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‘Death of Sheik Hussain, Bedowin Chief’

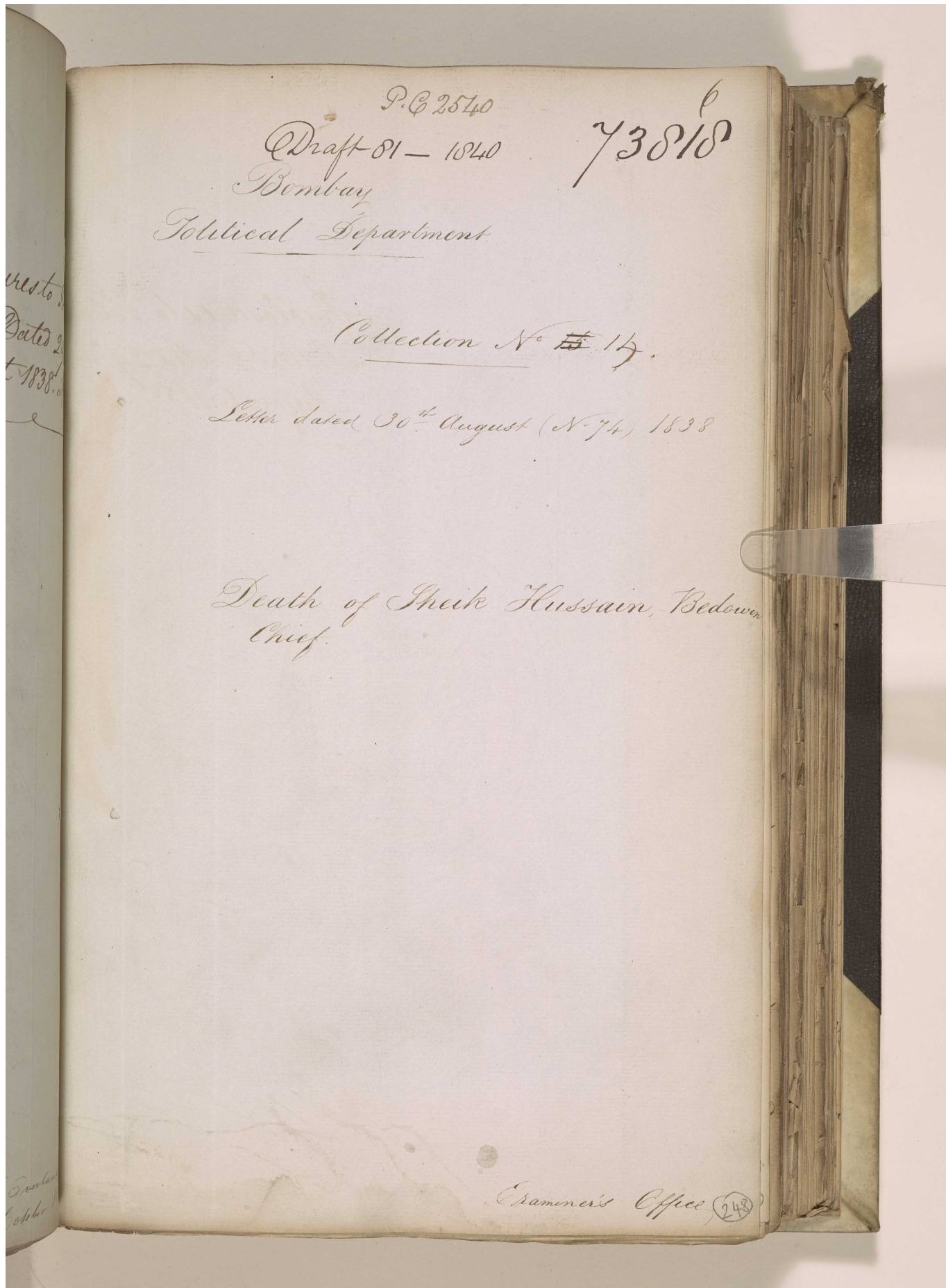
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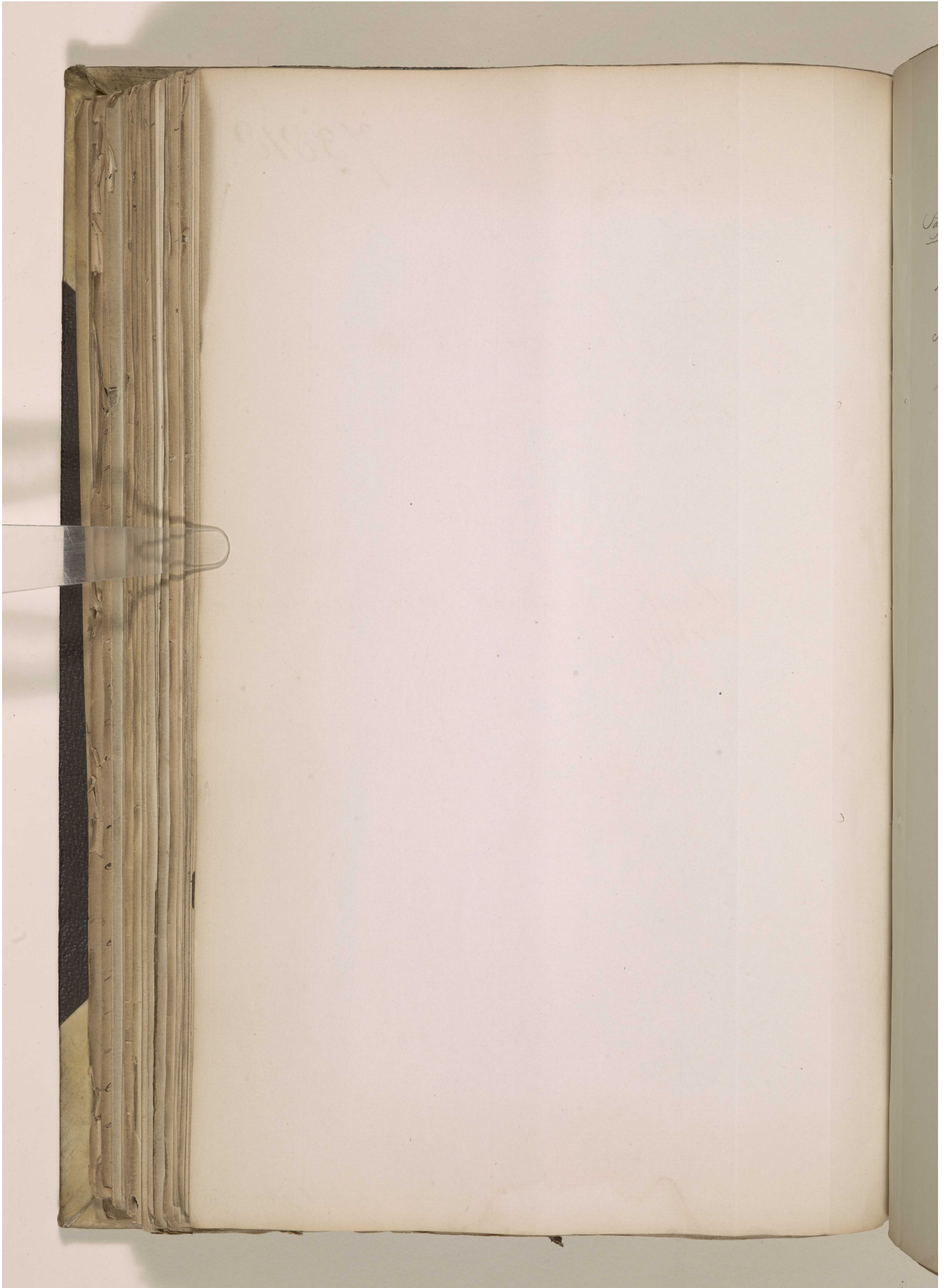
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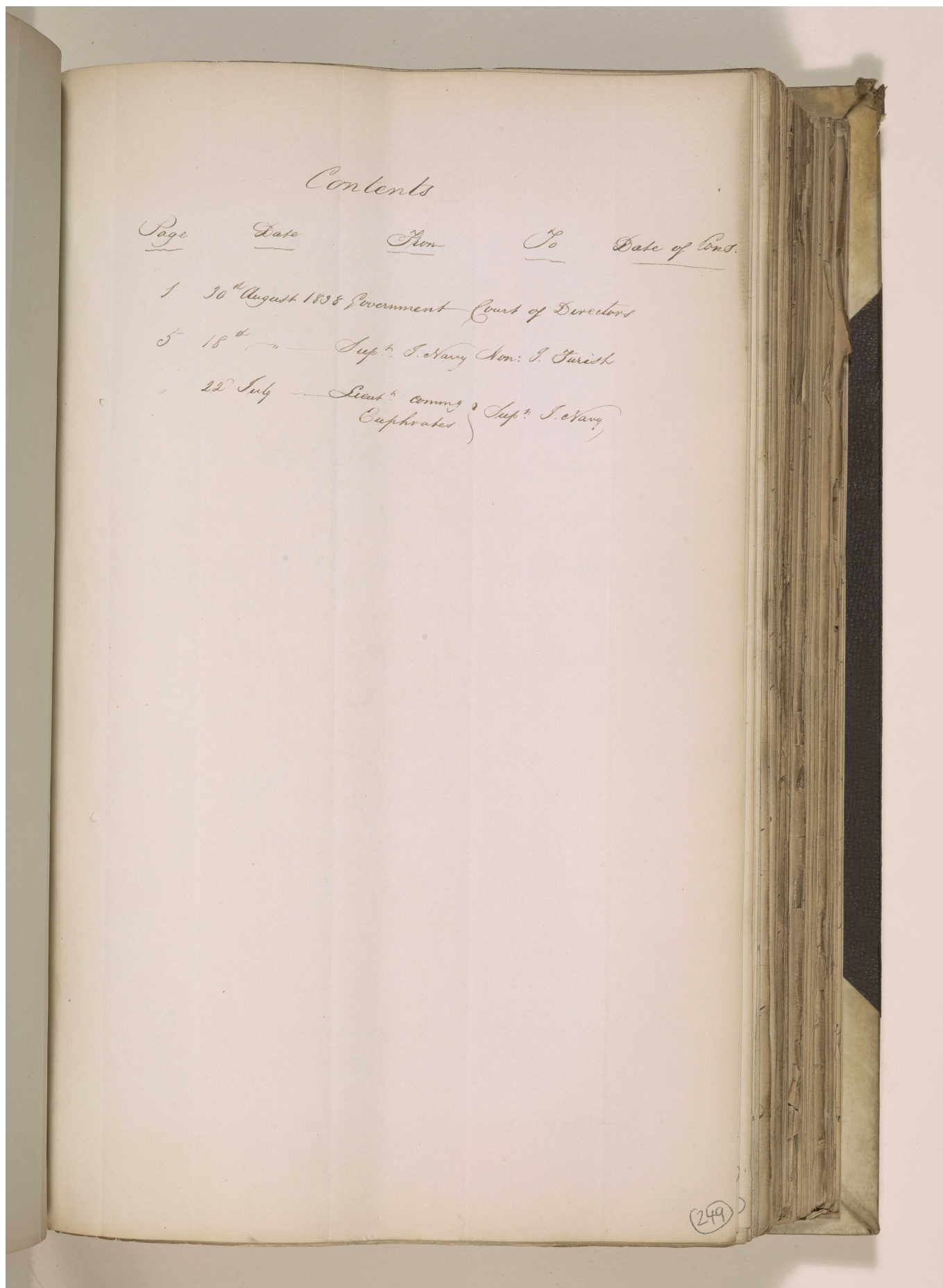
The item consists of copies of correspondence enclosed with a political letter from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai] to the Court of Directors of the East India Company. The item refers to an update by Lieutenant J Buckle, Commander of the Company ship *Euphrates*, on the activity of Ibrahim Pacha [Ibrāhīm Pasha] in Yemen. Whilst Buckle’s predecessor, Lieutenant Nott, had reported in June 1838 that Ibrahim Pacha had relinquished his territory to Sheik Hussain [Shaikh Ḥusayn], ‘a powerful Bedowin [Bedouin] Chief’, Buckle now writes that this move turned out to be a ruse, that Sheik Hussain has subsequently been killed and that his eldest son, Shaik Cassim [Shaikh Qāsīm], has been taken prisoner. Buckle further reports that, whilst Sheik Hussain’s widow and his other son have retained possession of his fort in the hills, his allies will be concerned by the loss of this influential figure.

