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‘Persian Gulf - Nedjd - Invasion of - by Sheik Khaled.’

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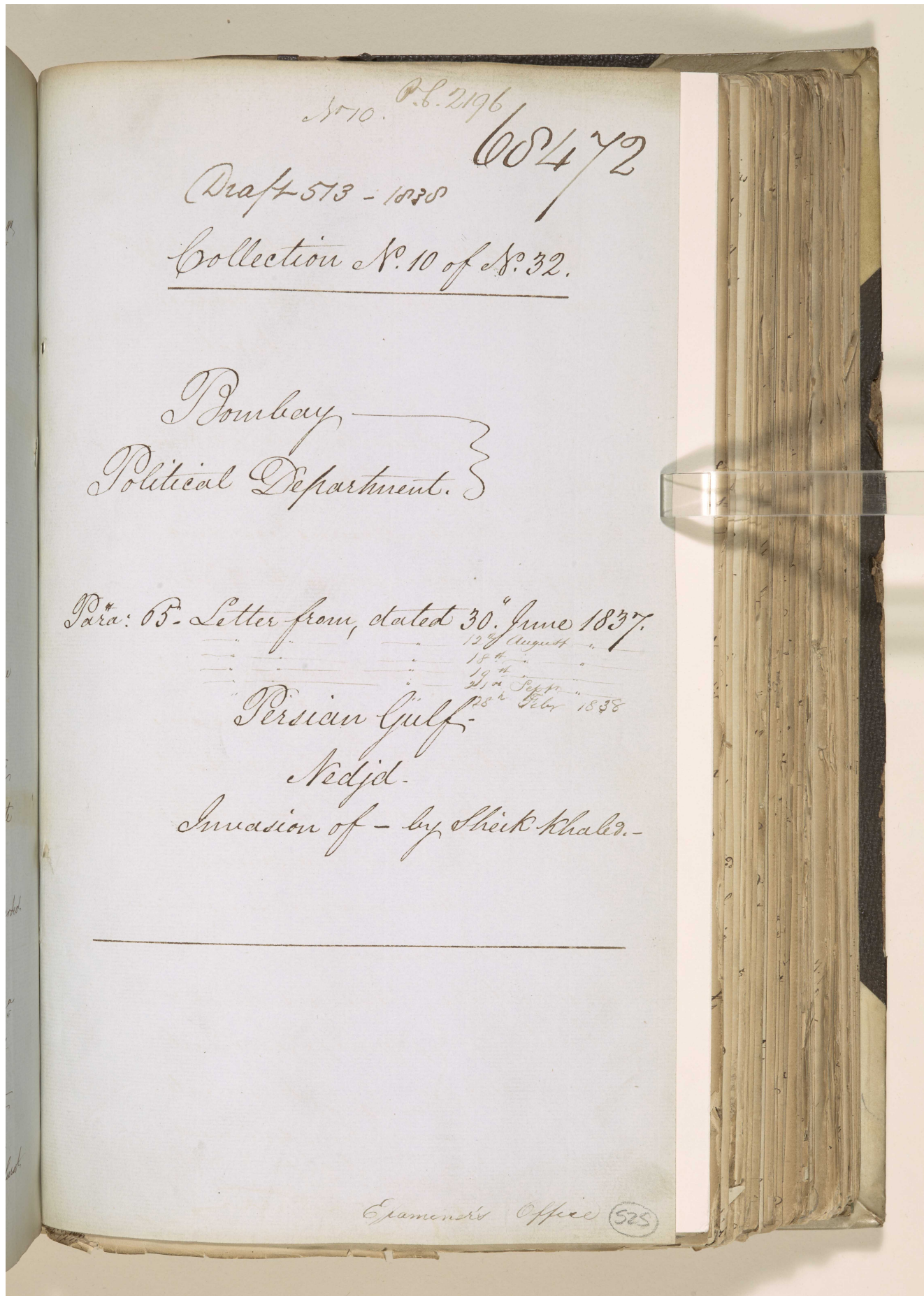
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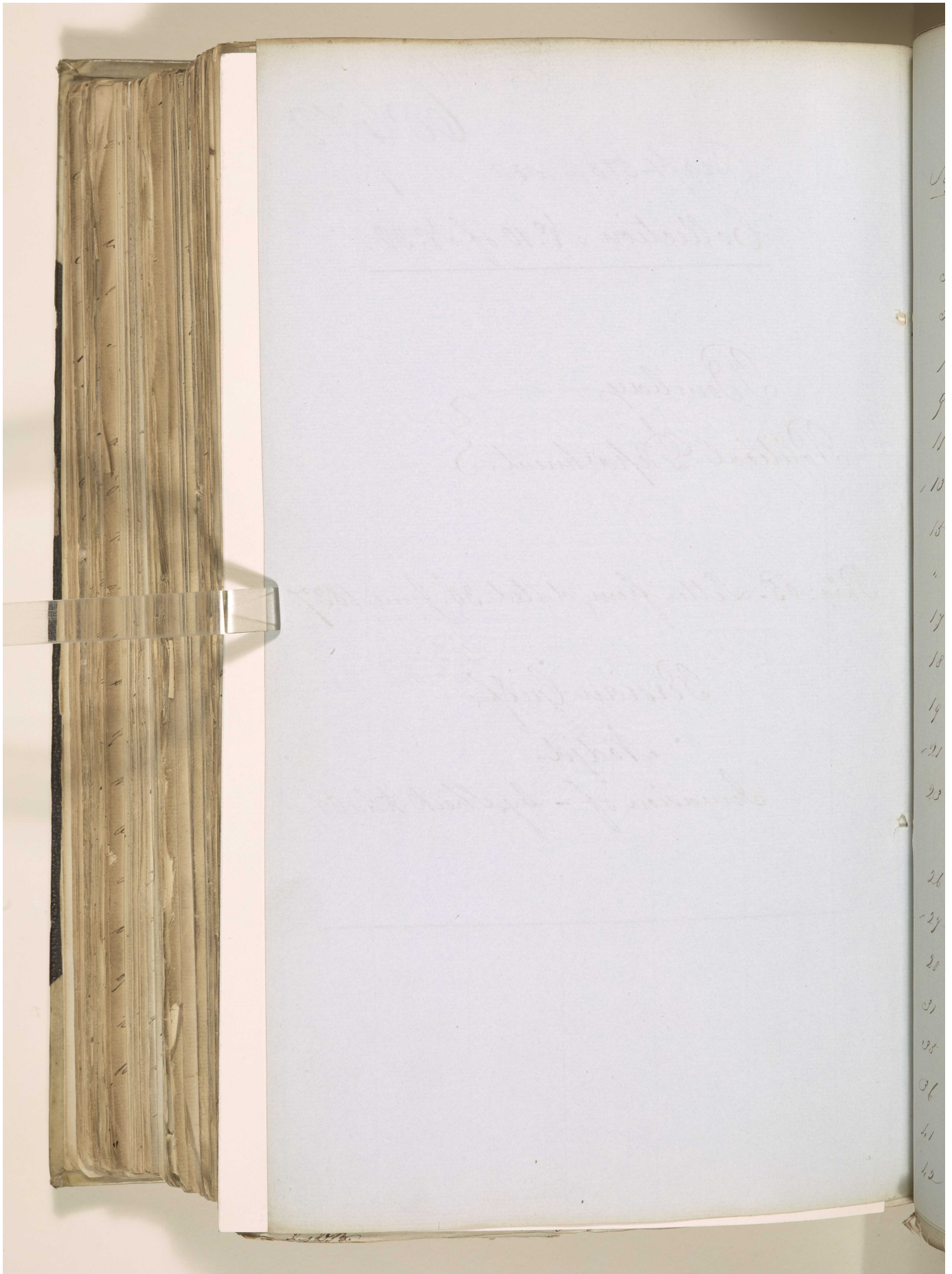
The item concerns two military campaigns conducted by Egyptian forces in the Arabian Peninsula. The first campaign is in Nedjd [Najd], is led by Sheikh Khaled bin Saud [Shaikh Khālid bin Sa'ūd Āl Sa'ūd], and aims at conquering the territories of Sheik Fysul ben Toorkee [Amīr Fayṣal bin Turkī bin 'Abdullāh Āl Sa'ūd], the Wahabee [Wahhabi] chief [Emir of Najd]. Reports on the progress of this campaign are provided by local sources in the Gulf, in particular by Mirza Mahamed Ally [Mīrzā Muḥammad 'Alī], the Native Agent at Bahrein [Bahrain], and the possible implications for the eastern Arabian coast are discussed.

The second campaign, led by Ibrahim Pacha [Ibrahim Pasha Kavalī] is focused in the southwest of the Arabian Peninsula. The item contains: reports of the Egyptian conquest of Tazu [Taizz, also referred to as Taas in the item]; the plans of the Imaum of Senna [Imam of Sana'a] with support from the Aseer [Asir] tribe, to launch counter attacks on Tazu and Mocha; the conditions in Mocha; and the suggestion to keep HMS *Euphrates* stationed in the Red Sea to protect British property and trade in Mocha.

The primary correspondents are: Captain Samuel Hennell, Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf; John Pollard Willoughby, Secretary to Government, Bombay; Mirza Mahamed Ally; and Rear Admiral Sir Charles Malcolm, Superintendent of the Indian Navy.

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Extract Political Letter from Bombay
Dated 30th June / 1232 / 1837.

65 We have the honor to
lay before your Honorable Court Copy
of a letter from the Acting Resident,
in the Persian Gulf dated the 25th
Feb. 1837
April 12th February 1837 with its Enclosures,
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being Translation of Letters from the
Agent at Bahrein and Shargah,
reporting the unexpected advance of
Sheik Khaled ben Savad into Nedjd,
supported by a body of Troops
furnished to him by (Mahomed Ally
Pasha.

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Political Department

To

The Honorable the Count of Directors
for Affairs of the Honorable
East India Company
London.

Honorable Sirs

Para: 1. We have the honor to lay
before your Honorable Count copy of a letter
from the Acting Resident at Bushire dated
the 8th June last with its enclosures regarding
the Egyptian forces sent by Mahomed
Atly Pacha into Nedjd, to support the
claims of Sheik Khaled ben Saoud to the
Chieftainship of the Wahabee Sect, against
those of Ameer Fyzul ben Zoonkee.

