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‘Persian Gulf – Duria Dowlut – Bugla – Piracy of – Further proceedings of Government in obtaining compensation for the losses sustained on that occasion Vol. 2’

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This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, memoranda, resolutions, and minutes cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai]. The main correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Major John Morison, Resident in the Persian Gulf; Thomas MacKenzie, civil surgeon in charge of the Residency at Bushire [Bushehr]; Captain John Pepper, Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf; and Captain Samuel Hennell, Acting and Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf. It is the second in a series of ten items on the Persian Gulf (the others are IOR/F/4/1767/72461, IOR/F/4/1767/72463, IOR/F/4/1767/72464, IOR/F/4/1767/72465, IOR/F/4/1767/72466, IOR/F/4/1767/72467, IOR/F/4/1767/72468, IOR/F/4/72469, and IOR/F/4/1767/72470).

The item concerns arrangements for Shaik Khuleefa bin Shakboot of Aboothabee [Shaikh Khalifah bin Shakhbut Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi] to compensate the British for the loss of the cargo of the *Duria Dowlat* [*Darya Dowlat*], which was robbed by the Beniyas [Bani Yas]. The item includes details of the cargo lost and the purchase of a bagla [baghlah] by the Shaikh of Kishm [Qeshm], Abdul Rahman [Shaikh ‘Abd al-Rahman bin Saghar Al Mu’ini] from Shaik Khuleefa bin Shakboot.

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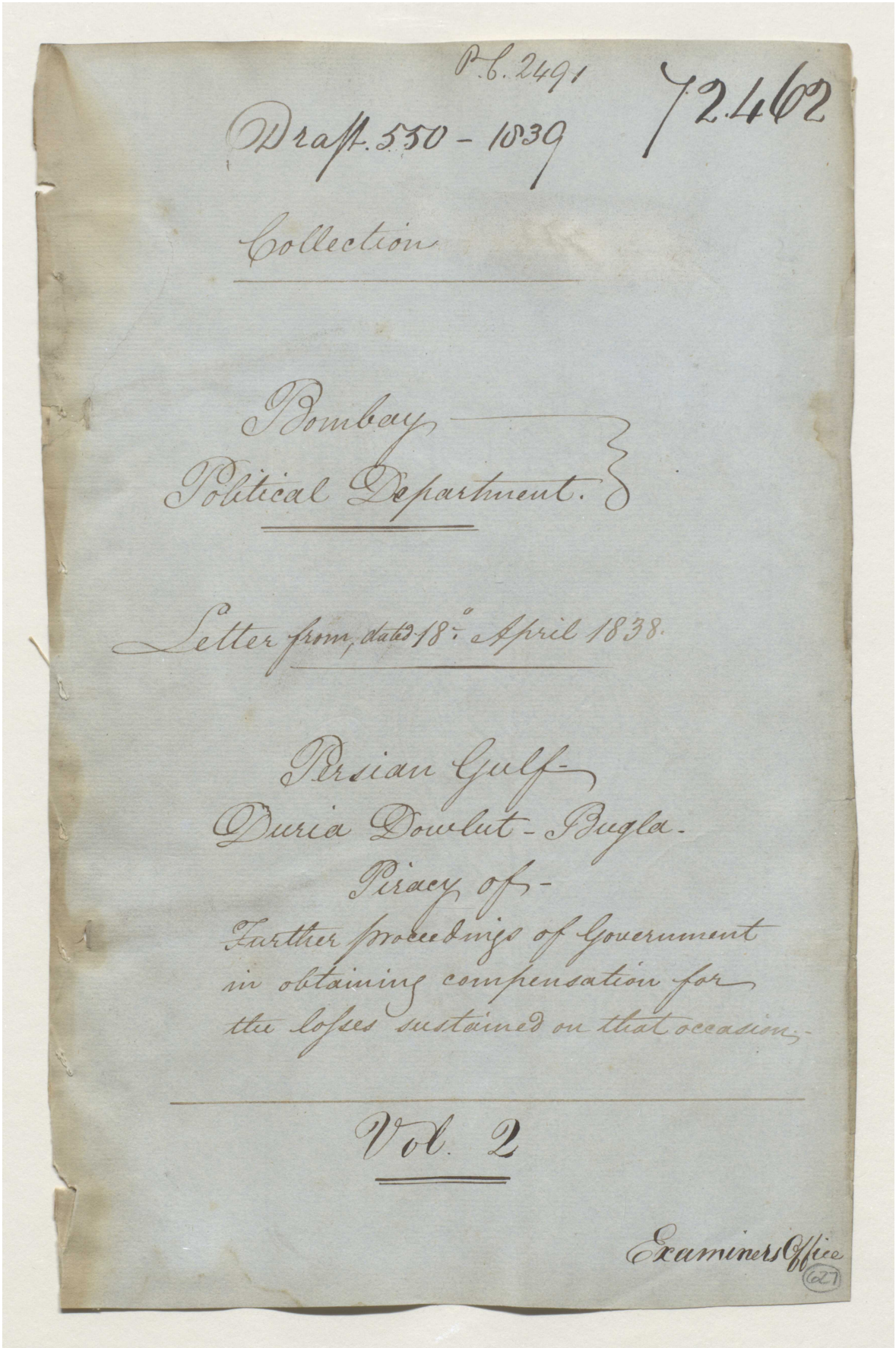

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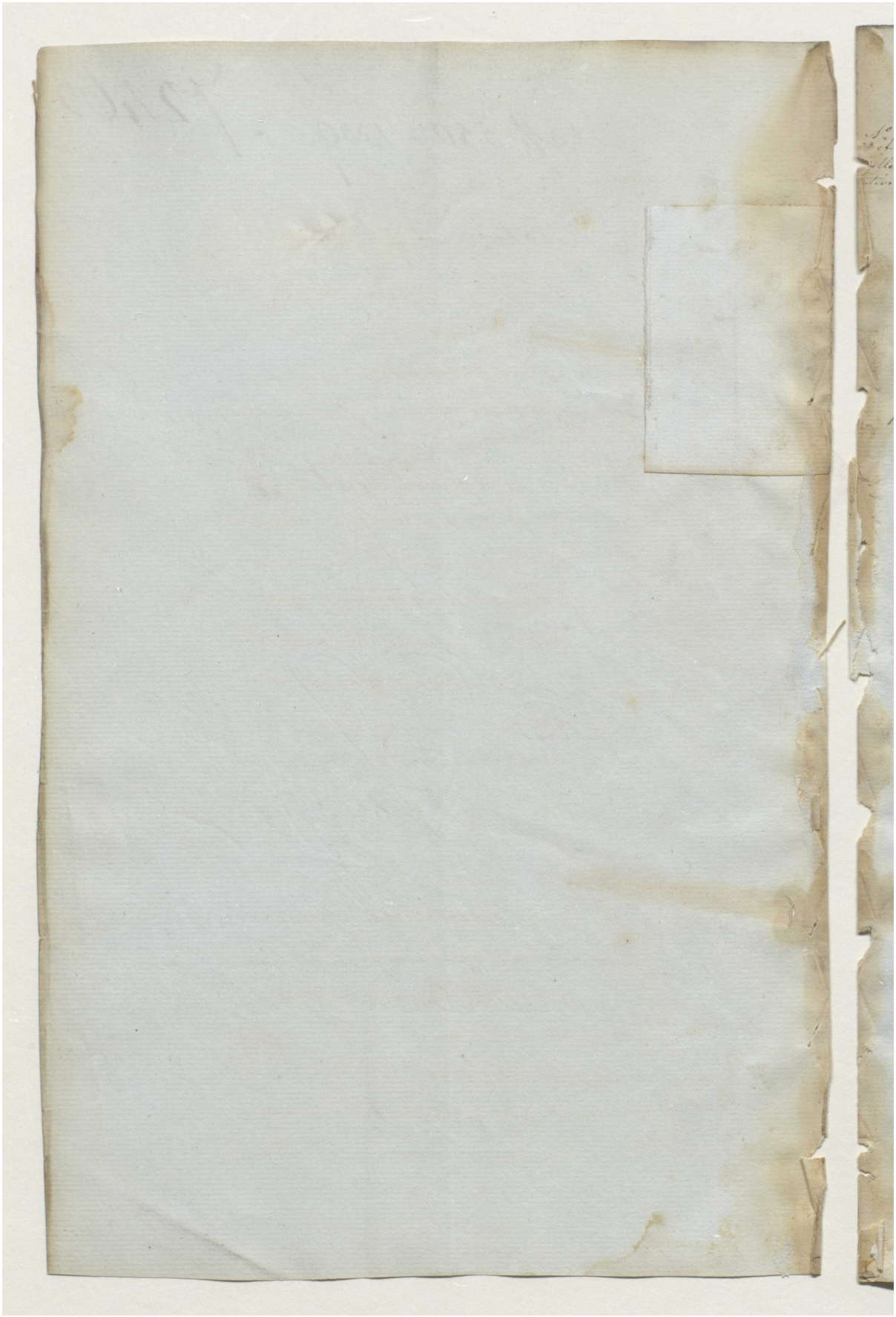

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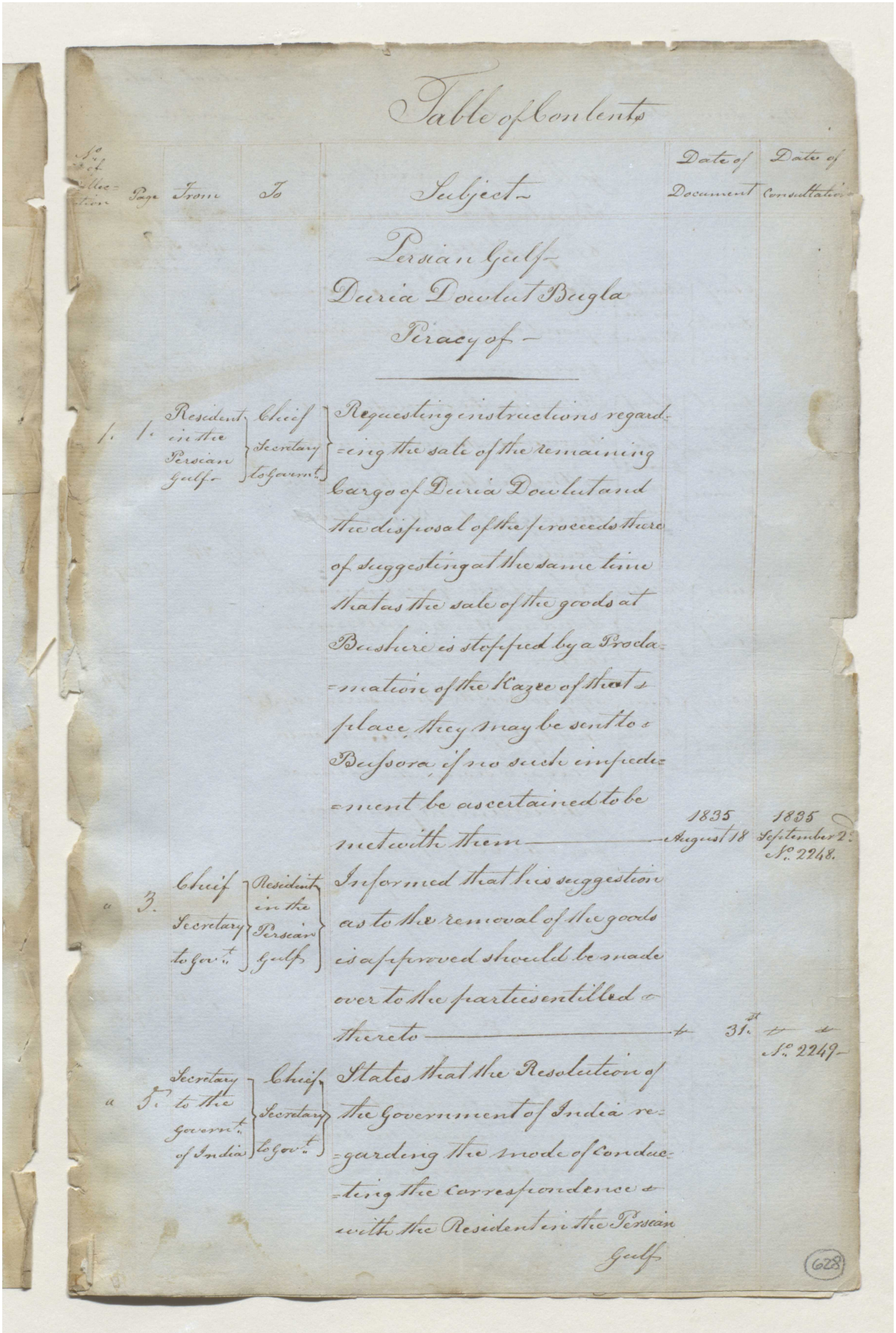

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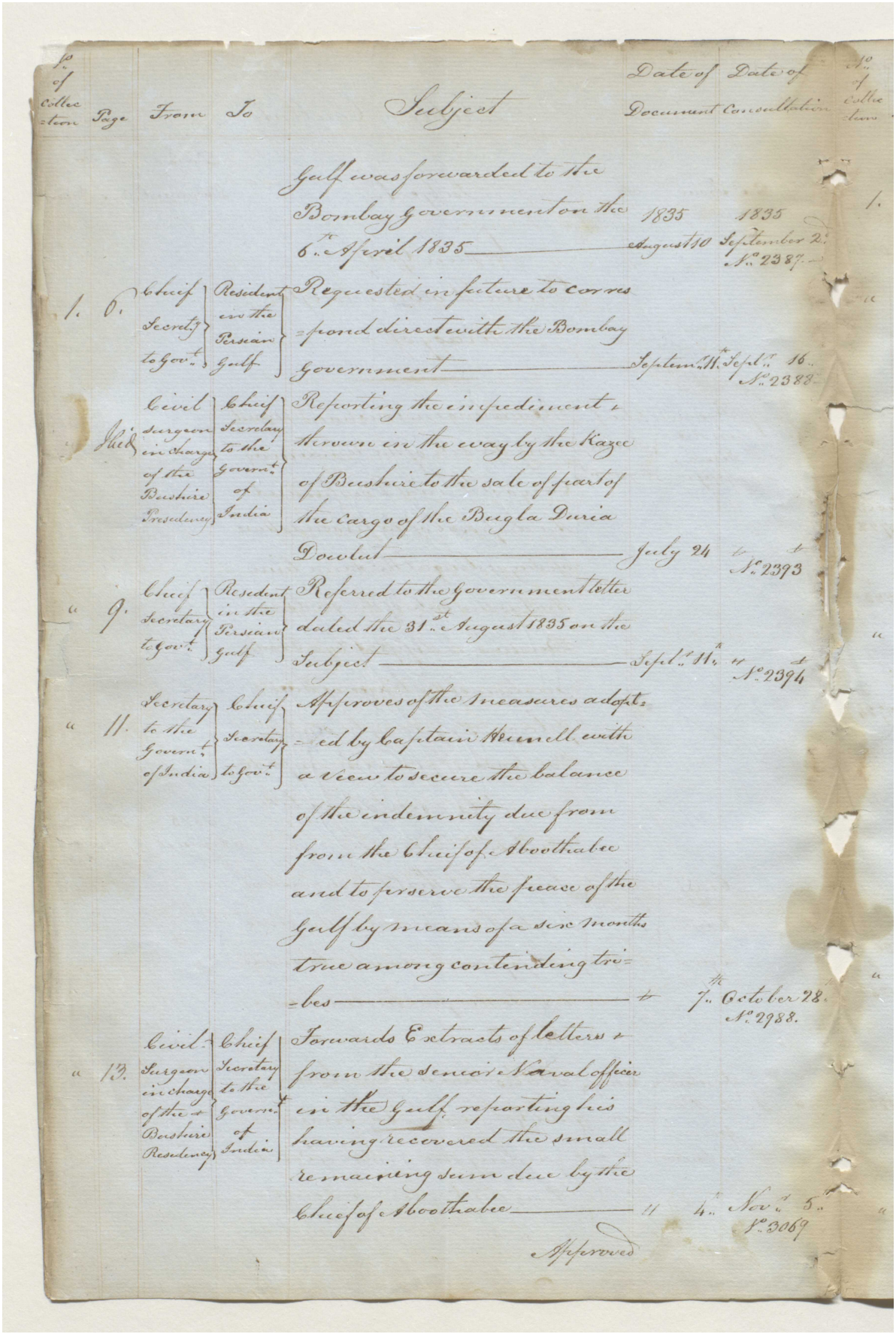

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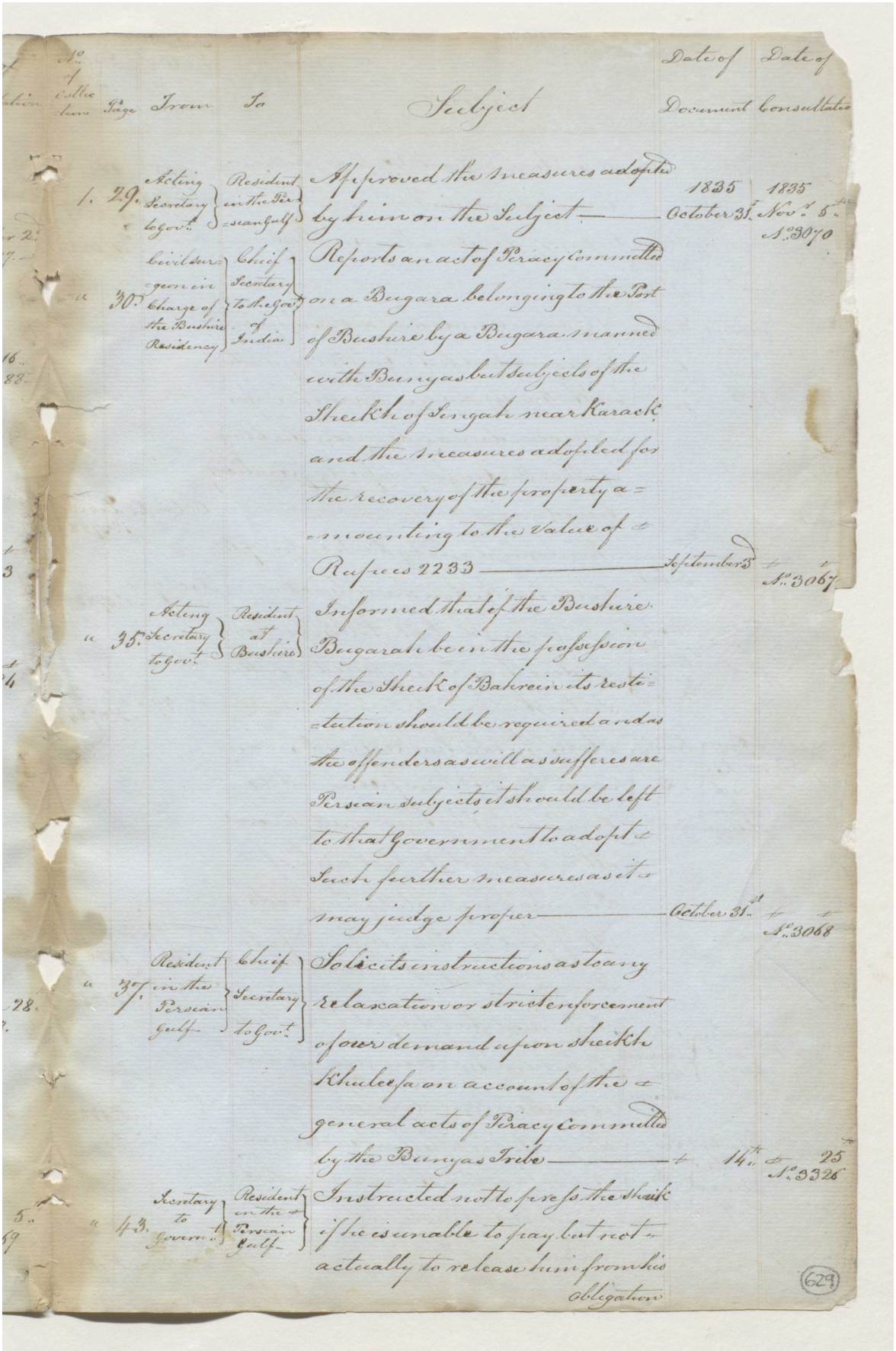

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"	35.	Acting Secretary to Govt.	Resident at Bushire	Informed that if the Bushire Bugarah be in the possession of the Sheik of Bahrein its restitution should be required and as the offenders as will as sufferes are Persian subjects, it should be left to that Government to adopt such further measures as it may judge proper	October 31st	No. 3068
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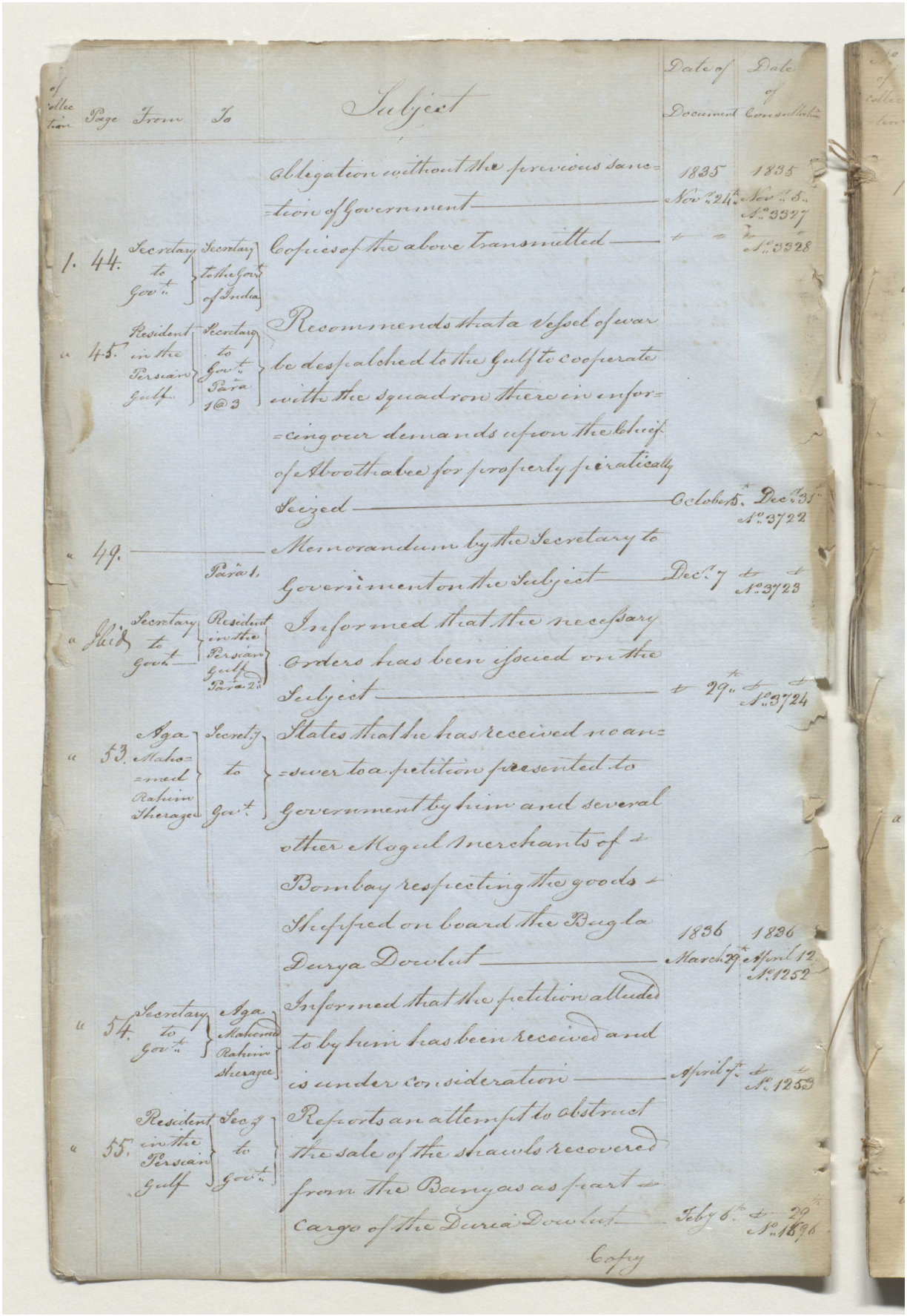

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"	55.	Resident in the Persian Gulf	Secy to Govt.	Reports an attempt to obstruct the sale of the shawls recovered from the Banyas as part of Cargo of the Duria Dowlut	Feby 6th	" 29th No. 1896

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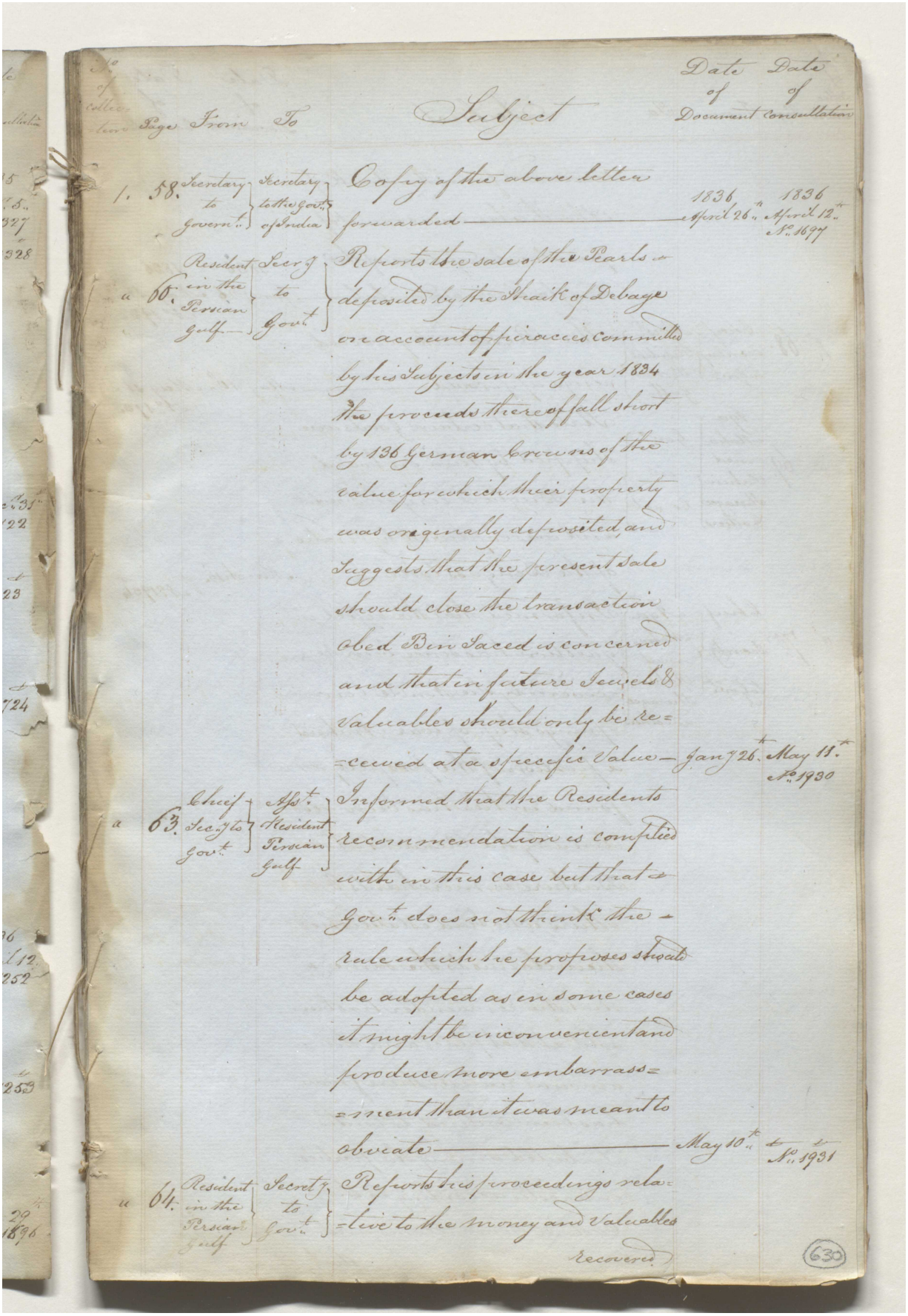

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a	63.	Chief Secy to Govt.	Agt. Resident Persian Gulf	Informed that the Residents recommendation is complied with in this case but that Govt. does not think the rule which he proposes should be adopted as in some cases it might be inconvenient and produce more embarrassment than it was meant to obviate	May 10.th	No. 1931
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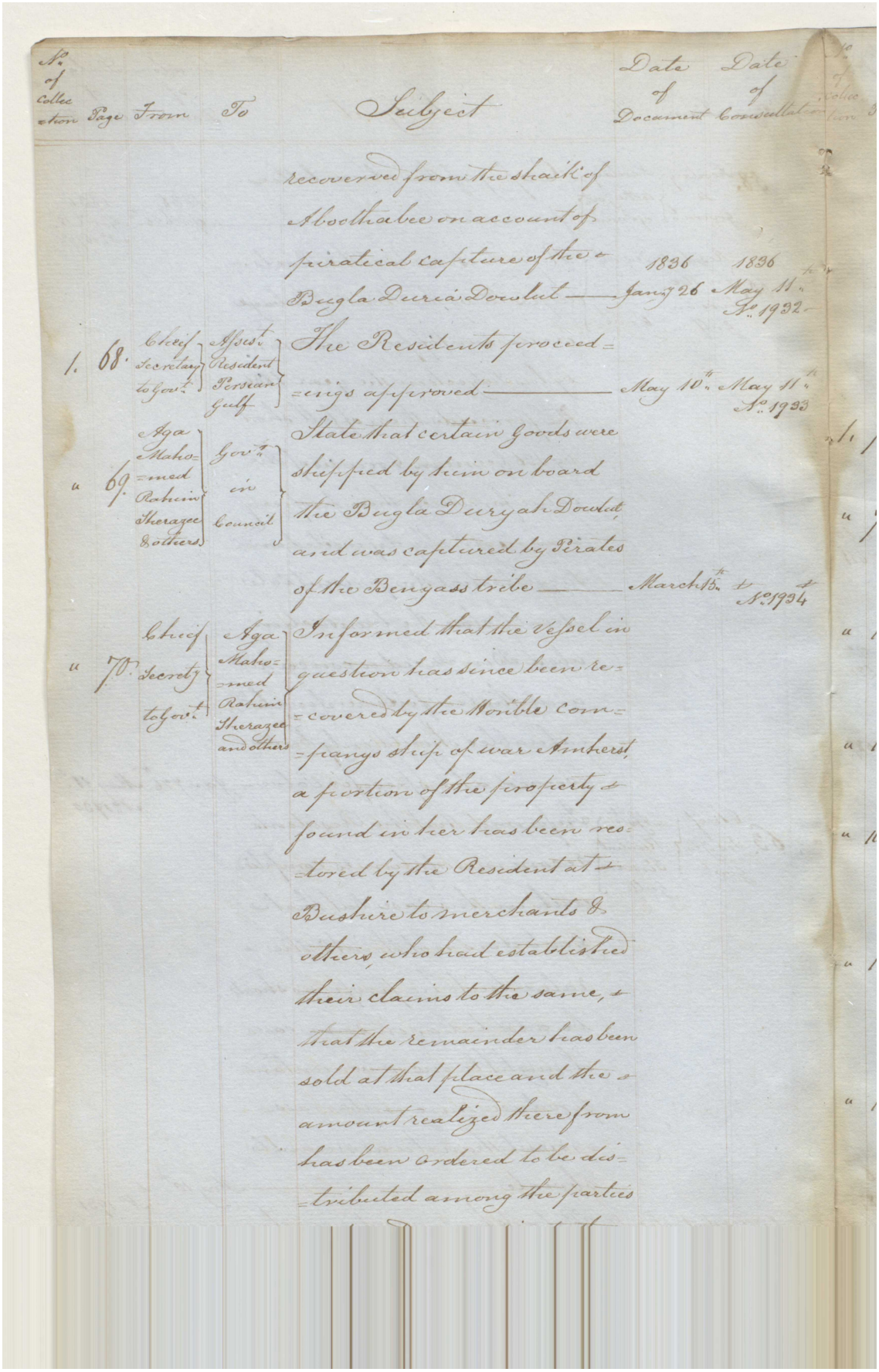

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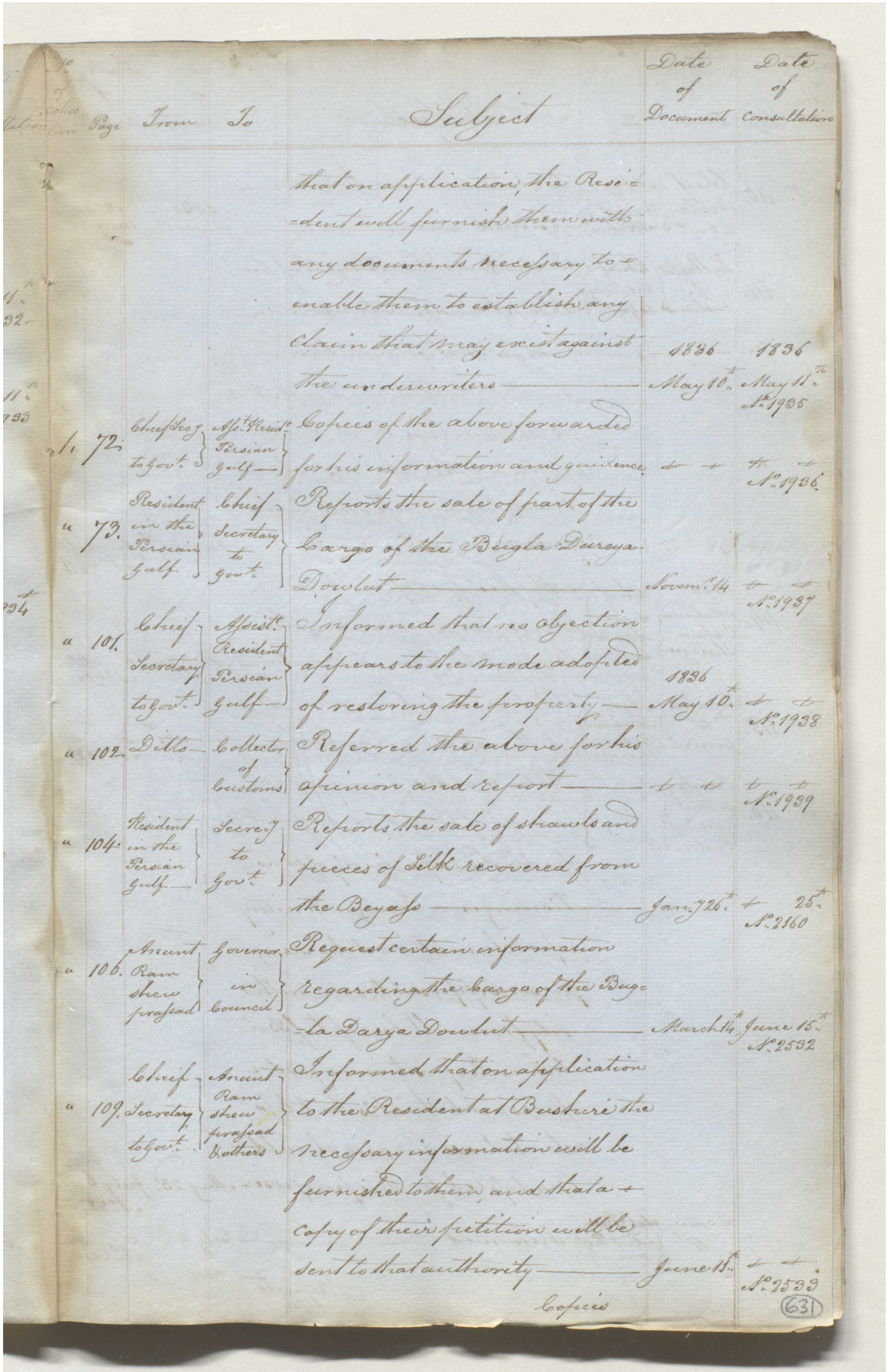

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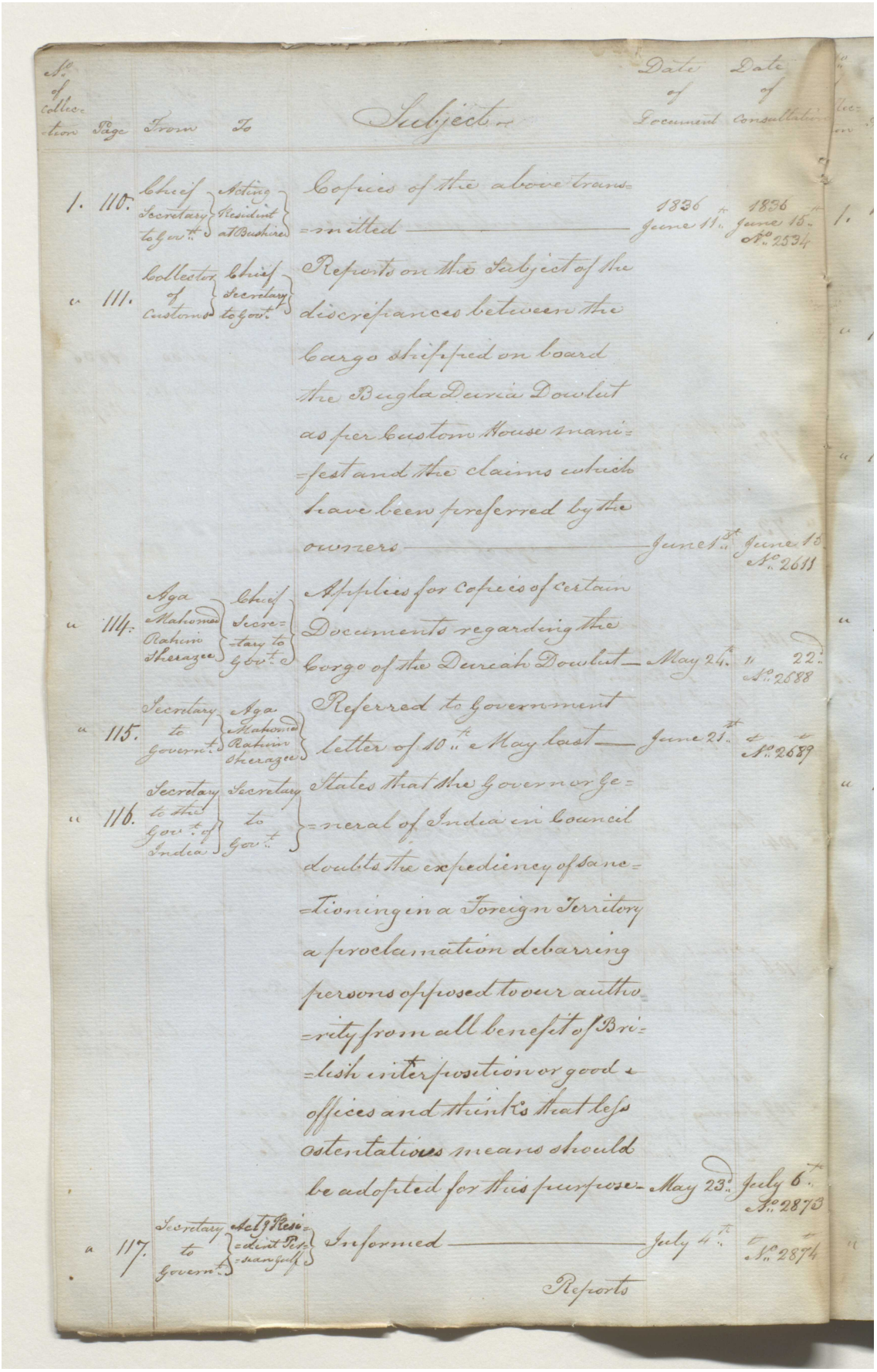

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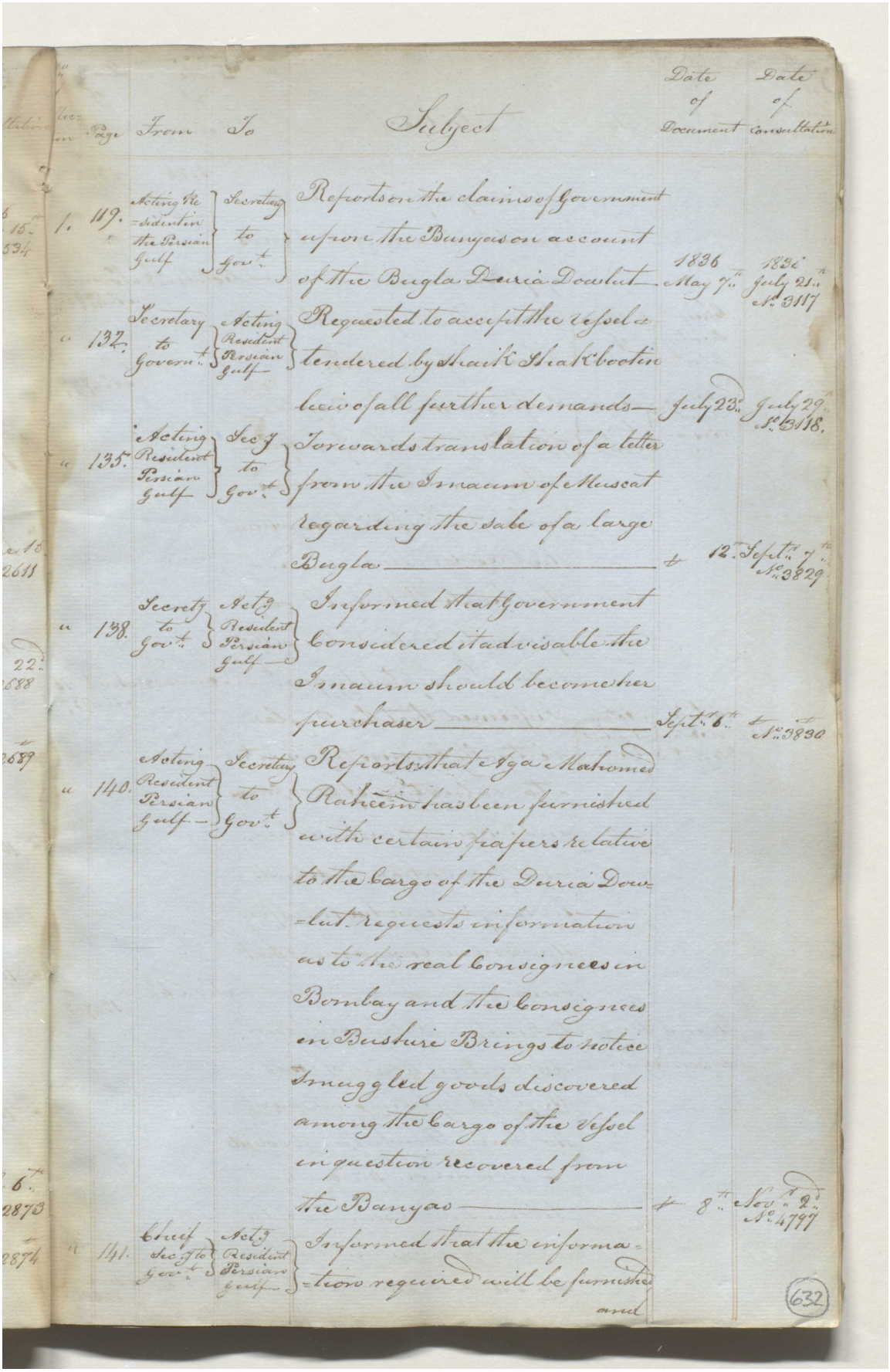

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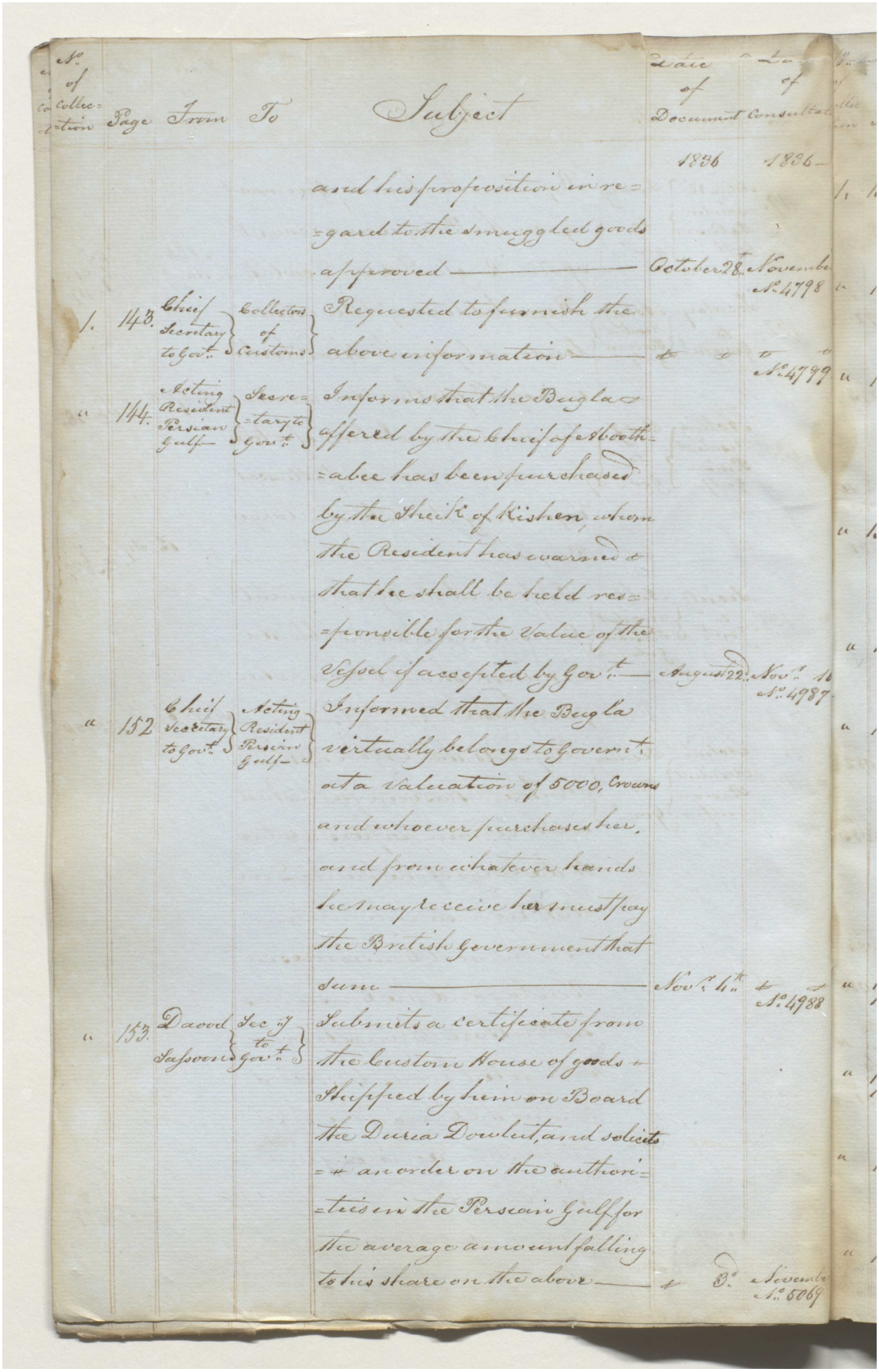

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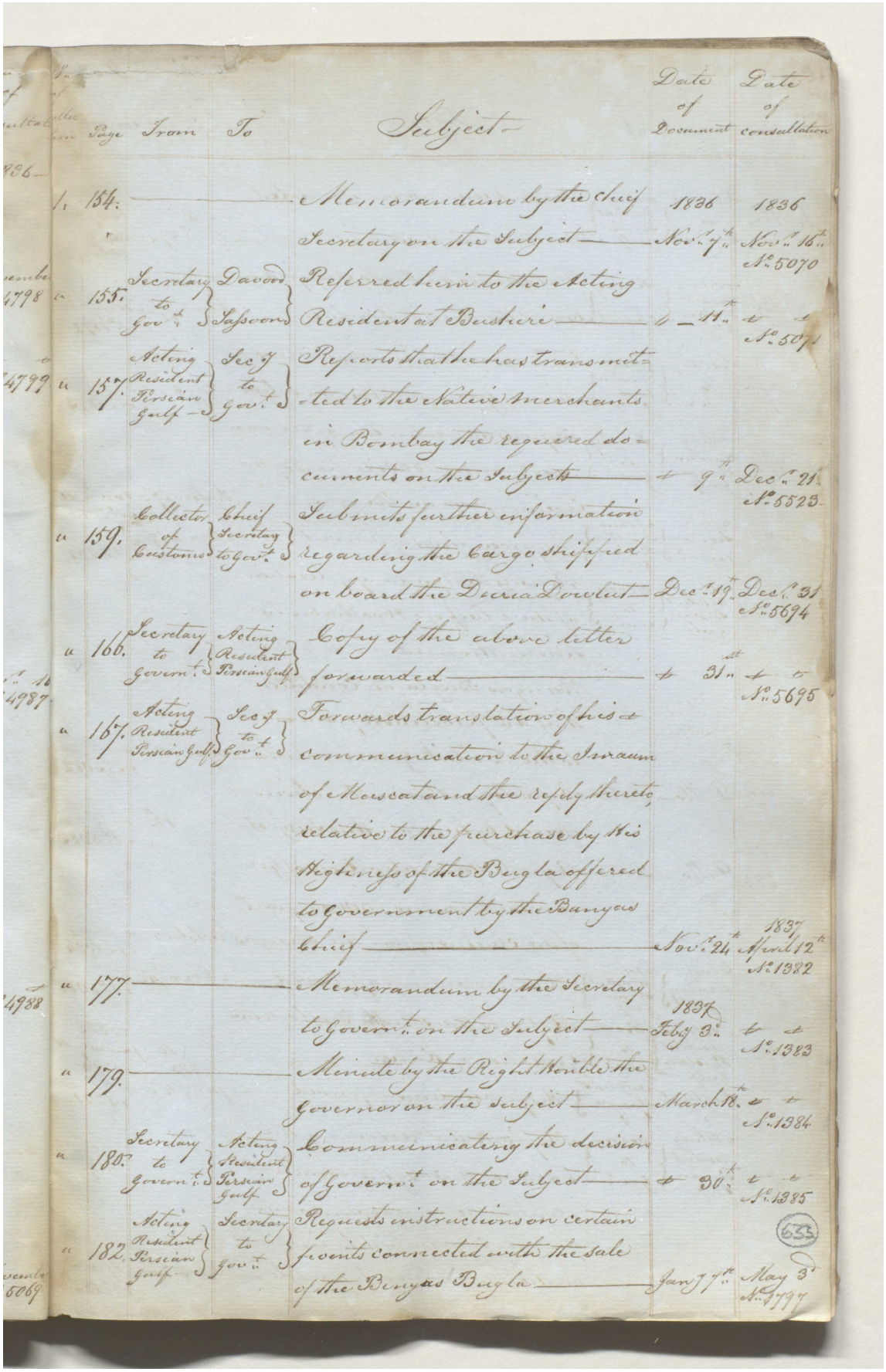

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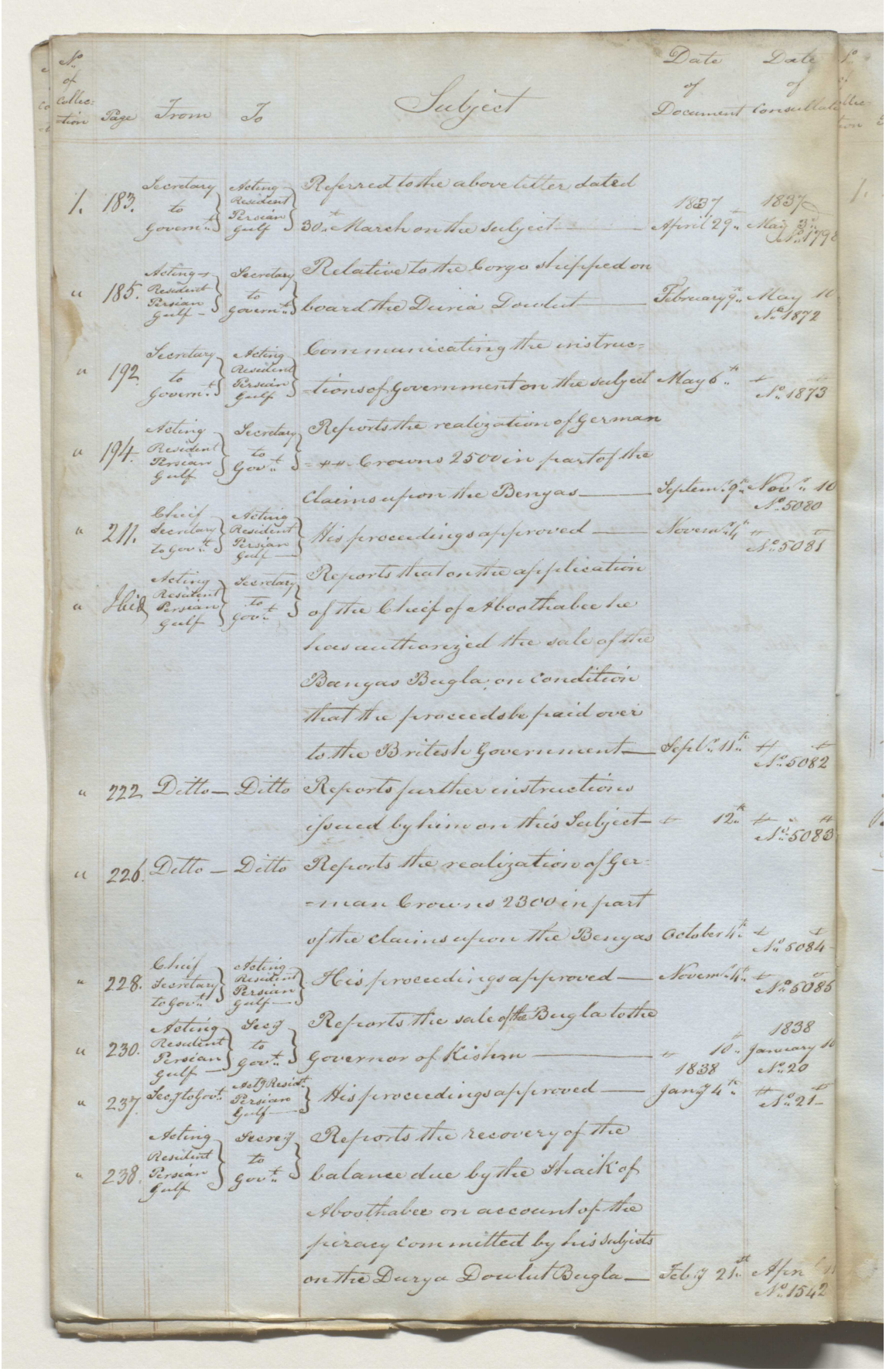

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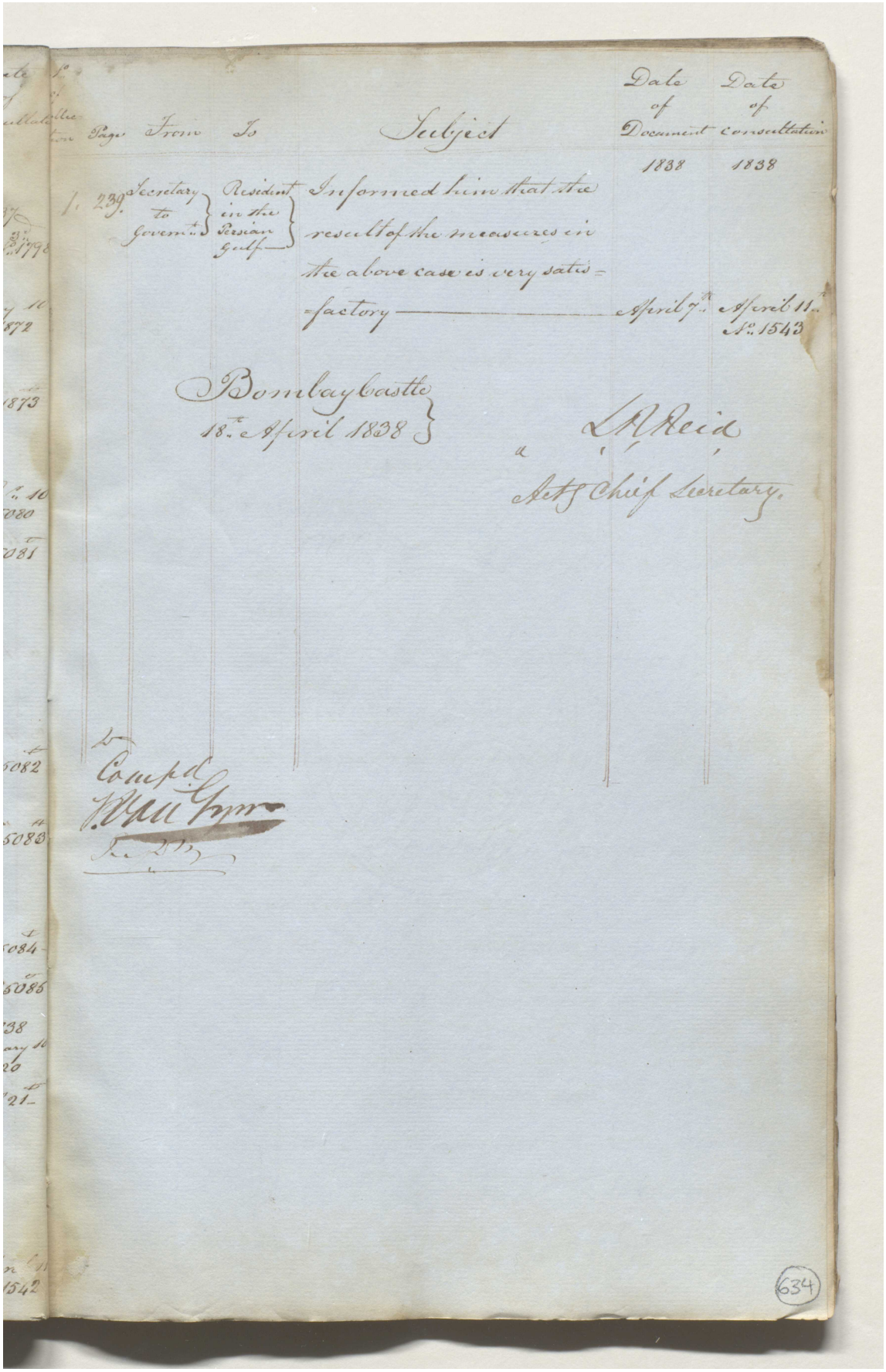

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Bombay Castle
18th April 1838

L. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secretary.

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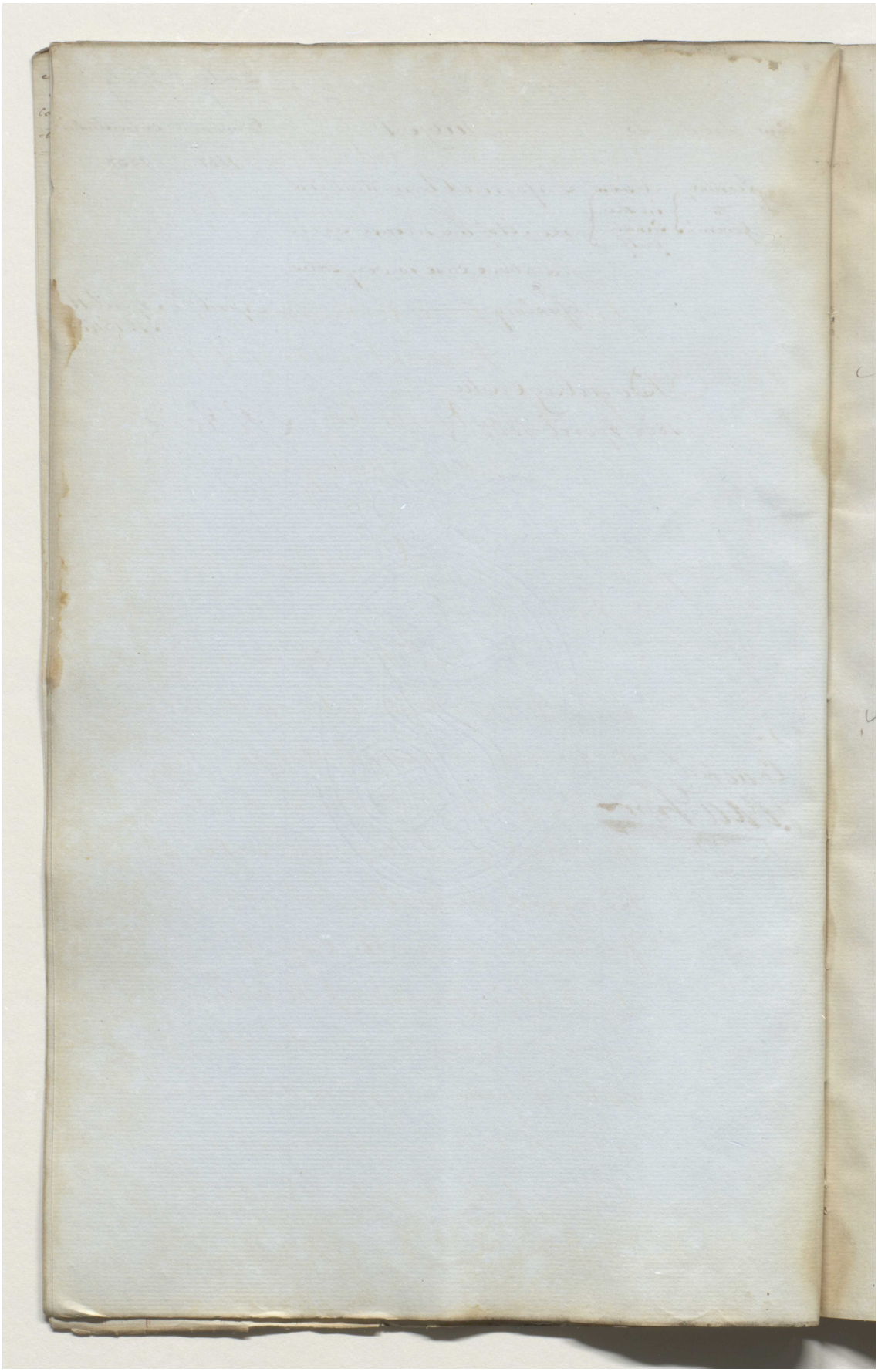

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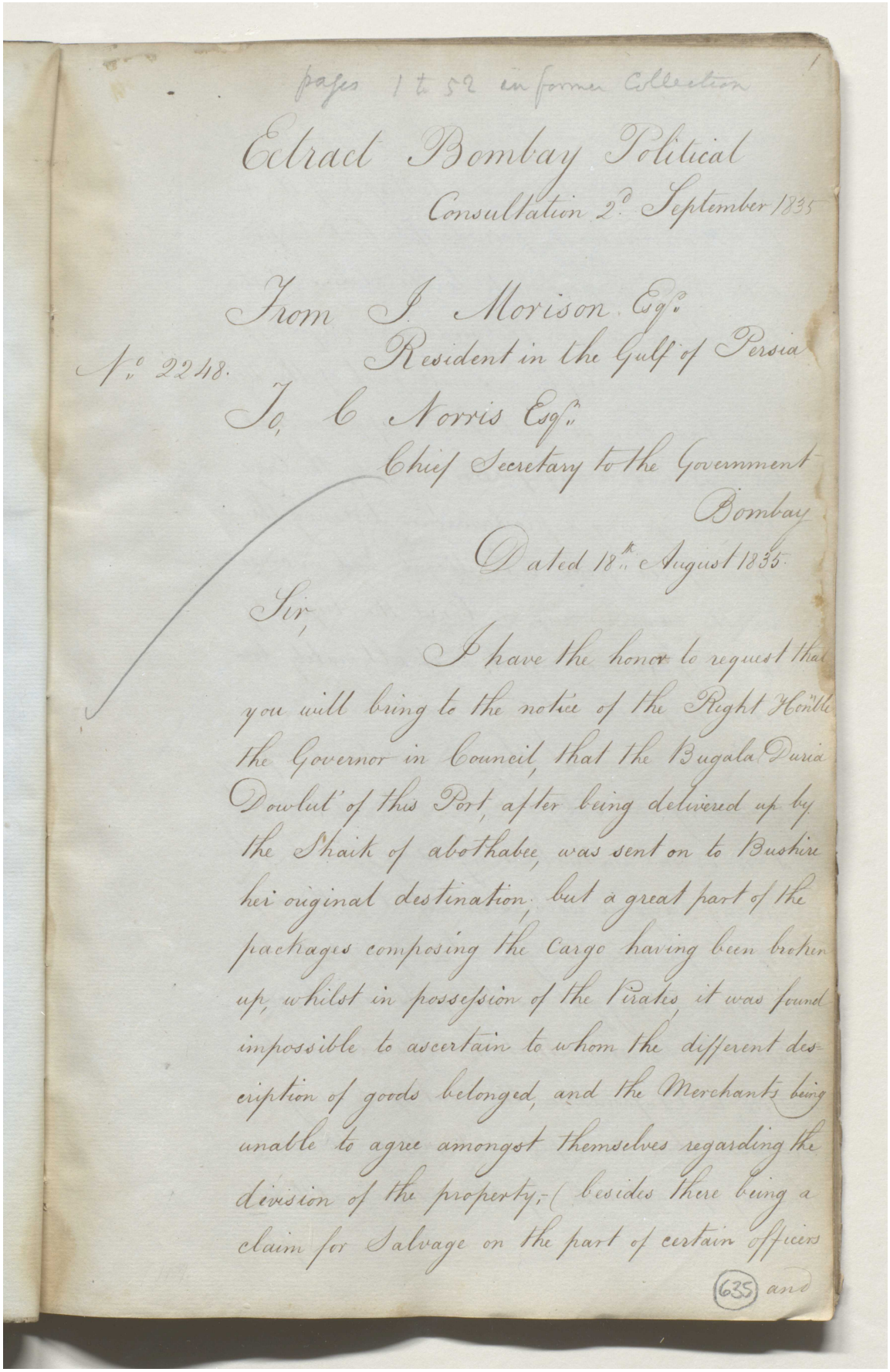

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 2d September 1835

From J. Morison Esq.
Resident in the Gulf of Persia
No. 2218.
To C Norris Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay
Dated 18th August 1835.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will bring to the notice of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that the Bugala 'Duria Dowlut' of this Port, after being delivered up by the Shaik of abothabee, was sent on to Bushire her original destination, but a great part of the packages composing the Cargo having been broken up, whilst in possession of the Pirates it was found impossible to ascertain to whom the different description of goods belonged, and the Merchants being unable to agree amongst themselves regarding the division of the property,- (besides there being a claim for Salvage on the part of certain officers

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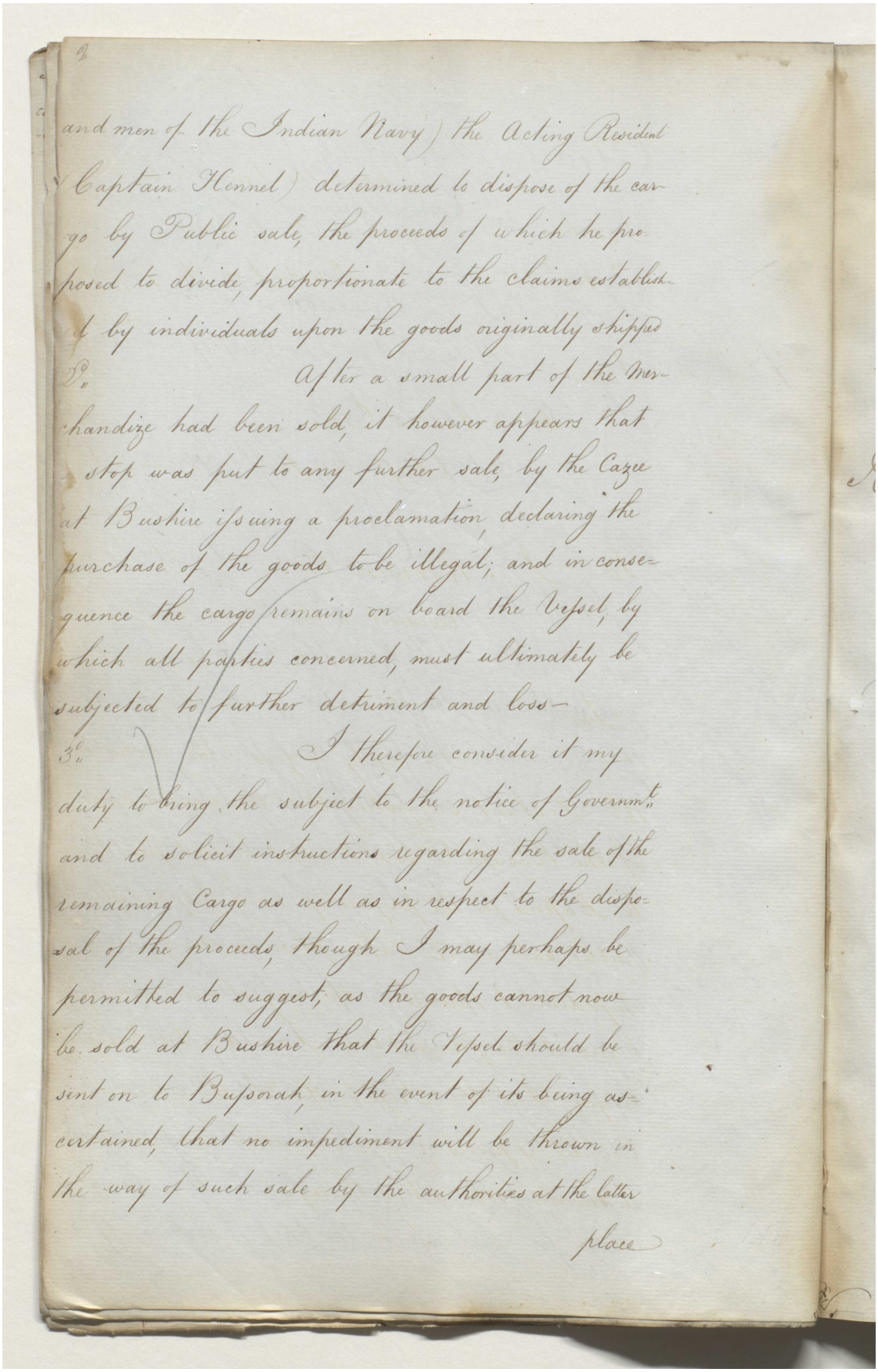

and men of the Indian Navy) the Acting Resident (Captain Hennel) determined to dispose of the cargo by Public sale, the proceeds of which he proposed to divide, proportionate to the claims established by individuals upon the goods originally shipped

2d. After a small part of the Merchandize had been sold, it however appears that a stop was put to any further sale, by the Cazee at Bushire issuing a proclamation, declaring the purchase of the goods to be illegal; and in consequence the cargo remains on board the Vessel, by which all parties concerned, must ultimately be subjected to further detriment and loss—

3d. I therefore consider it my duty to bring the subject to the notice of Govermt, and to solicit instructions regarding the sale of the remaining Cargo as well as in respect to the disposal of the proceeds, though I may perhaps be permitted to suggest, as the goods cannot now be sold at Bushire that the Vessel should be sent on to Bussorah, in the event of its being ascertained, that no impediment will be thrown in the way of such sale by the authorities at the latter

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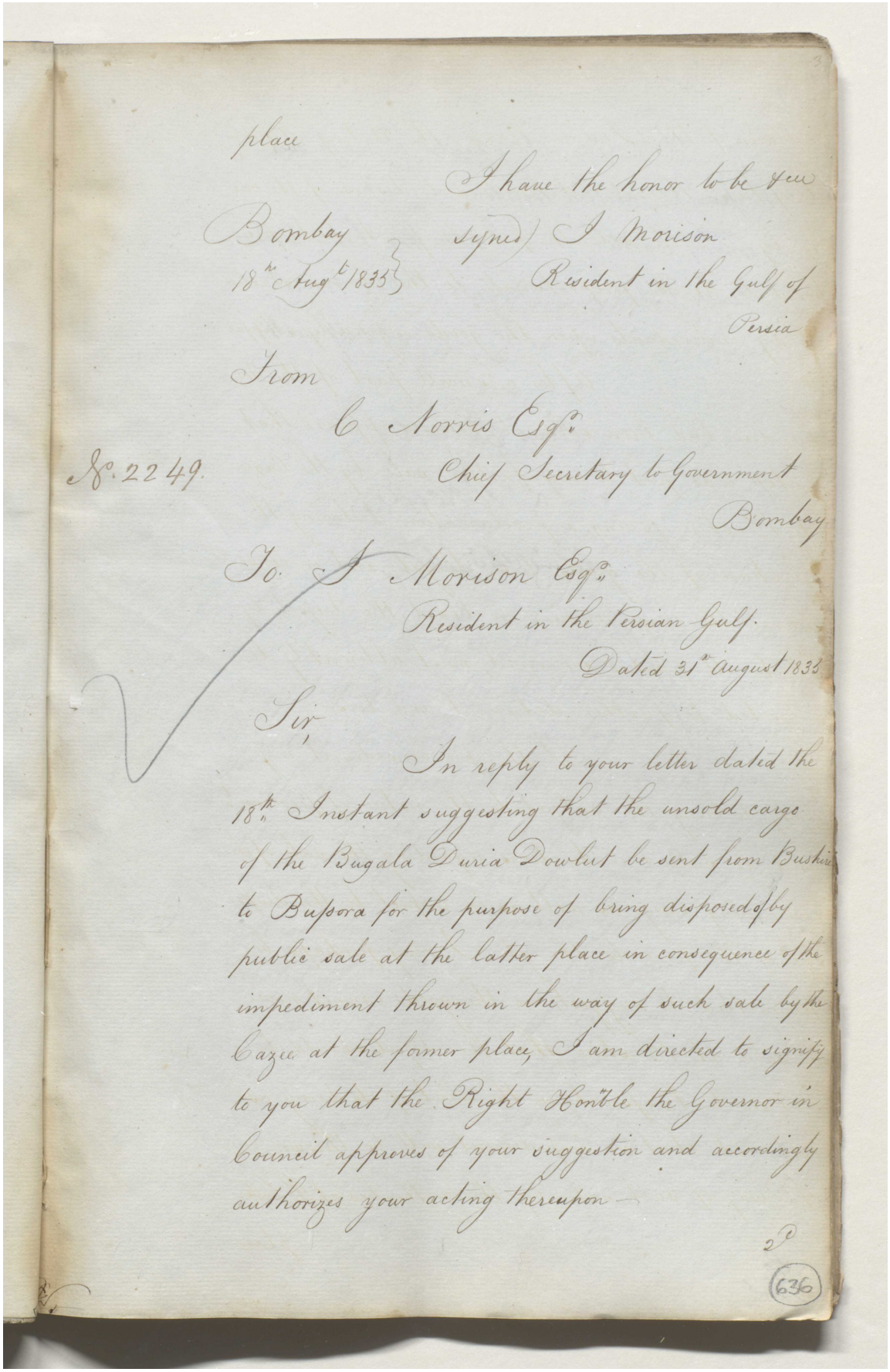

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I have the honor to be &c
(signed) J Morison
Resident in the Gulf of
Persia

Bombay
18th Augt 1835

From

C Norris Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

No. 2249.

To J Morison Esqr.
Resident in the Persian Gulf.
Dated 31st August 1835

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 18th Instant suggesting that the unsold cargo of the Bugala Duria Dowlut be sent from Bushire to Bussora for the purpose of being disposed of by public sale at the latter place in consequence of the impediment thrown in the way of such sale by the Cazee at the former place, I am directed to signify to you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council approves of your suggestion and accordingly authorizes your acting thereupon —

2d

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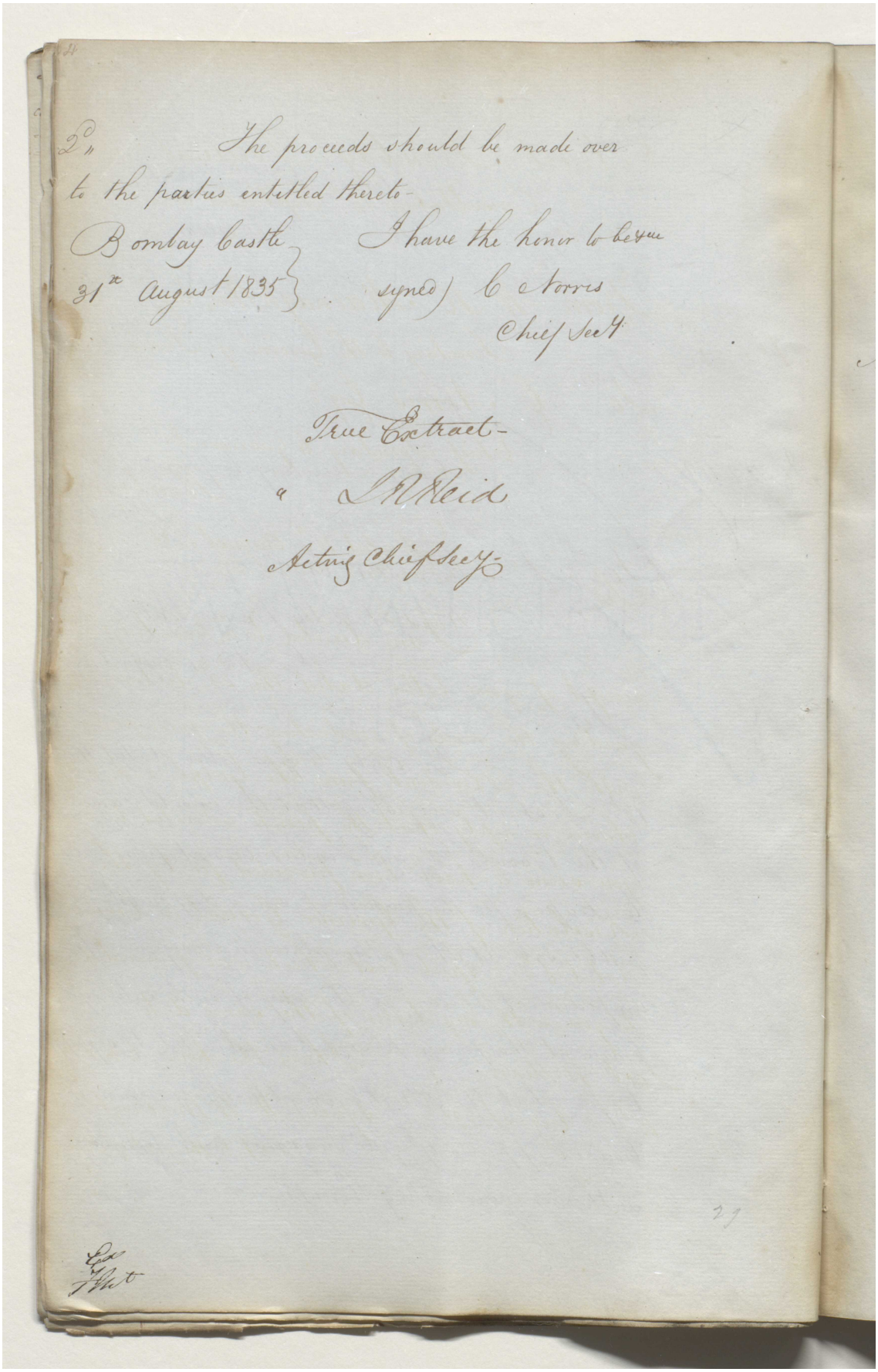

2d The proceeds should be made over to the parties entitled thereto-

Bombay Castle
31st August 1835

I have the honor to be &c
signed) C Norris
Chief Secy

True Extract-
" L R Reid
Acting Chief Secy-

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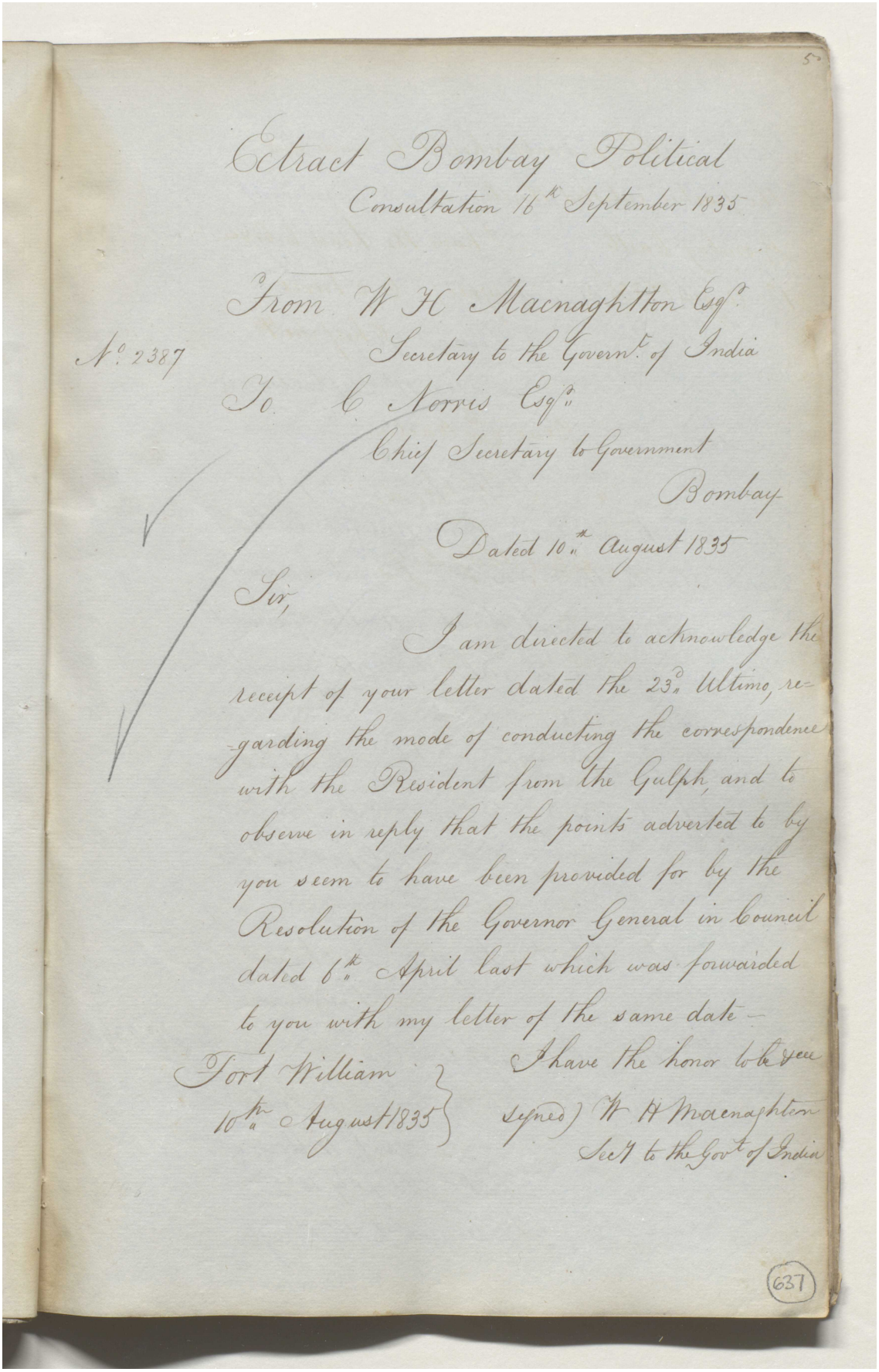

Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 16th September 1835

From W H Macnaghten Esqr
Secretary to the Govern.t of India
No. 2387
To C Norris Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

Dated 10th August 1835

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 23d Ultimo, regarding the mode of conducting the correspondence with the Resident from the Gulph, and to observe in reply that the points adverted to by you seem to have been provided for by the Resolution of the Governor General in Council dated 6th April last which was forwarded to you with my letter of the same date –

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) W H Macnaghten
Sec.y to the Govt of India

Fort William
10th August 1835

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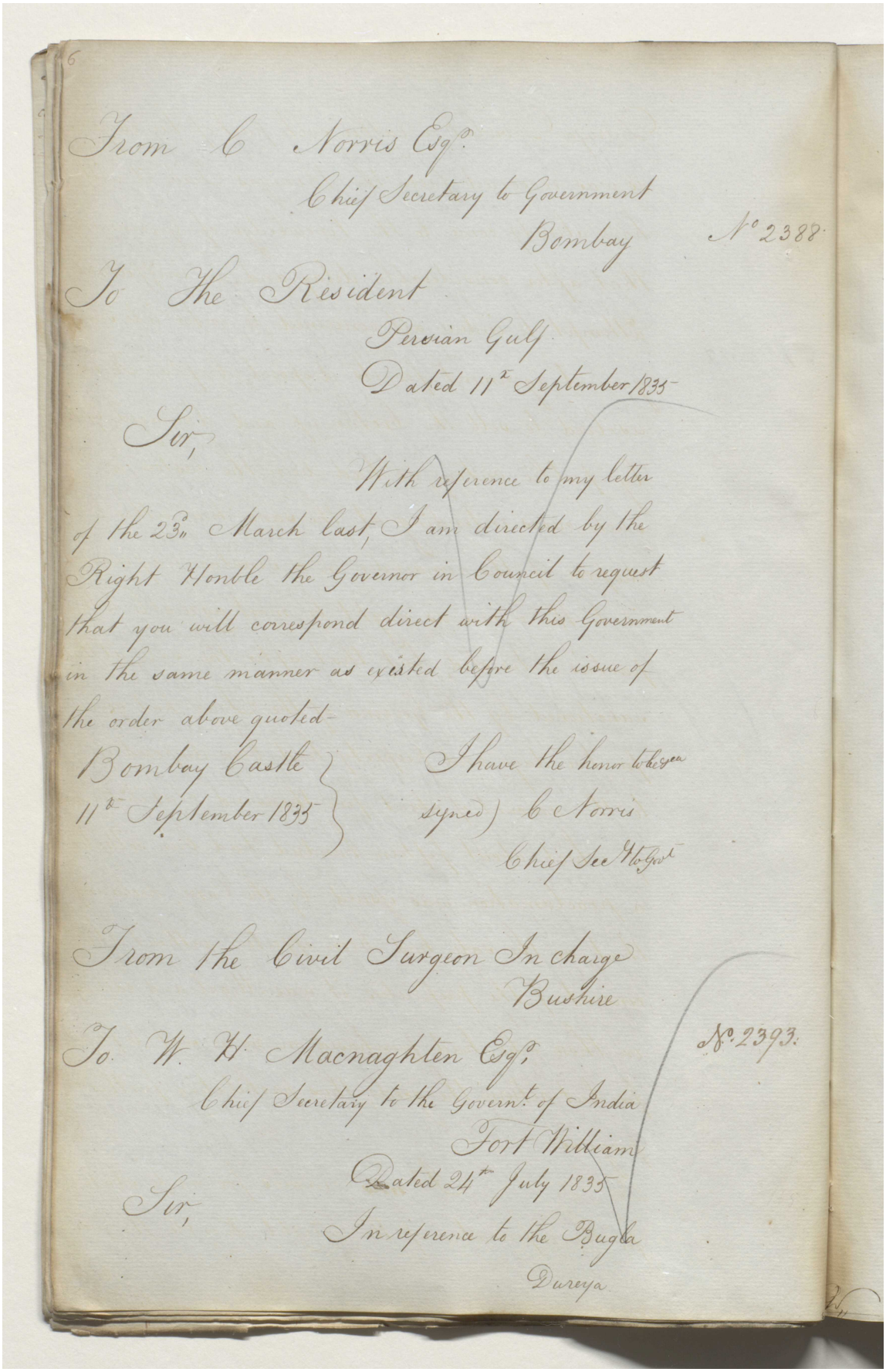


From C Norris Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

No 2388

To The Resident
Persian Gulf
Dated 11th September 1835

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 23rd March last, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request that you will correspond direct with this Government in the same manner as existed before the issue of the order above quoted-

Bombay Castle
11th September 1835

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) C Norris
Chief Sec to Govt

From the Civil Surgeon In charge
Bushire

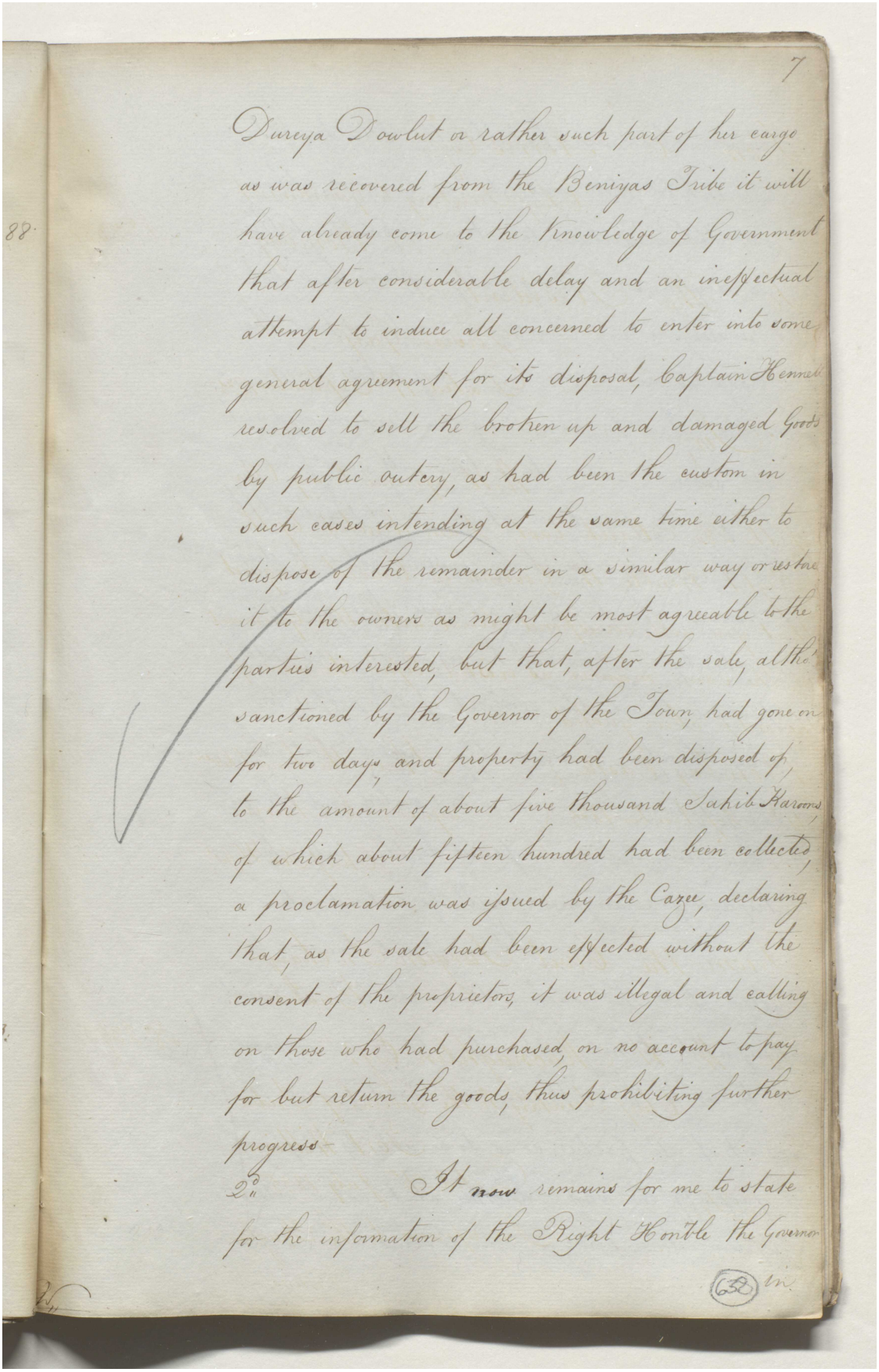
No 2393.

To W H Macnaghten Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Govern.t of India
Fort William

Dated 24th July 1835

Sir,

In reference to the Bugla Dureya



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Dureya Dowlut or rather such part of her cargo as was recovered from the Beniyas Tribe it will have already come to the knowledge of Government that after considerable delay and an ineffectual attempt to induce all concerned to enter into some general agreement for its disposal, Captain Hennell resolved to sell the broken up and damaged Goods by public outcry, as had been the custom in such cases intending at the same time either to dispose of the remainder in a similar way or restore it to the owners as might be most agreeable to the parties interested, but that, after the sale, although sanctioned by the Governor of the Town, had gone on for two days and property had been disposed of, to the amount of about five thousand Sahib Haroons, of which about fifteen hundred had been collected, a proclamation was issued by the Cazee, declaring that, as the sale had been effected without the consent of the proprietors, it was illegal and calling on those who had purchased, on no account to pay for but return the goods, thus prohibiting further progress.

2d. It now remains for me to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor

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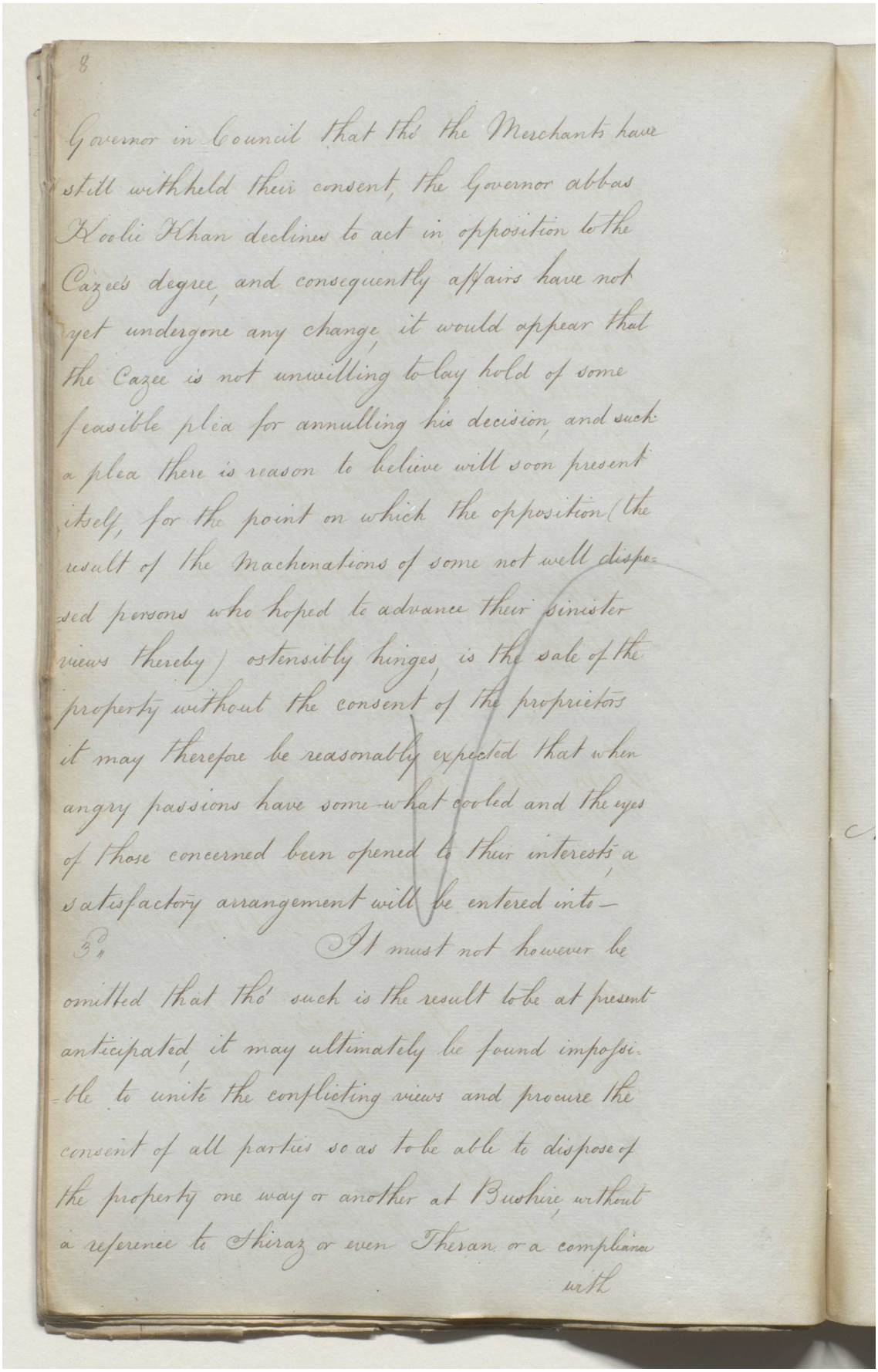

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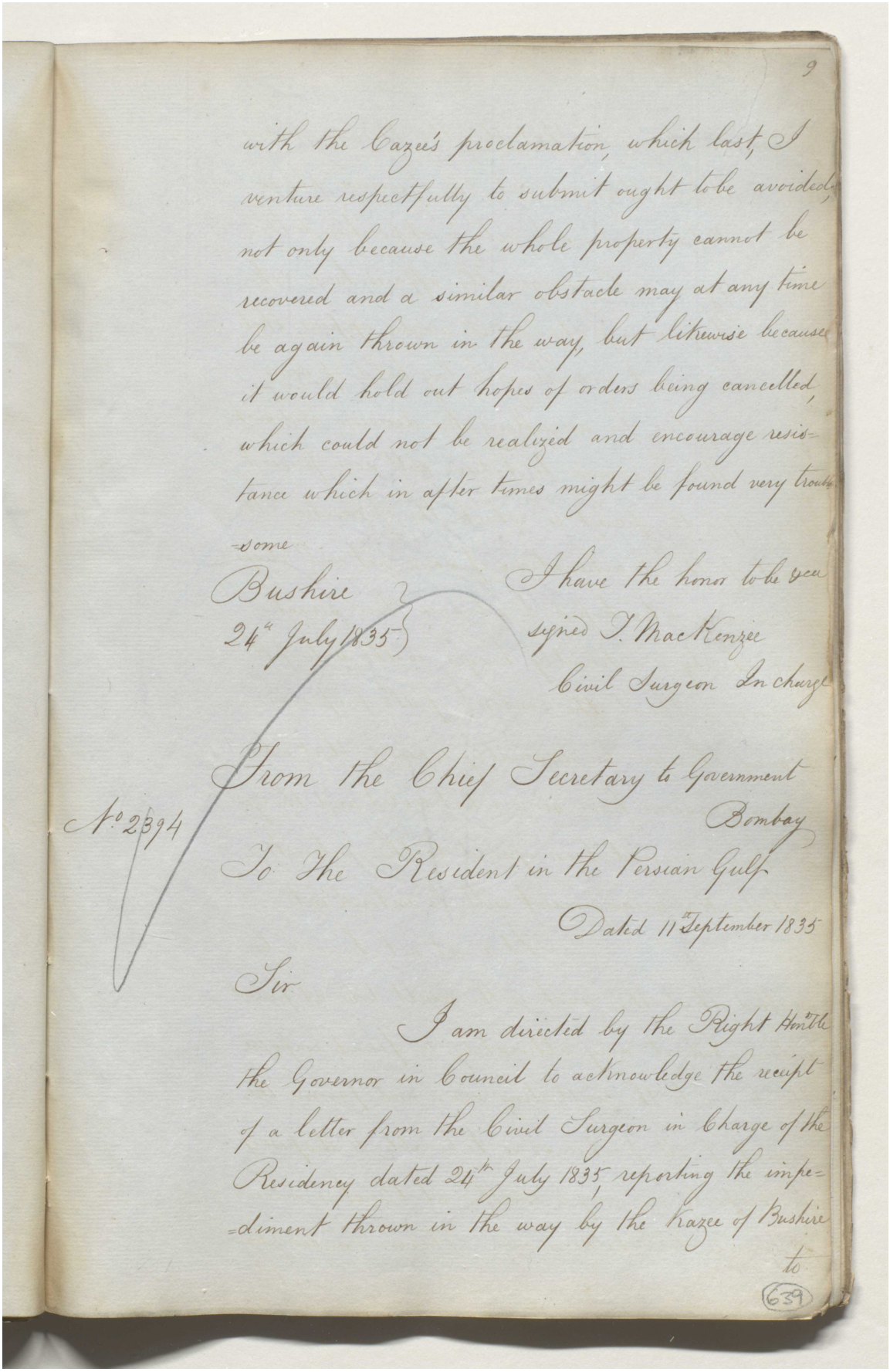
Governor in Council that tho' the Merchants have still withheld their consent, the Governor abbas Koolie Khan declines to act in opposition to the Cazees degree, and consequently affairs have not yet undergone any change it would appear that the Cazee is not unwilling to lay hold of some feasible plea for annulling his decision, and such a plea there is reason to believe will soon present itself, for the point on which the opposition (the result of the machenations of some not well disposed persons who hoped to advance their sinister views thereby) ostensibly hinges, is the sale of the property without the consent of the proprietors it may therefore be reasonably expected that when angry passions have some what cooled and the eyes of those concerned been opened to their interests, a satisfactory arrangement will be entered into—

3d, It must not however be omitted that tho' such is the result to be at present anticipated, it may ultimately be found impossible to unite the conflicting views and procure the consent of all parties so as to be able to dispose of the property one way or another at Bushire, without a reference to Shiraz or even Theran or a compliance with



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with the Cazee's proclamation, which last, I venture respectfully to submit ought to be avoided, not only because the whole property cannot be recovered and a similar obstacle may at any time be again thrown in the way, but likewise because it would hold out hopes of orders being cancelled, which could not be realized and encourage resistance which in after times might be found very trouble-some

Bushire
24th July 1835

I have the honor to be &c
signed J. MacKenzie
Civil Surgeon In charge

No 2394

From the Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay
To The Resident in the Persian Gulf
Dated 11th September 1835

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Civil Surgeon in charge of the Residency dated 24th July 1835, reporting the impediment thrown in the way by the Cazee of Bushire to

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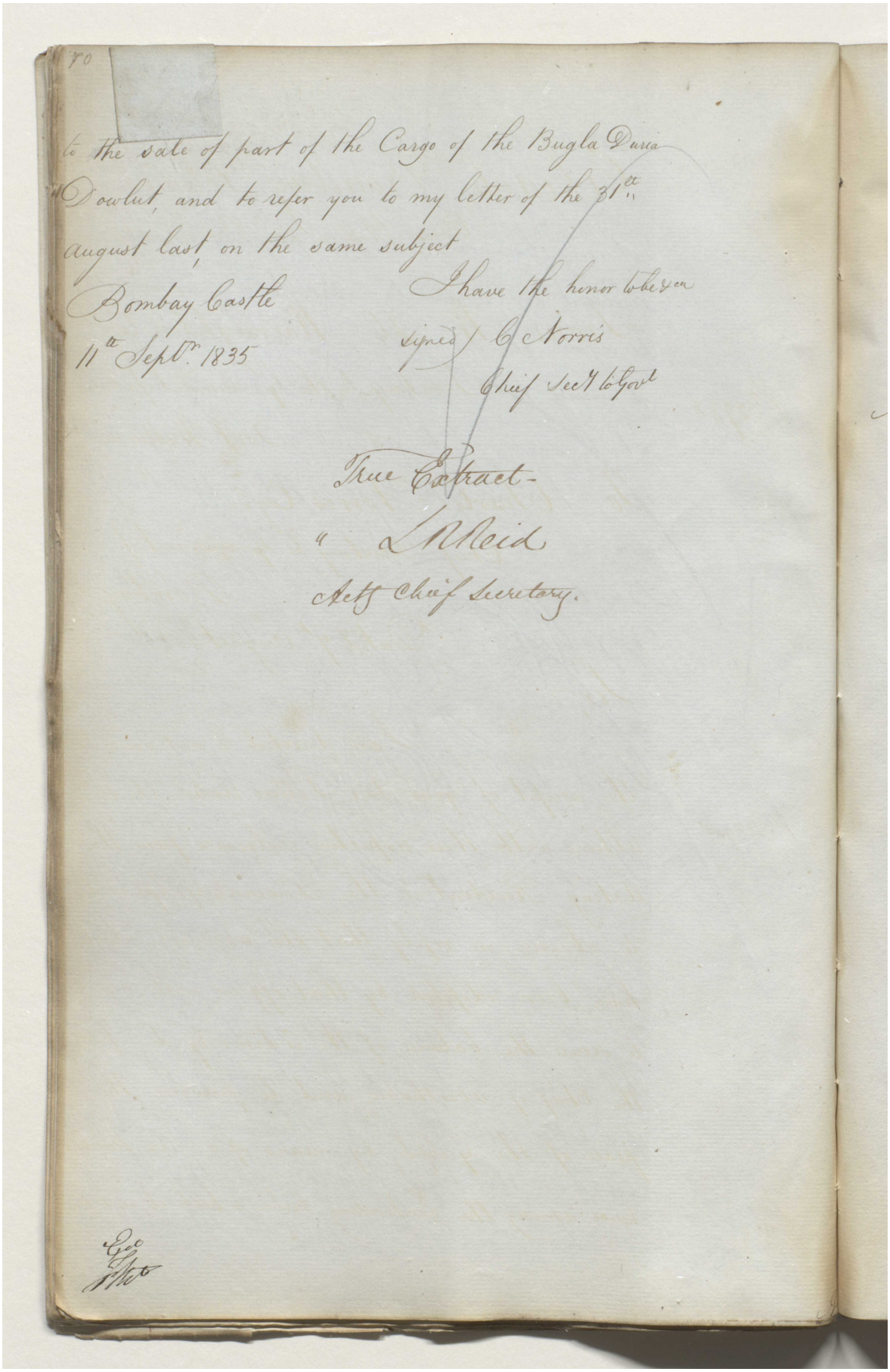

to the sale of part of the Cargo of the Bugla Duria Dowlut, and to refer you to my letter of the 31st August last, on the same subject

Bombay Castle
11th Septr. 1835

I have the honor to be &ca
signed / C Norris
Chief Secy to Govt

True Extract -
" L R Reid
Actg Chief Secretary.

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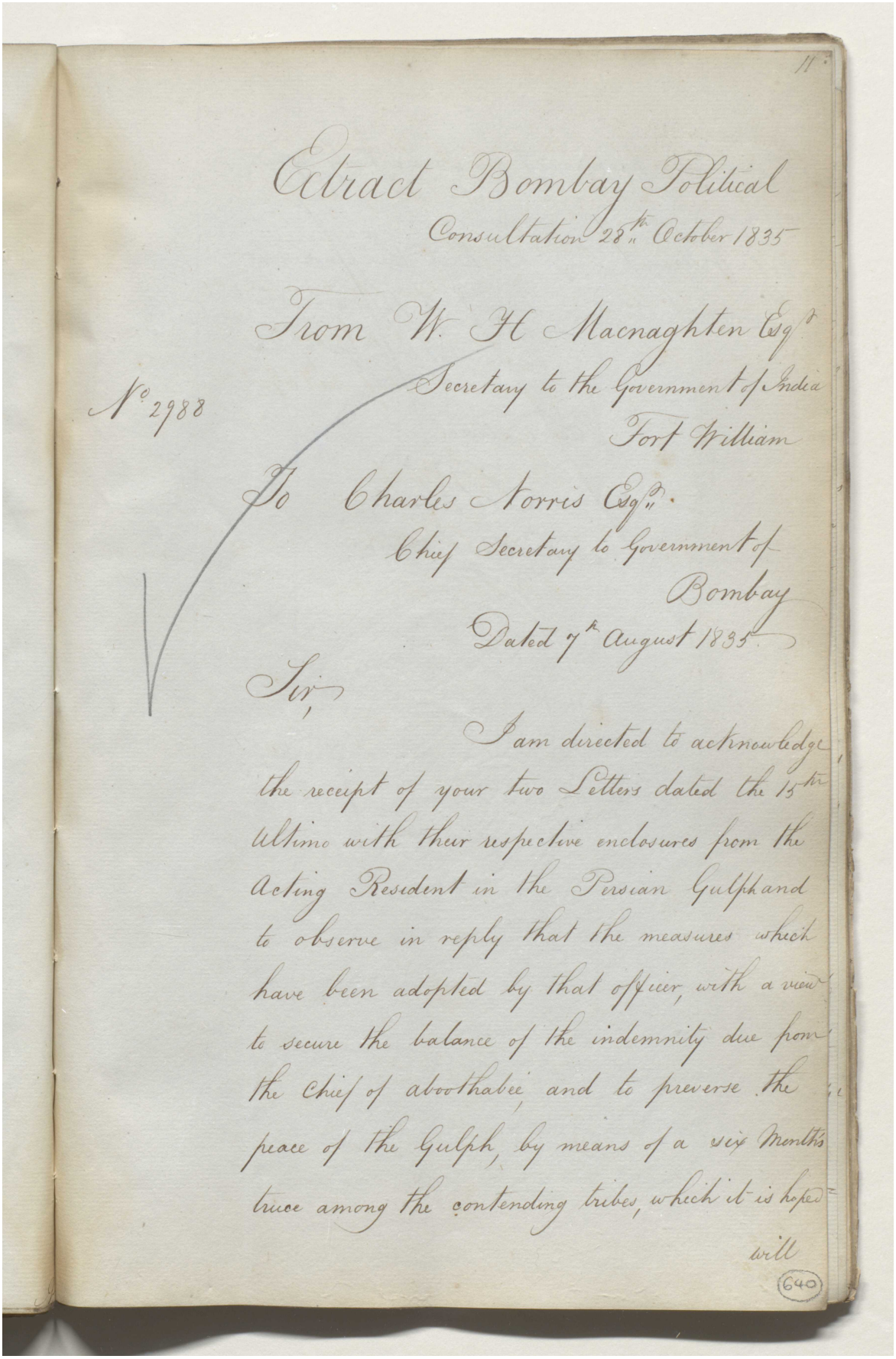

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 28th October 1835

From W. H. Macnaghten Esqr
Secretary to the Government of India
Fort William

No 2988

To Charles Norris Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government of
Bombay

Dated 7th August 1835

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your two Letters dated the 15th ultimo with their respective enclosures from the Acting Resident in the Persian Gulph and to observe in reply that the measures which have been adopted by that officer, with a view to secure the balance of the indemnity due from the Chief of aboothabee, and to preserve the peace of the Gulph, by means of a six Months truce among the contending tribes, which it is hoped will

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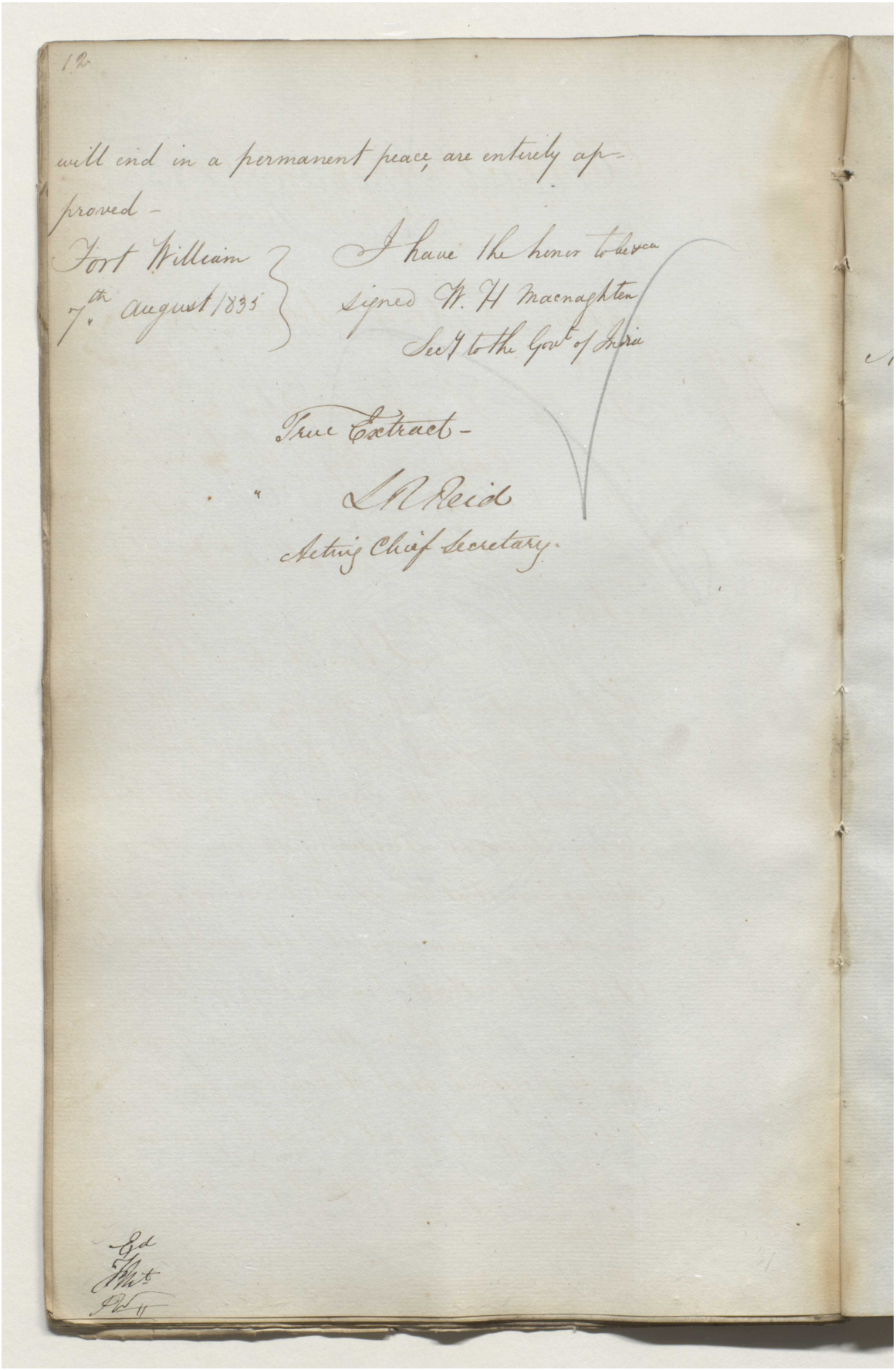

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will end in a permanent peace, are entirely approved –

Fort William
7th August 1835

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

True Extract –

J M Reid
Acting Chief Secretary.

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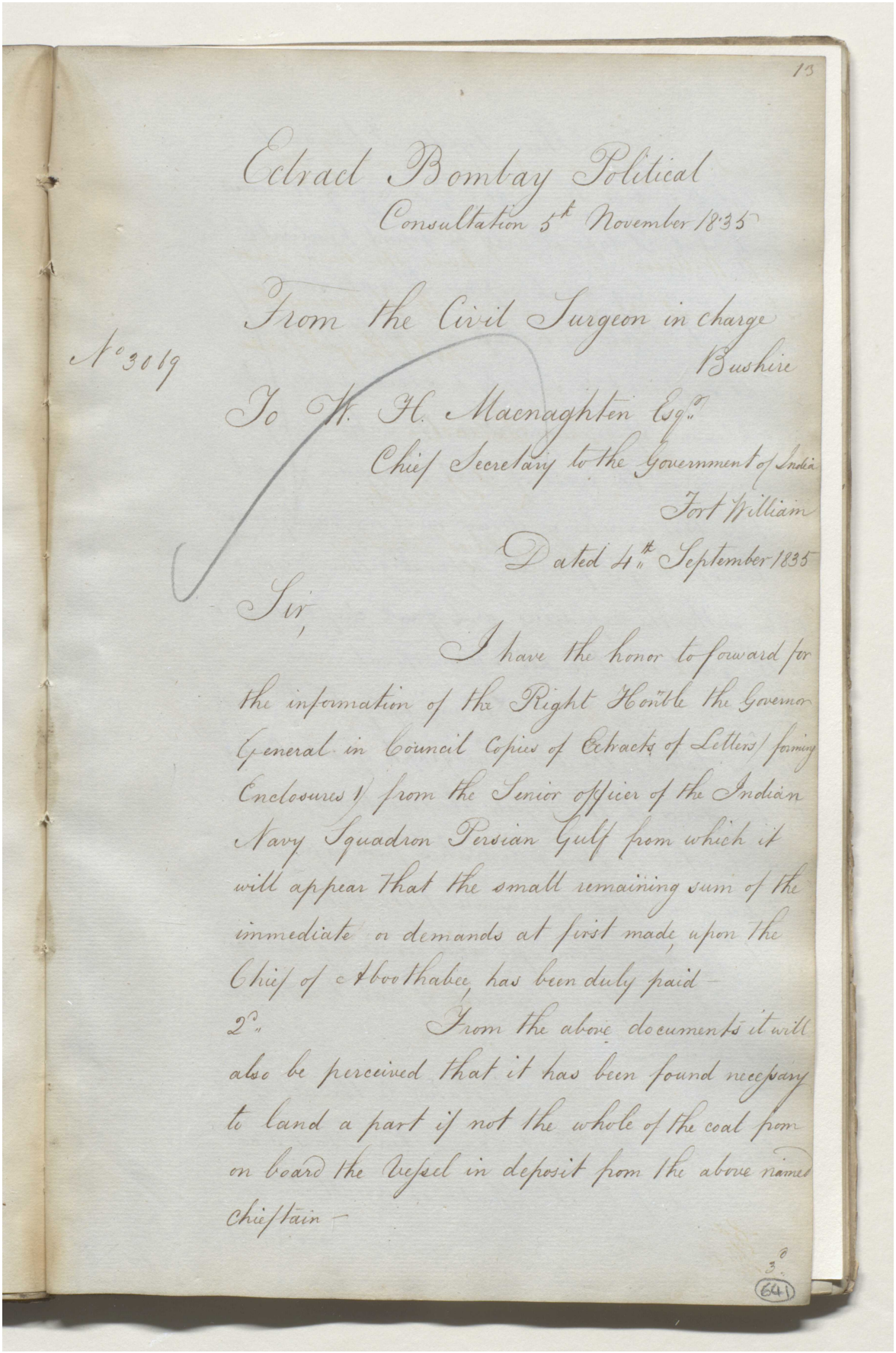

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Eclrad Bombay Political
Consultation 5th November 1835

From the Civil Surgeon in charge
Bushire

No 3019

To W. H. Macnaghten Esqre
Chief Secretary to the Government of India
Fort William

Dated 4th September 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council Copies of Extracts of Letters forming Enclosures 1 from the Senior officer of the Indian Navy Squadron Persian Gulf from which it will appear that the small remaining sum of the immediate demands at first made upon the Chief of Aboothabee has been duly paid –

2d. From the above documents it will also be perceived that it has been found necessary to land a part if not the whole of the coal from on board the Vessel in deposit from the above named Chieftain –

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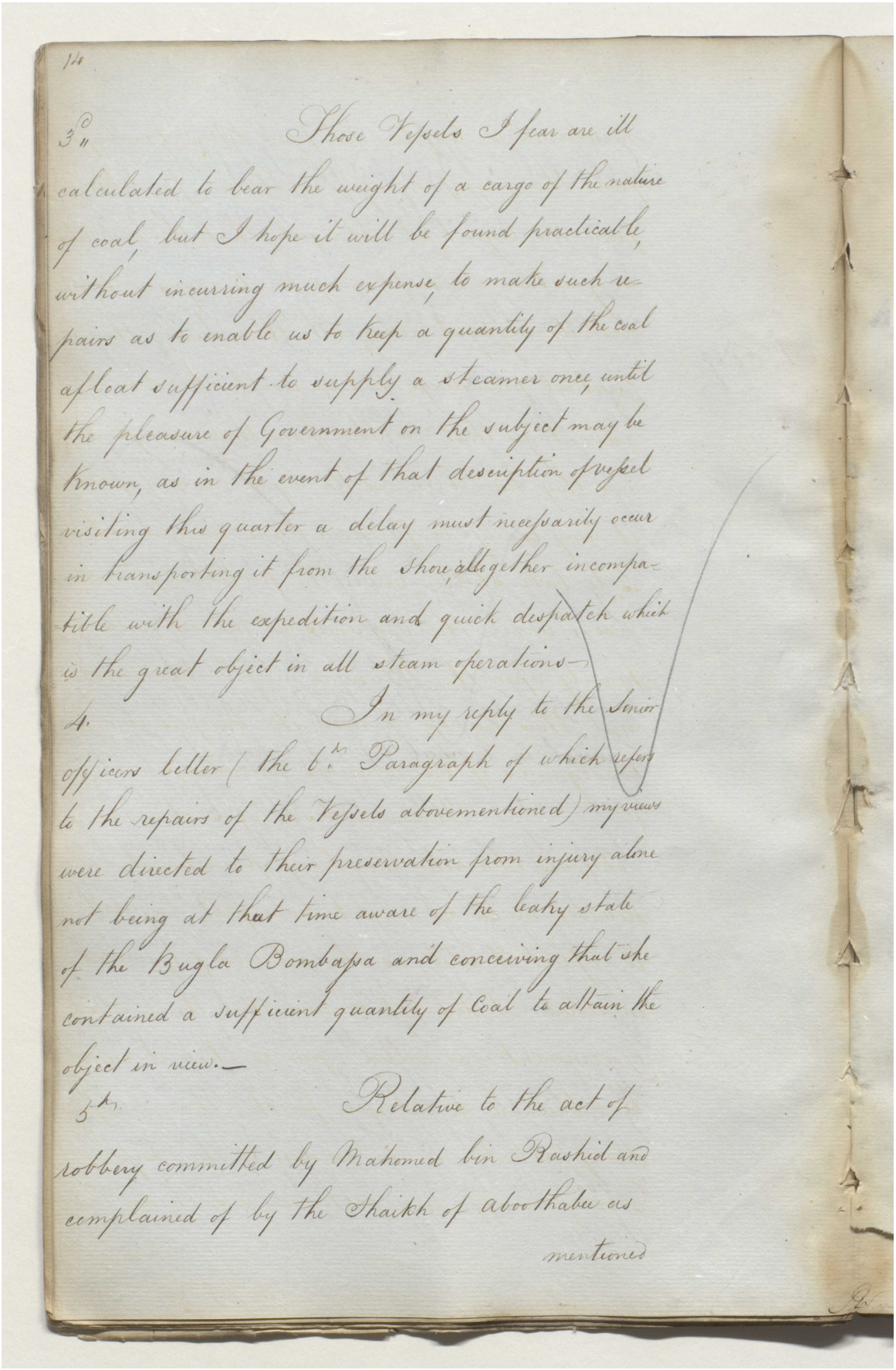

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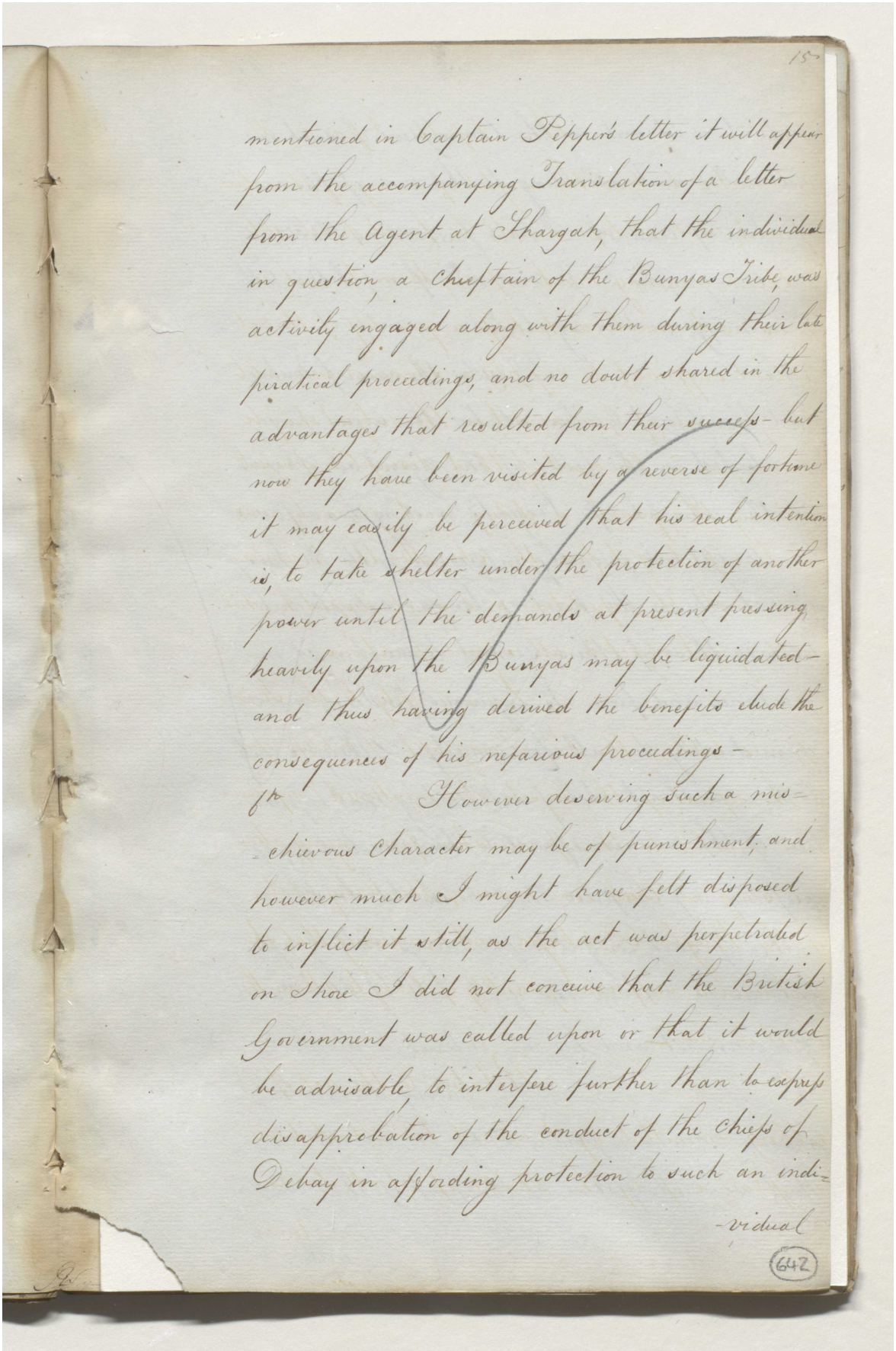
3d Those Vessels I fear are ill calculated to bear the weight of a cargo of the nature of coal, but I hope it will be found practicable, without incurring much expense, to make such repairs as to enable us to keep a quantity of the coal afloat sufficient to supply a steamer once, until the pleasure of Government on the subject may be known, as in the event of that description of vessel visiting this quarter a delay must necessarily occur in transporting it from the shore, altogether incompatible with the expedition and quick despatch which is the great object in all steam operations—

4. In my reply to the Senior officers letter (the 6th Paragraph of which refers to the repairs of the Vessels abovementioned) my views were directed to their preservation from injury alone not being at that time aware of the leaky state of the Bugla Bombaya and conceiving that she contained a sufficient quantity of Coal to attain the object in view.—

5th Relative to the act of robbery committed by Mahomed bin Rashid and complained of by the Shaikh of abothabee as mentioned



mentioned in Captain Pepper's letter it will appear from the accompanying Translation of a letter from the Agent at Shargah, that the individual in question, a Chieftain of the Bunyas Tribe, was activity engaged along with them during their late piratical proceedings, and no doubt shared in the advantages that resulted from their success - but now they have been visited by a reverse of fortune it may easily be perceived that his real intention is, to take shelter under the protection of another power until the demands at present pressing heavily upon the Bunyas may be liquidated - and thus having derived the benefits elude the consequences of his nefarious proceedings -

6th However deserving such a mis-chievous Character may be of punishment, and however much I might have felt disposed to inflict it still, as the act was perpetrated on Shore I did not conceive that the British Government was called upon or that it would be advisable to interfere further than to express disapprobation of the conduct of the Chiefs of Debay in affording protection to such an indi-

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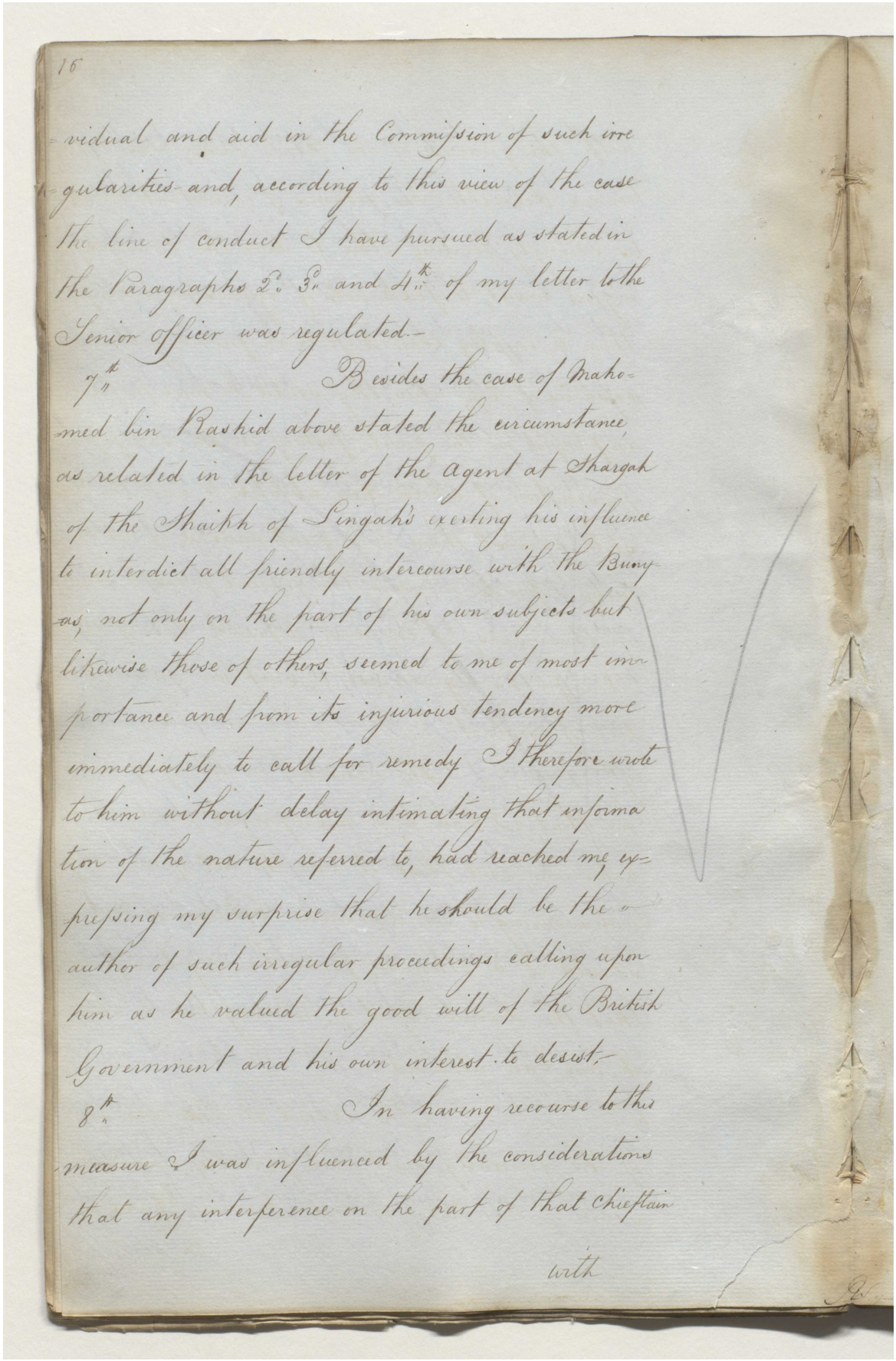

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vidual and aid in the Commission of such irre-
gularities and, according to this view of the case
the line of conduct I have pursued as stated in
the Paragraphs 2d. 3d. and 4th. of my letter to the
Senior Officer was regulated.-

7th. Besides the case of Maho-
med bin Rashid above stated the circumstance,
as related in the letter of the agent at Shargah
of the Shaikh of Singah's exerting his influence
to interdict all friendly intercourse with the Buny-
as, not only on the part of his own subjects but
likewise those of others, seemed to me of most im-
portance and from its injurious tendency more
immediately to call for remedy I therefore wrote
to him without delay intimating that informa
tion of the nature referred to, had reached me ex-
pressing my surprise that he should be the a-
uther of such irregular proceedings calling upon
him as he valued the good will of the British
Government and his own interest to desist.-

8th. In having recourse to this
measure I was influenced by the considerations
that any interference on the part of that Chieftain

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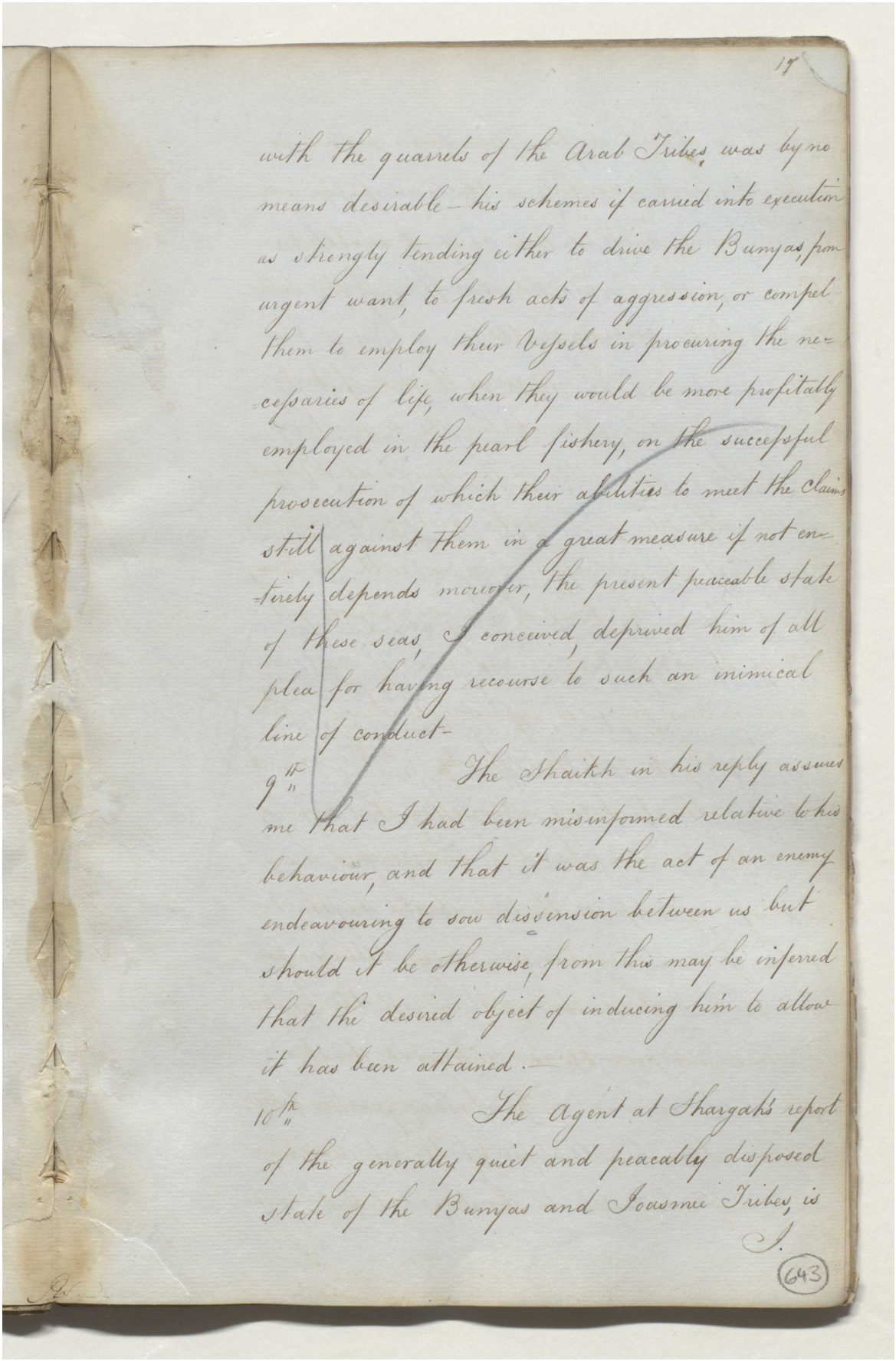

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with the quarrels of the Arab Tribes, was by no means desirable – his schemes if carried into execution as strongly tending either to drive the Bunyas, from urgent want, to fresh acts of aggression, or compel them to employ their Vessels in procuring the necessaries of life, when they would be more profitably employed in the pearl fishery, on the successful prosecution of which their abilities to meet the Claims still against them in a great measure if not entirely depends moreover, the present peaceable state of these seas, I conceived, deprived him of all plea for having recourse to such an inimical line of conduct –

9th " The Shaikh in his reply assures me that I had been misinformed relative to his behaviour, and that it was the act of an enemy endeavouring to sow dissension between us but should it be otherwise, from this may be inferred that the desired object of inducing him to allow it has been attained –

10th " The Agent at Shargah's report of the generally quiet and peacably disposed state of the Bunyas and Joasmee Tribes, is

J.

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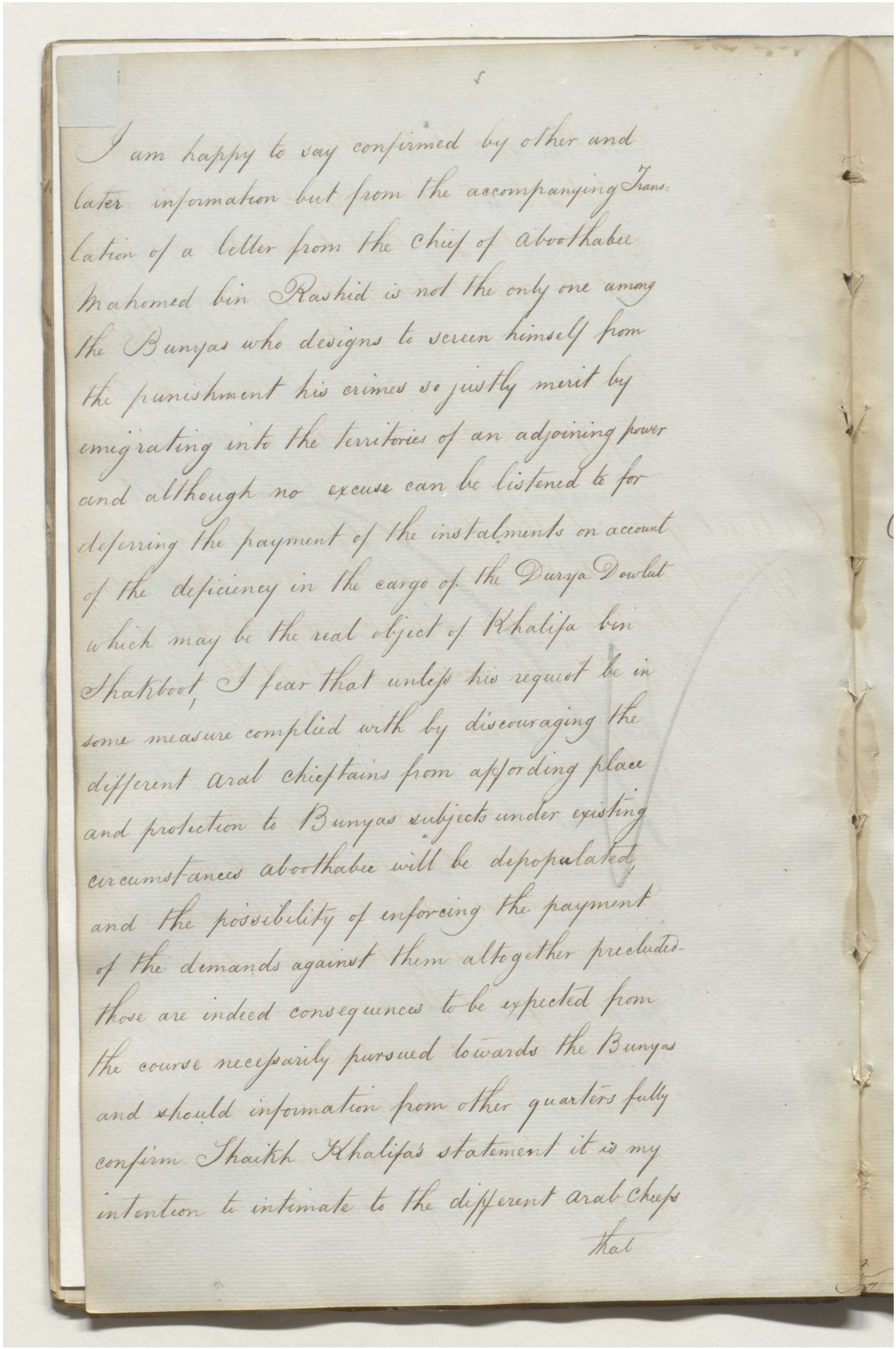
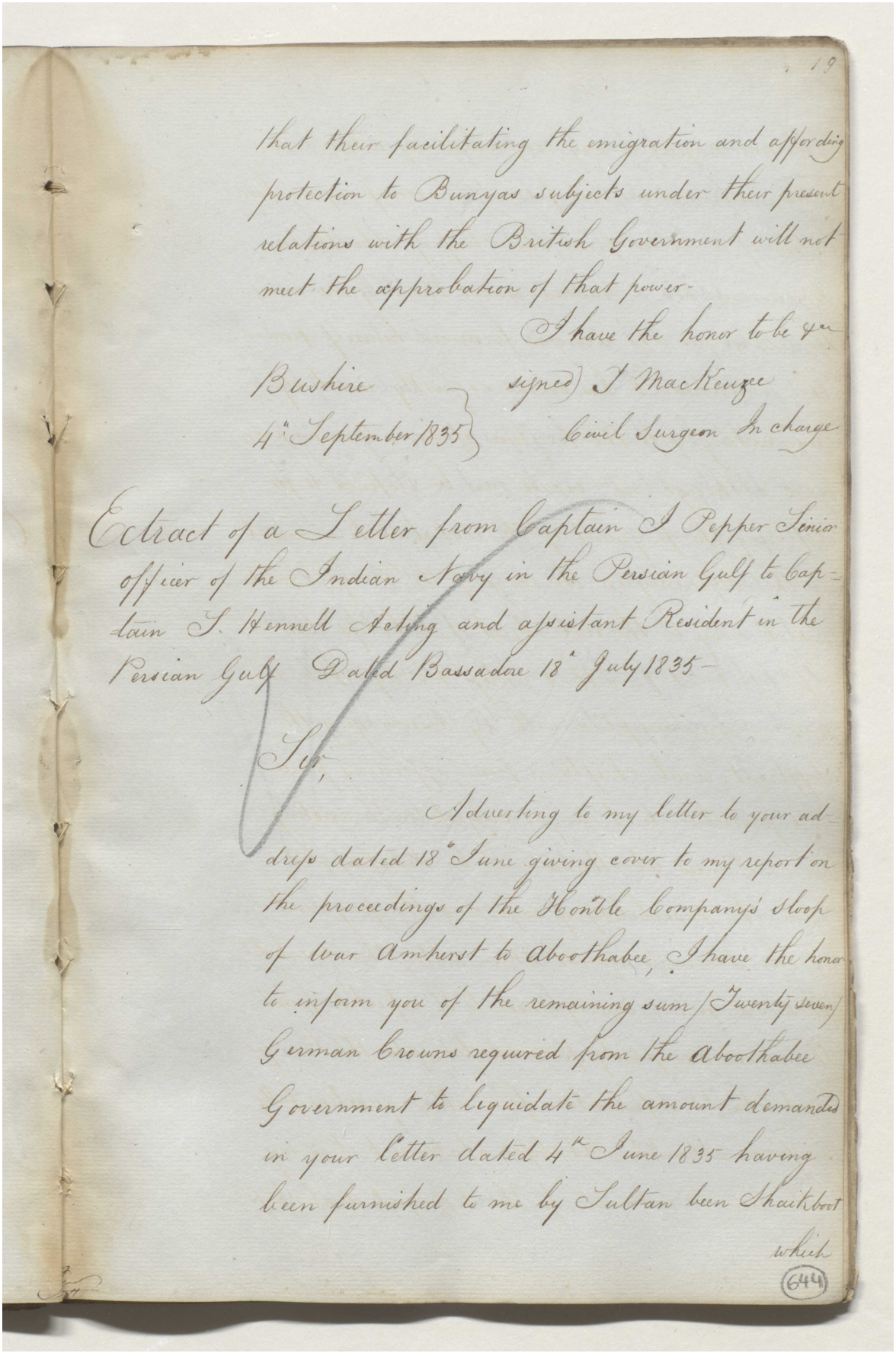


I am happy to say confirmed by other and later information but from the accompanying Translation of a letter from the Chief of aboothabee Mahomed bin Rashid is not the only one among the Bunyas who designs to screen himself from the punishment his crimes so justly merit by emigrating into the territories of an adjoining power and although no excuse can be listened to for deferring the payment of the instalments on account of the deficiency in the cargo of the Durya Dowlut which may be the real object of Khalifa bin Shakboot I fear that unless his request be in some measure complied with by discouraging the different Arab chieftains from affording place and protection to Bunyas subjects under existing circumstances aboothabee will be depopulated and the possibility of enforcing the payment of the demands against them altogether precluded those are indeed consequences to be expected from the course necessarily pursued towards the Bunyas and should information from other quarters fully confirm Shaikh Khalifas statement it is my intention to intimate to the different Arab Chiefs

that



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that their facilitating the emigration and affording protection to Bunyas subjects under their present relations with the British Government will not meet the approbation of that power-

I have the honor to be &c

Bushire
4th September 1835

signed) J MacKenzie
Civil Surgeon In charge

Extract of a Letter from Captain J Pepper Senior officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf to Captain S Hennell Acting and assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf Dated Bassadore 18th July 1835-

Sir,

Adverting to my letter to your address dated 18th June giving cover to my report on the proceedings of the Honble Company's Sloop of war Amherst to Aboothabee, I have the honor to inform you of the remaining sum (Twenty seven) German Crowns required from the Aboothabee Government to liquidate the amount demanded in your letter dated 4th June 1835 having been furnished to me by Sultan bean Shaikboot which

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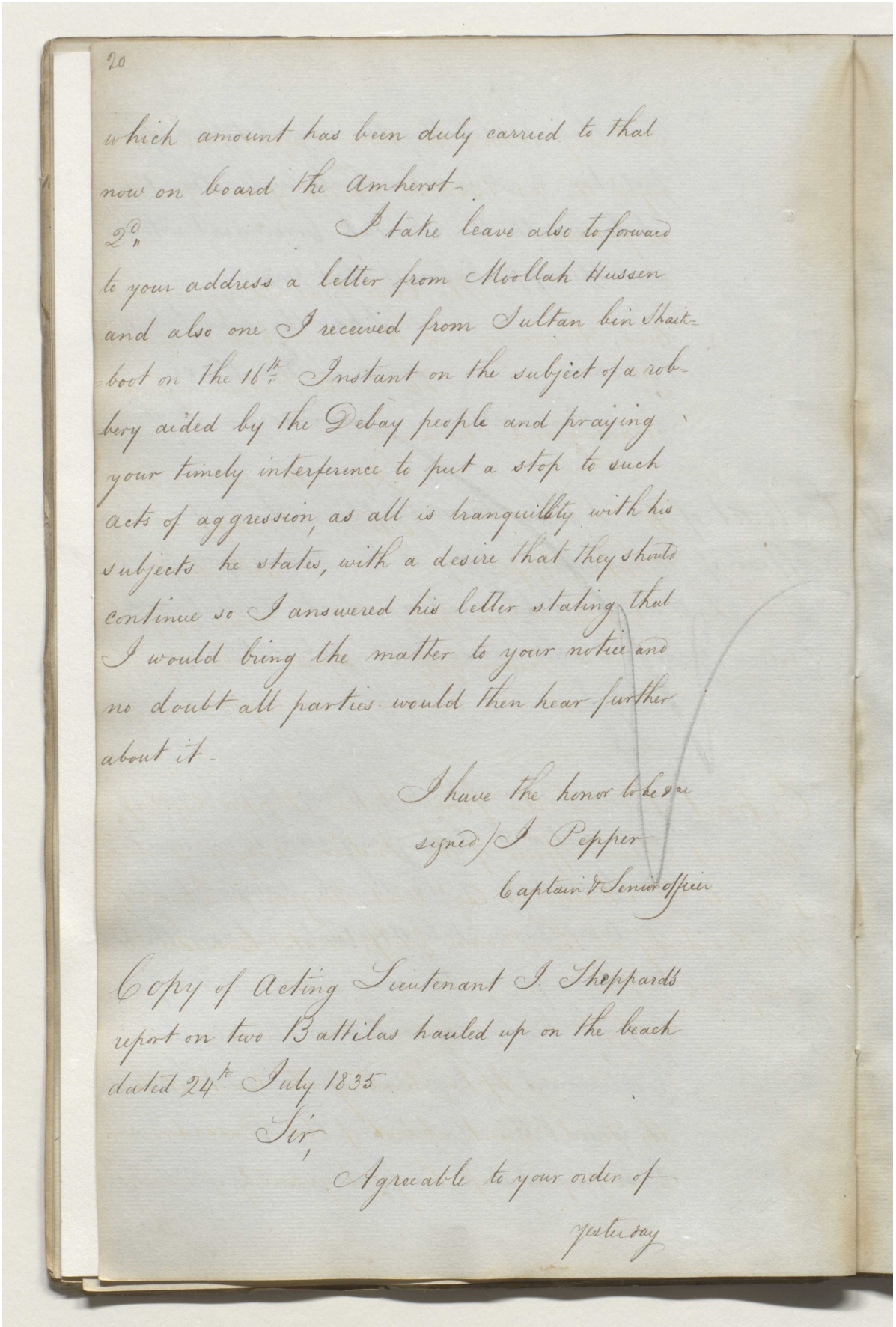

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which amount has been duly carried to that
now on board the Amherst.

