further I beg to inform your
Excellency that I have received a petition
from certain British Subjects natives of
Surat ^{who are} in the habit of trading from that port
to Mocha to the effect, that the Governor of
the place last mentioned has during the
last year, attempted to collect monies from
them over and above the regular customs
over the head of "Dwaish" and that the
British Agent at Mocha states your Excellency
both

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7.
told him in a reply to a remonstrance he ad-
-dressed you on the subject, that if a letter was
not received from this Government by the
next season, that all the additional payments
demand from the Merchants should be
fully exacted.

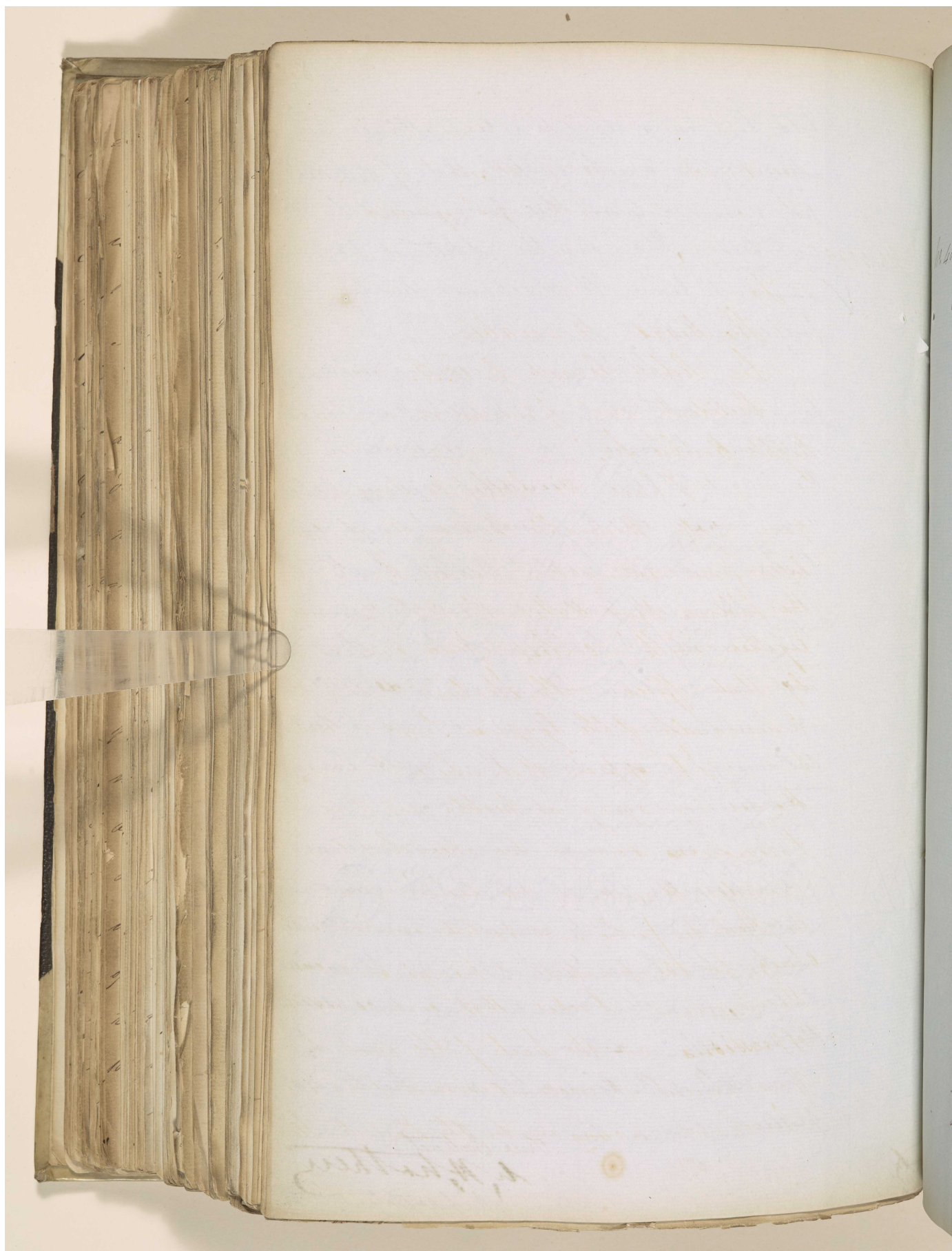
It therefore becomes necessary
for me to address your Excellency on the sub-
-ject, and to request you in consideration of
the long established friendship existing between
your Master His Highness Mahomed Ally
Pasha and the exalted British Govt. to
issue the most positive orders to your
Lieutenant at Mocha not to exact one
pice more from the Sarat traders who
are British Subjects than has been hitherto
customary, and to treat them with every
consideration and kindness.

I am assured from your Excellency's
high character, that it will not become neces-
-sary for this Govt. to address a remonstrance
to His Highness the Pasha on the above
subject, but that you will at once issue
the requisite orders.

May the Almighty ever keep and
preserve you. –

True Extracts –
A. H. A. Thier
Chief of the Govt. (406)

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V

To

The Right Honorable.

Sir Robert Grant K. B. C.

President and Governor in Council
Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to forward to
your right Honorable Board the enclosed
letter from acting Commander Haines of
the Indian Navy dated the 24th July last
together with a correspondence entered into
by that officer with Mehem Pasha the
Commander of the Egyptian Troops in Arabia;

It appears that while Commander
Haines was lying at Mocha refitting the
Palamouris during the absence of Com-
mander Hawkins, the senior officer in
the Red Sea who had sailed in the Clive
to the purpose of bringing down
the Overland Packet that certain acts of
oppressions – on the part of the Turkish
Government were complained of by the
Merchants trading under the British flag

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9.

and presented to Acting Commander Haines,
which led to his communication with
Israhim Pasha.

3 Although there can be no doubt
that Acting Commander Haines was
actuated by the best motives in remon-
-strating with Israhim Pasha which re-
-monstrance has apparently done much good.
I at the same time think he would have
acted more suitably had he merely brought
the grievances complained of to the notice of
the — Pasha with an intimation —

— that the circumstances would
be represented to his own Government
and the Consul General in Egypt.

4 The permission granted to Mr. Asst
Surgeon Hulston and Mr. Crutenden to pro-
-ceed into Yemen as reported in the 7th para
of Acting Commander Haines letter to
my address will I trust meet the approval
of your Right Honble Board.

I have the honor to be
Superintendent's Office (Signed Charles Malcolm
Bombay 27th Augt 1834.) Superintendent L.H.

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10.