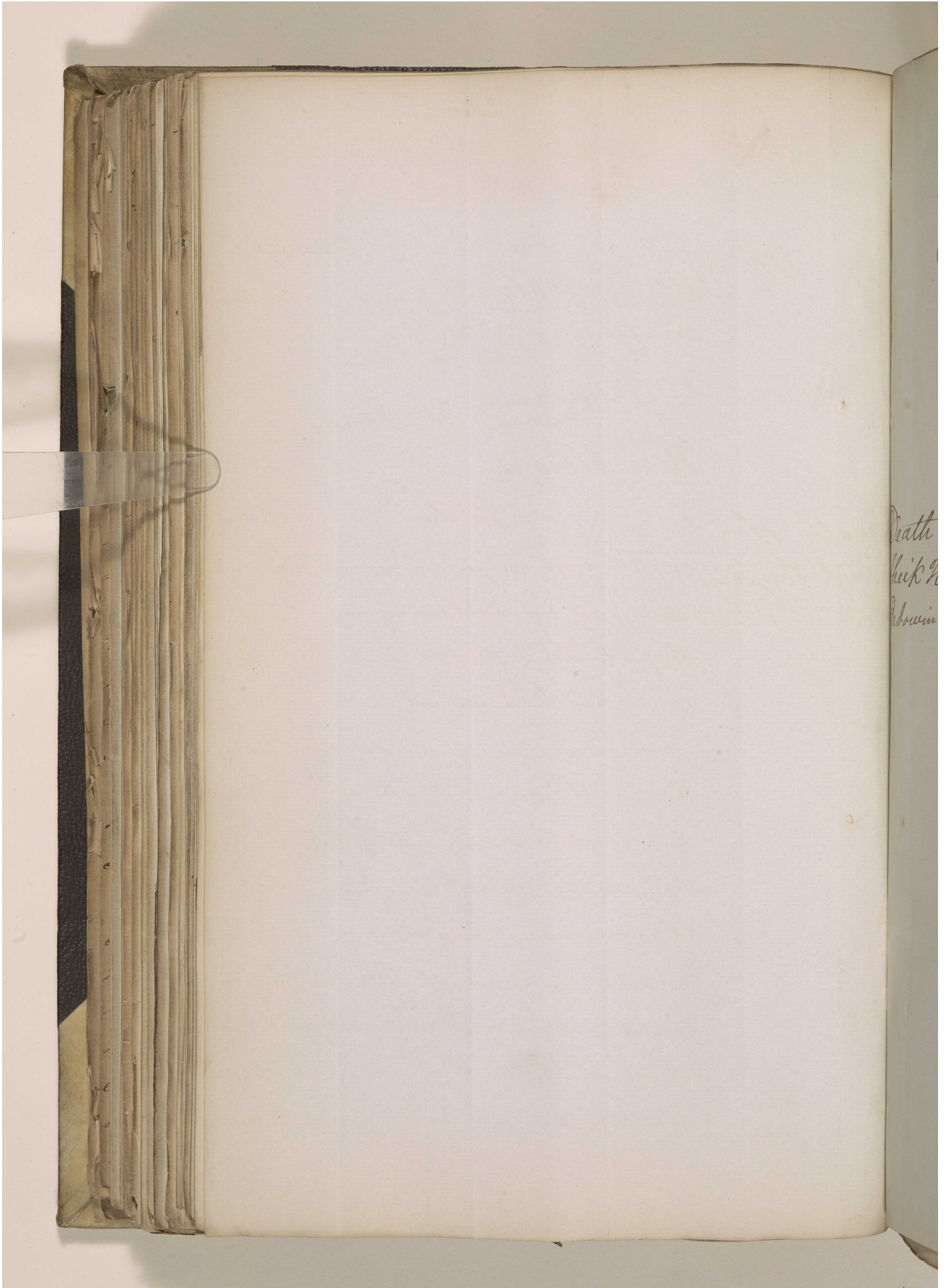
The title page of the item contains the following references: ‘Bombay Political Department’, ‘P.C. [Previous Communication] 2540, Draft 81, 1840’, ‘Collection No. 14’, and ‘Examiner’s Office’.