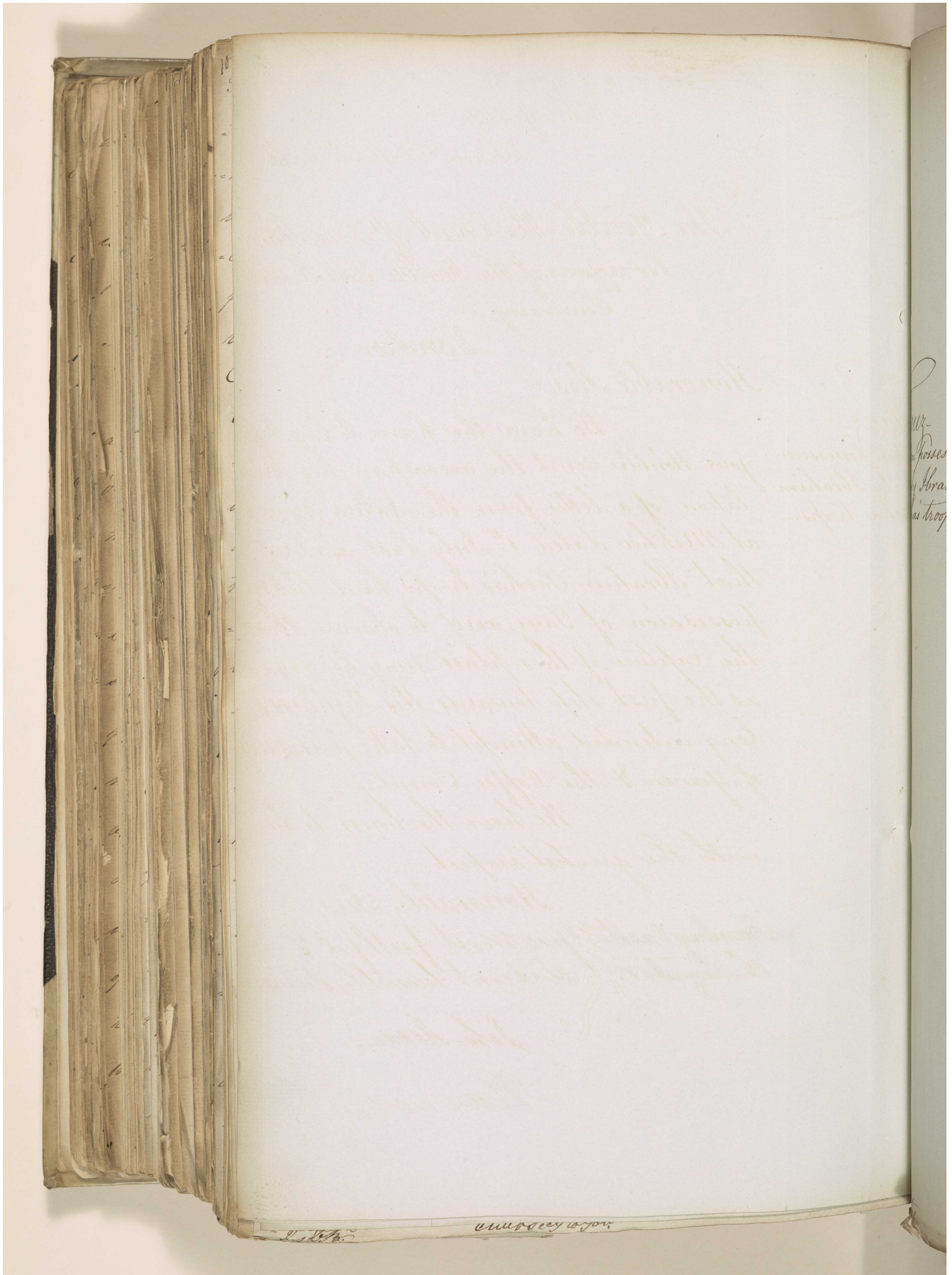
We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect;

Honorable Sirs,

Bombay Castle Your Most faithful and
12th August 1837. Obedient humble servants,

(signed) John Neane
J. Farish

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N^o 46 of 1837.

Political Department.

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

Honorable Sirs,

Tauz-
taken possession
by Ibrahim
Pacha's troops.

We have the honor to lay before
your Honble Court the accompanying trans-
lation of a letter from the Native Agent
at Mokha dated 1st July last, stating
that Ibrahim Pacha's troops had taken
possession of Tauz, and to observe that
the capture of this place may be regarded
as the first step towards His Highness's
long intended attempt to take possession
of Yemen & the Coffee Country.

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

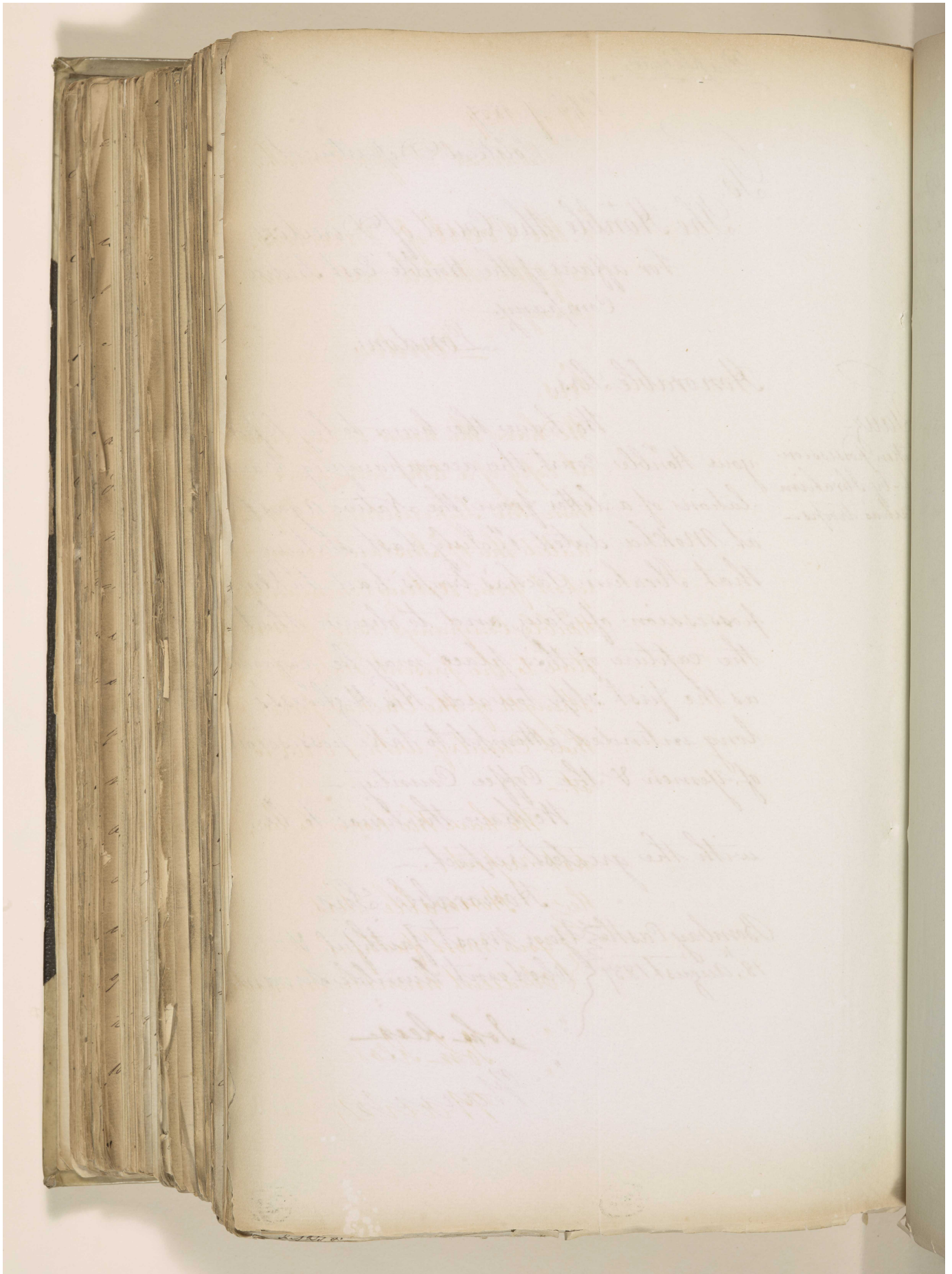
Honorable Sirs,

Bombay Castle
18th August 1837 } Your most faithful &
Obedient humble servants

" John Keane

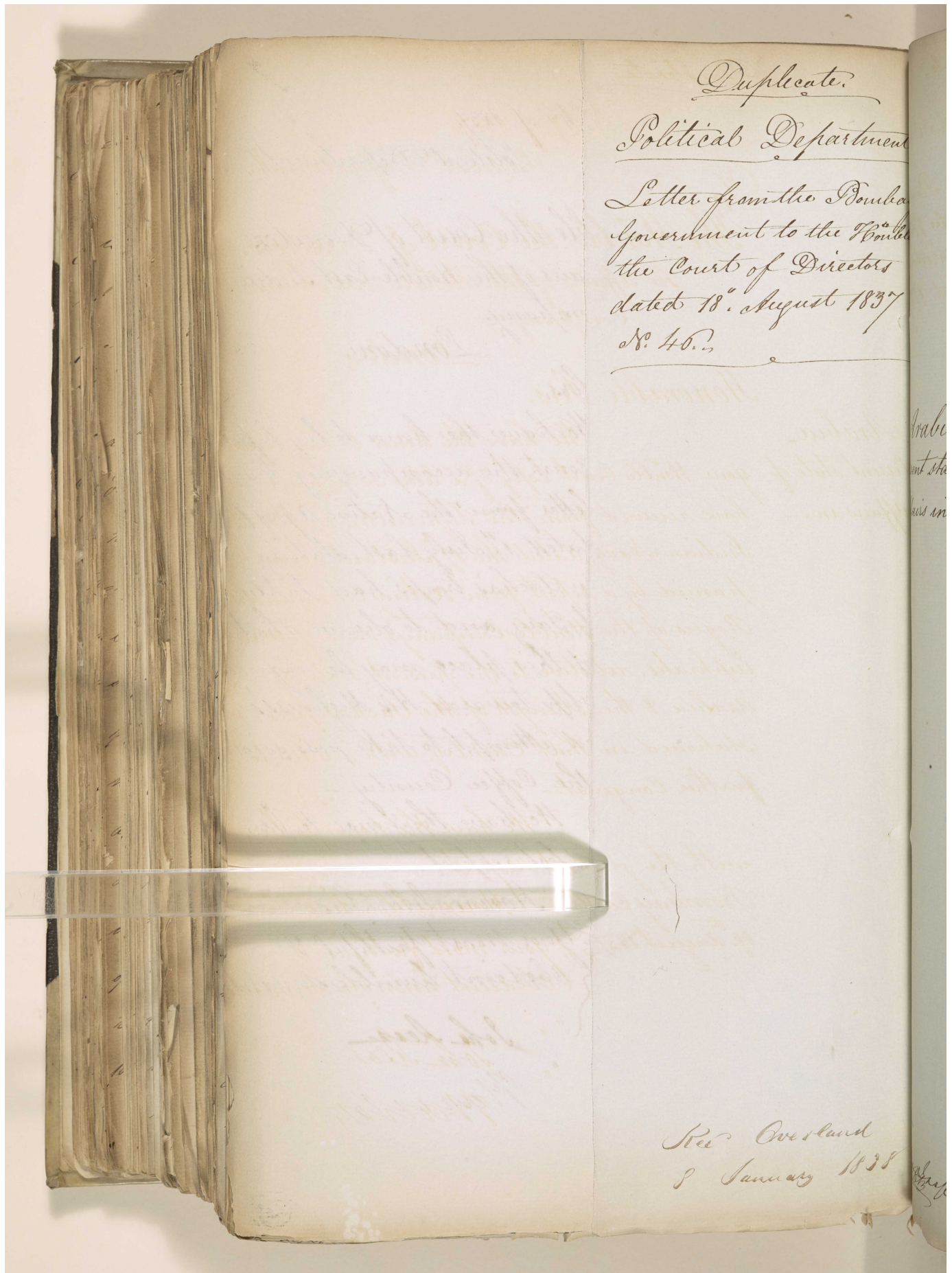
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N. 47 of 1837.