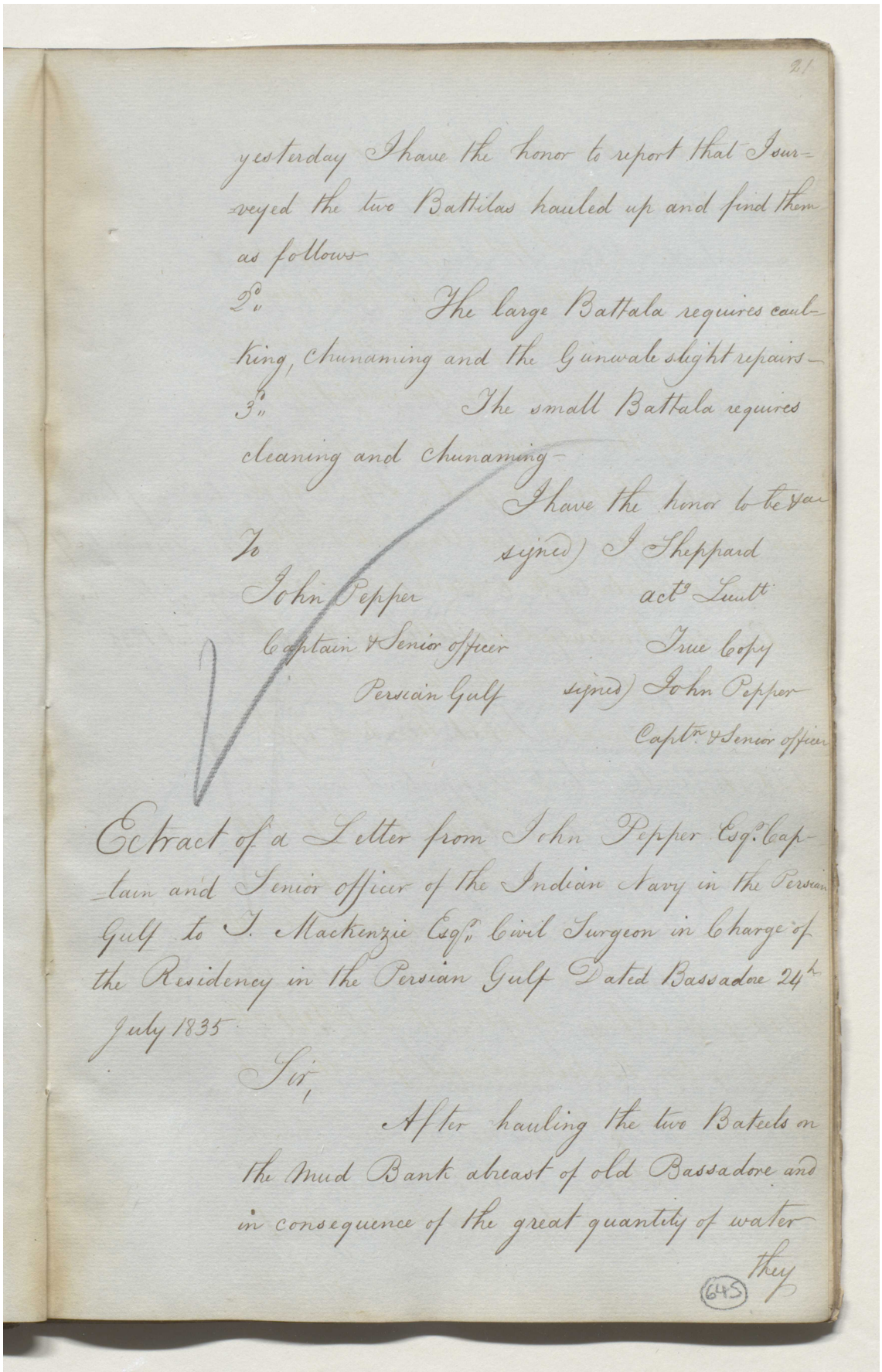
2d. I take leave also to forward
to your address a letter from Moollah Hussen
and also one I received from Sultan bin Shaik-
boot on the 16th Instant on the subject of a rob-
bery aided by the Debay people and praying
your timely interference to put a stop to such
acts of aggression, as all is tranquillity with his
subjects he states, with a desire that they should
continue so I answered his letter stating that
I would bring the matter to your notice and
no doubt all parties would then hear further
about it.

I have the honor to be &c
signed J Pepper
Captain & Senior officer

Copy of Acting Lieutenant J. Sheppards
report on two Battilas hauled up on the beach
dated 24th July 1835

Sir,

Agreeable to your order of
yesterday



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yesterday I have the honor to report that I sur-
veyed the two Battilas hauled up and find them
as follows

2d The large Battala requires caul-
king, Chunaming and the Gunwale slight repairs—

3d The small Battala requires
cleaning and Chunaming—

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) I Sheppard
act Lieut

To
John Pepper
Captain & Senior officer
Persian Gulf

True Copy
(signed) John Pepper
Capt & Senior officer

Extract of a Letter from John Pepper Esq Cap-
tain and Senior officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian
Gulf to T. Mackenzie Esq Civil Surgeon in Charge of
the Residency in the Persian Gulf Dated Bassadore 24th
July 1835

Sir,

After hauling the two Bateels on
the Mud Bank abreast of old Bassadore and
in consequence of the great quantity of water
they

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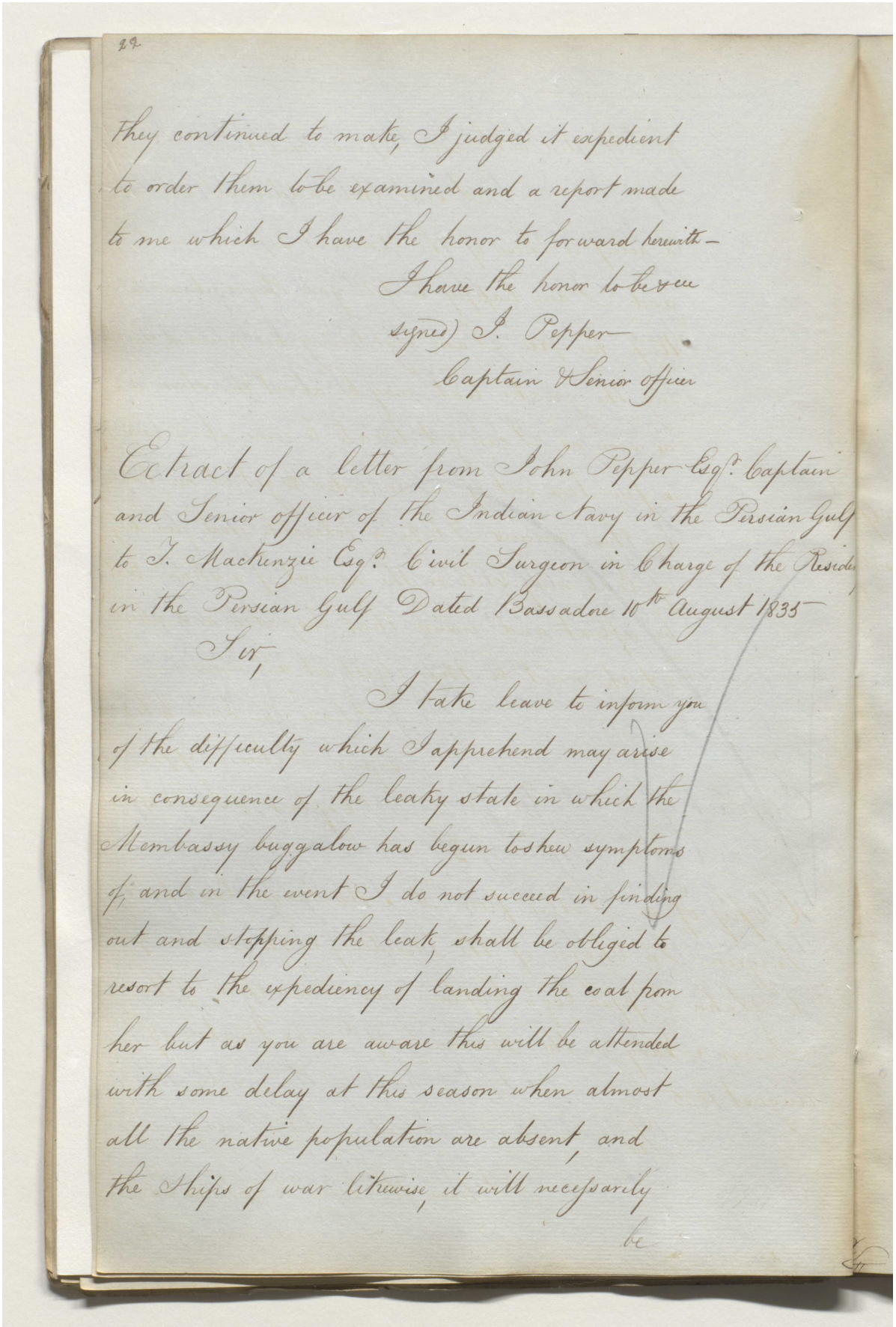

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they continued to make, I judged it expedient to order them to be examined and a report made to me which I have the honor to forward herewith—

I have the honor to be &c &c

signed) J. Pepper—

Captain & Senior officer

Extract of a letter from John Pepper Esq.r Captain and Senior officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf to J. Mackenzie Esq.r Civil Surgeon in Charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf Dated Bassadore 10th August 1835—

Sir,

I take leave to inform you of the difficulty which I apprehend may arise in consequence of the leaky state in which the Membassy buggalow has begun to shew symptoms of, and in the event I do not succeed in finding out and stopping the leak, shall be obliged to resort to the expediency of landing the coal from her but as you are aware this will be attended with some delay at this season when almost all the native population are absent, and the Ships of war likewise, it will necessarily

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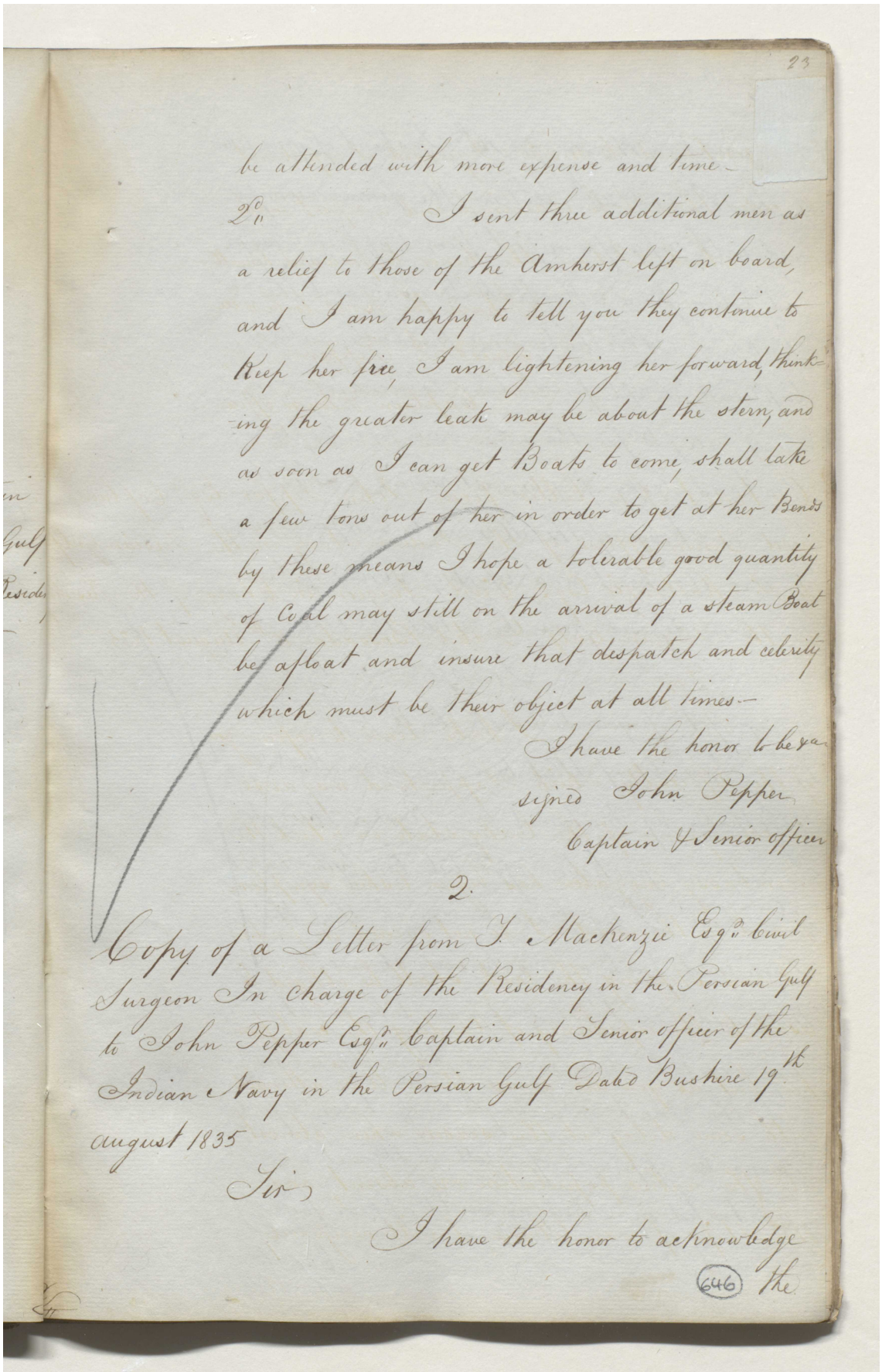

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be attended with more expense and time—

2d. I sent three additional men as a relief to those of the Amherst left on board, and I am happy to tell you they continue to Keep her free, I am lightening her forward, thinking the greater leak may be about the stern, and as soon as I can get Boats to come, shall take a few tons out of her in order to get at her Bends by these means I hope a tolerable good quantity of Coal may still on the arrival of a steam Boat be afloat and insure that despatch and celerity which must be their object at all times—

I have the honor to be &c
signed John Pepper
Captain & Senior officer

2.

Copy of a Letter from J. Mackenzie Esq.re Civil Surgeon In charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to John Pepper Esq.re Captain and Senior officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf Dated Bushire 19th august 1835

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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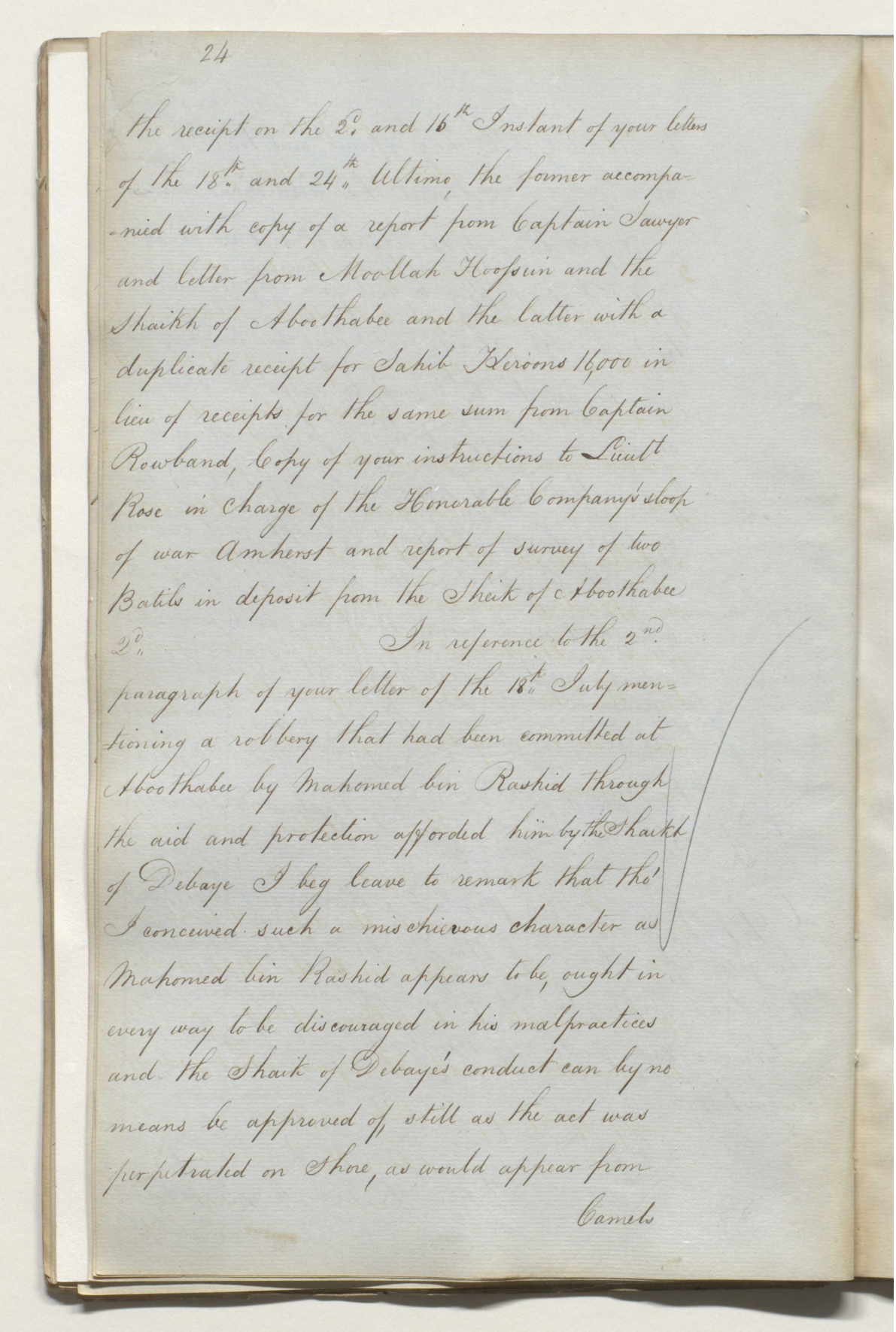

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the receipt on the 2d and 16th Instant of your letters of the 18th and 24th Ultimo, the former accompanied with copy of a report from Captain Sawyer and letter from Moollah Hoosein and the Shaikh of Aboothabee and the latter with a duplicate receipt for Sahib Kheroons 16,000 in lieu of receipts for the same sum from Captain Rowband, Copy of your instructions to Lieut Rose in charge of the Honorable Company's sloop of war Amherst and report of survey of two Batils in deposit from the Sheik of Aboothabee

2d. In reference to the 2nd paragraph of your letter of the 18th July mentioning a robbery that had been committed at Aboothabee by Mahomed bin Rashid through the aid and protection afforded him by the Shaikh of Debaye I beg leave to remark that tho' I conceived such a mischievous character as Mahomed bin Rashid appears to be, ought in every way to be discouraged in his malpractices and the Shaik of Debaye's conduct can by no means be approved of still as the act was perpetrated on Shore, as would appear from

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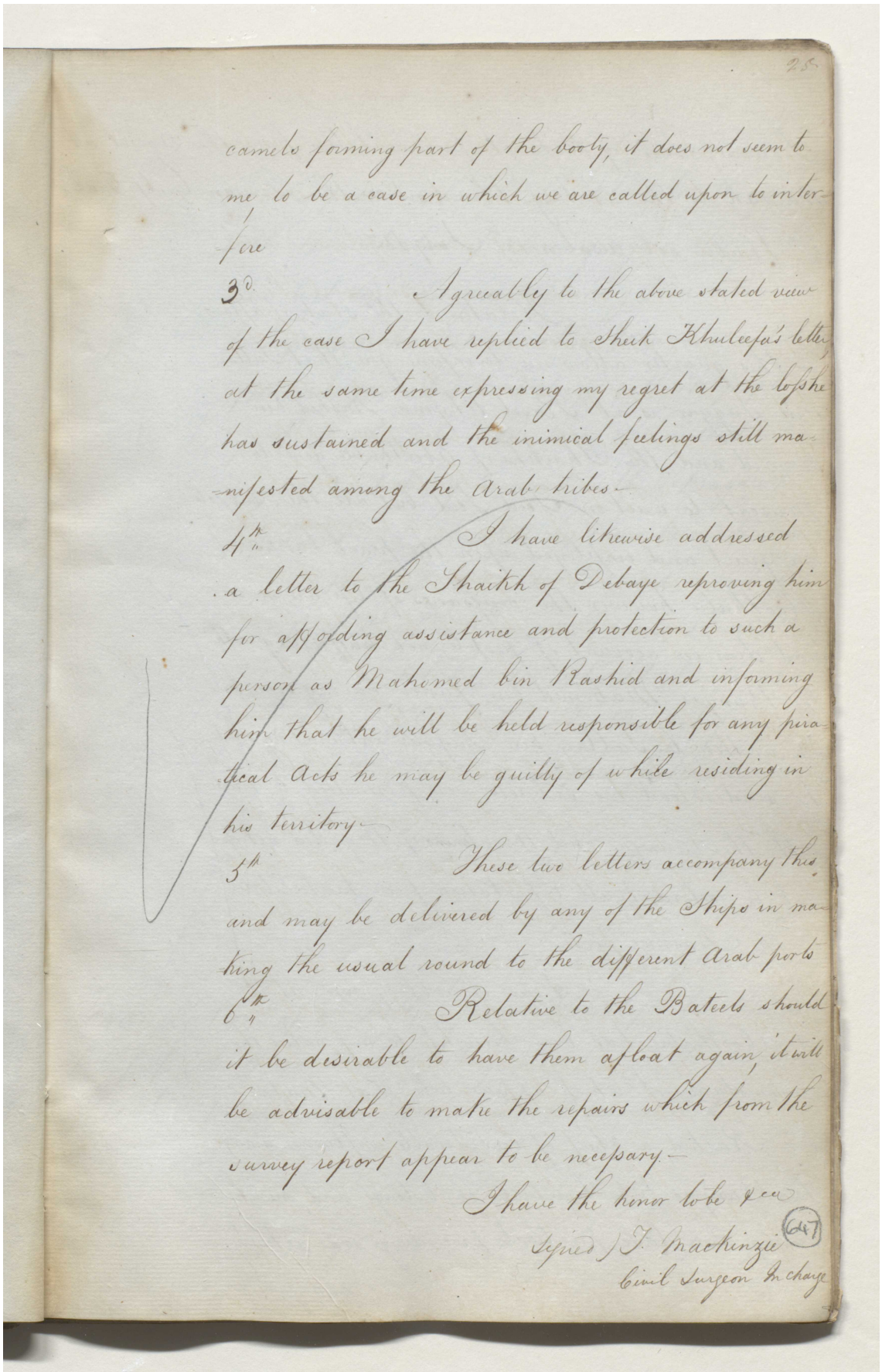

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camels forming part of the booty, it does not seem to me to be a case in which we are called upon to interfere

3d. Agreeably to the above stated view of the case I have replied to Sheik Khuleefa's letter at the same time expressing my regret at the loss he has sustained and the inimical feelings still manifested among the Arab tribes.

4th. I have likewise addressed a letter to the Shaikh of Debaye reproving him for affording assistance and protection to such a person as Mahomed bin Rashid and informing him that he will be held responsible for any piratical Acts he may be guilty of while residing in his territory.

5th These two letters accompany this and may be delivered by any of the Ships in making the usual round to the different Arab ports

6th Relative to the Bateels should it be desirable to have them afloat again, it will be advisable to make the repairs which from the survey report appear to be necessary.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed) J. Mackenzie
Civil Surgeon in charge

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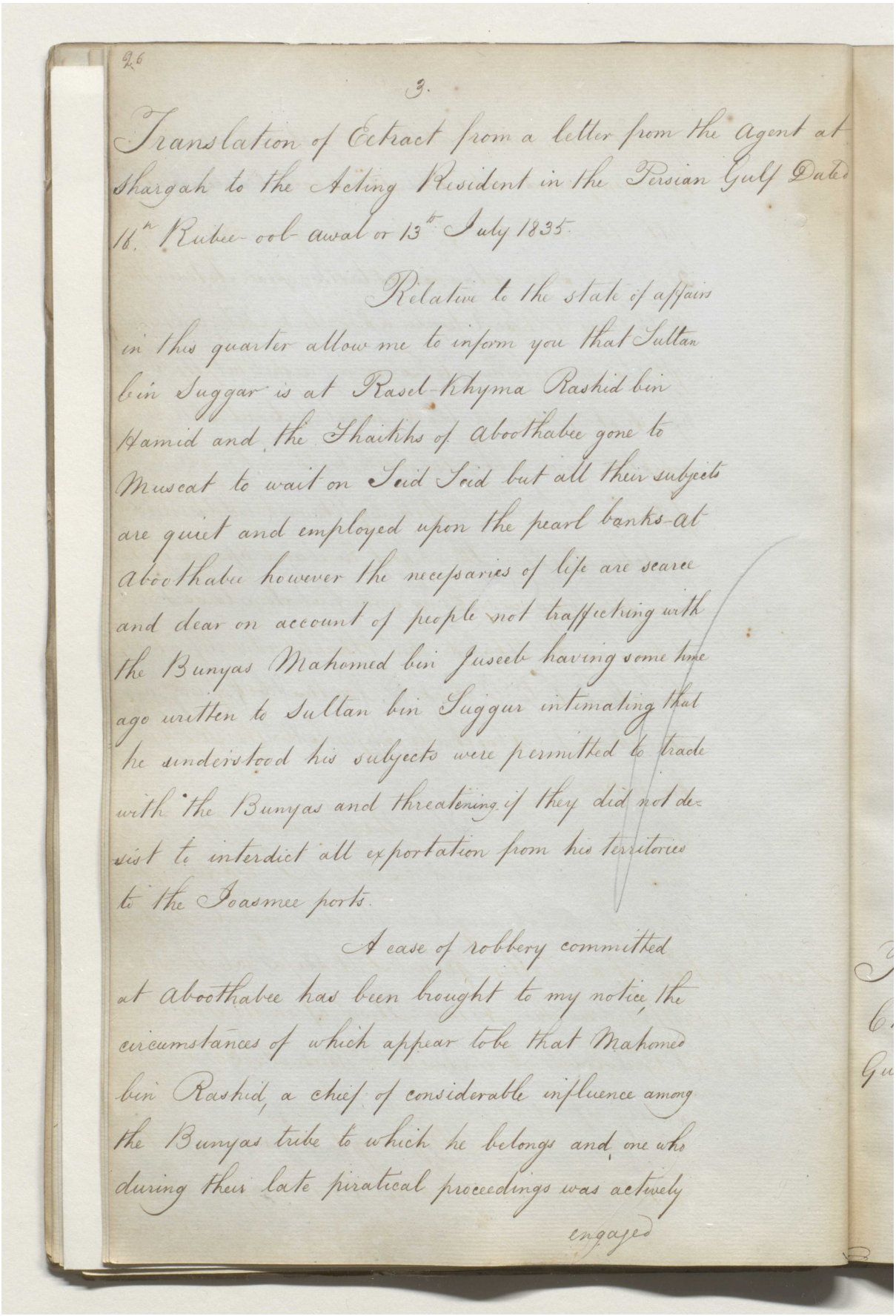

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3.

Translation of Extract from a letter from the Agent at Shargah to the Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf Dated 18th Rubee-ool awal or 13th July 1835.

Relative to the state of affairs in this quarter allow me to inform you that Sultan bin Suggar is at Rasel-khyma Rashid bin Hamid and the Shaikhs of Aboothabee gone to Muscat to wait on Seid Seid but all their subjects are quiet and employed upon the pearl banks at Aboothabee however the necessaries of life are scarce and dear on account of people not trafficking with the Bunyas Mahomed bin Juseeb having some time ago written to Sultan bin Suggur intimating that he understood his subjects were permitted to trade with the Bunyas and threatening if they did not desist to interdict all exportation from his territories to the Joasmee ports.

A case of robbery committed at Aboothabee has been brought to my notice, the circumstances of which appear to be that Mahomed bin Rashid, a chief of considerable influence among the Bunyas tribe to which he belongs and one who during their late piratical proceedings was actively

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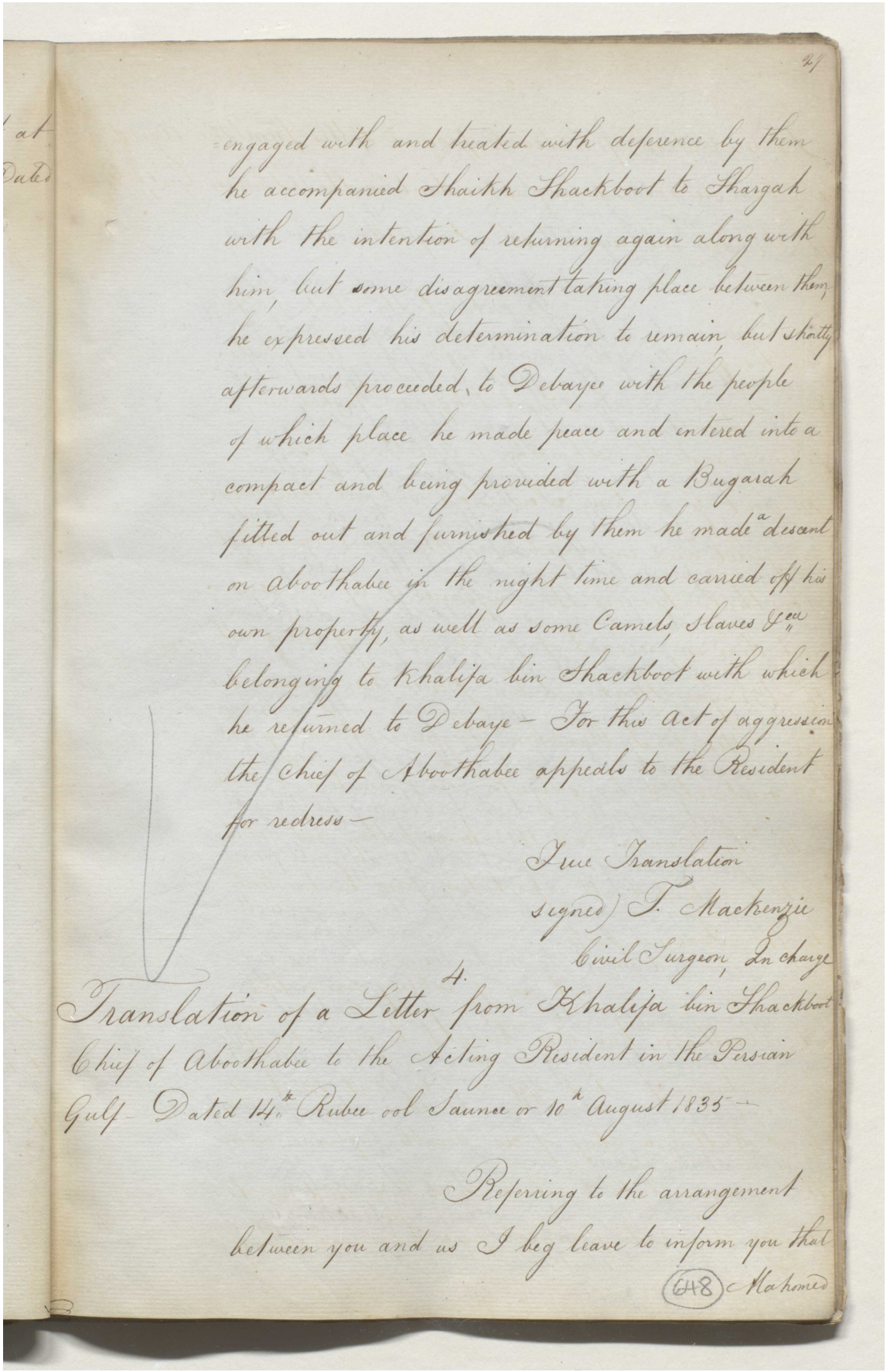


engaged with and treated with deference by them he accompanied Shaikh Shackboot to Shargah with the intention of returning again along with him, but some disagreement taking place between them he expressed his determination to remain, but shortly afterwards proceeded to Debaye with the people of which place he made peace and entered into a compact and being provided with a Bugarah fitted out and furnished by them he made a descent on Aboothabee in the night time and carried off his own property, as well as some Camels, Slaves &c.a belonging to Khalifa bin Shackboot with which he returned to Debaye – For this act of aggression the Chief of Aboothabee appeals to the Resident for redress –

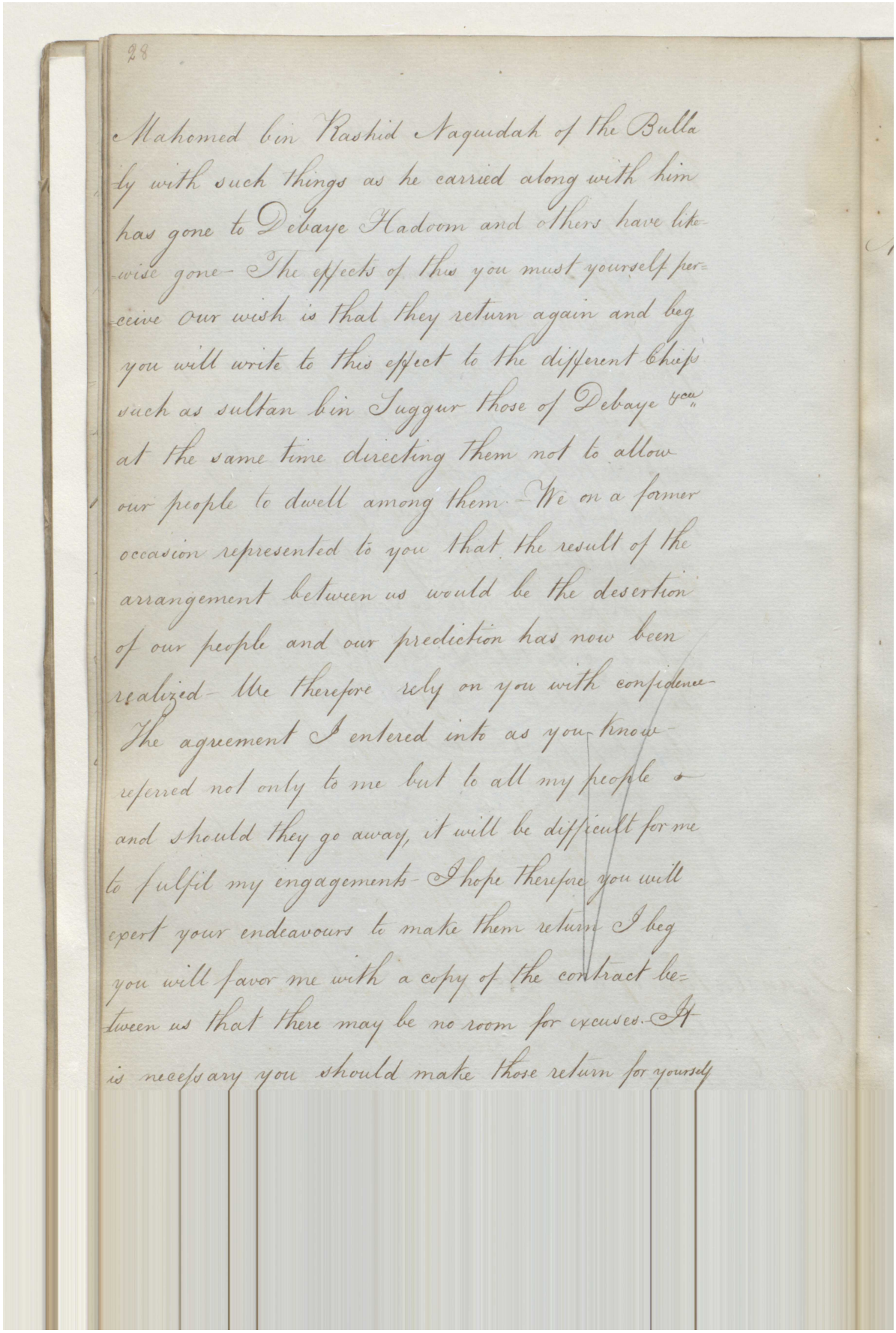
True Translation
signed) T. Mackenzie
Civil Surgeon, In charge

4.

Translation of a Letter from Khalifa bin Shackboot Chief of Aboothabee to the Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf – Dated 14th Rubee ool Saunee or 10th August 1835 –

Referring to the arrangement between you and us I beg leave to inform you that

(648) c Mahomed



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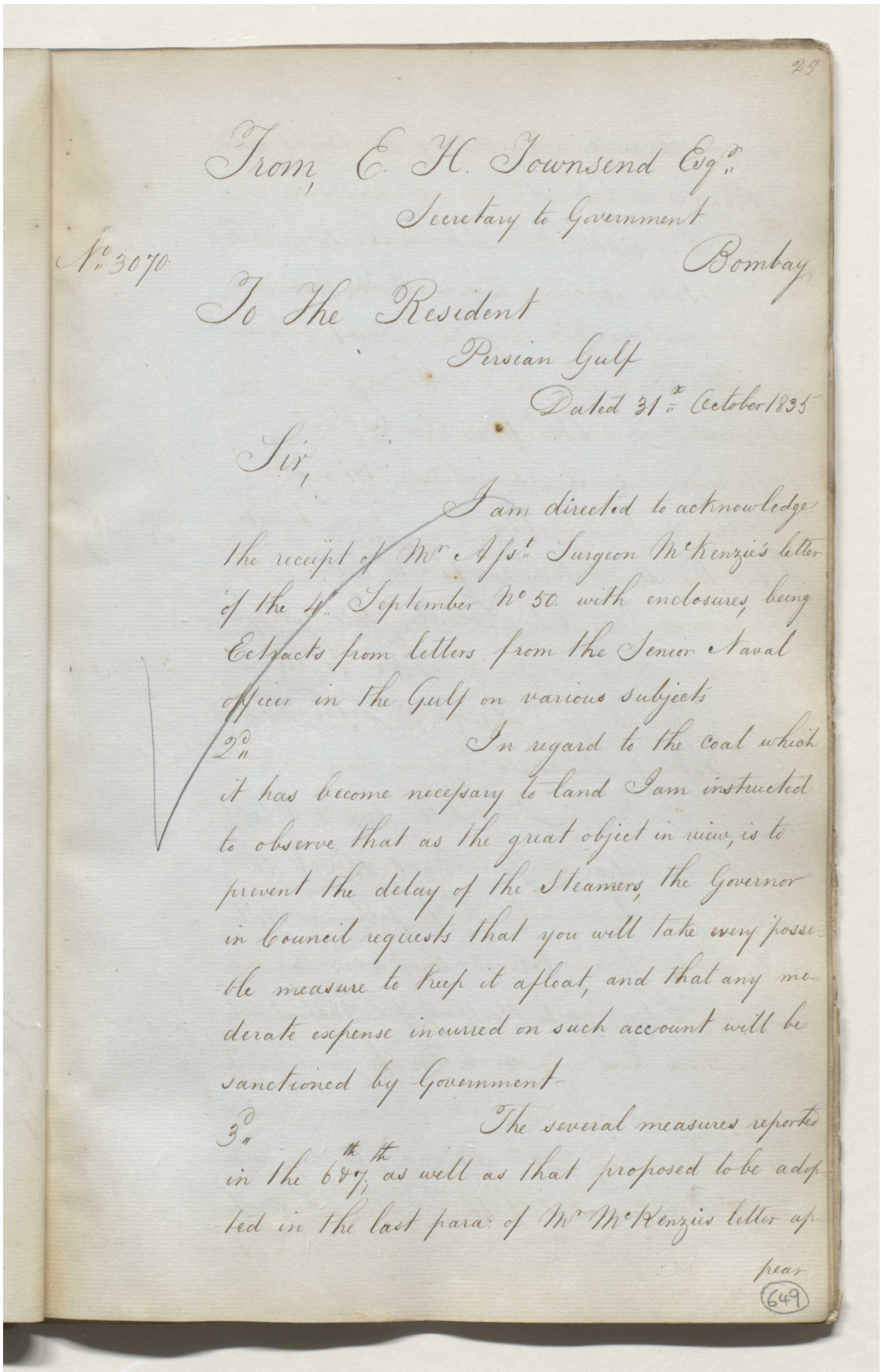
Mahomed bin Rashid Naguidah of the Bulla
by with such things as he carried along with him
has gone to Debaye Hadoom and others have like-
wise gone- The effects of this you must yourself per-
ceive our wish is that they return again and beg
you will write to this effect to the different Chiefs
such as sultan bin Suggur those of Debaye &c.
at the same time directing them not to allow
our people to dwell among them- We on a former
occasion represented to you that the result of the
arrangement between us would be the desertion
of our people and our prediction has now been
realized- We therefore rely on you with confidence-
The agreement I entered into as you know
referred not only to me but to all my people &
and should they go away, it will be difficult for me
to fulfil my engagements- I hope therefore you will
exert your endeavours to make them return I beg
you will favor me with a copy of the contract be-
tween us that there may be no room for excuses- It
is necessary you should make those return for yourself



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From E. H. Townsend Esq.re
Secretary to Government
Bombay

No. 3070

To The Resident
Persian Gulf

Dated 31st October 1835

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Asst. Surgeon McKenzie's letter of the 4th September No. 50. with enclosures, being Extracts from letters from the Senior Naval Officer in the Gulf on various subjects

2d In regard to the Coal which it has become necessary to land I am instructed to observe that as the great object in view, is to prevent the delay of the Steamers, the Governor in Council requests that you will take every possible measure to keep it afloat, and that any moderate expense incurred on such account will be sanctioned by Government

3d The several measures reported in the 6th & 7th as well as that proposed to be adopted in the last para: of Mr McKenzies letter appear

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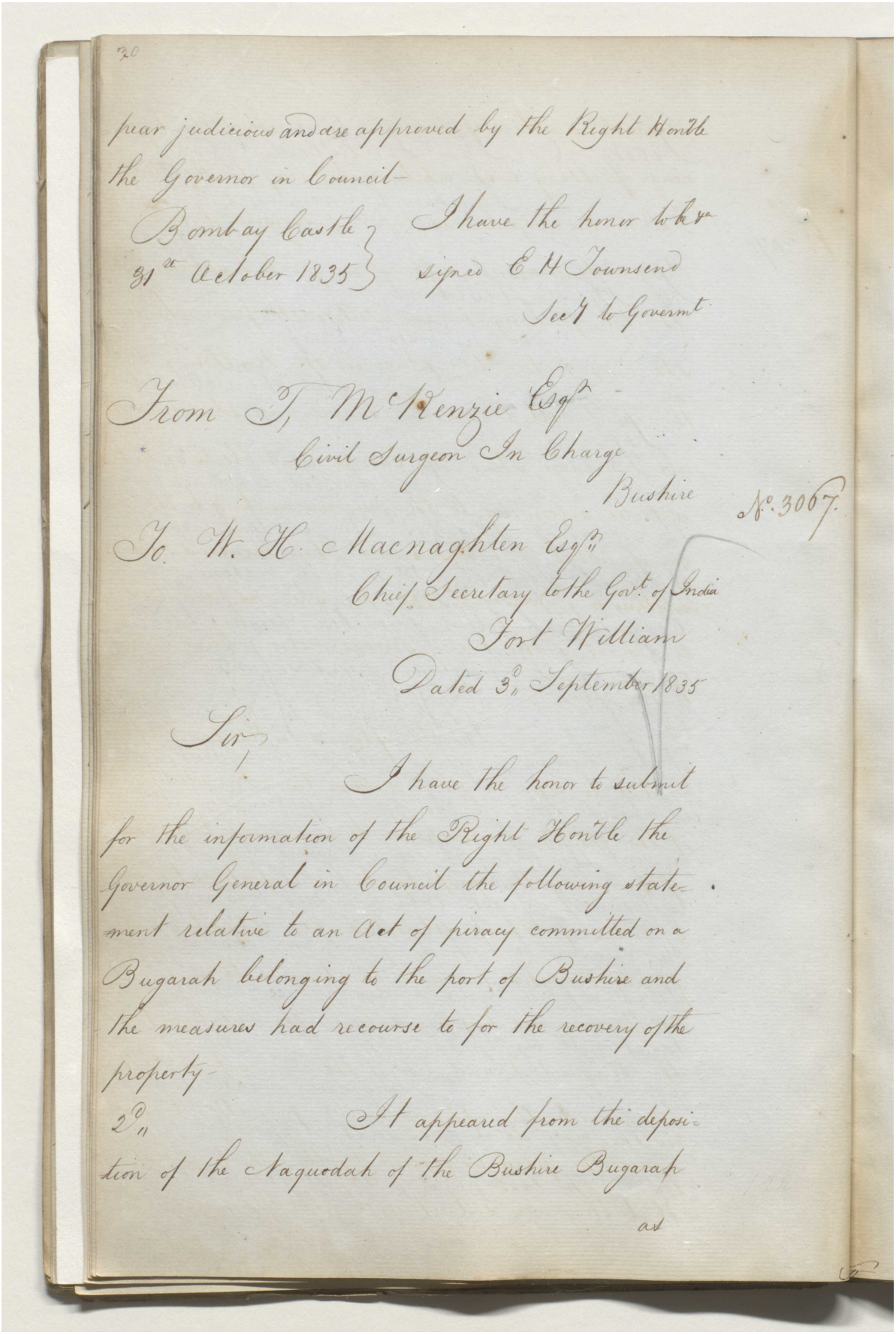

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pear judicious and are approved by the Right Honble the Governor in Council

Bombay Castle 31st October 1835

I have the honor to be &c
signed E H Townsend
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From T. McKenzie Esqr
Civil Surgeon In Charge
Bushire

No. 3067.

To W. H. Macnaghten Esqr
Chief Secretary to the Govt of India
Fort William
Dated 3d September 1835

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the following statement relative to an Act of piracy committed on a Bugarah belonging to the port of Bushire and the measures had recourse to for the recovery of the property

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It appeared from the deposition of the Nagoodah of the Bushire Bugarah

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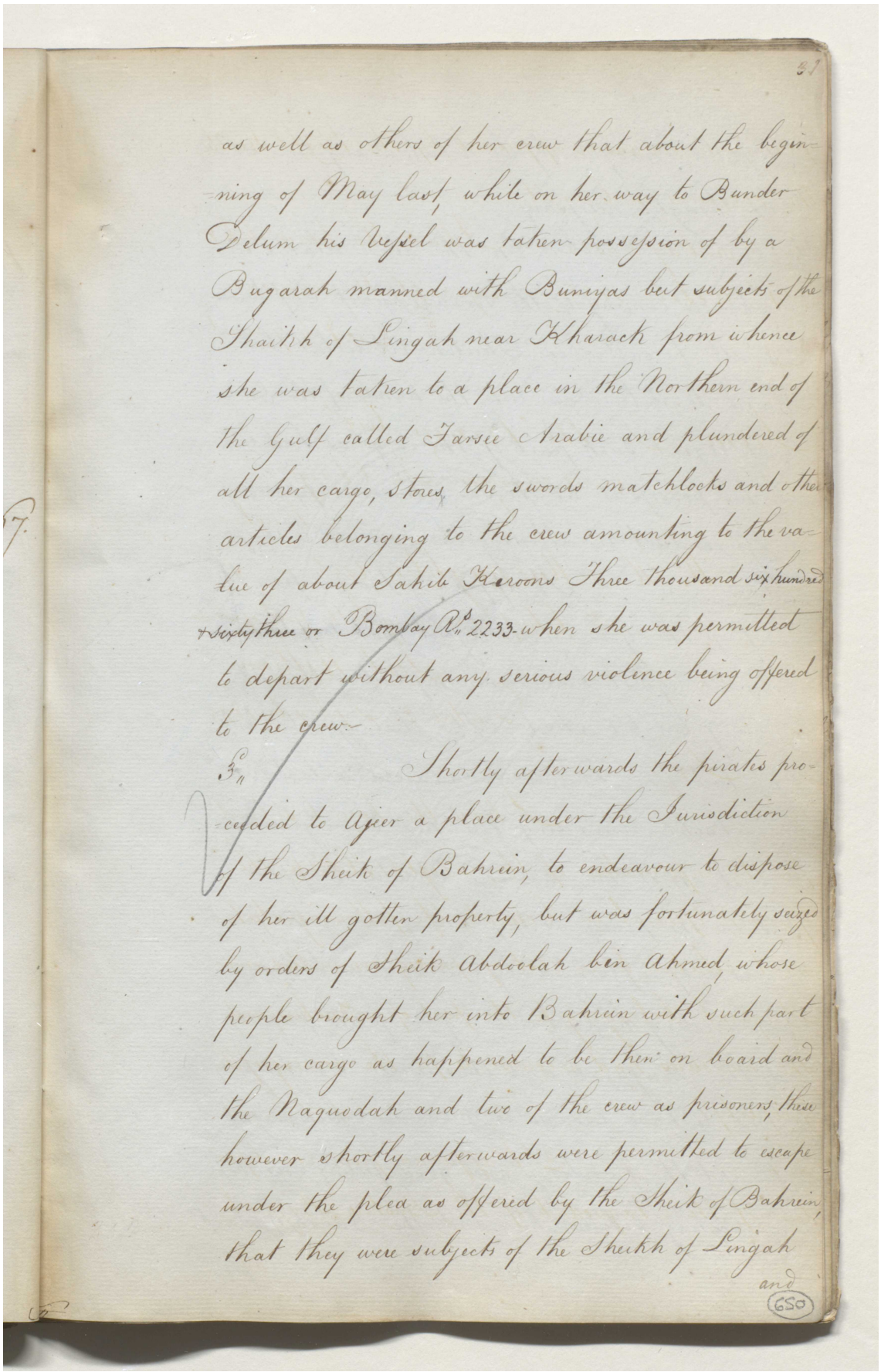

as well as others of her crew that about the beginning of May last, while on her way to Bunder Delum his Vessel was taken possession of by a Bugarah manned with Baniyas but subjects of the Shaikh of Singah near Kharack from whence she was taken to a place in the Northern end of the Gulf called Tarsie Arabie and plundered of all her cargo, stores, the swords matchlocks and other articles belonging to the crew amounting to the value of about Sahib Karoons Three thousand six hundred & sixty three or Bombay Rs. 2233- when she was permitted to depart without any serious violence being offered to the crew.

3d. Shortly afterwards the pirates proceeded to Ajeir a place under the Jurisdiction of the Sheik of Bahrein, to endeavour to dispose of her ill gotten property, but was fortunately seized by orders of Sheik Abdoolah bin Ahmed whose people brought her into Bahrein with such part of her cargo as happened to be then on board and the Naguodah and two of the crew as prisoners, these however shortly afterwards were permitted to escape under the plea as offered by the Sheik of Bahrein, that they were subjects of the Sheikh of Singah

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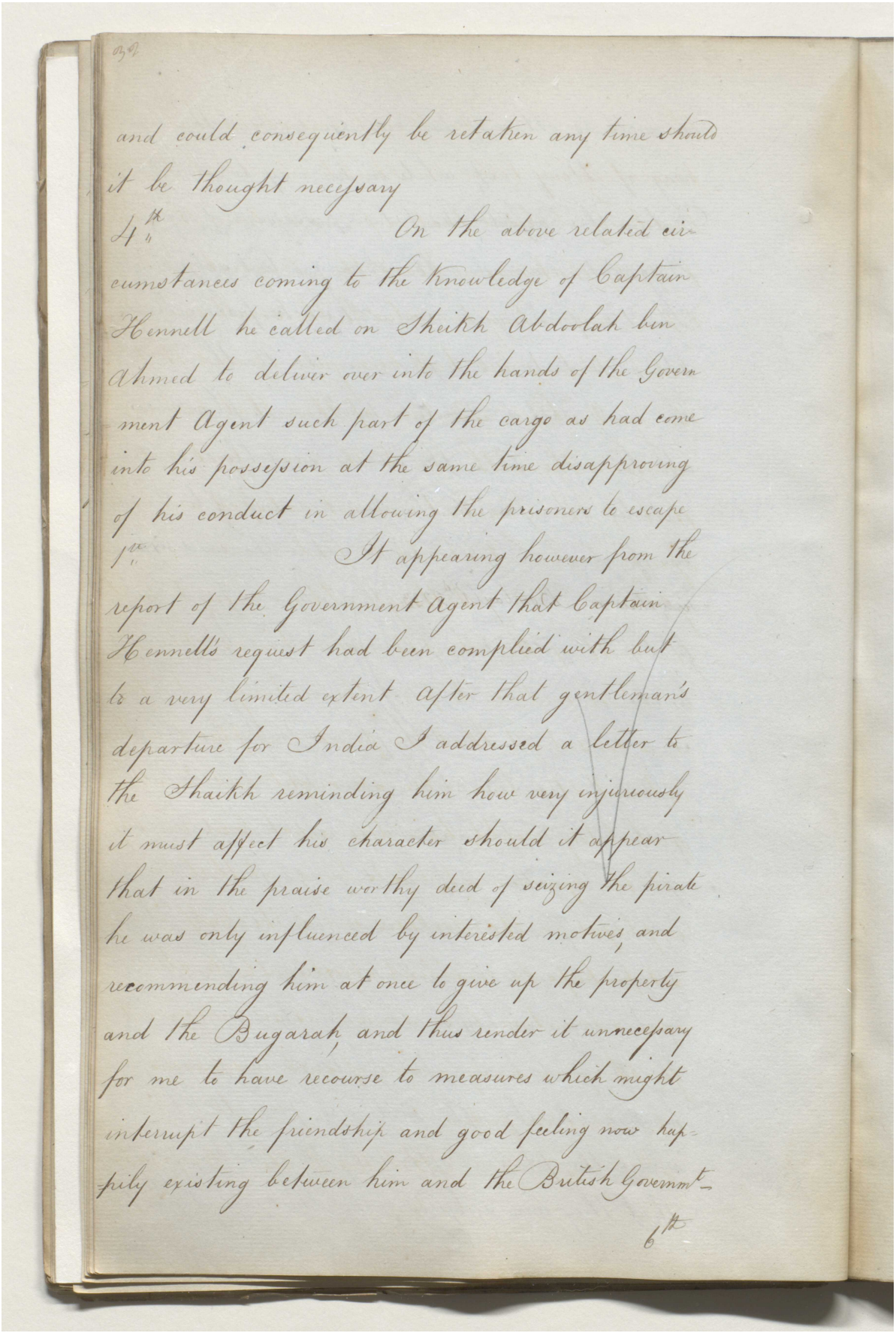

and could consequently be retaken any time should it be thought necessary

4th On the above related circumstances coming to the knowledge of Captain Hennell he called on Sheikh Abdoolah bin Ahmed to deliver over into the hands of the Government Agent such part of the cargo as had come into his possession at the same time disapproving of his conduct in allowing the prisoners to escape

5th It appearing however from the report of the Government Agent that Captain Hennell's request had been complied with but to a very limited extent after that gentleman's departure for India I addressed a letter to the Shaikh reminding him how very injuriously it must affect his character should it appear that in the praise worthy deed of seizing the pirate he was only influenced by interested motives, and recommending him at once to give up the property and the Bugarah, and thus render it unnecessary for me to have recourse to measures which might interrupt the friendship and good feeling now happily existing between him and the British Govemmt

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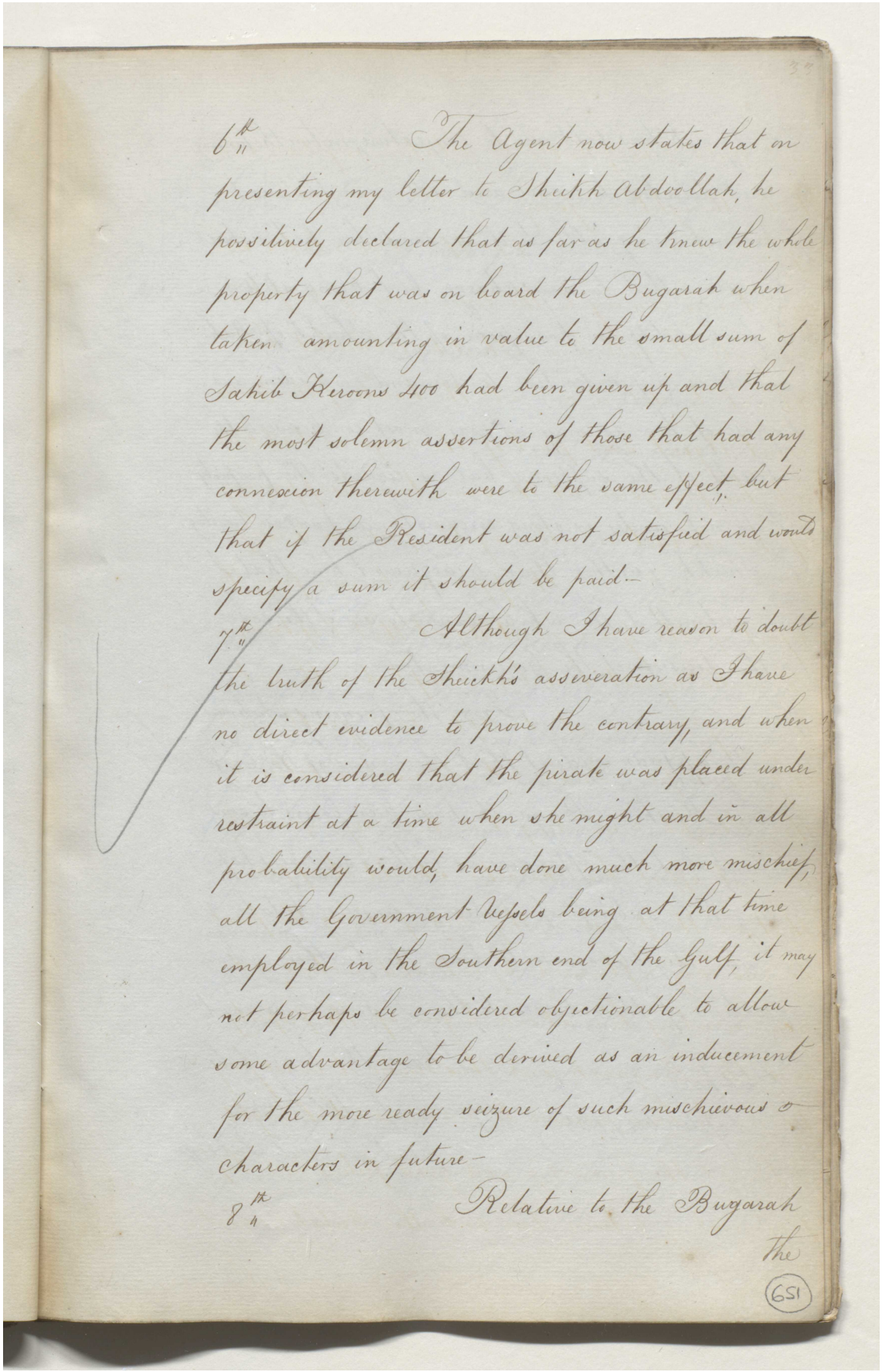

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11 The Agent now states that on presenting my letter to Sheikh Abdoollah, he possitively declared that as far as he knew the whole property that was on board the Bugarah when taken amounting in value to the small sum of Sahib Keroons 400 had been given up and that the most solemn assertions of those that had any connexion therewith were to the same effect, but that if the Resident was not satisfied and would specify a sum it should be paid—

7th
11 Although I have reason to doubt the truth of the Sheikh's asseveration as I have no direct evidence to prove the contrary, and when it is considered that the pirate was placed under restraint at a time when she might and in all probability would, have done much more mischief, all the Government Vessels being at that time employed in the Southern end of the Gulf, it may not perhaps be considered objectionable to allow some advantage to be derived as an inducement for the more ready seizure of such mischievous characters in future—

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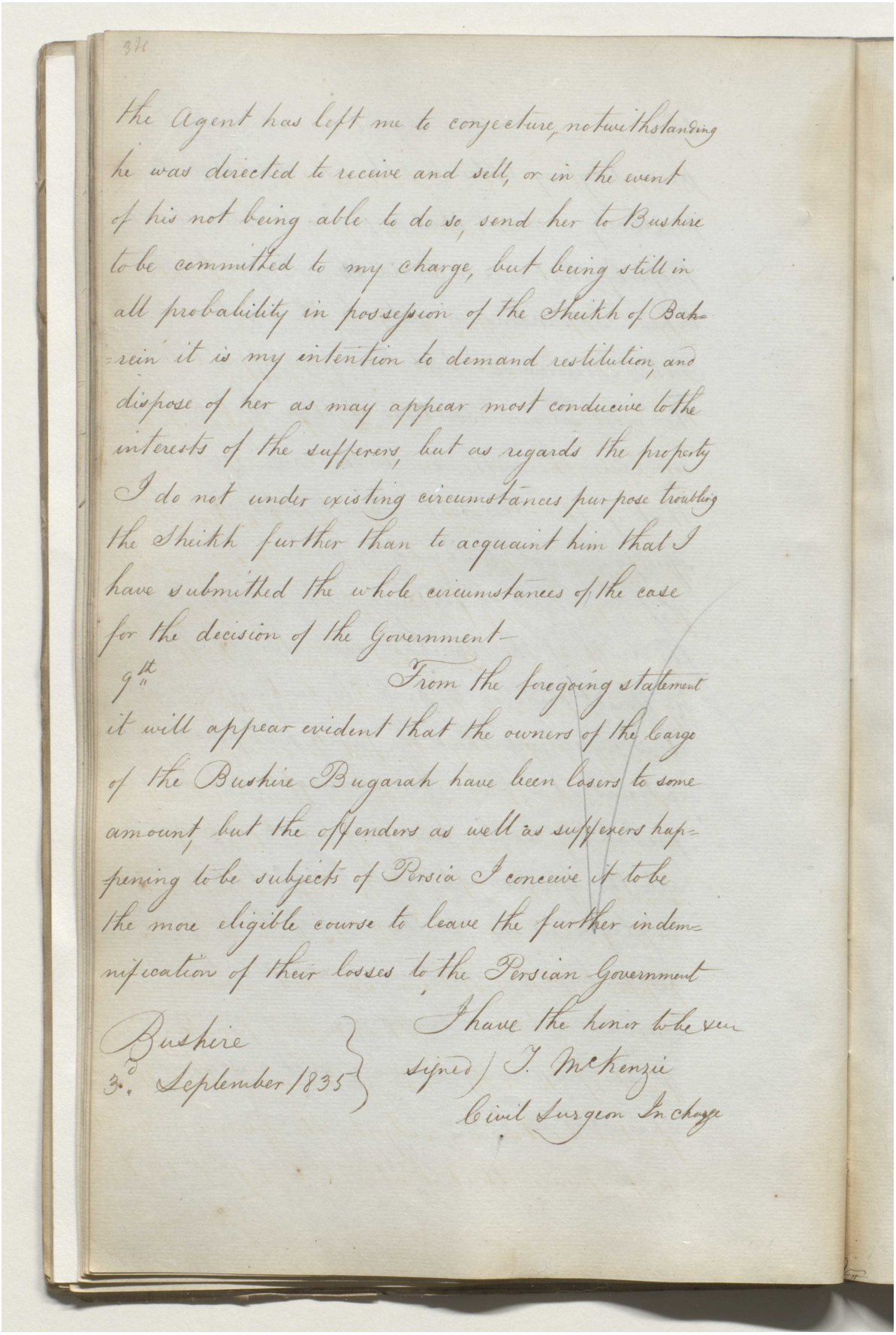

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the Agent has left me to conjecture, notwithstanding he was directed to receive and sell, or in the event of his not being able to do so, send her to Bushire to be committed to my charge, but being still in all probability in possession of the Sheikh of Bahrein it is my intention to demand restitution, and dispose of her as may appear most conducive to the interests of the sufferers, but as regards the property I do not under existing circumstances purpose troubling the Sheikh further than to acquaint him that I have submitted the whole circumstances of the case for the decision of the Government

9th From the foregoing statement it will appear evident that the owners of the Cargo of the Bushire Bugarah have been losers to some amount, but the offenders as well as sufferers happening to be subjects of Persia I conceive it to be the more eligible course to leave the further indemnification of their losses to the Persian Government

I have the honor to be &c
signed/ J. McKenzie
Civil Surgeon In charge

Bushire
3d. September 1835

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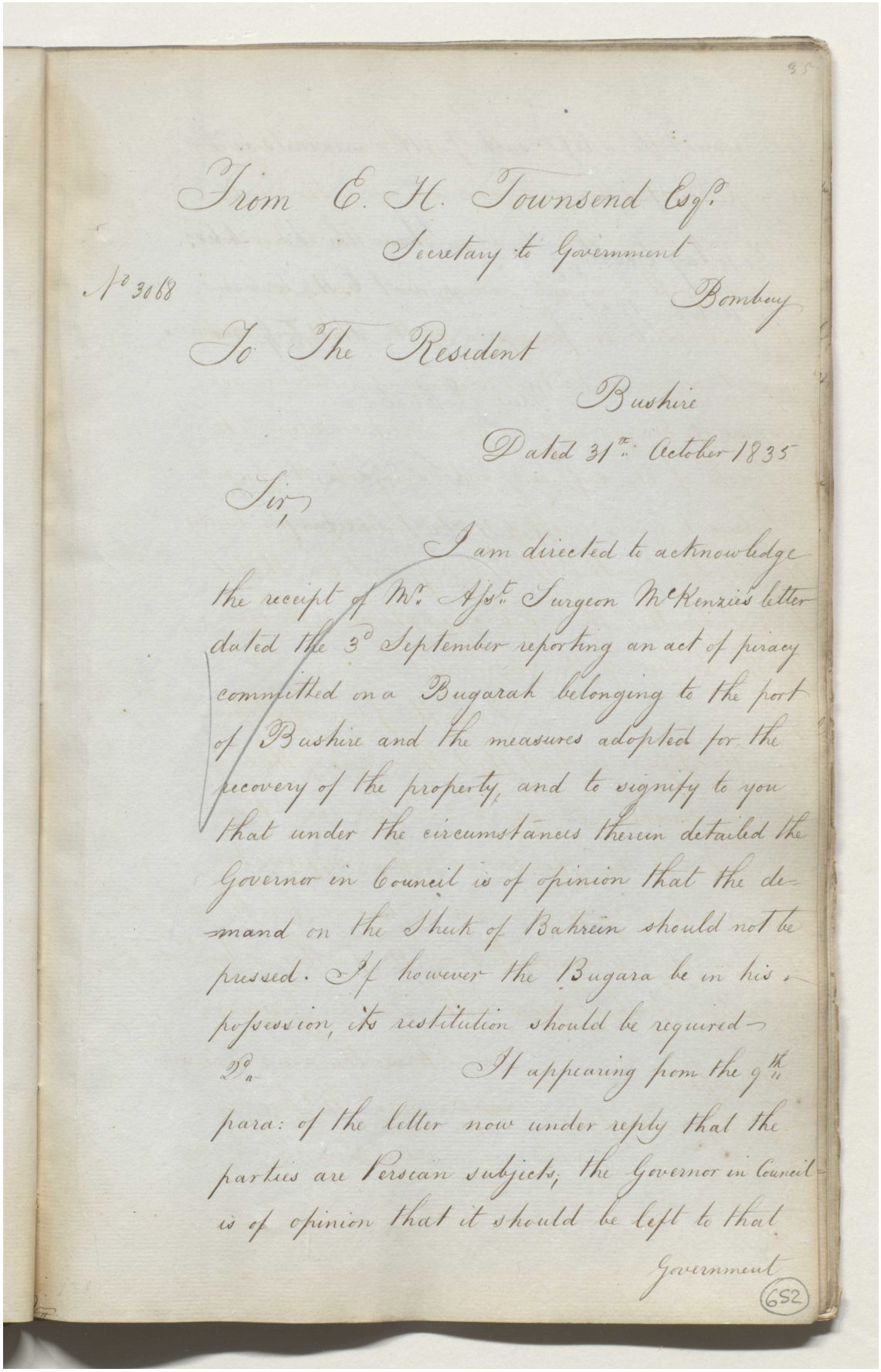

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From C. H. Townsend Esq.
Secretary to Government
Bombay

No 3068

To The Resident
Bushire

Dated 31st. October 1835

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Asst. Surgeon McKenzie's letter dated the 3d September reporting an act of piracy committed on a Bugarah belonging to the port of Bushire and the measures adopted for the recovery of the property, and to signify to you that under the circumstances therein detailed the Governor in Council is of opinion that the demand on the Shuk of Bahrein should not be pressed. If however the Bugara be in his possession, its restitution should be required.

2d. It appearing from the 9th para: of the letter now under reply that the parties are Persian subjects, the Governor in Council is of opinion that it should be left to that Government

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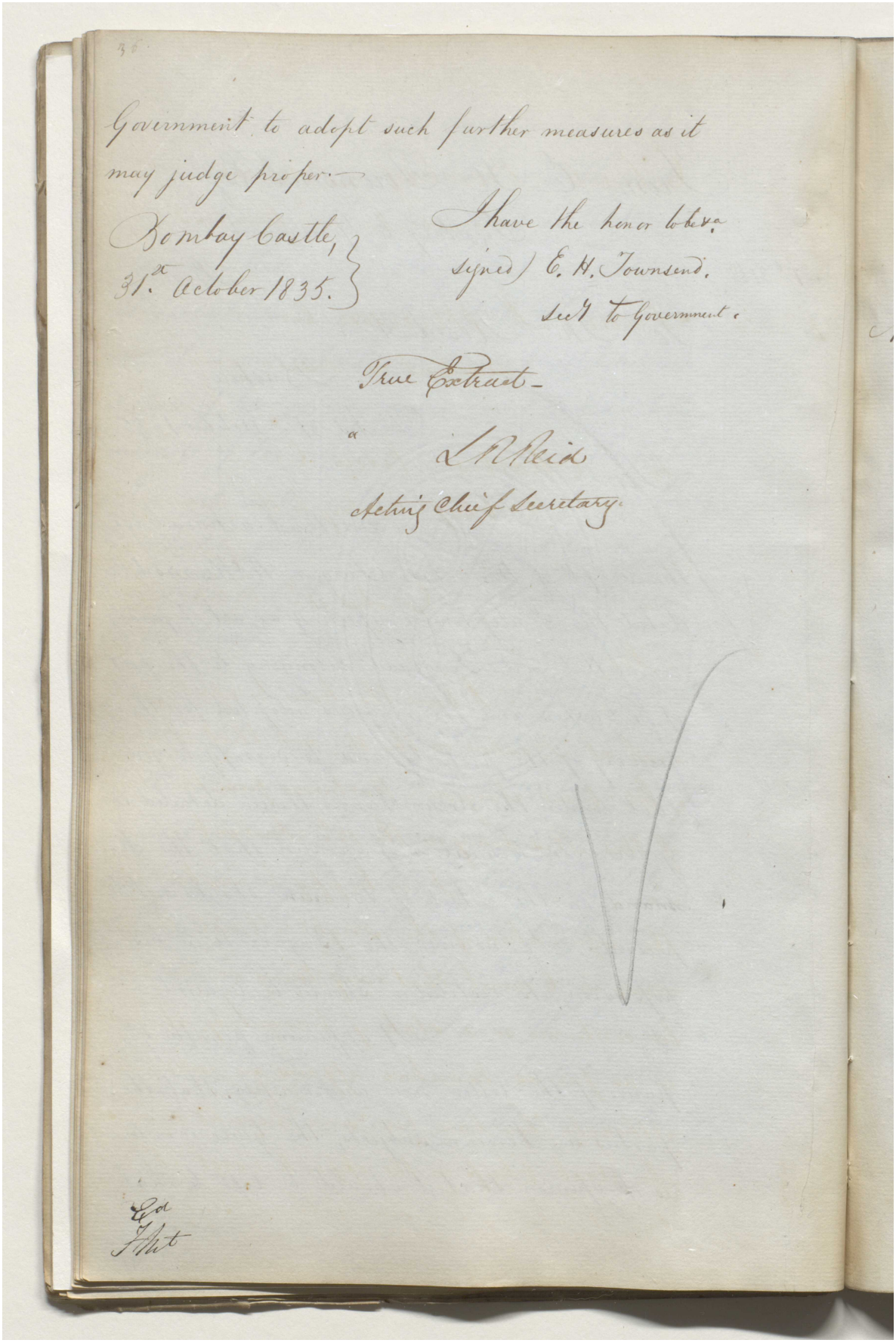

Government to adopt such further measures as it may judge proper.—

Bombay Castle, 31st October 1835.

I have the honor to be &c.
signed) E. H. Townsend.
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True Extract—

L R Reid
Acting Chief Secretary.

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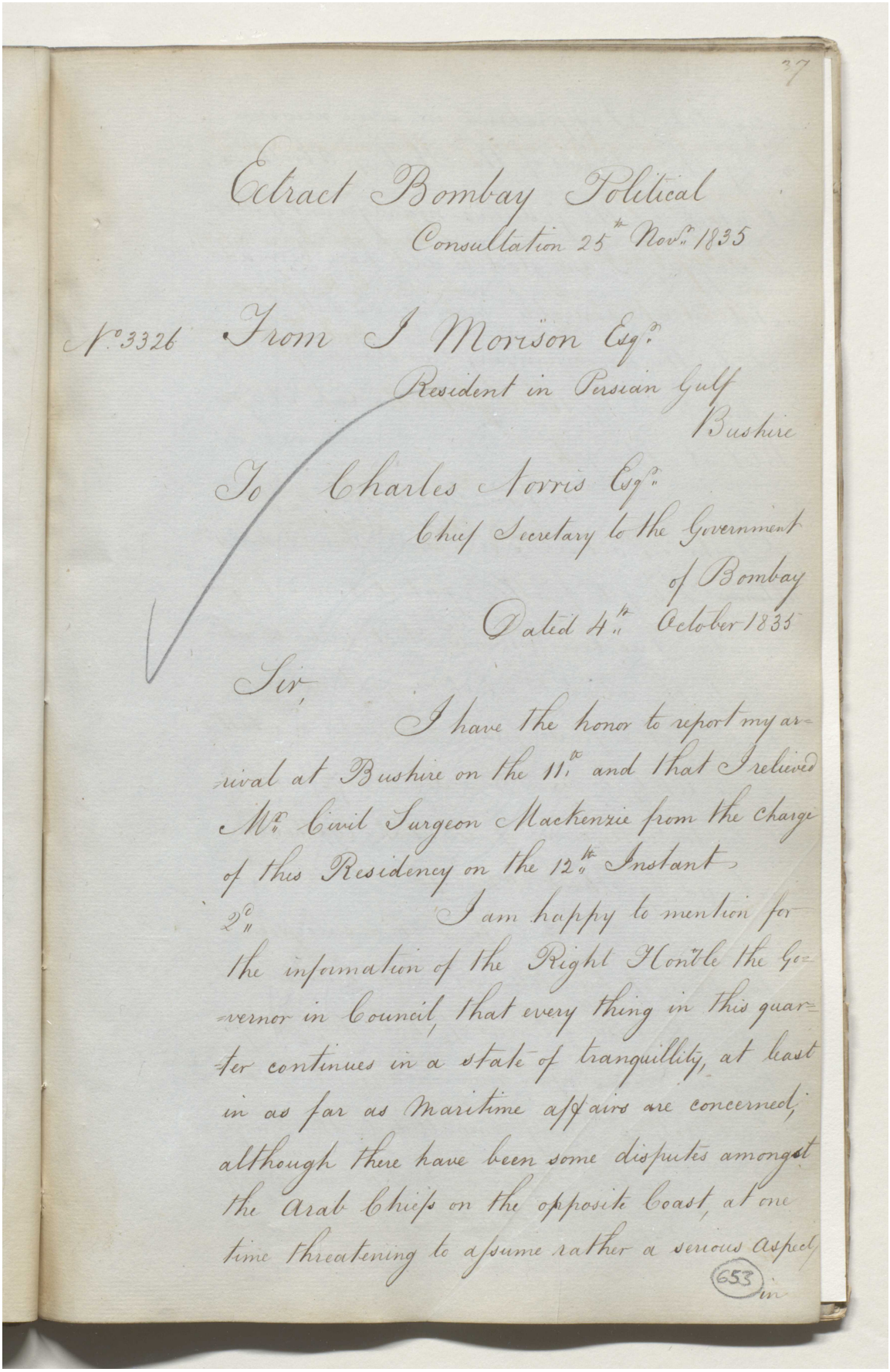

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No. 3326 From J Morrison Esqr.
Resident in Persian Gulf
Bushire

To Charles Norris Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Bombay

Dated 4th October 1835

Sir,

I have the honor to report my arrival at Bushire on the 11th and that I relieved Mr. Civil Surgeon Mackenzie from the charge of this Residency on the 12th Instant.

2d I am happy to mention for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that every thing in this quarter continues in a state of tranquillity, at least in as far as Maritime affairs are concerned, although there have been some disputes amongst the Arab Chiefs on the opposite Coast, at one time threatening to assume rather a serious aspect

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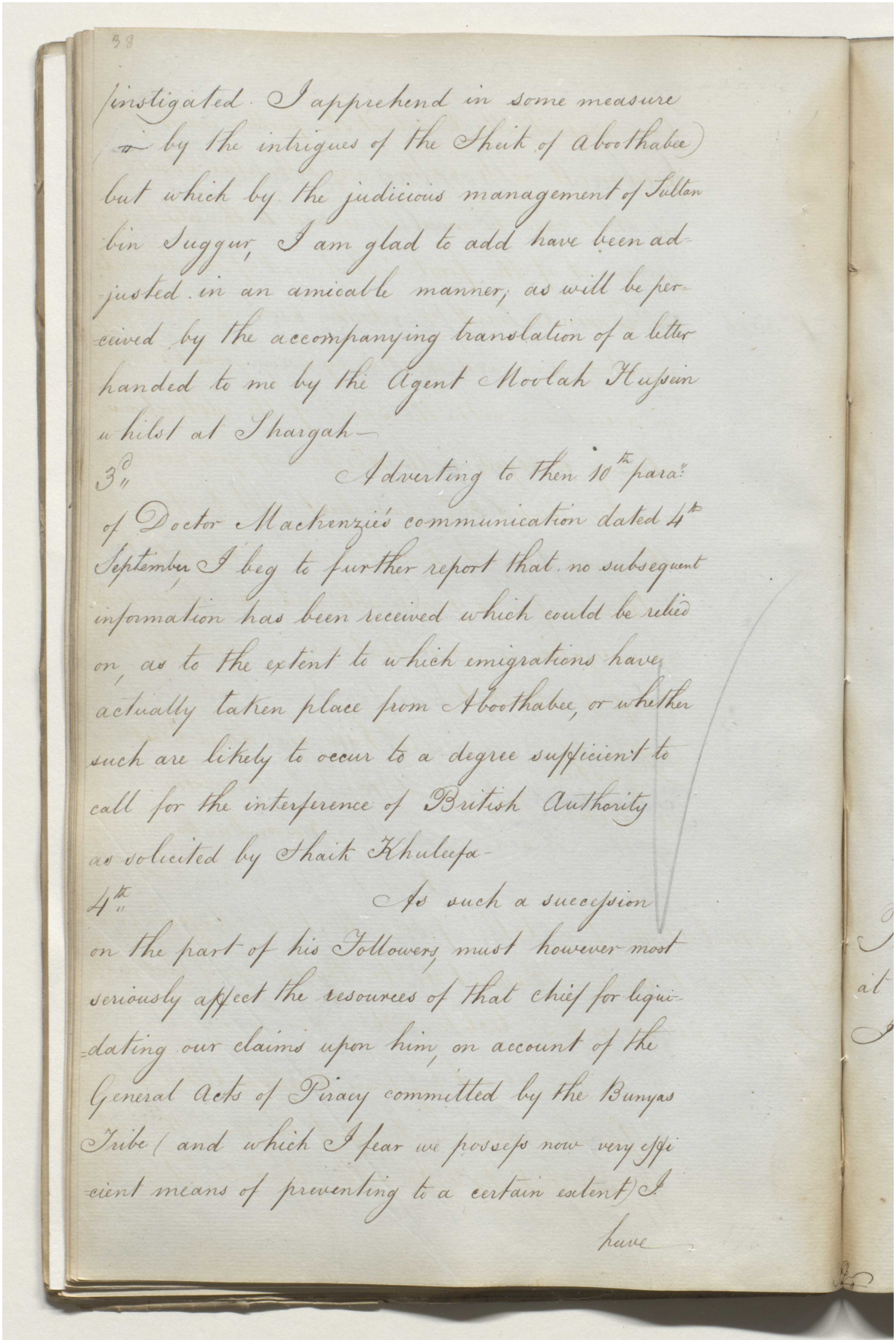

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instigated. I apprehend in some measure
— by the intrigues of the Sheik of Aboothabee)
but which by the judicious management of Sultan
bin Suggur, I am glad to add have been ad-
justed in an amicable manner, as will be per-
ceived by the accompanying translation of a letter
handed to me by the Agent Moolah Hupsein
whilst at Shargah—

3d " Adverting to then 10th para:
of Doctor Mackenzie's communication dated 4th
September I beg to further report that no subsequent
information has been received which could be relied
on, as to the extent to which emigrations have
actually taken place from Aboothabee, or whether
such are likely to occur to a degree sufficient to
call for the interference of British Authority
as solicited by Shaik Khuleefa—

4th " As such a succession
on the part of his Followers must however most
seriously affect the resources of that chief for liqui-
dating our claims upon him, on account of the
General Acts of Piracy committed by the Bunyas
Tribe (and which I fear we possess now very effi-
cient means of preventing to a certain extent) I
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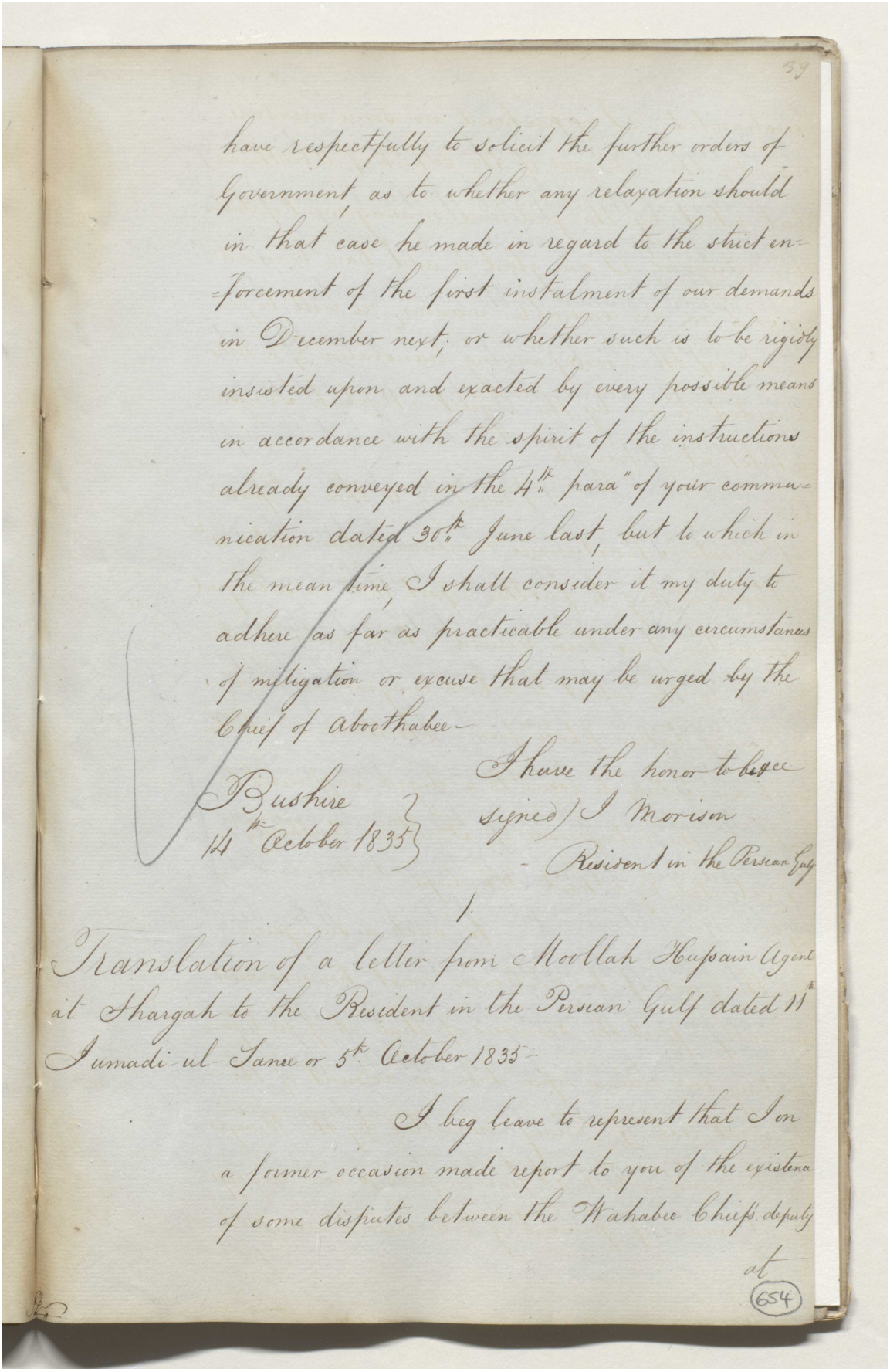

have respectfully to solicit the further orders of Government, as to whether any relaxation should in that case be made in regard to the strict enforcement of the first instalment of our demands in December next; or whether such is to be rigidly insisted upon and exacted by every possible means in accordance with the spirit of the instructions already conveyed in the 4th para" of your communication dated 30th June last, but to which in the mean time, I shall consider it my duty to adhere as far as practicable under any circumstances of mitigation or excuse that may be urged by the Chief of Aboothabee—

I have the honor to be &c
signed) J Morison
- Resident in the Persian Gulf

Bushire
14th October 1835

1.

Translation of a letter from Moollah Hussain Agent at Shargah to the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 11th Jumadi-ul-Sanee or 5th October 1835—

I beg leave to represent that I on a former occasion made report to you of the existence of some disputes between the Wahabee Chief's deputy at

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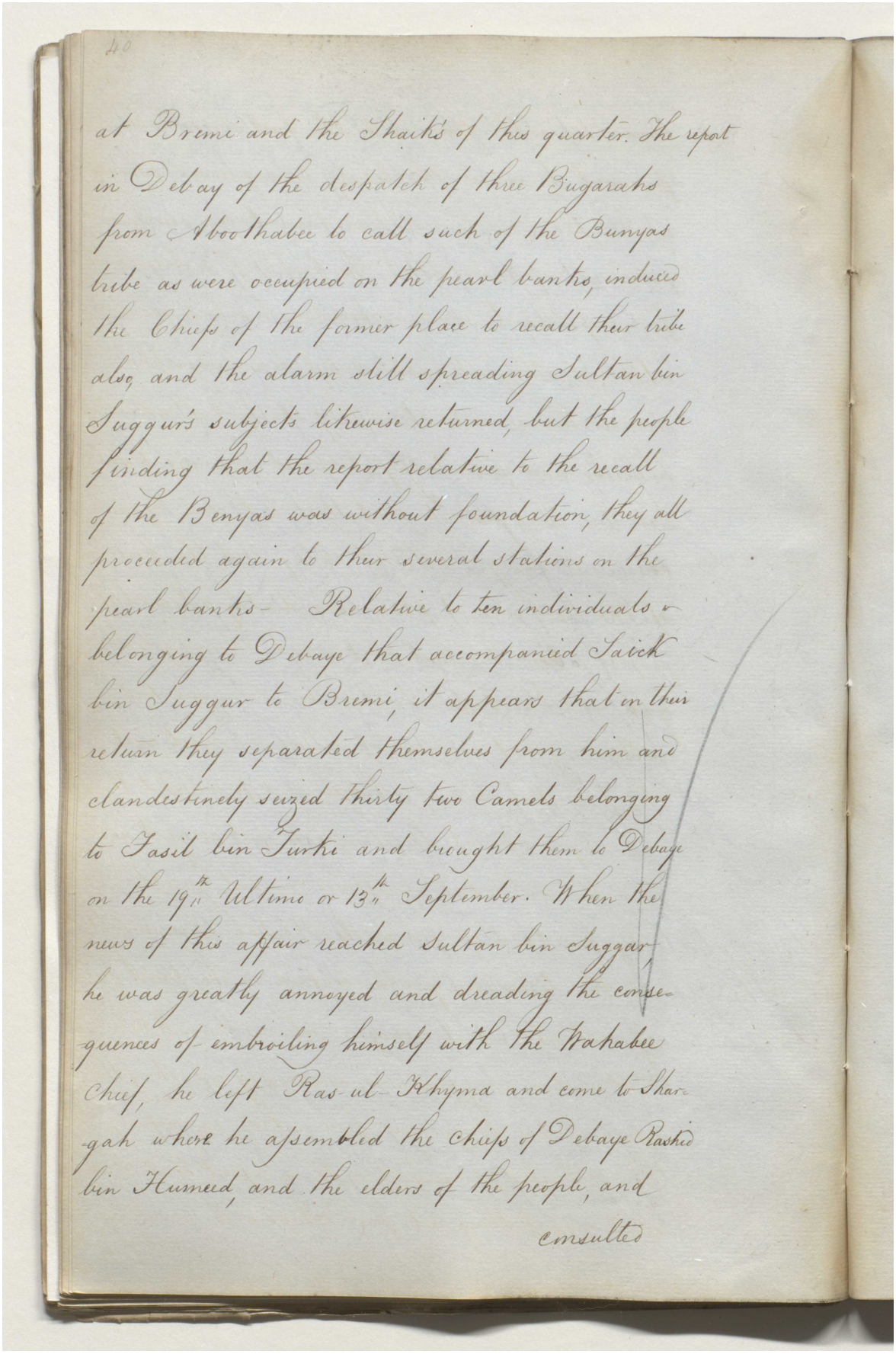

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at Bremi and the Shaiks of this quarter. The report in Debay of the despatch of three Bugarahs from Aboothabee to call such of the Bunyas tribe as were occupied on the pearl banks, induced the Chiefs of the former place to recall their tribe also, and the alarm still spreading Sultan bin Suggur's subjects likewise returned, but the people finding that the report relative to the recall of the Benyas was without foundation, they all proceeded again to their several stations on the pearl banks- Relative to ten individuals belonging to Debaye that accompanied Saick bin Suggur to Bremi, it appears that on their return they separated themselves from him and clandestinely seized thirty two Camels belonging to Fasil bin Turki and brought them to Debaye on the 19th Ultimo or 13th September. When the news of this affair reached Sultan bin Suggar, he was greatly annoyed and dreading the consequences of embroiling himself with the Wahabee Chief, he left Ras-ul-Khyma and came to Sharjah where he assembled the Chiefs of Debaye Rashid bin Humeed, and the elders of the people, and

consulted

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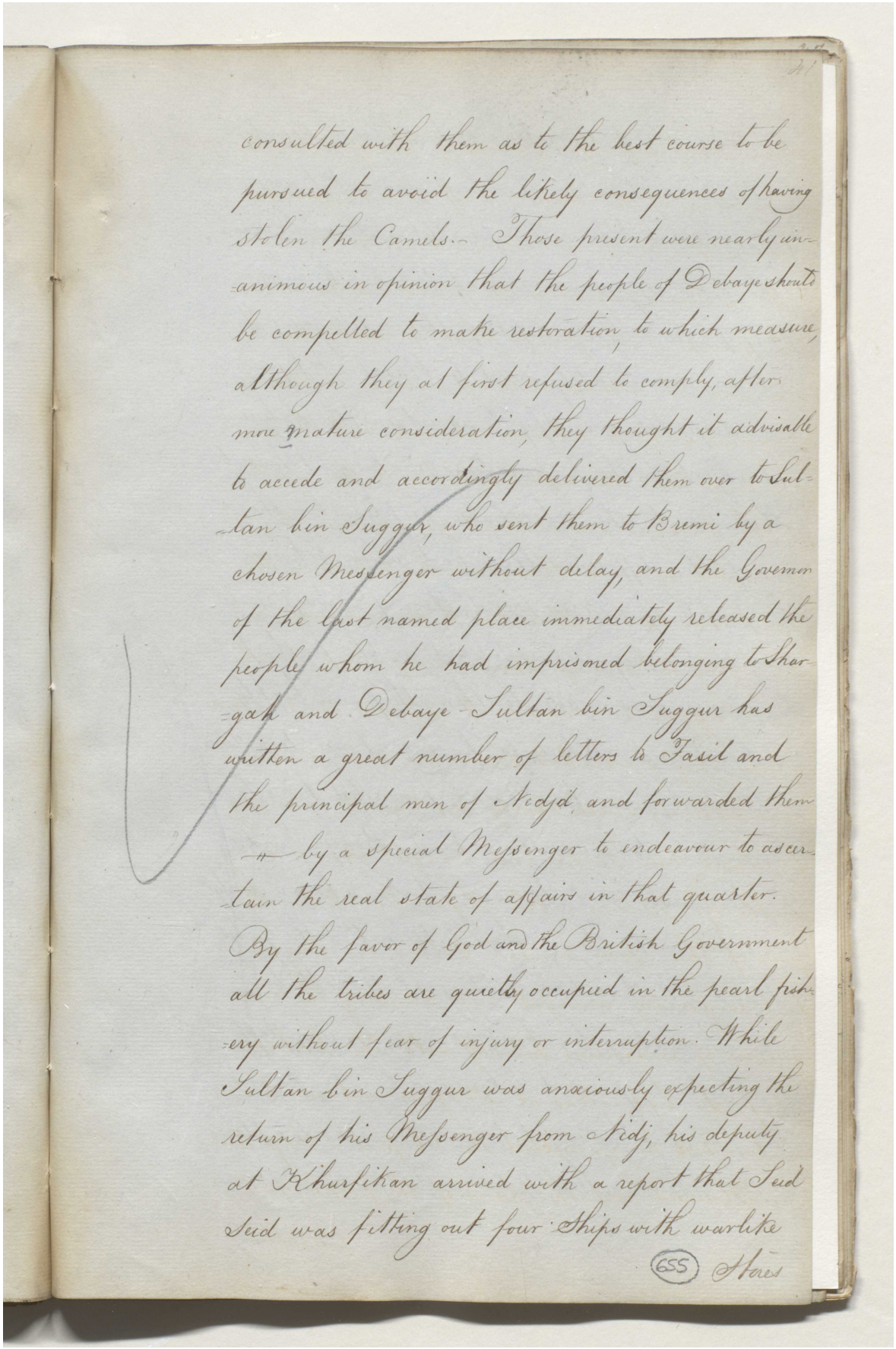

consulted with them as to the best course to be
pursued to avoid the likely consequences of having
stolen the Camels.- Those present were nearly un-
animous in opinion that the people of Debaye should
be compelled to make restoration, to which measure
although they at first refused to comply, after
more mature consideration, they thought it advisable
to accede and accordingly delivered them over to Sul-
tan bin Suggur, who sent them to Bremi by a
chosen Messenger without delay, and the Governor
of the last named place immediately released the
people whom he had imprisoned belonging to Shar-
gah and Debaye - Sultan bin Suggur has
written a great number of letters to Fasil and
the principal men of Nedjd, and forwarded them
by a special Messenger to endeavour to ascer-
tain the real state of affairs in that quarter.
By the favor of God and the British Government
all the tribes are quietly occupied in the pearl fish-
ery without fear of injury or interruption. While
Sultan bin Suggur was anxiously expecting the
return of his Messenger from Nedj, his deputy
at Khurfakan arrived with a report that Seid
Seid was fitting out four Ships with warlike
655 Stores

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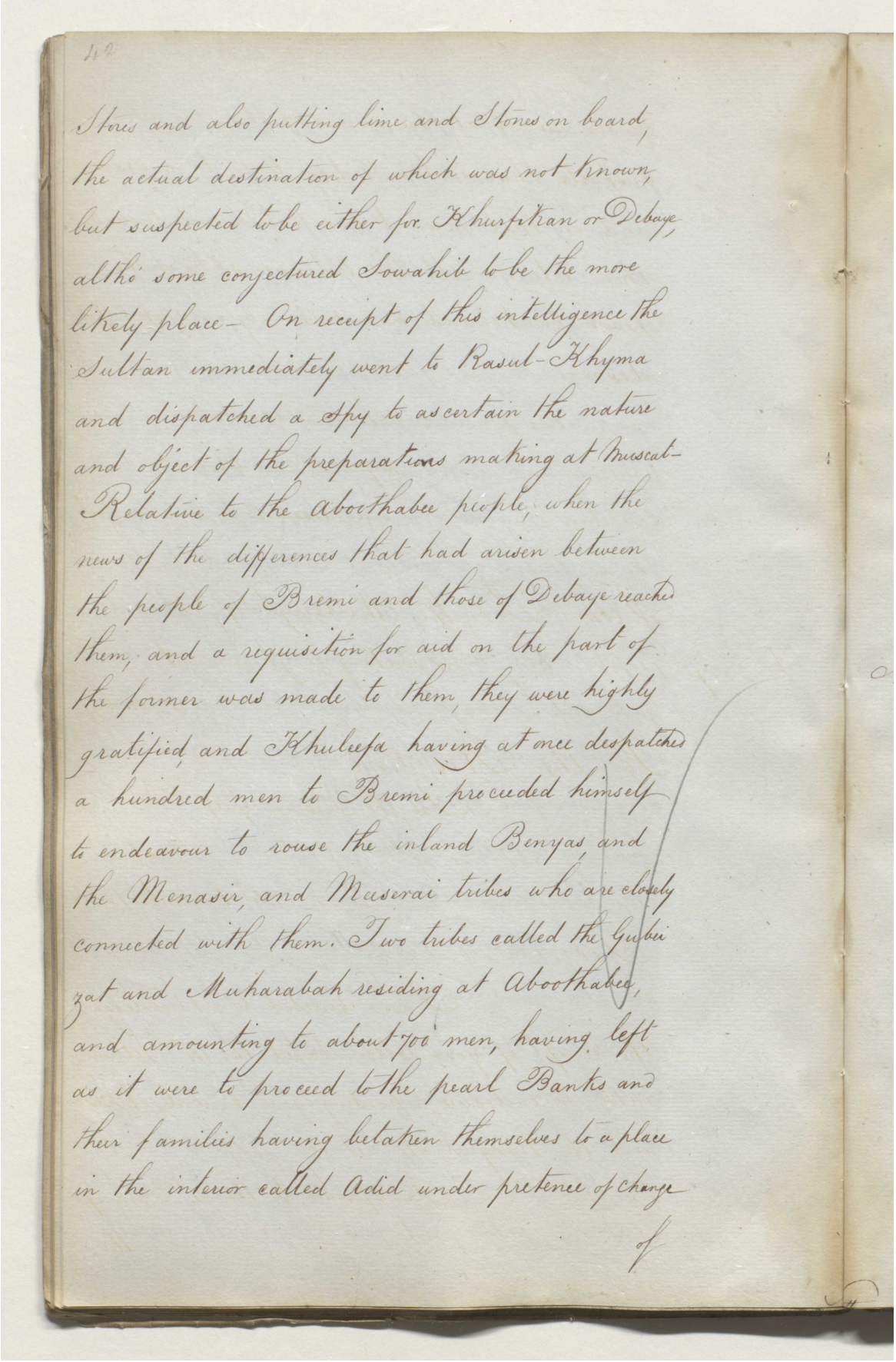

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Stores and also putting lime and Stones on board, the actual destination of which was not known, but suspected to be either for Khurfuhan or Debaye, altho' some conjectured Sowahib to be the more likely place – On receipt of this intelligence the Sultan immediately went to Rasul-Khyma and dispatched a Spy to ascertain the nature and object of the preparations making at Muscat – Relative to the Aboothabee people, when the news of the differences that had arisen between the people of Bremi and those of Debaye reached them, and a requisition for aid on the part of the former was made to them, they were highly gratified and Khuleefa having at once despatched a hundred men to Bremi proceeded himself to endeavour to rouse the inland Benyas and the Menasir and Mussurai tribes who are closely connected with them. Two tribes called the Gubbi zat and Muharabah residing at Aboothabee, and amounting to about 700 men, having left as it were to proceed to the pearl Banks and their families having betaken themselves to a place in the interior called Adid under pretence of change

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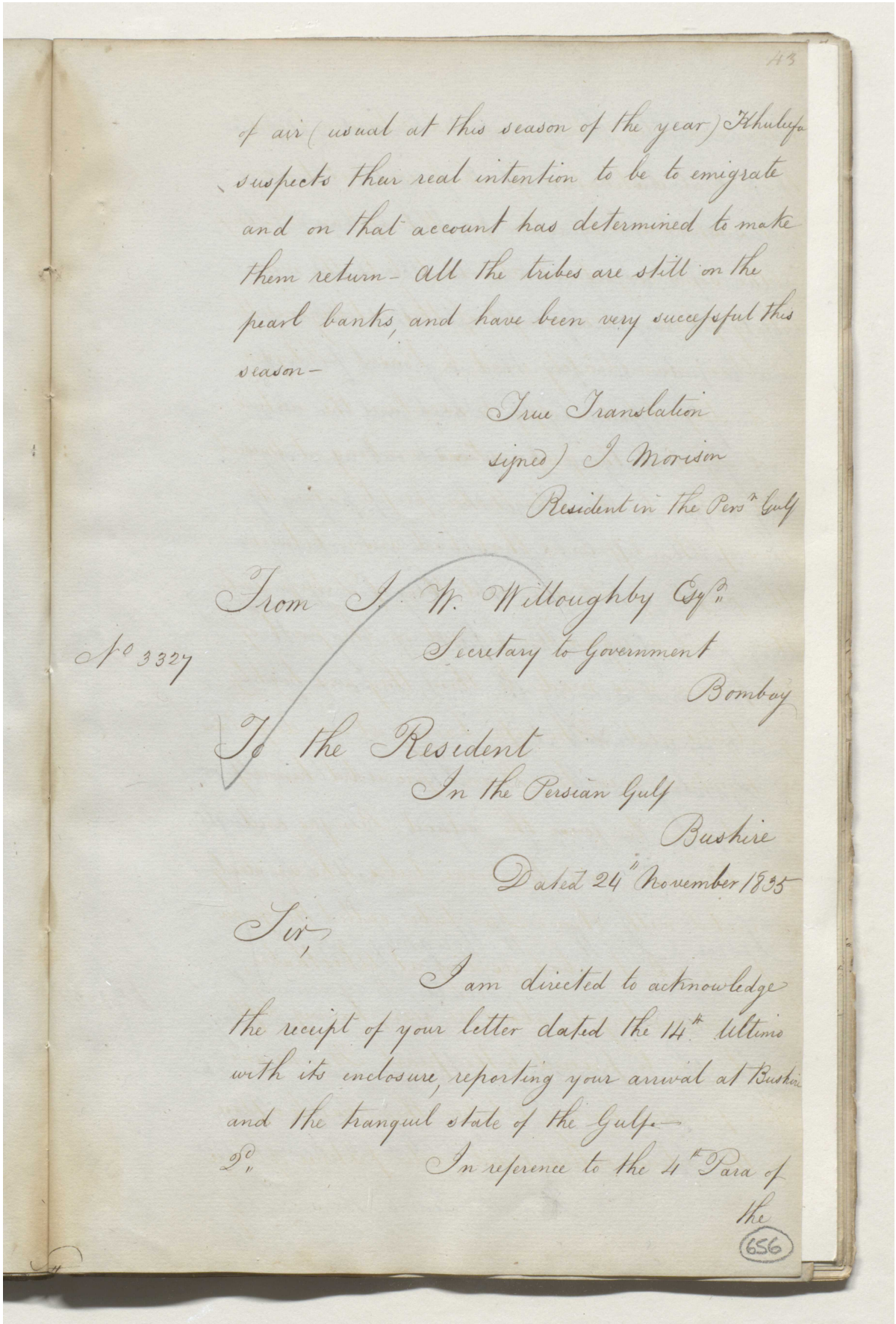

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of air (usual at this season of the year) Khuleefa suspects their real intention to be to emigrate and on that account has determined to make them return – All the tribes are still on the pearl banks, and have been very successful this season –

True Translation
signed) J. Morison
Resident in the Pers^n Gulf

From J. W. Willoughby Esqr
Secretary to Government
Bombay

No 3327

To the Resident
In the Persian Gulf
Bushire

Dated 24th November 1835

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th ultimo with its enclosure, reporting your arrival at Bushire and the tranquil state of the Gulf –

2^d In reference to the 4th Para of the

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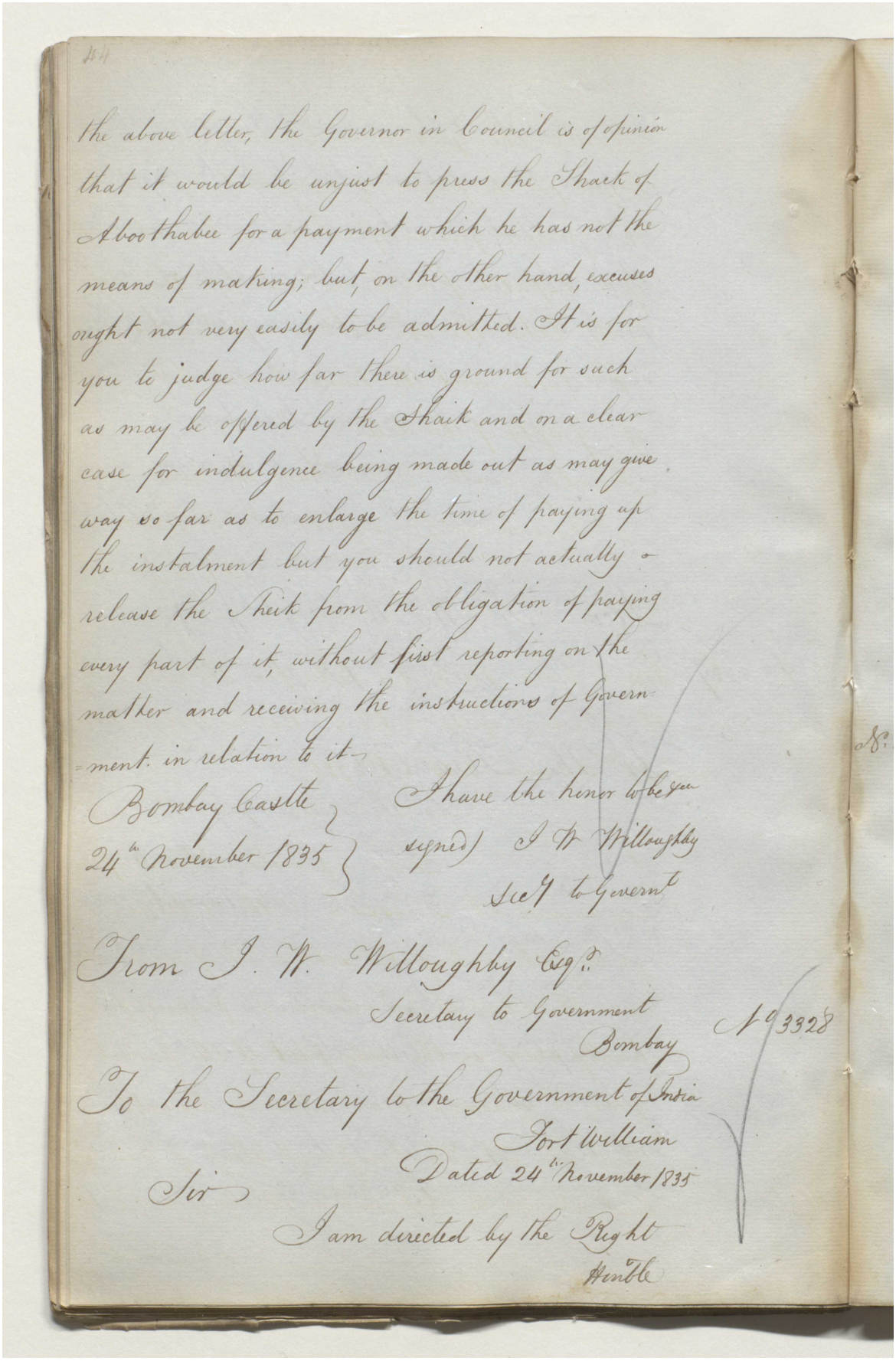

the above letter, the Governor in Council is of opinion that it would be unjust to press the Shaek of Aboothabee for a payment which he has not the means of making; but, on the other hand, excuses ought not very easily to be admitted. It is for you to judge how far there is ground for such as may be offered by the Shaik and on a clear case for indulgence being made out as may give way so far as to enlarge the time of paying up the instalment but you should not actually release the Sheik from the obligation of paying every part of it, without first reporting on the matter and receiving the instructions of Government in relation to it.

Bombay Castle
24th November 1835

I have the honor to be &c
signed) J. W. Willoughby
Sec.y to Govern.t

From J. W. Willoughby Esq.r
Secretary to Government
Bombay

No 3328

To the Secretary to the Government of India
Fort William

Dated 24th November 1835

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble

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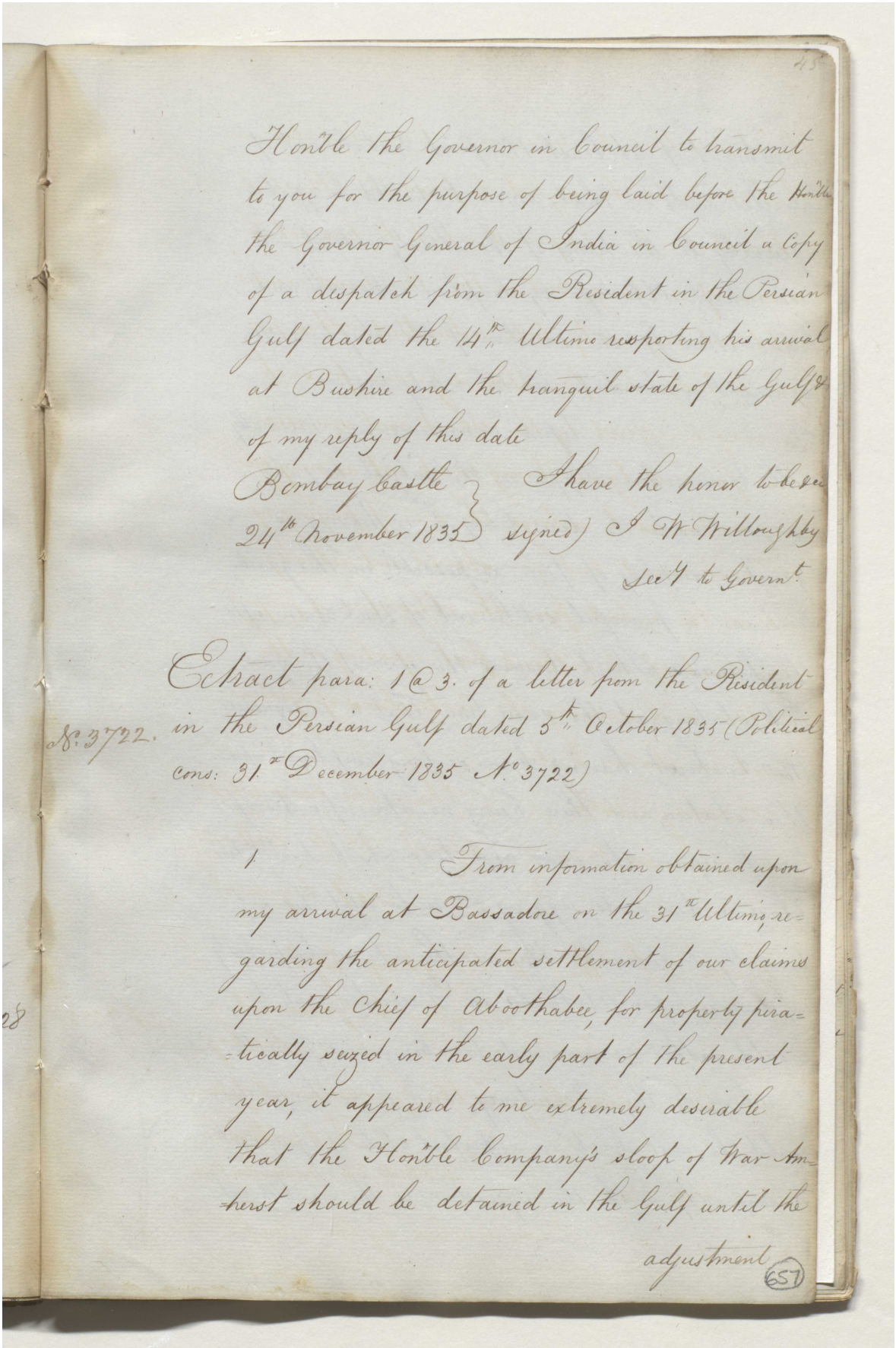

Hon'ble the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before the Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council a Copy of a dispatch from the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated the 14th Ultimo reporting his arrival at Bushire and the tranquil state of the Gulf & of my reply of this date

Bombay Castle 24th November 1835

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) J. W. Willoughby
Sec.y to Govern.t

Extract para: 1 & 3. of a letter from the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 5th October 1835 (Political Cons: 31st December 1835 N.o 3722)

No. 3722.

1 From information obtained upon my arrival at Bassadore on the 31st Ultimo, regarding the anticipated settlement of our claims upon the Chief of Abothabee, for properly piratically seized in the early part of the present year, it appeared to me extremely desirable that the Hon'ble Company's sloop of War Amherst should be detained in the Gulf until the adjustment

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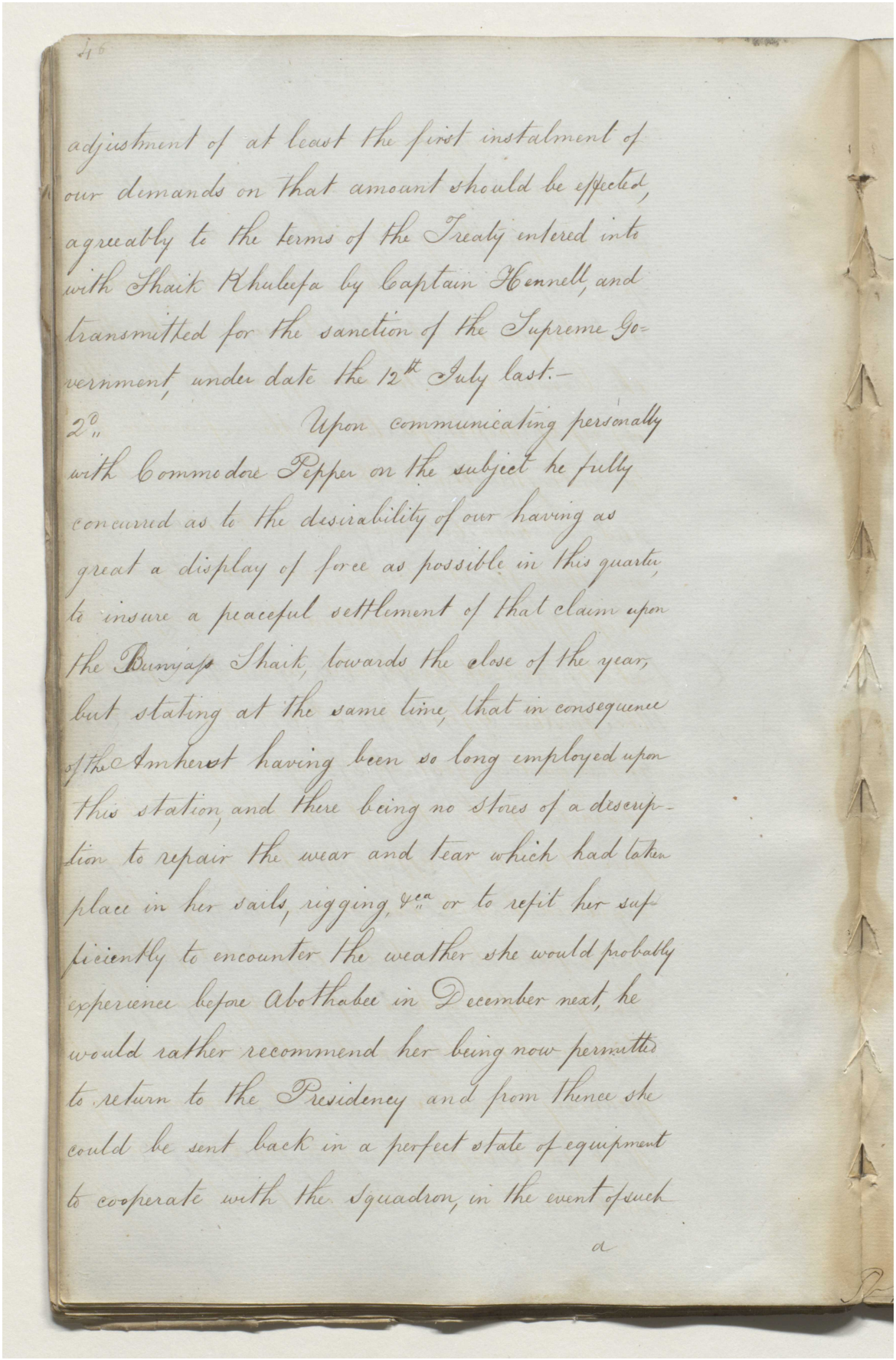

adjustment of at least the first instalment of
our demands on that amount should be effected,
agreeably to the terms of the Treaty entered into
with Shaik Khuleefa by Captain Hennell, and
transmitted for the sanction of the Supreme Go-
vernment, under date the 12th July last.–

2d. Upon communicating personally
with Commodore Pepper on the subject he fully
concurred as to the desirability of our having as
great a display of force as possible in this quarter,
to insure a peaceful settlement of that claim upon
the Bunjas Shaik, towards the close of the year,
but stating at the same time, that in consequence
of the Amherst having been so long employed upon
this station, and there being no stores of a descrip-
tion to repair the wear and tear which had taken
place in her sails, rigging, &c. or to refit her suf-
ficiently to encounter the weather she would probably
experience before Abothabee in December next, he
would rather recommend her being now permitted
to return to the Presidency and from thence she
could be sent back in a perfect state of equipment
to cooperate with the Squadron, in the event of such

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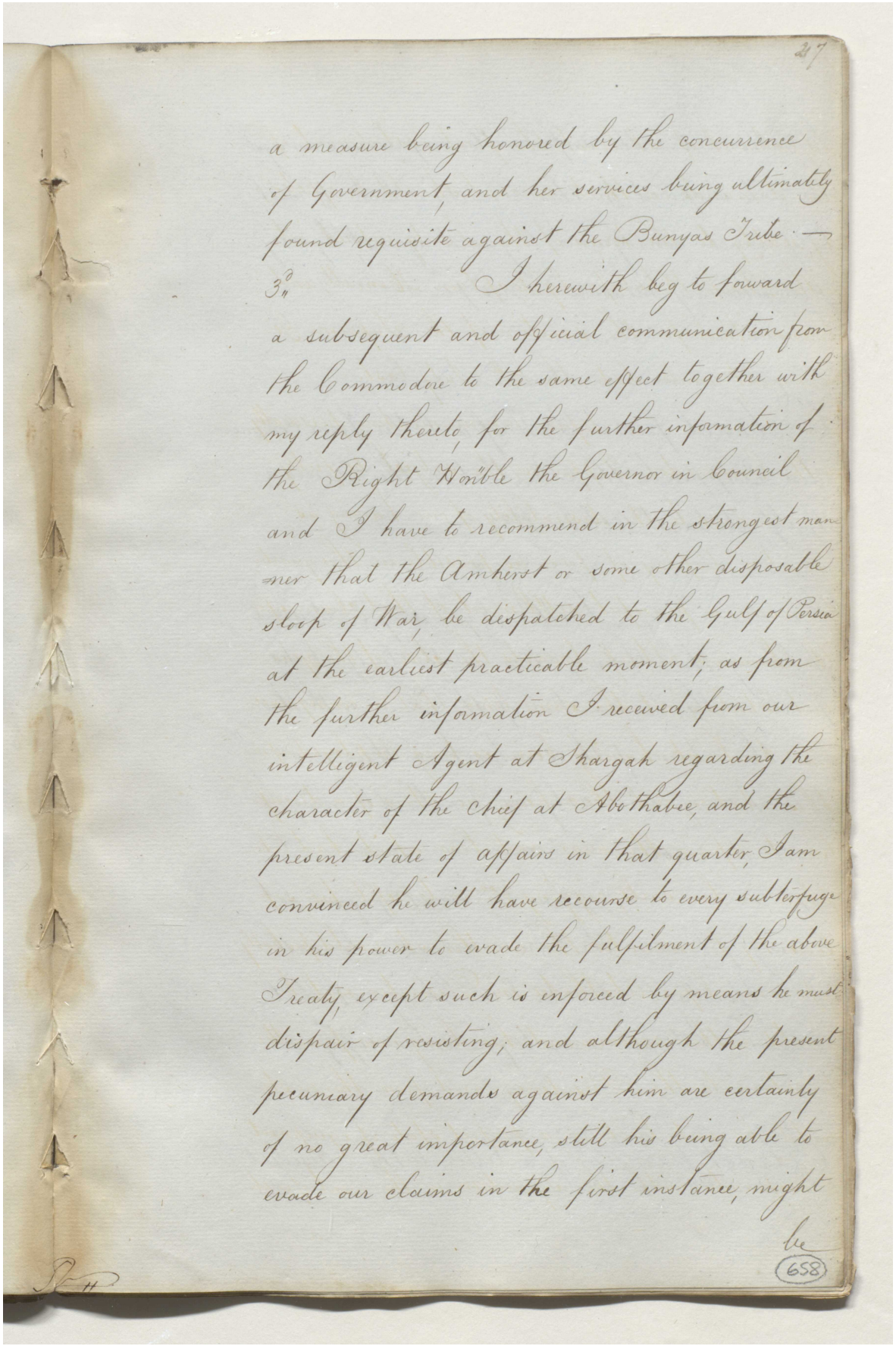

a measure being honored by the concurrence
of Government, and her services being ultimately
found requisite against the Bunyas Tribe. —
3d I herewith beg to foward
a subsequent and official communication from
the Commodore to the same effect together with
my reply thereto, for the further infomation of
the Right Honble the Governor in Council
and I have to recommend in the strongest man-
ner that the Amherst or some other disposable
sloop of War, be dispatched to the Gulf of Persia
at the earliest practicable moment; as from
the further infomation I received from our
intelligent Agent at Shargah regarding the
character of the Chief at Abothabee, and the
present state of affairs in that quarter, I am
convinced he will have recourse to every subterfuge
in his power to evade the fulfilment of the above
Treaty, except such is inforced by means he must
dispair of resisting; and although the present
pecuniary demands against him are certainly
of no great importance, still his being able to
evade our claims in the first instance, might
be

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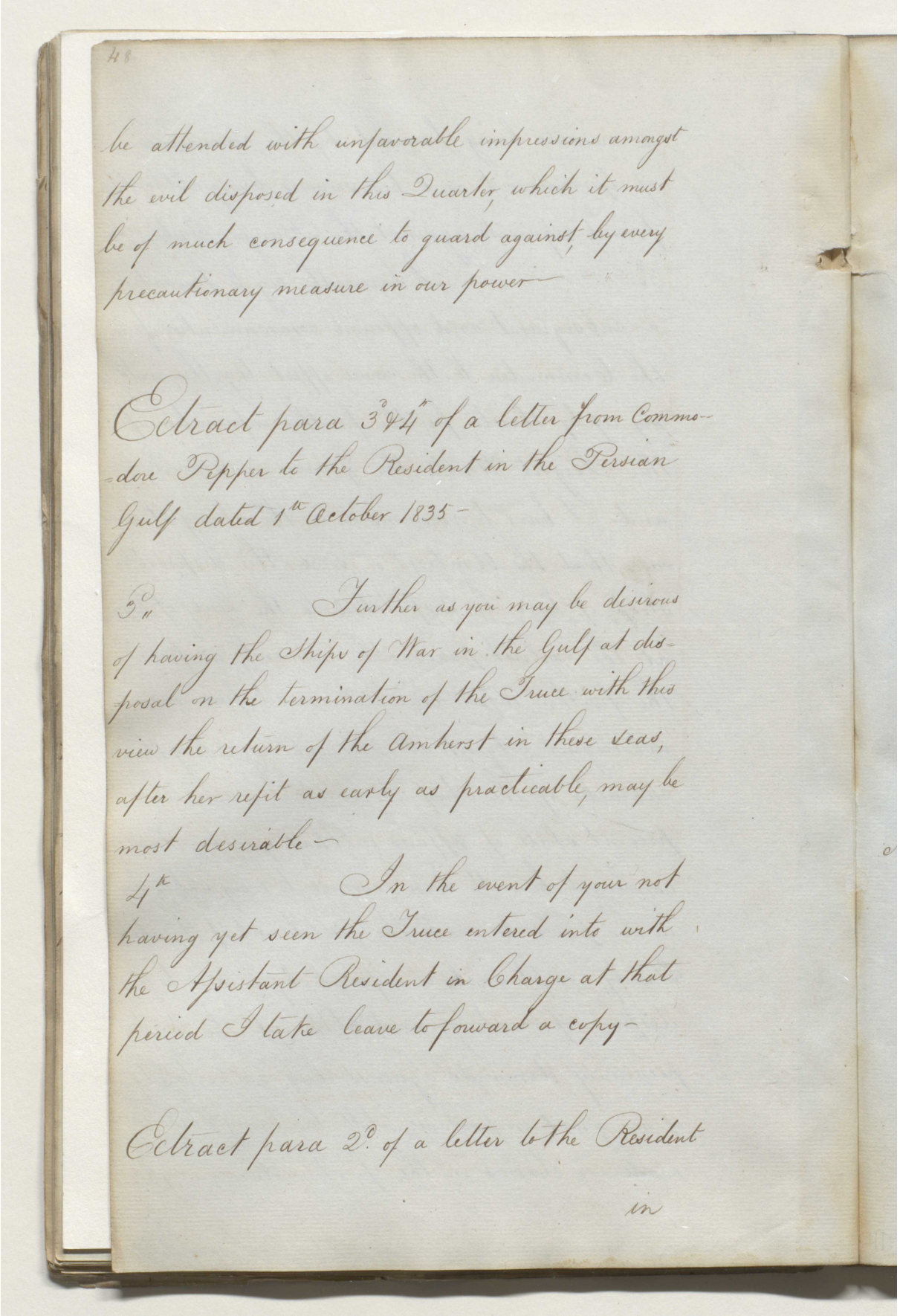

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be attended with unfavorable impressions amongst the evil disposed in this Quarter, which it must be of much consequence to guard against by every precautionary measure in our power—

Extract para 3rd 4th of a letter from Commodore Pepper to the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 1st October 1835—

3d Further as you may be desirous of having the Ships of War in the Gulf at disposal on the termination of the Truce with this view the return of the Amherst in these seas, after her refit as early as practicable, may be most desirable—

4th In the event of your not having yet seen the Truce entered into with the Assistant Resident in Charge at that period I take leave to forward a copy—

Extract para 2d of a letter to the Resident

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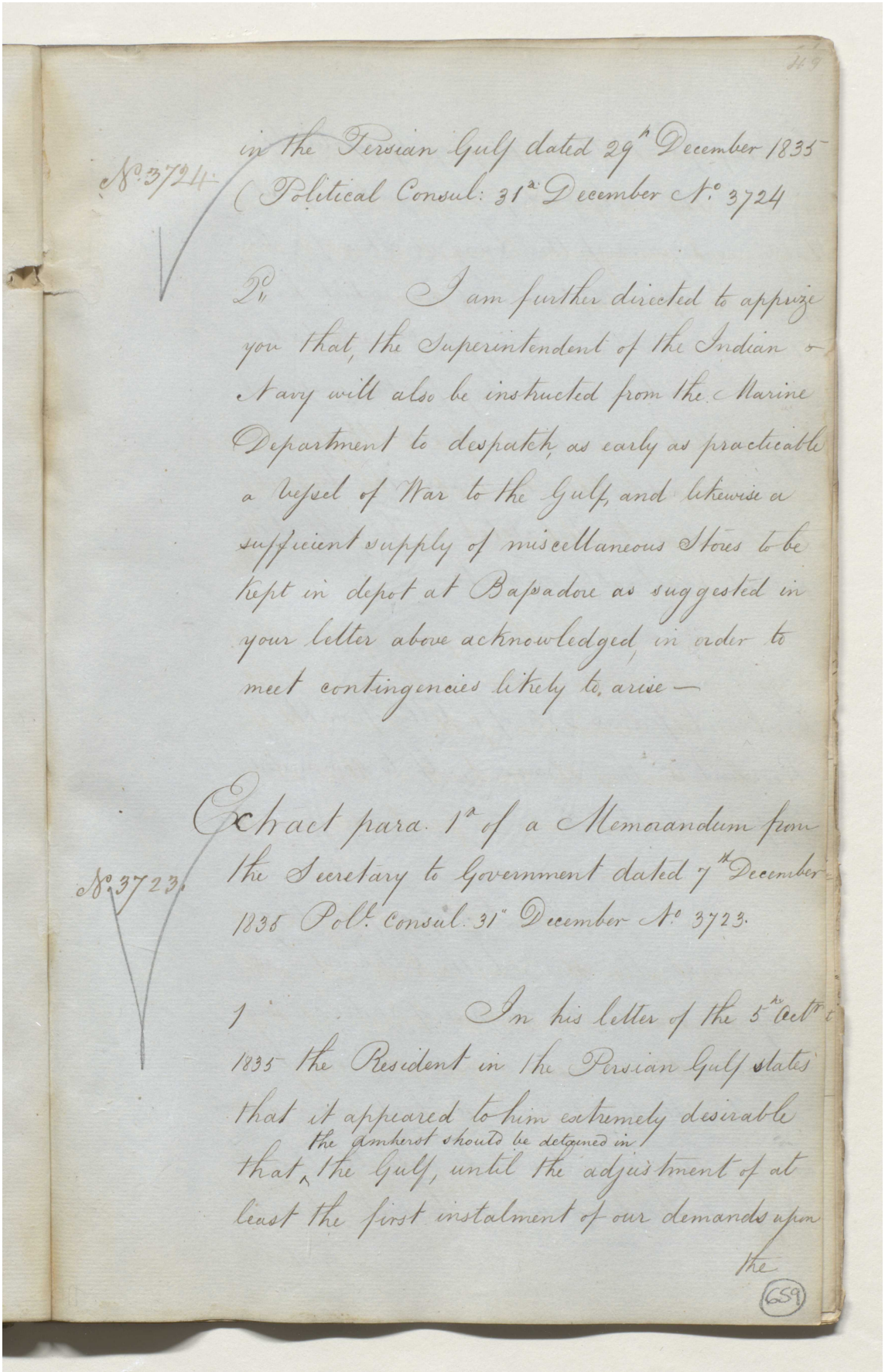

in the Persian Gulf dated 29th December 1835
(Political Consul: 31st December No. 3724

No. 3724

2d I am further directed to apprize you that, the Superintendent of the Indian Navy will also be instructed from the Marine Department to despatch, as early as practicable a Vessel of War to the Gulf, and likewise a sufficient supply of miscellaneous Stores to be kept in depot at Bassadore as suggested in your letter above acknowledged, in order to meet contingencies likely to arise—

Exact para. 1st of a Memorandum from the Secretary to Government dated 7th December 1835 Polt. Consul. 31st December No. 3723.

No. 3723

1 In his letter of the 5th Octr 1835 the Resident in the Persian Gulf states that it appeared to him extremely desirable that the Amherst should be detained in the Gulf, until the adjustment of at least the first instalment of our demands upon the

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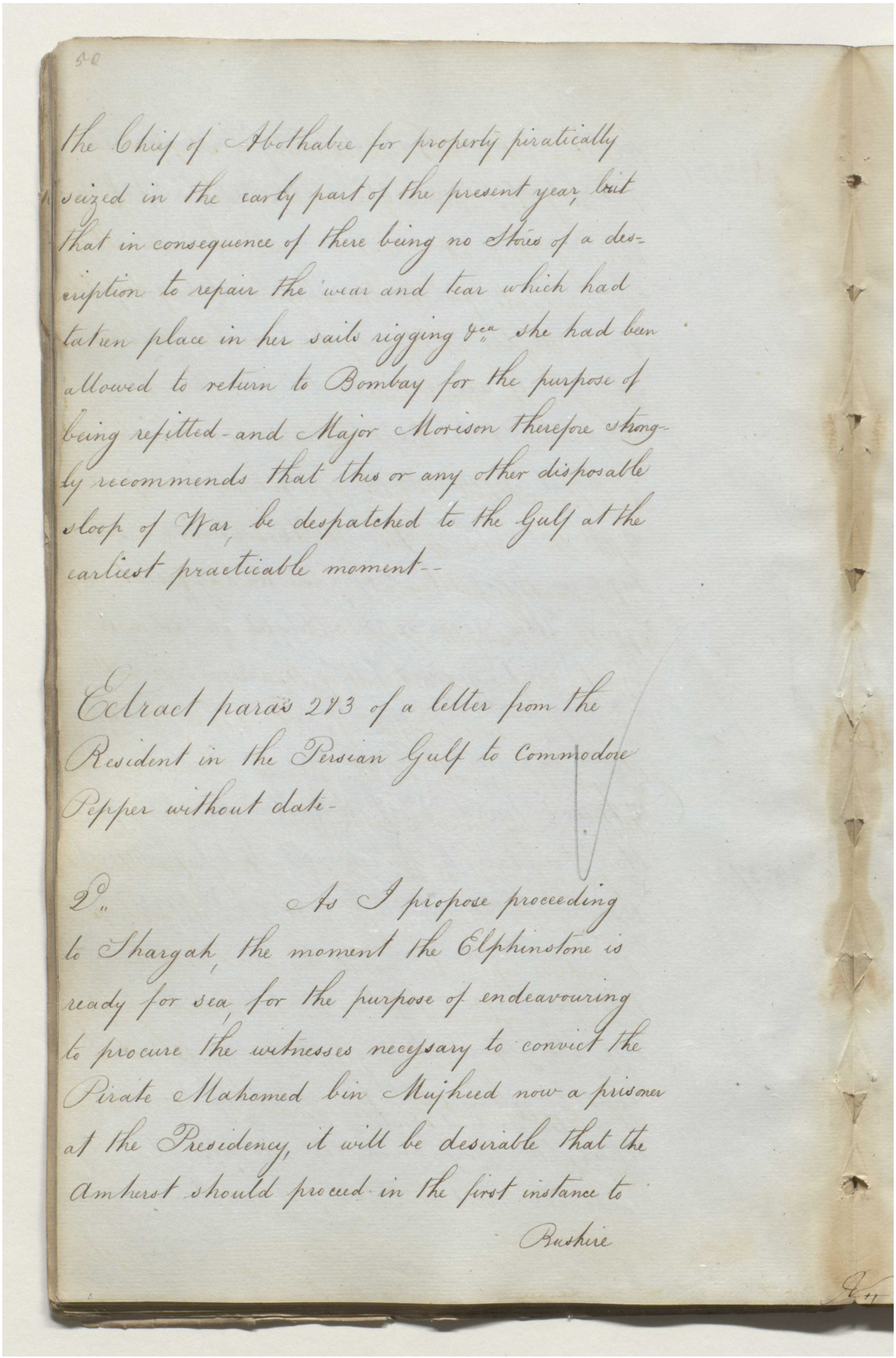

the Chief of Abothabee for property piratically seized in the early part of the present year, but that in consequence of there being no Stores of a description to repair the wear and tear which had taken place in her sails rigging &c.a she had been allowed to return to Bombay for the purpose of being refitted - and Major Morison therefore strongly recommends that this or any other disposable sloop of War be despatched to the Gulf at the earliest practicable moment--

Extract paras 2 & 3 of a letter from the Resident in the Persian Gulf to Commodore Pepper without date -

2.d As I propose proceeding to Shargah, the moment the Elphinstone is ready for sea, for the purpose of endeavouring to procure the witnesses necessary to convict the Pirate Mahomed bin Mujheed now a prisoner at the Presidency, it will be desirable that the Amherst should proceed in the first instance to

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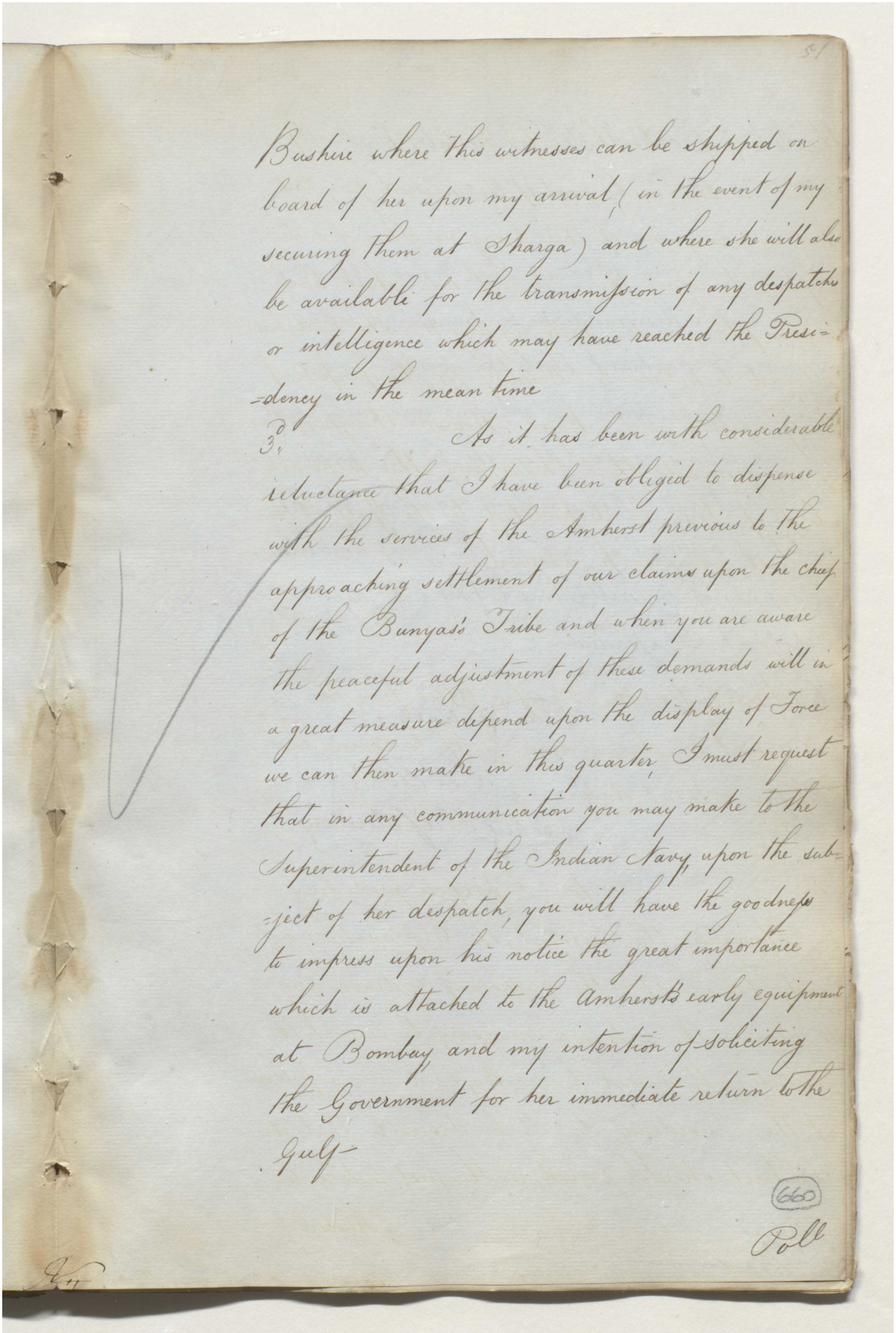

Bushire where this witnesses can be shipped on board of her upon my arrival, (in the event of my securing them at Sharga) and where she will also be available for the transmission of any despatches or intelligence which may have reached the Presidency in the mean time

3d, As it has been with considerable reluctance that I have been obliged to dispense with the services of the Amherst previous to the approaching settlement of our claims upon the chief of the Bunyas's Tribe and when you are aware the peaceful adjustment of these demands will in a great measure depend upon the display of Force we can then make in this quarter, I must request that in any communication you may make to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy upon the subject of her despatch, you will have the goodness to impress upon his notice the great importance which is attached to the Amherst's early equipment at Bombay and my intention of soliciting the Government for her immediate return to the Gulf

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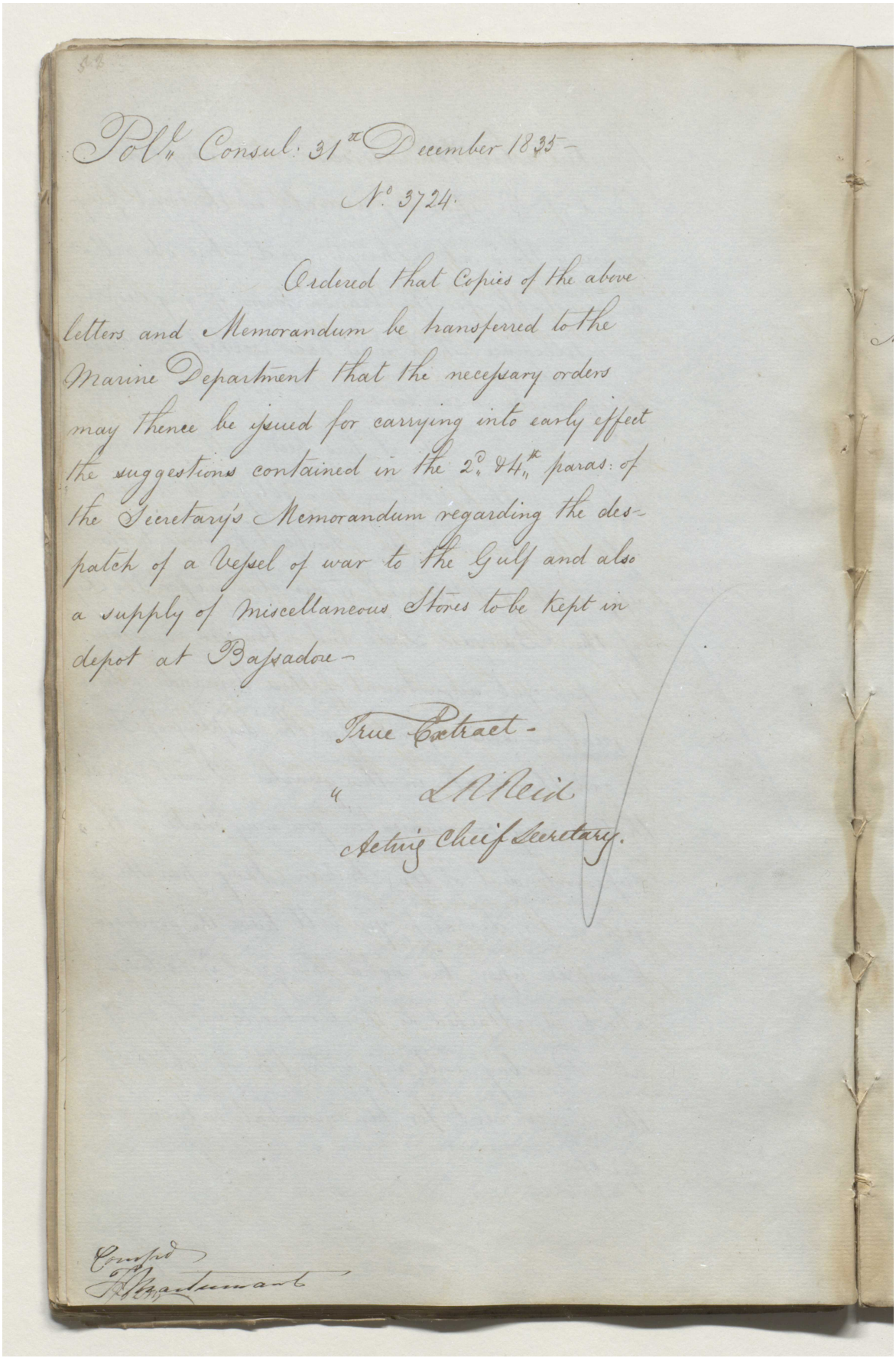

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No. 3724.