From Acting Commander Haines.
To Captain Sir Charles Malcolm R. N.
Superintendent J. N.
Dated July 24th 1836.

Sir

I had the honor per A. L. Hoop of War
Chief of transmitting a copy of a letter,
I deemed it my duty to address ^{to} the Dasha
Commanding in this Province and have
now the honor to forward His Highness's an-
-swers as also copy of another letter, I wrote
with enclosures to more clearly define to him
the position of British trade to this Port,
and in so doing I trust after perusal, you
will consider I have acted correct.

The position of affairs at this Port on
my arrival required a prompt and speedy
application to their highest Authority. The
general complaints of our Merchants, the
restriction of trade in British Manufactures
by a Surplus of American which was thrown
in at a reduced price and under pecu-
-liar privileges rendering our India Piece
Goods dead stock on our Merchants' hands,
the total stoppage of trade in Coffee to the
British

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11.

British when open to the American the ship
-page of Trade in Iron lead Sulphur Sides
for with infamous charges and innovations
at the custom House and which was with
fear submitted to by our quiet Merchants
occasioned my applying to their Superior
for redress and thought it may appear inno-
-cent in a Surveying Vessel Commanded
by a Junior Officer taking the responsibility
when a Superior Officer was in Command
in the Sea, I considered that references would
be a loss of time, for before I could obtain an
answer from the Weathered the opportunity
would be lost. Most of our Ships have returned
to India empty, and the end only have been
what it immediately was on the receipt of
my first letter - with this explanation I trust
you will deem I acted Judiciously -

3 The powers in Authority here
use but little consideration, they upon mo-
-mentary impulse act incautiously to other
powers and which I have made them ap-
-ologise for two or three times during the
period I have been here. In one instance
they insisted upon forcing upwards of 60 men
on board ^{one} of our Ship proceeding to India
and

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12.

and had the audacity to make a prisoner of
her Commander until he assented to it. This
I immediately rectified and the order was
issued that no person should be forced
on board a British ship but that her
commander was to please himself merely
taking all away if required that he brought
with him to the Port such and numerous
trifling insults I have had to satisfactorily
arrange in fact scarcely a day past until
lately but what complaints were made, now
I am happy to say all is quiet, and I only
hope my trifling endeavours to benefit our
Trade, and do justice to our Flag will be
completely successful, as yet it has been bene-
ficial and what I have since written can
only tend to be more so.

4 The Monopoly of half the Coffee by the
Egyptian Govt will materially reduce their
revenues this year leaving a loss the general
diminution of Revenue naturally to be expected
from such a grasping avaricious power. By
their calculation they were in the port to
receive some to receive between four and five
lacs of Dollars, their present receipts are not
20,000 nor will they double it upon the present
injust

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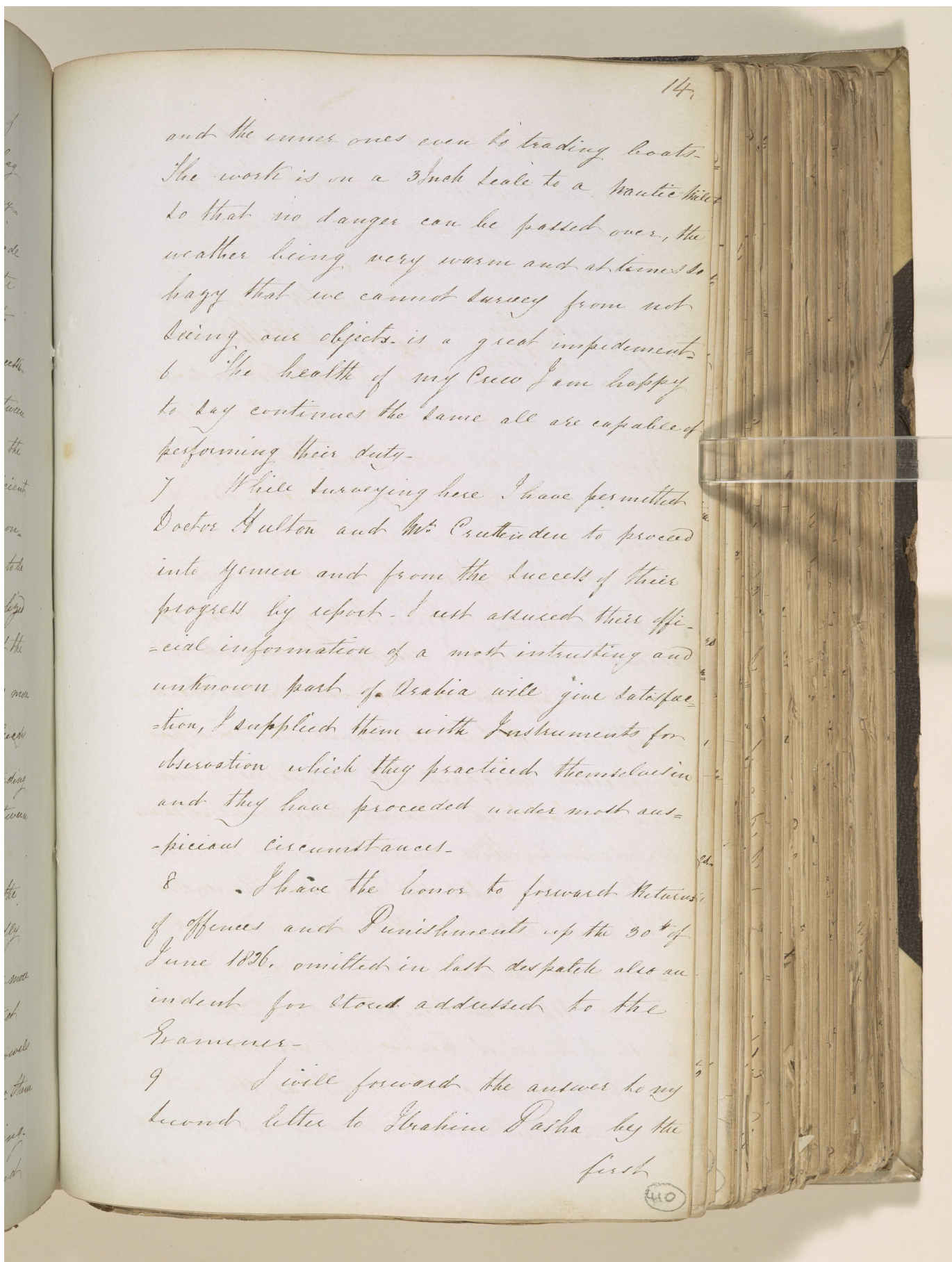
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13.

injust System. The Bedouin or perpetrator of
the same cannot sell it at 9 Dollars a bag
less than the intrinsic value, and that pay-
ment at times in paper currency a mode
not quite so pleasing to a Bedouin as the
bullion in hand, and to enable him to
dispose of it all to the Merchants is neces-
sary to give them for the other half between
10. and 22 Dollars more than the Pashah, the
sum of both them amounting to sufficient
to give him some profit. It is now con-
siderably higher than it was ever known to be
owing to the Monopoly. The half monopolized
is to be forwarded through Egypt and the
Egyptian powers are ^{now} anxious to add two more
ships for trade in this sea to the two already
purchased. Two are then to be kept trading
between Mocha and Socatra and two between
Gaza Bombay and the sea.