Political Department.

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

London.

Honorable Sirs.

Arabia.

Present state of
Affairs in. -

We have the honor to lay before
your Honble Court copy of a letter which we -
have received from the Superintendent of the
Indian Navy, dated the 17th Instant accom-
panied by a report from Acting Commander
Rogers of the Honble Company's Brig of War
Euphrates, relative to the present state of
Arabia & the strength of the Pacha's force
stationed in that Country with a view to
further Conquest. -

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

Bombay Castle. Honorable Sirs.

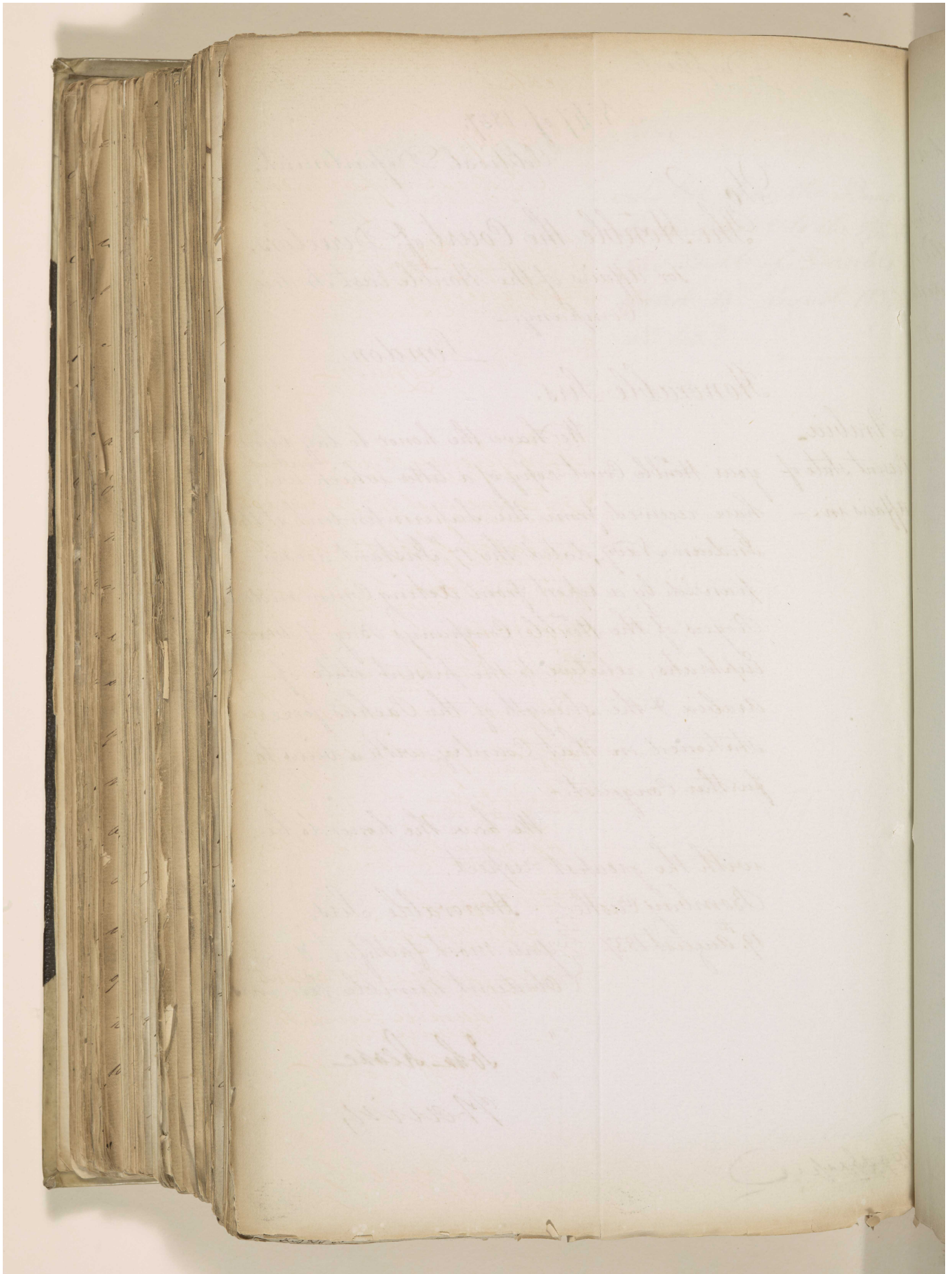
19th August 1837.

your most faithful &
Obedient humble servants

" John Kline

" Waring

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Political Department

*Letter from the Pasha
Government to the Hon.
the Court of Directors
19th August 1837. N^o 47.*

*Rec^d Overland
8 January 1838*

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N^o 53. of 1837.

Political Department.

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

Hon^{ble} Sirs, London

Defeat of
part of the Egyptian
forces sent into Nedjd
Mahomed ally
Behav..

With reference to our General
letter dated 30th June last N^o 32 par^a 65.
and to our despatch of the 12th August
N^o 40, we have the honor to lay before
your Hon^{ble} Court copy of a letter from
the Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf,
dated the 11th August with enclosure re-
porting the defeat of part of the Egyptian
forces sent into Nedjd..

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

Hon^{ble} Sirs,

Bombay Castle
1st September 1837

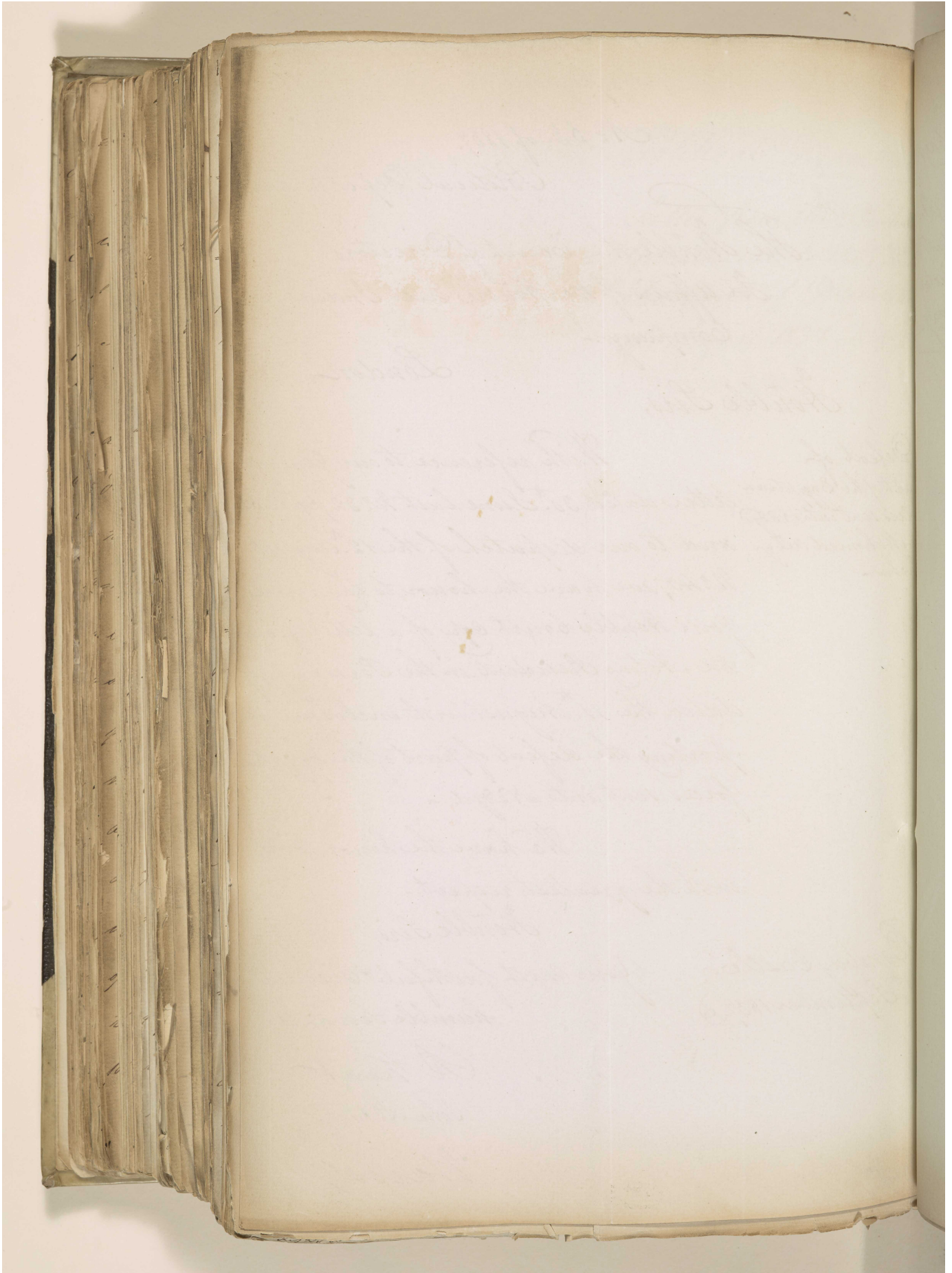
Your most faithful & obedient
humble servants

A. Grant

John Sedle

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Political Department

*Letter from the Bombay
Government to the House
the Court of Directors dated
21st September 1837. 85*

*Recd Overland
8 January 1838*

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N^o 367 of 1838
Political Department

To J. B. Melvill Esq.
Secretary at the East India House
London.