Ordered that Copies of the above letters and Memorandum be transferred to the Marine Department that the necessary orders may thence be issued for carrying into early effect the suggestions contained in the 2d & 4th paras: of the Secretary's Memorandum regarding the despatch of a Vessel of war to the Gulf and also a supply of Miscellaneous Stores to be kept in depot at Bassadore –

True Extract –

" L R Reid

Acting Chief Secretary.

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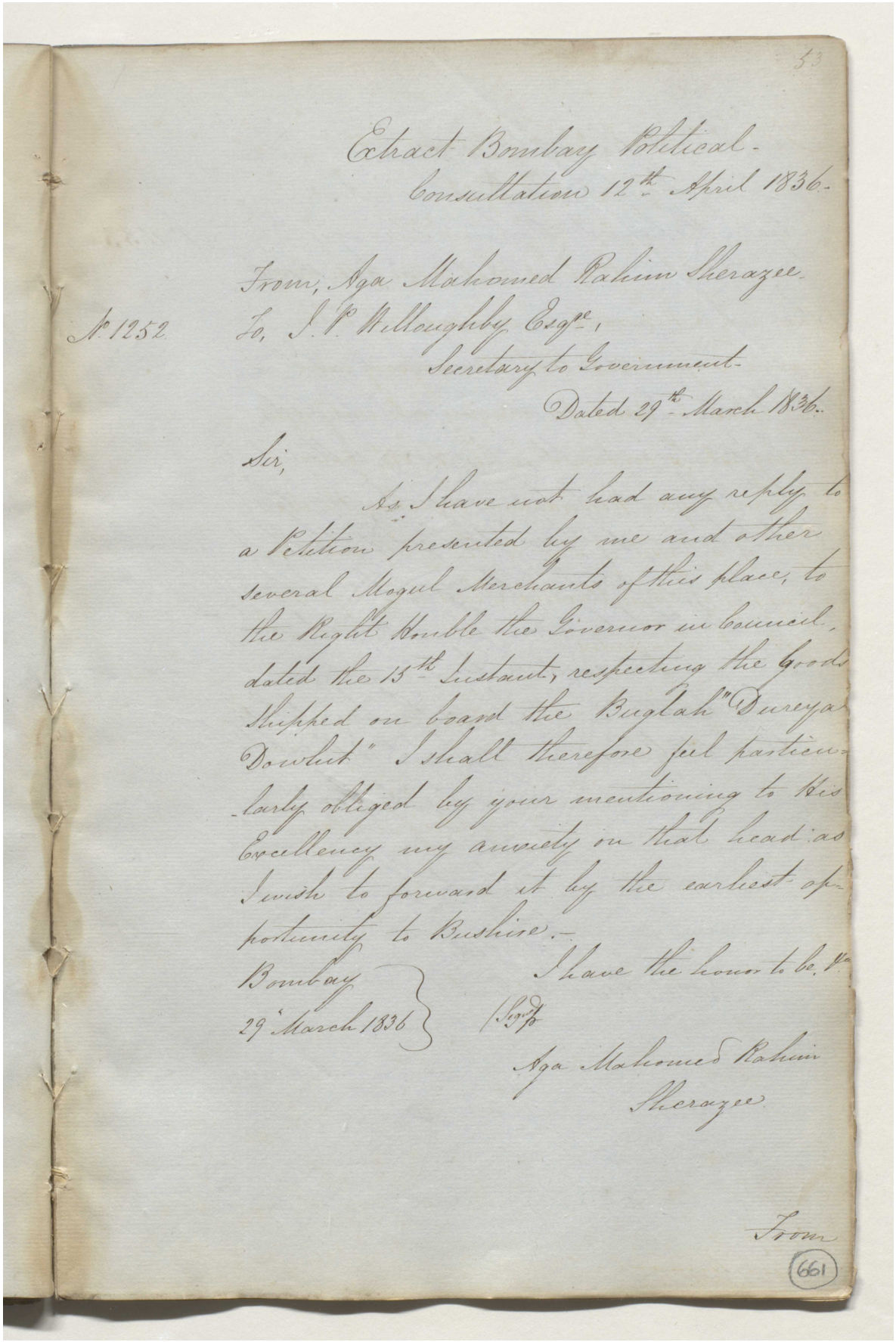

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Extract Bombay Political-
Consultation 12th April 1836-

From, Aga Mahomed Rahim Sherazee.
No. 1252 To, J. P. Willoughby Esqre.,
Secretary to Government-
Dated 29th March 1836.

Sir,

As I have not had any reply to a Petition presented by me and other several Mogul Merchants of this place, to the Right Honble the Governor in Council, dated the 15th Instant, respecting the Goods Shipped on board the Buglah "Dureya Dowlut" I shall therefore feel particularly obliged by your mentioning to His Excellency my anxiety on that head: as I wish to forward it by the earliest opportunity to Bushire.-

Bombay
29th March 1836

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Sign.)
Aga Mahomed Rahim
Sherazee

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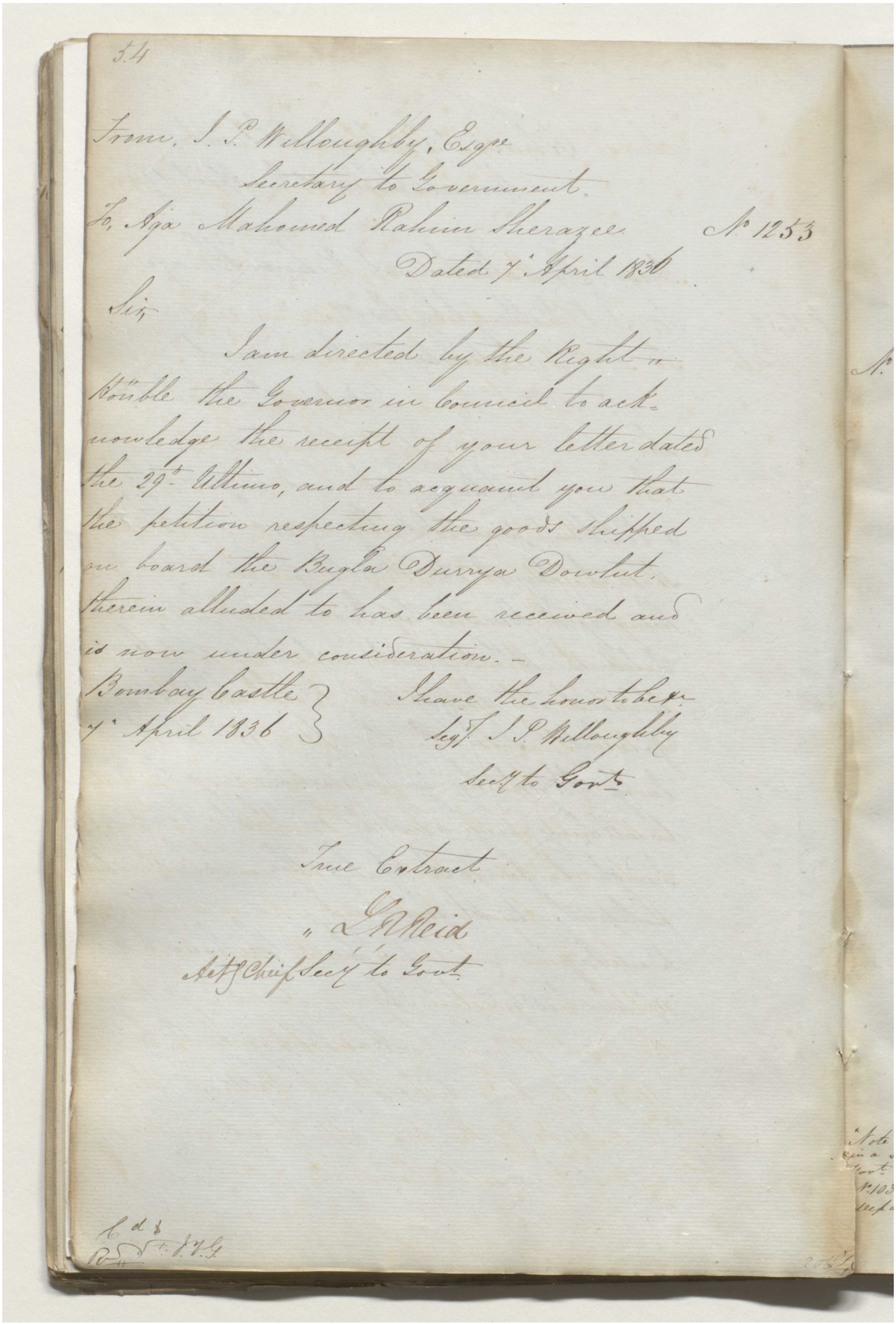

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From. J. P. Willoughby, Esqr.
Secretary to Government.
To, Aga Mahomed Rahim Sherazee
No 1253
Dated 7th April 1836

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that the petition respecting the goods shipped on board the Bugla Durriya Dowlut, therein alluded to has been received and is now under consideration.—

Bombay Castle
7th April 1836

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

True Extract
" J. Reid
Actg Chief Secy to Govt

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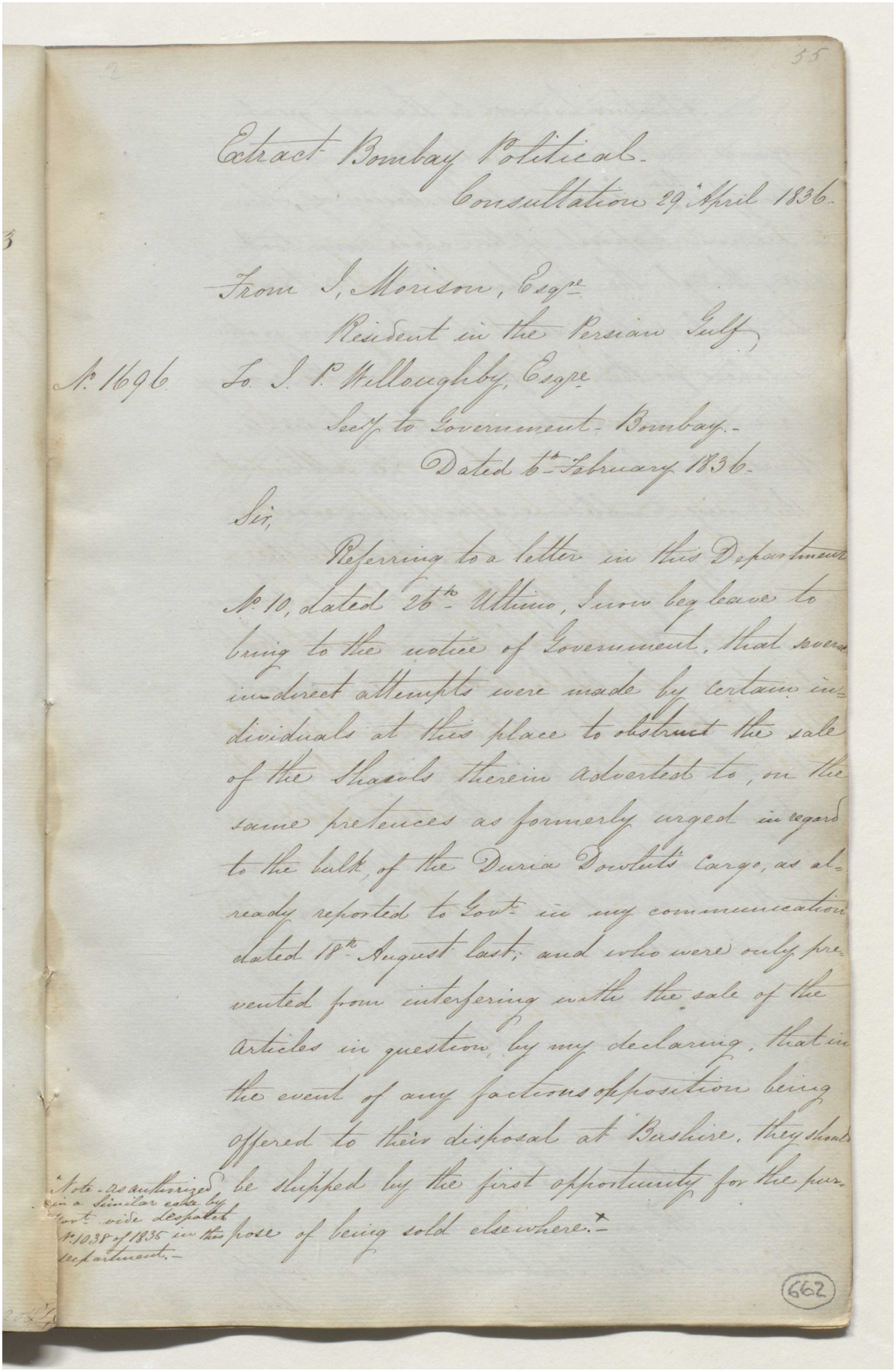

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Extract Bombay Political.
Consultation 29th April 1836.

From I. Morison, Esqre
Resident in the Persian Gulf,
No. 1696 To J. P. Willoughby, Esqre
Secy to Government Bombay.
Dated 6th February 1836.

Sir,

Referring to a letter in this Department No. 10, dated 26th Ultimo, I now beg leave to bring to the notice of Government, that several indirect attempts were made by certain individuals at this place to obstruct the sale of the Shawls therein advertised to, on the same pretences as formerly urged in regard to the bulk of the Duria Dowlut's Cargo, as already reported to Govt in my communication dated 18th August last; and who were only prevented from interfering with the sale of the articles in question, by my declaring, that in the event of any factious opposition being offered to their disposal at Bushire, they should be shipped by the first opportunity for the purpose of being sold elsewhere.*

*Note – As authorized in a similar case by Govt vide despatch No. 1038 of 1835 in this Department.

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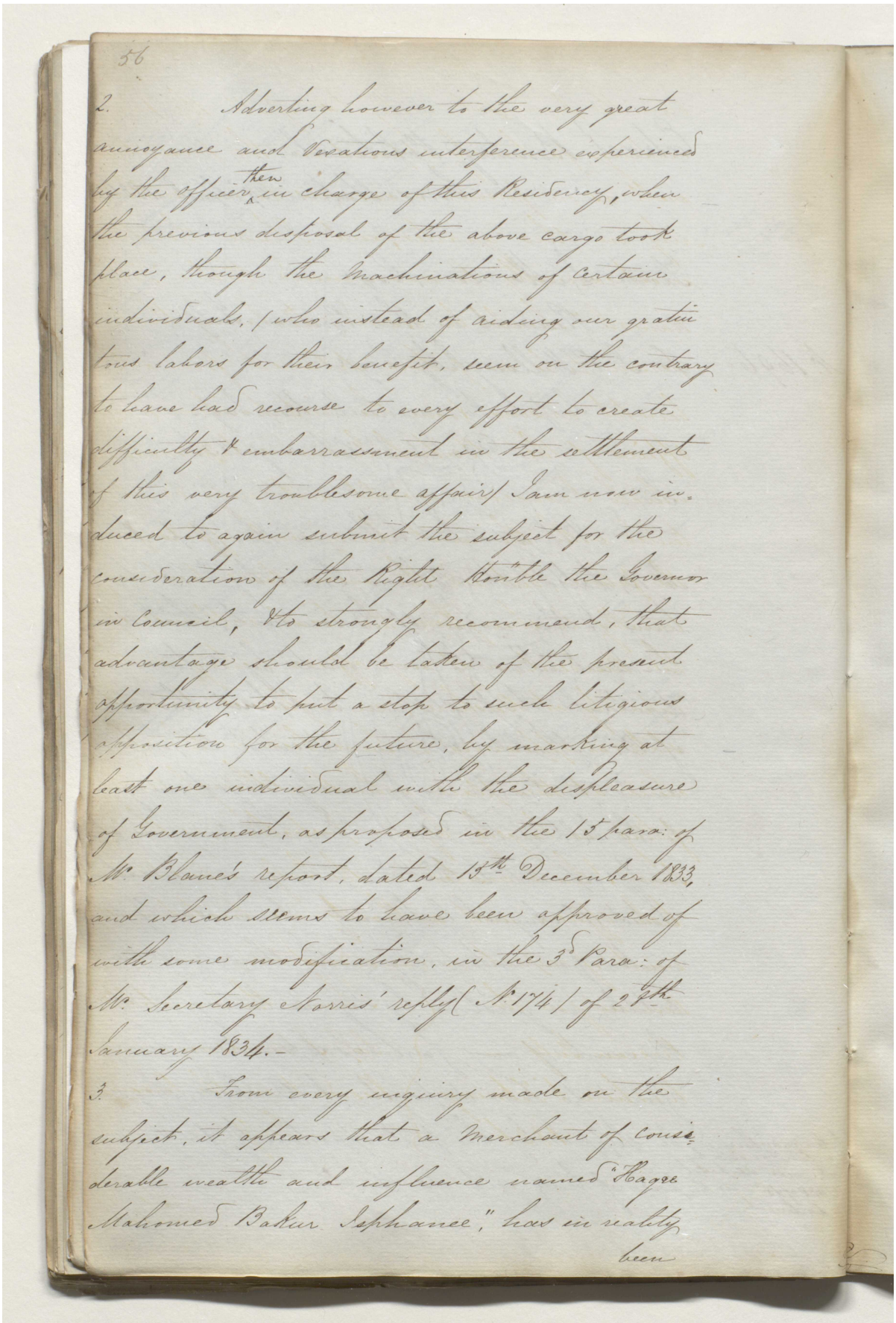

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2. Adverting however to the very great annoyance and vexatious interference experienced by the officer then in charge of this Residency, when the previous disposal of the above cargo took place, though the machinations of certain individuals, who instead of aiding our gratuitous labors for their benefit, seem on the contrary to have had recourse to every effort to create difficulty & embarrassment in the settlement of this very troublesome affair, I am now induced to again submit the subject for the consideration of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, & to strongly recommend, that advantage should be taken of the present opportunity to put a stop to such litigious opposition for the future, by marking at least one individual with the displeasure of Government, as proposed in the 1st para: of Mr. Blane's report, dated 18th December 1833, and which seems to have been approved of with some modification, in the 3d Para: of Mr. Secretary Norris' reply (No. 174) of 24th January 1834.-

3. From every inquiry made on the subject, it appears that a Merchant of considerable wealth and influence named "Hagee Mahomed Bakur Isphance," has in reality been

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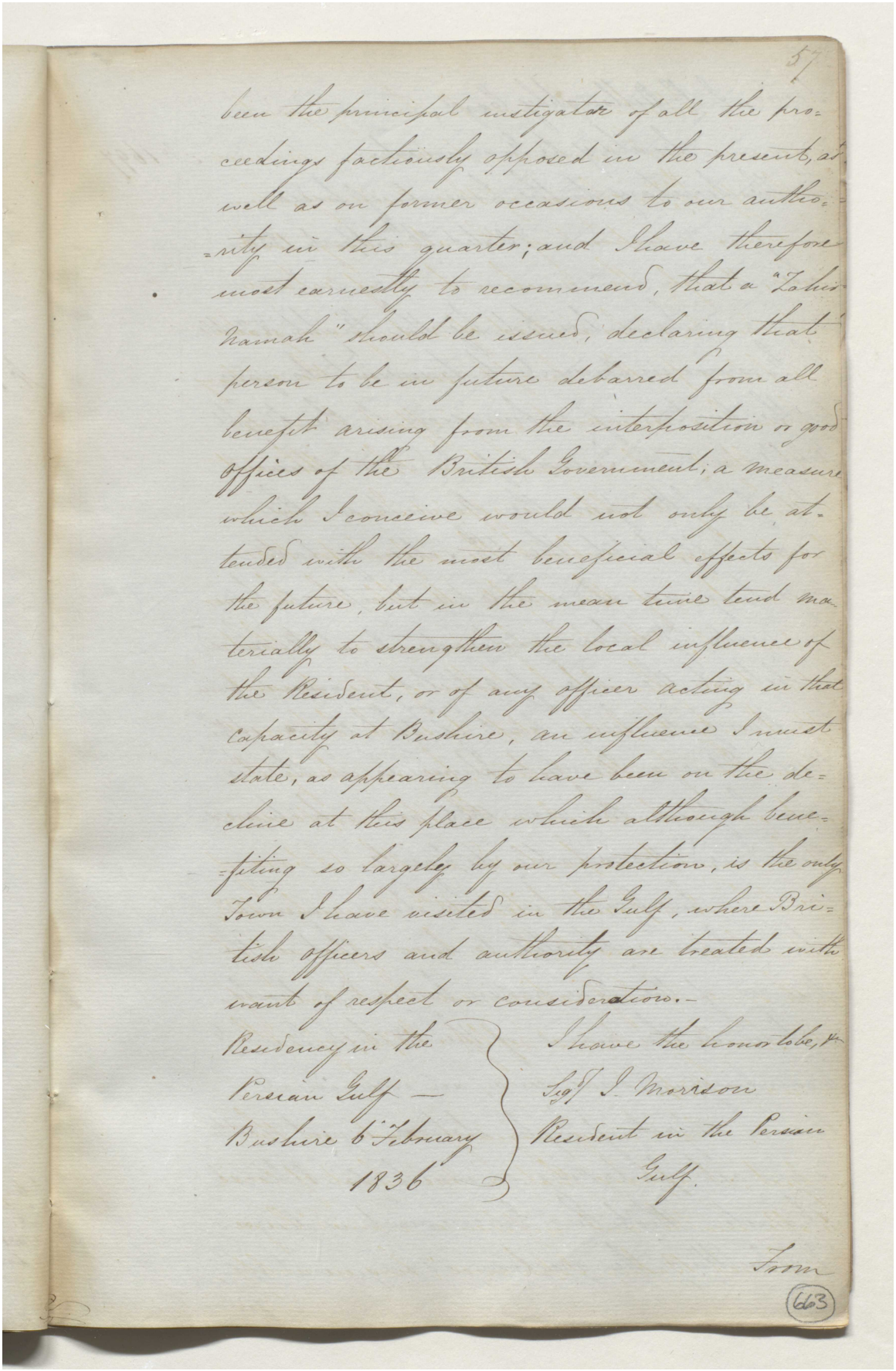

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been the principal instigator of all the proceedings factiously opposed in the present, as well as on former occasions to our authority in this quarter; and I have therefore most earnestly to recommend, that a "Zahirnamah" should be issued, declaring that person to be in future debarred from all benefit arising from the interposition or good offices of the British Government; a measure which I conceive would not only be attended with the most beneficial effects for the future, but in the mean time tend materially to strengthen the local influence of the Resident, or of any officer acting in that capacity at Bushire, an influence I must state, as appearing to have been on the decline at this place which although benefiting so largely by our protection, is the only Town I have visited in the Gulf, where British officers and authority are treated with want of respect or consideration.–

Residency in the Persian Gulf — Bushire 6th February 1836

I have the honor to be, &c.
Sgd J. Morrison
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

From

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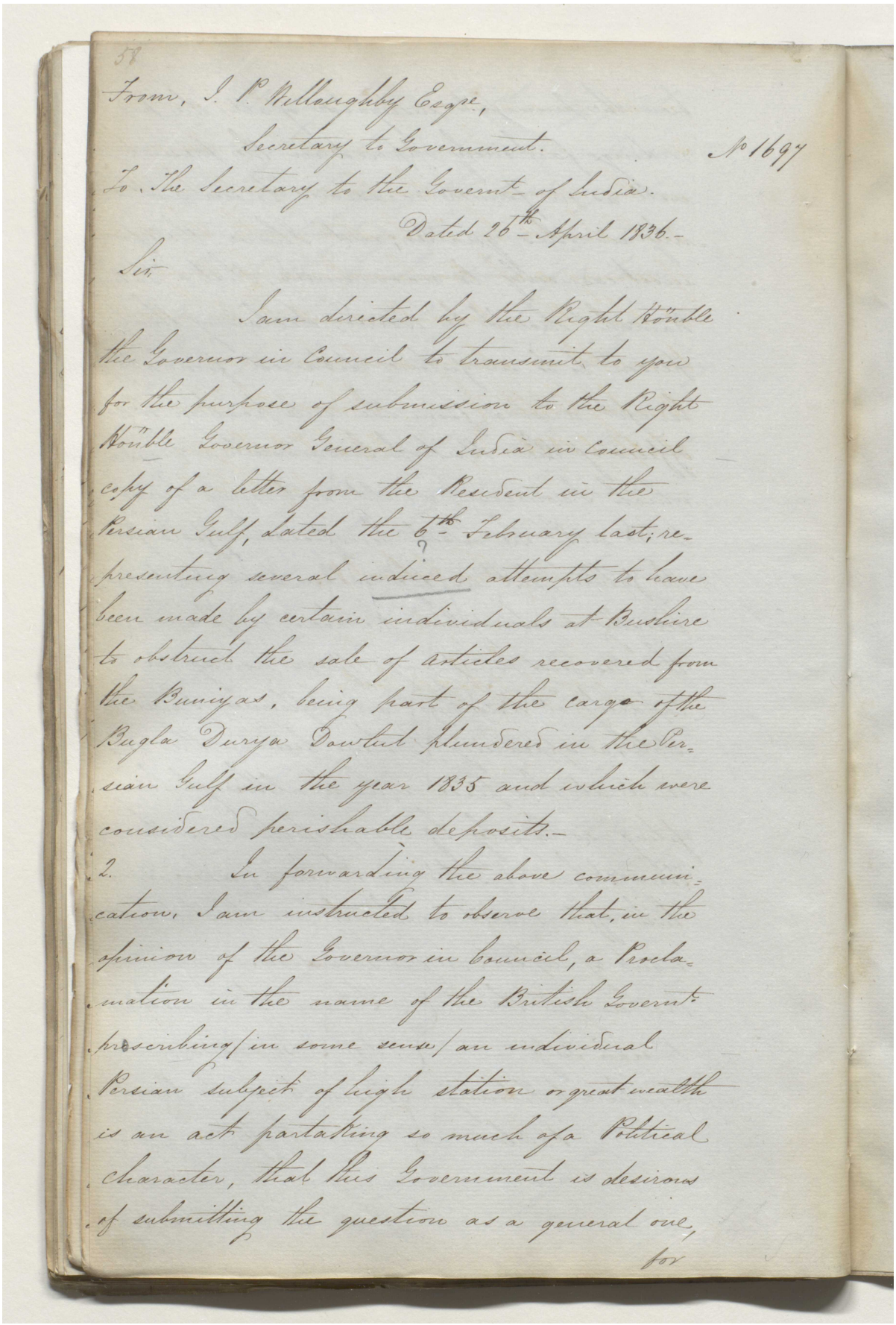

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From, J. P. Willoughby Esqre,

Secretary to Government. No 1697

To The Secretary to the Govern^t of India.

Dated 26th April 1836.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of submission to the Right Honble Governor General of India in Council copy of a letter from the Resident in the Persian Gulf, dated the 6th February last; representing several induced attempts to have been made by certain individuals at Bushire to obstruct the sale of articles recovered from the Buniyas, being part of the cargo of the Bugla Durya Dowlut plundered in the Persian Gulf in the year 1835 and which were considered perishable deposits.

2. In forwarding the above communication, I am instructed to observe that, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, a Proclamation in the name of the British Govern^t prescribing (in some sense) an individual Persian subject of high station or great wealth is an act partaking so much of a Political character, that this Government is desirous of submitting the question as a general one,

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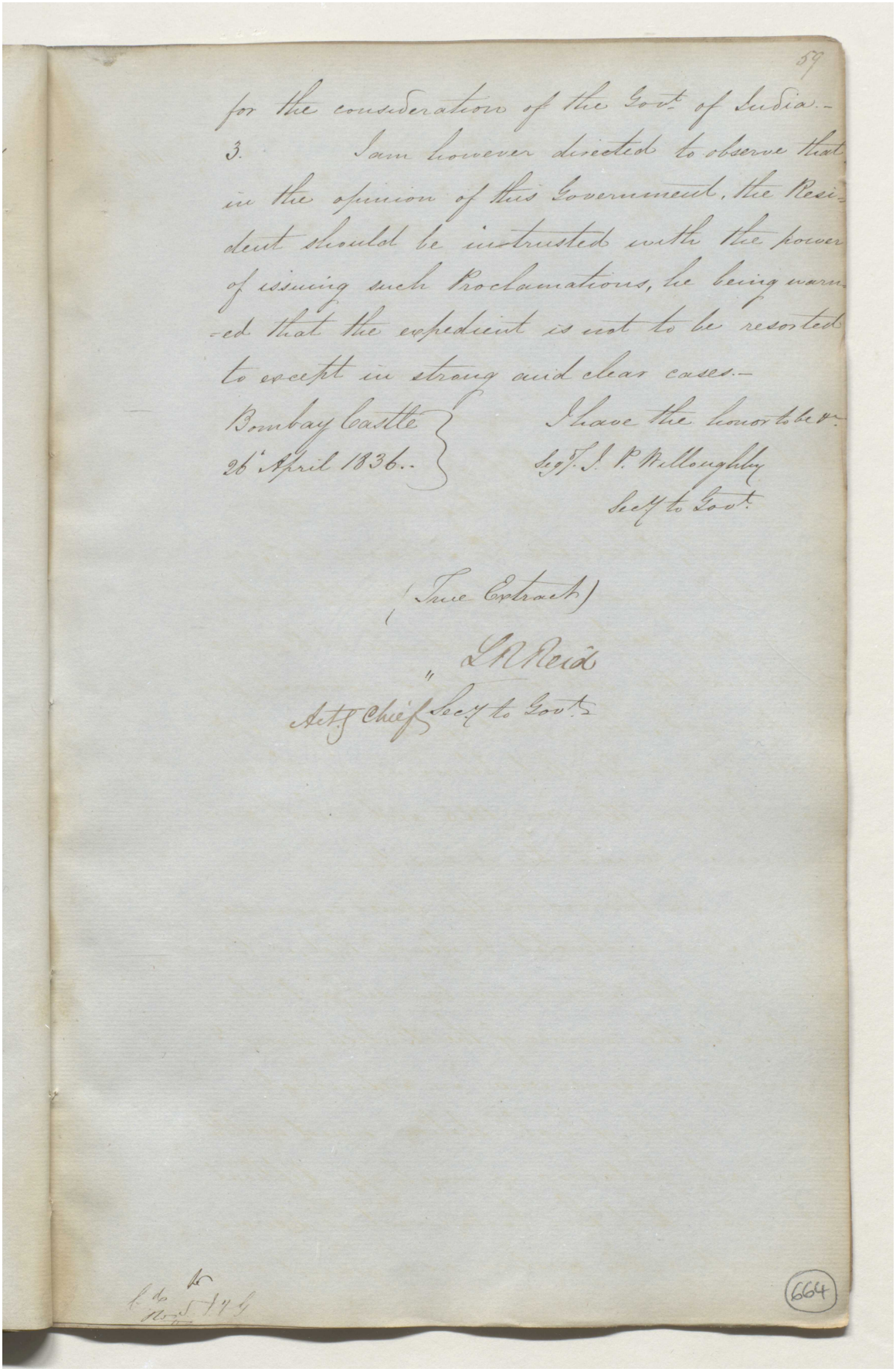

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for the consideration of the Govt. of India.–

3. I am however directed to observe that in the opinion of this Government, the Resident should be instructed with the power of issuing such Proclamations, he being warned that the expedient is not to be resorted to except in strong and clear cases.–

Bombay Castle
26th April 1836.

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

(True Extracts)

L. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy to Govt.

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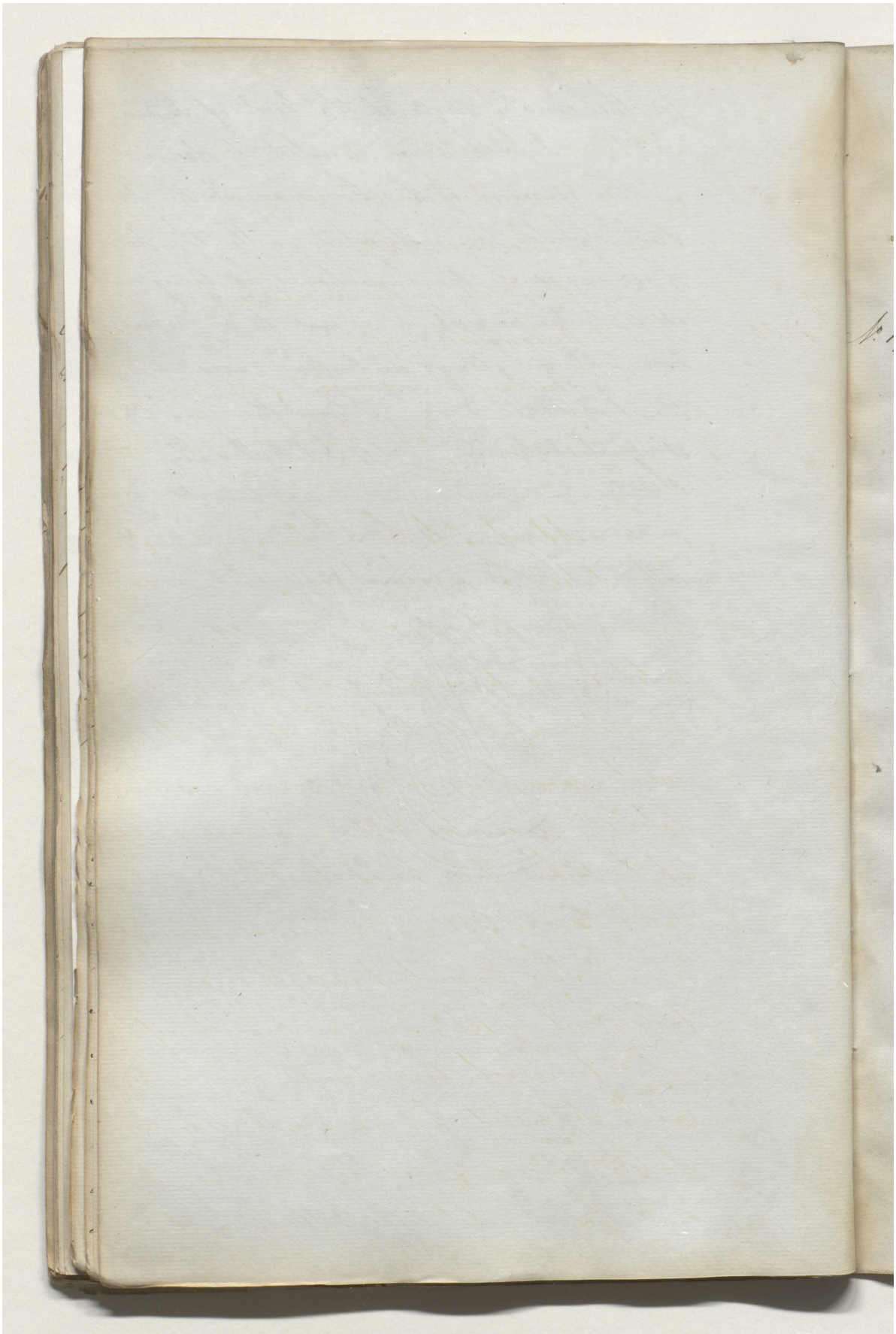

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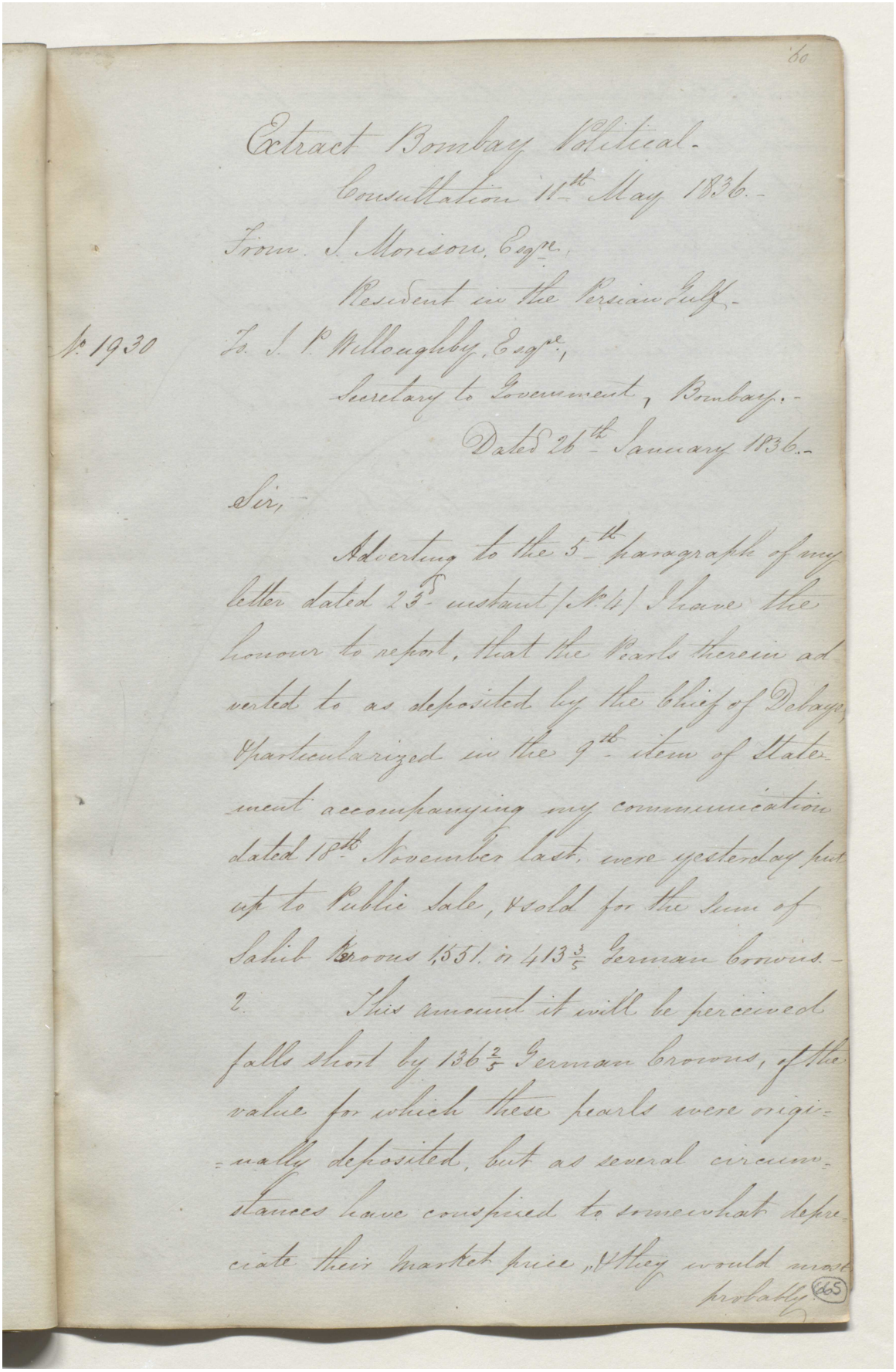

Extract Bombay Political.

Consultation 11th May 1836.

From J. Morison, Esqre.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

No. 1930 To J. P. Willoughby, Esqre.,

Secretary to Government, Bombay.

Dated 26th January 1836.

Sir,

Adverting to the 5th paragraph of my letter dated 23d instant (No. 4) I have the honour to report, that the Pearls therein adverted to as deposited by the Chief of Debaye, & particularized in the 9th item of Statement accompanying my communication dated 18th November last, were yesterday put up to Public Sale, & sold for the sum of Sahib Kroons 1,551. or 413 3/5 German Crowns.

2. This amount it will be perceived falls short by 136 2/5 German Crowns, of the value for which these pearls were originally deposited, but as several circumstances have conspired to somewhat depreciate their market price, & they would most probably

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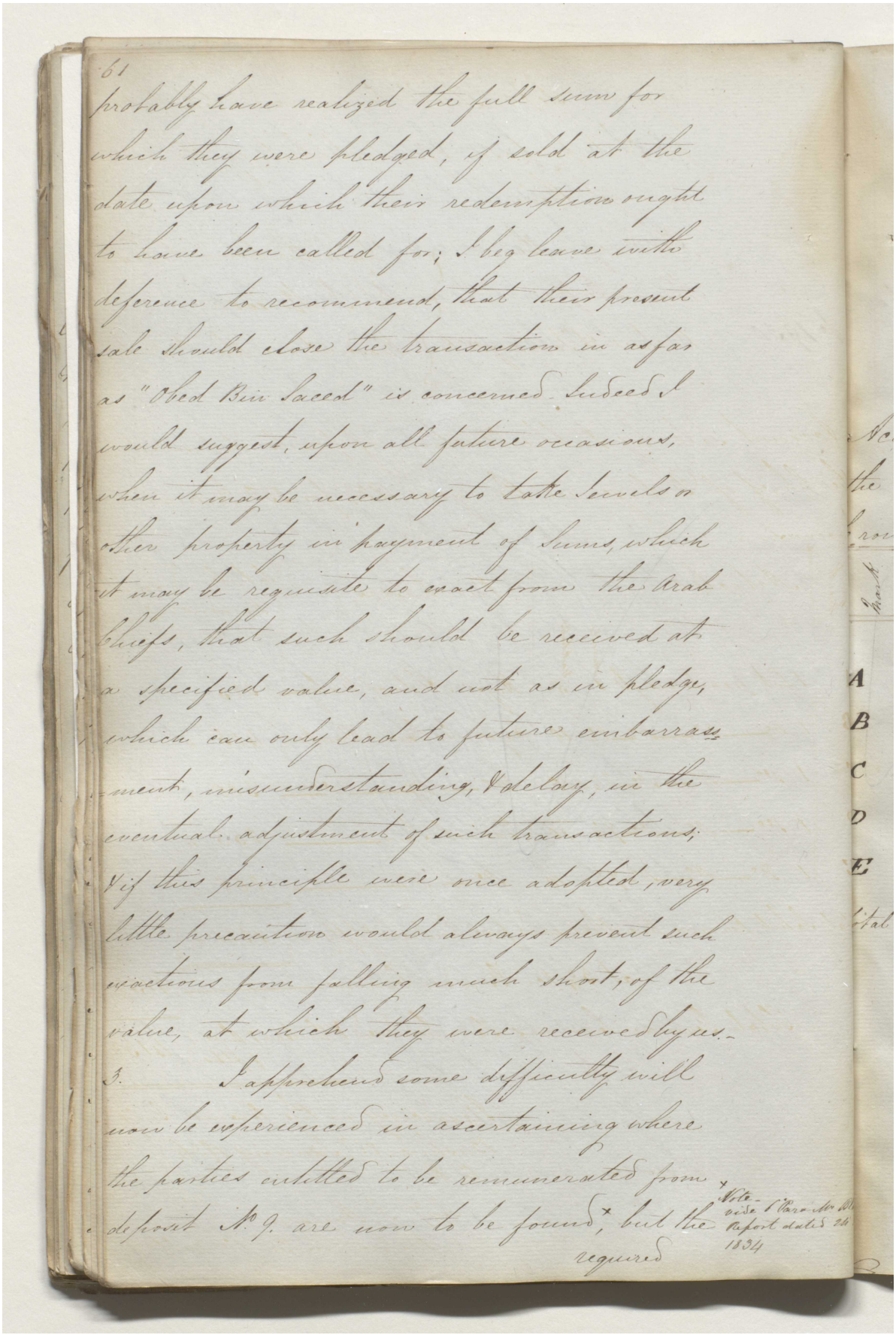

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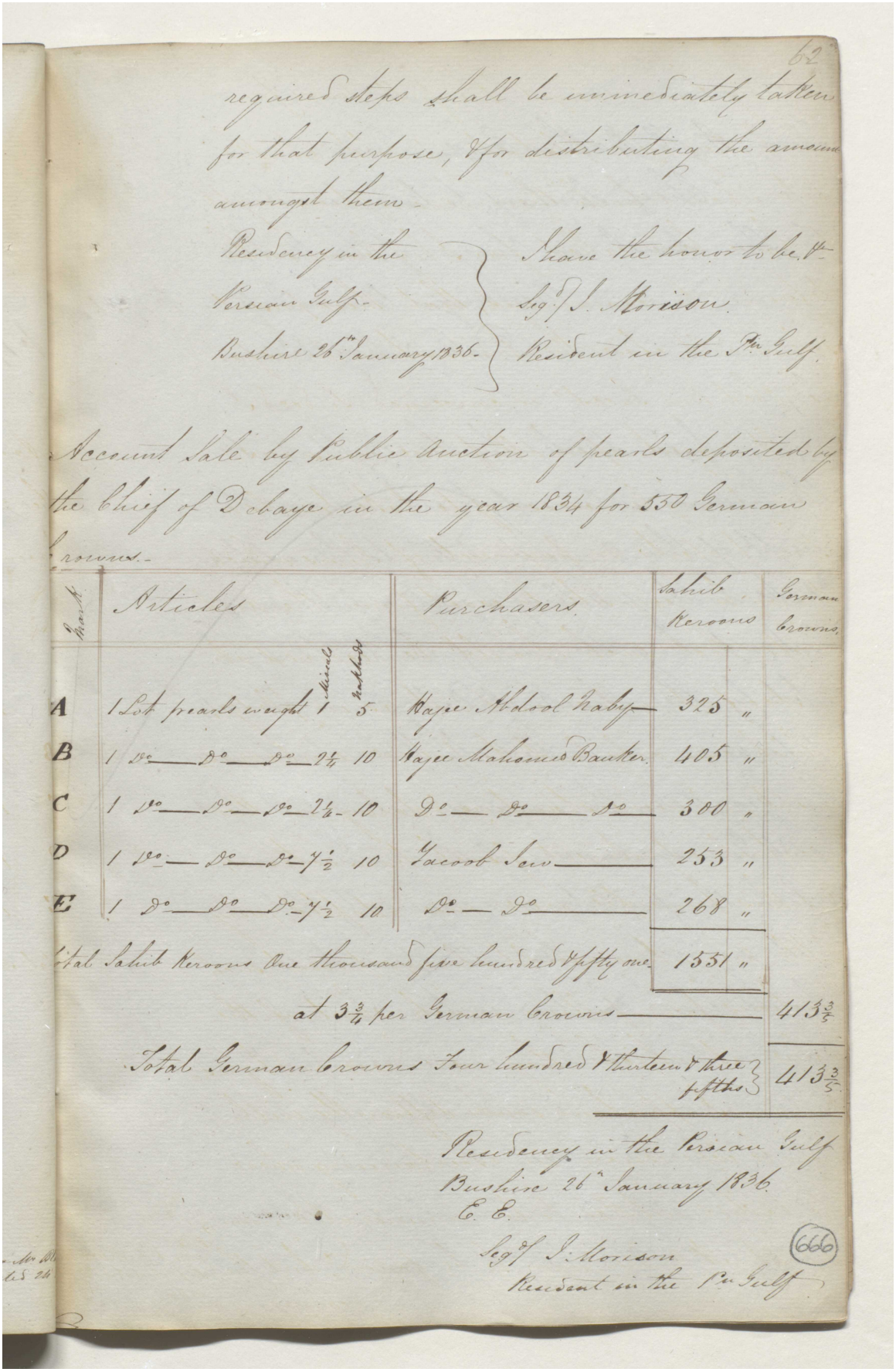
probably have realized the full sum for which they were pledged, if sold at the date upon which their redemption ought to have been called for; I beg leave with deference to recommend, that their present sale should close the transaction in as far as "Obed Bin Saeed" is concerned. Indeed I would suggest, upon all future occasions, when it may be necessary to take Jewels or other property in payment of Sums, which it may be requisite to exact from the Arab Chiefs, that such should be received at a specified value, and not as in pledge, which can only lead to future embarrassment, misunderstanding, & delay, in the eventual adjustment of such transactions; & if this principle were once adopted, very little precaution would always prevent such exactions from falling much short, of the value, at which they were received by us.

3. I apprehend some difficulty will now be experienced in ascertaining where the parties entitled to be remunerated from deposit No. 9. are now to be found,* but the required

* Note - vide 6 Para Mr Bl Report dated 24 1834



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required steps shall be immediately taken for that purpose, & for distributing the amount amongst them.

Residency in the Persian Gulf. Bushire 26th January 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
Seg.d J. Morison
Resident in the Pn Gulf.

Account Sale by Public Auction of pearls deposited by the Chief of Debaye in the year 1834 for 550 German Crowns.

Mark	Articles	Miscals	Nakhods	Purchasers	Sahib Keroons		German Crowns
A	1 Lot pearls weight	1	5	Hajee Abdool Naby	325	"	
B	1 Do — Do — Do	2¼	10	Hajee Mahomed Banker	405	"	
C	1 Do — Do — Do	2¼	10	Do — Do — Do	300	"	
D	1 Do — Do — Do	7½	10	Yacoob Jew	253	"	
E	1 Do — Do — Do	7½	10	Do — Do	268	"	
Total Sahib Keroons One thousand five hundred & fifty one					1551	"	
	at 3¾ per German Crowns						413⅗
	Total German Crowns Four hundred & thirteen & three fifths						413⅗

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 26th January 1836.
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Seg.d J. Morison
Resident in the Pn Gulf

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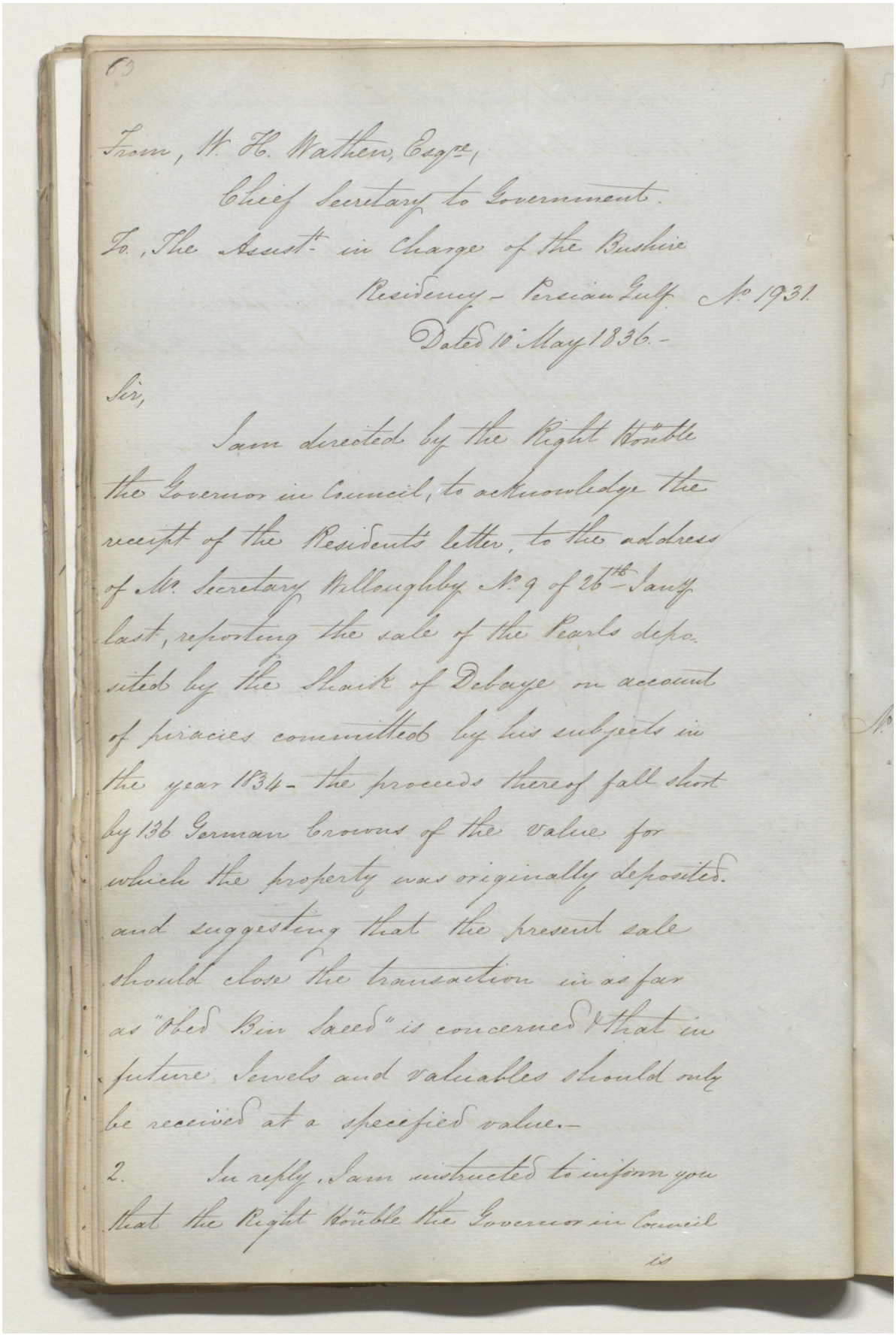

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From, W. H. Wathen, Esqre,
Chief Secretary to Government.
To, The Assist. in Charge of the Bushire
Residency – Persian Gulf No. 1931
Dated 16 May 1836.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of the Residents letter, to the address of Mr. Secretary Willoughby No. 9 of 26th Jany. last, reporting the sale of the Pearls deposited by the Shaik of Debaye on account of piracies committed by his subjects in the year 1834 – the proceeds thereof fall short by 136 German Crowns of the value for which the property was originally deposited. and suggesting that the present sale should close the transaction in as far as "Obed Bin Saeed" is concerned & that in future Jewels and valuables should only be received at a specified value.–

2. In reply, I am instructed to inform you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council

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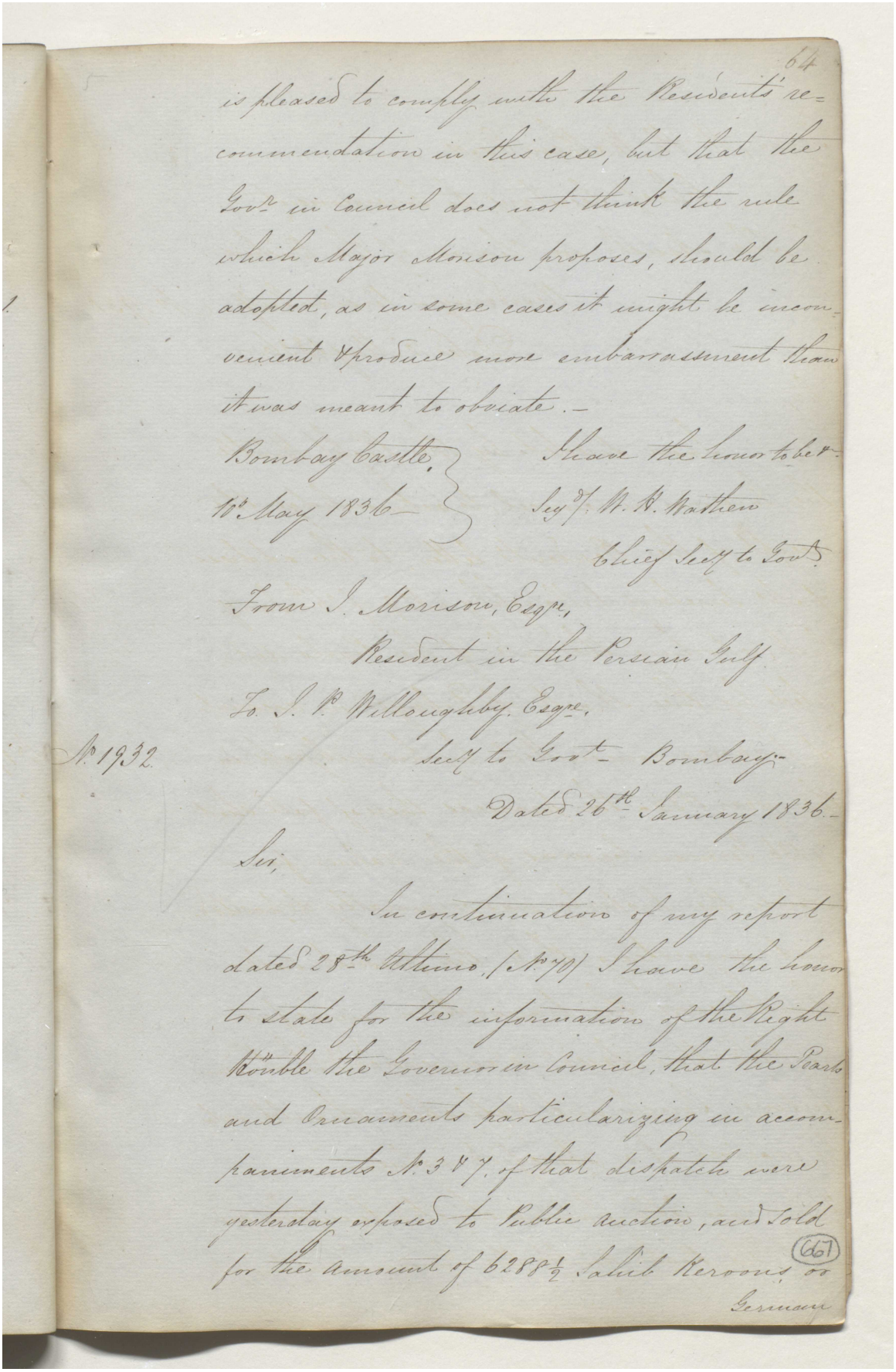

is pleased to comply with the Resident's recommendation in this case, but that the Govr in Council does not think the rule which Major Morison proposes, should be adopted, as in some cases it might be inconvenient & produce more embarrassment than it was meant to obviate.—

Bombay Castle,
10th May 1836—

I have the honor to be &c.
Seyd/. W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt.

From J. Morison, Esqre,
Resident in the Persian Gulf
To J. P. Willoughby, Esqre,
Secy to Govt— Bombay—

No. 1932.

Dated 26th January 1836.—

Sir,

In continuation of my report dated 28th Ultimo, (No. 70) I have the honor to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that the Pearls and Ornaments particularizing in accompaniments No. 3 & 7, of that dispatch were yesterday exposed to Public auction, and sold for the amount of 6288½ Sahib Keroons or

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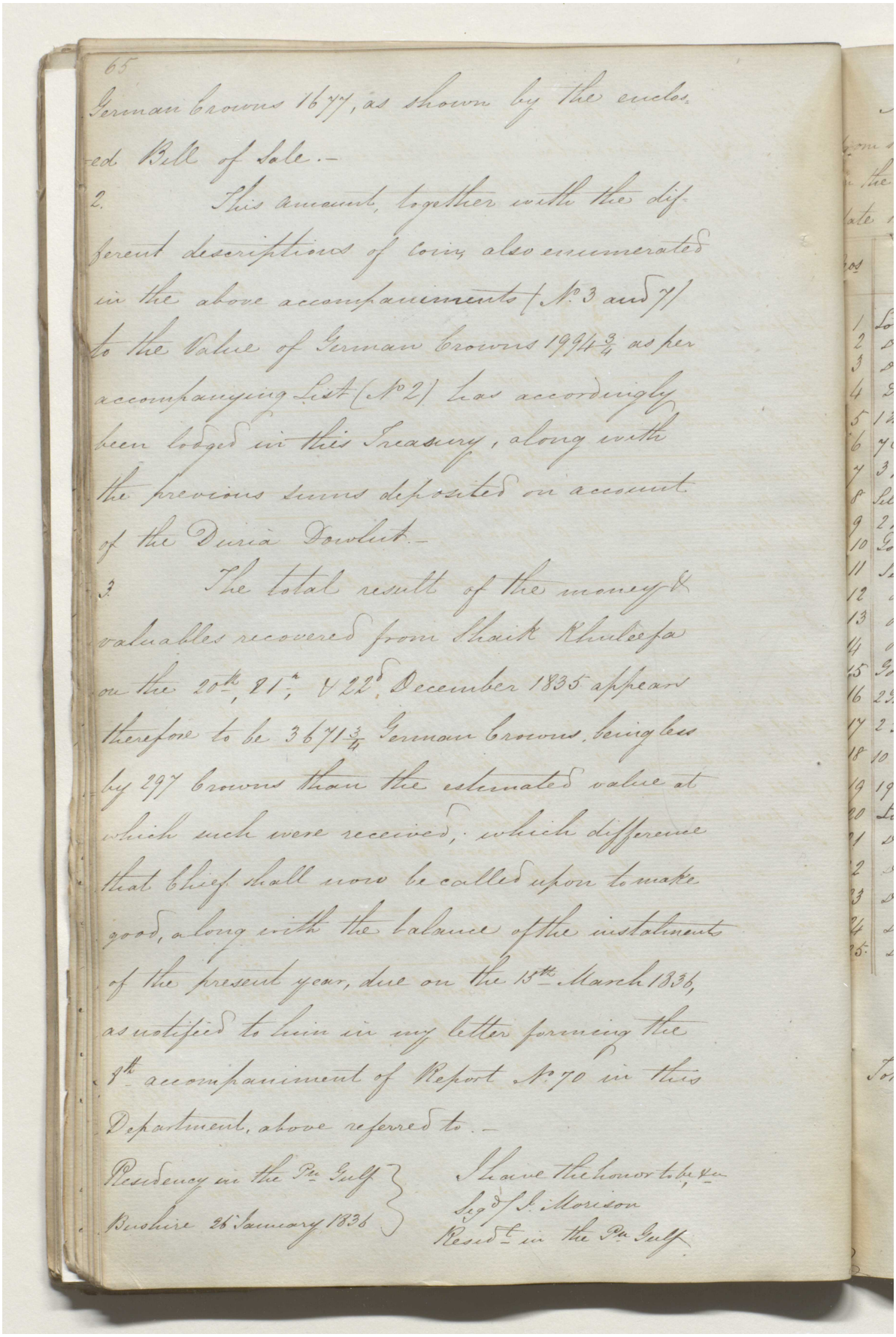

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German Crowns 1677, as shown by the enclos-
ed Bill of Sale.–

2. This amount, together with the dif-
ferent descriptions of Coin also enumerated
in the above accompaniments (N.3 and 7)
to the Value of German Crowns 1994 3/4 as per
accompanying List (N.2) has accordingly
been lodged in this Treasury, along with
the previous sums deposited on account
of the Duria Dowlut.–

3 The total result of the money &
valuables recovered from Shaik Khuleefa
on the 20th, 21st & 22d December 1835 appear
therefore to be 1671 3/4 German Crowns, being less
by 297 Crowns than the estimated value at
which such were received, which difference
that Chief shall now be called upon to make
good, along with the balance of the instalments
of the present year, due on the 15th March 1836,
as notified to him in my letter forming the
9th accompaniment of Report N.70 in this
Department, above referred to.–

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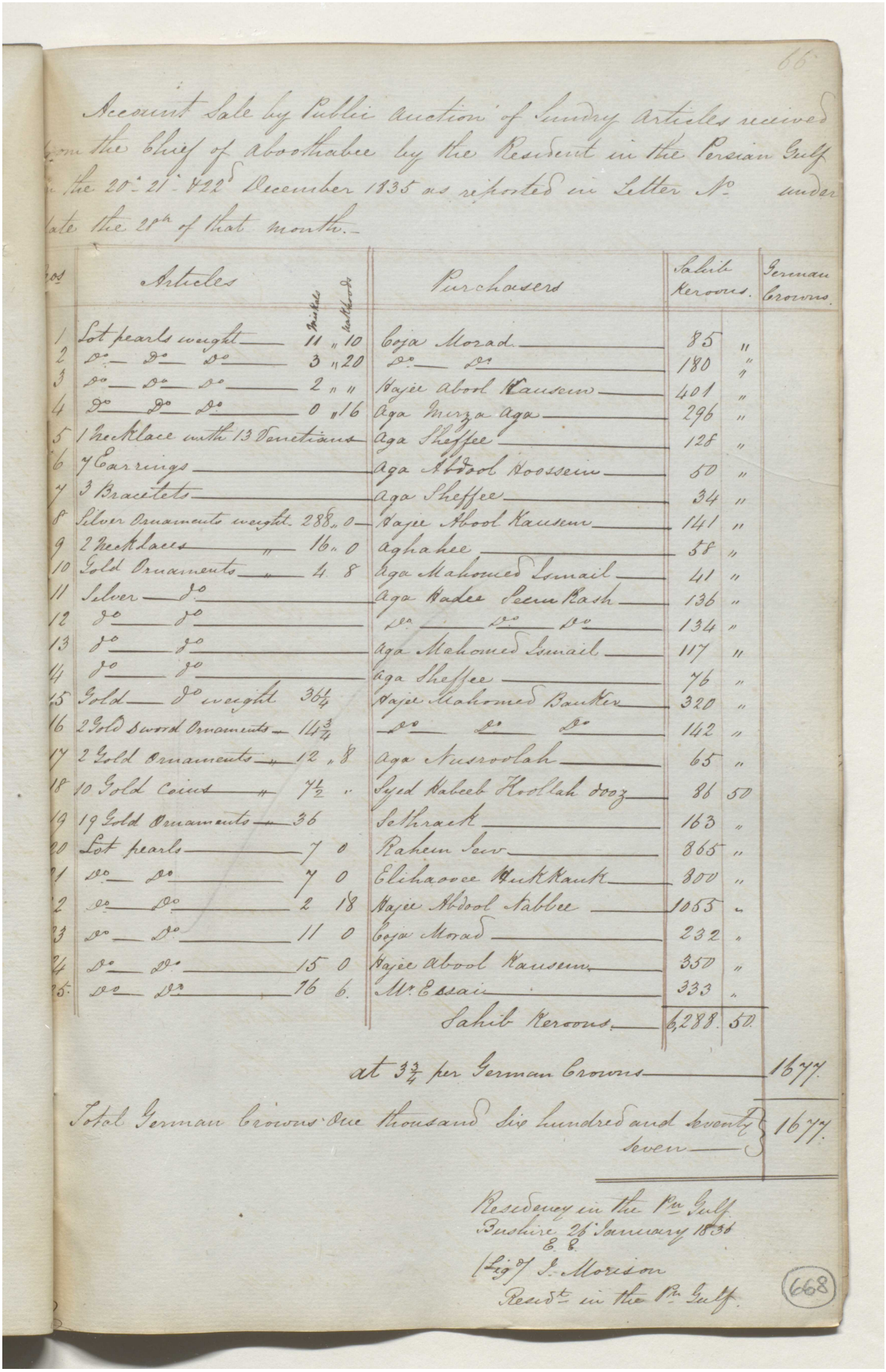
Bushire 26 January 1836

I have the honor to be, &c
Sd/ J. Morison
Resdt in the Pn Gulf



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Account Sale by Public auction of Sundry Articles received from the Chief of Aboothabee by the Resident in the Persian Gulf on the 20th 21st 22d December 1835 as reported in Letter No. under date the 28th of that month.—

Nos	Articles	Weight Mds	Weight Sds	Purchasers	Sahib Kerroons.		German Crowns.
1	Lot pearls weight	11	10	Coja Morad	85	"	
2	do do do	3	20	do do	180	"	
3	do do do	2	"	Hajee Abool Kausem	401	"	
4	do do do	0	16	Aga Mirza Aga	296	"	
5	1 Necklace with 13 Venetians			Aga Sheffee	128	"	
6	1 Earrings			Aga Abool Hosseim	60	"	
7	3 Bracelets			Aga Sheffee	34	"	
8	Silver Ornaments weight	288	0	Hajee Abool Kausem	141	"	
9	2 Necklaces	"	16	0	Aghahee	58	"
10	Gold Ornaments	"	4	8	Aga Mahomed Ismail	41	"
11	Silver do			Aga Hadee Seem Rash	136	"	
12	do do			do do do	134	"	
13	do do			Aga Mahomed Ismail	117	"	
14	do do			Aga Sheffee	76	"	
15	Gold do weight	36	4	Hajee Mahomed Banker	320	"	
16	2 Gold Sword Ornaments	"	14	3/4	do do do	142	"
17	2 Gold Ornaments	"	12	8	Aga Nusroolah	65	"
18	10 Gold Coins	"	7	1/2	"	Syed Kaleeb Koollah dooz	86	50
19	19 Gold Ornaments	"	36		Sekhraek	163	"
20	Lot pearls		7	0	Rahem Sew	865	"
21	do do		7	0	Elchaouce Mukkauk	300	"
22	do do		2	18	Hajee Abdool Sabbee	1053	"
23	do do		11	0	Coja Morad	232	"
24	do do		15	0	Hajee abool Kausem	350	"
25	do do		16	6	Mr Essais	333	"
					Sahib Kerroons	6,288	50
					at 3 3/4 per German Crowns		1677
					Total German Crowns One thousand Six hundred and Seventy Seven		1677

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(Sig.d) J. Morison
Resdt in the Pn Gulf.

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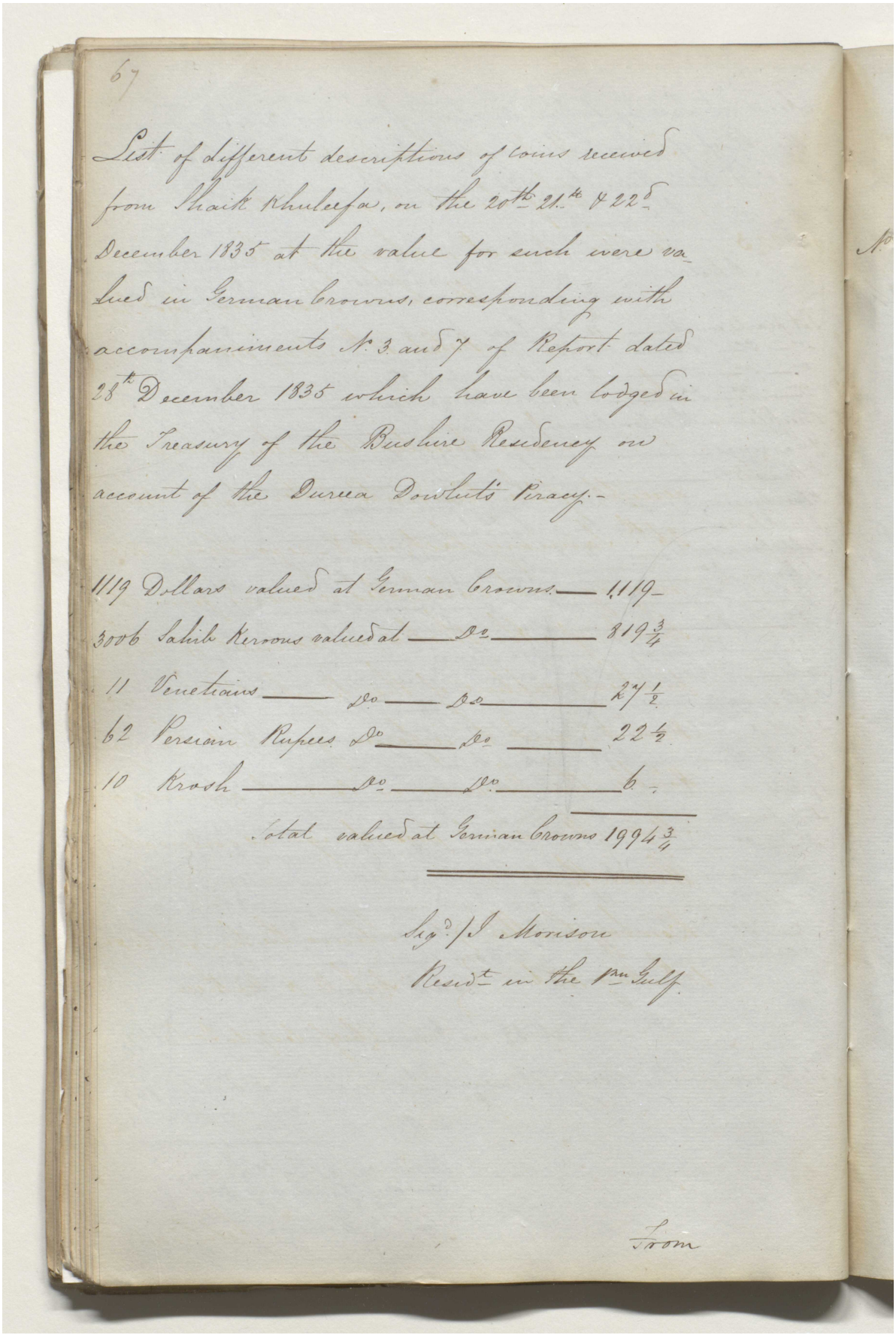

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List of different descriptions of Coins received from Shaik Khuleefa, on the 20th 21st & 22d December 1835 at the value for each were valued in German Crowns, corresponding with accompaniments N.3 and 7 of Report dated 28th December 1835 which have been lodged in the Treasury of the Bushire Residency on account of the Durea Dowlut's Piracy.-

1119	Dollars valued at German Crowns	1,119-
3006	Sahib Kerroos valued at do	819 3/4
11	Venetians do do	27 1/2
62	Persian Rupees do do	22 1/2
10	Krosh do do	6 -
	Total valued at German Crowns	1994 3/4

Sgd/ J Morrison
Resdt in the Persn Gulf

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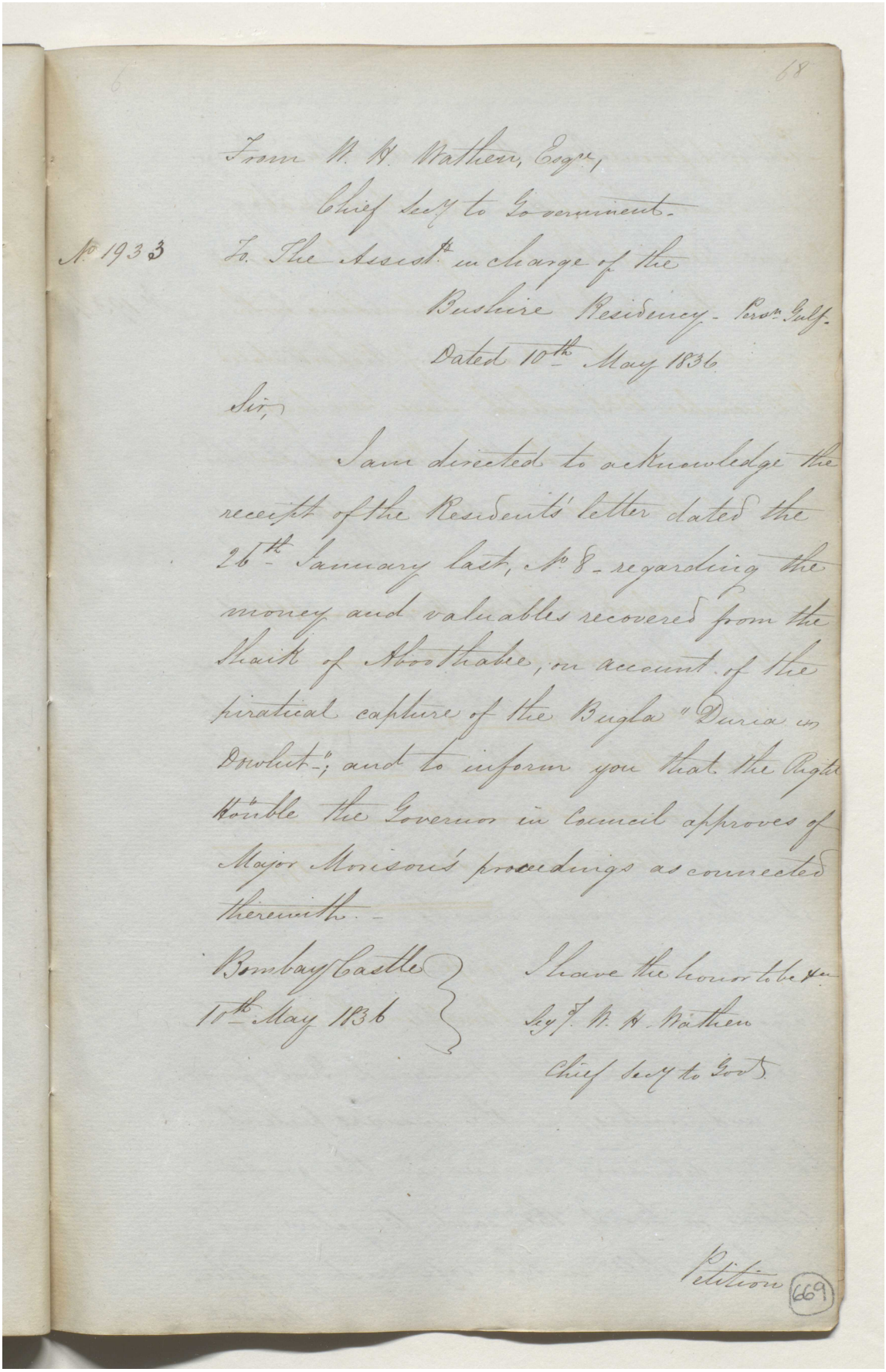

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From W. H. Wathen, Esqr.,
Chief Secy to Government.

No. 1933 To The Assistt. in charge of the
Bushire Residency - Persn. Gulf.
Dated 10th May 1836

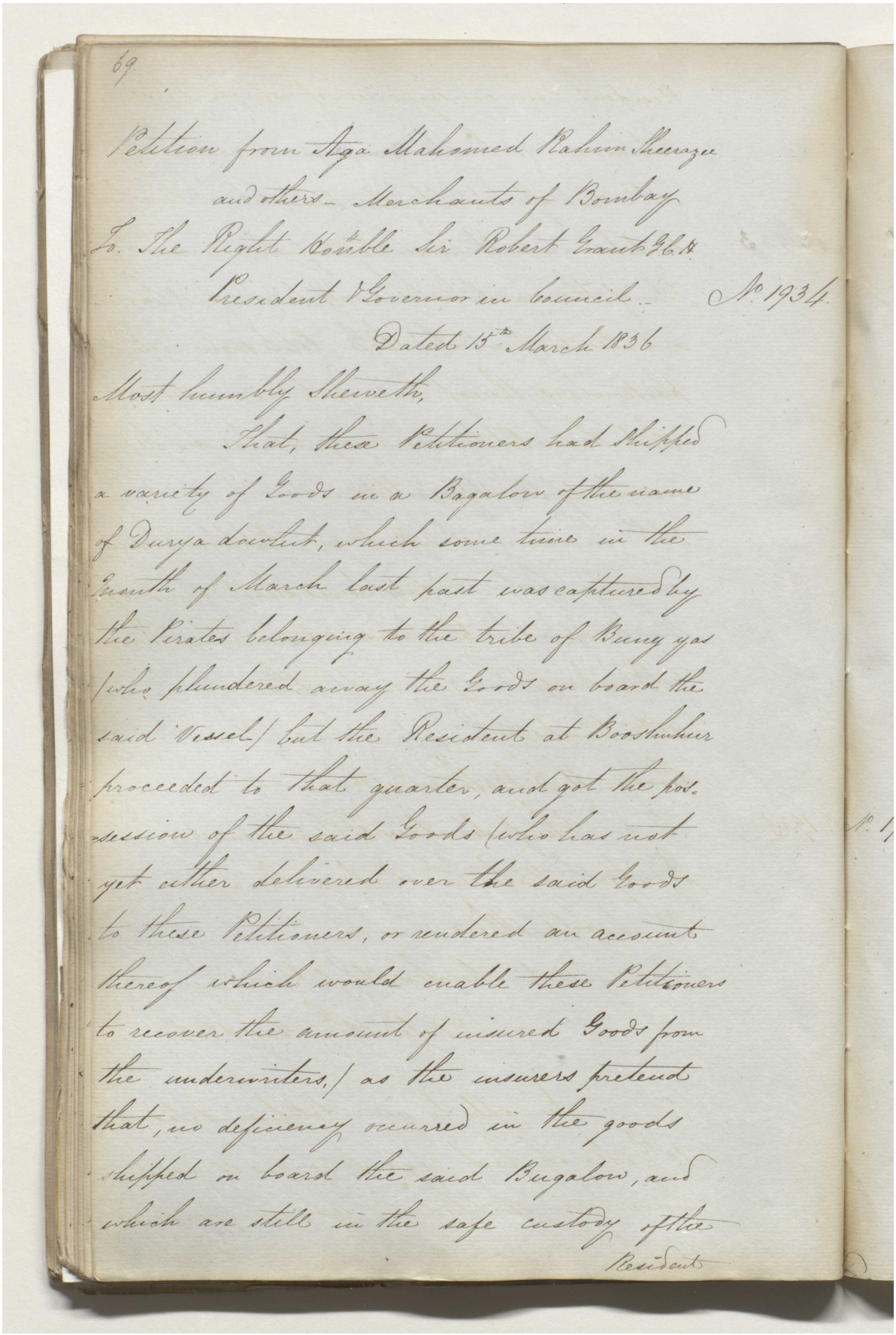
Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Resident's letter dated the 26th January last, No. 8 - regarding the money and valuables recovered from the Shaik of Aboothabee, on account of the piratical capture of the Bugla "Duria in Dowlut"; and to inform you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council approves of Major Morison's proceedings as connected therewith.

Bombay Castle
10th May 1836

I have the honor to be &c.
Sgd. W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt.

Petition (669)



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Petition from Aga Mahomed Rahim Sheerazee and others – Merchants of Bombay

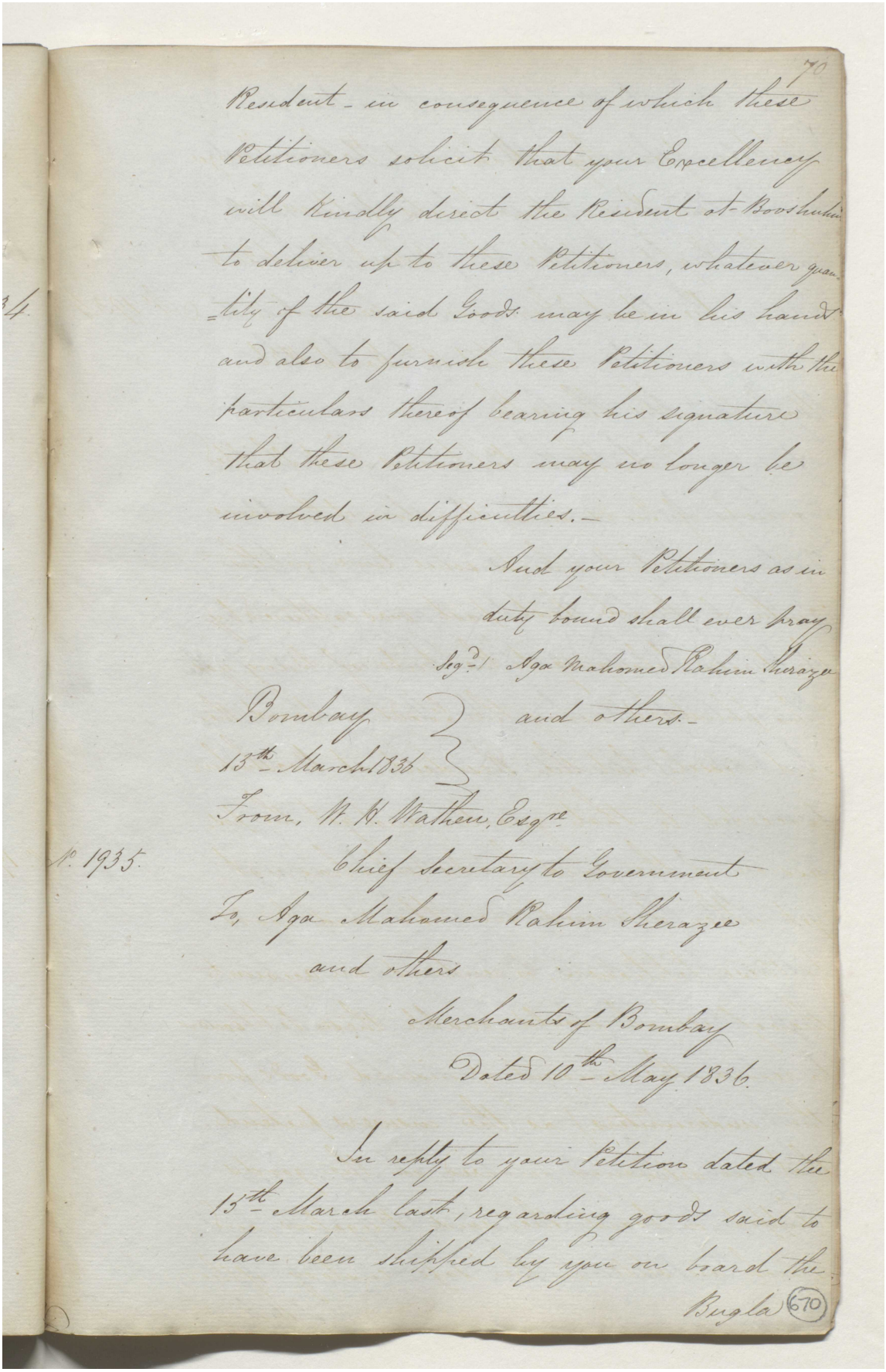
To The Right Honble Sir Robert Grant G.C.H. President & Governor in Council. – No. 1934

Dated 15th March 1836

Most humbly Sheweth,

That, these Petitioners had Shipped a variety of Goods in a Bagalow of the name of Durya dowlut, which some time in the Month of March last past was captured by the Pirates belonging to the tribe of Bung yas (who plundered away the Goods on board the said Vessel) but the Resident at Booshuhur proceeded to that quarter, and got the possession of the said Goods (who has not yet either delivered over the said Goods to these Petitioners, or rendered an account thereof which would enable these Petitioners to recover the amount of insured Goods from the underwriters,) as the insurers pretend that, no deficiency occurred in the goods shipped on board the said Bugalow, and which are still in the safe custody of the

Resident



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Resident - in consequence of which these Petitioners solicit that your Excellency will kindly direct the Resident at Booshuhir to deliver up to these Petitioners, whatever quantity of the said Goods may be in his hands and also to furnish these Petitioners with the particulars thereof bearing his signature that these Petitioners may no longer be involved in difficulties.-

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Seg.d Aga Mahomed Rahim Sherazee and others.-

Bombay
13th March 1836

From, W. H. Wathen, Esqre

No. 1935. Chief Secretary to Government

To, Aga Mahomed Rahim Sherazee and others

Merchants of Bombay

Dated 10th May 1836.

In reply to your Petition dated the 15th March last, regarding goods said to have been shipped by you on board the

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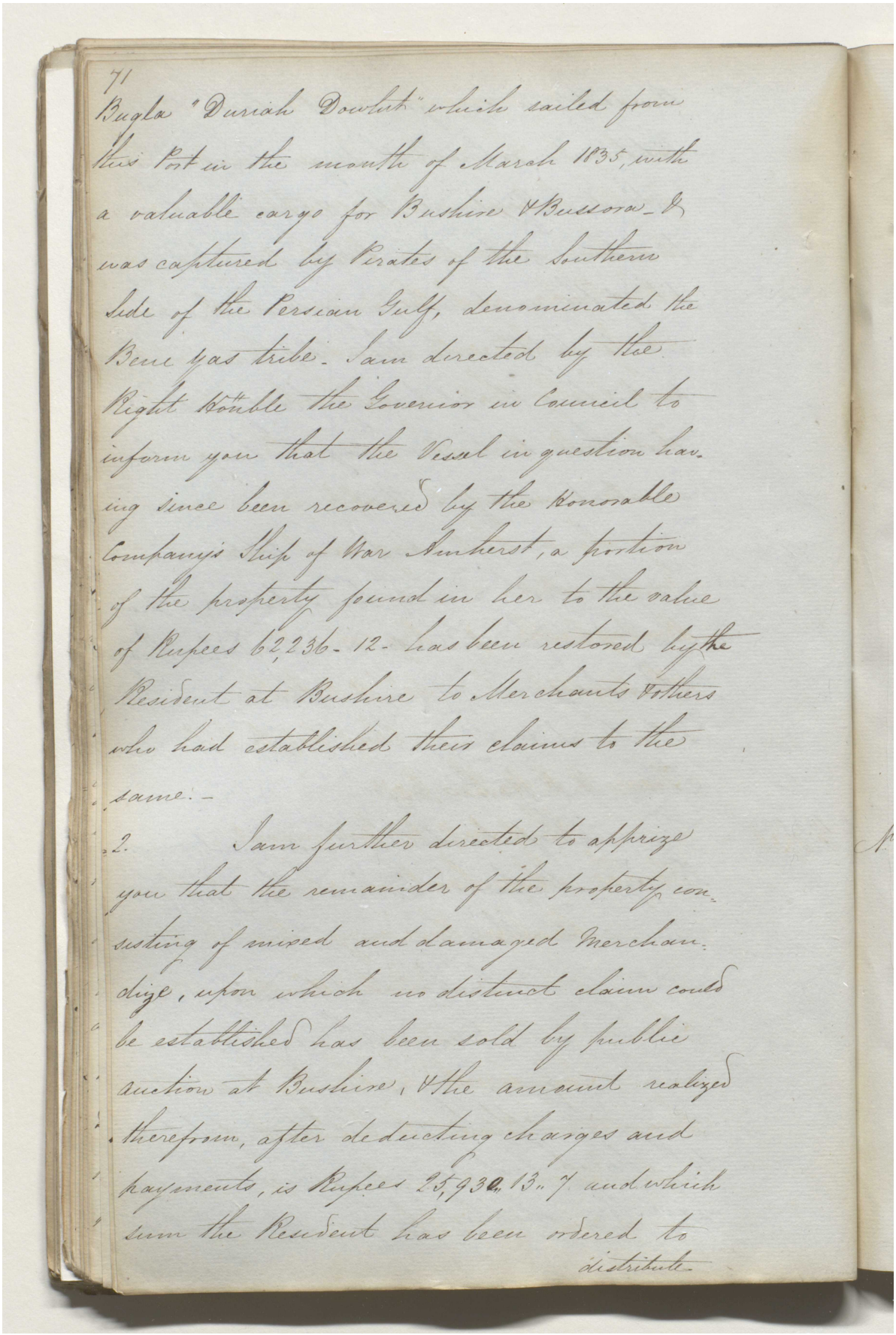

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Bugla "Duriah Dowlut" which sailed from this Port in the month of March 1835, with a valuable cargo for Bushire & Bussora. It was captured by Pirates of the Southern Side of the Persian Gulf, denominated the Beni yas tribe. I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to inform you that the Vessel in question having since been recovered by the Honorable Company's Ship of War Amherst, a portion of the property found in her to the value of Rupees 62,236-12- has been restored by the Resident at Bushire to Merchants & others who had established their claims to the same.-

2. I am further directed to apprize you that the remainder of the property consisting of mixed and damaged Merchandize, upon which no distinct claim could be established has been sold by public auction at Bushire, & the amount realized therefrom, after deducting charges and payments, is Rupees 25,930 13. 7 and which sum the Resident has been ordered to distribute-

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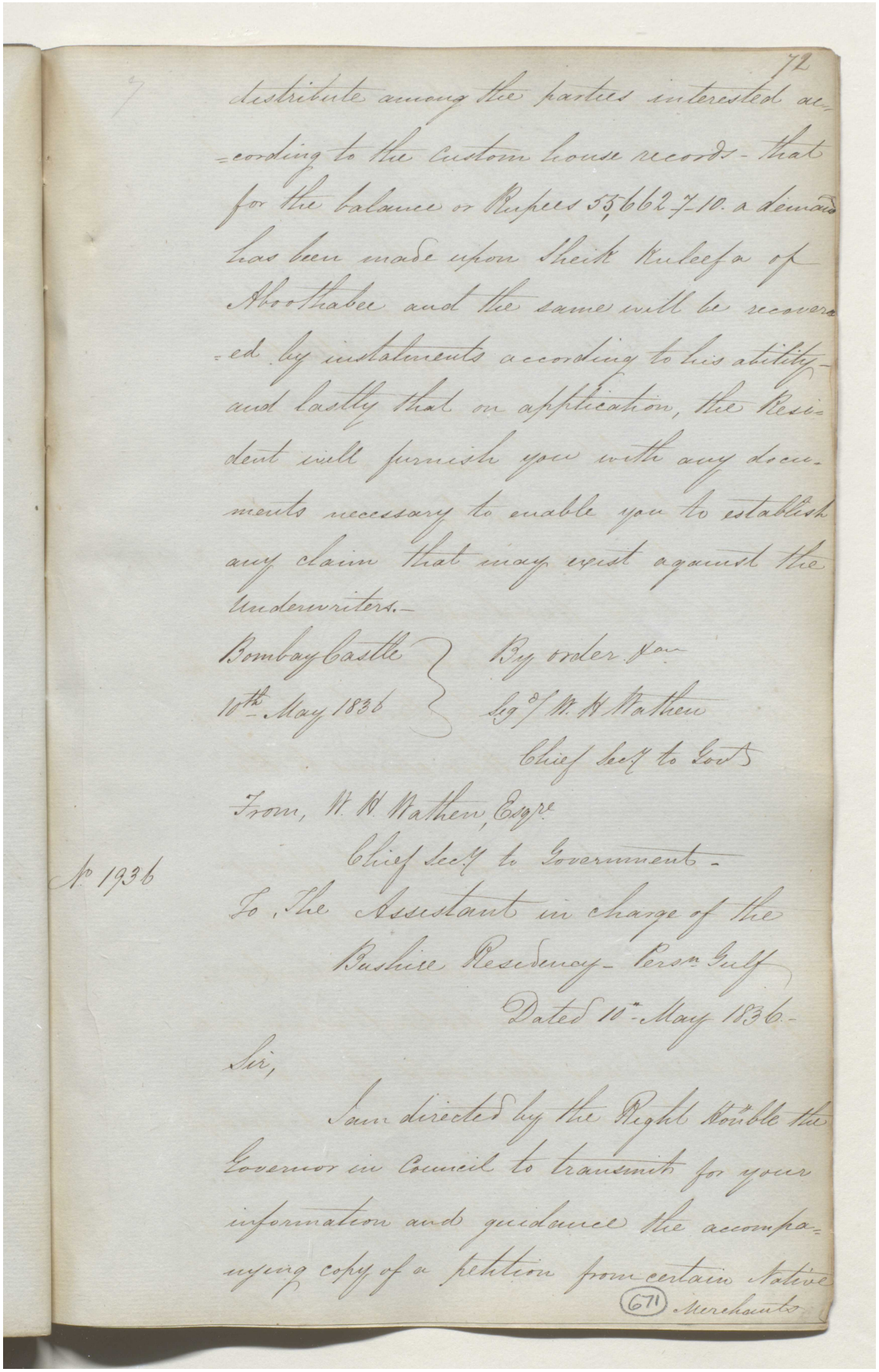

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distribute among the parties interested ac-
-cording to the Custom house records - that
for the balance of Rupees 35,662-7-10. a demand
has been made upon Sheik Kuleefa of
Aboothabee and the same will be recover-
-ed by instalments according to his ability -
and lastly that on application, the Resi-
dent will furnish you with any docu-
ments necessary to enable you to establish
any claim that may exist against the
Underwriters.-

Bombay Castle
10th May 1836

By order &c
Sgd/ W. H. Mathew
Chief Sect to Govt

From, W. H. Mathew, Esqre
Chief Sect to Government -

No 1936

To, The Assistant in charge of the
Bushire Residency - Persn Gulf

Dated 10th May 1836 -

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the
Governor in Council to transmit for your
information and guidance the accompa-
-nying copy of a petition from certain Native
Merchants

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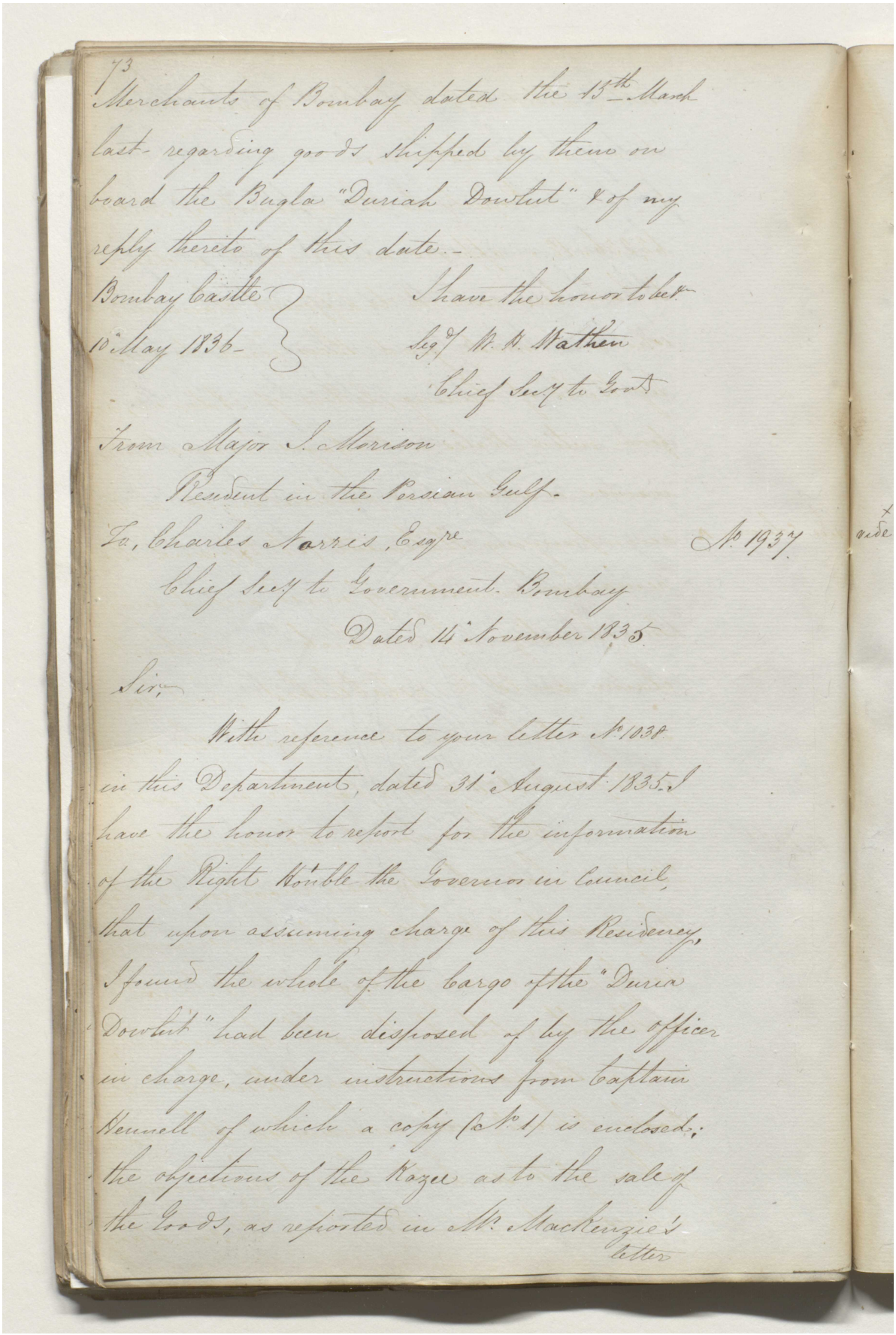

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Merchants of Bombay dated the 15th March
last regarding goods shipped by them on
board the Bugla "Duriah Dowlut" & of my
reply thereto of this date.-

Bombay Castle
16th May 1836.

I have the honor to be &c.
Sd/ W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt.

From Major J. Morison
Resident in the Persian Gulf.
To, Charles Norris, Esqre
Chief Secy to Government. Bombay.
Dated 14th November 1835

No 1937

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 1838
in this Department, dated 31st August 1835. I
have the honor to report for the information
of the Right Honble the Governor in Council,
that upon assuming charge of this Residency,
I found the whole of the cargo of the "Duria
Dowlut" had been disposed of by the officer
in charge, under instructions from Captain
Bennell of which a copy (No 1) is enclosed;
the objections of the Kazee as to the sale of
the goods, as reported in Mr Mackenzie's
letter

letter dated 24th July last having been previously withdrawn.–

2d Property to the amount of Rupees 62,236..12–.. appears in the first instance to have been restored to different claimants who had made good their right to such by Bills of Lading, letters of Advice, or from entire Bales or Packages bearing their names or address, as particularized in the accompanying Statement (No. 2x); and the remainder, consisting of mixed and damaged Merchandize, upon which no distinct claim could be established, had been sold by Public Auction, realizing the sum of Rupees 30,870. 6. 10. upon the gross sale.–

x vide Column A

3 Of this amount, the sum of Rupees 25,794–..–.. has already been recovered, up to the present date, the balance being (though slowly) in course of payment, & I trust will ultimately be brought to account, but as the late Governor of Bushire "abbas Kooly Khan", who guaranteed the realization of these debts, has been removed delays and difficulties have taken place which

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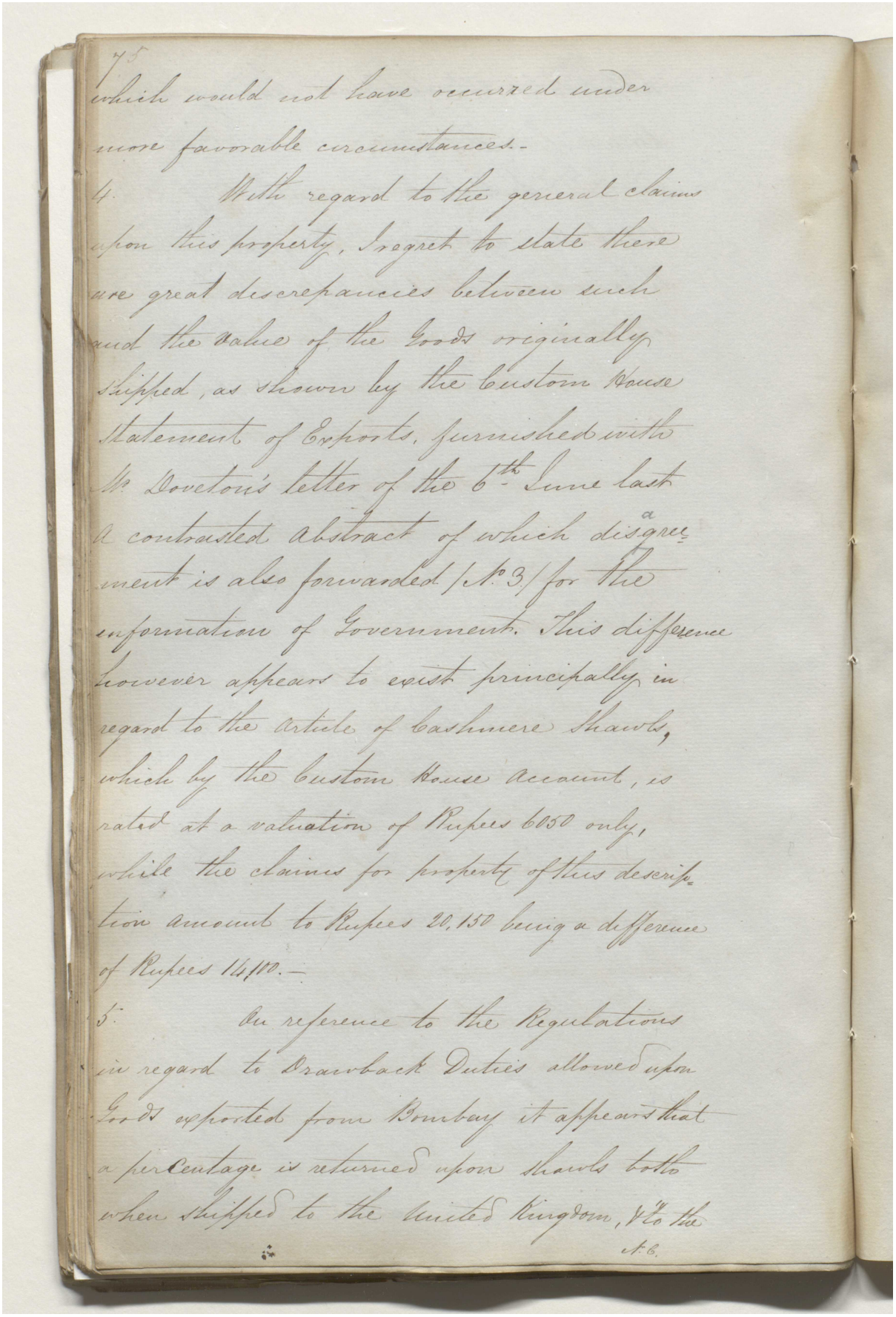

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which would not have occurred under more favorable circumstances.-

4. With regard to the general claims upon this property, I regret to state there are great descrepancies between such and the value of the Goods originally shipped, as shown by the Custom House Statement of Exports, furnished with Mr Dovetons letter of the 6th June last a contrasted abstract of which disagreement is also forwarded /No 3/ for the information of Government. This difference however appears to exist principally in regard to the Article of Cashmere Shawls, which by the Custom House Account, is rated at a valuation of Rupees 6050 only, while the claims for property of this description amount to Rupees 20,150 being a difference of Rupees 14,100.-

5. On reference to the Regulations in regard to Drawback Duties allowed upon Goods exported from Bombay it appears that a percentage is returned upon Shawls both when shipped to the United Kingdom, & to the

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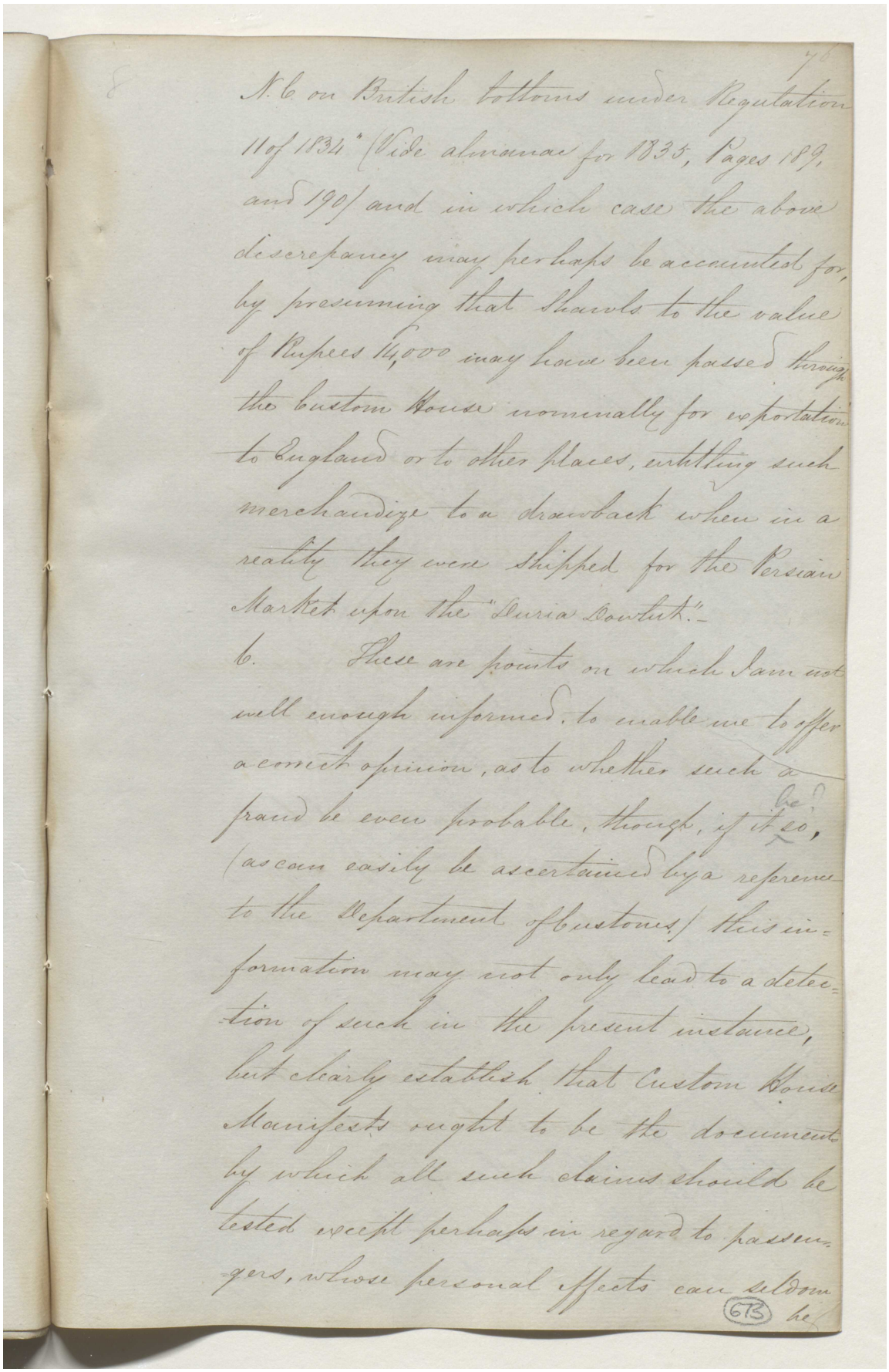

N.6 on British bottoms under Regulation
11 of 1834" (Vide almanac for 1835, Pages 189,
and 190) and in which case the above
discrepancy may perhaps be accounted for,
by presuming that Shawls to the value
of Rupees 14,000 may have been passed through
the Custom House nominally for exportation
to England or to other places, entitling such
merchandize to a drawback when in a
reality they were shipped for the Persian
Market upon the "Duria Dowlut."-

6. These are points on which I am not
well enough informed, to enable me to offer
a correct opinion, as to whether such a
fraud be even probable, though, if it be,
(as can easily be ascertained by a reference
to the Department of Customs) this in-
formation may not only lead to a detec-
tion of such in the present instance,
but clearly establish that Custom House
Manifests ought to be the documents
by which all such claims should be
tested except perhaps in regard to passen-
gers, whose personal effects can seldom

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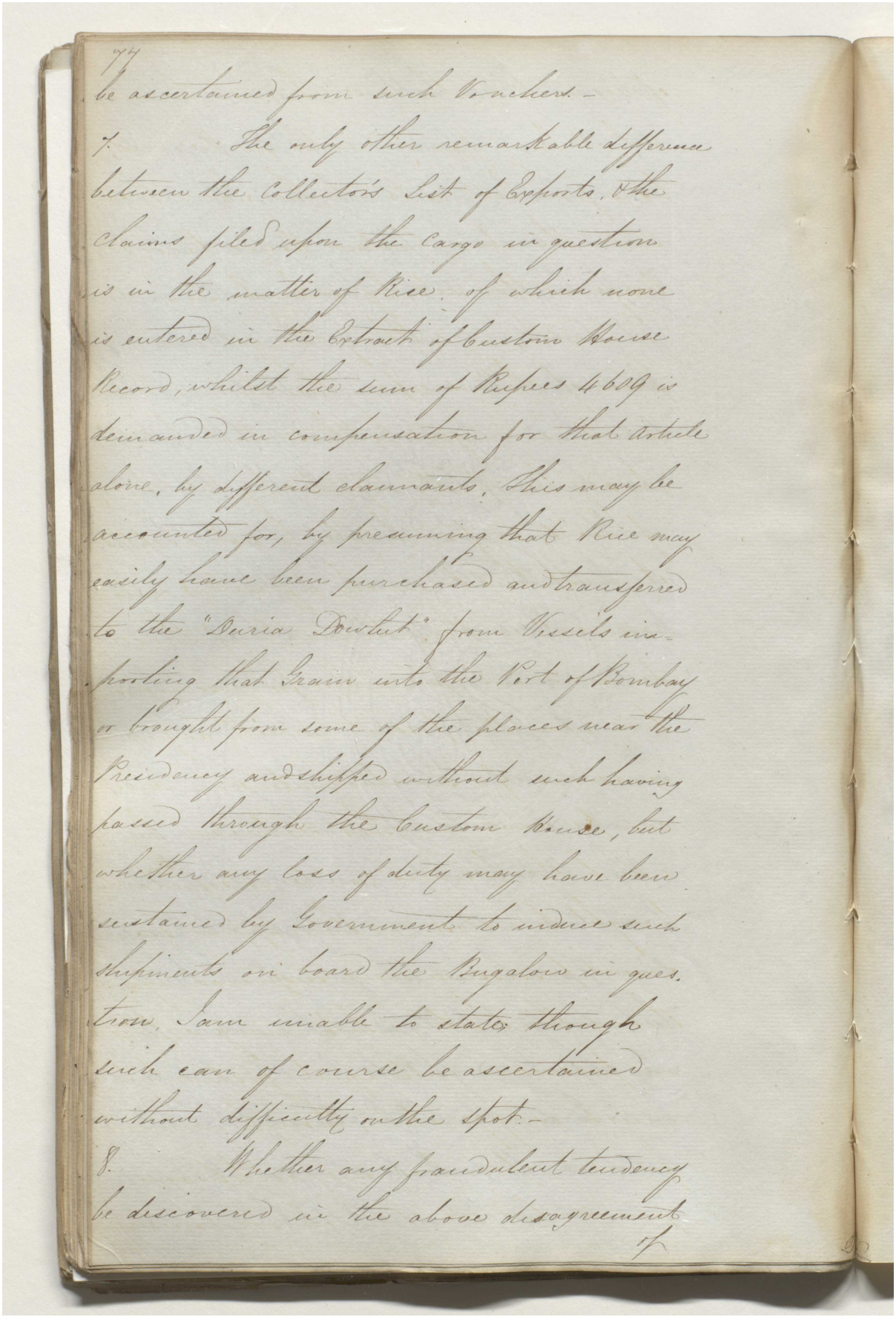

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be ascertained from such Vouchers. –

7. The only other remarkable difference between the Collector's List of Exports, & the claims filed upon the Cargo in question is in the matter of Rice, of which none is entered in the Extract of Custom House Record, whilst the sum of Rupees 4609 is demanded in compensation for that Article alone, by different claimants. This may be accounted for, by presuming that Rice may easily have been purchased and transferred to the "Duria Dowlut" from Vessels importing that Grain into the Port of Bombay or brought from some of the places near the Presidency and shipped without such having passed through the Custom House, but whether any loss of duty may have been sustained by Government to induce such shipments on board the Bugalow in ques. tion, I am unable to state though such can of course be ascertained without difficulty on the spot. –

8. Whether any fraudulent tendency be discovered in the above disagreement

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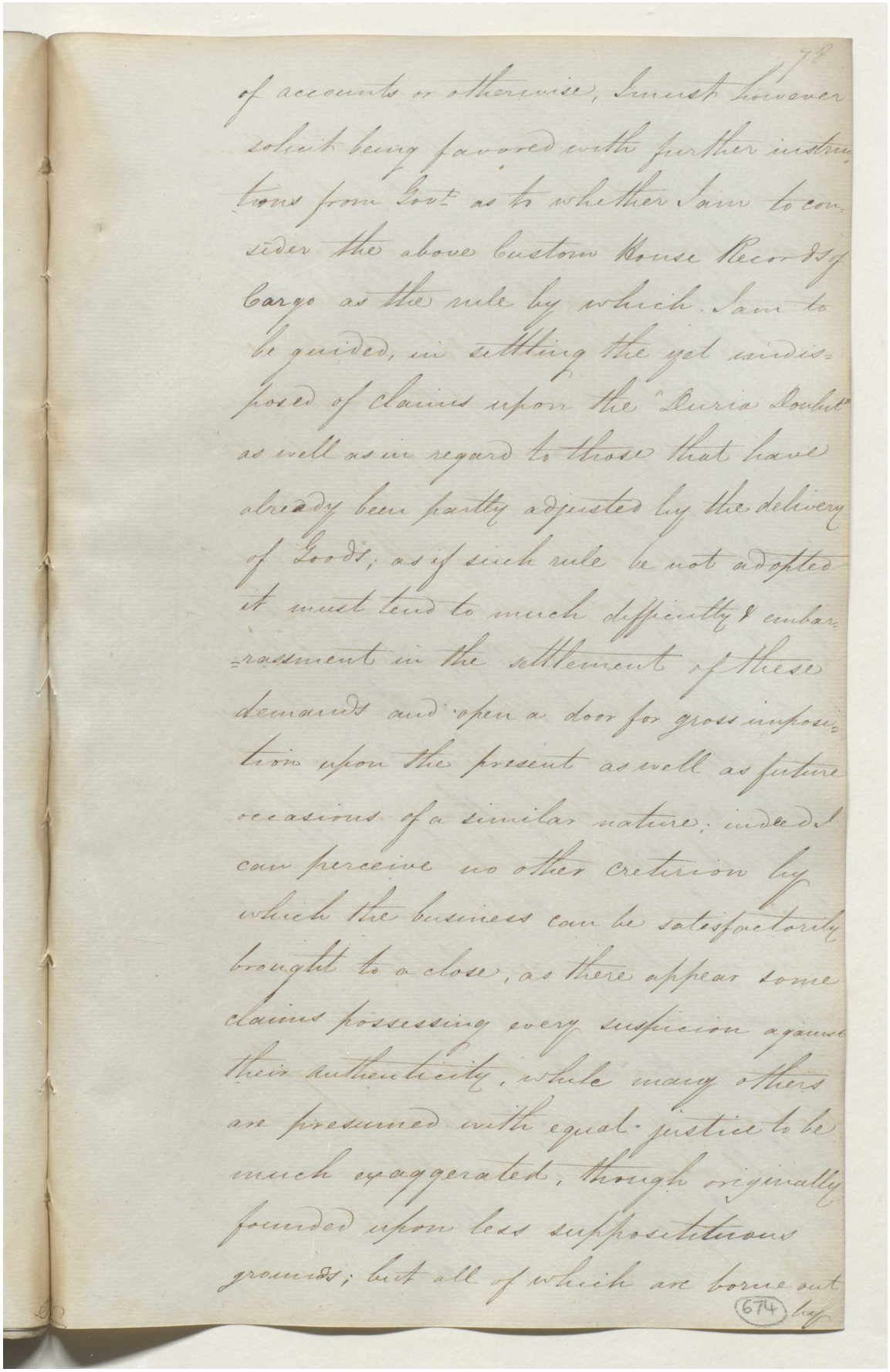

of accounts or otherwise, I must however solicit being favored with further instructions from Govt as to whether I am to consider the above Custom House Records of Cargo as the rule by which I am to be guided, in settling the yet undisposed of claims upon the "Duria Dowlut" as well as in regard to those that have already been partly adjusted by the delivery of Goods; as if such rule be not adopted it must tend to much difficulty & embarrassment in the settlement of these demands and open a door for gross imposition upon the present as well as future occasions of a similar nature. indeed I can perceive no other criterion by which the business can be satisfactorily brought to a close, as there appear some claims possessing every suspicion against their authenticity, while many others are presumed with equal justice to be much exaggerated, though originally founded upon less suppositious grounds; but all of which are borne out by

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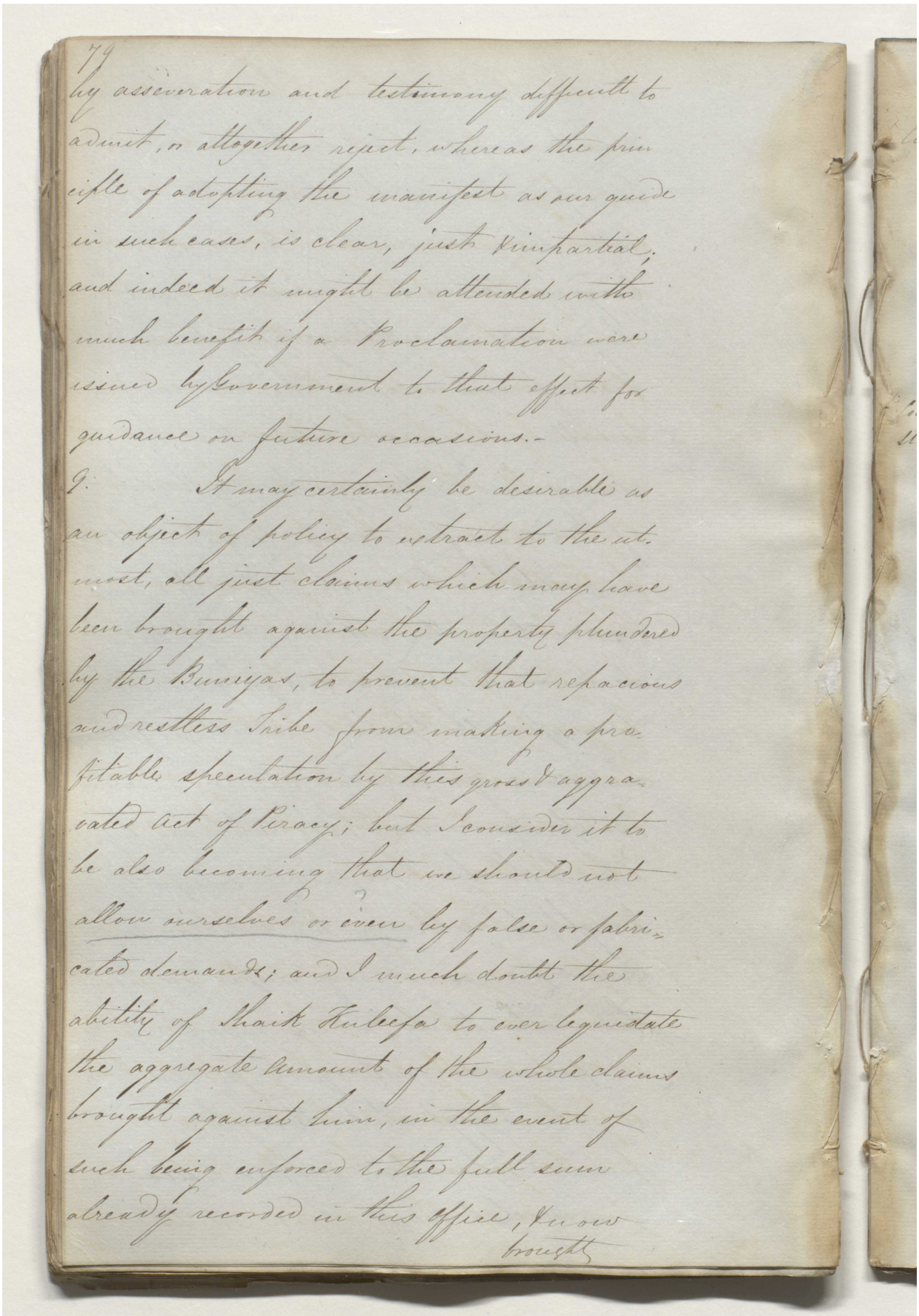

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by asseveration and testimony difficult to admit, or altogether reject, whereas the principle of adopting the manifest as our guide in such cases, is clear, just & impartial, and indeed it might be attended with much benefit if a Proclamation were issued by Government to that effect for guidance on future occasions.-

9: It may certainly be desirable as an object of policy to extract to the utmost, all just claims which may have been brought against the property plundered by the Beniyas, to prevent that rapacious and restless Tribe from making a profitable speculation by this gross & aggravated act of Piracy; but I consider it to be also becoming that we should not allow ourselves or even by false or fabricated demands; and I much doubt the ability of Shaik Kuleefa to ever liquidate the aggregate amount of the whole claims brought against him, in the event of such being enforced to the full sum already recorded in this office, I now brought

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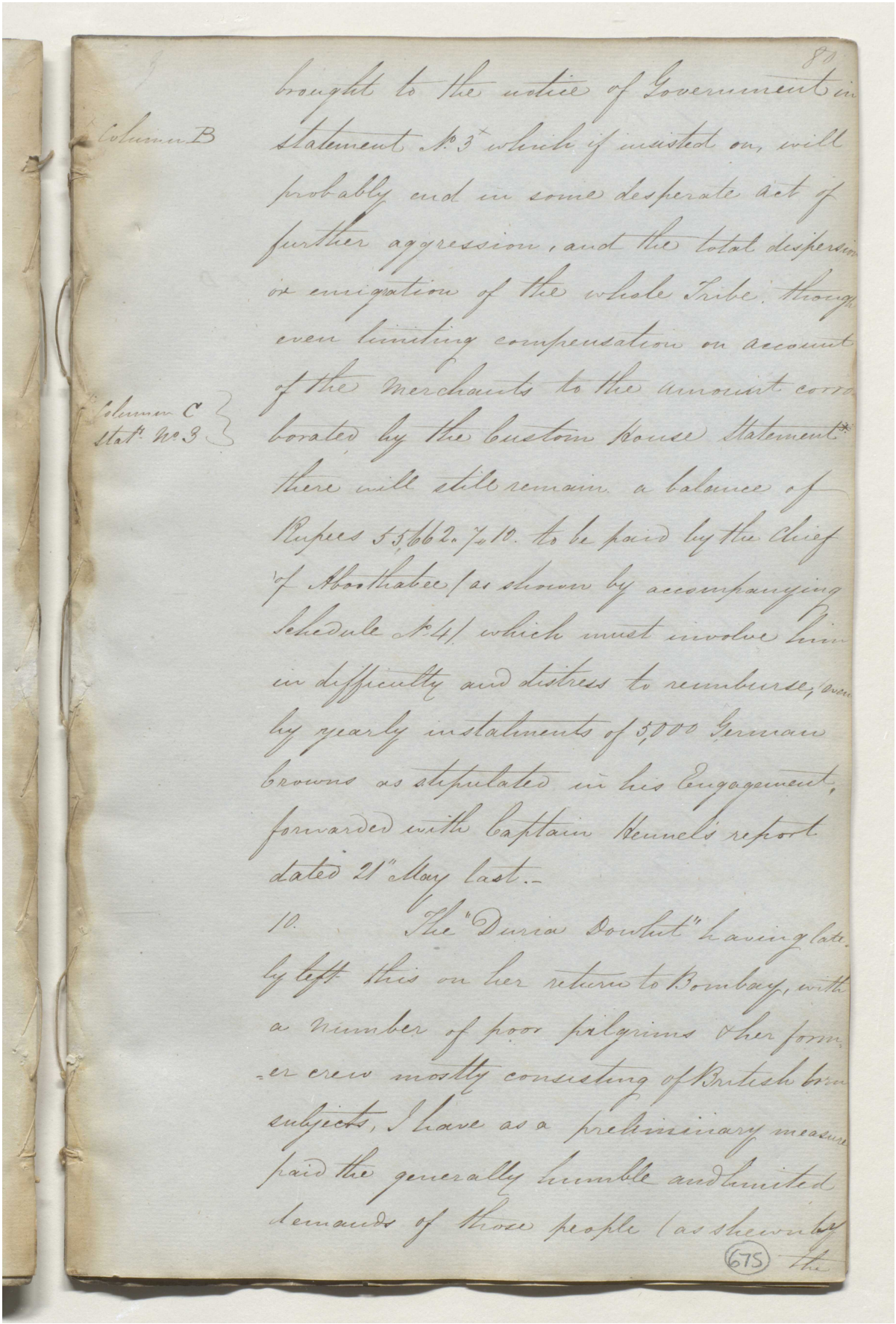

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brought to the notice of Government in
Column B Statement No 3 which if insisted on, will
probably end in some desperate act of
further aggression, and the total dispersion
or emigration of the whole Tribe. Though
even limiting compensation on account
of the Merchants to the amount corro-
Column C borated by the Custom House Statement*
Stat. No 3 there will still remain a balance of
Rupees 53,662.7.10. to be paid by the Chief
of Abothabee (as shown by accompanying
Schedule No 4) which must involve him
in difficulty and distress to remburse, even
by yearly instalments of 5,000 German
Crowns as stipulated in his Engagement,
forwarded with Captain Kennels report
dated 21st May last.-

10. The "Duria Doulut" having late-
ly left this on her return to Bombay, with
a number of poor pilgrims & her form-
er crew mostly consisting of British sub-
jects, I have as a preliminary measure
paid the generally humble and limited
demands of those people (as shewn by

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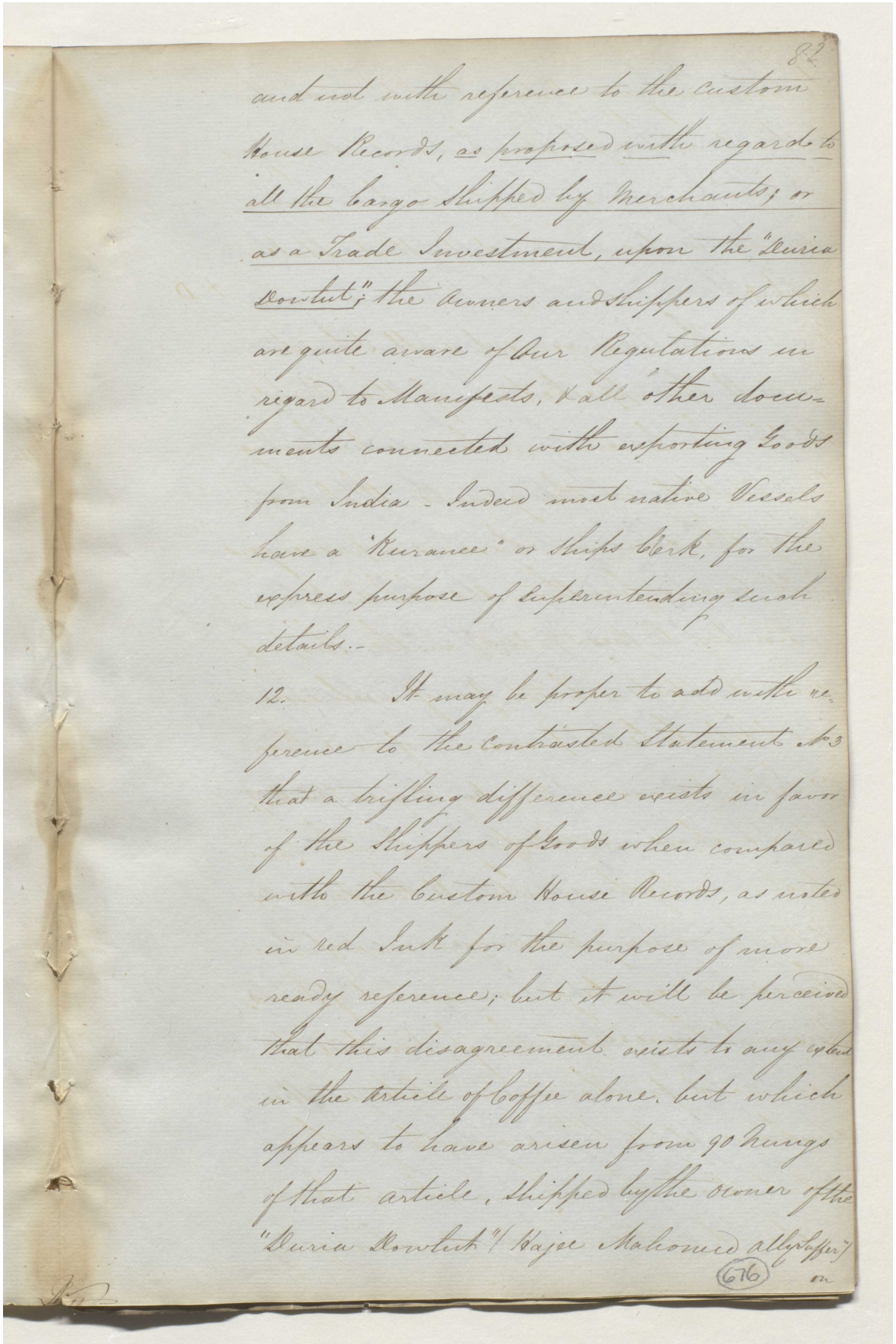
the accompanying Statement No 5/ under the distinct and separate head of "Passengers and Crew" upon a scale, of which a memorandum is also annexed to that Statement.* *D

11. This arrangement will I trust meet with the approbation of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, having been adopted on the ground, that even few of the common Lascars or passengers could possess less than 100 Sahib Kroons /or Bombay Rupees 57.2.3/ in the shape of personal effects, whilst few of such men were likely to be in possession of more than 300 Sahib Kroons, /or Bombay Rupees 285.11.3/; but I propose instituting a further and strict investigation into all the demands of the remaining passengers some of whose claims are very large, on account of Jewels, personal luggage, &c. though I venture to recommend for the reason stated in the conclusion of the 6th paragraph of this Report that these claims should be adjusted upon the result of such enquiry and



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and not with reference to the Custom House Records, as proposed with regard to all the Cargo Shipped by Merchants; or as a Trade Investment, upon the "Duria Dowlut"; the Owners and Shippers of which are quite aware of Our Regulations in regard to Manifests, & all other documents connected with exporting Goods from India - Indeed most native Vessels have a "Kurance" or Ships Clerk, for the express purpose of superintending such details.-

12. It may be proper to add with reference to the Contrasted Statement No 3 that a trifling difference exists in favor of the Shippers of Goods when compared with the Custom House Records, as noted in red Ink for the purpose of more ready reference; but it will be perceived that this disagreement exists to any extent in the Article of Coffee alone, but which appears to have arisen from 90 Nungs of that article, shipped by the owner of the "Duria Dowlut" (Hajee Mahomed Ally Suffer) on

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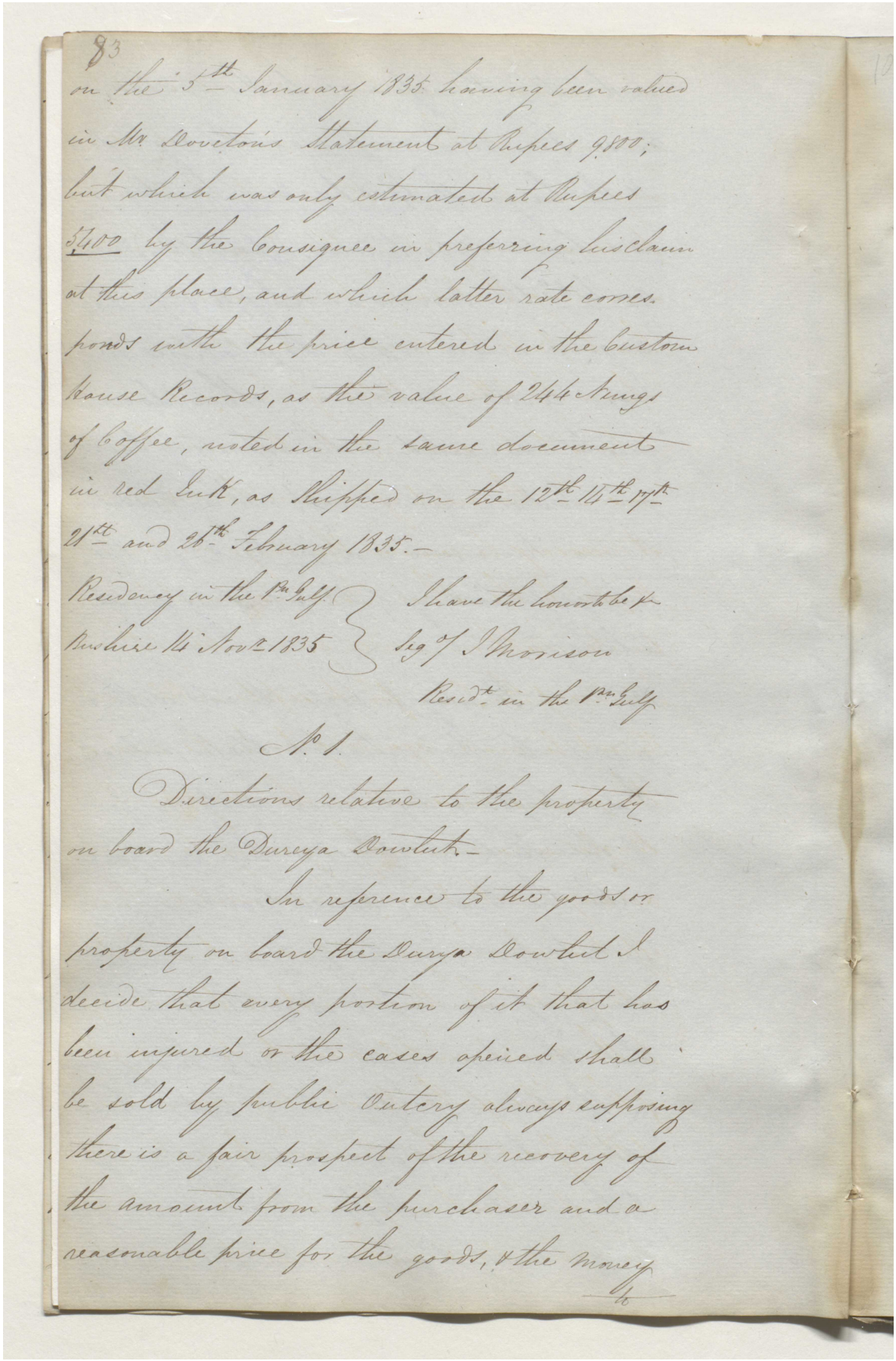

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on the 3rd January 1835 having been valued in Mr Dovetons Statement at Rupees 9,800; but which was only estimated at Rupees 5,100 by the Consignee in preferring his claim at this place, and which latter rate corresponds with the price entered in the Custom House Records, as the value of 244 Seers of Coffee, noted in the same document in red Ink, as Shipped on the 12th 15th 17th 21st and 26th February 1835.–

Residency in the Persn Gulf
Bushire 15 Novr 1835

I have the honour to be &c
Sgd/ J Morrison
Resdt in the Persn Gulf

No 1

Directions relative to the property on board the Dureya Dowlut.–

In reference to the goods or property on board the Durya Dowlut I decide that every portion of it that has been injured or the cases opened shall be sold by public Outcry always supposing there is a fair prospect of the recovery of the amount from the purchaser and a reasonable price for the goods, & the money

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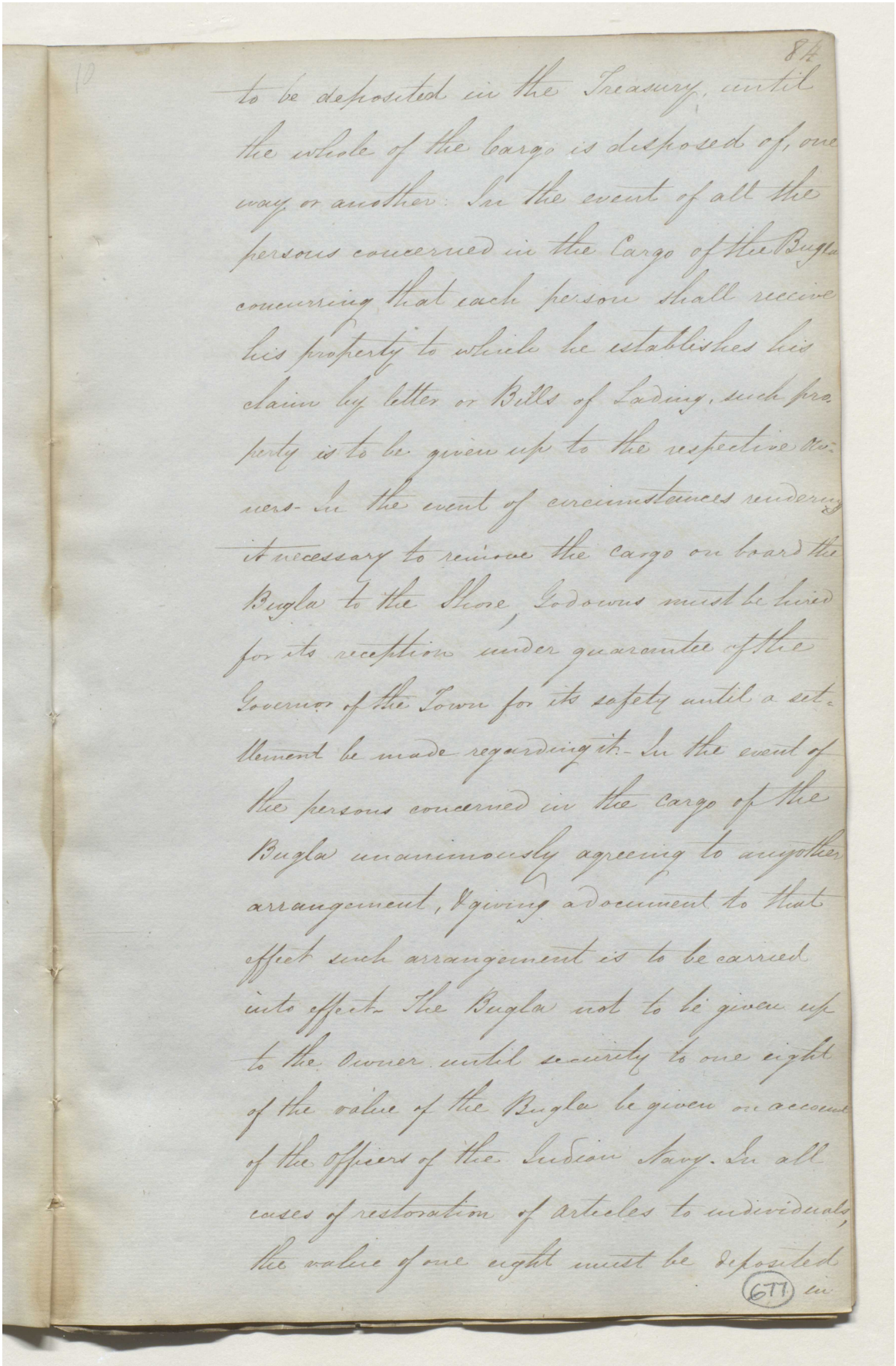

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to be deposited in the Treasury, until the whole of the Cargo is disposed of, one way or another: In the event of all the persons concerned in the Cargo of the Bugla concurring that each person shall receive his property to which he establishes his claim by letter or Bills of Lading, such property is to be given up to the respective Owners- In the event of circumstances rendering it necessary to remove the cargo on board the Bugla to the Shore, Godowns must be hired for its reception under guarantee of the Governor of the Town for its safety until a settlement be made regarding it- In the event of the persons concerned in the cargo of the Bugla unanimously agreeing to any other arrangement, & giving a document to that effect such arrangement is to be carried into effect- The Bugla not to be given up to the Owner until security to one eighth of the value of the Bugla be given on account of the Officers of the Indian Navy- In all cases of restoration of articles to individuals, the value of one eighth must be deposited

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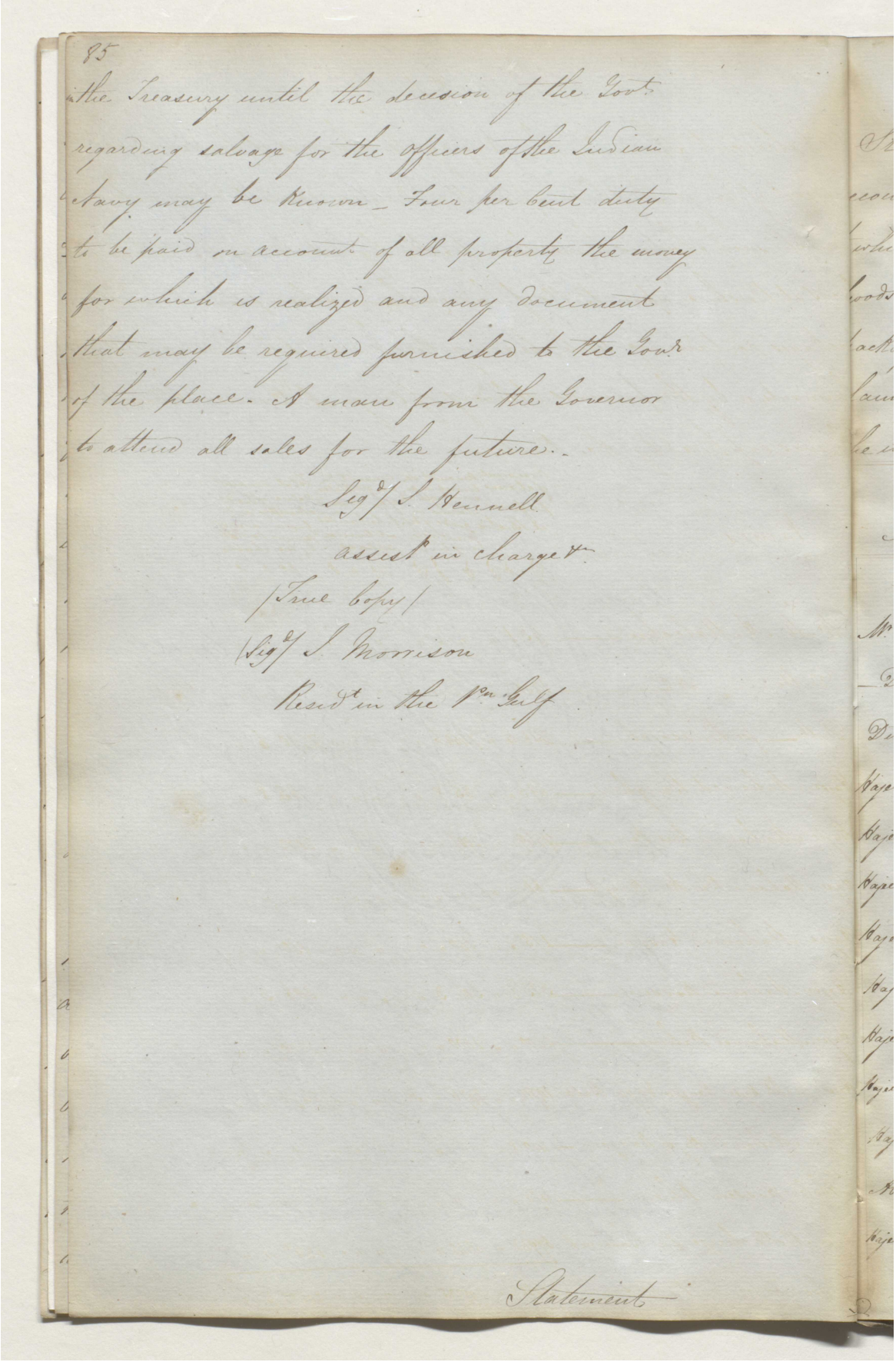

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the Treasury until the decision of the Govt. regarding salvage for the officers of the Indian Navy may be known – Four per cent duty to be paid on account of all property the money for which is realized and any document that may be required furnished to the Govr. of the place. A man from the Governor to attend all sales for the future.