5 The reef of my vessel and the
Survey of this roadstead are now rapidly
proceeding the latter has required a far more
minute examination than I anticipated
owing to their being numerous knowels
on the banks with so little water on them
as to render them dangerous to shipping.
and

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15.

first opportunity after receiving it and
will give Colonel Campbell & Major
- his Agent at Cairo all information
by the first opportunity -

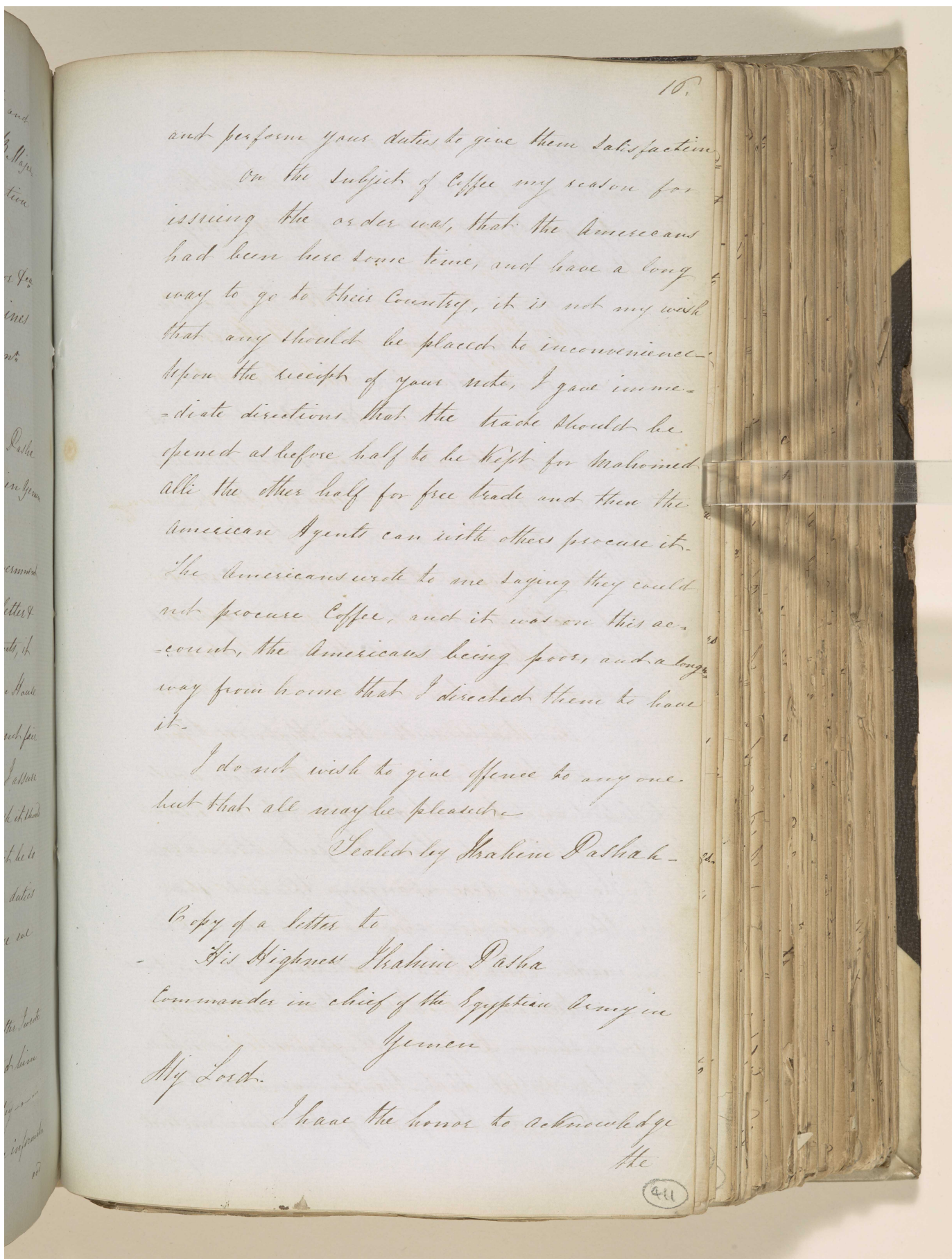
I have the honor &c.
Thos. Surveing Brig Salomonus
Mocha July 24th 1836. Signed T. B. Haines
Acty. Commr.

Translation of a letter from Ibrahim Pashe
Commander in Chief of the Egyptian Army in Yemen
To

My Friend Captain Haines of the Government
Ship Salomonus - I received your letter &
perused as well as understood its contents, it
was regarding the duties at the Custom House
and I wrote that the Customs were not fair
to British Merchants; the contrary I assure
you is my wish, nor is it my wish it should
be so with others, and how could it be so
with you, I will not increase the duties
but they shall be as they were before we
came to the Country -

Upon the receipt of your letter I wrote
to the Governor of Mocha and directed him
to abide by the custom duties, as they
- - - were before and give me information
and

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [411v] (26/54)

17.

The receipt of your letter enclosing one to
Suliman Aga, and for the consideration
thereon by you to my appeal, beg to offer my
best thanks.

Your Highness will I beg excuse
my again troubling you, as the subject is of
the utmost importance to both our respective
Flags, and one in which the interests of British
Merchants, and the commerce of my Country's
possessions are involved, to elucidate the same
I will point out facts, which I solicit the
consideration of your Highness upon, and
which if satisfied will be an encouragement
to Mercantile Speculators and thereby increase
the Trade of this Port.

Our treaty with His Highness the
Imam of Soona clearly states in these words
that Import and Export duty shall be no more
to the English and their Subjects than 2½ per
Cent. The paper accompanying this will show
you the immense encroachments that have
been made which I have extracted from one
of your Merchants' Books that the truth
may be shown to your Highness, on whose
justice I now rest that the same will be
corrected and the fact of the diminution
of

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [412r] (27/54)

18.

of the Revenues will warrant my stating
that such innovations are prejudicial not only
to the British but to your own Govt.

