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This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, minutes, and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai]. The main correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Lieutenant Colonel Henry Robertson, Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf; Hajee Yacoob [Haji Yakub], British coal agent at Kurruck [Khark/Kharg]; Hajee Jassim [Haji Jasim] Native Agent at Bahrein [Bahrain].

The item concerns:

- The question of Hajee Yacoob being appointed British coal agent while still holding the position of Persian Magistrate, and his right to fly the British flag

- Robertson delivering charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to his assistant Lieutenant Arnold Burrowes Kemball on 17 April 1843

- The war fought by Mahomed bin Khuleefa [Shaikh Muhammed bin Khalifah Al Khalifah], supported by Esai bin Tareef [Shaikh 'Isa bin Hamad bin Tarif Al Bin 'Ali Al-'Utbi], against Abdoola bin Ahmed [Shaikh 'Abdullah bin Ahmad Al Khalifah] for control of Bahrein, including fighting in Guttur [Qatar]

- The plunder of a boat carrying the British flag anchored at Monama [Manama]

• The cost of raising the East India Company Schooner *Emily* after sinking her to kill vermin

• Rumours of a military force being assembled in the Nedgd [Najd or Nejd].

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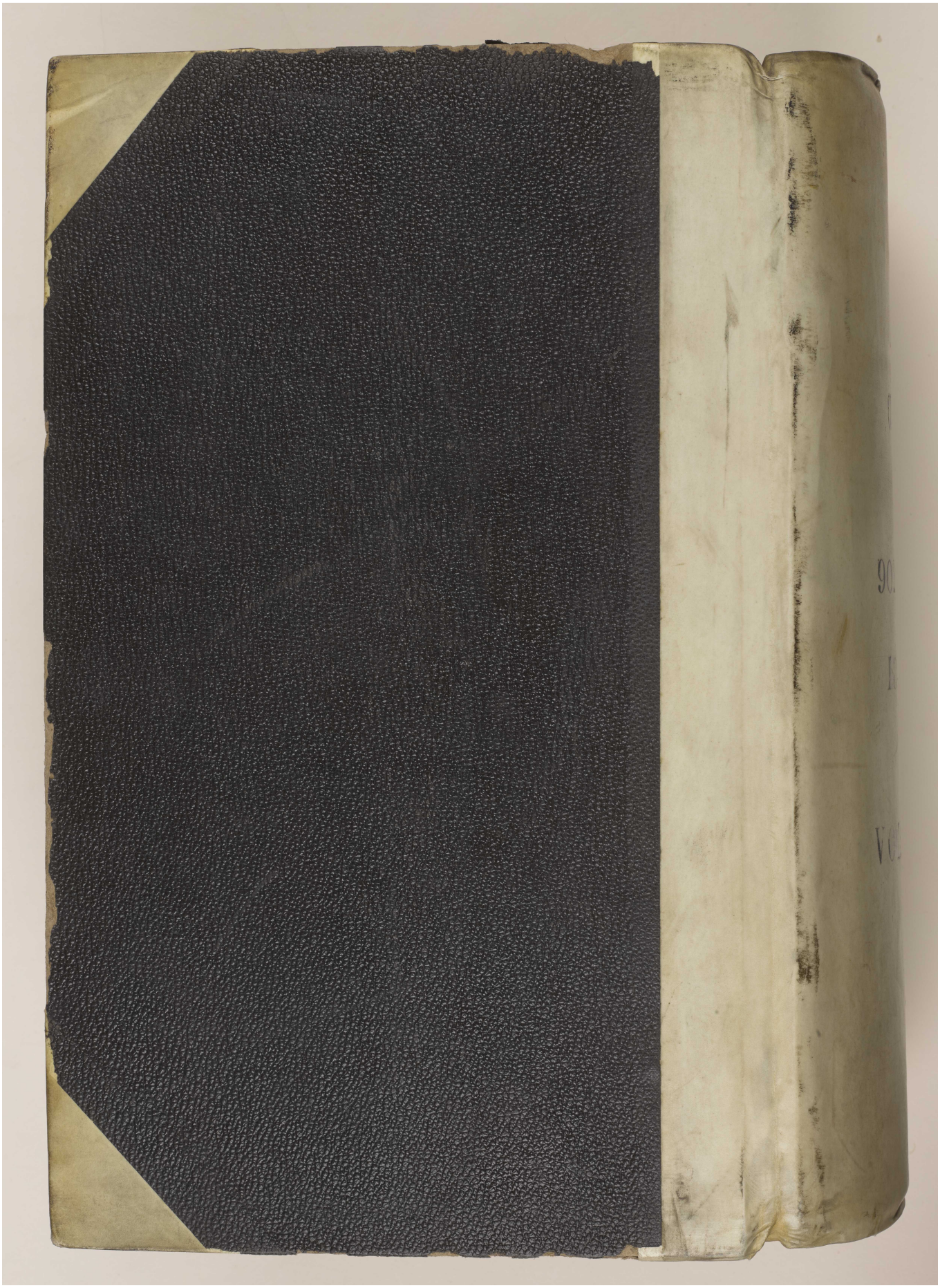

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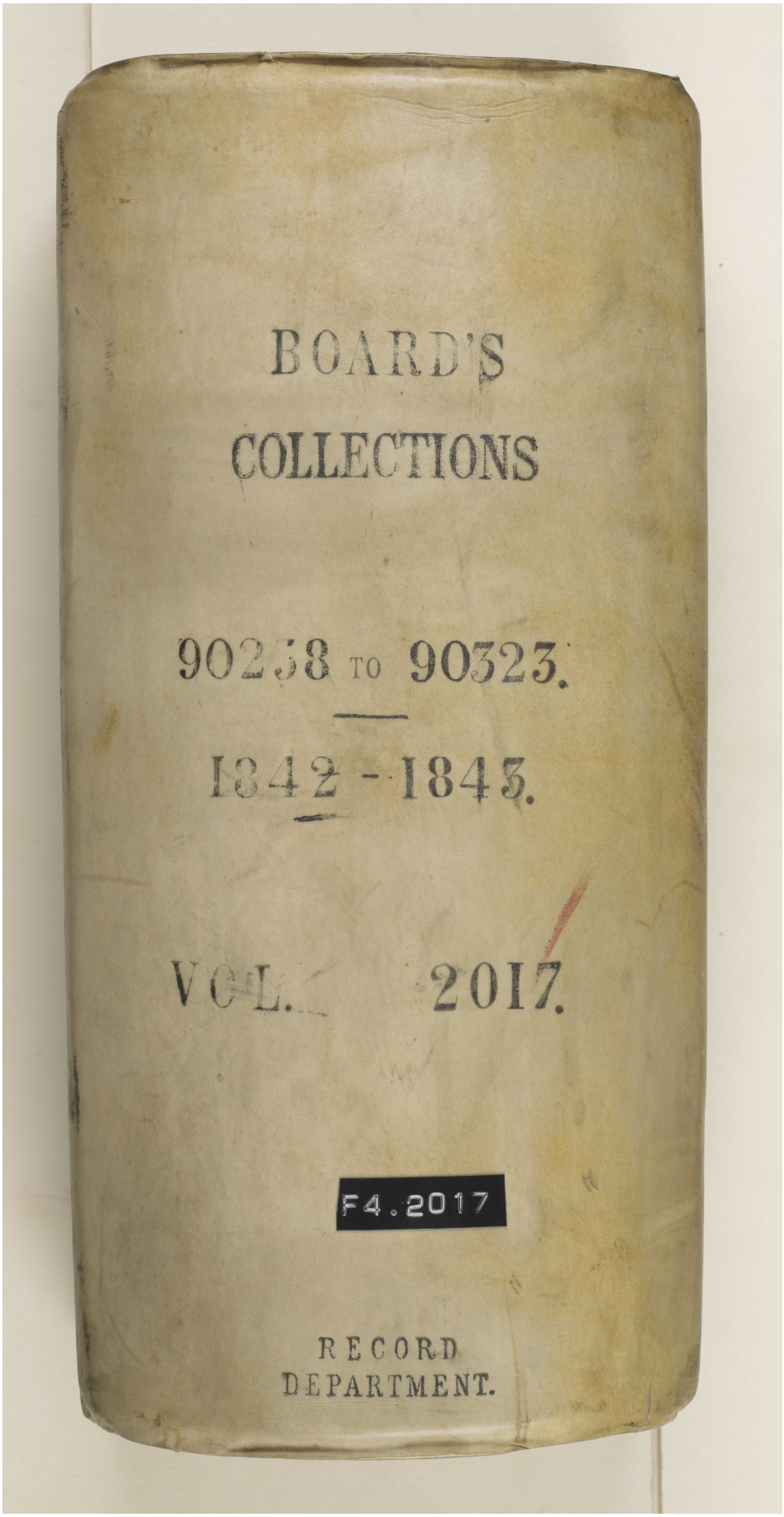

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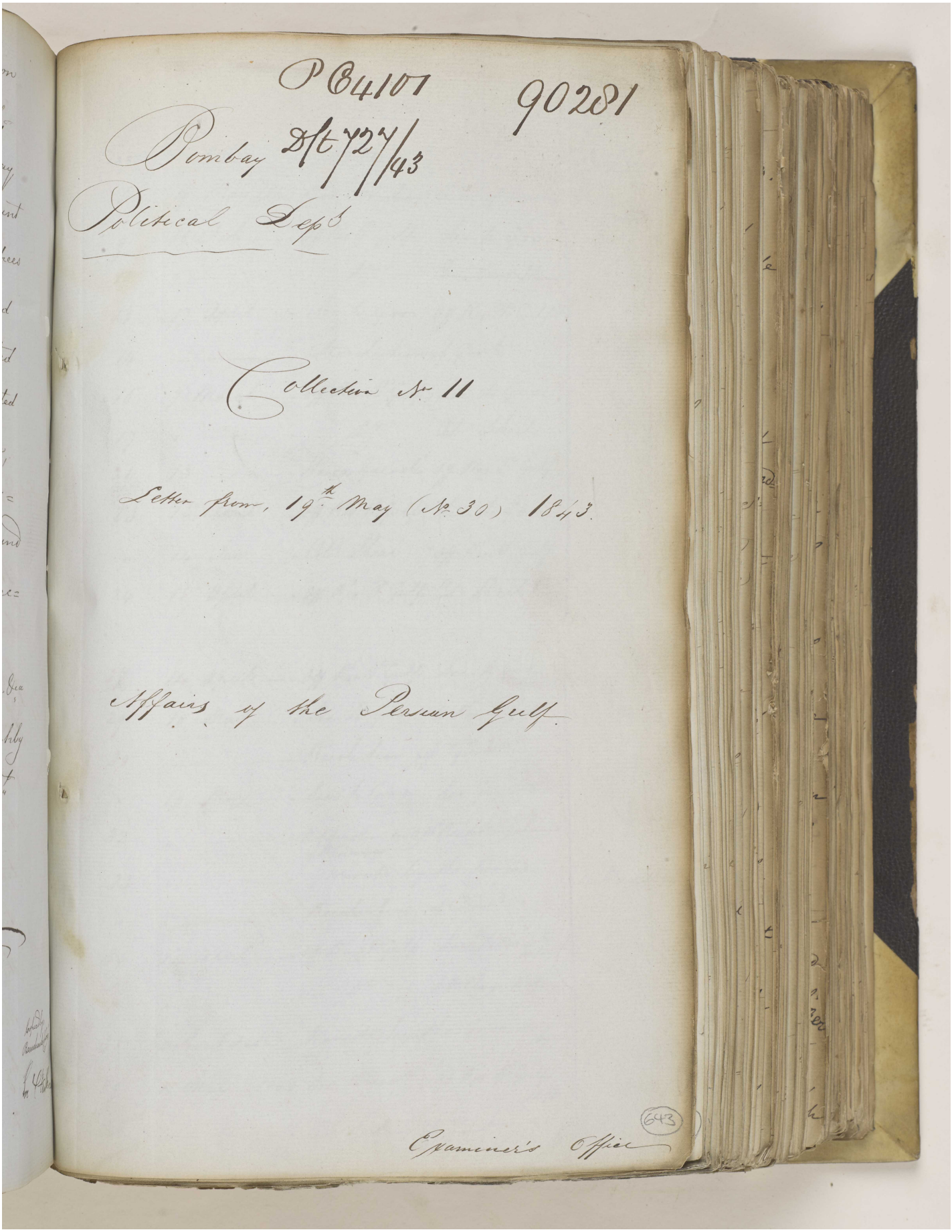

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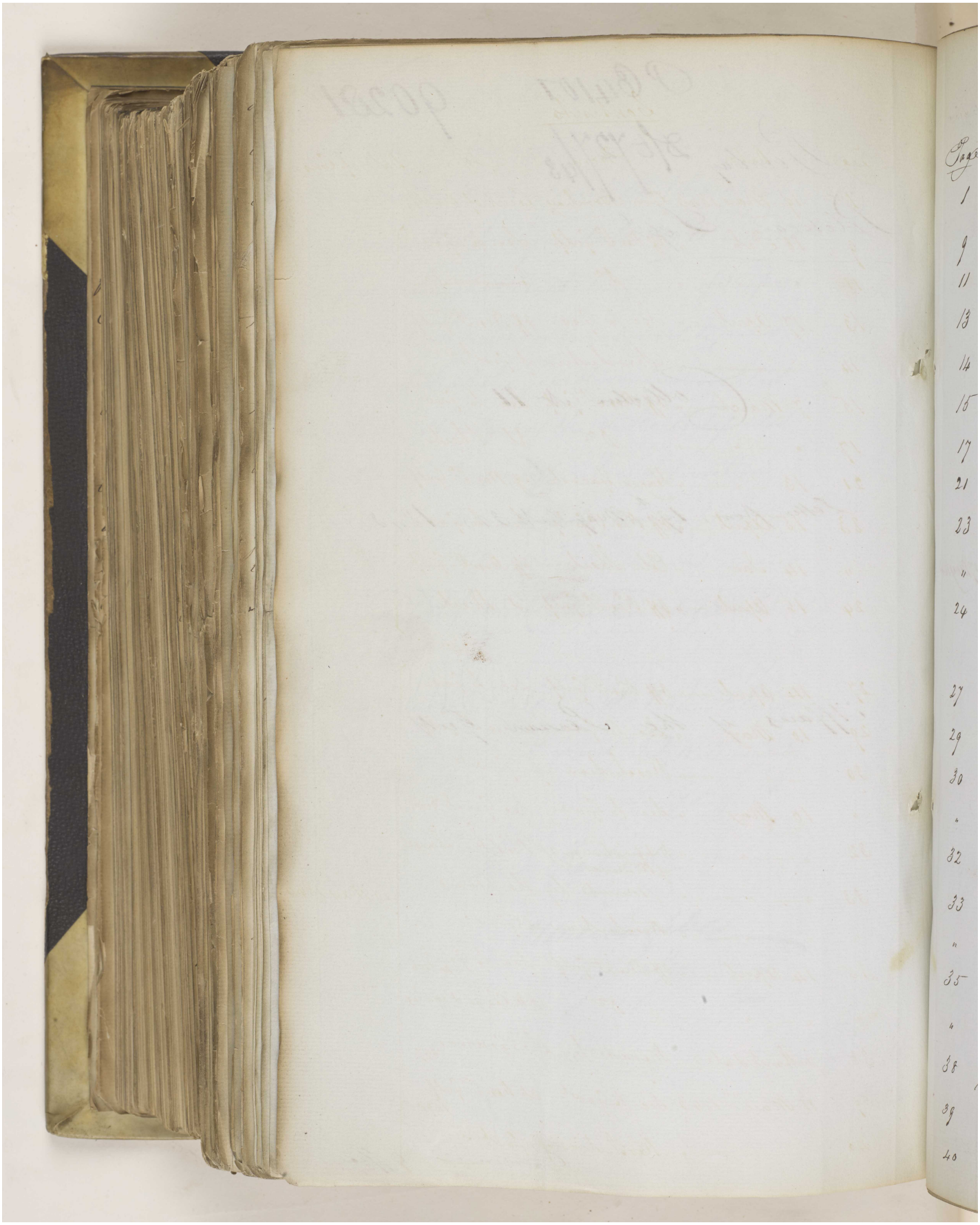

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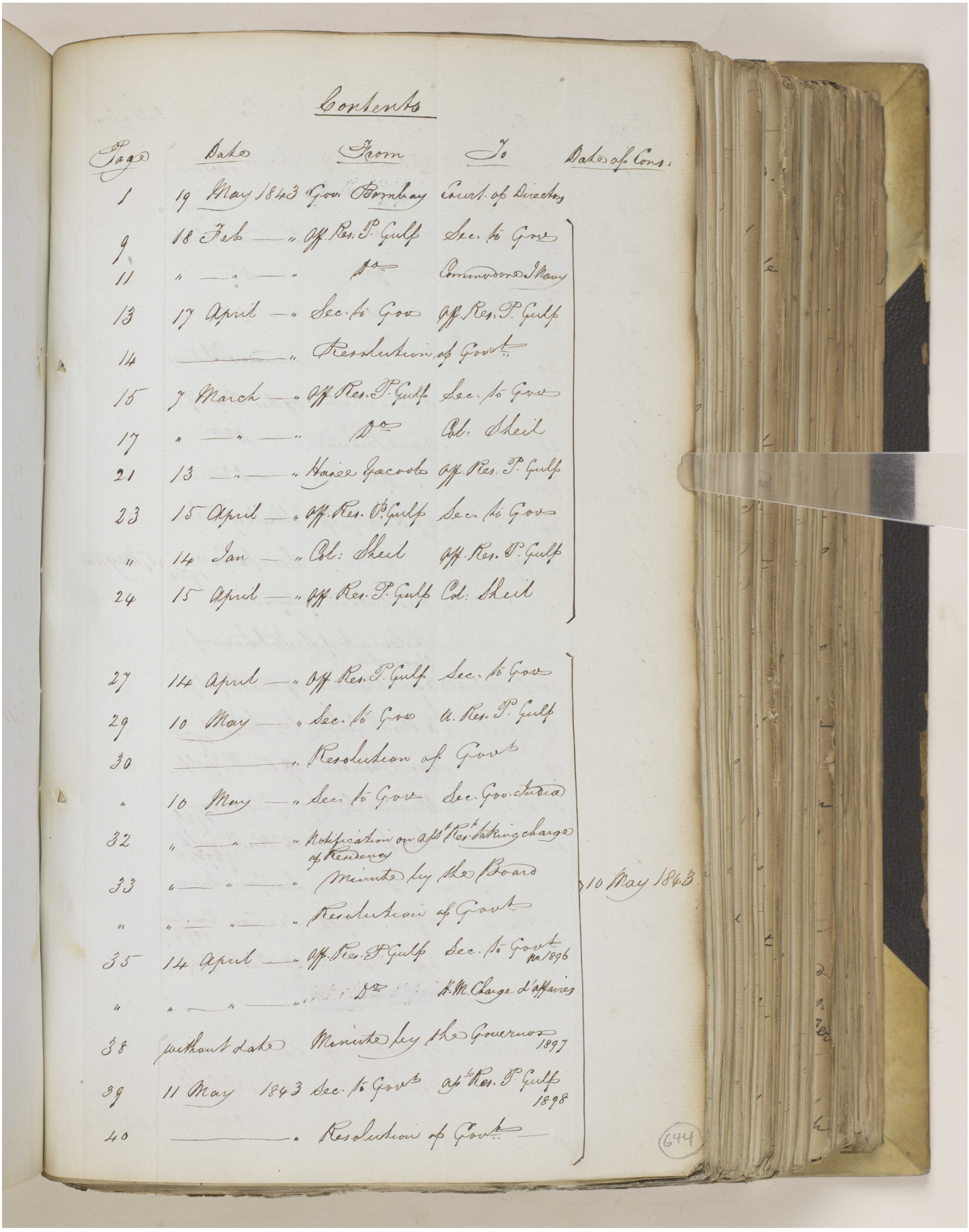

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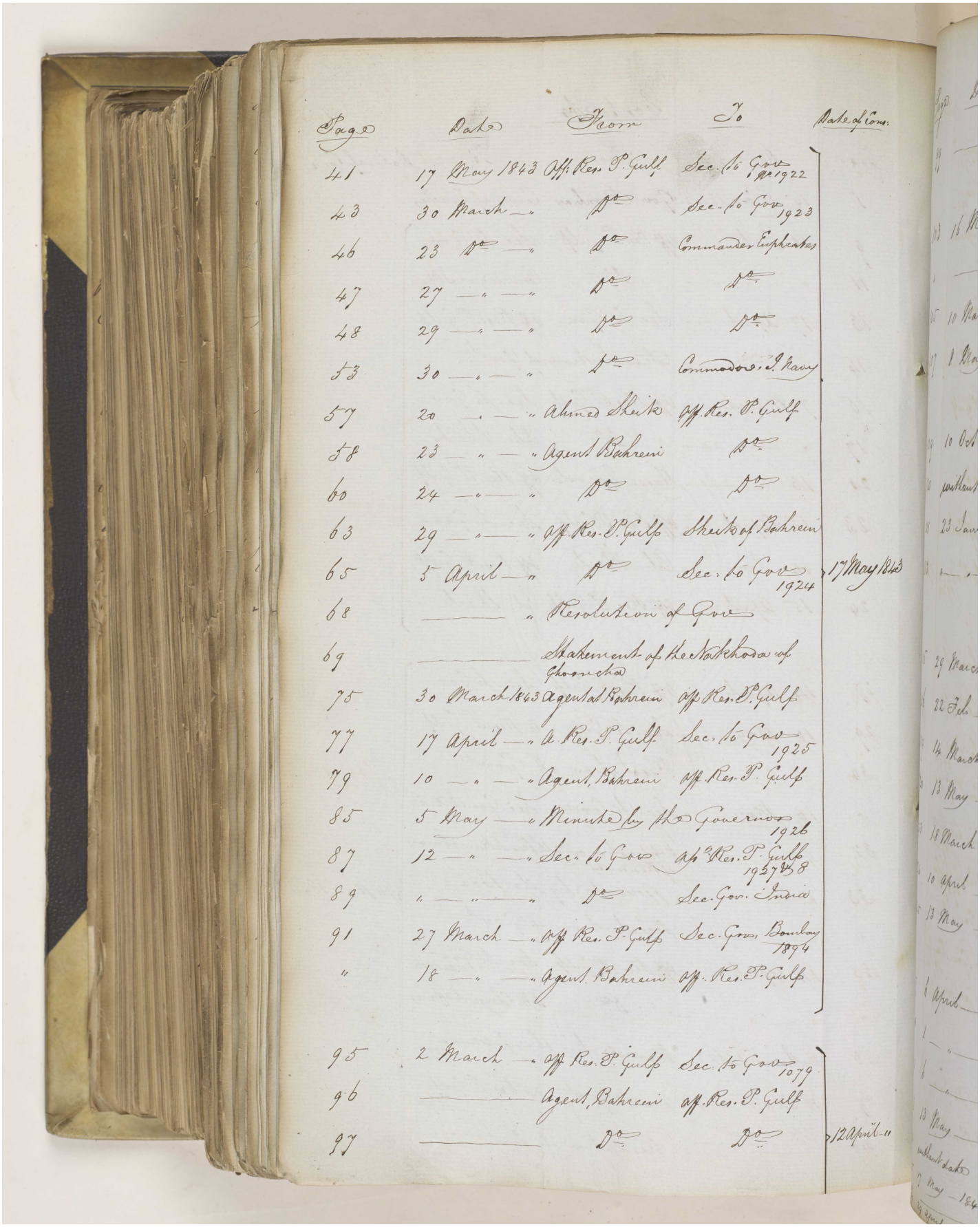

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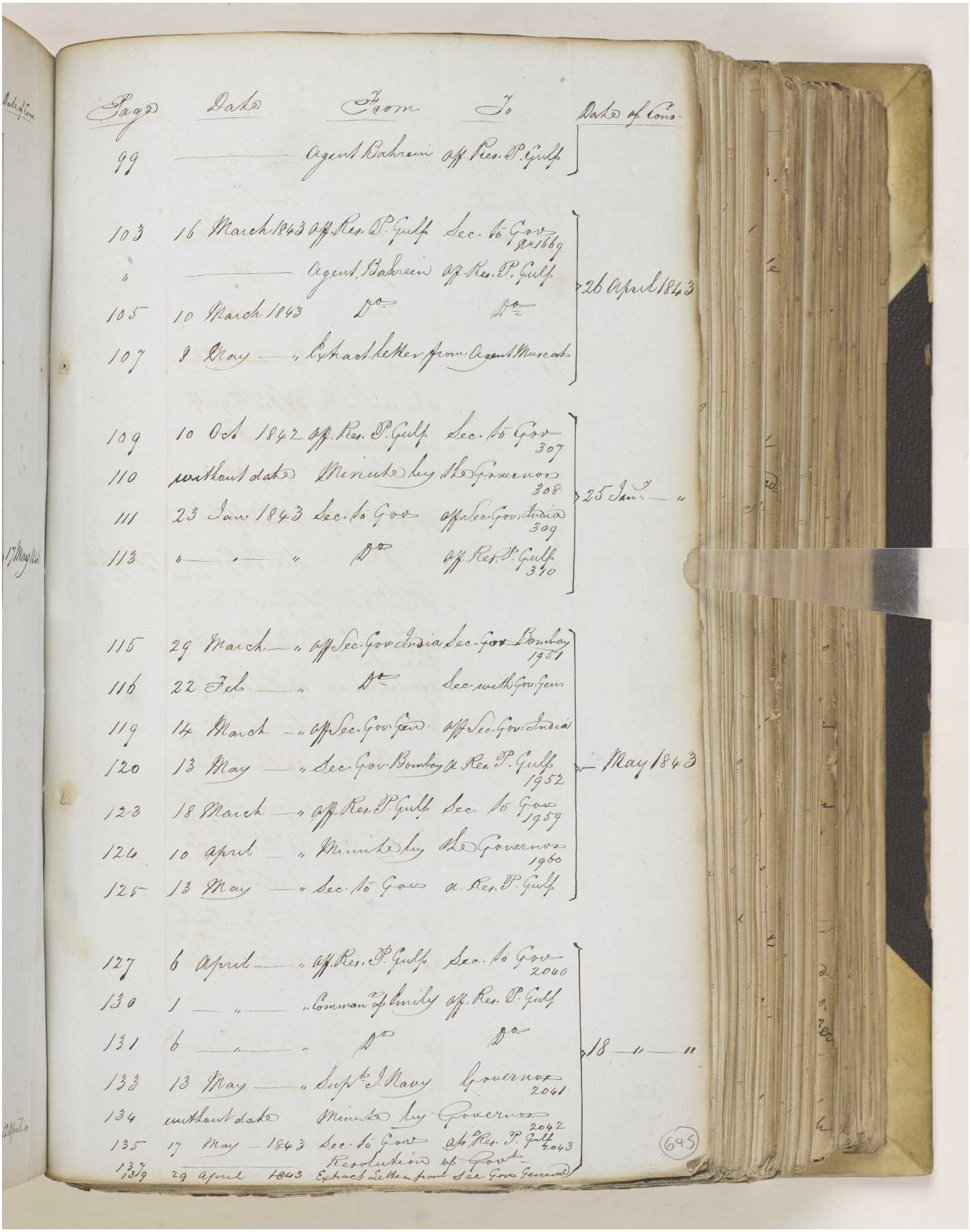

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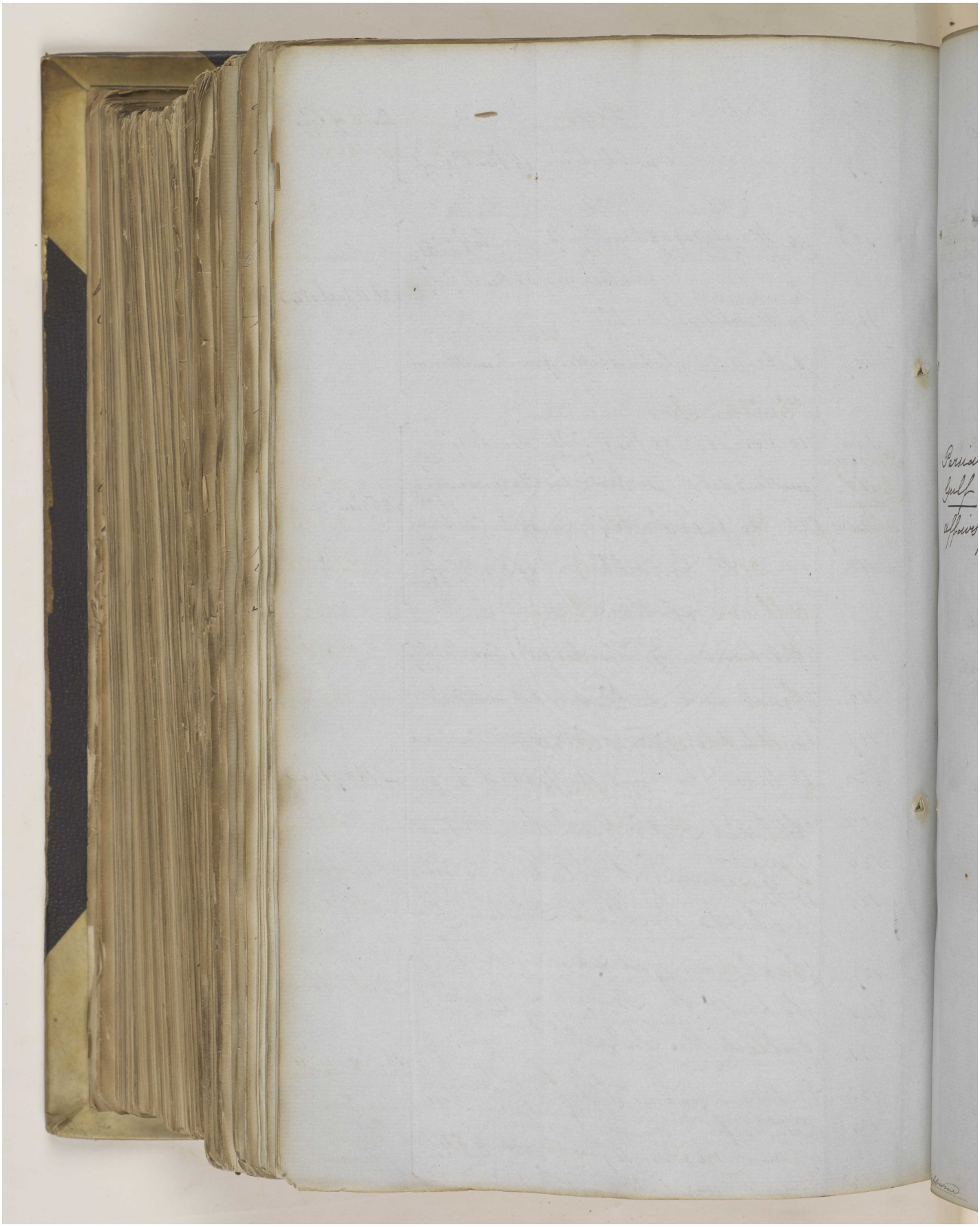

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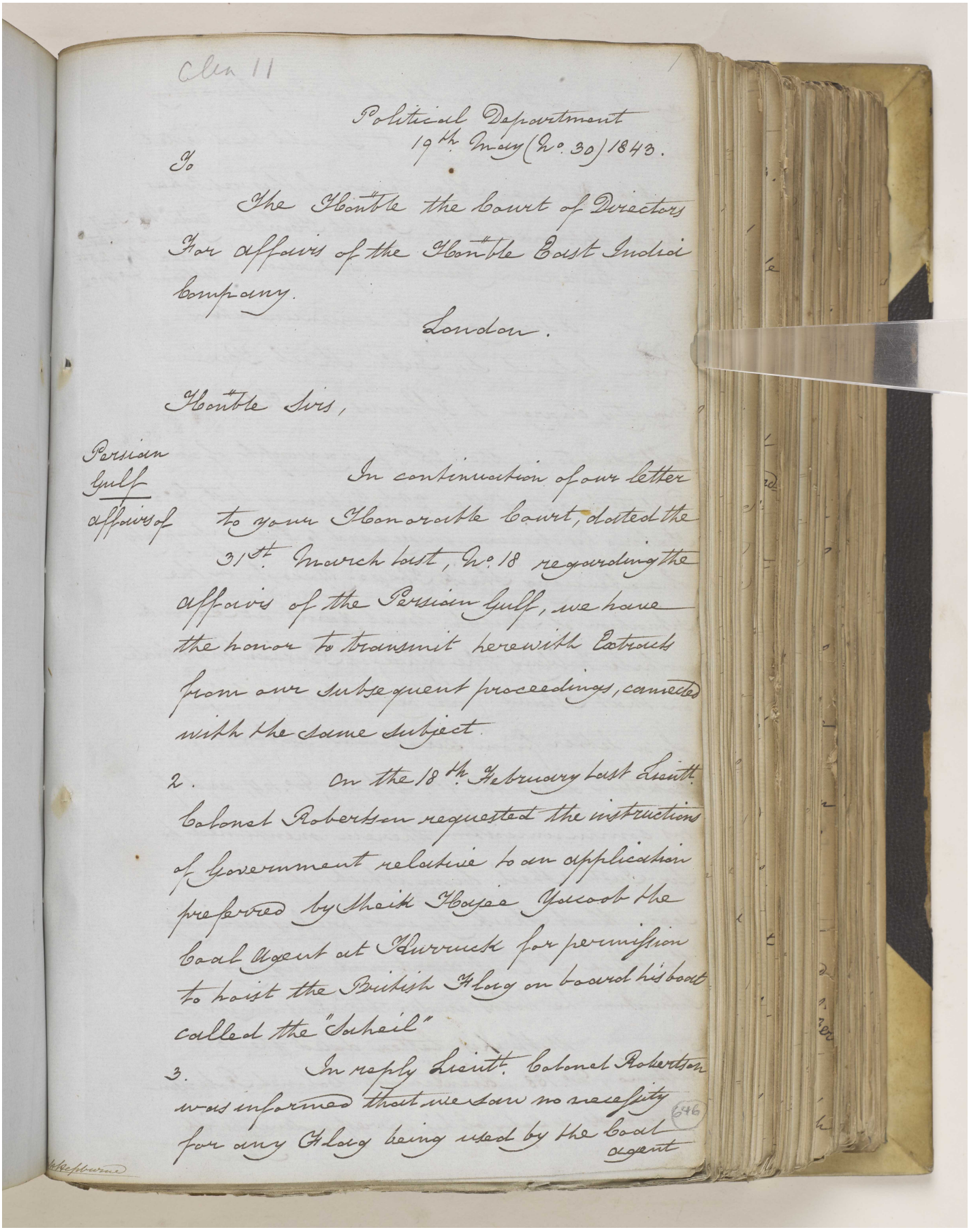

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Political Department
19th May (No. 30) 1843.

To

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

London.

Honble Sirs,

Persian Gulf affairs of

In continuation of our letter to your Honorable Court, dated the 31st March last, No. 18 regarding the affairs of the Persian Gulf, we have the honor to transmit herewith Extracts from our subsequent proceedings, connected with the same subject.

2. On the 18th February last Lieut^t. Colonel Robertson requested the instructions of Government relative to an application preferred by Sheik Hajee Yacoob the Coal Agent at Kurruck for permission to hoist the British Flag on board his boat called the "Saheil"

3. In reply Lieut^t. Colonel Robertson was informed that we saw no necessity for any Flag being used by the Coal agent

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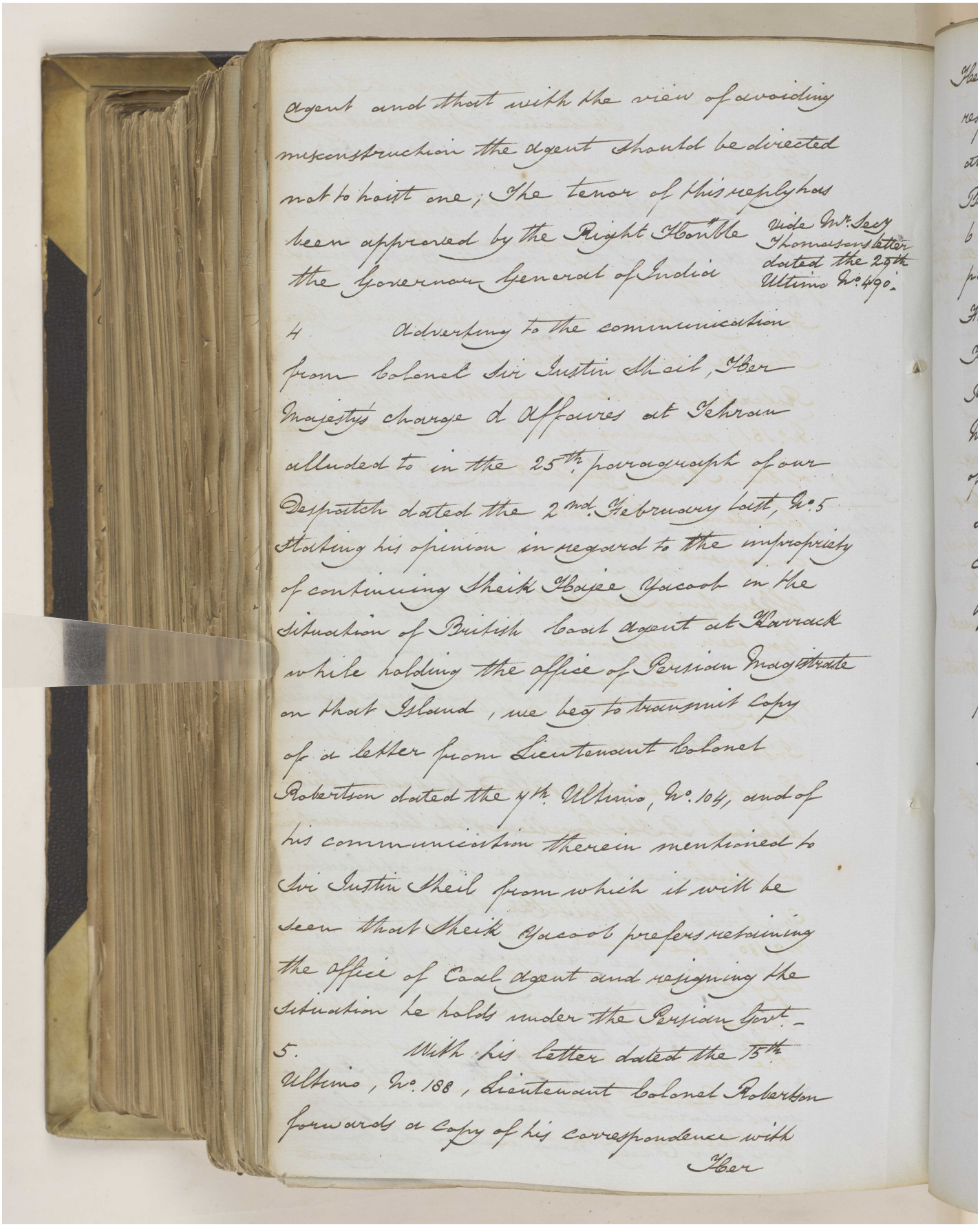

Agent and that with the view of avoiding misconstruction the Agent should be directed not to hoist one; The tenor of this reply has been approved by the Right Honble the Governor General of India Vide Govt. Secy Thomason's letter dated the 25th Ultimo No. 490.

4. Adverting to the communication from Colonel Sir Justin Sheil, Her Majesty's Charge d Affaires at Tehran alluded to in the 25th paragraph of our Despatch dated the 2nd February last, No. 5 stating his opinion in regard to the impropriety of continuing Sheik Hajee Yacoob in the situation of British Coal Agent at Karrack while holding the office of Persian Magistrate on that Island, we beg to transmit Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Robertson dated the 4th Ultimo, No. 104, and of his communication therein mentioned to Sir Justin Sheil from which it will be seen that Sheik Yacoob prefers retaining the office of Coal Agent and resigning the situation he holds under the Persian Govt.

5. With his letter dated the 15th Ultimo, No. 188, Lieutenant Colonel Robertson forwards a Copy of his correspondence with Her

Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Tehran respecting the Spoliation of the buildings at Karrack which were presented by the British Government to the Shah of Persia.

6. With reference to the 12 to 15 paras: of our Despatch dated the 24th February last, No. 12, we beg to refer Your Honble Court to Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's letter dated the 14th Ultimo delivering No. 181, repeating his intention of [illegible] charge of the Persian Gulf Residency to his Assistant Lieutenant Kemball, on the 17th of that month consequent on his resignation of the office of officiating Resident. This arrangement has been approved by us.

7. Lieutenant Colonel Robertson having arrived in Bombay on the 3rd Instant, in the Honble Company's Schooner "Emily", we have placed that officer at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

8. With his letter dated the 14th Ulto. No. 180 Lieutenant Colonel Robertson forwards Copy of his communication to Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Tehran, relative to the good understanding existing between the Resident and the Local Authorities at Bushire. This intelligence we have informed

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informed Lieutenant Kemball is very satisfactory.

9. The Despatches noted in the margin* from the Officiating Resident and his Assistant Lieutenant Kemball relate to affairs in Bahrein.

* Dated 23 March No. 122 of 1843. " 30th No. 151. 5th April 16[illegible] 17th do. 190-

10. We have referred Lieutenant Kemball to our Political Secretary's letter dated the 27th January last No. 224 to the address of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson containing the instructions of Government as to the course which the Resident in the Persian Gulf should pursue in the event of hostilities occurring between the contending parties at Bahrein. These instructions are reported in the 10th para. of our letter to your Court dated the 2nd February last No. 5.

11. We have at the same time informed Lieutenant Kemball that it is desirable that a vessel of War should be despatched to Bahrein for the protection of British commerce and to secure the observance by all parties of the existing maritime Trade.

12. We have further directed that every effort be made to obtain redress for the plunder of the vessel named "Futteh ool Rahman" under British colors in the harbour

harbour of Manamah, by some of the adherents of Abdullah bin Ahmed the Sheik of Bahrein. The particulars of this outrage are reported in Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's despatches dated the 30th March and 5th Ultimo Nos. 151 and 160.

13. With his letter dated the 24th March last No. 140, Lieutenant Colonel Robertson forwards translation of communication from the Native Agent at Bahrein relating events on that Island up to the 19th of that month.

14. With his subsequent letters dated the 2d. and 16th April Nos. 99 & 106, Lieutenant Colonel Robertson forwards translations of five communications from the Native Agent at Bahrein, reporting the state of affairs at that place and the neighbouring countries up to the 23d. of February last.

15. On the 10th October last, Lieut. Colonel Robertson referred to us for information regarding the Treaty concluded by Captain Malcolm with the Government of Persia in 1801.

16. As there was nothing on the records of this Government to shew that this Treaty had been annulled, or that any of its articles

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articles had been modified, or cancelled, we requested the Government of India to inform us whether there was any thing on the records of that Government to shew that the Treaty had been in any way affected by subsequent engagements between the British and Persian Governments.

17. In the mean while Lieutenant Colonel Robertson was instructed by us to address Colonel Sheil with the view of obtaining any information which the records of the British Mission might be able to afford connected with the Treaty in question.

18. On the 29th March last, the officiating Secretary to the Government of India forwarded for our information, Copy of a correspondence on the above subject with the Secretary in attendance on the Right Honble: the Governor General, from which it will be observed that his Lordship is of opinion that Colonel Sheil is alone capable of giving a satisfactory answer to the Enquiry.

19. We have furnished Lieutenant Kemball, with a copy of the above

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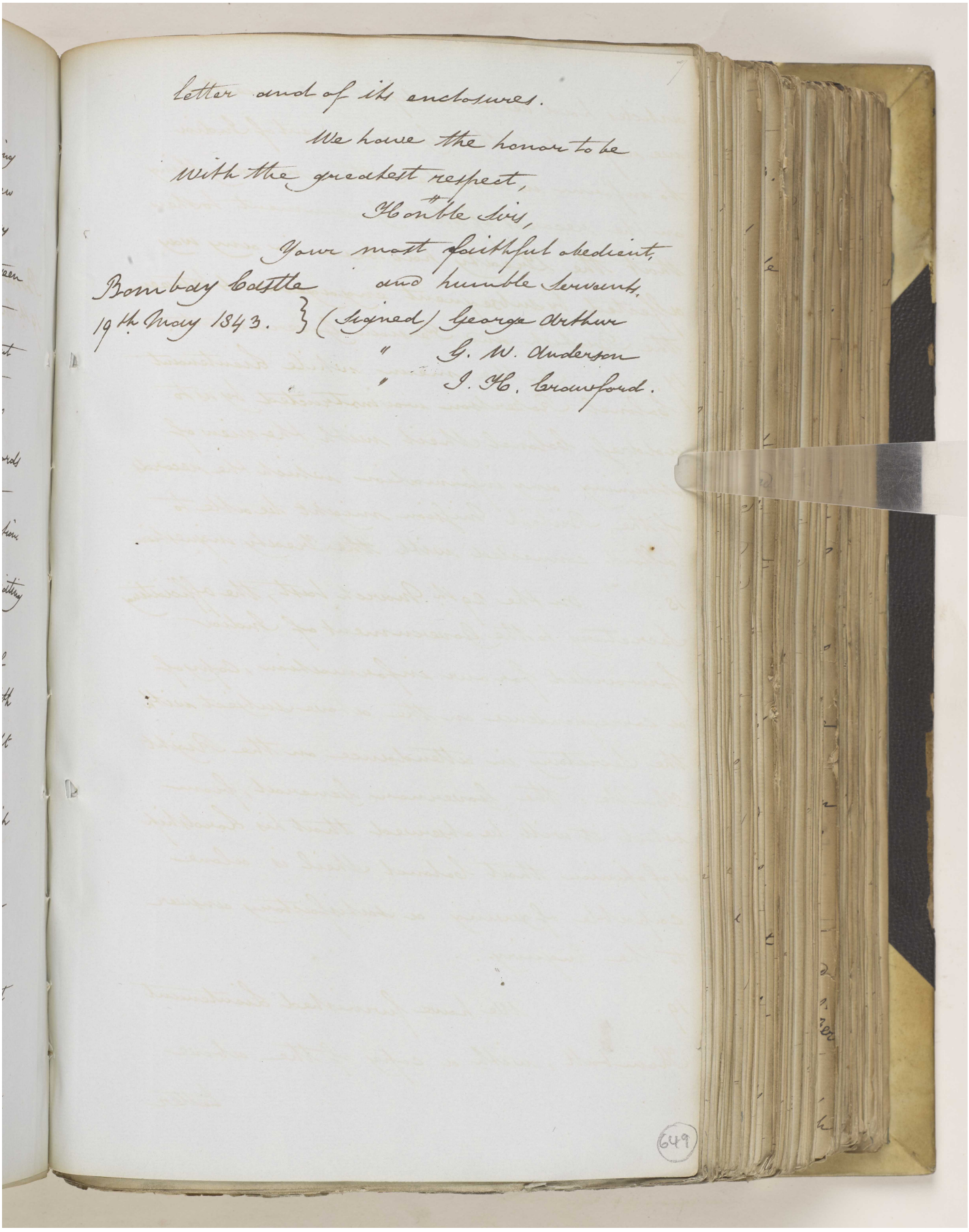

letter and of its enclosures.

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect,
Honble Sirs,
Your most faithful obedient,
and humble Servants,

Bombay Castle
19th May 1843.

(Signed) George Arthur
" G. W. Anderson
" J. H. Crawford.

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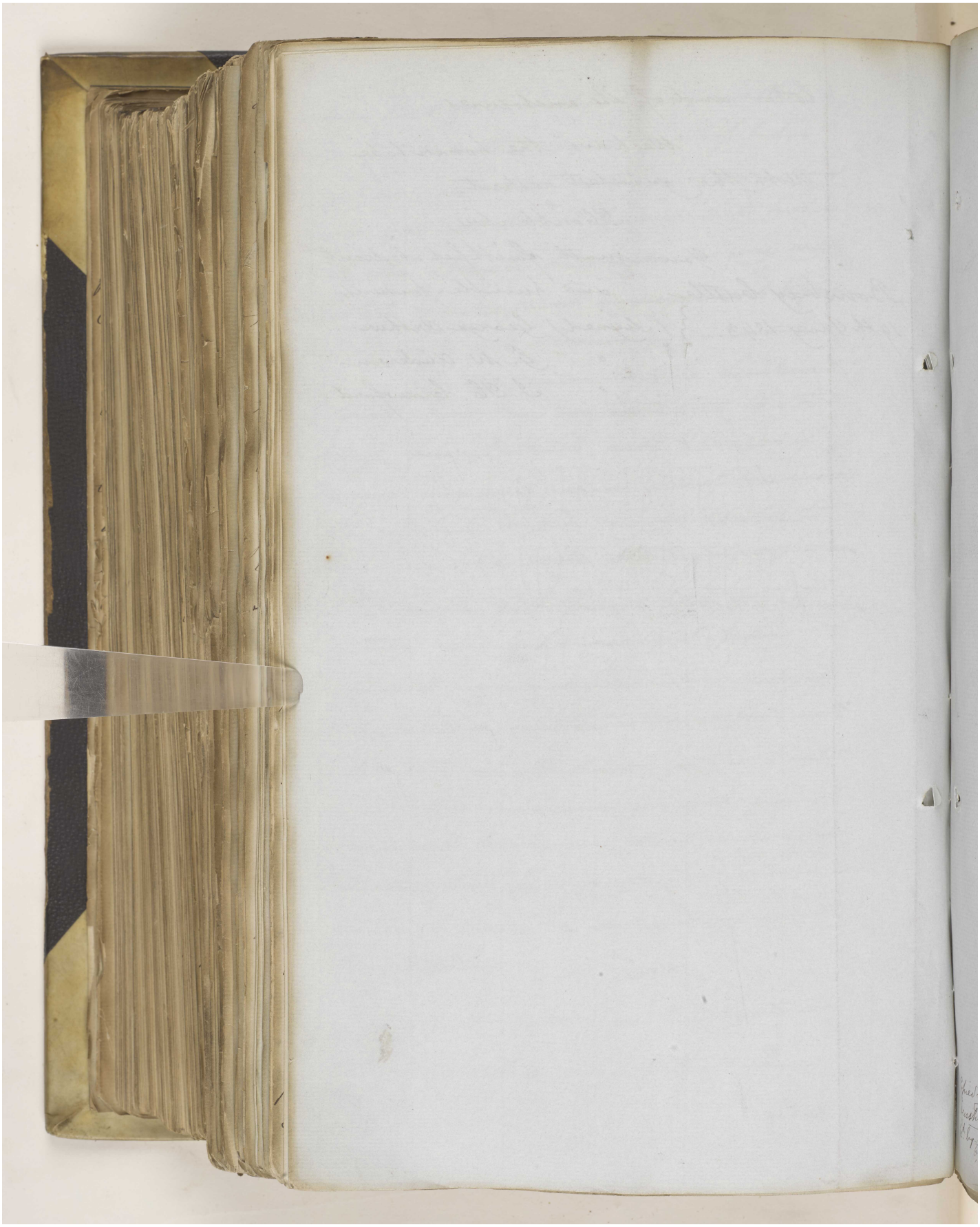

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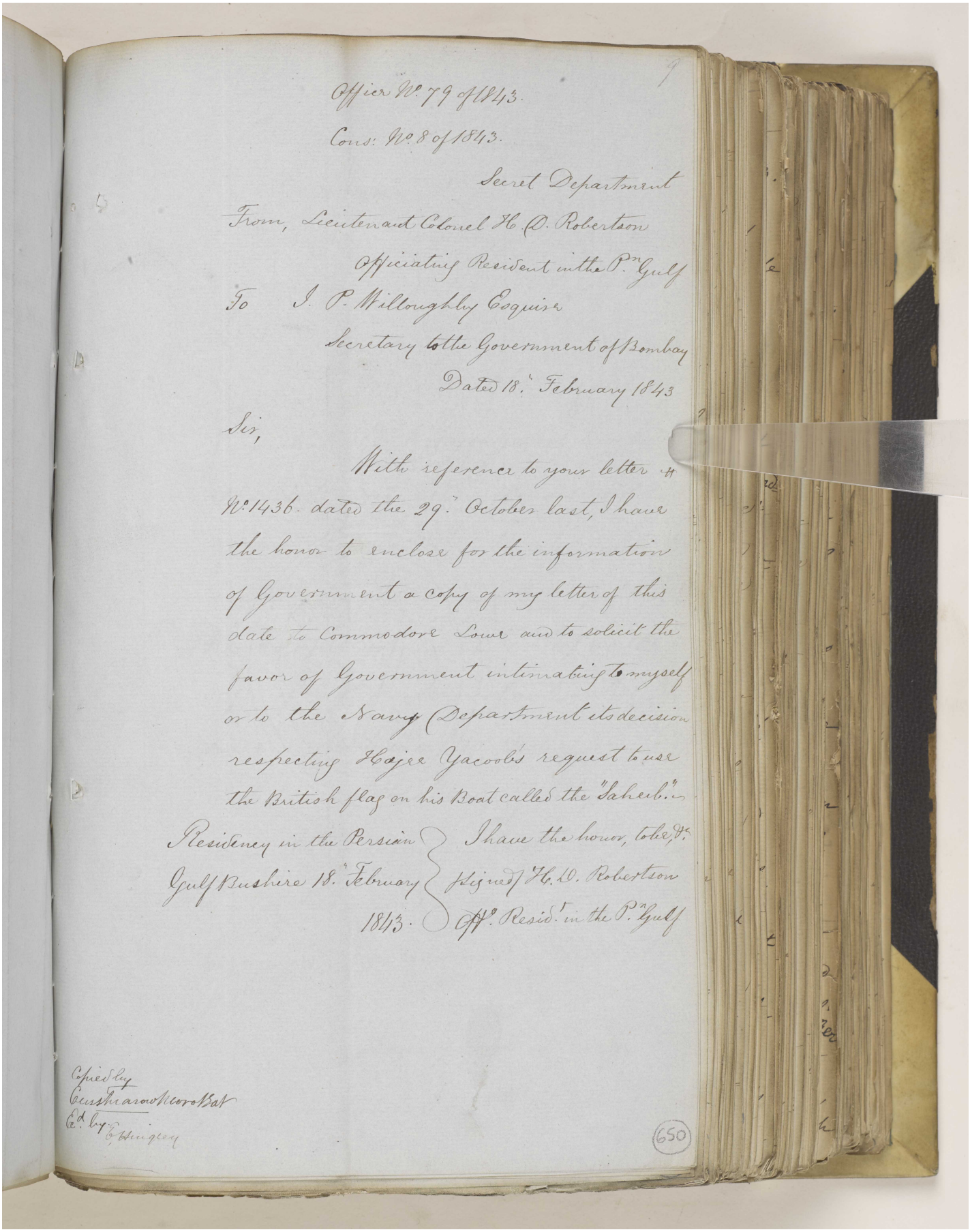

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Secret Department

From, Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson
Officiating Resident in the P.n Gulf

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

Dated 18.th February 1843

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1436. dated the 29.th October last, I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government a copy of my letter of this date to Commodore Lowe and to solicit the favor of Government intimating to myself or to the Navy Department its decision respecting Hajee Yacoob's request to use the British flag on his Boat called the "Saheb."

Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 18.th February 1843.

I have the honor, to be &c.
Signed H. D. Robertson
Off.g Resid.t in the P.n Gulf

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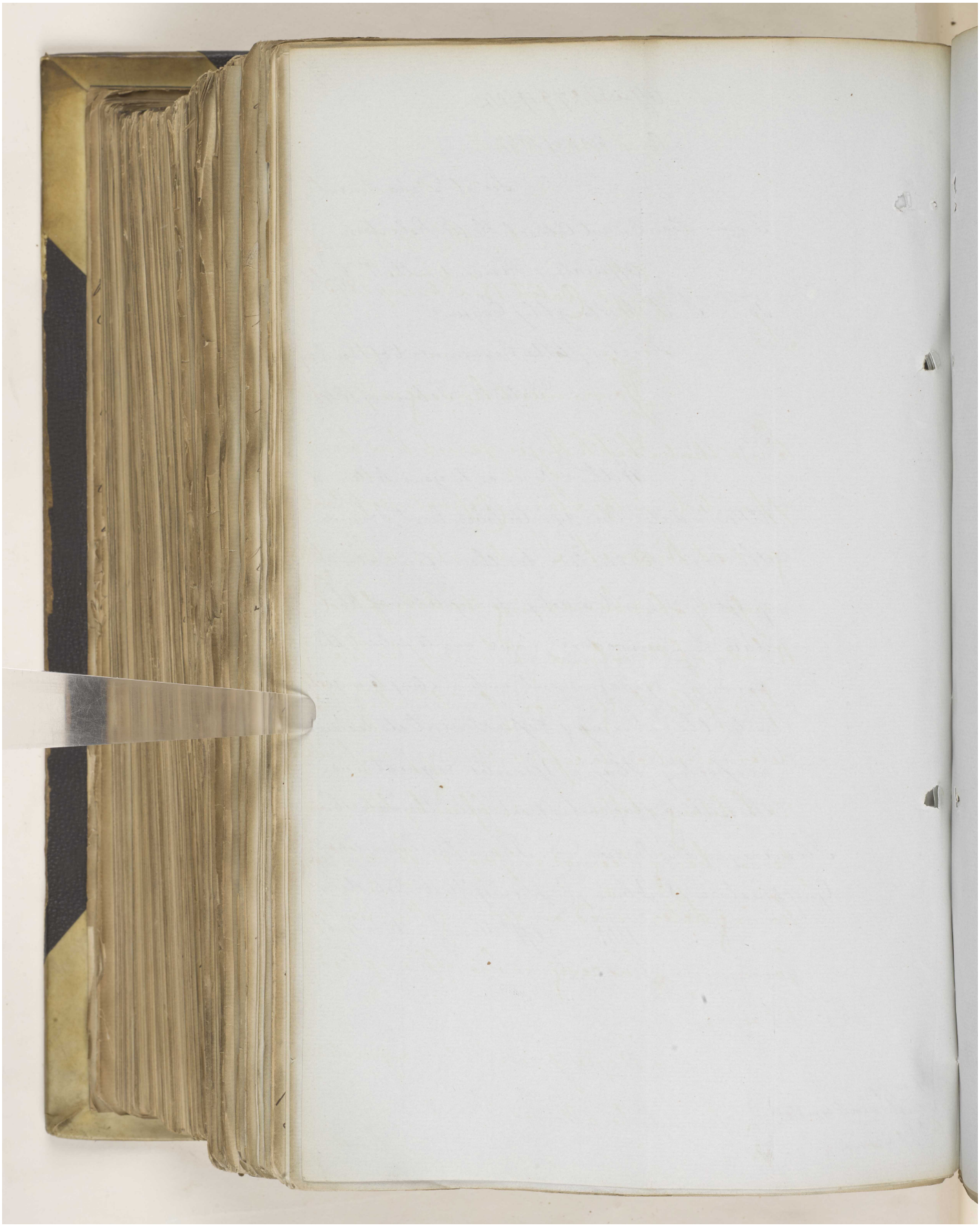

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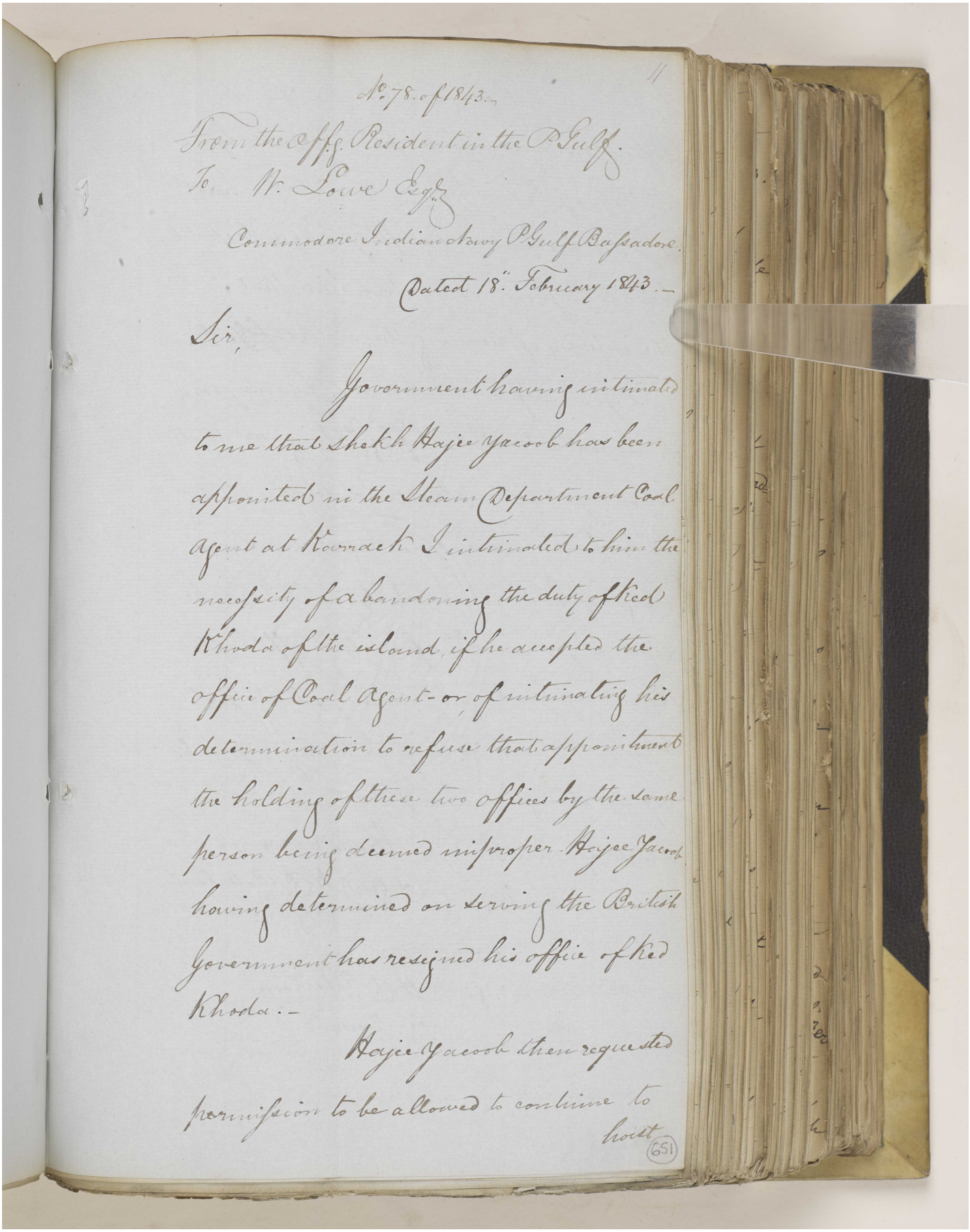

No. 78. of 1843.

From the Offg. Resident in the P. Gulf.

To W. Loue Esqr.

Commodore Indian Navy P. Gulf Bassadore.

Dated 18th. February 1843.

Sir,

Government having intimated to me that Shekh Hajee Yacoob has been appointed in the Steam Department Coal Agent at Kurrack I intimated to him the necessity of abandoning the duty of Hed Khoda of the island, if he accepted the office of Coal Agent - or of intimating his determination to refuse that appointment the holding of these two offices by the same person being deemed improper. Hajee Yacoob having determined on serving the British Government has resigned his office of Hed Khoda.

Hajee Yacoob then requested permission to be allowed to continue to hoist

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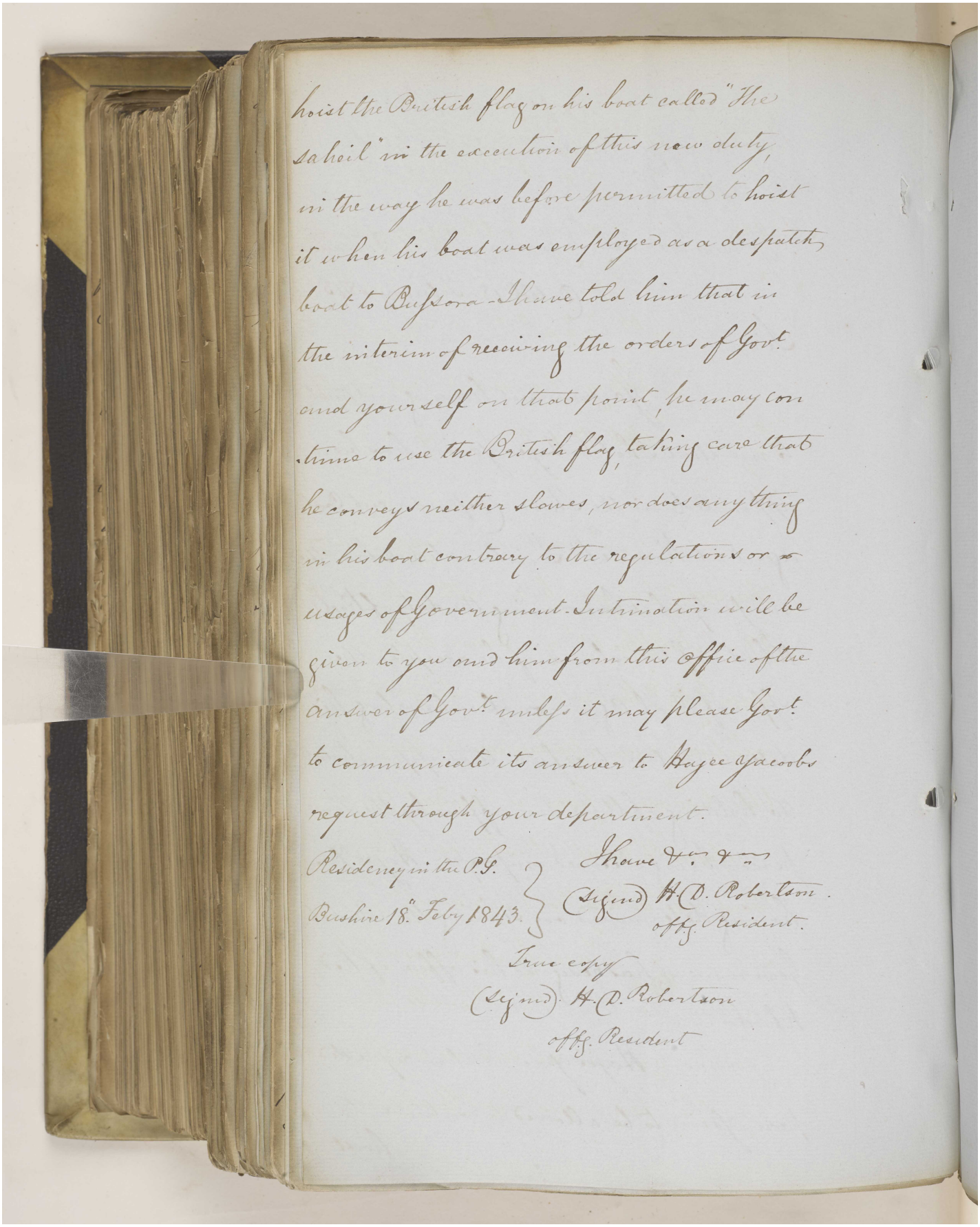
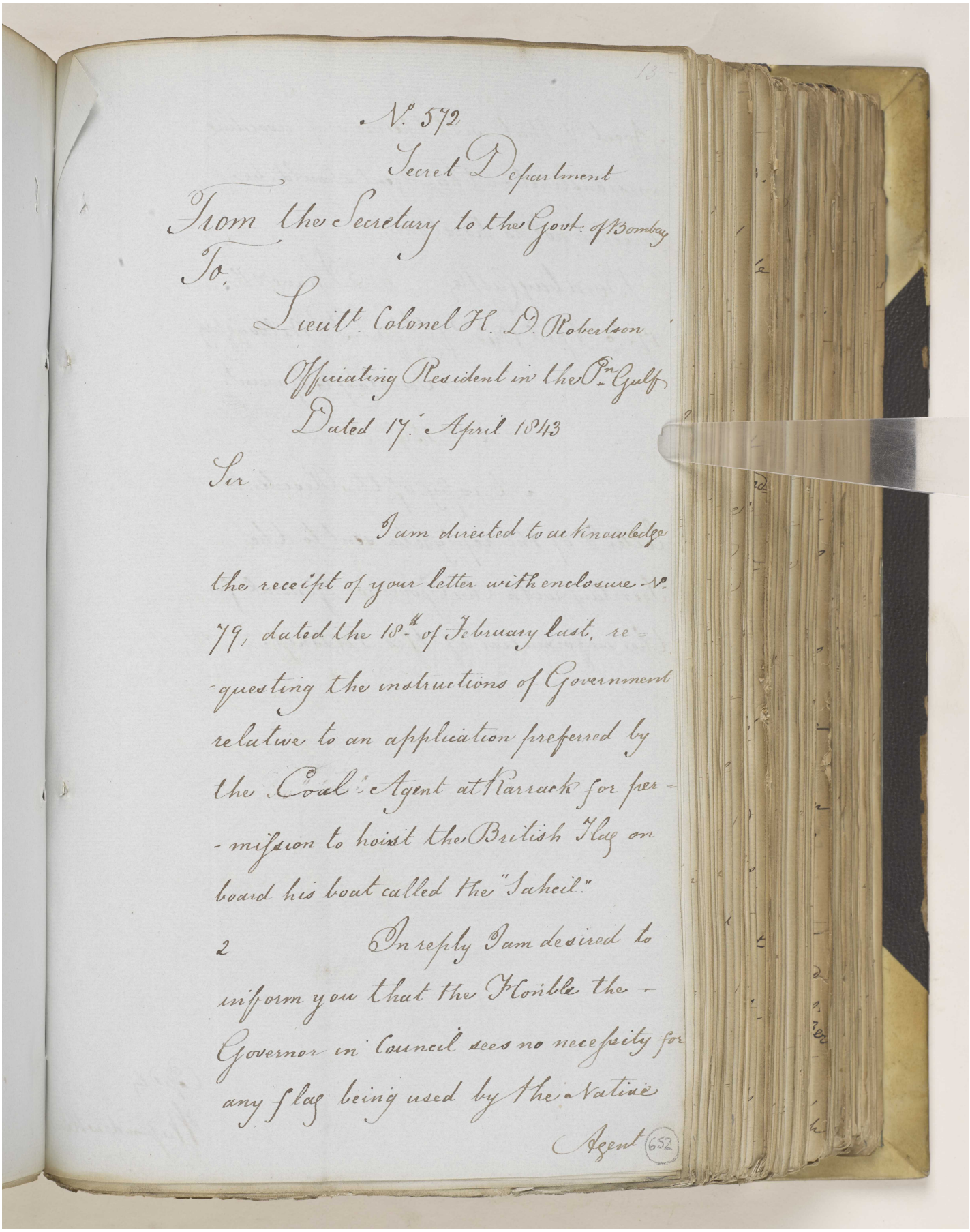


hoist the British flag on his boat called "The sahoil" in the execution of this new duty, in the way he was before permitted to hoist it when his boat was employed as a despatch boat to Bussora - I have told him that in the interim of receiving the orders of Govt. and yourself on that point, he may continue to use the British flag, taking care that he conveys neither slaves, nor does any thing in his boat contrary to the regulations or usages of Government - Intimation will be given to you and him from this office of the answer of Govt. unless it may please Govt. to communicate its answer to Hajee Jacoobs request through your department.

Residency in the P.G.
Bushire 18th Feby 1843.

I have &c &c
(Signd) H.D. Robertson
offg. Resident.

True copy
(Signd) H.D. Robertson
offg. Resident



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Secret Department

From the Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay

To.

Lieut. Colonel H. D. Robertson

Officiating Resident in the Pr. Gulf

Dated 17th April 1843

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with enclosure No. 79, dated the 18th of February last, requesting the instructions of Government relative to an application preferred by the Coal Agent at Karrack for permission to hoist the British Flag on board his boat called the "Saheil."

2 In reply I am desired to inform you that the Honble the Governor in Council sees no necessity for any flag being used by the Native Agent

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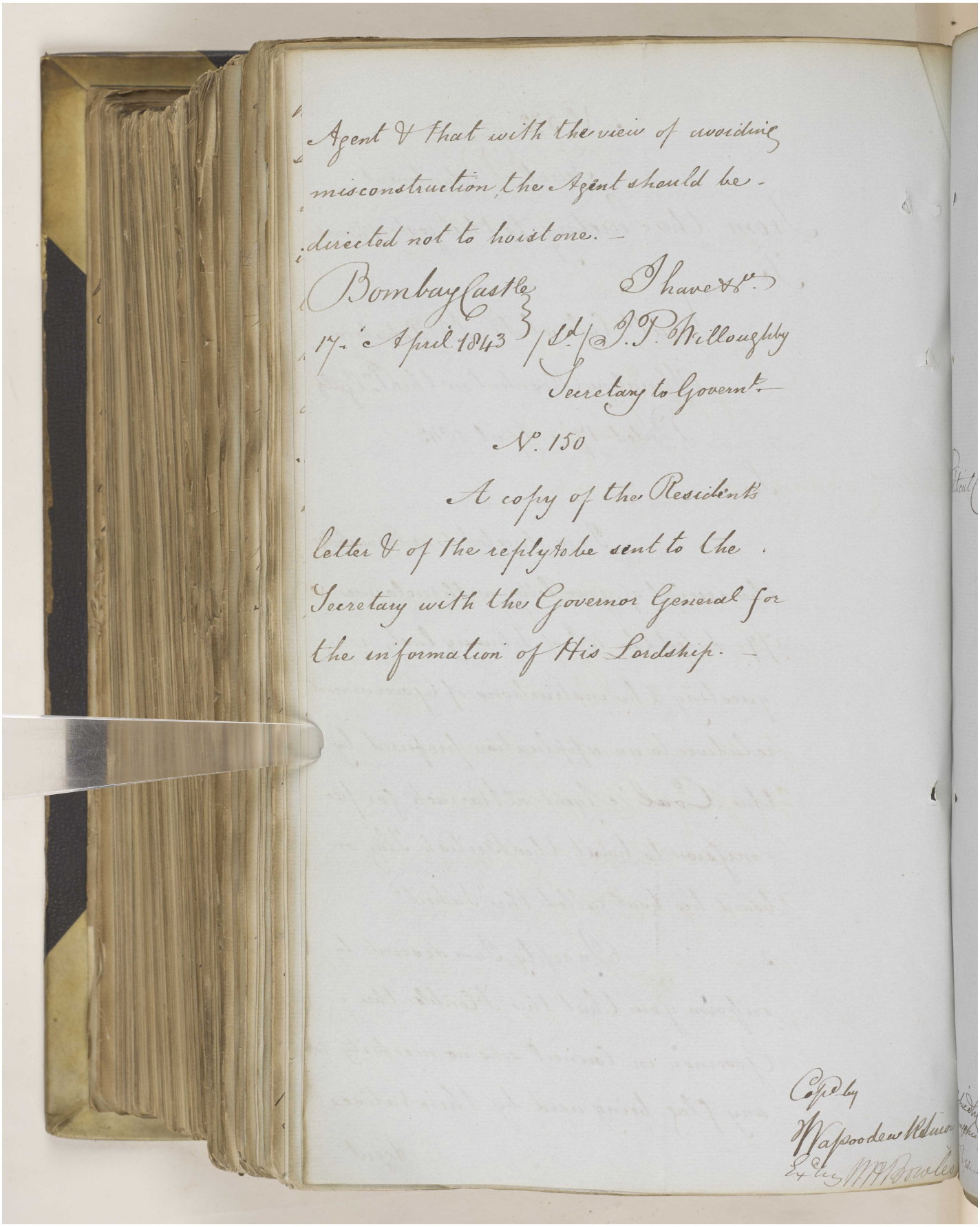

Agent & that with the view of avoiding misconstruction, the Agent should be directed not to hoist one. —

Bombay Castle
17th April 1843

I have &c.
(Sd.) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govern^t.

No. 150

A copy of the Resident's letter & of the reply to be sent to the Secretary with the Governor General for the information of His Lordship. —

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Exd by W. H. Bowles

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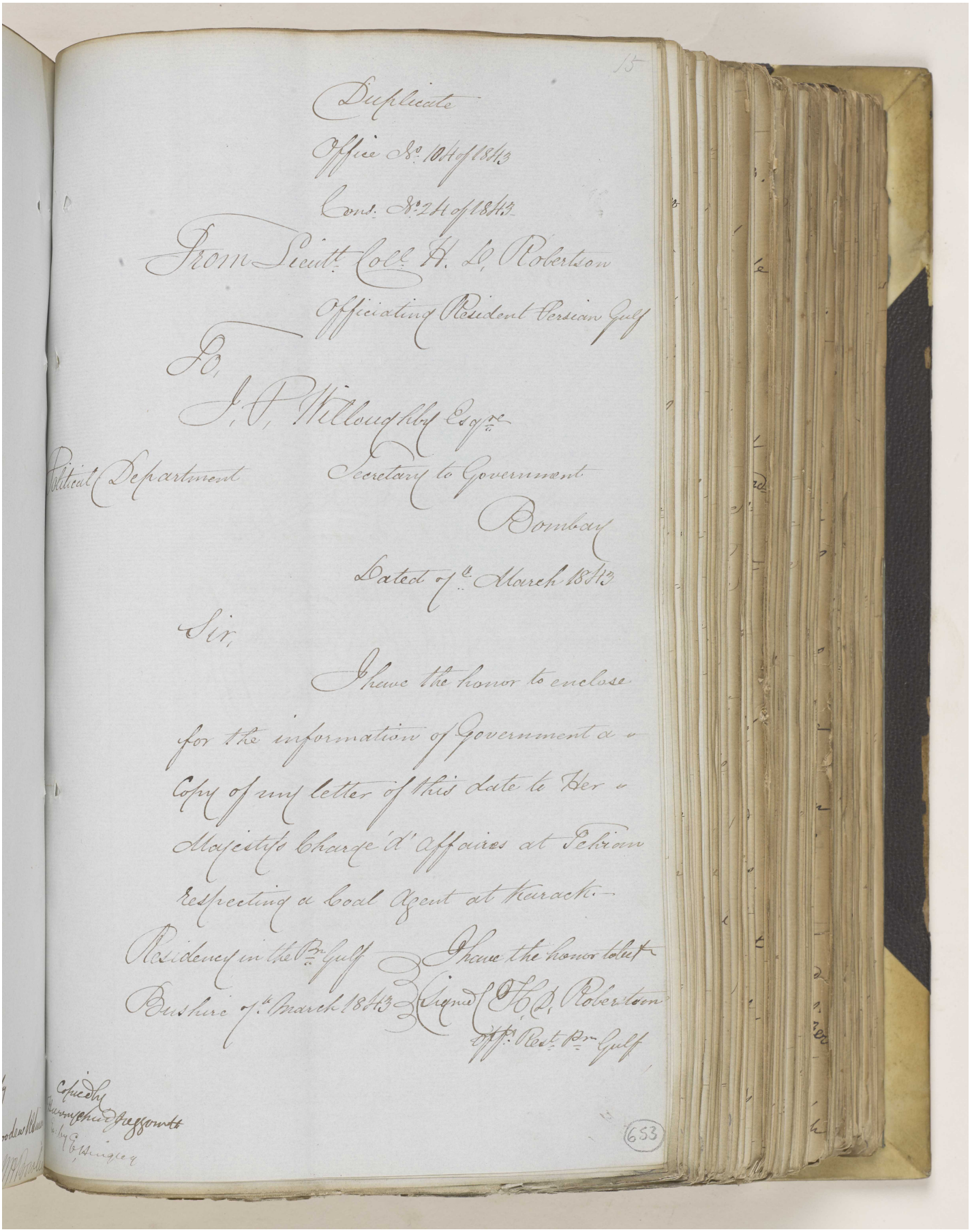

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Cons. No. 24 of 1843

From Lieut. Coll. H. D. Robertson

Officiating Resident Persian Gulf

To,

J. P. Willoughby Esqre.

Political Department

Secretary to Government

Bombay

Dated 7th March 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government a copy of my letter of this date to Her Majesty's Charge 'd' Affaires at Tehran respecting a Coal Agent at Karack.

Residency in the Pn. Gulf
Bushire 7th March 1843

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed H. D. Robertson
Offg. Rest. Pn. Gulf

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Sd. by E. Hingley

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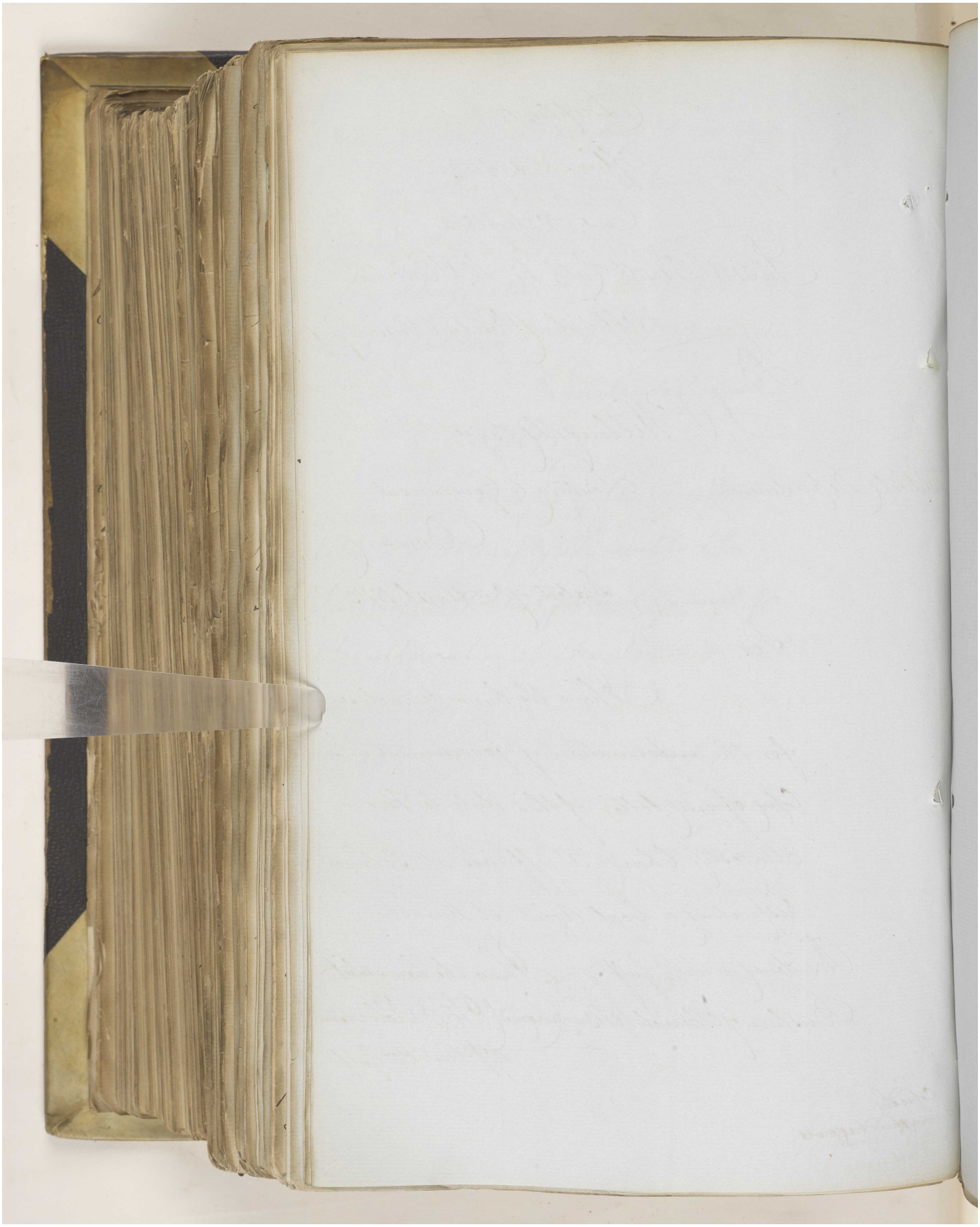

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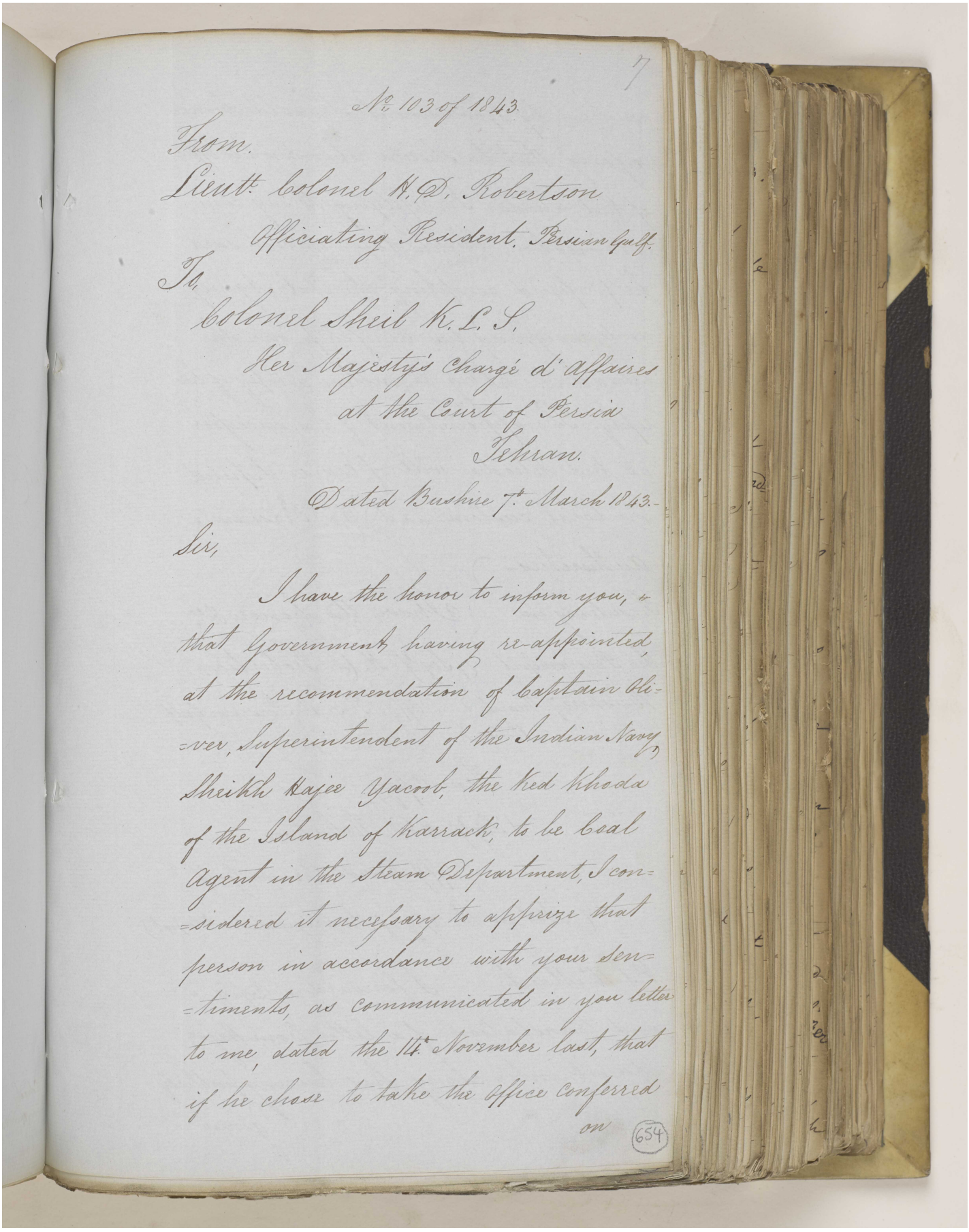

No. 103 of 1843.

From.

Lieut.t Colonel H. D. Robertson

Officiating Resident. Persian Gulf.

To,

Colonel Sheil K. L. S.

Her Majesty's Chargé d' affaires

at the Court of Persia

Tehran.

Dated Bushire 7.th March 1843.-

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that Government having re-appointed, at the recommendation of Captain Oli=ver, Superintendent of the Indian Navy, Sheikh Hajee Yacoob the Red Khoda of the Island of Karrack, to be Coal Agent in the Steam Department, I con=sidered it necessary to apprize that person in accordance with your sen=timents, as communicated in your letter to me, dated the 14.th November last, that if he chose to take the office conferred on

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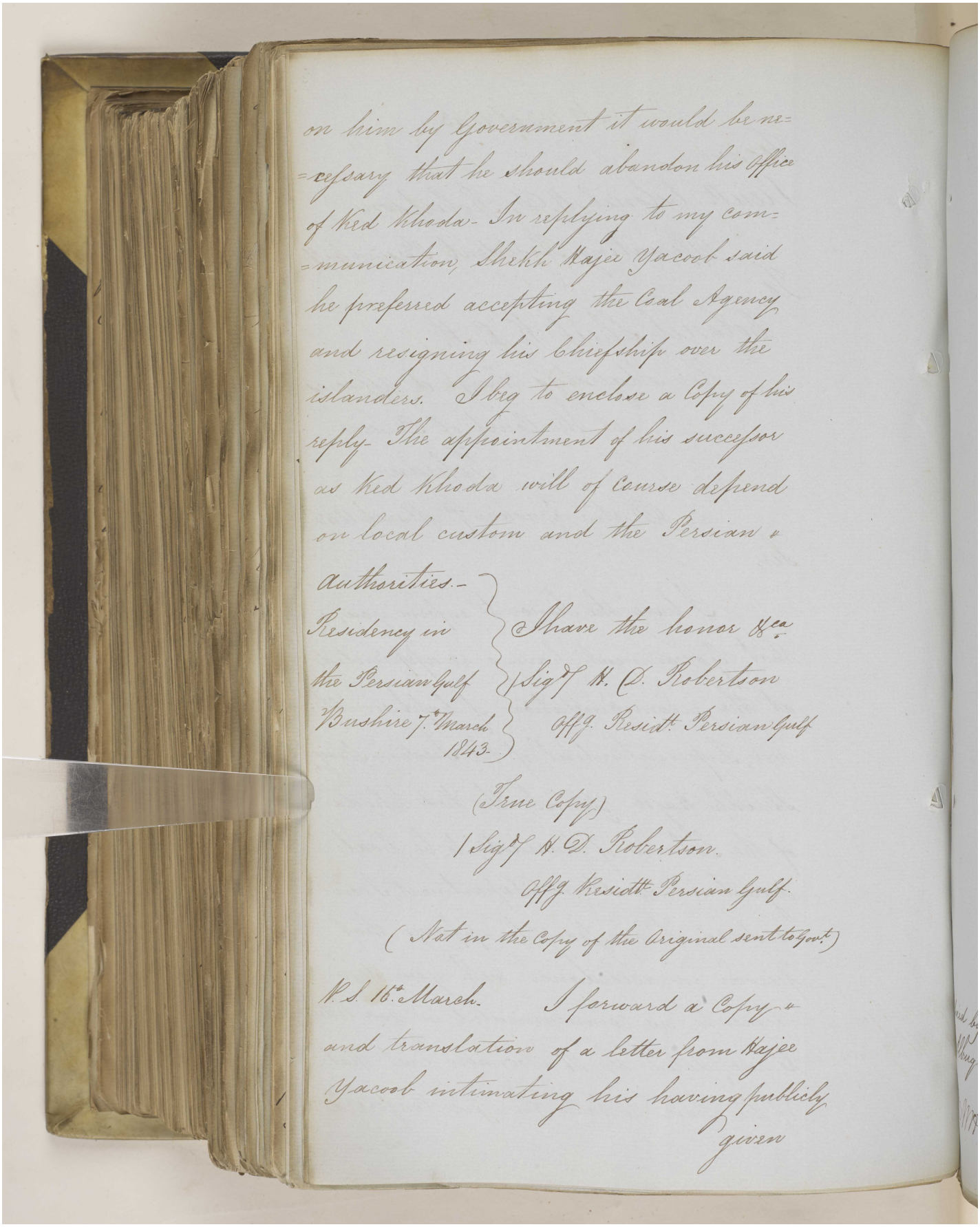


on him by Government it would be ne=
=cessary that he should abandon his Office
of Ked Khoda- In replying to my com=
=munication, Sheikh Hajee Yacoob said
he preferred accepting the Coal Agency
and resigning his Chiefship over the
islanders. I beg to enclose a Copy of his
reply- The appointment of his successor
as Ked Khoda will of course depend
on local custom and the Persian
authorities.-

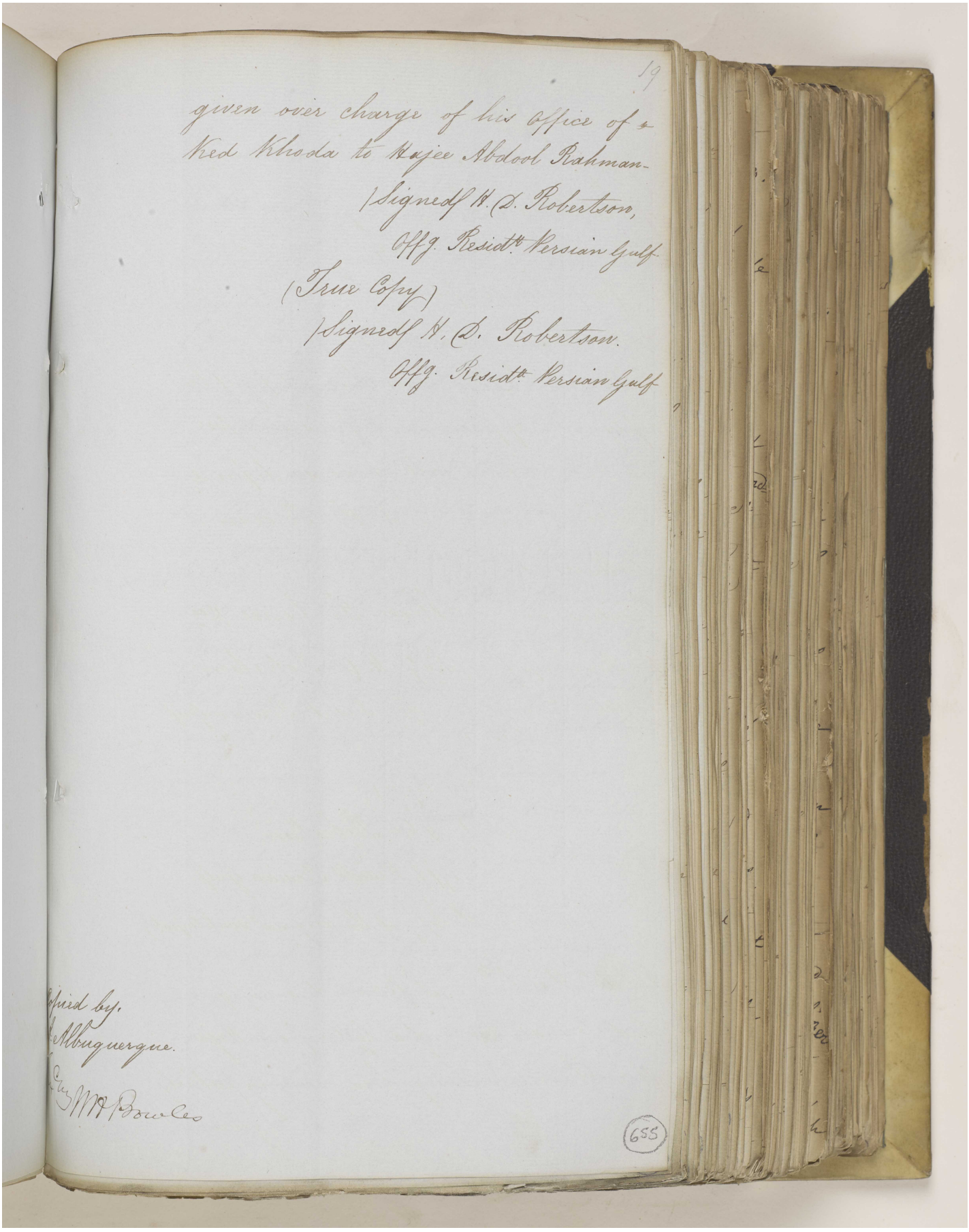
Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 7th March 1843.

I have the honor &c.
/Sig.d/ H. D. Robertson
Offg. Resid.t Persian Gulf

(True Copy)
/Sig.d/ H. D. Robertson.
Offg. Resid.t Persian Gulf.

(Not in the Copy of the Original sent to Govt.)

P.S. 16th March. I forward a Copy
and translation of a letter from Hajee
Yacoob intimating his having publicly
given



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given over charge of his Office of
Ked Khoda to Hajee Abdool Rahman.

(Signed) H. D. Robertson,
Offg. Residt. Persian Gulf.

(True Copy)
(Signed) H. D. Robertson.
Offg. Residt. Persian Gulf

Copied by,
J. Albuquerque.
Cy. M. H. Bowles

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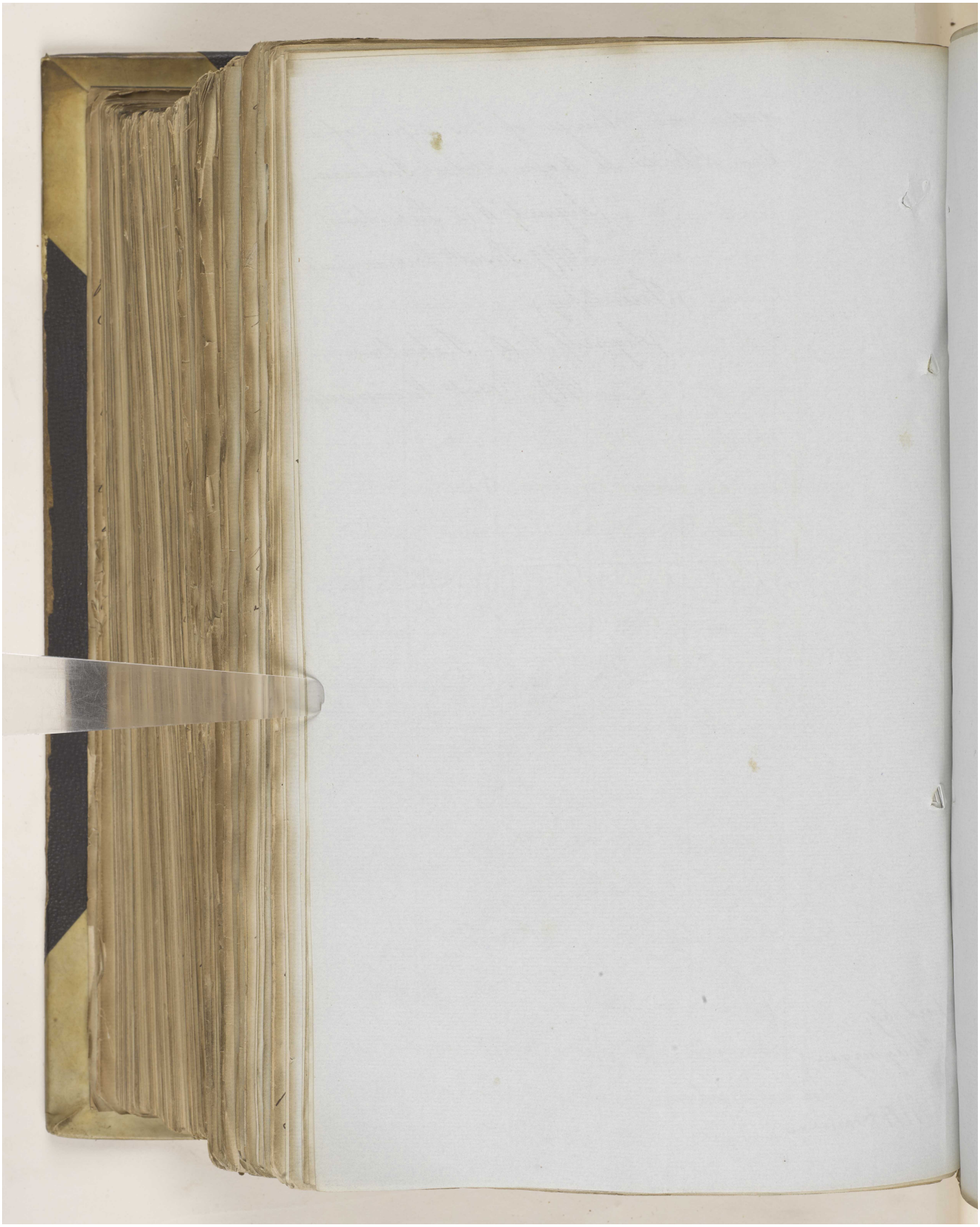

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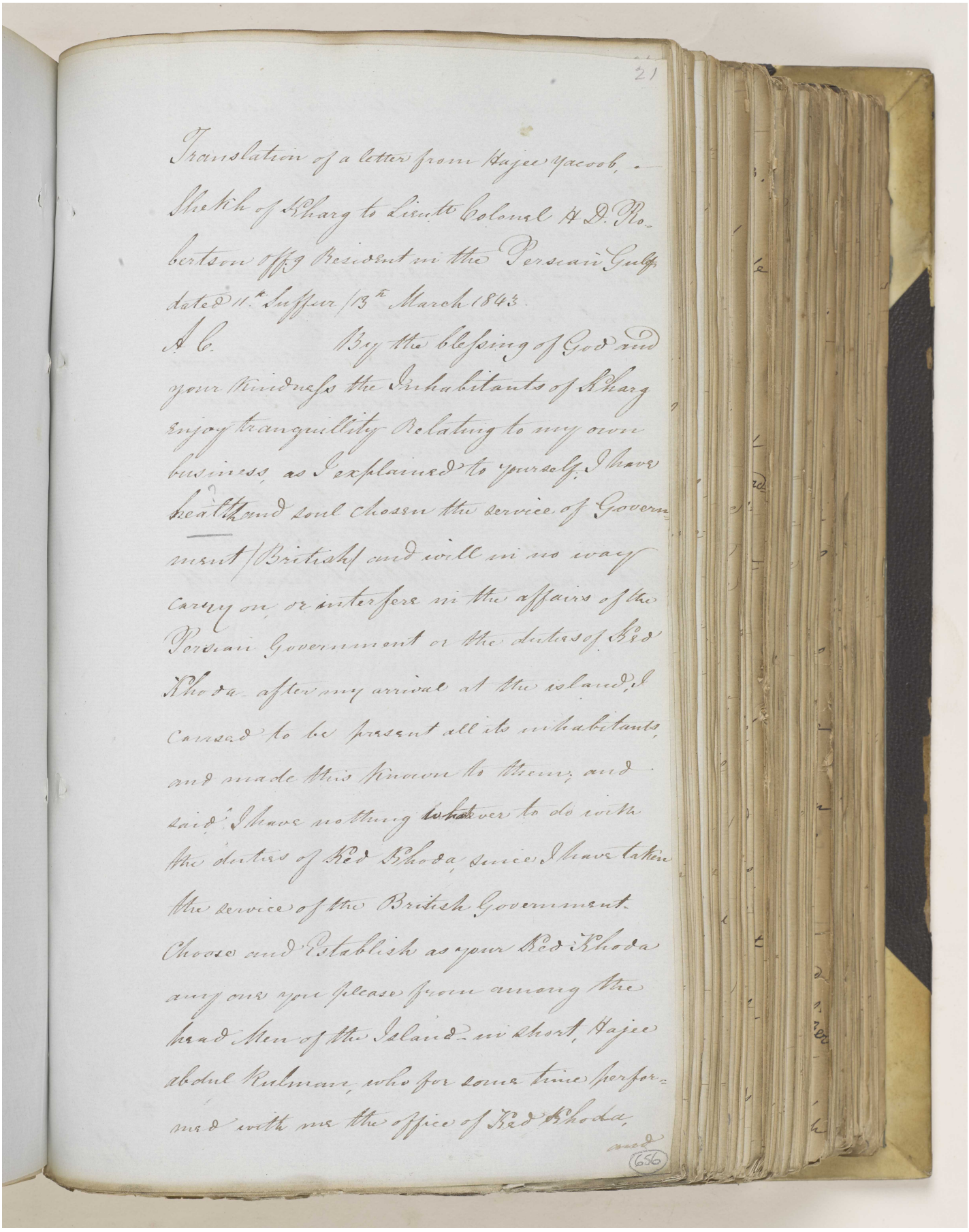

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Translation of a letter from Hajee Yacoob, Sheikh of Kharg to Lieut.t Colonel H. D. Robertson C.B. Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 11.th Suffur 13.th March 1843.