Sigd/ S. Hennell
assist in charge &c.

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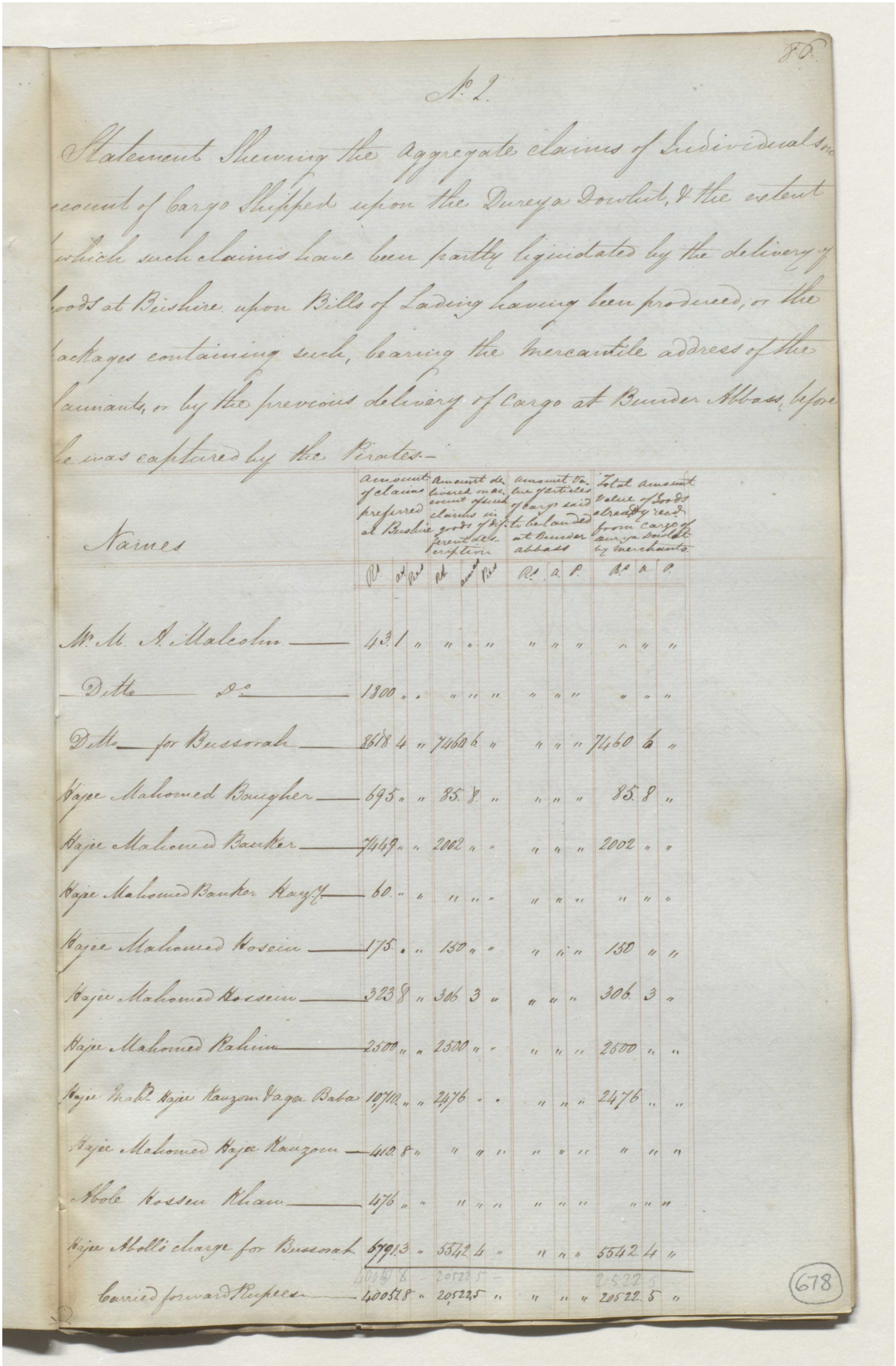

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No 2.

Statement Shewing the Aggregate claims of Individuals on account of Cargo Shipped upon the Dureya Dowlut, & the extent to which such claims have been partly liquidated by the delivery of goods at Bushire upon Bills of Lading having been produced, or the Packages containing such, bearing the Mercantile address of the Claimants, or by the previous delivery of Cargo at Bunder Abbass, before she was captured by the Pirates.–

Names	amount of claims preferred at Bushire	amount declined on account of such claims in goods of 8 per cent deficiency	amount of the two portions of Cargo said to be landed at Bunder abbass	Total amount Value of Goods already received from Cargo of the Dureya Dowlut by Merchants
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Mr. M. A. Malcolm	431 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Ditto do	1800 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Ditto for Bussorah	8618 4 "	7460 6 "	" " "	7460 6 "
Kajee Mahomed Baugher	695 " "	85 8 "	" " "	85 8 "
Kajee Mahomed Banker	7449 " "	2002 " "	" " "	2002 " "
Kajee Mahomed Banker Kazy	60 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Kajee Mahomed Hoseim	175 " "	150 " "	" " "	150 " "
Kajee Mahomed Hoseim	323 8 "	306 3 "	" " "	306 3 "
Kajee Mahomed Rahim	2500 " "	2500 " "	" " "	2500 " "
Kajee Mahd Kajee Kauzom Vaga Baba	1070 " "	2476 " "	" " "	2476 " "
Kajee Mahomed Kajee Kauzom	410 8 "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Abdl Hossein Khan	476 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Kajee Abdl's charge for Bussorah	6791 3 "	5542 4 "	" " "	5542 4 "
Carried forward Rupees	40051 8 "	20522 5 "	" " "	20522 5 "

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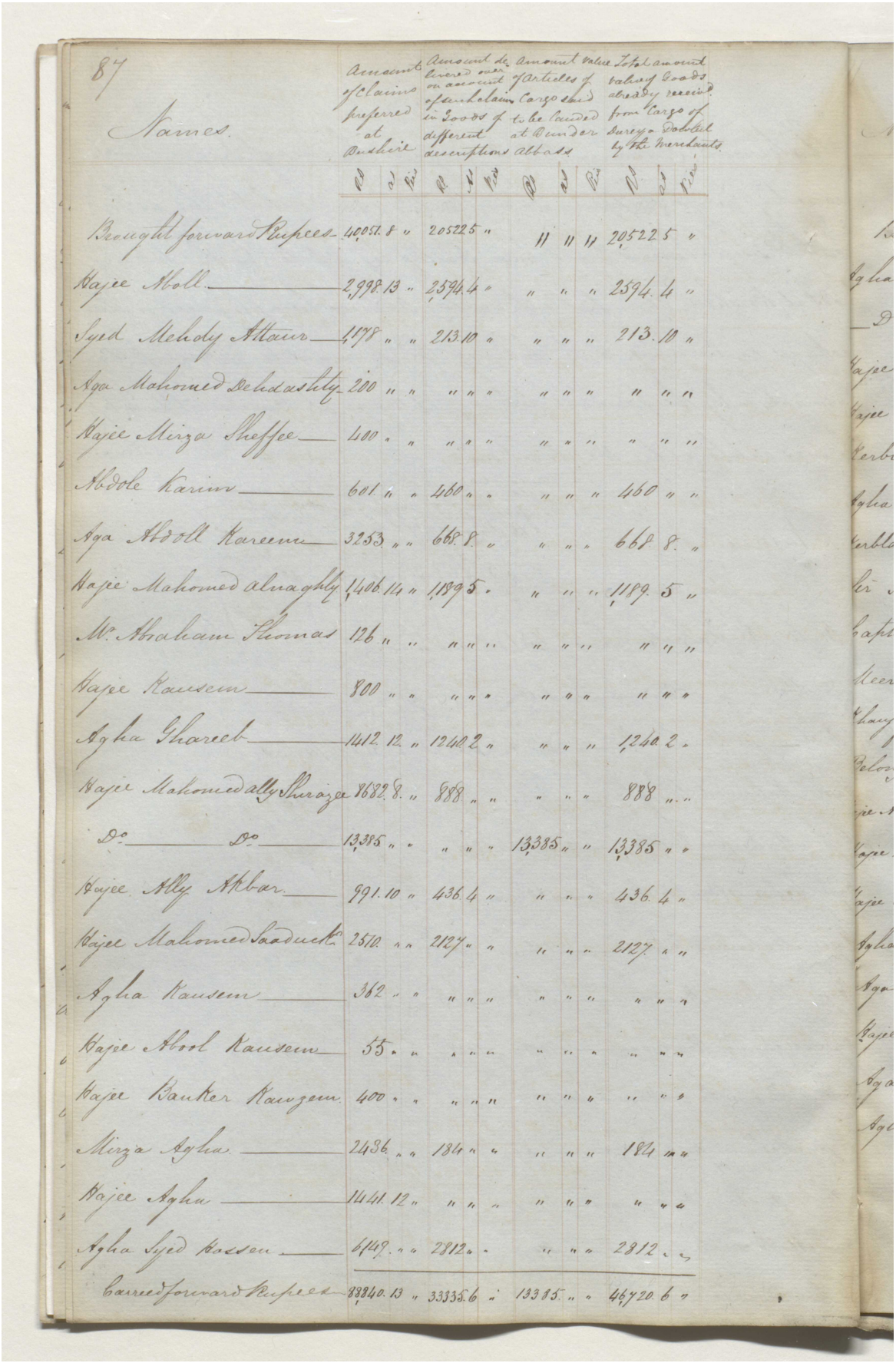

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Names.	Amount of claims preferred at Bushire	Amount delivered on account of such claim in Goods of different descriptions	Amount value of Articles of Cargo shipped to be landed at Bunder Abbass	Total amount value Goods already received from Cargo of Surveyor Doubtful by the Merchants.
	₹ a p	₹ a p	₹ a p	₹ a p
Brought forward Rupees	40051. 8 "	20522 5 "	" " "	20522 5 "
Hajee Abdl.	2998. 13 "	2594. 4 "	" " "	2594. 4 "
Syed Mehdy Attaur	1178 " "	213. 10 "	" " "	213. 10 "
Aga Mahomed Dehdashty	200 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Hajee Mirza Sheffee	400 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Abdole Karim	601 " "	460 " "	" " "	460 " "
Aga Abdl Kareem	3253 " "	668. 8 "	" " "	668. 8 "
Hajee Mahomed alnaghly	1406. 14 "	1189. 5 "	" " "	1189. 5 "
Mr. Abraham Thomas	126 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Hajee Kausem	800 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Agha Shareef	1412. 12 "	1260. 2 "	" " "	1260. 2 "
Hajee Mahomed ally Shiraze	1682. 8 "	888 " "	" " "	888 " "
Do. Do.	13385 " "	" " "	13385 " "	13385 " "
Hajee Ally Akbar	991. 10 "	436. 4 "	" " "	436. 4 "
Hajee Mahomed Saaduck	2510 " "	2127 " "	" " "	2127 " "
Agha Kausem	362 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Hajee Abdl Kausem	55 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Hajee Banker Kaugem	400 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Mirza Agha	2436 " "	184 " "	" " "	184 " "
Hajee Agha	1441. 12 "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Agha Syed Hassen	6149 " "	2812 " "	" " "	2812 " "
Carried forward Rupees	88840. 13 "	33335. 6 "	13385 " "	46720. 6 "

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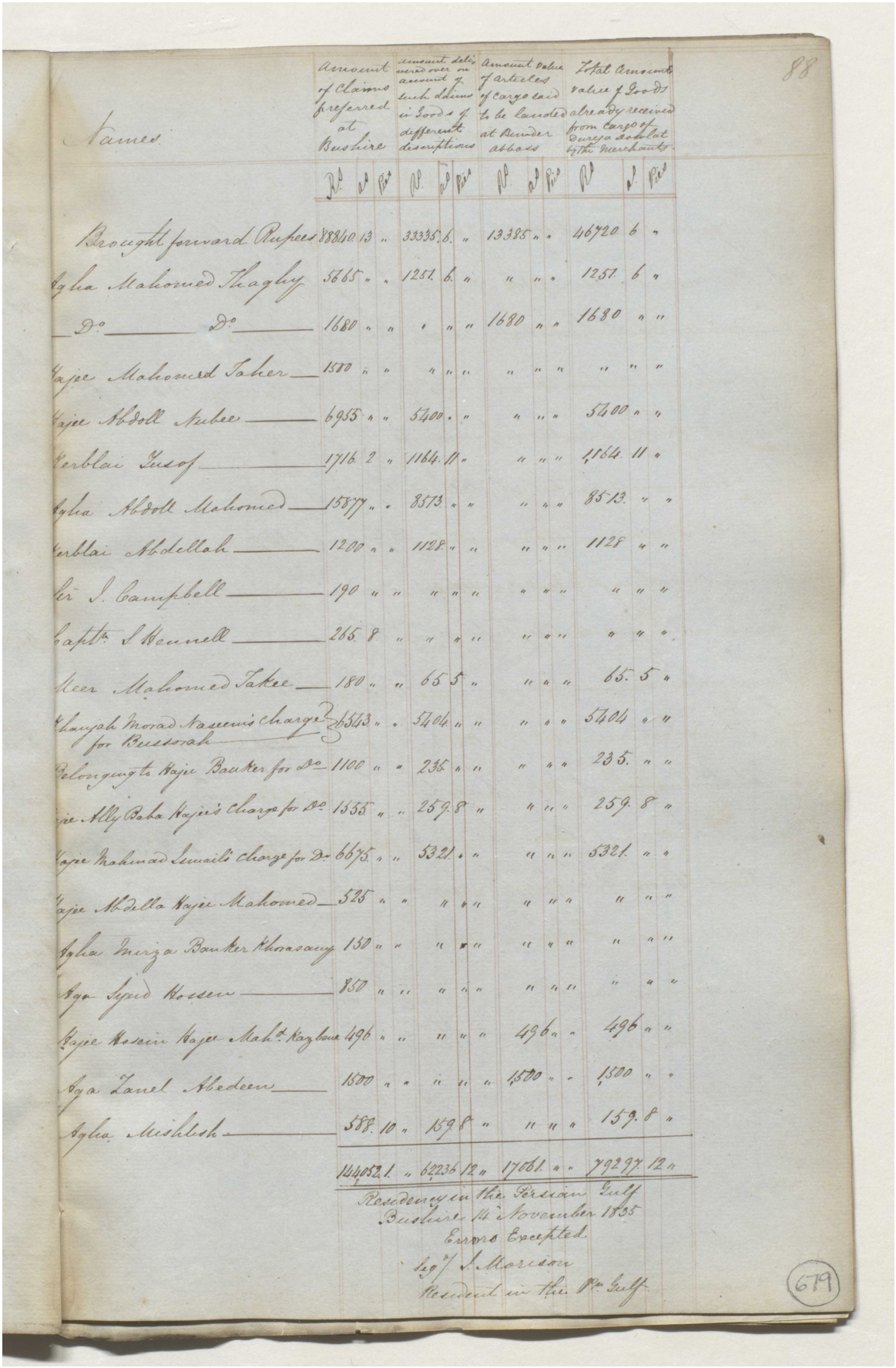

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Names	Amount of Claims preferred at Bushire	Amount delivered over on account of such Claims in Goods of different descriptions	Amount value of Articles of Cargo said to be landed at Bunder abbass	Total Amount value of Goods already received from Cargo of Dureya Dowlut by the Merchants
	Rs. a. Ps.	Rs. a. Ps.	Rs. a. Ps.	Rs. a. Ps.
Brought forward Rupees	88840 13 "	33335 6 "	13385 " "	46720 6 "
Agha Mahomed Shagby	5665 " "	1251 6 "	" " "	1251 6 "
Do Do	1680 " "	" " "	1680 " "	1680 " "
Hajee Mahomed Taher	1580 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Hajee Abdoll Nubee	6955 " "	5400 " "	" " "	5400 " "
Kerblai Yusof	1716 2 "	1164 11 "	" " "	1164 11 "
Agha Abdoll Mahomed	15877 " "	8573 " "	" " "	8573 " "
Kerblai Abdellah	1200 " "	1128 " "	" " "	1128 " "
Sir J. Campbell	190 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Capt. J Bennell	265 8 "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Meer Mahomed Takee	180 " "	65 5 "	" " "	65 5 "
Shaykh Morad Naseem's charge for Bussorah	6553 " "	5404 " "	" " "	5404 " "
Belonging to Hajee Banker for Do	1100 " "	235 " "	" " "	235 " "
Hajee Ally Baba Hajee's charge for Do	1555 " "	259 8 "	" " "	259 8 "
Hajee Mahmud Ismails charge for Do	6675 " "	5321 " "	" " "	5321 " "
Hajee Abdulla Hajee Mahomed	525 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Agha Mirza Banker Khurasany	130 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Aga Syud Hossein	850 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
Hajee Hossein Hajee Mahd. Kazbeen	496 " "	" " "	496 " "	496 " "
Aga Zanel Abedeen	1500 " "	" " "	1500 " "	1500 " "
Agha Mishtesh	588 10 "	159 8 "	" " "	159 8 "
	144052 "	62236 12 "	17661 " "	79297 12 "

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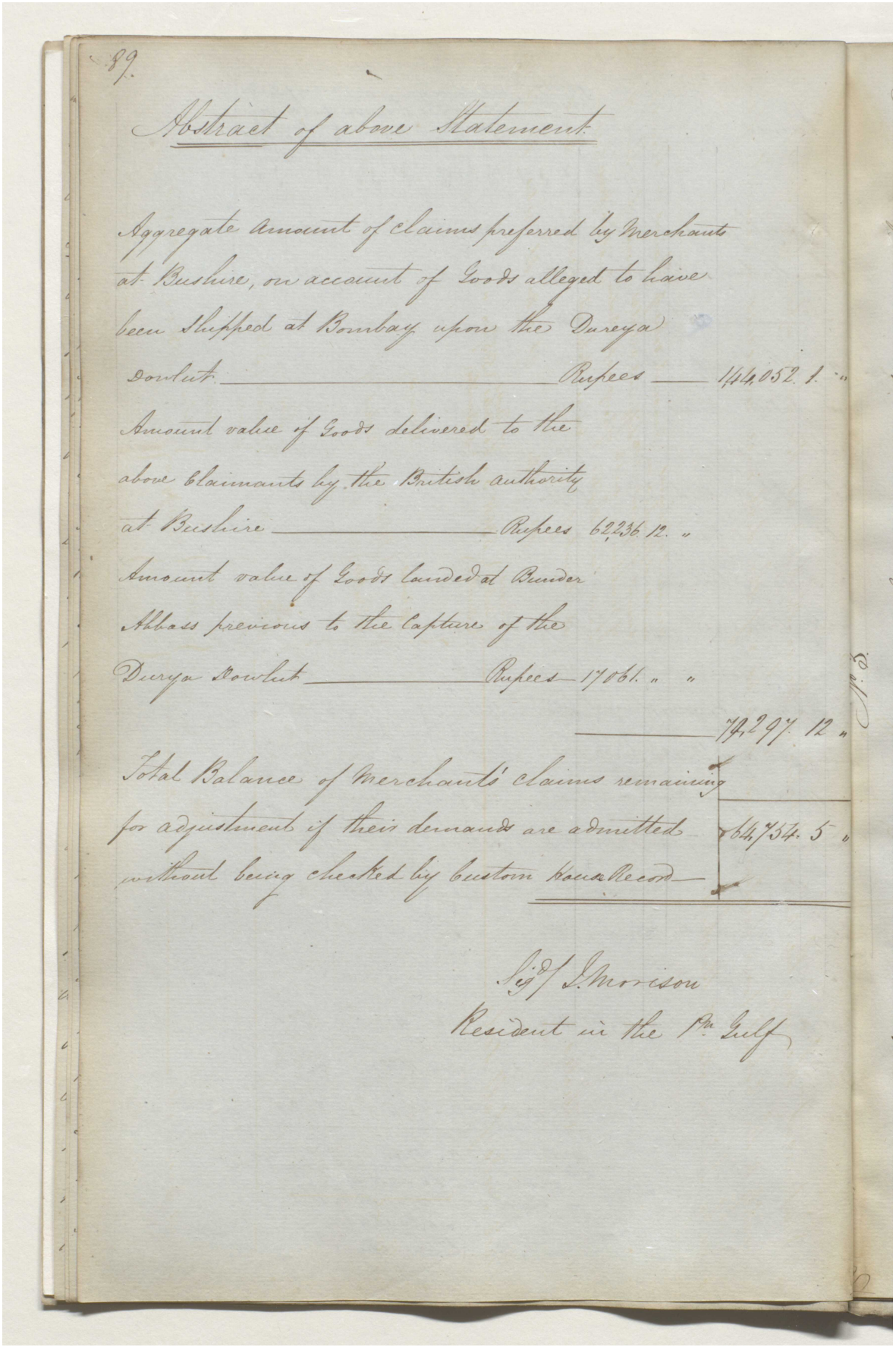

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Abstract of above Statement

Aggregate amount of claims preferred by Merchants at Bushire, on account of Goods alleged to have been Shipped at Bombay upon the Dureya Dowlut _____ Rupees _____ 144,052. 1. "

Amount value of Goods delivered to the above Claimants by the British authority at Bushire _____ Rupees 62,236. 12. "

Amount value of Goods landed at Bunder Abbass previous to the Capture of the Durya Dowlut _____ Rupees 17061. " "

_____ 79,297. 12 "

Total Balance of Merchants' claims remaining for adjustment if their demands are admitted without being checked by Custom House Record _____ 64,754. 5 "

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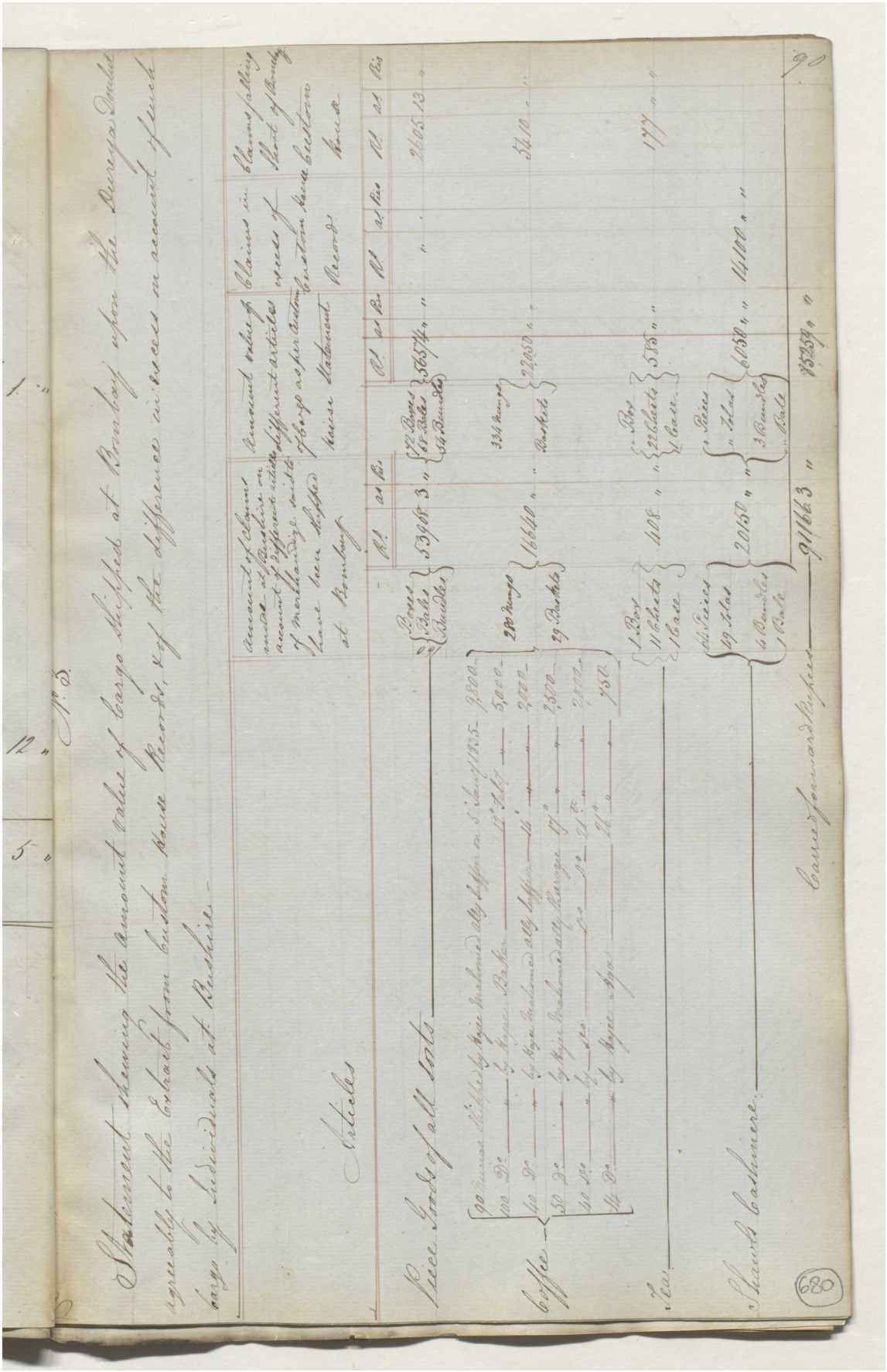

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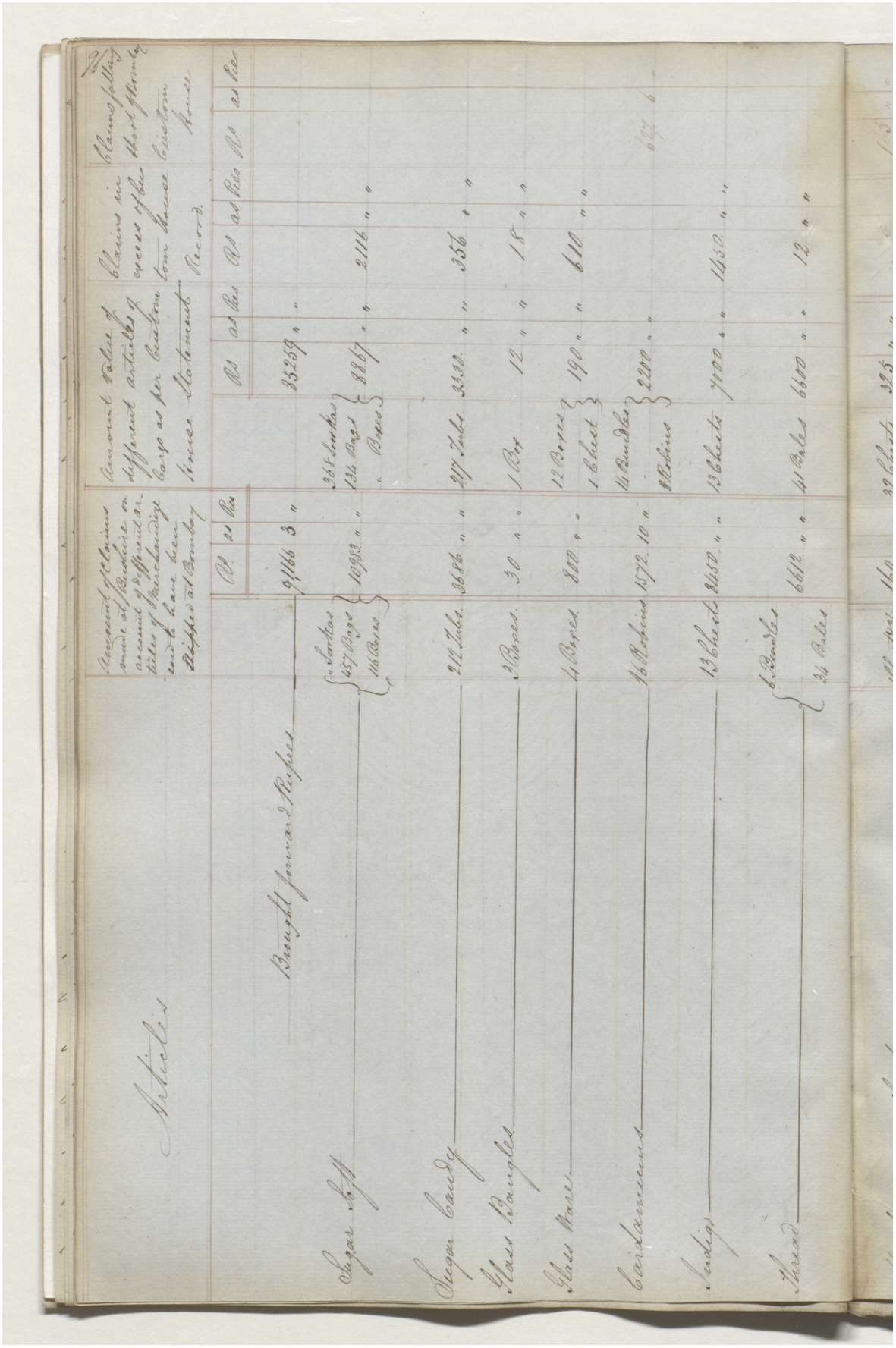

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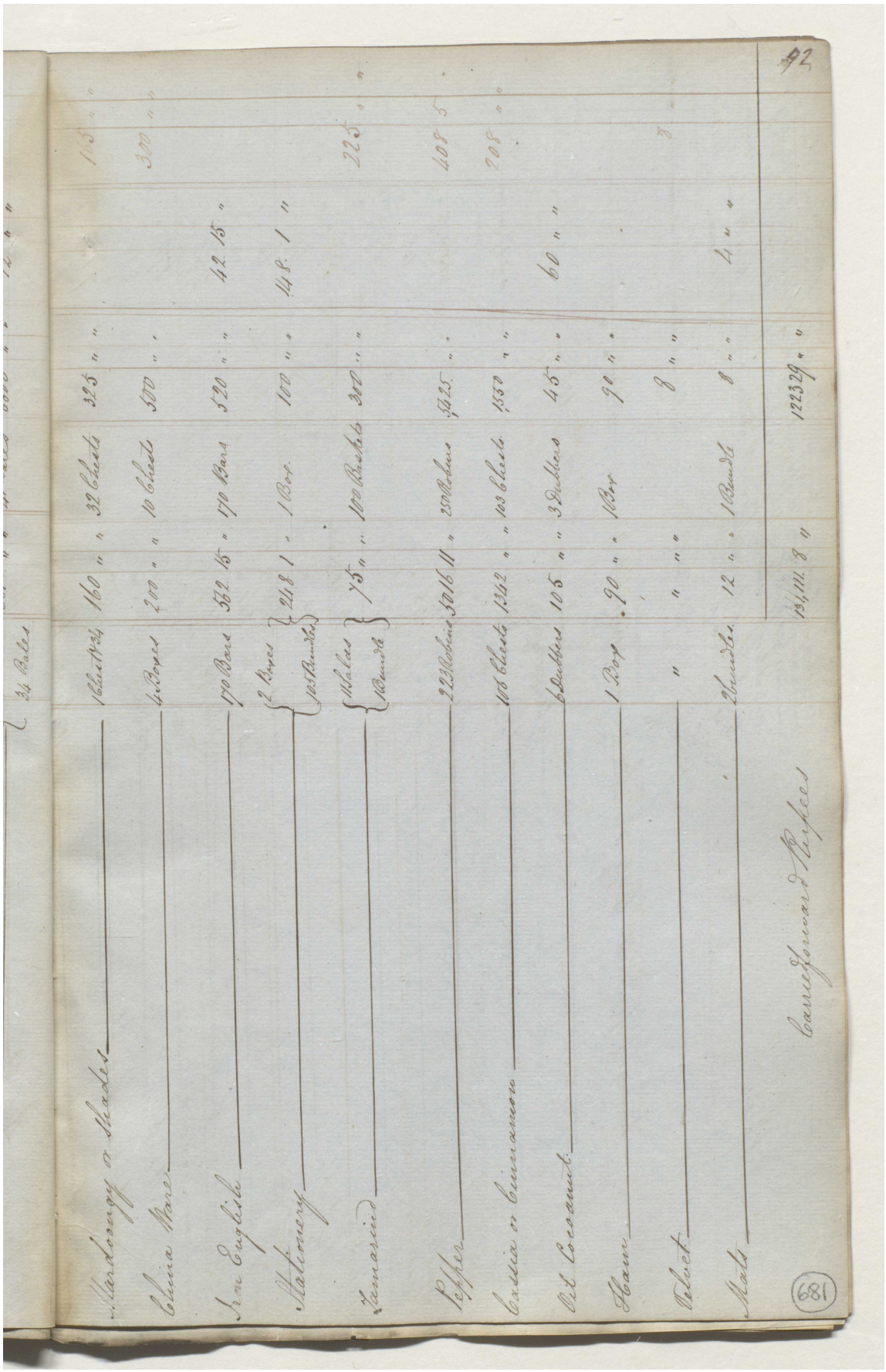

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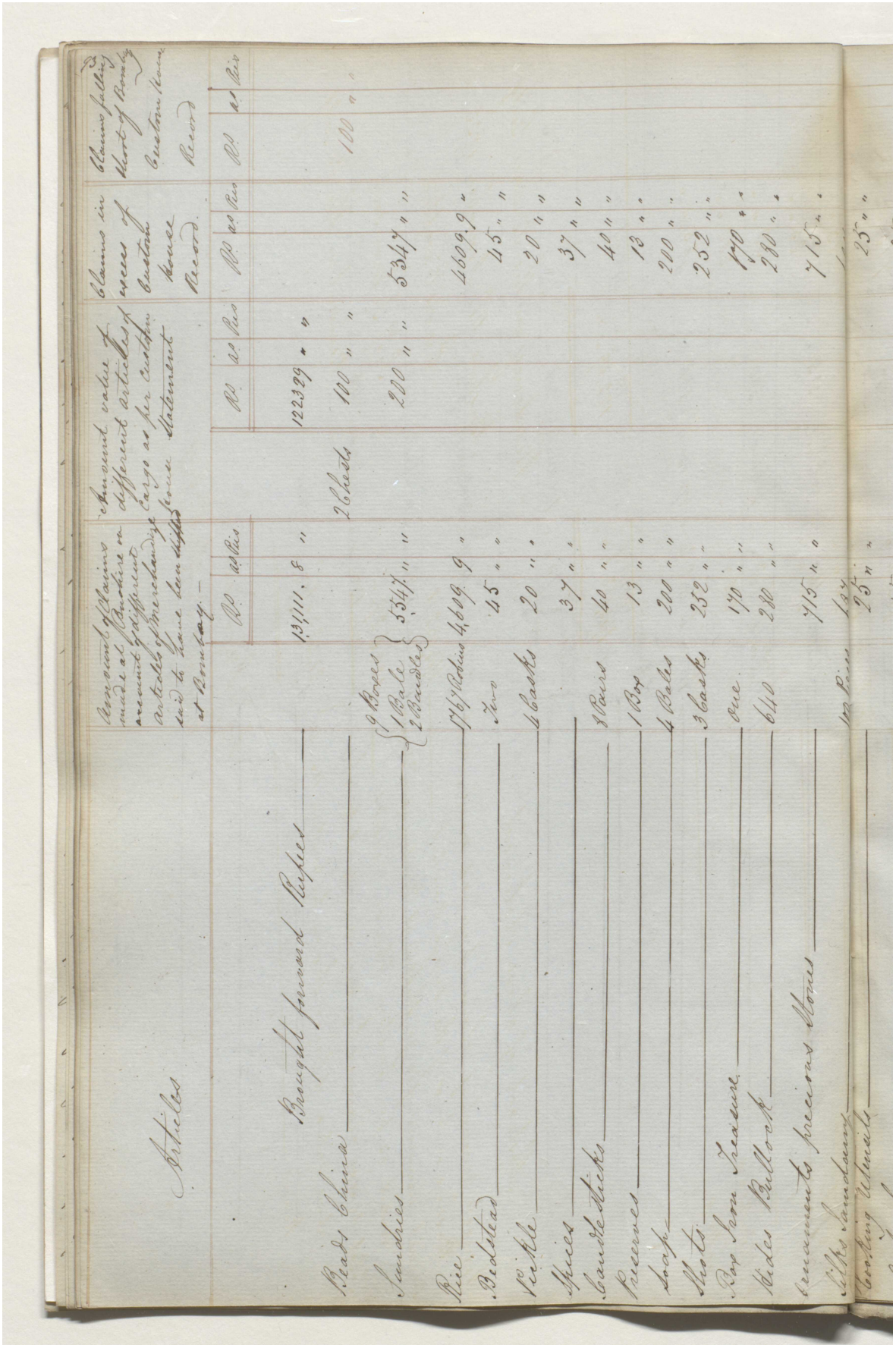

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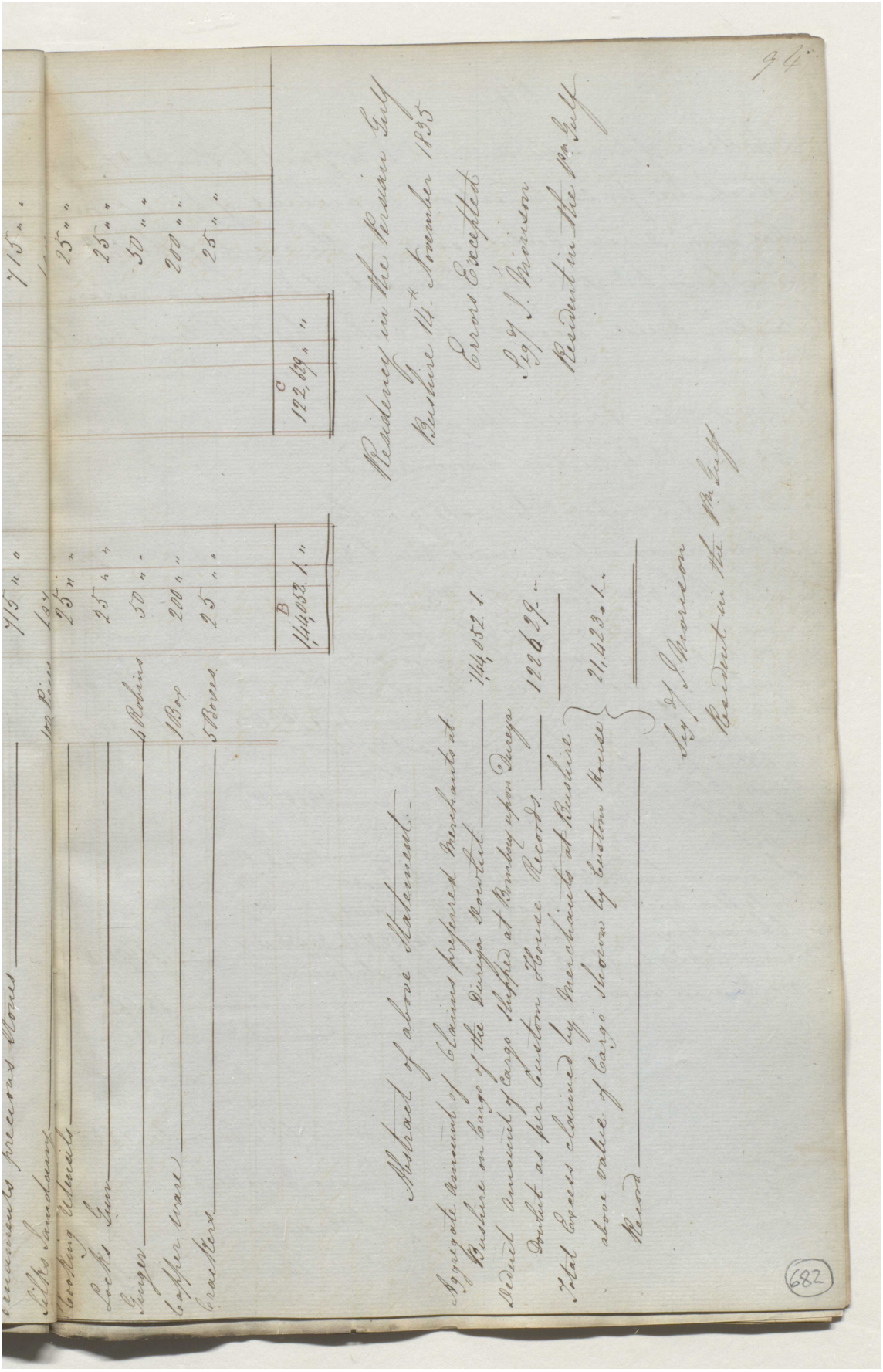

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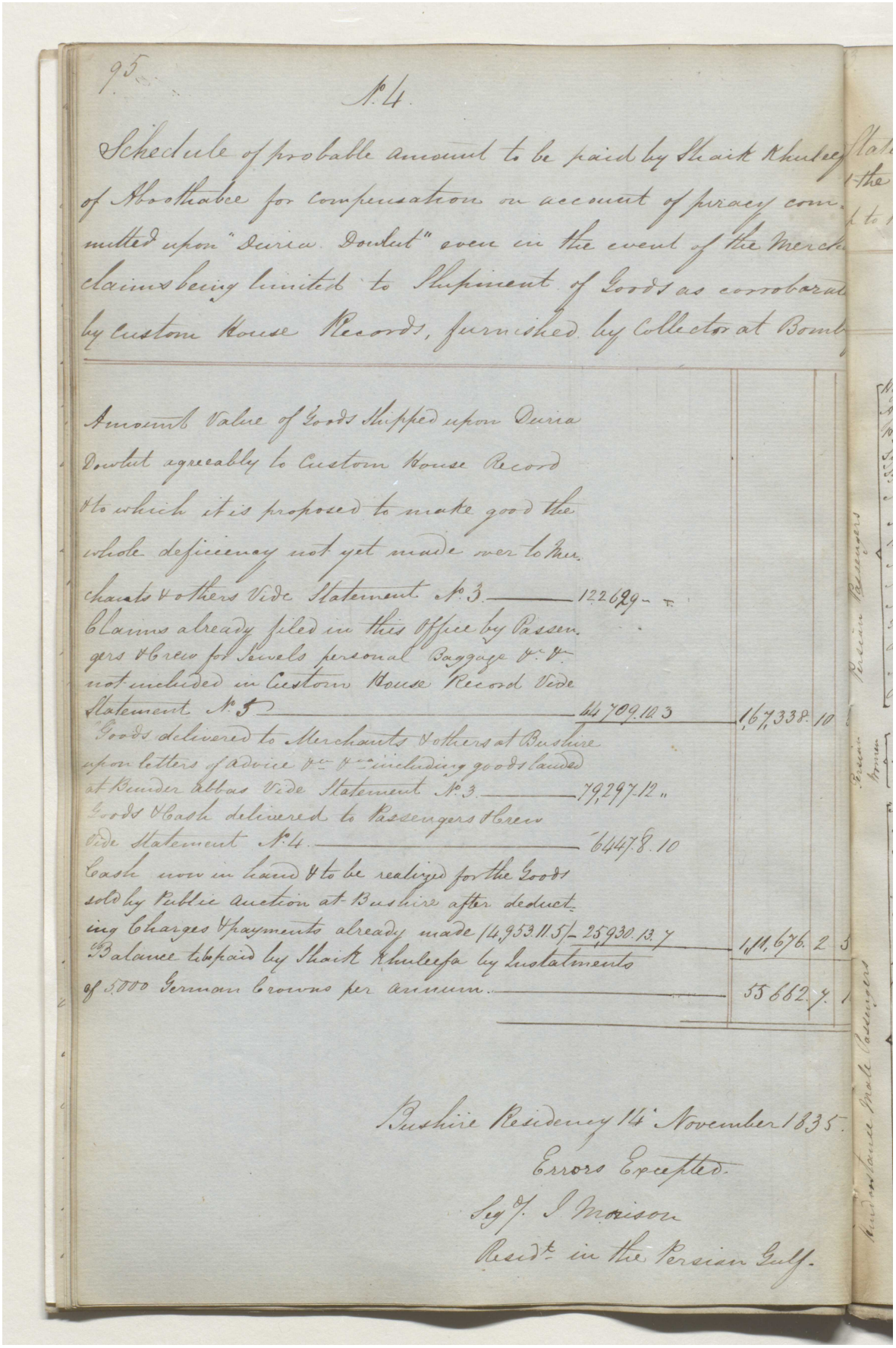

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No. 4.

Schedule of probable amount to be paid by Shaik Khuleef of Aboothabee for compensation on account of piracy committed upon "Duria Dowlut" even in the event of the Merch claims being limited to Shipment of Goods as corroborat by Custom House Records, furnished by Collector at Bomb

Amount Value of Goods Shipped upon Duria Dowlut agreeably to Custom House Record & to which it is proposed to make good the whole deficiency not yet made over to Merchants & others Vide Statement No. 3	122629 –			
Claims already filed in this Office by Passengers & Crew for Jewels personal Baggage &c. &c. not included in Custom House Record Vide Statement No. 5	44709.10.3	1,67,338.	10	
Goods delivered to Merchants & others at Bushire upon letters of advice &c. &c. including goods landed at Bunder Abbas Vide Statement No. 3	79,297.12 "			
Goods & Cash delivered to Passengers & Crew Vide Statement No. 4	6447.8.10			
Cash now in hand & to be realized for the Goods sold by Public auction at Bushire after deducting Charges & payments already made (4,953.11.5)	25,930.13.7	1,11,676.	2	5
Balance to be paid by Shaik Khuleefa by Instalments of 5000 German Crowns per annum		55,662.	7.	1

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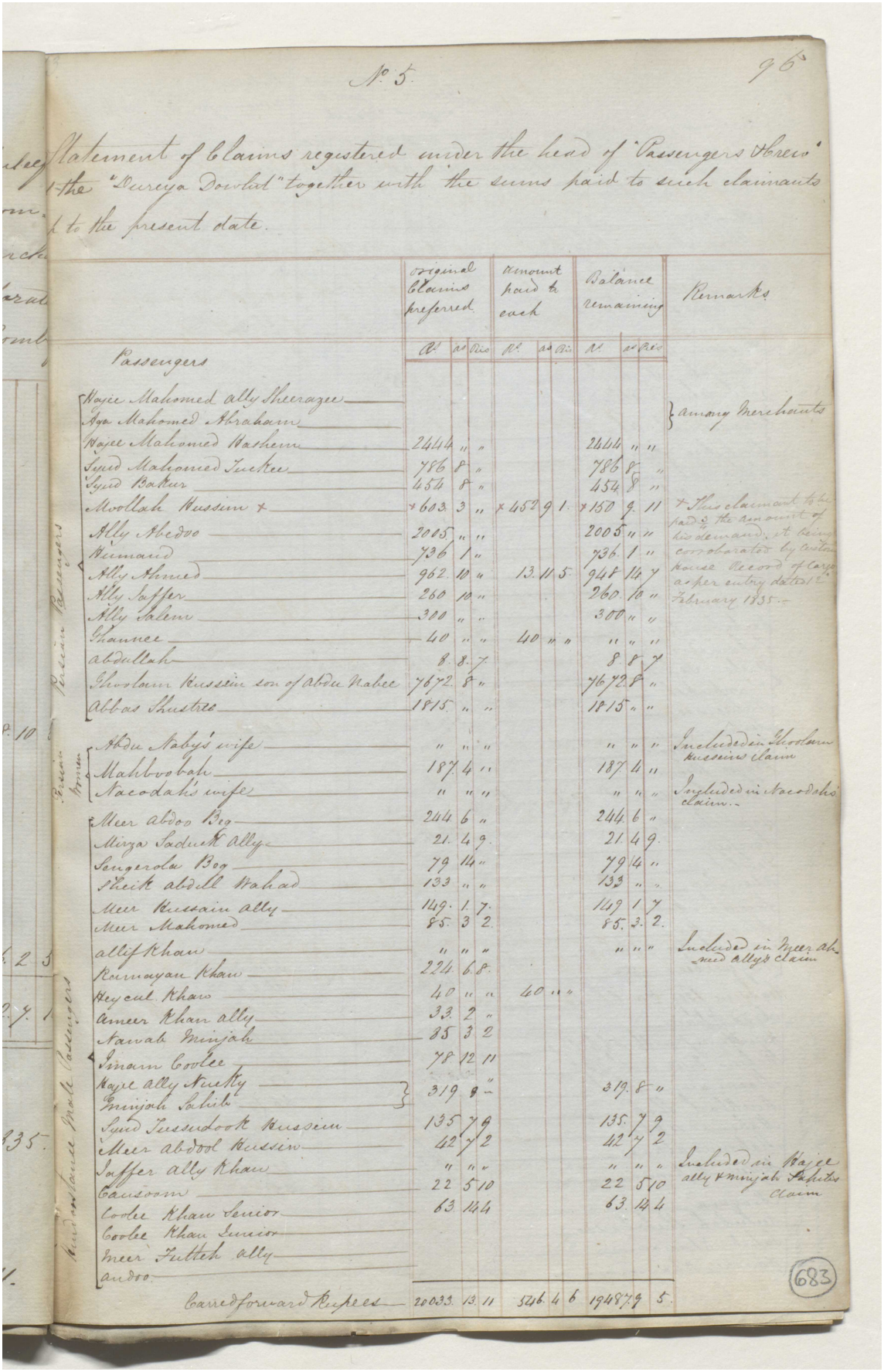

No. 5. 96

Statement of Claims registered under the head of "Passengers & Crew" of the "Dureya Dowlut" together with the sums paid to such claimants up to the present date.

	Passengers	Original Claims preferred Rs.	as	Pies	Amount paid to each Rs.	as	Pies	Balance remaining Rs.	as	Pies	Remarks
Persian Passengers	Hajee Mahomed Ally Sheerazee										among Merchants
	Aga Mahomed Abraham										
	Hajee Mahomed Hashem	2444	"	"				2444	"	"	
	Syud Mahomed Tuckee	786	8	"				786	8	"	
	Syud Bakur	454	8	"				454	8	"	
	Moollah Hussim ×	×603	3	"	×452	9	1	×150	9	11	× This claimant to be paid 3/4 the amount of his demand, it being corroborated by Custom House Record of Cargo as per entry dated 12 February 1835.–
	Ally Abedoo	2005	"	"				2005	"	"	
	Humaud	736	1	"				736	1	"	
	Ally Ahmed	962	10	"	13	11	5	948	14	7	
	Ally Jaffer	260	10	"				260	10	"	
	Ally Salem	300	"	"				300	"	"	
	Ghannee	40	"	"	40	"	"	"	"	"	
	abdullah	8	8	7				8	8	7	
	Ghoolam Hussein son of Abdu Nabee	7672	8	"				7672	8	"	
	Abbas Shustree	1815	"	"				1815	"	"	
Persian Women	Abdu Naby's wife	"	"	"				"	"	"	Included in Ghoolam Hussein's claim
	Mahboobah	187	4	"				187	4	"	
	Nacodah's wife	"	"	"				"	"	"	Included in Nacodah's claim.–
Hindoostanee Male Passengers	Meer abdoo Beg	244	6	"				244	6	"	
	Mirza Saduck Ally	21	4	9				21	4	9	
	Sengerola Beg	79	14	"				79	14	"	
	Sheik abdell Wahad	133	"	"				133	"	"	
	Meer Hussain ally	149	1	7				149	1	7	
	Meer Mahomed	85	3	2				85	3	2	
	allif Khan	"	"	"				"	"	"	Included in Meer ahmed ally's claim
	Ramayan Khan	224	6	8							
	Heycul Khan	40	"	"	40	"	"				
	Ameer Khan ally	33	2	"							
	Nawab Minjah	85	3	2							
	Imam Coolee	78	12	11							
	Hajee ally Nucky / Minjah Sahib	319	8	"				319	8	"	
	Syud Tussudook Hussein	135	7	9				135	7	9	
	Meer abdool Hussein	42	7	2				42	7	2	
	Jaffer ally Khan	"	"	"				"	"	"	Included in Hajee ally & Minjah Sahib's claim
	Causoom	22	5	10				22	5	10	
	Coolee Khan Senior	63	14	4				63	14	4	
	Coolee Khan Junior										
	Meer Futteh ally										
	andoo										
	Carred forward Rupees	20033	13	11	546	4	6	19487	9	5	

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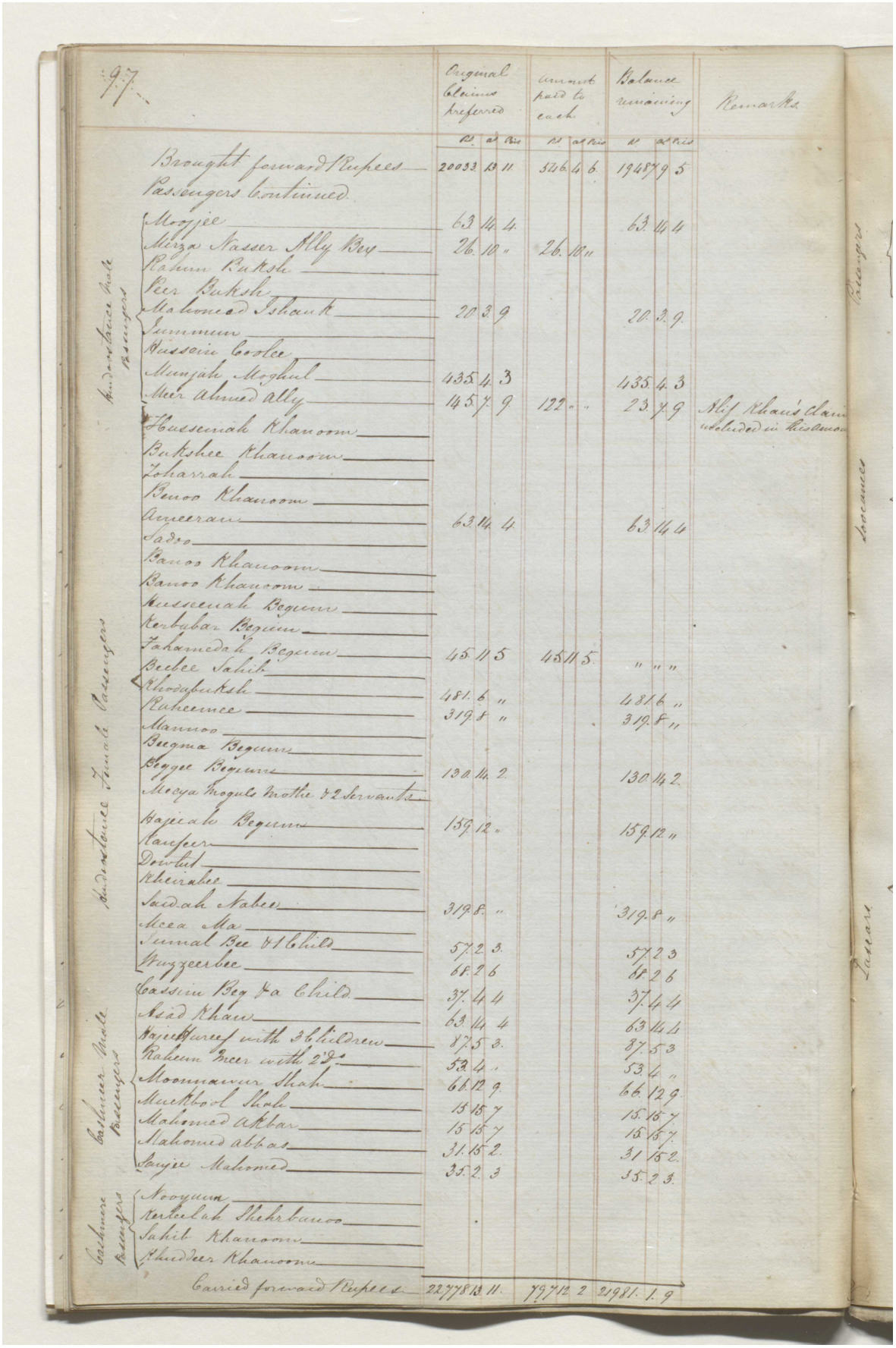

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		Original Claims preferred Rs.	as	Pies	Amount paid to each Rs.	as	Pies	Balance remaining Rs.	as	Pies	Remarks
	Brought forward Rupees	20033	13	11	546	4	6	19487	9	5	
	Passengers Continued										
Hindoostance Male Passengers	Moojjee	63	14	4				63	14	4	
	Mirza Nasser Ally Bey	26	10	"	26	10	"				
	Rahim Buksh										
	Peer Buksh										
	Mahomed Ishauk	20	3	9				20	3	9	
	Jummun										
	Hussein Coolee										
	Munjah Moghul	435	4	3				435	4	3	
	Meer Ahmed Ally	145	7	9	122	"	"	23	7	9	Alif Khan's claim included in this Amount
Hindoostance Female Passengers	Husseinah Khanoom										
	Bukshee Khanoom										
	Zoharrah										
	Benoo Khanoom										
	Ameeran	63	14	4				63	14	4	
	Sadoo										
	Banoo Khanoom										
	Banoo Khanoom										
	Husseenah Begum										
	Kerbabar Begum										
	Fahamedah Begum	45	11	5	45	11	5	"	"	"	
	Beebee Sahib										
	Khodabuksh	481	6	"				481	6	"	
	Raheemee	319	8	"				319	8	"	
	Mannoo										
	Beegma Begum										
	Beggee Begum	130	14	2				130	14	2	
	Meeya Moguls Mothe & 2 Servants										
	Hajeeah Begum	159	12	"				159	12	"	
	Kaufeer										
	Dowlut										
	Kheirabee										
	Saidah Nabee	319	8	"				319	8	"	
	Meea Ma										
	Jumal Bee & 1 Child	57	2	3				57	2	3	
	Wuzzeerbee	68	2	6				68	2	6	
Cashmere Male Passengers	Cassim Beg & a Child	37	4	4				37	4	4	
	Asad Khan	63	14	4				63	14	4	
	Hajee Hureef with 3 Children	87	5	3				87	5	3	
	Raheem Meer with 2 Do	53	4	"				53	4	"	
	Moonnawur Shah	66	12	9				66	12	9	
	Muckbool Shah	15	15	7				15	15	7	
	Mahomed Akbar	15	15	7				15	15	7	
	Mahomed Abbas	31	15	2				31	15	2	
	Sanjee Mahomed	35	2	3				35	2	3	
Cashmere Passengers	Nooyum										
	Kerbelah Shehrbanoo										
	Sahib Khanoom										
	Khuddeer Khanoom										
	Carried forward Rupees	22778	13	11	797	12	2	21981	1	9	

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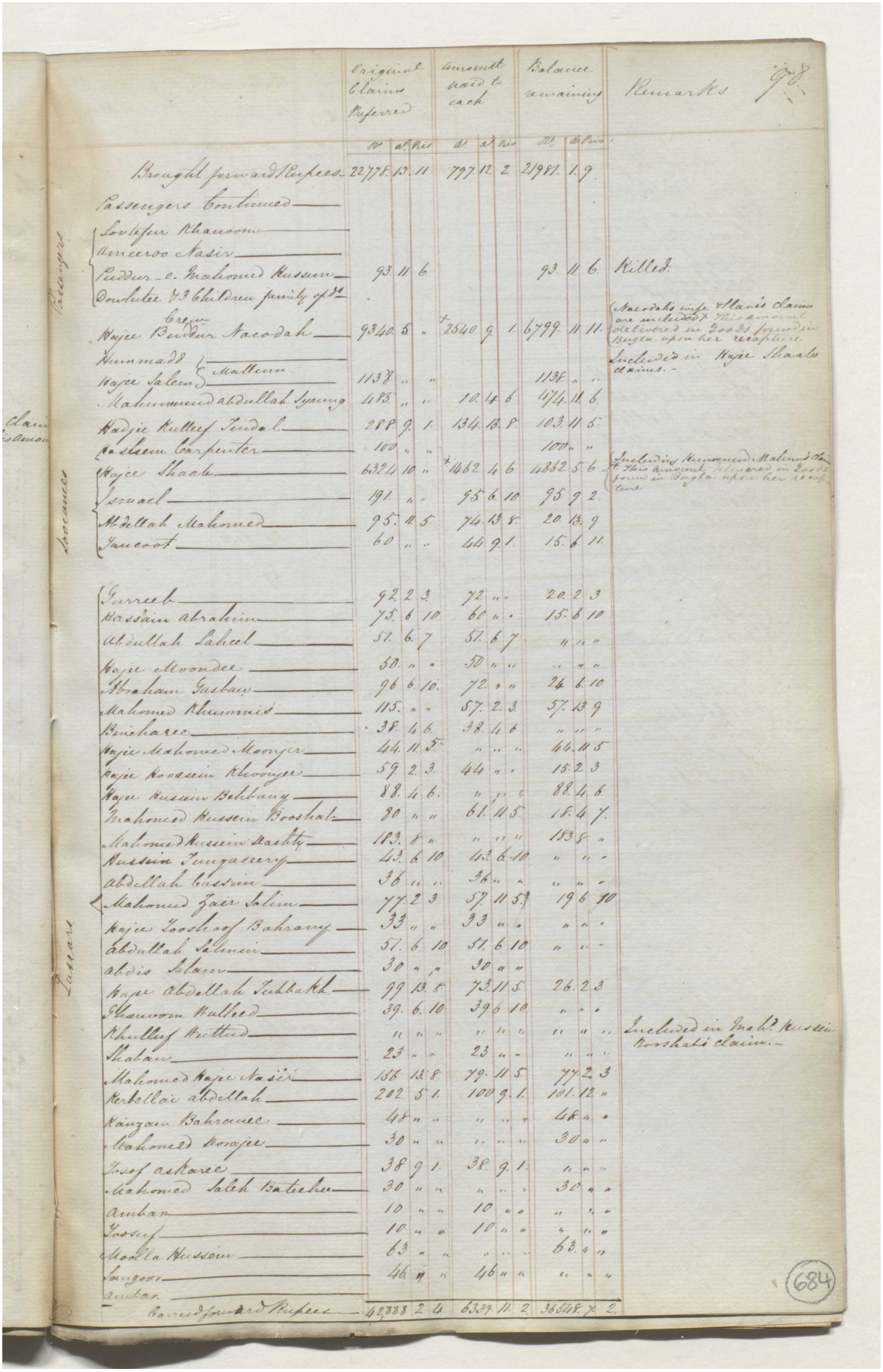

	Original Claims Preferred			Amount paid to each			Balance remaining			Remarks
	Rs	a	Rs	Rs	a	Rs	Rs	a	Rs	
Brought forward Rupees	22778	13	11	797	12	2	21981	1	9	
Passengers Continued										
Lootefur Khanoom										
Ameeroo Nasir										
Peddur-e-Mahomed Hussein	93	11	6				93	11	6	Killed
Doulutbee & 3 Children family of										
Crew Nacodah Budur Nacodah	9340	5	"	† 2340	9	1	6799	11	11	† Nacodahs wife & Mates Claim are included This amount delivered in Goods found in Bugla upon her recapture
Hummadd & Matteen										Included in Nacodahs claims.
Nacodah Saleem	1138	"	"				1138	"	"	
Mahummud abdullah Syung	485	"	"	10	4	6	474	11	6	
Hadjie Kullee Sindal	288	9	1	134	13	8	103	11	5	
Nasseem Carpenter	100	"	"				100	"	"	
Nacodah Shaah	6324	10	"	† 1462	4	6	4882	5	6	† Including Nuncomed Malums Claim This amount delivered in Goods found in Bugla upon her recapture
Ismael	191	"	"	95	6	10	95	9	2	
Abdallah Mahomed	95	11	5	74	13	8	20	13	9	
Jamcoot	60	"	"	46	9	1	15	6	11	
Serreet	92	2	3	72	"	"	20	2	3	
Hussain abrahim	75	6	10	60	"	"	15	6	10	
Abdullah Saheel	51	6	7	51	6	7	"	"	"	
Nacodah Moondee	50	"	"	50	"	"	"	"	"	
Ibraham Gustaw	96	6	10	72	"	"	24	6	10	
Mahomed Khummis	115	"	"	57	2	3	57	13	9	
Bricharee	38	4	6	38	4	6	"	"	"	
Nacodah Mahomed Moonjer	44	11	5	"	"	"	44	11	5	
Nacodah Hossein Khoonjee	59	2	3	44	"	"	15	2	3	
Nacodah Hussein Beebany	88	4	6	"	"	"	88	4	6	
Mahomed Hussein Boosheir	80	"	"	61	11	5	18	4	7	
Mahomed Hussein Mashty	183	8	"	"	"	"	183	8	"	
Hussein Jungasseery	43	6	10	43	6	10	"	"	"	
Abdellah Cassim	36	"	"	36	"	"	"	"	"	
Mahomed Zair Salem	77	2	3	57	11	5	19	6	10	
Nacodah Yoosoof Bahrany	33	"	"	33	"	"	"	"	"	
Abdullah Salmin	51	6	10	51	6	10	"	"	"	
Abdis Khan	30	"	"	30	"	"				
Nacodah Abdellah Sulbakh	99	13	8	73	11	5	26	2	3	
Khanoom Mulhed	39	6	10	39	6	10	"	"	"	
Khullee Mutteed	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Included in Mahd Hussein Boshatis claim.
Shaban	23	"	"	23	"	"	"	"	"	
Mahomed Nacodah Nasir	156	12	8	79	11	5	77	2	3	
Kerbellaie abdellah	202	5	1	100	9	1	101	12	"	
Nanjan Bahranee	48	"	"	"	"	"	48	"	"	
Mahomed Nacodah	30	"	"	"	"	"	30	"	"	
Yosef askaree	38	9	1	38	9	1	"	"	"	
Mahomed Saleh Batteliee	30	"	"	"	"	"	30	"	"	
Ambar	10	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	
Yoosuf	10	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	
Moolla Hussein	63	"	"	"	"	"	63	4	"	
Sangoor	46	"	"	46	"	"	"	"	"	
Ambar										
Carried forward Rupees	42388	2	4	6339	11	2	36548	7	2	

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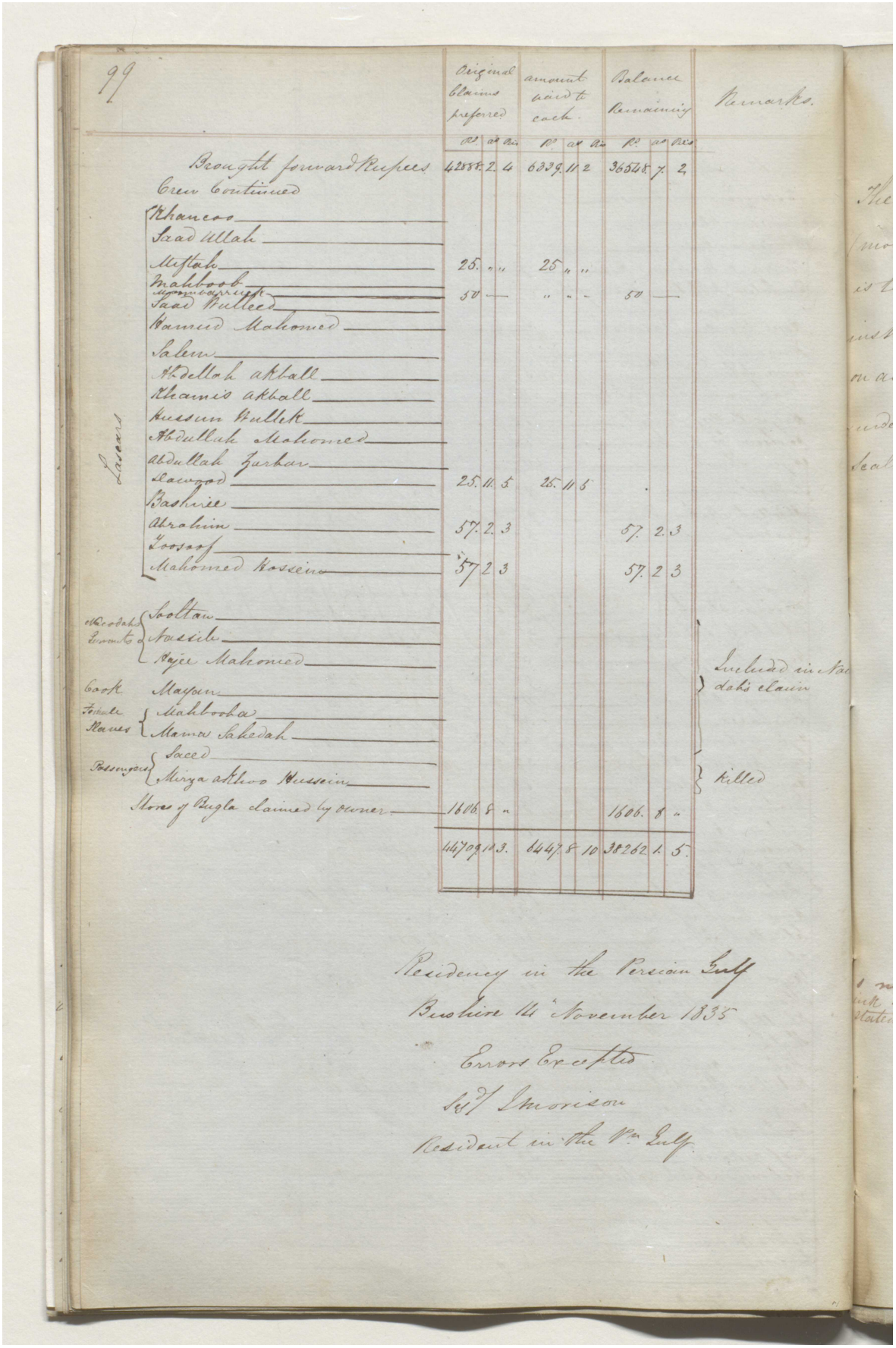

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	Original Claims preferred	amount paid to each	Balance remaining	Remarks.
	Rs as as	Rs as as	Rs as Res	
Brought forward Rupees	42888 2 4	6339 11 2	36548 7 2	
Crew Continued				
Khaneas				
Syad Ullah				
Mustah	25 " "	25 " "		
Mahboob				
Syad Mullee	50 —	" " —	50 —	
Hamed Mahomed				
Salem				
Abdellah akhall				
Khamis akhall				
Hussun Mullek				
Abdullah Mahomed				
Abdullah Zurkan				
Lascars				
Sawood	25 11 5	25 11 5		
Bashirie				
Abrahim	57 2 3		57 2 3	
Yoosaf				
Mahomed Hosseine	57 2 3		57 2 3	
Sooltan				
Arabs of Muscat Servants				
Nassib				
Nujee Mahomed				
Cook				Included in Sadis claim
Mayan				
Female Slaves				
Mahbooba				
Mama Sahedah				
Passengers				
Saeed				
Mirza akhoo Hussein				killed
Stores of Bugla claimed by owner	1606 8 "		1606 8 "	
	44709 10 3	6447 8 10	38262 1 5	

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 16th November 1835
Errors Excepted
Sd/ Morrison
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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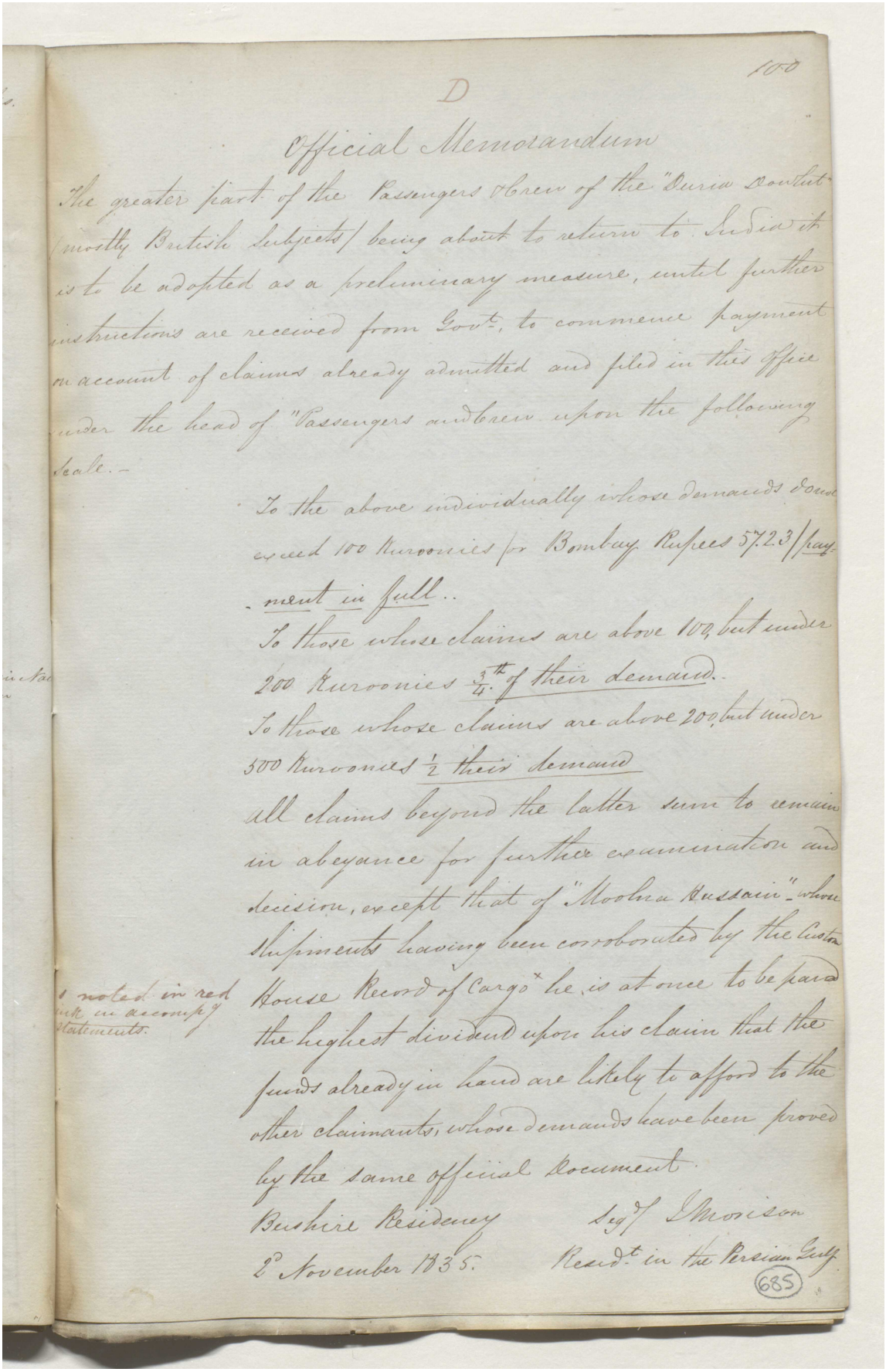

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Official Memorandum

The greater part of the Passengers & Crew of the "Duria Dowlut" (mostly British Subjects) being about to return to India it is to be adopted as a preliminary measure, until further instructions are received from Govt., to commence payment on account of claims already admitted and filed in this Office under the head of "Passengers and Crew upon the following scale.–

To the above individually whose demands do not exceed 100 Kuroonies (or Bombay Rupees 57.2.3) payment in full.

To those whose claims are above 100, but under 200 Kuroonies $\frac{3}{4}$th of their demand.

To those whose claims are above 200, but under 500 Kuroonies $\frac{1}{2}$ their demand

All claims beyond the latter sum to remain in abeyance for further examination and decision, except that of "Moolna Hussain" whose shipments having been corroborated by the Custom House Record of Cargo* he is at once to be paid the highest dividend upon his claim that the funds already in hand are likely to afford to the other claimants, whose demands have been proved by the same official Document.

Bushire Residency
2d November 1835.

Sgd/ J Morison
Resid.t in the Persian Gulf

* noted in red ink in accompg statements.

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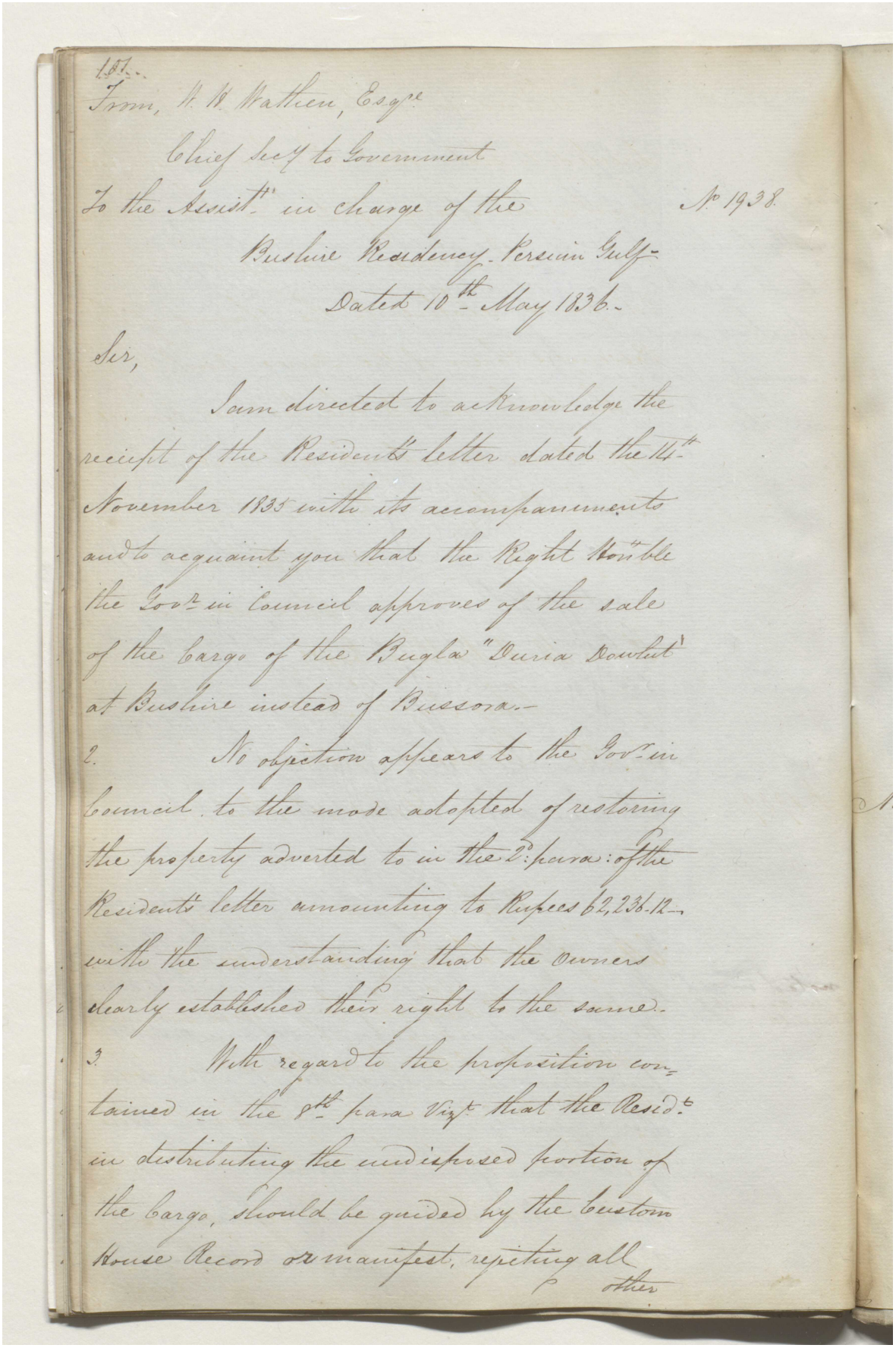

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From, W. H. Wathen, Esqre

Chief Secy to Government

To the Assistt in charge of the Bushire Residency - Persian Gulf - No 1938.

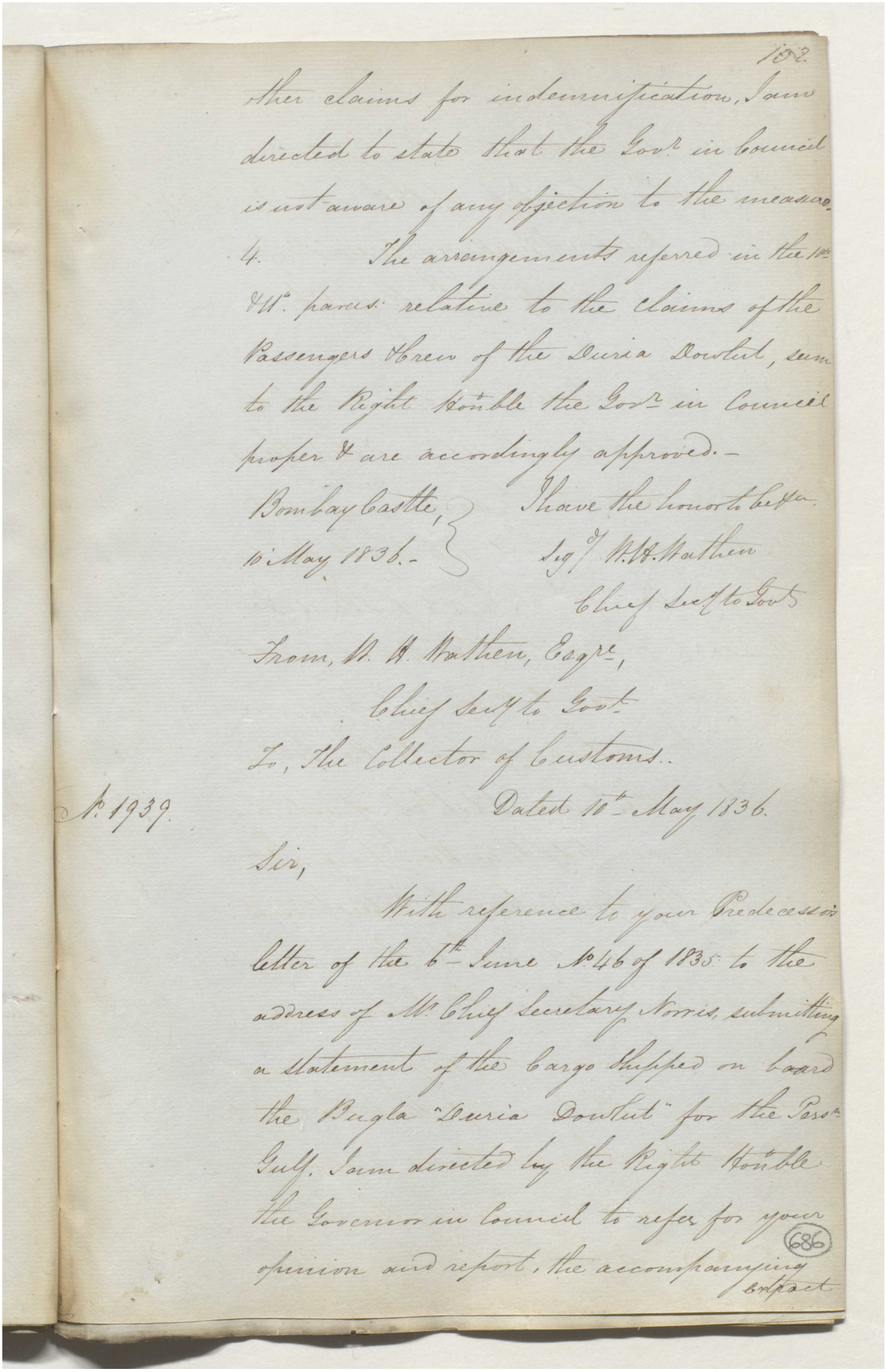
Dated 10th May 1836.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Resident's letter dated the 14th November 1835 with its accompaniments and to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Govr in Council approves of the sale of the Cargo of the Bugla "Duria Dowlut" at Bushire instead of Bussora.

2. No objection appears to the Govr in Council to the mode adopted of restoring the property adverted to in the 2d para: of the Resident's letter amounting to Rupees 62,236-12 with the understanding that the Owners clearly established their right to the same.

3. With regard to the proposition contained in the 8th para Vizt that the Residt in distributing the undisposed portion of the Cargo, should be guided by the Custom House Record or manifest, rejecting all other



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other claims for indemnification, I am directed to state that the Govt in Council is not aware of any objection to the measure.

4. The arrangements referred in the 1st & 2d paras: relative to the claims of the Passengers & Crew of the Duria Dowlut, seem to the Right Honble the Govr in Council proper & are accordingly approved.–

Bombay Castle, 10 May 1836.–

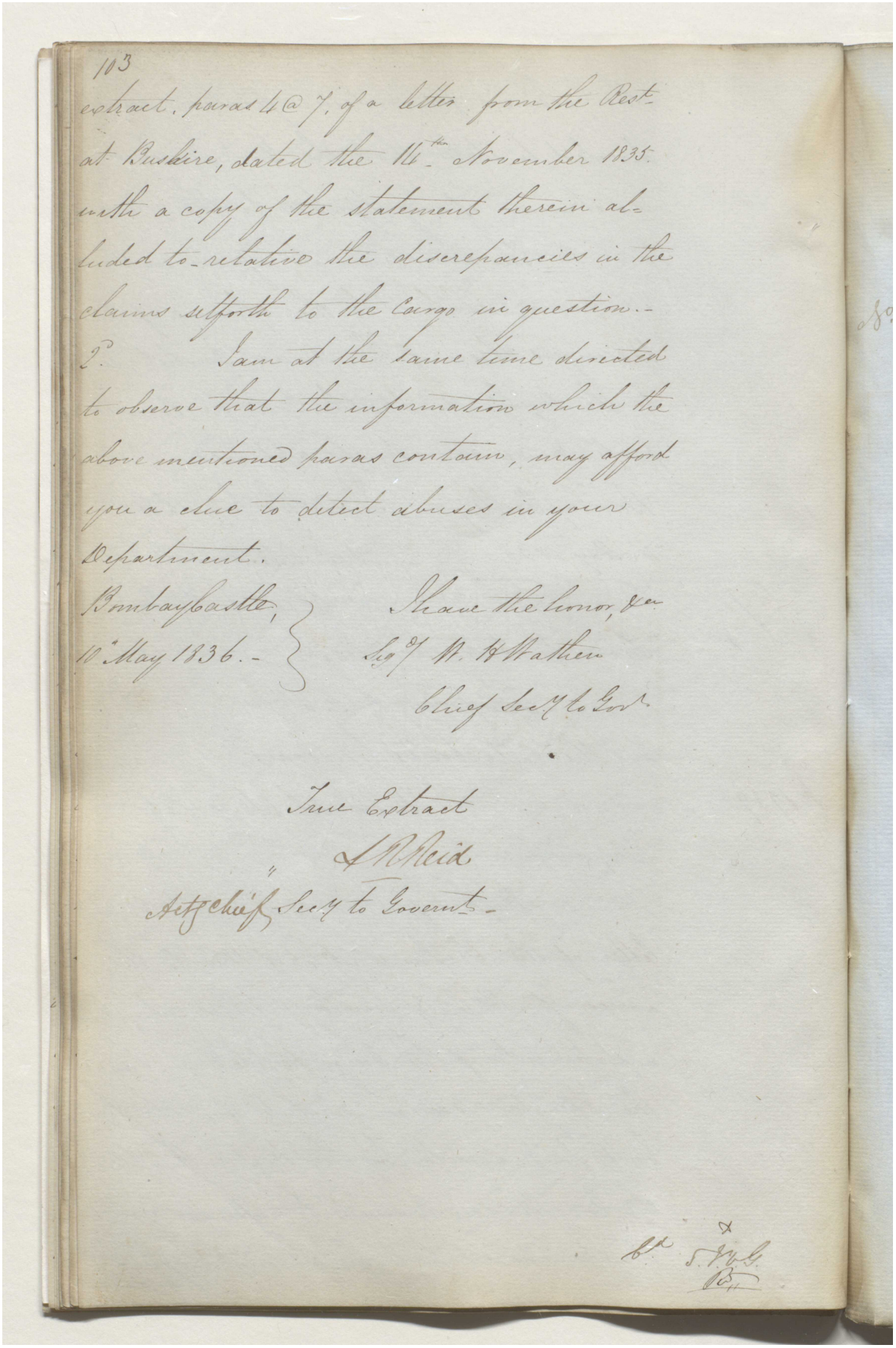
I have the honor to be &c.
Sgd/ W.H. Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt

From, W. H. Wathen, Esqre,
Chief Secy to Govt.
To, The Collector of Customs.

No. 1939. Dated 10th May 1836.

Sir,

With reference to your Predecessor's letter of the 6th June No. 46 of 1835 to the address of Mr Chief Secretary Norris, submitting a statement of the Cargo Shipped on board the Bugla "Duria Dowlut" for the Persn Gulf, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to refer for your opinion and report, the accompanying Contract



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extract, paras 4 @ 7, of a letter from the Resr. at Bushire, dated the 16th November 1835. with a copy of the statement therein alluded to relative the discrepancies in the claims set forth to the Cargo in question.-

2. I am at the same time directed to observe that the information which the above mentioned paras contain, may afford you a clue to detect abuses in your Department.

Bombay Castle, 10th May 1836.-

I have the honor, &c.
Sd/ W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt.

True Extract
J. Reid
Actg Chief Secy to Govt.-

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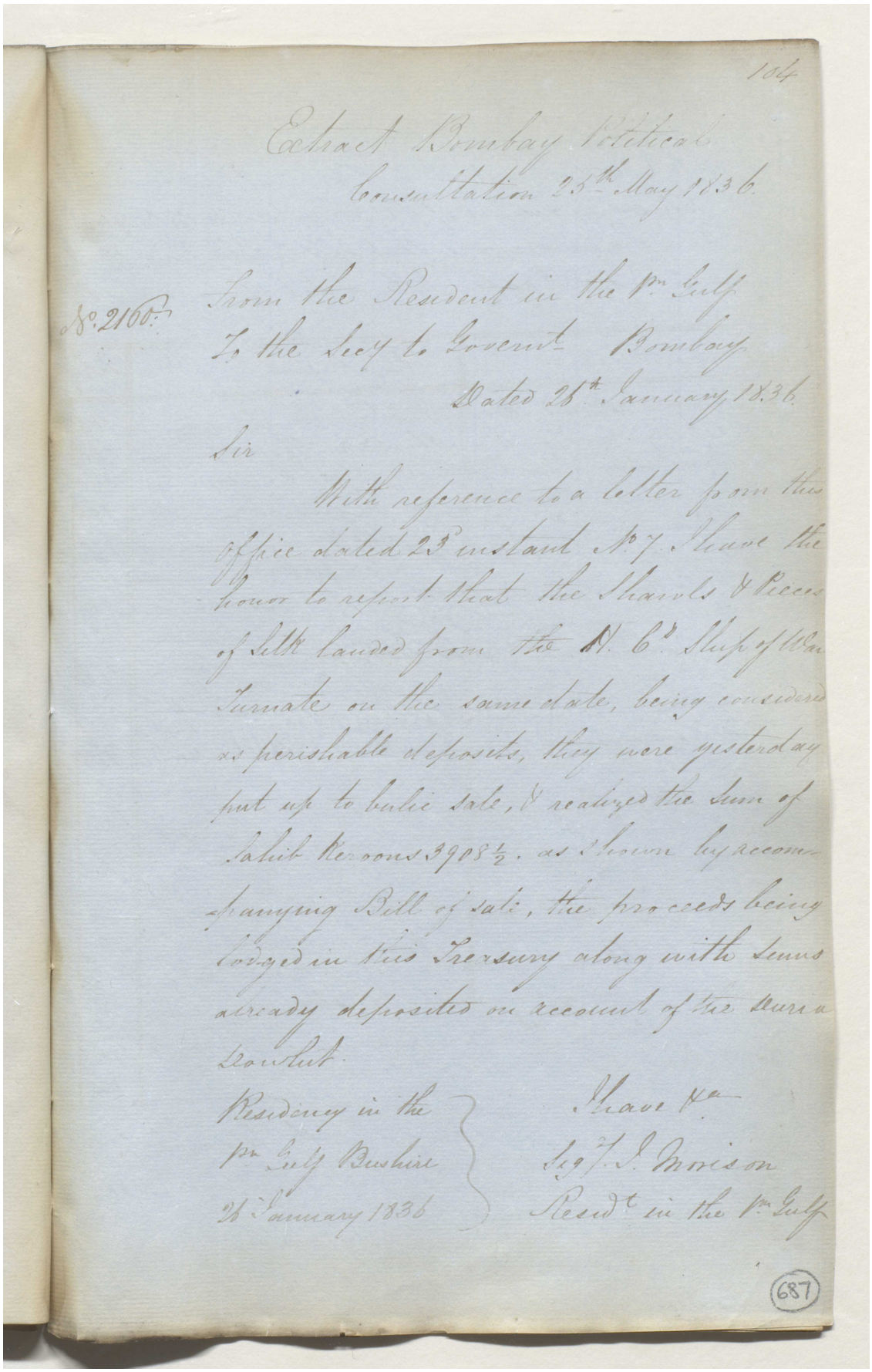

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 25th May 1836.

No. 2160.

From the Resident in the Pr. Gulf
To the Secy to Govt Bombay
Dated 28th January 1836.

Sir

With reference to a letter from this office dated 23d instant No 7. I have the honor to report that the Shawls & Pieces of Silk landed from the H. C. Ship of War Fumate on the same date, being considered as perishable deposits, they were yesterday put up to Public Sale, & realized the sum of Sahib Kerroons 3908½. as shown by accompanying Bill of sale, the proceeds being lodged in this Treasury along with sums already deposited on account of the Duria Dowlut.

Residency in the
Pr. Gulf Bushire
28 January 1836

I have &c
Sd/ J. Morison
Resdt in the Pr. Gulf

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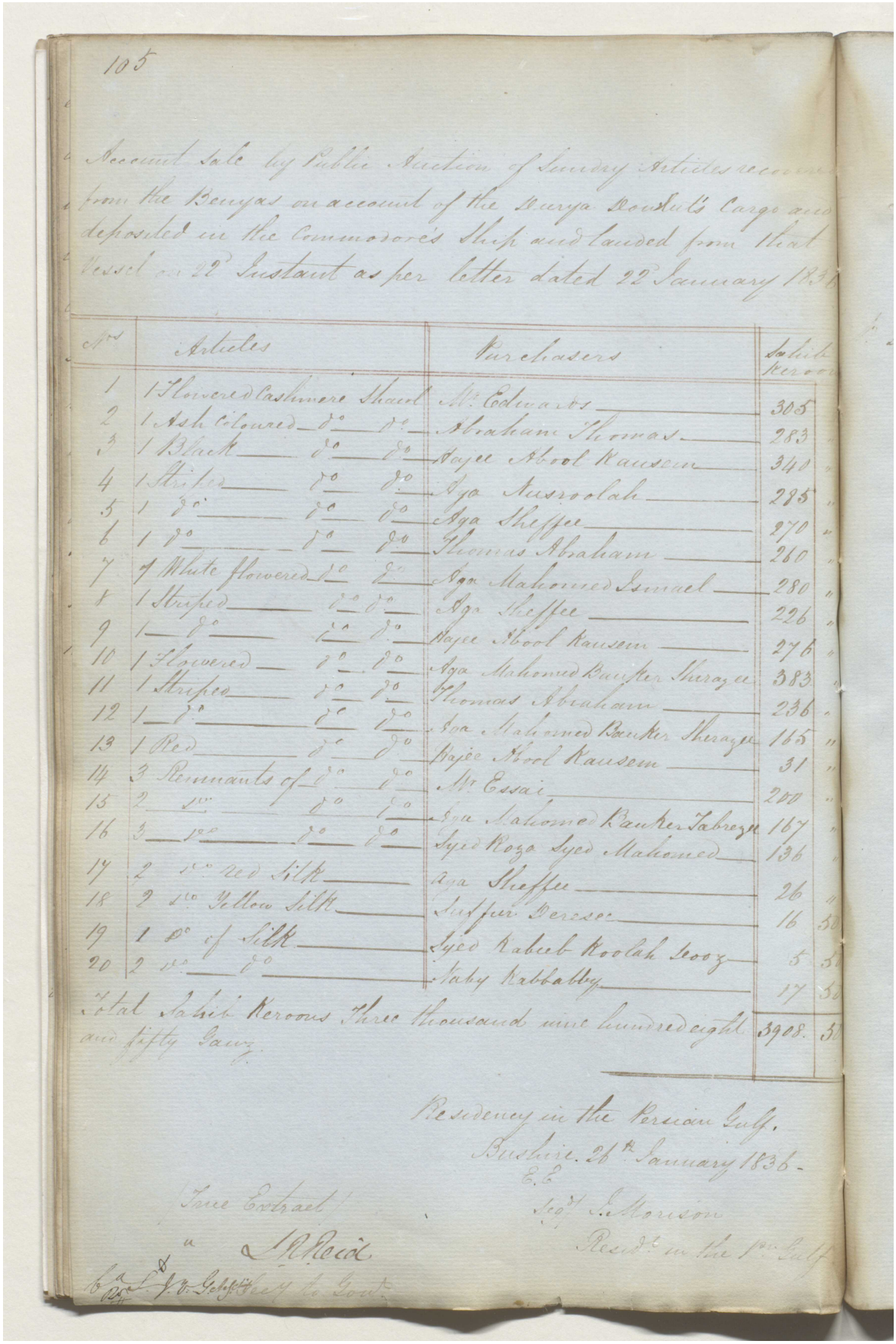

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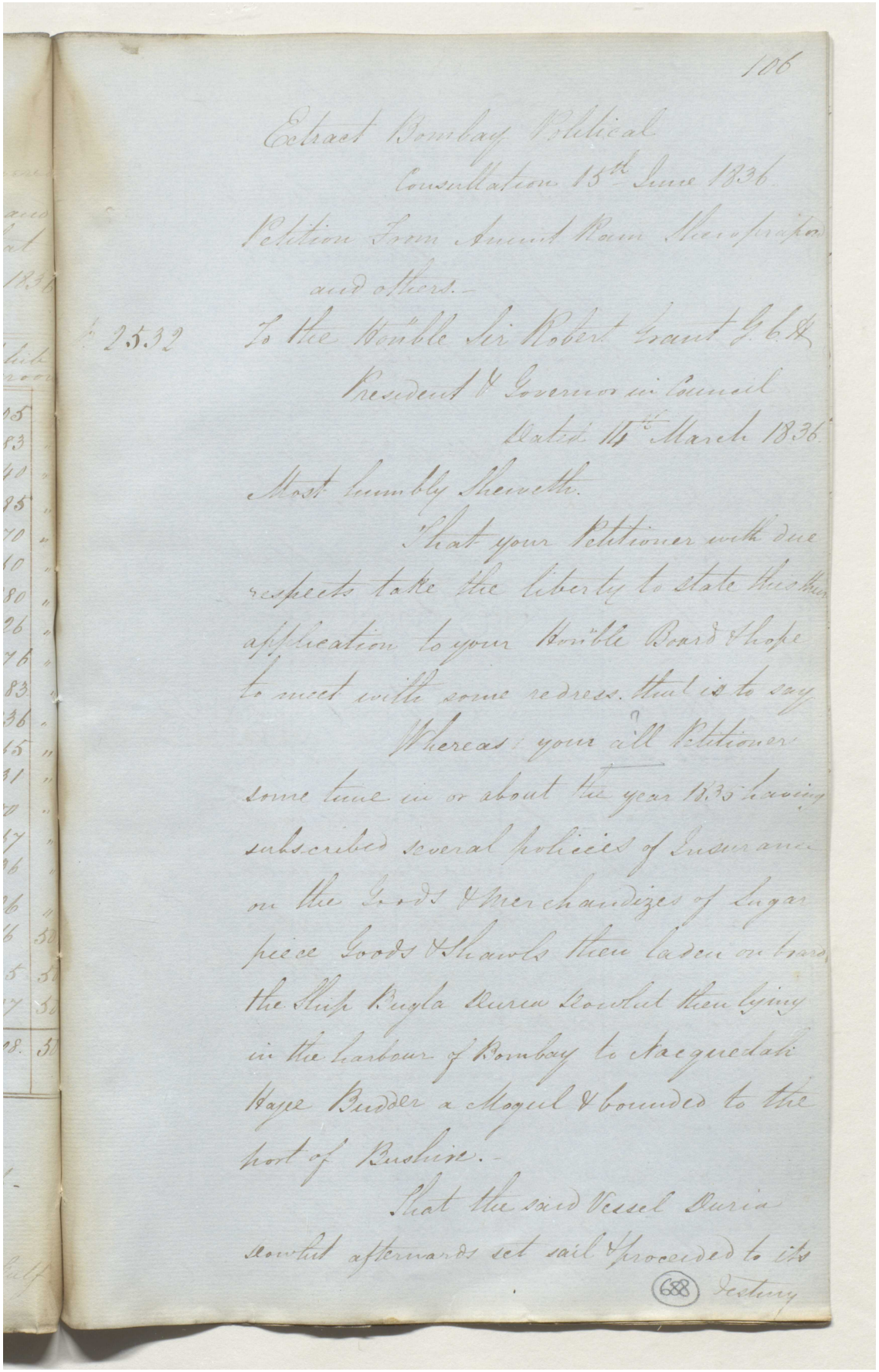
Account Sale by Public Auction of Sundry Articles recovered from the Banyas on account of the Duria Dowlut's Cargo and deposited in the Commodore's Ship and landed from that Vessel on 22d Instant as per letter dated 22 January 1836

Nos	Articles	Purchasers	Sahib Kerooz	
1	1 Flowered Cashmere Shawl	Mr Edwards	305	
2	1 Ash coloured do do	Abraham Thomas	283	
3	1 Black do do	Sayee Abool Kausem	340	
4	1 Striped do do	Aga Nussroolah	285	
5	1 do do do	Aga Sheffee	270	
6	1 do do do	Thomas Abraham	280	
7	1 White flowered do do	Aga Mahomed Ismael	280	
8	1 Striped do do	Aga Sheffee	226	
9	1 do do do	Sayee Abool Kausem	276	
10	1 Flowered do do	Aga Mahomed Banker Shirazee	383	
11	1 Striped do do	Thomas Abraham	236	
12	1 do do do	Aga Mahomed Banker Shirazee	165	
13	1 Red do do	Sayee Abool Kausem	31	
14	3 Remnants of do do	Mr Essai	200	
15	2 do do do	Aga Mahomed Banker Tabreez	167	
16	3 do do do	Syed Roza Syed Mahomed	136	
17	2 do red Silk	Aga Sheffee	26	
18	2 do Yellow Silk	Sulfer Deresse	16	50
19	1 do of Silk	Syed Kabeb Koolah Sooz	5	50
20	2 do do	Saby Kabbabby	17	50
Total Sahib Kerooz Three thousand nine hundred eight and fifty Sauz			3908.	50

Residency in the Persian Gulf.
Bushire. 26th January 1836.
E.E.
Sec't. to Morison
Resd't in the P.G.

True Extract
J.R. Reid
Sec't. to Govt.



Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 15th June 1836

Petition From Anunt Ram Sheroprapod and others.-

No. 2532 To the Hon'ble Sir Robert Grant G.C.H.
President & Governor in Council
Dated 14th March 1836

Most humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner with due respects take the liberty to state this their application to your Hon'ble Board & hope to meet with some redress. that is to say

Whereas your all Petitioner some time in or about the year 1835 having subscribed several policies of Insurance on the Goods & Merchandizes of Sugar piece Goods & Shawls then laden on board the Ship Bugla Duria Dowlut then lying in the harbour of Bombay to Nacquedah Hajee Budder a Mogul & bounded to the port of Bushire.-

That the said Vessel Duria Dowlut afterwards set sail & proceeded to its

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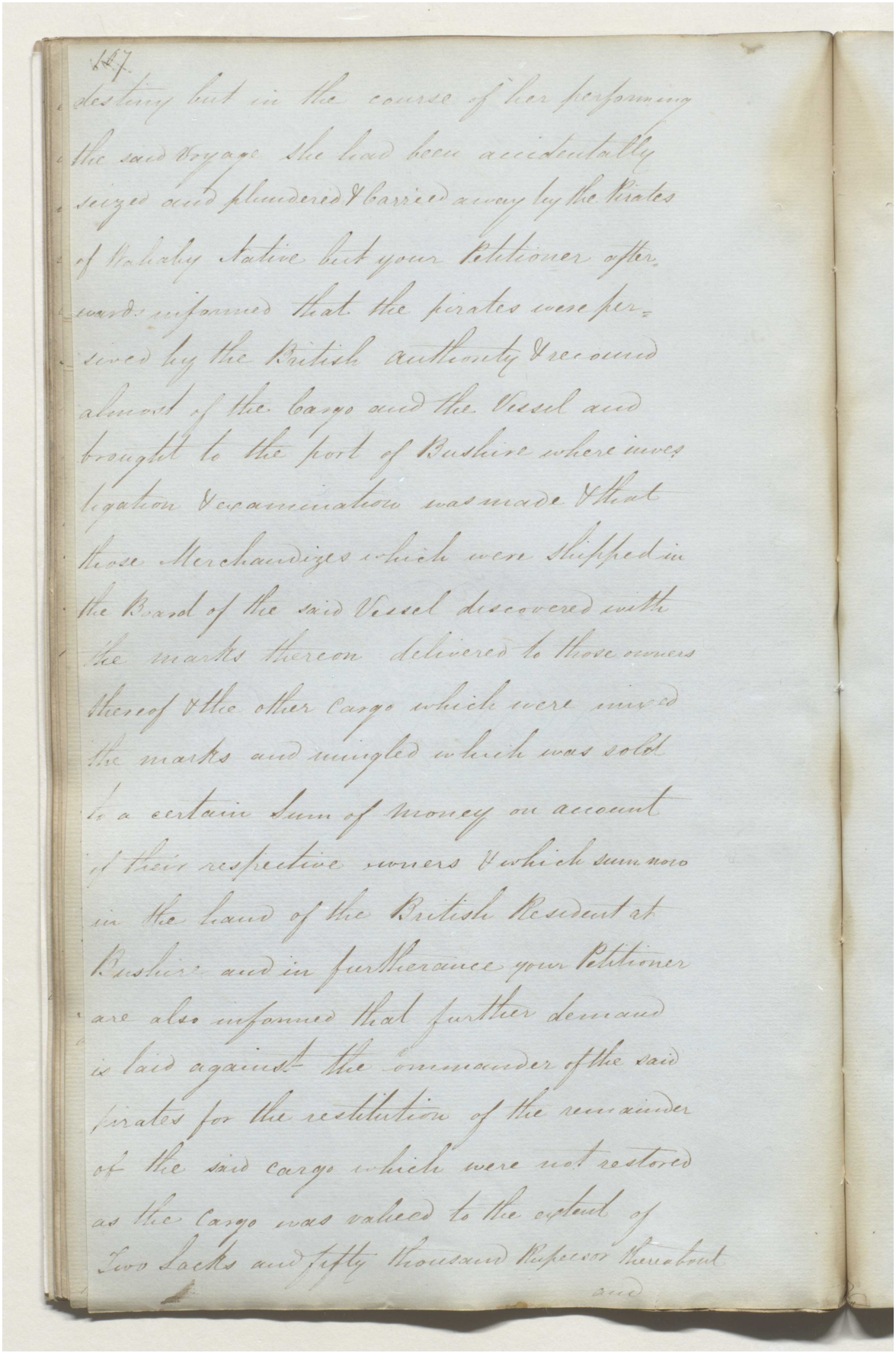

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destiny but in the course of her performing
the said Voyage She had been accidentally
seized and plundered & carried away by the Pirates
of Wahaby Native but your Petitioner after-
wards informed that the pirates were per-
sued by the British authority & recovered
almost of the Cargo and the Vessel and
brought to the port of Bushire where inves-
tigation & examination was made & that
those Merchandizes which were Shipped in
the Hold of the said Vessel discovered with
the marks thereon delivered to those owners
thereof & the other Cargo which were mixed
the marks and mingled which was sold
to a certain Sum of Money on account
of their respective owners & which sum now
in the hand of the British Resident at
Bushire and in furtherance your Petitioner
are also informed that further demand
is laid against the commander of the said
pirates for the restitution of the remainder
of the said Cargo which were not restored
as the Cargo was valued to the extent of
Two Lacks and fifty thousand Rupees thereabout

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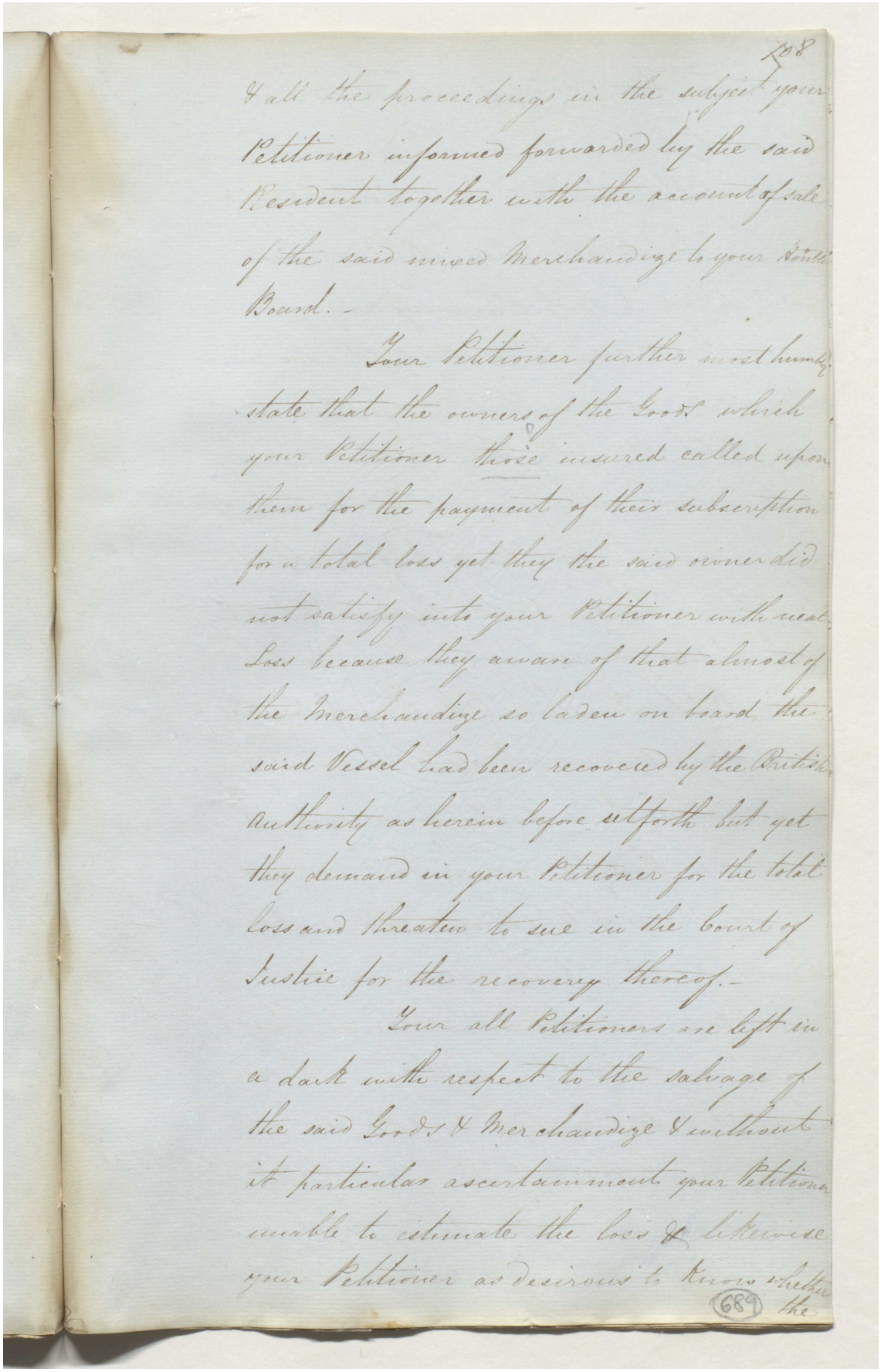

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& all the proceedings in the subject your Petitioner informed forwarded by the said Resident together with the account of sale of the said mixed Merchandize to your Honble Board.-

Your Petitioner further most humbly state that the owners of the Goods which your Petitioner those insured called upon them for the payment of their subscription for a total loss yet they the said owner did not satisfy unto your Petitioner with neat Loss because they aware of that almost of the Merchandize so laden on board the said Vessel had been recovered by the British Authority as herein before set forth but yet they demand in your Petitioner for the total loss and threaten to sue in the Court of Justice for the recovery thereof.-

Your all Petitioners are left in a dark with respect to the salvage of the said Goods & Merchandize & without it particular ascertainment your Petitioner unable to estimate the loss & likewise your Petitioner as desirous to know whether the

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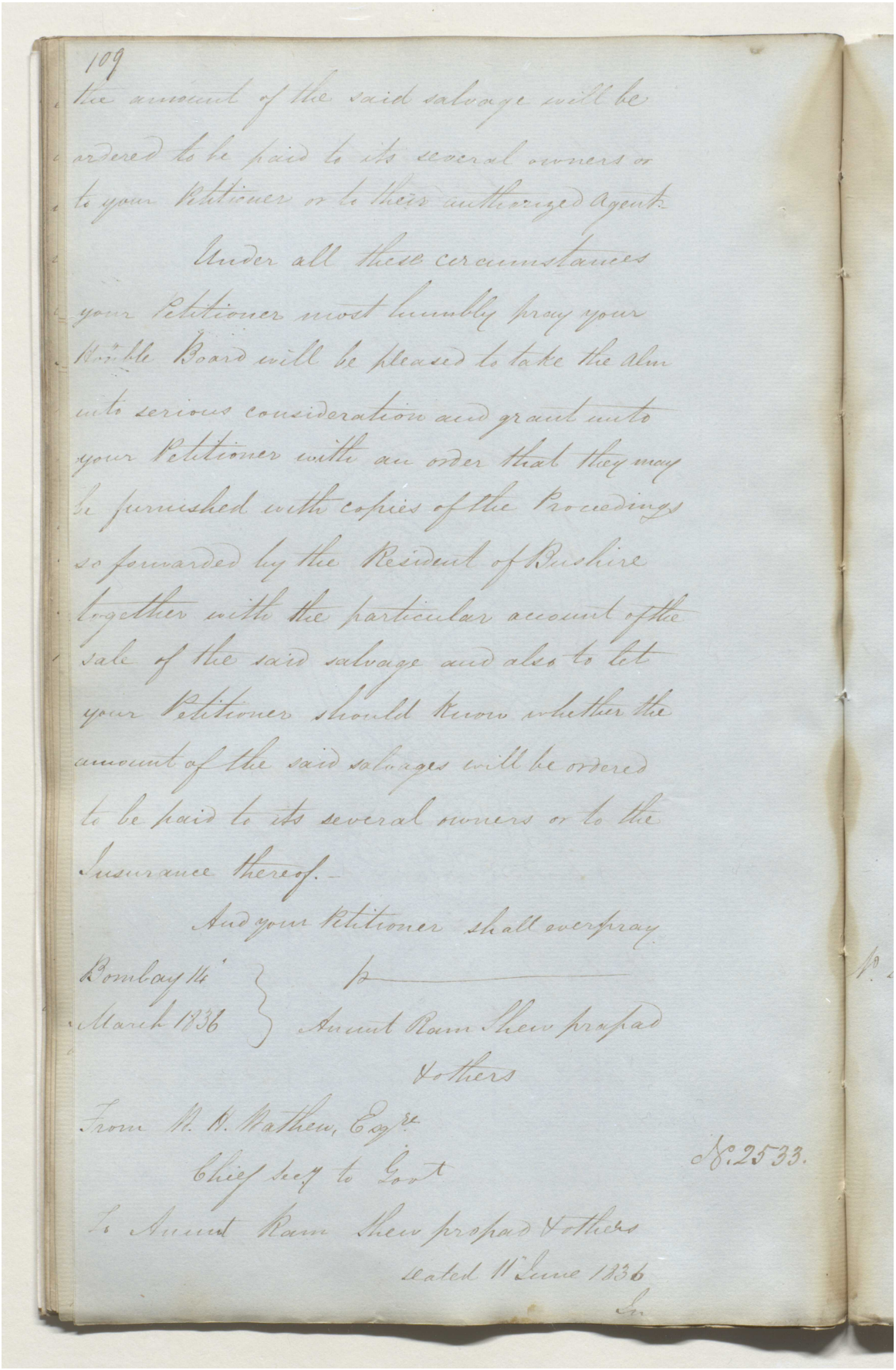

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the amount of the said salvage will be ordered to be paid to its several owners or to your Petitioner or to their authorized Agent.

Under all these circumstances your Petitioner most humbly pray your Hon'ble Board will be pleased to take the Alm into serious consideration and grant unto your Petitioner with an order that they may be furnished with copies of the Proceedings so forwarded by the Resident of Bushire together with the particular account of the sale of the said salvage and also to let your Petitioner should know whether the amount of the said salvages will be ordered to be paid to its several owners or to the Insurance thereof.

And your Petitioner shall ever pray

Bombay 14th March 1836 } p Anunt Ram Shew prapad & others

From W. H. Wathen, Esqre.

Chief Secy to Govt

No. 2533.

To Anunt Ram Shew prapad & others

dated 11th June 1836

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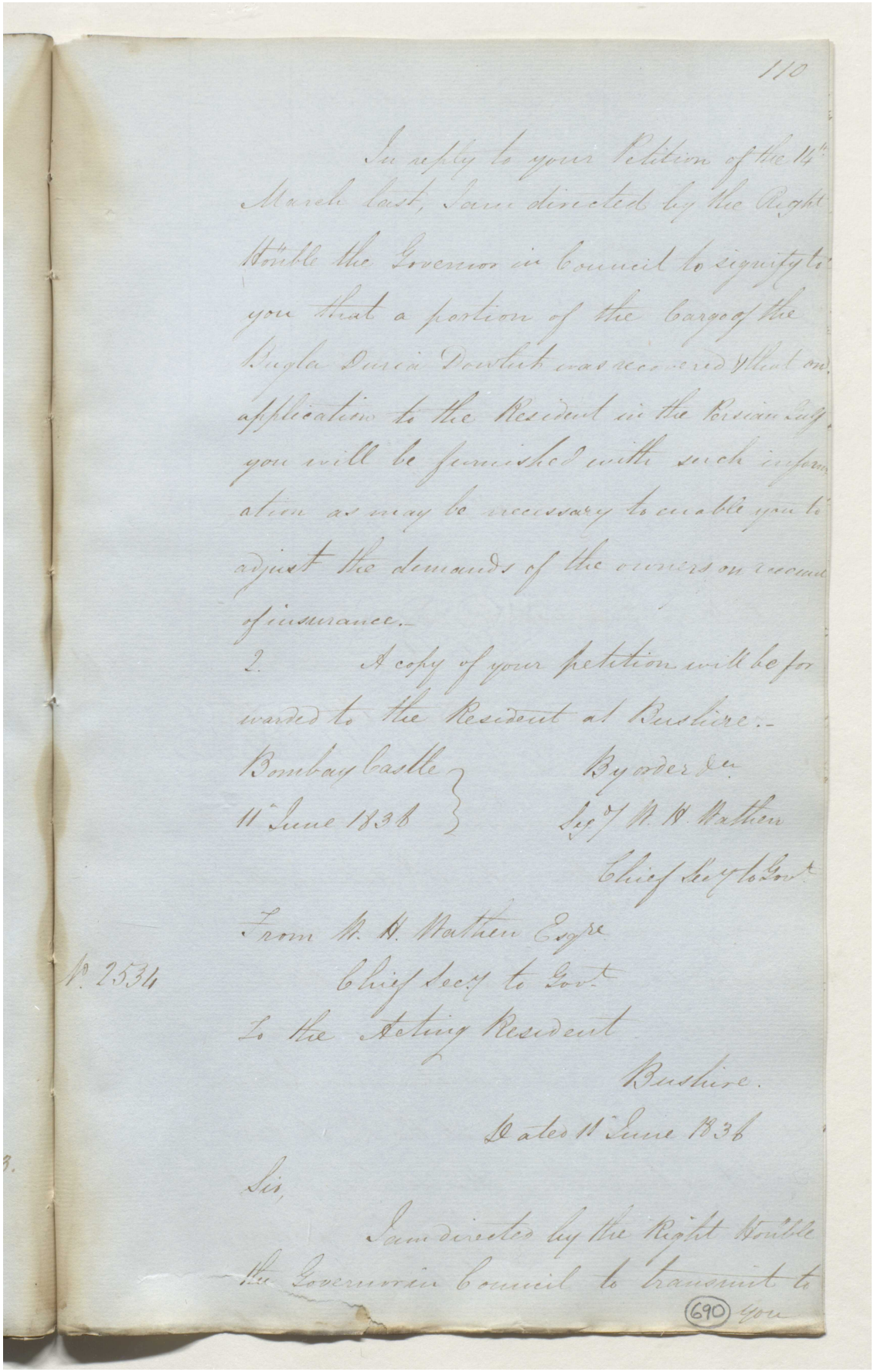

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In reply to your Petition of the 14th March last, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to signify to you that a portion of the Cargo of the Bugla Duria Dowlut was recovered & that on application to the Resident in the Persian Gulf you will be furnished with such information as may be necessary to enable you to adjust the demands of the owners on account of insurance.

2. A copy of your petition will be forwarded to the Resident at Bushire.

Bombay Castle
11th June 1836

By order &c
Sgd/ W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt

From W. H. Wathen Esqre
Chief Secy to Govt
To the Acting Resident
Bushire.

No. 2534

Dated 11th June 1836

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you

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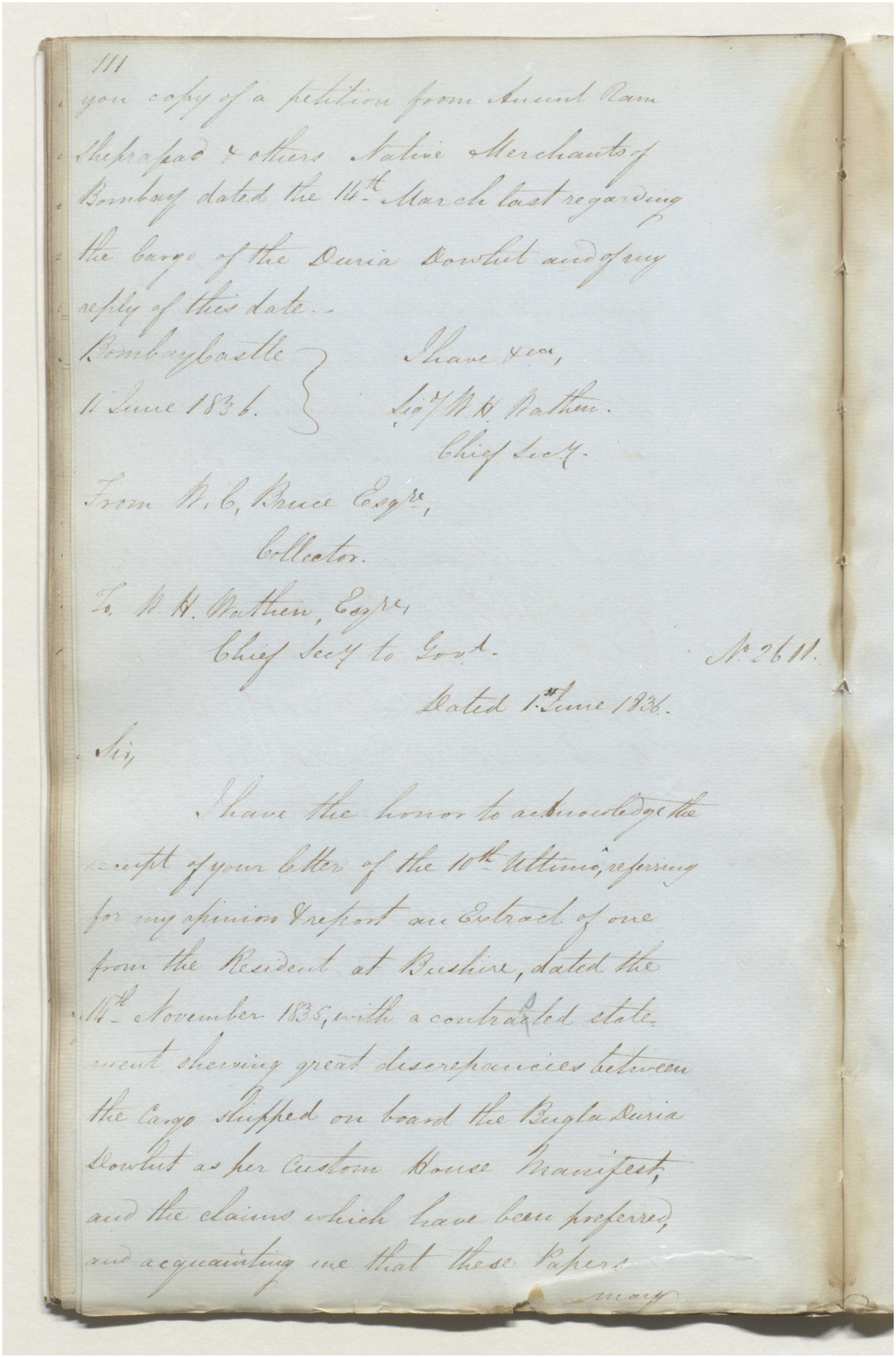

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you copy of a petition from Anunt Ram Sheprapad & others Native Merchants of Bombay dated the 14th March last regarding the Cargo of the Duria Dowlut and of my reply of this date.

Bombay Castle
11 June 1836.

I have &ca,
Sig^d W. H. Wathen.
Chief Sec^y.

From W. C. Bruce Esqre,
Collector.

To W. H. Wathen, Esqre,
Chief Sec^y to Gov^t.

No. 2611.

Dated 1st June 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Ultimo, referring for my opinion & report an Extract of one from the Resident at Bushire, dated the 14th November 1835, with a contrasted statement shewing great discrepancies between the Cargo shipped on board the Bugla Duria Dowlut as per Custom House Manifest, and the claims which have been preferred, and acquainting me that these Papers

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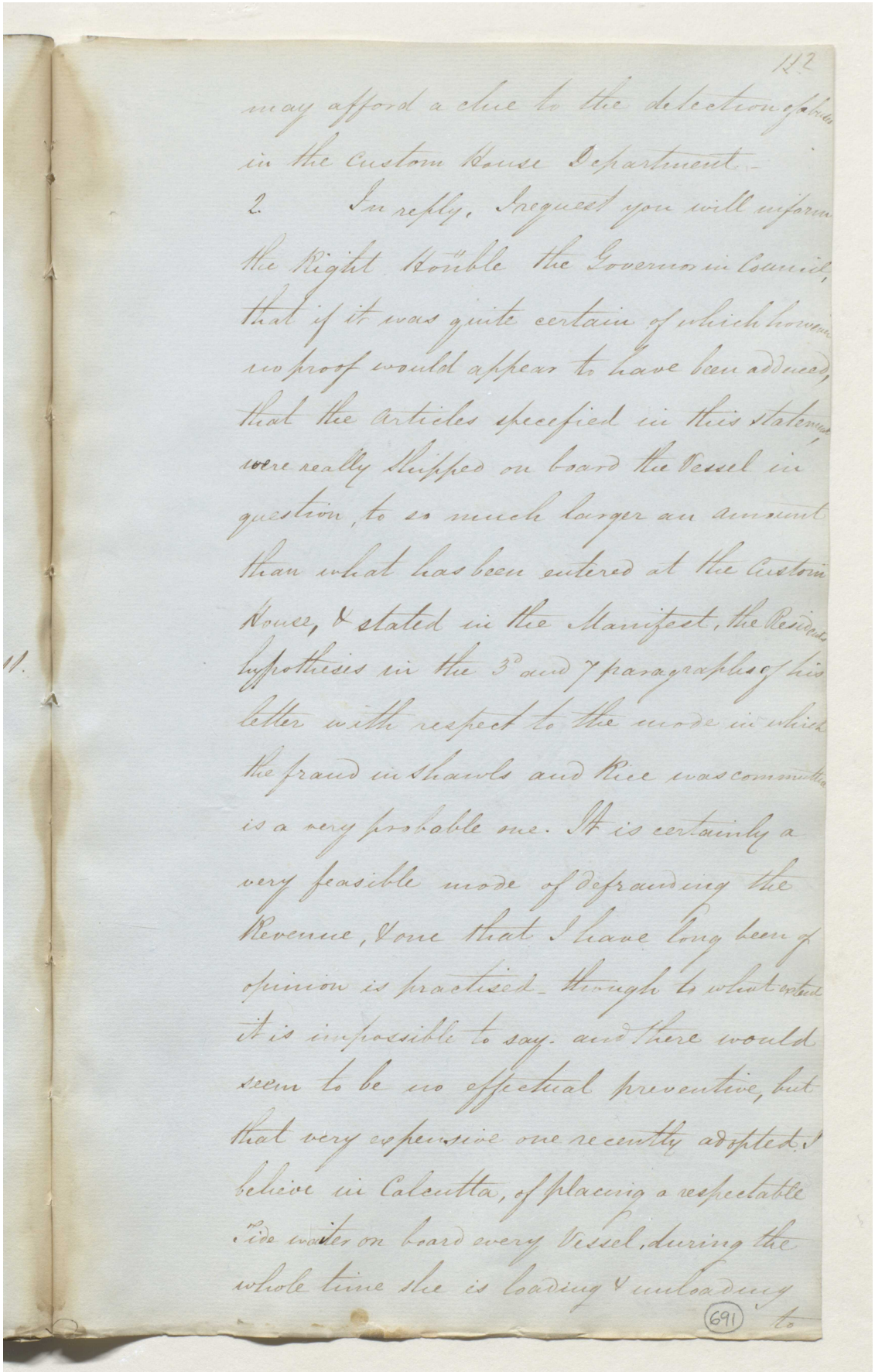

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may afford a clue to the detection of frauds
in the Custom House Department.

2. In reply, I request you will inform
the Right Honble the Governor in Council,
that if it was quite certain of which however
no proof would appear to have been adduced,
that the articles specified in this statement
were really shipped on board the Vessel in
question, to as much larger an amount
than what has been entered at the Custom
House, & stated in the Manifest, the Resident
hypothesis in the 3d and 7 paragraphs of his
letter with respect to the mode in which
the fraud in Shawls and Rice was committed
is a very probable one. It is certainly a
very feasible mode of defrauding the
Revenue, & one that I have long been of
opinion is practised. Through to what extent
it is impossible to say. and there would
seem to be no effectual preventive, but
that very expensive one recently adopted, I
believe in Calcutta, of placing a respectable
Tide waiter on board every Vessel, during the
whole time she is loading & unloading

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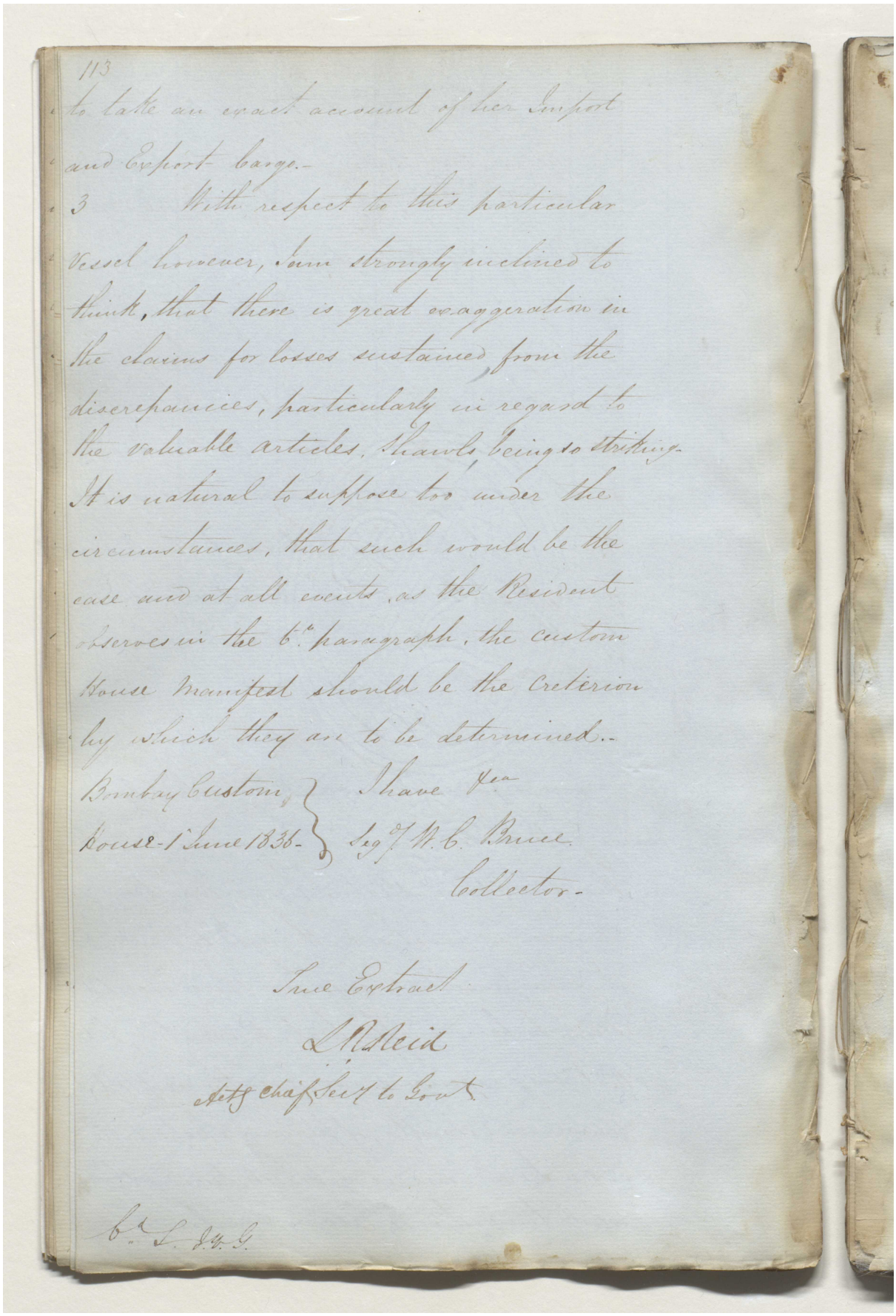

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to take an exact account of her Import and Export Cargo.-

3 With respect to this particular Vessel however, I am strongly inclined to think, that there is great exaggeration in the claims for losses sustained from the discrepancies, particularly in regard to the valuable articles, Shawls, being so striking. It is natural to suppose too under the circumstances, that such would be the case and at all events, as the Resident observes in the 6th paragraph, the custom House Manifest should be the Creterion by which they are to be determined.-

Bombay Custom House - 1 June 1836 - } I have &ca
Seg^d W. C. Bruce
Collector -

True Extract
L. R. Reid
Acts Chief Secy to Govt.

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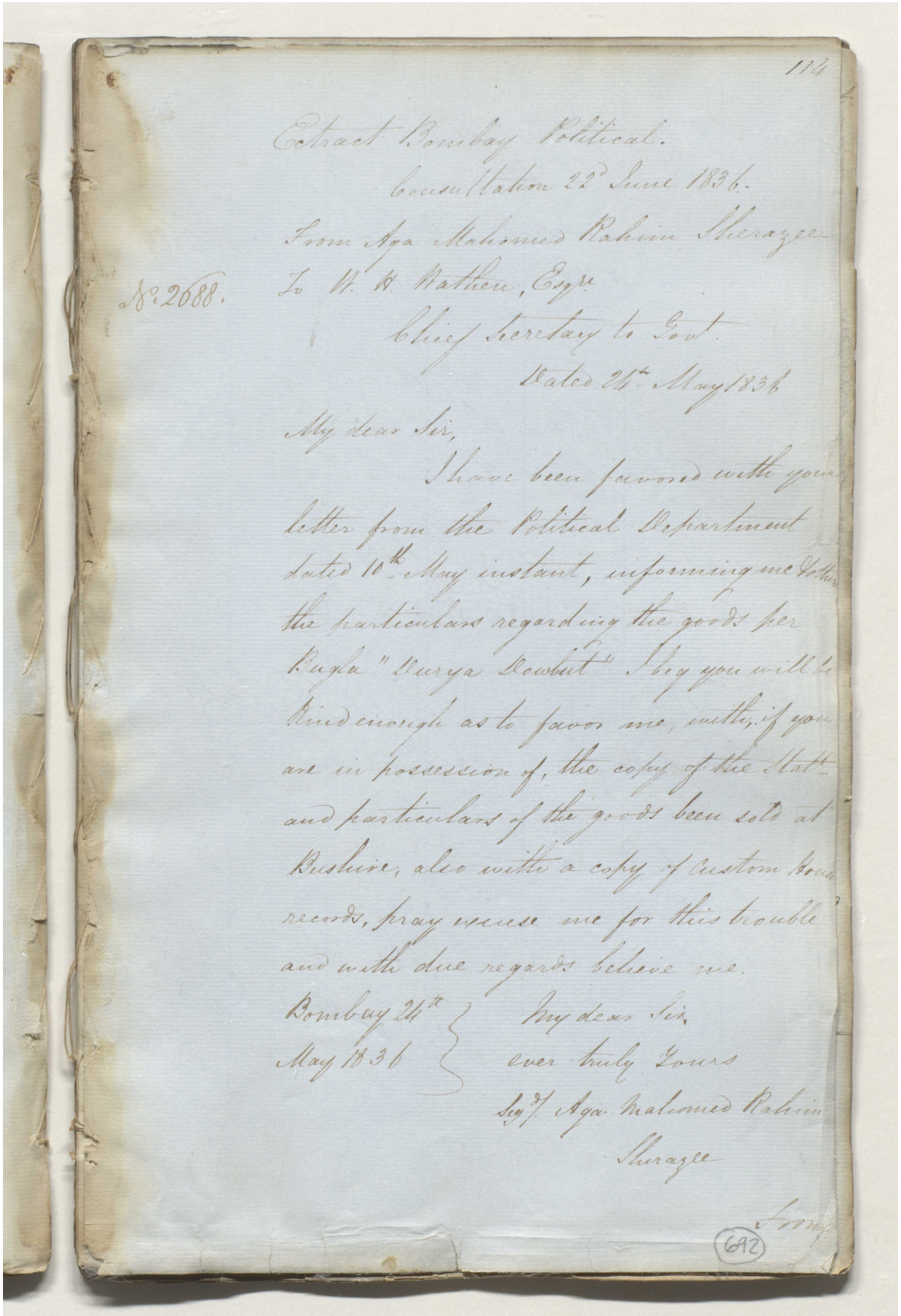

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Consultation 22d June 1836.

From Aga Mahomed Rahim Sherazee

No. 2688. To W. H. Wathen, Esqre

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Dated 24th May 1836

My dear Sir,

I have been favored with your letter from the Political Department dated 10th May instant, informing me of the particulars regarding the goods per Bugla "Durya Dowlut" I beg you will be kind enough as to favor me, with, if you are in possession of, the copy of the statt and particulars of the goods been sold at Bushire, also with a copy of custom house records, pray excuse me for this trouble and with due regards believe me.

Bombay 24th May 1836

My dear Sir,
ever truly Yours
Sd/ Aga Mahomed Rahim
Sherazee

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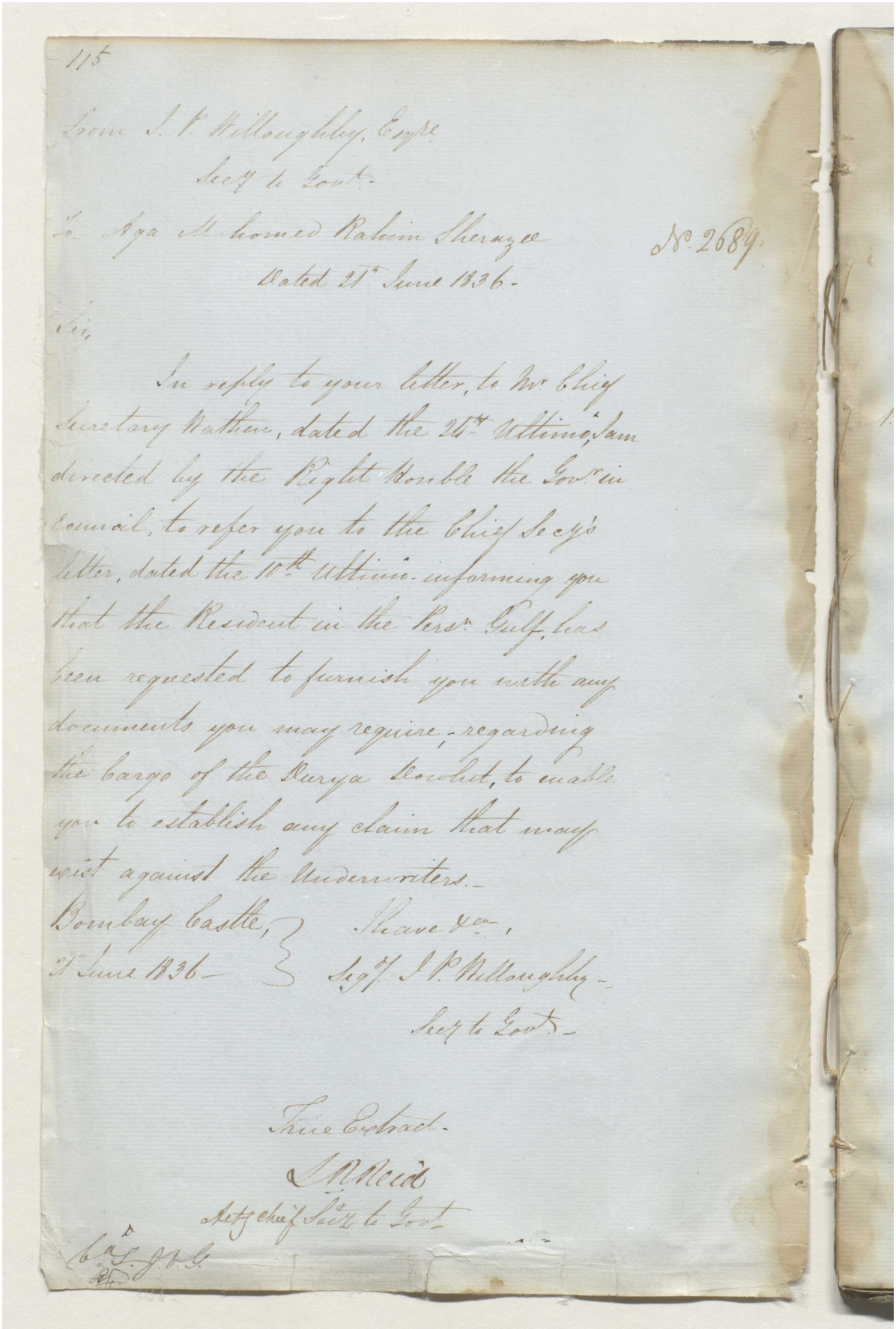

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From J. P. Willoughby, Esqre
Secy to Govt.