And I would ask the plain question
can a British Merchant trade with the same
advantages that an American can who only
pays at this moment 3% Cent, when they
are obligated to pay twice and three as much
besides which you will observe that they do not
pay the duty on the valuation of their prime
cost, but upon that assessed by the officers of
your own Government which is at an increased
ratio of from 20 to 50 per Cent this valuation
is again charged into the nominal currency of
Mocha Dollars and a reduction called a fee
is made to blind the Merchant but which
in reality is a calculation to still further in-
crease the first fixed price, so that our Mer-
chant/ not on the original prime cost but
upon what cost the custom Master chooses
to impose have to pay from 5 to 25 per cent
on different Articles. These are facts which
upon strict investigation your Highness will
perceive and from the kindness expressed in
your letter and your evident wish that justice
should be shown to our Merchants, I can
only

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [412v] (28/54)

19.

only regret that it has been previously offici-
ally brought to your notice, It is true we
have an Agent here to watch our interests
but what I have since my arrival elucidated
I regret that encroachments had been tacitly
submitted to, both on his part and the mer-
chants without representation being made to
Superior Authority; and it is my firm belief
at this moment my own Govt. are not aware
their Merchants pay more than the duty of
2½ per Cent Export and Import which by
Treaty was enforced by a British Squadron
in 1811 more particularly as not one offi-
cial paper, now in my possession as the
only Naval Officer in the Sea shows otherwise.

Regarding the Trade in Coffee being
free by your Directions I further take the liberty
of explaining matters by which you will per-
ceive that owing to the obligated price set
forth by your Authorities for the half mono-
polized, as the property of the Pasha the Bedou-
in cannot sell it without receiving for the
remaining half an exorbitant price otherwise
on the whole the proprietor will be a loser
and it is owing to the same that they will
not bring it from the Hills as usual and
on

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [413r] (29/54)

20.

on this Article you will perceive the British Subject
labours also under a disadvantage in fair Com-
petition

In conclusion I have the honor to bring
to your notice that the Total Stoppage of Trade
in Iron Lead Sulphur &c will material-
ly effect our exports and hope that, ^{as} the same
cannot be possibly advantageous to your Revenue
but tend only to diminish them, owing to it,
being in the power of the Merchants, to throw
in any quantity as Trade in the interior at
other ports and which in fact I lately wit-
nessed at Aden that you will be pleased
to deliberate on the same

And have the honor to be
My Lord.

Your Most Obedt Servt.

Signed J.B. Haines

Acty Commr. H.C. Surveying Brig Palmarus

True Copy

Signed J.B. Haines

Mocha 22nd July
1836.

H.C. Surveying Brig Palmarus

Encl

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [413v] (30/54)

21.

Entry of a few Articles belonging to the British Merchants
at the Mocha Custom House with the duty imposed upon the
same.

Articles	Prime Cost	Mocha valuations	Duty
White Cotton cloth 2 bales	175 Rs. 10 p. Rs. p. 18 Rs. 10 p.	126 German Crown	10% German crown
Sugar 2 bags	18 Rs. 10 p.	23 1/2 Crown	2 1/4 German Crown
Tobacco 155 bales		658 10% Dollar	10%
Cotton 142 small bales	600 Rs. 10 p.	430 " "	11 1/2 " "
Rice 60 bags	190 Rs. 10 p.	240 " "	37 " "
Bale of cloth	190 Rs. 10 p.	138 " "	10 1/2 " "
White cloth 2 bales 100 pieces	950 " "	600 " "	44 " "
Blue & white cloth one bale 100 pieces	440 " "	304 " "	23 " "
Tobacco 3 bales good Weight 45 bags 46 bunches		85 " "	G.C. 2 M. 19. 3. 3.
4 one bale 100 p. Common blue cotton cloth 1 bale 50 pieces	90 Rs. 10 p.	79 " "	G.C. 2 M. 4. 2. 2.
Coarse brown cotton cloth 6 bales	310 " "	288 " "	21. 3. 2
Bengal piece good castle Makinordie 2 bales 273 pieces	923 " "	Total valued at 1264 1/2 G.C. or 1336 1/2 M.D. 256 p.	94 - 3 - 3
Copa gutta 100 pieces	910 " "	1280 1/2	
Copa Cocoon 3 bales 380 pieces	799 " "	2612 " "	
Sheeting cloth 22 pieces	154 " "	95 G.C. or 116 1/2 G.C. 2 M.D. 19 1/2 p. - 7 " - 14	9 1/2

Cotton

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [414r] (31/54)

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Articles	Price Cost	Mocha valuation	Duties
Cotton 7 Bales 12.68	-	361 Mocha Dollars	9. 8 0. 16
Tea 7 Bales 12.68	-	-	-
Cardamom -	180 M. Mocha	147 - - -	12. 0 6
Iron Batta 131 Bales 27	-	-	-
Wt 159 Tea 5 Bales	per Candy	142 1/2 Crocus	19 - 1 - 13
Sugar 12 bags Wt	324 M. Mocha	163 - - -	17 - 0 - 4
Wt 59 Tea 7 Bales	-	-	-
Pepper 2 bags 12 Bales	70 - - -	22 1/2 - - -	2 - 2 - 7
8 Tea 9 Bales	per Candy	-	-
Tea 1 bag 12 Bales 2 Tea	12 M. Mocha	13 - - -	1 - 1 - 4
Common China	-	-	-
Tea -	27 - - -	-	3 - 2 - 14
Dried Ginger 5 bags	40 M. Mocha	2.3 1/2 - - -	4 - 0 - 4
Wt 19 Tea 7 Bales	per Candy	-	-
Tea 5 Bales 5 Bales	per Mocha	66 - - -	6 - 1 - 15
44 Caddis 12 Bales	3 M. Mocha	-	-
Tea 5 Bales 5 Bales	1300 - - -	908 1/2 M. Dollars	84 - 3 - 5
Mengal tea 20 bags	170 - - -	-	50 - 2 - 2

Remarks -

Of all Coffee brought into the Town for the
merchants the Government take half paying
a bag which is less than the intrinsic value about 9 dollars
the owner of the same 40 dollars per Merchant
are therefore constrained to pay between 55 & 62
Dollars per bag to obtain any otherwise the
Bedouins will not bring it in - Twelve annas
is paid for every camel load / 2 bales / at
the

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [414v] (32/54)

23.

the first Gate and it is then conveyed to
the Custom House where a weighing charge
is levied at one Dollar & 8 Annas for each
bag and from thence to export it the duty
upon a British Merchant amounts to a
fraction less than 2 Dollars per bag that
upon American only one Dollar.