Sir,

1/2 I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council to
transmit to you for the purpose of
being laid before the Honorable the
Board of Directors copy of a letter from
the Superintendent of the Indian Navy
dated 26 Instant, and for its enclosure
from the Senior Naval Officer in
the Red Sea, representing the unsettled
state of affairs in that quarter,
and to acquaint you for the
information of the Honorable Court,
that under the circumstances therein
stated, the Honorable Company's
Sloop of War "Euphrates" will be
ordered to remain in the Red Sea
for the purpose recommended by
the

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the Superintendent of the
Indian Navy.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
Bombay Castle Signed/ J. P. Willoughby
28 February 1838. *acq. to Govt.*

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 12th April 1837.

Nº 1955.

From Captain L. Ainsell,
Officiating Resident in the P^{er} Gulf
J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated 25th February 1837.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for
the information of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council, the accompanying
extracts of letters from the Agents at Bah-
rein and Shargah, reporting the unex-
pected advance of Sheik Khaled ben
Saood into Nedjd supported by a body
of Troops furnished to him by Mahomed
Aliy Pasha, for the purpose of contesting
the possession of that extensive country
with the present ruler Sheik Fayool ben
Toorkee. -

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in supporting the claims of Sheik Khaled are most likely connected with the hostilities carrying on between himself and the Aser Tribe on the South Western side of Arabia. By the conquest of Nedjd and its transfer to a ruler devoted to his own interests, he perhaps contemplates the establishment of a powerful enemy in the rear of the Aser Beduins, whilst he carries on operations against them from the shores of the Red Sea. At all events, by creating a serious division among the Wahabees, he will materially weaken the power of the present Chief Tysul ben Toorkee, and in all probability will prevent his affording the support which it is supposed he has been giving to those Tribes who have hitherto successfully resisted the progress of the Egyptian.

Residency in the
Persian Gulf
25th Feb 1837

I have the honor to be

Signed / S. Hemmell
officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

Extract

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No. 1

Extract of a Letter from the Agent at Bahrein to the
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf - dated 27th
January 1837. -

Intelligence has been received
from Nedjd that Khaled ben Savod is
advancing with an army of 12000 Men
furnished by Mahomed Ally Pacha Against
Sheik Tysul the present Wahabee Chief,
and that he has reached Kuzacem. He has
it is said, entered into engagements that
after the conquest of Nedjd, he will always
faithfully serve the Pacha, and that
upon his requisition he will march
against the Aseer Tribe - Sheik Tysul
has moved from Riay after making
extensive preparations to meet his ad-
versary.

No. 2.

Extract of a Letter from the Agent at Shargah to the
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf - dated 2nd
February 1837.

One of the Principal Men of
the Moozara, has lately returned from
Lahsan He reports that a serious diversion
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has broken out in Nedjd between Ismail
bin Toorkee and Khaled bin Saood. It
appears that when Nedjd was conquered
by Ibrahim Pacha, Shiek Khaled bin
Saood / who was then very young succeeded
in making his escape to one of the neigh-
-bouring Countries where he was brought
up and educated. There he remained
until Toorkee bin Abdoolah had gra-
-dually extended and consolidated his
authority over the whole of Nedjd when
Khaled left his place of refuge, and pro-
-ceeded to fix the residence of his relation.
Upon his arrival there he was received
by the Arabs in so enthusiastic a man-
-ner as greatly to alarm Shiek Toorkee
who forthwith not only gave out that
Khaled was an Infector, but secretly
employed some of his creatures to mur-
-der him bin Saood however discovering
his relatives intentions towards him-
-self, fled, and made his escape into
Egypt where he was received and pro-
-tected by Mahomed Ally Pacha. It is
now

now commonly believed that the ruler of
Egypt has furnished him with a force of
7000 Men and granted him a Firman
appointing him Governor of Nedjd - Upon
receiving intelligence of the advance of
Khaled bin Saood Thak Thajad imme-
diately assembled his forces some ac-
counts state that the former has reached
Khuseem others that he has already ar-
rived at Duriya.

Nº 3.

Extract of a Letter from the Agent at Bahrein to the
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf - dated 2^d
February 1837.

I beg to report to you that Sheikh
Khaled has entered Nedjd, and that the
people of that Country are inclined to
join him and it is further rumoured
that Thajad is retreating - In consequence
of the disturbed state of the Interior the
road between Ager, and Lahsa is again
infested by robbers, a Caravan has been
plundered and three of the party killed.

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N^o 4.

Substance of a Letter from the Agent at
Mahra to the Officiating Resident in the
Persian Gulf - Dated 10th February 1837.

I have the honor to inform
you that affairs continue quiet in this
Island. We have not received any further
intelligence from Nedjd for a long time, but
it may be concluded from this, that the
affairs of Shaik Khaled are not prospering,
and that as he is not strong enough to
meet Shaik Lysail openly in the field,
he is endeavouring to circumvent him
by stratagem. Meer bin Afiesan has
left Lahsah, with a body of Horse and
foot, but whether he is going to Riay, or
whether his purpose is the punishment
of the robbers who have lately been in-
festing the roads, is uncertain.

True Extracts

Signed J. Russell
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
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N^o 1358

19. 7.
To, W. A. McNaughten Esquire
Secretary to the Government of India
Dated the 30th March 1837

Sir,
I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council, to transmit to
you for the purpose of being laid before
the Right Honorable the Governor General
of India in Council Copy of a letter from
the Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf
dated the 25th Ultimo. N^o 22. with its
enclosures, being translation of letters
from the Agents at Bahrein and Sou-
gah, reporting the unexpected advance
of Sheik Khaled bin Saood into Nedjd,
supported by a body of Troops furnished
to him by Mahomed Ally Pacha.

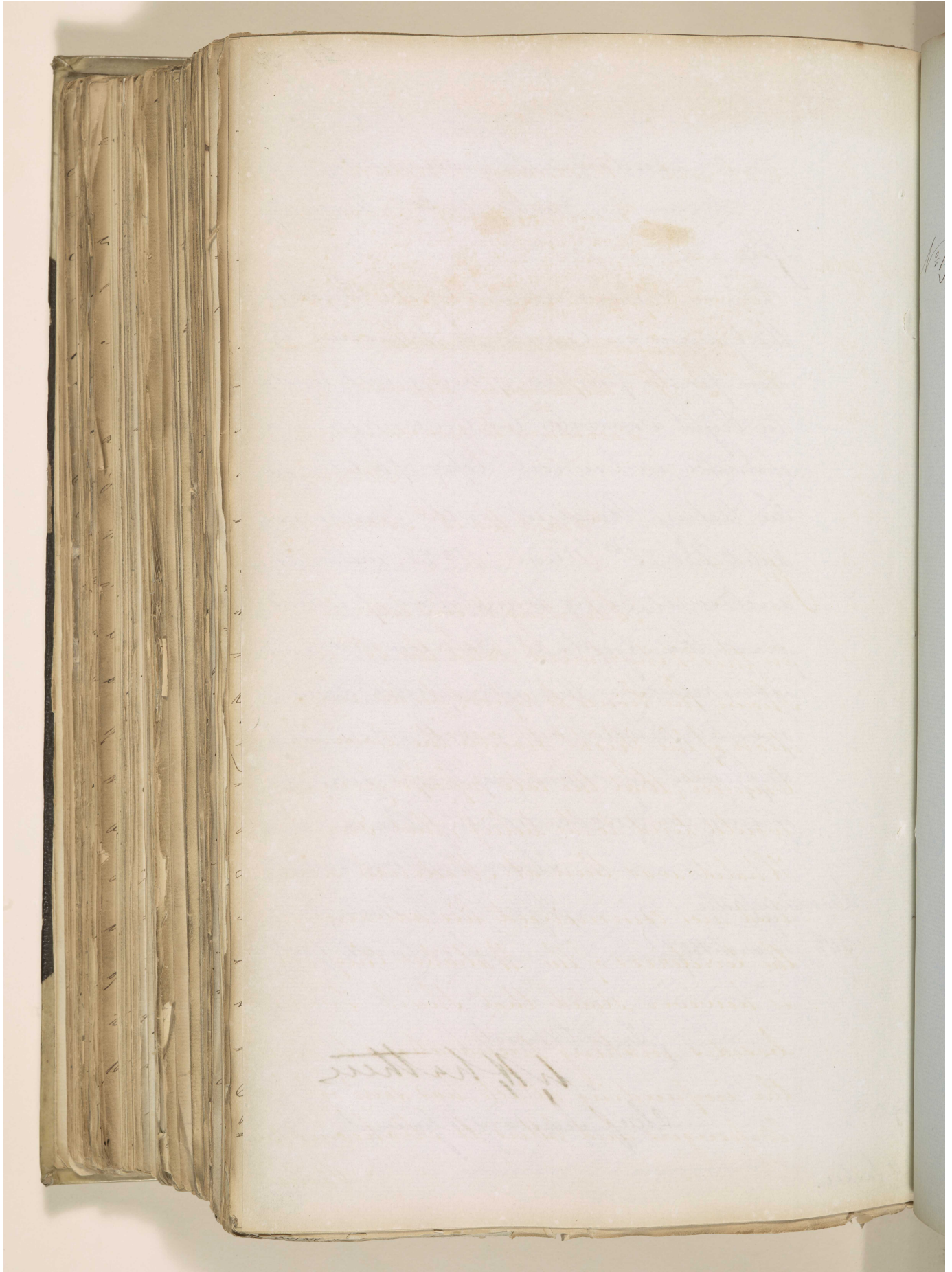
Bombay Castle
30th March 1837

I have the Honor to be &c
Signed S. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

True Extract of
"W. K. Khatun"
Chief Secretary to Government

W. K. Khatun

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Extract Bombay Political.
Consultation 10th May 1837.
N^o 1986.
From, Captain L. Amell,
Officiating Resident in the P^{er} Gulf,
To, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated the 15th March 1837.

Sir,
Adverting to my letter N^o 22.
in this Department dated the 25th ultimo,
I have the honor to report for the informa-
tion of the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor in
Council, that the late reports from Nedjo
would tend to the belief, that Shakh es
Khaled was then at Medinah and
had not commenced his advance into
the territories of the Wahabee Chief - It
is however stated that Shakh Esail
besides making preparations to meet
the impending attack, has sent off
messengers and letters to Mahomed Ally
Pasha

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Extract Bombay Political.

Consultation 24th May 1837.

N^o 2317.

From, W. H. McNaughton Esq^{re}
Secretary to Government of India
To, J. P. Willoughby Esq^{re}
Secretary to Government

Bombay

Dated 24th April 1837.

Sir,

I am desired by the Right Honble
the Governor General of India in Council
to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter
dated the 30th ultimo, transmitting copy
of one from the Acting Resident in the
Persian Gulf with its enclosures, being
translations of Letters from the Agents
at Bahrein and Shargah, reporting
the unexpected advance of Shaik
Khalik ben Saood into Nedjd, supported
by a body of Troops, furnished to him
by Mahomed Ally Pacha.