To Aga Mahomed Rahim Sheraze
Dated 21st June 1836.

No. 2689.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, to Mr Chief Secretary Nathan, dated the 25th Ultimo, I am directed by the Right Honble the Govr in Council, to refer you to the Chief Secy's letter, dated the 10th Ultimo, informing you that the Resident in the Persn Gulf, has been requested to furnish you with any documents you may require, regarding the cargo of the Duria Dowlut, to enable you to establish any claim that may exist against the Underwriters.

Bombay Castle,
21st June 1836.

I have &c.,
Sd/ J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.

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J. P. Reid
Actg Chief Secy to Govt

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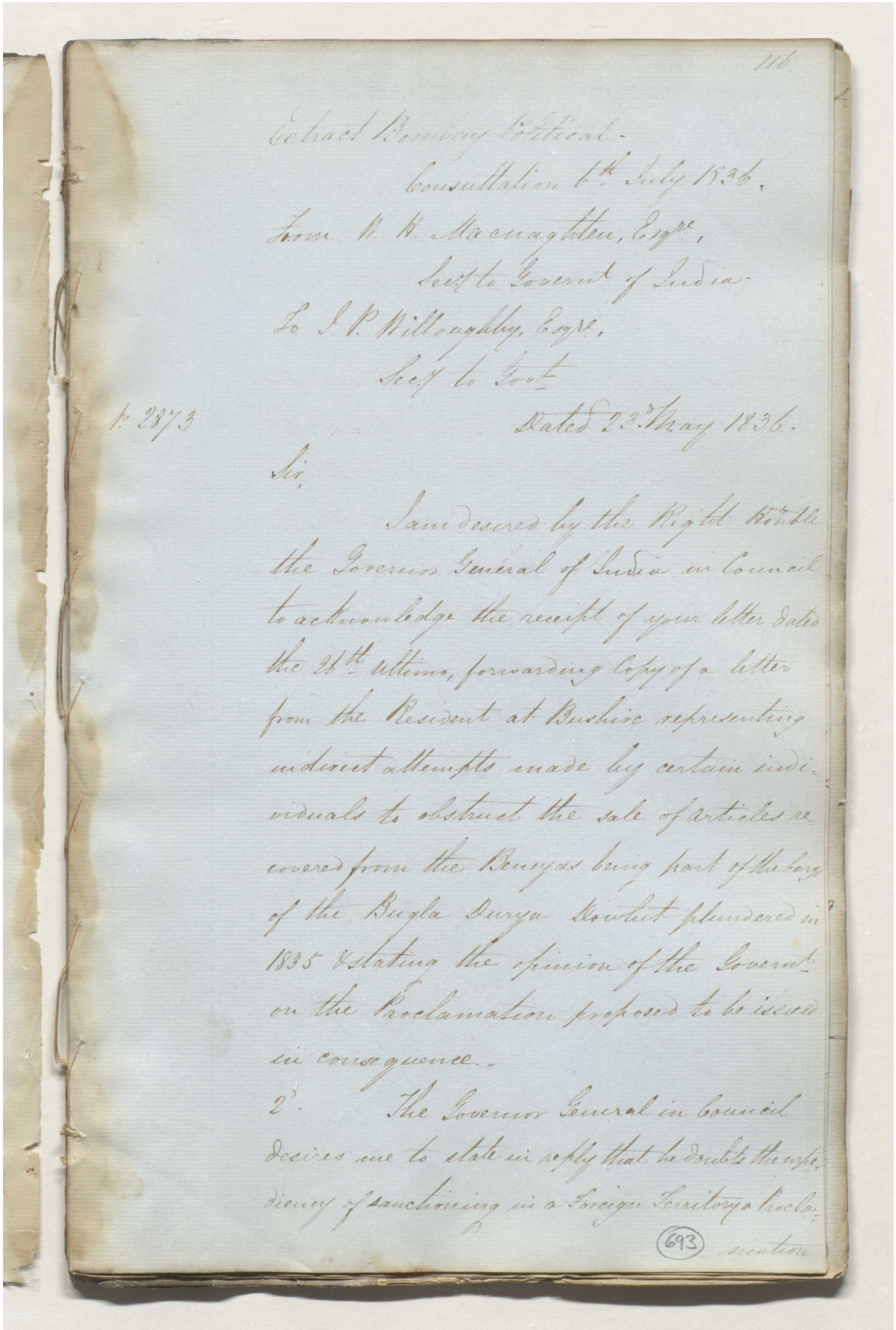

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Consultation 6th July 1836.

From W. H. Macnaghten, Esqre,

Secy to Govt of India -

To J. P. Willoughby, Esqre,

Secy to Govt

P. 2873

Dated 23d May 1836.

Sir,

I am desired by the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 28th ultimo, forwarding copy of a letter from the Resident at Bushire representing indirect attempts made by certain individuals to obstruct the sale of articles recovered from the Banyas being part of the cargo of the Bugla Durya Dowlut plundered in 1835 & stating the opinion of the Govt on the Proclamation proposed to be issued in consequence -

2d. The Governor General in Council desires me to state in reply that he doubts the expediency of sanctioning in a Foreign Territory a Proclamation

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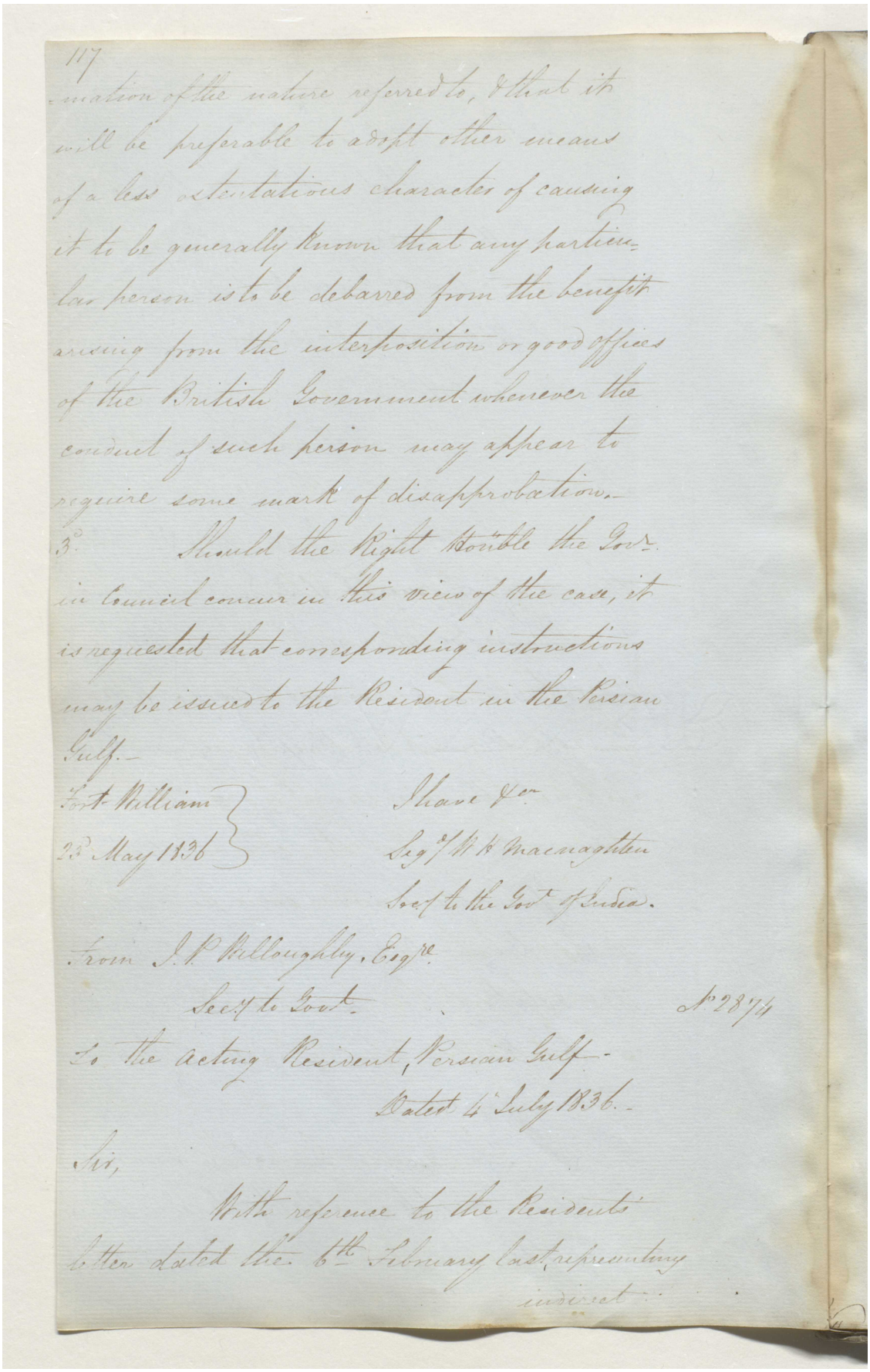

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-mation of the nature referred to, & that it will be preferable to adopt other means of a less ostentatious character of causing it to be generally known that any particular person is to be debarred from the benefit arising from the interposition or good offices of the British Government whenever the conduct of such person may appear to require some mark of disapprobation.—

3. Should the Right Hon'ble the Govr. in Council concur in this view of the case, it is requested that corresponding instructions may be issued to the Resident in the Persian Gulf.—

Fort William
23 May 1836

I have &c.
Sig^d/ W H Macnaghten
Sec^y to the Gov^t of India.

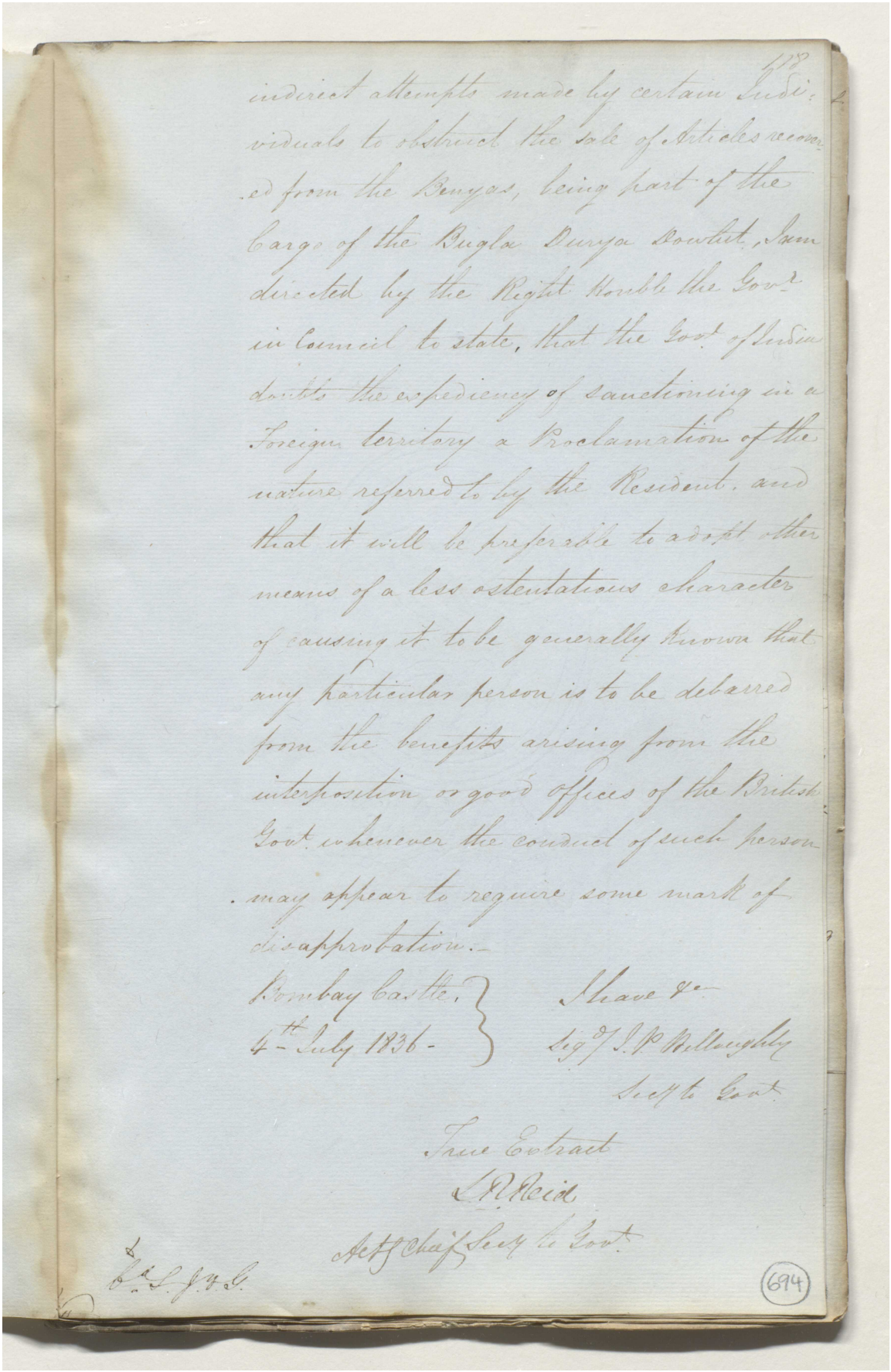
From J. P. Willoughby, Esqre.
Sec^y to Gov^t.

No. 2874

To the Acting Resident, Persian Gulf.—
Dated 4 July 1836.—

Sir,

With reference to the Resident's letter dated the 6th February last, representing indirect



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indirect attempts made by certain Individuals to obstruct the sale of Articles recovered from the Banyas, being part of the Cargo of the Bugla Duryu Dowlut, I am directed by the Right Honble the Govr in Council to state, that the Govt of India doubts the expediency of sanctioning in a Foreign territory a Proclamation of the nature referred to by the Resident, and that it will be preferable to adopt other means of a less ostentatious character of causing it to be generally known that any particular person is to be debarred from the benefits arising from the interposition or good offices of the British Govt whenever the conduct of such person may appear to require some mark of disapprobation.—

Bombay Castle,
4th July 1836.

I have &c
Sigd J. P. Willoughby
Sec. to Govt

True Extract
J. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy to Govt

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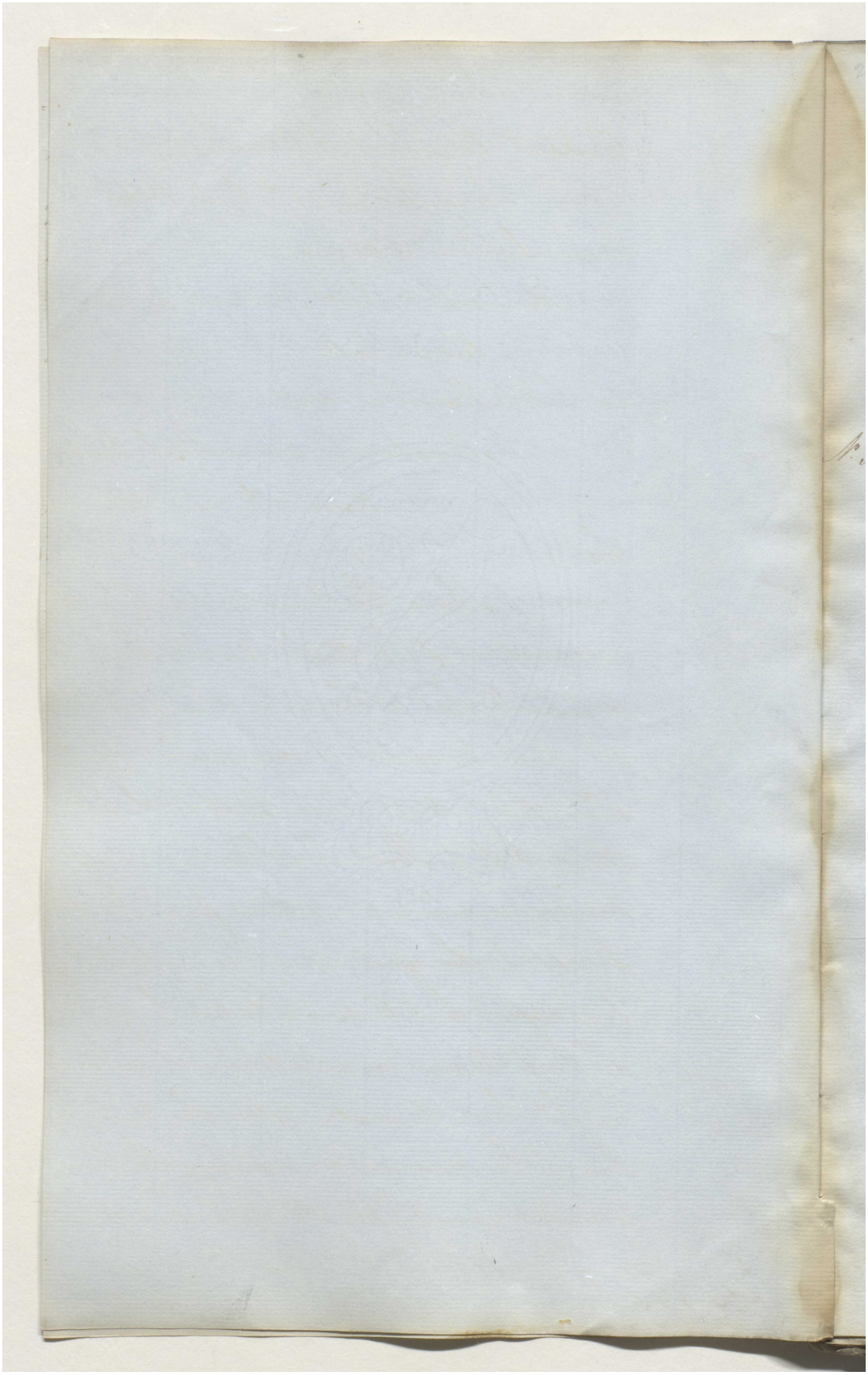

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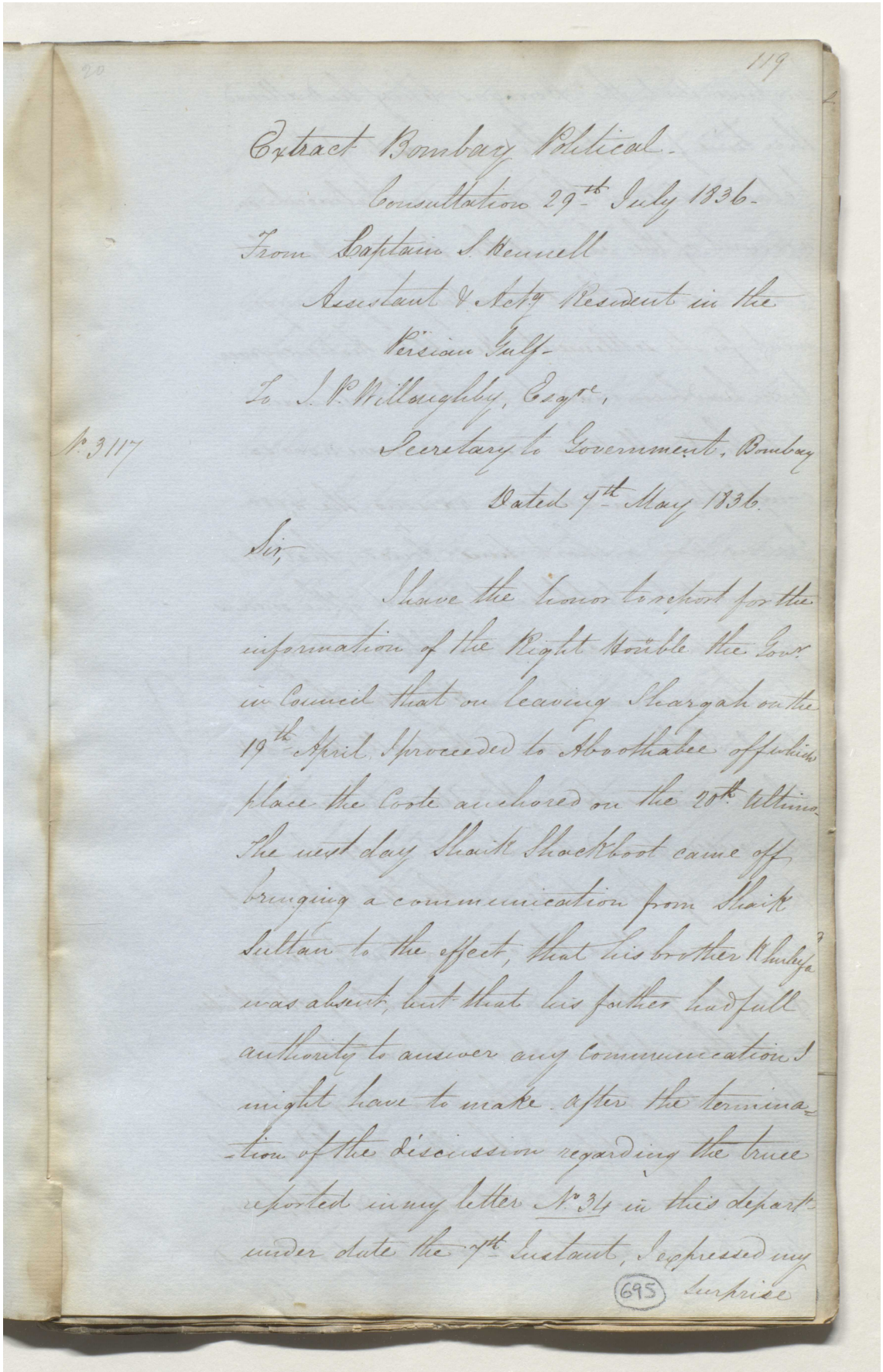

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Extract Bombay Political.

Consultation 29th July 1836.

From Captain S. Bennett

Assistant & Actg Resident in the

Persian Gulf.

To J. P. Willoughby, Esqre,

Secretary to Government, Bombay

No. 3117

Dated 4th May 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honble the Govr in Council that on leaving Sharjah on the 19th April I proceeded to Aboothabee off which place the Coote anchored on the 20th ultimo. The next day Shaik Shackboot came off bringing a communication from Shaik Sultan to the effect, that his brother Khuleefa was absent, but that his father had full authority to answer any communication I might have to make. After the termination of the discussion regarding the truce reported in my letter No. 34 in this depart under date the 7th Instant, I expressed my surprise

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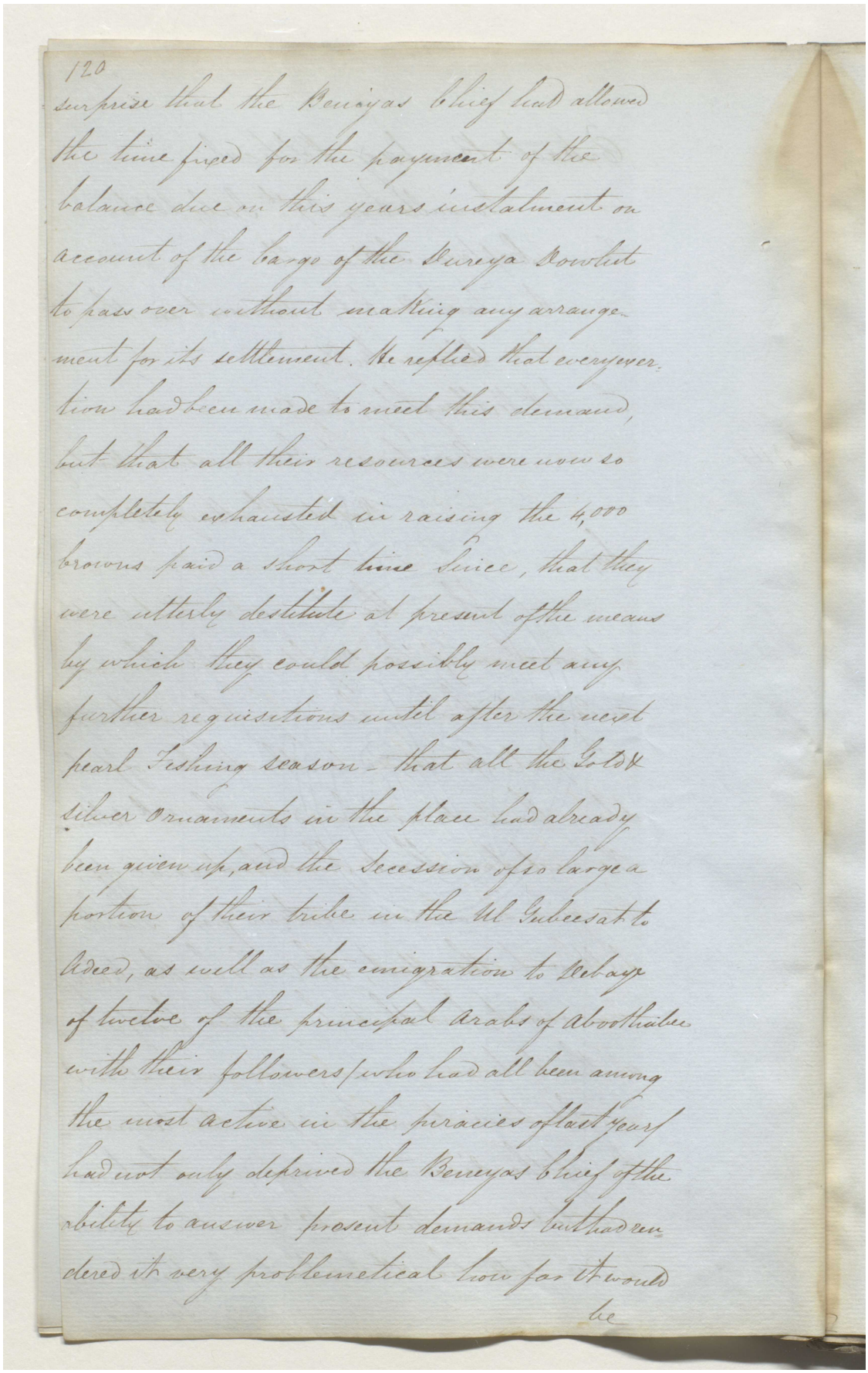

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surprise that the Beniyas Chief had allowed the time fixed for the payment of the balance due on this years instalment on account of the barge of the Beniya Dowlut to pass over without making any arrangement for its settlement. He replied that every exertion had been made to meet this demand, but that all their resources were now so completely exhausted in raising the 4,000 Crowns paid a short time since, that they were utterly destitute at present of the means by which they could possibly meet any further requisitions until after the next pearl Fishing season – that all the Gold & Silver Ornaments in the place had already been given up, and the Secession of so large a portion of their tribe in the Ul Gubeesat to Adeed, as well as the emigration to Debayy of twelve of the principal Arabs of Aboothabee with their followers (who had all been among the most active in the piracies of last year) had not only deprived the Beniyas Chief of the ability to answer present demands but had rendered it very problemetical how far it would be

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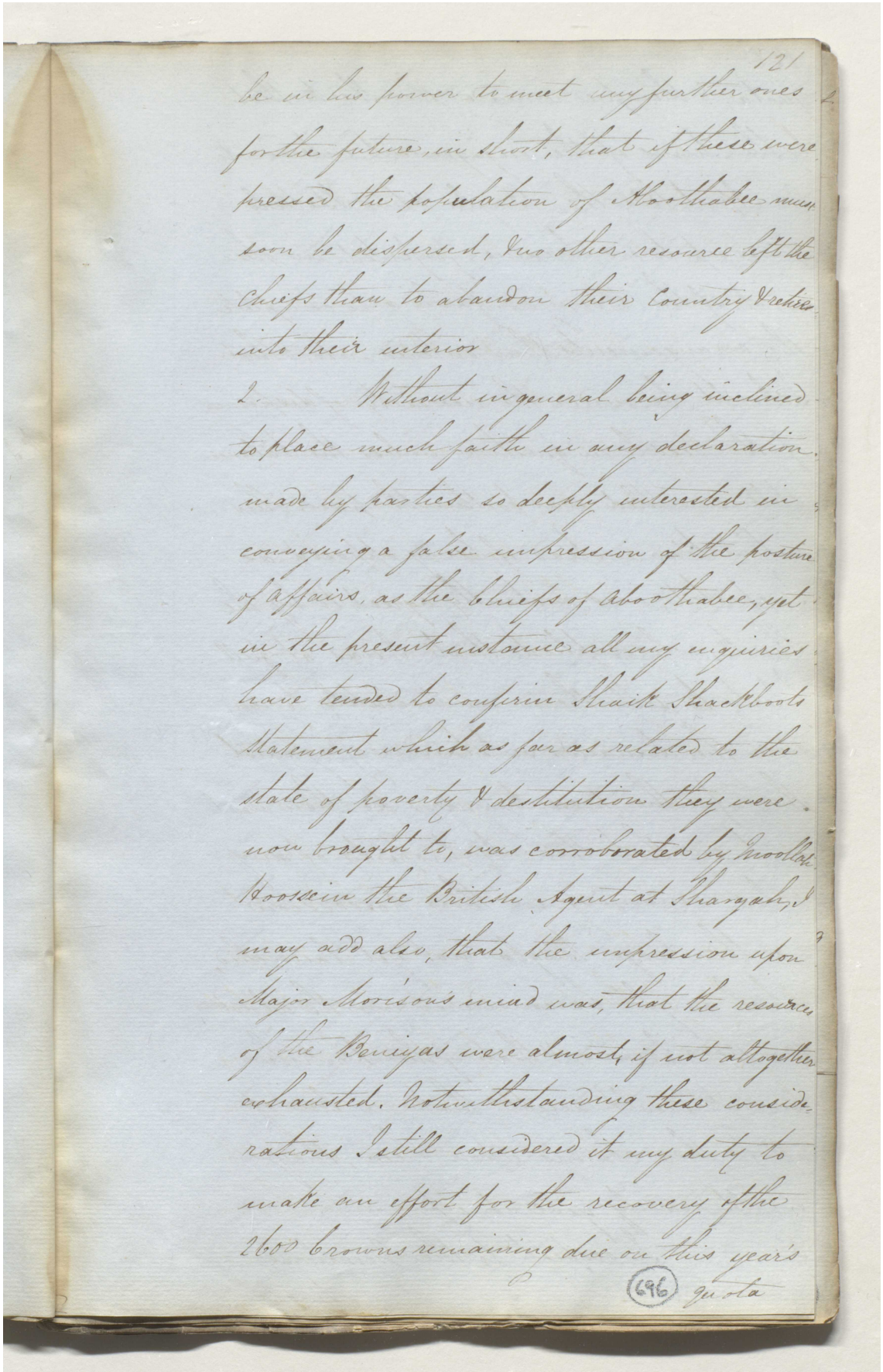

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be in his power to meet any further ones
for the future, in short, that if these were
pressed the population of Aboothabee must
soon be dispersed, & no other resource left the
Chiefs than to abandon their Country & retire
into their interior

2. Without in general being inclined
to place much faith in any declaration
made by parties so deeply interested in
conveying a false impression of the posture
of affairs, as the Chiefs of Aboothabee, yet
in the present instance all my enquiries
have tended to confirm Shaik Shackboots
Statement which as far as related to the
state of poverty & destitution they were
now brought to, was corroborated by Moollah
Hossein the British Agent at Sharjah, I
may add also, that the impression upon
Major Morrison's mind was, that the resources
of the Beniyas were almost, if not altogether
exhausted. Notwithstanding these considerations I still considered it my duty to
make an effort for the recovery of the
2600 Crowns remaining due on this year's
quota

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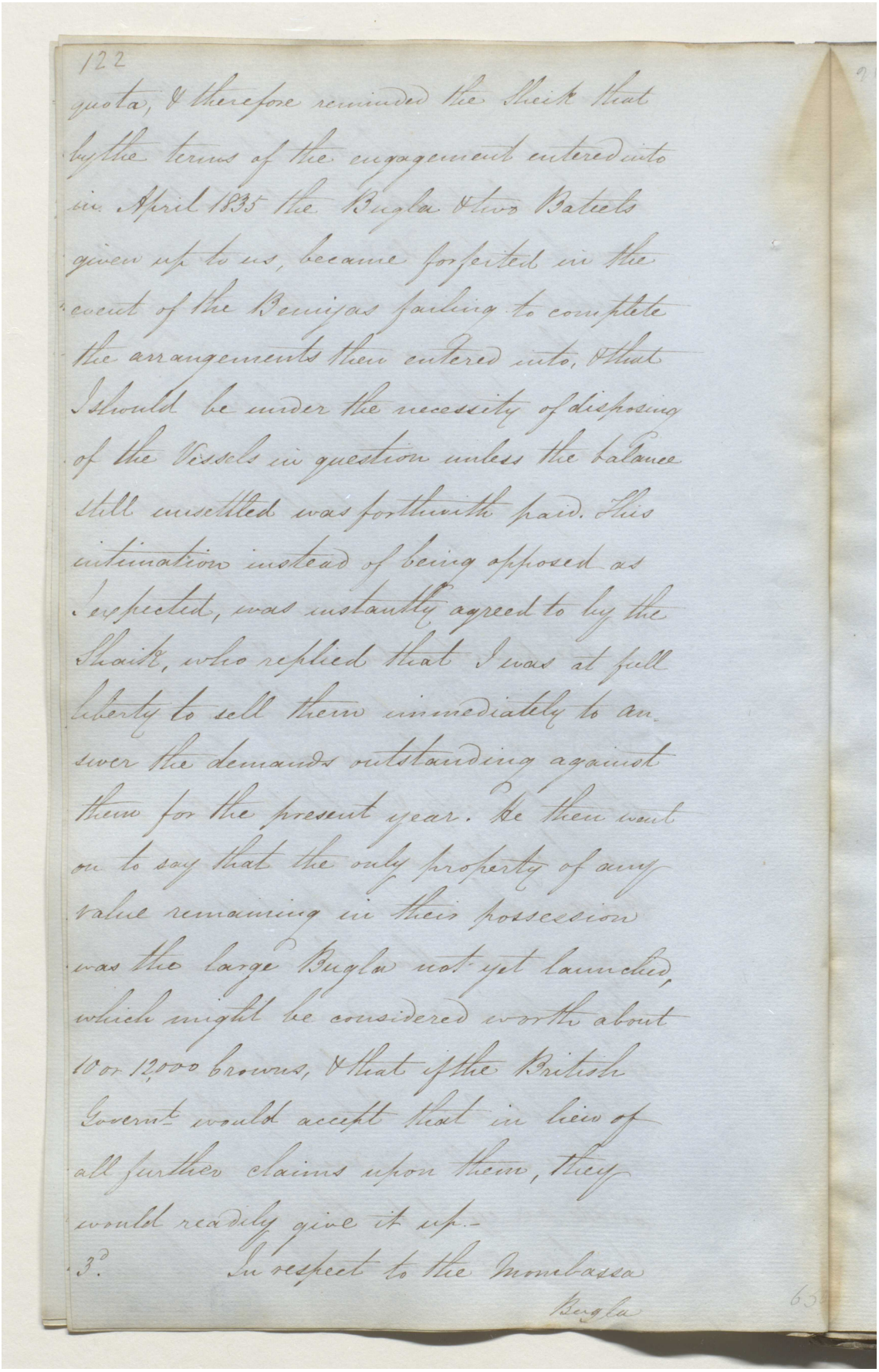

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quota, & therefore reminded the Sheik that by the terms of the engagement entered into in April 1835 the Bugla & two Batels given up to us, became forfeited in the event of the Beniyas failing to complete the arrangements then entered into, & that I should be under the necessity of disposing of the Vessels in question unless the balance still unsettled was forthwith paid. This intimation instead of being opposed as I expected, was instantly agreed to by the Shaik, who replied that I was at full liberty to sell them immediately to answer the demands outstanding against them for the present year. He then went on to say that the only property of any value remaining in their possession was the large Bugla not yet launched, which might be considered worth about 10 or 12,000 Crowns, & that if the British Govern[t] would accept that in lieu of all further claims upon them, they would readily give it up.-

3d. In respect to the Mombassa

Bugla

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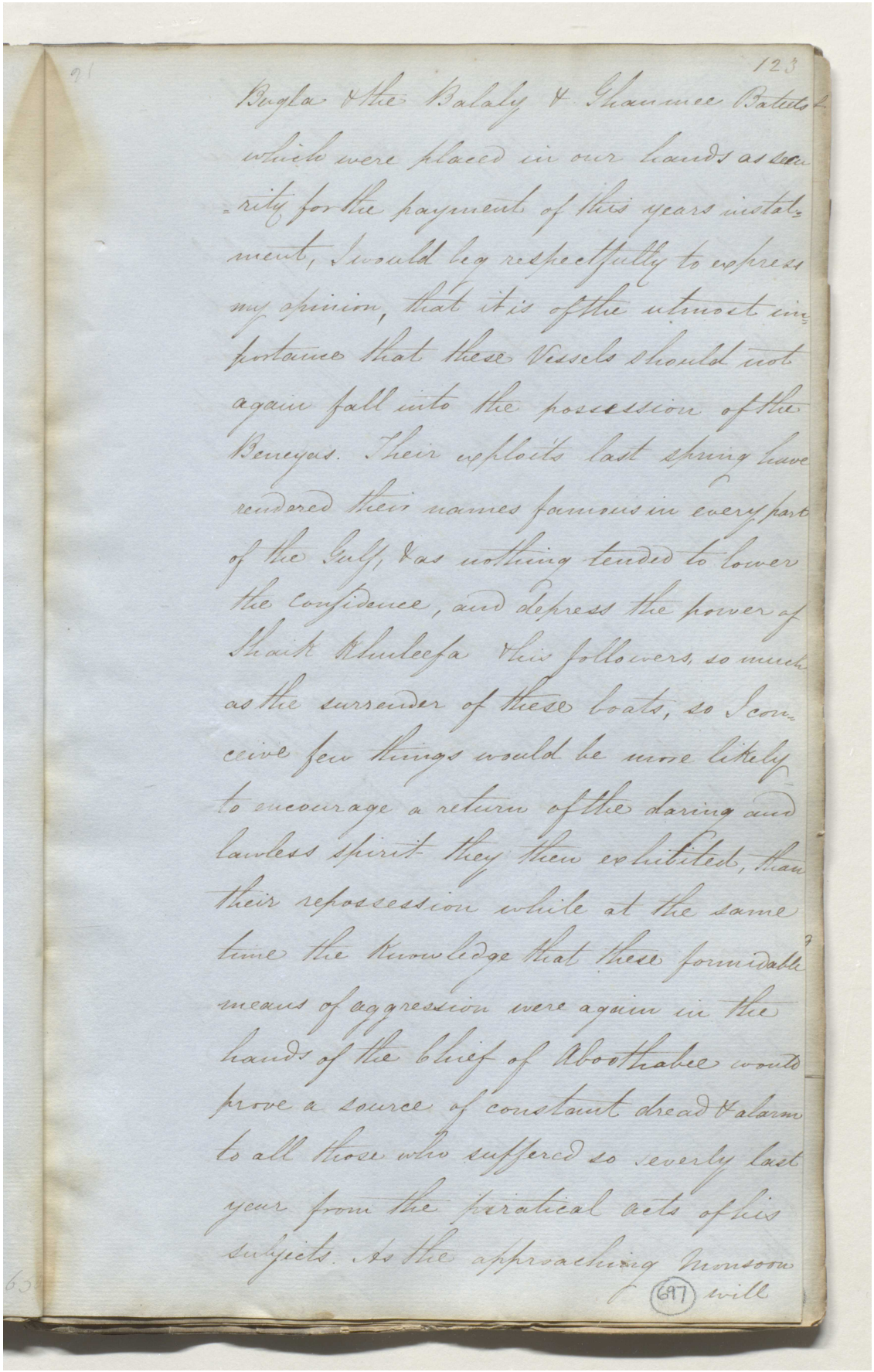

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Bugla & the Balaly & Shaumee Batteels
which were placed in our hands as secu-
rity for the payment of this years instal-
ment, I would beg respectfully to express
my opinion, that it is of the utmost im-
portance that these Vessels should not
again fall into the possession of the
Beneyas. Their exploits last spring have
rendered their names famous in every part
of the Gulf, & as nothing tended to lower
the confidence, and depress the power of
Shaik Khuleefa & his followers, so much
as the surrender of these boats, so I con-
ceive few things would be more likely
to encourage a return of the daring and
lawless spirit they then exhibited, than
their repossession while at the same
time the knowledge that these formidable
means of aggression were again in the
hands of the Chief of Abootharee would
prove a source of constant dread & alarm
to all those who suffered so severly last
year from the piratical acts of his
subjects. As the approaching Monsoon
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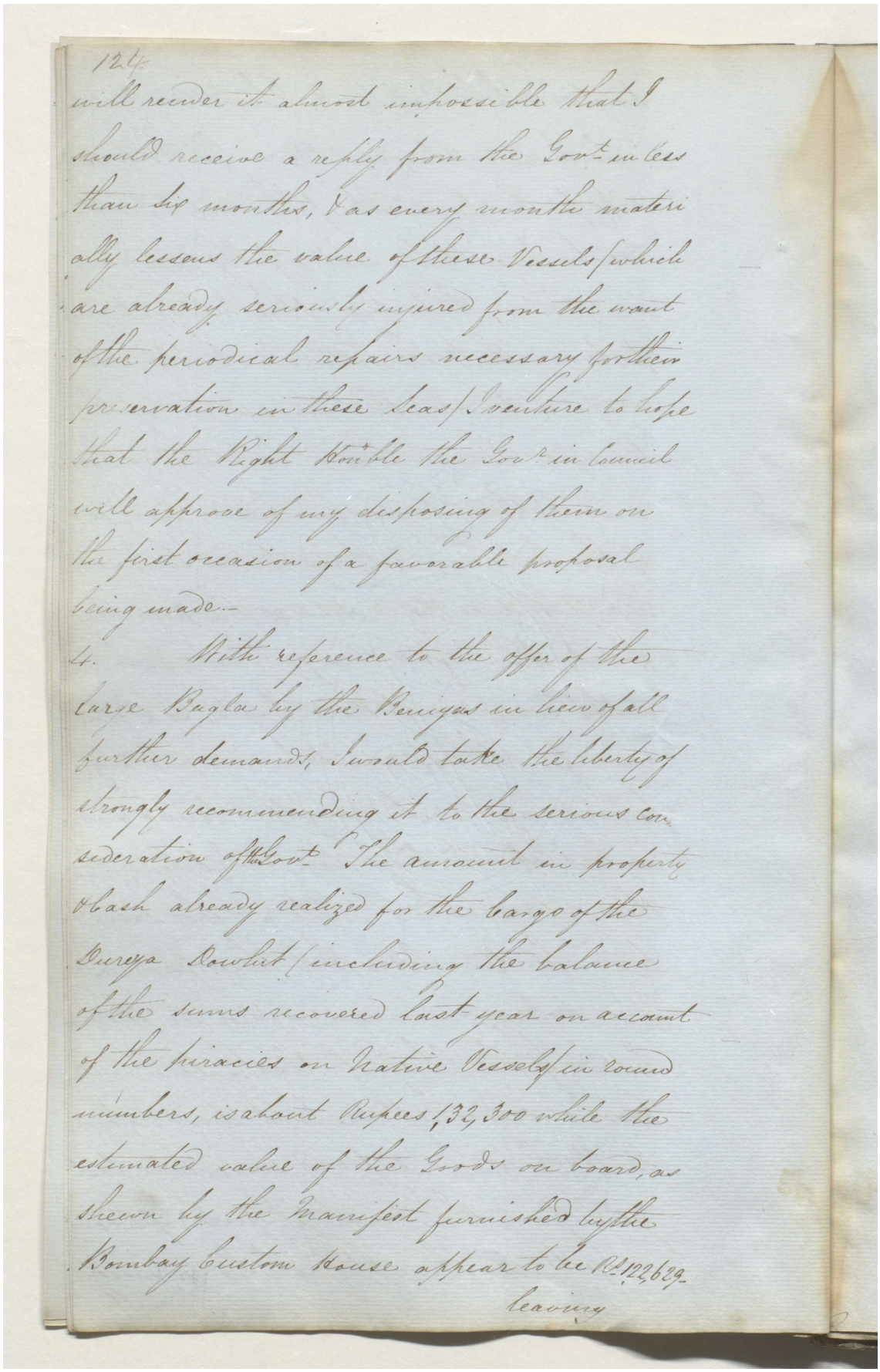

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will render it almost impossible that I should receive a reply from the Govt. in less than six months, & as every month materially lessens the value of these Vessels which are already seriously injured from the want of the periodical repairs necessary for their preservation in these Seas, I venture to hope that the Right Honble the Govr in Council will approve of my disposing of them on the first occasion of a favorable proposal being made.–

4. With reference to the offer of the large Bagla by the Baniyas in lieu of all further demands, I would take the liberty of strongly recommending it to the serious consideration of the Govt. The amount in property & cash already realized for the cargo of the Dureya Dowlut (including the balance of the sums recovered last year on account of the piracies on Native Vessels) in round numbers, is about Rupees 1,32,300 while the estimated value of the Goods on board, as shewn by the manifest furnished by the Bombay Custom House appear to be Rs. 122629

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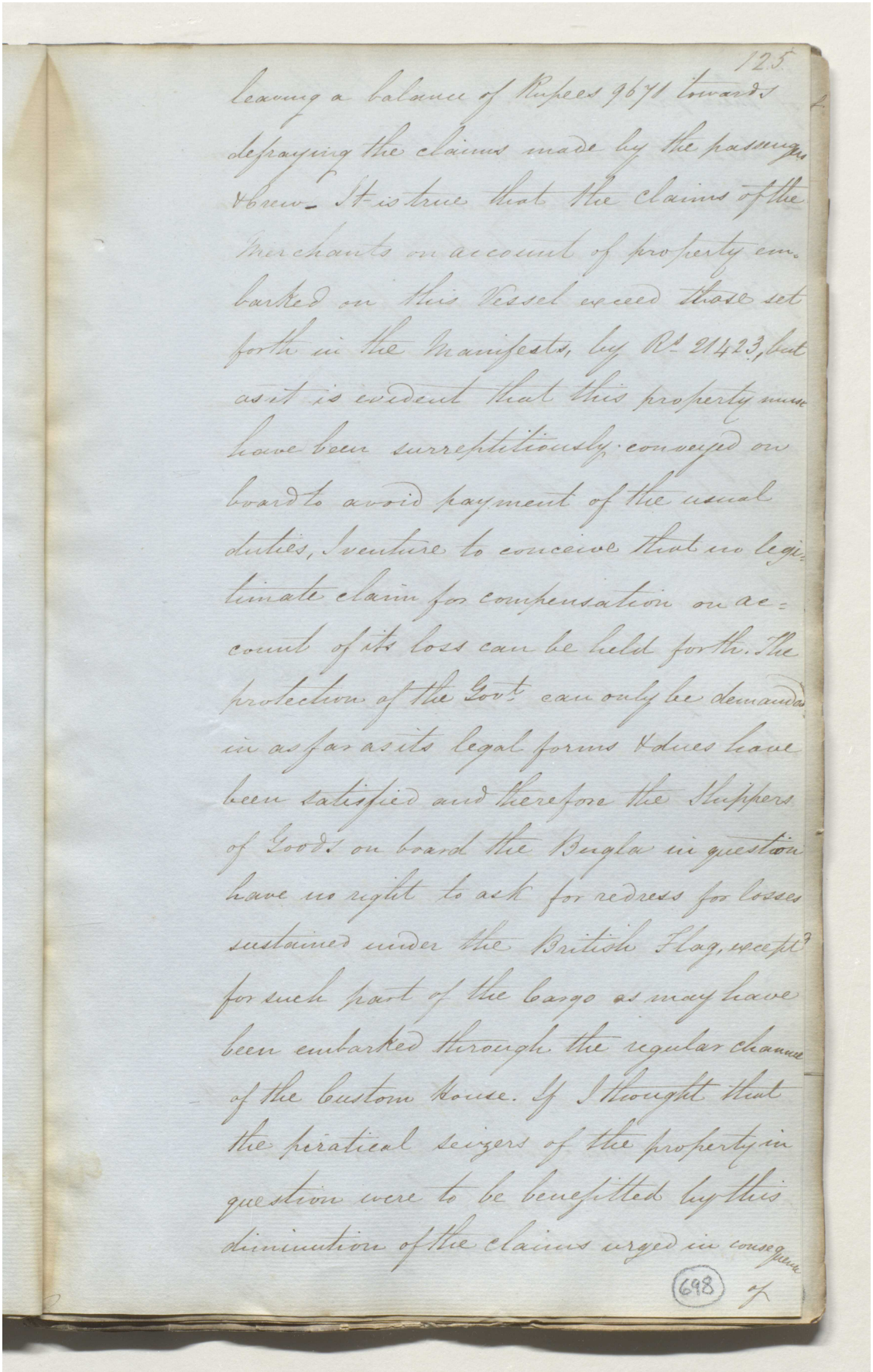

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leaving a balance of Rupees 9671 towards
defraying the claims made by the passengers
& crew. It is true that the claims of the
Merchants on account of property em-
barked on this Vessel exceed those set
forth in the Manifests, by Rs 21423, but
as it is evident that this property must
have been surreptitiously conveyed on
board to avoid payment of the usual
duties, I venture to conceive that no legi-
timate claim for compensation on ac-
count of its loss can be held forth. The
protection of the Govt can only be demanded
in as far as its legal forms & dues have
been satisfied and therefore the Shippers
of Goods on board the Bugla in question
have no right to ask for redress for losses
sustained under the British Flag, except
for such part of the Cargo as may have
been embarked through the regular channel
of the Custom House. If I thought that
the piratical seizers of the property in
question were to be benefitted by this
diminution of the claims urged in conseq.

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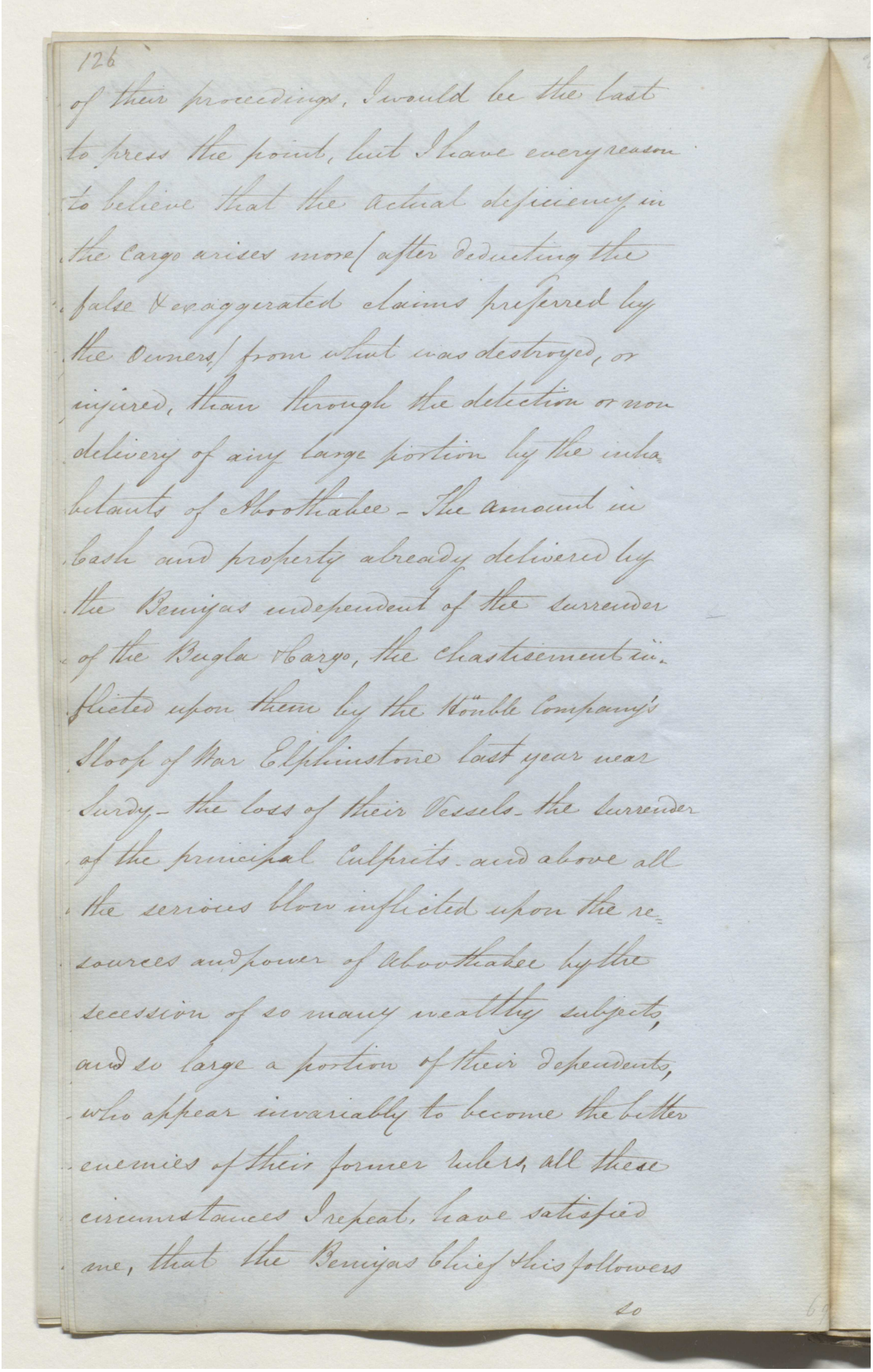

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of their proceedings, I would be the last to press the point, but I have every reason to believe that the actual deficiency in the Cargo arises more / after deducting the false & exaggerated claims preferred by the Owners / from what was destroyed, or injured, than through the detection or non delivery of any large portion by the inhabitants of Aboothabee – The amount in Cash and property already delivered by the Beniyas independent of the surrender of the Bugla Cargo, the chastisement inflicted upon them by the Honble Company's Sloop of War Elphinstone last year near Lurdy – the loss of their Vessels – the surrender of the principal Culprits – and above all the serious blow inflicted upon the resources and power of Aboothabee by the secession of so many wealthy subjects, and so large a portion of their dependents, who appear invariably to become the bitter enemies of their former rulers, all these circumstances I repeat, have satisfied me, that the Beniyas Chief & his followers

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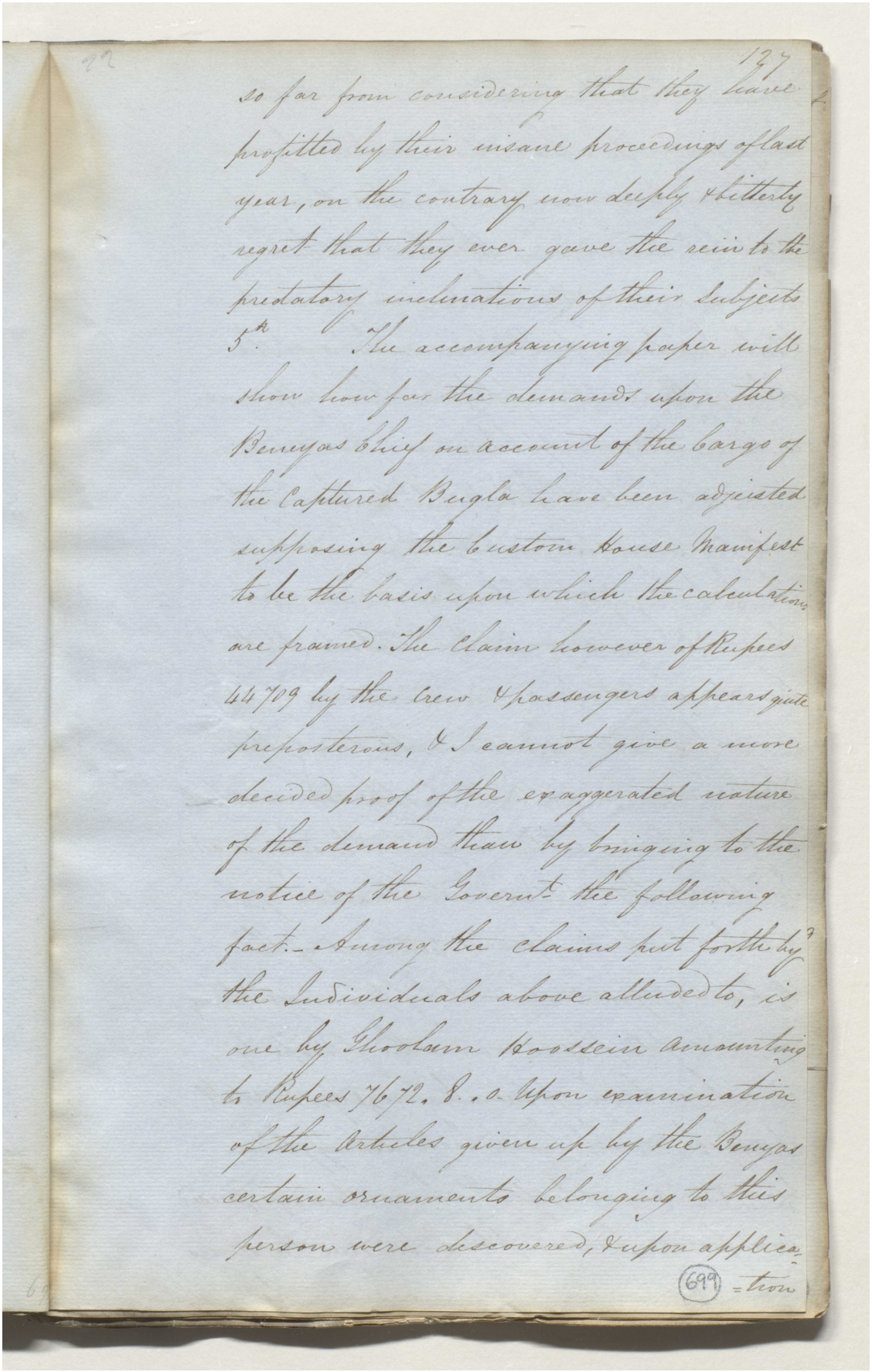

so far from considering that they have profitted by their insane proceedings of last year, on the contrary now deeply & bitterly regret that they ever gave the rein to the predatory inclinations of their subjects Sir. The accompanying paper will show how far the demands upon the Benyas Chief on account of the cargo of the captured Bugla have been adjusted supposing the Custom House Manifest to be the basis upon which the calculations are framed. The claim however of Rupees 44709 by the crew & passengers appears quite preposterous, & I cannot give a more decided proof of the exaggerated nature of the demand than by bringing to the notice of the Govern.t the following fact.– Among the claims put forth by the Individuals above alluded to, is one by Gholam Hoossein amounting to Rupees 7672. 8. 0. Upon examination of the Articles given up by the Benyas certain ornaments belonging to this person were discovered, & upon applica-

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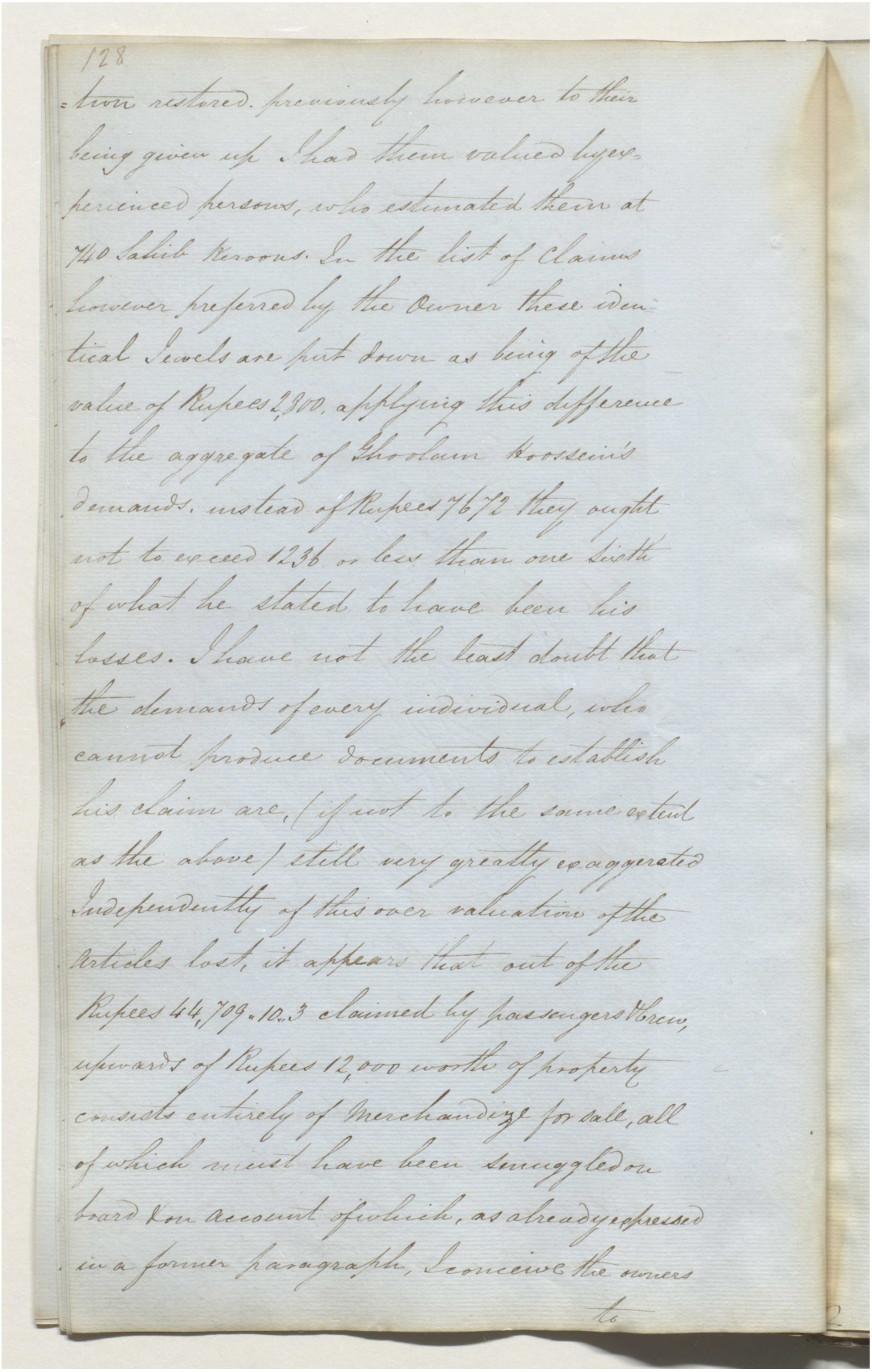

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been restored. previously however to their being given up I had them valued by experienced persons, who estimated them at 740 Sahib Kerroos. In the list of claims however preferred by the Owner these identical Jewels are put down as being of the value of Rupees 2,300. applying this difference to the aggregate of Ghoolam Hoossein's demands, instead of Rupees 7672 they ought not to exceed 1236 or less than one Sixth of what he stated to have been his losses. I have not the least doubt that the demands of every individual, who cannot produce documents to establish his claim are, (if not to the same extent as the above) still very greatly exaggerated Independently of this over valuation of the Articles lost, it appears that out of the Rupees 64,709.10.3 claimed by passengers & Crew, upwards of Rupees 12,000 worth of property consists entirely of Merchandize for sale, all of which must have been smuggled on board on account of which, as already expressed in a former paragraph, I conceive the owners

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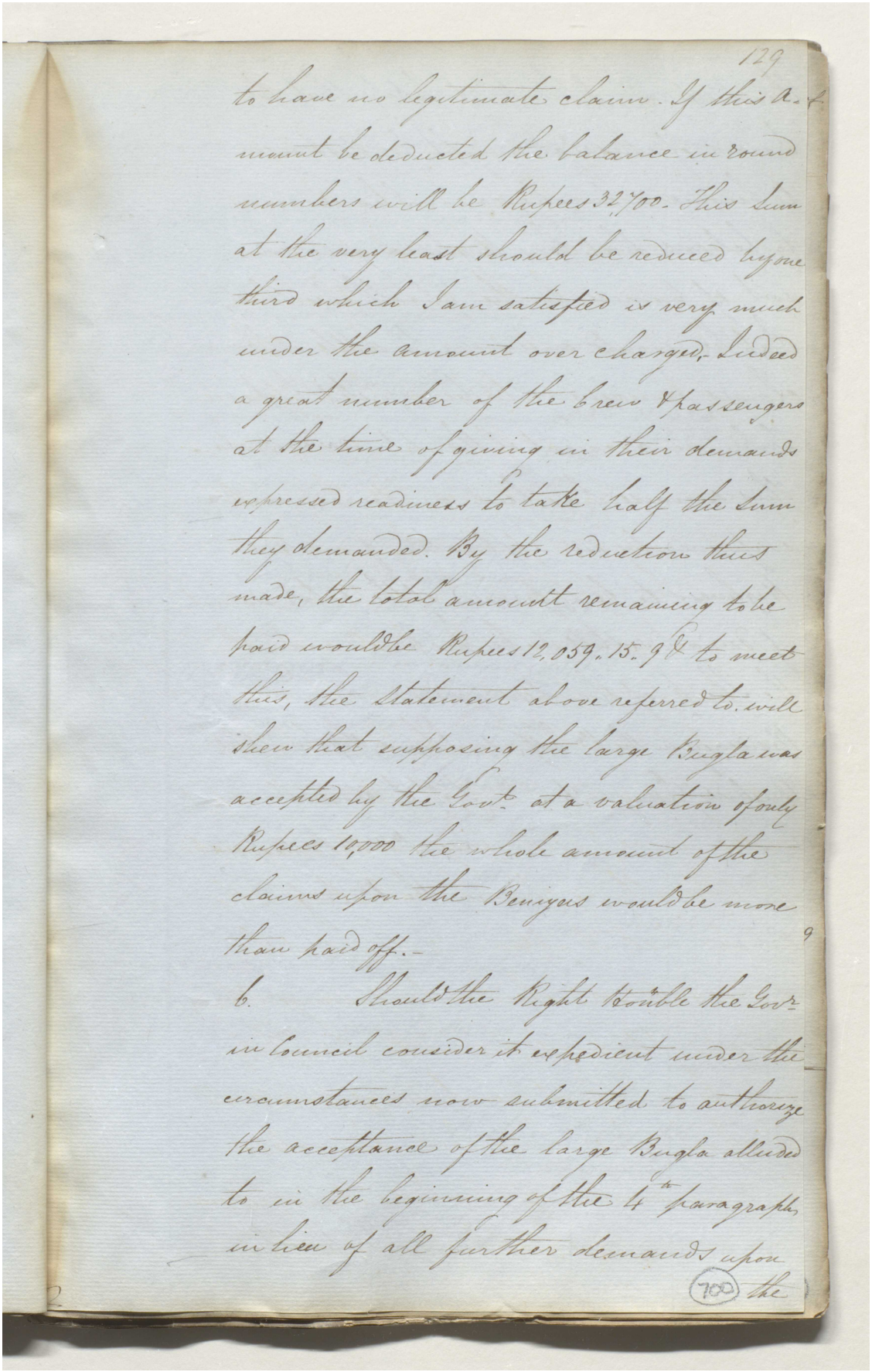

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to have no legitimate claim. If this a-
mount be deducted the balance in round
numbers will be Rupees 32,700. This Sum
at the very least should be reduced by one
third which I am satisfied is very much
under the amount over charged. Indeed
a great number of the Crew & passengers
at the time of giving in their demands
expressed readiness to take half the Sum
they demanded. By the reduction thus
made, the total amount remaining to be
paid would be Rupees 12,059. 15. 9 & to meet
this, the Statement above referred to, will
shew that supposing the large Bugla was
accepted by the Govt. at a valuation of only
Rupees 10,000 the whole amount of the
claims upon the Benjans would be more
than paid off.-

6. Should the Right Honble the Govr
in Council consider it expedient under the
circumstances now submitted to authorize
the acceptance of the large Bugla alluded
to in the beginning of the 4th paragraph,
in lieu of all further demands upon

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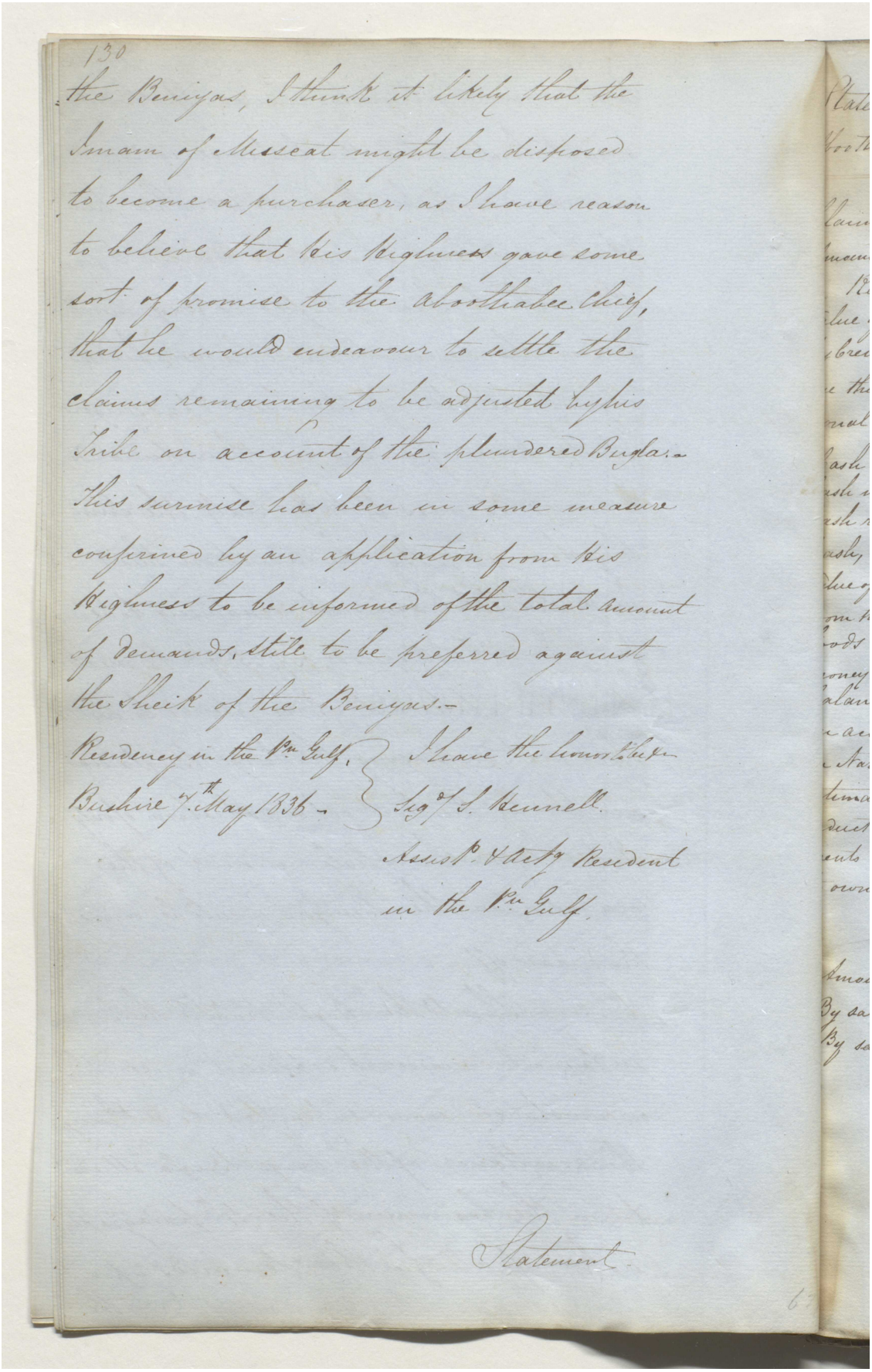

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the Beniyas, I think it likely that the Imam of Misseat might be disposed to become a purchaser, as I have reason to believe that His Highness gave some sort of promise to the Aboothabee Chief, that he would endeavour to settle the claims remaining to be adjusted by his Tribe on account of the plundered Bugla.– This surmise has been in some measure confirmed by an application from His Highness to be informed of the total amount of demands, still to be preferred against the Sheik of the Beniyas.–

Residency in the Pn. Gulf, Bushire 7th May 1836 – } I have the honor to be &c.
Sigd. S. Hennell.
Assist. & Actg. Resident in the Pn. Gulf.

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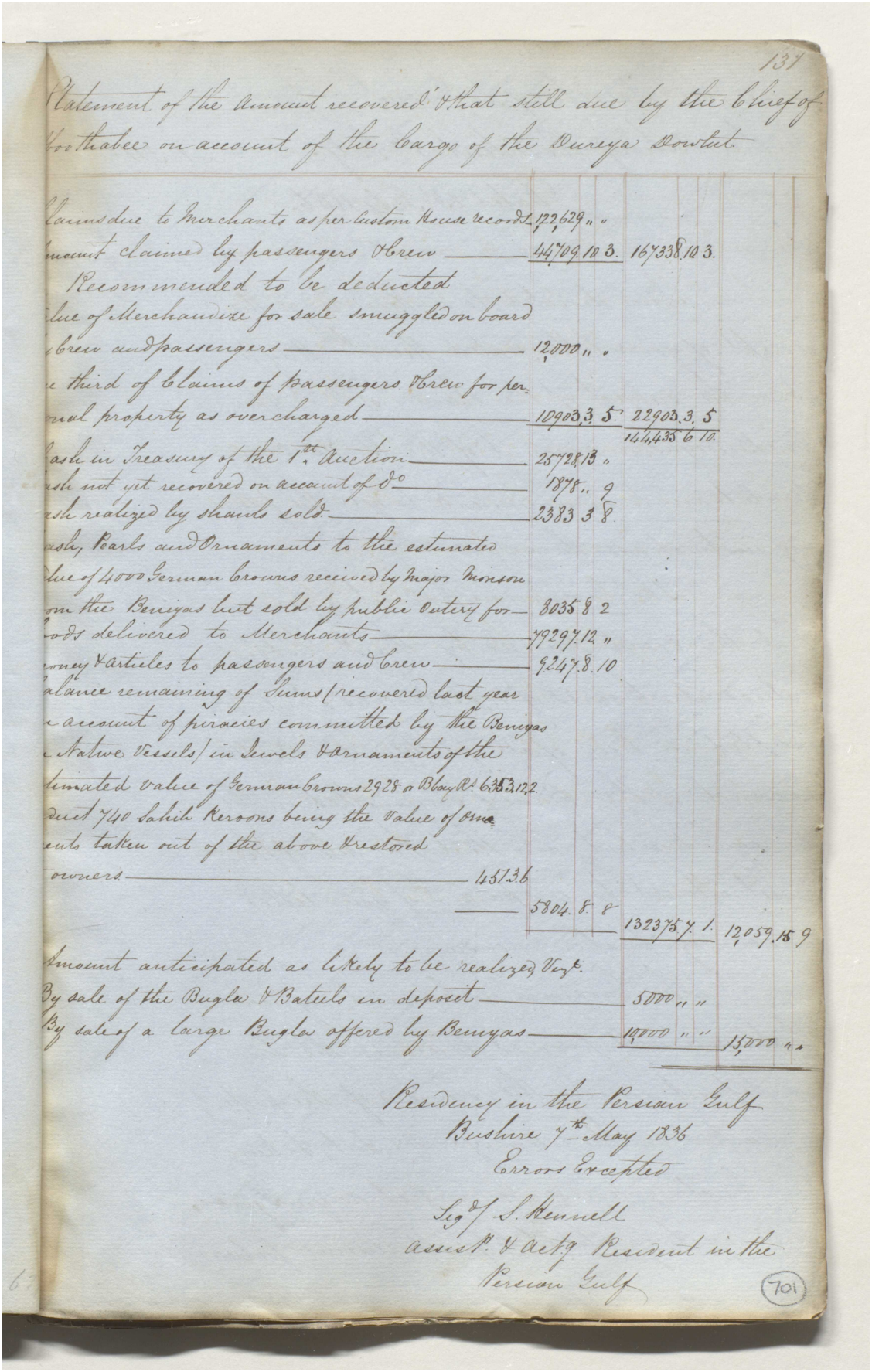

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Statement of the Amount recovered & that still due by the Chief of Soorthabee on account of the Cargo of the Dureya Dowlut

Claims due to Merchants as per Custom House records	122629 " "		
Amount claimed by passengers & Crew	44709.10 3.	167338.10 3.	
Recommended to be deducted			
Value of Merchandize for sale smuggled on board Crew and passengers	12000 " "		
One third of Claims of passengers & Crew for personal property as overcharged	10903.3 5.	22903.3. 5	
		144435 6 10.	
Cash in Treasury of the 1st. Auction	25728.13 "		
Cash not yet recovered on account of Do	1878.. 9		
Cash realized by Shawls sold	2383 3 8.		
Cash, Pearls and Ornaments to the estimated Value of 4000 German Crowns received by Major Monson from the Beniyas but sold by public outcry for	8035 8 2		
Goods delivered to Merchants	79297.12 "		
Money & Articles to passengers and Crew	9247.8.10		
Balance remaining of Sums recovered last year on account of piracies committed by the Beniyas Native Vessels in Jewels & ornaments of the estimated value of German Crowns 2928 or Bombay Rs 6353.12.2			
Deduct 740 Sahib Kerooms being the value of ornaments taken out of the above & restored to owners	45736		
	5804. 8. 8		
		132375 7. 1.	12059.15 9
Amount anticipated as likely to be realized Viz.			
By sale of the Bugla & Batels in deposit		5000 " "	
By sale of a large Bugla offered by Beniyas		10000 " "	15000 " "

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Bushire 7th May 1836
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Sig'd J. Kennell
Assist. & Actg Resident in the
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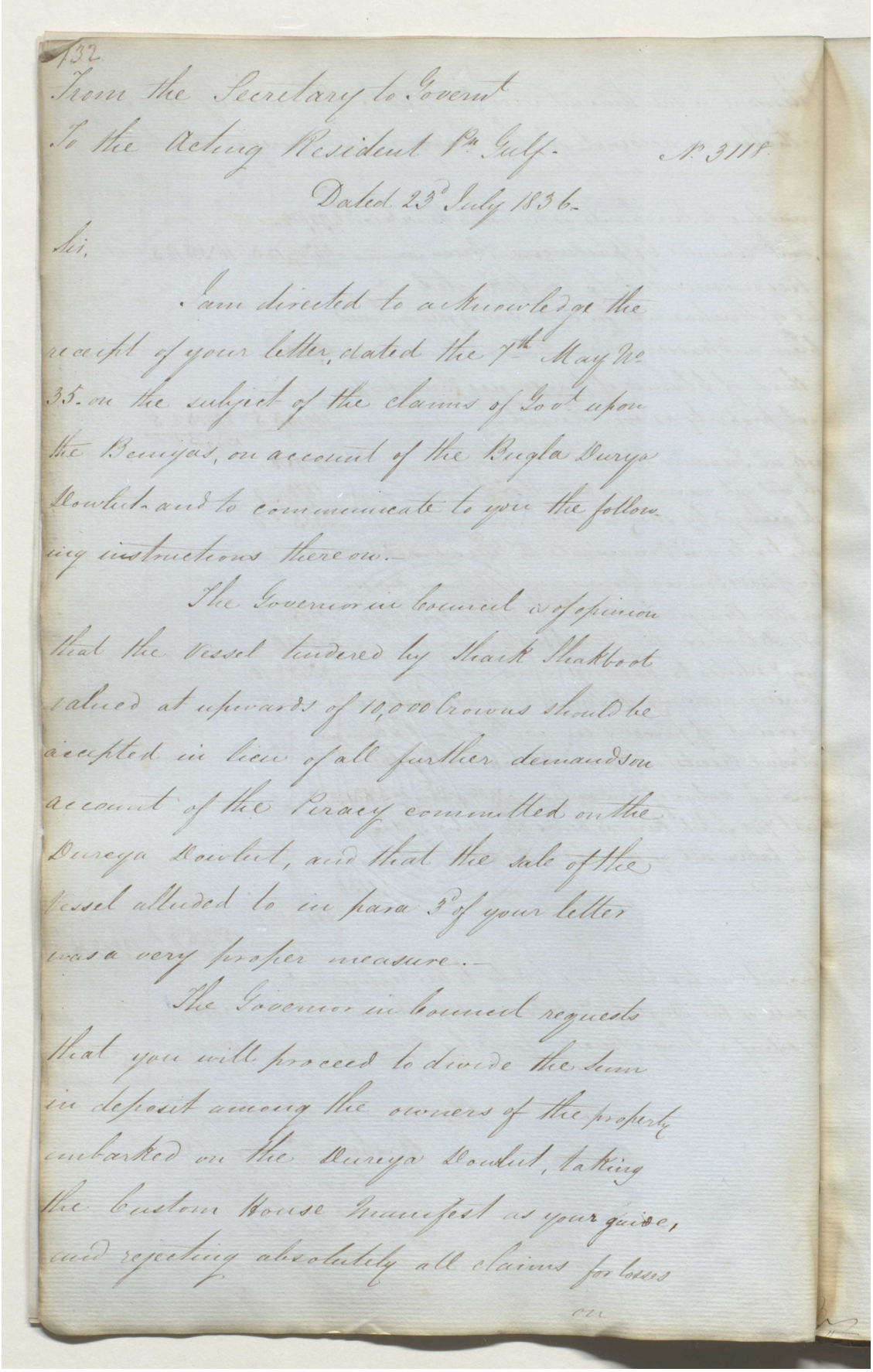

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From the Secretary to Govern^t

To the Acting Resident P^n Gulf. No. 3118

Dated 23^d July 1836.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 7th May No. 35. on the subject of the claims of Gov^t upon the Beniyas, on account of the Bugla Durya Dowlut and to communicate to you the following instructions thereon.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Vessel tendered by Shaik Shakboot valued at upwards of 10,000 Crowns should be accepted in lieu of all further demands on account of the Piracy committed on the Dureya Dowlut, and that the sale of the Vessel alluded to in para 3^d of your letter was a very proper measure.

The Governor in Council requests that you will proceed to divide the sum in deposit among the owners of the property embarked on the Dureya Dowlut, taking the Custom House Manifest as your guide, and rejecting absolutely all claims for losses

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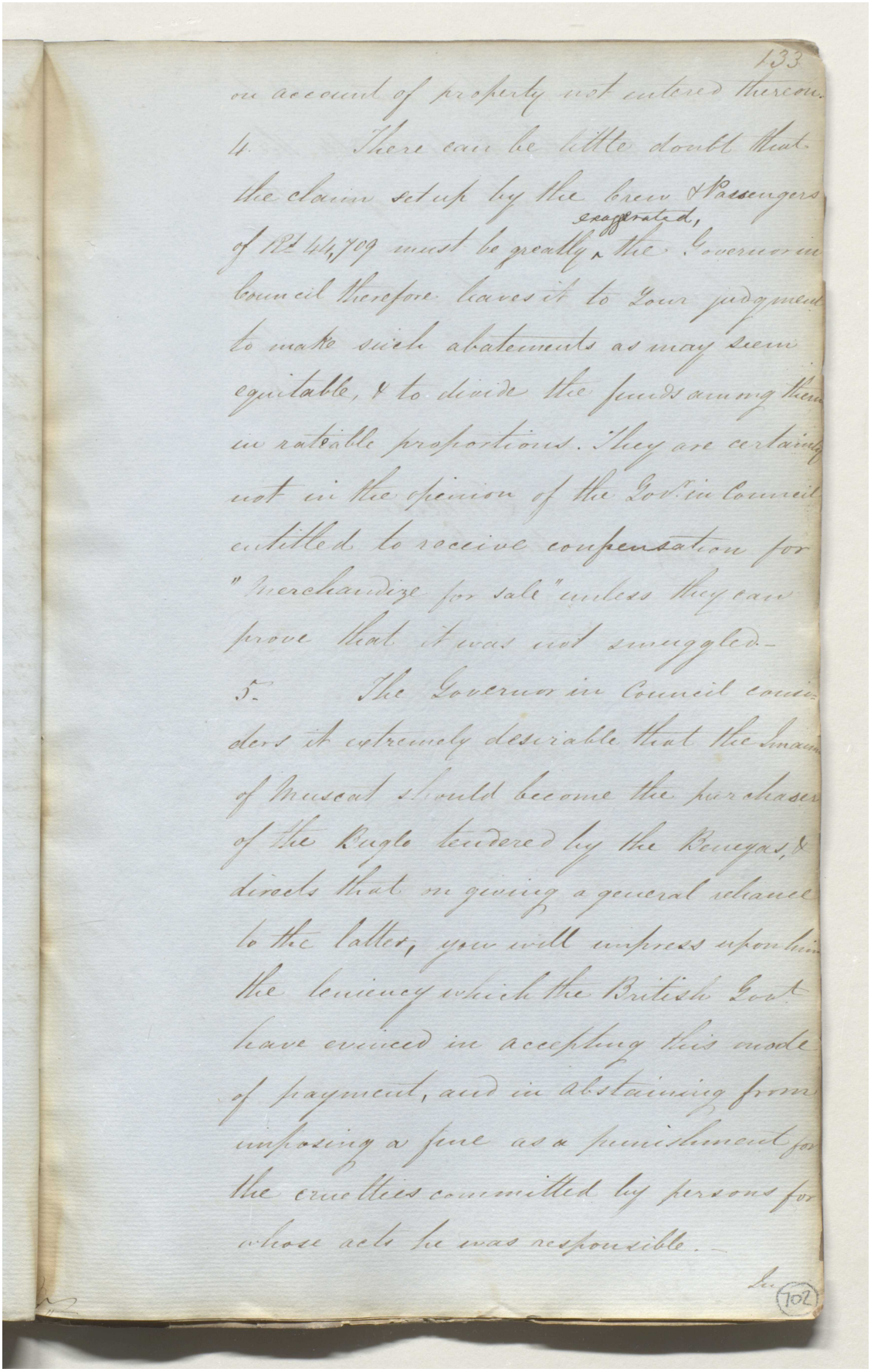

on account of property not entered thereon.

4. There can be little doubt that the claim set up by the Crew & Passengers of Rs 44,709 must be greatly exaggerated, the Governor in Council therefore leaves it to Your judgment to make such abatements as may seem equitable, & to divide the funds among them in rateable proportions. They are certainly not in the opinion of the Govr in Council entitled to receive compensation for "Merchandize for sale" unless they can prove that it was not smuggled.

5. The Governor in Council considers it extremely desirable that the Imaum of Muscat should become the purchaser of the Buglo tendered by the Beneyas, & directs that on giving a general reliance to the latter, you will impress upon him the leniency which the British Govt have evinced in accepting this mode of payment, and in abstaining from imposing a fine as a punishment for the cruelties committed by persons for whose acts he was responsible.

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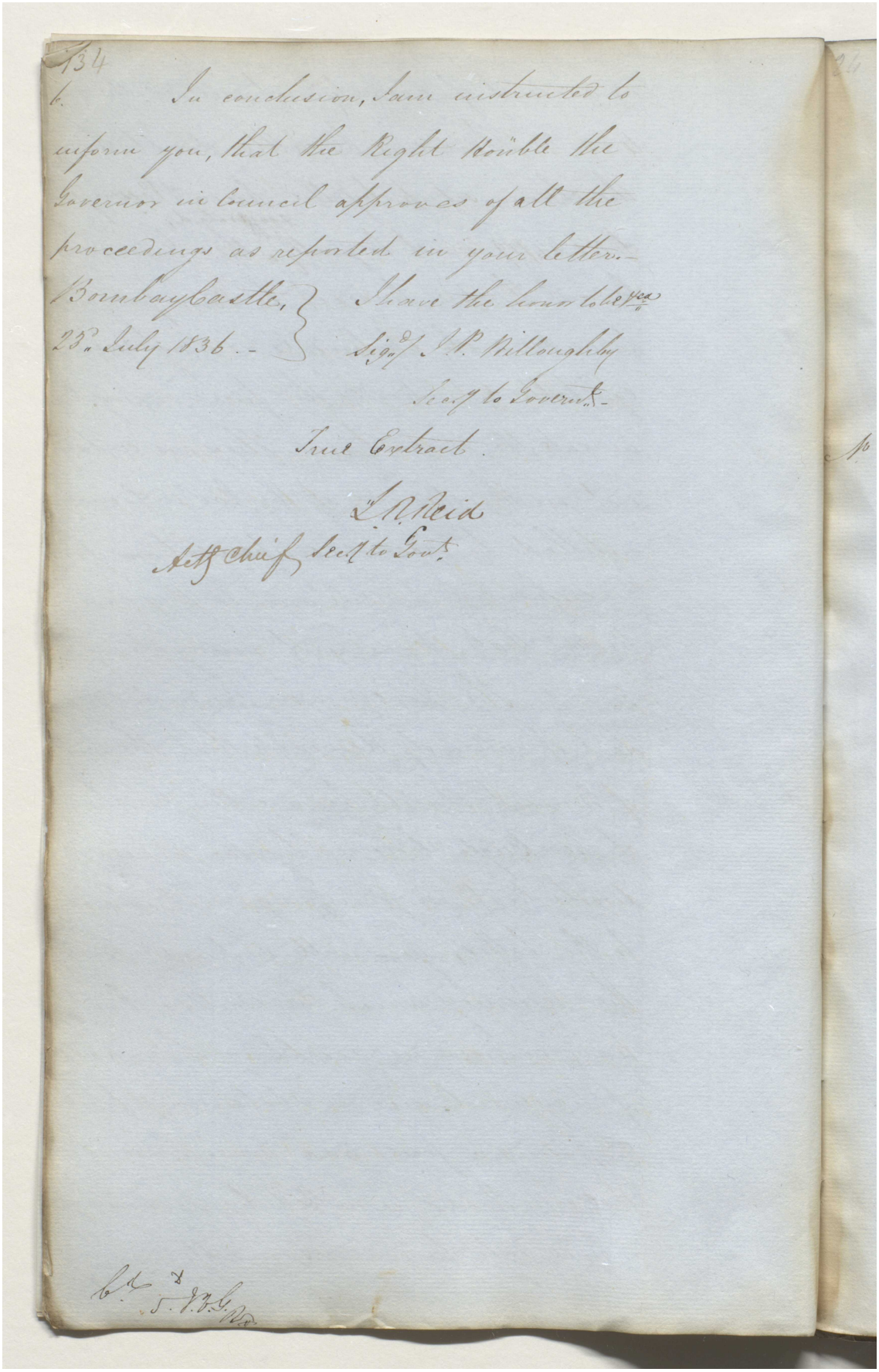

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6. In conclusion, I am instructed to inform you, that the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council approves of all the proceedings as reported in your letter.—

Bombay Castle, 25th July 1836.—

I have the honor to be &ca
Sig'd J. P. Willoughby
Sec'y to Govern't.—

True Extract.

L. R. Reid
Act'g Chief Sec'y to Govt.

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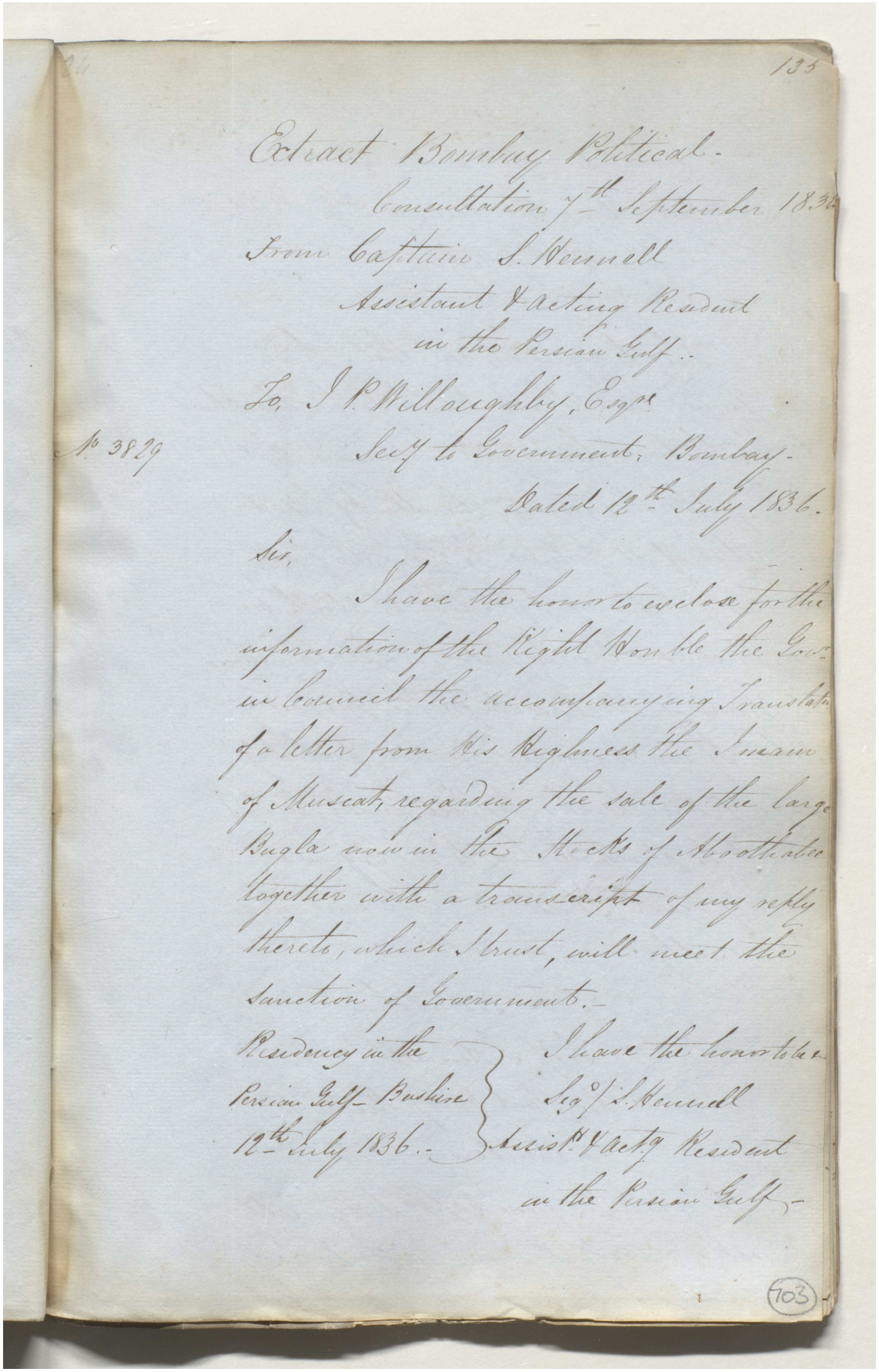

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Consultation 7th September 1836

From Captain S. Hennell

Assistant & Acting Resident

in the Persian Gulf.

To, J. P. Willoughby, Esqre

No 3829 Secy to Government, Bombay.

Dated 12th July 1836.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honble the Govr in Council the accompanying Translatn of a letter from His Highness the Imam of Muscat, regarding the sale of the large Bugla now in the Stocks of Aboothabee together with a transcript of my reply thereto, which I trust, will meet the sanction of Government.

Residency in the Persian Gulf – Bushire 12th July 1836.

I have the honor to be &c

Seqd/ S. Hennell

Assistt & Actg Resident

in the Persian Gulf.

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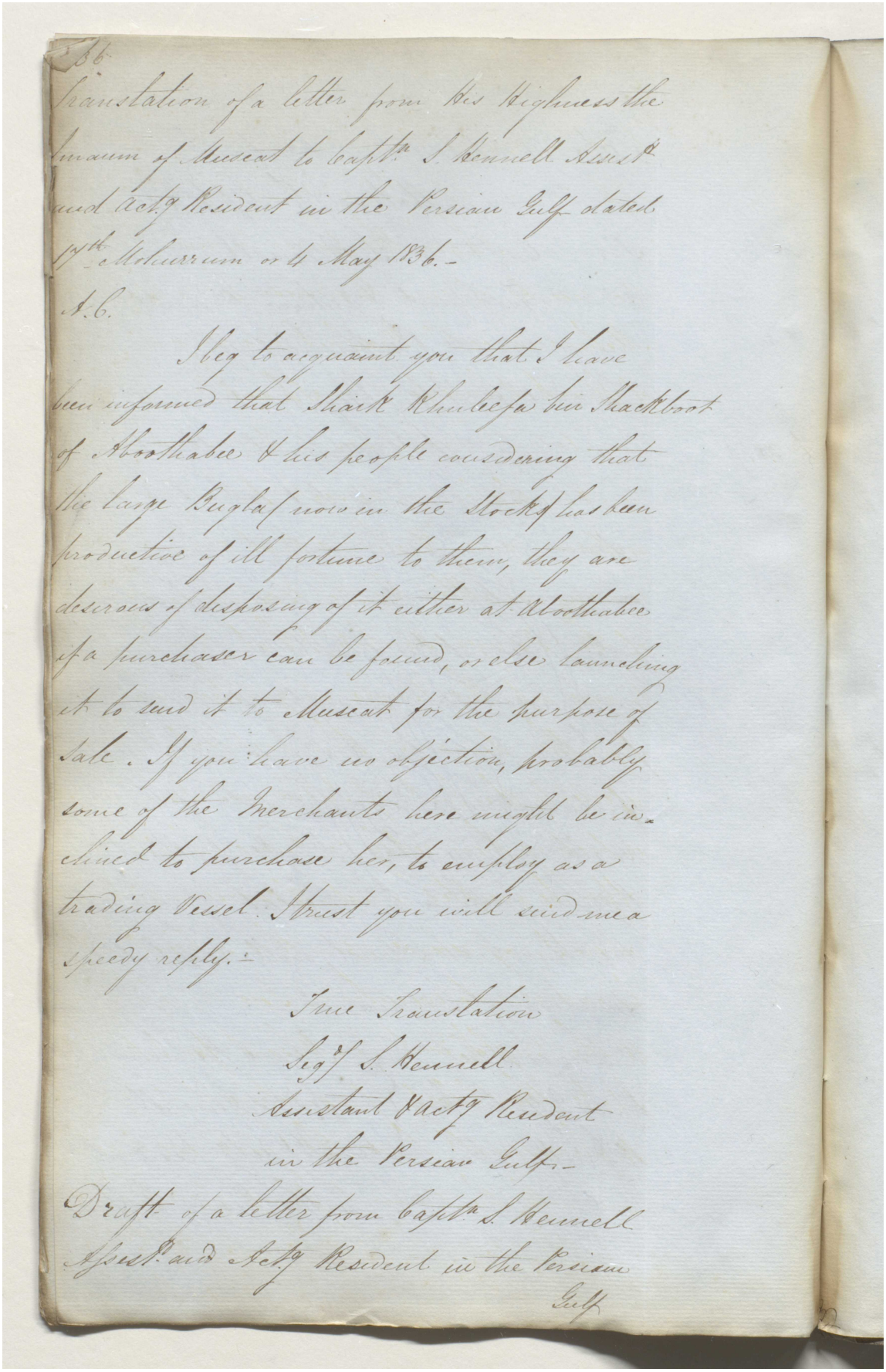


No. 86.

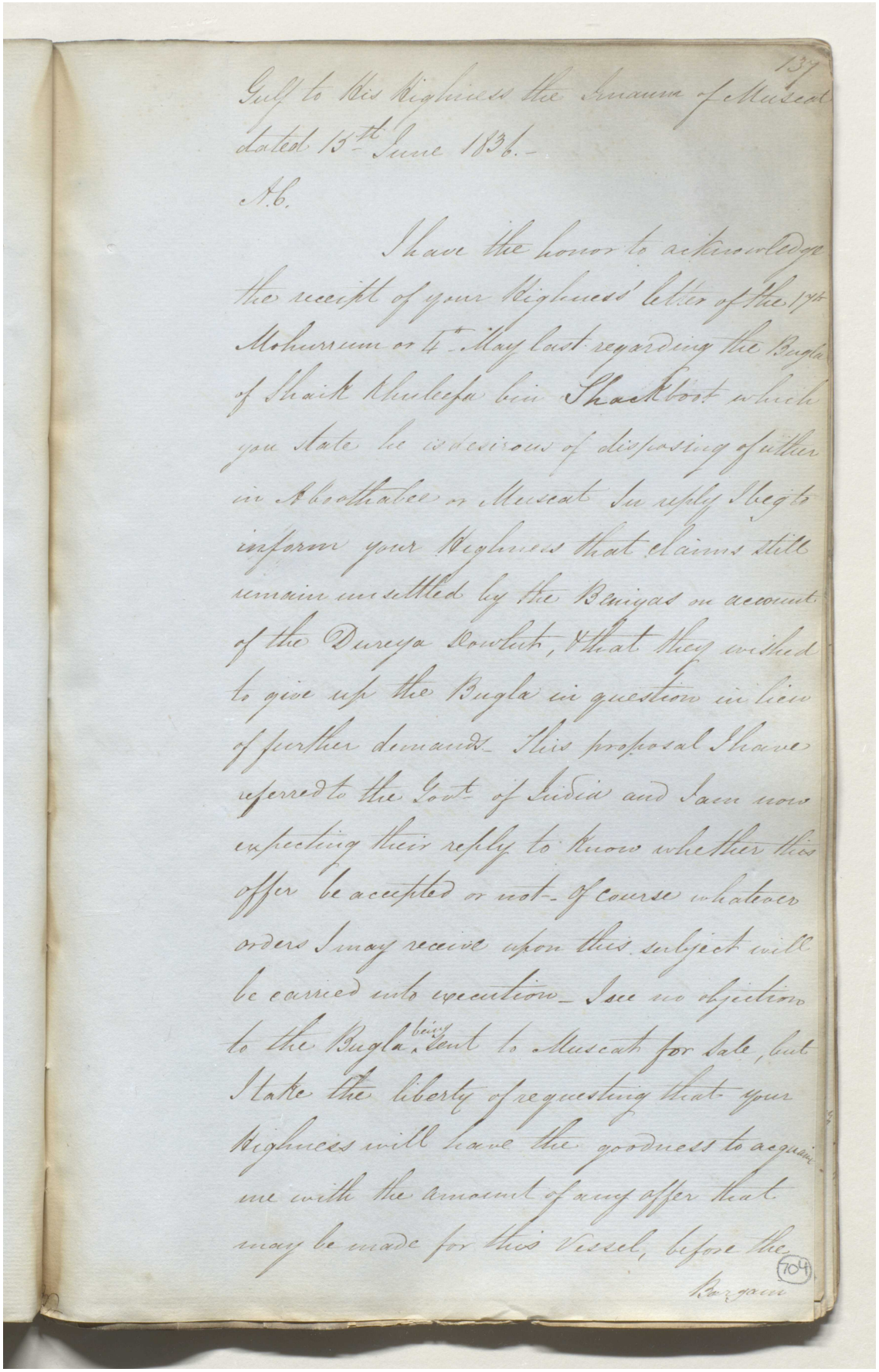
Translation of a letter from His Highness the Imaum of Muscat to Capt.n S. Hennell Asst.t and Actg Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 17th Moharrum or 6 May 1836.–

A.C.

I beg to acquaint you that I have been informed that Shaik Khulefa bin Shaekboot of Aboothabee & his people considering that the large Bugla now in the Stocks has been productive of ill fortune to them, they are desirous of disposing of it either at Aboothabee if a purchaser can be found, or else launching it to send it to Muscat for the purpose of sale. If you have no objection, probably some of the Merchants here might be inclined to purchase her, to employ as a trading Vessel. I trust you will send me a speedy reply.–

True Translation
Sig.d S. Hennell
Assistant & Actg Resident
in the Persian Gulf.–

Draft of a letter from Capt.n S. Hennell Asst.t and Actg Resident in the Persian Gulf



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Gulf to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat dated 15th June 1836.-

A.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Highness' letter of the 17th Mohurrum or 4th May last regarding the Bugla of Shaik Khuleefa bin Shackboot which you state he is desirous of disposing of either in Aboothabee or Muscat In reply I beg to inform your Highness that claims still remain unsettled by the Beniyas on account of the Dureya Dowlut, & that they wished to give up the Bugla in question in lieu of further demands. This proposal I have referred to the Govt. of India and I am now expecting their reply to know whether this offer be accepted or not. Of course whatever orders I may receive upon this subject will be carried into execution. I see no objection to the Bugla being sent to Muscat for sale, but I take the liberty of requesting that your Highness will have the goodness to acquaint me with the amount of any offer that may be made for this Vessel, before the

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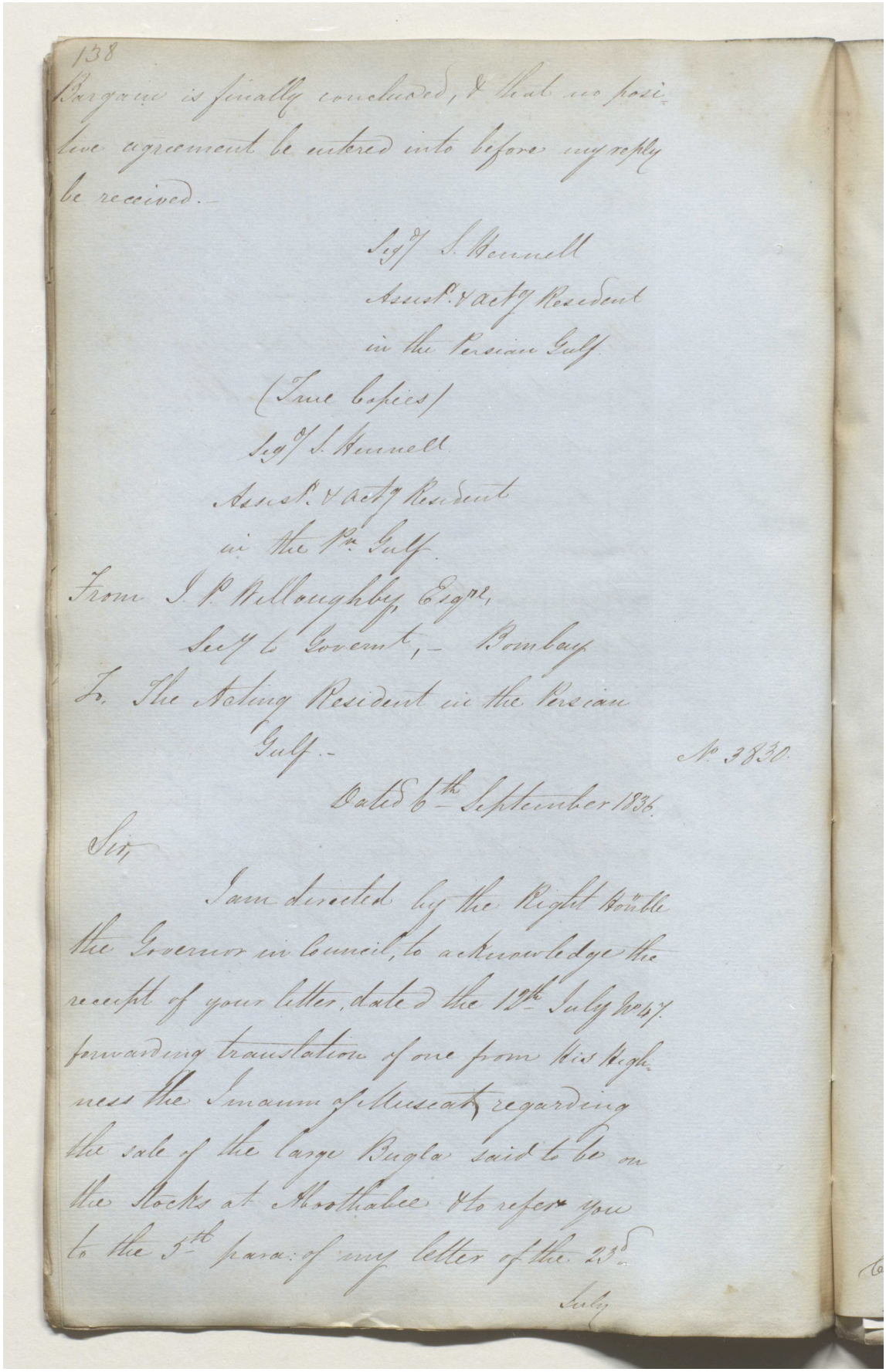
Bargain



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Bargain is finally concluded, & that no positive agreement be entered into before my reply be received.–

Sig^d S. Hennell
Assist^t & Act^g Resident
in the Persian Gulf

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Sig^d S. Hennell
Assist^t & Act^g Resident
in the P^n Gulf.

From J. P. Willoughby Esqre,
Sec^y to Govern^t, – Bombay
To, The Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf.–

No. 3830.

Dated 6th September 1836.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 12th July No. 47. forwarding translation of one from His Highness the Imaum of Muscat, regarding the sale of the large Bugla said to be on the Stocks at Aboothabee & to refer you to the 5th para: of my letter of the 23^d

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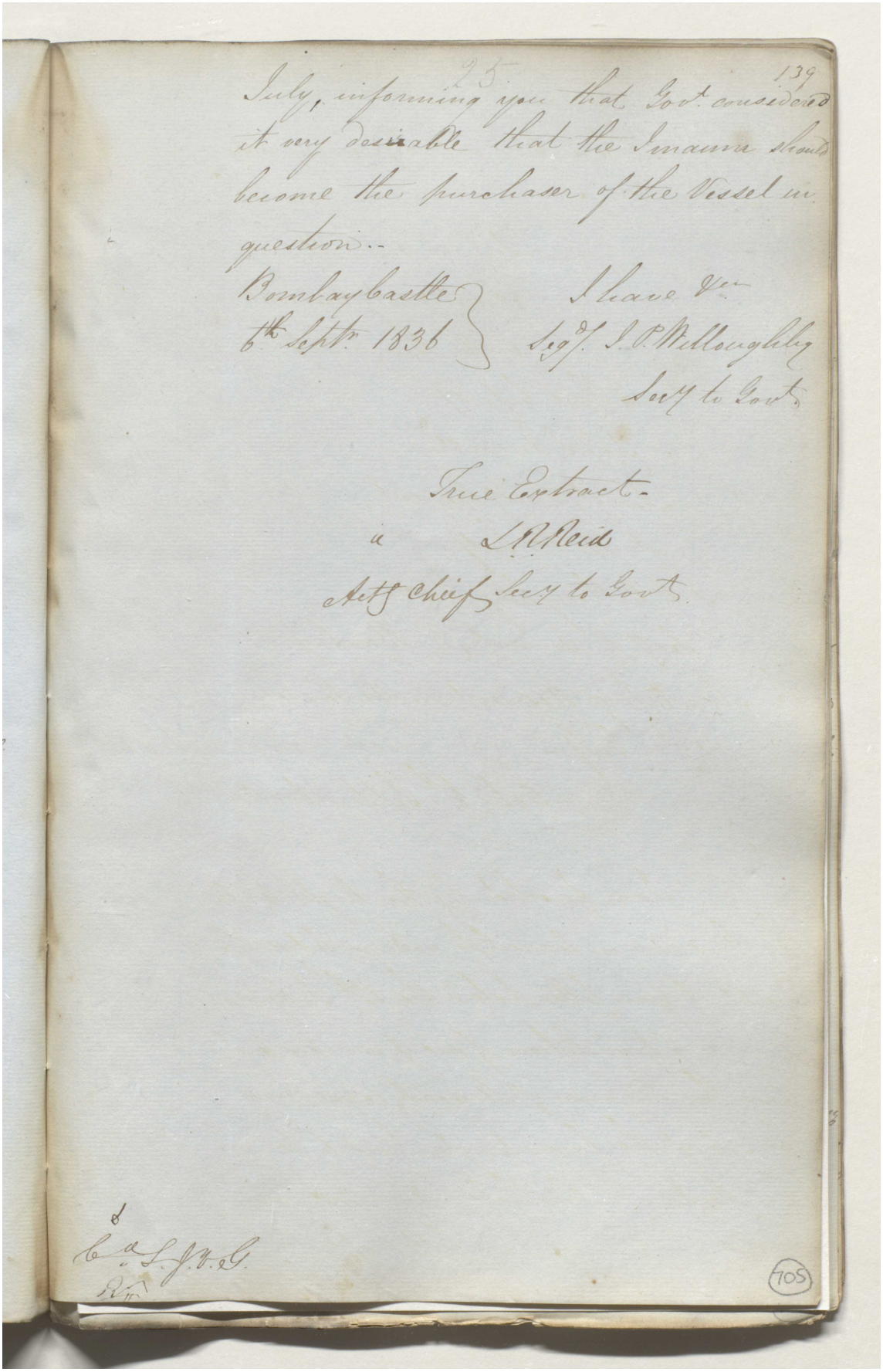

July, informing you that Govt. considered it very desirable that the Imaum should become the purchaser of the Vessel in question.

Bombay Castle
6th Septr. 1836

I have &c.
Seqd. J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.

True Extract.
" L. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy to Govt.

Cd. L. J. V. G.
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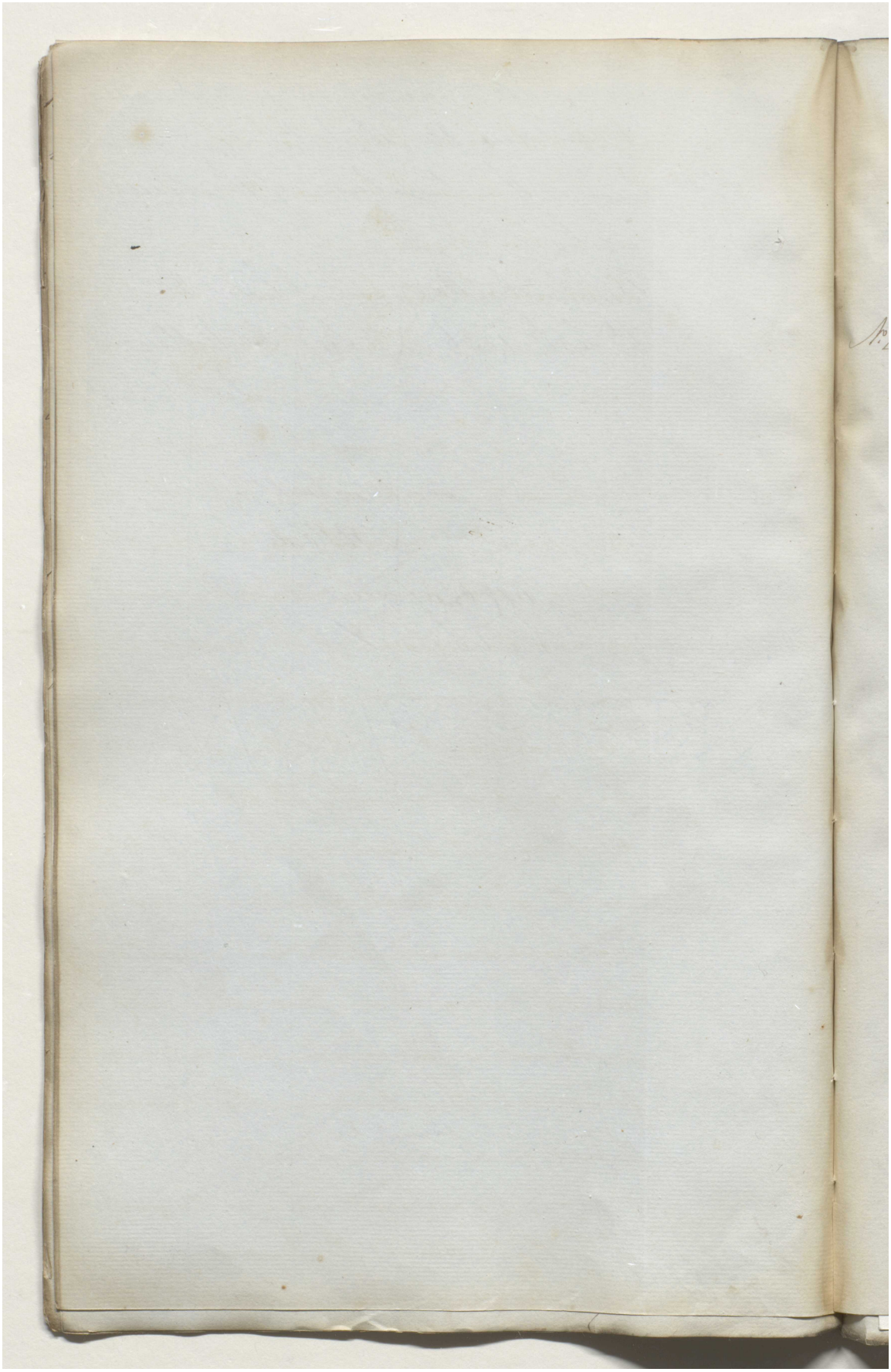

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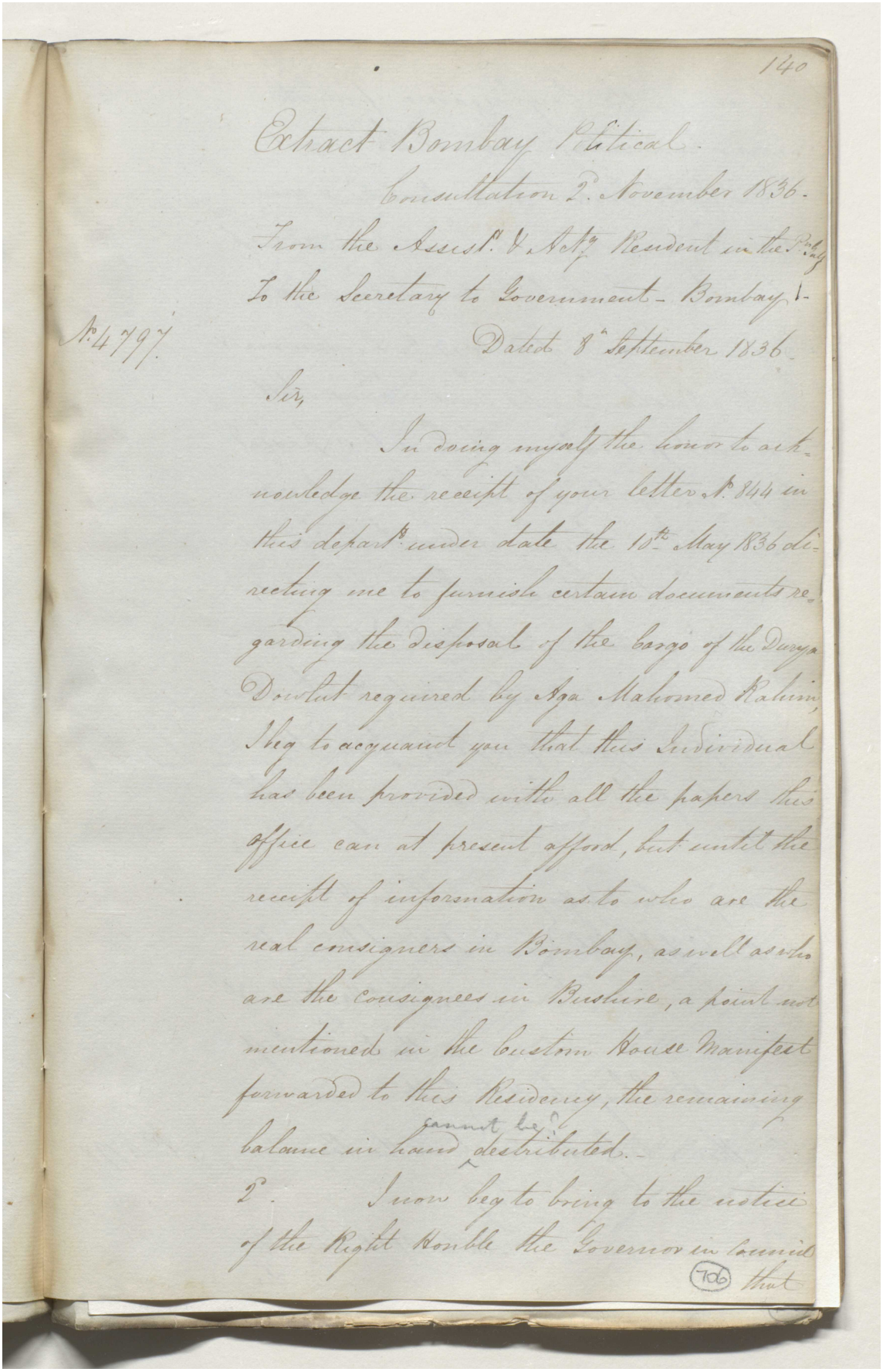

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Extract Bombay Political.

Consultation 2. November 1836.

From the Assist. & Actg Resident in the P.G.

To the Secretary to Government – Bombay.

No 479

Dated 8th September 1836.

Sir,

In doing myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 844 in this depart. under date the 10th May 1836 directing me to furnish certain documents regarding the disposal of the cargo of the Durya Dowlut required by Aga Mahomed Rahim, I beg to acquaint you that this Individual has been provided with all the papers this office can at present afford, but until the receipt of information as to who are the real consignors in Bombay, as well as who are the consignees in Bushire, a point not mentioned in the Custom House Manifest forwarded to this Residency, the remaining balance in hand cannot be distributed.

2. I now beg to bring to the notice of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that

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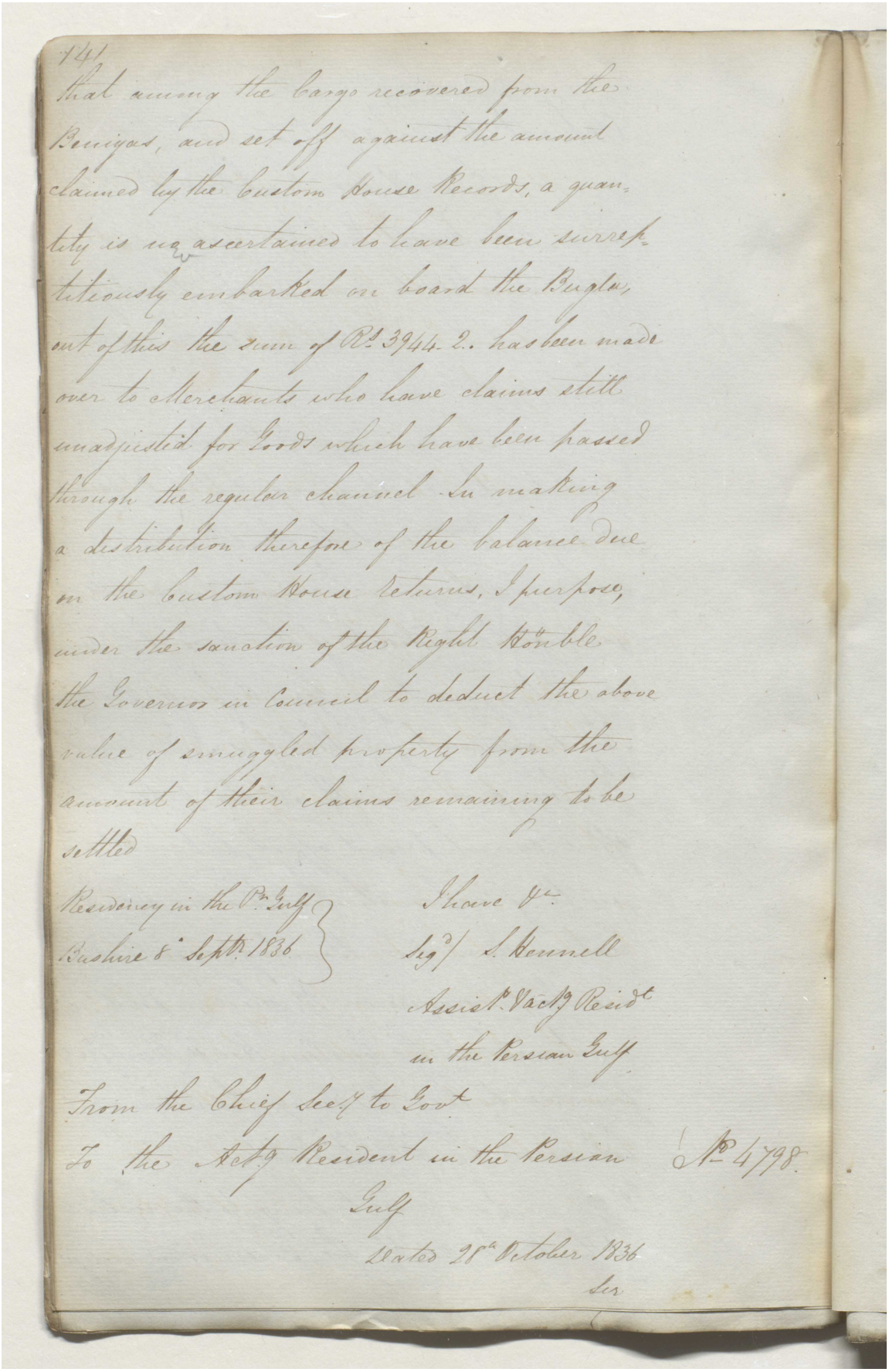

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that among the Cargo recovered from the Beniyas, and set off against the amount claimed by the Custom House Records, a quantity is now ascertained to have been surreptitiously embarked on board the Bugla, out of this the sum of Rs. 3944-2. has been made over to Merchants who have claims still unadjusted for Goods which have been passed through the regular channel. In making a distribution therefore of the balance due on the Custom House returns, I purpose, under the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to deduct the above value of smuggled property from the amount of their claims remaining to be settled

Residency in the Pn. Gulf
Bushire 8th Septr. 1836

I have &c.
Sgd/ S. Hennell
Assistt. & Actg. Residt.
in the Persian Gulf

From the Chief Secy. to Govt.
To the Actg. Resident in the Persian Gulf

No. 4798.

Dated 28th October 1836

Sir

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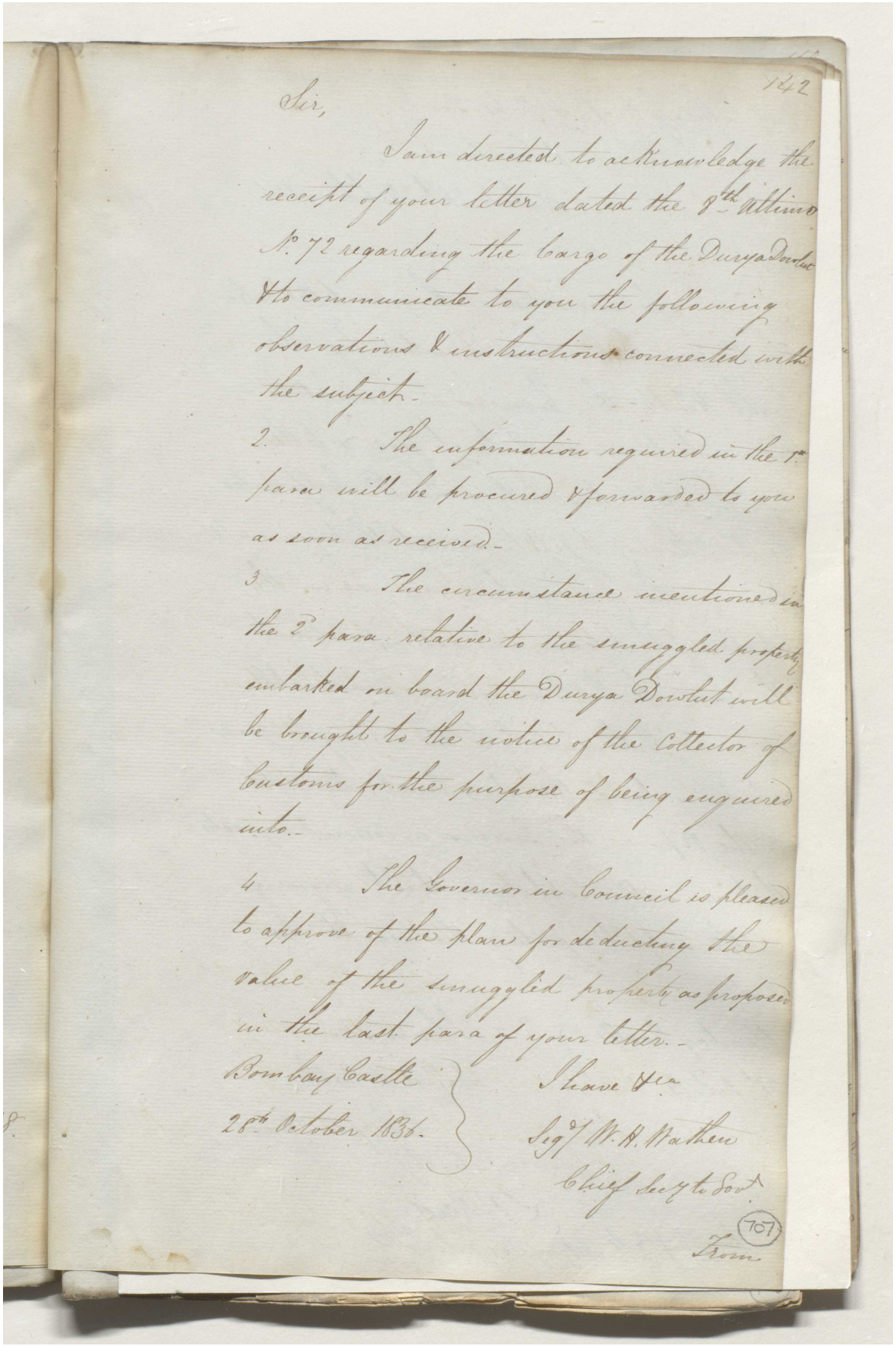

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Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 9th ultimo No. 72 regarding the cargo of the Durya Dowlut & to communicate to you the following observations & instructions connected with the subject.

2. The information required in the 1st para will be procured & forwarded to you as soon as received.

3 The circumstance mentioned in the 2 para relative to the smuggled property embarked on board the Durya Dowlut will be brought to the notice of the Collector of Customs for the purpose of being enquired into.

4 The Governor in Council is pleased to approve of the plan for deducting the value of the smuggled property as proposed in the last para of your letter.

Bombay Castle
28th October 1836.

I have &c
Sgd W. H. Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt

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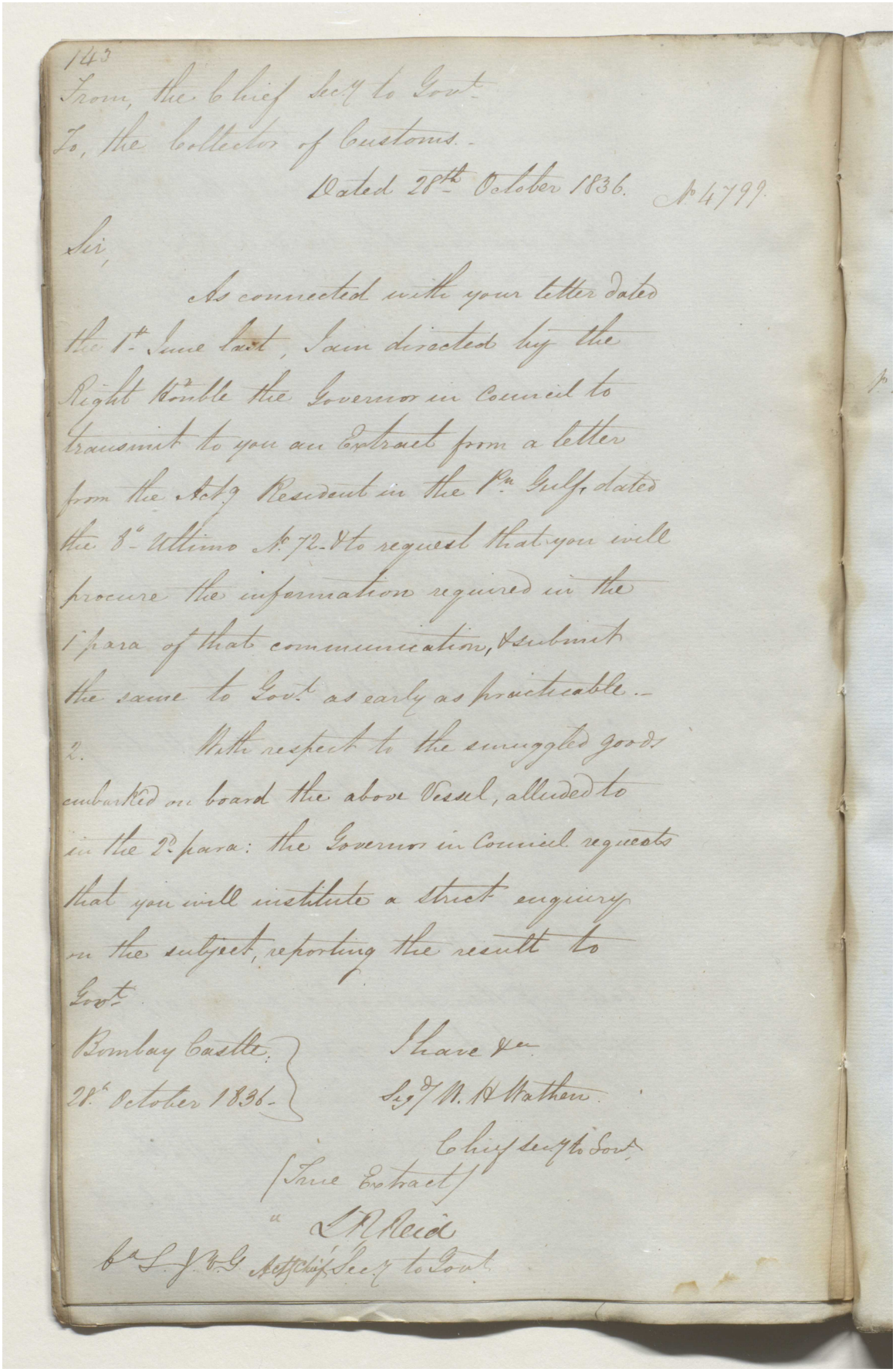

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From, the Chief Secy to Govt.

To, the Collector of Customs.

Dated 28th October 1836. No. 4799.

Sir,

As connected with your letter dated the 1st June last, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you an Extract from a letter from the Actg Resident in the Pn Gulf, dated the 8th Ultimo No. 72 & to request that you will procure the information required in the 1 para of that communication, & submit the same to Govt as early as practicable.

2. With respect to the smuggled goods embarked on board the above Vessel, alluded to in the 2d para: the Governor in Council requests that you will institute a strict enquiry on the subject, reporting the result to Govt.

Bombay Castle, 28th October 1836.

I have &c.

Sgd W. H. Wathen

Chief Secy to Govt.

(True Extract)

L. R. Reid

Cd L. J. V. G. Actg Chief Secy to Govt.

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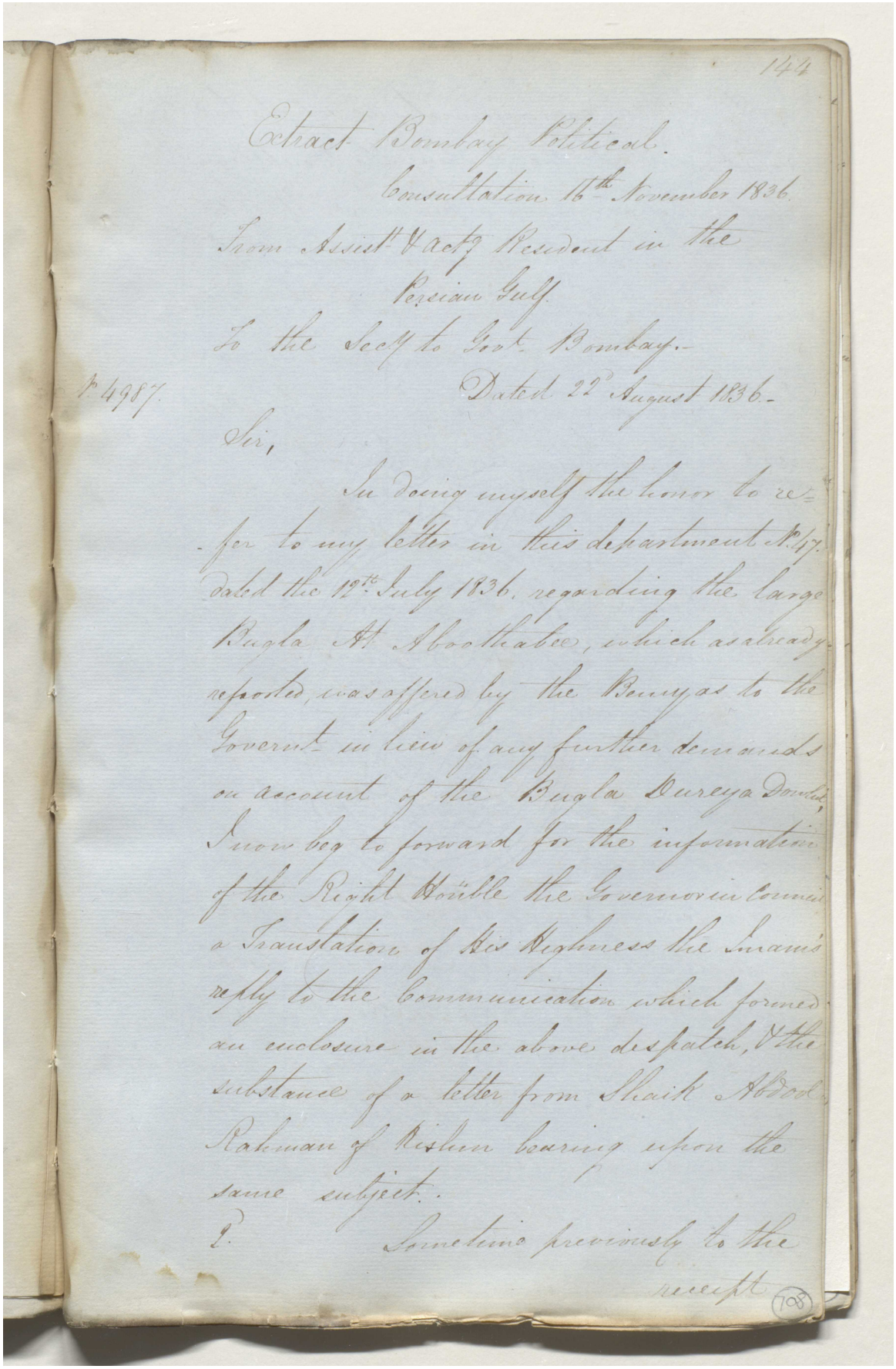

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Extract Bombay Political.

Consultation 16th November 1836.

From Assist Actg Resident in the Persian Gulf

To the Secy to Govt Bombay.-

P 4987. Dated 22 August 1836.-

Sir,

In doing myself the honor to refer to my letter in this department No 47. dated the 12th July 1836, regarding the large Bugla At Aboothabee, which as already reported, was offered by the Beny yas to the Govert in lieu of any further demands on account of the Bugla Dureya Dowlut, I now beg to forward for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council a Translation of His Highness the Imam's reply to the Communication which formed an enclosure in the above despatch, & the substance of a letter from Shaikh Abdool Rahman of Kishm bearing upon the same subject.

2. Sometime previously to the receipt

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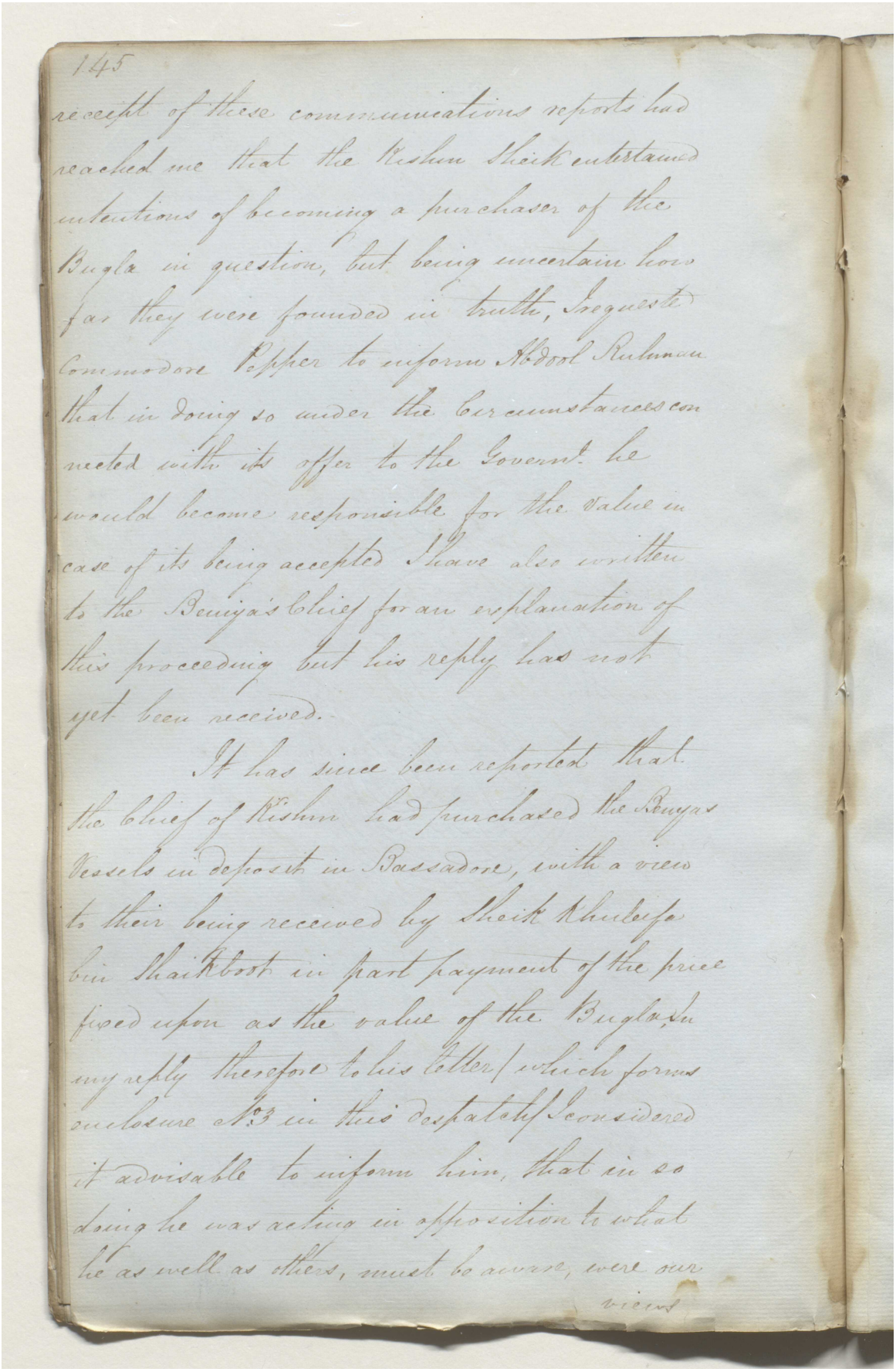

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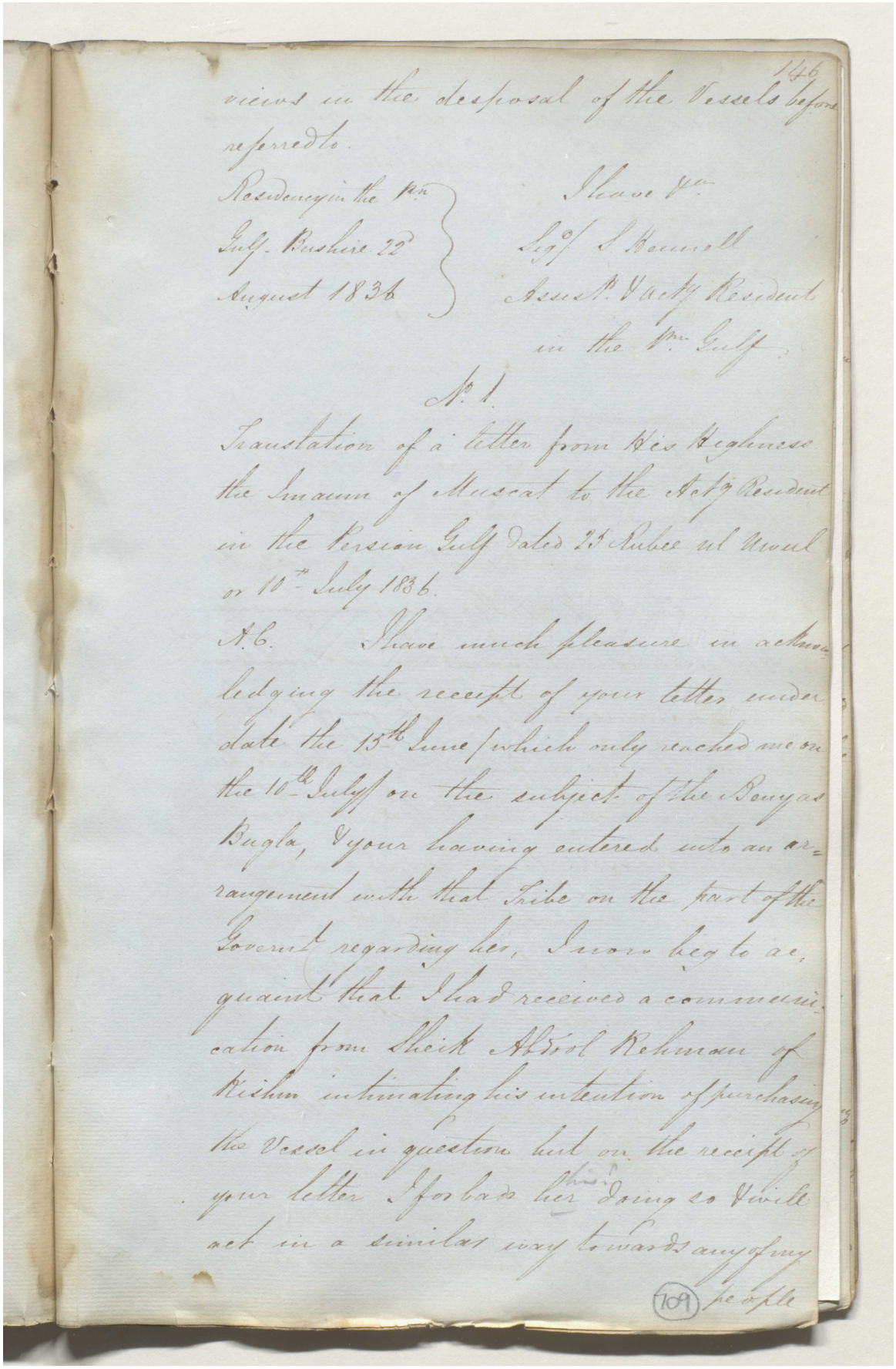
receipt of these communications reports had reached me that the Keshm Sheik entertained intentions of becoming a purchaser of the Bugla in question, but being uncertain how far they were founded in truth, I requested Commodore Pepper to inform Abdool Rahmun that in doing so under the circumstances connected with its offer to the Govern.t he would become responsible for the value in case of its being accepted I have also written to the Beniya's Chief for an explanation of this proceeding but his reply has not yet been received.