Nominal Money

100 German Croons which at times
upon their will & Caprice is 100
10 1/2 Mocha Dollars = { only by which they however
never lose

80 decimal or bookhea = 1 Mocha Dollar

7 Kaberah = 1 bookhea

Weight -

1 Bass = { 15 Fag. purgawee or 16 if weighed by
English Merchants

1 Fagghee = 33 1/2 pounds English

1 lb English = 13 Vakties

There are two kinds of Mocha the one of 17 and one
of 15 Vakties -

10 Munds = 1 Fagghee

The weight of a Fagghee fundaktee is 520 Dollars

There is also another imposition which
is that upon every bag exported containing
500 Dollars a Duty is levied of 2 1/2 G.C. for the
same - Again for dumbhookie or boat hire
whether the same be the property of the
Merchant

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [415r] (33/54)

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Merchant or not, another duty is levied, which
is a quarter of a dollar for every bag containing
500 Dollars Sumbarked for English.

For every 100 Bags 2½ Crowns

Signed F. B. Haines

Acting Commr. H.C. Surveying Service
Pleasant.

From the Secretary to Government Bombay
To the Superintendent of the Indian Navy

Dated 26th September 1836.

8th 11/100

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated the 27th ultimo
with its enclosures from Acting Com-
mander Haines of the S.M. regarding
certain acts of oppression on the part of the
authorities at Mocha towards the Merchant
trading under the British Flag to that Port
and to acquaint you that the right Hon.
the Govt in Council is not disposed to find
fault with Commander Haines who I am
instructed to observe in a case of urgency seems
to have acted with spirit and as far as
appears with equal judgement.

Bombay Castle

26th September 1836.

I have the honor &c

Signed N. P. Willoughby

Secy to Govt. (415)

'Mocha. Acts of oppression on the part of the authorities at - towards the
merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [415v] (34/54)

25.

Substance of a letter from His Excellency
Khalim Pasha to the Right Honble the
Governor Dated 27th Jumaduloul or 9th
September & Received 7th October 1836.

N^o 4938
V

A.C.

By our letter assigned at a most
happy period and I have fully compre-
hended its contents, In the first place
you mentioned that during the last
year you had received a petition from cer-
tain natives of Surat who are in the habit
of trading between that port and Mocha
complaining that the Governor of Mocha
wanted to exact from them more than
the accustomed duties under the term of
"Awach" ~~for~~ and you also wrote that your
Agent at Mocha had written to me re-
presenting this circumstance and that
my answer to him was that If I did
not receive letters on this subject from
the Bombay Government at the begin-
ning of the season I should even ~~exact~~ more
than I had. I beg to represent to your
Excellency that last year your Agent wrote
to me on the subject in question I ordered
the Custom House Books to be examined
and

* vide Govt. Res.
Poll. Dept. Letter
29 June 1836.

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [416r] (35/54)

20.
and it appears ^{that} nothing has been demand-
ed from the persons you allude to but
what is in accordance with propriety
and the usual customs, and according to
the Books of the late Ruler the Imam-
your Agent moreover requested that I would
not demand the "Awaid" and after inquiring
as to the Amount of the said "Awaid" it
appears it ~~is~~ it amounts Annually
to the Sum of 650 Mals received by the Custom
House Servant on their own Account-

At the time your friendly letter
arrived in consideration of the friendly
feeling that exists between your Govern-
ment and that of my respected Master
Mahomed Ali Pasha, I immediately
wrote to the Governor of Mocha to put
a stop to the receipt of the "Awaid" in
question but with regard to being kind
to your Subjects of Surat and others,
you may be quite certain that I will
give due consideration to their interests
and I have accordingly written to all
my Governors to pay them every attention-

You also wrote regarding the
great friendship and esteem you have

for
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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [416v] (36/54)

27.

for my Master. I am quite certain that
it is still more than you have mentioned.
Signed W A Watkin
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Resolution of Government in
the Political Department dated 4th
November 1836.

N. 4939

With reference to the trans-
-lation of a letter from Ibrahim Pasha
dated 9th September, Ordered that the
Chief Secretary in the Persian Dept.
be requested to prepare a reply to His
Excellency stating that his letter is very
satisfactory, and to express the gratifica-
-tion of Government at his having
put a stop to the exactions complained
of by the Surat Merchants trading to
Mocha and at the friendly sentiments
expressed by him.

Signed W A Watkin
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honble
the Governor, to His Excellency Ibrahim
Pasha dated 4th November 1836.

A.C.

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [417r] (37/54)

28.

I have derived much pleasure from
the receipt of your Excellency's letter dated
the 9th September and I beg to inform
you in reply that what you wrote
therein was quite satisfactory – and I
beg to express to you my sincere gra-
tification at your having put a stop
to the exactions complained of by the
Suez Merchants trading to Mocha.

The friendly sentiments expressed
by you were very pleasing to me and
I beg to assure you that they are reci-
-procally entertained by myself.