Y^{rs}

In conveying to you the

thanks

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thanks of the Governor General in Council
for this communication, I am desired
to observe, that it does not appear to call
for any particular observation, as it
does not appear that British interests
are involved in the struggle in question

I have the honor to be ^{very}

Fort William, }
24th April 1837 }

Signed W. H. M^r Haughton
Secretary to the Gov^t of I.

/True Extract/

"W. H. Haughton"
Secretary to Government

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M. A. Jasper
R. H. H.

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 31st May 1837.
No 2492.

From, Captain J. Annell,
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
To, J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Sir, Dated 17th May 1837.

With reference to my letter
No 40 in this Department dated the 8th.
Insistent upon the subject of the affairs
of Nedjd, I have now the honor to for-
ward for the information of the Right
Honble the Governor in Council, the ac-
companying Extract of letter from the
Native Agent at Bahrein conveying the
latest intelligence received regarding
the success of Sheik Khaled and the
retreat of Amcer Tysul to Laksah.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 17th May 1837. }
I have the honor to be Sir
Signed J. Annell
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf
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13.
Extract of a letter from the Agent at Bahrein
to the Officiating Resident in the Persian
Gulf dated 30th Mohurrem or 6th May 1837.
With reference to Shaikh
Tajid however it may have happened, he
has entered Lahsa, and has sent a Mes-
senger with letters to Shaikh Abdollah
probably requesting, as is generally re-
ported, a place of refuge from him. The
letter was replied to on the 20th Instant
but the nature of the answer is not known.

Shaikh Khalid is now in
Riaz in uncontrolled Authority, and has
strictly prohibited the Bedouins from
having any intercourse with Lahsa
while he is himself assembling an Army
of Bedouins with the view of marching
on that place.

/ True Translation

/ Signed J. Hennell

Officiating Resident &c

/ True Extract /

/ Signed J. Hennell

Officiating Resident &c

True Extract

" M. H. Wether
Chief Secy to Govt.

Ex
M. A. Jasper
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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 21st June 1837.

N^o 2794.

From, Captain J. A. Russell
Officiating Resident in the P^{er} Gulf
J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated 8th May 1837.

Sir,

Herewith, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed Extract of a letter from Makomed Ally the Agent at Bahrein, in which he reports the defeat of the Forces of Ameer Sydul the Watabee Chief and the capture of "Riaz" by those of his rival Sheik Khaled ben Saood. -

S^r. Although there is every reason to believe that Sydul has experienced some reverse, yet too little reliance can be placed upon the reports from Nedjd, to speak

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speaks confidently as to the extent of this a
defeat or as to how far it may tend to a
termination of the contest. It is necessary
therefore to wait for more satisfactory
and authentic information before any
speculations can be entered on, with re-
ference to the degree of influence such a
change of rulers may exercise over the
political position of the Maritime Chiefs
of the Arabian Coast in general, and that
of His Highness the Imam of Muscat in
particular. —

Residency in the	} I have the honor to be Sir J. Hennell. Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf,
Persian Gulf	
Bushire 8 th cor	
May 1837.	

Extract of Substance of a Letter from the
Agent at Bahrein to the Officiating
Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 19th
Mohurrum or 25th April 1837.

With reference to the affairs
of Nedjd, I have the honor to report, that
the Troops of Shaik Ismael and those of his
rival Shaik Khaled have at length, met
and

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and that the former have been defeated Shaikh
Tysul being Compelled to retreat fell back on
with the Remains of his Army upon Neaj,
In the mean while some of the adherents
of the victorious Chief having got into that
Town before Tysul immediately seized the
Fort and Towers, so that upon his arrival
he found himself refused admittance, on
while Khalid following close upon his
rear entered and took possession of the place.
It thus appears that Nedjd is now in the
hands of the latter. Laksah and Kateef as
yet still retain their allegiance to Tysul
altho: some say that have been given to
Mahomed Ally Ararcor. Others again can
allege that Shaikh Khaled has engaged
with Mahomed, to transfer the Country
and revenue to his Authority, and to re-
-present himself as Firman over it.
This intelligence however is not yet au-
-thenticated. I understand that the de-
-feated Chief is now with the Eiman Tribe
under Bin Husseyn Dubdah, which is
located about two days March from
Laksah

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17.
Lahsah. This last place is still in the poss-
ession of Omar ben Afisau. It is somewhat
doubtful which of the two parties he will
join but it is thought that if Khaled will
confirm him in his present Government
that he will give in his adherence to him

/ True Extract /

/ Signed / L. Hennell
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / L. Hennell
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

/ True Extract /

W. H. Leather
Chief Secretary to Govt

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Chief Secretary to Govt

From J. Hennell, Esq.
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
To J. P. Mitloughby Esq.
Secretary to Government

Bombay.
Dated 8th June 1837.

Sir,

Some short time since, having been informed that the numerical strength of the Egyptian Force, sent by Mahomed Ali Pasha into Nedjd (to support the claims of Sheik Khaled ben Saoud to the Chieftainship of the Wahabee sect, against those of Ameer Fysul ben Toorkee) was much greater than was generally supposed, I considered it advisable to send over one of the Honble Company's Vessels of War to Bahrein, with letters addressed to Sheik Abdoolah ben Ahmed, and the Native agent at that Island, requesting them to furnish me with the fullest information in their power regarding the numbers and description of this force.

2. I have now the honor to forward for the information of the Government, translations of the replies lately received to these communications. From their contents it would appear, that the Egyptian troops do not exceed from 1000 to 1500 Horse and 500 Foot with 12 guns and 4 mortars,

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but such is the terror inspired by the Pashas name, that nothing like resistance seems as yet to have been offered to Sheik Khaleds progress although the character of his rival stands high in general estimation among the Beduins of Nedjd. -

3. The prospect of the speedy subjugation of the province of Nedjd by a dependent of Mahomed Ally Pasha, combined with the recent success of H. H. the Imam of Muscat in the capture of Mombassa, has inspired the Bahrein Chief with lively alarm. He believes, and I have reason to think that his surmises are not altogether without foundation, that the ulterior objects of the troops accompanying Sheik Khaled are not directed towards any part of the Turkish Territories at present, but that by a secret agreement they are destined to support the Imam of Muscat in a renewal of his long cherished design of conquering Bahrein, His Highness having, it is reported secretly entered into engagements with the Pasha to pay him an annual income of three hundred thousand Crowns, if put into, and maintained in possession of that Island and the districts of Lahsah and Katesf. -

4. From the concluding part of the agents letter it will be observed, that in obedience to my instructions he is about to despatch a trusty

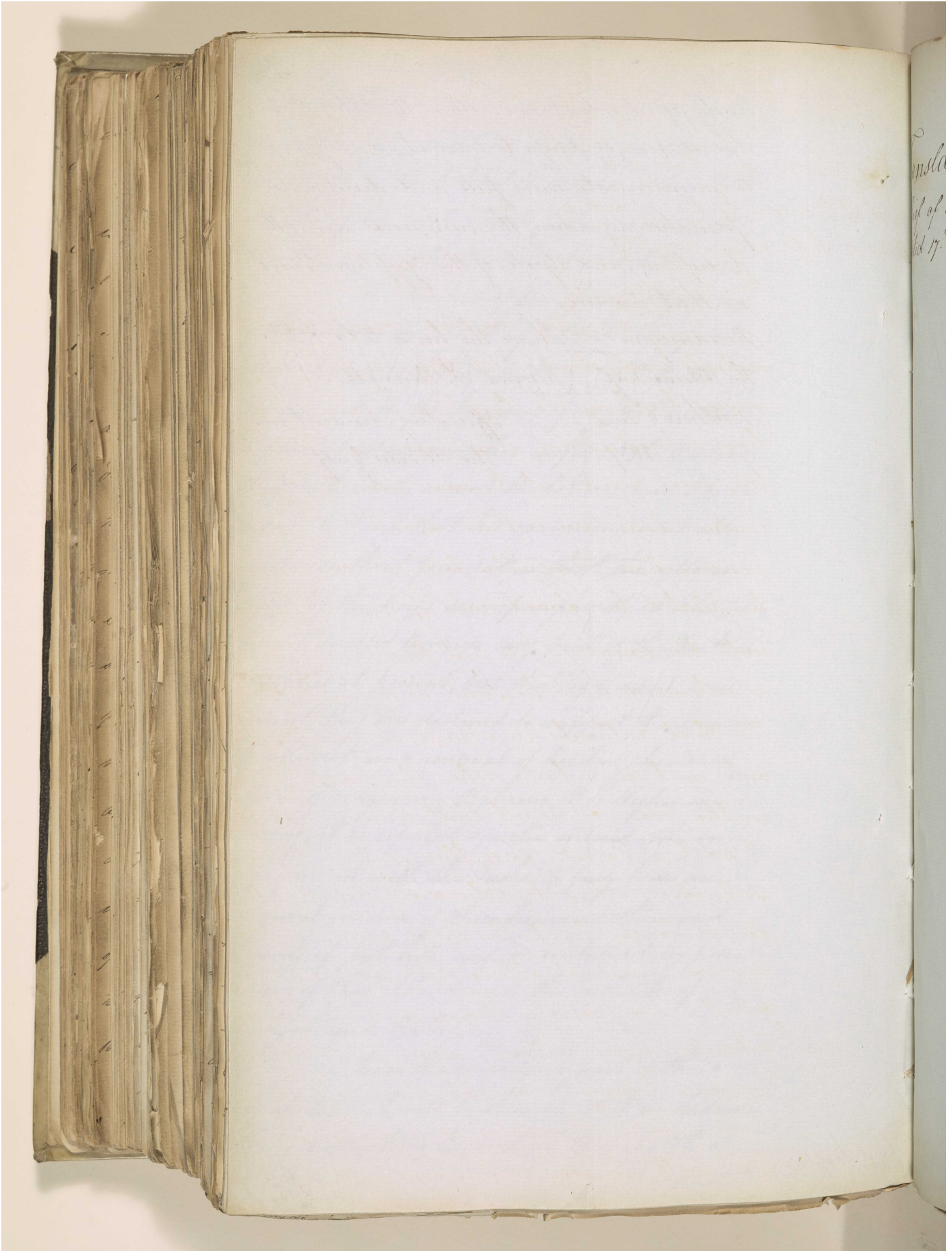
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trusty agent into Nedjd. Upon the return of
this messenger I hope to have it in my power
to communicate more full and decided in-
formation regarding the numerical strength
description, and objects, of the Egyptian forces
in that Province.

Residency in I have the honor to be &c
the Persian Gulf. Signed/ S. Hennell.