A. C. By the blessing of God and your kindness the Inhabitants of Kharg enjoy tranquillity Relating to my own business, as I explained to yourself, I have heart and soul chosen the service of Government (British) and will in no way carry on, or interfere in the affairs of the Persian Government or the duties of Bed Rhoda after my arrival at the island, I caused to be present all its inhabitants, and made this known to them, and said I have nothing whatever to do with the duties of Bed Rhoda, since I have taken the service of the British Government. Choose and Establish as your Bed Rhoda any one you please from among the head Men of the Island - in short, Hajee Abdul Rahman, who for some time performed with me the office of Bed Rhoda,

and

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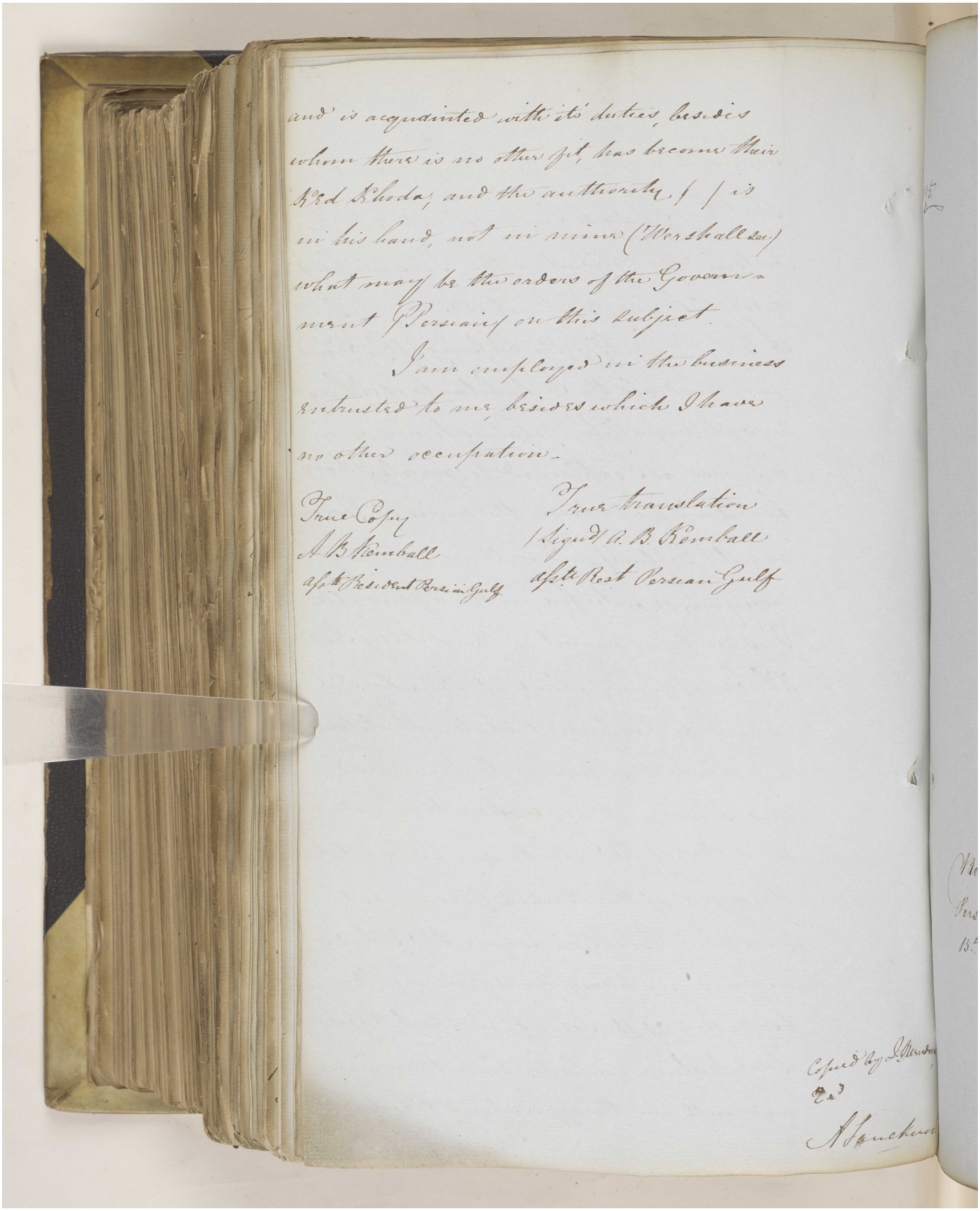

and is acquainted with its duties, besides whom there is no other fit, has become their Ked Khoda; and the authority ( ) is in his hand, not in mine (Wershall see) what may be the orders of the Government (Persian) on this subject.

I am employed in the business entrusted to me, besides which I have no other occupation.

True Copy
A B Kemball
Asst Resident Persian Gulf

True translation
(Signd) A. B. Kemball
Asst Rest Persian Gulf

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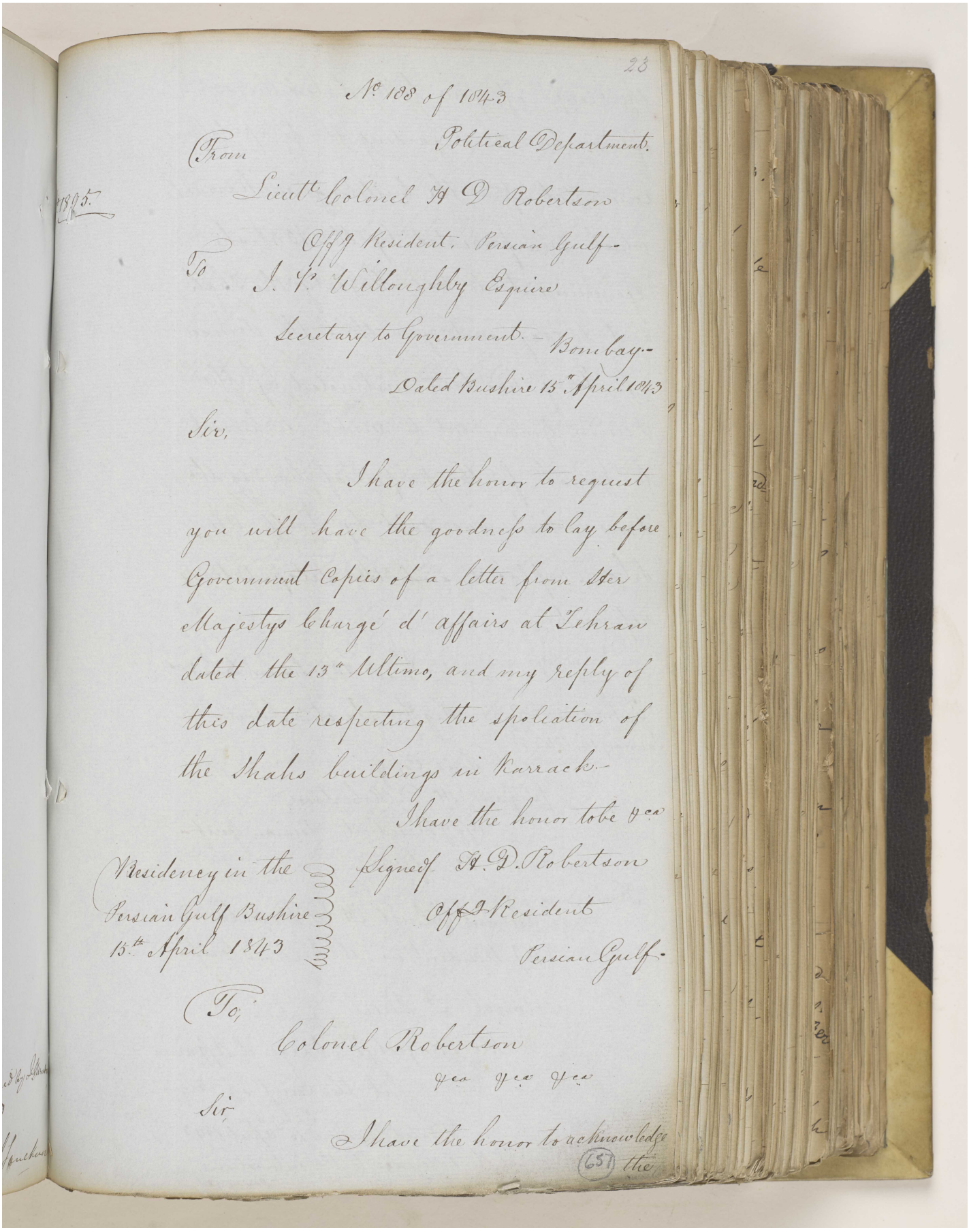

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No 188 of 1843

Political Department.

From

Lieut Colonel H D Robertson

Offg Resident, Persian Gulf -

To

I. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government - Bombay -

Dated Bushire 15th April 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to lay before Government Copies of a letter from Her Majestys Chargé d' affairs at Tehran dated the 13th Ultimo, and my reply of this date respecting the spoliation of the Shahs buildings in Karrack -

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed H. D. Robertson

Offg Resident

Persian Gulf.

Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 15th April 1843

To,

Colonel Robertson

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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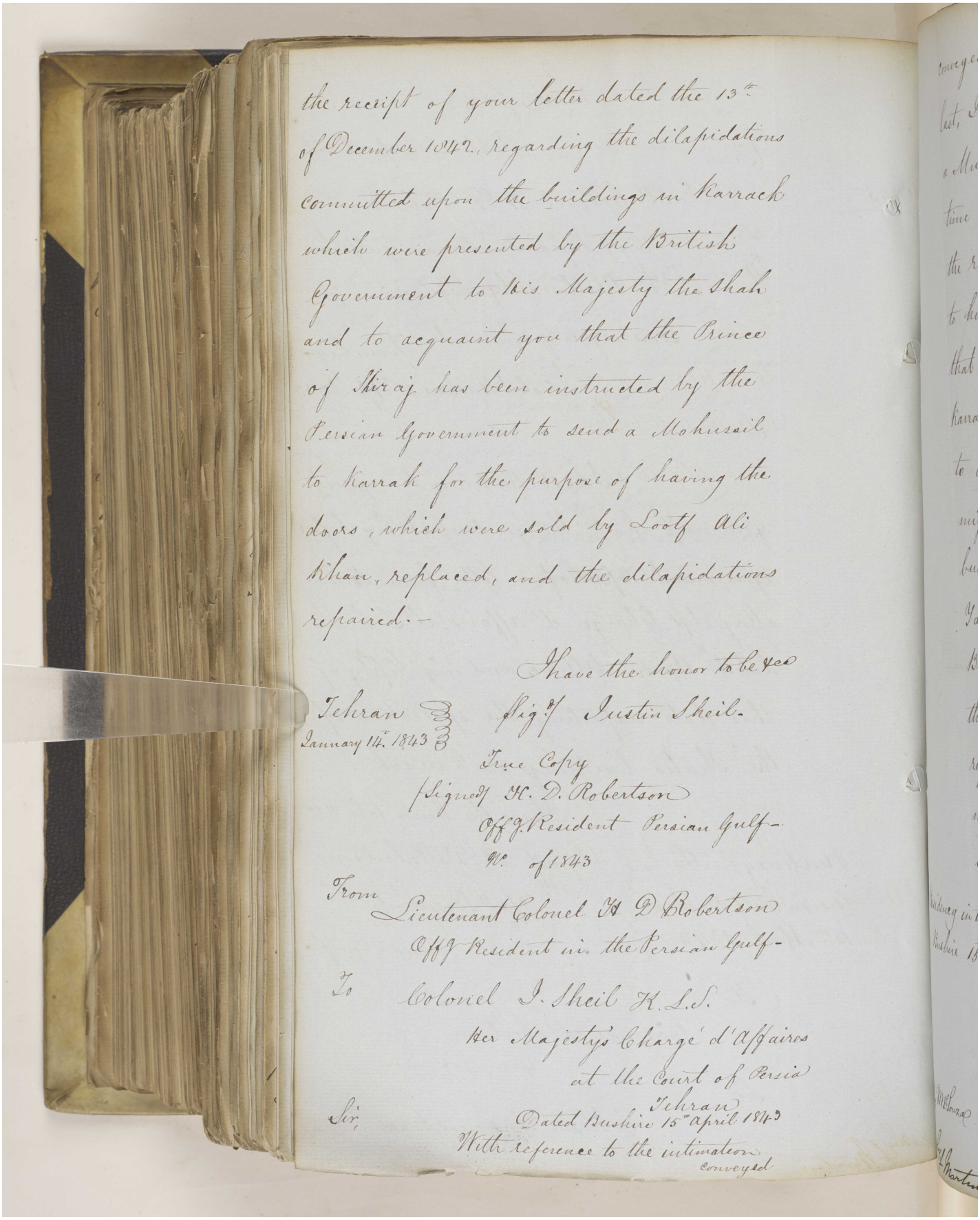


the receipt of your letter dated the 13th
of December 1842, regarding the dilapidations
committed upon the buildings in Karrack
which were presented by the British
Government to his Majesty the Shah
and to acquaint you that the Prince
of Shiraj has been instructed by the
Persian Government to send a Mohussil
to Karrak for the purpose of having the
doors, which were sold by Lootf Ali
Khan, replaced, and the dilapidations
repaired.—

I have the honor to be &c
Sig.d Justin Sheil.

Tehran
January 14th. 1843

True Copy
Signed H. D. Robertson
Off.g Resident Persian Gulf—

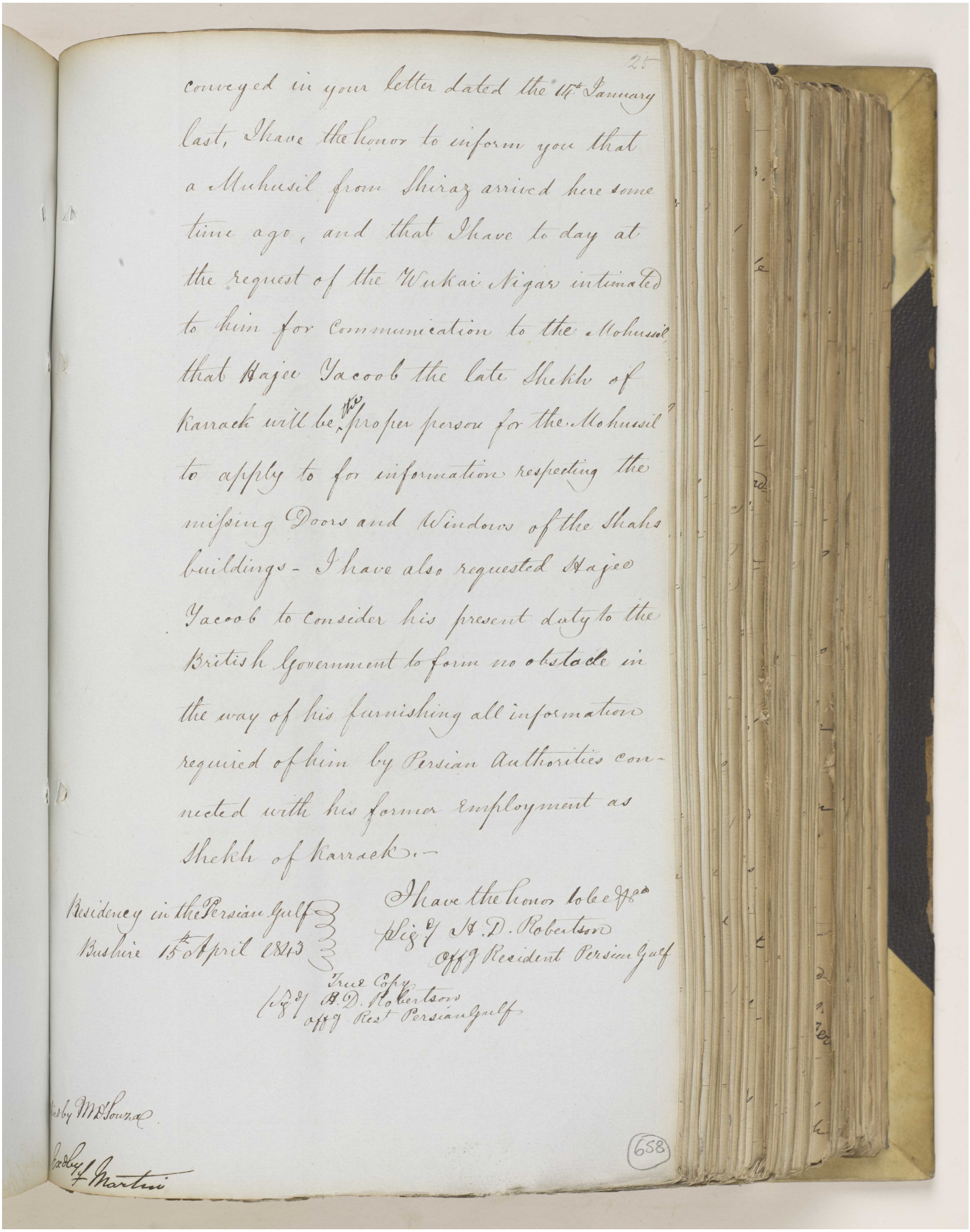
No. of 1843

From Lieutenant Colonel H D Robertson
Off.g Resident in the Persian Gulf—

To Colonel J. Sheil K.L.S.
Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires
at the Court of Persia
Tehran

Sir, Dated Bushire 15th April 1843

With reference to the intimation
conveyed



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conveyed in your letter dated the 14th January last, I have the honor to inform you that a Muhusil from Shiraz arrived here some time ago, and that I have to day at the request of the Wukai Nigar intimated to him for communication to the Mohussil that Hajee Yacoob the late Shekh of Karrack will be the proper person for the Mohussil to apply to for information respecting the missing Doors and Windows of the Shahs buildings - I have also requested Hajee Yacoob to consider his present duty to the British Government to form no obstacle in the way of his furnishing all information required of him by Persian Authorities connected with his former employment as Shekh of Karrack.-

I have the honor to be &c.
(Sig.d) H. D. Robertson
Off.g Resident Persian Gulf

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 15th April 1843

True Copy
(Sig.d) H. D. Robertson
Off.g Rest Persian Gulf

Recd by M. D'Souza

Exd by J. Martin

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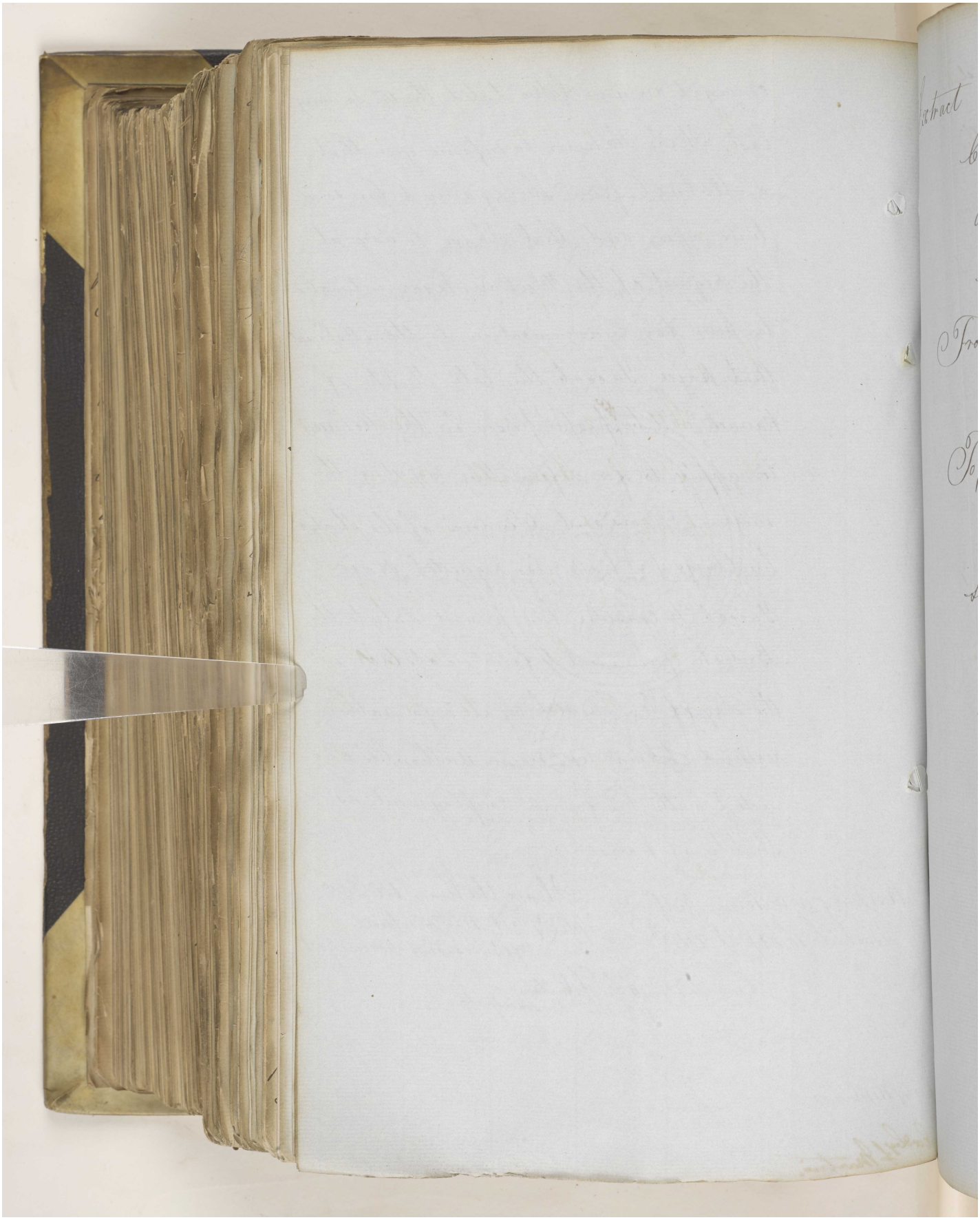

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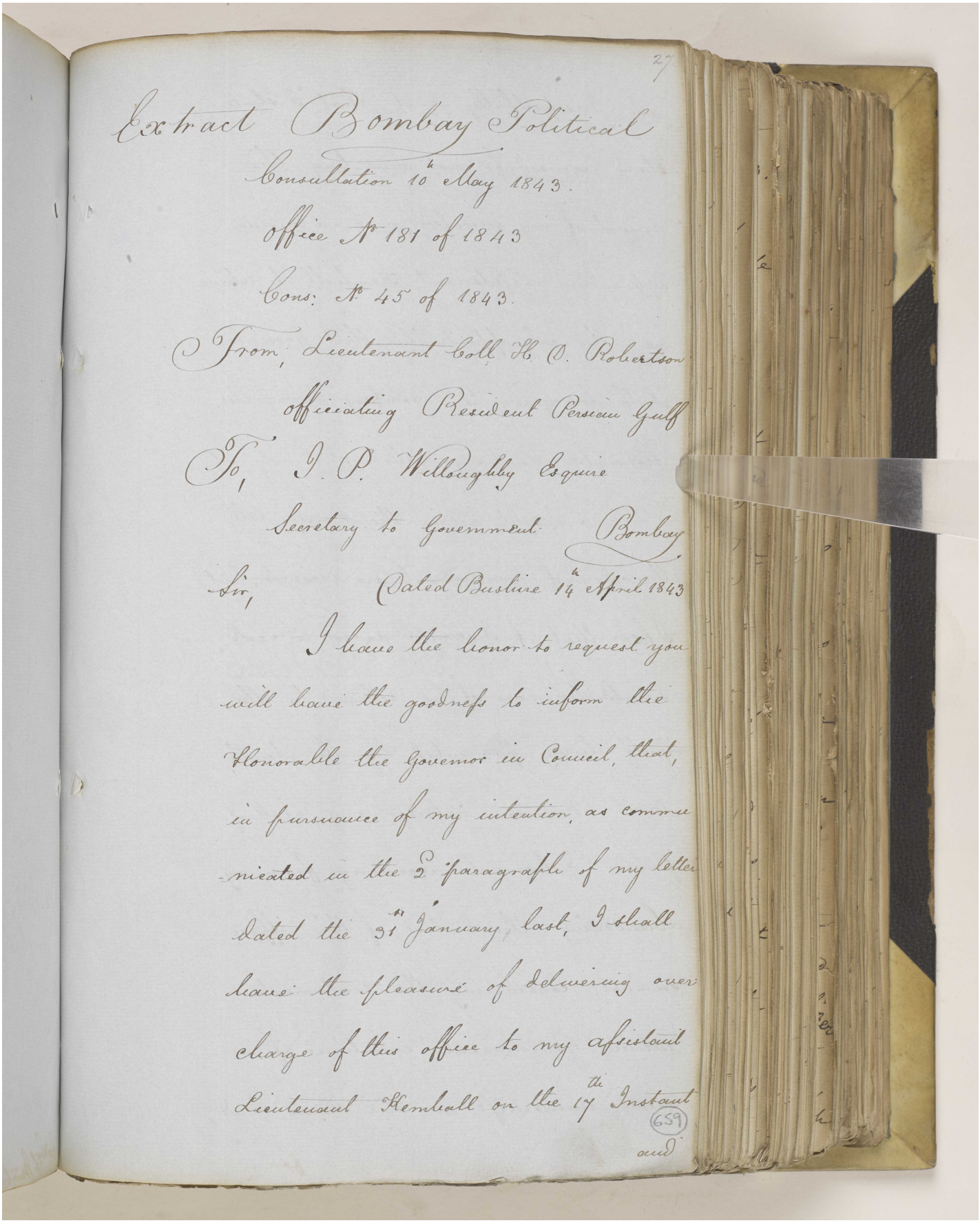

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 10th May 1843.

Office No 181 of 1843

Cons: No 45 of 1843.

From, Lieutenant Coll H. D. Robertson

officiating Resident Persian Gulf

To, I. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government Bombay.

Sir, Dated Bushire 14th April 1843

I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to inform the Honorable the Governor in Council, that, in pursuance of my intention, as communicated in the 2d paragraph of my letter dated the 31st January last, I shall have the pleasure of delivering over charge of this office to my assistant Lieutenant Kemball on the 17th Instant

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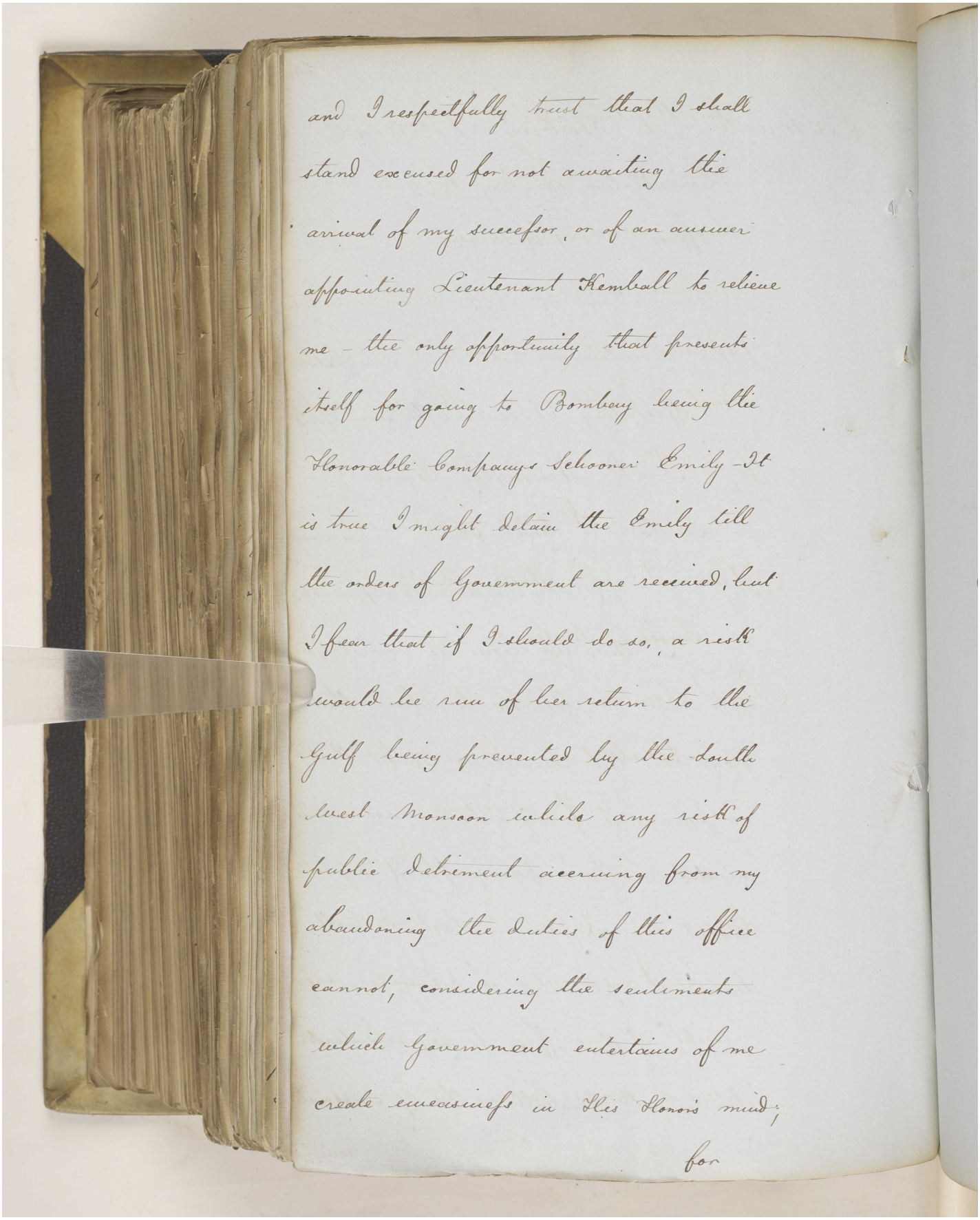
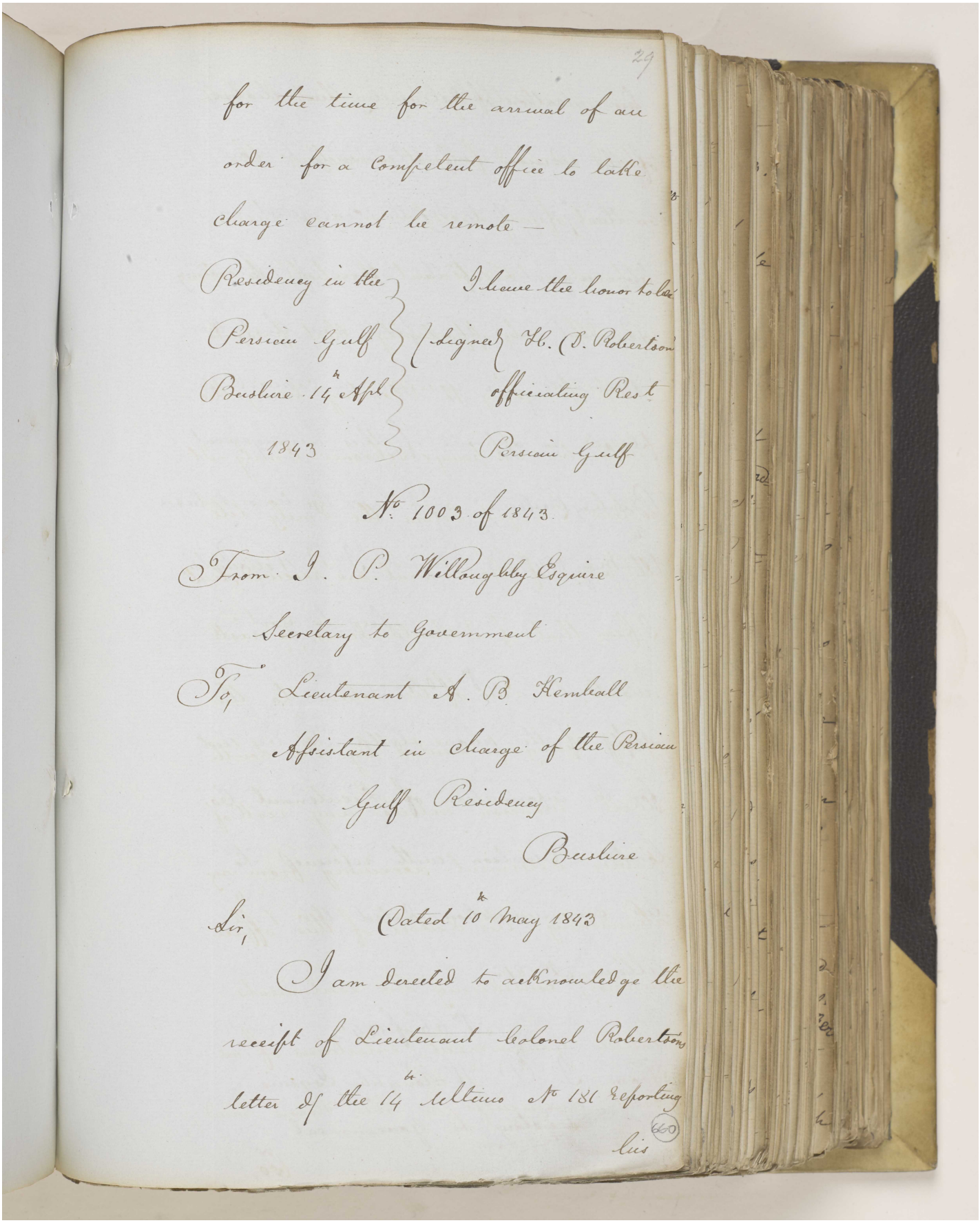
and



and I respectfully trust that I shall
stand excused for not awaiting the
arrival of my successor, or of an answer
appointing Lieutenant Kemball to relieve
me – the only opportunity that presents
itself for going to Bombay being the
Honorable Company's Schooner Emily – It
is true I might detain the Emily till
the orders of Government are received, but
I fear that if I should do so, a risk
would be run of her return to the
Gulf being prevented by the South
West Monsoon while any risk of
public detriment accruing from my
abandoning the duties of this office
cannot, considering the sentiments
which Government entertains of me
create uneasiness in His Honor's mind,
for



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for the time for the arrival of an order for a Competent officer to take charge cannot be remote—

Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 14th Apl 1843

I have the honor to be Signed H. D. Robertson officiating Resdt Persian Gulf

No 1003 of 1843.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire Secretary to Government

To Lieutenant A. B Kemball Assistant in charge of the Persian Gulf Residency Bushire

Dated 10th May 1843

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's letter of the 14th ultimo No 181 reporting his

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his intention of delivering over charge of the Persian Gulf Residency to you, on the 17th of that Month, consequent on his resignation of the office of officiating Resident, and to inform you that, the Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to approve of this arrangement.

Bombay Castle
10th May 1843

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

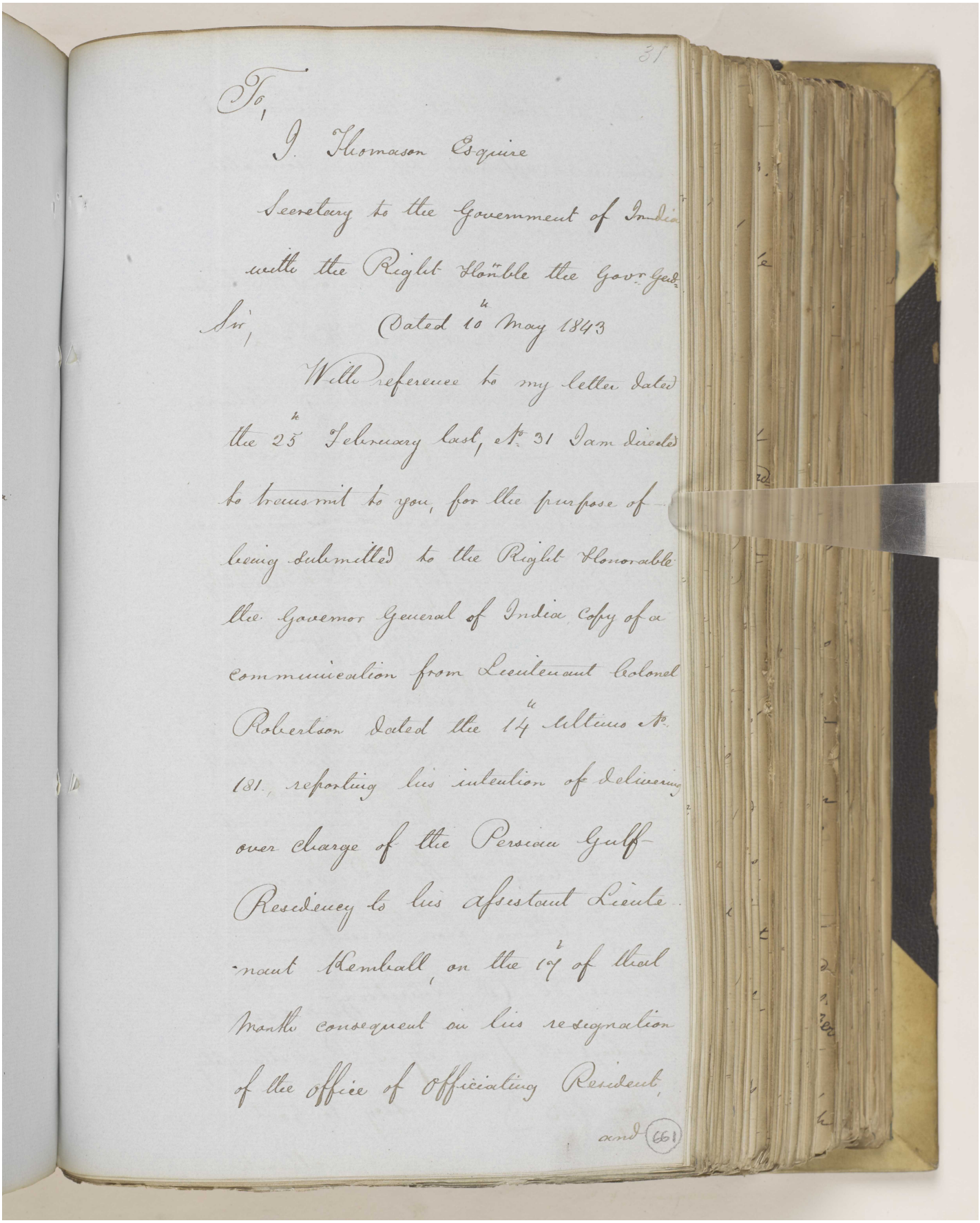
No 1004

Copy of the above letter to be sent for the information of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson with reference to his communication dated the 14th Ultimo No 181.

No 66 of 1843

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government

To,



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To,

J. Thomason Esquire

Secretary to the Government of India

with the Right Honble the Govr Genl

Sir, Dated 10th May 1843

With reference to my letter dated the 25th February last, No. 31 I am directed to transmit to you, for the purpose of being submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, Copy of a communication from Lieutenant Colonel Robertson dated the 14th ultimo No. 181, reporting his intention of delivering over charge of the Persian Gulf Residency to his Assistant Lieutenant Kemball, on the 16th of that Month consequent on his resignation of the office of Officiating Resident,

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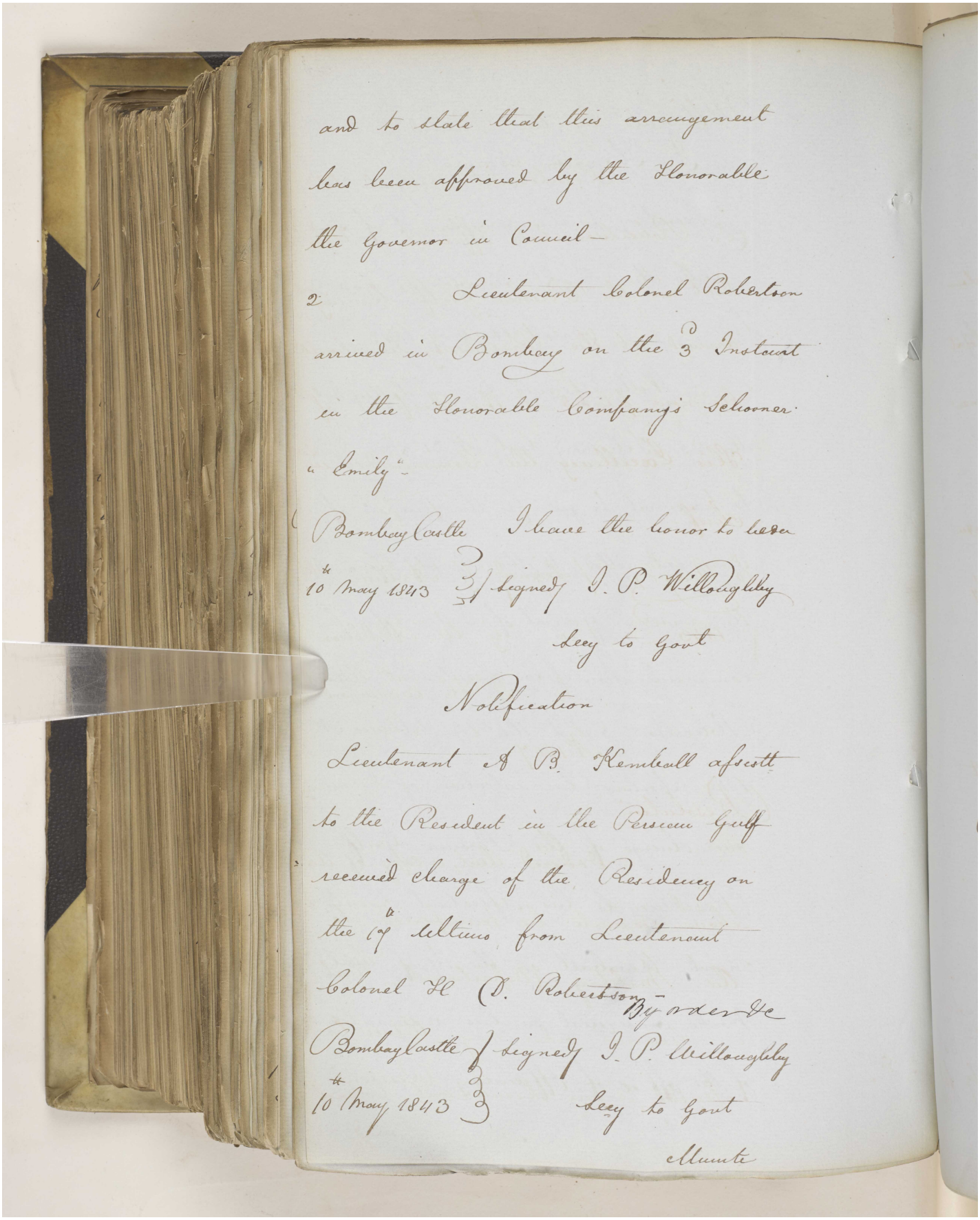

and to state that this arrangement has been approved by the Honorable the Governor in Council—

2 Lieutenant Colonel Robertson arrived in Bombay on the 3d Instant in the Honorable Company's Schooner "Emily"—

Bombay Castle 10th May 1843 I have the honor to be &c Signed J. P. Willoughby Secy to Govt

Notification

Lieutenant A B. Kemball assistt to the Resident in the Persian Gulf received charge of the Residency on the 6th ultimo from Lieutenant Colonel H D. Robertson—

By order &c

Bombay Castle 10th May 1843 Signed J. P. Willoughby Secy to Govt

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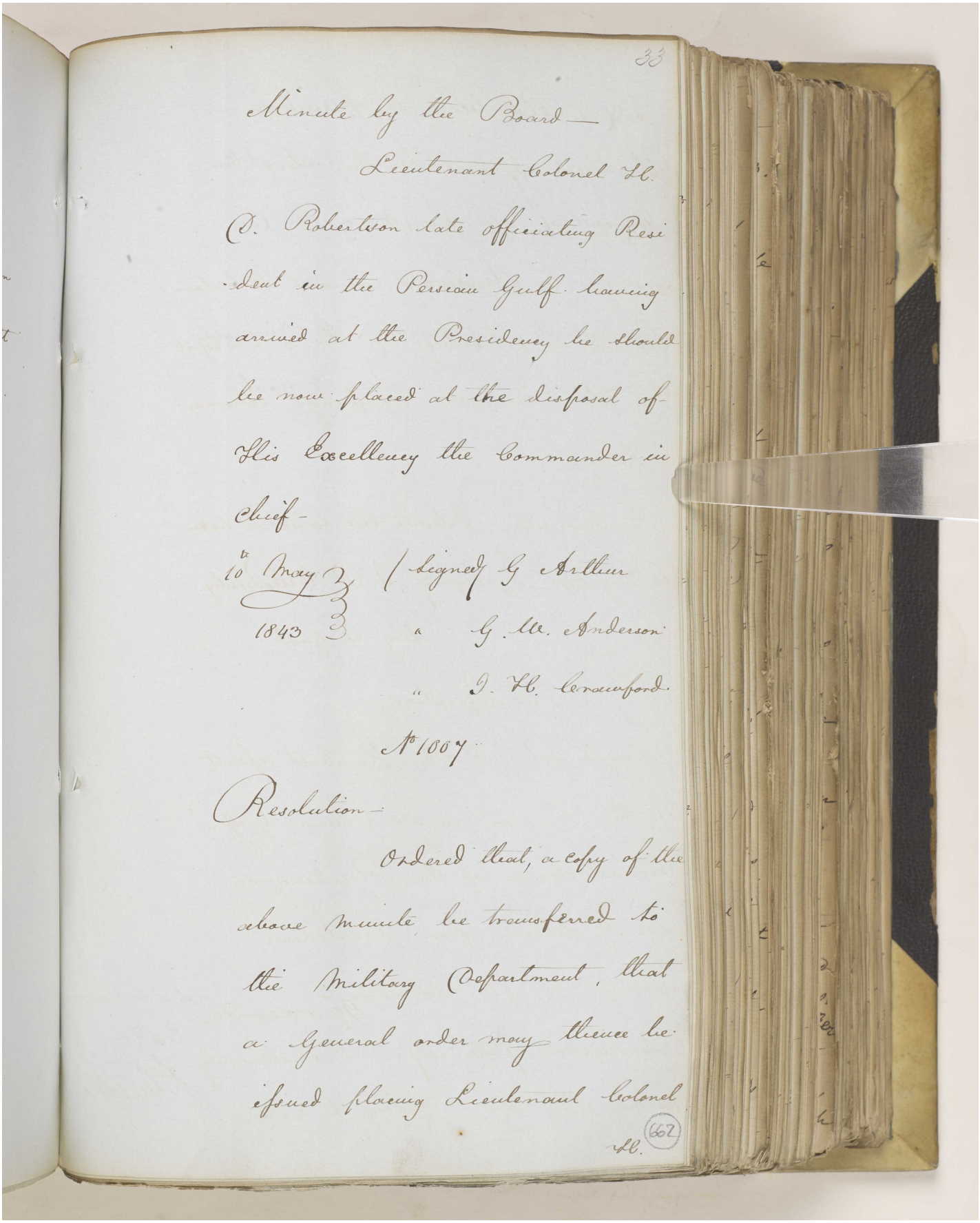

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Minute by the Board—

Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson late officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf having arrived at the Presidency he should be now placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander in Chief—

10th May 1843 / Signed G Arthur
" G. Mc. Anderson
" J. H. Cramford.

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Resolution—

Ordered that a copy of the above minute be transferred to the Military Department, that a General order may thence be issued placing Lieutenant Colonel H.

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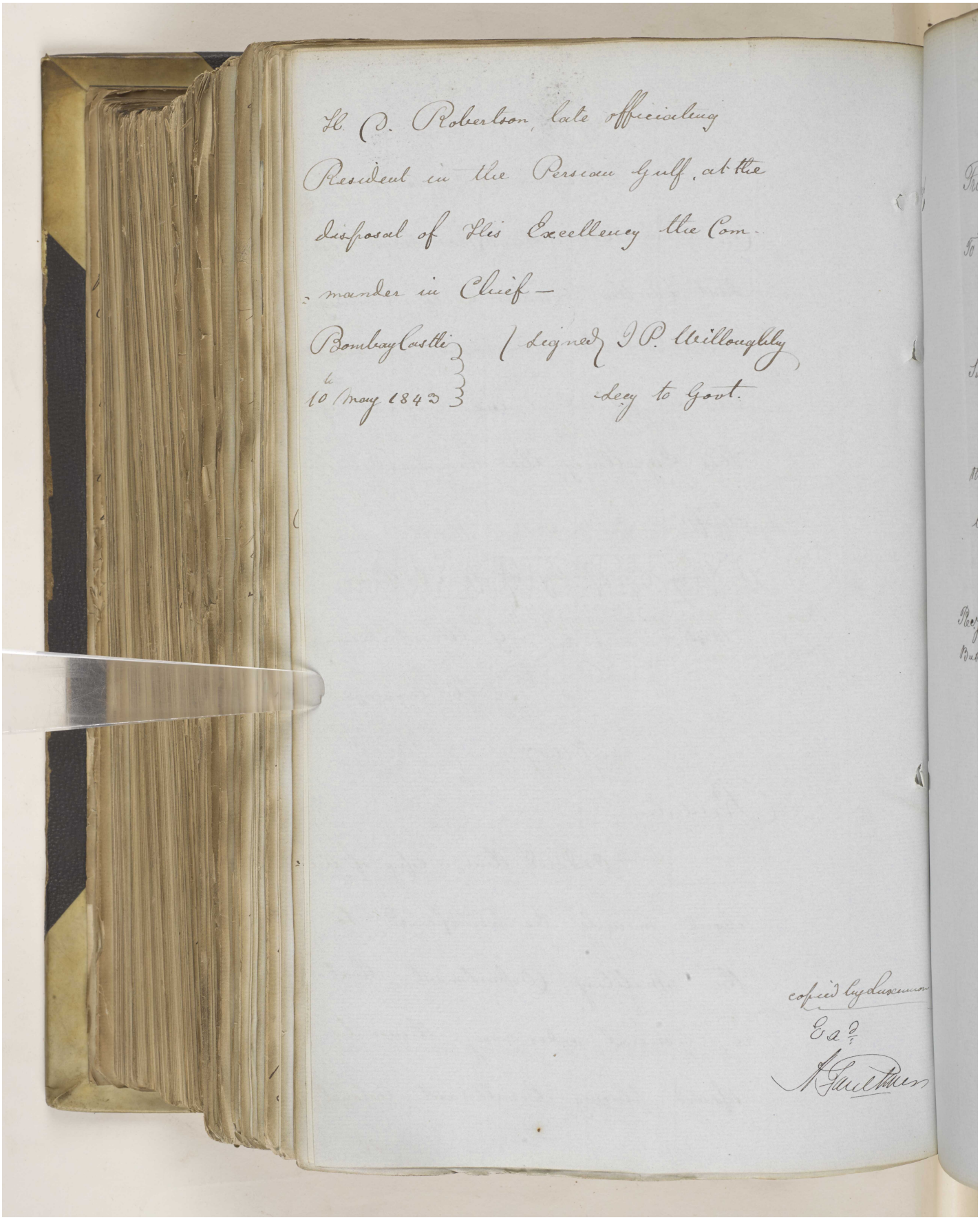
H. D. Robertson late officiating
Resident in the Persian Gulf, at the
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mander in Chief—
Bombay Castle
10 May 1843
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.
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Esq

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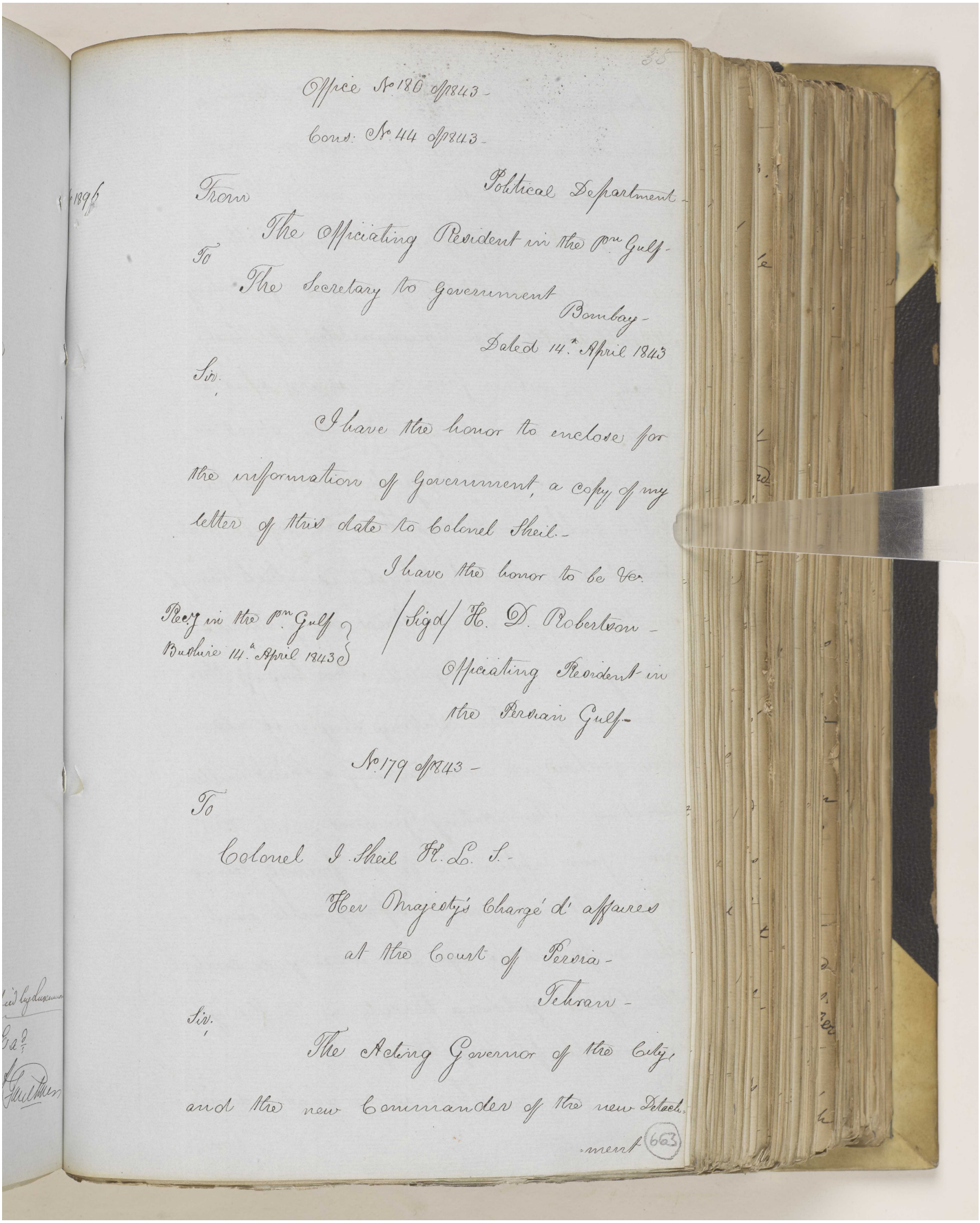

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From Political Department -

The Officiating Resident in the Pn. Gulf -

To

The Secretary to Government

Bombay -

Dated 14th April 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government, a copy of my letter of this date to Colonel Sheil. -

I have the honor to be &c.