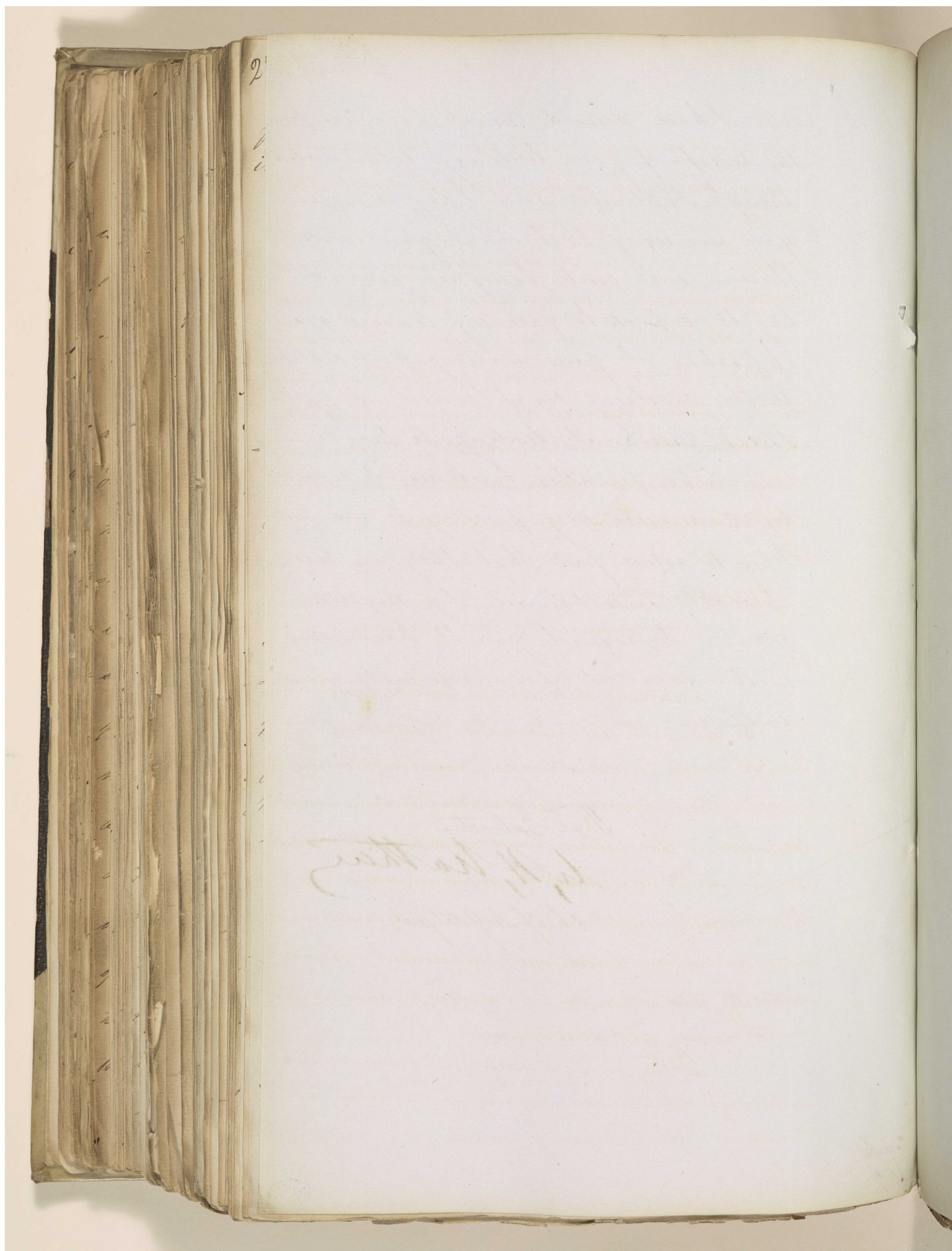
I request you to favor me
with accounts of your health and
welfare.

True Extract-

"H. H. Nathan
Chief Secy to Govt."

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [417v] (38/54)**



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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [418r] (39/54)

29.

Extract para 4th of a letter from the Superintendent
of the Indian Navy dated 30th August 1836.
8^o 639.

Para 4th I beg to draw attention to the
correspondence which has taken place with So-
leiman Aga, the Governor of Mocha, on the subject
of certain Goods, the property of British Merchants
which suffered damage from neglect while in
the custom House, and I trust the interference of
Acting Commander Haines on the occasion will
meet the approbation of Government.

To
Soleiman Aga
Governor &c &c of Mocha.

Sir
Yesterday directed the British Agent to
wait on you with the information that several
British Merchants and subject had complained to
me that their property of considerable value was
damaged in the custom House and politely request-
ed you would be pleased to give such orders that
their property might be preserved your answer was
that the Custom Master was independent of your
authority and where he was spoken to, he said, he
would merely give consideration.

Delay in such cases will occasion the
entire loss of valuable property as the decay of
the same will be hourly proceed from the filth
and

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and exposed state of the custom House. I
therefore (as verbal remonstrance was of so
little avail) write to you with the same request
that you will be pleased to endeavour all in
your power and influence to save British
property. The damaged property is considerable
but the exact amount I do not yet know &
when I have obtained it will do myself the
honor of transmitting it to you for I conceive
the liberality of your Government would
prevent the Merchants being sufferers from
the bad state of your own public buildings.

Mocha } I have the honor to be
August 3^d 1836. } signed/ L. B. Haines

Commander of the
H. C. S. B. Palmarus.

/True Copy/
signed/ L. B. Haines
Acting Commandant

To
Hadjie Abd i' Ruzool
Sir,

By the unfortunate demise of the
late Acting British Agent the situation has become
vacant. I therefore (considering you as the most
efficient Gentleman at Mocha from your ability
knowledge and influence) appoint you Acting
British Agent until the return of the Agent, on
the pleasure of Government is known.

you

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [419r] (41/54)

31.

You will therefore take upon
yourself the duties of the same from this date
and afford every assistance in your power if
required to arrange the cash affairs of the late
Acting Agent.

Giving under my hand
this 4th day of August 1836.

(True Copy) Signed/ J. B. Haines
Signed/ J. B. Haines Commander of the H. C.
Acting Commander Surveying Brig Pallanus.

Translation of Solyman Aga's reply to the letter
dated 3rd August 1836.

To Captain Haines

After Compliments

I received your letter and understood its
contents you wrote that the English Merchants
have waited on you with a complaint that
their goods which were lodged in the Customs House
have been damaged - Sent for the Merchants &
to my presence and have assured them that
they shall not suffer by the same.

I have given orders that they may
take their property to their own houses.

Seal of Solyman Aga Governor
of Mocha

Signed/ J. B. Haines

Acting Commander

Translation of His Highness Ibrahim Pasha's reply
to my second letter.

To Captain Haines

After Compliments your first letter I
received

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [419v] (42/54)

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received and answered and at the same time
wrote to the Governor of Mocha not to levy
higher duties on British Goods than were
imposed under the former Government.

Your second letter I also received
and have understood its contents I will be
at Mocha in two days and shall there in
person endeavour to give you satisfaction and
do justice to all parties.

O Seal of Ibrahim Pasha
Signed/ C. B. Haines, Commander in Chief in
Acting Commander Yemen.

True Extract-

"W. A. Hatherly
Chief Secretary."

Ed
Mr. A. Jasper
20/11/54

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [420r] (43/54)

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 8th March 1837.

From ^{Mr} C. Malcolm Esquire

Superintendent I. & S.

To The Right Honorable

Sir Robert Grant G. C. H.

President and Governor in Council

Right Honorable Sir,

As connected with the concluding
Para. of my letter under date the 30th August last
8^o 09, relative to the restrictions on the British
Trade at Mocha, I have the honor to forward for
the information of your Right Honorable Board
the accompanying Extract of a letter from Lieute-
nant Colonel Campbell, His Majesty's Consul General in
Egypt, to the address of
Acting Commander Rogers of the Honorable
Company's Brig "Euphrates" on the subject.

Superintendents I have the honor to be &c.
Office Bombay. Signed/ C. Malcolm

28th February 1837. Superintendent I. & S.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel P
Campbell His Majesty's Consul General in
Egypt to the address of Acting Commander
Rogers of the Honorable Company's Brig "Euphrates"
dated Alexandria 28th September 1836.