Bushire 8 June
1837. } Officiating Resident in
the Persian Gulf

W. A. Cooper
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Translation of a Letter from Shaikh Abdoolah bin Ahmed
Chief of Bahrain to the officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
Dated 17th Supher or 23rd May 1837.

Ah

Your letter has been received and its
contents understood. With reference to your en-
quiries touching the Egyptian Troops which
have entered Nedjd, I beg to acquaint you that
they have arrived at Dusem near the North
western boundary, a place about 6 or 7 days
journey from Riyadh. This force is accompanied
by Khalid bin Loood, who is acquainted
with the Country. I do not know whether it
is intended that he shall be appointed to
the Chief authority in Nedjd, or whether he is
only used as a tool. When the different Tribes
in the province heard that Khalid had entered
it with a foreign force, they sent in letters of
submission, thus treacherously deserting their
former leader Tysul. The latter perceiving this
defection was not able to fight; he therefore
collected his property, Horses and Camels, and
retreated upon Lahsal, where he at present
remains hoping to be able there to make a
more successful resistance, as it contains a large
Fort, with defences well stored with provisions.

and surrounded by walls that cannot be breached
by guns. The villages in Nedjd on the contrary
were not capable of offering any opposition. The
Fort of Lahsal also contains sufficient provender
for all his Horses and camels. The Bedwins
have therefore recommended him to take up
his position in this place, which accords with
his own wish. - as far as I can learn the Bedwins
are more favorably disposed to Umcer Fysul
than towards the Egyptians, and consequently
the former has determined upon fighting, but
God knows how it will end. The reports of
the numbers of the Egyptian Troops differ, some
say there are 1000 Horse and 1000 Foot, others
again assert that this is too large an estimate.
True Translation

Signed L. Rennell
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

Substance of a Letter from the Agent at Bahrain
to the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
dated 18th Duffer or 24th May 1837.

I beg to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter forwarded by the bliv, enclosing
two communications for Shaikh Abdollah bin
Ahmed, both of which were forthwith transmitted
to Khair Rupsain with an earnest request from
myself

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myself for a speedy reply. I have now to report,
that an inhabitant of Nedjd has just arrived
from Riaz. He states that the Egyptian Troops
accompanying Shaik Khalid, amount to 1500
Horse and 500 Foot under the command of
Smail Pacha. A reserve however of 8000 Horse
under Khorsheid Beg is said to be stationed
at Rhyf, between Mecca, and Medina, ready
to support Khalid in the event of his meet-
ing a reverse. The park of artillery consists
of 70 Guns, of which 12 with 4 mortars are
with Reshid Pacha, while the remainder is
with the reserve. My informant further
states, that all the Beduins of Nedjd have
submitted themselves to Shaik Khalid, who
has presented the several Chiefs with gifts
and dresses of honor. The whole of his
expenses are defrayed from the Treasury of
Mahomed Ally Pacha. Shaik Khalid is
accompanied by a body guard of 300 Bed-
-uins who never leave his person, with these
he encamps a short distance from the Pacha's
Troops. The progress of the Egyptian Force is
stated to be slow, as every village and town
that is taken, is immediately garrisoned &
placed under the command of one of their
own people. At those places where it may

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be necessary Forts and Towers. are erected, and like the others guarded by their own Troops. From these circumstances it is evident that the permanent subjection of both the wandering, and settled tribes in Nedjd, is contemplated, in short the conquest of the Country. - It is given out that the object of this is the reduction of the Aseer Tribe, this may be, but their views extend beyond the Aseer. The ruler of Bahrein under the apprehension lest Shaikh Khalid should join the Imam, will submit to his authority, and acknowledge himself subject to him, but if he could only obtain an assurance from any one that His Highness would be restrained from attacking him by sea, he would not submit to the new ruler of Nedjd, and would defy his power. The only fears he entertains are from the direction of Muscat, and if he make terms with Shaikh Khalid, it will be solely from his dread of the Imam. Amcer Faysal has by his disbursements gathered round him 3 or 4000 Beduins, but immediately the Troops of his successful rival reach the neighbourhood of Lahsa, they will all certainly disperse, and he himself will be compelled to take flight from

from that place. I shall attend to your instructions
to find out an active intelligent Agent to
send into Nedjd for further information.

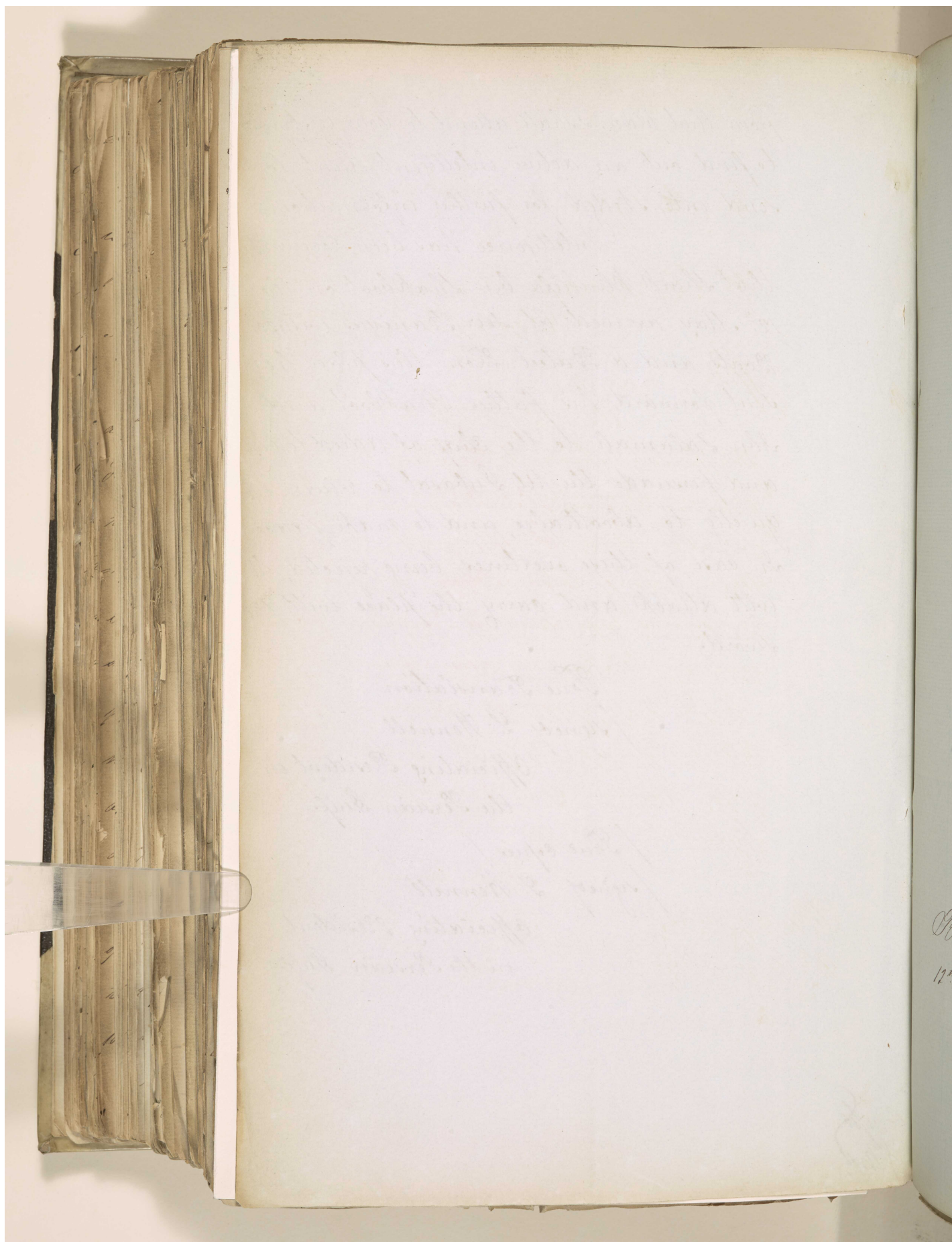
Intelligence has been received
that Shaikh Khuleifa bin Shakhboot on the
12th May arrived at Seer Baniyas with 300
Boats and a Bateel. From this place he
sent forward his father Shakhboot and
Ibn Salamah to the Chief of Aded to try
and persuade the Al Gubasab to return
quietly to Abroothabee, and to make peace.
In case of these overtures being rejected, he
will attack and carry the place with the
sword.

True Translation
/ signed G. Rennell
Officiating Resident in
the Persian Gulf.

/ True copies /
/ signed G. Rennell
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf.

Compd
G. Rennell

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From the Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay
To, The Secretary to the Government of India
Dated 12th August 1837

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, copy of a letter from the Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf, dated 8th June last with its enclosures, regarding the Egyptian forces sent by Mahomed Ally Pacha into Nedjd to support the claims of Sheik Khaled ben Saoud to the Chieftainship of the Wahabee sect against those of Ameer Fyzul ben Toorkie. —

Bombay Castle;
12th August 1837.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Signed W. H. Wether
Chief Secretary to Govt.

From,

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From the Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay
To, Colonel P. Campbell
His Majesty's Consul General
Alexandria
Dated 12th August 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
Honble the Governor in Council, to trans-
mit for your information Copy of a letter
from the Acting Resident in the Persian
Gulf, dated the 8th June last with its en-
closures regarding the Egyptian forces
sent by Mahomed Ally Pacha into Nedjd
to support the claims of Sheik Khaled
ben Saood to the Chieftainship of the
Wahabee sect against those of Ameer
Lysul ben Foorkee.

Bombay Castle
12th August 1837.

I have the honor to be,
Signed W. H. Mathew
Chief Secretary to Govt.

True Copies.

W. H. Mathew
Chief Secy to Govt.

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S. W.
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'Persian Gulf - Nedjd - Invasion of - by Sheik Khaled.' [551r] (53/76)





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Substance of a letter from the Native Agents at Bokka,
to the Persian Secretary to Government. Dated 1st
and received 3rd July 1837.

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I wrote letters to you Sir, on the
21st and 23rd of June, which I trust have been
received.

Further. News has come from
Tanz that Ibrahim Pasha's Troops have
entered that place; and the Arab Garrison
has evacuated it. when I receive further
intelligence I will duly communicate it.

Signed W. H. Matthew
Chief Secretary

From The Chief Secretary to Government
To The Secretary to the Government
of India

Dated 18th August 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble

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the Governor in Council to transmit to you
for submission to the Right Honble the Governor
General of India in Council translation of
a letter from the Native Agent at Mocha
dated the 1st July last stating that Ibrahim
Pachas' troops had taken possession of Laing
and to observe that the Capture of this place
may be regarded as the first step towards His
Highness' long intended attempt to take
possession of Yemen and the Coffee Country.