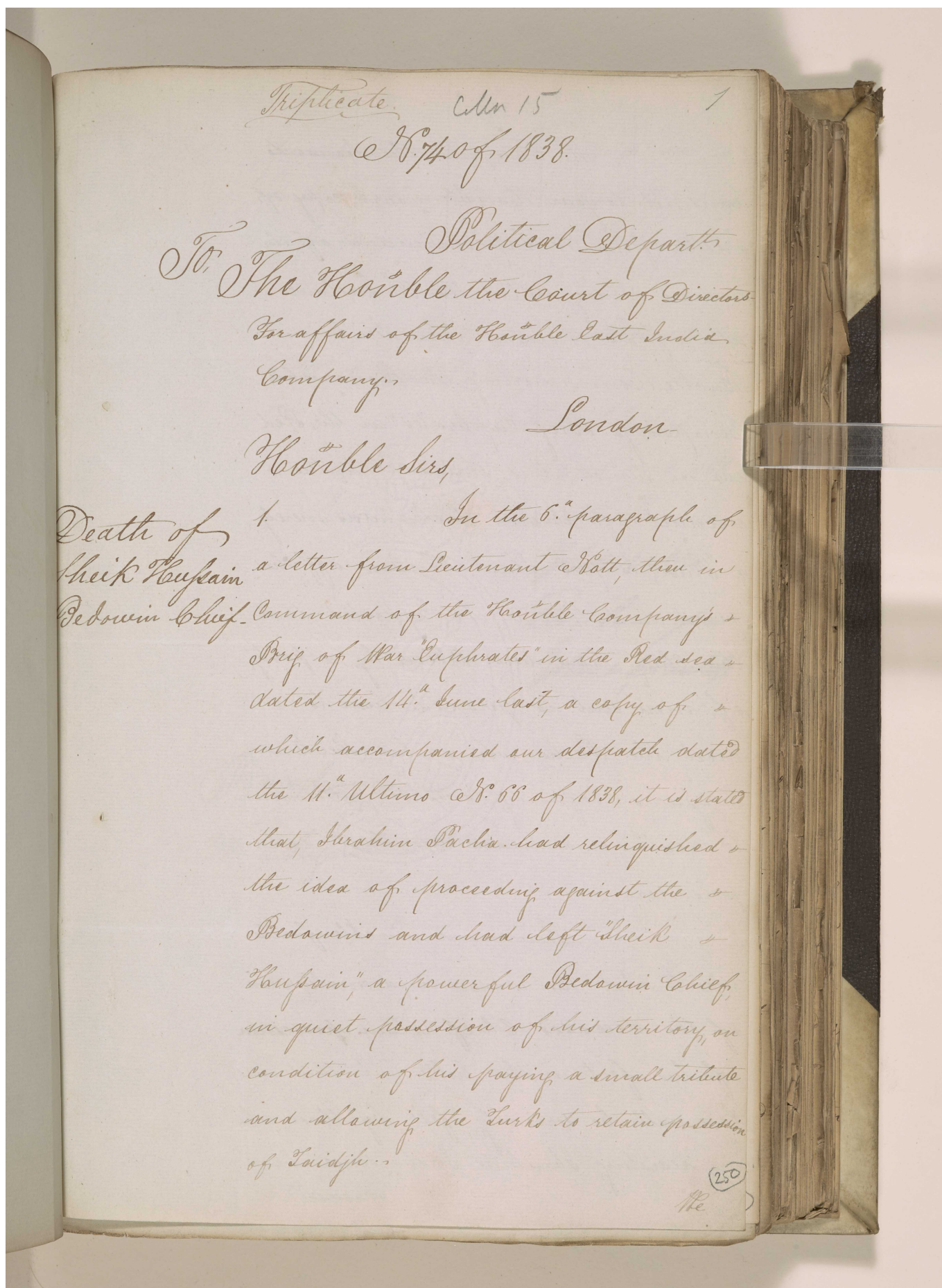


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2. We have now the honor to transmit to your Honorable Court, copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Indian Navy dated the 18th Instant & and of its enclosure from Lieutenant Buckle Commanding the Honorable Company's Brig "Euphrates" in the Red Sea, in which it is stated that, the conduct of Ibrahim Pacha was merely a "Ruse" to put Sheik Hussain off his guard, and that it was reported that this Chief had been killed by a party of men sent to persuade him to meet the Pacha who on his (Sheik Hussain's) refusing to do so, put him to death and made his eldest son prisoner.