Para. 5th I have also received this day a
letter

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [420v] (44/54)

2934.

Letter dated Mocha 17th August from Acting &
Commander Haines of "the Palinurus," enclosing
a correspondence which has passed between
him and the Commander in Chief of the
Egyptian Forces in Yemen, on the subject of
certain commercial encroachments and higher
rates of duties, with which the Egyptian Authori-
ties have over whelmed our Trade, I beg to assure
you that I will take the earliest opportunity of
bringing the subject under the serious considera-
tion of His Highness the Viceroy, and feel
assured that His Highness will issue the
necessary orders for the prompt removal of
all illegal restraint to the free and peaceable
commerce of His Majesty's subjects.

[True Extract]

[Signed] G. Malcolm

Superintendent I. S.

[True Extract]

W. H. Haitham
Chief Secretary to Government

Ed
H. A. Cropper
R. H. H.
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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [421r] (45/54)

35.

Extract Bombay Political

Consul General 12th April 1837.

From ^{Mr.} G. Malcolm Esquire

Superintendent I. S.

To The Right Honble

Sir Robert Grant G. C. H.

President and Governor in Council

Right Honble Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 27th August last and its enclosures on the subject of high rates of duties levied on British produce at Mocha, I have the honor to forward the accompanying Extract from a letter from Acting Commander Haines together with a copy of the correspondence with Ibrahim Pasha, therein alluded to.

Superintendent, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th March 1837.

Superintendent I. S.

Extract of a letter from Acting Commander Haines of the Honorable Company's Surveying Brig Palmyra to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy dated from Mocha September 10th 1836.

Para 2^d I beg leave to enclose a continuation of my correspondence with Ibrahim Pasha by which you will perceive that no further change can take place without a reference

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [421v] (46/54)

29 30.
reference to the Pasha of Egypt. The present
Commander in Chief to whom my correspon-
dence has been addressed, since his arrival
at Mocha, has issued orders to repair and
alter the Custom House, which will prevent
more goods being destroyed, and has promised
to pay two thirds of the loss sustained by
our Merchants. He expresses and evinces a
wish to treat our Merchants with every
consideration, but has not the power to do
away with the monopoly of Coffee, nor to
open the Trade in Iron, Lead, Sulphur & Sides
per. nor can he change the duties at the Custom
House. He has done away with the claims on
the Great Merchants since the receipt of the
letter from the Bombay Government a reply
to which he has forwarded to the Presidency.
Copy of Acting Commander Haines's letter to
His Highness Ibrahim Pasha. Commanding
the Egyptian Army in Yemen Dated Mocha
August 30th 1836.

My Lord,

With regret I inform you that
indisposition will prevent / at least for
some time / my having the honor of an
audience with your Highness, I therefore
solicit the favor of an answer from you,
to my letter regarding the stoppage of British
Trade in Iron, Lead, Sulphur & Sides per. as
well

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [422r] (47/54)

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well as on the monopoly of Coffee and
the enormous duties levied at the Custom
House on British produce.

I did myself the honor of
forwarding to you the answer of the Bombay
Government regarding the claim made by
your Government on our Surat Merchants,
and hope you have received it safe.

Mocha August 30th 1836, of the { I have the honor to des-
signed/ I. B. Haines
Month of – Comdr. R. G. I. Brig. Palmarus

True Copy/

signed/ I. B. Haines

Acting Commander

True Copies/

signed/ C. Malcolm

Superintendent I. & S.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

To Colonel Campbell

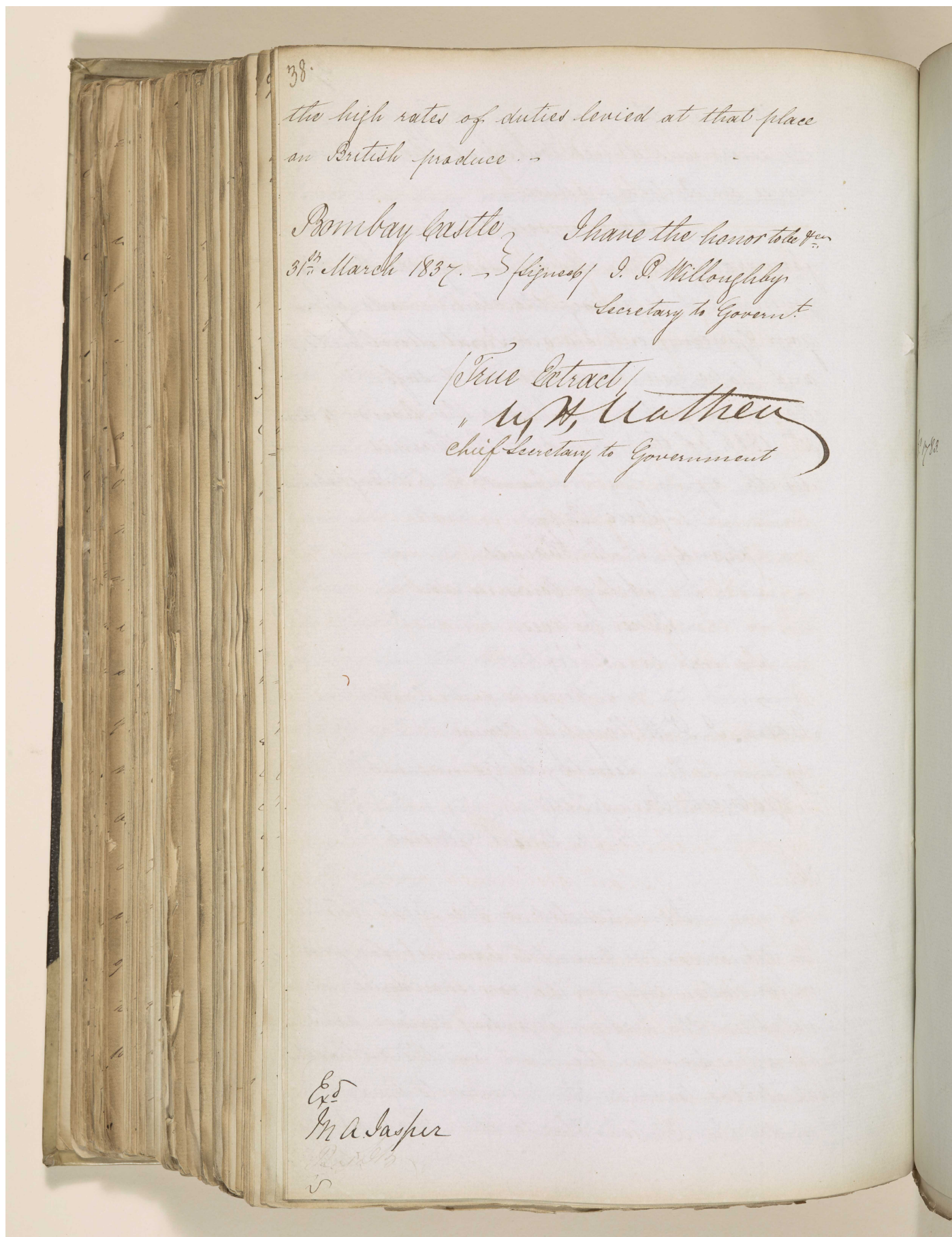
H. M. Consul General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor in Council to transmit for your
information copy of the correspondence &
noted in the margin regarding certain acts
of oppression on the part of the authorities
at Mocha towards the Merchants trading
under the British Flag to that Port and
the

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [422v] (48/54)



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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [423r] (49/54)

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Consultation 3rd May 1856.