Recd in the Pn. Gulf
Bushire 14th April 1843

/Sigd/ H. D. Robertson -

Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf -

No. 179 of 1843 -

To

Colonel I. Sheil K. L. S. -

Her Majesty's Chargé d'affaires at the Court of Persia -

Tehran -

Sir,

The Acting Governor of the City, and the new Commander of the new Detachment

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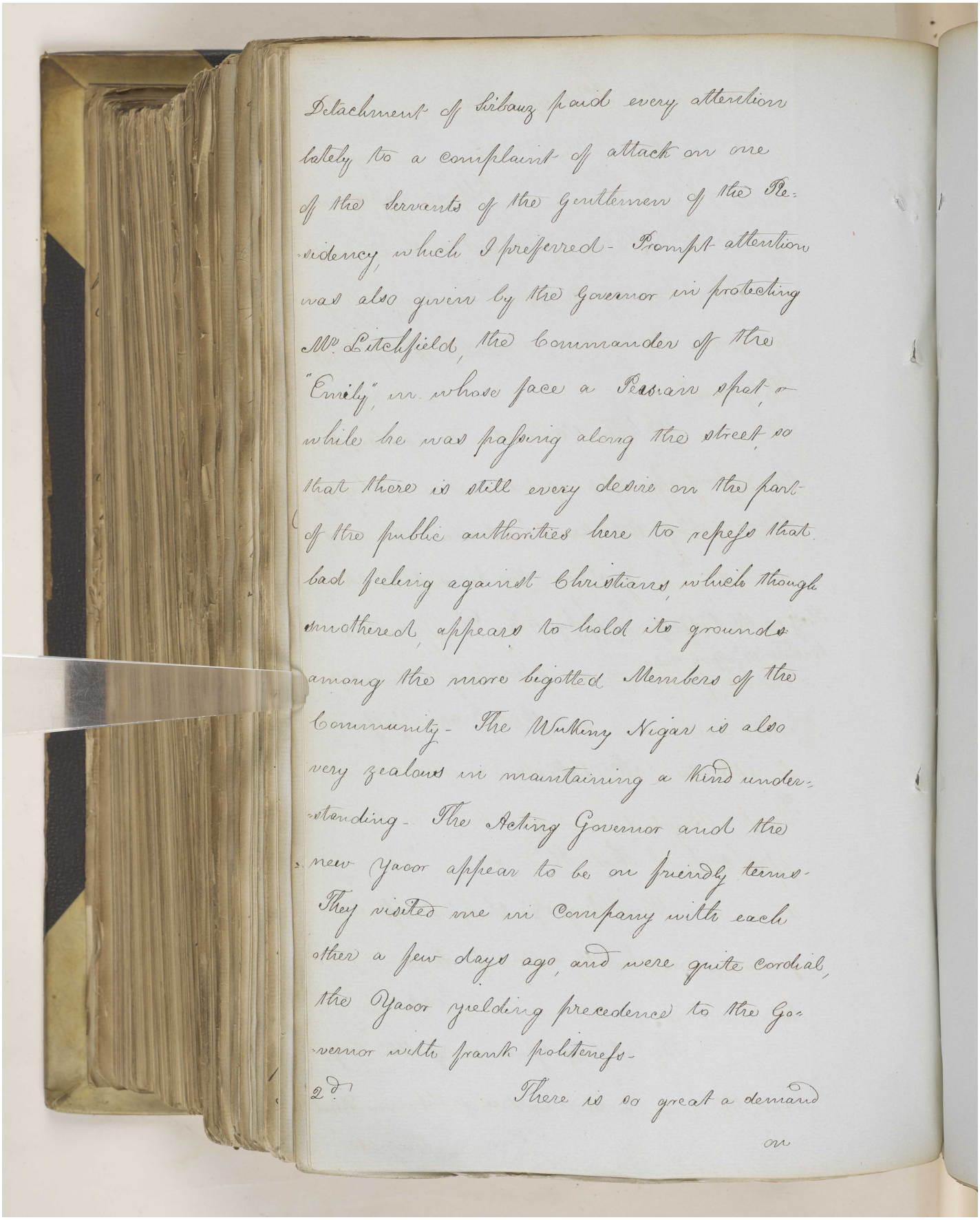
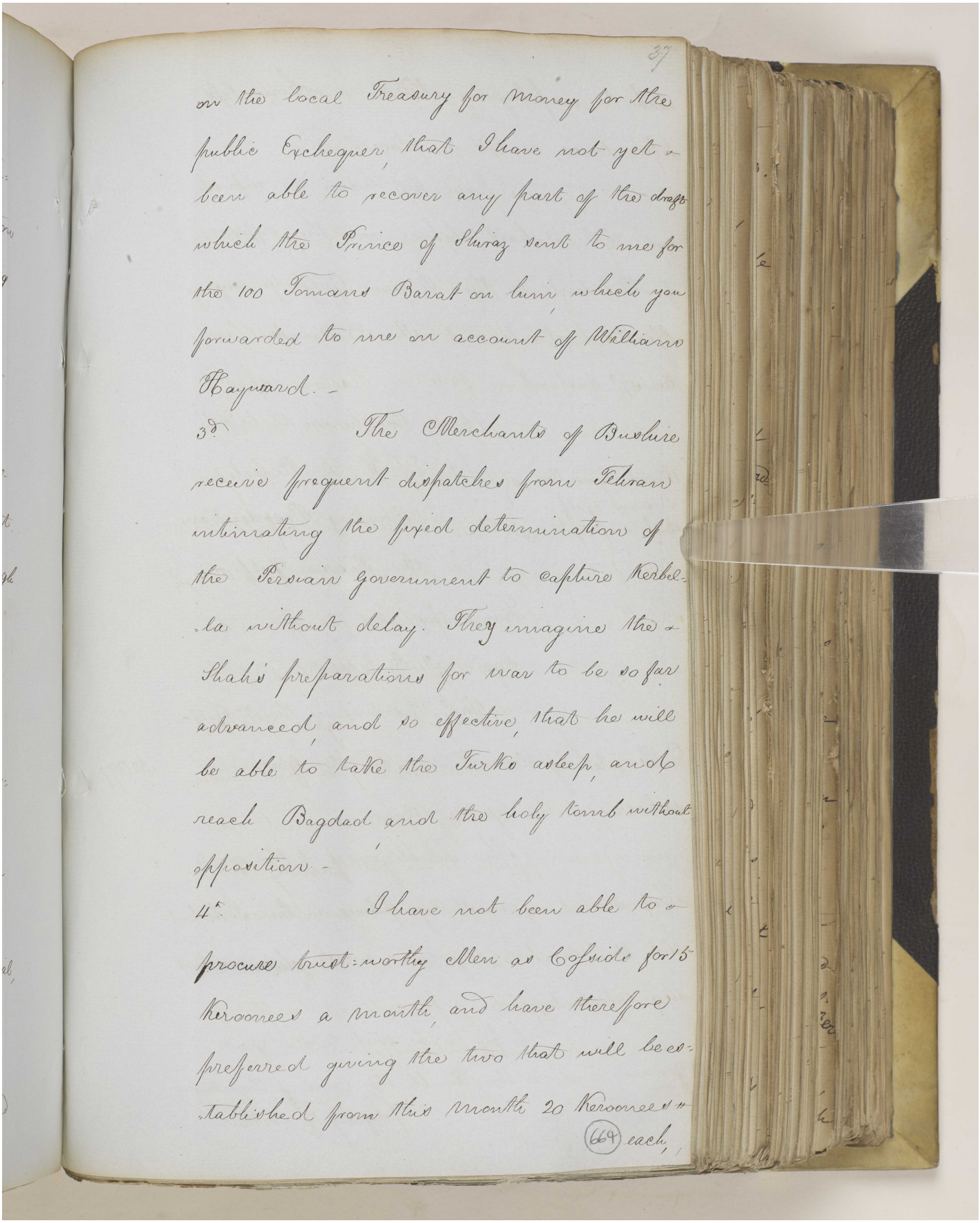


Detachment of Sibauz paid every attention
lately to a complaint of attack on one
of the Servants of the Gentlemen of the Re-
sidency, which I preferred - Prompt attention
was also given by the Governor in protecting
Mr Litchfield, the Commander of the
"Emily", in whose face a Persian spat a
while he was passing along the street so
that there is still every desire on the part
of the public authorities here to repress that
bad feeling against Christians, which though
smothered, appears to hold its grounds
among the more bigotted Members of the
Community - The Wukeel Nigar is also
very zealous in maintaining a kind under-
standing - The Acting Governor and the
new Yaoor appear to be on friendly terms -
They visited me in Company with each
other a few days ago, and were quite cordial,
the Yaoor yielding precedence to the Go-
vernor with frank politeness -

2d There is so great a demand

on



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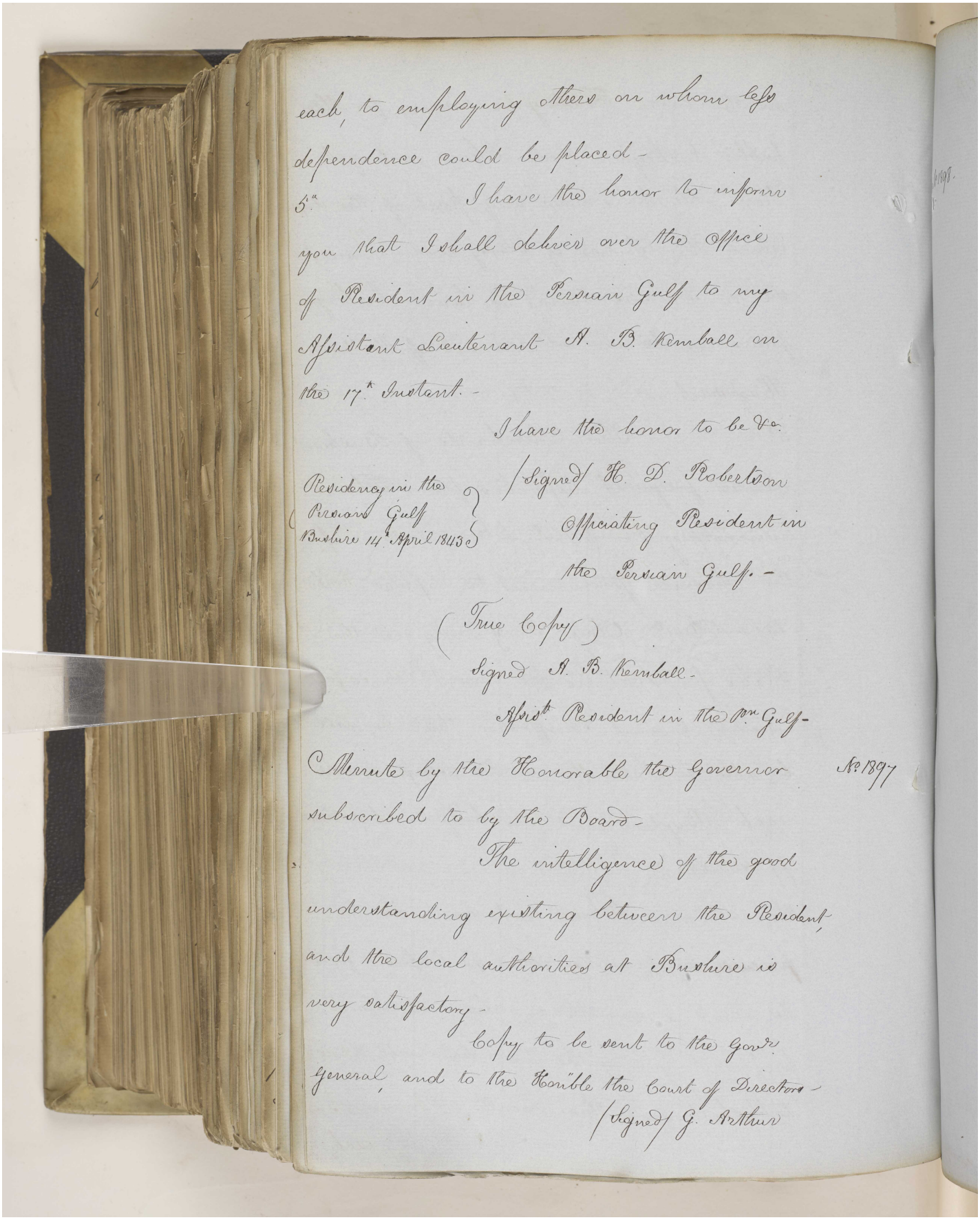
on the local Treasury for Money for the public Exchequer, that I have not yet been able to recover any part of the drafts which the Prince of Shiraz sent to me for the 100 Tomans Barat on him, which you forwarded to me on account of Williams Hayward. –

3d. The Merchants of Bushire receive frequent dispatches from Teheran intimating the fixed determination of the Persian Government to capture Kerbela without delay. They imagine the Shah's preparations for war to be so far advanced, and so effective, that he will be able to take the Turks asleep, and reach Bagdad and the holy tomb without opposition. –

4th. I have not been able to procure trust-worthy Men as Cossids for 15 Kerosees a month, and have therefore preferred giving the two that will be established from this month 20 Kerosees (664) each,



each, to employing others on whom less dependence could be placed -

5th I have the honor to inform you that I shall deliver over the Office of Resident in the Persian Gulf to my Assistant Lieutenant A. B. Kemball on the 17th Instant. -

I have the honor to be &c.

(Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 14th April 1843)

(Signed) H. D. Robertson
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf. -

(True Copy)

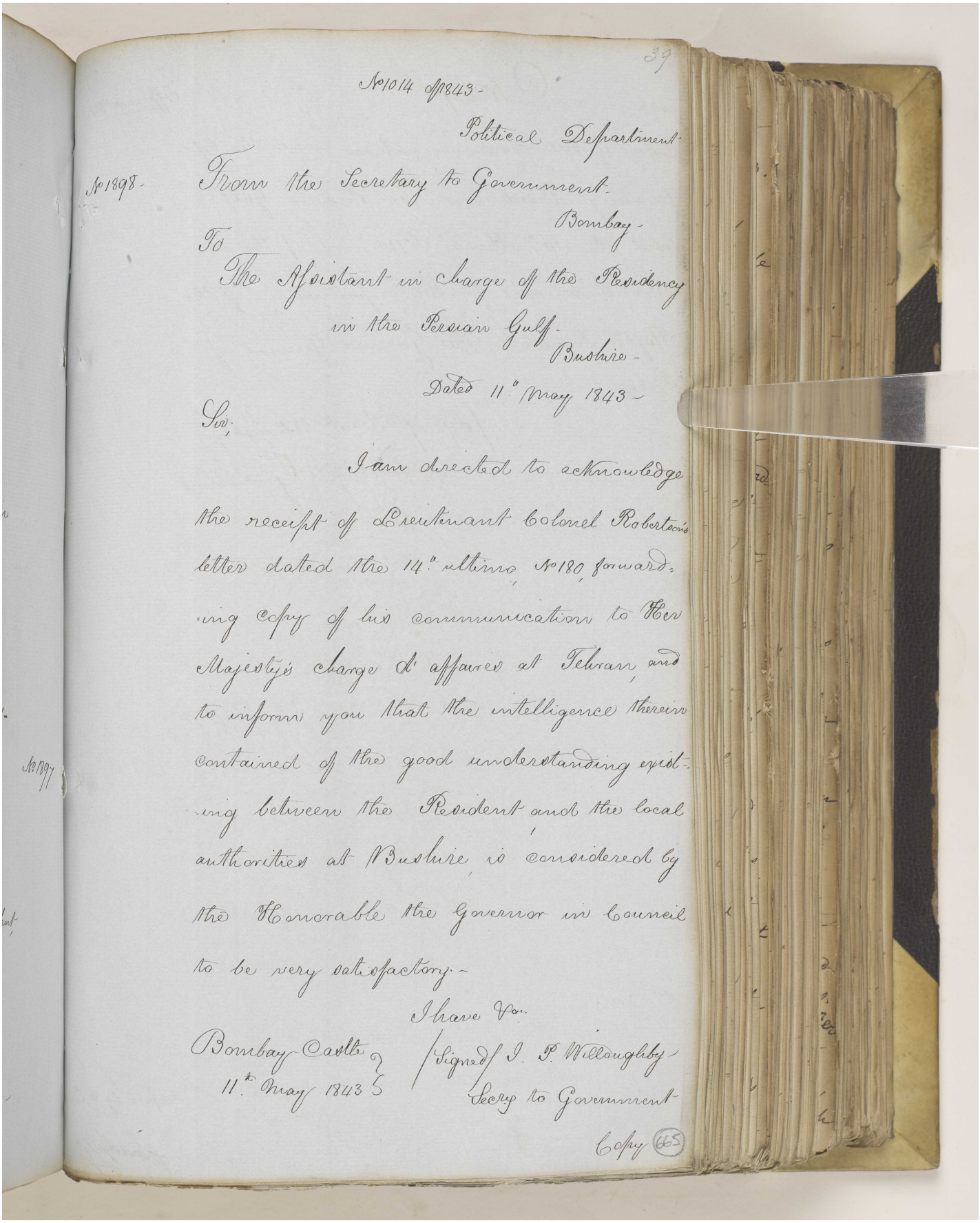
Signed A. B. Kemball -
Assist. Resident in the Pn. Gulf -

Minute by the Honorable the Governor subscribed to by the Board - No. 1897

The intelligence of the good understanding existing between the Resident, and the local authorities at Bushire is very satisfactory -

Copy to be sent to the Govr. General, and to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors -

(Signed) G. Arthur



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№1014 of 1843.

Political Department.

№1898.

From the Secretary to Government.

Bombay.

To

The Assistant in charge of the Residency

in the Persian Gulf.

Bushire.

Dated 11th May 1843.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's letter dated the 14th ultimo, №180, forwarding copy of his communication to Her Majesty's Charge d'affaires at Tehran, and to inform you that the intelligence therein contained of the good understanding existing between the Resident and the local authorities at Bushire, is considered by the Honorable the Governor in Council to be very satisfactory.

№1897

I have &c.

Bombay Castle
11th May 1843

Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Government

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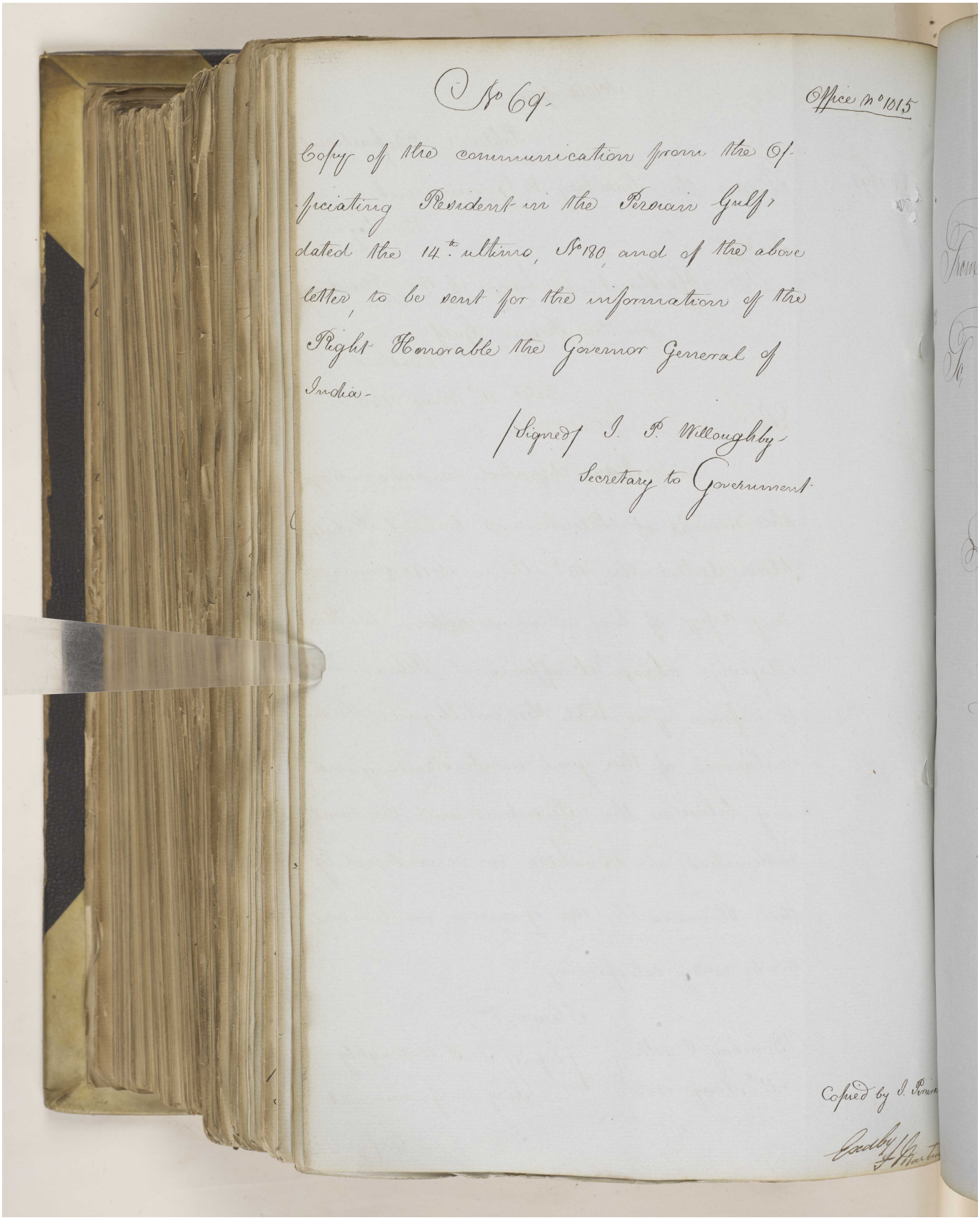

No 69.

Office No 1015

Copy of the communication from the Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf, dated the 14th ultimo, No 180, and of the above letter, to be sent for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India.

(Signed) I. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Government

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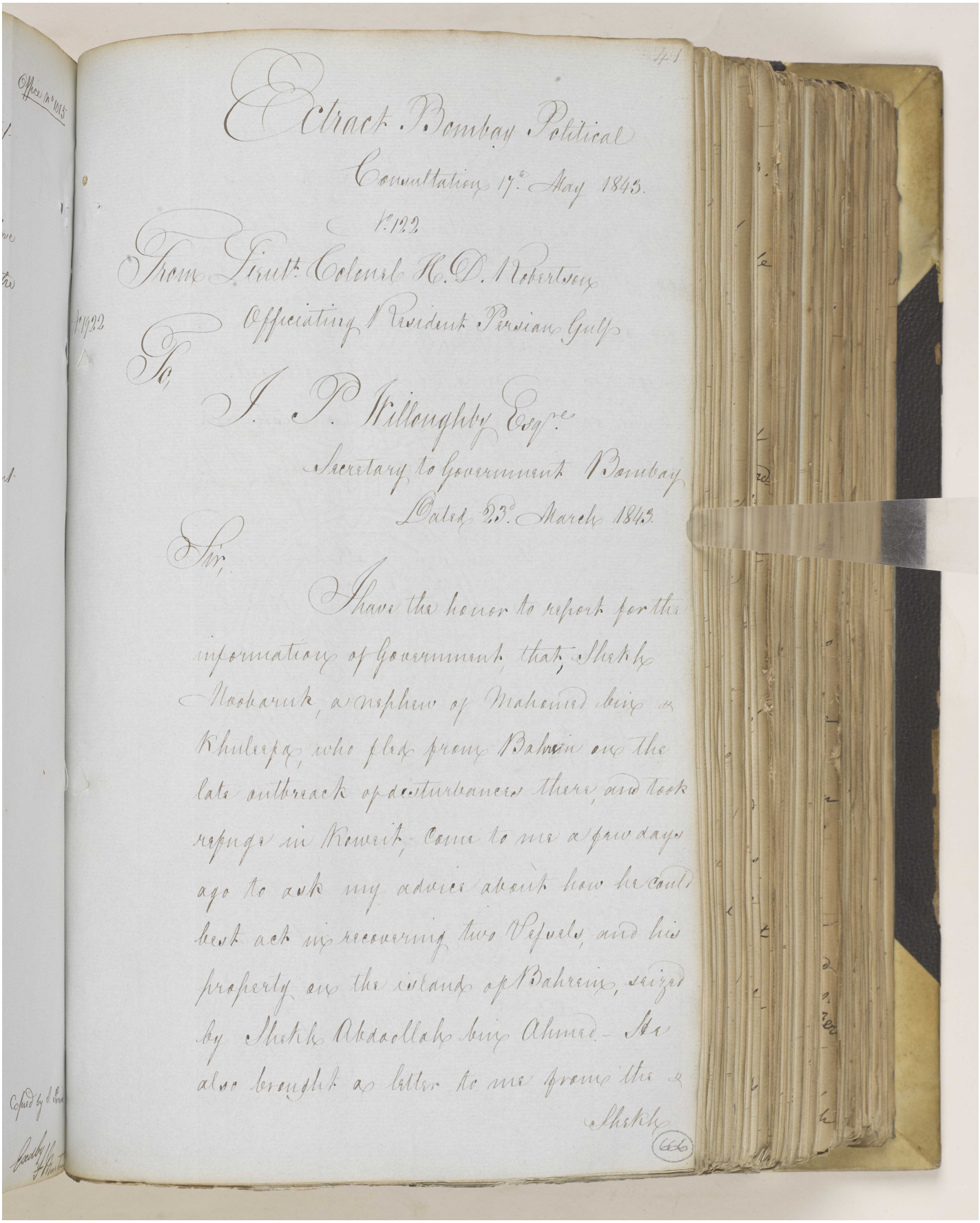

Extract Bombay Political Consultation 17th May 1843.

No 122

From Lieut. Colonel H. D. Robertson
Officiating Resident Persian Gulf

No 1922

To,
J. P. Willoughby Esqre
Secretary to Government Bombay
Dated 23d March 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that, Shekh Noobaruk, a nephew of Mahomed bin & Khuleefa, who fled from Bahrein on the late outbreack of disturbances there, and took refuge in Koweit, Come to me a few days ago to ask my advice about how he could best act in recovering two Vessels, and his property on the island of Bahrein, seized by Shekh Abdoollah bin Ahmed. He also brought a letter to me from the & Shekh

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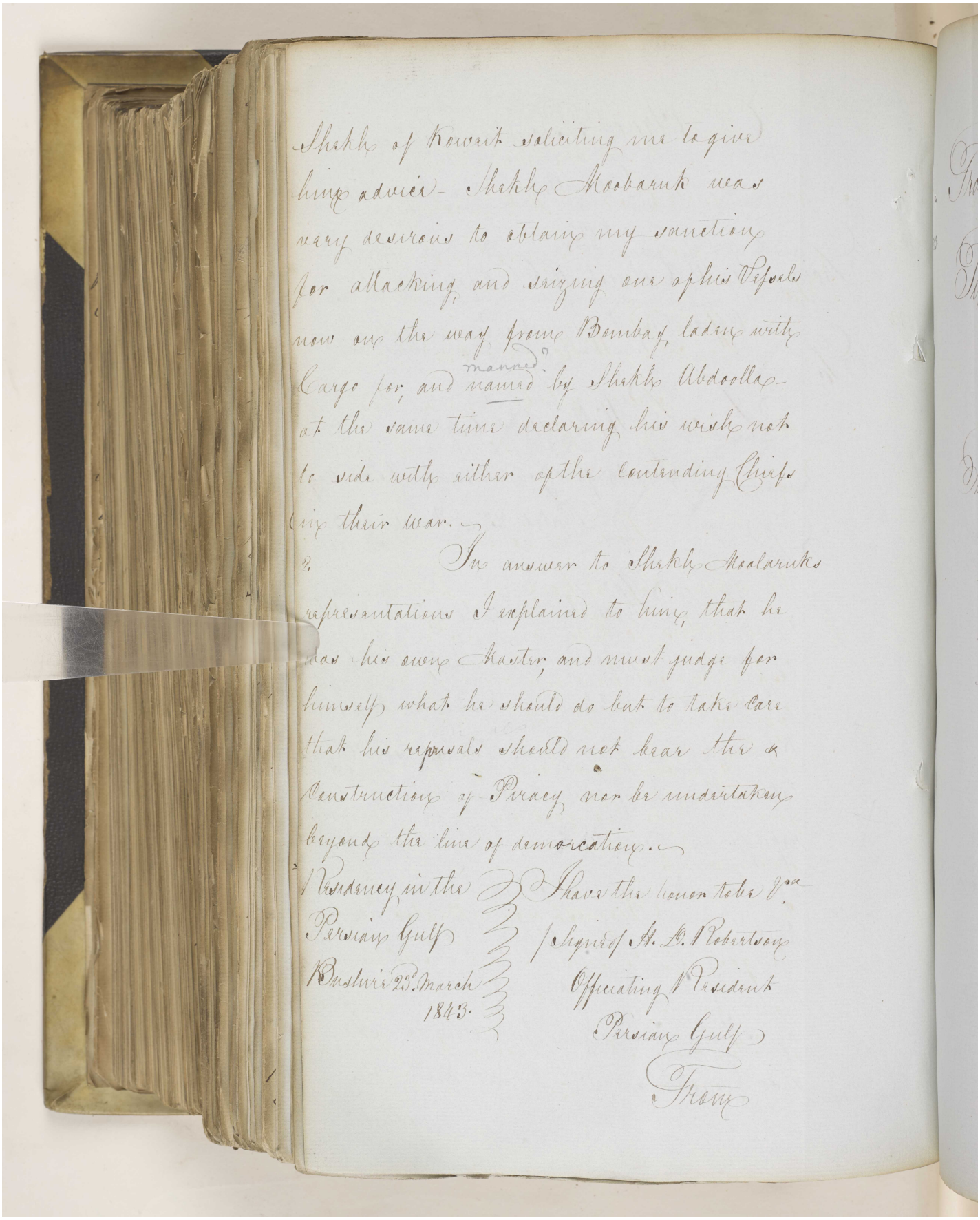
Copied by S. Prince

Cadby F. Hunter



Sheikh of Koweit soliciting me to give him advice – Sheikh Mobarak was very desirous to obtain my sanction for attacking and seizing one of his Vessels now on the way from Bombay, laden with Cargo for, and manned by Sheikh Abdoolla – at the same time declaring his wish not to vide with either of the contending Chiefs in their war.

2. In answer to Sheikh Mobaruks representations I explained to him, that he was his own Master, and must judge for himself what he should do but to take care that his reprisals should not bear the Construction of Piracy nor be undertaken beyond the line of demarcation.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 23. March 1843.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. L. Robertson
Officiating Resident
Persian Gulf

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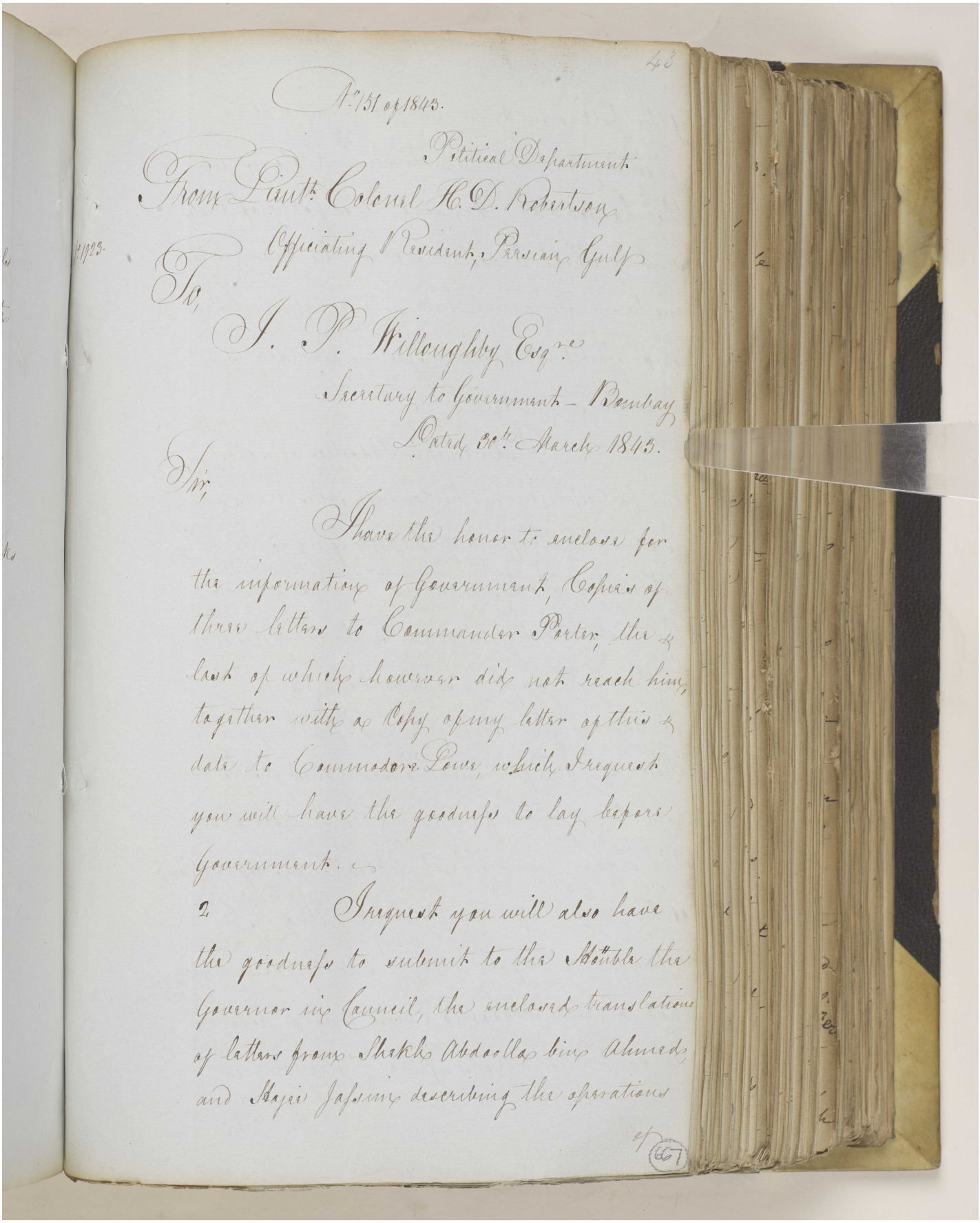

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Political Department

From Lieut. Colonel H. D. Robertson
Officiating Resident, Persian Gulf

No. 1923.

To,

J. P. Willoughby Esqre.
Secretary to Government – Bombay
Dated 30th March 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government, Copies of three letters to Commander Porter, the last of which however did not reach him, together with a Copy of my letter of this date to Commodore Lowe, which I request you will have the goodness to lay before Government.

2 I request you will also have the goodness to submit to the Hon'ble the Governor in Council, the enclosed translations of letters from Shekh Abdoolla bin Ahmed, and Hajee Jassim describing the operations

of

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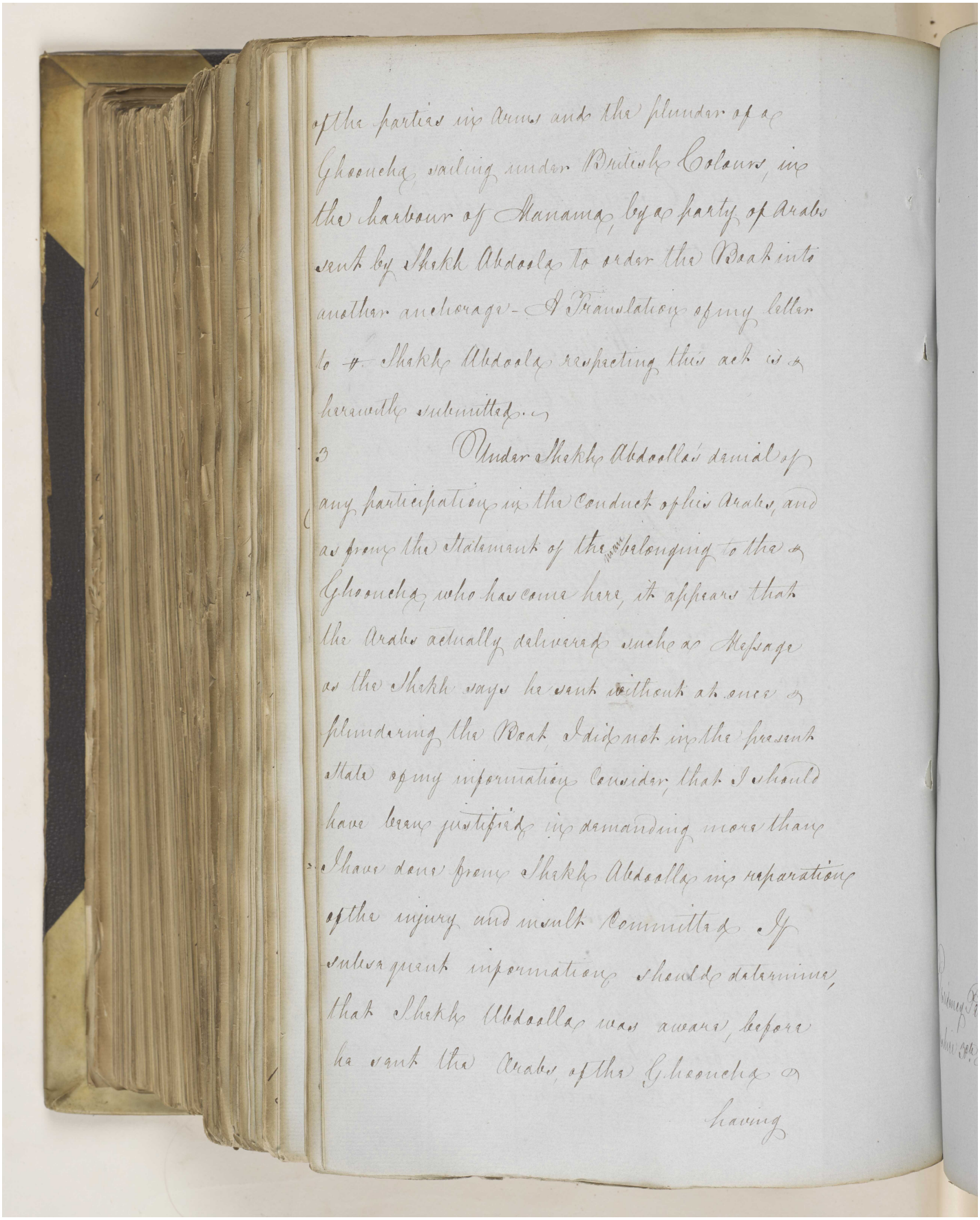

of the parties in Arms and the plunder of a Ghoonche sailing under British Colours, in the harbour of Manama, by a party of Arabs sent by Shakh Abdoolla to order the Boat into another anchorage - A Translation of my letter to H. Shakh Abdoolla respecting this act is hereunto submitted.

Under Shakh Abdoolla's denial of any participation in the Conduct of the Arabs, and as from the Statement of the men belonging to the Ghoonche who has come here, it appears that the Arabs actually delivered such a Message as the Shakh says he sent without at once plundering the Boat, I did not in the present state of my information consider, that I should have been justified in demanding more than I have done from Shakh Abdoolla in reparation of the injury and insult Committed. If subsequent information should determine, that Shakh Abdoolla was aware, before he sent the Arabs of the Ghoonche

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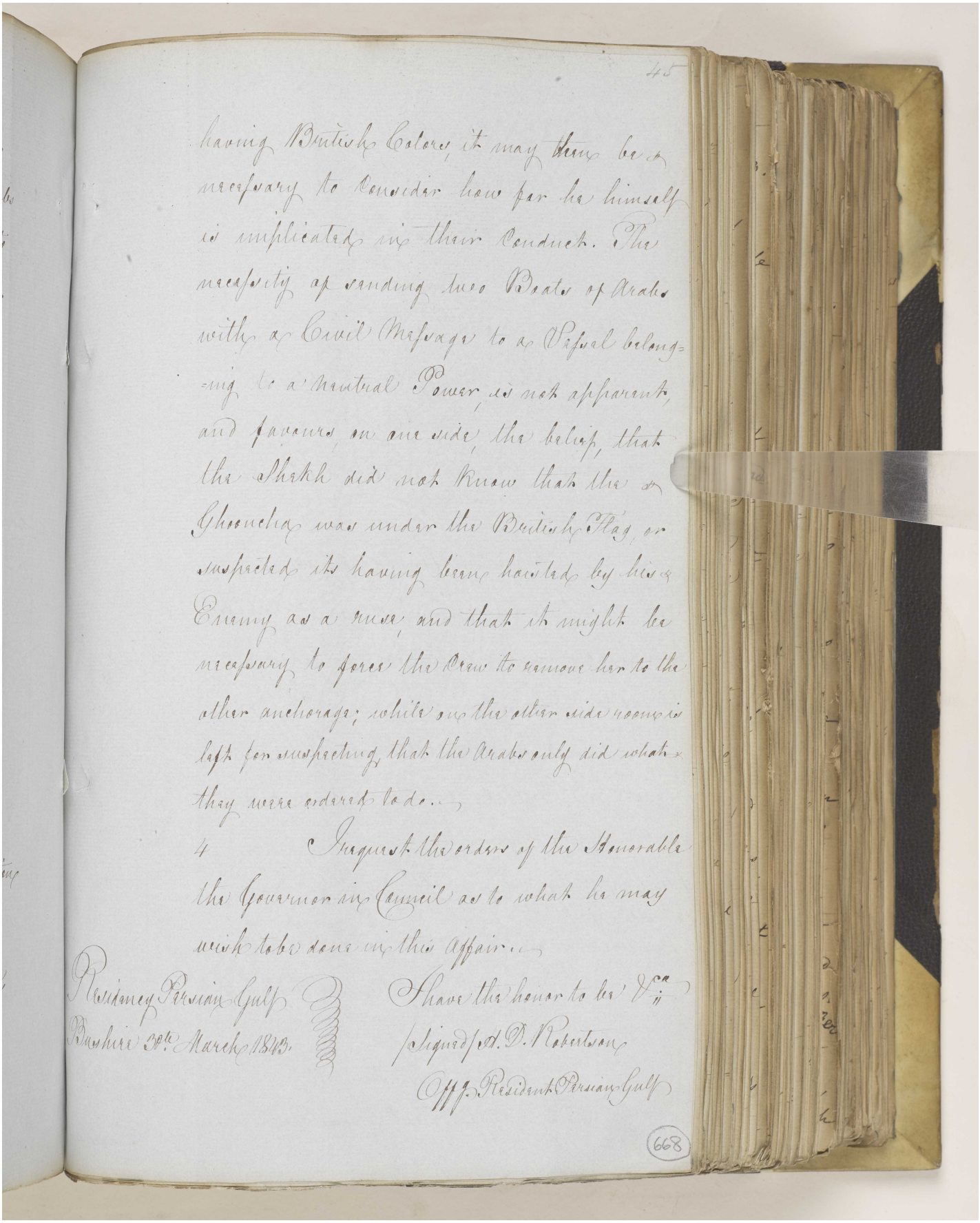

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having British Colors, it may then be necessary to consider how far he himself is implicated in their Conduct. The necessity of sending two Boats of Arabs with a Civil Message to a Vessel belonging to a Neutral Power, is not apparent, and favours on one side, the belief, that the Sheikh did not know that the Ghoonchia was under the British Flag, or suspected its having been hoisted by his Enemy as a ruse, and that it might be necessary to force the Draw to remove her to the other anchorage; while on the other side room is left for suspecting, that the Arabs only did what they were ordered to do.

4 Suggest the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council as to what he may wish to be done in this affair.

Residency Persian Gulf
Bushire 30th March 1846.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) H. D. Robertson
Offg. Resident Persian Gulf

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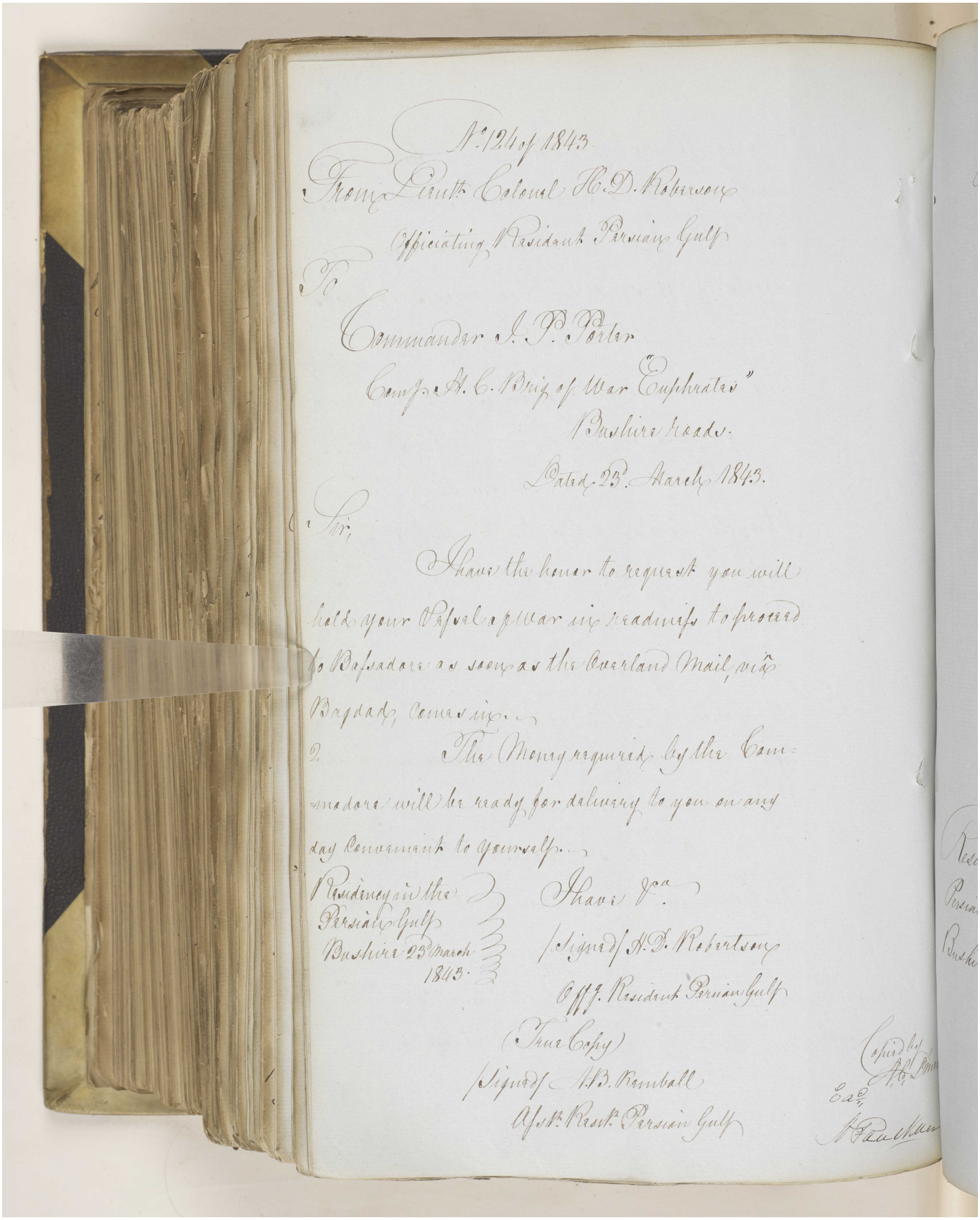

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From Lieut. Colonel H. D. Robertson

Officiating Resident Persian Gulf

To

Commander J. P. Porter

Comg. H. C. Brig of War "Euphrates"

Bushire roads.

Dated 23d. March 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will hold your Vessel of War in readiness to proceed to Bassadore as soon as the Overland Mail, viâ Bagdad, comes in.