It has since been reported that the Chief of Keshm had purchased the Beniyas Vessels in deposit in Bassadore, with a view to their being received by Sheik Khuleefa bin Shaikhoot in part payment of the price fixed upon as the value of the Bugla, in my reply therefore to his letter, which forms enclosure No.3 in this despatch, I considered it advisable to inform him, that in so doing he was acting in opposition to what he as well as others, must be aware, were our views



views in the desposal of the Vessels before referred to.

Residency in the Pn. Gulf - Bushire 22d August 1836

I have &c.
Sigd/ S. Hennell
Assist. & Actg Resident in the Pn. Gulf

No. 1.

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Imaum of Muscat to the Actg Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 25 Rubee ul Uwul or 10th July 1836.

A.C. I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter under date the 15th June (which only reached me on the 10th July) on the subject of the Benyas Bugla, & your having entered into an arrangement with that Tribe on the part of the Governt regarding her, I now beg to acquaint that I had received a communication from Sheik Abdool Rehman of Kishm intimating his intention of purchasing the Vessel in question but on the receipt of your letter I forbade her this doing so & will act in a similar way towards any of my people

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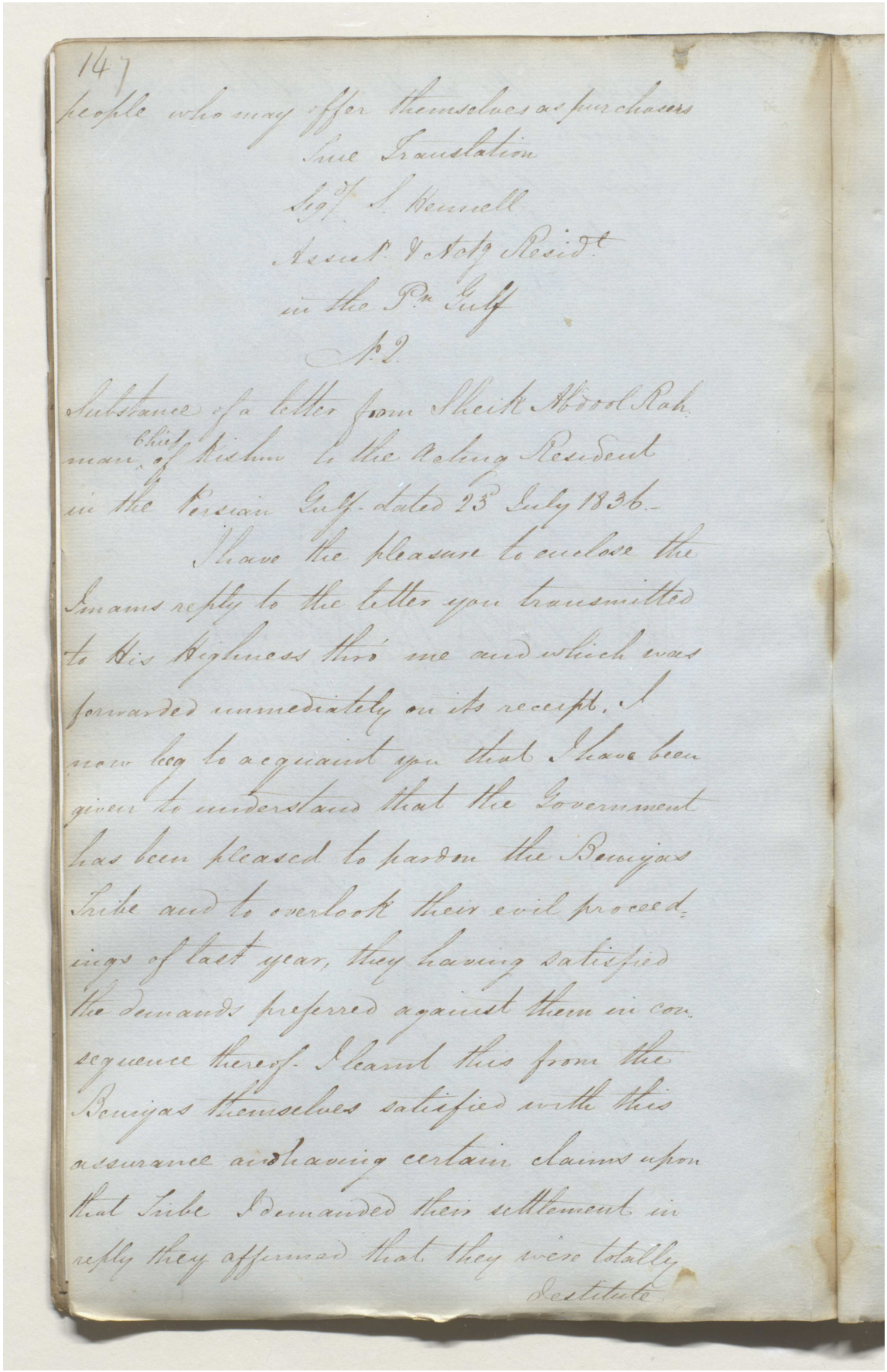

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people who may offer themselves as purchasers

True Translation

Sig^d S. Hennell

Assist. & Act^g Resid^t

in the P^n Gulf

No. 2.

Substance of a letter from Sheik Abdool Rahman Chief of Kishm to the Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 23 July 1836.

I have the pleasure to enclose the Imams reply to the letter you transmitted to His Highness thro' me and which was forwarded immediately on its receipt. I now beg to acquaint you that I have been given to understand that the Government has been pleased to pardon the Beniyas Tribe and to overlook their evil proceedings of last year, they having satisfied the demands preferred against them in consequence thereof. I learnt this from the Beniyas themselves satisfied with this assurance and having certain claims upon that Tribe I demanded their settlement in reply they affirmed that they were totally

destitute

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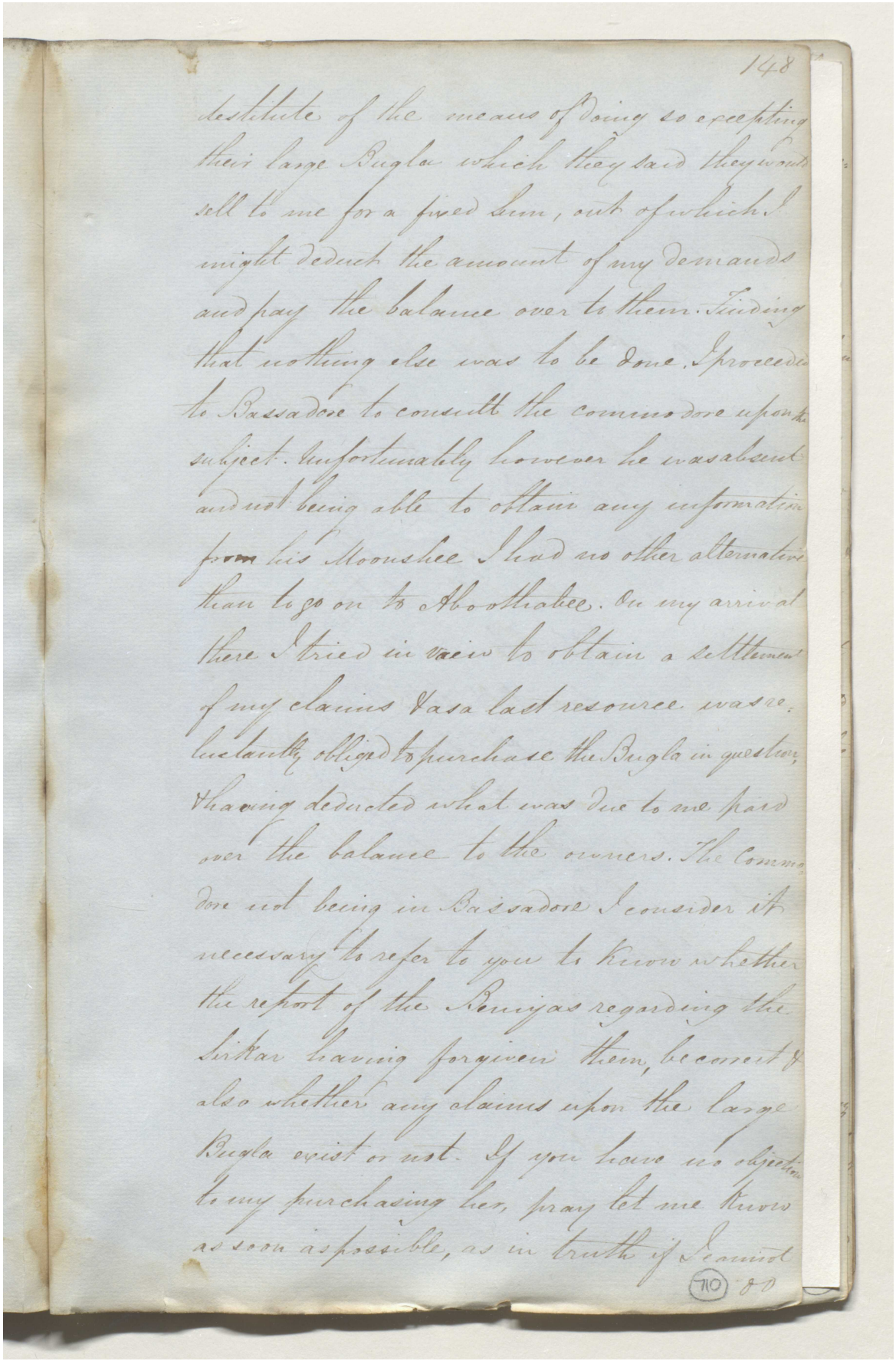

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destitute of the means of doing so excepting their large Bugla which they said they would sell to me for a fixed sum, out of which I might deduct the amount of my demands and pay the balance over to them. Finding that nothing else was to be done, I proceeded to Bassadore to consult the commodore upon the subject. Unfortunately however he was absent and not being able to obtain any information from his Moonshee I had no other alternative than to go on to Abooshahee. On my arrival there I tried in vain to obtain a settlement of my claims & as a last resource was reluctantly obliged to purchase the Bugla in question, & having deducted what was due to me paid over the balance to the owners. The commodore not being in Bassadore I consider it necessary to refer to you to know whether the report of the Beniyas regarding the Sirkar having forgiven them, be correct & also whether any claims upon the large Bugla exist or not. If you have no objection to my purchasing her, pray let me know as soon as possible, as in truth if I cannot

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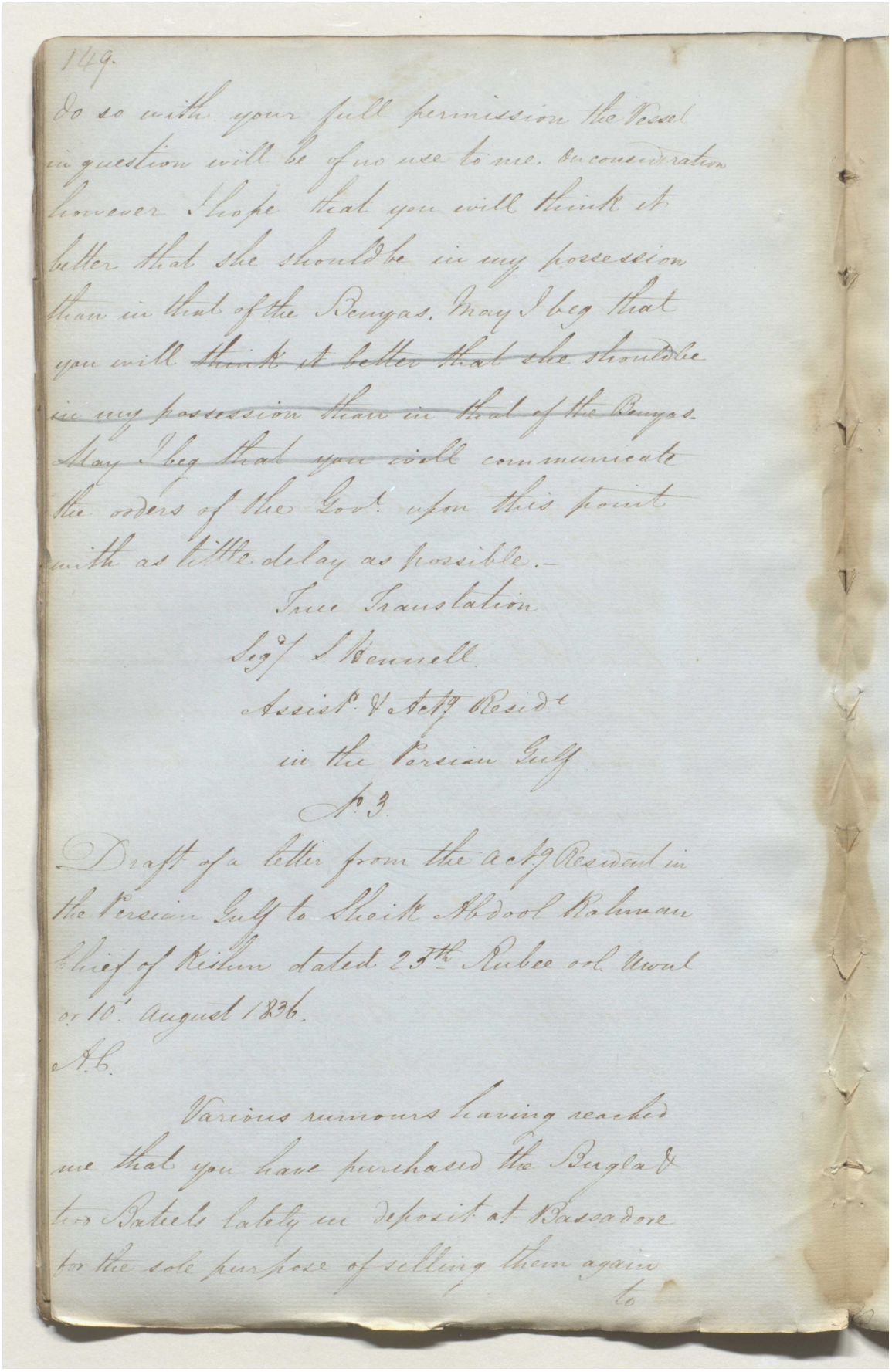

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Do so with your full permission the Vessel in question will be of no use to me. On consideration however I hope that you will think it better that she should be in my possession than in that of the Benyas. May I beg that you will ~~think it better that she should be in my possession than in that of the Benyas. May I beg that you will~~ communicate the orders of the Govt upon this point with as little delay as possible.-

True Translation
Lgd J. Bennell
Assist. & Actg Resdt
in the Persian Gulf

No 3.

Draft of a letter from the actg Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sheik Abdool Rahman Chief of Kishm dated 25th Rubee ool Awul or 10th August 1836.

A.L.

Various rumours having reached me that you have purchased the Bugla & two Baltels lately in deposit at Bassadore for the sole purpose of selling them again to

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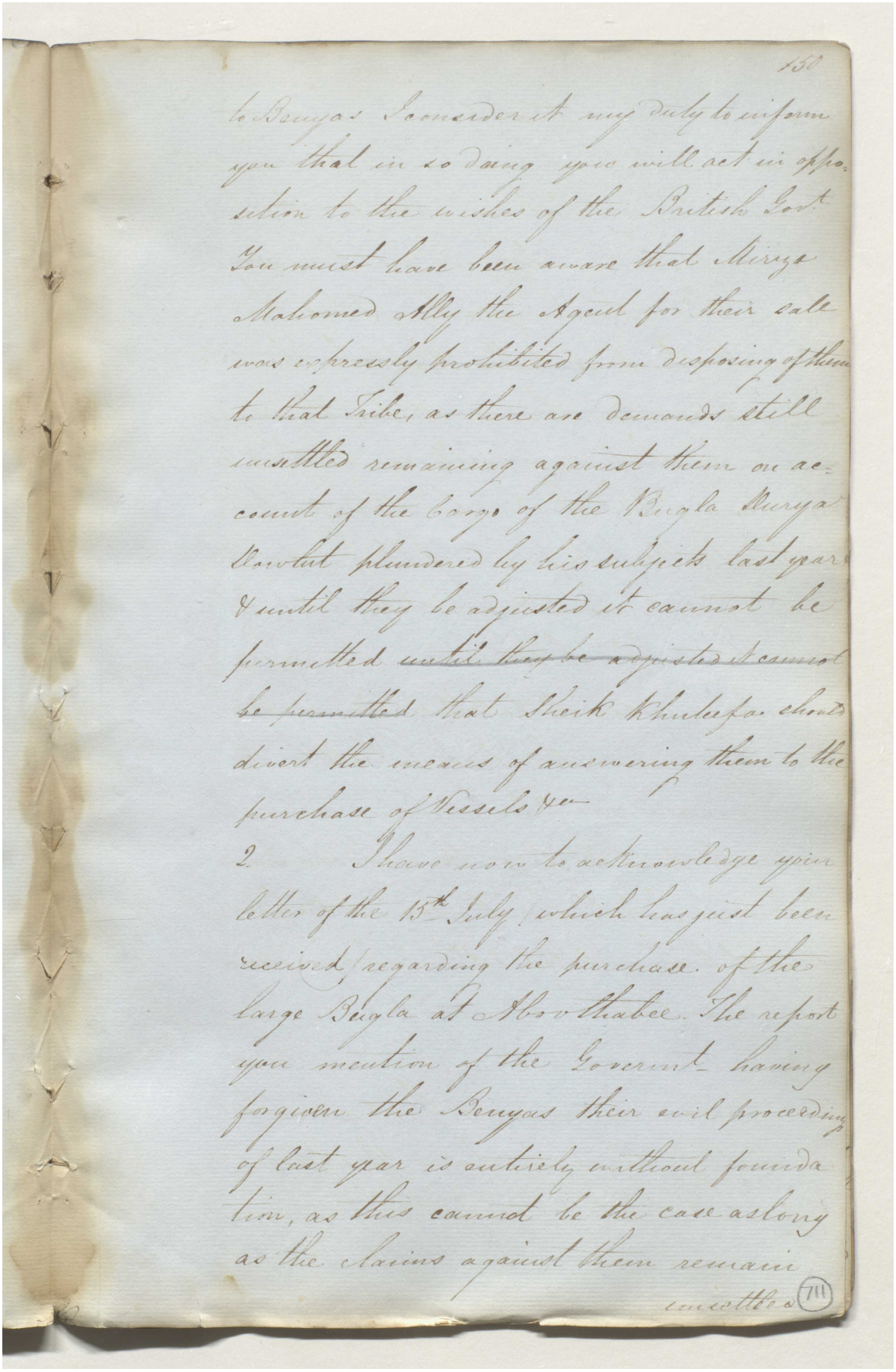

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to Beeyas I consider it my duty to inform you that in so doing you will act in opposition to the wishes of the British Govt. You must have been aware that Meerza Mahomed Ally the Agent for their sale was expressly prohibited from disposing of them to that Tribe, as there are demands still unsettled remaining against them on account of the Cargo of the Bugla Meerza Dowlut plundered by his subjects last year & until they be adjusted it cannot be permitted ~~until they be adjusted it cannot be permitted~~ that Sheik Khuleefa should divert the means of answering them to the purchase of Vessels &c—

2 I have now to acknowledge your letter of the 15th July which has just been received regarding the purchase of the large Bugla at Abothabee. The report you mention of the Govermt having forgiven the Beeyas their evil proceedings of last year is entirely without foundation, as this cannot be the case as long as the claims against them remain unsettled

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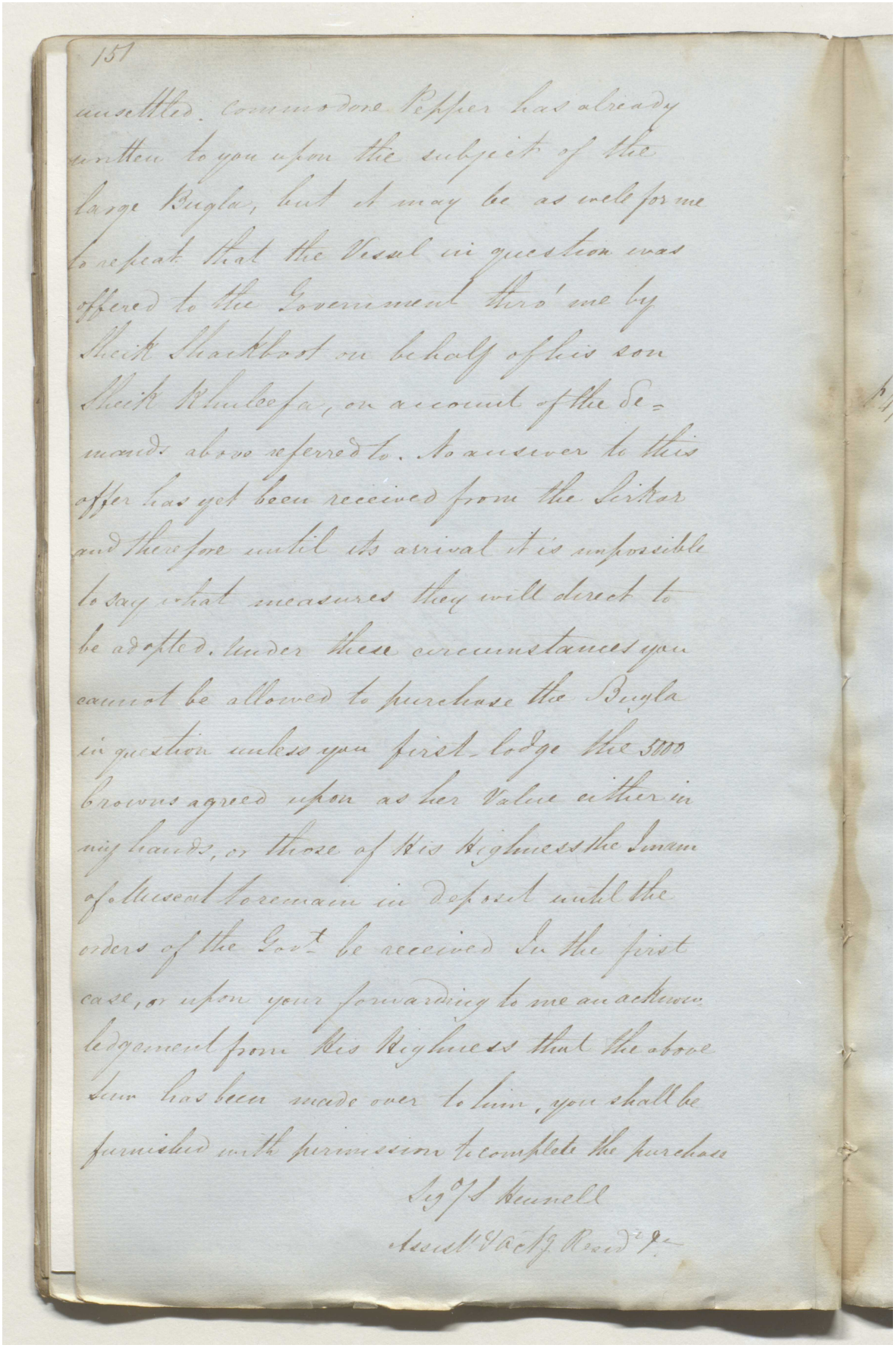

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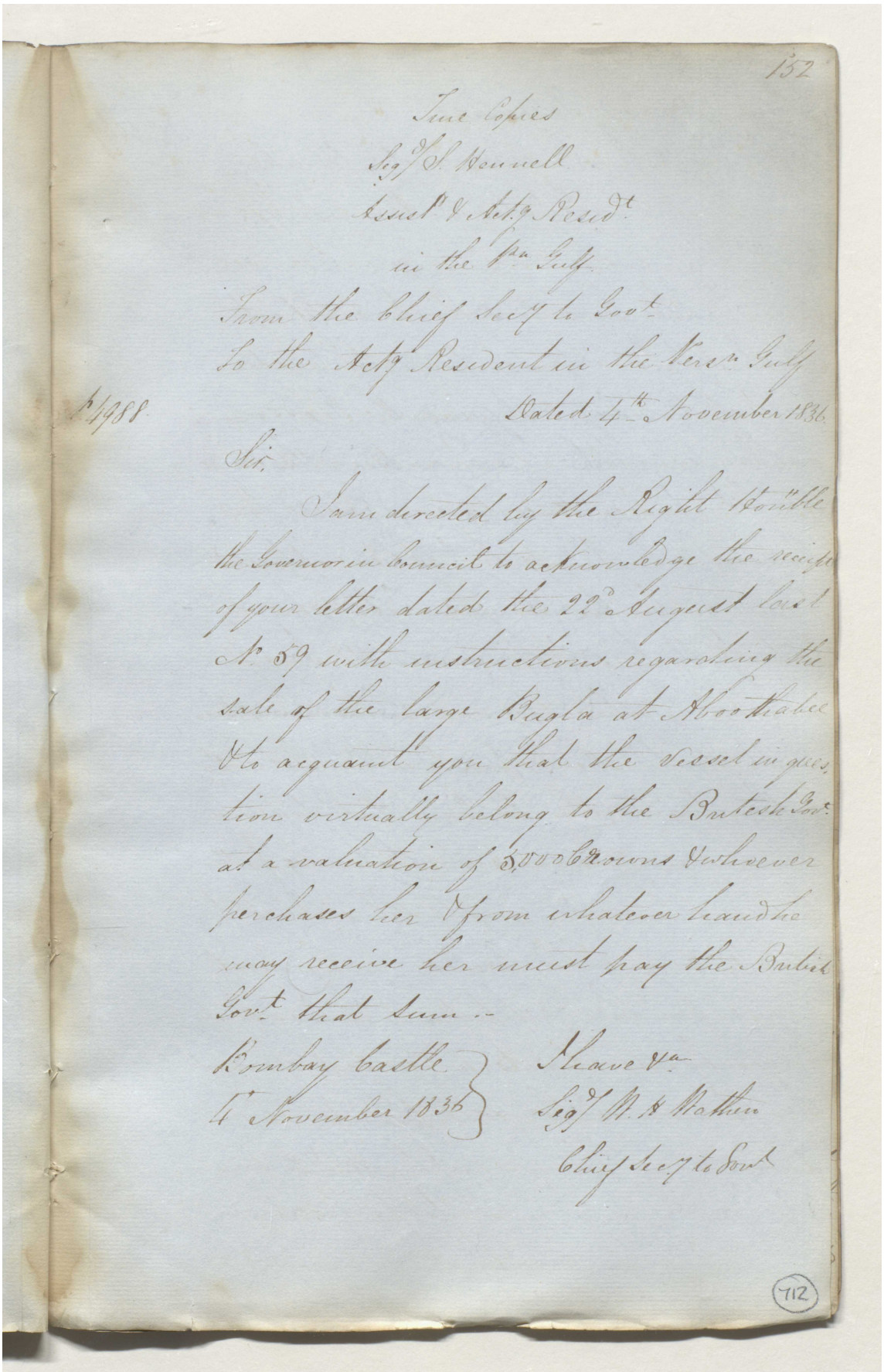
unsettled. Commodore Pepper has already written to you upon the subject of the large Bugla, but it may be as well for me to repeat that the Vessel in question was offered to the Government thro' me by Sheik Shackboot on behalf of his son Sheik Khuleefa, on account of the demands above referred to. No answer to this offer has yet been received from the Sirkar and therefore until its arrival it is impossible to say what measures they will direct to be adopted. Under these circumstances you cannot be allowed to purchase the Bugla in question unless you first lodge the 5000 Crowns agreed upon as her Value either in my hands, or those of His Highness the Imam of Muscat to remain in deposit until the orders of the Govt. be received In the first case, or upon your forwarding to me an acknowledgement from His Highness that the above Sum has been made over to him, you shall be furnished with permission to complete the purchase

Sig^d J S Kennell
Assist^t & Act^g Resid^t &c



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Assist^t & Act^g Resid^t
in the P^n Gulf

From the Chief Sec^y to Gov^t
To the Act^g Resident in the Pers^n Gulf

P 4988 Dated 4th November 1836

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 22^d August last No. 59 with instructions regarding the sale of the large Bugla at Aboothabee & to acquaint you that the vessel in question virtually belong to the British Gov^t at a valuation of 5,000 Crowns & whoever perchases her & from whatever hand he may receive her must pay the British Gov^t that sum.–

Bombay Castle
4th November 1836

I have &^a
Seg^d W. H. Wathen
Chief Sec^y to Gov^t

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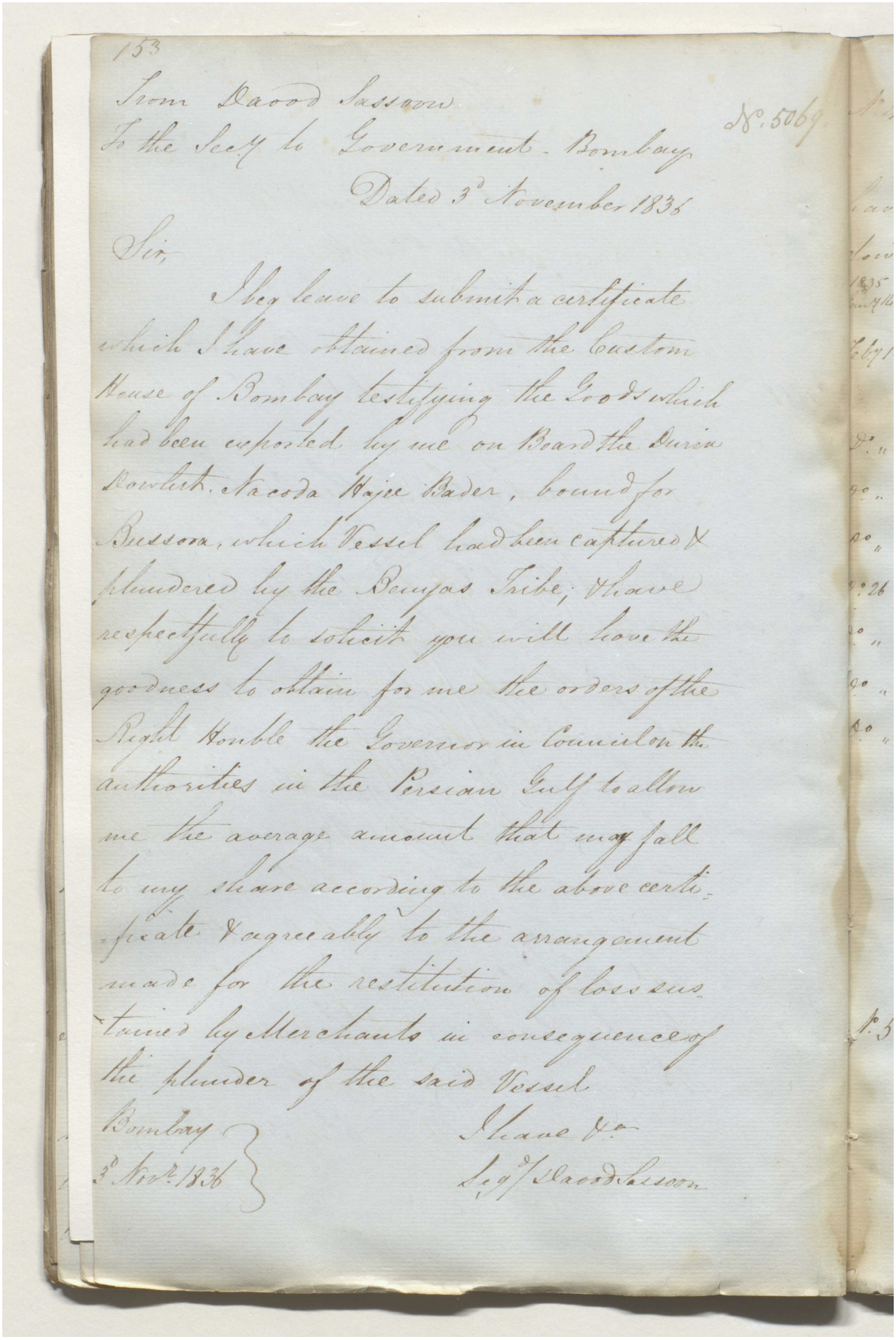

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From Daood Sassoon
To the Secy to Government Bombay

No. 5069

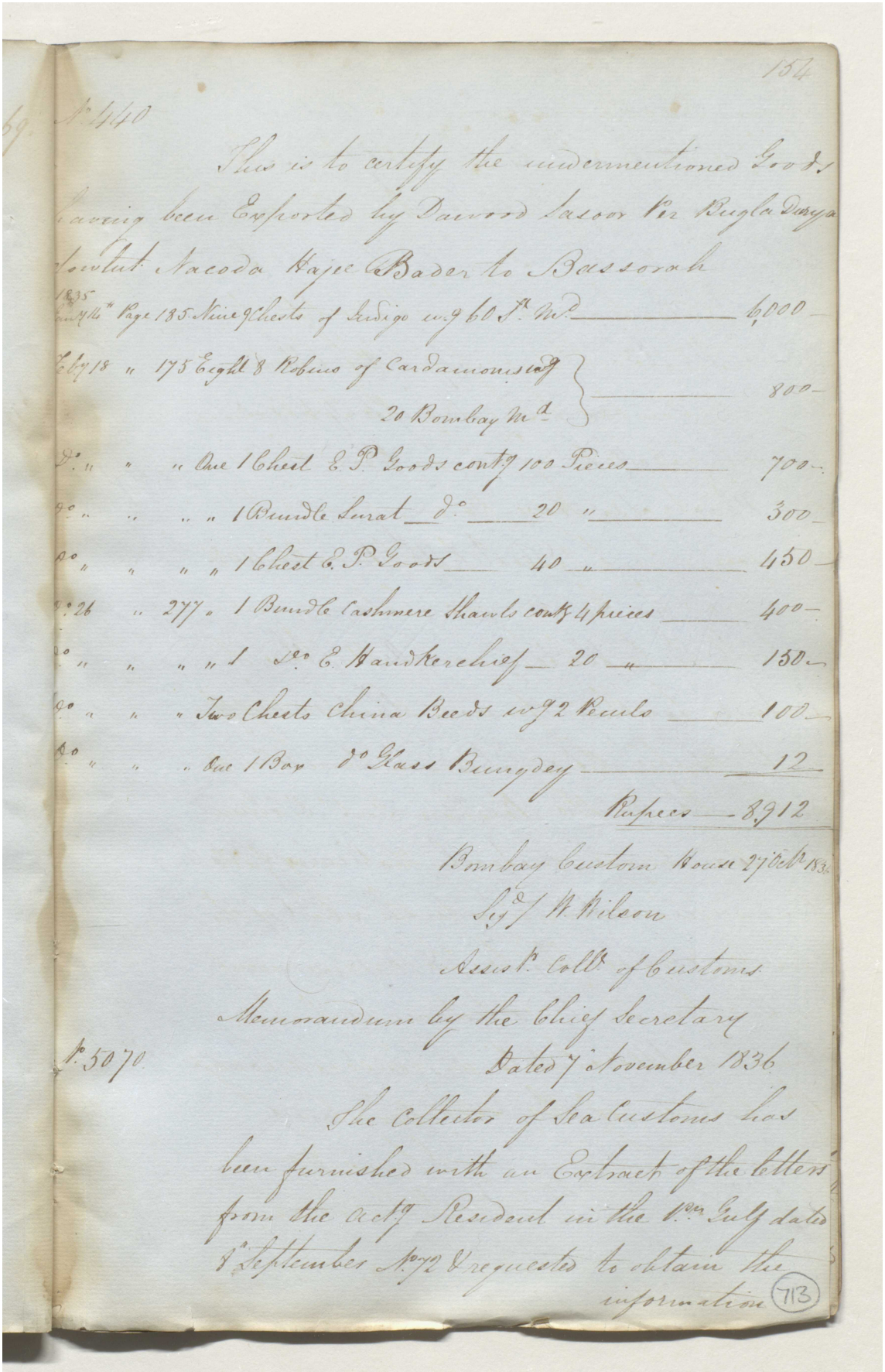
Dated 3d November 1836

Sir,

I beg leave to submit a certificate which I have obtained from the Custom House of Bombay testifying the Goods which had been exported by me on Board the Duria Dowlut Nacoda Hajee Bader, bound for Bussora, which Vessel had been captured & plundered by the Beniyas Tribe; I have respectfully to solicit you will have the goodness to obtain for me the orders of the Right Honble the Governor in Council on the authorities in the Persian Gulf to allow me the average amount that may fall to my Share according to the above certificate & agreeably to the arrangement made for the restitution of losses sustained by Merchants in consequence of the plunder of the said Vessel

I have &c
Sd/ Daood Sassoon

Bombay
3d Novr 1836



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No. 440

This is to certify the undermentioned Goods having been Exported by Dawood Sasoor Per Bugla Durya dowlut Nacoda Hajee Bader to Bassorah

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Do. "	" "	One 1 Chest E. P. Goods contg 100 Pieces	700
Do. "	" " "	1 Bundle Surat do. 20 "	300
Do. "	" " "	1 Chest E. P. Goods 40 "	450
Do. 26	" 277 "	1 Bundle Cashmere Shawls contg 4 pieces	400
Do. "	" " "	1 Do. E. Handkerchief 20 "	150
Do. "	" "	Two Chests China Beeds wg 2 Peculs	100
Do. "	" "	One 1 Box do. Glass Bungdey	12
		Rupees	8,912

Bombay Custom House 27 Octr 1836

Sgd/ W. Wilson

Assistt. Collr. of Customs

Memorandum by the Chief Secretary

No. 5070

Dated 7 November 1836

The Collector of Sea Customs has been furnished with an Extract of the letters from the Actg Resident in the Pn. Gulf dated 8 September No. 72 & requested to obtain the information

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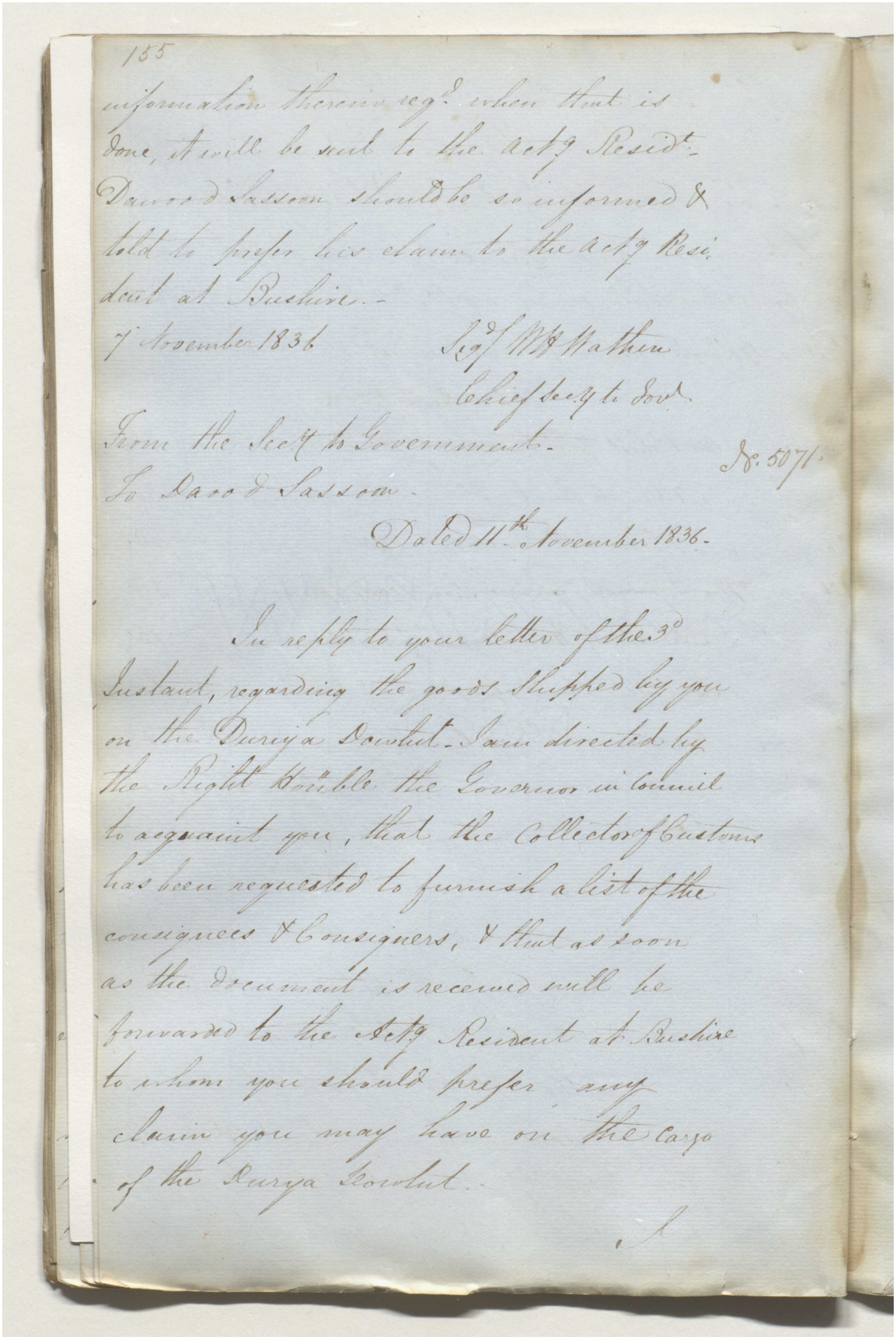

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information therein reqd. when that is done, it will be sent to the Actg Residt. Dawood Sassoon should be so informed & told to prefer his claim to the Actg Resident at Bushire.-

7 November 1836 Sigd W H Wathen
Chief Secy to Govt.

From the Secy to Government.
To Dawood Sassoon.

No. 5071.

Dated 11th November 1836.

In reply to your letter of the 3d Instant, regarding the goods shipped by you on the Duriya Dowlut. I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acquaint you, that the Collector of Customs has been requested to furnish a list of the consignees & Consigners, & that as soon as the document is received will be forwarded to the Actg Resident at Bushire to whom you should prefer any claim you may have on the Cargo of the Durya Dowlut.

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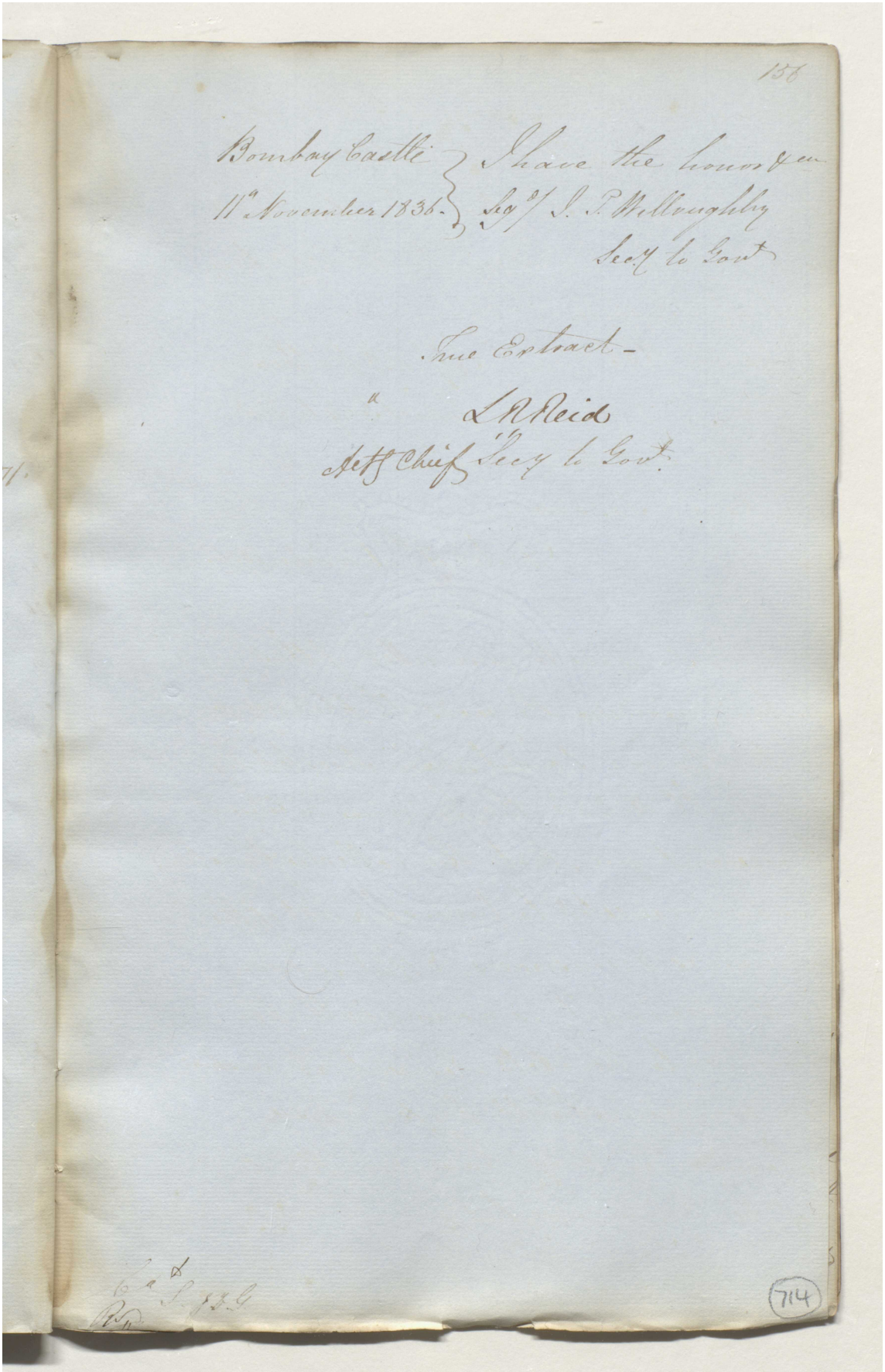

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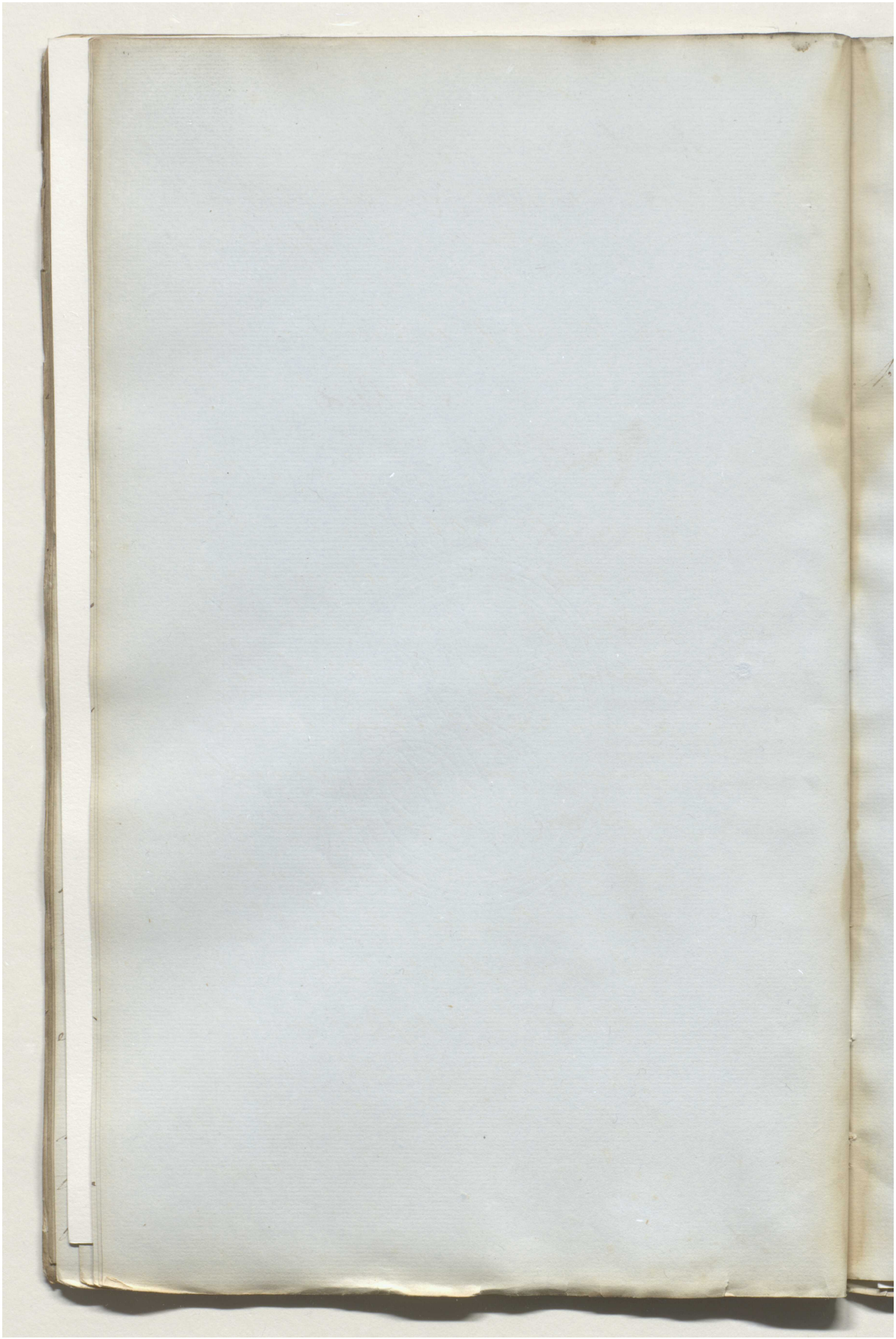

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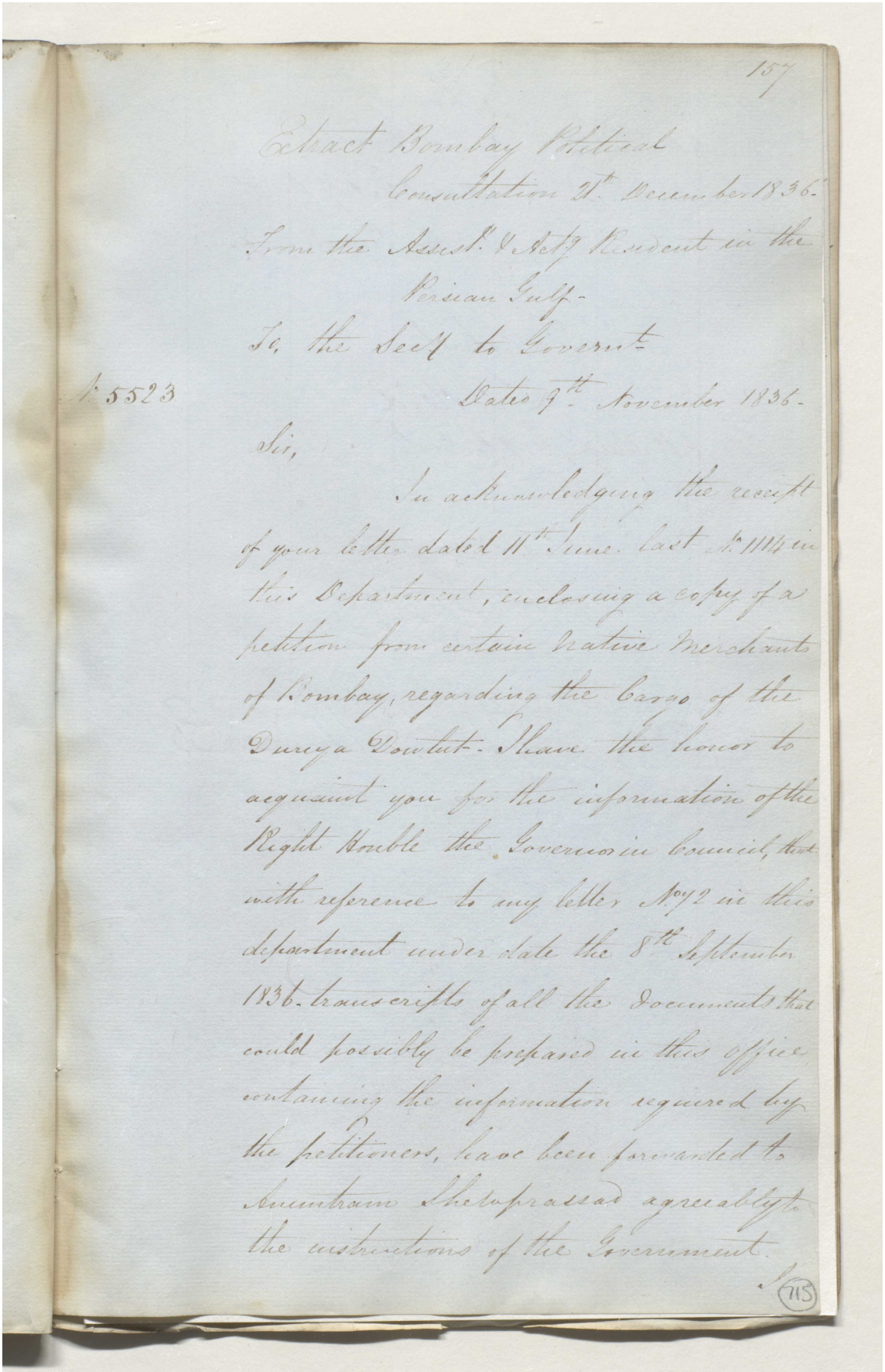

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 21st December 1836.

From the Assistt. & Actg. Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To, the Secy to Governt.

No. 5523 Dated 9th November 1836.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 11th June last No. 1114 in this Department, enclosing a copy of a petition from certain Native Merchants of Bombay, regarding the Cargo of the Duriya Dowlut. I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that with reference to my letter No. 72 in this department under date the 8th September 1836. transcripts of all the documents that could possibly be prepared in this office containing the information required by the petitioners, have been forwarded to Anuntram Shewprassad agreeably to the instructions of the Government.

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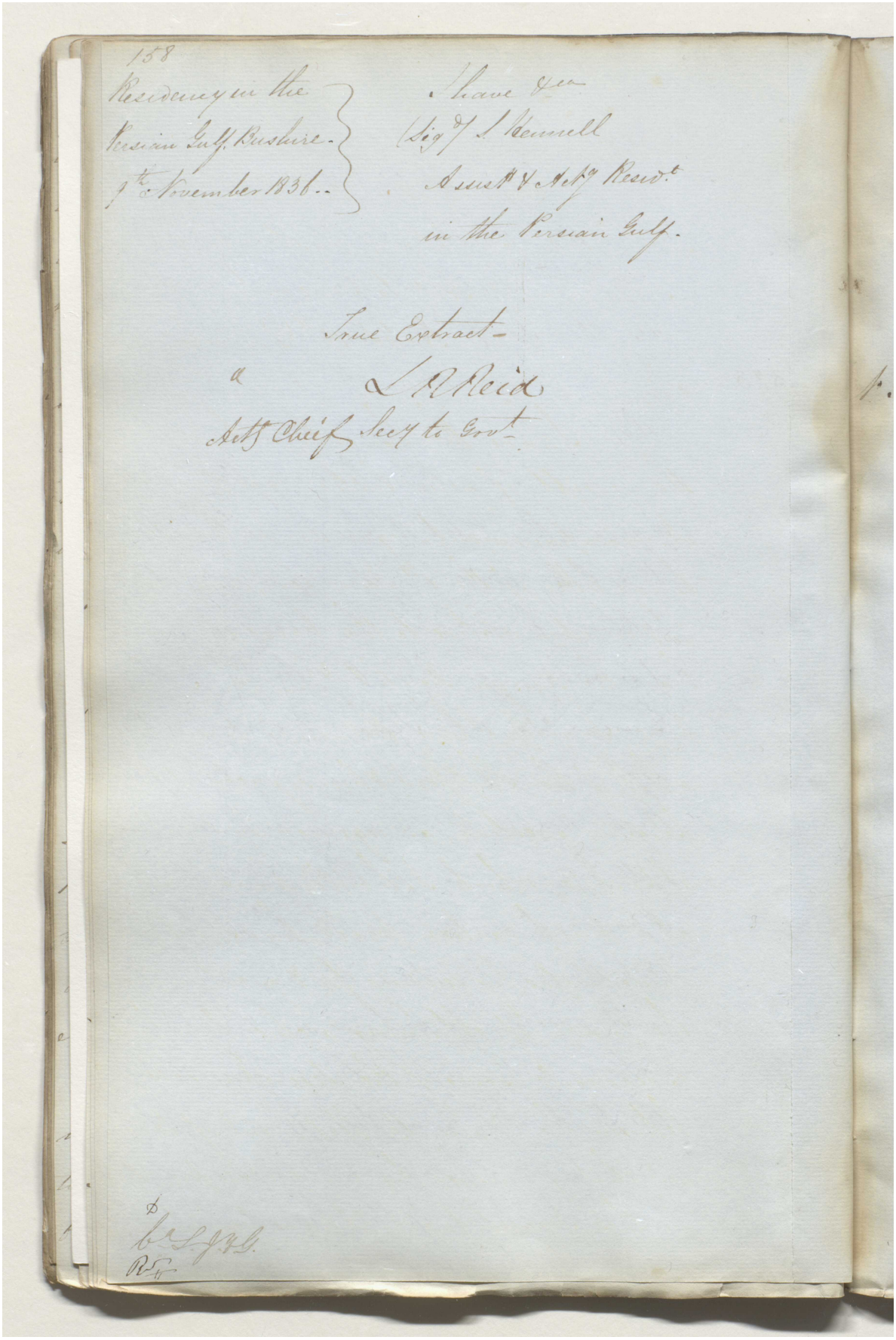
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Residency in the
Persian Gulf Bushire.
9th November 1836.

I have &c
(Sig.d) J. Kennell
Assist.t & Actg Resid.t
in the Persian Gulf.

True Extract-
J. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy to Govt.

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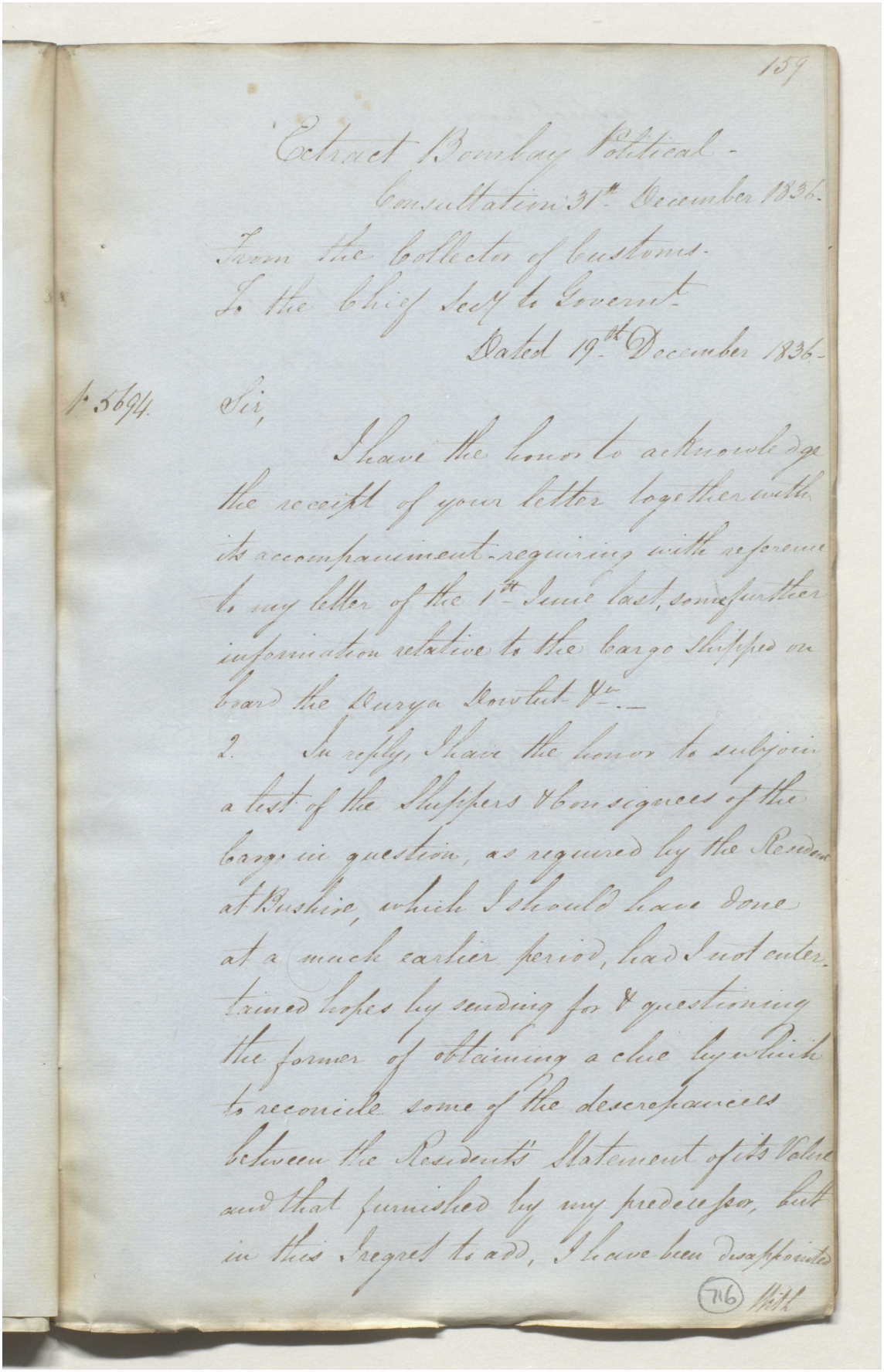

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Extract Bombay Political -
Consultation 31st December 1836.

From the Collector of Customs.
To the Chief Secy to Govemt.
Dated 19th December 1836.

P. 5694

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter together with its accompaniment requiring with reference to my letter of the 1st June last, some further information relative to the cargo shipped on board the Durya Dowlut &c.—

2. In reply, I have the honor to subjoin a list of the Shippers & Consignees of the cargo in question, as required by the Resident at Bushire, which I should have done at a much earlier period, had I not entertained hopes by sending for & questioning the former of obtaining a clue by which to reconcile some of the descrepancies between the Residents Statement of its Value and that furnished by my predecessor, but in this I regret to add, I have been disappointed

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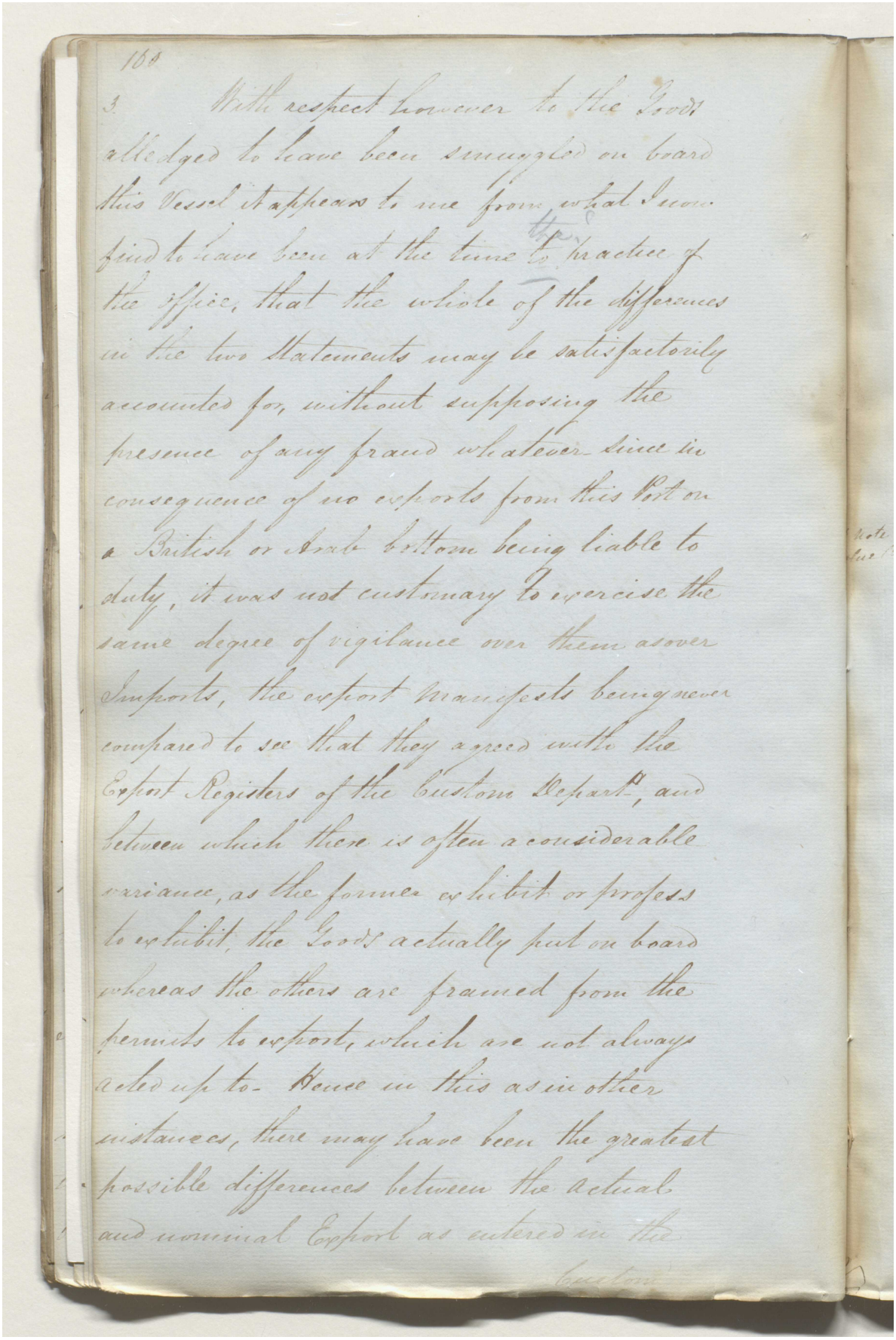

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3. With respect however to the Goods alledged to have been smuggled on board this Vessel it appears to me from what I have found to have been at the time the practice of the office, that the whole of the differences in the two Statements may be satisfactorily accounted for, without supposing the presence of any fraud whatever since in consequence of no exports from this Port on a British or Arab bottom being liable to duty, it was not customary to exercise the same degree of vigilance over them as over Imports, the export Manifests being never compared to see that they agreed with the Export Registers of the Custom Depart.t, and between which there is often a considerable variance, as the former exhibit or profess to exhibit the Goods actually put on board whereas the others are framed from the permits to export, which are not always acted up to. Hence in this as in other instances, there may have been the greatest possible differences between the actual and nominal Export as entered in the

Custom

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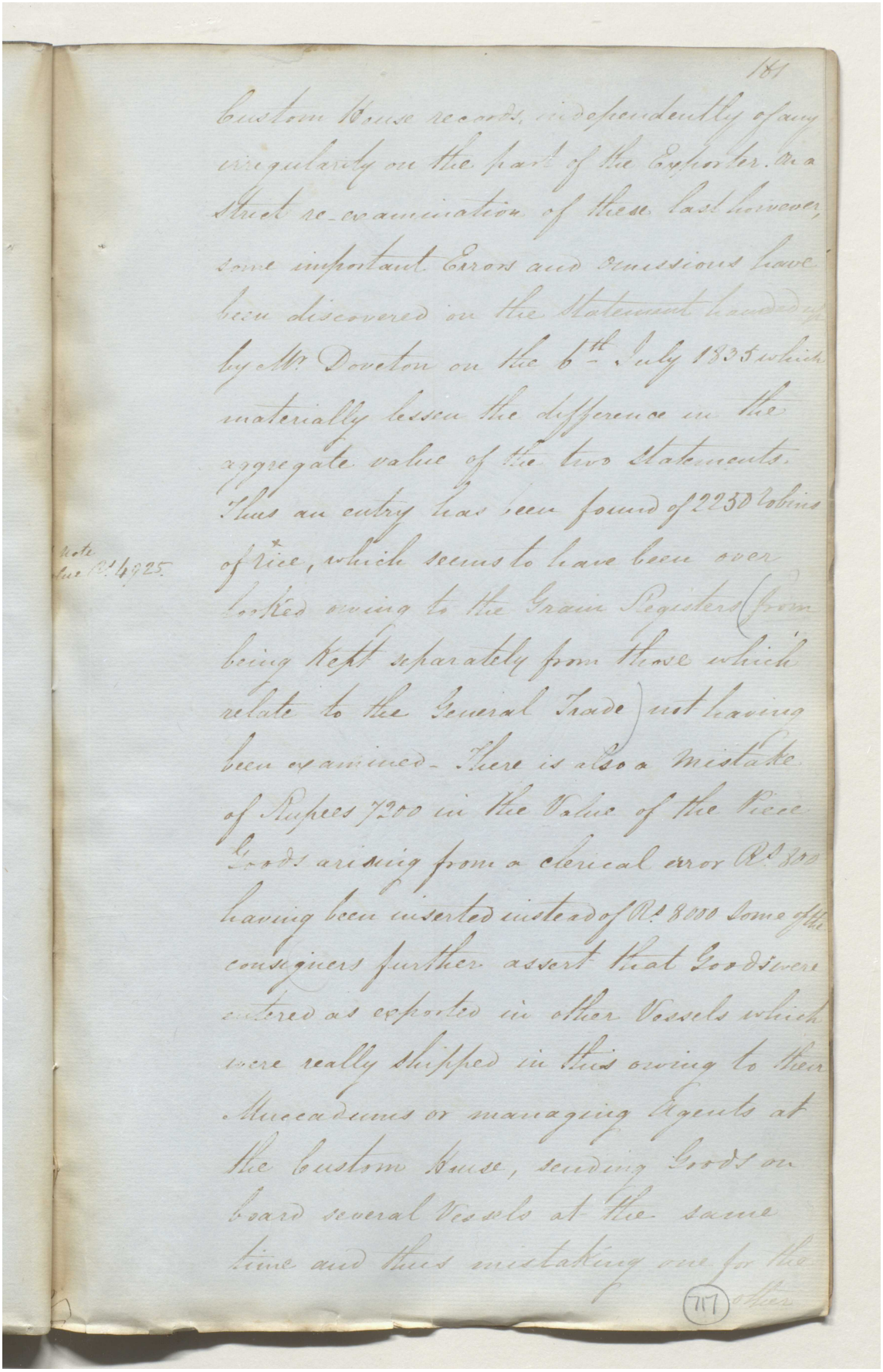

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Custom House records, independently of any
irregularity on the part of the Exporter. On a
strict re-examination of these last however,
some important Errors and Omissions have
been discovered in the Statement handed in
by Mr Doveton on the 6th July 1835 which
materially lessen the difference in the
aggregate value of the two Statements.
Thus an entry has been found of 2230 bobins
of Rice, which seems to have been over
looked owing to the Grain Registers (from
being kept separately from those which
relate to the General Trade) not having
been examined. There is also a mistake
of Rupees 7200 in the Value of the Piece
Goods arising from a clerical error Rs 800
having been inserted instead of Rs 8000 Some of the
consignees further assert that Goods were
entered as exported in other Vessels which
were really shipped in this owing to their
Muccadums or managing Agents at
the Custom House, sending Goods on
board several Vessels at the same
time and thus mistaking one for the
other

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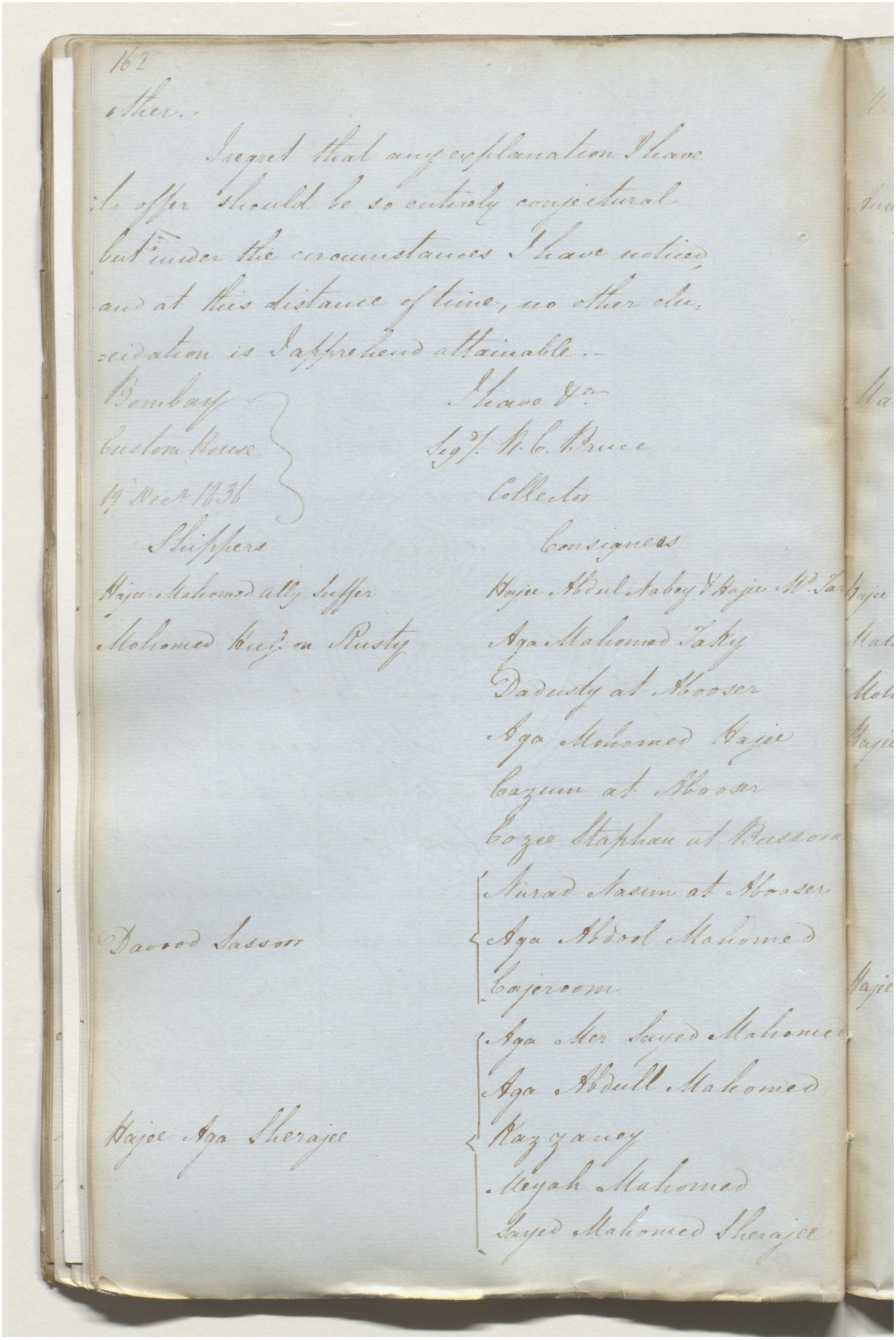

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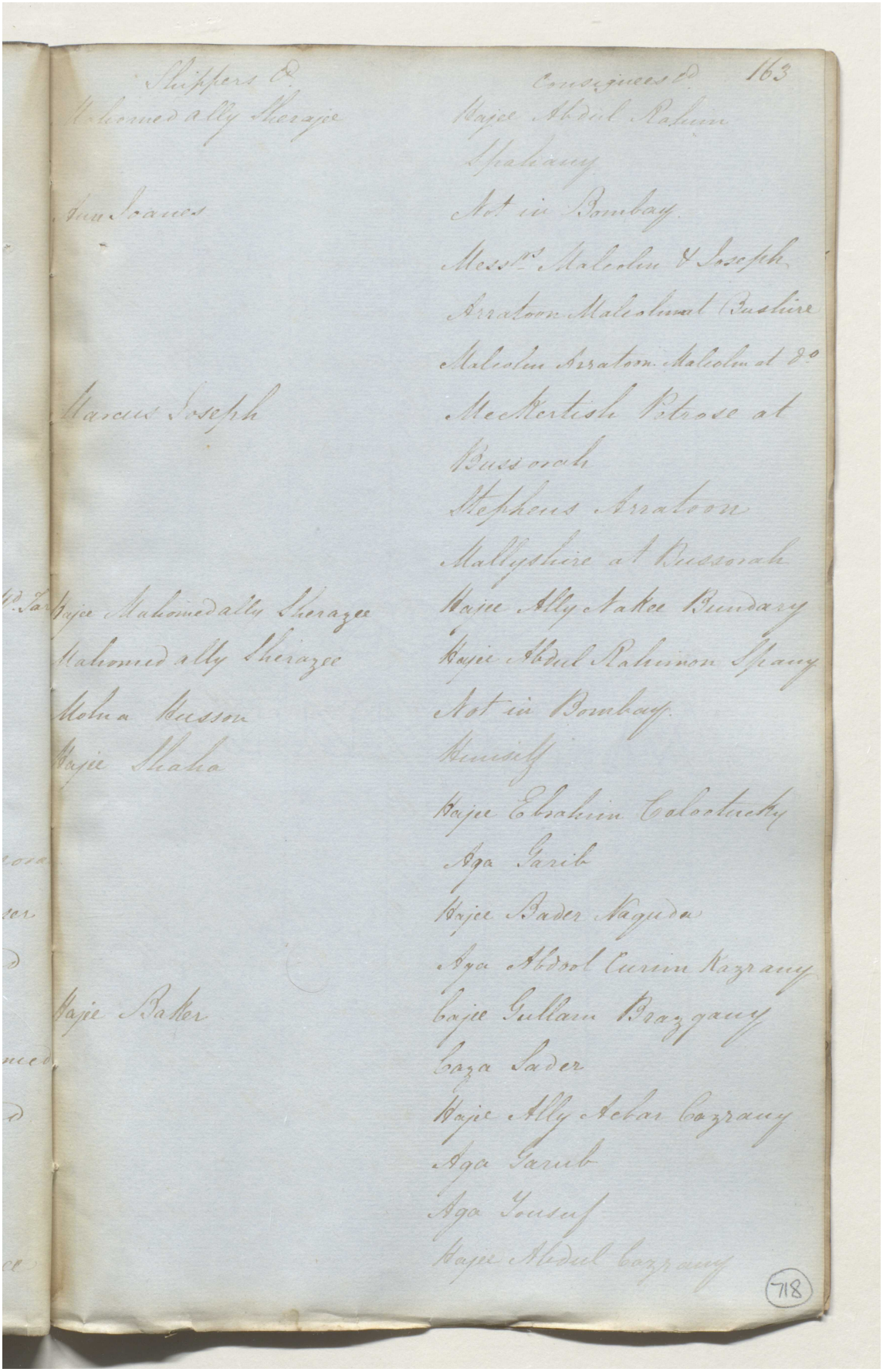
other.

I regret that any explanation I have to offer should be so entirely conjectural but under the circumstances I have noticed and at this distance of time, no other elucidation is I apprehend attainable.

Bombay
Custom House
19 Decr 1836

I have &c.
Sgd/ W. C. Bruce
Collector

Shippers	Consignees
Hajee Mahomed Ally Suffer	Hajee Abdul Nabey & Hajee Md. Tar
Mohomed Hussoon Rusty	Aga Mahomed Taky
	Dadusty at Abooser
	Aga Mohomed Hajee
	Cazum at Abooser
	Cozee Staphan at Bussora
Davood Sassoor	Nurad Nasim at Abooser
	Aga Abdool Mahomed
	Cajeroom
Hajee Aga Sherajee	Aga Mer Sayed Mahomed
	Aga Abdull Mahomed
	Kazzaney
	Meyah Mahomed
	Sayed Mahomed Sherajee



Shippers &c.	Consignees &c.
Mahomed ally Sherajee	Hajee Abdul Rahim Spahany
Ann Joanes	Not in Bombay.
	Messrs. Malcolm & Joseph
	Arratoon Malcolm at Bushire
	Malcolm Arratoon Malcolm at do
Marcus Joseph	Meckertish Petrose at Bussorah
	Stephens Arratoon
	Mallyshire at Bussorah
Hajee Mahomed ally Sherazee	Hajee Ally Nakee Bundary
Mahomed ally Sherazee	Hajee Abdul Rahimon Spany
Molna Husson	Not in Bombay.
Hajee Shaha	Himself
	Hajee Ebrahim Colootucky
	Aga Garib
	Hajee Bader Naguda
	Aga Abdool Curim Kazrany
Hajee Baker	Cajee Gullam Brazgany
	Caza Sader
	Hajee Ally Acbar Cazrany
	Aga Garub
	Aga Yousuf
	Hajee Abdul Cazrany

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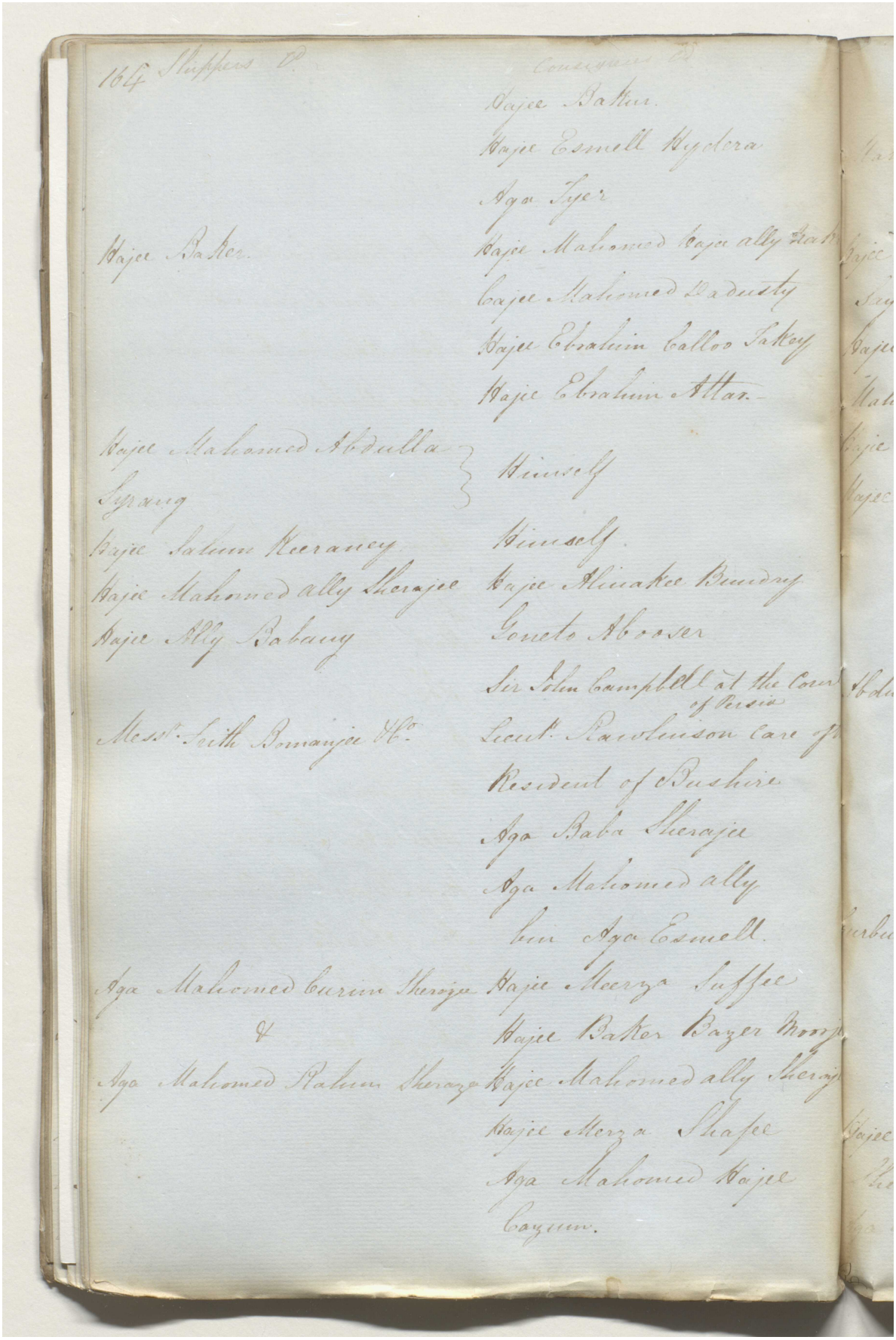

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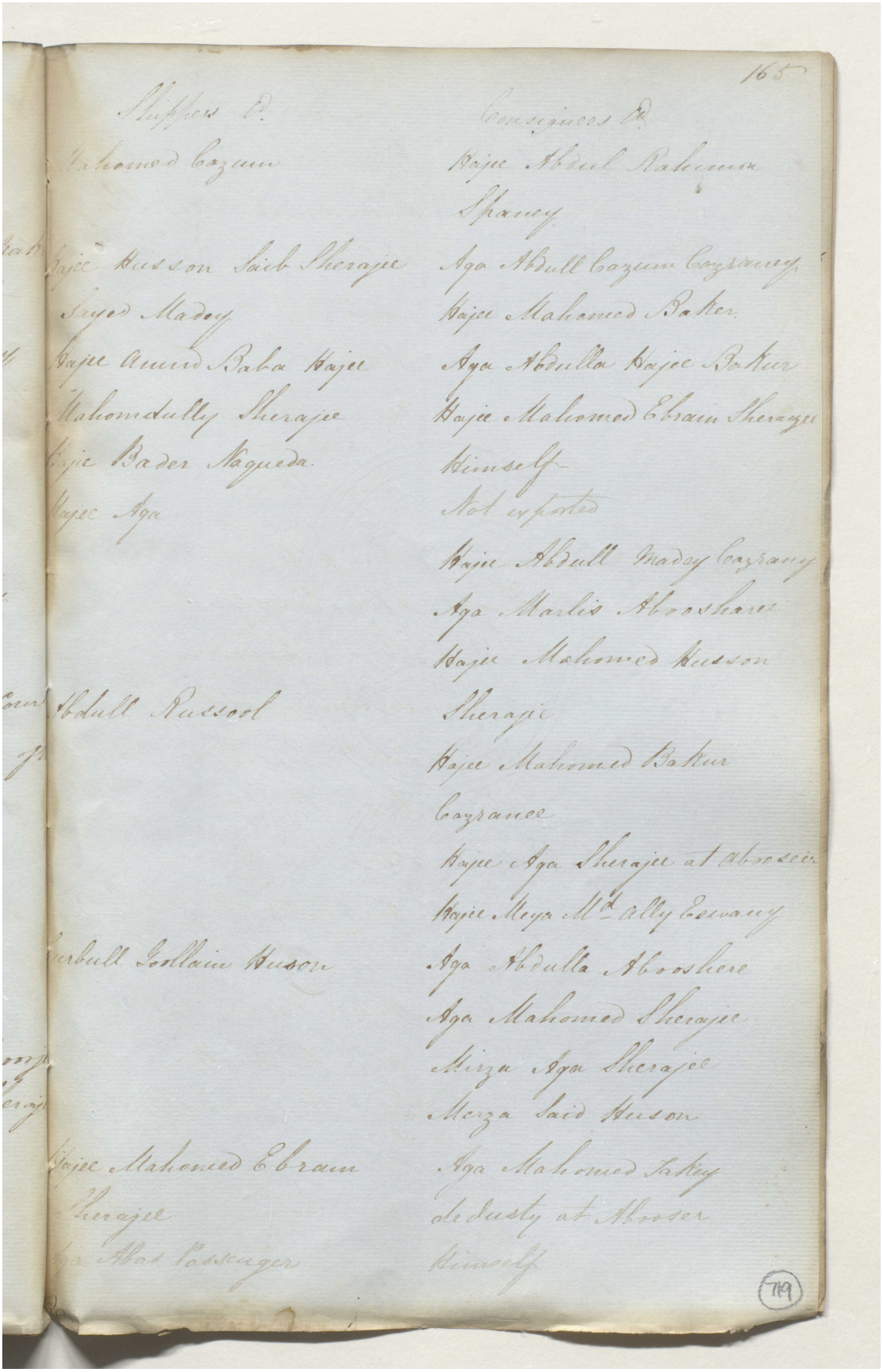

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Shippers &c.	Consignees &c.
Mahomed Cazum	Hajee Abdul Rahimon Spaney
Hajee Husson Saib Sherajee	Aga Abdull Cazum Cazraney
Sayed Madey	Hajee Mahomed Baker
Hajee Amud Baba Hajee	Aga Abdulla Hajee Bakur
Mahomdully Sherajee	Hajee Mahomed Ebrain Sherazee
Hajee Bader Naqueda	Himself
Hajee Aga	Not exported
	Hajee Abdull Madey Cazrany
	Aga Marlis Abooshare
	Hajee Mahomed Husson
Abdull Russool	Sherajee
	Hajee Mahomed Bakur
	Cazranee
	Hajee Aga Sherajee at Abooseir
	Hajee Meya Md. Ally Eswany
Gurbull Goollain Huson	Aga Abdulla Abooshere
	Aga Mahomed Sherajee
	Mirza Aga Sherajee
	Merza Said Huson
Hajee Mahomed Ebrain Sherajee	Aga Mahomed Takey dedusty at Abooser
Aga Abas Passenger	Himself

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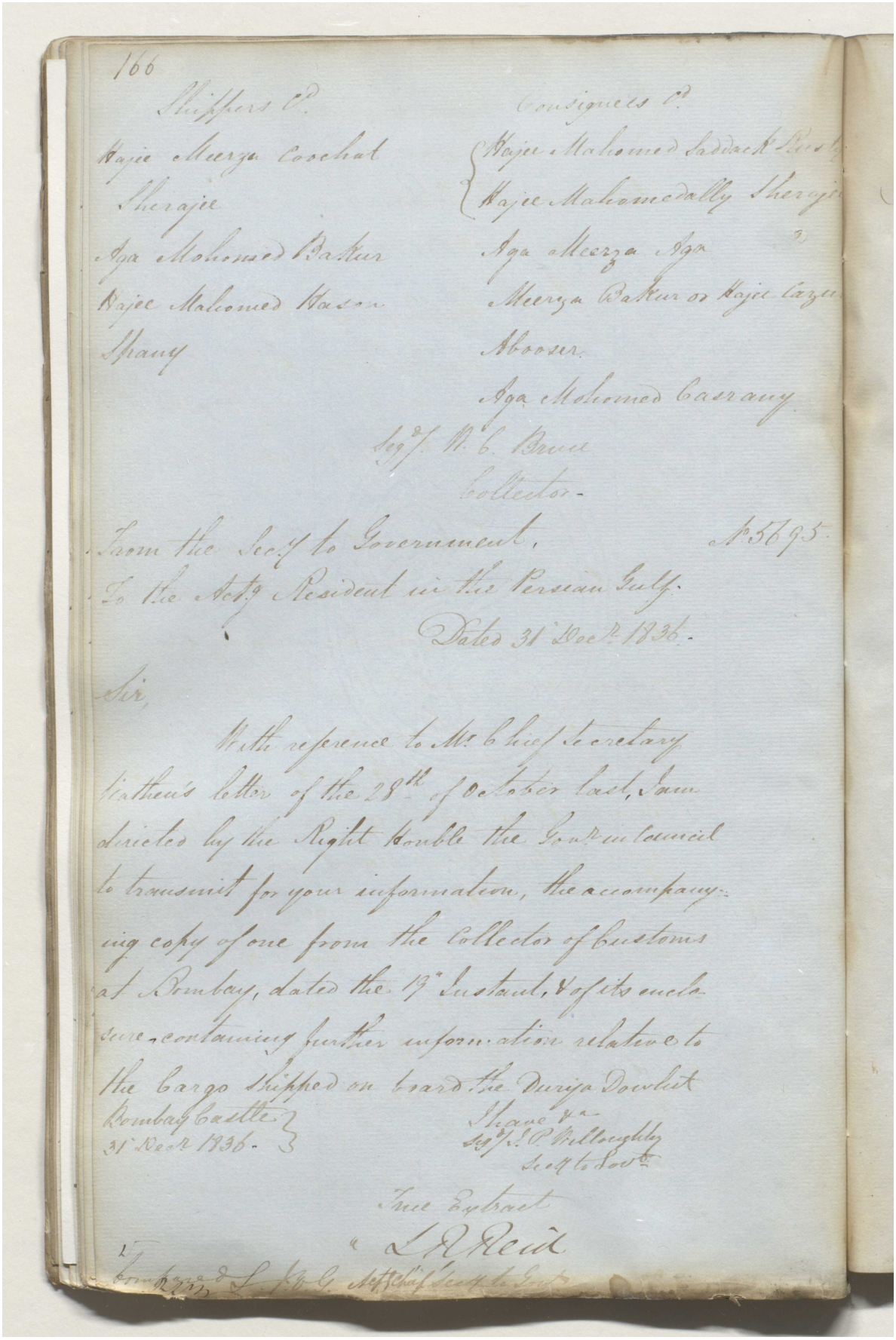

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Shippers Cd.	Consignees Cd.
Hajee Meerza Coochat Sherajee	Hajee Mahomed Saddack Rusty Hajee Mahomedally Sherajee
Aga Mohomed Bakur	Aga Meerza Aga
Hajee Mahomed Hason Spany	Meerza Bakur or Hajee Cazu Abooser
	Aga Mohomed Casrany

Seqd. W. C. Bruce
Collector.

From the Secy to Government, No. 5695.
To the Actg Resident in the Persian Gulf.
Dated 31 Decr 1836.

Sir,

With reference to Mr Chief Secretary Wathen's letter of the 28th of October last, I am directed by the Right Honble the Govr in Council to transmit for your information, the accompanying copy of one from the Collector of Customs at Bombay, dated the 19th Instant, & of its enclosure, containing further information relative to the Cargo shipped on board the Duriya Dowlut

Bombay Castle
31 Decr 1836.

I have &a
Seqd. J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.

True Extract
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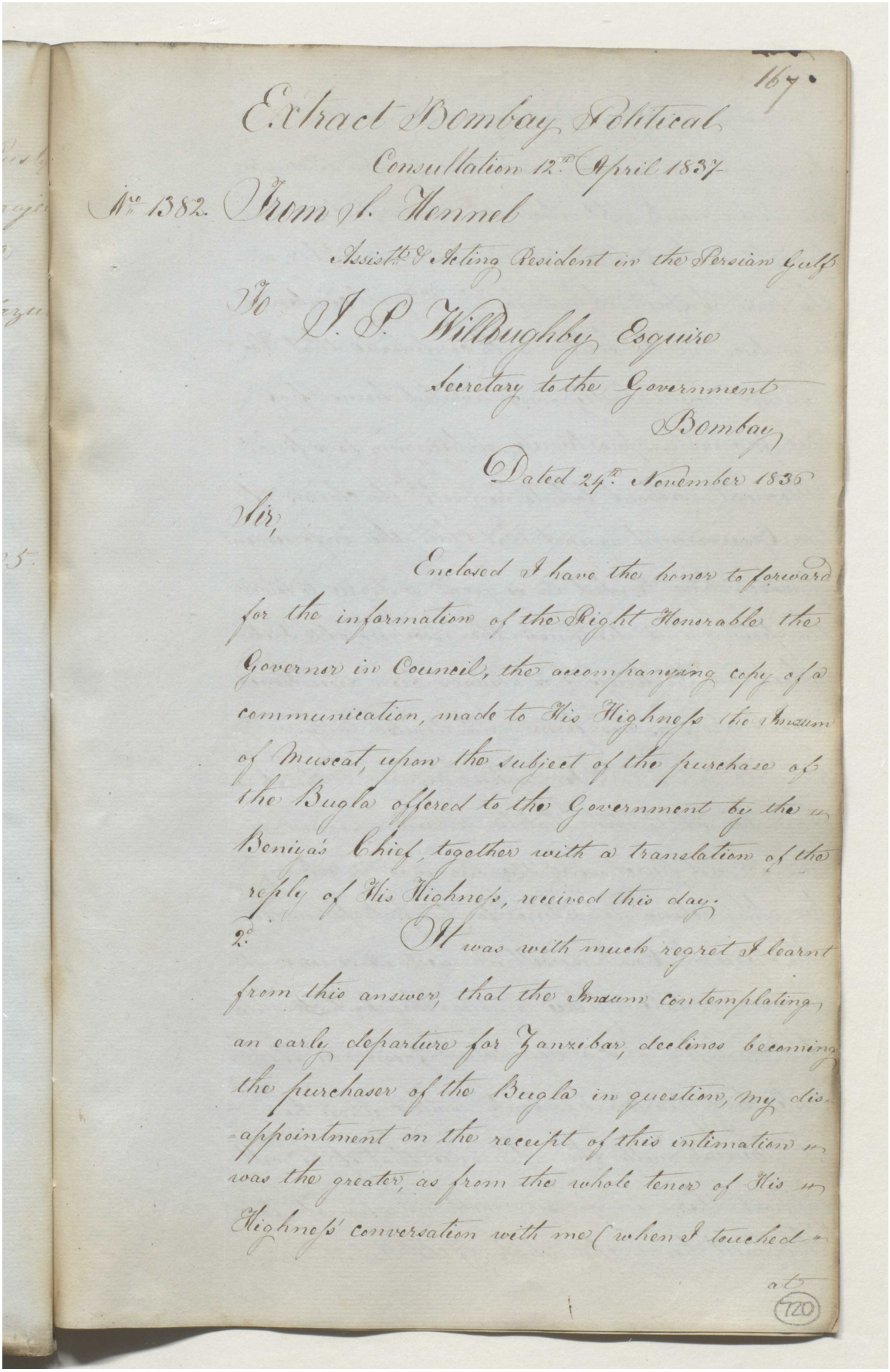
Compared L. J. & G. Actg Chief Secy to Govt.



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Extract Bombay Political Consultation 12th April 1837

No. 1382. From S. Hennel

Assistt. & Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf

To J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to the Government

Bombay

Dated 24th November 1836

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a communication, made to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat, upon the subject of the purchase of the Bugla offered to the Government by the Beniya's Chief, together with a translation of the reply of His Highness, received this day.

2d. It was with much regret I learnt from this answer, that the Imaum contemplating an early departure for Zanzibar, declines becoming the purchaser of the Bugla in question, my disappointment on the receipt of this intimation was the greater, as from the whole tenor of His Highness' conversation with me (when I touched

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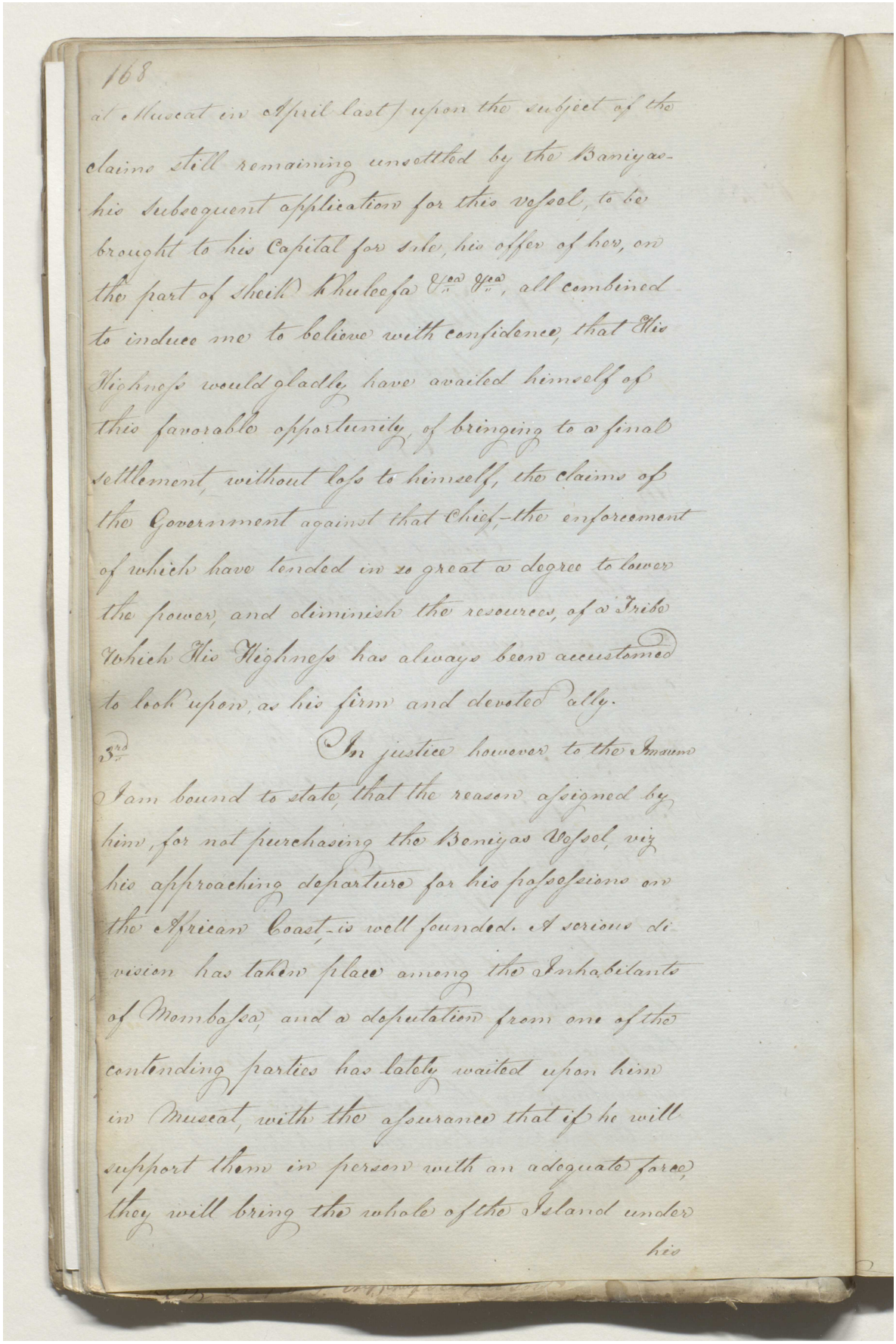

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at Muscat in April last upon the subject of the claims still remaining unsettled by the Baniyas- his subsequent application for this vessel, to be brought to his Capital for sale, his offer of her, on the part of Sheik Khuleefa &c. &c., all combined to induce me to believe with confidence, that His Highness would gladly have availed himself of this favorable opportunity of bringing to a final settlement, without loss to himself, the claims of the Government against that Chief- the enforcement of which have tended in so great a degree to lower the power and diminish the resources of a Tribe which His Highness has always been accustomed to look upon, as his firm and devoted ally.

3rd In justice however to the Imaum I am bound to state, that the reason assigned by him, for not purchasing the Baniyas Vessel, viz his approaching departure for his possessions on the African Coast- is well founded. A serious di vision has taken place among the Inhabitants of Mombassa, and a deputation from one of the contending parties has lately waited upon him in Muscat, with the assurance that if he will support them in person with an adequate force, they will bring the whole of the Island under his

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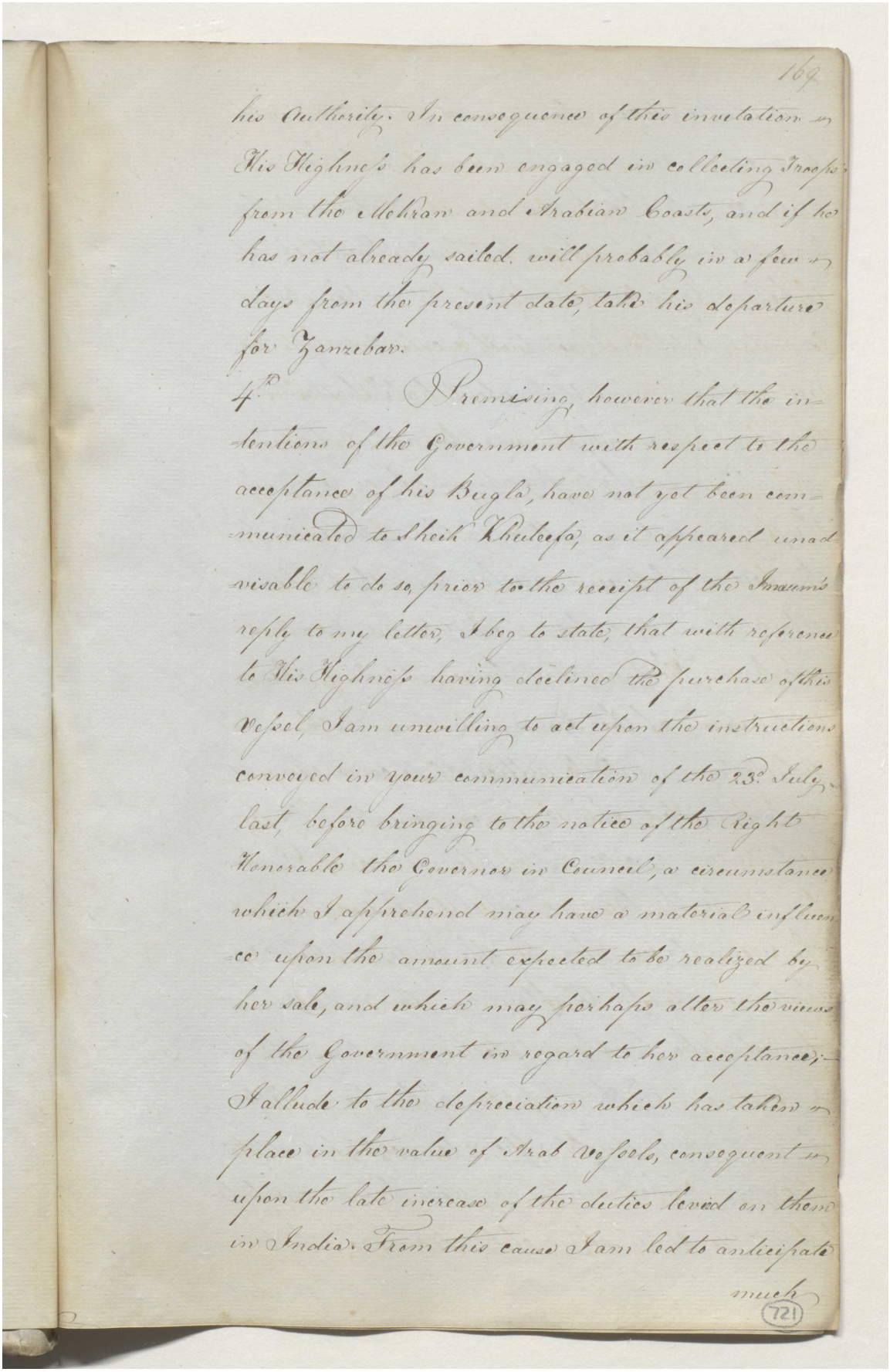

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his Authority. In consequence of this invitation
His Highness has been engaged in collecting Troops
from the Mekran and Arabian Coasts, and if he
has not already sailed will probably in a few
days from the present date, take his departure
for Zanzebar.

4th Premising, however that the in-
tentions of the Government with respect to the
acceptance of his Bugla, have not yet been com-
municated to Sheik Khuleefa, as it appeared unad-
visable to do so, prior to the receipt of the Imaum's
reply to my letter, I beg to state, that with reference
to His Highness having declined the purchase of this
Vessel, I am unwilling to act upon the instructions
conveyed in your communication of the 23d July
last, before bringing to the notice of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council, a circumstance
which I apprehend may have a material influen-
ce upon the amount expected to be realized by
her sale, and which may perhaps alter the views
of the Government in regard to her acceptance;—
I allude to the depreciation which has taken
place in the value of Arab Vessels, consequent
upon the late increase of the duties levied on them
in India. From this cause I am led to anticipate
much

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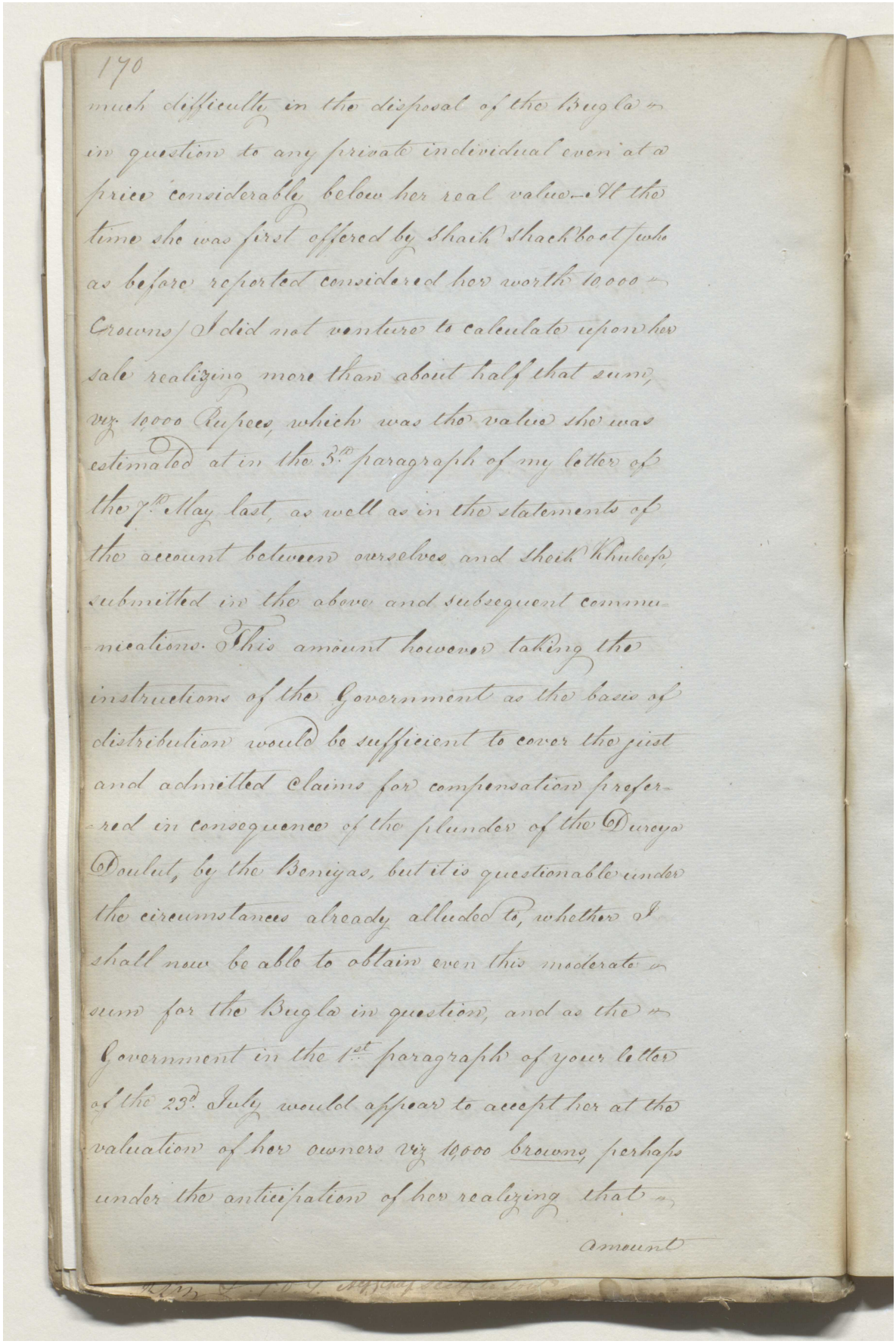

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much difficulty in the disposal of the bugla in question to any private individual even at a price considerable below her real value. At the time she was first offered by Shaik Shackboot who as before reported considered her worth 10,000 Crowns I did not venture to calculate upon her sale realizing more than about half that sum, viz. 10,000 Rupees which was the value she was estimated at in the 3d paragraph of my letter of the 7th May last, as well as in the statements of the account between ourselves and Sheik Khuleefa submitted in the above and subsequent communications. This amount however taking the instructions of the Government as the basis of distribution would be sufficient to cover the just and admitted claims for compensation preferred in consequence of the plunder of the Duryaa Doulut, by the Bonigas, but it is questionable under the circumstances already alluded to, whether I shall now be able to obtain even this moderate sum for the Bugla in question, and as the Government in the 1st paragraph of your letter of the 23d July, would appear to accept her at the valuation of her owners viz 10,000 browns, perhaps under the anticipation of her realizing that

amount

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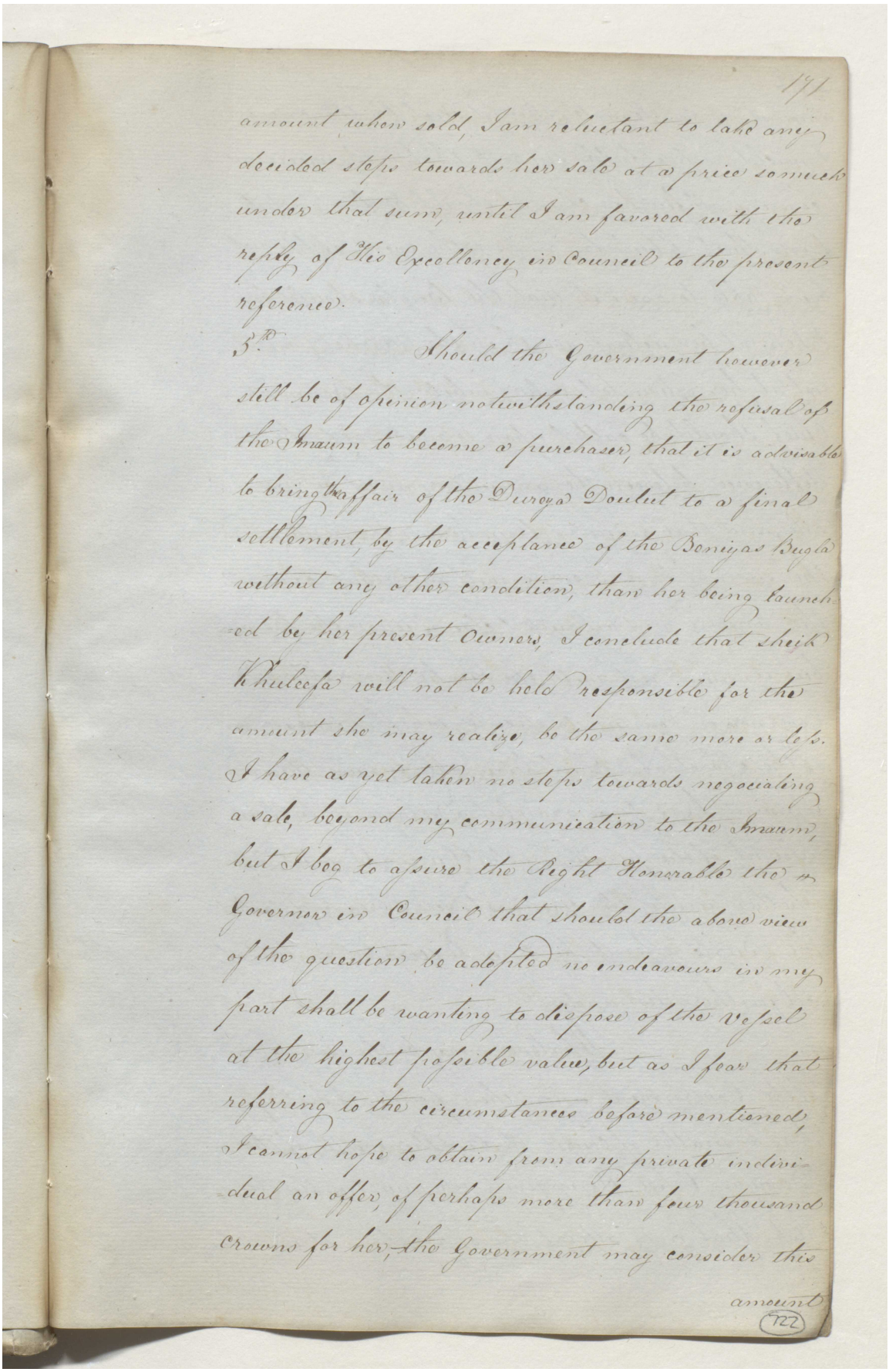

amount when sold, I am reluctant to take any decided steps towards her sale at a price so much under that sum, until I am favored with the reply of His Excellency in Council to the present reference.

3d. Should the Government however still be of opinion notwithstanding the refusal of the Imaum to become a purchaser, that it is advisable to bring the affair of the Duria Doulut to a final settlement, by the acceptance of the Bombay Bugla without any other condition, than her being launched by her present Owners, I conclude that sheik Khuleefa will not be held responsible for the amount she may realize, be the same more or less. I have as yet taken no steps towards negociating a sale, beyond my communication to the Imaum, but I beg to assure the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that should the above view of the question be adopted no endeavours in my part shall be wanting to dispose of the Vessel at the highest possible value, but as I fear that referring to the circumstances before mentioned, I cannot hope to obtain from any private individual an offer, of perhaps more than four thousand Crowns for her, the Government may consider this

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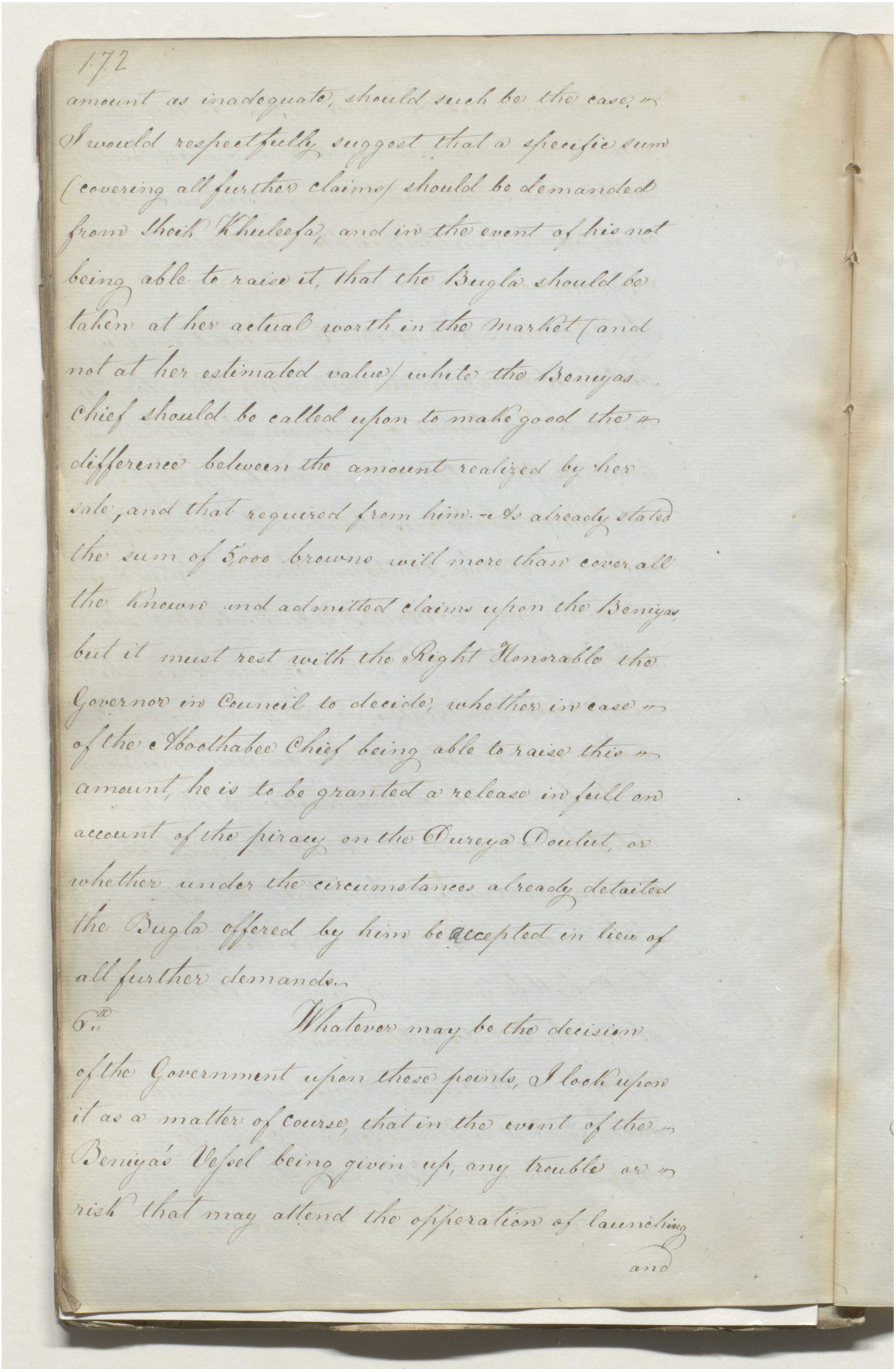

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amount as inadequate, should such be the case, I
would respectfully suggest that a specific sum
(covering all further claims) should be demanded
from Sheik Khuleefa, and in the event of his not
being able to raise it, that the Bugla should be
taken at her actual worth in the Market (and
not at her estimated value) while the Beniyas
Chief should be called upon to make good the
difference between the amount realized by her
sale, and that required from him. As already stated
the sum of 5000 browns will more than cover all
the known and admitted claims upon the Beniyas
but it must rest with the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council to decide, whether in case
of the Aboothabee Chief being able to raise this
amount, he is to be granted a release in full on
account of the piracy on the Dureya Doulut, or
whether under the circumstances already detailed
the Bugla offered by him be accepted in lieu of
all further demands.

6th Whatever may be the decision
of the Government upon these points, I look upon
it as a matter of course, that in the event of the
Beniya's Vessel being given up, any trouble or
risk that may attend the opperation of launching

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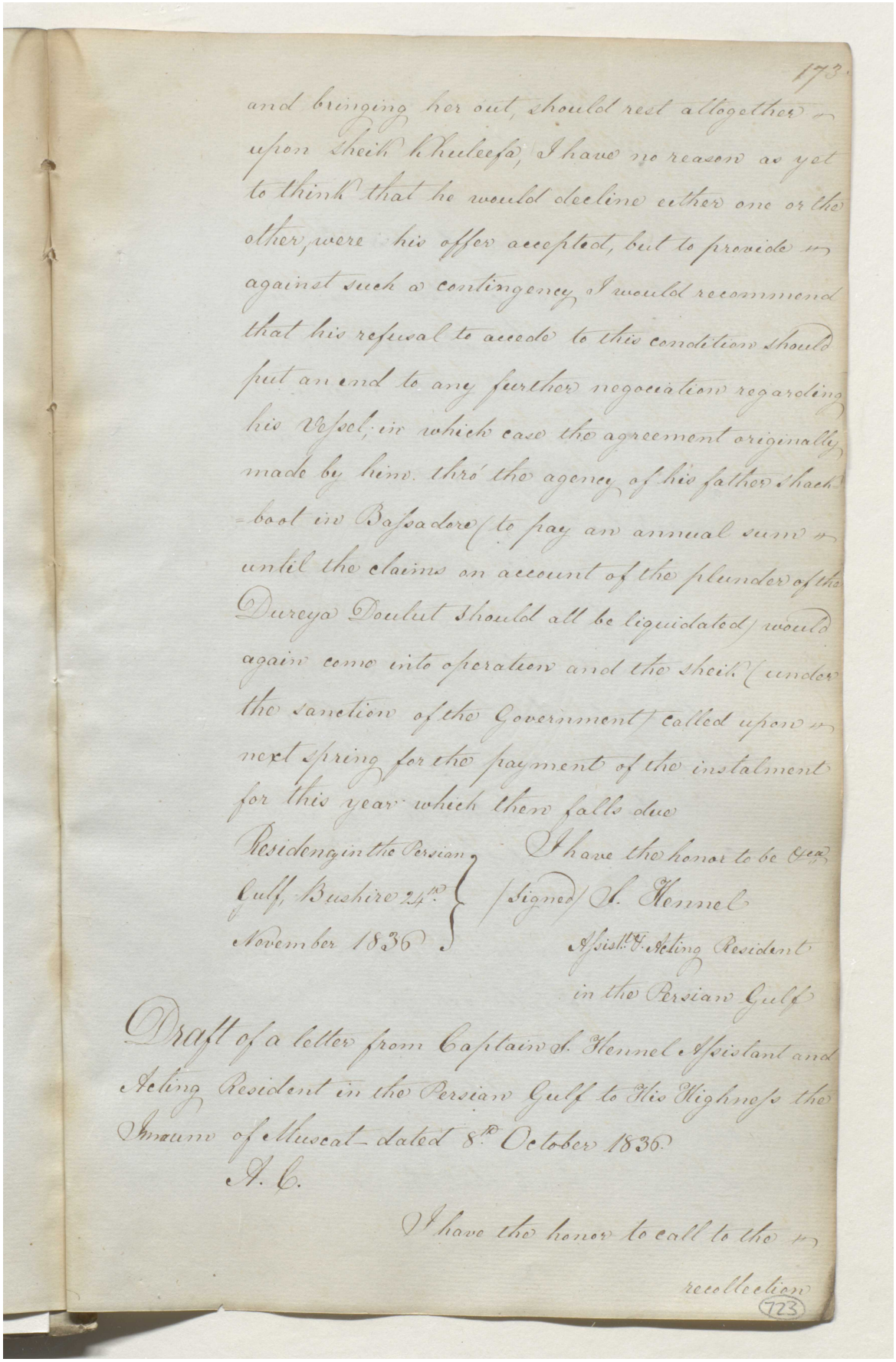

and bringing her out, should rest altogether upon Sheik Khuleefa, I have no reason as yet to think that he would decline either one or the other, were his offer accepted, but to provide against such a contingency I would recommend that his refusal to accede to this condition should put an end to any further negociation regarding his Vessel; in which case the agreement originally made by him thro' the agency of his father Shach-boot in Bassadore (to pay an annual sum until the claims on account of the plunder of the Dureya Doulut should all be liquidated) would again come into operation and the sheik (under the sanction of the Government) called upon next spring for the payment of the instalment for this year which then falls due

Residency in the Persian Gulf, Bushire 24th November 1836

I have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) S. Hennel
Assistt & Acting Resident
in the Persian Gulf

Draft of a letter from Captain S. Hennel Assistant and Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat dated 8th October 1836.

A. C.

I have the honor to call to the recollection

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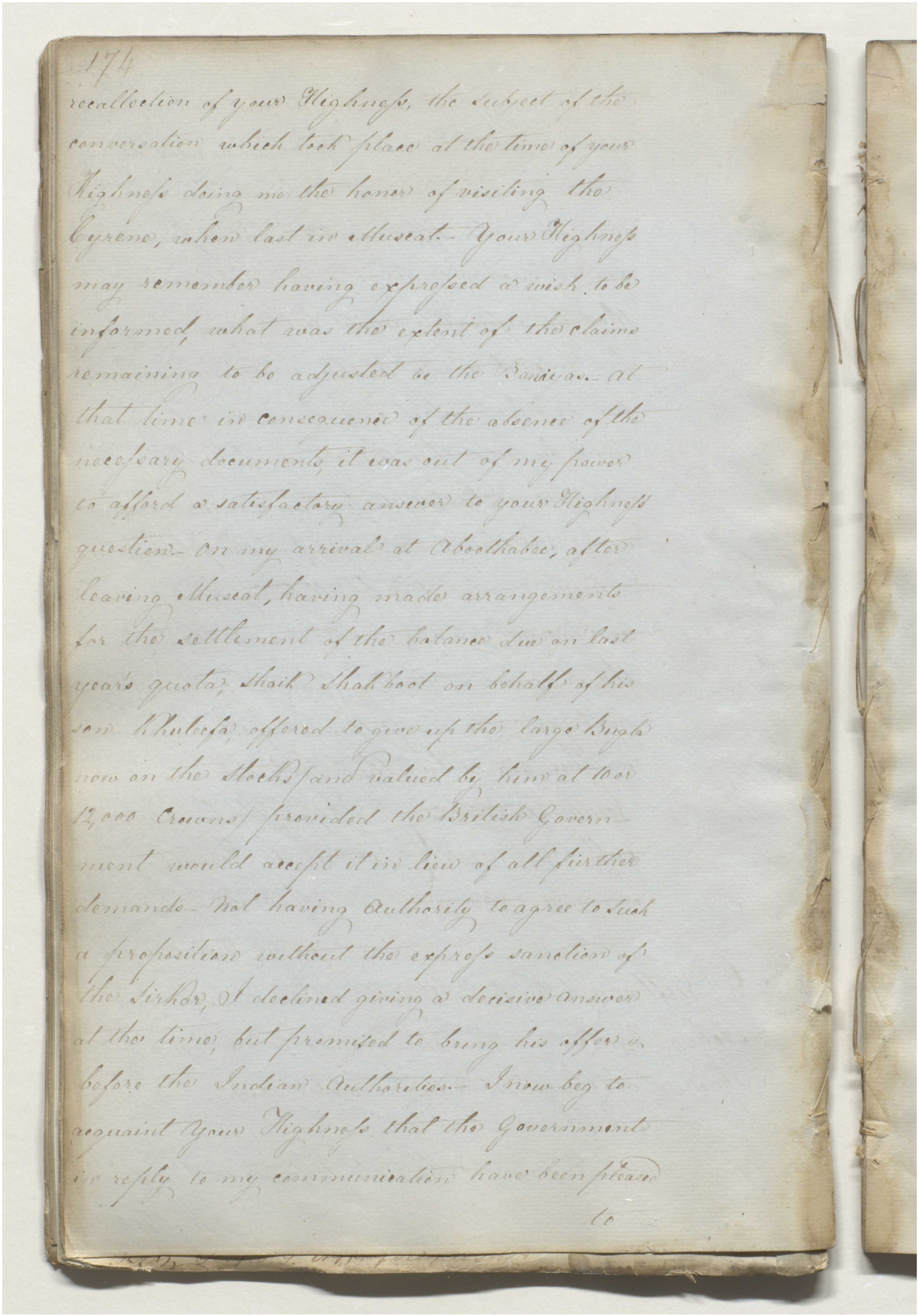

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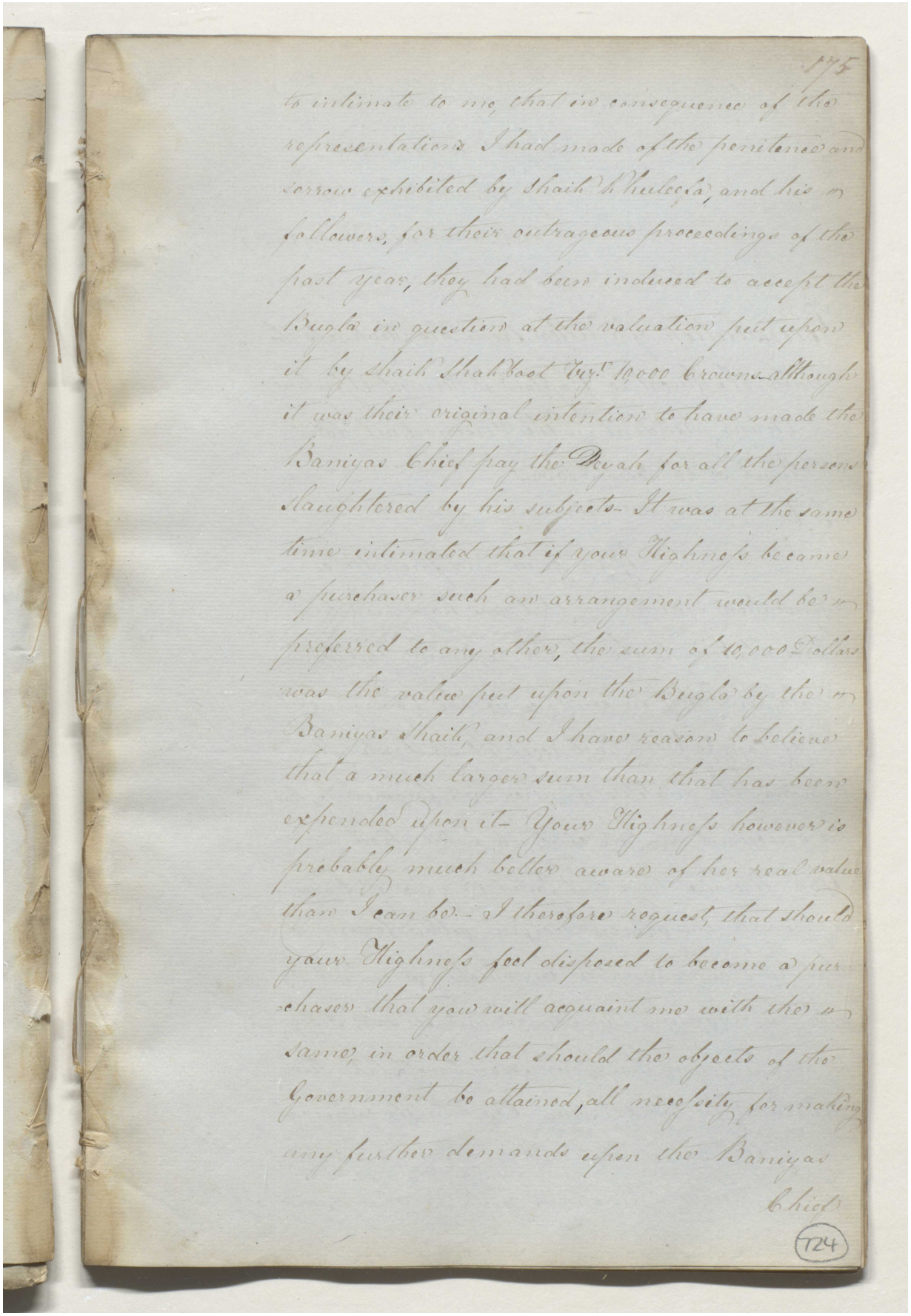
recollection of your Highness, the subject of the conversation which took place at the time of your Highness doing me the honor of visiting the Cyrene, when last in Muscat. Your Highness may remember having expressed a wish to be informed what was the extent of the claims remaining to be adjusted to the Banians at that time in consequence of the absence of the necessary documents, it was out of my power to afford a satisfactory answer to your Highness question. On my arrival at Aboothabee, after leaving Muscat, having made arrangements for the settlement of the balance due on last years quota, Shaik Shakboot on behalf of his son Khuleefa, offered to give up the large Bugla now on the Mocha sand valued by him at 10 or 12,000 Crowns, provided the British Government would accept it in lieu of all further demands. Not having Authority to agree to such a proposition without the express sanction of the Sirkar, I declined giving a decisive answer at the time, but promised to bring his offer before the Indian Authorities. I now beg to acquaint Your Highness that the Government in reply to my communication have been pleased to



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to intimate to me, that in consequence of the representations I had made of the penitence and sorrow exhibited by Shaik Khuleefa, and his followers, for their outrageous proceedings of the past year, they had been induced to accept the Bugla in question at the valuation put upon it by Shaik Shakboot Viz.t 10,000 Crowns - although it was their original intention to have made the Baniyas Chief pay the Deyah for all the persons slaughtered by his subjects - It was at the same time intimated that if your Highness became a purchaser such an arrangement would be preferred to any other, the sum of 10,000 Dollars was the value put upon the Bugla by the Baniyas Shaik, and I have reason to believe that a much larger sum than that has been expended upon it - Your Highness however is probably much better aware of her real value than I can be. - I therefore request, that should your Highness feel disposed to become a purchaser that you will acquaint me with the same, in order that should the objects of the Government be attained, all necessity for making any further demands upon the Baniyas

Chief

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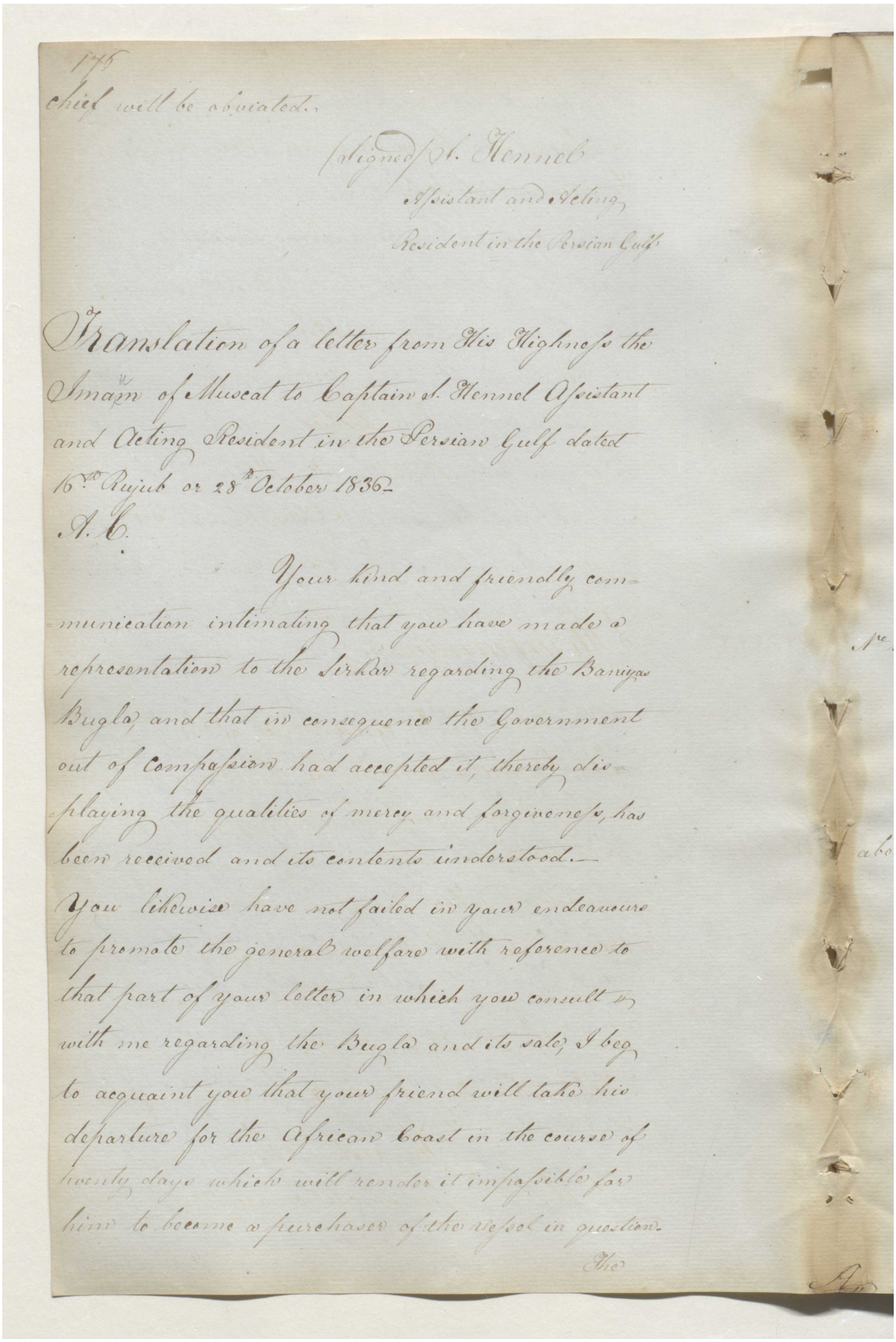

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chief will be obviated.

(signed) St. Hennel
Assistant and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Imam of Muscat to Captain St. Hennel Assistant and Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 16th Rujub or 28th October 1836

A. C.

Your kind and friendly communication intimating that you have made a representation to the Sirkar regarding the Baniyas Bugla and that in consequence the Government out of compassion had accepted it, thereby displaying the qualities of mercy and forgiveness, has been received and its contents understood.—

You likewise have not failed in your endeavours to promote the general welfare with reference to that part of your letter in which you consult with me regarding the Bugla and its sale, I beg to acquaint you that your friend will take his departure for the African Coast in the course of twenty days which will render it impossible for him to become a purchaser of the vessel in question.