From J. Campbell Lieutenant Colonel.
His M^t Agent & Consul General
The Chief Secretary to Government
pca pca pca
Bombay

Ms. 1783

Sir

Inclosed I have the honor to
transmit to you for the information of His
excellency the Governor of Bombay, the copy
of a letter and its Inclosures addressed by
me to the Officer in command of the Cruizers
in the Red sea.

I do not send copies of the letter
and documents sent to me by Captain Haines
of the *Palinurus*, as I conclude that that
Officer will have sent them, and moreover
as my Inclosures explain on the circumstances.

I shall feel much obliged to you,
if you will send to me a copy of the
Treaty or convention between Great Britain
and the Imam of Sanaa, together with
any Instructions or explanations which His
excellency the Governor may be pleased to
give to me.

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [423v] (50/54)

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4.
I believe Mehemet Ali to be
very desirous to conform to all Treaties with
us, and to afford redress of all grievances &
and vexations committed by his Governors
to the prejudice of our rights and privileges,
and of our commerce, and he is quite aware
that such is his interest and his best &
policy, but his Governors in distant parts
will often act in opposition to his wishes
and orders, and many of them are ignorant
of the sacredness of a Treaty, or of the
difficulties and evils, which may arise to the
Alicy, from their irregularities in their
relations with Foreign Powers.

Alexandria, 7th October 1836. I have the honor to be
signed, J. Campbell

To The Officer Commanding the Honble
Company's Cruizers in the Red Sea.

Sir,

On the 28th Ultimo I received
a report from Captain Haines of the Honble
Company's surveying Brig Palinurus, informing
me of several vexations acts committed by
His Excellency Ibrahim Pacha, the nephew of
His Highness Mehemet Ali, to the prejudice
of British Commerce in the Yemen, and
more particularly that he had sold the Coffee
(the produce of the Yemen) to the Americans &
to

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [424r] (51/54)

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to the exclusion of the British traders, &
and that he (Ibrahim Pasha) had caused
the Custom House to charge arbitrary duties
on British imports and exports, in contra-
vention of the Treaty concluded between
Great Britain and the Imam of Sanaa and
which Treaty is equally binding on Mehemet Ali.

I lost no time in complaining to
the Viceroy in the strongest terms of the
conduct of his nephew, and I insisted on
full and immediate redress.

The Viceroy most highly
disapproves the conduct of his nephew and
immediately sent off an express order to
him on the subject, and at the same time
gave to me a duplicate of the same order,
so that I might transmit it to you, and
that you might cause it to be given to
Ibrahim Pasha in person.

I now therefore transmit to you
this order, which has the seal of Mehemet
Ali, and I have to request you to give it, or
cause it to be given into Ibrahim Pasha's
own hands.

I also transmit a translation
of this order for your own information &
and guidance and by which you will perceive
that the Treaty with the Imam is to be strictly
observed, and that not any duties are to be
levied

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [424v] (52/54)

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levied, in the Ports of the Yemen, on British
imports and exports coffee included, beyond
those of two and a quarter per Cent (2 1/4%) &
fixed by that Treaty.

Should any of His Majesty's
subjects at any time have cause of complaint
against any of the authorities, in any of
the Ports in the Red sea, I have to request
you will be pleased to inform me of it,
in order that I may obtain immediate &
redress from the Viceroy for the same.

Mehemet Ali is well &
aware of, that some of his Governors, and
and of his authorities will when at a distance
from the seat of Government, act in an
arbitrary manner, and go beyond their instruc-
tions, but I have ever found him ready to
afford redress, and he has assured me that his
orders to his Governors in the Ports of the Red sea,
are to observe strictly all Treaties with Great
Britain, and to give every aid and facility
to British Commerce, and he at the same
time appeared much grieved by the conduct
of Ibrahim Pacha as reported to me by the
Commander of the *Palinurus*.

Alexandria } I have the honor to be &c
6th October 1836 } Signed / P. Campbell

From

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merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [425r] (53/54)

43.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government –
To Colonel P. Campbell
His Majesty's Agent & Consul Genl
Alexandria
Dated 29th April 1837

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Sir,

I am acknowledging the receipt of your
despatch dated the 4th October last transmitting
copy of your letter and enclosures to the Officer
in Command of the Honble Company's Cruizers
in the Red Sea, dated the 6th of the same
month on the subject of the Arbitrary Conduct
lately exercised by Ibrahim Pasha to the pre-
judice of British Commerce in the Yemen,
and the steps adopted by Mehemmed Ali to
prevent the recurrence of any similar acts on
the part of his Nephew, I am directed to con-
vey to you the thanks of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council at your very satis-
factory exertions on the occasion –

2^d According to the request contained
in the 3^d para of your letter a Copy of the Treaty
between the British Government and the
Imam of Senno is herewith forwarded –

Bombay Castle, I have the honor to be
29th April 1837 – } (signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

'Mocha. Acts of oppression on the part of the authorities at – towards the
merchants trading under the British flag to that port.' [425v] (54/54)

44.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
To The Secretary to the Government of India
Dated 29th April 1837

Sir,

No 1783

I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council to
transmit to you for the purpose of being laid
before the Right Honourable the Governor
General of India in Council the accompa-
nying copy of a despatch from Colonel
Campbell, His Majesty's Consul General
at Alexandria reporting the measures adopted
by him to prevent a recurrence of the late
arbitrary conduct adopted by Ibrahim
Pasha to the prejudice of British Com-
merce in the Yemen, together with a
copy of my reply of this date.

Bombay Castle, I have the honor to be
29th April 1837 } /signed/ J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

/True Extract/
"H. A. W. H. A. W."
Chief Secretary to Government

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