2. The Money required by the Commodore will be ready for delivery to you on any day convenient to yourself.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 23d March 1843.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. D. Robertson

Offg. Resident Persian Gulf

(True Copy)

(Signed) A. B. Kemball

Asst. Resnt. Persian Gulf

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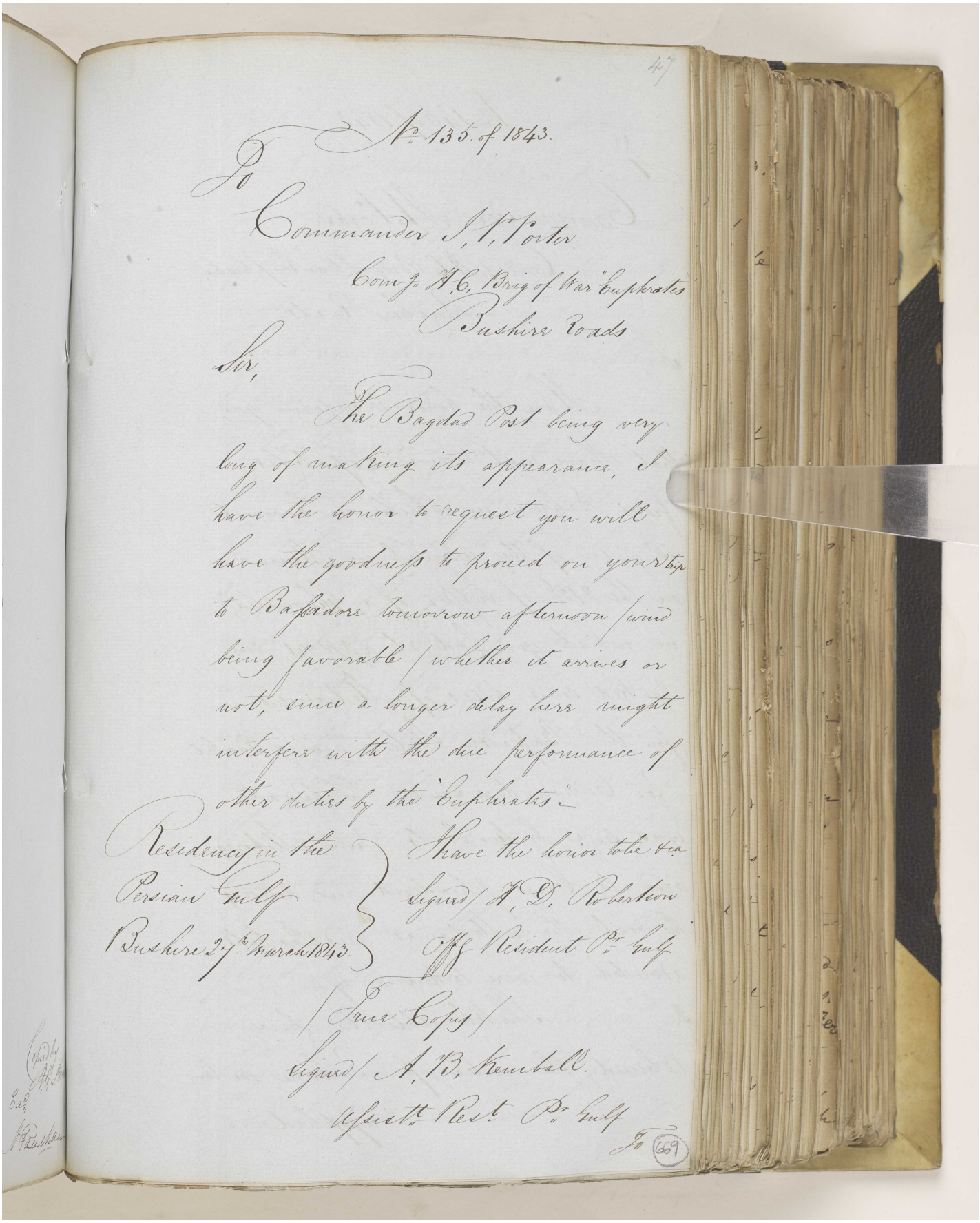

No. 135. of 1843.

To

Commander J. F. Porter

Comg. H.C. Brig of War "Euphrates"

Bushire Roads

Sir,

The Bagdad Post being very long of making its appearance, I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to proceed on your trip to Bassidore tomorrow afternoon (wind being favorable) whether it arrives or not, since a longer delay here might interfere with the due performance of other duties by the "Euphrates."

I have the honor to be &c.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 27th March 1843.

Signed/ H. D. Robertson
Offg Resident Pr. Gulf

True Copy

Signed/ A. B. Kemball.
Asstt. Resdt. Pr. Gulf

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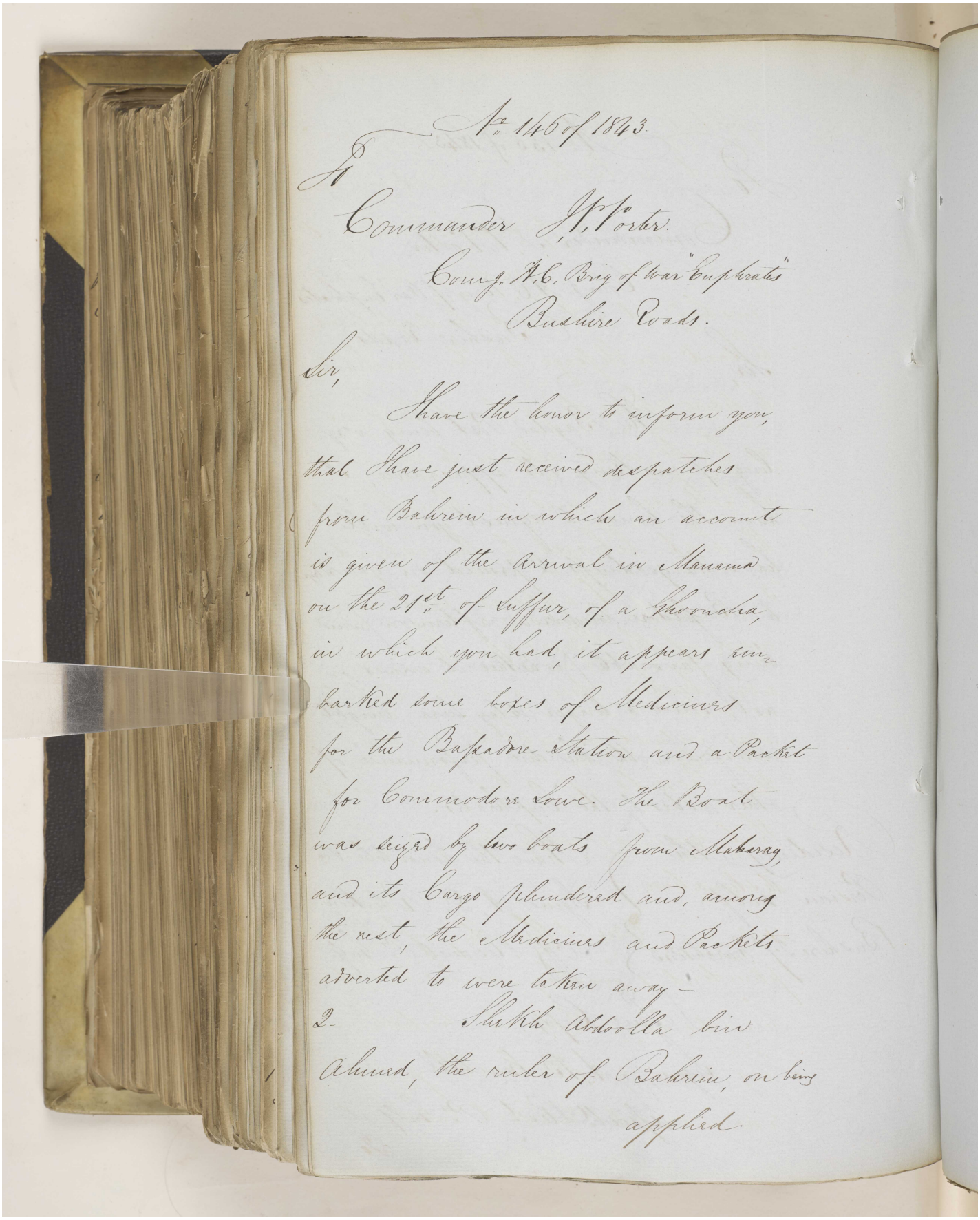


No. 146 of 1843.

To

Commander J. W. Porter.

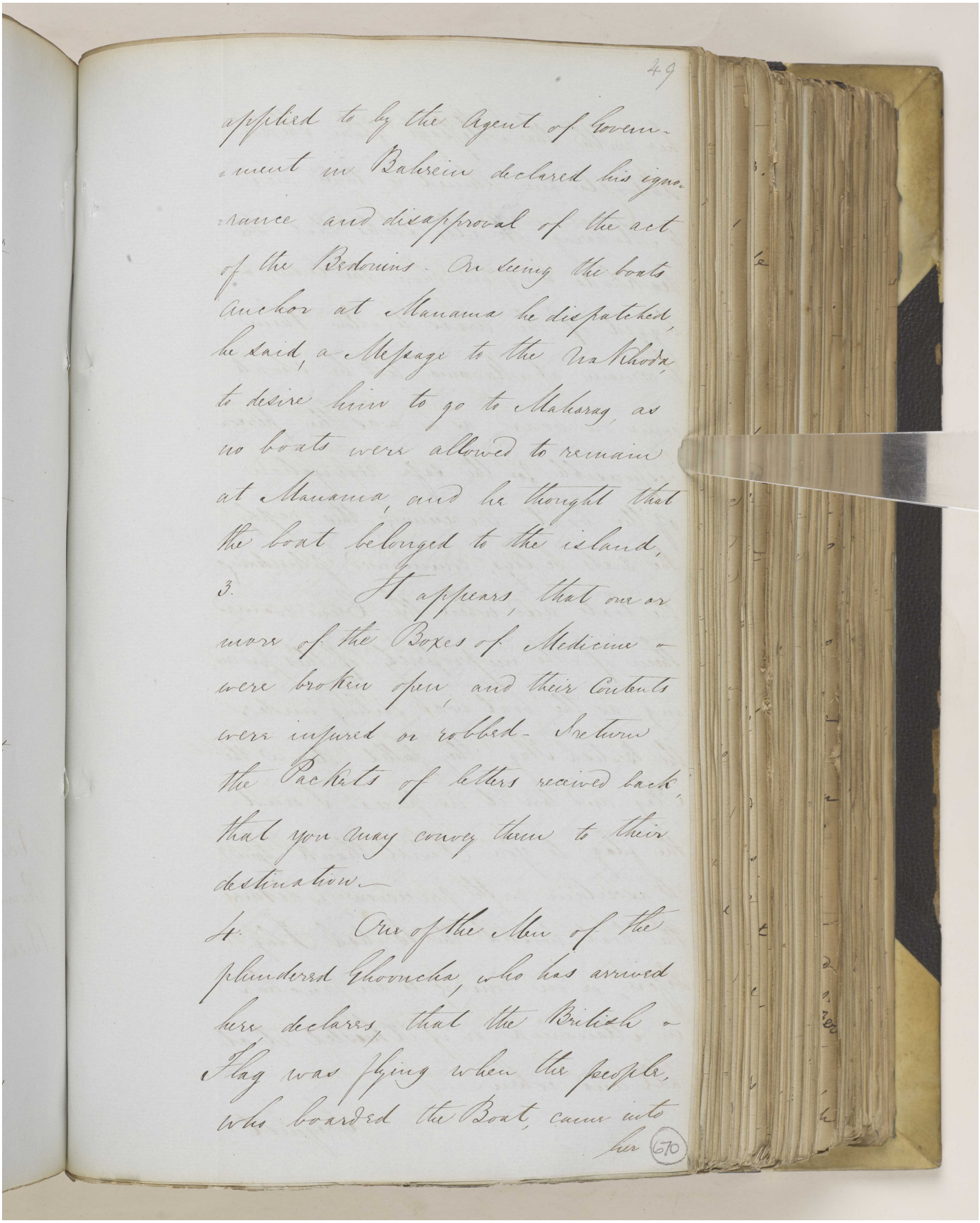
Comg. H.C. Brig of War "Euphrates"

Bushire Roads.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that I have just received despatches from Bahrein in which an account is given of the Arrival in Manama on the 21st of Suffur, of a Ghooncha, in which you had, it appears embarked some boxes of Medicines for the Bassadore Station and a Packet for Commodore Lowe. The Boat was seized by two boats from Maharag, and its Cargo plundered and, among the rest, the Medicines and Packets adverted to were taken away—

2- Shekh Abdoolla bin Ahmed, the ruler of Bahrein, on being applied



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applied to by the Agent of Govern-
ment in Bahrein declared his igno-
rance and disapproval of the act
of the Bedouins. On seeing the boats
anchor at Manama he dispatched,
he said, a Message to the Na Khoda,
to desire him to go to Maharag, as
no boats were allowed to remain
at Manama, and he thought that
the boat belonged to the island.

3. It appears, that one or
more of the Boxes of Medicine
were broken open, and their Contents
were injured or robbed. Return
the Packets of letters received back,
that you may convey them to their
destination.

4. One of the Men of the
plundered Ghoomcha, who has arrived
here declares, that the British
Flag was flying when the people,
who boarded the Boat, came into
her

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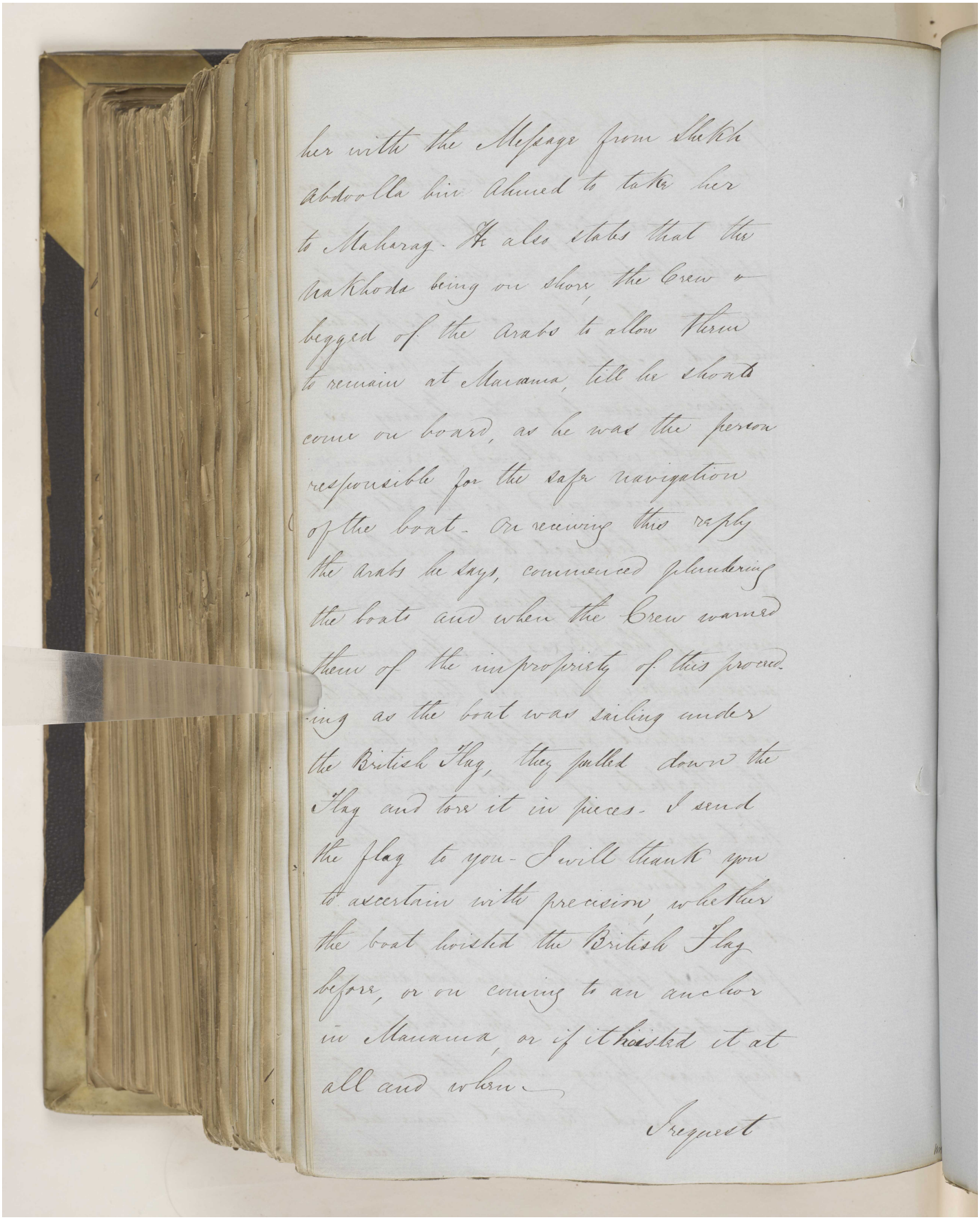

her with the Message from Sheikh
Abdoolla bin Ahmed to take her
to Maharag. He also states that the
Nakhoda being on shore, the Crew
begged of the Arabs to allow them
to remain at Manama, till he should
come on board, as he was the person
responsible for the safe navigation
of the boat. On receiving this reply
the Arabs he says, commenced plundering
the boat and when the Crew warned
them of the impropriety of this proceed-
ing as the boat was sailing under
the British Flag, they pulled down the
Flag and tore it in pieces. I send
the flag to you. I will thank you
to ascertain with precision, whether
the boat hoisted the British Flag
before, or on coming to an anchor
in Manama, or if it hoisted it at
all and when.

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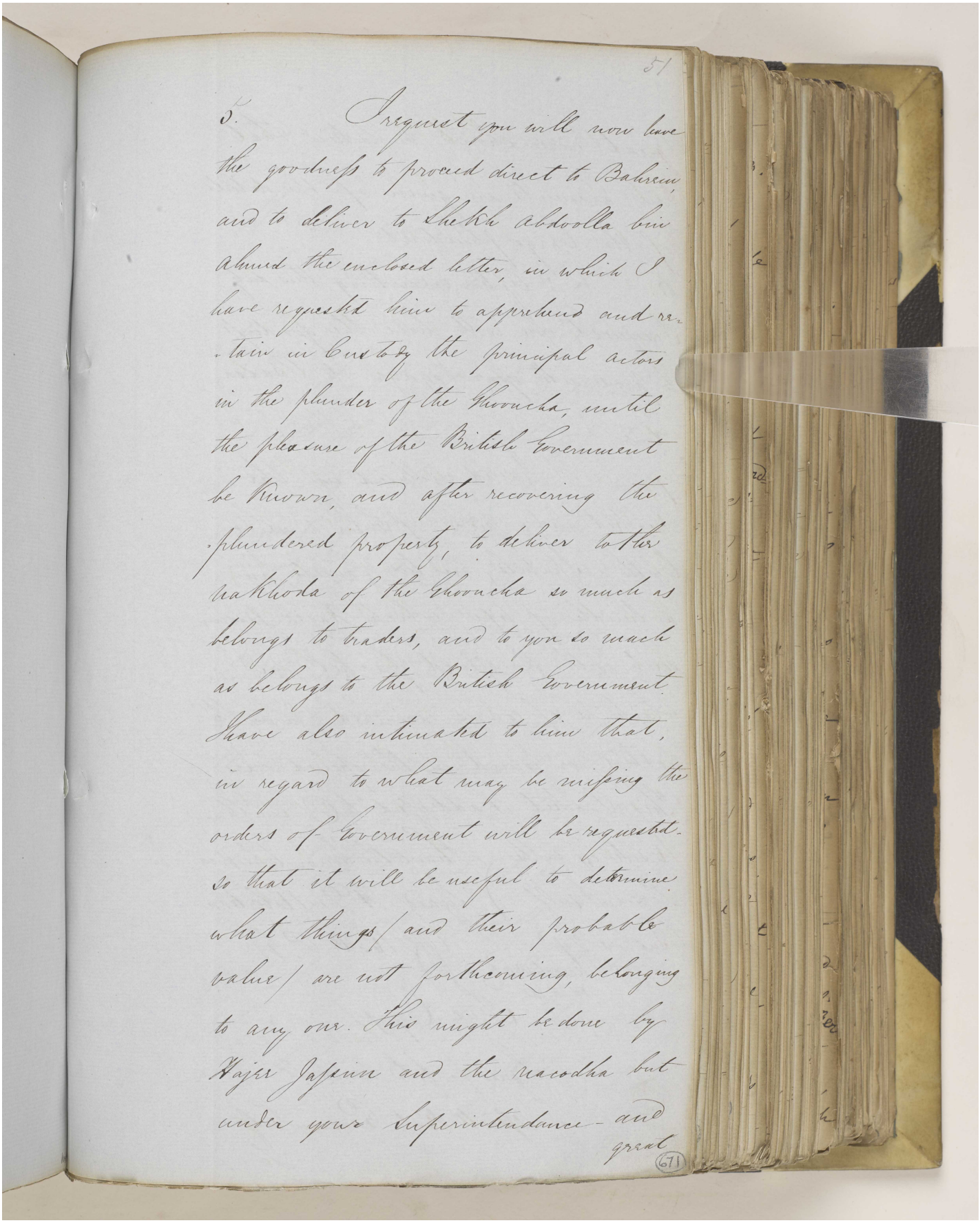

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5. I request you will now have the goodness to proceed direct to Bahrein, and to deliver to Sheikh abdoolla bin Ahmed the enclosed letter, in which I have requested him to apprehend and retain in Custody the principal actors in the plunder of the Ghoucha, until the pleasure of the British Government be known, and after recovering the plundered property, to deliver to the nakhoda of the Ghoucha so much as belongs to traders, and to you so much as belongs to the British Government I have also intimated to him that, in regard to what may be missing the orders of Government will be requested. so that it will be useful to determine what things / and their probable value / are not forthcoming, belonging to any one. This might be done by Hajee Jassim and the nacodha but under your superintendance - and great

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great care should be taken that true accounts are given of the details of the Cargo plundered.

6. After executing this duty, I request you will have the goodness to prosecute your Voyage to Bassadore.

7. I send enclosed in the packet in a piece of Green wax Cloth, a Spatula, and two Lancets, and a bundle of tape, which Hajee Jassim sent with the opened packet, and which he of course recovered from the robbers, or found in the opened boxes. This Packet is addressed to Dr. Smith.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 29th March 1843.
10. A. M.

I have the honor to be &ca
Signed/ H. D. Robertson
Offg Resdt. P. G.

True Copy/
Signed/ A. B. Kemball
Assistt. Rest. Persian Gulf

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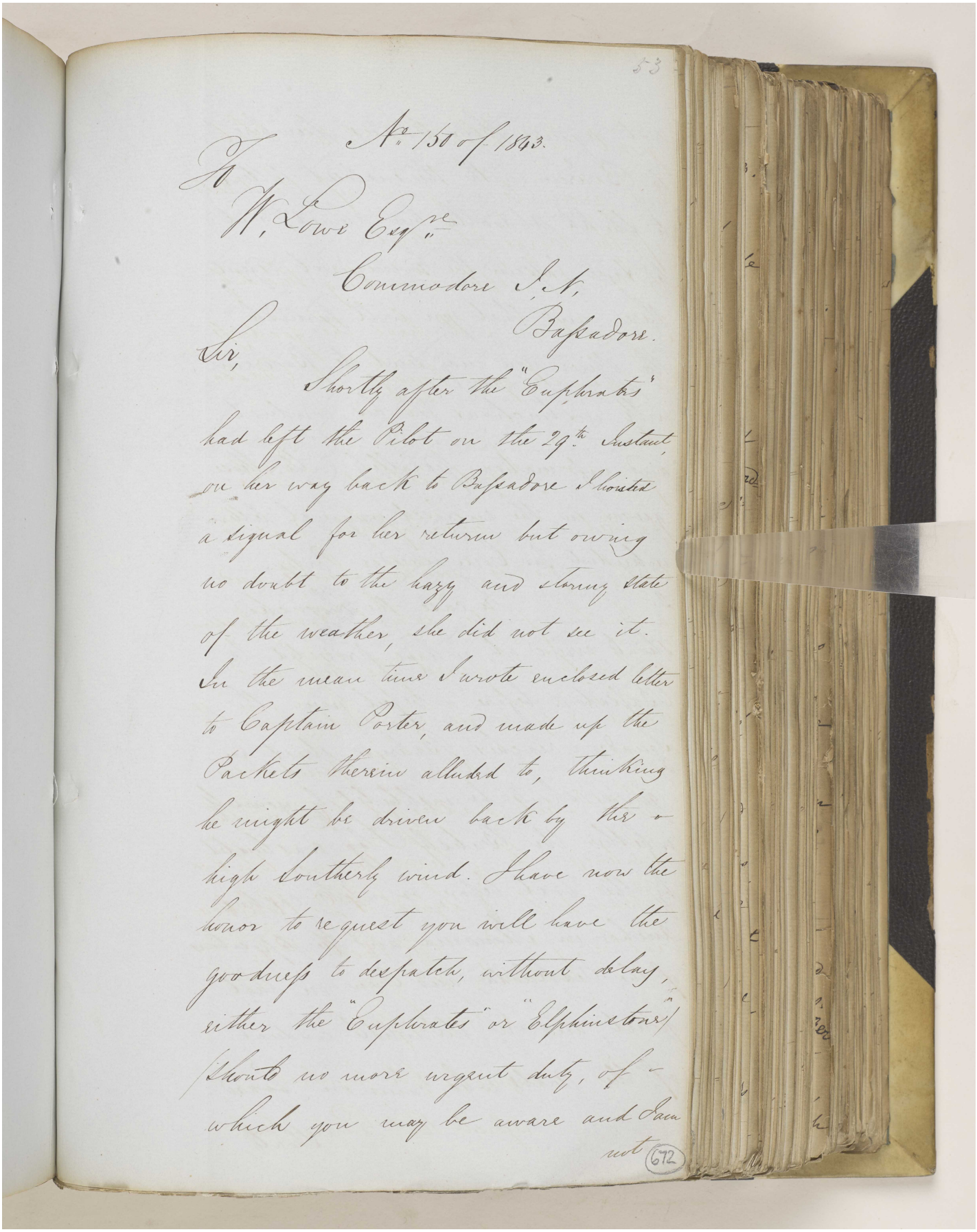

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No. 150 of 1843.

To
W. Lowe Esq.re
Commodore I. N.
Bapsadore.

Sir,

Shortly after the "Euphrates" had left the Pilot on the 29th Instant, on her way back to Bapsadore I hoisted a signal for her return but owing no doubt to the hazy and stormy state of the weather, she did not see it. In the mean time I wrote enclosed letter to Captain Porter, and made up the Packets therein alluded to, thinking he might be driven back by the high southerly wind. I have now the honor to request you will have the goodness to despatch, without delay, either the "Euphrates" or "Elphinstone" should no more urgent duty, of which you may be aware and can not

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not, require their services elsewhere/
to Bahrein with the enclosed letters
to Sheikh abdoolla bin ahmed, and
to Hajee Jassim the Government Agent
there - and that you will furnish
the officer you may send to Bahrein
with instructions for his conduct
and information, parallel with those
given in the enclosed original letter
intended for Commander Porter -

2. In case the Ghoorcha
should arrive at, or have proceeded to
Bassadore before a vessel from the
Squadron reaches Bahrein, strict en-
quiries should be instituted by yourself
whether the British Flag was hoisted
by the boat before, or on its casting
anchor in Manama and the depositions
of the Nakhoda and Crew on that
point, and on the whole conduct
of the Arabs who came on board,

should

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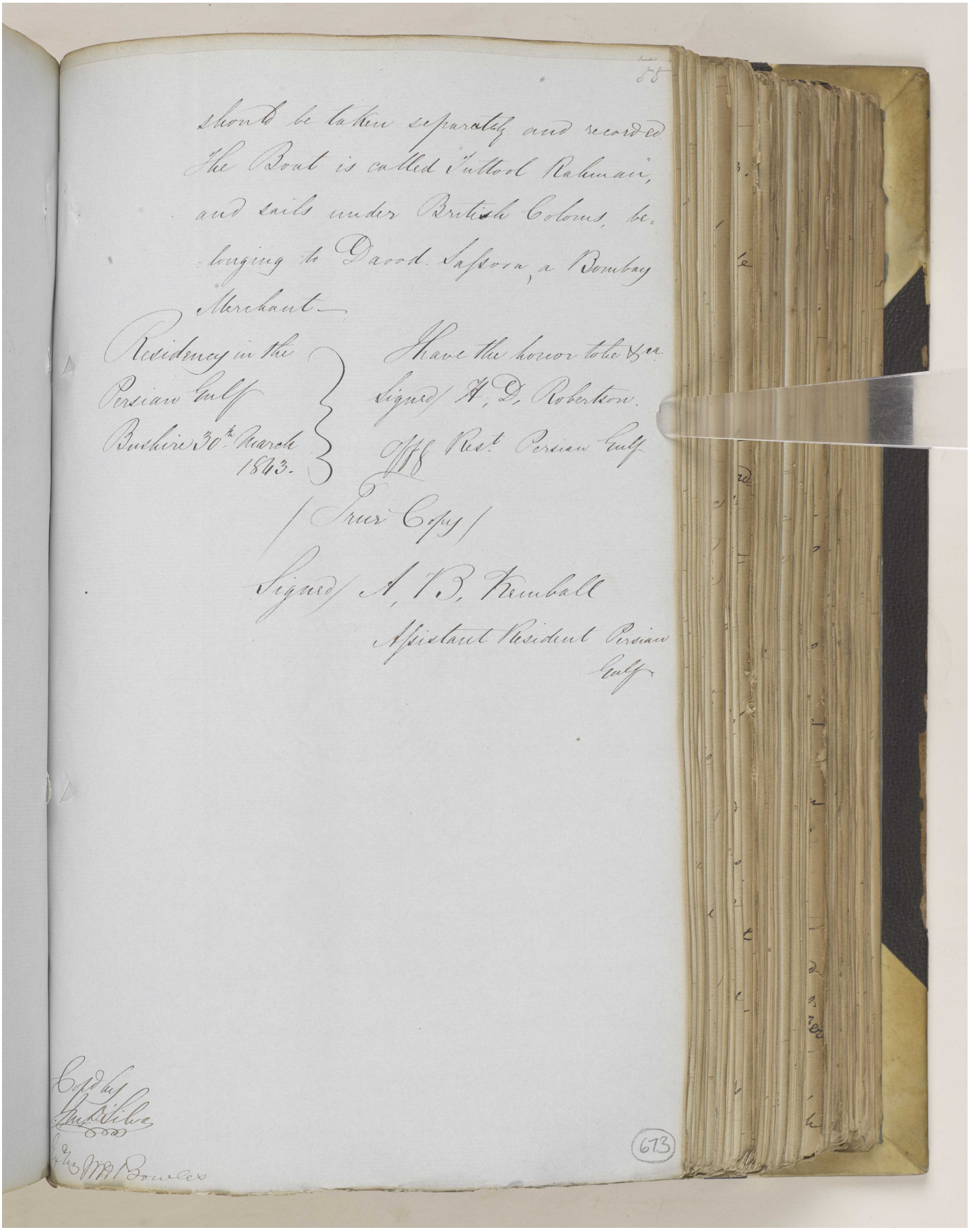

should be taken separately and recorded. The Boat is called "Tuttool Rahman", and sails under British Colours, belonging to Daood Sassoon, a Bombay Merchant.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 30th March 1843.

I have the honor to be &ca.
Signed/ H. D. Robertson.
Offg Rest. Persian Gulf

(True Copy)

Signed/ A. B. Kemball
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf

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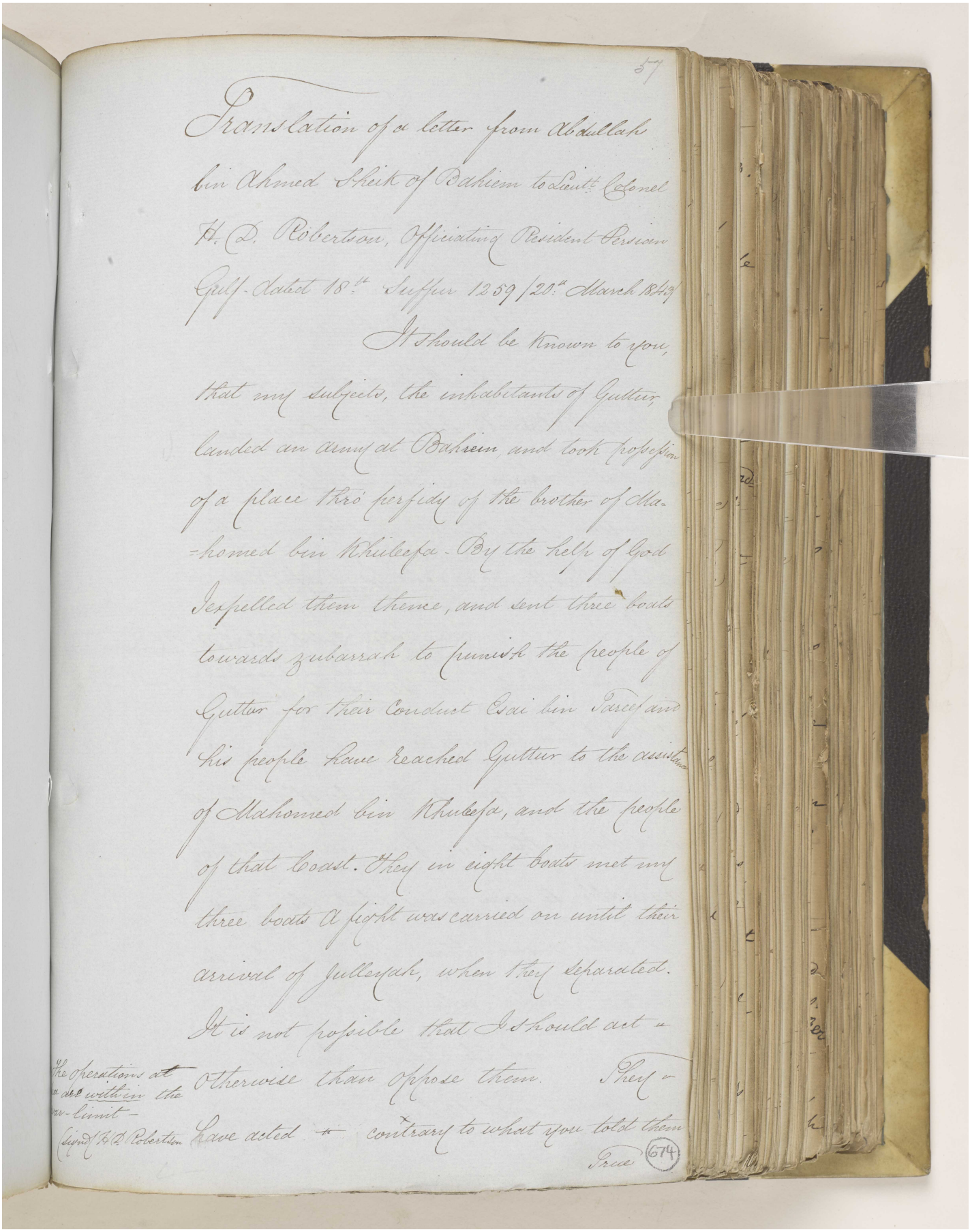

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Translation of a letter from Abdullah bin Ahmed Sheik of Bahiem to Lieut.t Colonel H. D. Robertson, Officiating Resident Persian Gulf - dated 18th Suffur 1259 / 20th March 1843 /

It should be known to you, that my subjects, the inhabitants of Guttur, landed an army at Bahrein, and took possession of a place thro' perfidy of the brother of Mahomed bin Khuleefa - By the help of God I expelled them thence, and sent three boats towards zubarrah to punish the people of Guttur for their Conduct Esai bin Tareef and his people have reached Guttur to the assistance of Mahomed bin Khuleefa, and the people of that Coast. They in eight boats met my three boats A fight was carried on until their arrival of Julleyah, when they separated. It is not possible that I should act otherwise than oppose them. They have acted contrary to what you told them

The operations at [illegible] are within the war-limit - (Signd) H. D. Robertson

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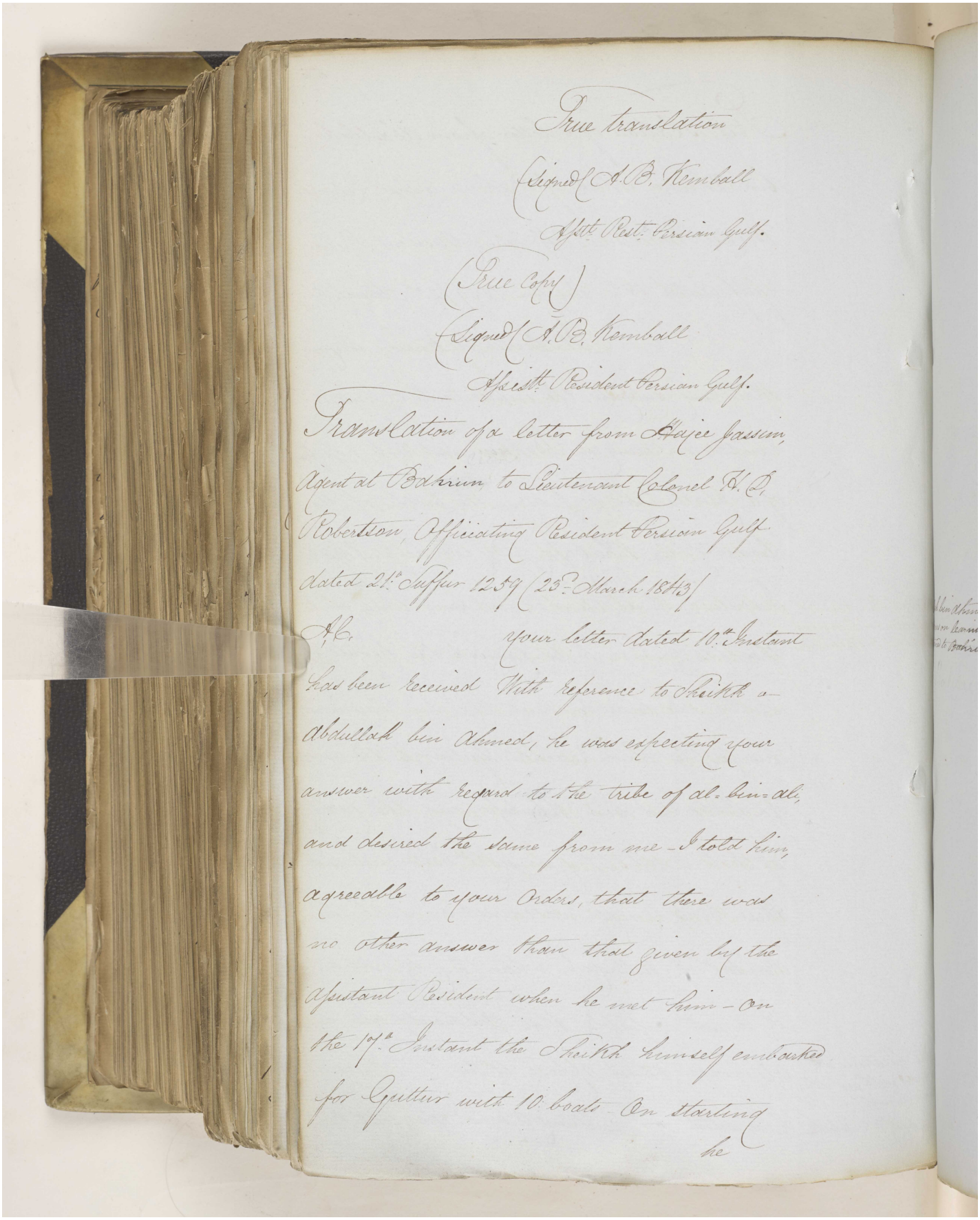

True translation
Signed A.B. Kemball
Asst. Resit. Persian Gulf.

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Signed A.B. Kemball
Assistt. Resident Persian Gulf.

Translation of a letter from Hajee Jassim, Agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel H.D. Robertson, Officiating Resident Persian Gulf dated 21st Suffur 1259 (25th March 1843)

A.C. your letter dated 10th Instant has been received With reference to Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed, he was expecting your answer with regard to the tribe of al-bin-ali, and desired the same from me - I told him, agreeable to your Orders, that there was no other answer than that given by the Assistant Resident when he met him - On the 19th Instant the Sheikh himself embarked for Guttur with 10 boats On starting he

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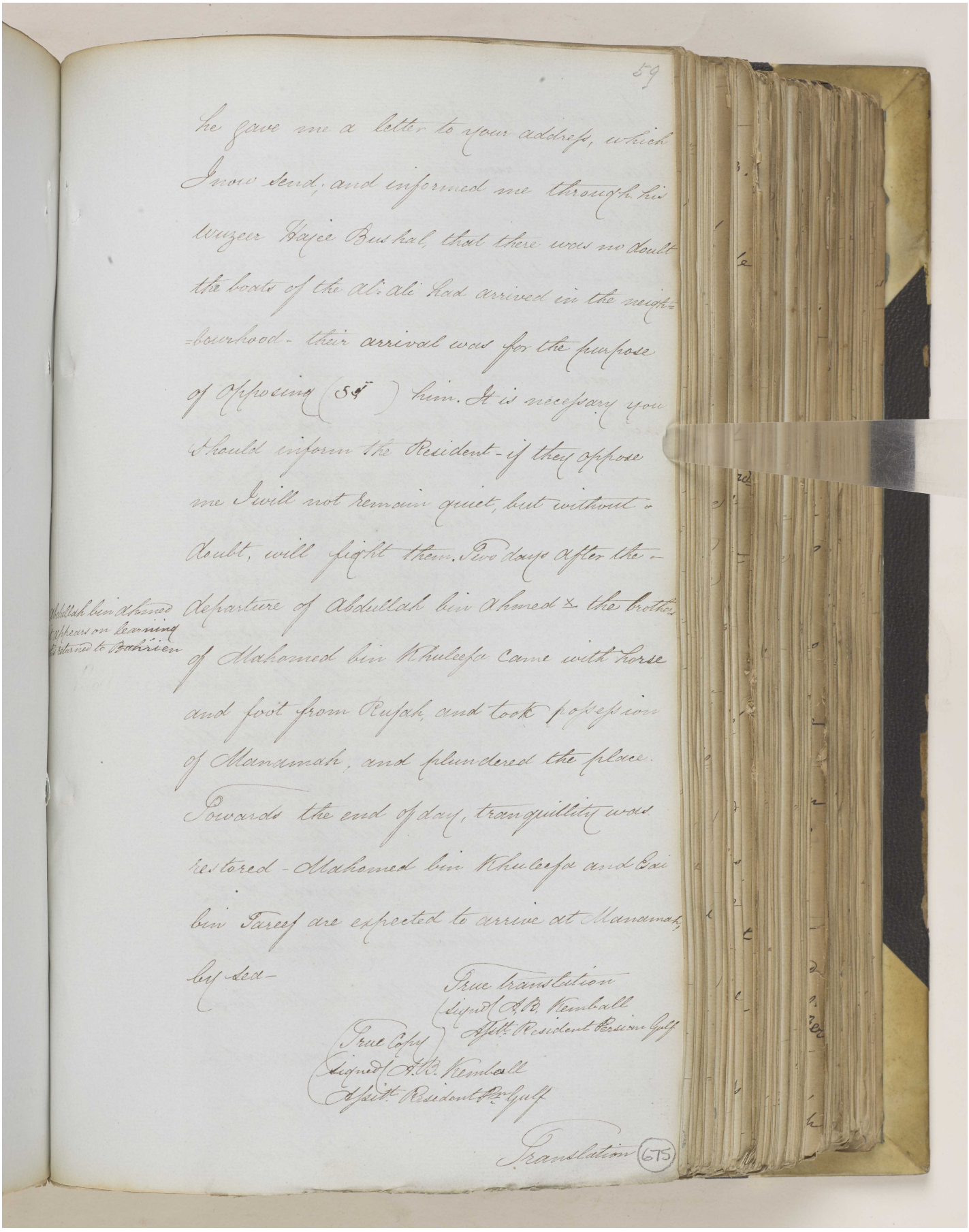

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he gave me a letter to your address, which I now send, and informed me through his wuzeer Kajee Bushal, that there was no doubt the boats of the Al-ali had arrived in the neighbourhood - their arrival was for the purpose of opposing (sic) him. It is necessary you should inform the Resident - if they oppose me I will not remain quiet, but without a doubt, will fight them. Two days after the departure of Abdullah bin Ahmed & the brothers of Mahomed bin Khuleefa came with horse and foot from Rufah, and took possession of Manamah, and plundered the place. Towards the end of day, tranquillity was restored - Mahomed bin Khuleefa and Bin bin Tareef are expected to arrive at Manamah by sea -

Abdullah bin Ahmed appears on learning returned to Bushire

True translation
Signed A.B. Kemball
Offg. Resident Persian Gulf

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Offg. Resident Persian Gulf

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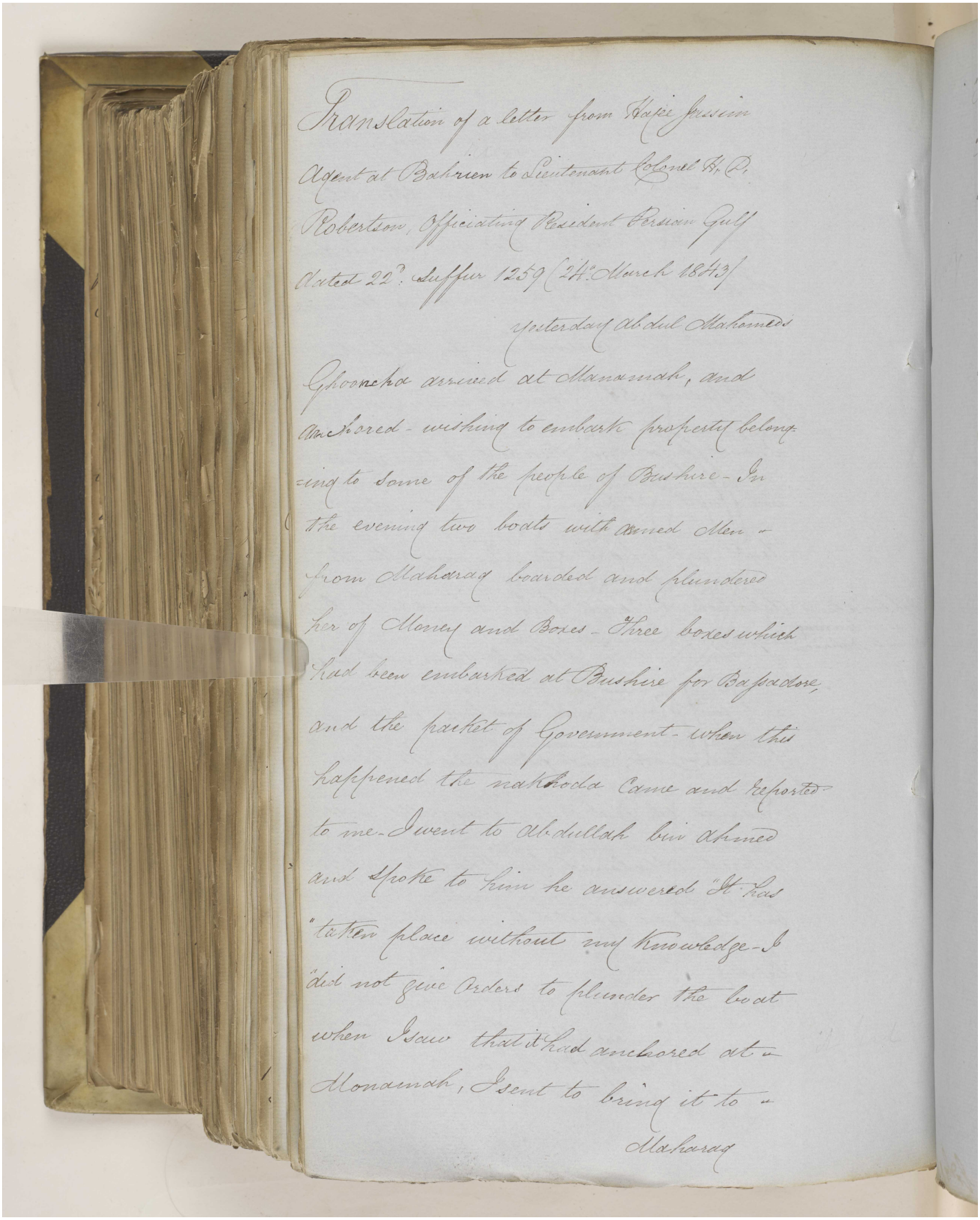
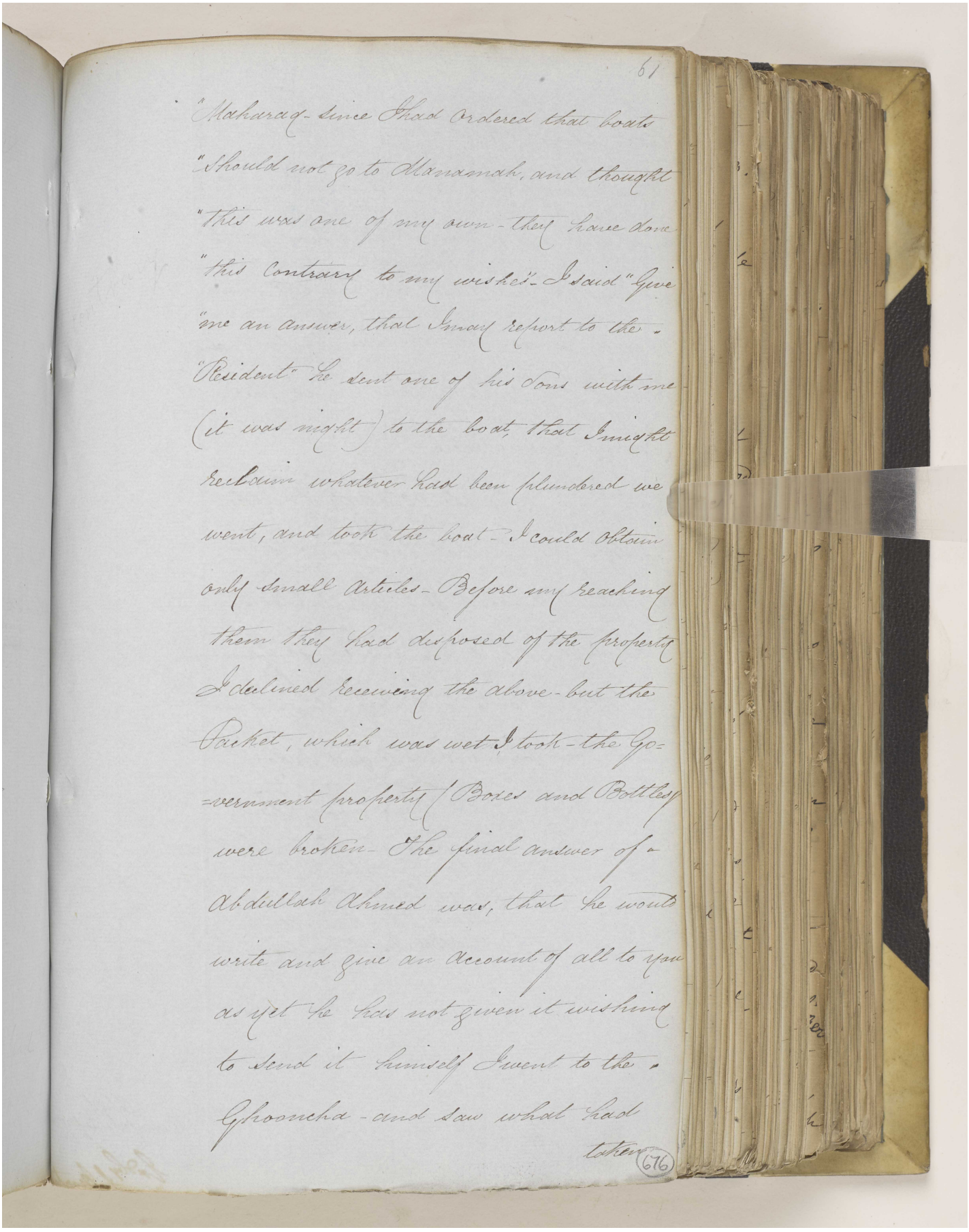


Translation of a letter from Hajee Jassim
Agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel H. P.
Robertson, Officiating Resident Persian Gulf
Dated 22d Suffur 1259 (24th March 1843)

yesterday Abdul Mahomed
Ghoomcha arrived at Manamah, and
anchored - wishing to embark property belong-
ing to some of the people of Bushire - In
the evening two boats with armed Men -
from Maharag boarded and plundered
her of Money and Boxes - Three boxes which
had been embarked at Bushire for Bajadore,
and the packet of Government - when this
happened the nakhoda came and reported
to me - I went to Abdullah bin Ahmed
and spoke to him he answered "It has
"taken place without my knowledge - I
"did not give orders to plunder the boat
when I saw that it had anchored at
Monamah, I sent to bring it to
Maharag