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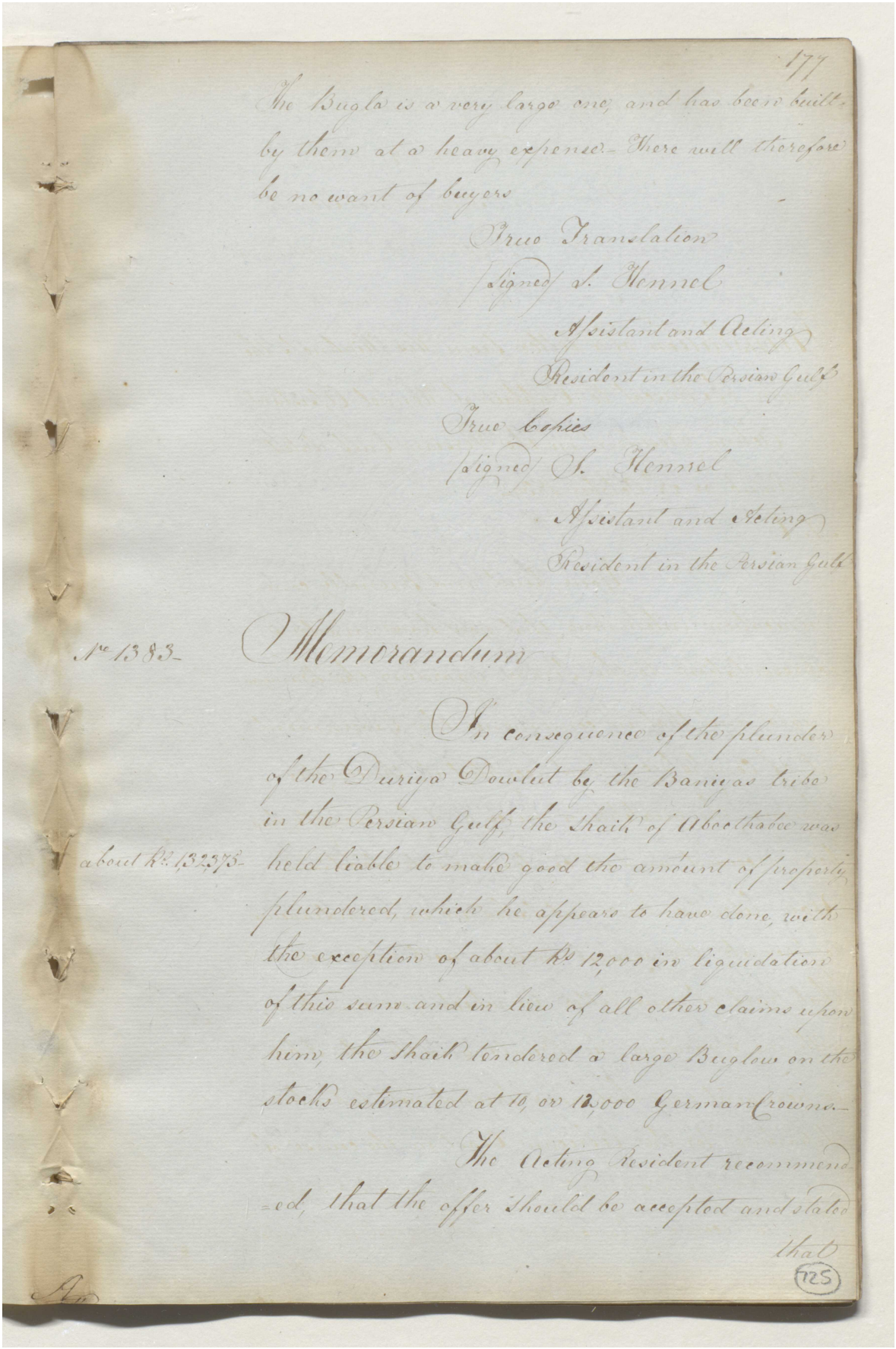

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The Bugla is a very large one, and has been built by them at a heavy expense. There will therefore be no want of buyers

True Translation
signed A. Hennel
Assistant and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf

True Copies
signed A. Hennel
Assistant and Acting
Resident in the Persian Gulf

No 1383

Memorandum

In consequence of the plunder of the Duriya Dowlut by the Baniyas tribe in the Persian Gulf, the Shaik of Abothabee was held liable to make good the amount of property plundered, which he appears to have done, with the exception of about Rs 12,000 in liquidation of this sum and in lieu of all other claims upon him, the Shaik tendered a large Bugla on the stocks estimated at 10 or 12,000 German crowns.

about Rs 1,32,373

The Acting Resident recommend-ed, that the offer should be accepted and stated that

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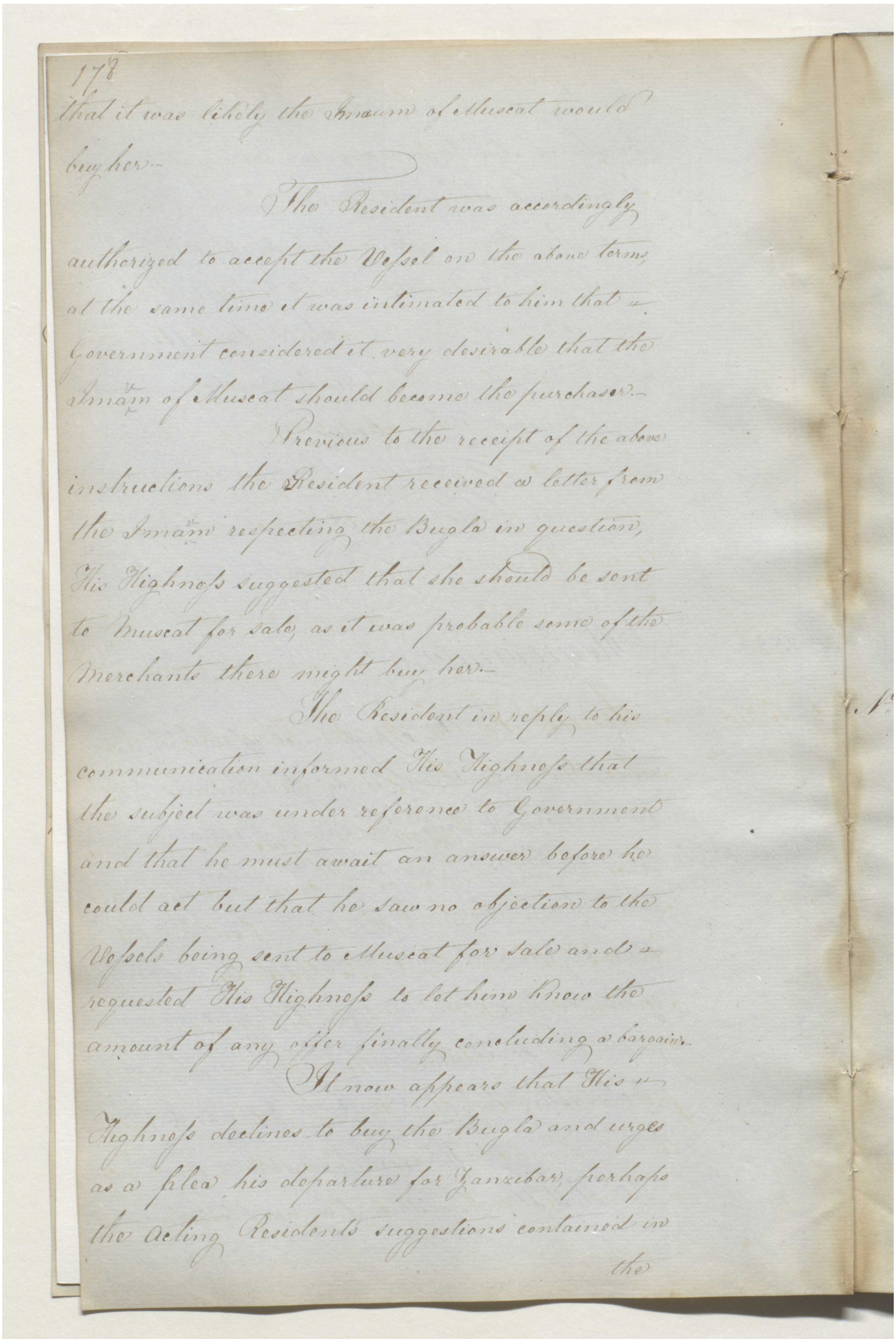

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that it was likely the Imaum of Muscat would buy her.

The Resident was accordingly authorized to accept the Vessel on the above terms at the same time it was intimated to him that Government considered it very desirable that the Imaum of Muscat should become the purchaser.

Previous to the receipt of the above instructions the Resident received a letter from the Imaum respecting the Bugla in question, His Highness suggested that she should be sent to Muscat for sale, as it was probable some of the Merchants there might buy her.

The Resident in reply to his communication informed His Highness that the subject was under reference to Government and that he must await an answer before he could act but that he saw no objection to the Vessels being sent to Muscat for sale and requested His Highness to let him know the amount of any offer finally concluding a bargain.

It now appears that His Highness declines to buy the Bugla and urges as a plea his departure for Zanzibar, perhaps the Acting Residents suggestions contained in the

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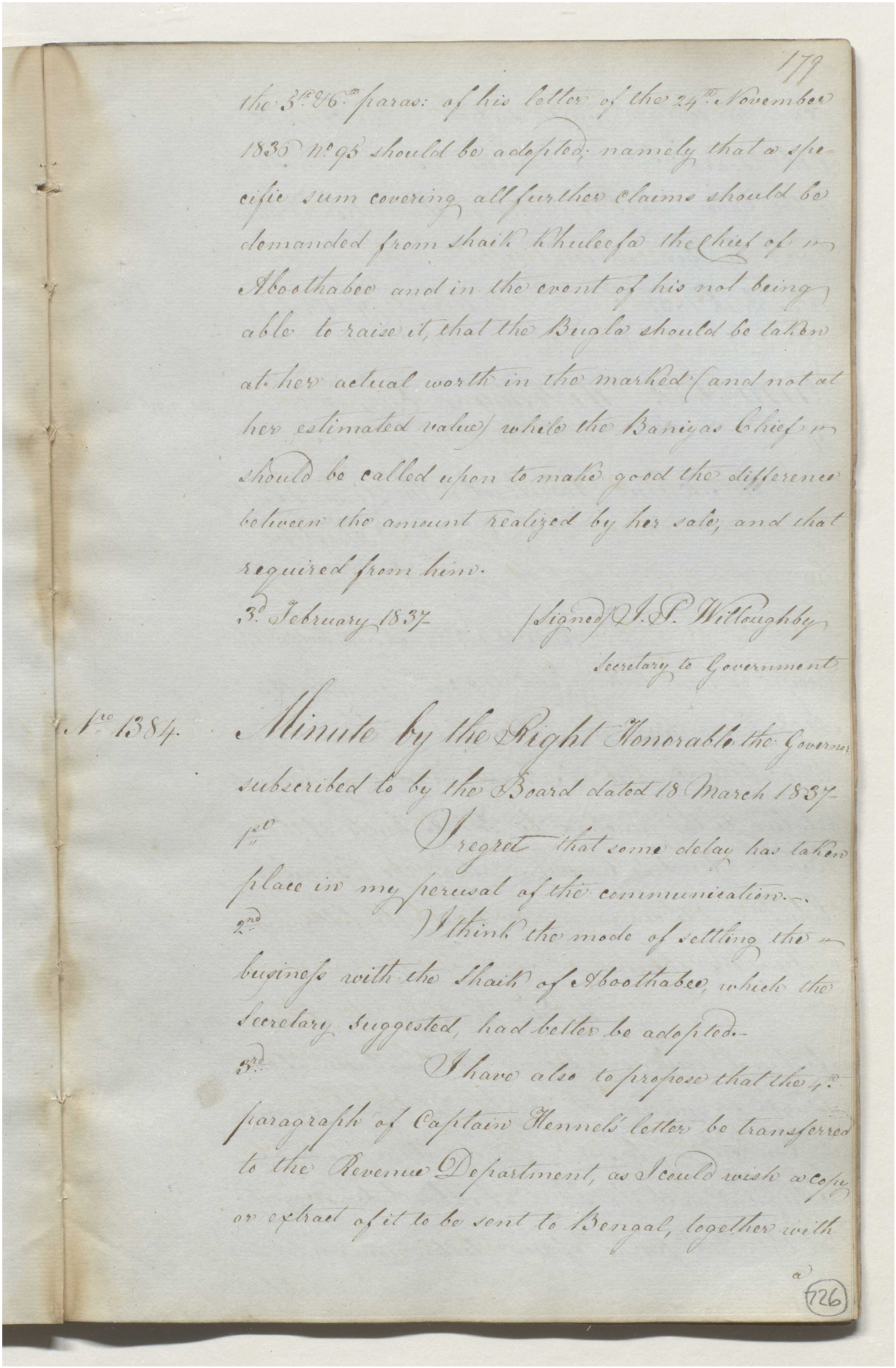

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the 3rd & 6th paras: of his letter of the 24th November 1835 No 93 should be adopted: namely that a specific sum covering all further claims should be demanded from Shaik Khuleefa the Chief of Aboothabee and in the event of his not being able to raise it, that the Bugla should be taken at her actual worth in the market (and not at her estimated value) while the Baniyas Chief should be called upon to make good the difference between the amount realized by her sale, and that required from him.

3d February 1837. (signed) J. S. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

No 1384. Minute by the Right Honorable the Governor subscribed to by the Board dated 18 March 1837.

1st I regret that some delay has taken place in my perusal of the communication.

2nd I think the mode of settling the business with the Shaik of Aboothabee, which the Secretary suggested, had better be adopted.

3rd I have also to propose that the 4th paragraph of Captain Hennel's letter be transferred to the Revenue Department, as I could wish a copy or extract of it to be sent to Bengal, together with

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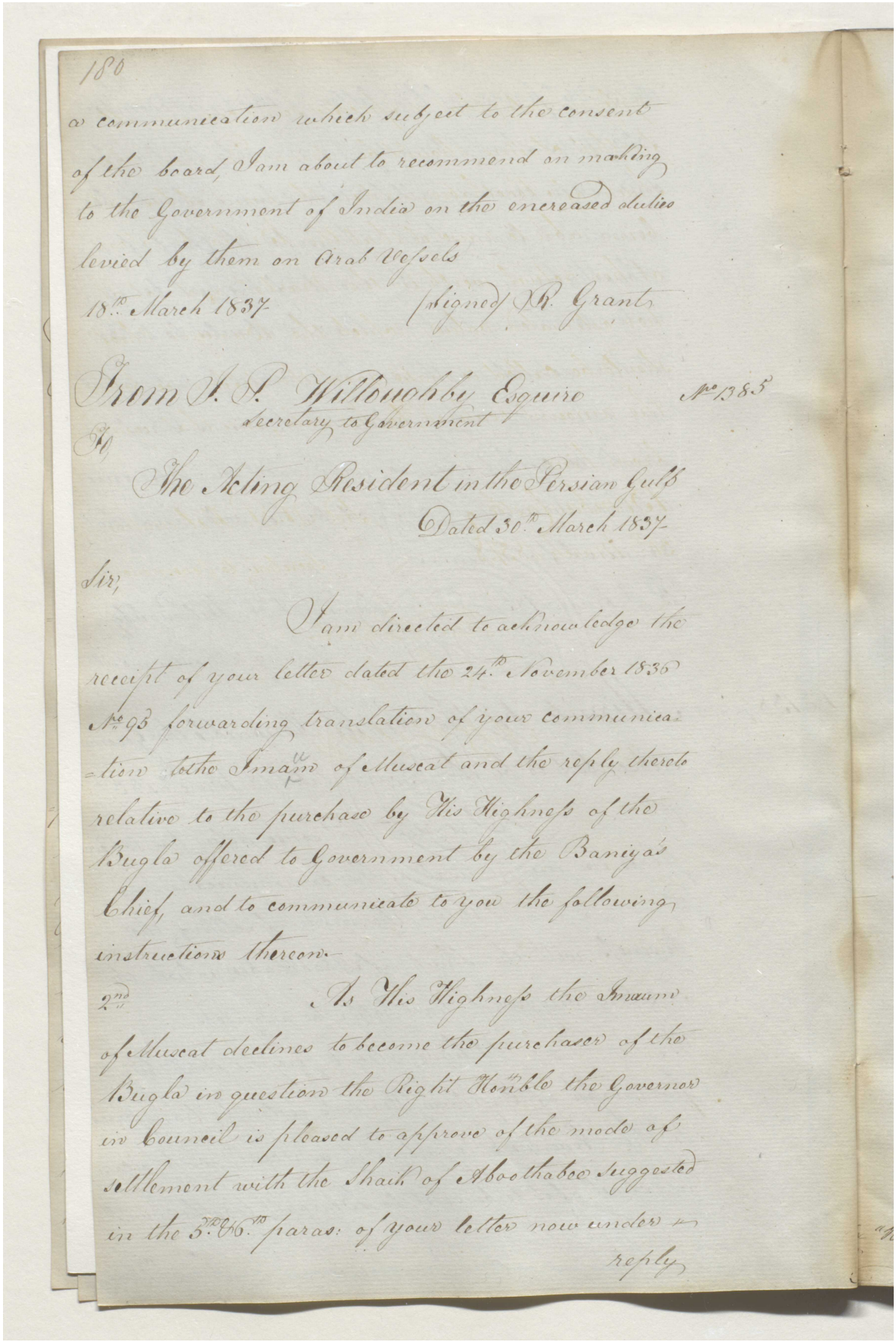

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a communication which subject to the consent of the board, I am about to recommend on making to the Government of India on the encreased duties levied by them on Arab Vessels

18th March 1837 (signed) R. Grant

From A. A. Willoughby Esquire No 385
Secretary to Government
To
The Acting President in the Persian Gulf
Dated 30th March 1837

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 24th November 1836 No 93 forwarding translation of your communication to the Imaum of Muscat and the reply thereto relative to the purchase by His Highness of the Bugla offered to Government by the Baniya's Chief, and to communicate to you the following instructions thereon.

2nd As His Highness the Imaum of Muscat declines to become the purchaser of the Bugla in question the Right Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to approve of the mode of settlement with the Shaik of Aboothabee suggested in the 5th & 6th paras: of your letter now under reply

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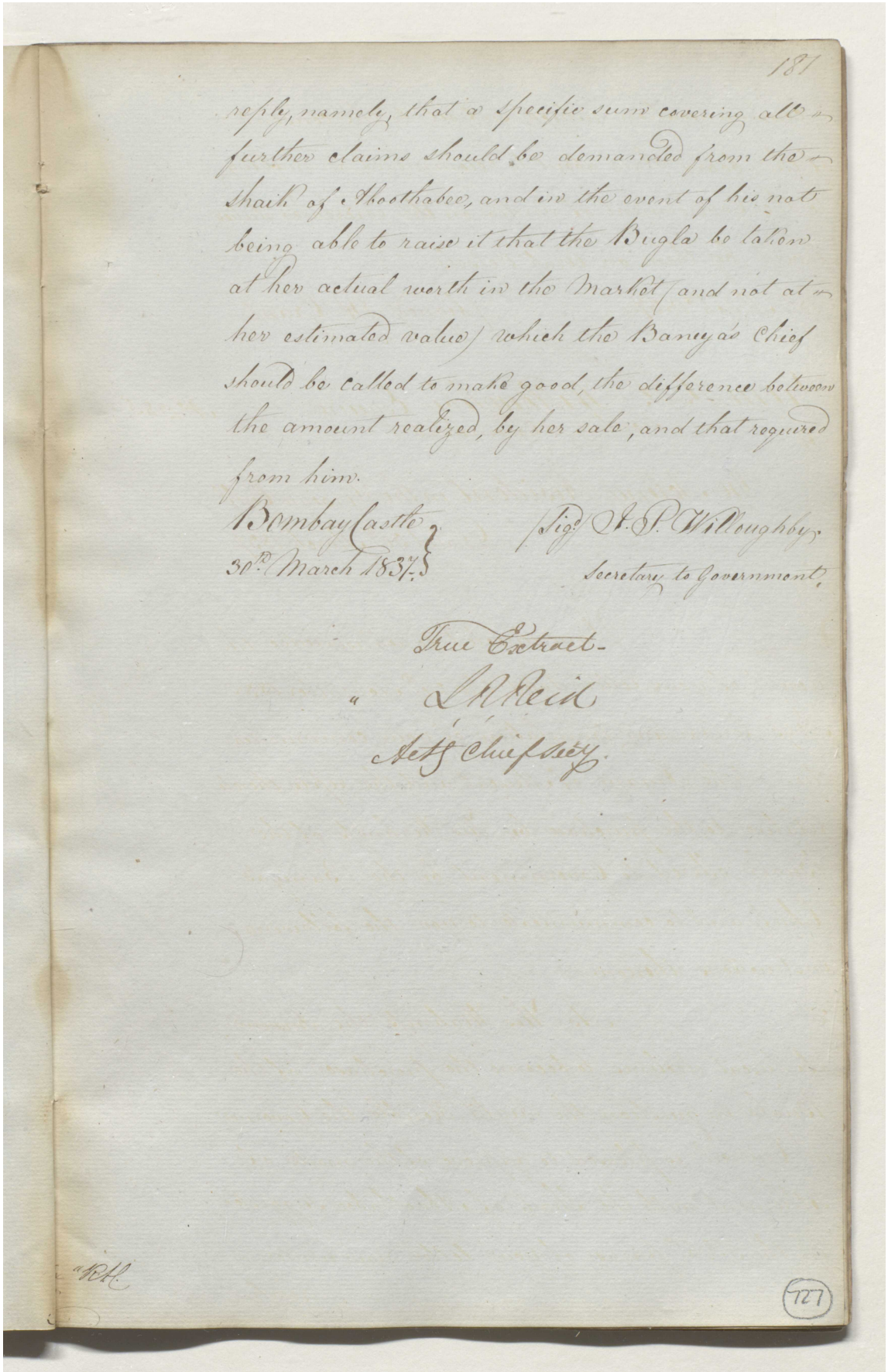

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reply, namely, that a specific sum covering all further claims should be demanded from the Shaik of Shosthabee, and in the event of his not being able to raise it that the Bugla be taken at her actual worth in the Market and not at her estimated value, which the Banya's Chief should be called to make good, the difference between the amount realized by her sale, and that required from him.

Bombay Castle
30th March 1837.

Sigd J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

True Extract
J. N. Reid
Actg Chief Secy.

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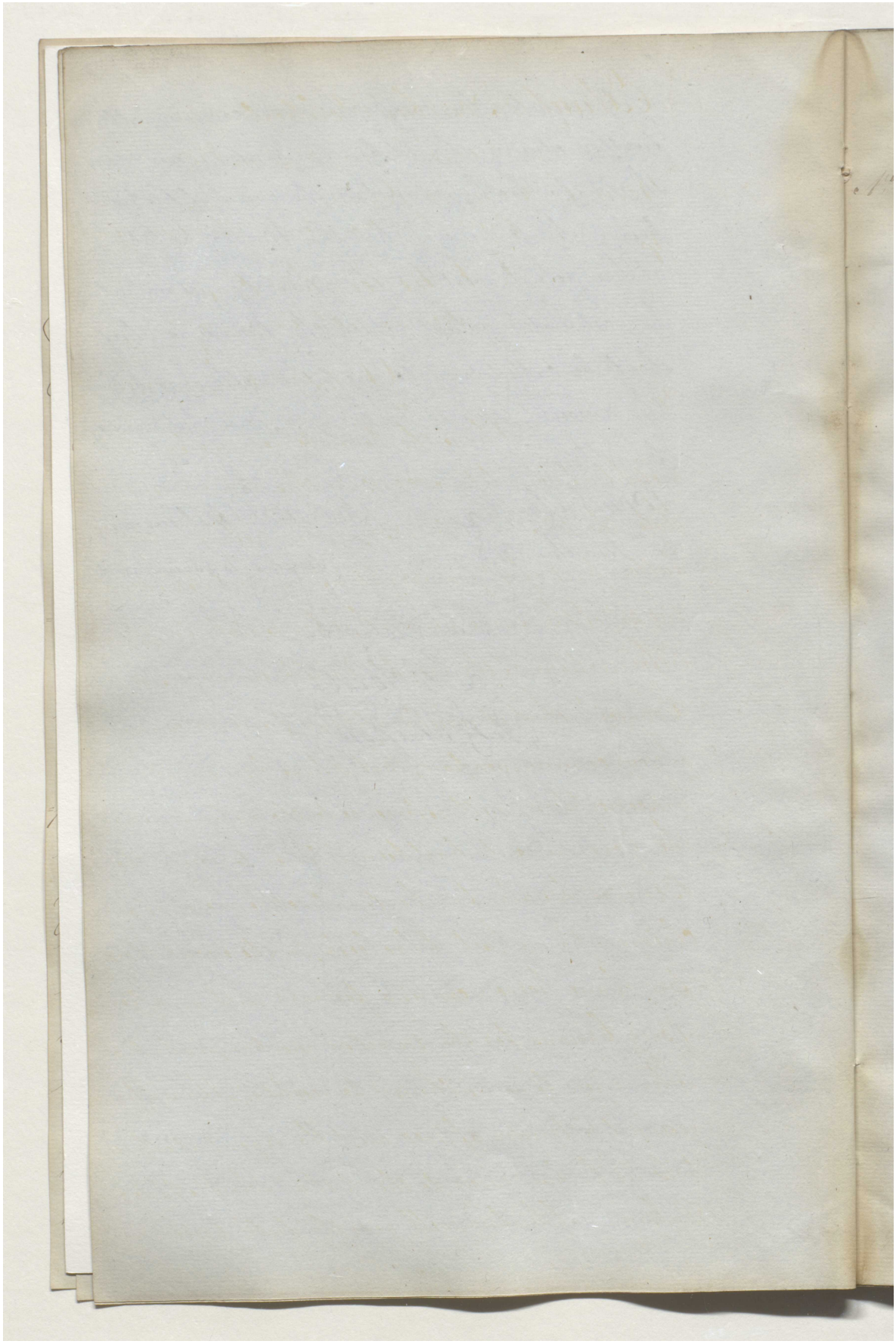

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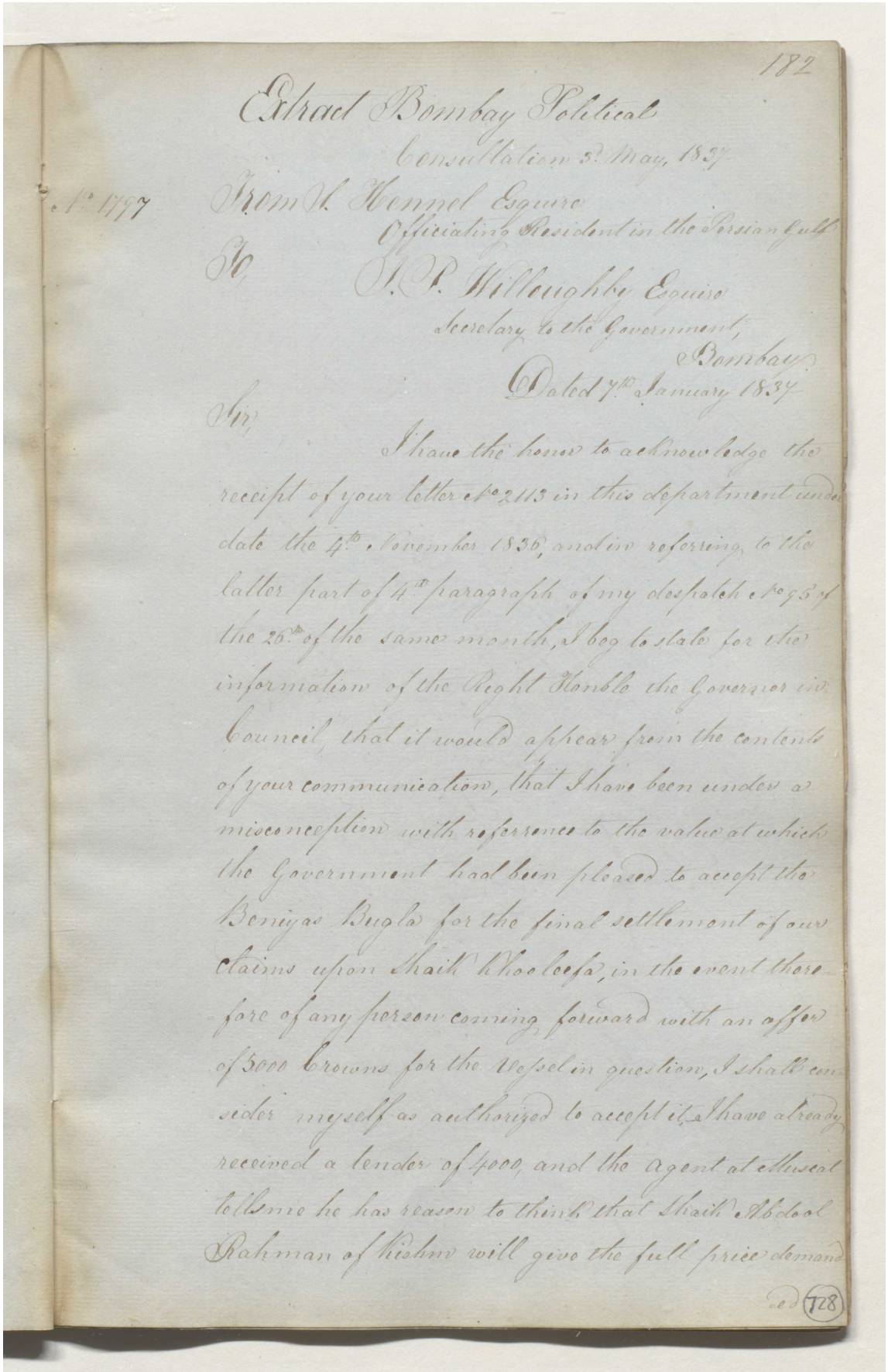

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 3d May 1837

No 1797

From H. Hommel Esqre
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
To
J. P. Willoughby Esqre
Secretary to the Government,
Bombay.

Dated 17th January 1837

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 213 in this department under date the 4th November 1836, and in referring to the latter part of 4th paragraph of my despatch No 93 of the 26th of the same month, I beg to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that it would appear from the contents of your communication, that I have been under a misconception with reference to the value at which the Government had been pleased to accept the Beniyas Bugla for the final settlement of our claims upon Shaik Khoolefa, in the event therefore of any person coming forward with an offer of 5000 Crowns for the Vessel in question, I shall consider myself as authorized to accept it. I have already received a tender of 4000, and the Agent at Bushear tells me he has reason to think that Shaik Abdool Rahman of Kishm will give the full price demanded

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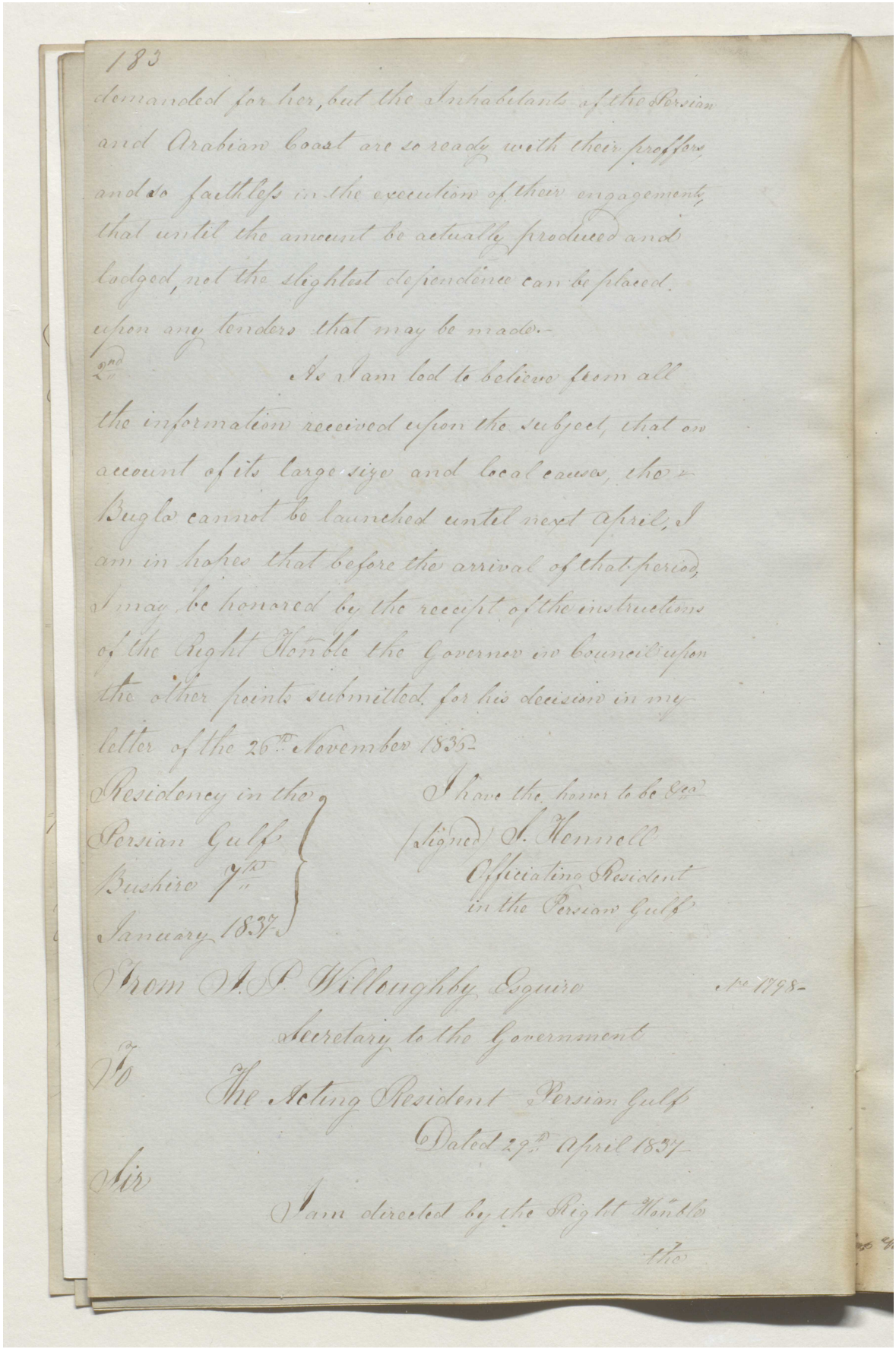

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demanded for her, but the Inhabitants of the Persian and Arabian Coast are so ready with their proffers, and so faithless in the execution of their engagements, that until the amount be actually produced and lodged, not the slightest dependence can be placed upon any tenders that may be made.-

2nd As I am led to believe from all the information received upon the subject, that on account of its large size and local causes, the Bugla cannot be launched until next April, I am in hopes that before the arrival of that period, I may be honored by the receipt of the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council upon the other points submitted for his decision in my letter of the 26th November 1836-

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 7th January 1837

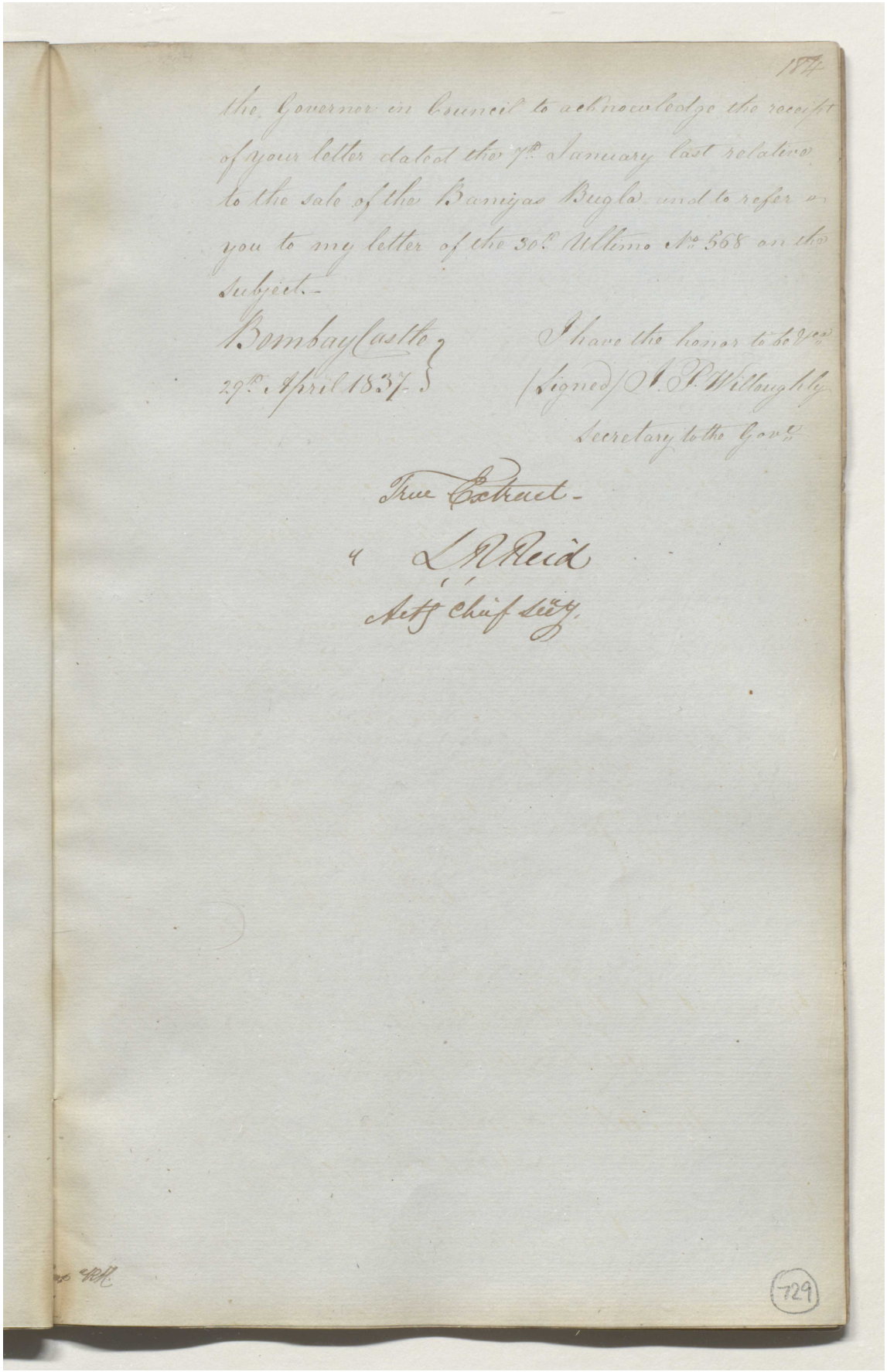
I have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) J. Hennell
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire No 1798-
Secretary to the Government

To
The Acting Resident Persian Gulf
Dated 29th April 1837

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the



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the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th January last relative to the sale of the Baniyas Bugla and to refer you to my letter of the 30th Ultimo No. 568 on the subject.-

Bombay Castle
29th April 1837.

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

True Extract.-
L. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy.

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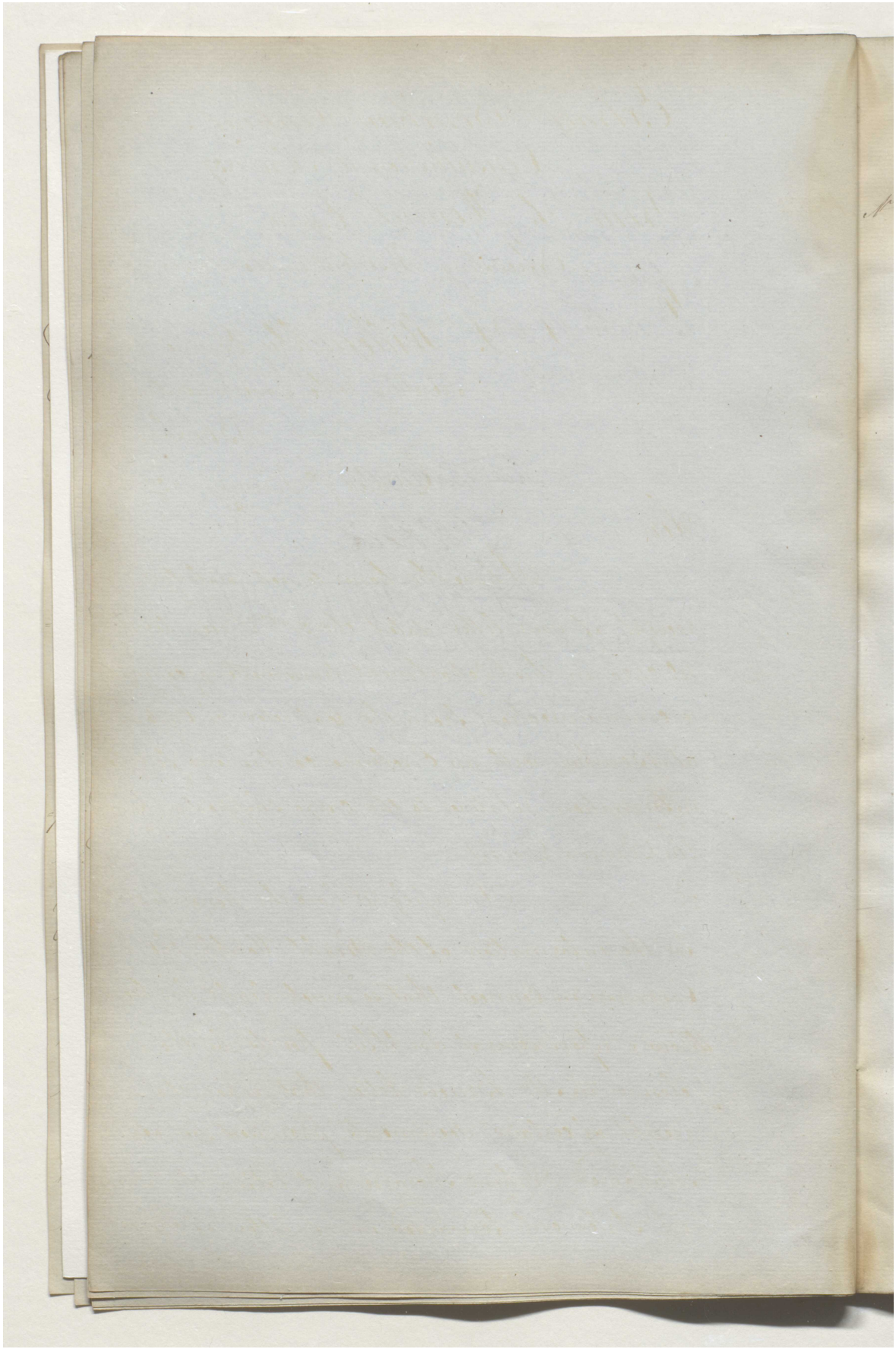

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Extract Bombay Political
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No 1872

From A. Hamnol Esquire
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

To
H. S. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Dated 9th February 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 31st December 1836 No. 2420, in the Department, transmitting copy of a communication from the Collector of Customs at Bombay with an Enclosure, containing further information relative to the Cargo shipped on board the Dureya Doulat.

2d. In reply I have the honor to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that so much light has been thrown upon several doubtful points by the enclosure in Mr. Bruce's letter, that upon the receipt of certain documents promised by Syd Mahomed Rahim Shorazee and taking the amended Statement forwarded in my letter of the 12th

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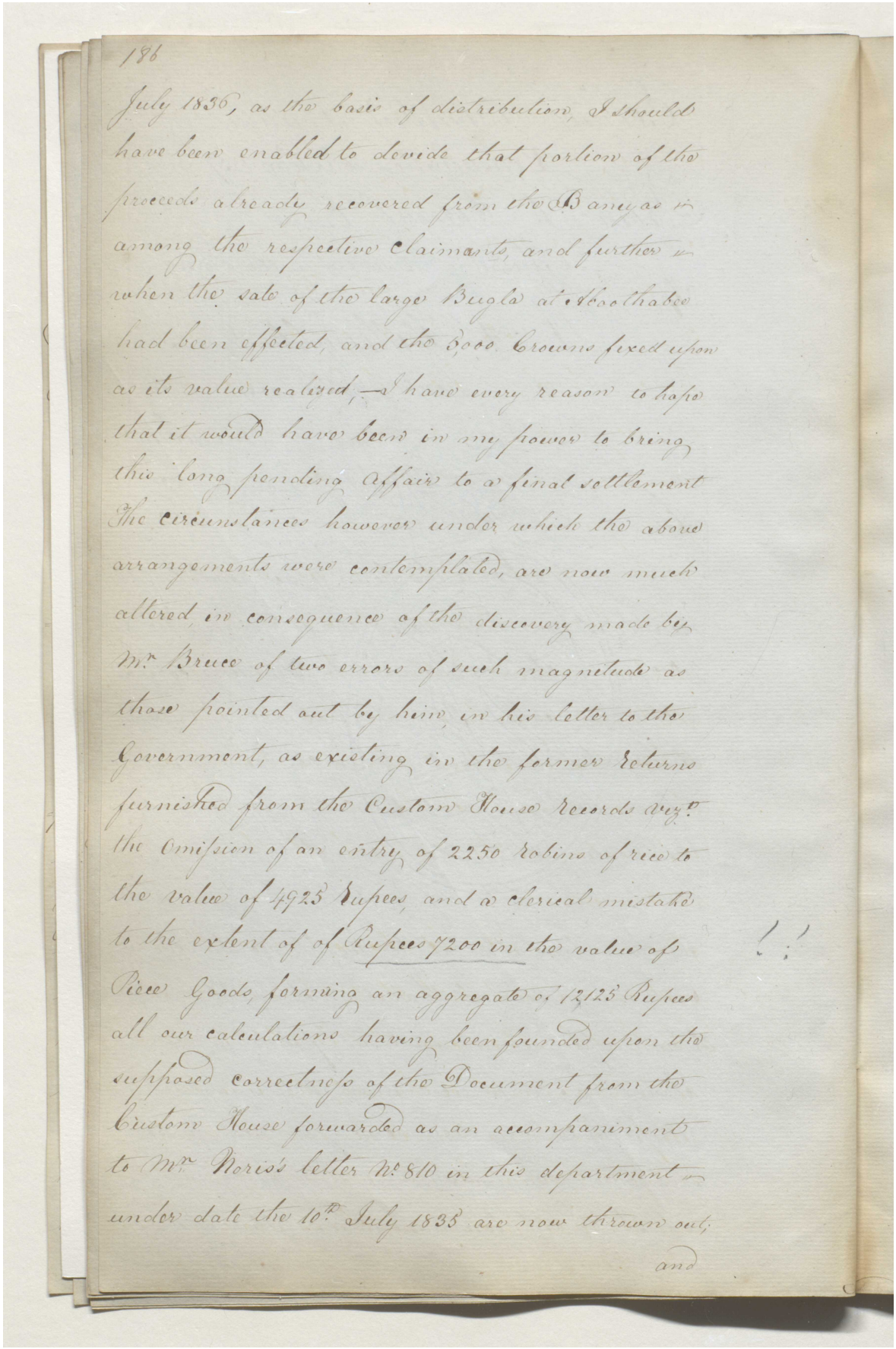

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July 1836, as the basis of distribution, I should have been enabled to devide that portion of the proceeds already recovered from the Banyas among the respective claimants, and further when the sale of the large Bugla at Aboothabee had been effected, and the 5,000 Crowns fixed upon as its value realized, — I have every reason to hope that it would have been in my power to bring this long pending affair to a final settlement The circumstances however under which the above arrangements were contemplated, are now much altered, in consequence of the discovery made by Mr. Bruce of two errors of such magnitude as those pointed out by him, in his letter to the Government, as existing in the former returns furnished from the Custom House records viz.t the Omission of an entry of 2250 robins of rice to the value of 4925 Rupees, and a clerical mistake to the extent of of Rupees 7200 in the value of Piece Goods, forming an aggregate of 12125 Rupees all our calculations having been founded upon the supposed correctness of the Document from the Custom House forwarded as an accompaniment to Mr. Noris's letter No. 810 in this department under date the 10th July 1835 are now thrown out;

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and consequently we are not only without funds either in hand or in anticipation to meet these two unexpected additional claims, but the question from whence they are to be provided is I fear, one of embarrassment and difficulty.

3d. As already reported in the 4th paragraph of my letter of the 24th November last, the acceptance by the Government of the Banijas Bugla in lieu of all further demands on account of the piracy upon the Durreya Doulut, has not yet been notified to Sheik Khuleefa himself but two letters having reference to the sale of the vessel in question, have been addressed by me to the Agents at Lingah and Muscat, and one upon the same subject to Sheik Abdool Rahman of Bishm, copies of which I have now the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.—

4th In the absence however of any direct engagement with Sheik Khuleefa bon Shaikbaol, I do not conceive, that should the views of the Government be changed, that it is bound to accept his Bugla, even if her sale were to realize the 5000 Crowns hitherto considered to be all that was required to clear our claims upon that Chief.

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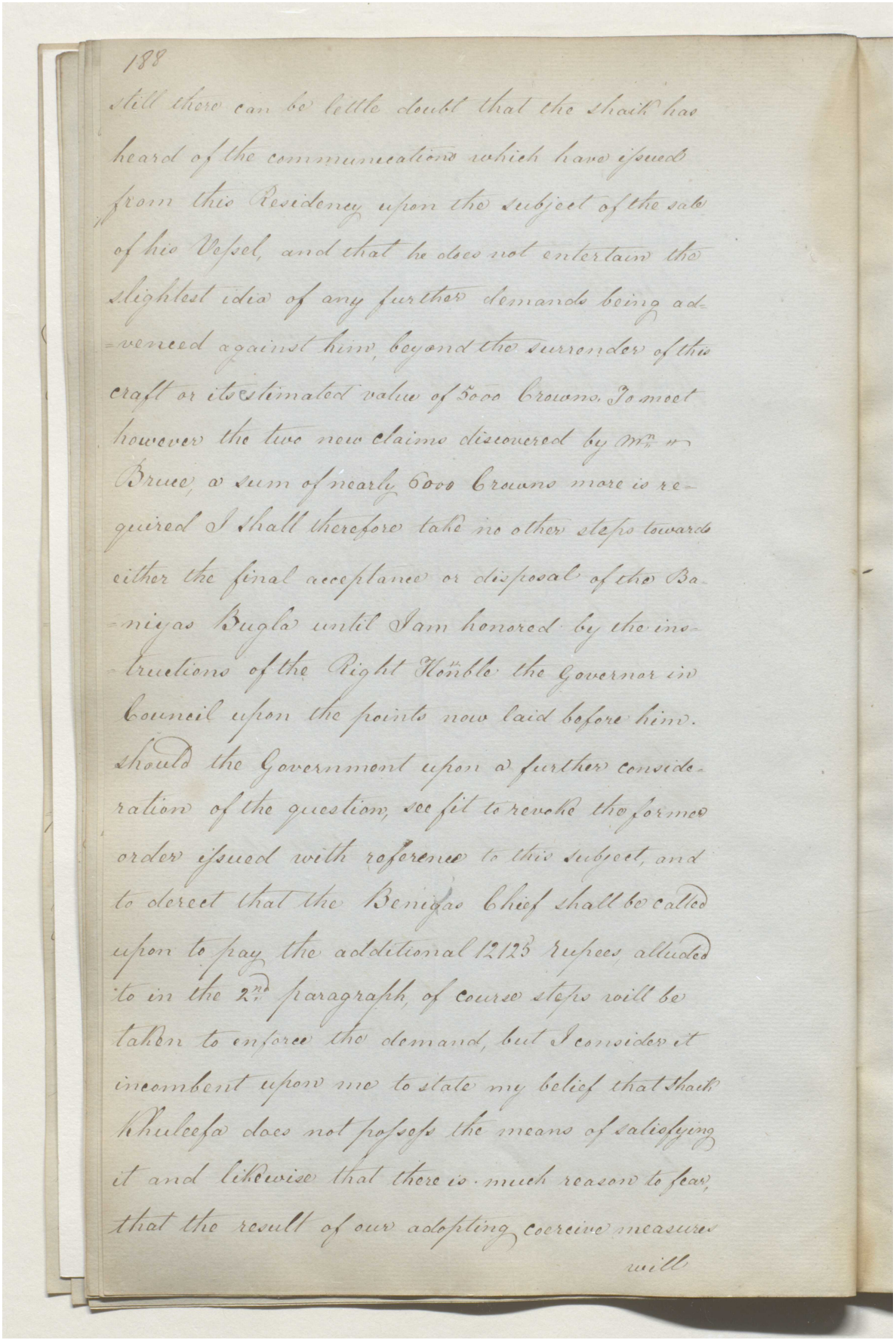

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still there can be little doubt that the Shaik has heard of the communications which have issued from this Residency upon the subject of the sale of his Vessel, and that he does not entertain the slightest idea of any further demands being advenced against him, beyond the surrender of this craft or its estimated value of 5000 Crowns. To meet however the two new claims discovered by Mr. Bruce, a sum of nearly 6000 Crowns more is required I shall therefore take no other steps towards either the final acceptance or disposal of the Baniyas Bugla until I am honored by the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council upon the points now laid before him. Should the Government upon a further consideration of the question see fit to revoke the former order issued with reference to this subject, and to decree that the Benigas Chief shall be called upon to pay the additional 12123 Rupees alluded to in the 2nd paragraph, of course steps will be taken to enforce the demand, but I consider it incombent upon me to state my belief that Shaik Khuleefa does not possess the means of satisfying it and likewise that there is much reason to fear, that the result of our adopting coercive measures will

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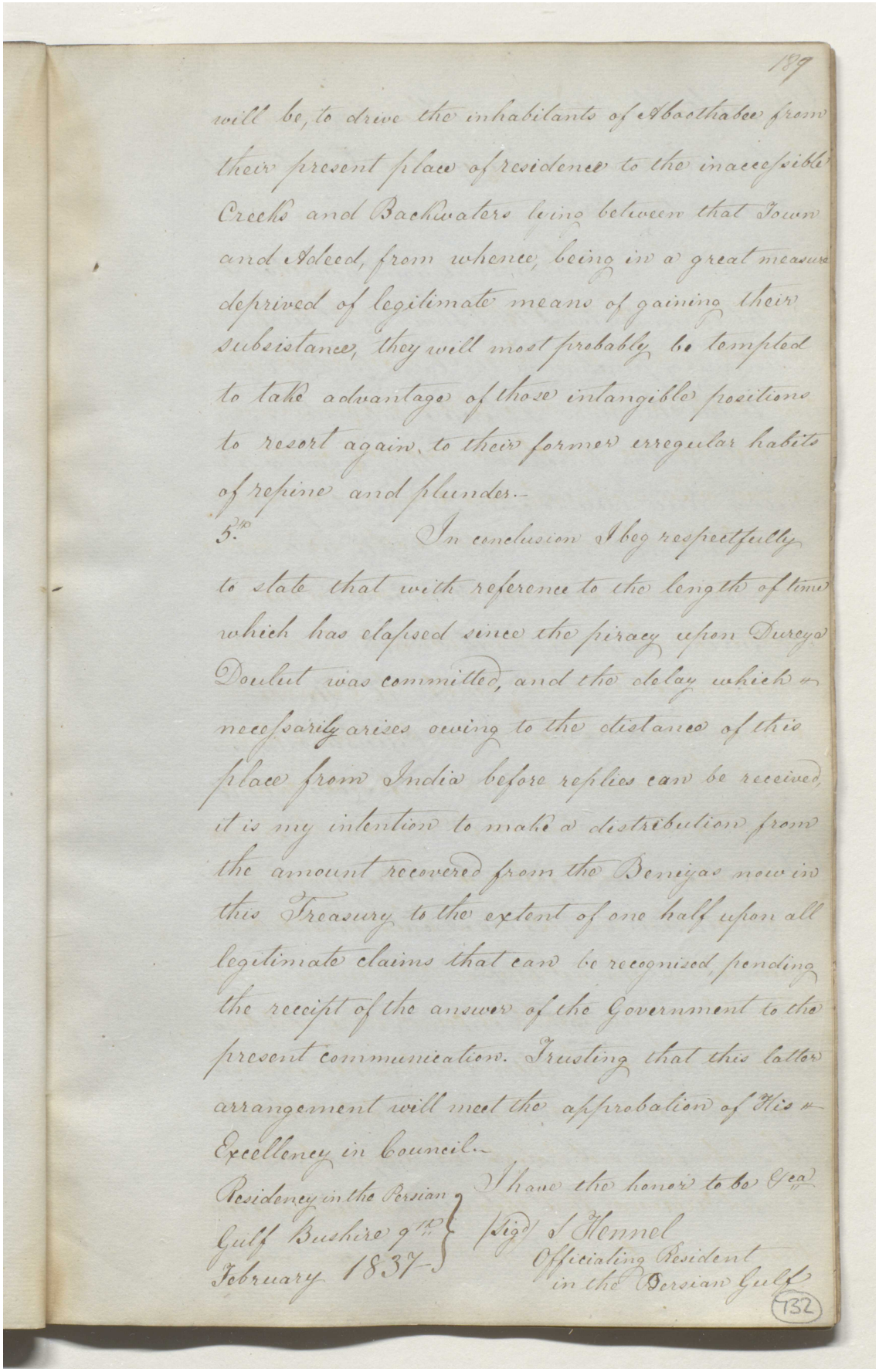

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will be, to drive the inhabitants of Abasthabee from their present place of residence to the inaccessible Creeks and Backwaters lying between that Town and Adeed, from whence, being in a great measure deprived of legitimate means of gaining their subsistance, they will most probably be tempted to take advantage of those intangible positions to resort again, to their former irregular habits of rapine and plunder.-

3rd In conclusion I beg respectfully to state that with reference to the length of time which has elapsed since the piracy upon Dureya Doulut was committed, and the delay which necessarily arises owing to the distance of this place from India before replies can be received, it is my intention to make a distribution from the amount recovered from the Beniyas now in this Treasury to the extent of one half upon all legitimate claims that can be recognized, pending the receipt of the answer of the Government to the present communication. Trusting that this latter arrangement will meet the approbation of His Excellency in Council.-

I have the honor to be &c.

Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 9th February 1837.-

Sigd J Hennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

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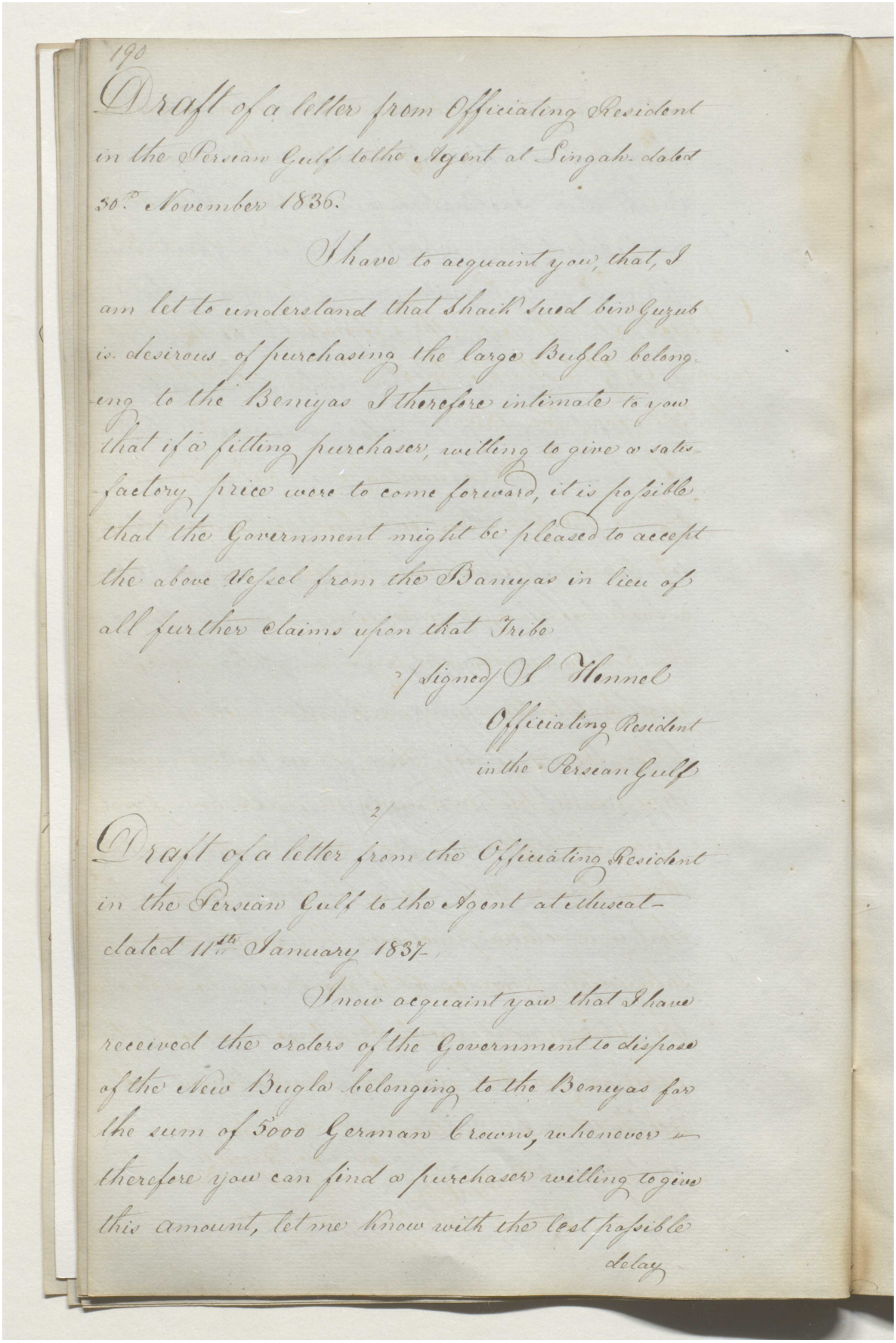

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Draft of a letter from Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Agent at Lingah dated 30th November 1836.

I have to acquaint you, that, I am let to understand that Shaik Sued bin Guzub is desirous of purchasing the large Bugla belonging to the Beniyas I therefore intimate to you that if a fitting purchaser, willing to give a satisfactory price were to come forward, it is possible that the Government might be pleased to accept the above Vessel from the Baniyas in lieu of all further claims upon that Tribe

(Signed) S Hennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

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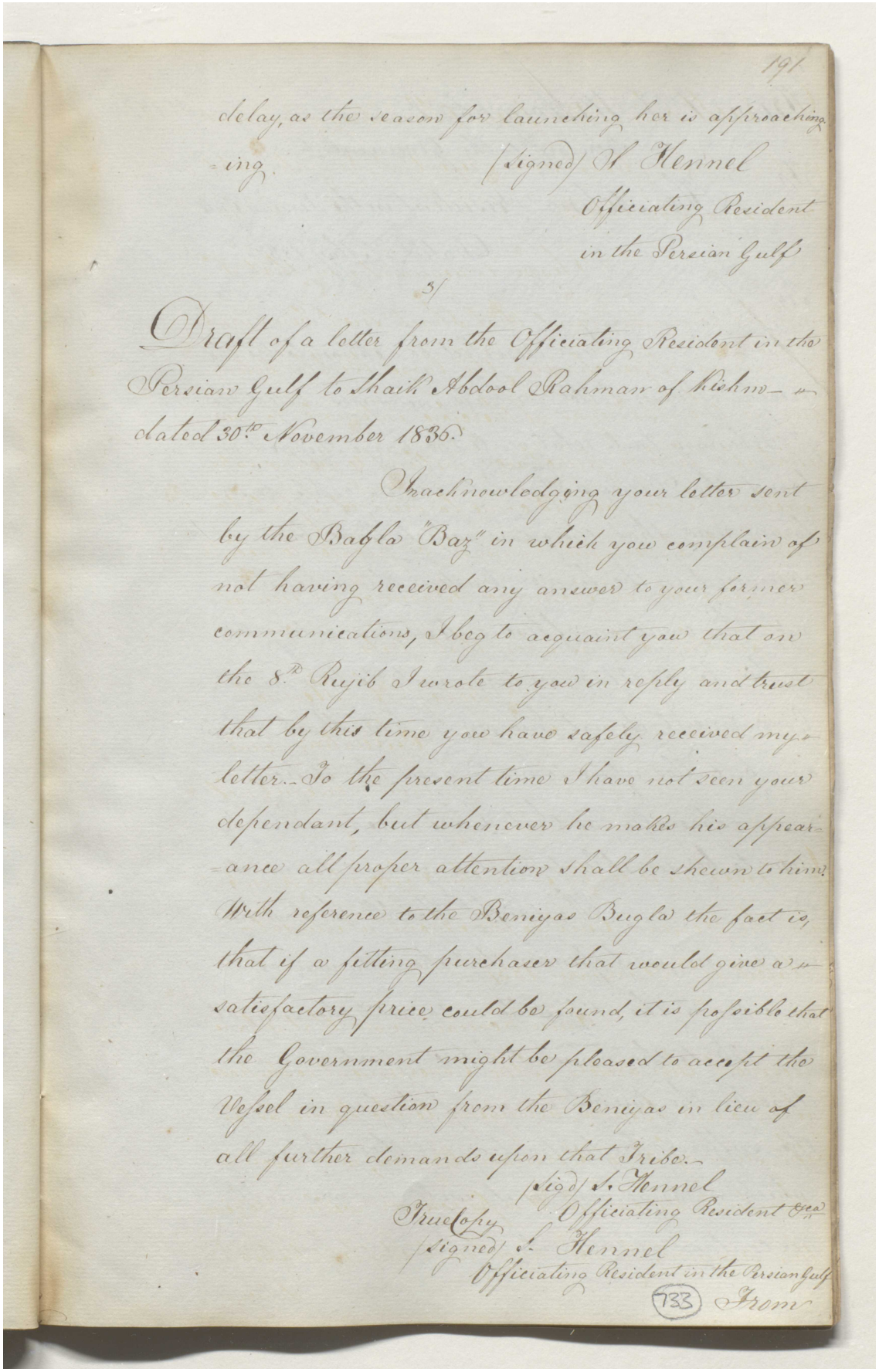
Draft of a letter from the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Agent at Muscat dated 11th January 1837.

I now acquaint you that I have received the orders of the Government to dispose of the New Bugla belonging to the Beniyas for the sum of 5000 German Crowns, whenever therefore you can find a purchaser willing to give this amount, let me know with the lest possible delay



delay, as the season for launching her is approaching-ing.

(Signed) S. Hennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

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Draft of a letter from the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rahman of Kishm — dated 30th November 1836.

In acknowledging your letter sent by the Bagla "Baz" in which you complain of not having received any answer to your former communications, I beg to acquaint you that on the 8th Rujib I wrote to you in reply and trust that by this time you have safely received my letter. To the present time I have not seen your dependant, but whenever he makes his appearance all proper attention shall be shewn to him. With reference to the Beniyas Bugla the fact is, that if a fitting purchaser that would give a satisfactory price could be found, it is possible that the Government might be pleased to accept the Vessel in question from the Beniyas in lieu of all further demands upon that Tribe.

(Sigd) S. Hennel
Officiating Resident &ca

True Copy
(Signed) S. Hennel
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

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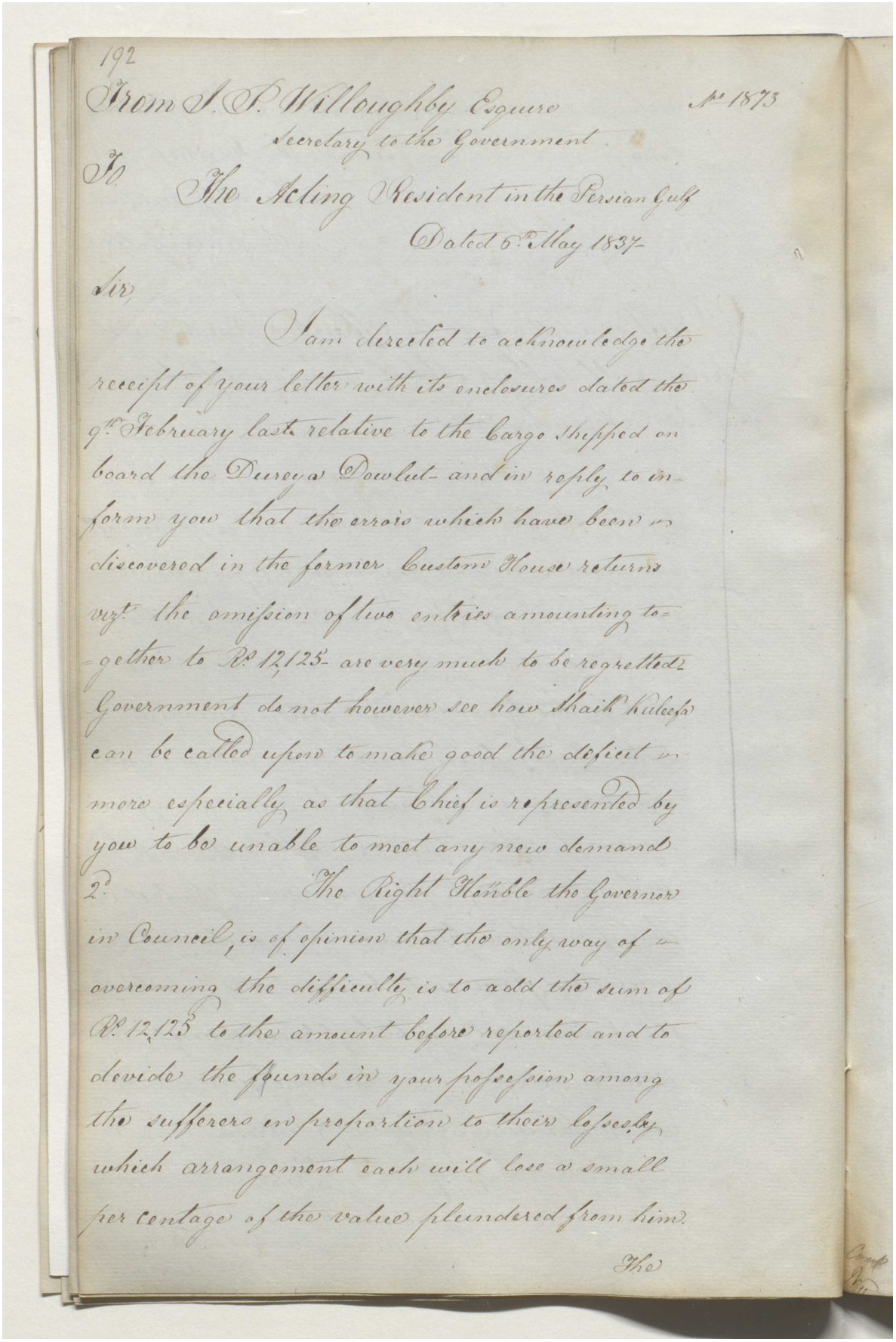

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From J. P. Willoughby Esquire No 1873
Secretary to the Government

To
The Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf
Dated 6th May 1837

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with its enclosures dated the 9th February last relative to the Cargo shipped on board the Dureya Dowlut and in reply to inform you that the errors which have been discovered in the former Custom House returns viz. the omission of two entries amounting together to Rs. 12,125 are very much to be regretted. Government do not however see how Shaik Kuleefa can be called upon to make good the deficit more especially as that Chief is represented by you to be unable to meet any new demand

2d. The Right Honble the Governor in Council, is of opinion that the only way of overcoming the difficulty is to add the sum of Rs. 12,125 to the amount before reported and to devide the founds in your possession among the sufferers in proportion to their losses by which arrangement each will lose a small per centage of the value plundered from him.

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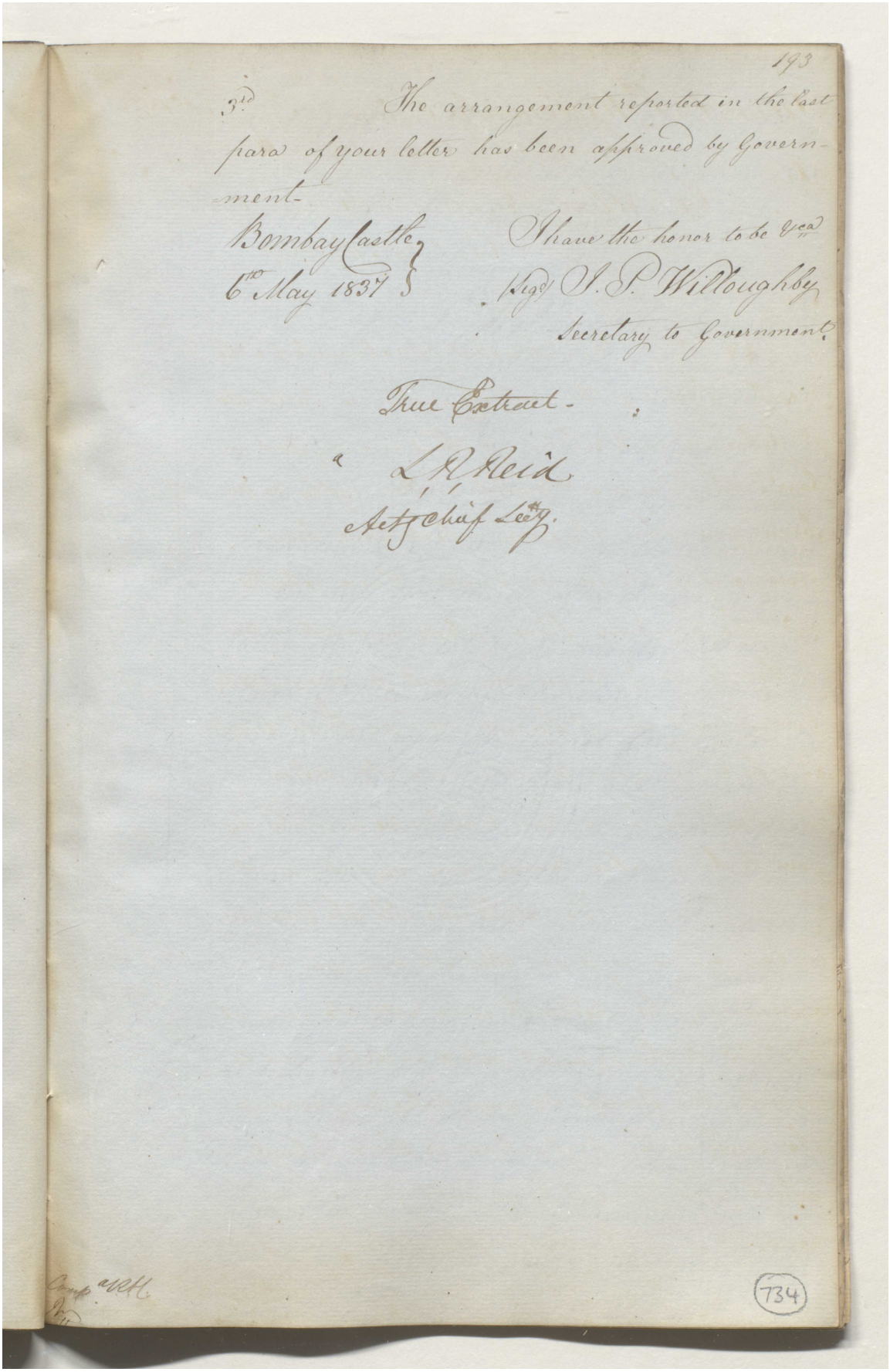

3rd The arrangement reported in the last para of your letter has been approved by Government.

Bombay Castle
6th May 1837

I have the honor to be &ca
(Sigd) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government.

True Extract.

L. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy.

Comp. a R.H.

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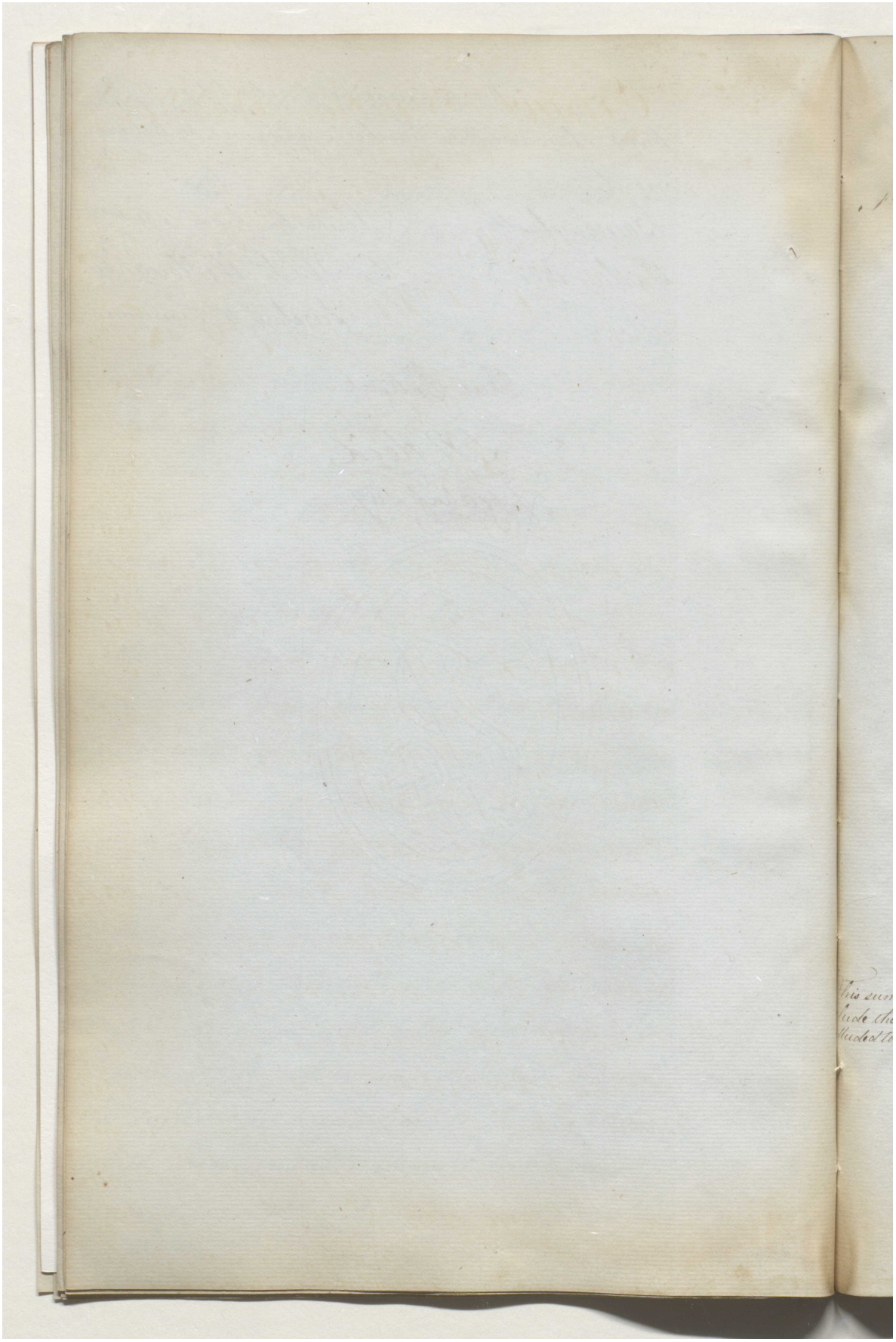

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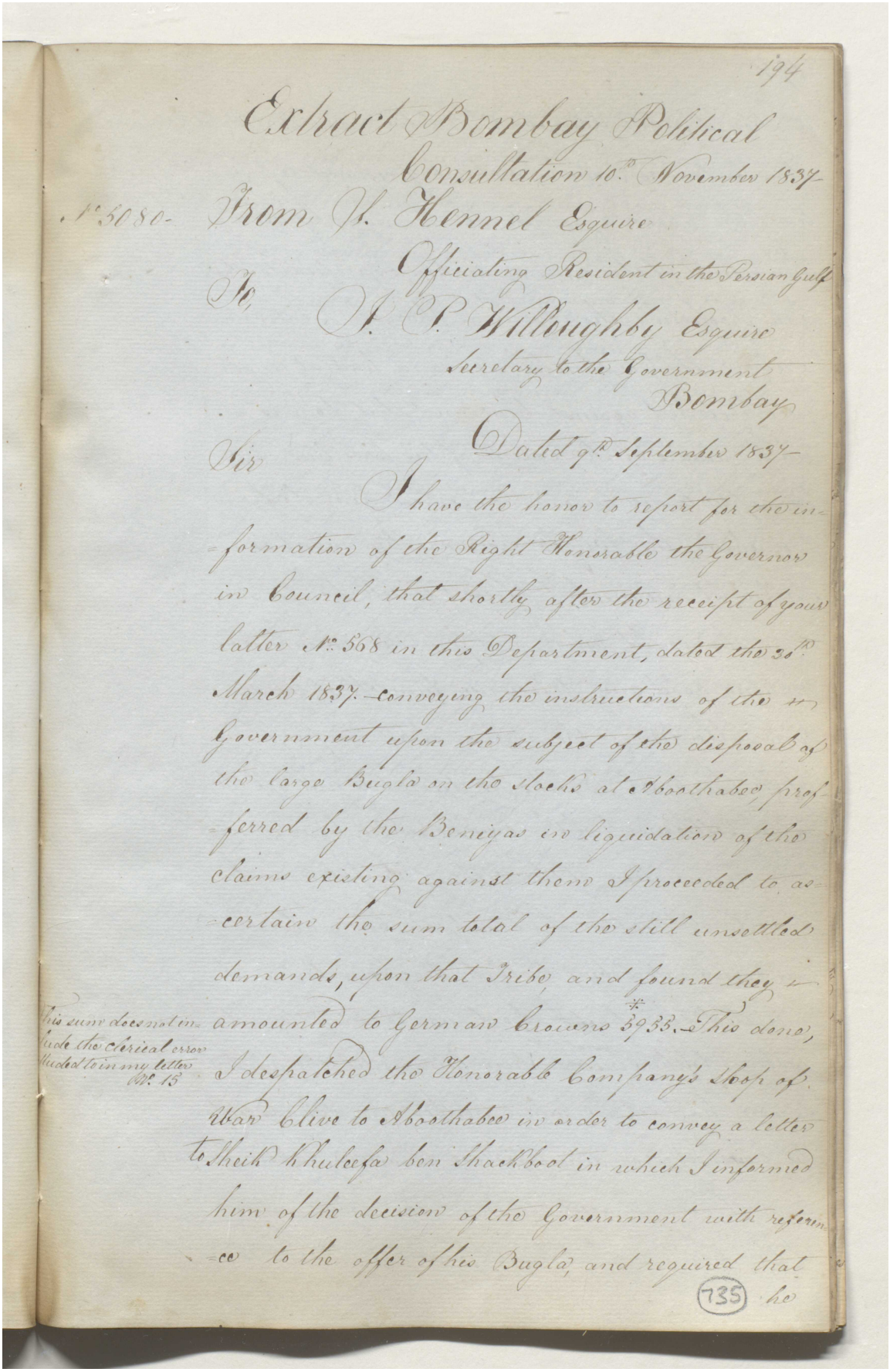

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No. 5080 From J. Hennel Esquire
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

To,
J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Dated 9th September 1837

Sir

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that shortly after the receipt of your latter No. 568 in this Department, dated the 30th March 1837 conveying the instructions of the Government upon the subject of the disposal of the large Bugla on the stocks at Aboothabee, proffered by the Beniyas in liquidation of the claims existing against them I proceeded to ascertain the sum total of the still unsettled demands, upon that Tribe, and found they amounted to German Crowns 5955.* This done, I despatched the Honorable Company's Sloop of War Clive to Aboothabee in order to convey a letter to Sheik Khuleefa ben Shackboot in which I informed him of the decision of the Government with reference to the offer of his Bugla, and required that he

*This sum does not include the clerical error alluded to in my letter No. 15

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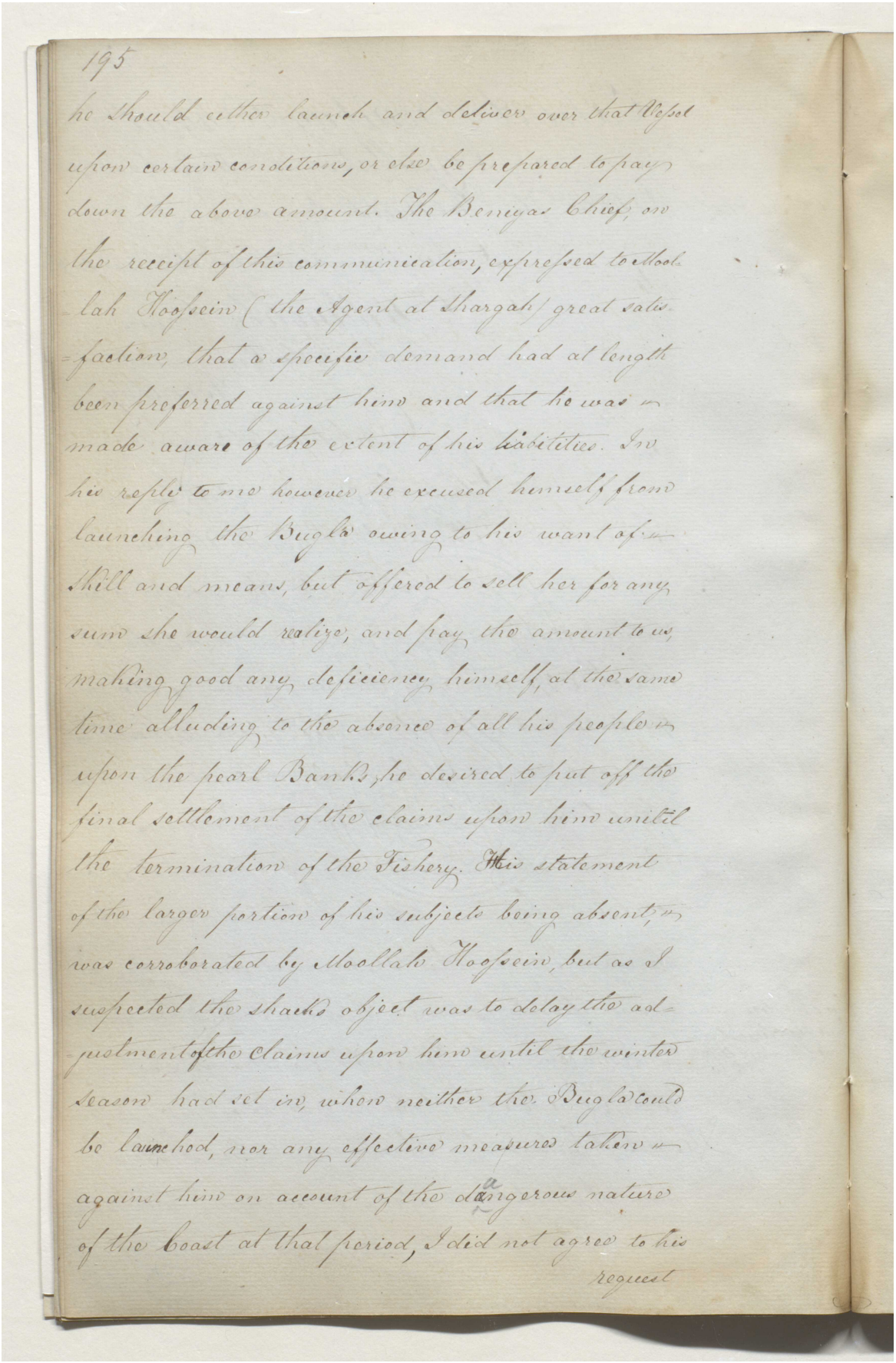

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he should either launch and deliver over that Vessel upon certain conditions, or else be prepared to pay down the above amount. The Beniyas Chief, on the receipt of this communication, expressed to Moollah Hoosein (the Agent at Shargah) great satisfaction, that a specific demand had at length been preferred against him and that he was made aware of the extent of his liabilities. In his reply to me however he excused himself from launching the Bugla owing to his want of skill and means, but offered to sell her for any sum she would realize, and pay the amount to us, making good any deficiency himself, at the same time alluding to the absence of all his people upon the pearl Banks, he desired to put off the final settlement of the claims upon him until the termination of the Fishery. This statement of the larger portion of his subjects being absent, was corroborated by Moollah Hoosein, but as I suspected the Shaikh's object was to delay the adjustment of the claims upon him until the winter season had set in, when neither the Bugla could be launched, nor any effective measures taken against him on account of the dangerous nature of the Coast at that period, I did not agree to his

request

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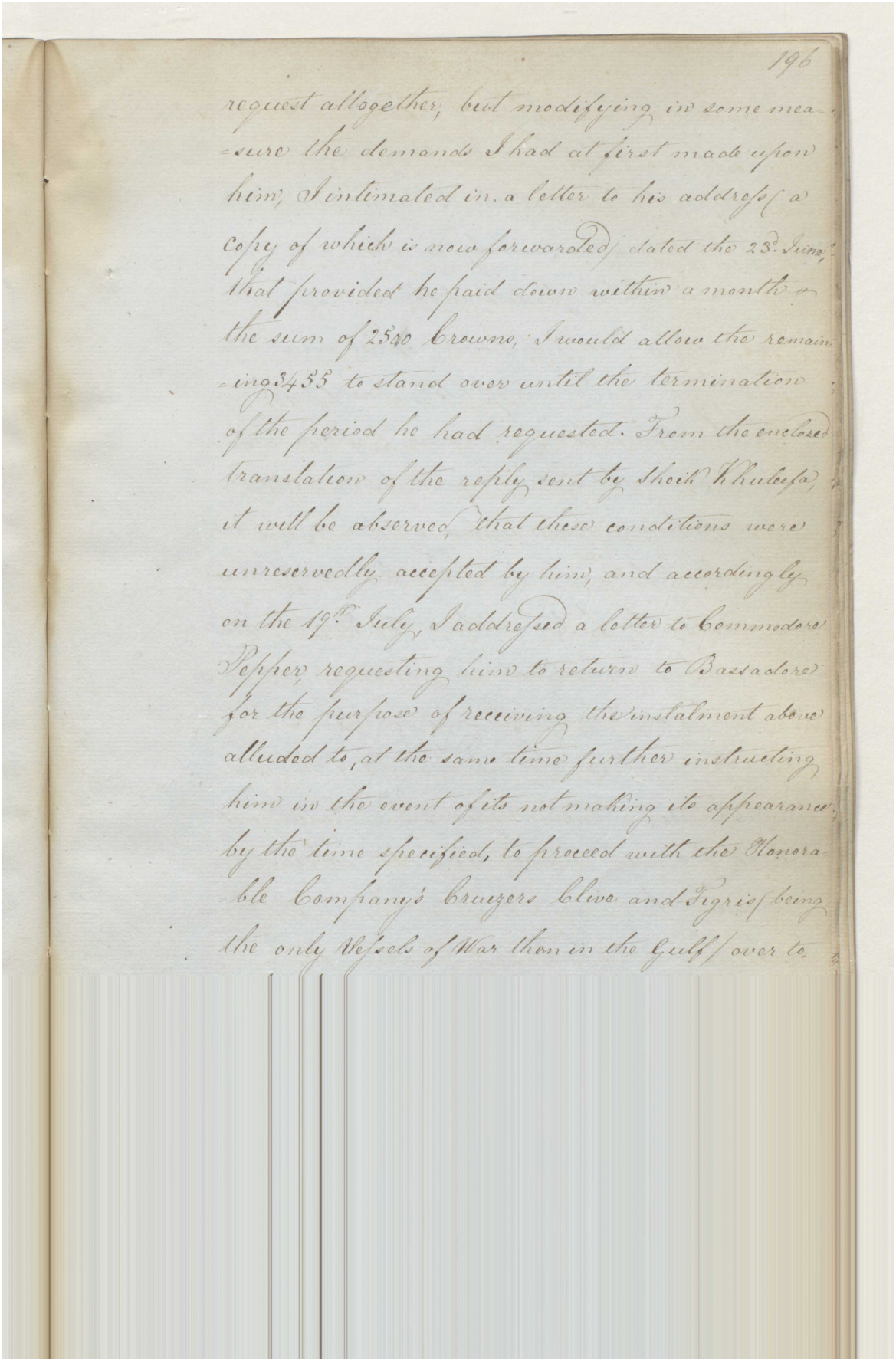

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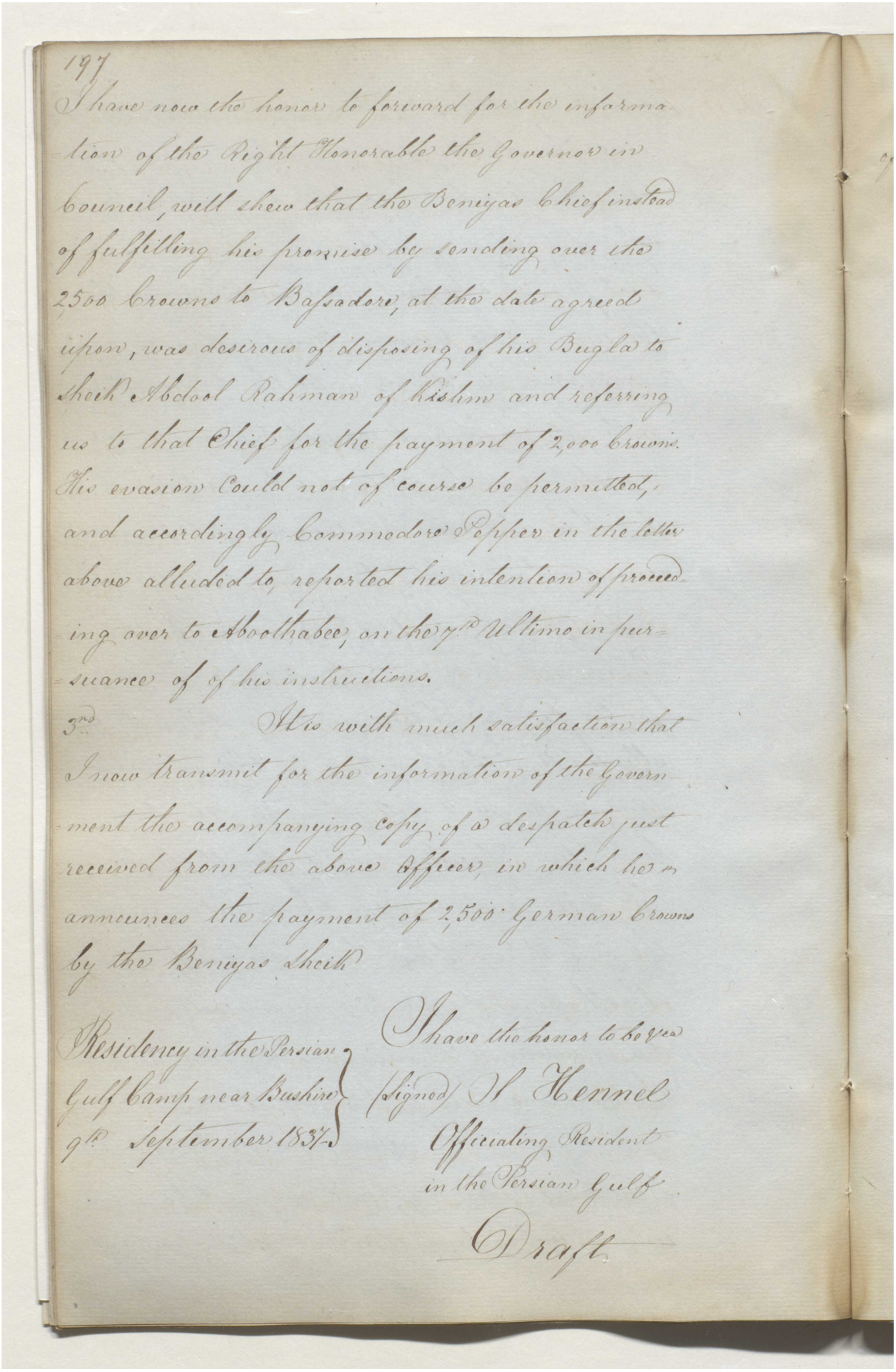
request altogether, but modifying in some measure the demands I had at first made upon him, I intimated in a letter to his address a copy of which is now forwarded, dated the 23d. June, that provided he paid down within a month the sum of 2540 Crowns, I would allow the remaining 3455 to stand over until the termination of the period he had requested. From the enclosed translation of the reply sent by Sheik Khuleefa, it will be observed, that these conditions were unreservedly accepted by him, and accordingly on the 19th. July, I addressed a letter to Commodore Pepper requesting him to return to Bassadore for the purpose of receiving the instalment above alluded to, at the same time further instructing him in the event of its not making its appearance by the time specified, to proceed with the Honorable Company's Cruizers Clive and Tigris being the only Vessels of War then in the Gulf over to



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I have now the honor to forward for the infarma-
tion of the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, will shew that the Beniyas Chief instead
of fulfilling his promise by sending over the
2500 Crowns to Bassadore, at the date agreed
upon, was desirous of disposing of his Bugla to
Sheik Abdool Rahman of Kishm and referring
us to that Chief for the payment of 2,000 Crowns.
His evasion could not of course be permitted,
and accordingly Commodore Pepper in the letter
above alluded to, reported his intention of proceed-
ing over to Abboothabee, on the 7th Ultimo in pur-
suance of of his instructions.

3rd It is with much satisfaction that
I now transmit for the information of the Govern-
ment the accompanying copy of a despatch just
received from the above Officer, in which he an-
nounces the payment of 2,500 German Crowns
by the Beniyas Sheik

Residency in the Persian
Gulf Camp near Bushire
9th September 1837

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) H Kennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

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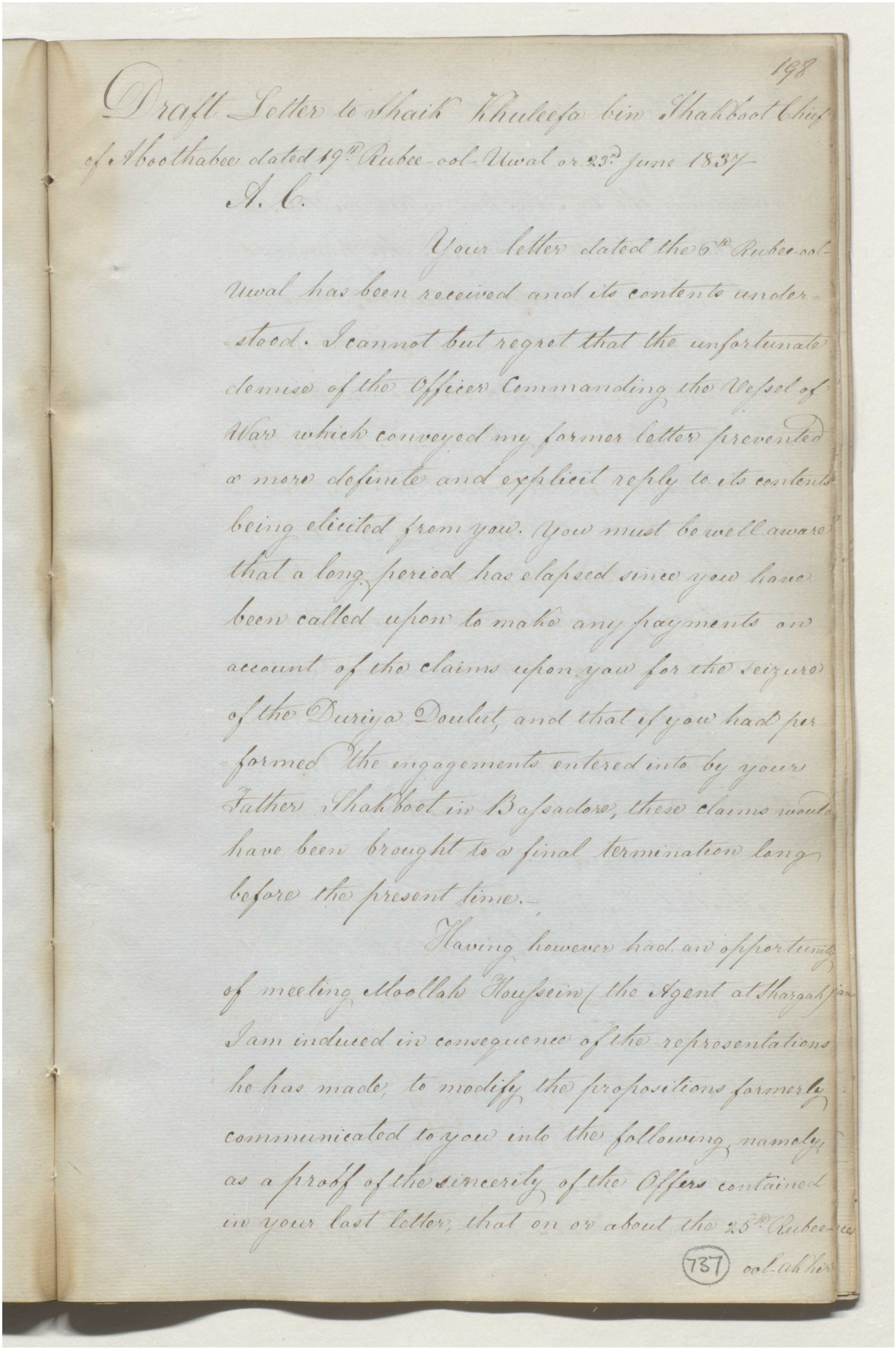

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Draft Letter to Shaik Khuleefa bin Shakboot Chief of Aboothabee dated 19th Rubee-ool-Uwal or 23d June 1837

A. C.

Your letter dated the 6th Rubee-ool-Uwal has been received and its contents understood. I cannot but regret that the unfortunate demise of the Officer Commanding the Vessel of War which conveyed my former letter prevented a more definite and explicit reply to its contents being elicited from you. You must be well aware that a long period has elapsed since you have been called upon to make any payments on account of the claims upon you for the seizure of the Duriya Doulut, and that if you had performed the engagements entered into by your Father Shakboot in Bassadore, these claims would have been brought to a final termination long before the present time.

Having however had an opportunity of meeting Moollah Houssein the Agent at Sharjah I am induced in consequence of the representations he has made, to modify the propositions formerly communicated to you into the following, namely, as a proof of the sincerity of the Offers contained in your last letter, that on or about the 25th Rubee-ool-Akhir

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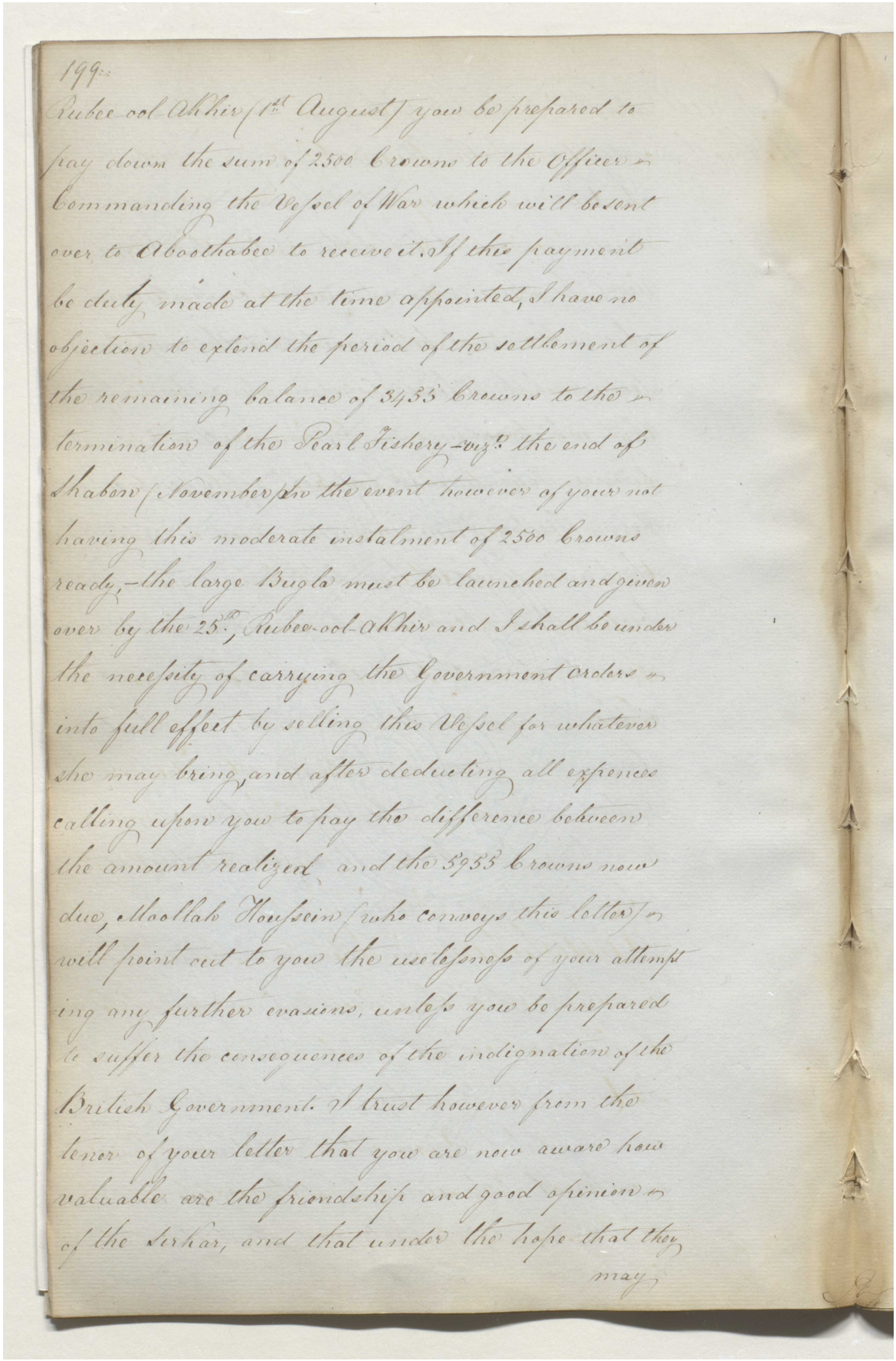

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Rubee-ool Akhir 1st August] you be prepared to pay down the sum of 2500 Crowns to the Officer commanding the Vessel of War which will be sent over to Aboothabee to receive it. If this payment be duly made at the time appointed, I have no objection to extend the period of the settlement of the remaining balance of 3453 Crowns to the termination of the Pearl Fishery – viz. the end of Shabon [November] to the event however of your not having this moderate instalment of 2500 Crowns ready, – the large Bugla must be launched and given over by the 25th, Rubee-ool-Akhir and I shall be under the necessity of carrying the Government orders into full effect by selling this Vessel for whatever she may bring, and after deducting all expences calling upon you to pay the difference between the amount realized and the 5953 Crowns now due, Moollah Houssein [who conveys this letter] will point out to you the uselessness of your attempting any further evasions, unless you be prepared to suffer the consequences of the indignation of the British Government. I trust however from the tenor of your letter that you are now aware how valuable are the friendship and good opinion of the Sirkar, and that under the hope that they

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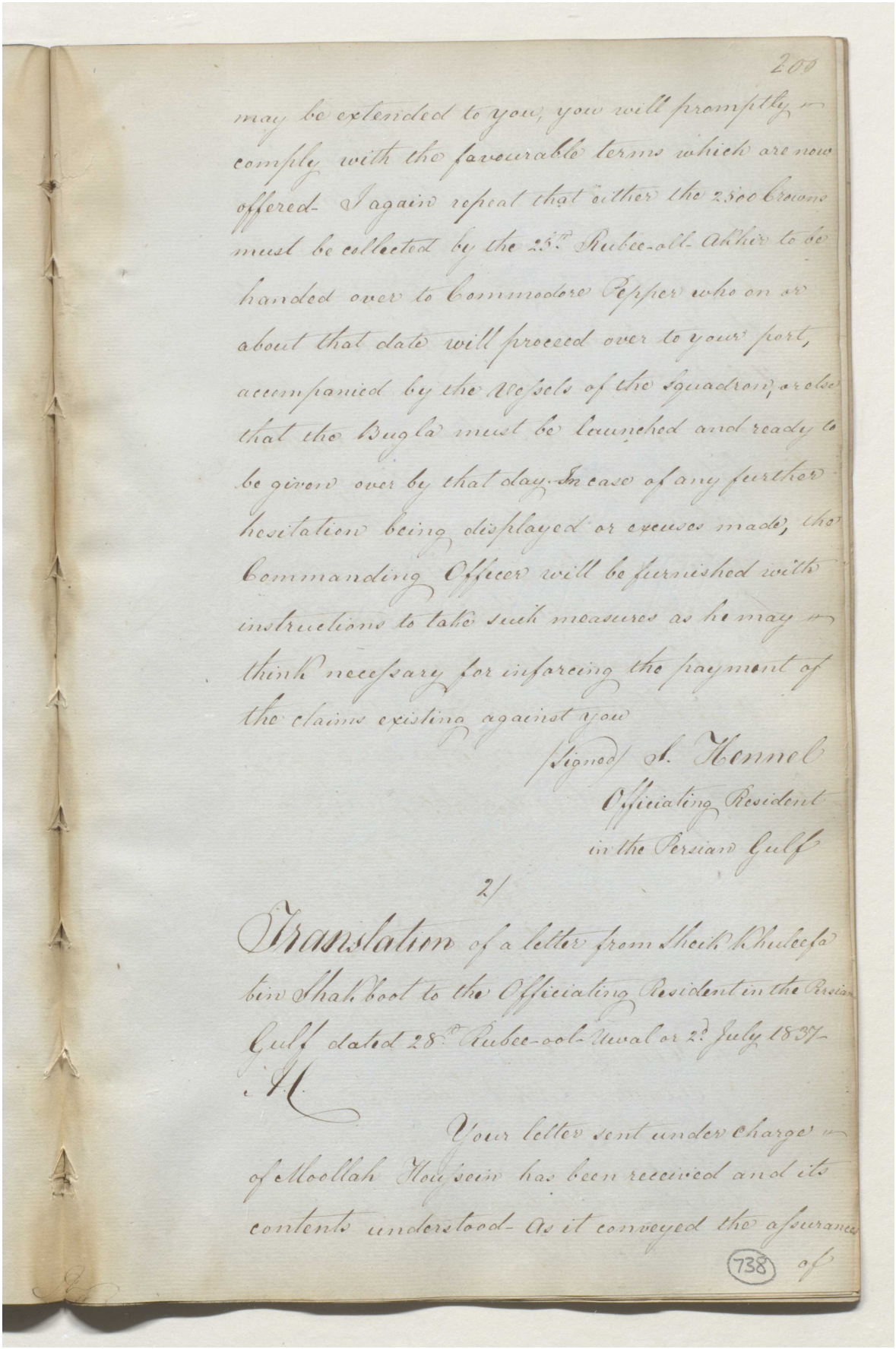

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may be extended to you, you will promptly comply with the favourable terms which are now offered. I again repeat that either the 2300 Browns must be collected by the 25th Rubee-ul-Akhir to be handed over to Commodore Pepper who on or about that date will proceed over to your port, accompanied by the Vessels of the Squadron, or else that the Bugla must be launched and ready to be given over by that day. In case of any further hesitation being displayed or excuses made, the Commanding Officer will be furnished with instructions to take such measures as he may think necessary for inforcing the payment of the claims existing against you

Signed A. Kemmel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

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Translation of a letter from Sheik Khuleefa bin Shahboot to the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 28th Rubee-ool-Uwal or 2d July 1837.

A.

Your letter sent under charge of Moollah Hoosein has been received and its contents understood. As it conveyed the assurance

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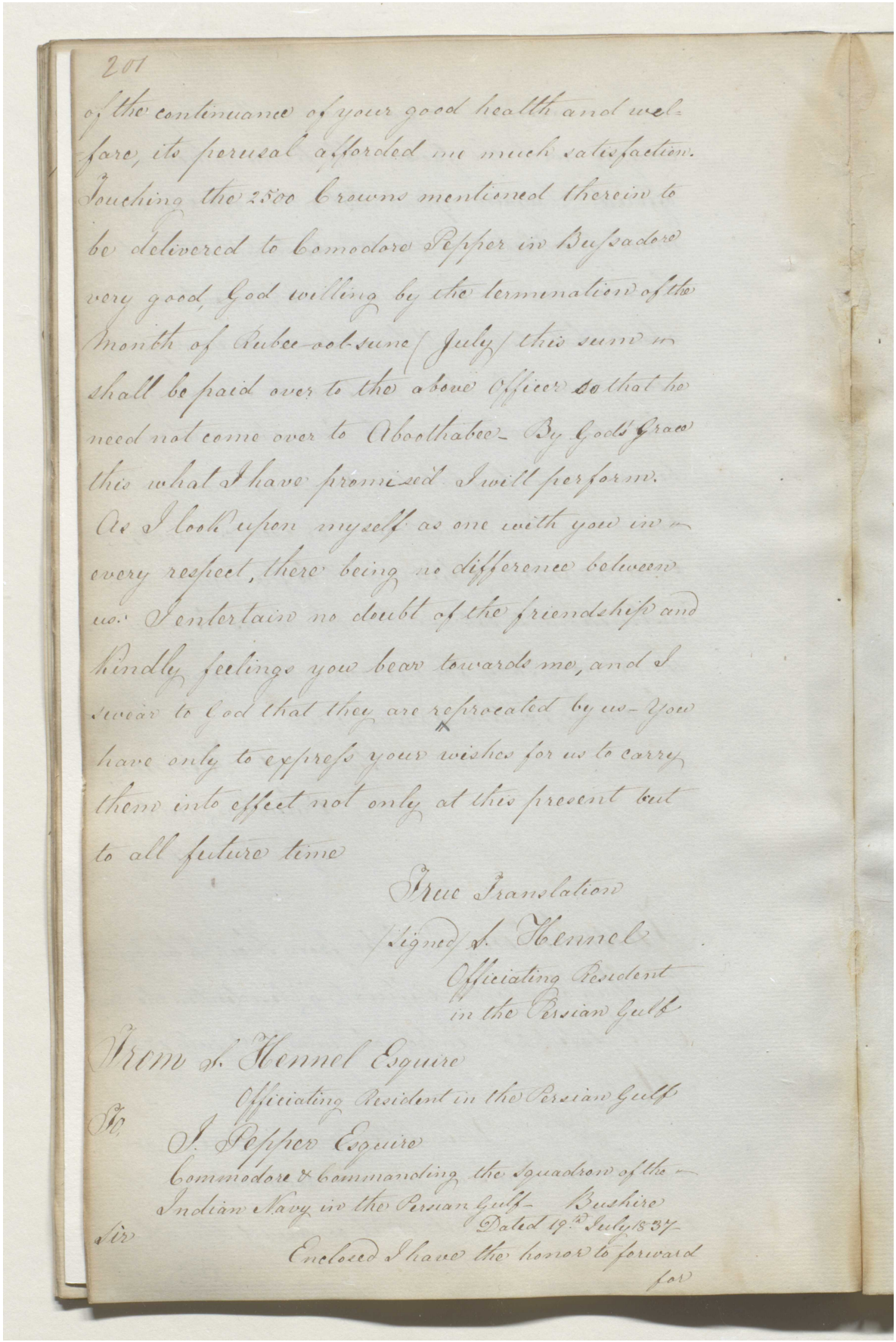

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of the continuance of your good health and welfare, its perusal afforded me much satisfaction. Touching the 2500 Crowns mentioned therein to be delivered to Commodore Pepper in Bussadore very good, God willing by the termination of the Month of Rubee-ool-sunee / July / this sum shall be paid over to the above Officer so that he need not come over to Aboothabee. By Gods Grace this what I have promised I will perform. As I look upon myself as one with you in every respect, there being no difference between us. I entertain no doubt of the friendship and kindly feelings you bear towards me, and I swear to God that they are reciprocated by us. You have only to express your wishes for us to carry them into effect not only at this present but to all future time

True Translation
Signed H. Hennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

From H. Hennel Esquire
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

To
J. Pepper Esquire
Commodore & Commanding the Squadron of the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf. Bushire
Dated 19th July 1837.

Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to forward for

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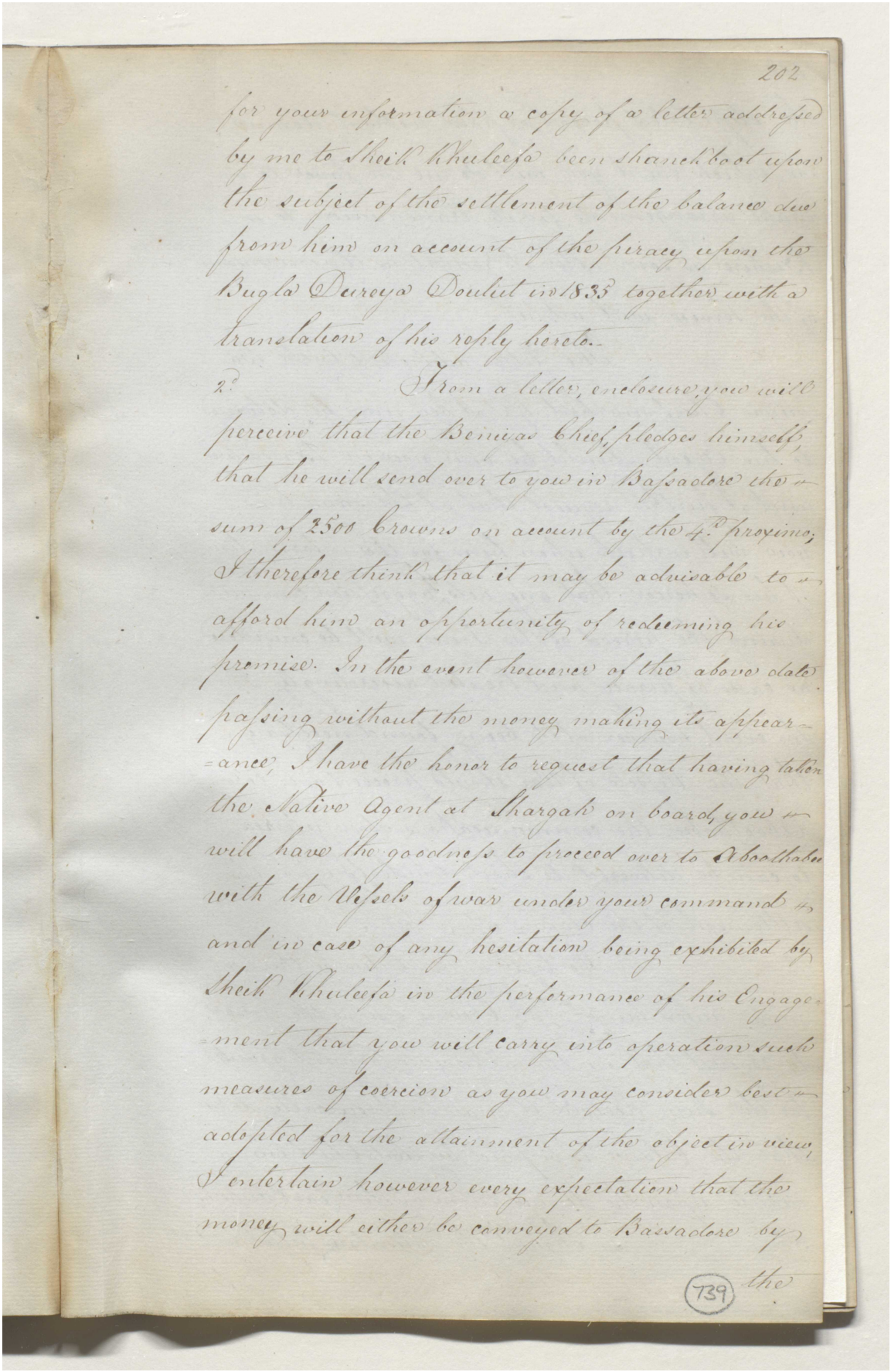

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for your information a copy of a letter addressed by me to Sheik Khuleefa been Shareh boot upon the subject of the settlement of the balance due from him on account of the piracy upon the Bugla Dureya Doulut in 1835 together with a translation of his reply hereto.

2d From a letter, enclosure, you will perceive that the Beniyas Chief, pledges himself, that he will send over to you in Bassadore the sum of 2500 Crowns on account by the 4th proximo; I therefore think that it may be advisable to afford him an opportunity of redeeming his promise. In the event however of the above date passing without the money making its appearance, I have the honor to request that having taken the Native Agent at Shargah on board, you will have the goodness to proceed over to Aboothabee with the Vessels of war under your command and in case of any hesitation being exhibited by Sheik Khuleefa in the performance of his Engagement that you will carry into operation such measures of coercion as you may consider best adopted for the attainment of the object in view, I entertain however every expectation that the money will either be conveyed to Bassadore by

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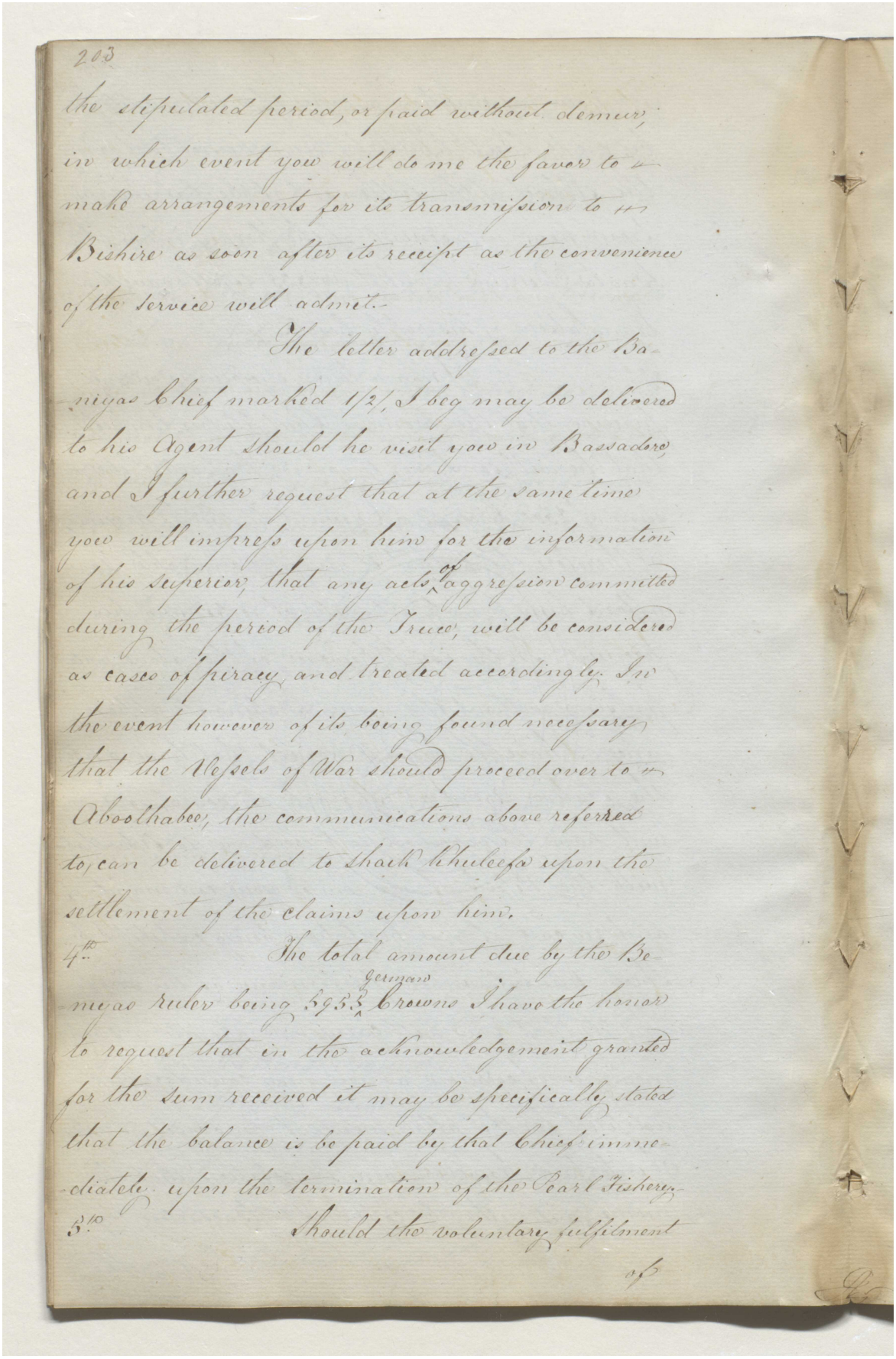

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the stipulated period, or paid without demur, in which event you will do me the favor to make arrangements for its transmission to Bishire as soon after its receipt as the convenience of the service will admit.

The letter addressed to the Baniyas Chief marked 1/2, I beg may be delivered to his Agent should he visit you in Bassadore and I further request that at the same time you will impress upon him for the information of his superiors that any acts of aggression committed during the period of the Truce, will be considered as cases of piracy and treated accordingly. In the event however of its being found necessary that the Vessels of War should proceed over to Aboothabee, the communications above referred to can be delivered to Shaik Khuleefa upon the settlement of the claims upon him.

4th. The total amount due by the Beniyas ruler being 593½ Germaun Crowns I have the honor to request that in the acknowledgement granted for the sum received it may be specifically stated that the balance is to be paid by that Chief immediately upon the termination of the Pearl Fishery.

5th. Should the voluntary fulfilment

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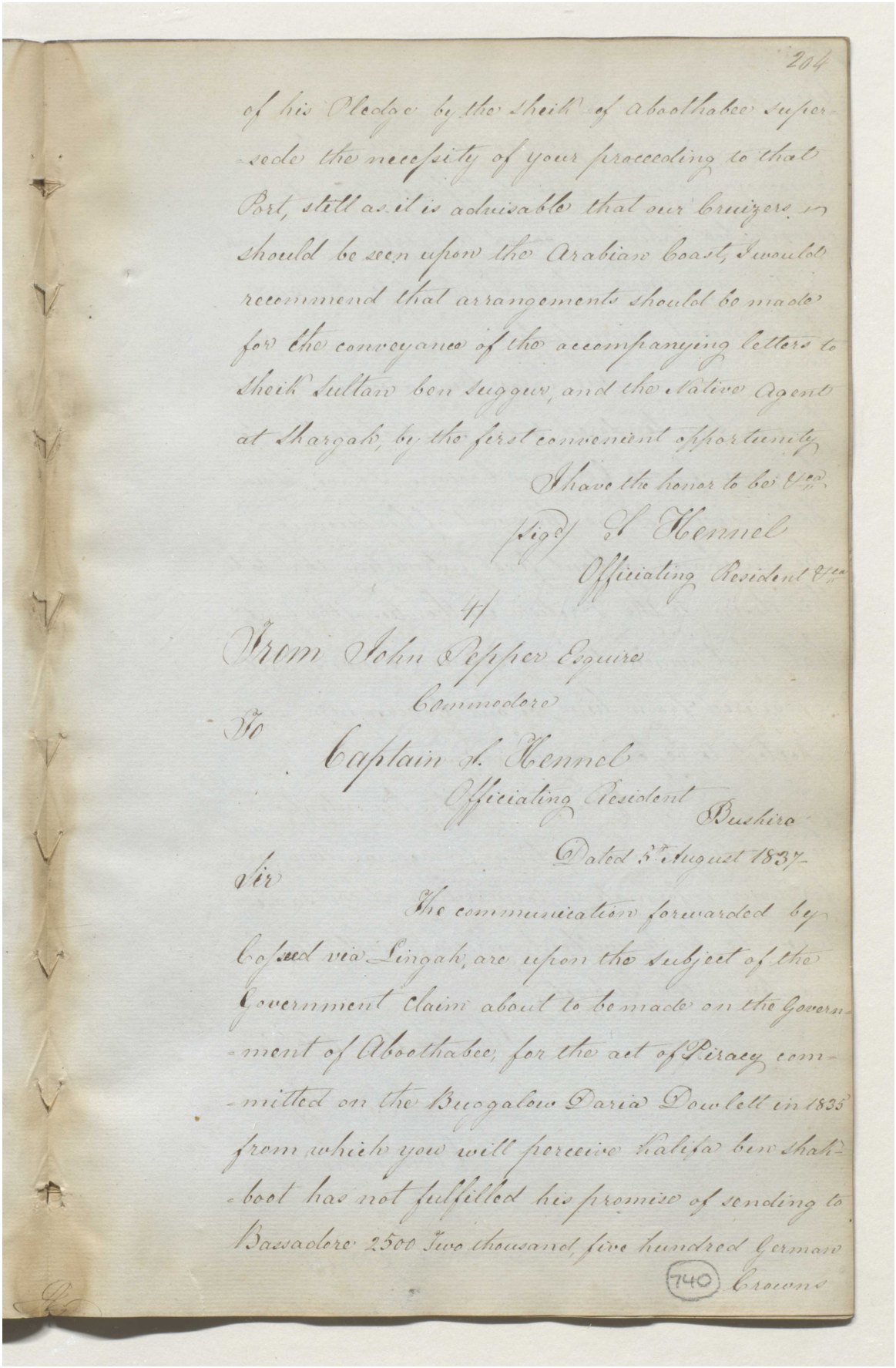

of his Pledge by the Sheik of Aboothabee super-sede the necessity of your proceeding to that Port, still as it is advisable that our Cruizers should be seen upon the Arabian Coast, I would recommend that arrangements should be made for the conveyance of the accompanying letters to Sheik Sultan ben Suggur, and the Native Agent at Shargah, by the first convenient opportunity

I have the honor to be &c.

(Sig.d) S. Hennel
Officiating Resident &c.

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From John Pepper Esquire
Commodore

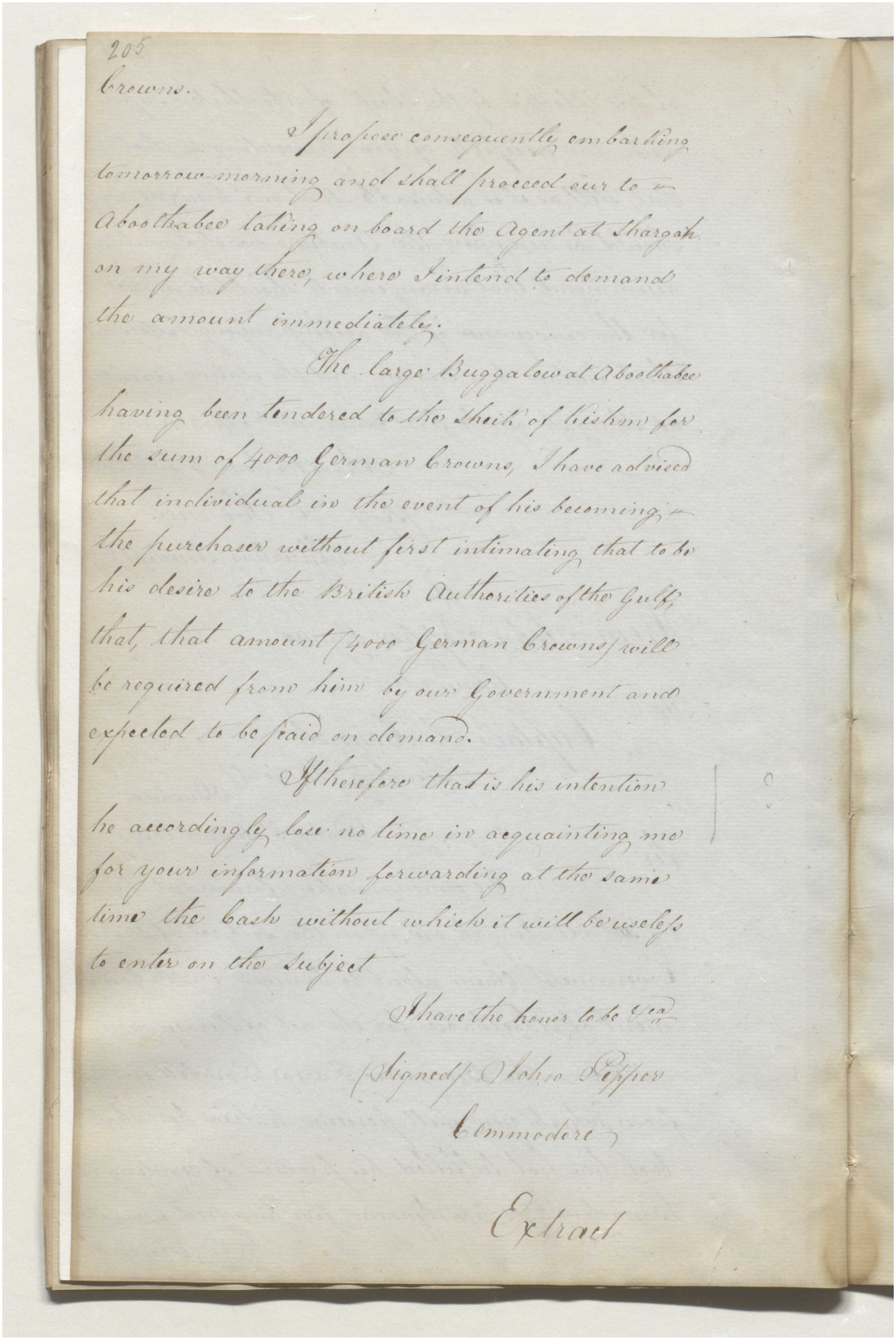
To
Captain S. Hennel
Officiating Resident
Bushire

Dated 5th August 1837

Sir

The communication forwarded by Cossed via Lingah, are upon the subject of the Government claim about to be made on the Government of Aboothabee, for the act of Piracy committed on the Buogalow Daria Dowlett in 1835 from which you will perceive Kalifa ben Shakboot has not fulfilled his promise of sending to Bassadore 2500 Two thousand, five hundred German

(740) Crowns



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Crowns.

I propose consequently embarking tomorrow morning and shall proceed over to Aboothabee taking on board the Agent at Shargah on my way there, where I intend to demand the amount immediately.

The large Buggalow at Aboothabee having been tendered to the Sheik of Bishire for the sum of 4000 German Crowns, I have advised that individual in the event of his becoming the purchaser without first intimating that to be his desire to the British Authorities of the Gulf, that that amount (4000 German Crowns) will be required from him by our Government and expected to be paid on demand.

If therefore that is his intention he accordingly lose no time in acquainting me for your information forwarding at the same time the Cash without which it will be useless to enter on the subject

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) John Pepper

Commodore

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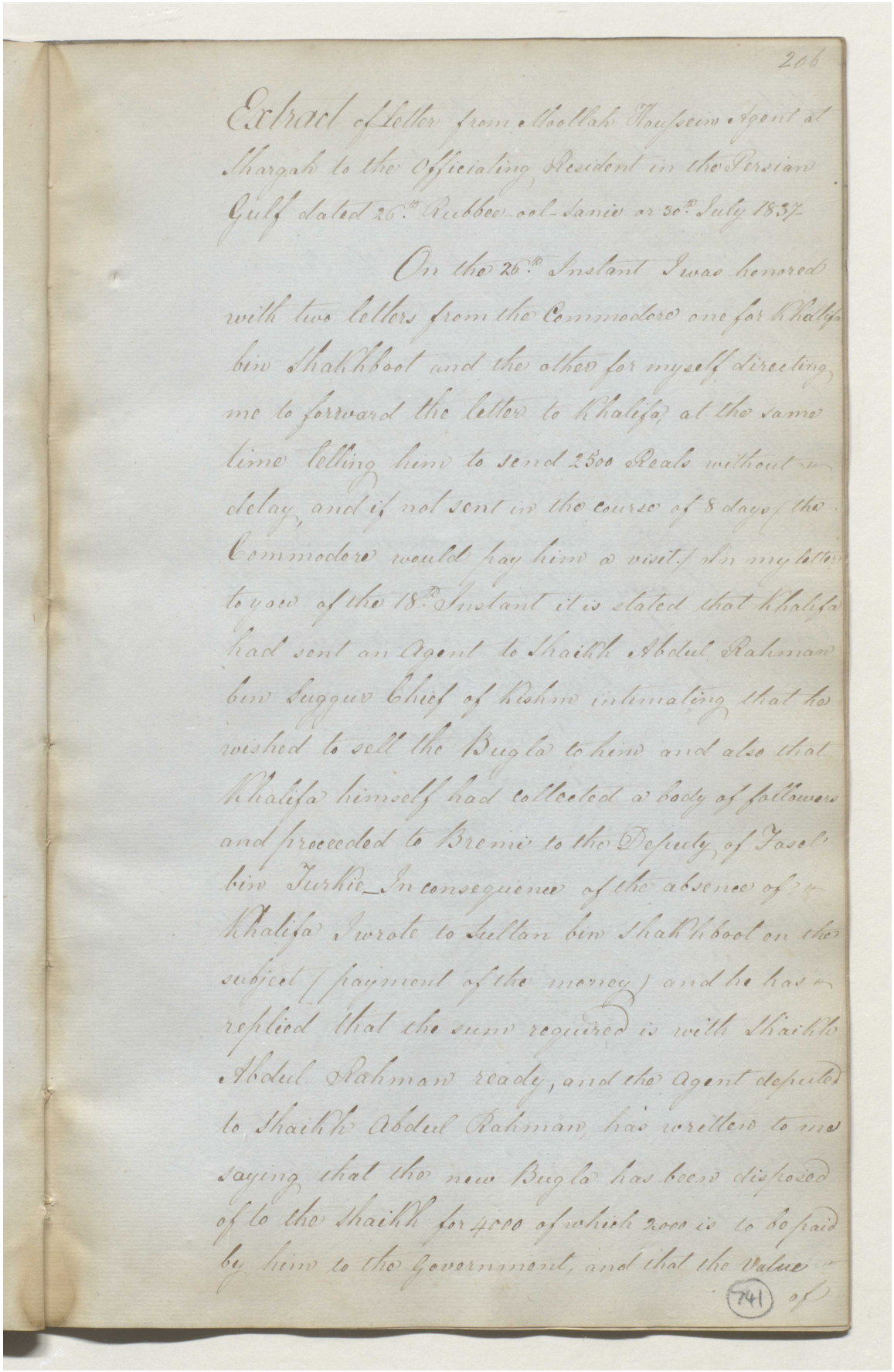

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Extract of Letter from Moollah Yuseem Agent at Sharjah to the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 26th Rubbee-ool-Sanie or 30th July 1837

On the 26th Instant I was honored with two letters from the Commodore one for Khaliffa bin Shakhboot and the other for myself directing me to forward the letter to Khaliffa at the same time telling him to send 2500 Reals without delay, and if not sent in the course of 8 days the Commodore would pay him a visit. In my letter to you of the 18th Instant it is stated that Khaliffa had sent an Agent to Shaikh Abdul Rahman bin Jaggur Chief of Kishm intimating that he wished to sell the Bugla to him and also that Khaliffa himself had collected a body of followers and proceeded to Bremi to the Deputy of Fasel bin Turkie. In consequence of the absence of Khaliffa I wrote to Sultan bin Shakhboot on the subject of payment of the money and he has replied that the sum required is with Shaikh Abdul Rahman ready, and the Agent deputed to Shaikh Abdul Rahman has written to me saying that the new Bugla has been disposed of to the Shaikh for 4000 of which 2000 is to be paid by him to the Government, and that the Value

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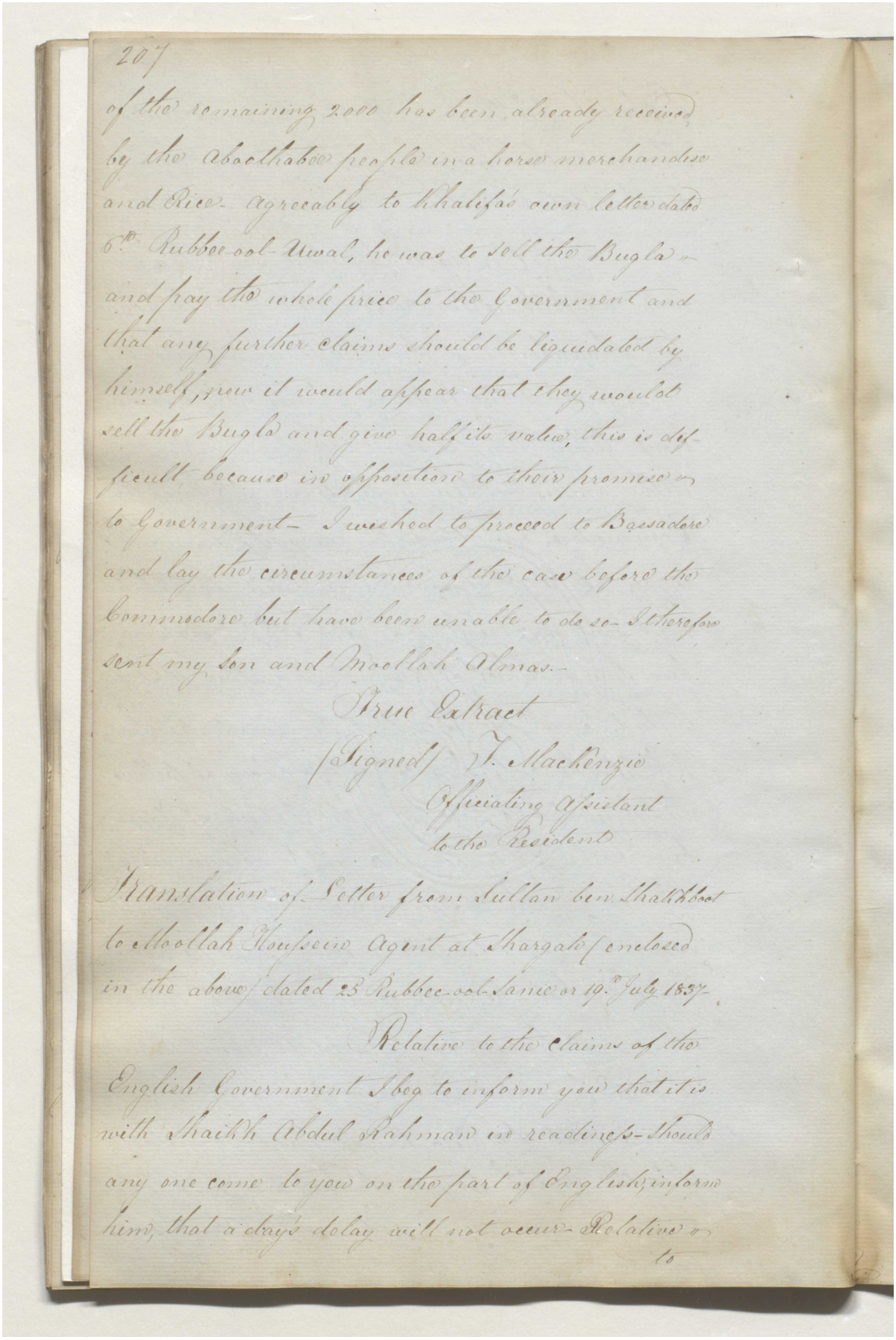

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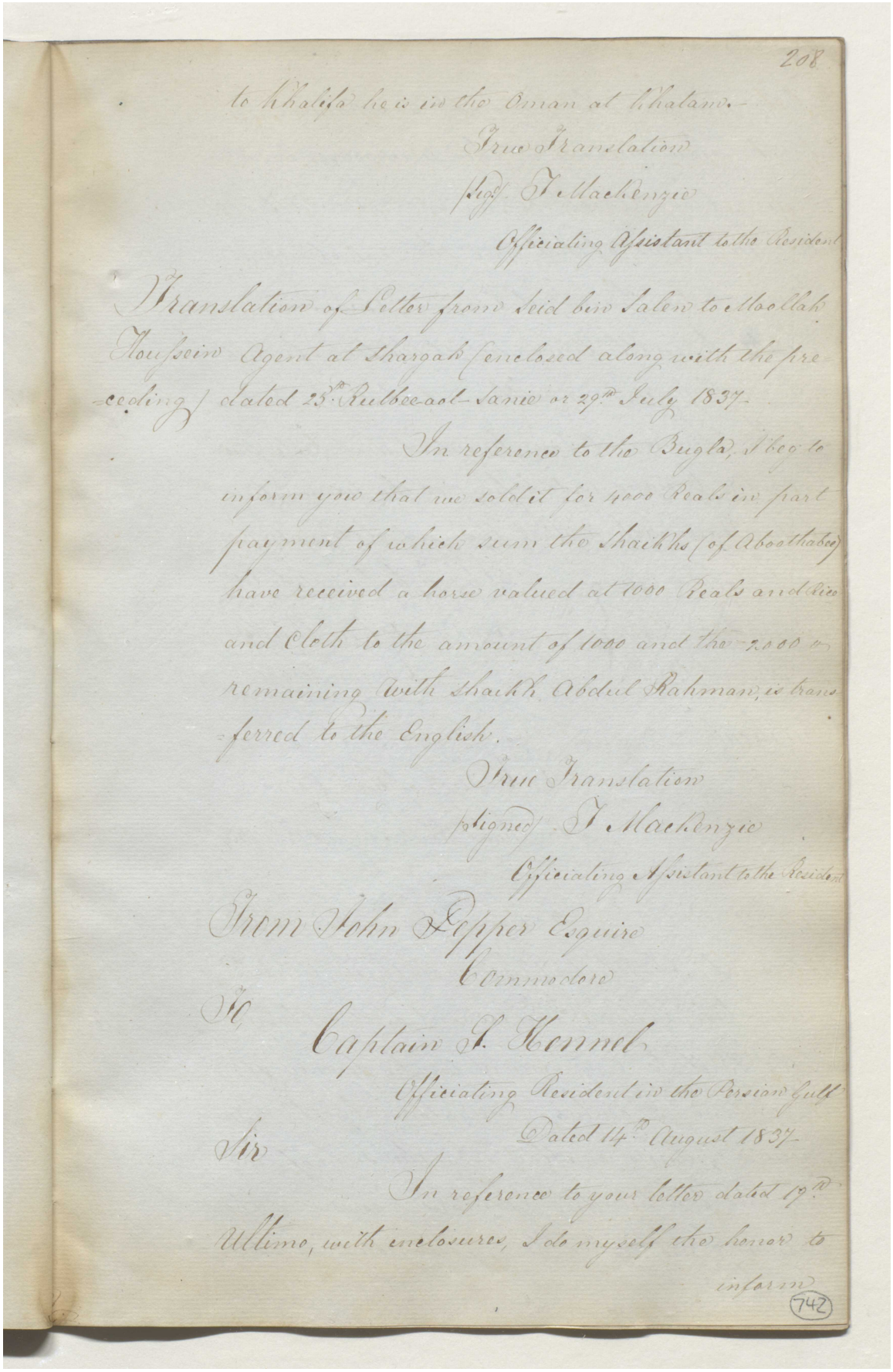
of the remaining 2000 has been already received by the Abaothabee people in a horse merchandise and Rice- agreeably to Khaleefa's own letter dated 6th Rubbee-ool-Awal, he was to sell the Bugla- and pay the whole price to the Government and that any further claims should be liquidated by himself, now it would appear that they would sell the Bugla and give half its value, this is difficult because in opposition to their promise to Government- I wished to proceed to Bassadore and lay the circumstances of the case before the Commodore but have been unable to do so- I therefore sent my Son and Moollah Almas.-

True Extract
(Signed) J. Machenzie
Officiating Assistant
to the Resident

Translation of Letter from Sultan ben Shakhboot to Moollah Houseein Agent at Shargah enclosed in the above dated 25 Rubbee-ool-Sanie or 19th July 1837-

Relative to the claims of the English Government I beg to inform you that it is with Shaikh Abdul Rahmand in readiness- Should any one come to you on the part of English, inform him, that a day's delay will not occur- Relative to

to



to Khalifa he is in the Oman at Khatam.-

True Translation

(Sigd) T Mackenzie

Officiating Assistant to the Resident

Translation of Letter from Seid bin Salen to Moollah Houssein Agent at Shargah (enclosed along with the preceding) dated 25th Rulbee-aol-Sanie or 29th July 1837.