3. Lieutenant Buckle further reports that the widow and another son of the deceased Chief, retain possession of his fort in the hills, but that his loss will be seriously felt by those who are resisting Ibrahim Pacha, since he possessed

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possessed great influence, and was enabled to induce the Arab tribes of inferior consequence to act in concert.

We have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

Honble Sirs,

Your most faithful and obt. humble servants.

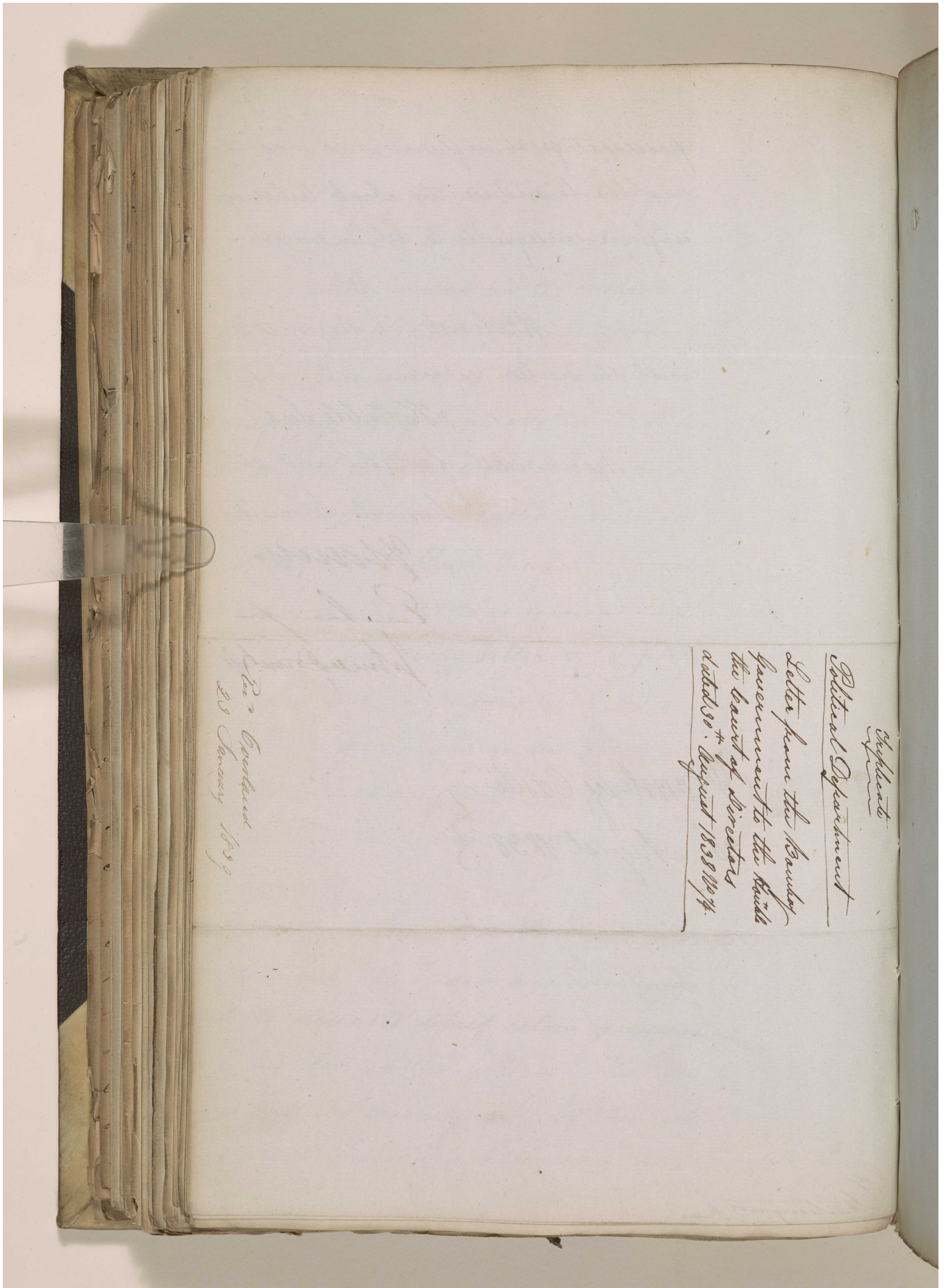
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Bombay Castle }
30. August 1838. }