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"Maharaq - since I had ordered that boats
"should not go to Manamah, and thought
"this was one of my own - they have done
"this contrary to my wishes - I said "Give
"me an answer, that I may report to the
"Resident" He sent one of his sons with me -
(it was night) to the boat, that I might
reclaim whatever had been plundered we
went, and took the boat - I could obtain
only small Articles - Before my reaching
them they had disposed of the property
I declined receiving the above - but the
Packet, which was wet I took - the Go-
-vernment property / Boxes and Bottles
were broken - The final answer of
Abdullah Ahmed was, that he would
write and give an account of all to you
as yet he has not given it wishing
to send it himself I went to the
Ghoomcha - and saw what had
taken

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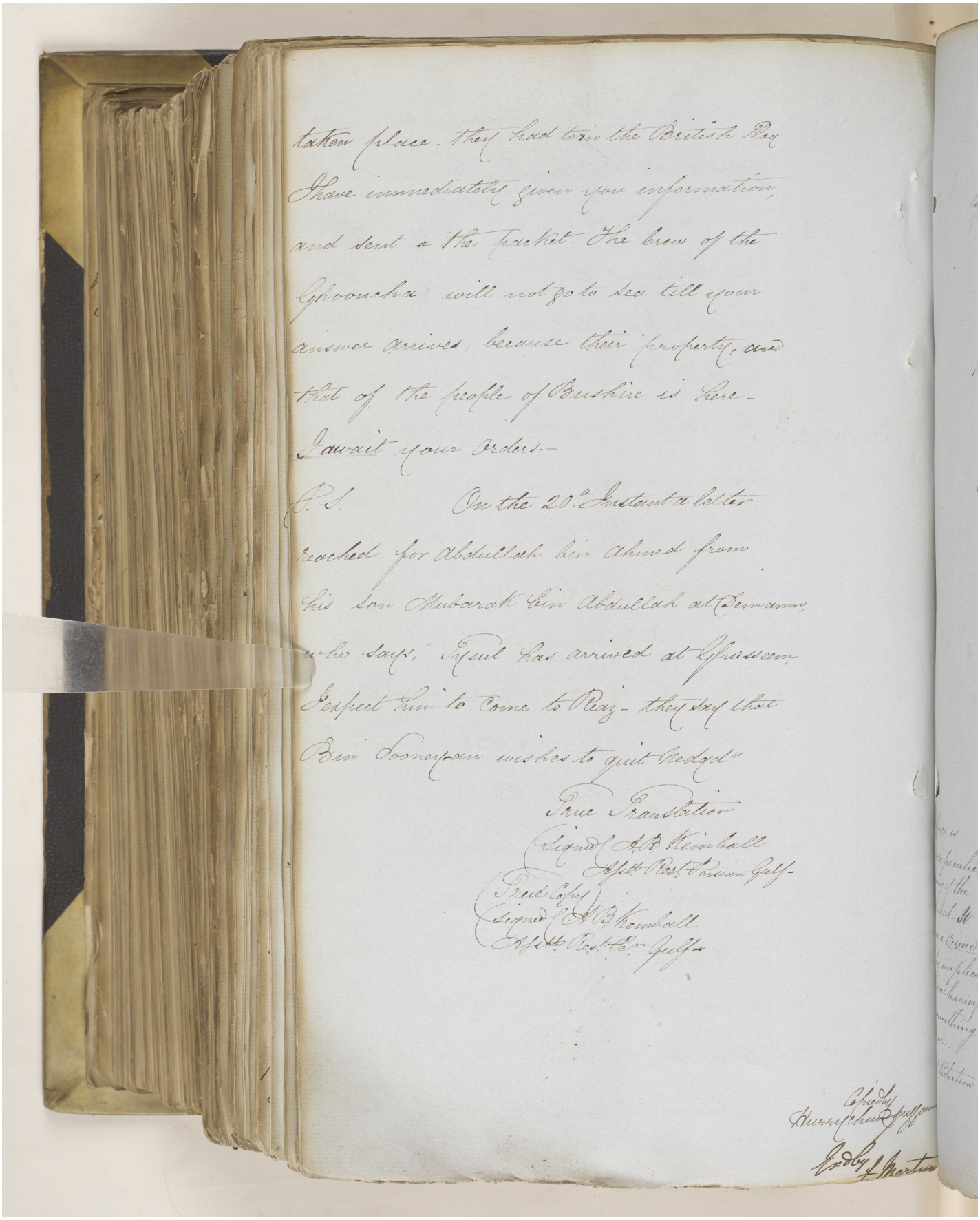

taken place - they had torn the British Flag
I have immediately given you information,
and sent a the packet. The crew of the
Ghooncha will not go to sea till your
answer arrives, because their property, and
that of the people of Bushire is here -
I await your orders. -

P.S. On the 20th Instant a letter
reached for Abdullah bin Ahmed from
his son Mubarak bin Abdullah at Demann,
who says, "Tysul has arrived at Ghusseem,
I expect him to come to Reaz - they say that
Bin Looneyan wishes to quit Nedad"

True Translation
(Signed) A.B. Kemball
Asstt. Resr. Persian Gulf -

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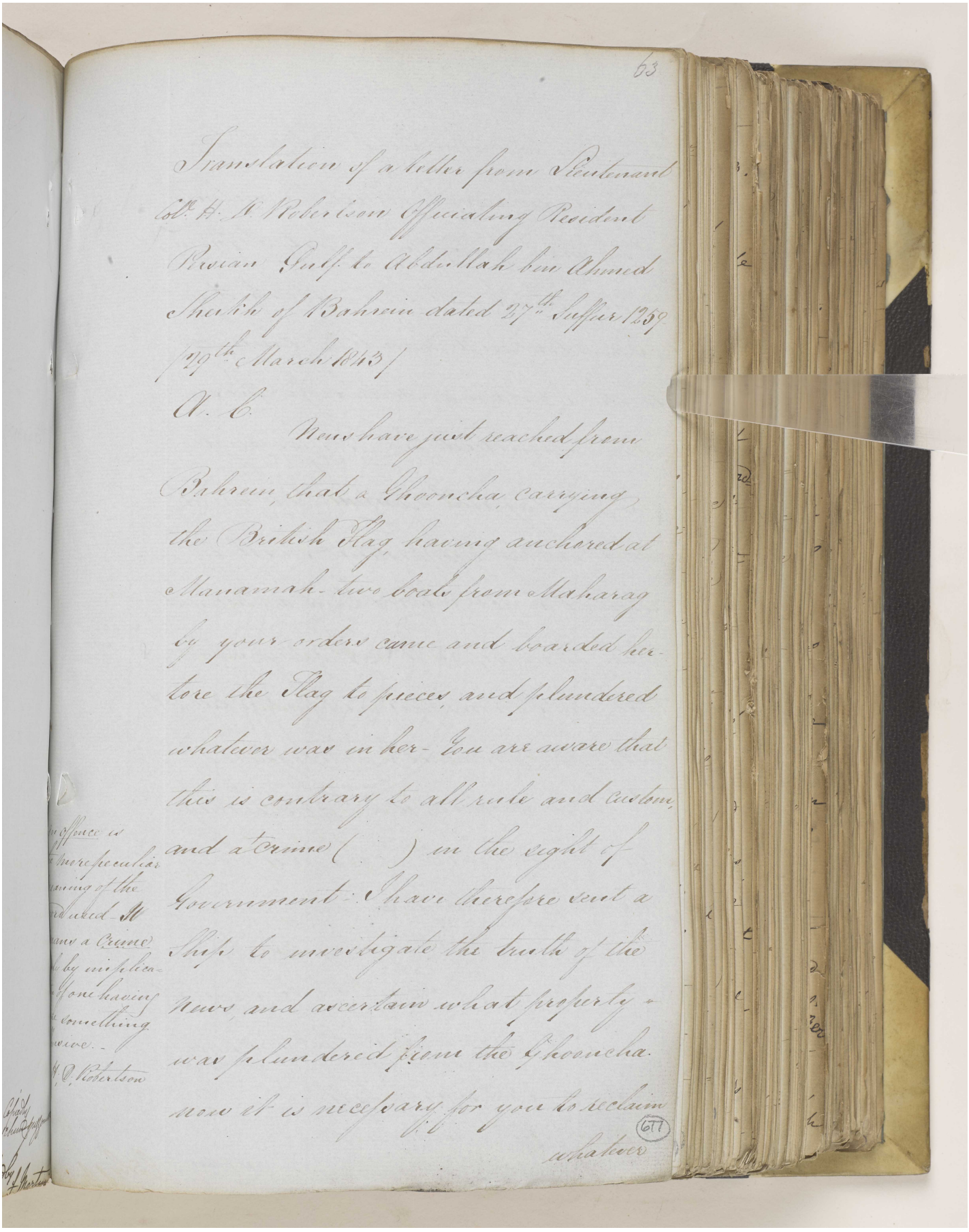

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Translation of a letter from Lieutenant Col. H. D. Robertson Officiating Resident Persian Gulf to Abdullah bin Ahmed Sheikh of Bahrein dated 27th Suffur 1259 (29th March 1843)

A. C.

News have just reached from Bahrein, that a Ghooncha carrying the British Flag having anchored at Manamah - two boats from Maharag by your orders came and boarded her - tore the Flag to pieces, and plundered whatever was in her - You are aware that this is contrary to all rule and custom, and a crime ( ) in the sight of Government - I have therefore sent a Ship to investigate the truth of the news, and ascertain what property was plundered from the Ghooncha. now it is necessary for you to reclaim whatever

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...n offence is ...e more peculiar ...aning of the ...ord used - It ...ans a Crime ...ly by implica... ...of one having ...e something ...sive. -
H. D. Robertson

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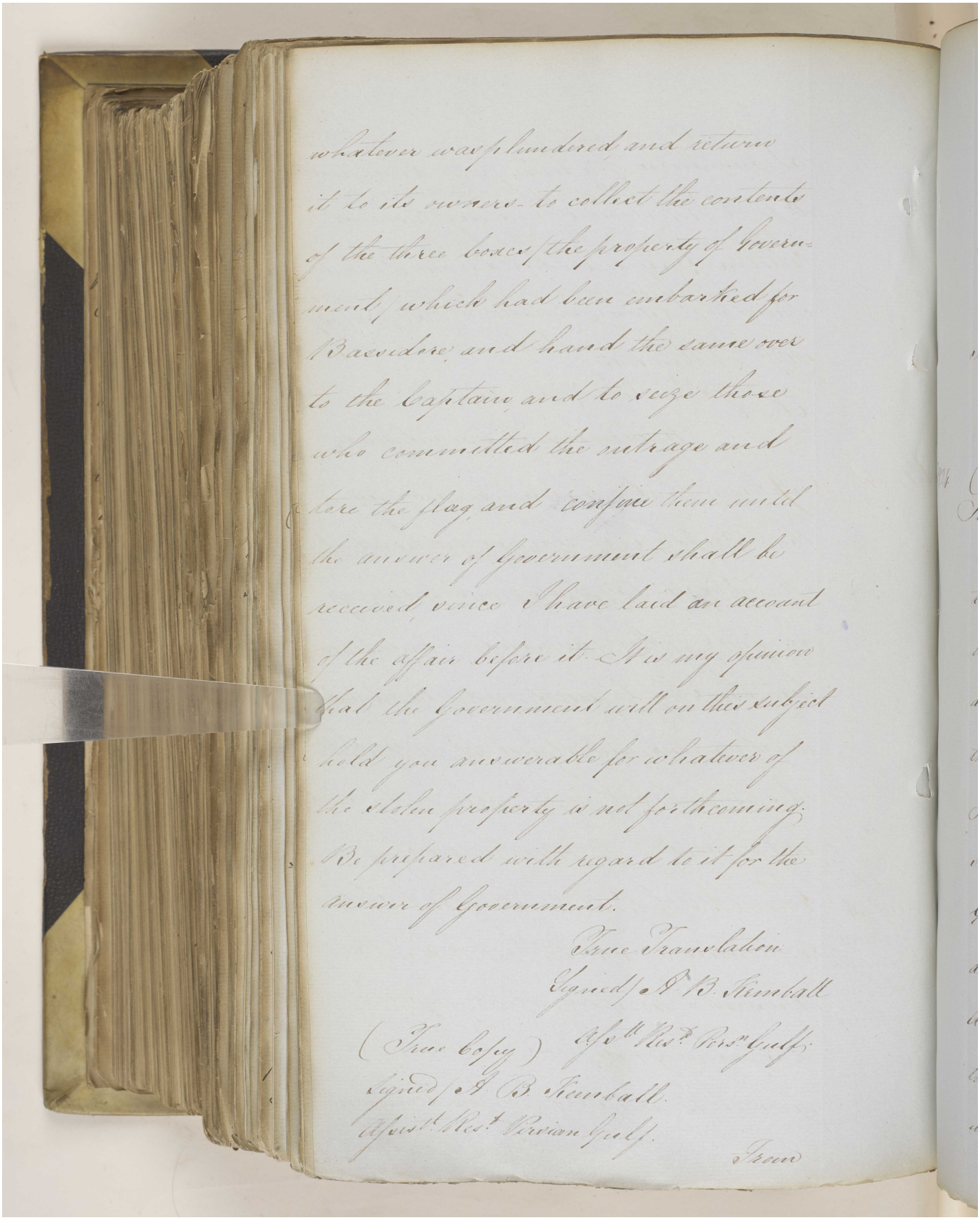

whatever was plundered, and return it to its owners - to collect the contents of the three boxes (the property of Government) which had been embarked for Bassidore, and hand the same over to the Captain, and to seize those who committed the outrage and tore the flag, and confine them until the answer of Government shall be received, since I have laid an account of the affair before it. It is my opinion that the Government will on this subject hold you answerable for whatever of the stolen property is not forthcoming. Be prepared with regard to it for the answer of Government.

True Translation
Signed) A. B. Kemball
Ass.tt Res.t Pers.n Gulf.

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Assist.t Res.t Persian Gulf.

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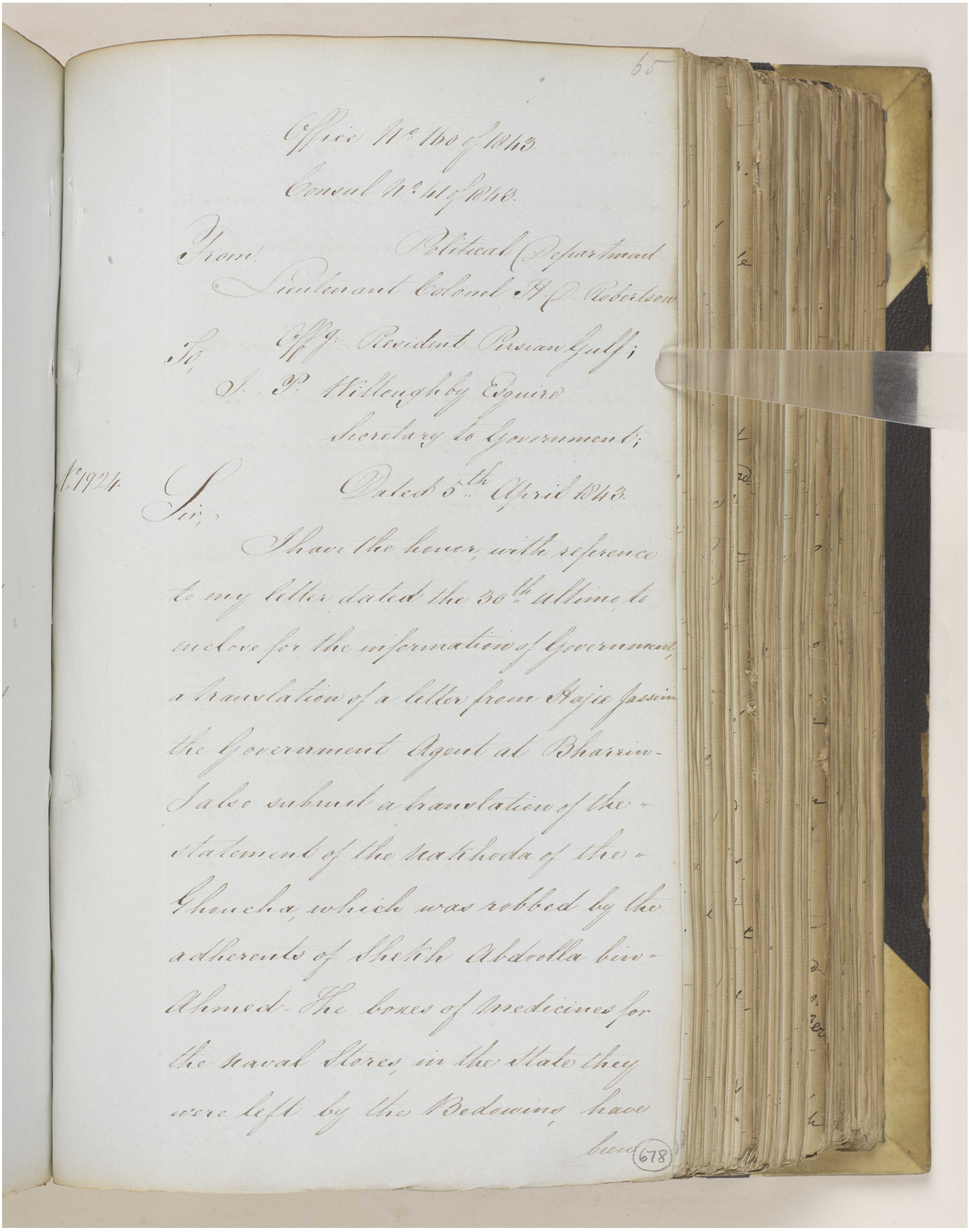

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Consul No. 61 of 1843.

From Political Department
Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Robertson
Offg. President Persian Gulf;
To J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government;

No. 1924. Dated 5th April 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to my letter dated the 30th ultimo, to enclose for the information of Government a translation of a letter from Hajee Jassim the Government Agent at Bharein. I also submit a translation of the statement of the Nakhoda of the Ghoncha, which was robbed by the adherents of Sheikh Abdoolla bin Ahmed. The boxes of medicines for the Naval Stores, in the state they were left by the Bedowins have been

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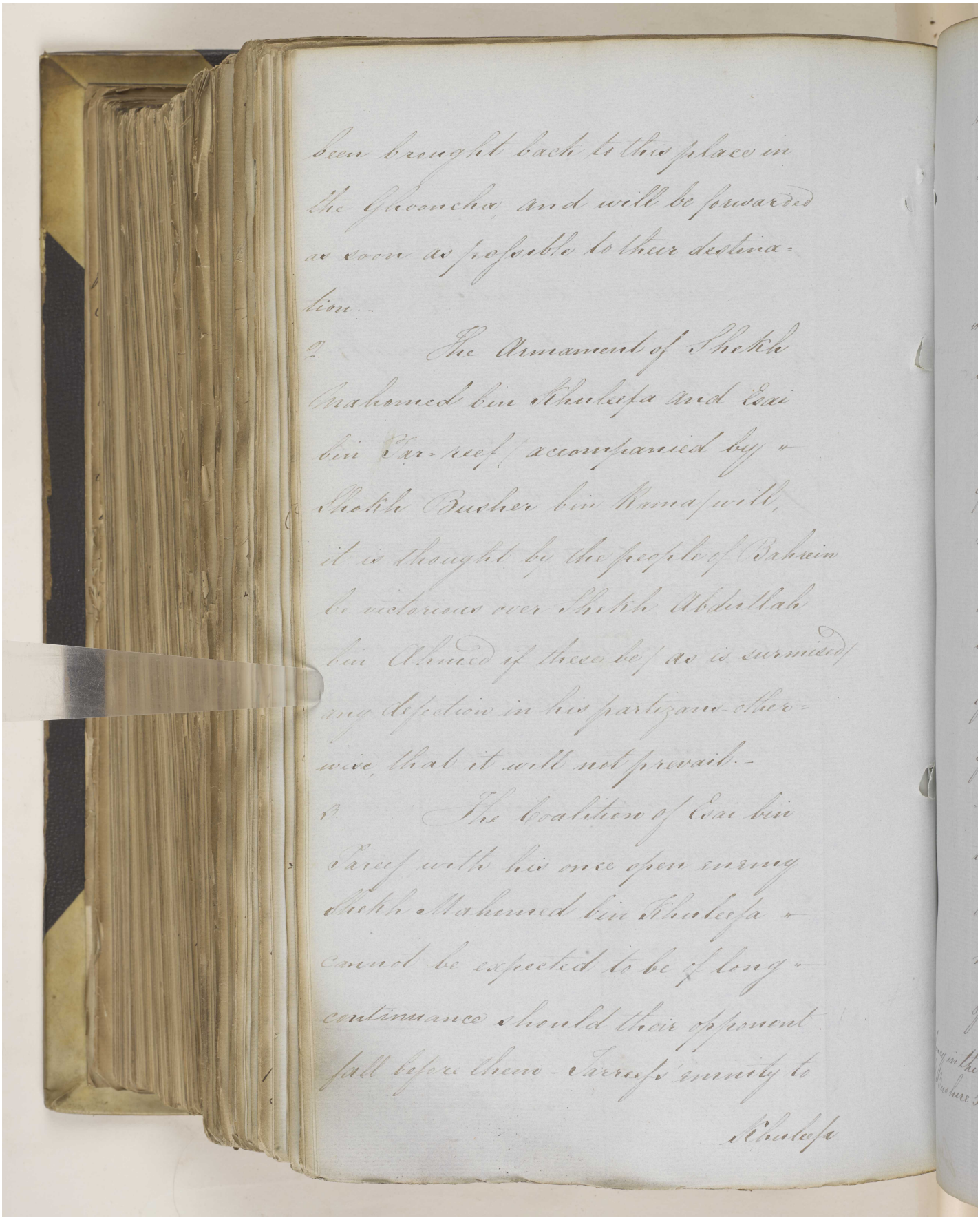
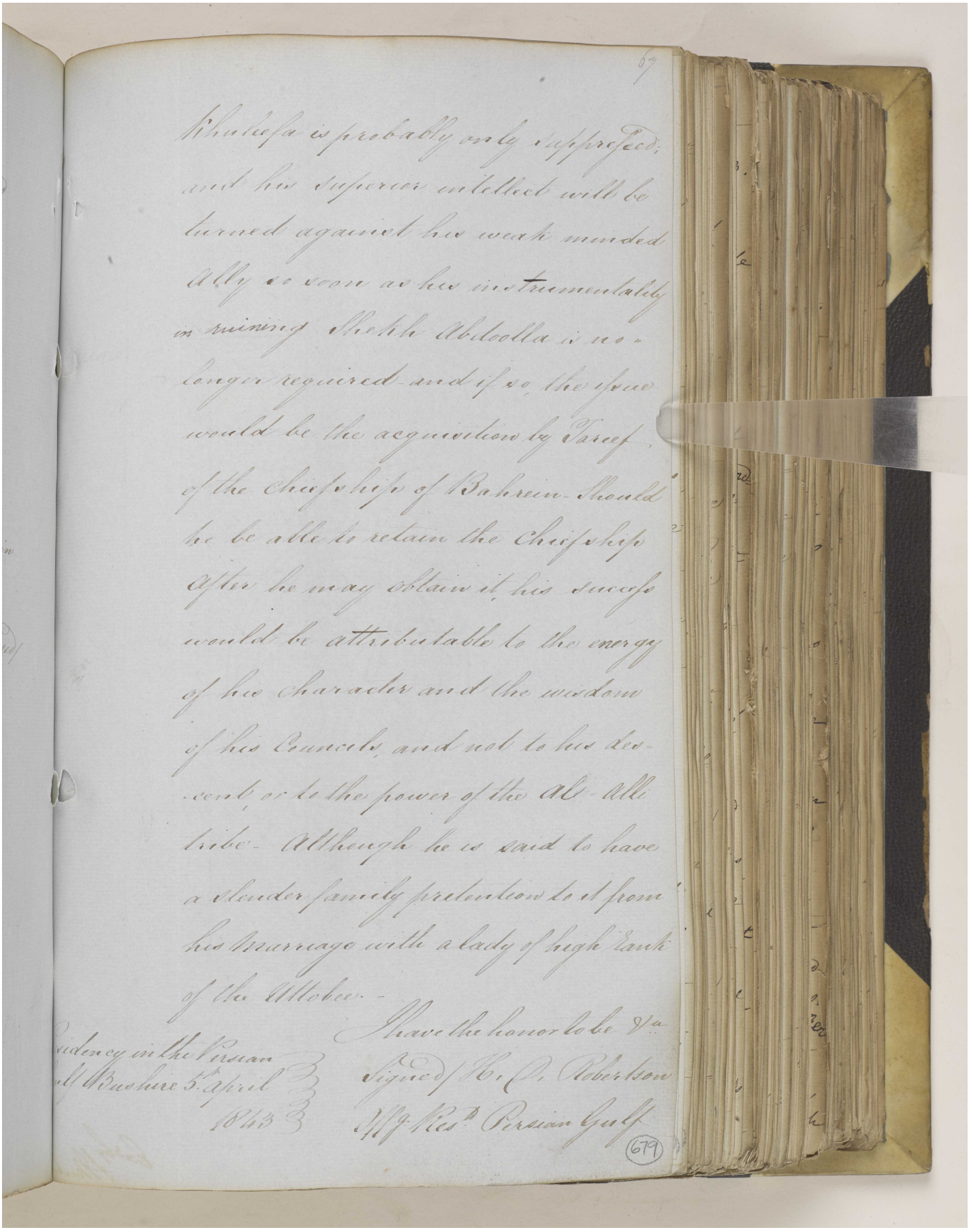


been brought back to this place in the Ghoonchu, and will be forwarded as soon as possible to their destination.-

2. The Armament of Shekh Mahomed bin Khuleefa and Esai bin Tar-reef (accompanied by Shekh Busher bin Rama) will, it is thought by the people of Bahrein be victorious over Shekh Abdullah bin Ahmed if these be (as is surmised) any defection in his partizans-otherwise, that it will not prevail.-

3. The Coalition of Esai bin Tareef with his once open enemy Shekh Mahomed bin Khuleefa cannot be expected to be of long continuance should their opponent fall before them - Tarreefs' enmity to

Khuleefa



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Khuleefa is probably only suppressed, and his superior intellect will be turned against his weak minded Ally so soon as his instrumentality in ruining Sheikh Abdoolla is no longer required and if so, the issue would be the acquisition by Yusef of the Chiefship of Bahrein. Should he be able to retain the Chiefship after he may obtain it, his success would be attributable to the energy of his character and the wisdom of his Councils, and not to his descent, or to the power of the Al-Alli tribe. Although he is said to have a slender family pretension to it from his marriage with a lady of high rank of the Utoobee.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed/ H. D. Robertson

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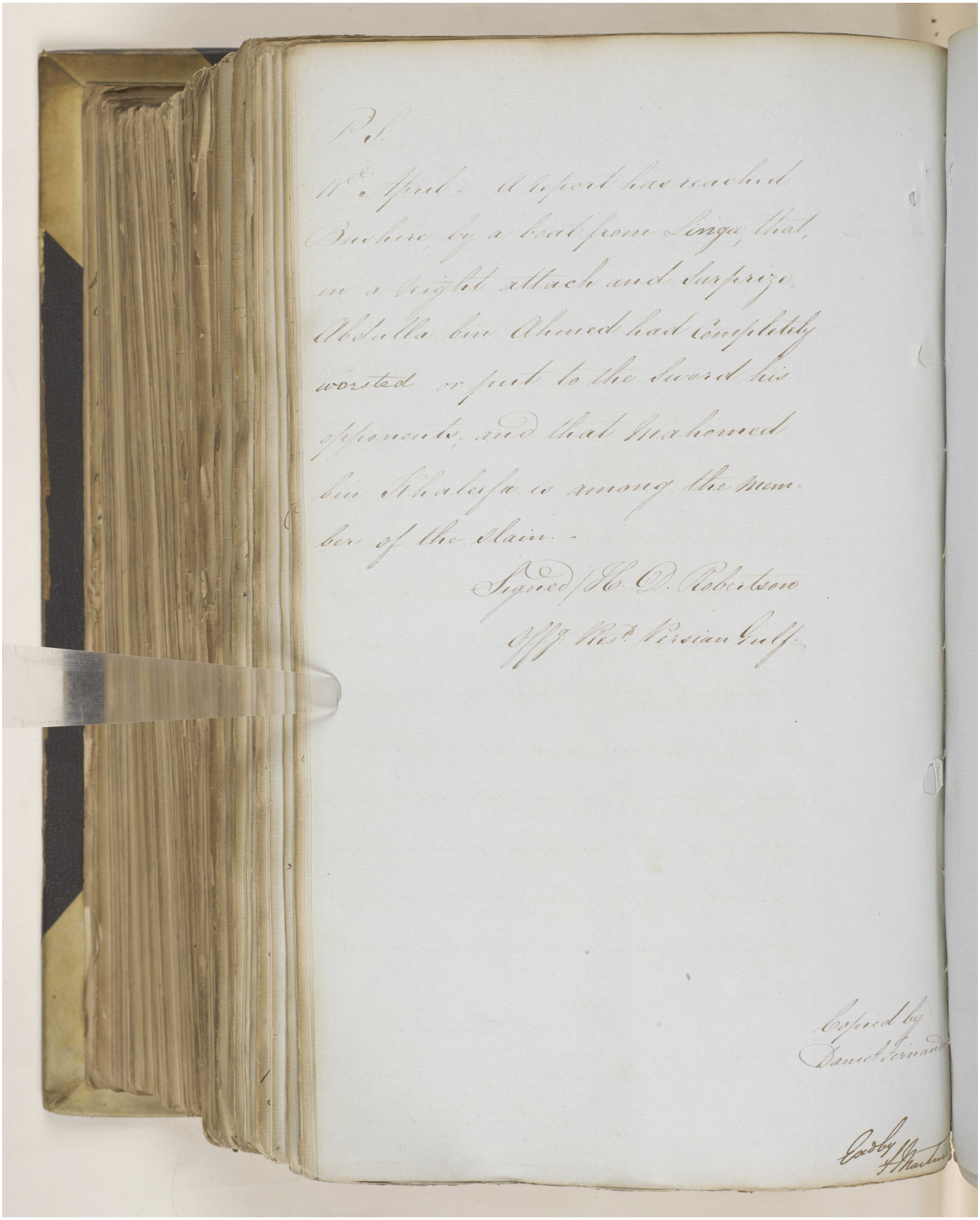

P.S.

11th April - A report has reached Bushire, by a boat from Linga, that, in a night attack and surprize, Abdulla bin Ahmed had completely worsted or put to the sword his opponents, and that Mahomed bin Khaleefa is among the member of the slain. -

Signed/ H. D. Robertson
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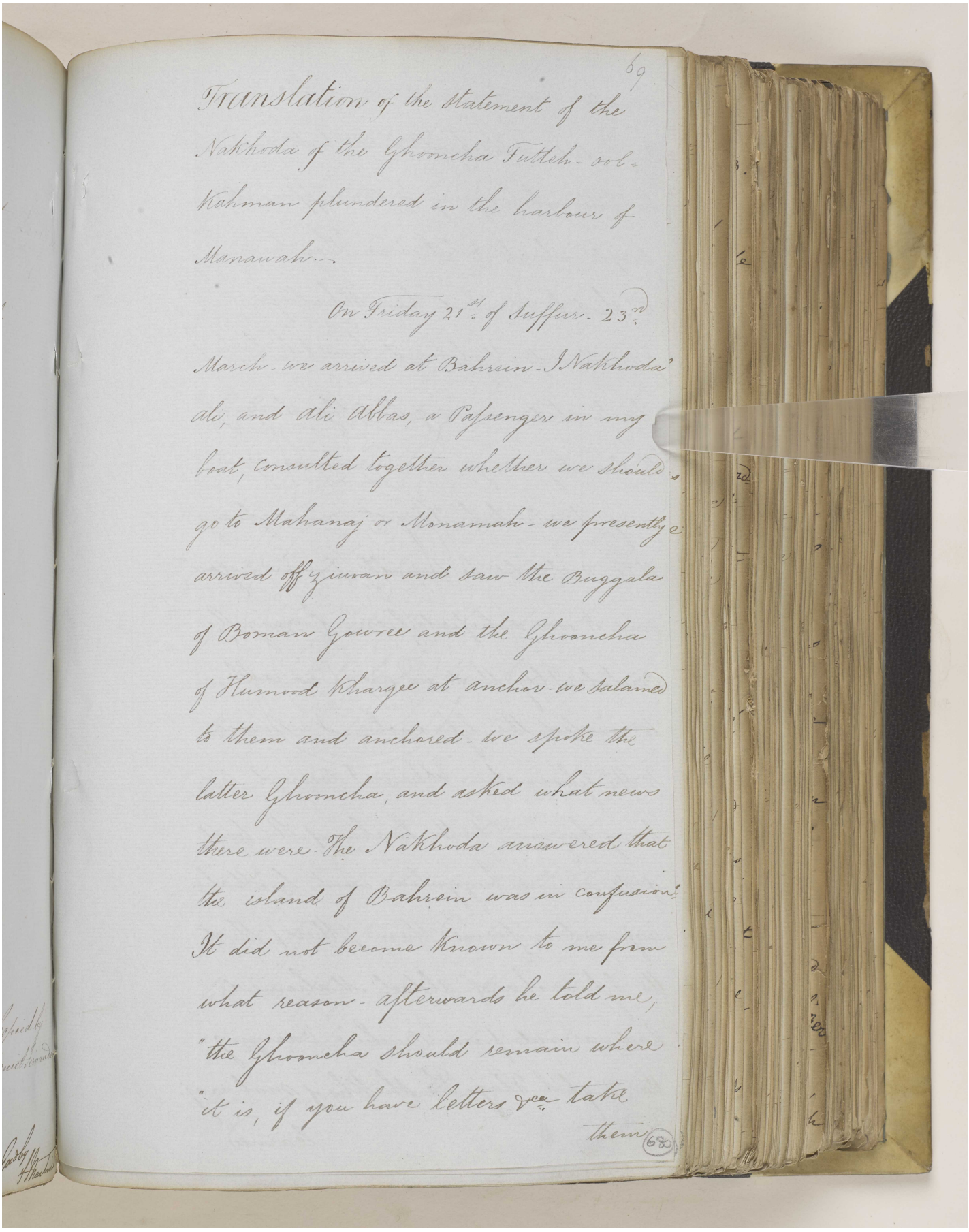

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Translation of the Statement of the Nakhoda of the Ghoncha Futteh-ool-Rahman plundered in the harbour of Manawah.

On Friday 21st. of Suffur. 23rd. March. we arrived at Bahrein. I Nakhoda' ali, and ali Abbas, a Passenger in my boat, consulted together whether we should go to Mahanaj or Monamah. we presently arrived off Zjiwan and saw the Buggala of Boman Gowree and the Ghoncha of Hurmod Khargee at anchor. we salamed to them and anchored. we spoke the latter Ghoncha, and asked what news there were. The Nakhoda answered that the island of Bahrein was in confusion. It did not become known to me from what reason. afterwards he told me, "the Ghoncha should remain where "it is, if you have letters &c. take them

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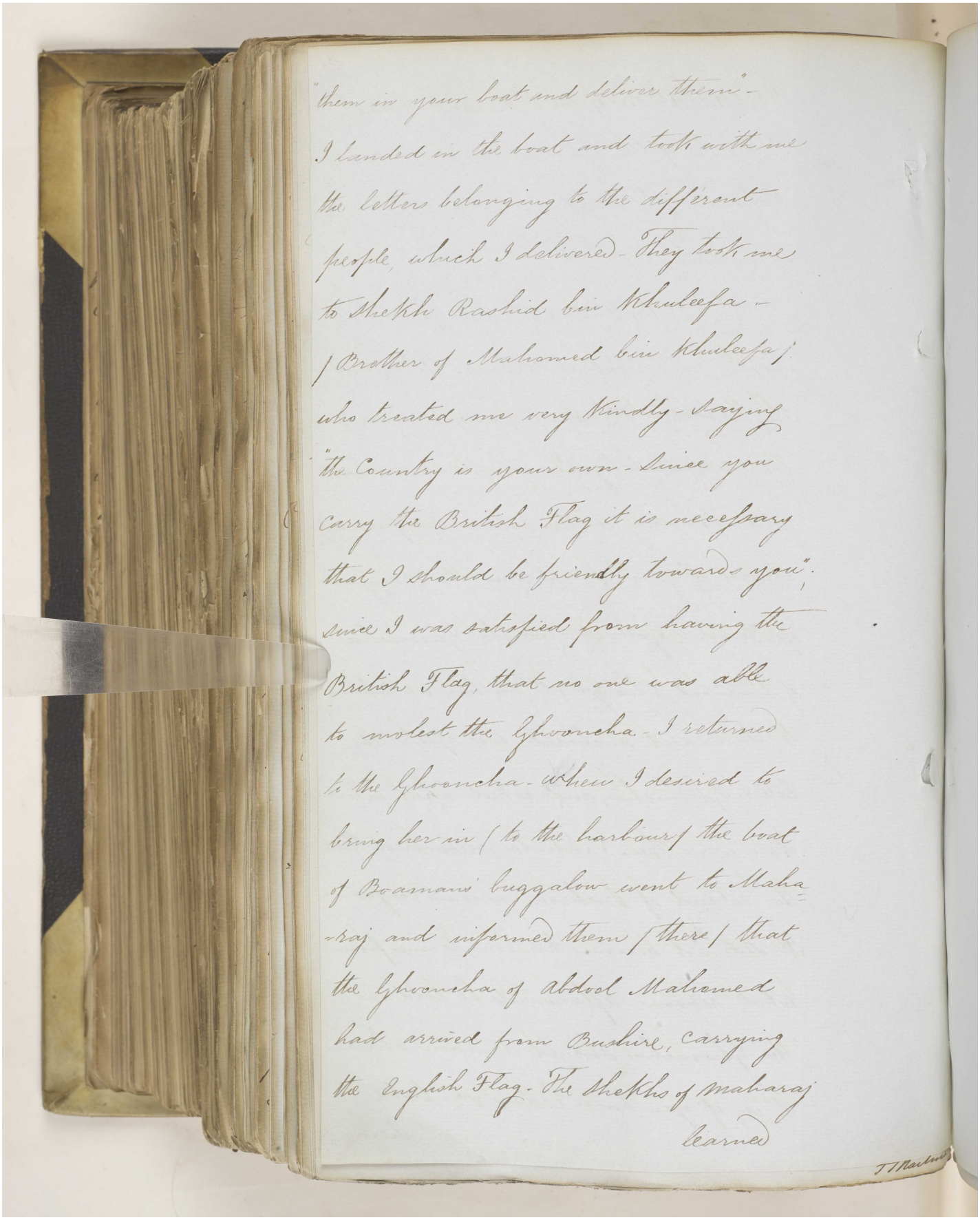

"them in your boat and deliver them" -
I landed in the boat and took with me
the letters belonging to the different
people, which I delivered - They took me
to Shekh Rashid bin Khuleefa -
(Brother of Mahomed bin Khuleefa)
who treated me very kindly - saying
"the Country is your own - Since you
carry the British Flag it is necessary
that I should be friendly towards you";
since I was satisfied from having the
British Flag, that no one was able
to molest the Ghooncha - I returned
to the Ghooncha - when I desired to
bring her in (to the harbour) the boat
of Boamans' buggalow went to Maha-
-raj and informed them (there) that
the Ghooncha of Abdool Mahomed
had arrived from Bushire, carrying
the English Flag - The Shekhs of Maharaj
learned

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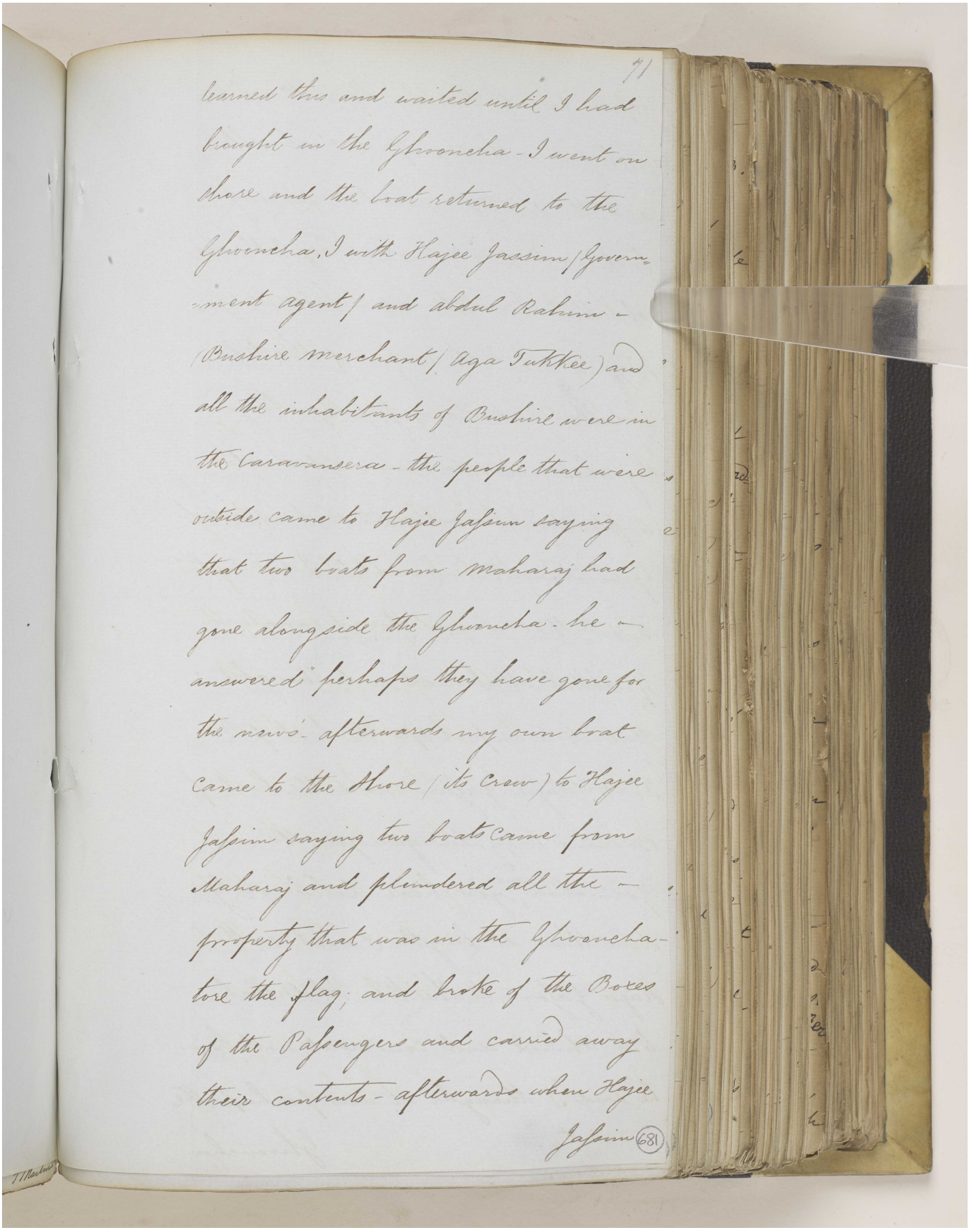

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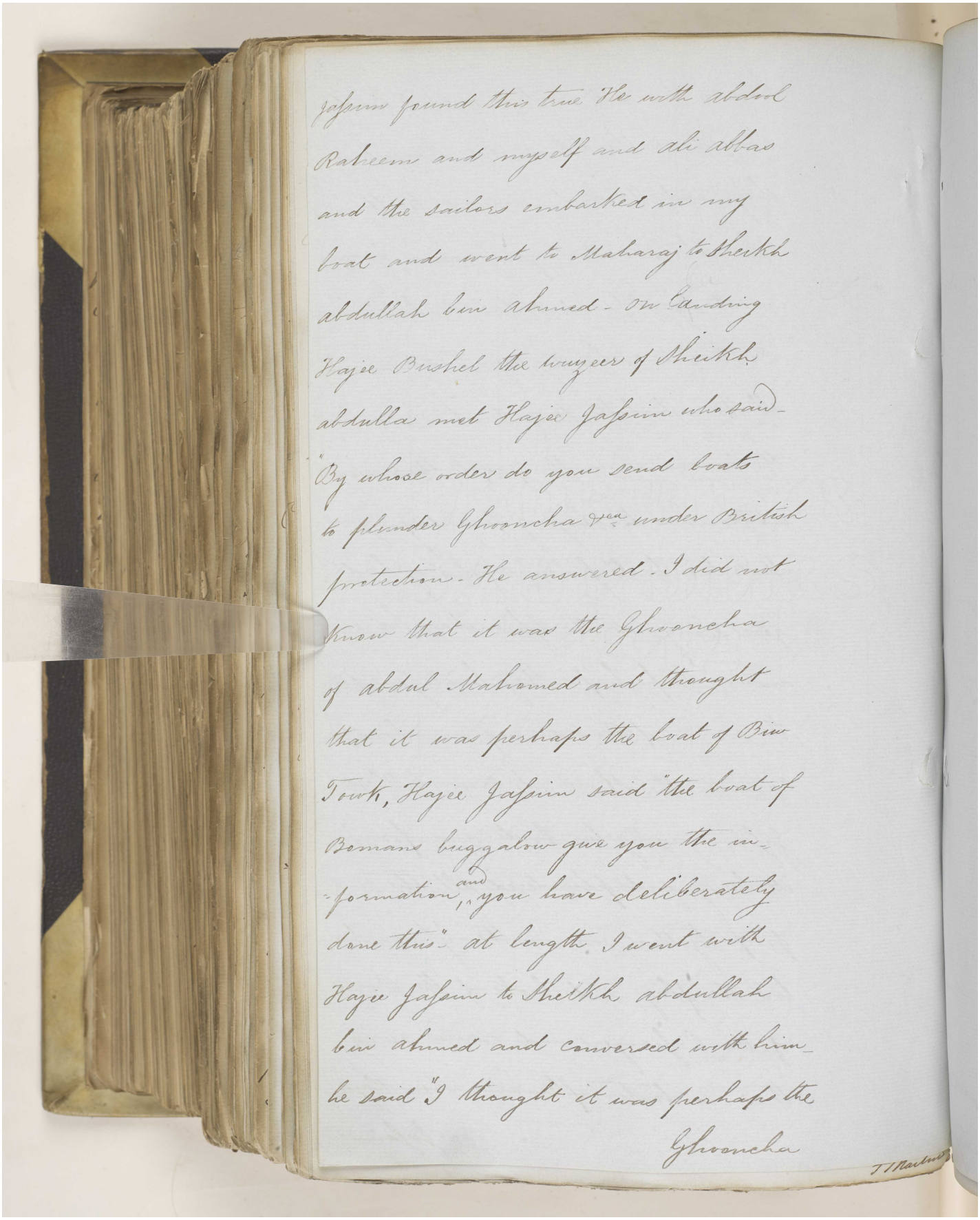
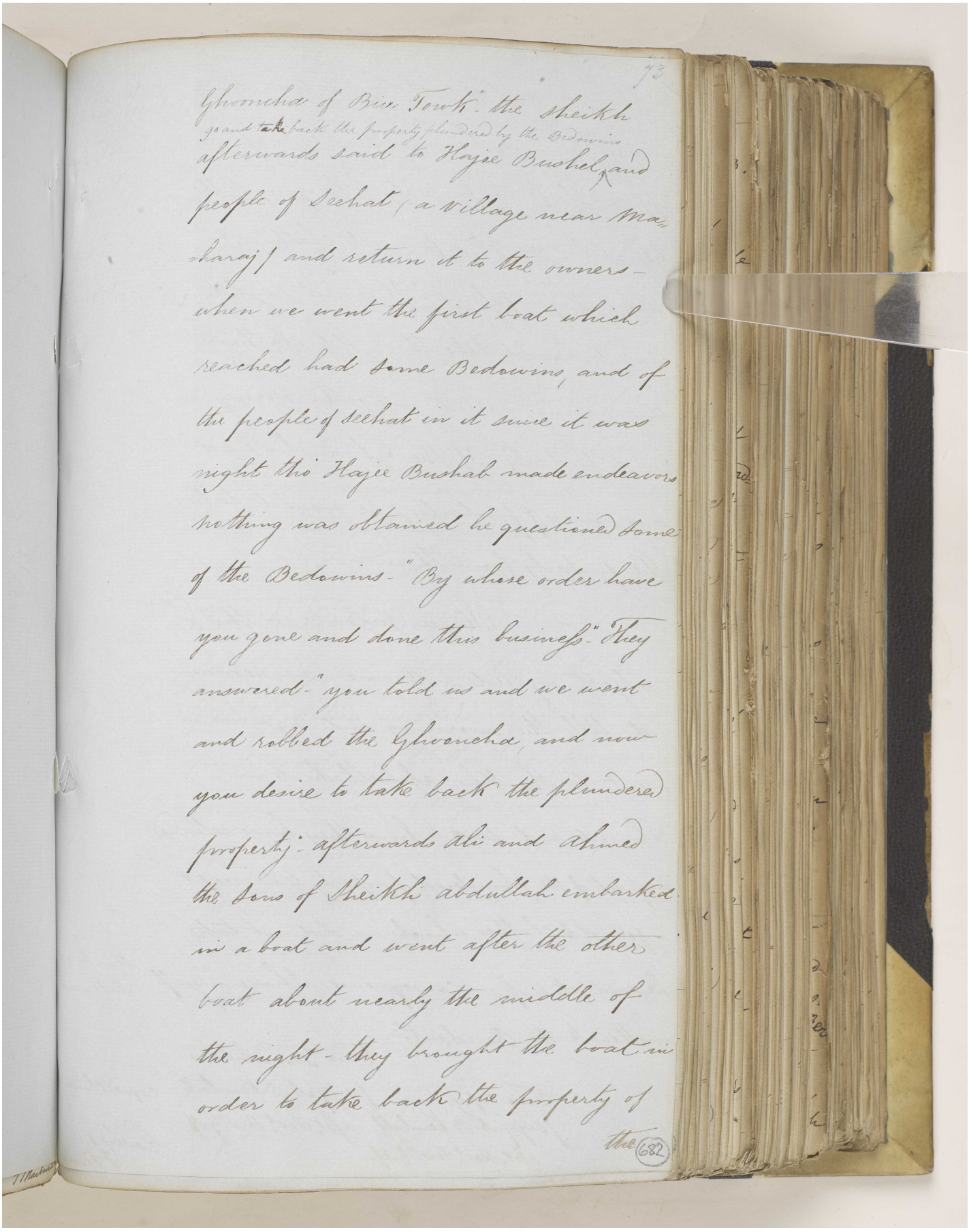
burned this and waited until I had
brought in the Ghoncha - I went on
shore and the boat returned to the
Ghoncha, I with Hajee Jassim (Govern-
-ment agent) and Abdul Rahim -
(Bushire merchant) Aga Tukkee) and
all the inhabitants of Bushire were in
the Caravansera - the people that were
outside came to Hajee Jassim saying
that two boats from Maharaj had
gone alongside the Ghoncha - he -
answered perhaps they have gone for
the news - afterwards my own boat
came to the shore (its Crew) to Hajee
Jassim saying two boats came from
Maharaj and plundered all the -
property that was in the Ghoncha -
tore the flag; and broke of the Boxes
of the Passengers and carried away
their contents - afterwards when Hajee

Jassim (681)



Jafsim found this true He with Abdool
Raheem and myself and Ali Abbas
and the sailors embarked in my
boat and went to Maharaj to Sheikh
abdullah bin ahmed - On Landing
Hajee Bushel the Vuyeer of Sheikh
abdulla met Hajee Jafsim who said -
"By whose order do you send boats
to plunder Ghoomcha &c under British
protection - He answered - I did not
know that it was the Ghoomcha
of Abdul Mahomed and thought
that it was perhaps the boat of Biw
Towk, Hajee Jafsim said "the boat of
Bomans buggalow give you the in-
formation, and you have deliberately
done this" at length I went with
Hajee Jafsim to Sheikh abdullah
bin ahmed and conversed with him -
he said "I thought it was perhaps the
Ghoomcha



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Ghoonchа of Bir Towk" the sheikh
go and take back the property plundered by the Bedowins
afterwards said to Hajee Bushel and
people of Seehat (a village near Ma-
-haraj) and return it to the owners -
when we went the first boat which
reached had some Bedowins, and of
the people of seehat in it since it was
night tho' Hajee Bushab made endeavors
nothing was obtained he questioned some
of the Bedowins - "By whose order have
you gone and done this business" They
answered - "you told us and we went
and robbed the Ghoonchа, and now
you desire to take back the plundered
property" - afterwards Ali and Ahmed
the sons of Sheikh abdullah embarked
in a boat and went after the other
boat about nearly the middle of
the night - they brought the boat in
order to take back the property of

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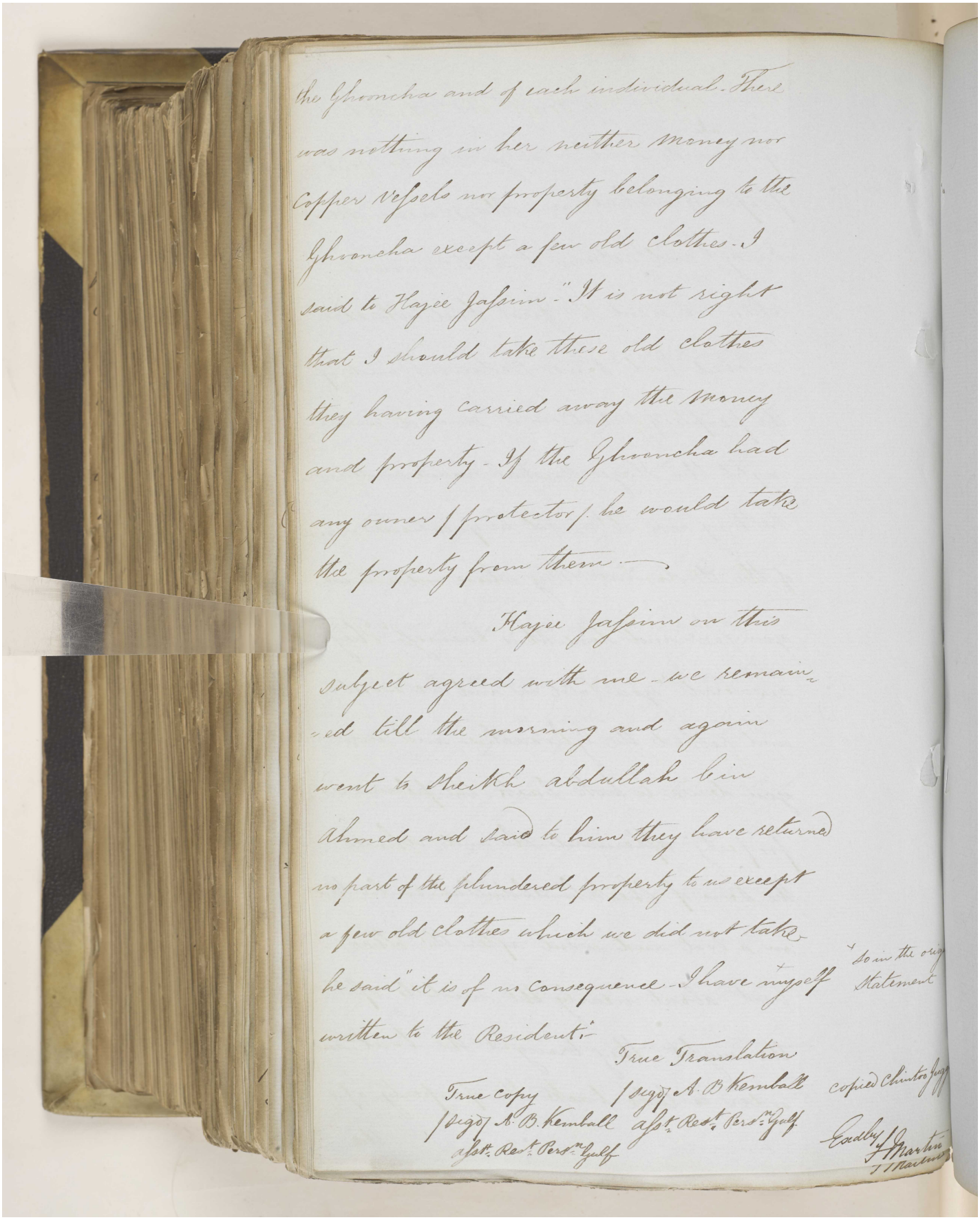

the Ghoncha and of each individual. There was nothing in her neither money nor copper vessels nor property belonging to the Ghoncha except a few old clothes. I said to Hajee Jassim "It is not right that I should take these old clothes they having carried away the money and property. If the Ghoncha had any owner (protector) he would take the property from them.