In reference to the Bugla, I beg to inform you that we sold it for 4000 Reals in part payment of which sum the Shaikhs (of Aboothabee) have received a horse valued at 1000 Reals and Rice and Cloth to the amount of 1000 and the 2000 remaining with Shaikh Abdul Rahman, is transferred to the English.

True Translation

(Signed) T Mackenzie

Officiating Assistant to the Resident

From John Pepper Esquire

Commodore

To,

Captain T. Kennel

Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

Dated 14th August 1837.

Sir

In reference to your letter dated 17th Ultimo, with enclosures, I do myself the honor to inform

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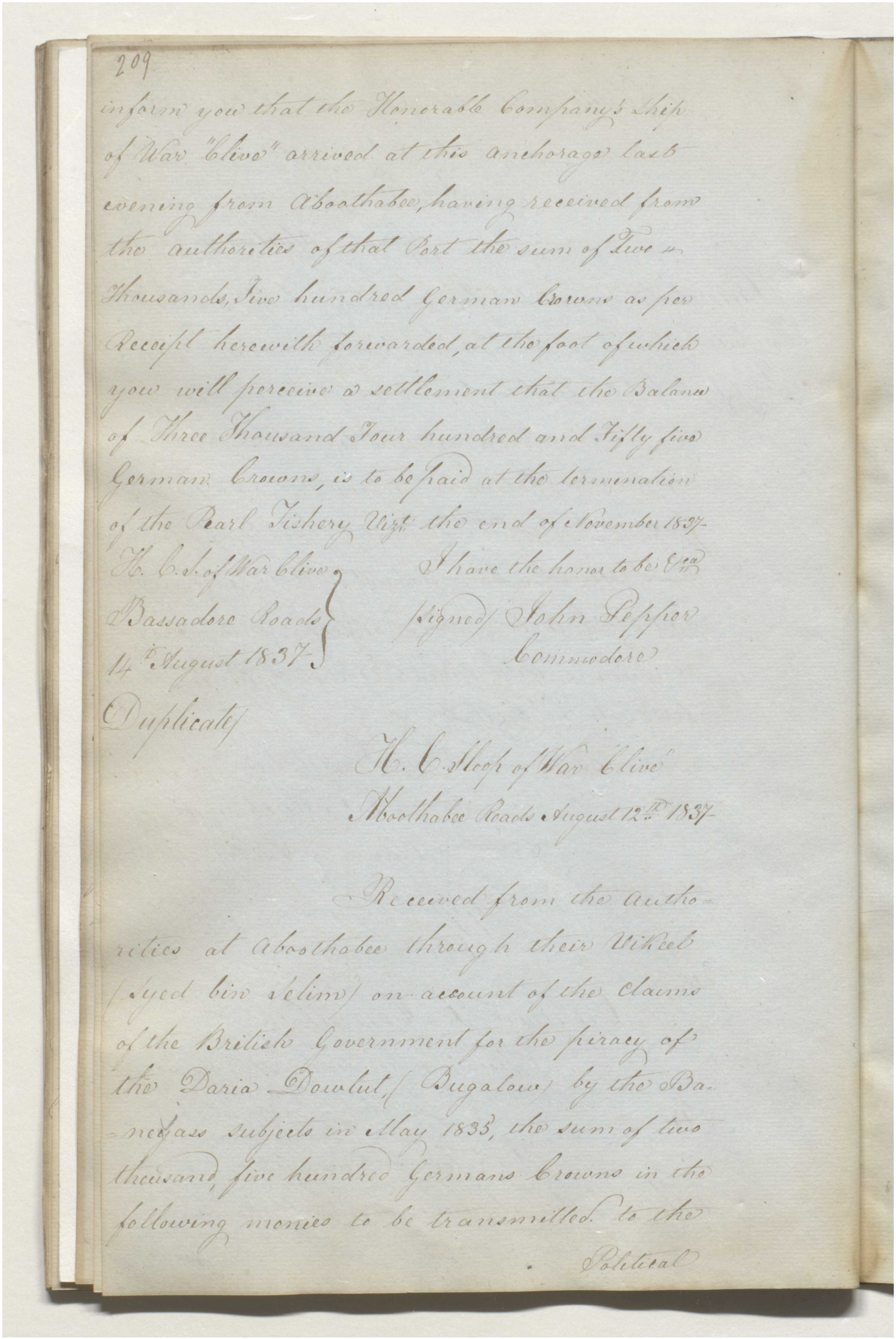

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inform you that the Honorable Company's Ship of War "Clive" arrived at this anchorage last evening from Aboothabee, having received from the authorities of that Port the sum of Two Thousands, Five hundred German Crowns as per Receipt herewith forwarded, at the foot of which you will perceive a settlement that the Balance of Three Thousand Four hundred and Fifty five German Crowns, is to be paid at the termination of the Pearl Fishery Viz.t the end of November 1837.

H. C. S. of War Clive
Bassadore Roads
14.th August 1837

I have the honor to be &c.a
signed John Pepper
Commodore

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H. C. Sloop of War "Clive"
Aboothabee Roads August 12.th 1837

Received from the authorities at Aboothabee through their Vakeel (syed bin Selim) on account of the claims of the British Government for the piracy of the Daria Dowlut (Bugalow) by the Baneyas subjects in May 1835, the sum of two thousand, five hundred Germans Crowns in the following monies to be transmitted to the

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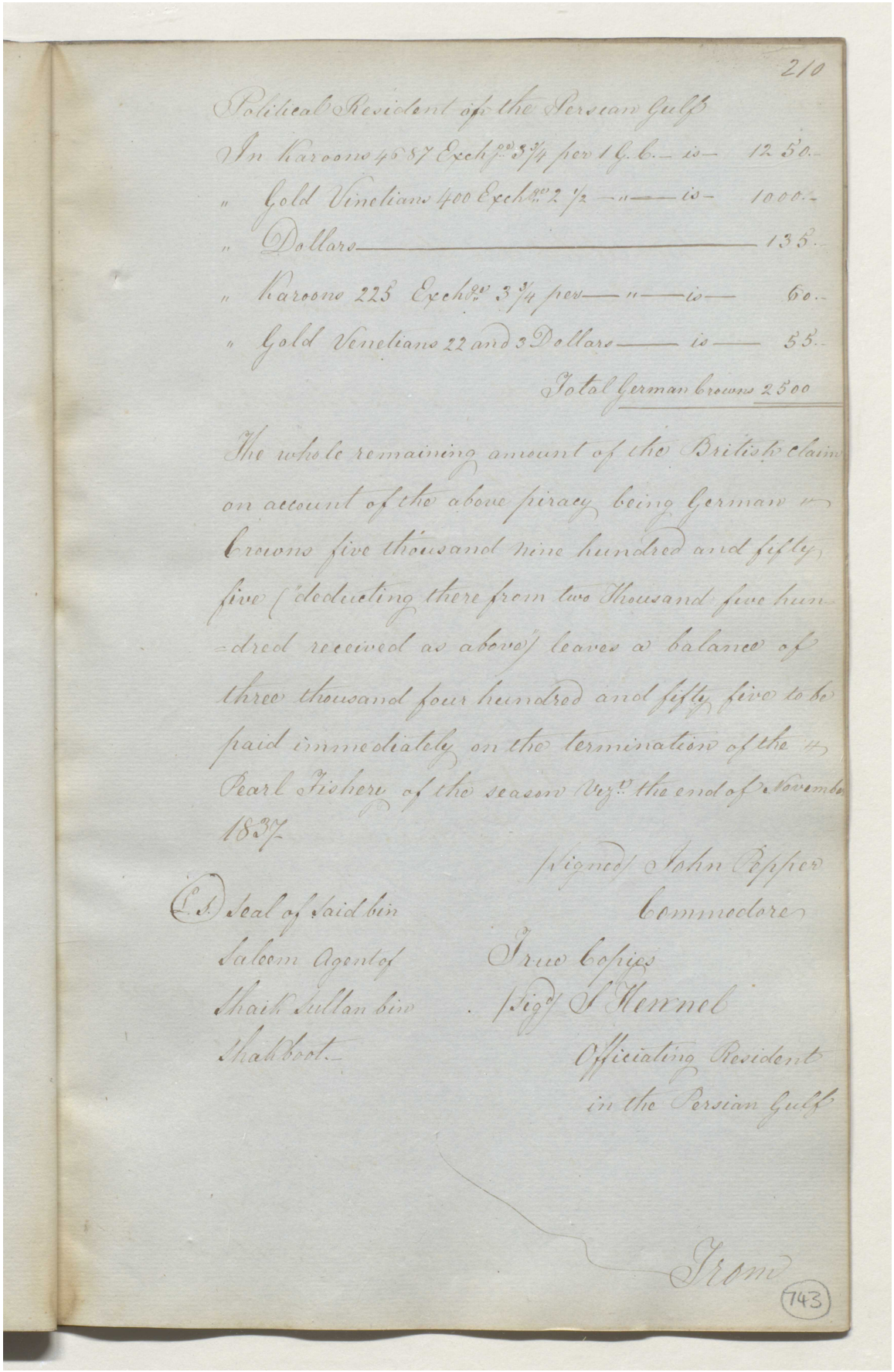

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The whole remaining amount of the British claim on account of the above piracy being German Crowns five thousand nine hundred and fifty five ("deducting there from two Thousand five hundred received as above") leaves a balance of three thousand four hundred and fifty five to be paid immediately on the termination of the Pearl Fishery of the season Vizt the end of November 1837.

(Signed) John Pepper
Commodore

(L.S.) Seal of Said bin Saleem Agent of Shaik Sultan bin Shakboot.

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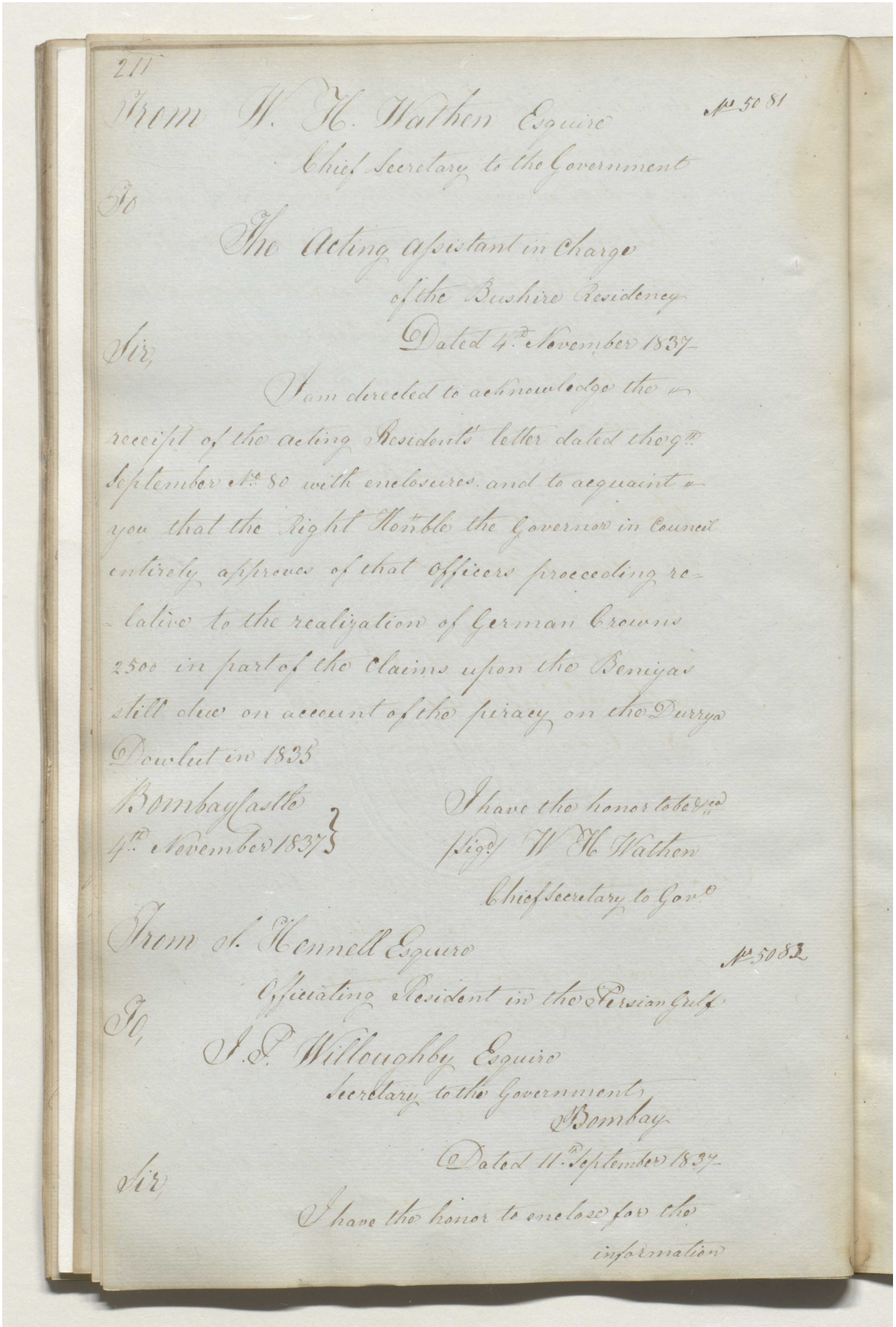

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From W. H. Wathen Esquire
Chief Secretary to the Government

No 5081

To
The Acting Assistant in Charge
of the Bushire Residency

Dated 4th November 1837

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the acting Residents' letter dated the 9th September No 80 with enclosures and to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council entirely approves of that officers proceeding relative to the realization of German Crowns 2500 in part of the claims upon the Beniyas still due on account of the piracy on the Durrya Dowlut in 1835

Bombay Castle
4th November 1837

I have the honor to be &c
Sigd W H Wathen
Chief Secretary to Govt

From A. Morrell Esquire
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

No 5082

To
J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Dated 11th September 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information

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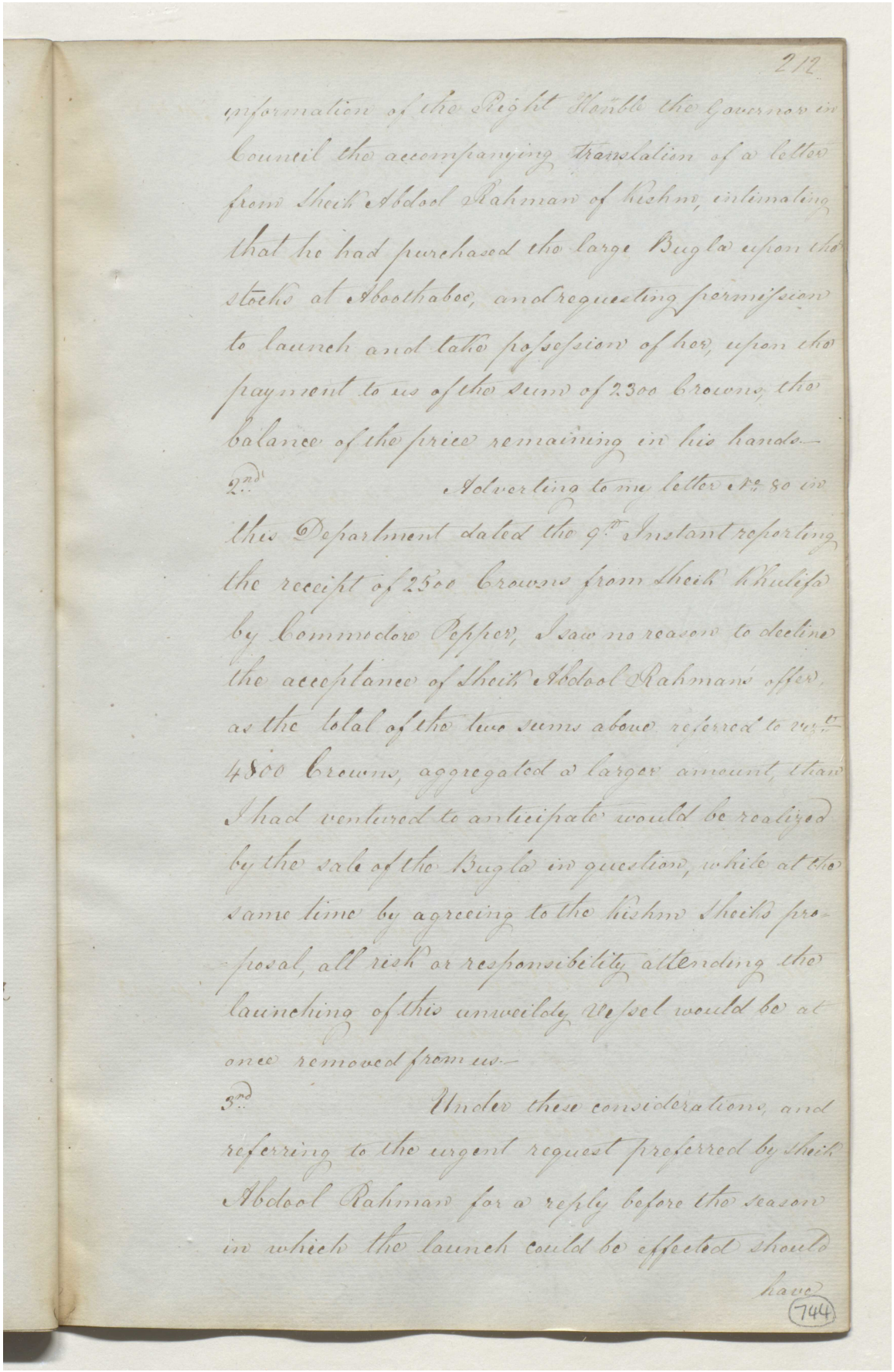

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information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council the accompanying translation of a letter from Sheik Abdool Rahman of Kishm, intimating that he had purchased the large Bugla upon the stocks at Aboothabee, and requesting permission to launch and take possession of her, upon the payment to us of the sum of 2300 Crowns, the balance of the price remaining in his hands.—

2nd Adverting to my letter No. 80 in this Department dated the 9th Instant reporting the receipt of 2500 Crowns from Sheik Khuleefa by Commodore Pepper, I saw no reason to decline the acceptance of Sheik Abdool Rahman's offer, as the total of the two sums above referred to viz.t 4800 Crowns, aggregated a larger amount, than I had ventured to anticipate would be realized by the sale of the Bugla in question, while at the same time by agreeing to the Kishm Sheiks proposal, all risk or responsibility attending the launching of this unwieldy Vessel would be at once removed from us.—

3rd Under these considerations, and referring to the urgent request preferred by Sheik Abdool Rahman for a reply before the season in which the launch could be effected should have

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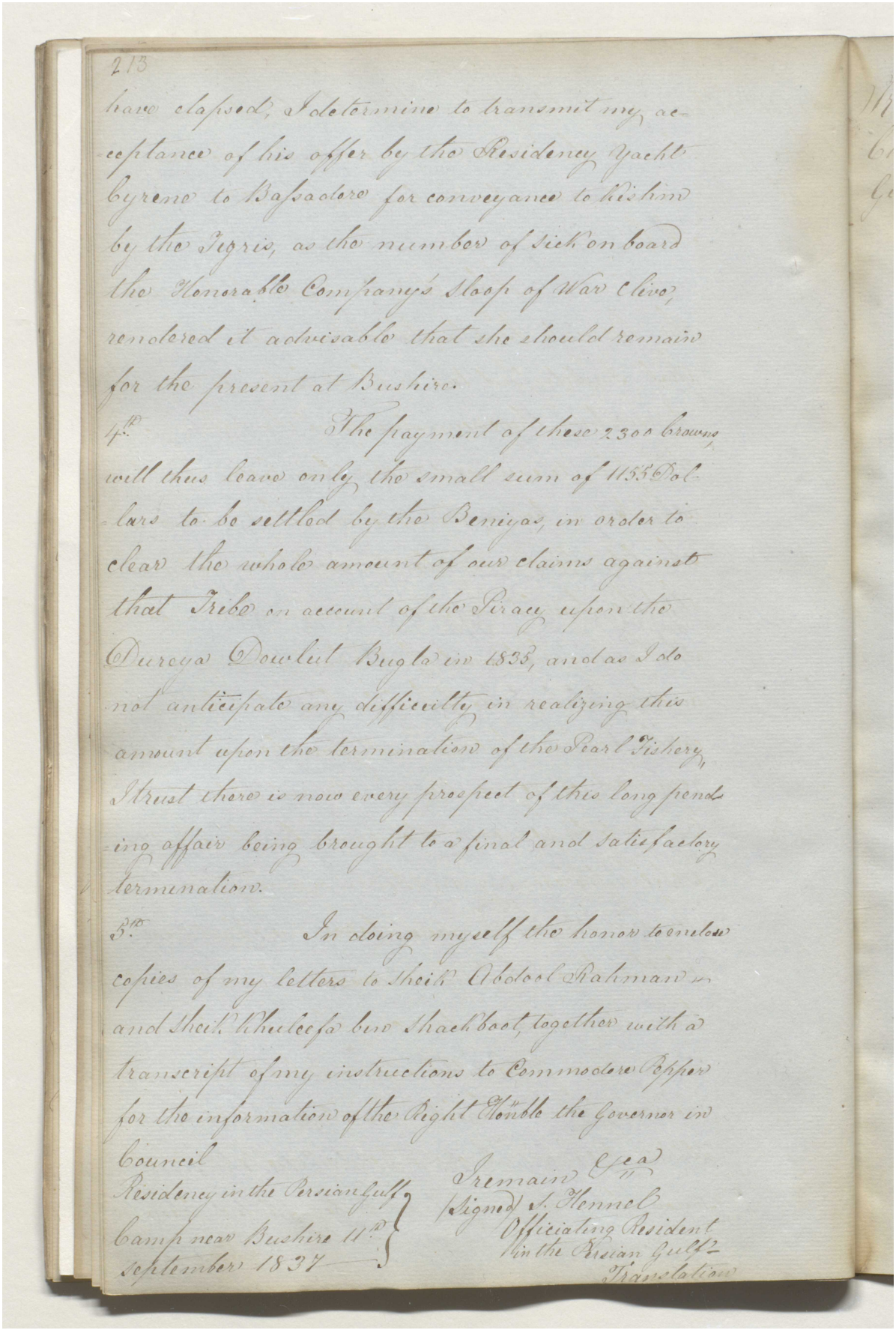

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have elapsed, I determine to transmit my acceptance of his offer by the Residency Yacht Cyrene to Bassadore for conveyance to Bushire by the Tigris, as the number of Sick on board the Honorable Company's Sloop of War Clive, rendered it advisable that she should remain for the present at Bushire.

4th. The payment of these 2300 Crowns will thus leave only the small sum of 1155 Dollars to be settled by the Beniyas, in order to clear the whole amount of our claims against that Tribe on account of the Piracy upon the Dureya Dowlut Bugla in 1833, and as I do not anticipate any difficulty in realizing this amount upon the termination of the Pearl Fishery, I trust there is now every prospect of this long pending affair being brought to a final and satisfactory termination.

5th. In closing myself the honor to enclose copies of my letters to Sheik Abdool Rahman & and Sheik Khuleefa bin Shaekhoot, together with a transcript of my instructions to Commodore Hoppner for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council

I remain &c &c
Signed S. Hennell
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Camp near Bushire 11th
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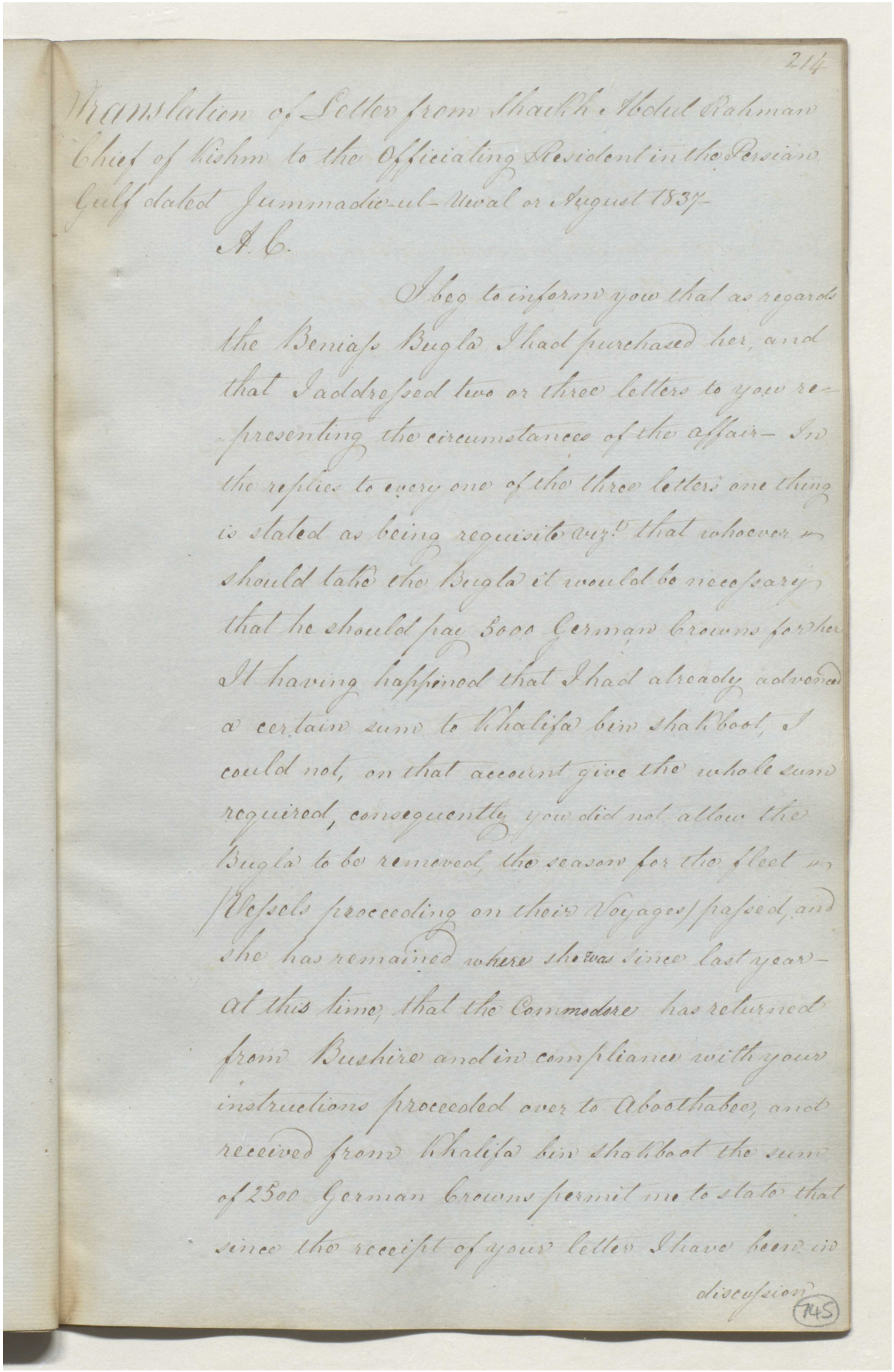

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Translation of Letter from Shaikh Abdul Rahman Chief of Kishm to the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf dated Jummaadie-ul-Uwal or August 1837-

A. C.

I beg to inform you that as regards the Beniass Bugla I had purchased her, and that I addressed two or three letters to you representing the circumstances of the affair- In the replies to every one of the three letters one thing is stated as being requisite viz^z that whoever should take the Bugla it would be necessary that he should pay 3000 German Crowns for her It having happened that I had already advanced a certain sum to Khalifa bin Shahboot I could not, on that account give the whole sum required, consequently you did not allow the Bugla to be removed, the season for the fleet of Vessels proceeding on their Voyages passed, and she has remained where she was since last year- At this time that the Commodore has returned from Bushire and in compliance with your instructions proceeded over to Abosthabee, and received from Khalifa bin Shahboot the sum of 2500 German Crowns permit me to state that since the receipt of your letter I have been in discussion

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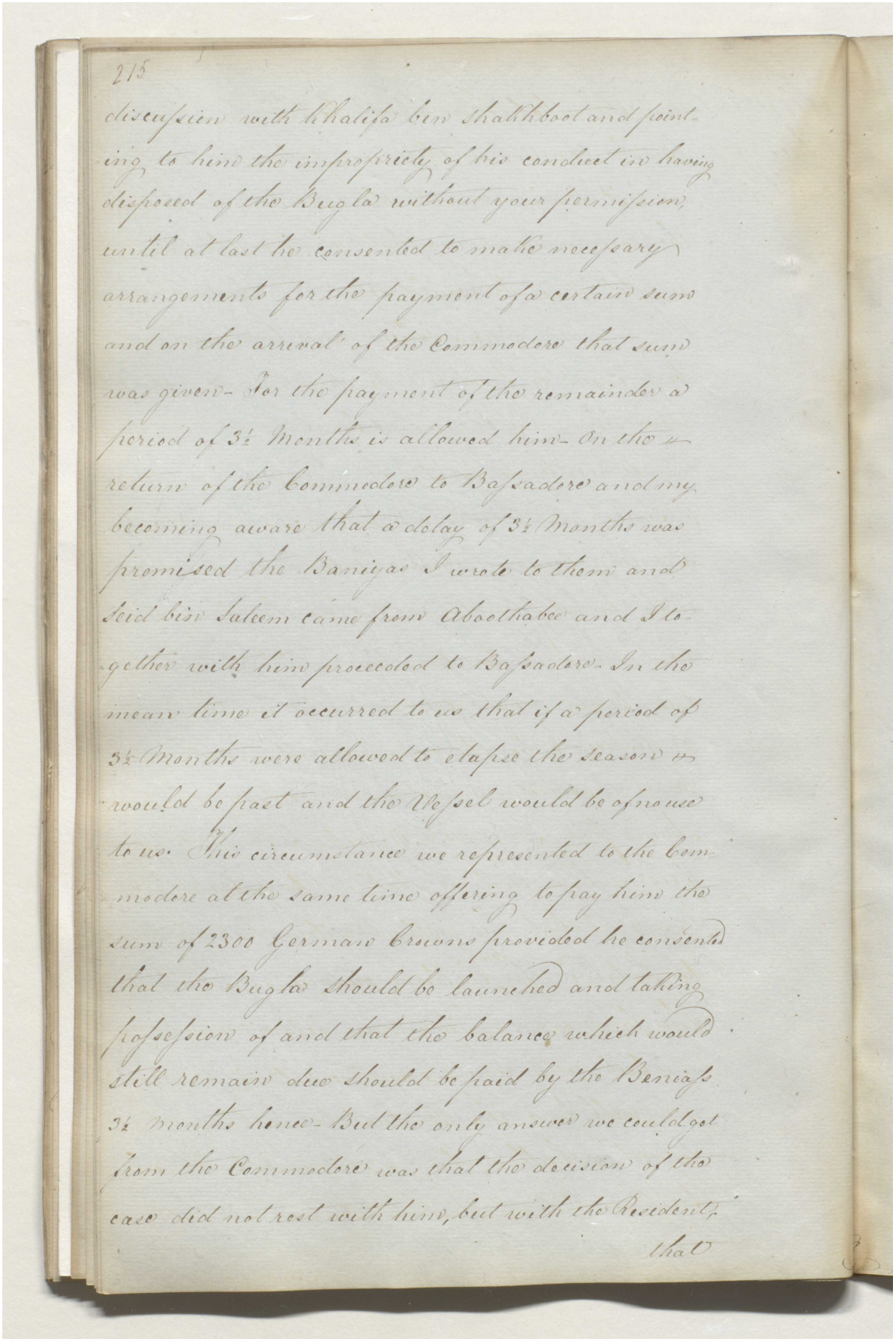

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discussion with Khalifa bin Shakhboot and point-
ing to him the impropriety of his conduct in having
disposed of the Bugla without your permission
until at last he consented to make necessary
arrangements for the payment of a certain sum
and on the arrival of the Commodore that sum
was given- For the payment of the remainder a
period of 3½ Months is allowed him- On the
return of the Commodore to Bassadore and my
becoming aware that a delay of 3½ Months was
promised the Baniyas I wrote to them and
Seid bin Saleem came from Abothabee and I to-
gether with him proceeded to Bassadore- In the
mean time it occurred to us that if a period of
3½ Months were allowed to elapse the season
would be past and the Vessel would be of no use
to us. This circumstance we represented to the Com-
modore at the same time offering to pay him the
sum of 2300 German Crowns provided he consented
that the Bugla should be launched and taking
possession of and that the balance which would
still remain due should be paid by the Baniyas
3½ months hence- But the only answer we could get
from the Commodore was that the decision of the
case did not rest with him, but with the Resident,

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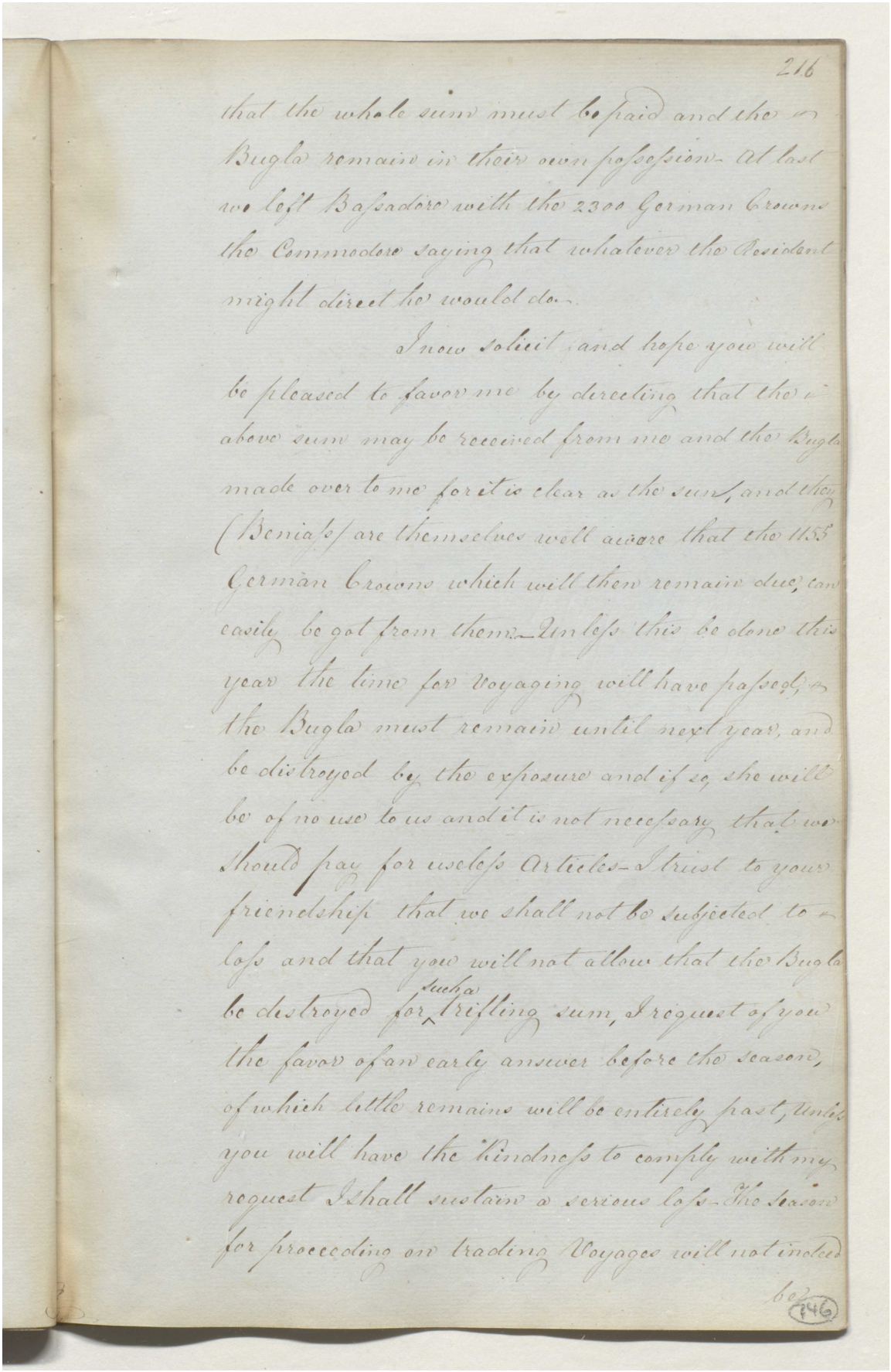

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that the whole sum must be paid and the Bugla remain in their own possession– At last we left Bassadore with the 2300 German Crowns the Commodore saying that whatever the Resident might direct he would do–

I now solicit and hope you will be pleased to favor me by directing that the above sum may be received from me and the Bugla made over to me for it is clear as the sun, and they (Beniaas) are themselves well aware that the 1153 German Crowns which will then remain due, can easily be got from them– Unless this be done this year the time for Voyaging will have passed, & the Bugla must remain until next year, and be destroyed by the exposure and if so she will be of no use to us and it is not necessary that we should pay for useless Articles– I trust to your friendship that we shall not be subjected to a loss and that you will not allow that the Bugla be destroyed for such a trifling sum, I request of you the favor of an early answer before the season, of which little remains will be entirely past, Unless you will have the kindness to comply with my request I shall sustain a serious loss– The season for proceeding on trading Voyages will not indeed be

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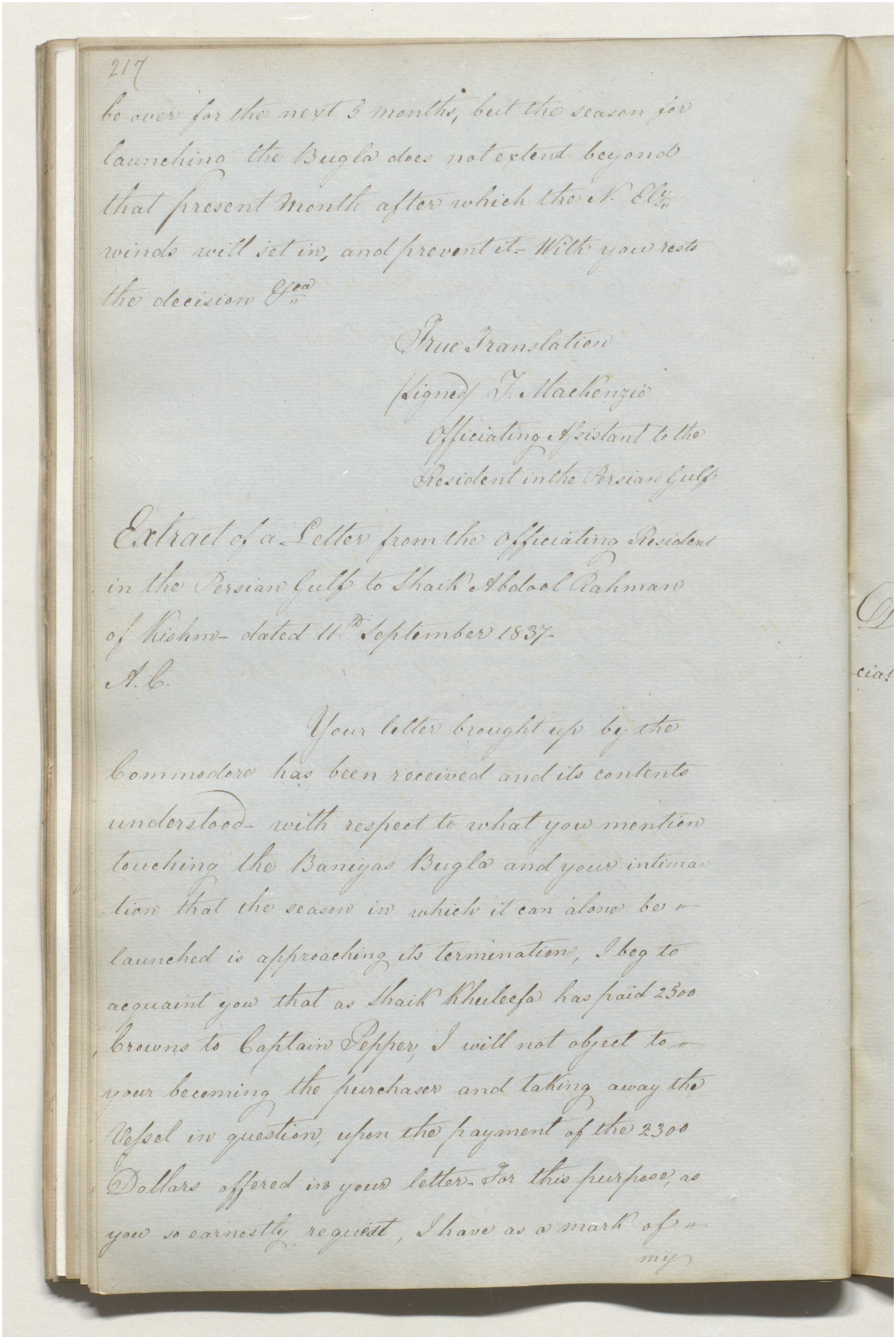

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be over for the next 3 months, but the season for launching the Bugla does not extend beyond that present Month after which the N. E^ly winds will set in, and prevent it- With you rests the decision &c^a

True Translation
Signed J. Mackenzie
Officiating Assistant to the
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Extract of a Letter from the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rahman of Kishm- dated 11th September 1837-
A. C.

Your letter brought up by the Commodore has been received and its contents understood- with respect to what you mention touching the Baniyas Bugla and your intimation that the season in which it can alone be launched is approaching its termination, I beg to acquaint you that as Shaik Khuleefa has paid 2300 Crowns to Captain Pepper, I will not object to your becoming the purchaser and taking away the Vessel in question, upon the payment of the 2300 Dollars offered in your letter- For this purpose, as you so earnestly request, I have as a mark of my

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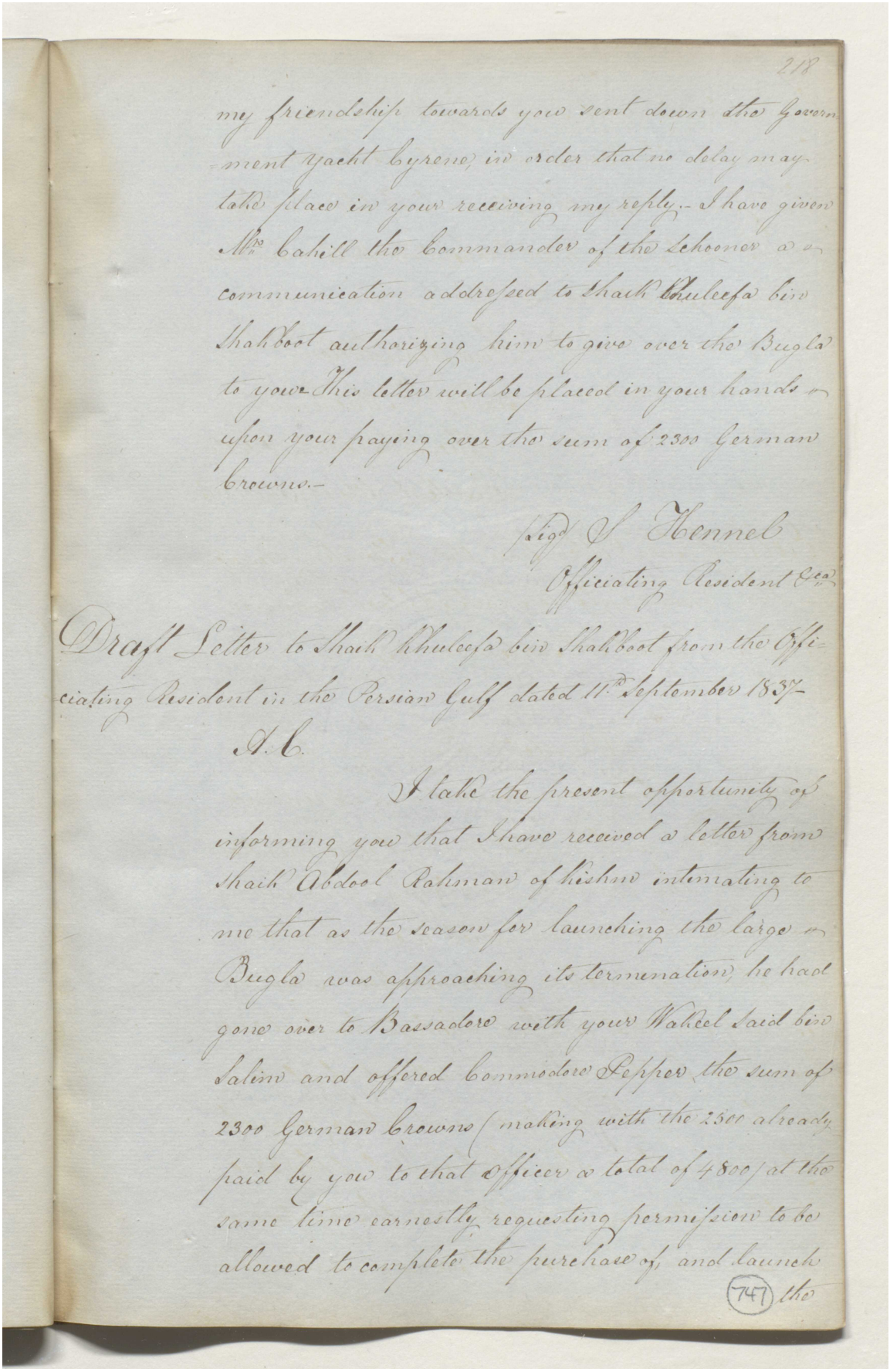

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my friendship towards you sent down the Government Yacht Cyrene in order that no delay may take place in your receiving my reply.– I have given Mr. Cahill the Commander of the Schooner a communication addressed to Shaik Khuleefa bin Shahboot authorizing him to give over the Bugla to you. This letter will be placed in your hands upon your paying over the sum of 2300 German Crowns.–

Sigd. S. Hennel
Officiating Resident &c.

Draft Letter to Shaik Khuleefa bin Shahboot from the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 11th September 1837–

A. C.

I take the present opportunity of informing you that I have received a letter from Shaik Abdool Rahman of Kishm intimating to me that as the season for launching the large Bugla was approaching its termination he had gone over to Bassadore with your Wakeel Said bin Salim and offered Commodore Pepper the sum of 2300 German Crowns making with the 2300 already paid by you to that Officer a total of 4800 at the same time earnestly requesting permission to be allowed to complete the purchase of, and launch

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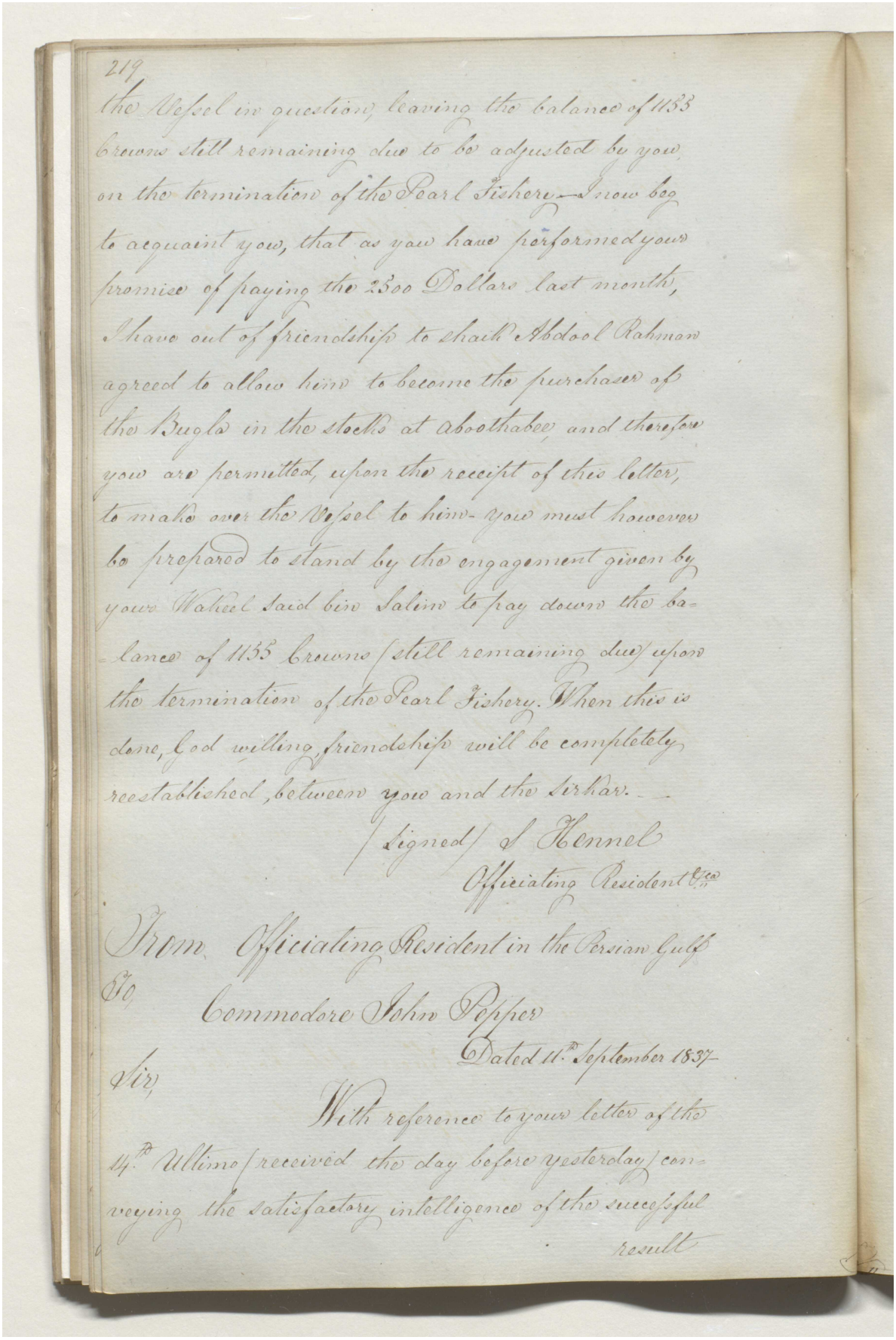

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the Vessel in question, leaving the balance of 1153 Crowns still remaining due to be adjusted by you on the termination of the Pearl Fishery – I now beg to acquaint you, that as you have performed your promise of paying the 2500 Dollars last month, I have out of friendship to Shaik Abdool Rahman agreed to allow him to become the purchaser of the Bugla in the stocks at Aboothabee, and therefore you are permitted, upon the receipt of this letter, to make over the Vessel to him – you must however be prepared to stand by the engagement given by your Wakeel Said bin Salim to pay down the balance of 1153 Crowns still remaining due upon the termination of the Pearl Fishery. When this is done, God willing, friendship will be completely reestablished, between you and the Sirkar.

(Signed) A Kennel
Officiating Resident &c.

From Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
To
Commodore John Popper
Dated 11th September 1837

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 4th Ultimo received the day before yesterday, conveying the satisfactory intelligence of the successful result

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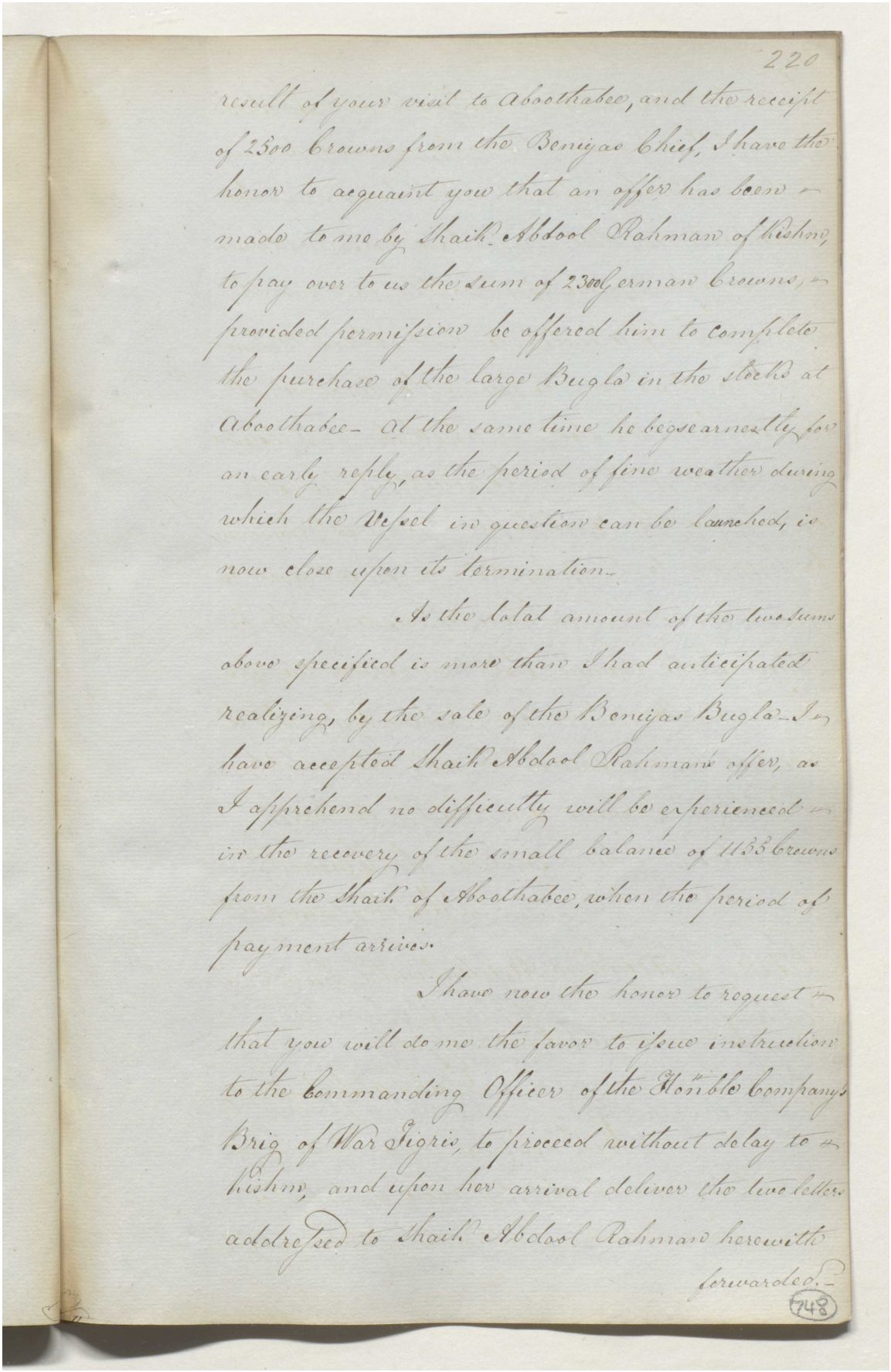

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result of your visit to Aboothabee, and the receipt of 2300 Crowns from the Beniyas Chief, I have the honor to acquaint you that an offer has been made to me by Shaik Abdool Rahman of Bishm, to pay over to us the sum of 2300 German Crowns, provided permission be offered him to complete the purchase of the large Bugla in the stocks at Aboothabee – At the same time he begs earnestly for an early reply, as the period of fine weather during which the Vessel in question can be launched, is now close upon its termination.

As the total amount of the two sums above specified is more than I had anticipated realizing, by the sale of the Beniyas Bugla – I have accepted Shaik Abdool Rahman's offer, as I apprehend no difficulty will be experienced in the recovery of the small balance of 1133 Crowns from the Shaik of Aboothabee, when the period of payment arrives.

I have now the honor to request that you will do me the favor to issue instruction to the Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Brig of War Tigris, to proceed without delay to Bishm, and upon her arrival deliver the two letters addressed to Shaik Abdool Rahman herewith forwarded. –

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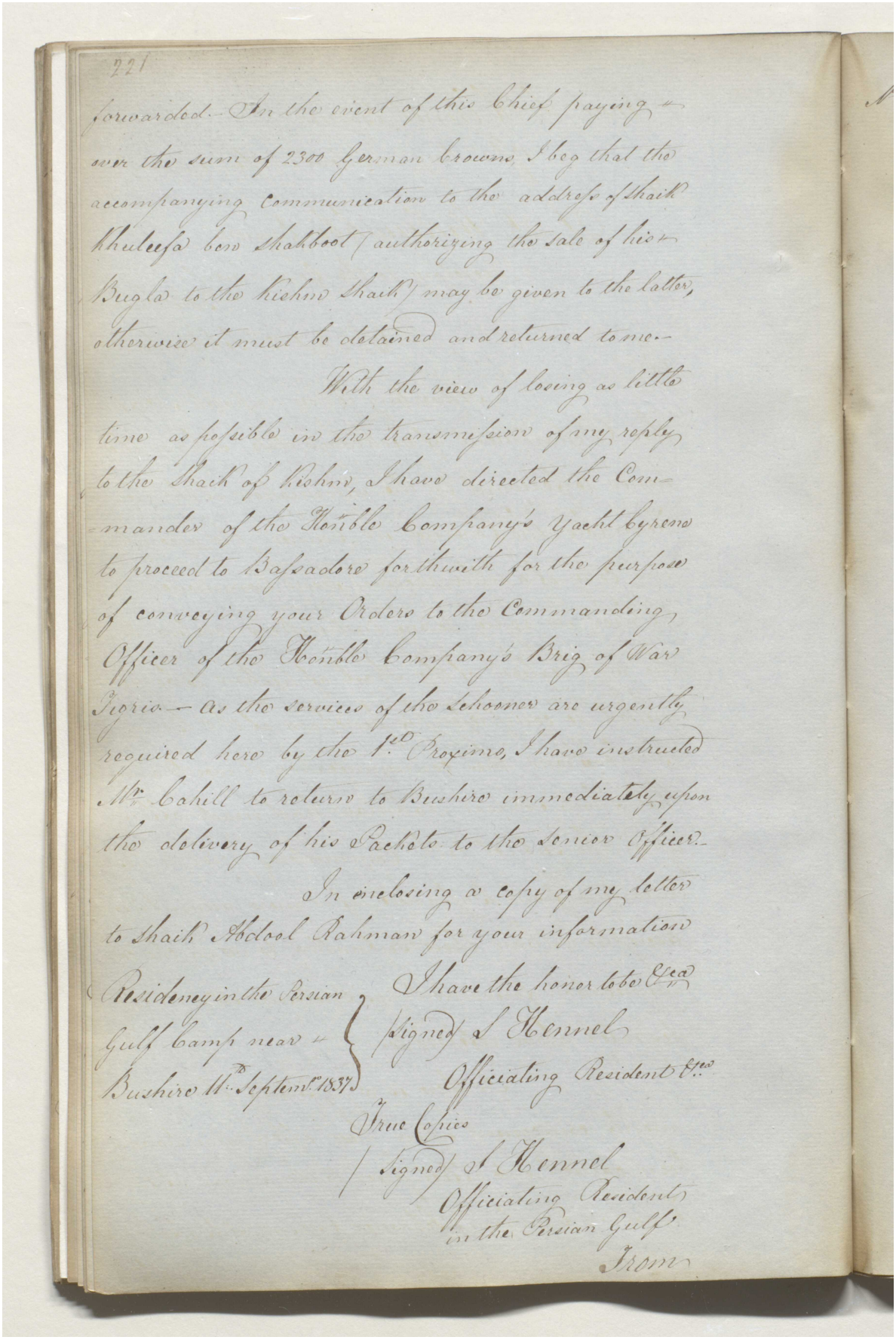

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forwarded. In the event of this Chief paying over the sum of 2300 German browns I beg that the accompanying Communication to the address of Shaik Khuleefa bin Shakboot authorizing the sale of his Bugla to the Nakhoda Shaik may be given to the latter, otherwise it must be detained and returned to me.

With the view of losing as little time as possible in the transmission of my reply to the Shaik of Nakhoda, I have directed the Commander of the Honble Company's Yacht Eyrene to proceed to Bassadore forthwith for the purpose of conveying your Orders to the Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Brig of War Ispric – As the services of the Schooner are urgently required here by the 1st Proximo, I have instructed Mr Cahill to return to Bushire immediately upon the delivery of his Packets to the Senior Officer.

In enclosing a copy of my letter to Shaik Abdool Rahman for your information

I have the honor to be &c &c
signed J Kennel
Officiating Resident &c &c

Residency in the Persian Gulf Camp near Bushire 11th Septemr 1837

True Copies
signed J Kennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

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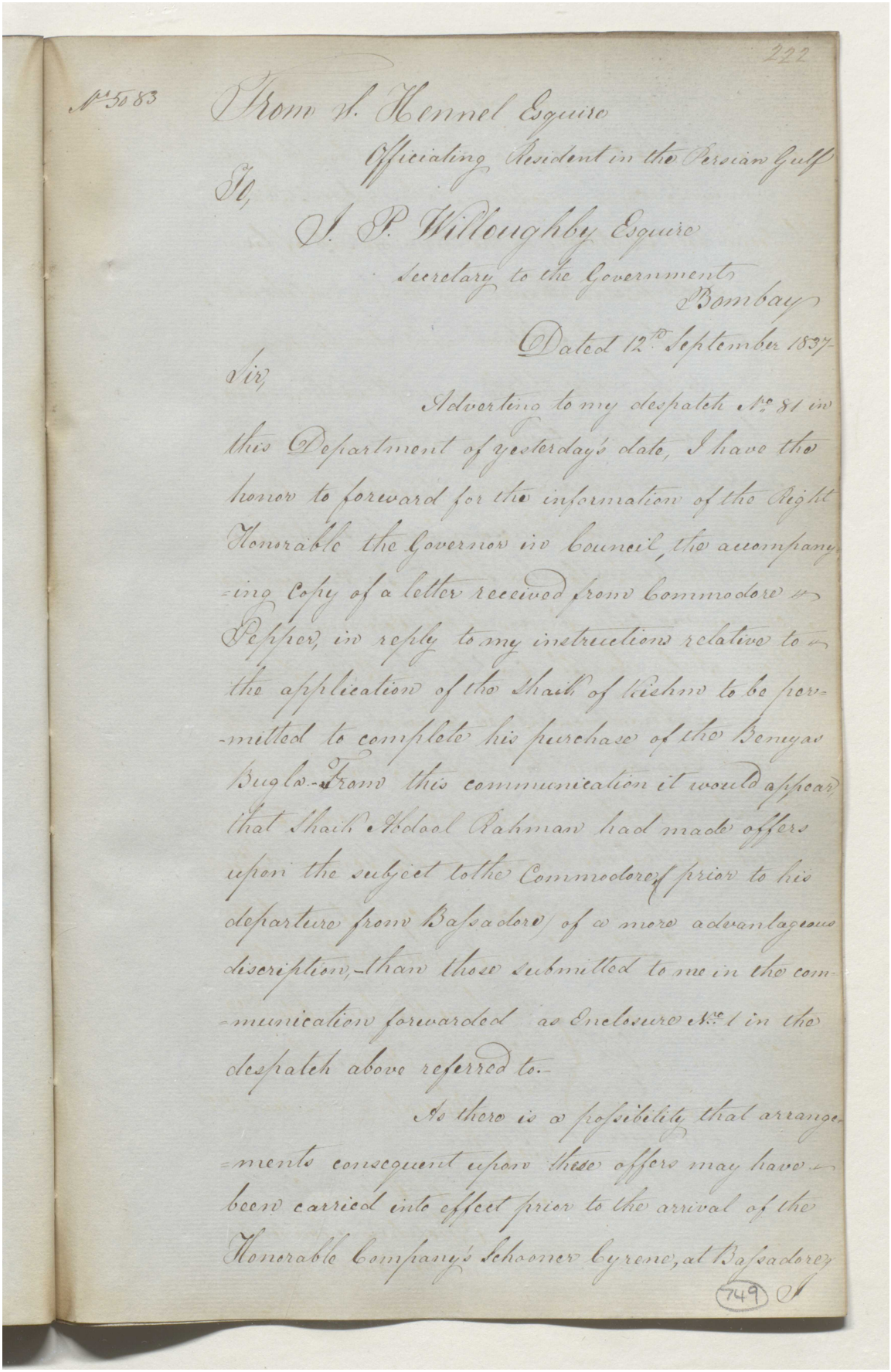

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No 583

From W. Kennel Esquire
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

To,
J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Dated 12th September 1837

Sir,

Adverting to my despatch No 81 in this Department of yesterday's date, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Copy of a letter received from Commodore Pepper in reply to my instructions relative to the application of the Shaik of Kishm to be permitted to complete his purchase of the Benyas Bugla. From this communication it would appear that Shaik Abdool Rahman had made offers upon the subject to the Commodore prior to his departure from Bassadore of a more advantageous description, than those submitted to me in the communication forwarded as Enclosure No 1 in the despatch above referred to.

As there is a possibility that arrangements consequent upon these offers may have been carried into effect prior to the arrival of the Honorable Company's Schooner Cyrene, at Bassadore

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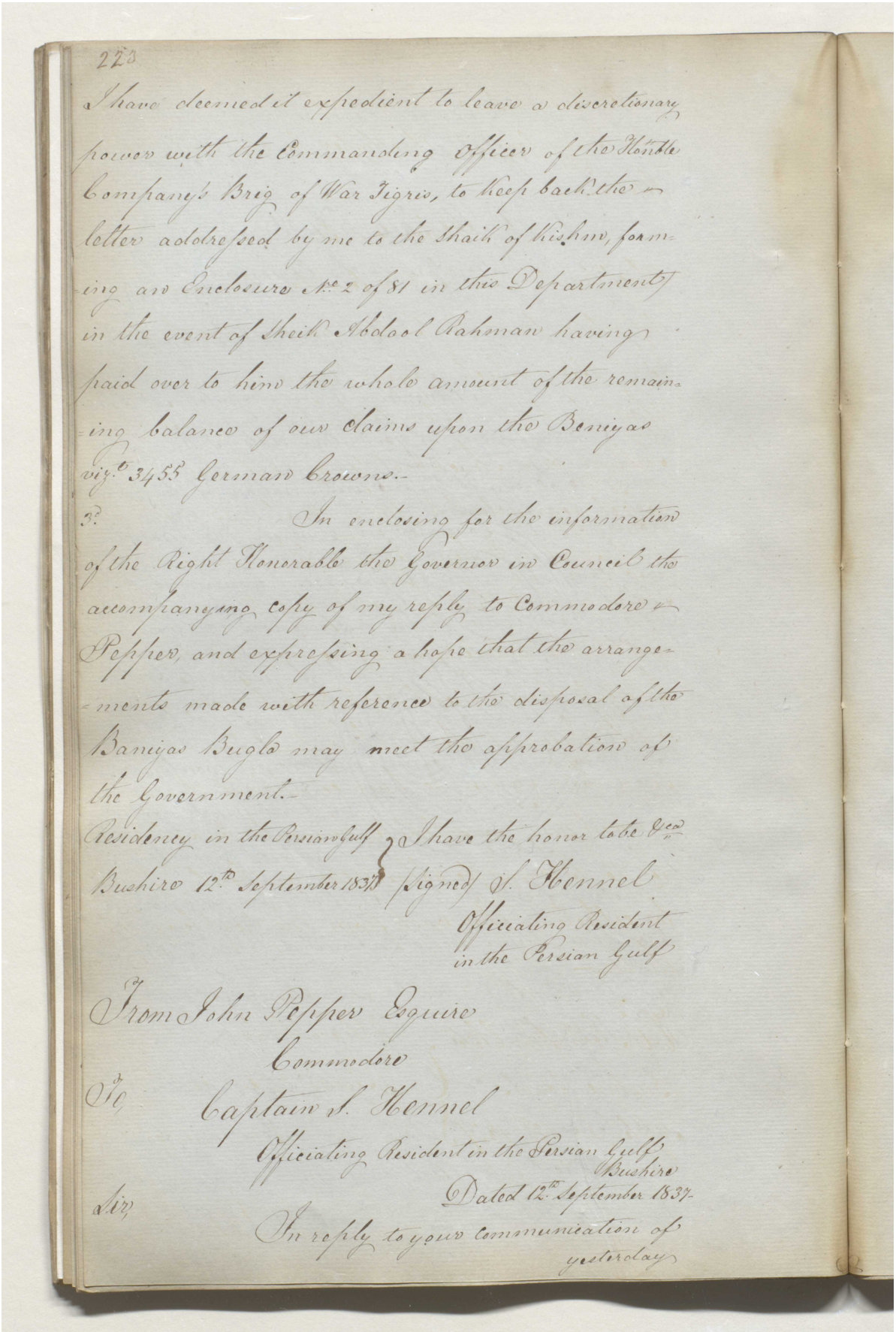

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I have deemed it expedient to leave a discretionary power with the Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Brig of War Tigris, to keep back the letter addressed by me to the Shaik of Bushire, forming an Enclosure No. 2 of 81 in this Department, in the event of Sheik Abdool Rahman having paid over to him the whole amount of the remaining balance of our claims upon the Beniyas viz. 3455 German Crowns.-

3d In enclosing for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying copy of my reply to Commodore Postper, and expressing a hope that the arrangements made with reference to the disposal of the Baniyas Bugla may meet the approbation of the Government.-

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 12th September 1837

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed S. Hennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

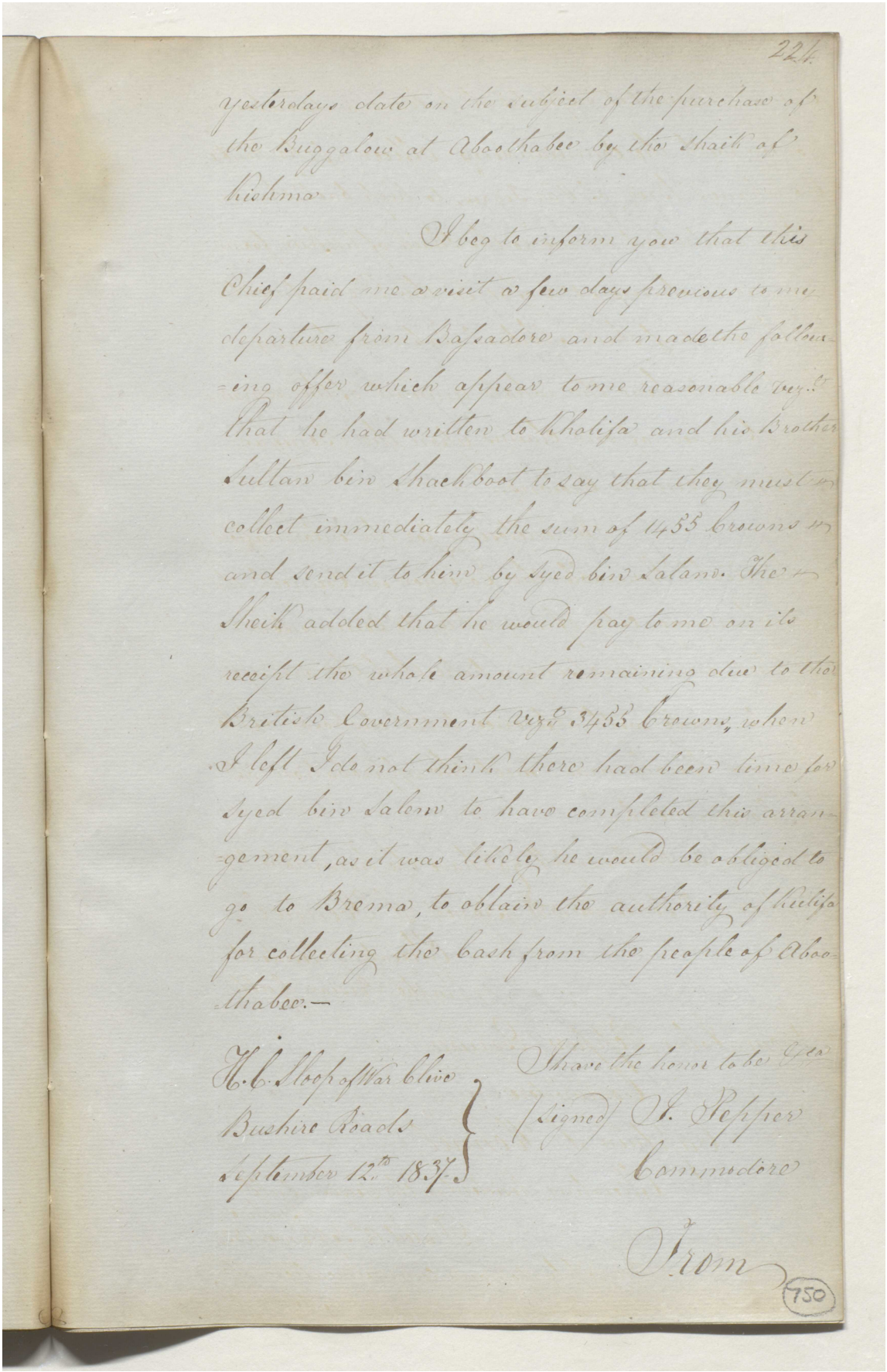
From John Postper Esquire
Commodore

To Captain S. Hennel
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
Bushire

Dated 12th September 1837.

Sir

In reply to your communication of yesterday



yesterdays date on the subject of the purchase of the Buggalow at Aboothabee by the Shaik of Kishma

I beg to inform you that this Chief paid me a visit a few days previous to my departure from Bassadore and made the following offer which appear to me reasonable viz.t that he had written to Khotifa and his Brother Sultan bin Shackboot to say that they must collect immediately the sum of 1455 Crowns and send it to him by Syed bin Salam. The Sheik added that he would pay to me on its receipt the whole amount remaining due to the British Government viz.t 3455 Crowns, when I left I do not think there had been time for Syed bin Salem to have completed this arrangement, as it was likely he would be obliged to go to Brema, to obtain the authority of Kutifa for collecting the Cash from the people of Aboothabee.—

H.C. Sloop of War Clive
Bushire Roads
September 12th 1837.

I have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) J. Pepper
Commodore

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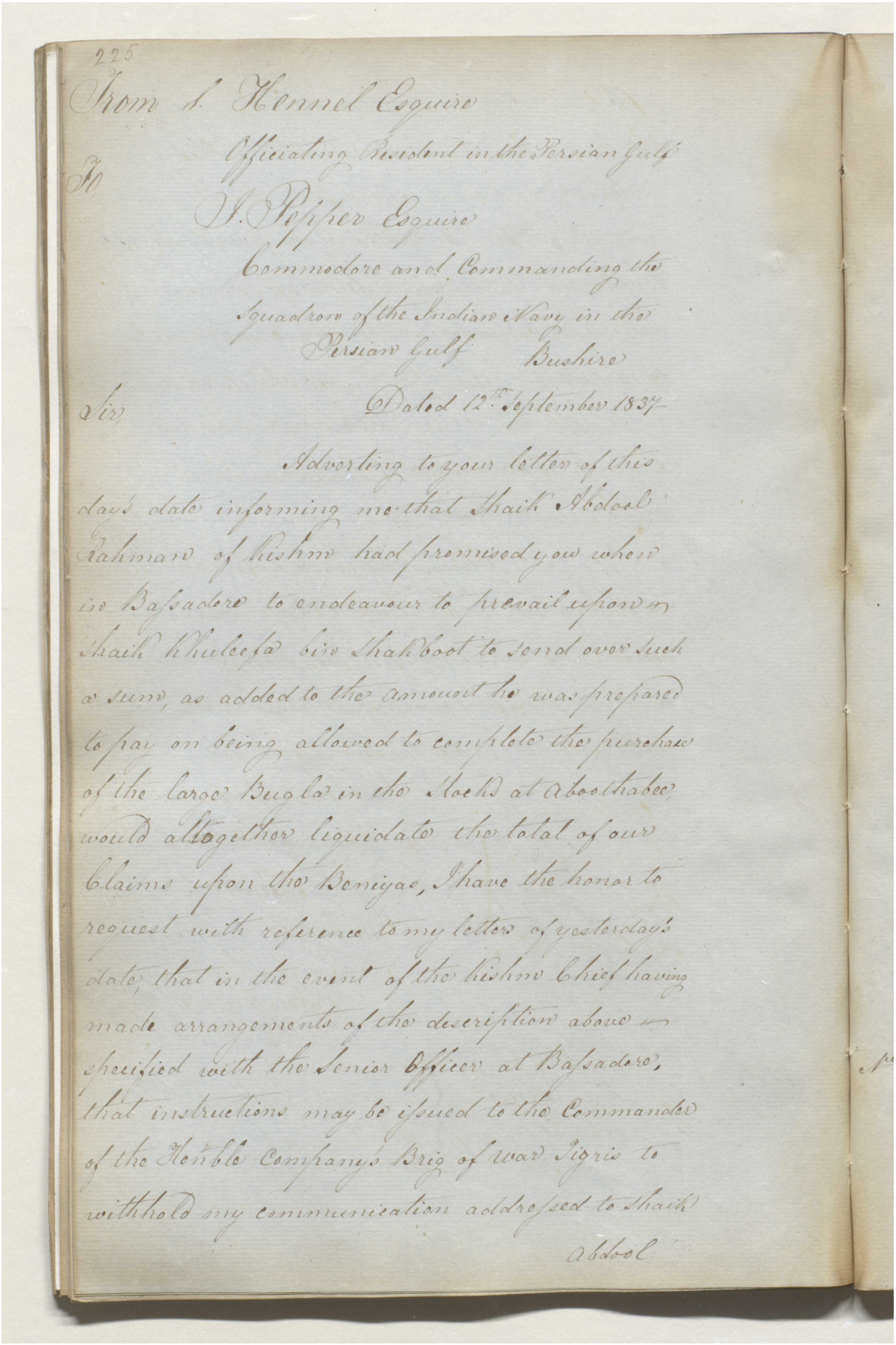

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From A. Kennel Esquire

Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf

To

I. Pepper Esquire

Commodore and Commanding the

Squadron of the Indian Navy in the

Persian Gulf Bushire

Sir Dated 12th September 1837

Adverting to your letter of this day's date informing me that Shaik Abdool Rahman of Bishm had promised you when in Bassadore to endeavour to prevail upon Shaik Khuleefa bin Shakboot to send over such a sum, as added to the amount he was prepared to pay on being allowed to complete the purchase of the large Bugla in the Moch at Aboothabee, would altogether liquidate the total of our claims upon the Beniyas, I have the honor to request with reference to my letter of yesterday's date, that in the event of the Bishm Chief having made arrangements of the description above specified with the Senior Officer at Bassadore, that instructions may be issued to the Commander of the Honble Company's Brig of war Tigris to withhold my communication addressed to Shaik Abdool

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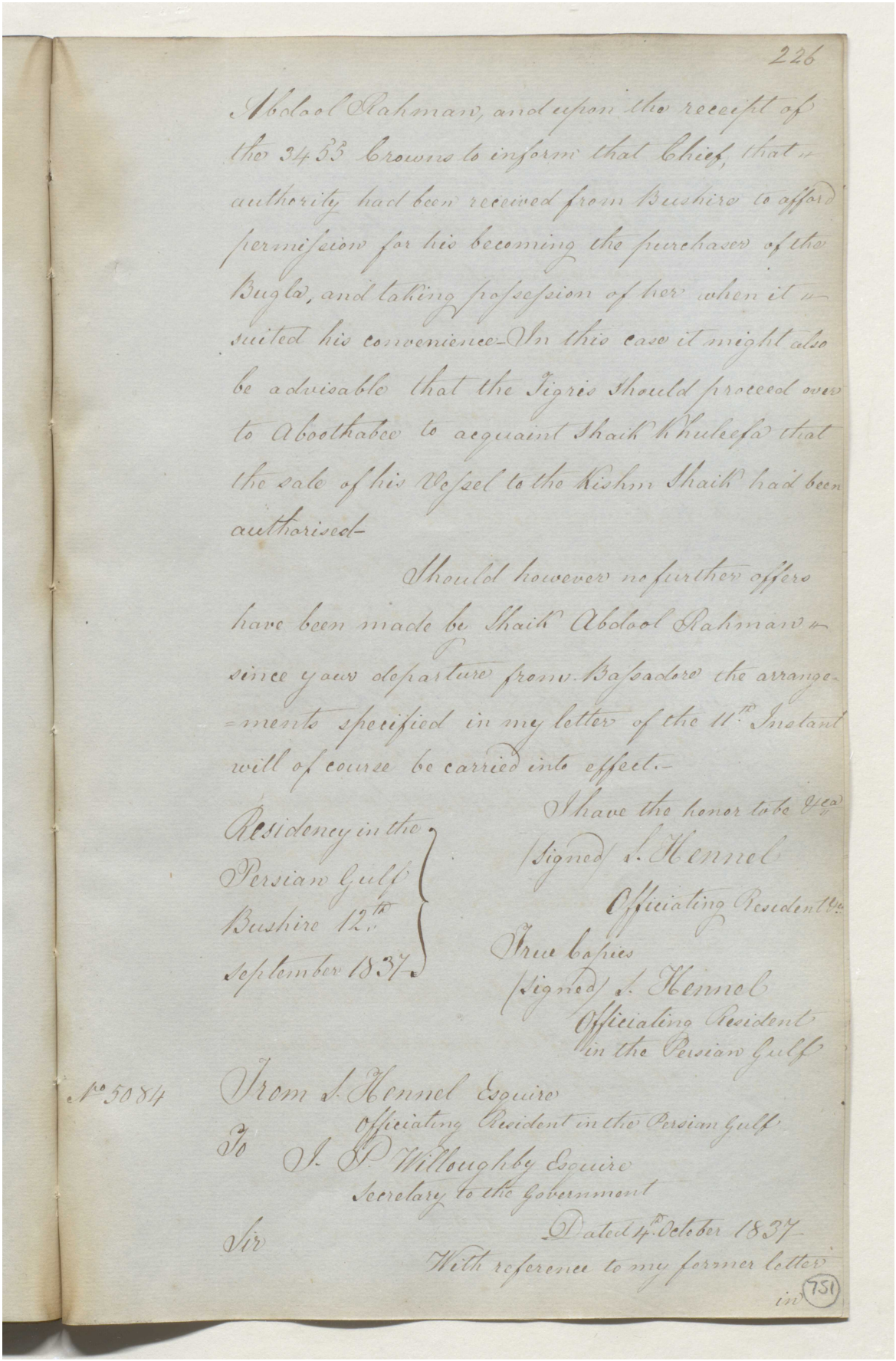

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Abdool Rahmaun, and upon the receipt of the 3433 Crowns to inform that Chief, that authority had been received from Bushire to afford permission for his becoming the purchaser of the Bugla, and taking possession of her when it suited his convenience—In this case it might also be advisable that the Tigris should proceed over to Aboothabee to acquaint Shaik Khuleefa that the sale of his Vessel to the Kishm Shaik had been authorised—

Should however no further offers have been made by Shaik Abdool Rahmaun since your departure from Bassadore the arrangements specified in my letter of the 11th Instant will of course be carried into effect.—

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. Hennel
Officiating Resident &c.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 12th September 1837

True Copies
Signed J. Hennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

No 5084

From J. Hennel Esquire
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf
To J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to the Government

Dated 4th October 1837.

Sir

With reference to my former letter

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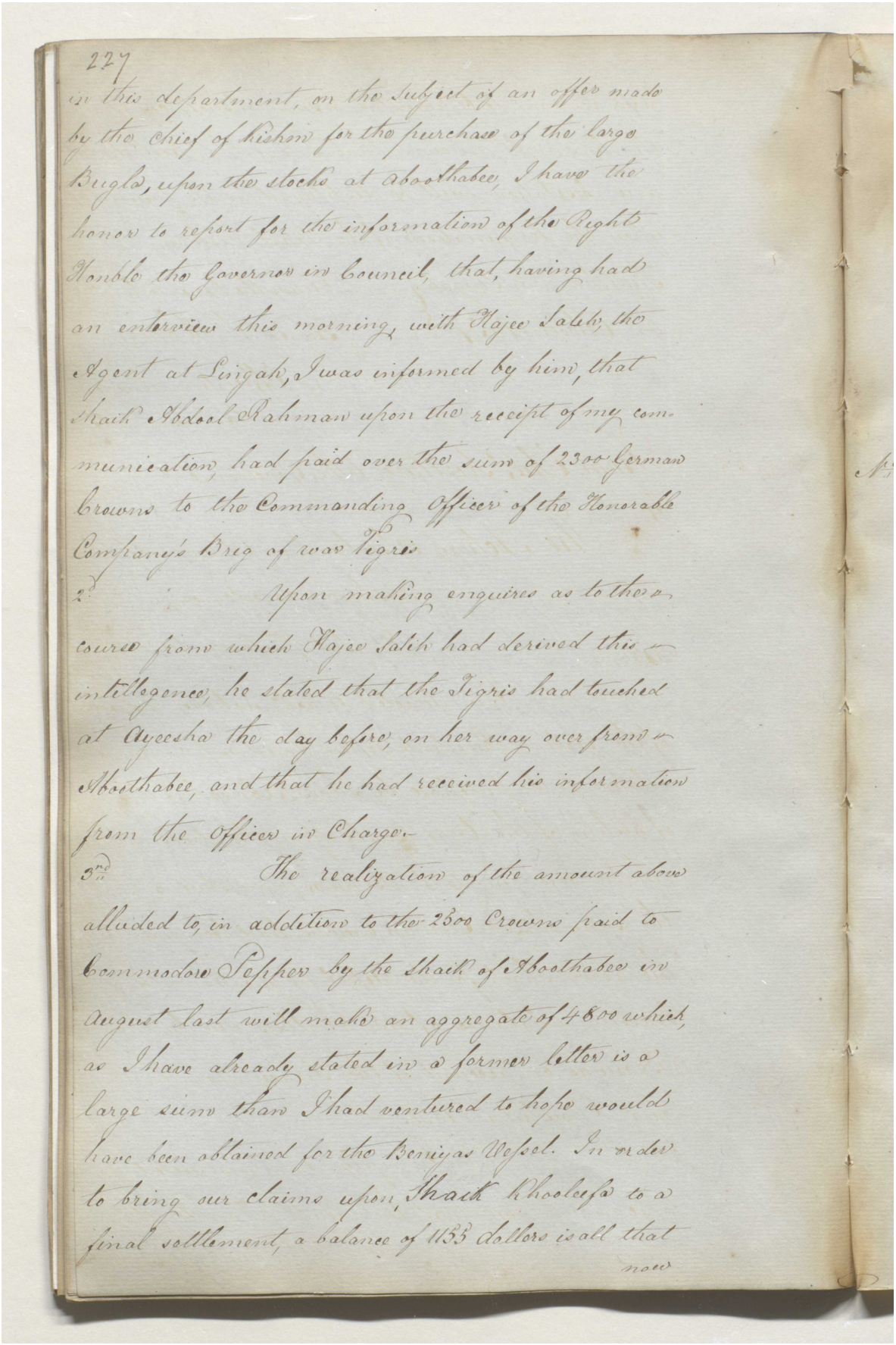

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in this department, on the subject of an offer made by the Chief of Kishm for the purchase of the large Bugla, upon the stocks at Aboothabee, I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that, having had an interview this morning, with Hajee Salih, the Agent at Lingah, I was informed by him, that Shaik Abdool Rahman upon the receipt of my communication, had paid over the sum of 2300 German Crowns to the Commanding Officer of the Honorable Company's Brig of war Tigris

2d Upon making enquiries as to the source from which Hajee Salih had derived this intelligence, he stated that the Tigris had touched at Ayeesha the day before, on her way over from Aboothabee, and that he had received his information from the Officer in Charge.

3rd The realization of the amount above alluded to, in addition to the 2300 Crowns paid to Commodore Pepper by the Shaik of Aboothabee in August last will make an aggregate of 4800 which, as I have already stated in a former letter is a large sum than I had ventured to hope would have been obtained for the Beniyas Vessel. In order to bring our claims upon Shaik Khoolefa to a final settlement, a balance of 1133 dollars is all that now

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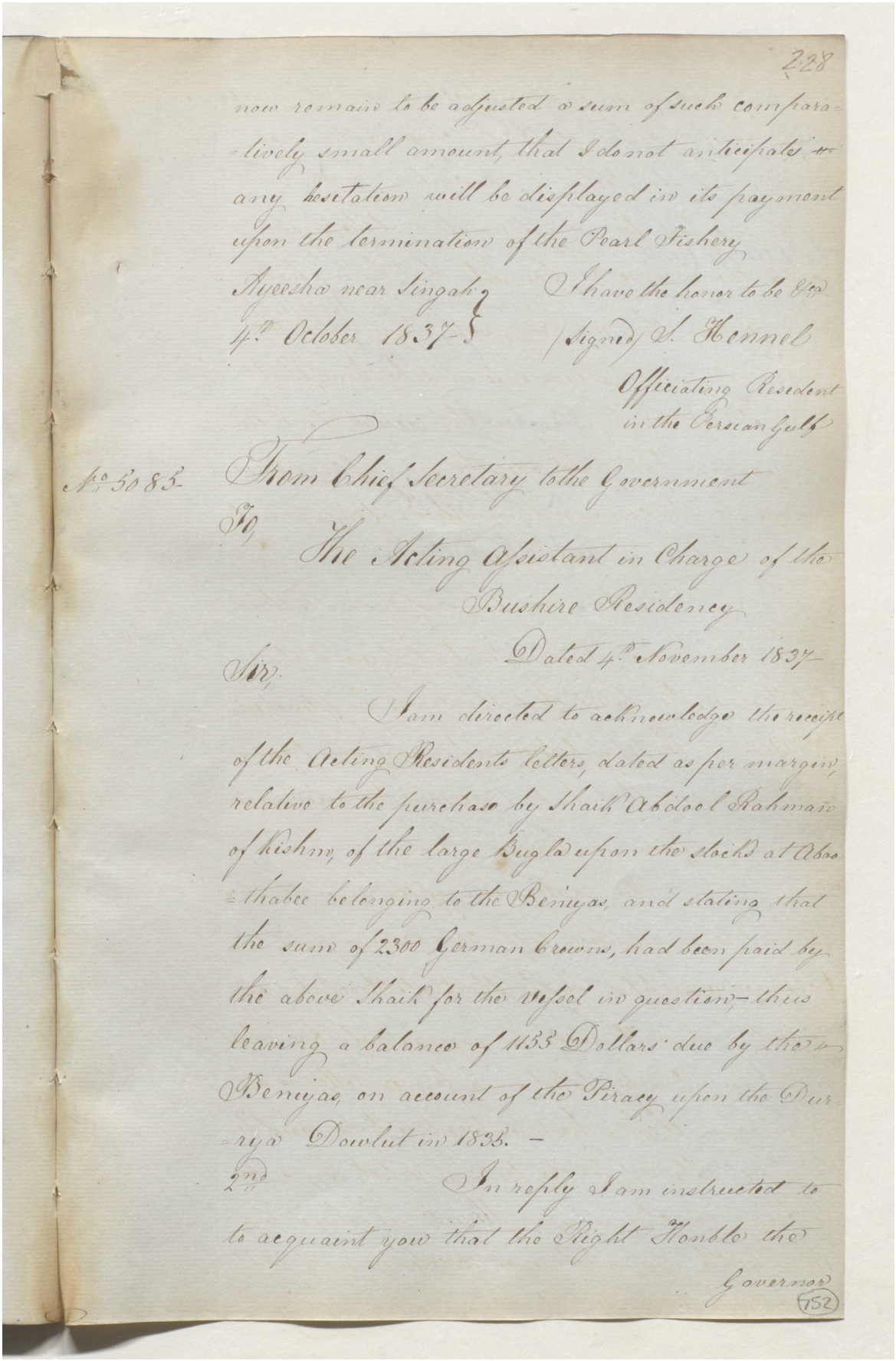

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now remain to be adjusted a sum of such comparatively small amount, that I do not anticipate any hesitation will be displayed in its payment upon the termination of the Pearl Fishery

Ayeesha near Singah
4th October 1837

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) J. Hennel
Officiating Resident
in the Persian Gulf

No 5085

From Chief Secretary to the Government

To

The Acting Assistant in Charge of the
Bushire Residency

Dated 4th November 1837

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Acting Residents letters, dated as per margin, relative to the purchase by Shaik Abdool Rahman of Kishm, of the large Bugla upon the stocks at Abbasthabee belonging to the Beniyas, and stating that the sum of 2300 German Crowns, had been paid by the above Shaik for the Vessel in question – thus leaving a balance of 1153 Dollars due by the Beniyas, on account of the Piracy upon the Duriya Dowlut in 1833. –

2nd In reply I am instructed to to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor

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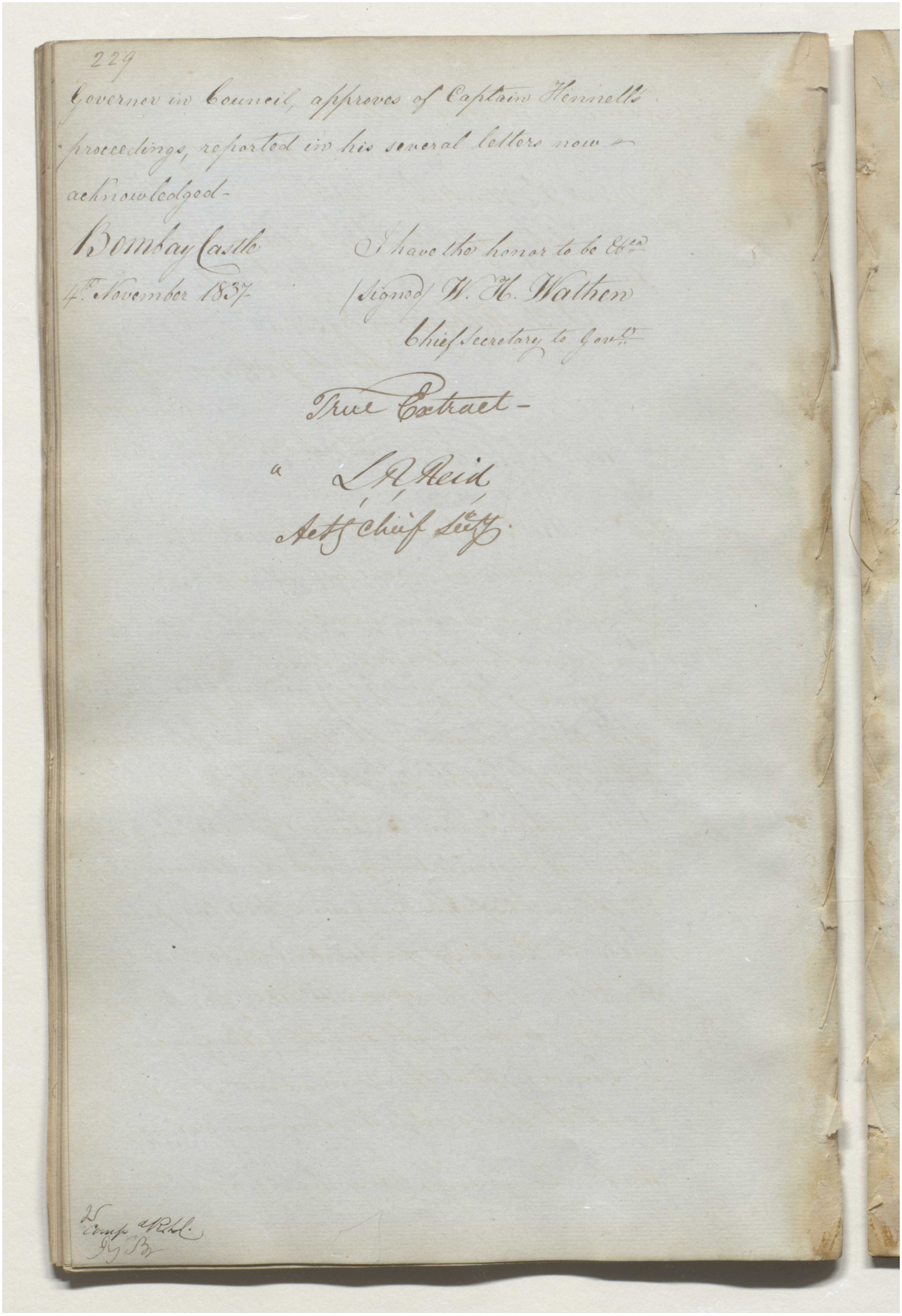

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Governor in Council approves of Captain Hennells proceedings, reported in his several letters now acknowledged -

Bombay Castle 4th November 1837

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

True Extract -

a J. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy.

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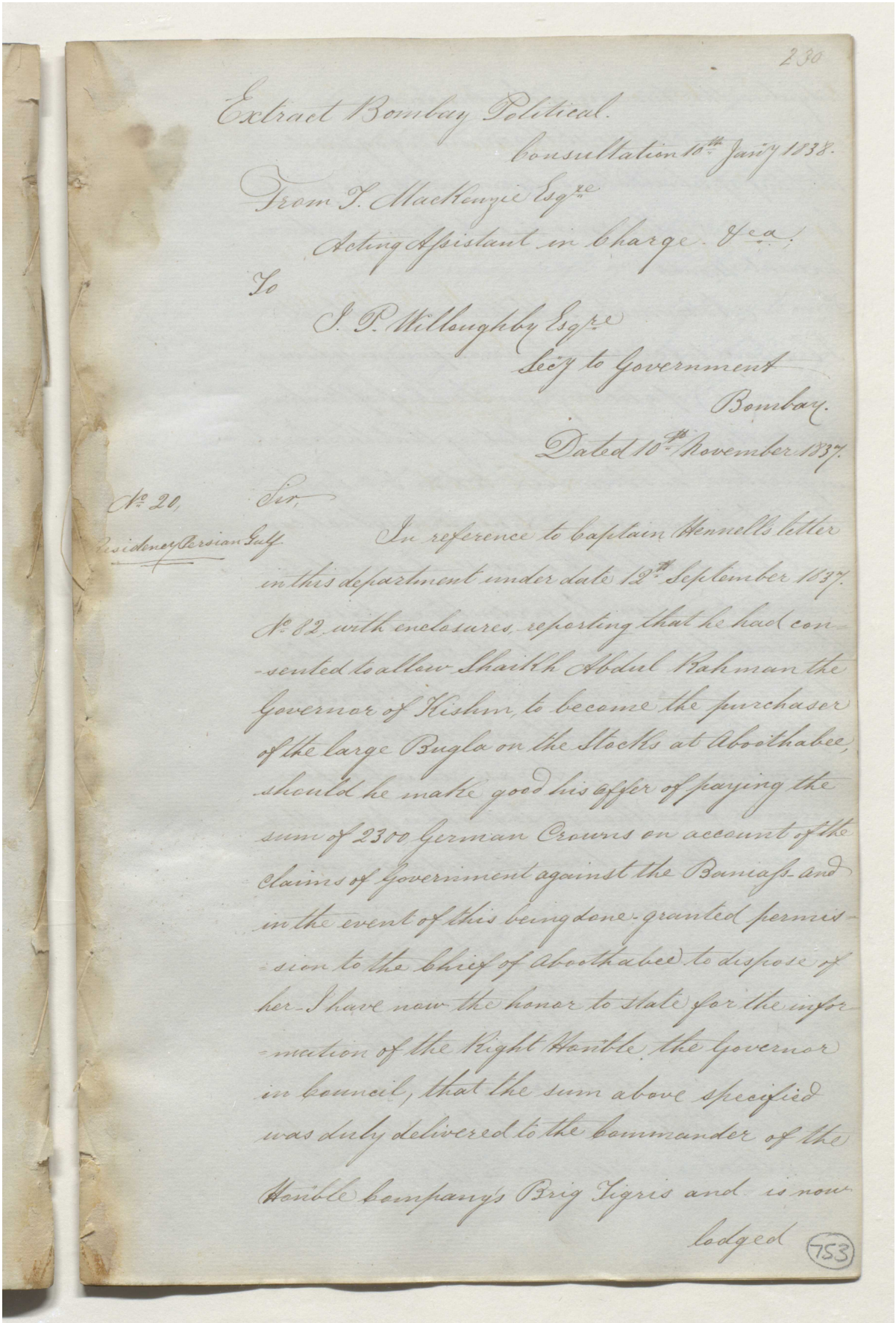

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From J. MacKenzie Esqre
Acting Assistant in charge &c.a.

To

J. P. Willoughby Esqre
Secy to Government
Bombay.

Dated 10th November 1837.

No 20,
Residency Persian Gulf

Sir,

In reference to Captain Hennells letter in this department under date 12th September 1837. No 82. with enclosures, reporting that he had consented to allow Shaikh Abdul Rahman the Governor of Kishm, to become the purchaser of the large Bugla on the Stocks at Aboothabee, should he make good his offer of paying the sum of 2300 German Crowns on account of the claims of Government against the Beniaas and in the event of this being done granted permission to the Chief of Aboothabee to dispose of her. I have now the honor to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that the sum above specified was duly delivered to the Commander of the Honble Company's Brig Tigris and is now lodged

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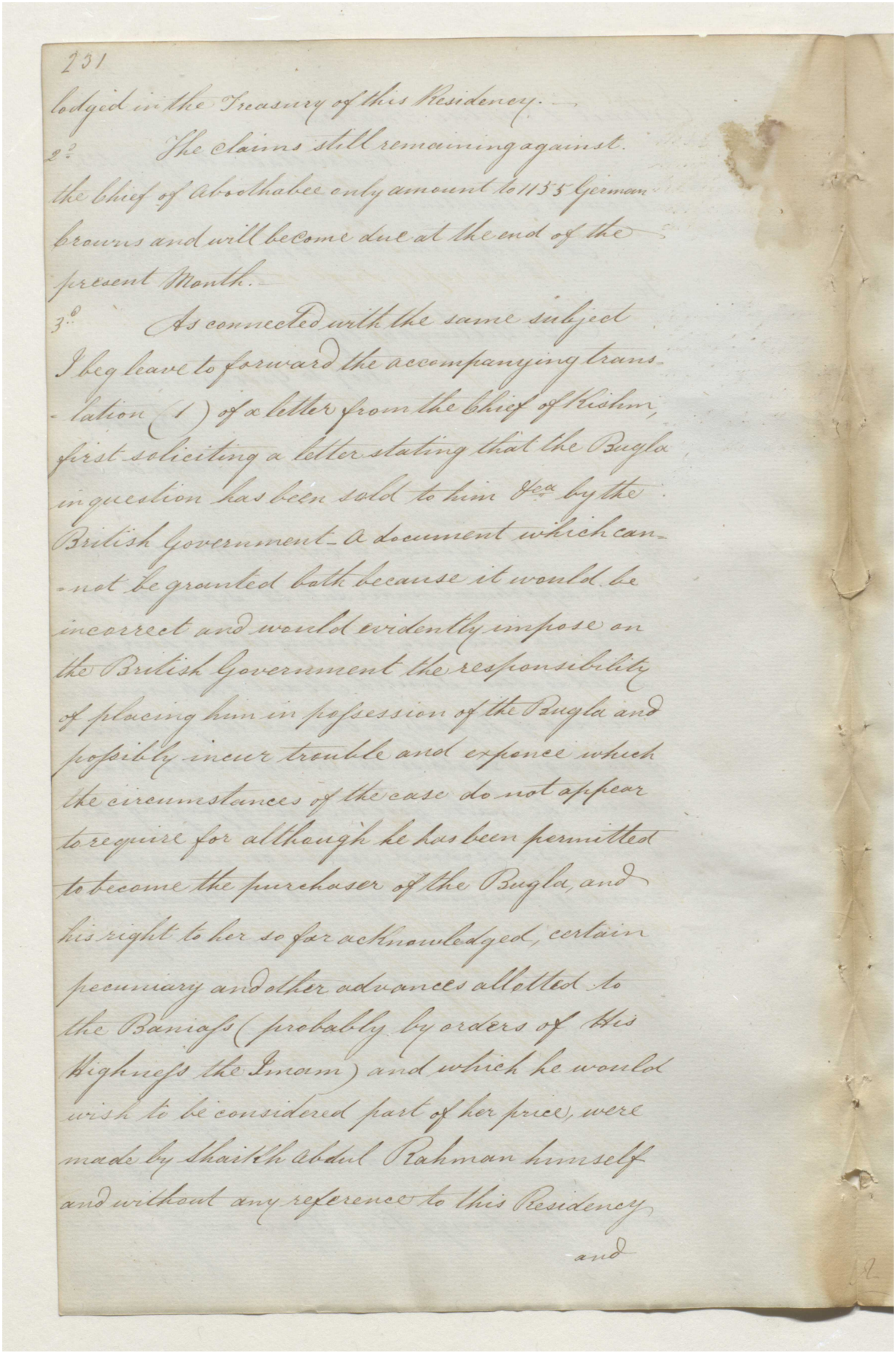

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lodged in the Treasury of this Residency.

2d. The claims still remaining against the Chief of Aboothabee only amount to 1155 German krouns and will become due at the end of the present Month.

3d. As connected with the same subject I beg leave to forward the accompanying translation (1) of a letter from the Chief of Keshm, first soliciting a letter stating that the Bugla in question has been sold to him &c.a by the British Government – a document which cannot be granted both because it would be incorrect and would evidently impose on the British Government the responsibility of placing him in possession of the Bugla and possibly incur trouble and expence which the circumstances of the case do not appear to require for although he has been permitted to become the purchaser of the Bugla, and his right to her so far acknowledged, certain pecuniary and other advances allotted to the Baniass (probably by orders of His Highness the Imaum) and which he would wish to be considered part of her price, were made by Shaikh Abdul Rahman himself and without any reference to this Residency

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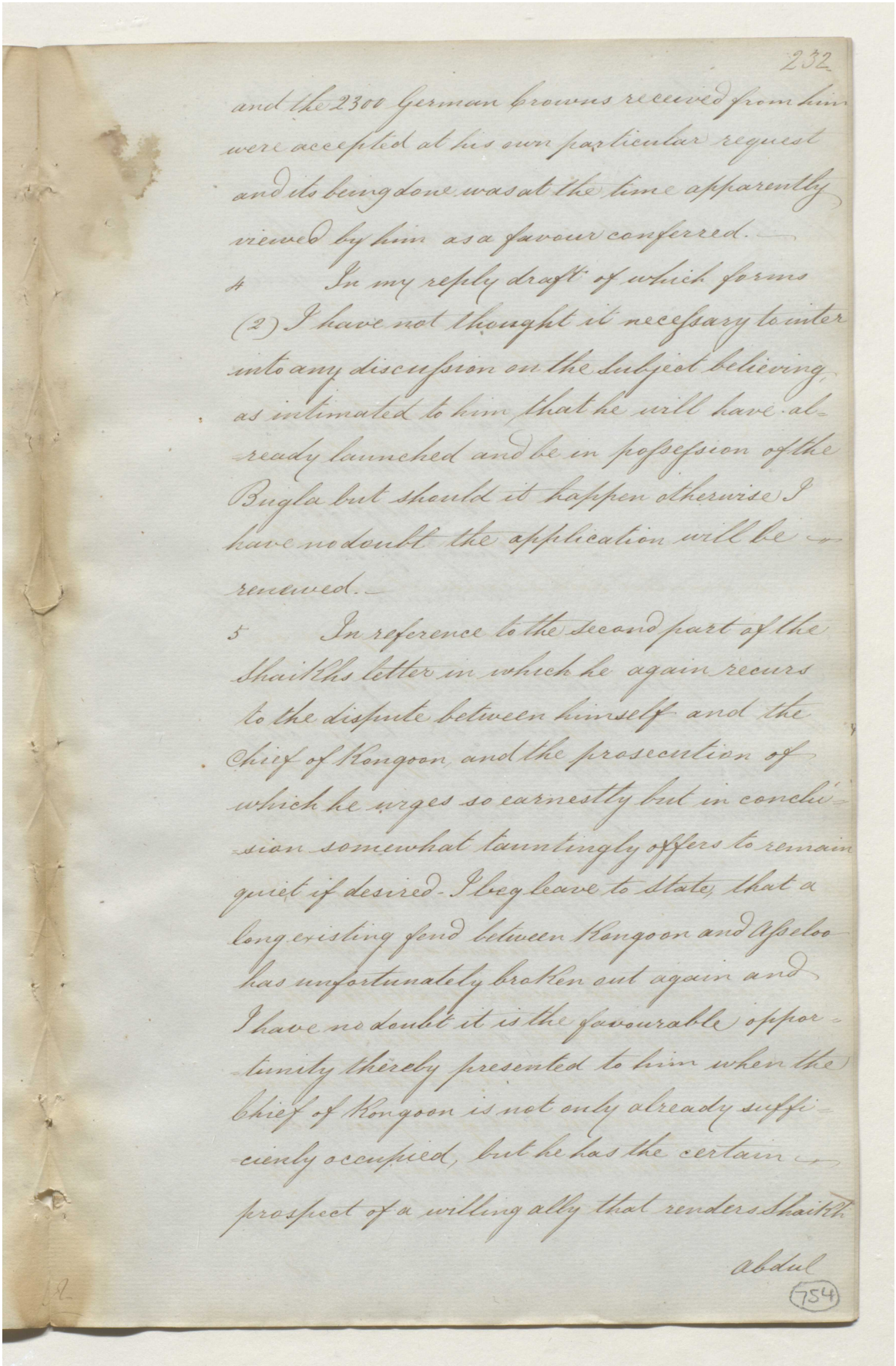

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and the 2300 German browns received from him were accepted at his own particular request and its being done was at the time apparently viewed by him as a favour conferred.

4 In my reply draft of which forms (2) I have not thought it necessary to enter into any discussion on the subject believing as intimated to him that he will have already launched and be in possession of the Bugla but should it happen otherwise I have no doubt the application will be renewed.

5 In reference to the second part of the Shaikhs letter in which he again recurs to the dispute between himself and the Chief of Kongoon and the prosecution of which he urges so earnestly but in conclusion somewhat tauntingly offers to remain quiet if desired. I beg leave to state that a long existing feud between Kongoon and Ajeloo has unfortunately broken out again and I have no doubt it is the favourable opportunity thereby presented to him when the Chief of Kongoon is not only already sufficiently occupied, but he has the certain prospect of a willing ally that renders Shaikh

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Abdul Rahmun so anxious to redress his pretended wrongs.—

6 On this subject I have replied to the Shaikh, in tenor, as I conceive to the orders of Government as conveyed in your letter dated 13th December 1836 No. 2325. Political Department.—

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. Mackenzie
Acting Assist.t in
Charge of the Resi-
dency in the Persian Gulf.

Summary Translation of Letter from Shaikh Abdul Rahmun bin Suggur, Chief of Kishm to the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf.— No date but received 3d November 1837.—

I beg to state that, on two for-
mer occasions I wrote to you and hope my letters have been received, Relative to the 2302 German Crowns, as part price of the Bugla, which you directed to be paid to the Captain of the Ship Tigris, your orders were complied with, and afterwards the Tigris proceeded to Aboothabee to deliver to Shaikh Khaleefa

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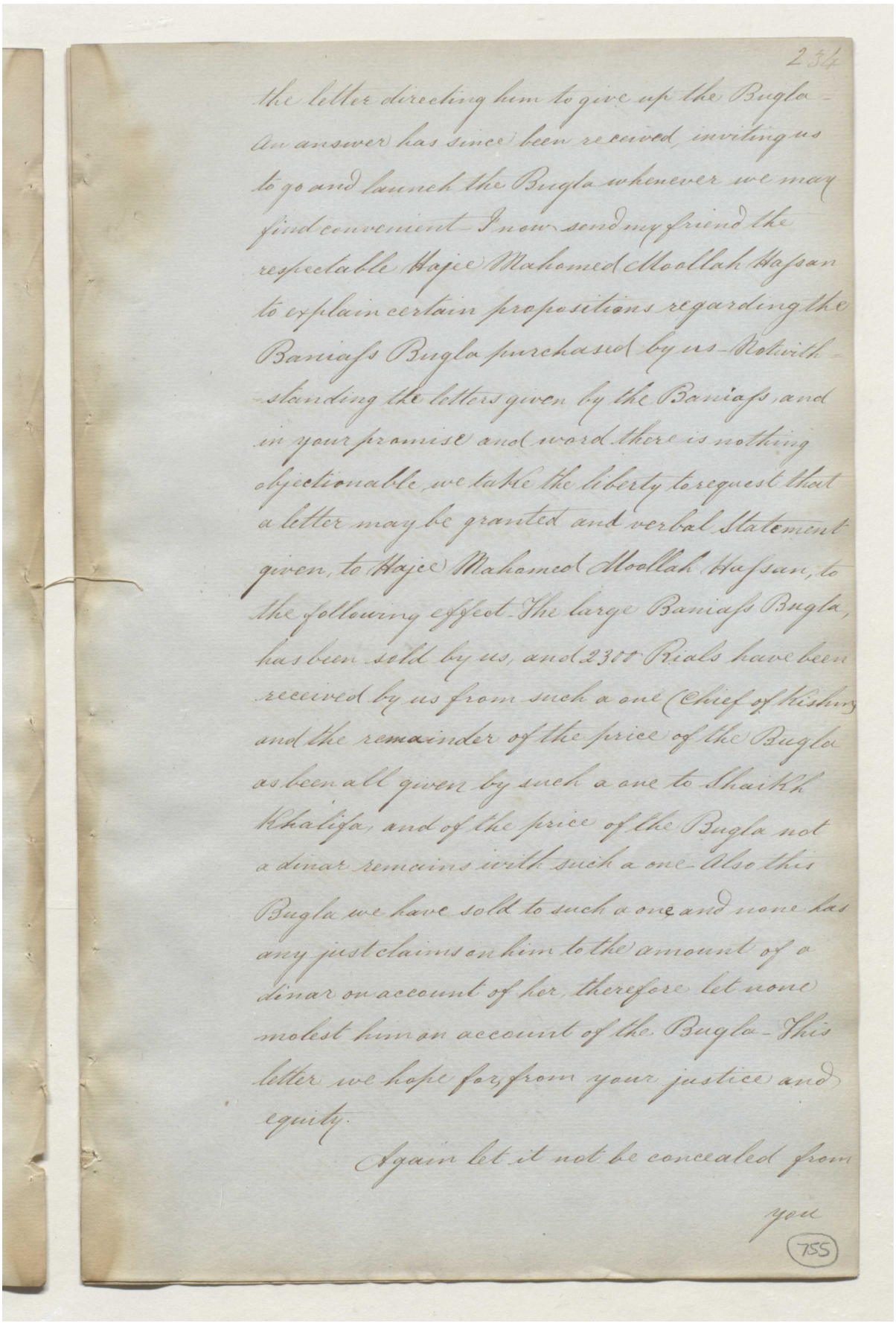

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the letter directing him to give up the Bugla – An answer has since been received, inviting us to go and launch the Bugla whenever we may find convenient – I now send my friend the respectable Hajee Mahomed Moollah Hafsan to explain certain propositions regarding the Baniaf's Bugla purchased by us – Notwithstanding the letters given by the Baniafs, and in your promise and word there is nothing objectionable, we take the liberty to request that a letter may be granted and verbal Statement given, to Hajee Mahomed Moollah Hafsan, to the following effect – The large Baniafs Bugla, has been sold by us, and 2300 Rials have been received by us from such a one (Chief of Kishm) and the remainder of the price of the Bugla as been all given by such a one to Shaikh Khaliga, and of the price of the Bugla not a dinar remains with such a one – Also this Bugla we have sold to such a one and none has any just claims on him to the amount of a dinar on account of her, therefore let none molest him on account of the Bugla – This letter we hope for from your justice and equity.

Again let it not be concealed from you

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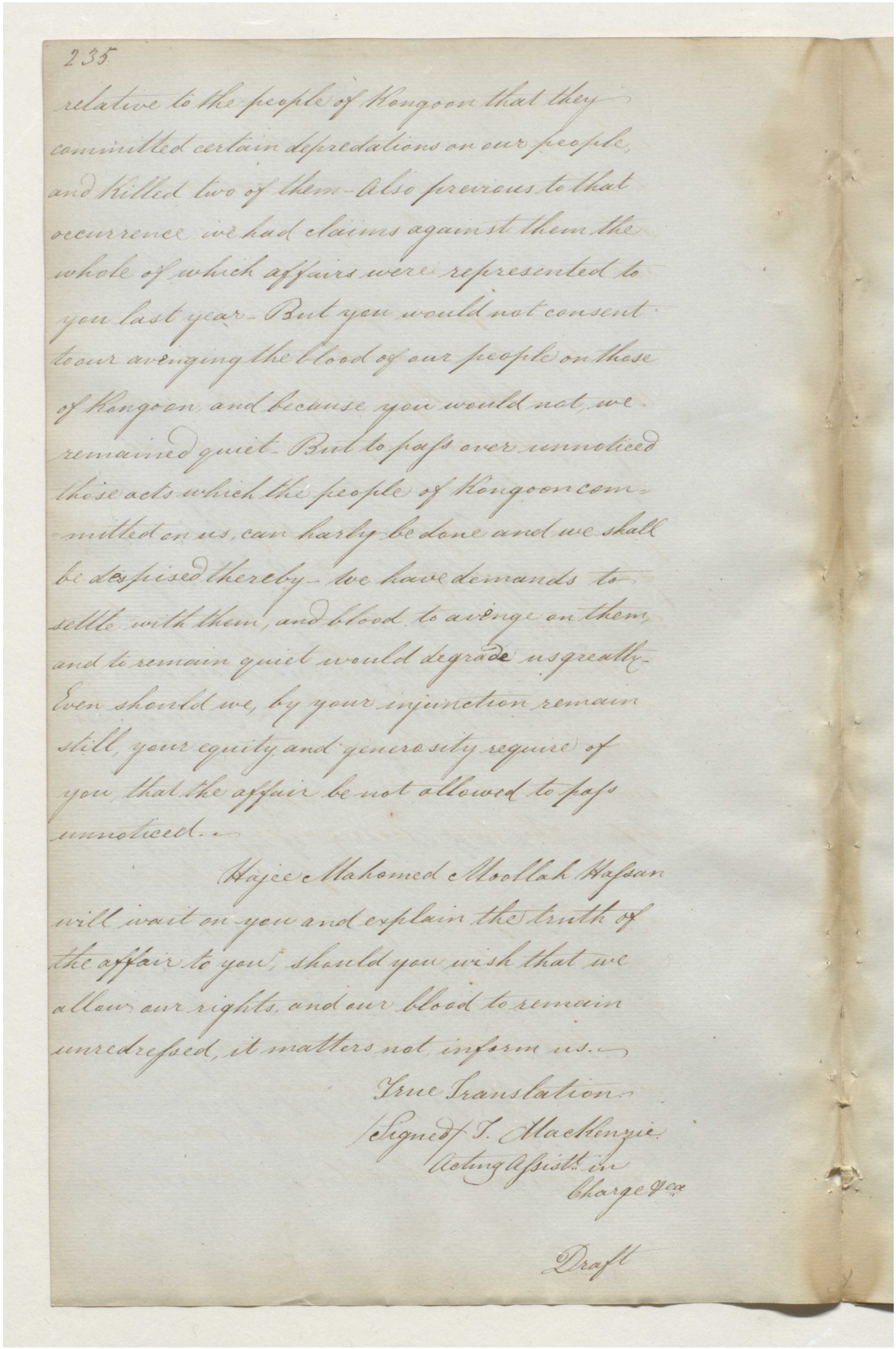

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relative to the people of Kongoon that they committed certain depredations on our people, and killed two of them - Also previous to that occurrence we had claims against them the whole of which affairs were represented to you last year - But you would not consent to our avenging the blood of our people on those of Kongoon, and because you would not, we remained quiet - But to pass over unnoticed those acts which the people of Kongoon committed on us, can harly be done and we shall be despised thereby - We have demands to settle with them, and blood to avenge on them, and to remain quiet would degrade us greatly - Even should we, by your injunction remain still, your equity and generosity require of you, that the affair be not allowed to pass unnoticed. -

Hajee Mahomed Moollah Hassan will wait on you and explain the truth of the affair to you, should you wish that we allow our rights, and our blood to remain unredressed, it matters not, inform us. -

True Translation -
(Signed) T. Mackenzie
Acting Assistt. in
Charge &ca

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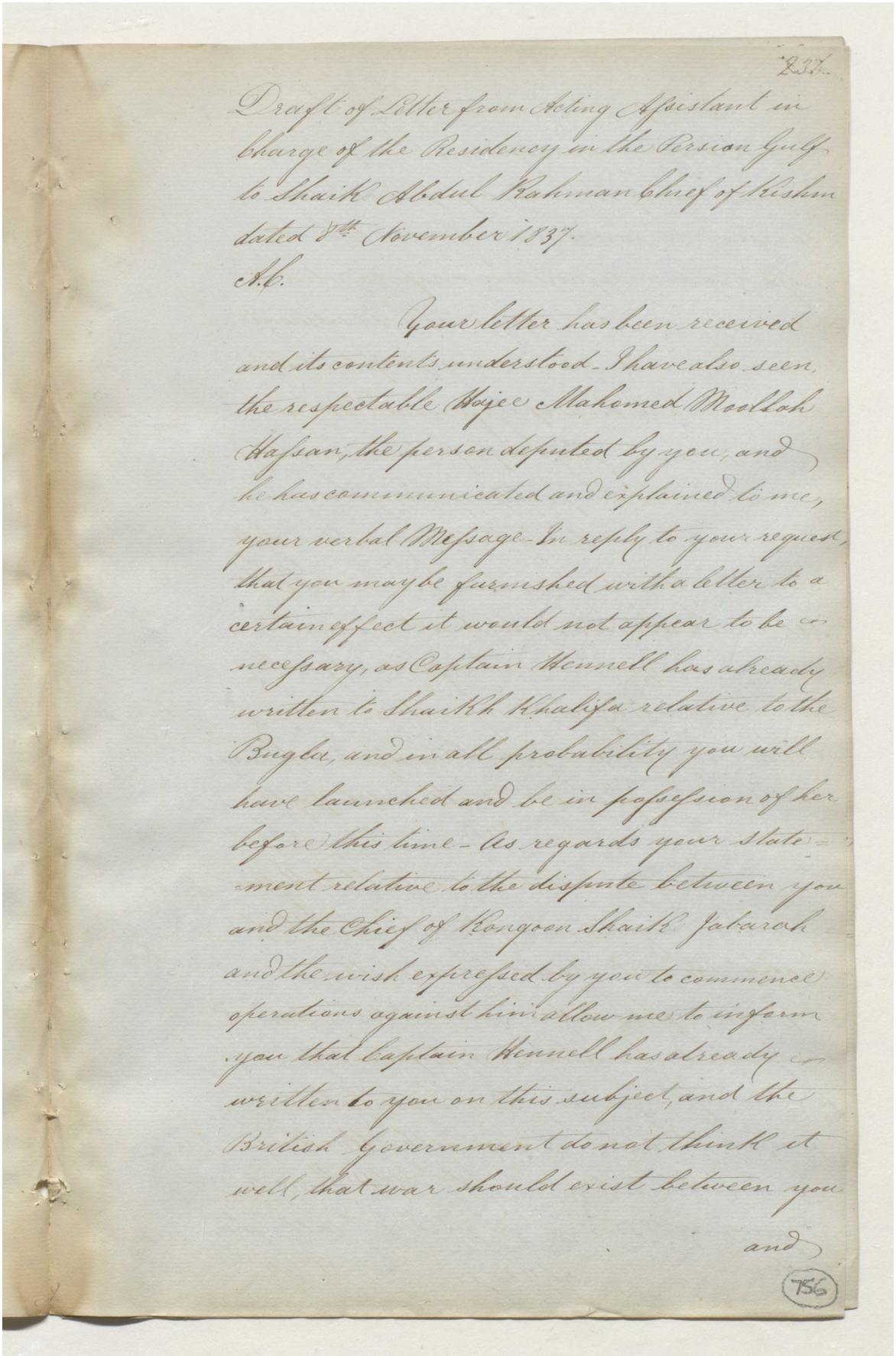

Draft of Letter from Acting Assistant in charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Abdul Rahman Chief of Reshire dated 8th November 1837.

A.C.

Your letter has been received and its contents understood. I have also seen the respectable Hajee Mahomed Moollah Hassan, the person deputed by you, and he has communicated and explained to me, your verbal Message. In reply to your request that you may be furnished with a letter to a certain effect it would not appear to be necessary, as Captain Kennell has already written to Shaikh Khalifa relative to the Bugla, and in all probability you will have launched and be in possession of her before this time. As regards your statement relative to the dispute between you and the Chief of Kongoon Shaikh Jabarah and the wish expressed by you to commence operations against him allow me to inform you that Captain Kennell has already written to you on this subject, and the British Government do not think it well, that war should exist between you and

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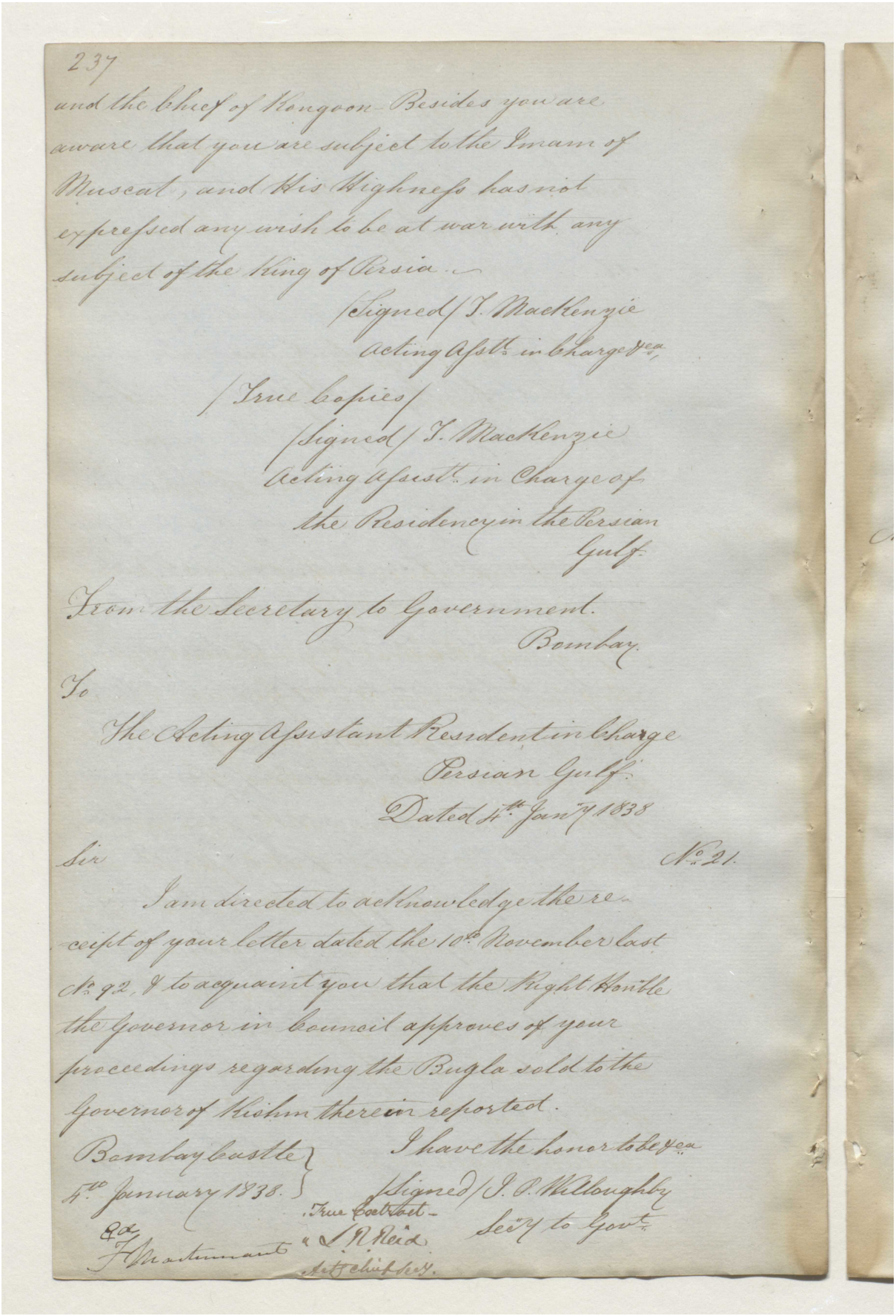

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and the Chief of Kongoon Besides you are aware that you are subject to the Imam of Muscat, and His Highness has not expressed any wish to be at war with any subject of the King of Persia.

(Signed) T. Mackenzie
Acting Asstt. in Charge &ca.

(True Copies)
(Signed) T. Mackenzie
Acting Assistt. in Charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf.

From the Secretary to Government.
Bombay.

To
The Acting Assistant Resident in Charge
Persian Gulf.
Dated 4th Jany 1838

Sir No. 21.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 10th November last No. 92, & to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council approves of your proceedings regarding the Bugla sold to the Governor of Kishm therein reported.

Bombay Castle
4th January 1838.

I have the honor to be &ca.
(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.

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L. R. Reid
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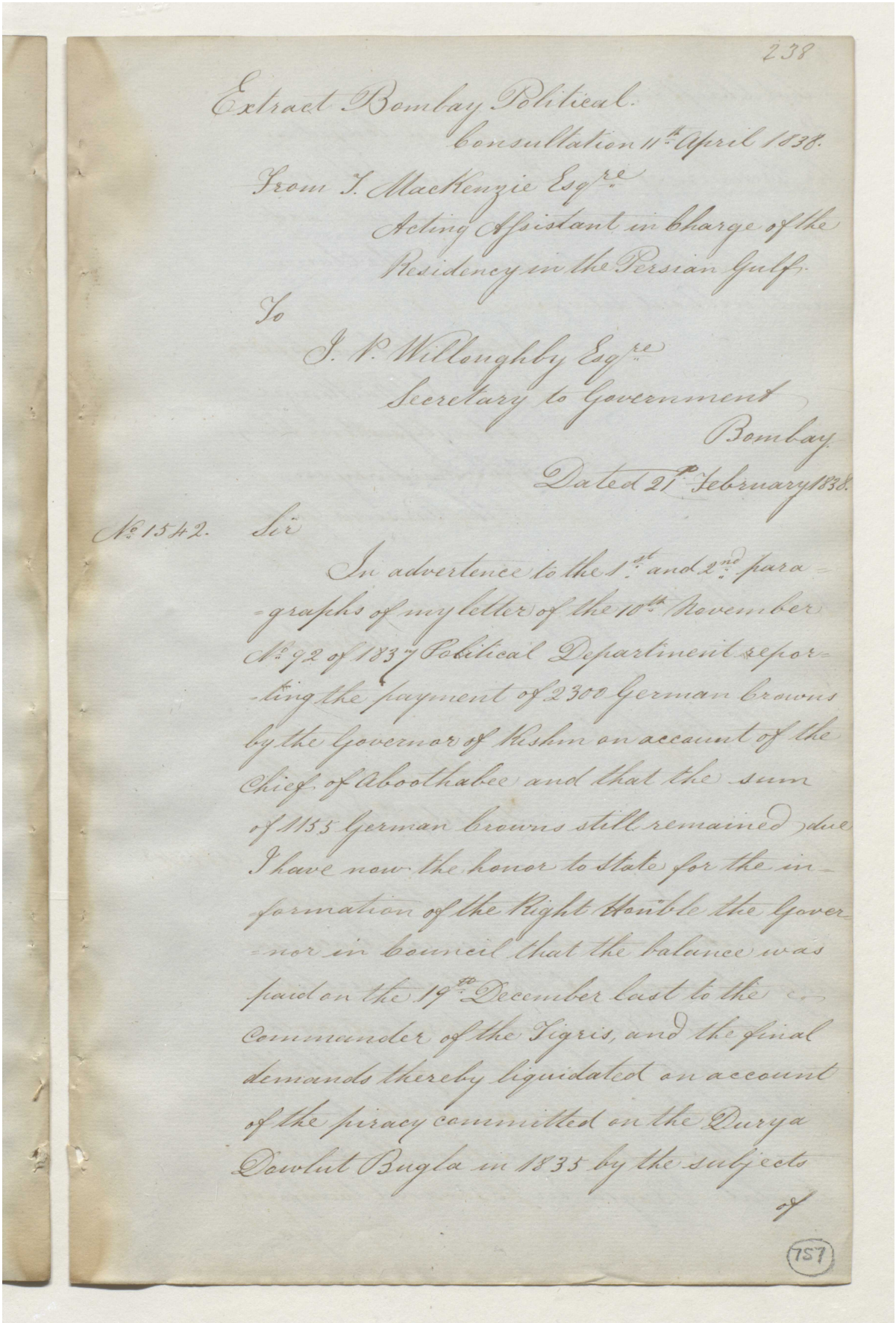

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Consultation 11th April 1838.

From T. Mackenzie Esqre

Acting Assistant in charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf.

To

J. P. Willoughby Esqre

Secretary to Government

Bombay

Dated 21st February 1838.

No 1542. Sir

In advertence to the 1st and 2nd paragraphs of my letter of the 10th November No 92 of 1837 Political Department reporting the payment of 2300 German browns by the Governor of Kishm on account of the Chief of Aboothabee and that the sum of 1153 German browns still remained due I have now the honor to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that the balance was paid on the 19th December last to the Commander of the Tigris, and the final demands thereby liquidated on account of the piracy committed on the Durya Dowlut Bugla in 1835 by the subjects of

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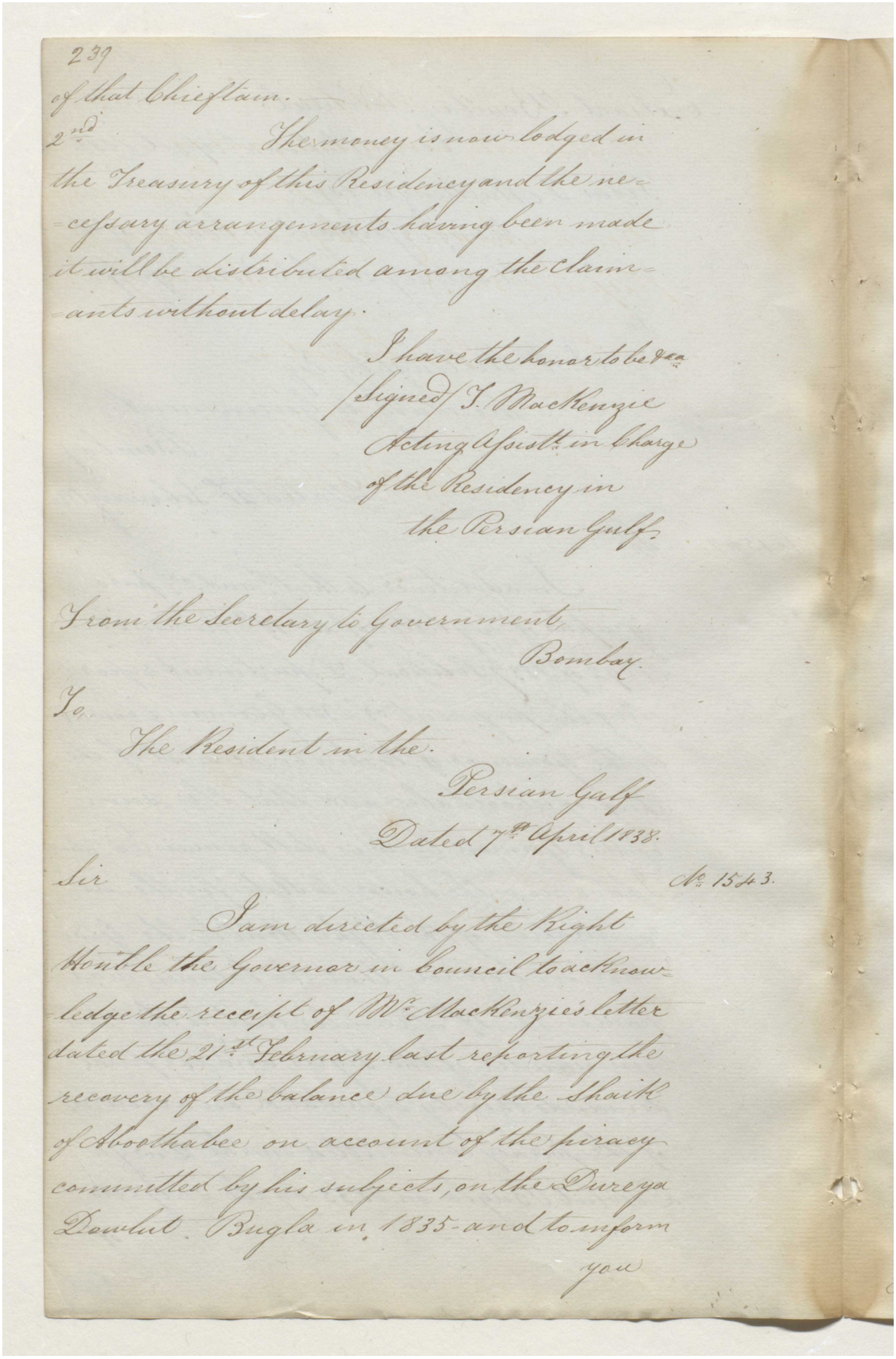

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2nd The money is now lodged in the Treasury of this Residency and the necessary arrangements having been made it will be distributed among the claimants without delay.

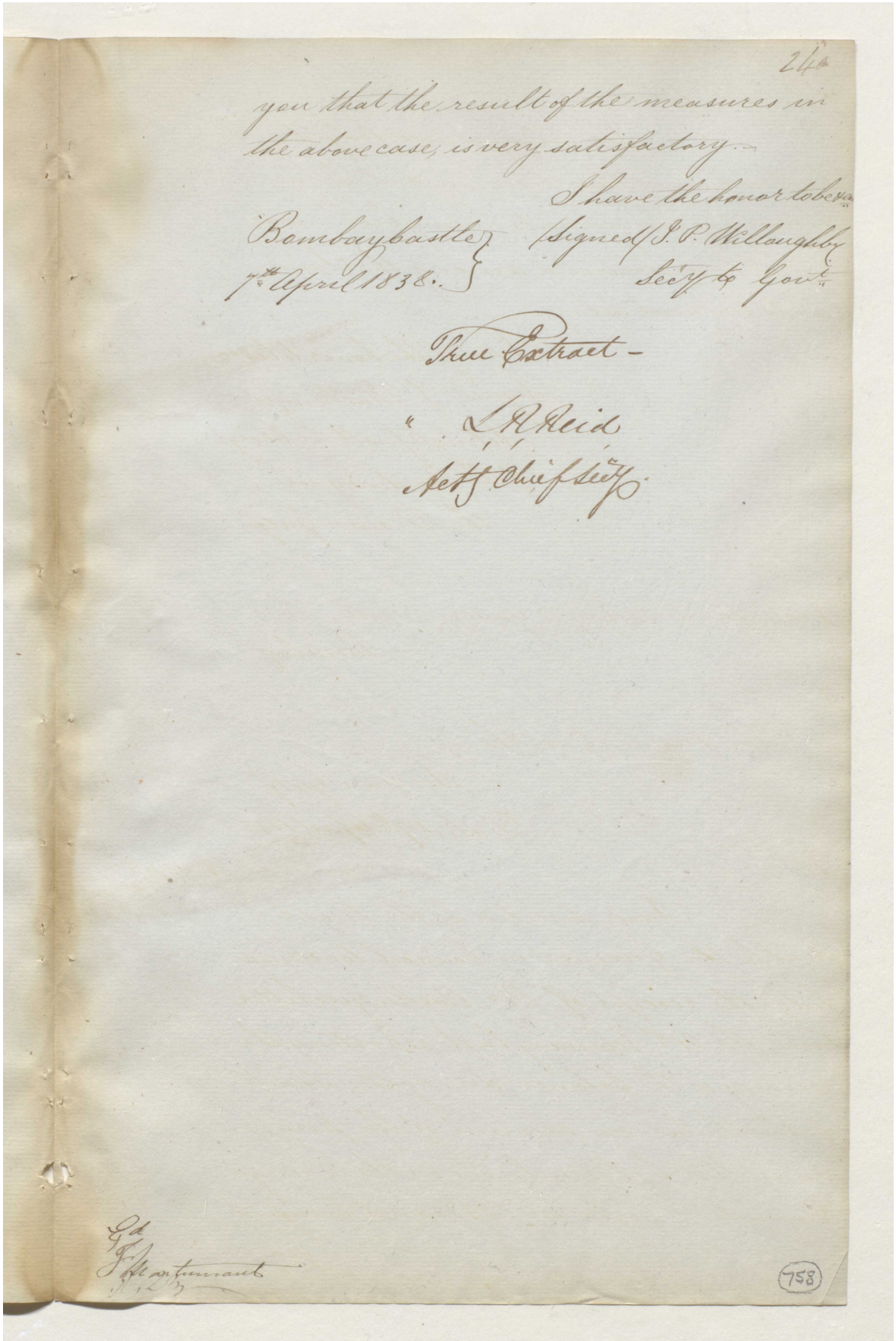
I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. Mackenzie
Acting Assistt in Charge
of the Residency in
the Persian Gulf.

From the Secretary to Government
Bombay.

To
The Resident in the
Persian Gulf
Dated 7th April 1838.

Sir No. 1543.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Mackenzie's letter dated the 21st February last reporting the recovery of the balance due by the Shaikh of Aboothabee on account of the piracy committed by his subjects, on the Dureya Dowlut Bugla in 1835 - and to inform you



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you that the result of the measures in the above case, is very satisfactory.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle 7th April 1838.

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt

True Extract—

J. R. Reid
Actg Chief Secy.

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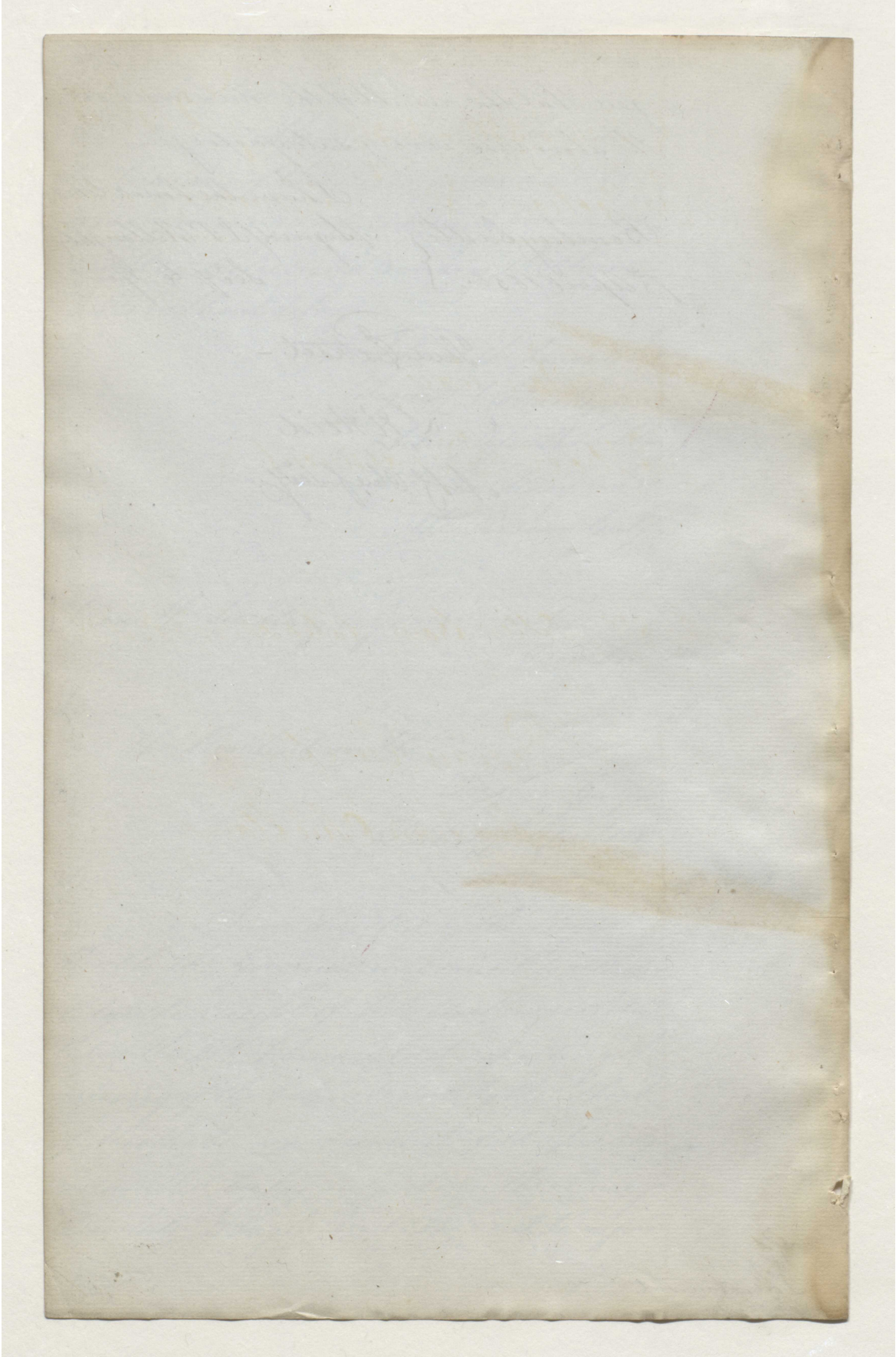

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