Have the honor to be &c.

Pombury Castle } Signed W. H. Mathew
18th August 1837 } Chief Secy to Govt

True Copies.

" W. H. Mathew
Chief Secy to Govt

Ex^o M. A. Jasper
L. B. M.

Resident
at Mocha
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Bahrein
Gulf

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From. S. Hennell Esquire
officiating Resident in the Persian G.

To
The Secretary to Government Bombay
Dated 11 August 1837.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
for the information of the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council, the accom-
panying Translation of a letter from
Mirza Mahamed Ali, the Native
Agent at Bahrein, reporting the
successful result of an attack,
upon part of the Egyptian Forces,
attached to Sheik Khaled by the ad-
herents of Ameer Fyzeul the late
ruler of Nedjd.

Residency in the P.C.
Camp near Bhuchair 11
August 1837

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed S. Hennell
officiating Res. in the P.C.

Translation of a letter from the Agent at
Bahrein to the Resident in the Persian
Gulf.

A.C.

Had the honor to receive your
letter

letter, the contents of which I fully com-
prehended. Relative to the proceeds
realized as the price of the two Begarabs
the bag of pearls and Arms belonging
to Eubecrat, Khadim ben Tahman
himself wrote a letter to me by one
of his relations to whom I delivered
the Articles in question, taking his
receipt, which is now in my possession
and if desired shall be transmitted
to You. As regards Ameer Fazel ben
Turkee he is reported to be in Lahadh
and Ameer Khalid is occupied
in bringing the provinces of Nedjd
into subjection but on the 24th Dubee
ul thane a bearer of good news from
Lahadh sent by Fazel reached the
Sheikhs (of Bahrein) and brought
intelligence that the Turkish Army
had gone to make an assault on a
village called Halwah and seized
on its fort and Towers, but that
the two adjoining provinces had
not succumbed. That same day
they rendered their aid, and those
of the Hootah and Hareesh territory
all issued out and attacked the
Turkish Army, which sustained

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a defeat losing, it is reported 200.
men killed 200 Horses and 4 Guns
Captured. such of them as escaped
made the best of their way to Icar
The Sheik were highly pleased with
this intelligence. Sheik Abdullah
is in Khore. Hussein and the re-
mainder of the Chiefs in Bahrein
any changes that may occur I shall
not fail to report to You.

Dated 17th Dubee
ul' Housse.

True Translation/
Signed J. Mackenzie
Officiating Assist. to the R.
True Copy/
Signed J. Russell
off. Resident in the P.G.

From the Secretary to Government
To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Dated 18 September 1837.

Sir,

I am directed by the
Right Honorable the Governor in
Council to transmit to You for sub-
mission to the Right Honorable
the Governor General of India
in Council copy of a letter from
the Acting Resident in the Persian
Gulf

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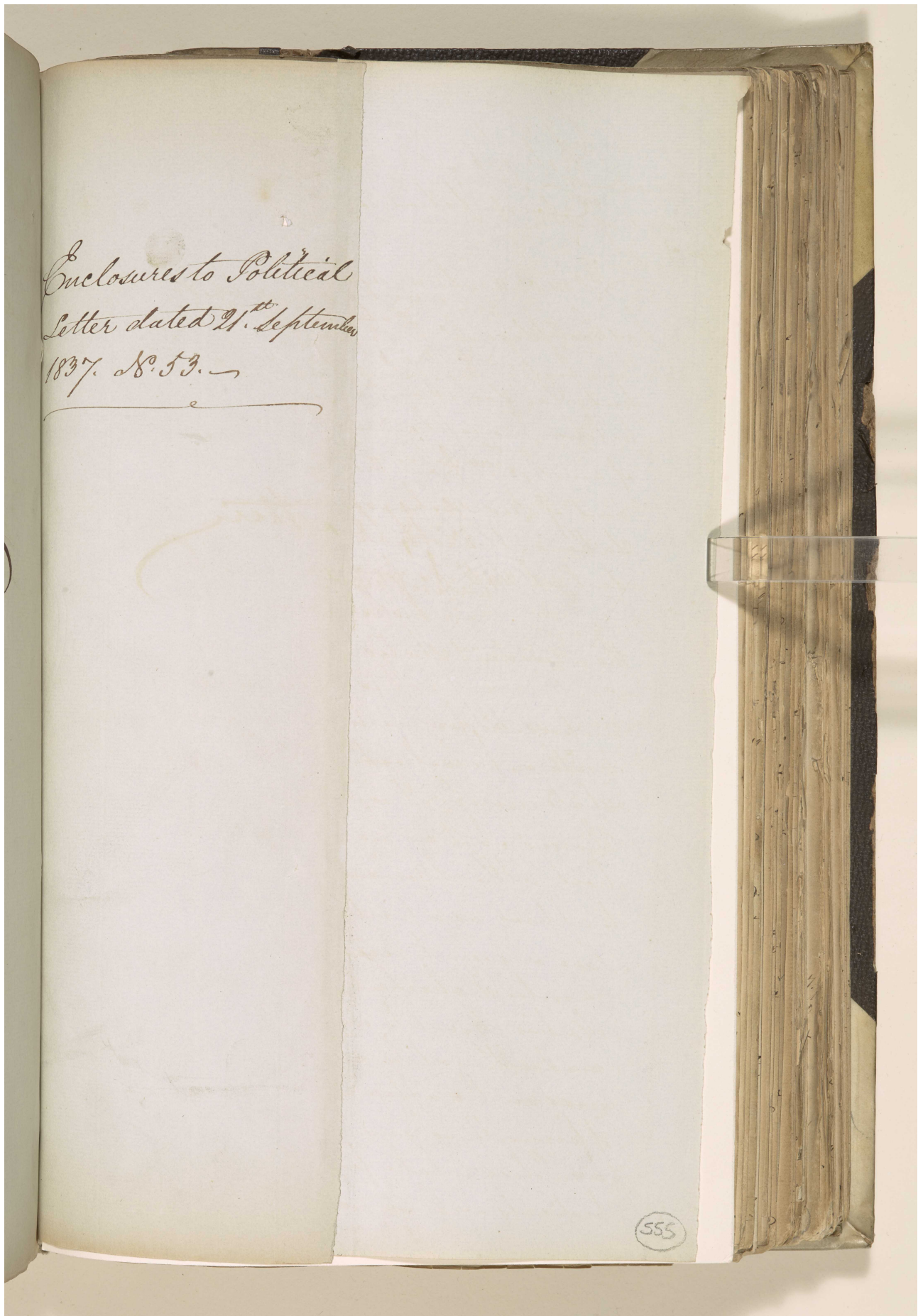
Gulf dated the 11 ultimo No 69 with
its enclosure, reporting the defeat
of part of Sheik Khaled's force in
Nedjd.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
Bombay Castle signed. W. H. Warren
18th September 1837. Chief Secretary to Govt.