Edw. ...

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Sheikhs

Political Department

Letter from the Bombay
Government to the Sheikh
the Count of Miratour
dated 30th August 1838/1839.

Rec^d Government
23 January 1839

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From P. Oliver Esq. Capt. R. N.
Superintendent I. S.
To The Honble James Farish Esquire
President and Governor in Council
Honble Sir,

I have the honor to forward
the enclosed letter from Lieutenant Duckle
Commanding the Honble Company's Brig of
War Euphrates dated the 22^d Ultimo reporting
upon the Political state of affairs in yemen.

Supt. Office } I have the honor to be
Bombay } signed P. Oliver
18th August 1838 } Captain R. N.
Superintendent I. S.

From J. Duckle Lieut. Commanding
H. C. Brig of War Euphrates
To Dear Admiral Sir Charles Malcolme
Superintendent of the I. S.
Bombay
Sir

At the time of my leaving
Mocha (July the 1st) His Highness Ibrahim
Pacha was still at Ladjh Commander. My
last letter informed you that the Pacha after
inviting Sheik Hussain to a conference &
which he refused, gave up all claims to the
Country between Ladjh and Senca stipulat-
ing for a small annual tribute. This appears
to have been merely a ruse to put Sheik
& Hussain off his guard for on the 23^d June it
(1838) was

Letter from the Bombay
Superintendent

was reported at Moscha that he was killed
and subsequent accounts state that a party
was sent to him at a village a few days
journey from Sadji to persuade him to meet
the Pacha, and on his refusal he was shot, and
his eldest son Sheik Cassin taken prisoner
His Widow and another son kept possession
of his fort on the hills, but his death is a
loss to the Arabs as he was a man of great
influence, and brought the various small
tribes to act in combination.

Honble Comd^g Brig I have the honor to be
of War Euphrates off signed J. Buckle
Sedda July the 22^d 1838. Lieut. Comd^g H. C. Brig
of War Euphrates

Incl^s copies

"Hussain's
Secretary"

Comd^g
M^t
R^v