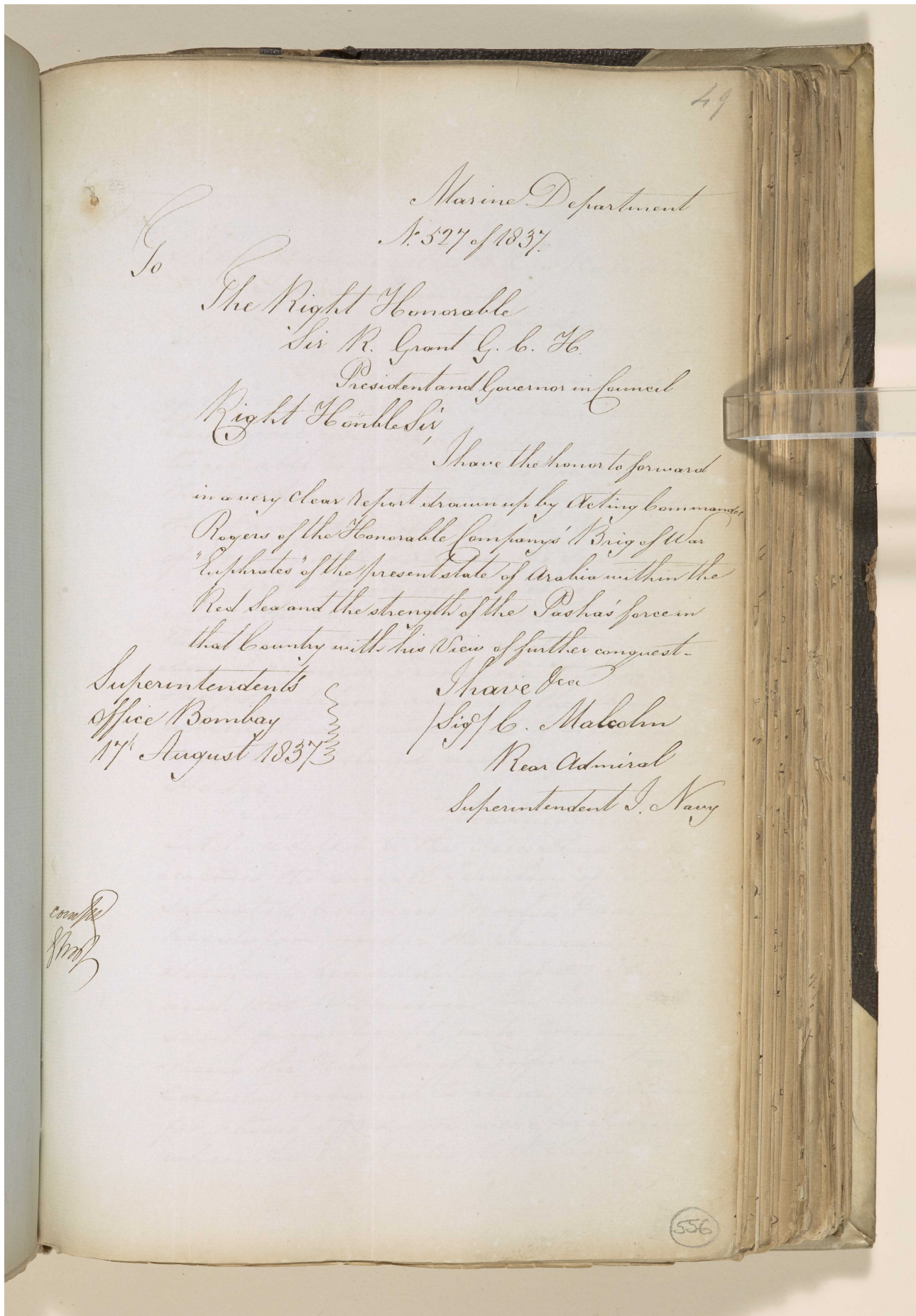
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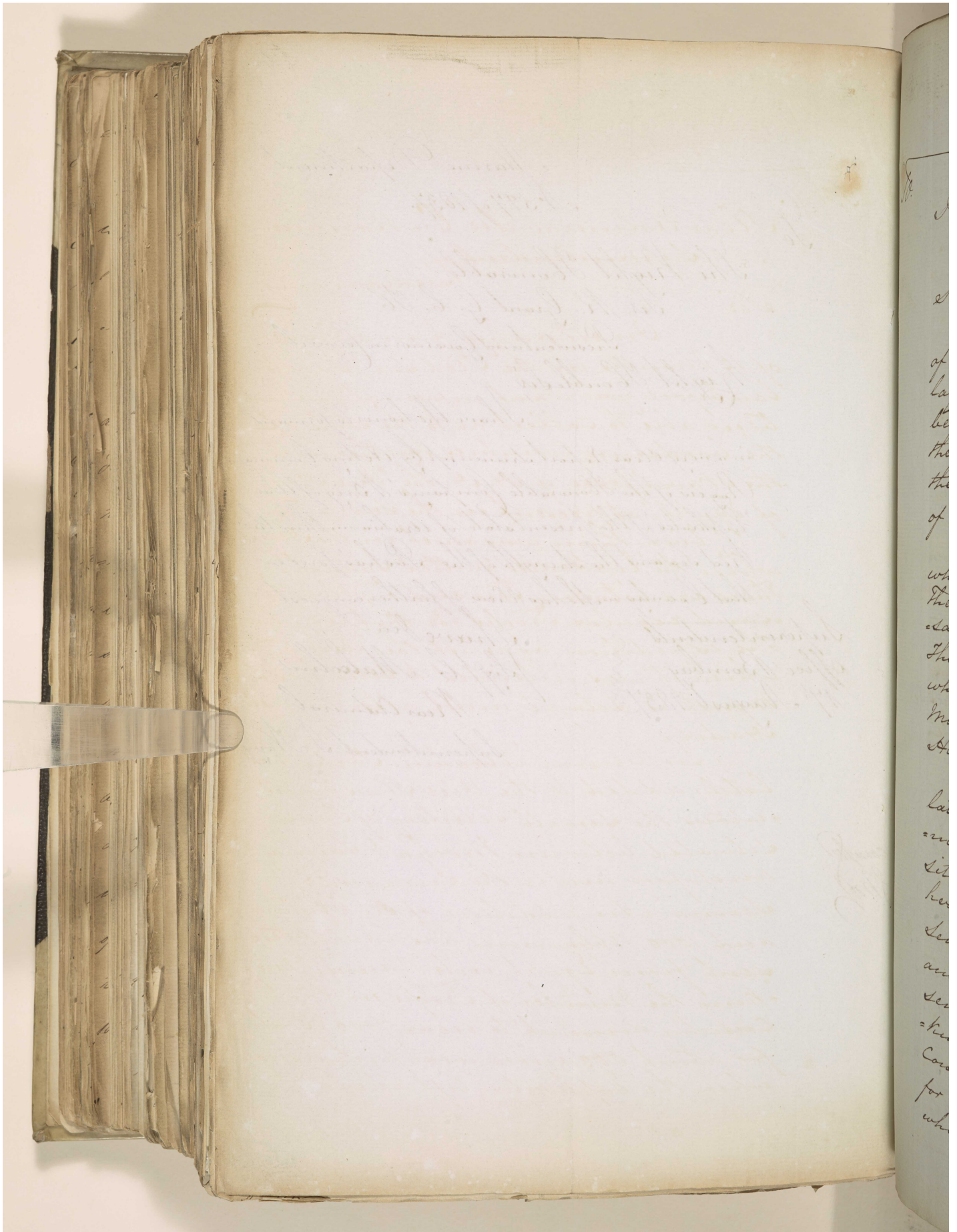
" W. H. Warren
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Nedjd
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Rear Admiral Sir C. Malcolm
Superintendent of
Indian Navy
Sir,

On returning from a Cruise
of 12 months in the "Red Sea," I beg to
lay before you what information I have
been able to collect, as to the state of
the bordering Countries, together with
the Naval force of H. H. the "Vice Roy
of Egypt," at present in the Sea. -

Every thing was quiet in the Hedjaz
when the "Euphrates" quitted Suddah.
There are between Ten and Twelve thou-
sand regular Troops in that Country.
The expedition against the "Assyrs"
which it was intended to send next
Month, is delayed, until after the next
Hedge.

Sir Yemim "Abraham Pacha" has
lately added to the Vice Roy's domi-
-nions, the small Territory of Tadge,
situated between Mocha & Samna
heretofore under the Emam of
Samna. An addition of 500 Artillery
and 1000 Abbanions, has lately been
sent from "Egypt," into "Yemim" Ma-
-king the Number of Troops in that
Country, amount to near 7000. Boats
for about 500 more were preparing
when the "Euphrates" left Suez. -

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There are no Vessels of War belonging to the "Viceroy" at present in the Red Sea but he has seven transports, which are mostly employed in bringing grain from "Eosseir" to "Suddah", these are common Merchant Ships of from 300 to 400 Tons. brought of Indian Traders, Commanded by Turks and manned with Arabs.

The Troops in Arabia are still 15 months in arrears, but they are well fed and clothed, in fact grain of all kinds is at present much cheaper in Arabia than in Egypt.

I learnt at Suddah that an officer of the Viceroy of Egypt, named Pacha lately made an incursion ^{SO} or Gazwah from Senaar into the Territories of the King of Abyssinia, and Plundered two Towns. The news being reached the King, he sent a message desiring the Pacha to deliver up the plunder and quit his Territories, this reasonable request not being complied with the Abyssinians attacked the Egyptians with a large force (I was informed, 40,000 men) completely routed them, taking three Generals, and upwards of fifty Captains prisoners. No intelligence of this kind had been published in Egypt, when we left.

"H. H. Viceroy" left "Alexandria" for Candia on the 2. of July. "Abraham" Pacha who was lately in Egypt, has returned

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returned to Syria, all was quiet in the latter Country.

There was a Quarantine established at "Copeir" when the "Euphrates" was there in June, and all persons arriving from Arabia were detained seven days before being admitted to pratique. I was informed the same had been the case at Suez, but the Establishment was broken up to the latter place, where we arrived there on the 18. of July.

Fever has lately prevailed at Suddah, and Mocha, but the general health at both those places was good when the "Euphrates" left.

H. C. Brig of War
Euphrates
Bombay
16. August 1837

I have the honor to be &c
Wm. E. Rogers
Act. Comd.

Three Copies

" W. H. Maathey
Chief Secy.

Prepared
H. C.

Enclosures to Letter
Dated 19th August
1837. No. 47.

In Reply see 558 p. 1032.

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Political Department

To the Right Honorable Sir Robert
Grant G. to G.

President and Governor
in Council.

Right Honorable Sir,

1. I have the honor to
forward the accompanying letter
from Commander Denton dated
from Mocha the 5th instant reporting
on the Political state of the
Red Sea.

2. It was my intention
to have proposed to Government to
have ordered down the Euphrates
with one of the overland Mails
during the South West Monsoon
but it now appears necessary
in the unsettled state of that
part of Arabia in the vicinity
of

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of Mocha still to keep a Man
of War there for the protection
of British property and Trade.

I have the honor to be &c
Superintendent's Office Signed Charles Malcolm
Bombay 20 of Rear Admiral
February 1838. Superintendent J. N.

In Surg. Sec 38th Feb 1838

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Dear Admiral Sir C. Malcolm Knt.
Superintendent Indian Navy

Sir,

I have the honor to intimate
that the Imam of Sena assisted by
a numerous body of the Affis Tribes
intend making a descent and attacking
Sass in a few weeks and rumour
sayeth there is not the slightest doubt
but what he will defeat the Amoot
and Egyptian Troops as their number does
not exceed one Thousand men whilst those
of the Imam are computed at fifty.
Again it is stated the Imam will
not attempt to retake Sass by escalade
smaller hills around it being so peculiarly
arranged by nature as to enable him to
Blockade the Place and stop all supplies
whilst the besieged cannot get their
guns to bear upon their assailants from
these minor hills existing, under whose

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had they can remain in perfect
safety appearing and disappearing in
thousands. on the Instant a flash
is seen.

The Imam will ultimately
come on to Mecha for the purpose of
ransacking it to gratify the avarice of his
turbulent Troops, and the Merchants are
adopting plans for the securing of their
property and for a speedy exit on
board Buggalows, former experience
having taught them to be alert, and
not leave their important affairs to
the last moment.

Ibrahim Pacha is at Nodeida
and seems to view the whole transactions
of the Imam with despondency and
will not, or he has not the means
of adopting those prompt measures so
essential on such occasions, so as to
ensure success by reinforcing his Troops
which he has an opportunity of so doing
and which seems so requisite at the
present time.

Those at Laas are in want of
Provisions

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Provisions to hold out a siege and
the whole have six months pay due
which has caused desertions amongst
them and a relaxation of that
discipline so necessary to the securing
of good order, unity, and victory when
the struggle comes.

The Egyptian Troops stationed
at Mocha amount to 300 Infantry
several of whom have eight and ten months
pay due and none left them six; the
result is that those very men who
are left to protect Mocha are the
greatest thieves in it, even the mosques
do not protect the Pious for when he
takes off and lays down his upper
garment to make ablution the
Egyptian Soldier is instantly feeling
the pockets of it, and money if therein
contained is sure to be stolen. Several
instances of this nature have not
only occurred lately but have been
actually detected and those in authority
will not, dare not punish them, so
true it is that the men are not
regularly

regularly paid and have not the means of getting / in addition to their scanty provisions / a single vegetable even.

A Turkish Captain the other day detected one of his men in the act of thieving and in a fit of anger seized a tolerable sized stick and with it struck him over the temples and laid him a corpse.

The new mill lately erected only yields 400 lbs of Flour per diem including one ounce of dirt in the pound (for the barrow is never cleaned) and as to any other mode of grinding Flour they have none. The Biscuit and Flour is consequently of the blackest and worst description. Chalk is pounded and made into a kind of Porridge this with a small quantity of fresh meat coarse Rice and Ghee is all the Provisions they are allowed weekly, Fresh Bread and Vegetables are not allowed and

it is only when they make a ^{by} successful haul of a few Piasters they can indulge in these secured luxuries. Each man is also allowed three Quarters of a Dollar per mensem several of whom either die or are killed in action, and never receive it owing to the abominable system of keeping the men so long in arrears.

Honorable Company
Sloop of War
Cook Mocha Roads
5 February 1838.

I have the honor to
Signed / W. Denton
Commander

(True Copies)
Signed / J. P. Willoughby
Sloop of War