Hajee Jassim on this subject agreed with me. we remained till the morning and again went to Sheikh abdullah bin Ahmed and said to him they have returned no part of the plundered property to us except a few old clothes which we did not take he said "it is of no consequence. I have myself written to the Resident."

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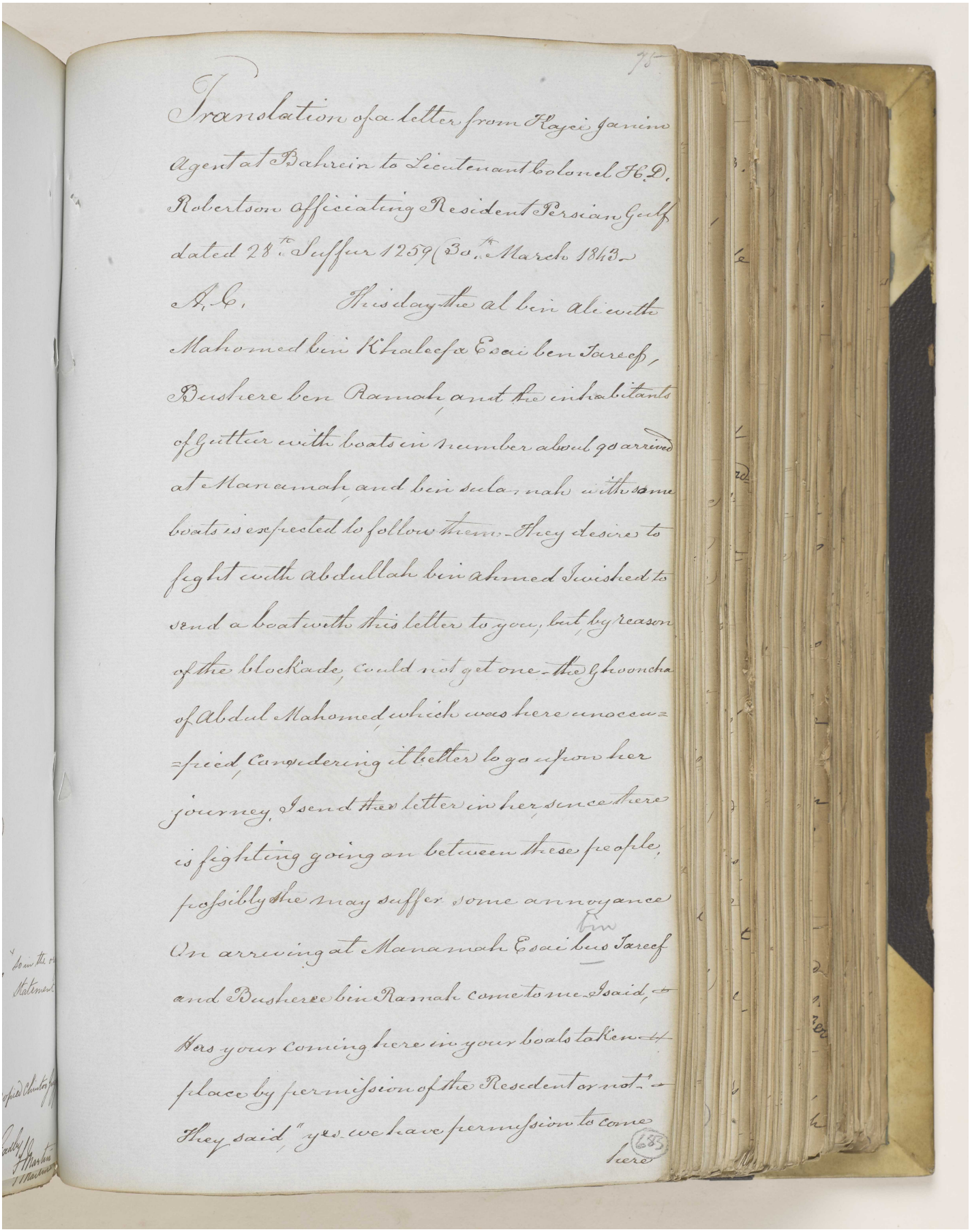
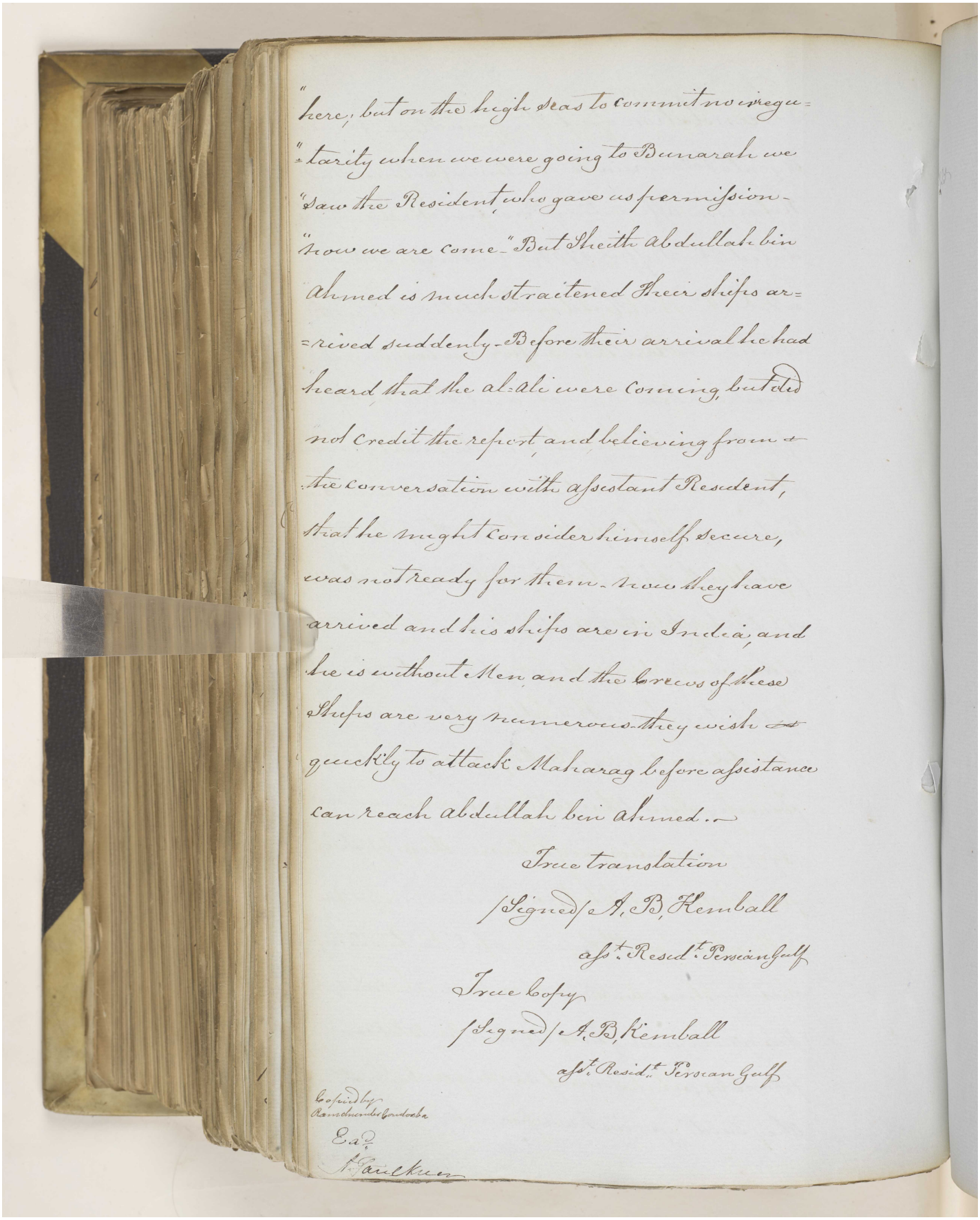


Translation of a letter from Kajee Jamina Agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel H.D. Robertson officiating Resident Persian Gulf dated 28th Suffur 1259 (30th March 1843 A.C.

This day the al bin Ali with Mahomed bin Khaleefa Esai ben Jareef, Bushere ben Ramah, and the inhabitants of Guttur with boats in number about 90 arrived at Manamah, and bin sulamah with some boats is expected to follow them. They desire to fight with Abdullah bin Ahmed I wished to send a boat with this letter to you, but by reason of the blockade, could not get one. The Ghoonchah of Abdul Mahomed which was here unoccupied, Considering it better to go upon her journey, I send this letter in her since there is fighting going on between these people, possibly she may suffer some annoyance On arriving at Manamah Esai bin Jareef and Bushere bin Ramah come to me I said, Has your coming here in your boats taken place by permission of the Resident or not? They said "yes we have permission to come here



"here; but on the high seas to commit no irregu=
=tarity when we were going to Bunarah we
"saw the Resident, who gave us permission -
"now we are come -" But Sheith Abdullah bin
Ahmed is much straitened Their ships ar=
=rived suddenly - Before their arrival he had
heard that the al-Ali were coming, but did
not credit the report, and believing from
the conversation with assistant Resident,
that he might consider himself secure,
was not ready for them - now they have
arrived and his ships are in India, and
he is without Men, and the Crews of these
Ships are very numerous - they wish
quickly to attack Maharag before assistance
can reach Abdullah bin Ahmed. -

True translation
(Signed) A. B. Kemball
ass.t Resid.t Persian Gulf

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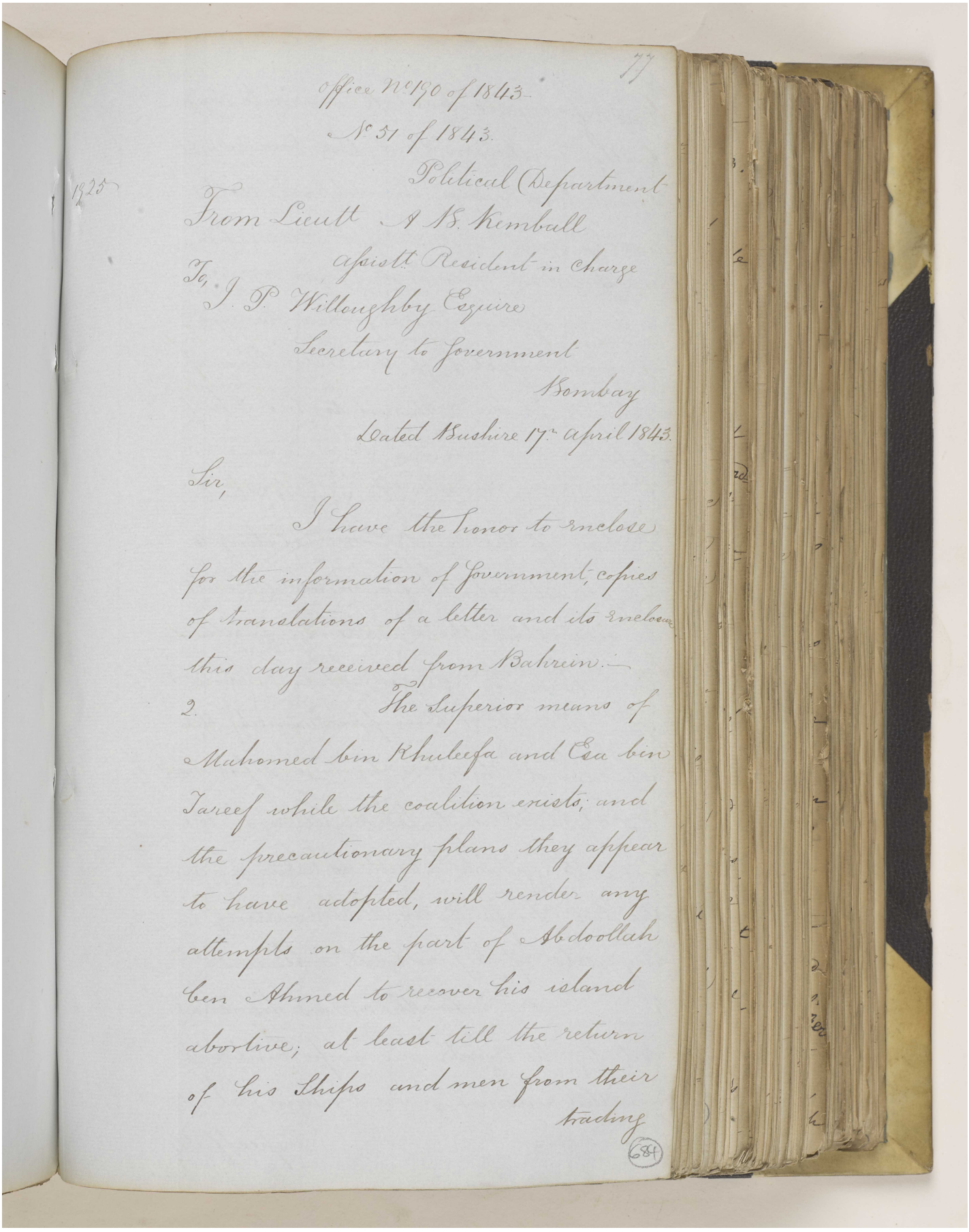

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From Lieutt A. B. Kemball
Assistt. Resident in Charge

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

Dated Bushire 17th April 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government, copies of translations of a letter and its enclosure this day received from Bahrein.—

2. The Superior means of Mahomed bin Khuleefa and Esa bin Tareef while the coalition exists; and the precautionary plans they appear to have adopted, will render any attempts on the part of Abdoollah ben Ahmed to recover his island abortive; at least till the return of his Ships and men from their trading

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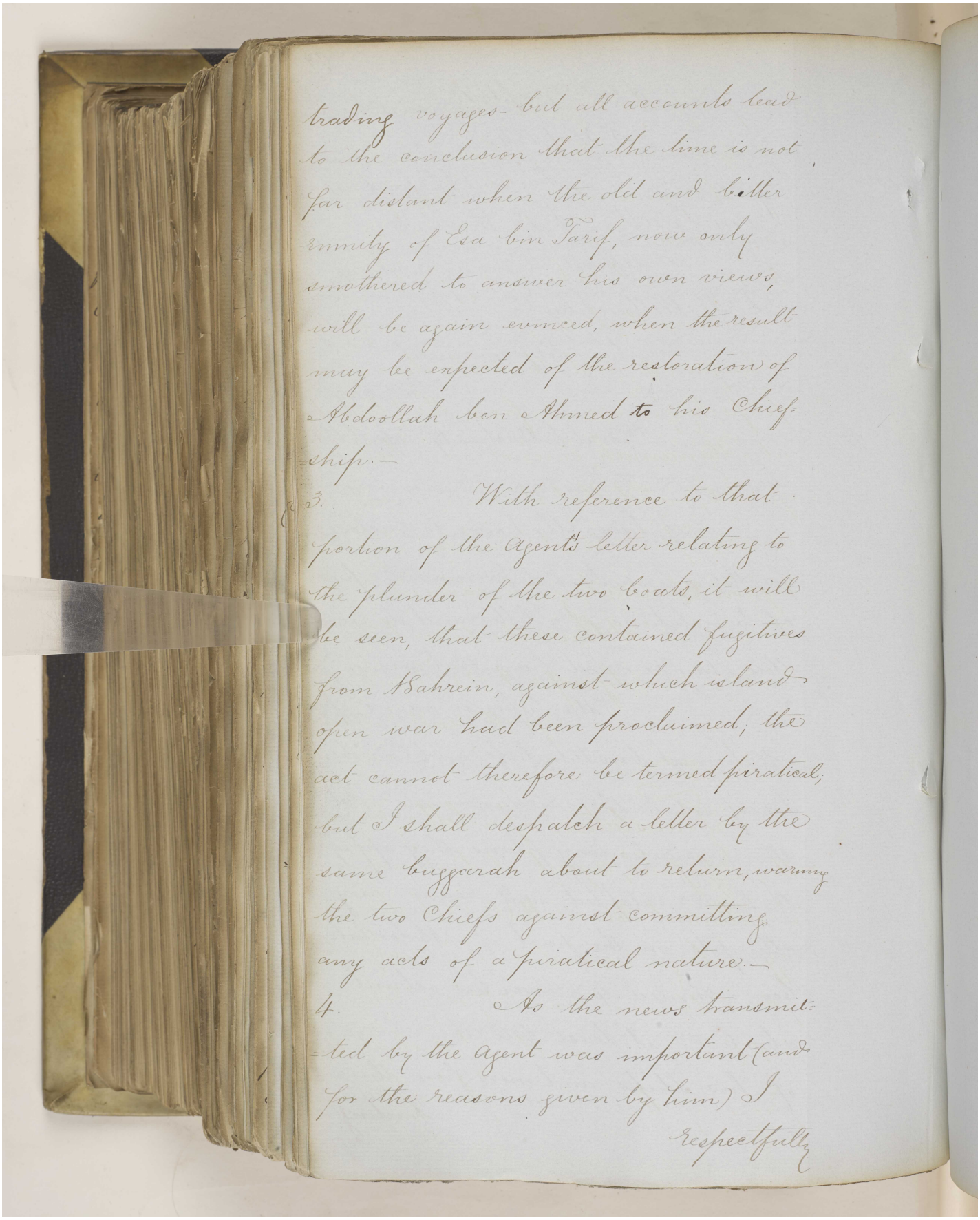

trading voyages- but all accounts lead to the conclusion that the time is not far distant when the old and bitter enmity of Esa bin Tarif, now only smothered to answer his own views, will be again evinced, when the result may be expected of the restoration of Abdoollah ben Ahmed to his Chief-ship.—

3. With reference to that portion of the Agents letter relating to the plunder of the two boats, it will be seen, that these contained fugitives from Bahrein, against which island open war had been proclaimed, the act cannot therefore be termed piratical, but I shall despatch a letter by the same buggarah about to return, warning the two Chiefs against committing any acts of a piratical nature.—

4. As the news transmitted by the Agent was important (and for the reasons given by him) I

Respectfully

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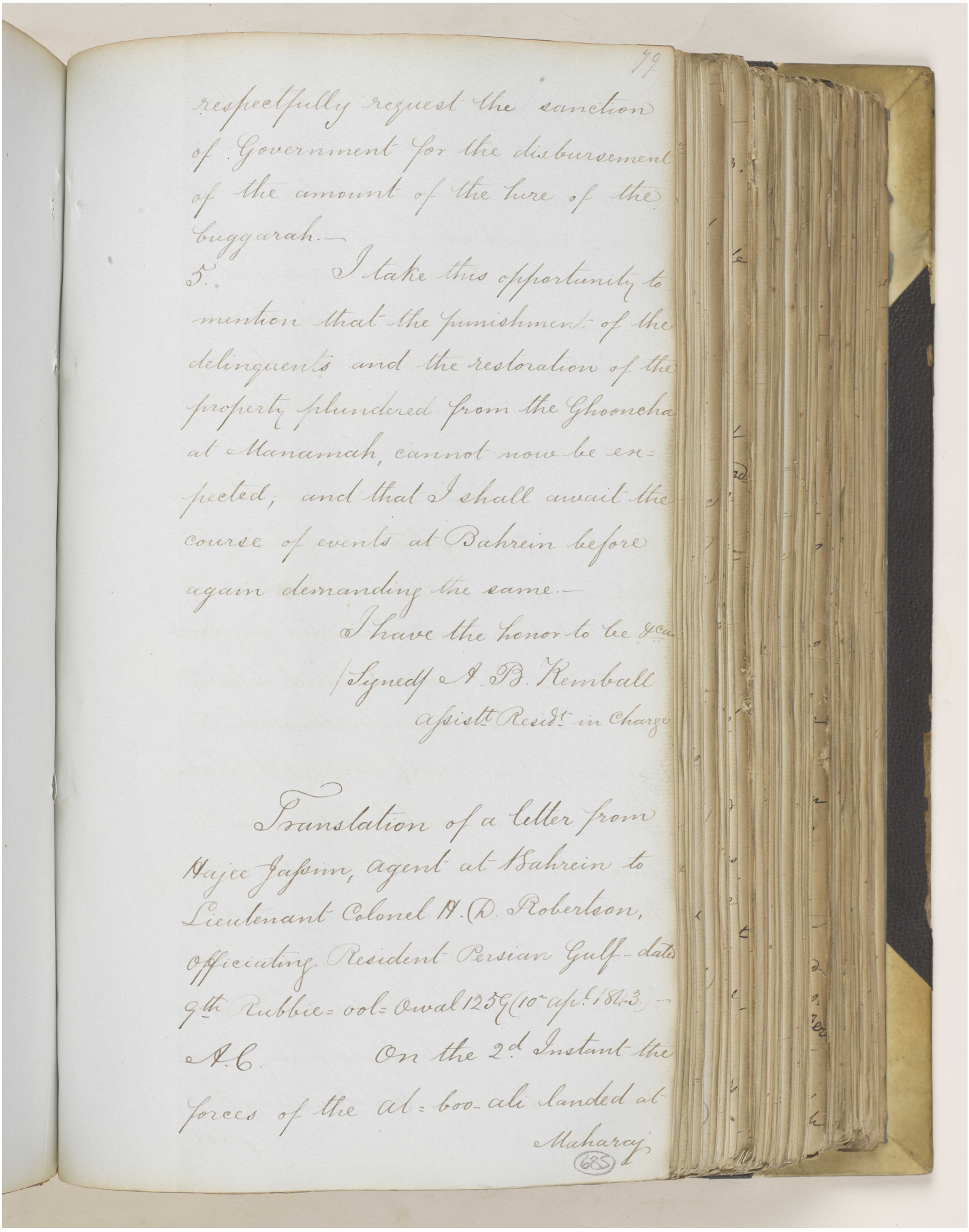

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respectfully request the sanction of Government for the disbursement of the amount of the hire of the buggarah.—

5. I take this opportunity to mention that the punishment of the delinquents and the restoration of the property plundered from the Ghoonchas at Manamah, cannot now be expected; and that I shall await the course of events at Bahrein before again demanding the same.—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) A. B. Kemball

Asist.t Resid.t in Charge

Translation of a letter from Hajee Jasim, agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson, officiating Resident Persian Gulf— dated 9th Rubbie-ool-Owal 1259 (10th Apl. 1843).—

A.C. On the 2d Instant the forces of the Al-boo-ali landed at Maharaj

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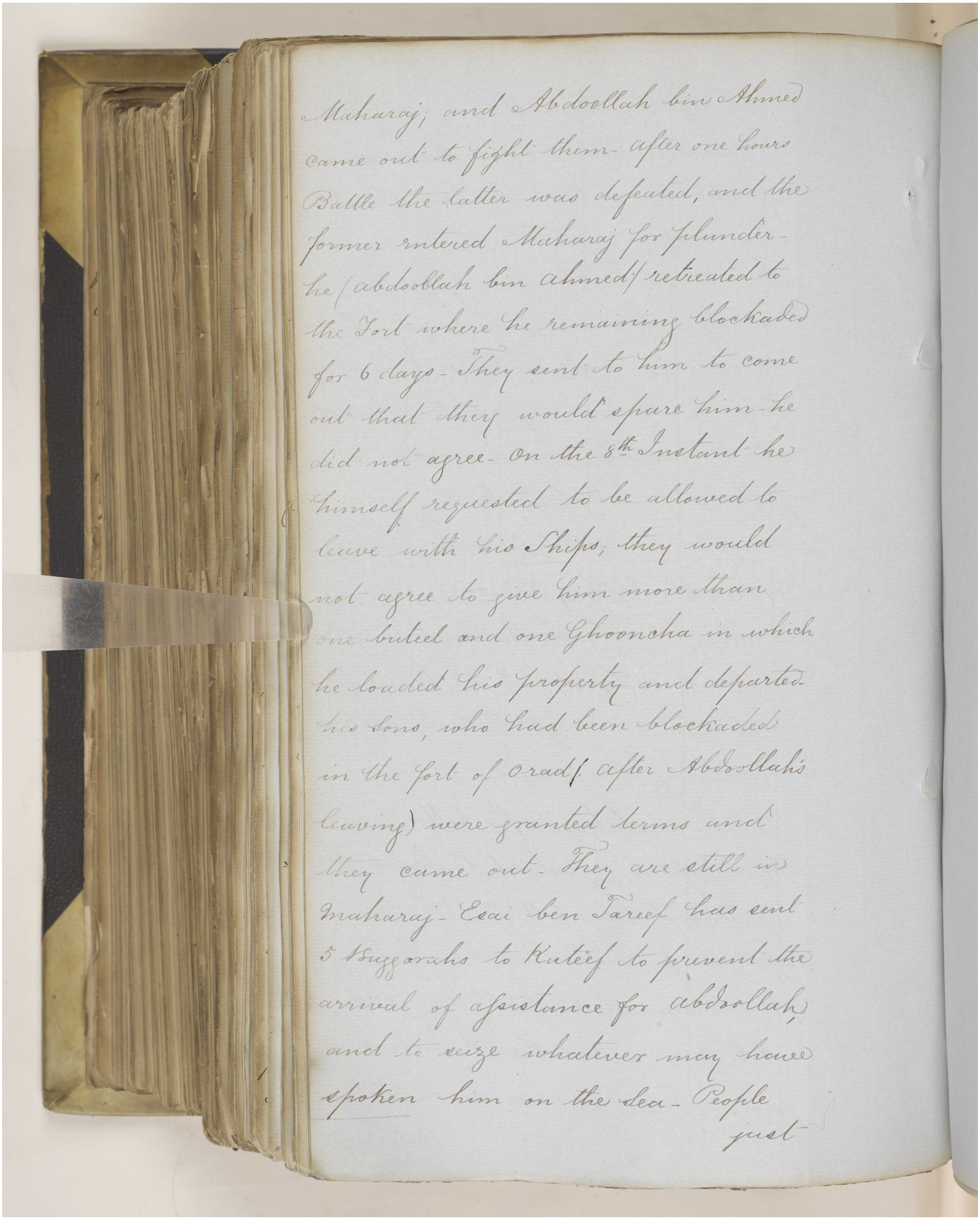

Maharaj; and Abdoollah bin Ahmed came out to fight them- after one hours Battle the latter was defeated, and the former entered Maharaj for plunder- he (abdoollah bin ahmed) retreated to the Fort where he remaining blockaded for 6 days- They sent to him to come out that they would spare him- he did not agree- on the 8th Instant he himself requested to be allowed to leave with his Ships, they would not agree to give him more than one buteel and one Ghoonchа in which he loaded his property and departed- his sons, who had been blockaded in the fort of Orad (after Abdoollah's leaving) were granted terms and they came out- They are still in Maharaj- Esai bin Tareef has sent 3 Suggarahs to Kuteef to prevent the arrival of assistance for Abdoollah, and to seize whatever may have spoken him on the sea- People just

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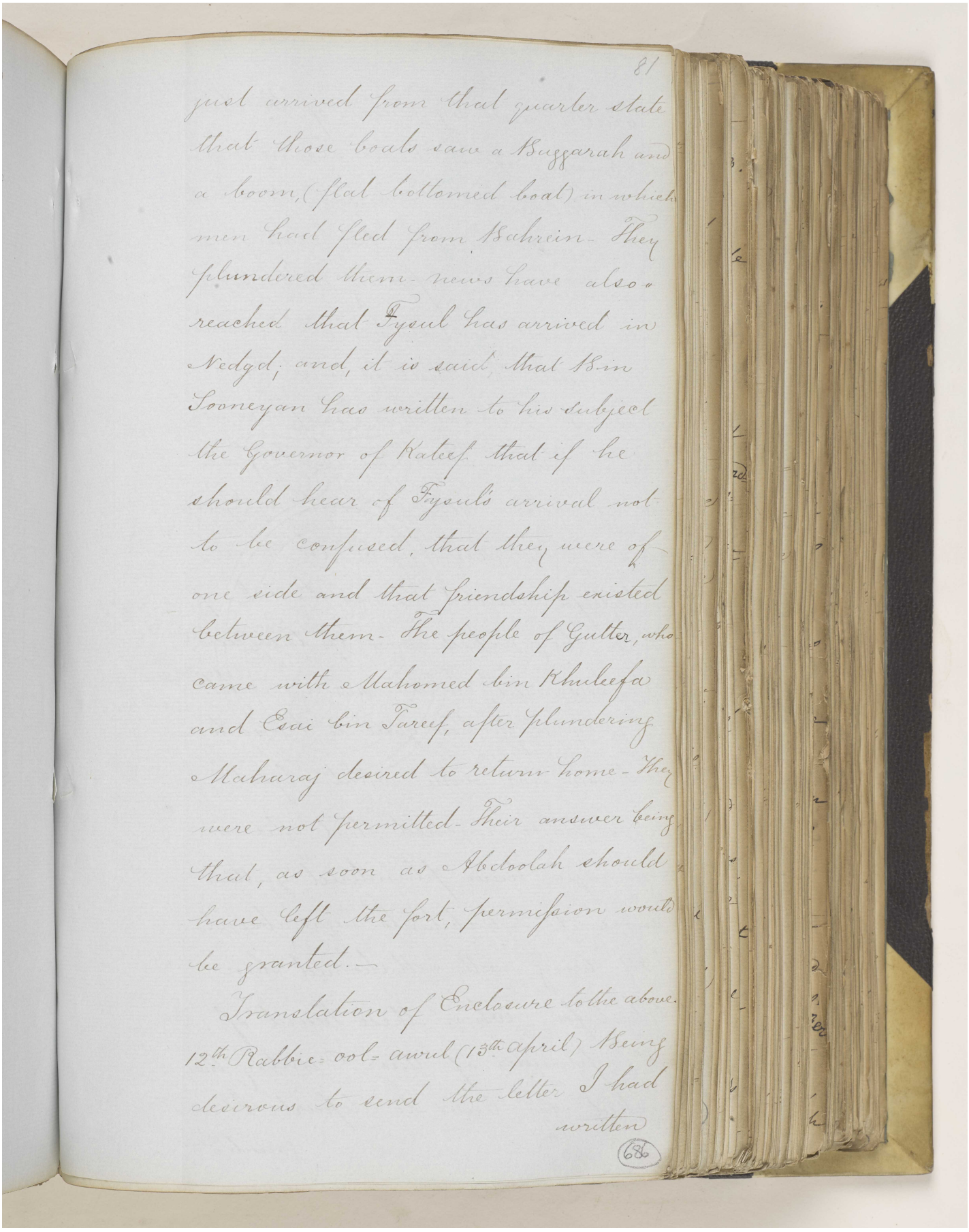

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just arrived from that quarter state that those boats saw a Buggarah and a boom, (flat bottomed boat) in which men had fled from Bahrein. They plundered them. news have also reached that Fysul has arrived in Nedjd; and, it is said, that Bin Sooneyan has written to his subject the Governor of Kateef that if he should hear of Fysul's arrival not to be confused, that they were of one side and that friendship existed between them. The people of Gulter, who came with Mahomed bin Khuleefa and Esai bin Tareef, after plundering Maharaj desired to return home. They were not permitted. Their answer being that, as soon as Abdoolah should have left the fort, permission would be granted.—

Translation of Enclosure to the above.

12th Rabbie-ool-awul (13th April) Being desirous to send the letter I had written

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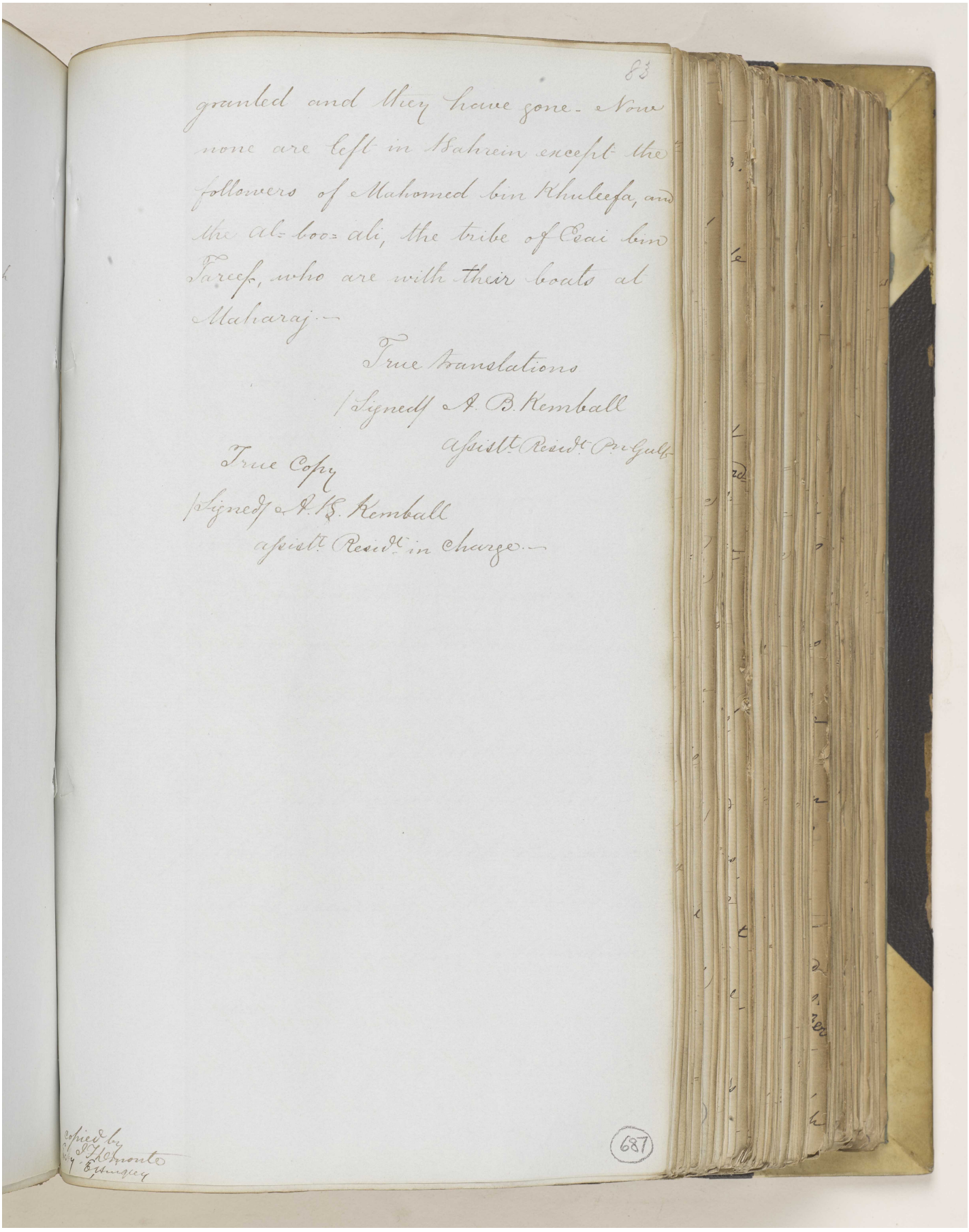
written; and by reason of the dis-
turbances, no one being willing to go-
and believing it necessary to send
the same, I hired a Buggarah for 80
Keroonees- It is reported that Abdullah
bin Ahmed has arrived at Demaun
Mahomed bin Khuleefa and his
brothers and Esai bin Tareef are at
Manamah, and are in doubt as to
what orders will be sent by Govern-
-ment- yesterday Mubarah bin
Khuleefa arrived in his Buteel- of
him they asked news of the Resid.t
he answered, "I have none, except
that a Ship has gone to Bassadore-
I know not with what object-
news have reached that the 4
Monaju have plundered Gutteer
since its Inhabitants were absent-
All being with Mahomed bin
Khuleefa- when these heard of
the plunder of their Country they
asked for leave to depart- It was
granted



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granted and they have gone. Now none are left in Bahrein except the followers of Mahomed bin Khuleefa, and the al-boo-ali, the tribe of Esai bin Fareef, who are with their boats at Maharaj.—

True translations
(Signed) A. B. Kemball
Assistt. Residt. Pn. Gulf

True Copy
(Signed) A. B. Kemball
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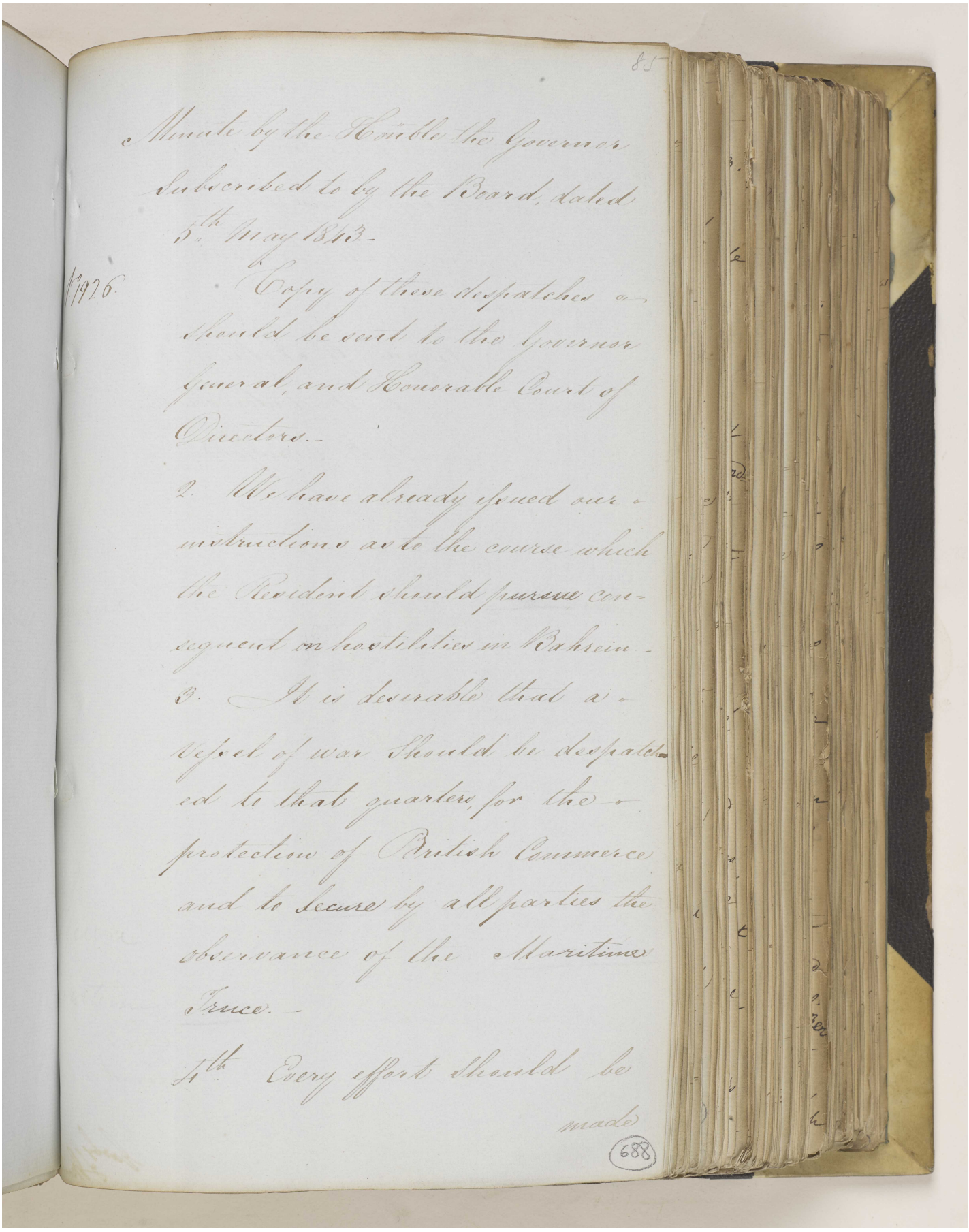

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Minute by the Hon'ble the Governor
subscribed to by the Board, dated
5th May 1803.

1926. Copy of these despatches
should be sent to the Governor
General, and Honorable Court of
Directors.

2. We have already issued our
instructions as to the course which
the Resident should pursue con-
sequent on hostilities in Bahrein.

3. It is desirable that a
vessel of war should be despatch-
ed to that quarter, for the
protection of British Commerce
and to secure by all parties the
observance of the Maritime
Truce.

4th Every effort should be
made

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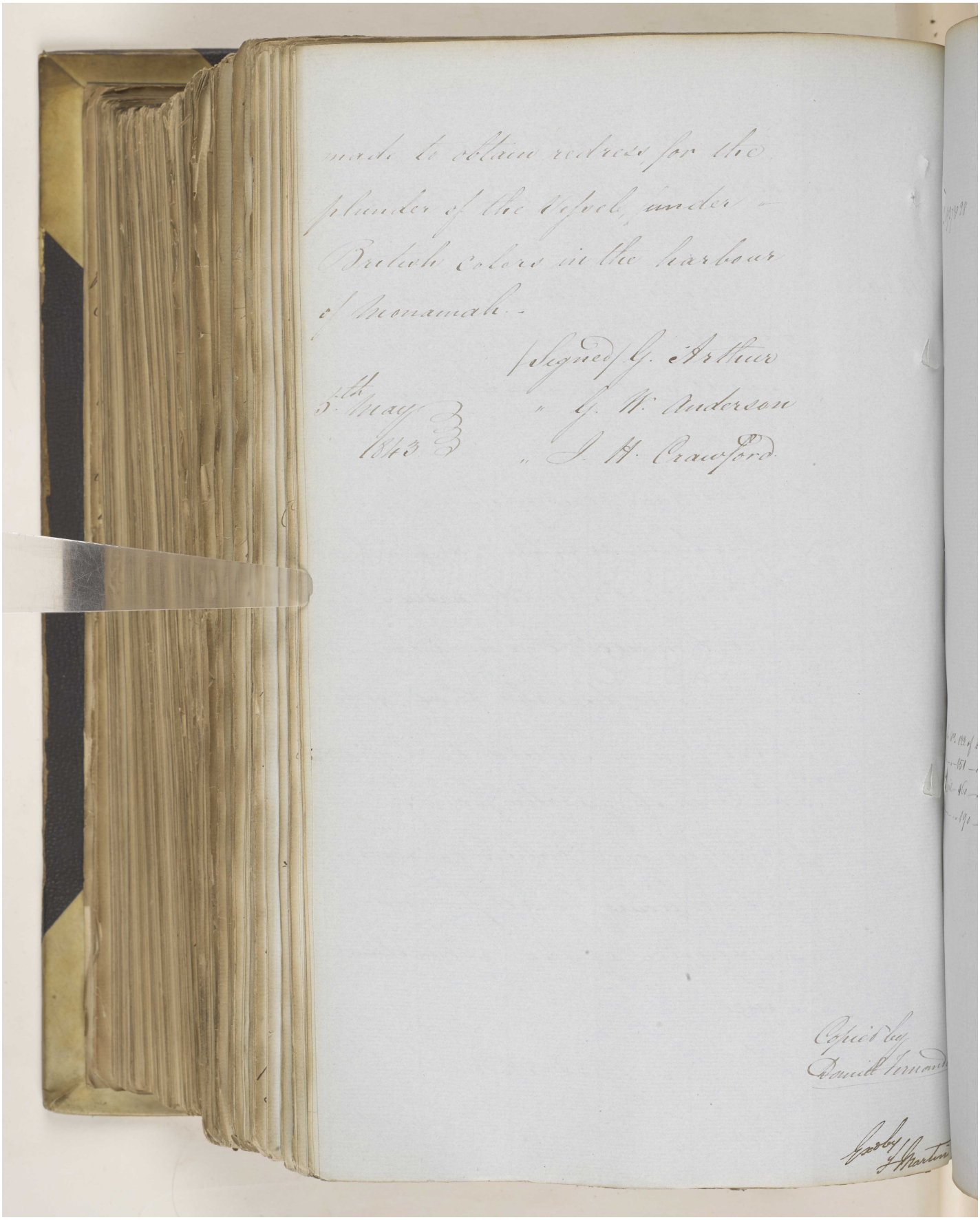

made to obtain redress for the plunder of the Vessel, under British colors in the harbour of Monamah.

(Signed) G. Arthur
" G. W. Anderson
" J. H. Crawford

5th May 1843

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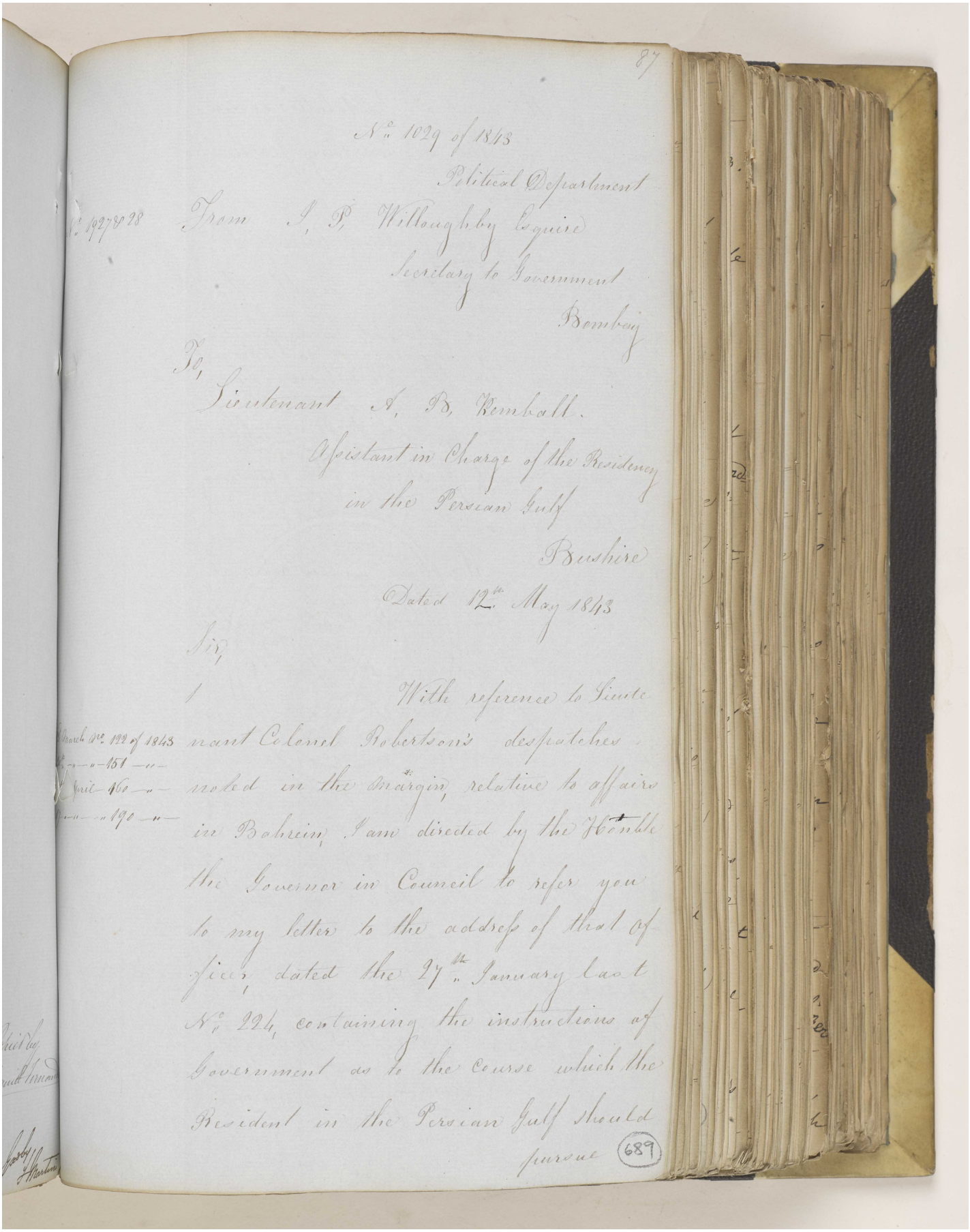

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No. 1927 & 28 From J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

Bombay

To,

Lieutenant A. B. Kemball.

Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf

Bushire

Dated 12th May 1843

Sir,

1 With reference to Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's despatches noted in the margin, relative to affairs in Bahrein, I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to refer you to my letter to the address of that Officer, dated the 27th January last No. 224, containing the instructions of Government as to the course which the Resident in the Persian Gulf should pursue

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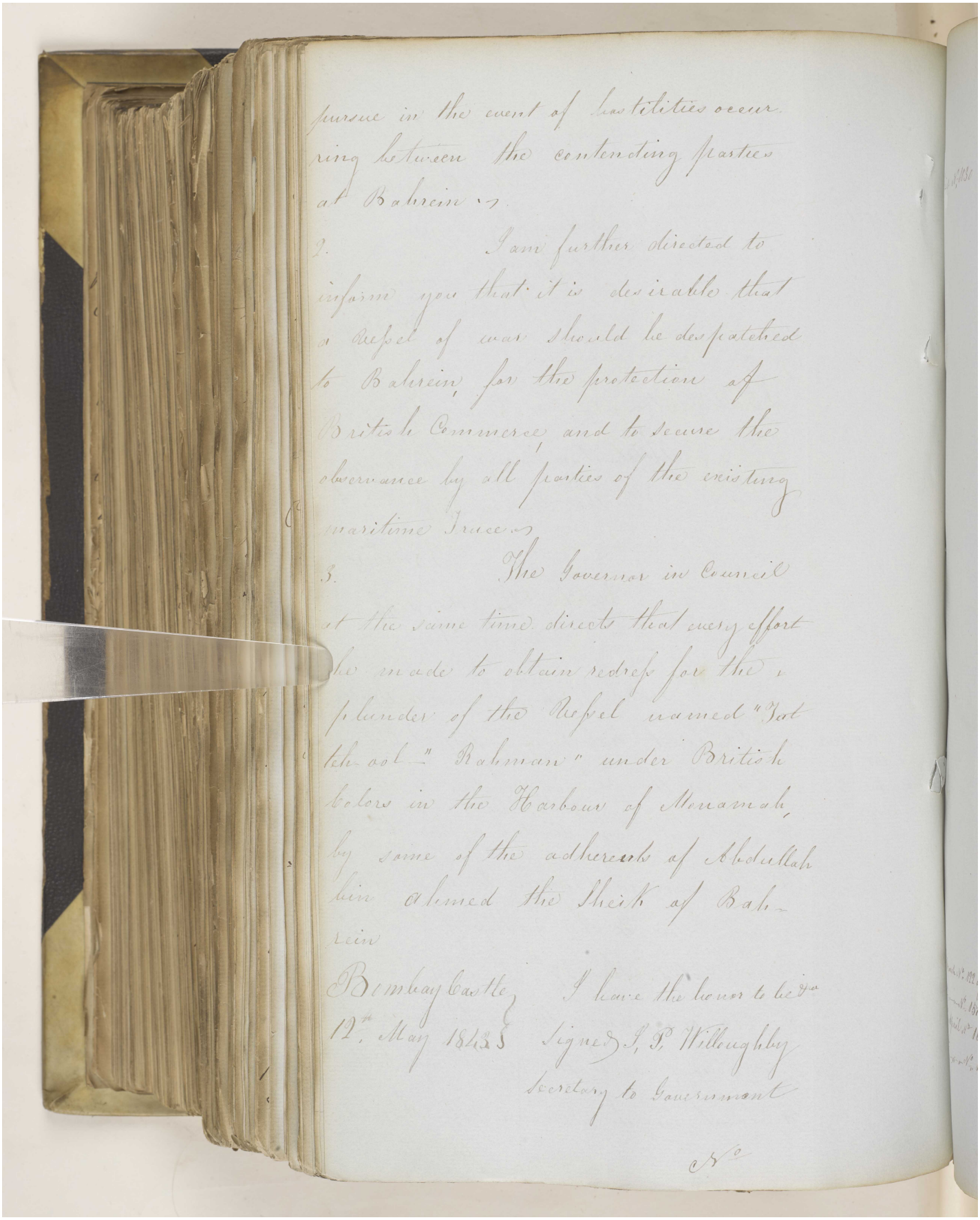

pursue in the event of hostilities occurring between the contending parties at Bahrein.

2. I am further directed to inform you that it is desirable that a Vessel of war should be despatched to Bahrein for the protection of British Commerce and to secure the observance by all parties of the existing maritime Truce.

3. The Governor in Council at the same time directs that every effort be made to obtain redress for the plunder of the Vessel named "Futtehool Rahman" under British Colors in the Harbour of Monamah by some of the adherents of Abdullah bin Ahmed the Sheik of Bahrein

Bombay Castle 12th May 1823

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

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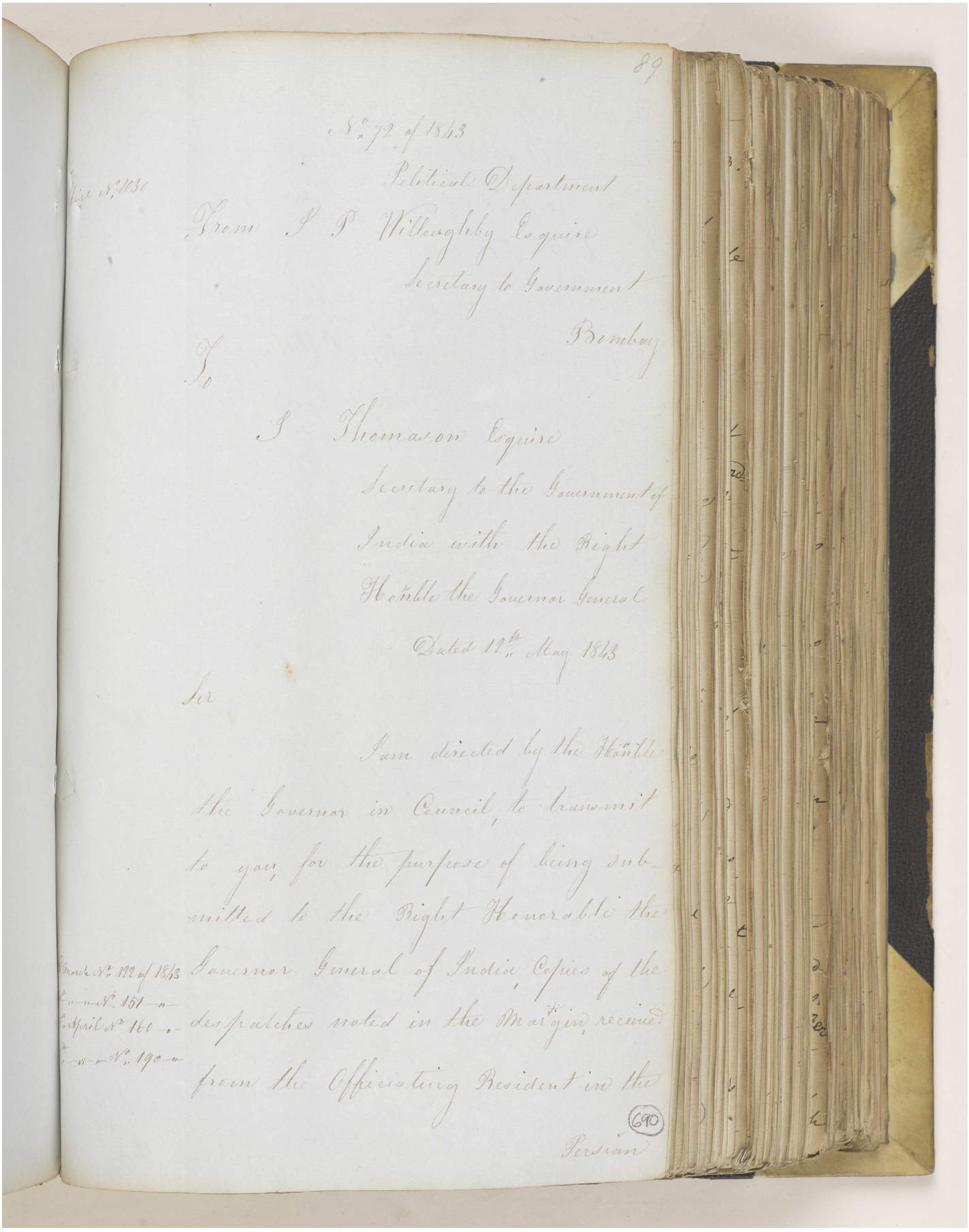

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Office No. 1030

From J P Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To

J Thomason Esquire
Secretary to the Government of
India with the Right
Hon'ble the Governor General

Dated 12th May 1843

Sir

I am directed by the Hon'ble the Governor in Council, to transmit to you, for the purpose of being submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, Copies of the despatches noted in the Margin, received from the Officiating Resident in the

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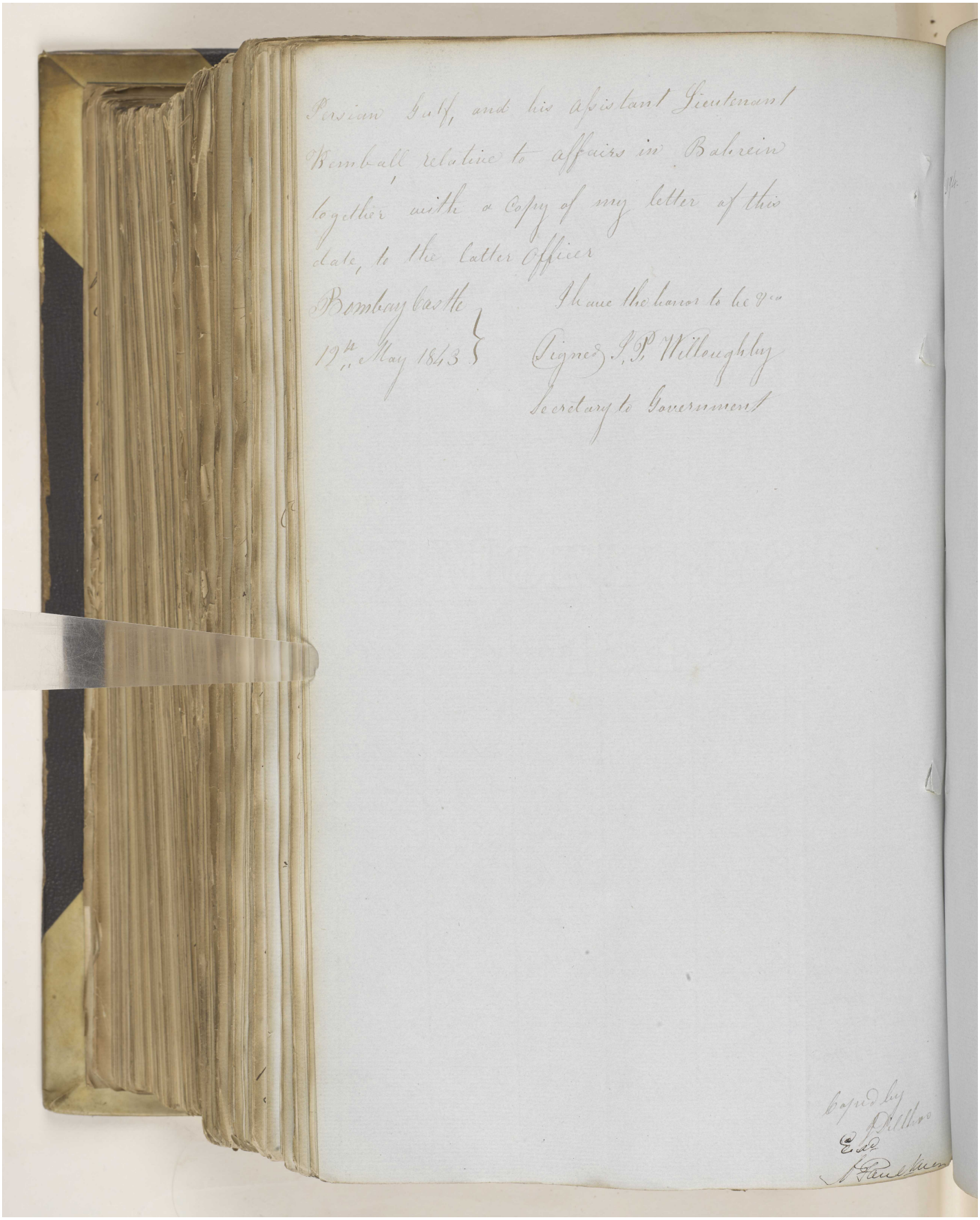

Persian Gulf, and his Assistant Lieutenant Kemball relative to affairs in Bahrein together with a Copy of my letter of this date, to the latter Officer

Bombay Castle
19th May 1843

I have the honor to be &ca
Signed J. P. Willoughby
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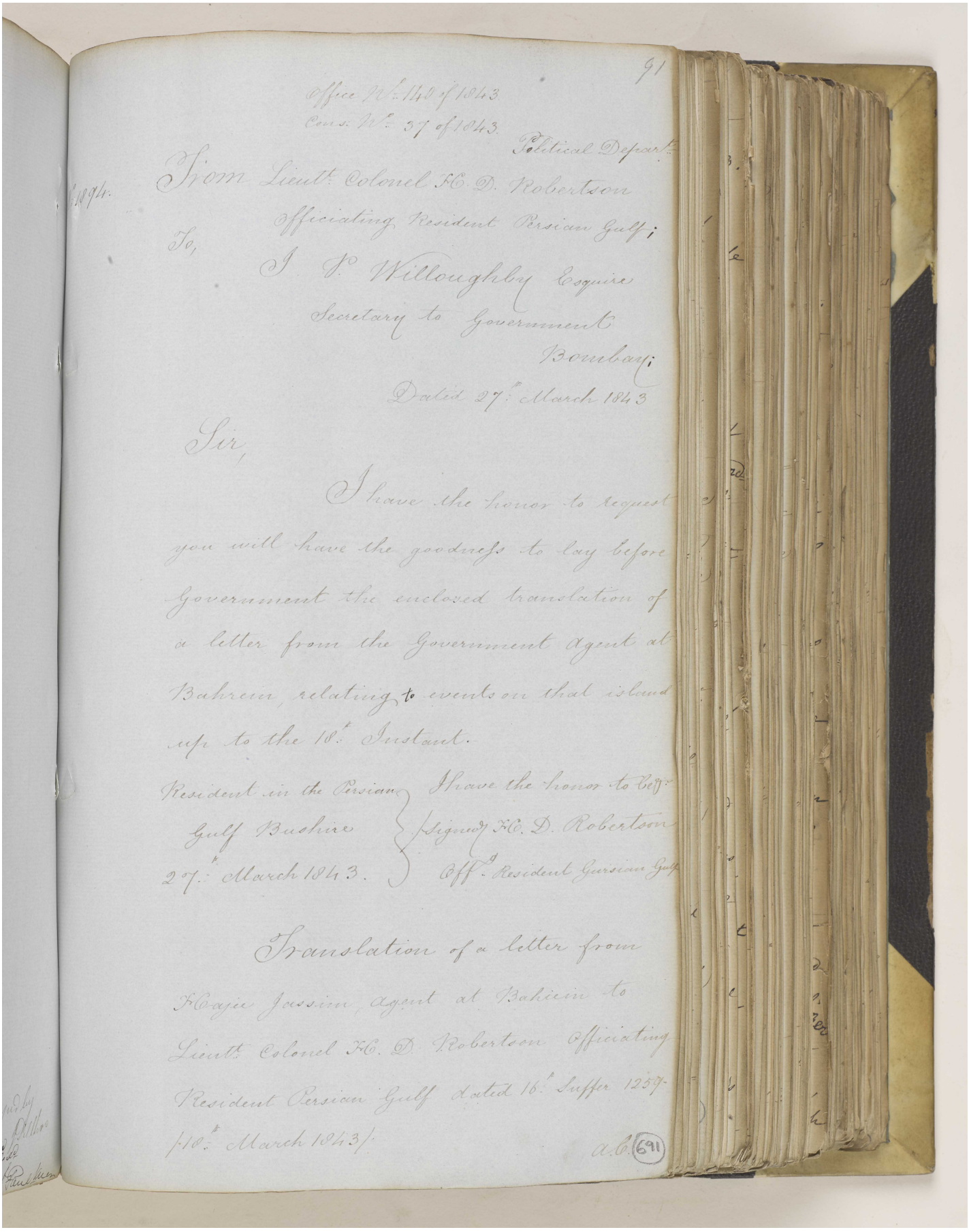

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From Lieut.t Colonel F.C. D. Robertson
officiating Resident Persian Gulf;
To,
I. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay;
Dated 27.th March 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to lay before Government the enclosed translation of a letter from the Government Agent at Bahreen, relating to events on that island up to the 18.th Instant.

Resident in the Persian Gulf Bushire
27.th March 1843.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed F.C. D. Robertson
Off.g Resident Persian Gulf

Translation of a letter from
Hajee Jassim, Agent at Bahreen to
Lieut.t Colonel F.C. D. Robertson officiating
Resident Persian Gulf dated 16.th Suffer 1259.
/10.th March 1843/

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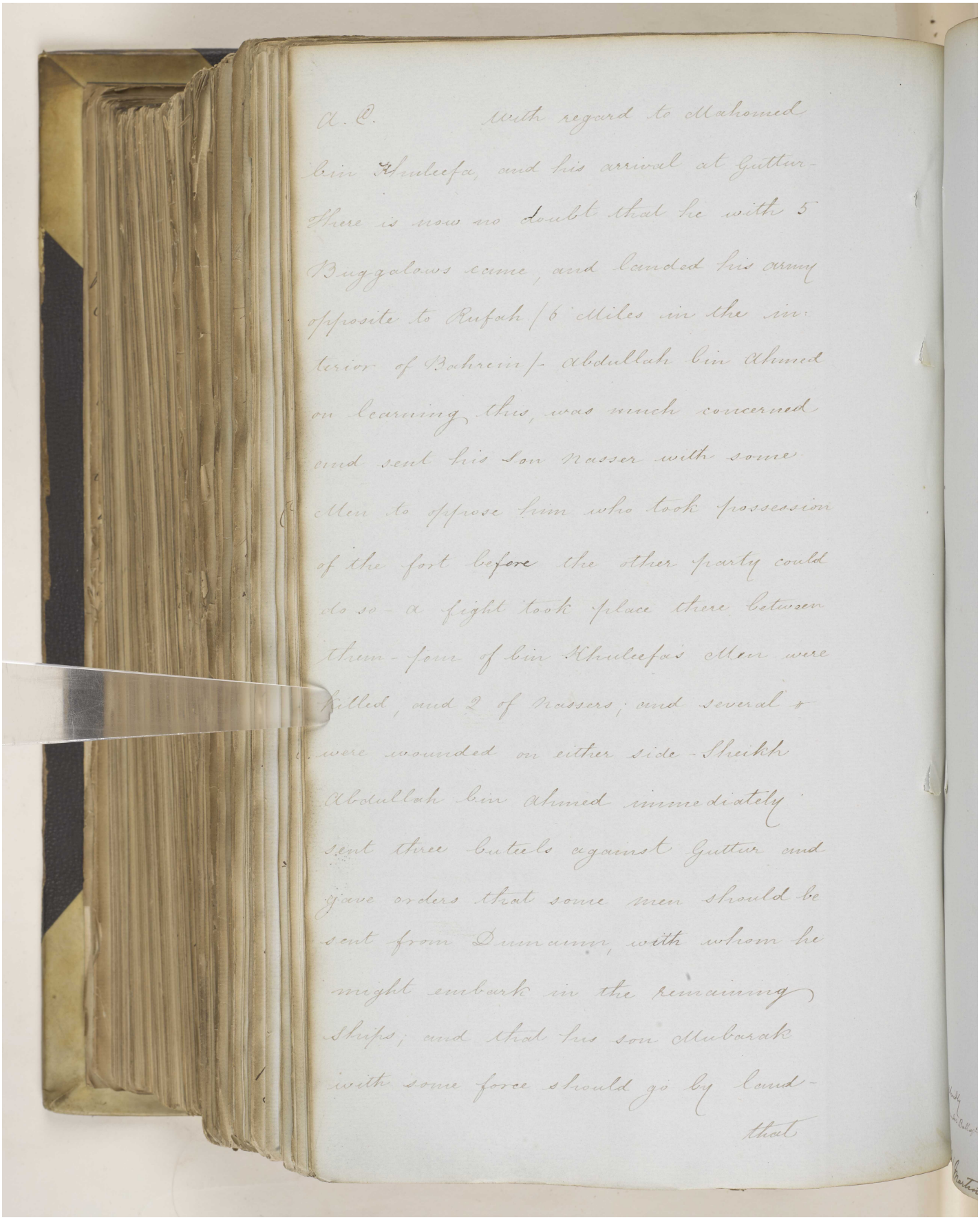
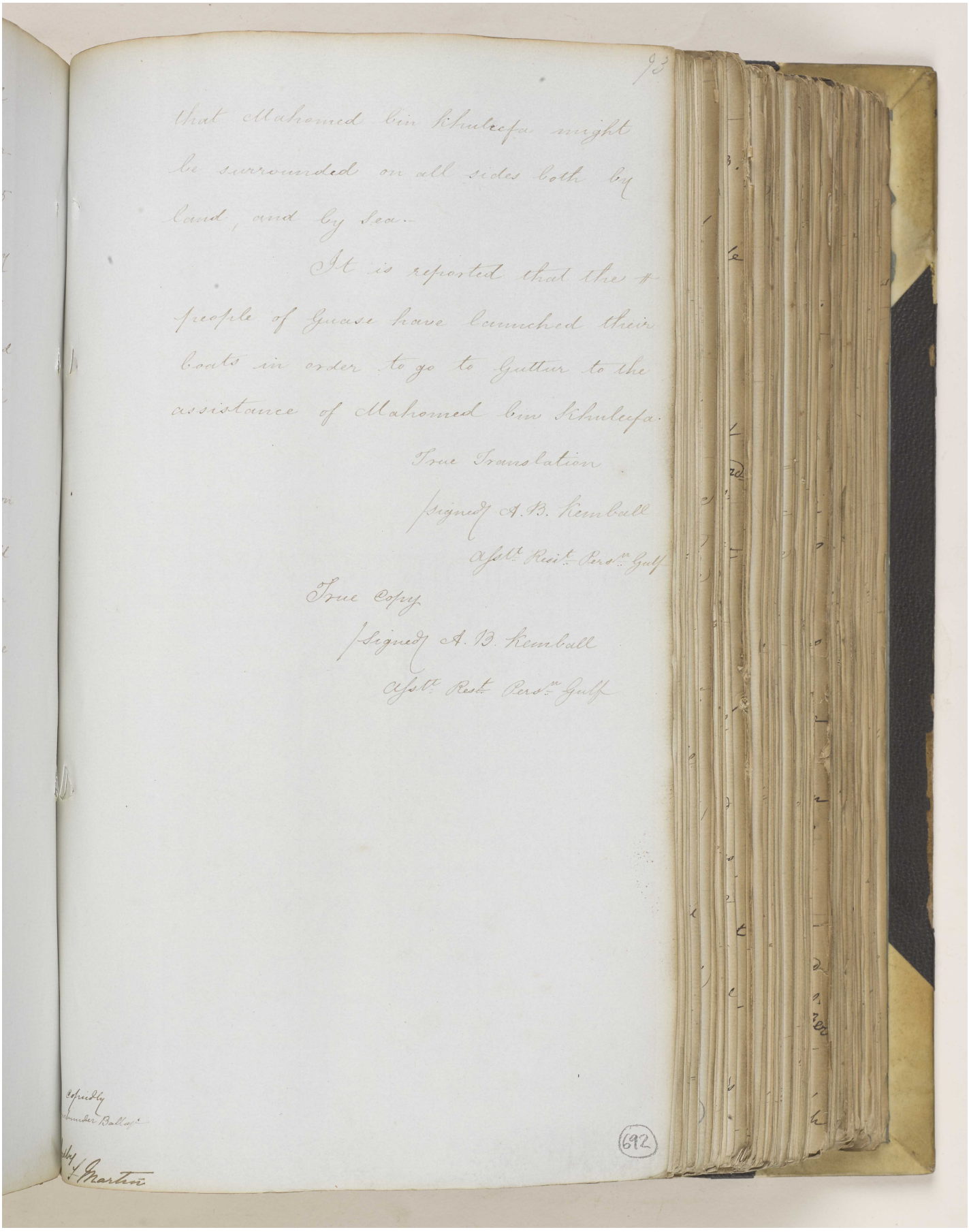


A. D. With regard to Mahomed bin Khuleefa, and his arrival at Guttur- there is now no doubt that he with 5 Buggalows came, and landed his army opposite to Rufah / 6 Miles in the in- terior of Bahrein / - Abdullah bin Ahmed on learning this, was much concerned and sent his Son Nasser with some Men to oppose him who took possession of the fort before the other party could do so - a fight took place there between them - four of bin Khuleefa's Men were killed, and 2 of Nassers; and several + were wounded on either side - Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed immediately sent three buteels against Guttur and gave orders that some men should be sent from Dumcum, with whom he might embark in the remaining Ships; and that his son Mubarak with some force should go by land-

that



that Mahomed bin Khuleefa might be surrounded on all sides both by land, and by sea.

It is reported that the people of Guase have launched their boats in order to go to Guttur to the assistance of Mahomed bin Khuleefa.

True Translation

(signed) A.B. Kemball

Asst. Resit. Pers. Gulf

True Copy

(signed) A.B. Kemball

Asst. Resit. Pers. Gulf

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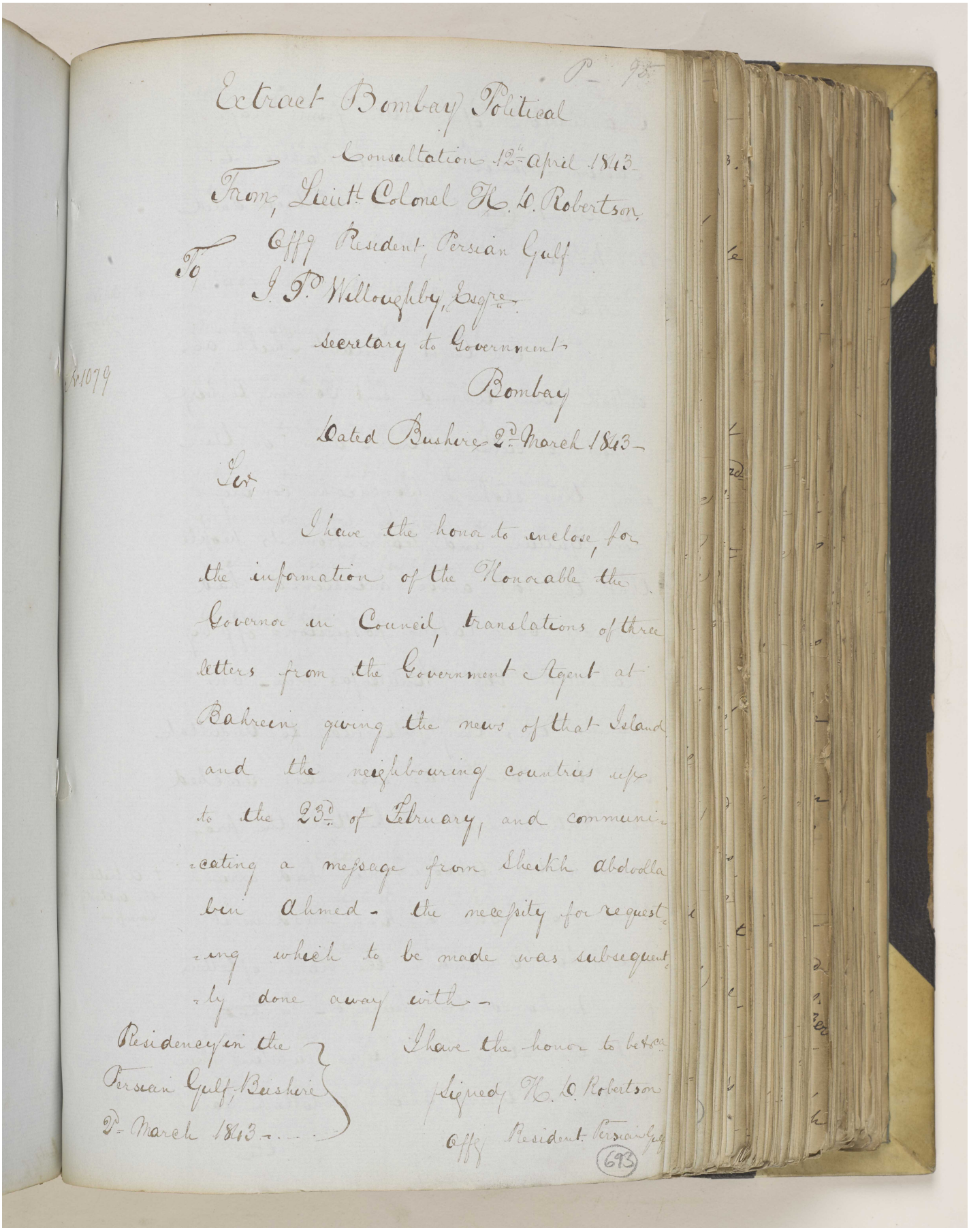

Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 12th April 1843
From, Lieut. Colonel H. L. Robertson,
Offg Resident, Persian Gulf
To
J. P. Willoughby, Esqre
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated Bushire 2d March 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, translations of three letters from the Government Agent at Bahreen giving the news of that Island and the neighbouring countries up to the 23d of February, and communicating a message from Sheikh Abdoolla bin Ahmed - the necessity for requesting which to be made was subsequently done away with -

Residency in the Persian Gulf, Bushire 2d March 1843 -

I have the honor to be &c
Signed H. L. Robertson
Offg Resident Persian Gulf

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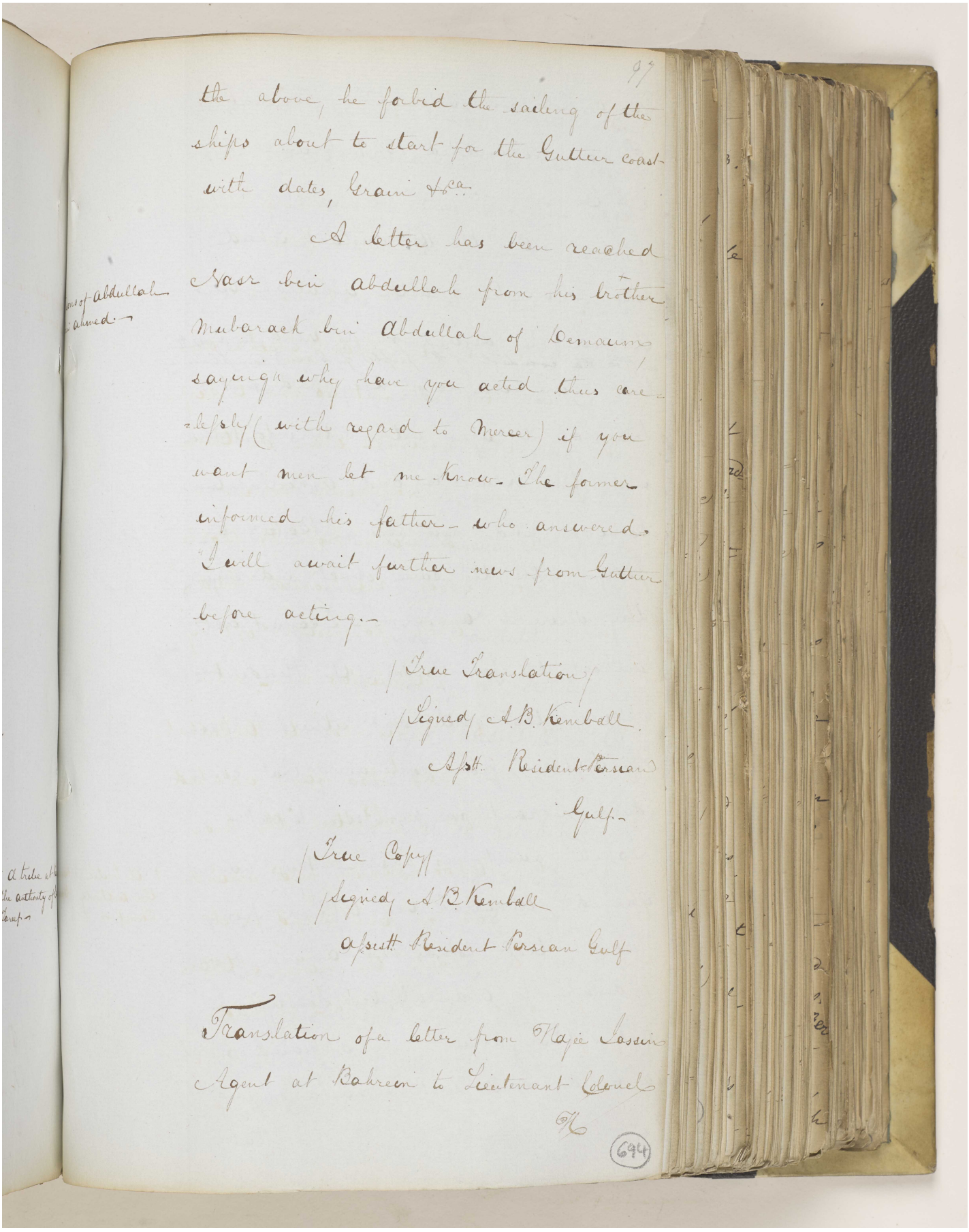
Translation of a letter from Hajee Jassim Native Agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson dated 14th Mohurrum.

A. D.

On the 4th Instant Sheikh abdullah ben Ahmed sent 30 men to seize a fort of Gutter, Moreer when on their way they spoke a Baggarah coming from Gutter, and learn from its people that the fort above mentioned had already been taken possession off by Mahomed bin Khuleefa's men. On hearing this they returned to Abdullah ben Ahmed. News also have reached from Gutter that a Battel the property of the Alboo Aynain had arrived there from Gase or Kenn + and met Yusuf bin Ahmadeh the bearer of letters for Mahomed bin Kuleefa. he had sent the letters and was awaiting their answer. when Sheikh Abdullah learnt the

+ A tribe at Kenn the authority of Persia



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the above, he forbid the sailing of the ships about to start for the Gutter coast with dates, Grain &c.

A letter has been received Nasr bin Abdullah from his brother Mubarack bin Abdullah of Demaum saying why have you acted thus carelessly (with regard to Mercer) if you want men let me know. The former informed his father who answered. I will await further news from Gutter before acting.

True Translation
Signed A B Kemball
Asst. Resident Persian Gulf.

True Copy
Signed A B Kemball
Asstt Resident Persian Gulf

Translation of a letter from Hajee Hassein Agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel

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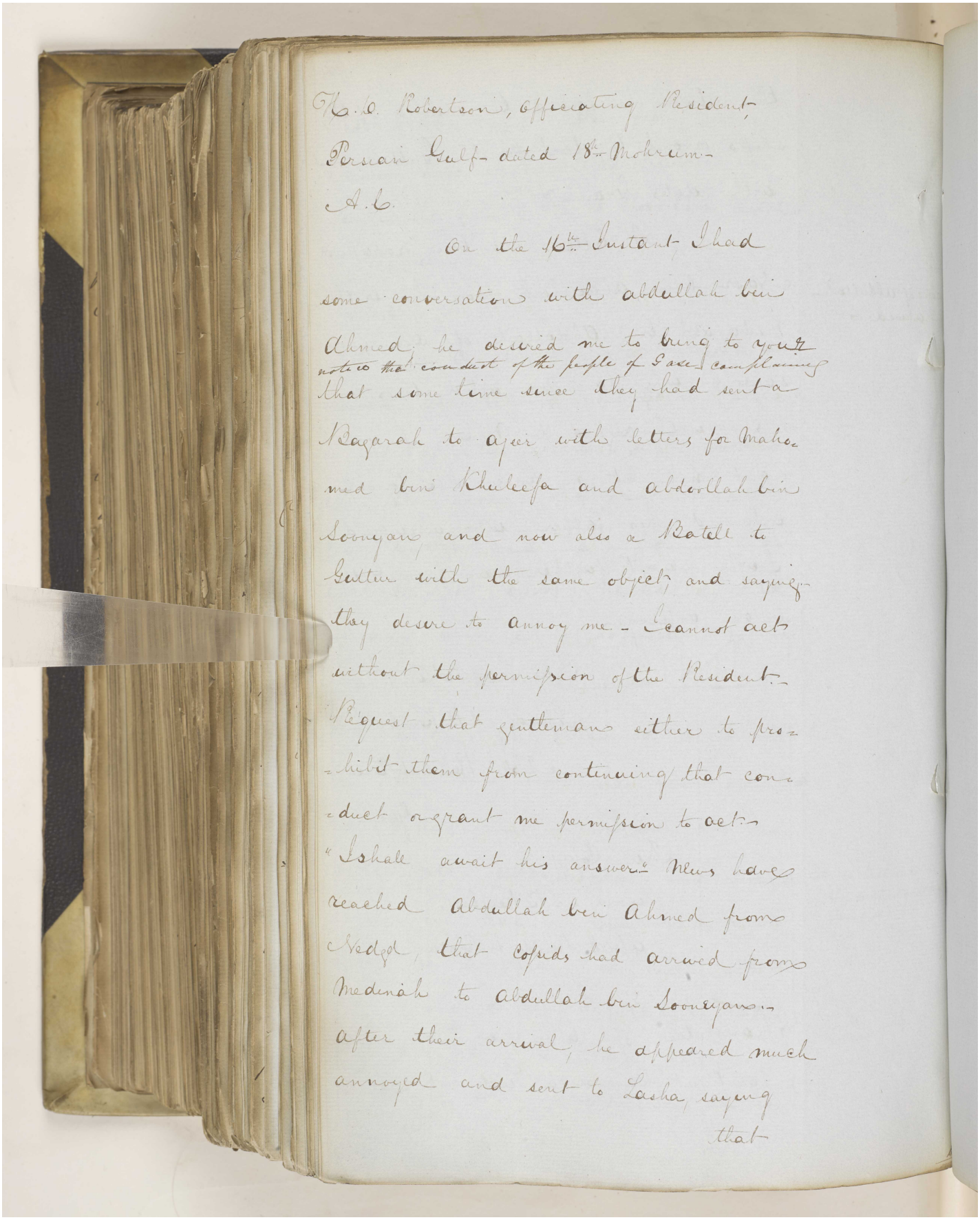
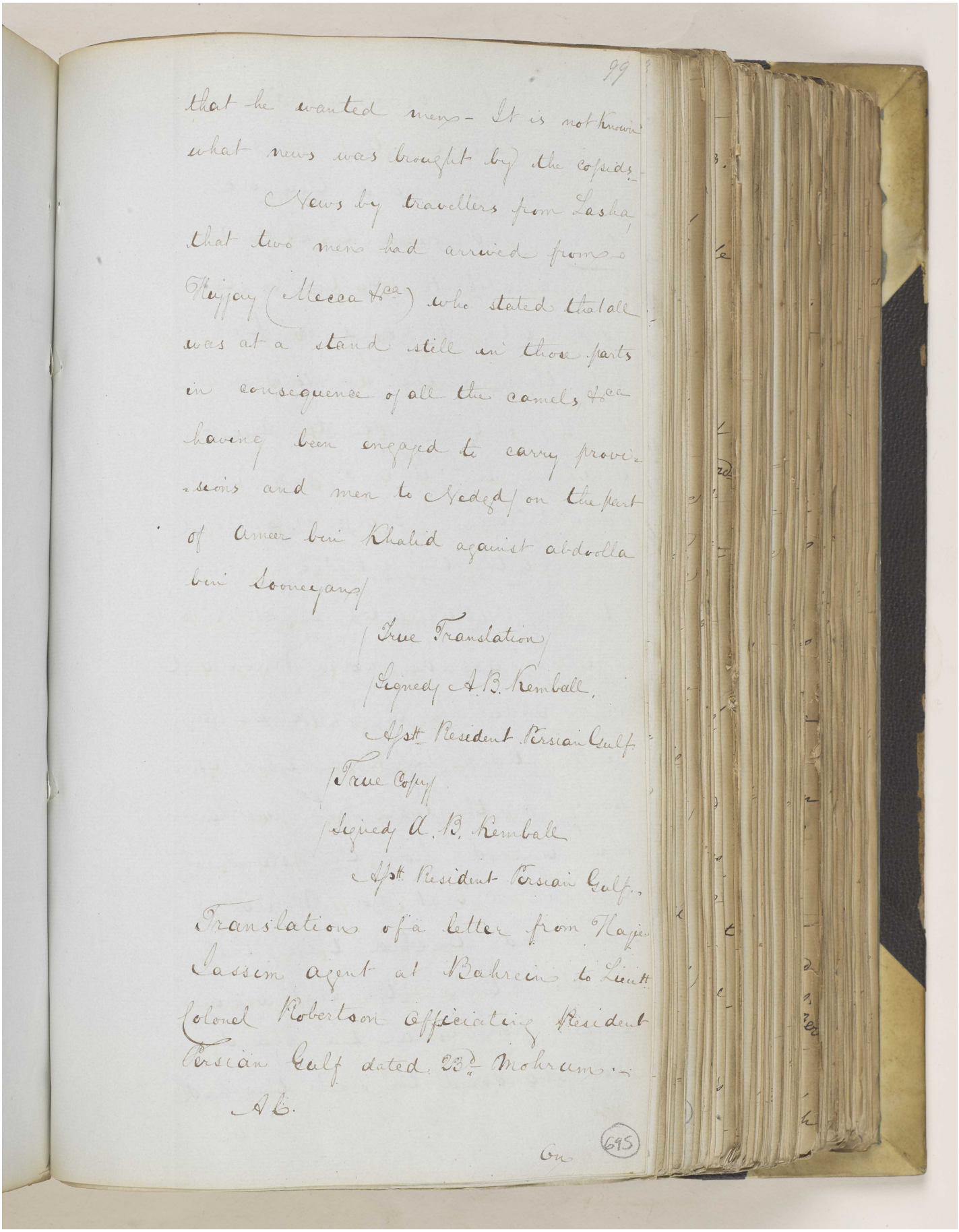


H. D. Robertson, Officiating Resident,
Persian Gulf dated 18th Mohrum.
A.C.

On the 16th Instant I had some conversation with abdullah bin Ahmed, he desired me to bring to your notice the conduct of the people of Gaze complaining that some time since they had sent a Bagarah to ajeer with letters for Mahomed bin Khuleefa and abdoollah bin Soonyan, and now also a Batell to Gutter with the same object, and saying they desire to annoy me. I cannot act without the permission of the Resident. Request that gentleman either to prohibit them from continuing that conduct or grant me permission to act. "I shall await his answer." News have reached Abdullah bin Ahmed from Nedgd, that Cossids had arrived from Medinah to Abdullah bin Sooneyan. After their arrival, he appeared much annoyed and sent to Lasha, saying that



that he wanted men - It is not known what news was brought by the copsids.

News by travellers from Lasha, that two men had arrived from Hujjay (Mecca &ca) who stated that all was at a stand still in those parts in consequence of all the camels &ca having been engaged to carry provisions and men to Nedgd on the part of Ameer bin Khalid against abdoolla bin Sooneyan.

(True Translation)

(Signed) A. B. Kemball.

Asstt Resident Persian Gulf.

(True Copy)

(Signed) A. B. Kemball

Asstt Resident Persian Gulf.

Translation of a letter from Hajee Jassim agent at Bahrein to Lieutt Colonel Robertson Officiating Resident Persian Gulf dated 23d Mohrum.

A.C.

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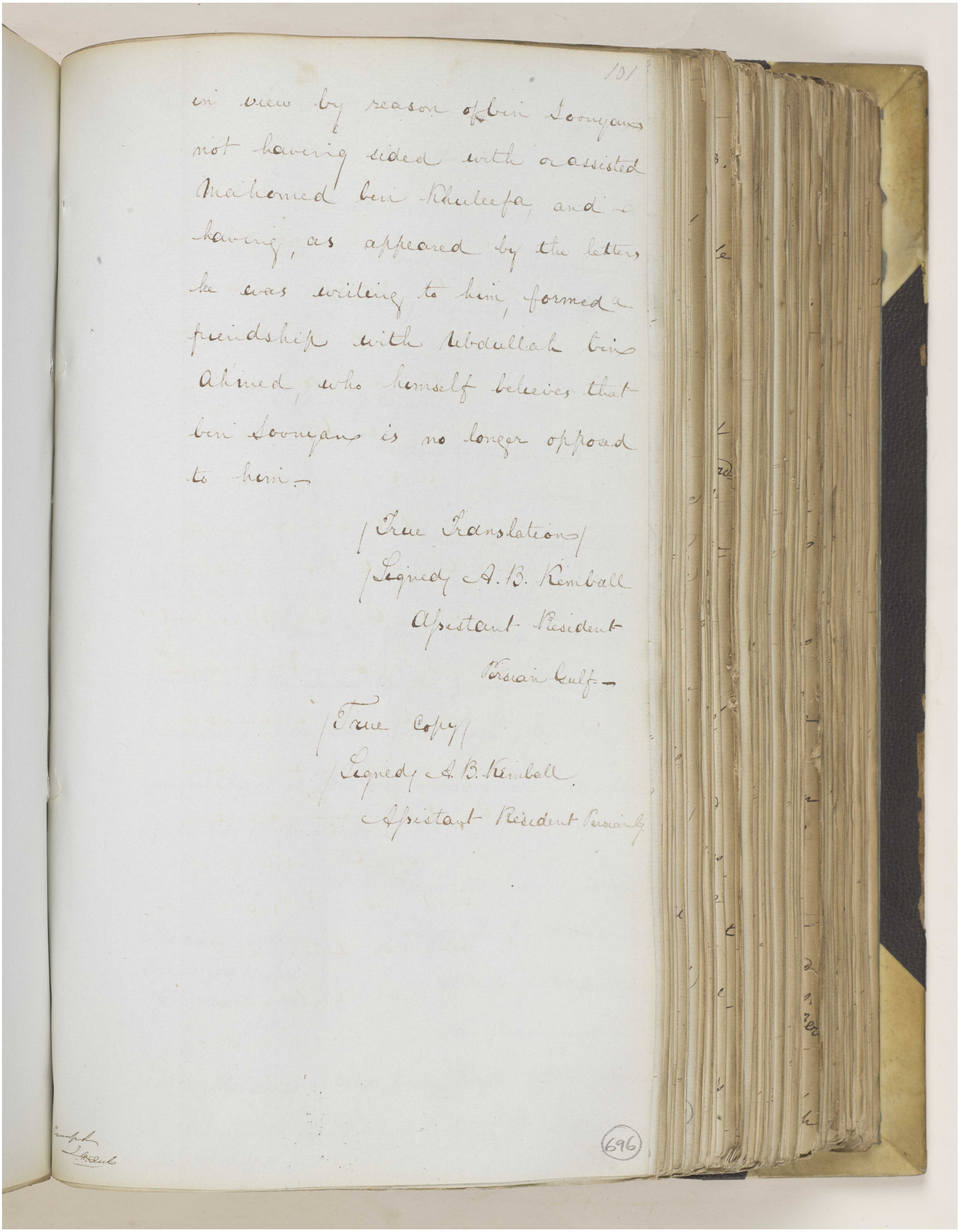
On the 20th Instant news reached from Guttur that Mahomed bin Khuleefa had arrived there with 80 men and seized the Fort of Meeree. The Inhabitants of Guttur on land sided with Mahomed bin Khuleefa but those on the sea some only. the rest watching for the result. Abdullah bin Ahmed has given orders to launch 10 vessels large and small with the intention of attacking Guttur. On the 21st Instant a letter reached from Mubarack bin abdullah to his father saying "I will attack by land while you carry on the war by sea" News have also reached from the Island of Kenn viz a boat from Muscat which had touched there, that on the return of the boat (bearing Yusuf) from Guttur, the Islanders had abandoned the objects they had in



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in view by reason of bin Soonyans not having sided with or assisted Mahomed bin Khuleefa, and having, as appeared by the letters he was writing to him, formed a friendship with Abdullah bin Ahmed, who himself believes that bin Soonyans is no longer opposed to him.—

/True Translation/
/Signed/ A. B. Kemball
Assistant Resident
Persian Gulf.—

/True Copy/
/Signed/ A. B. Kemball
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf

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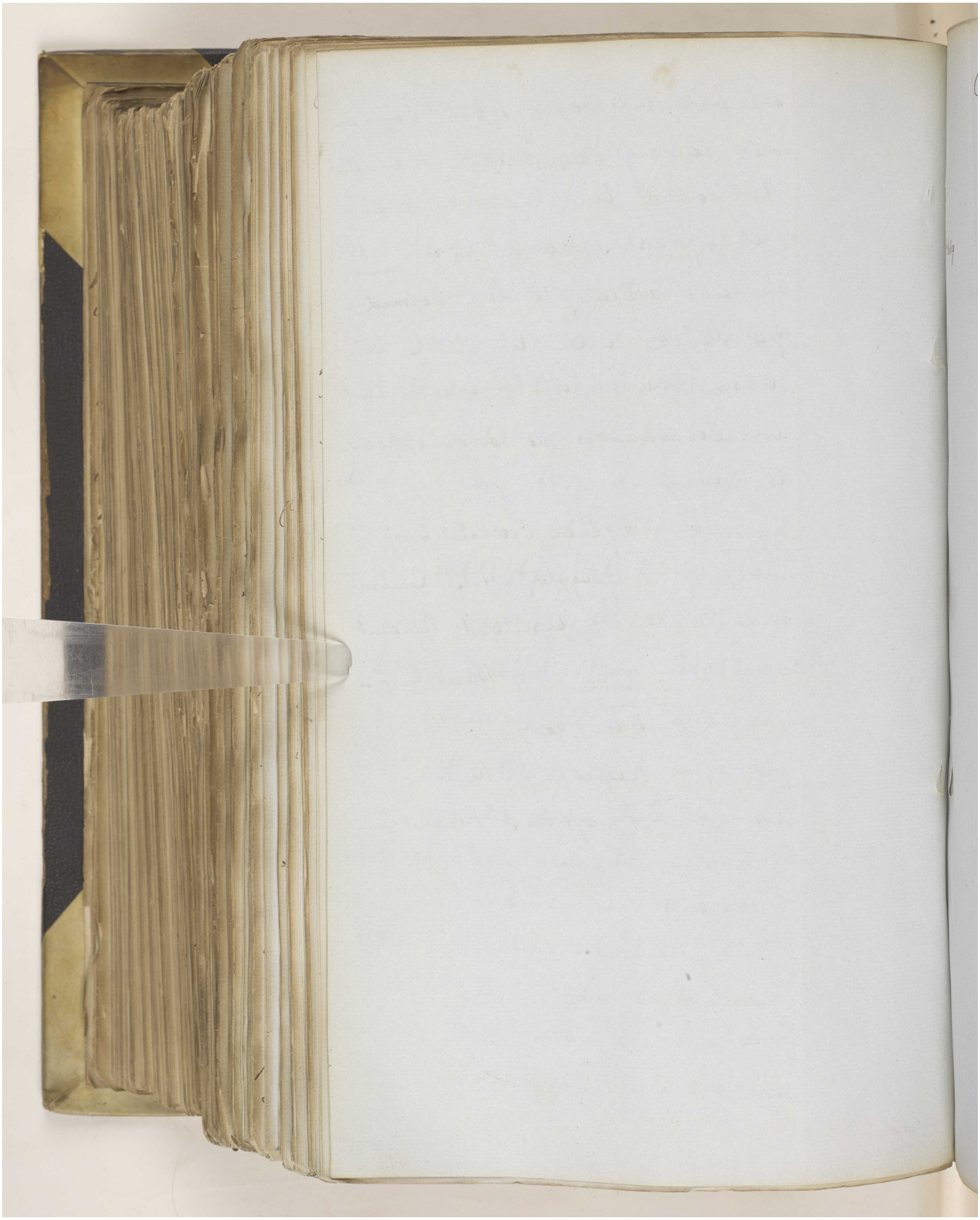

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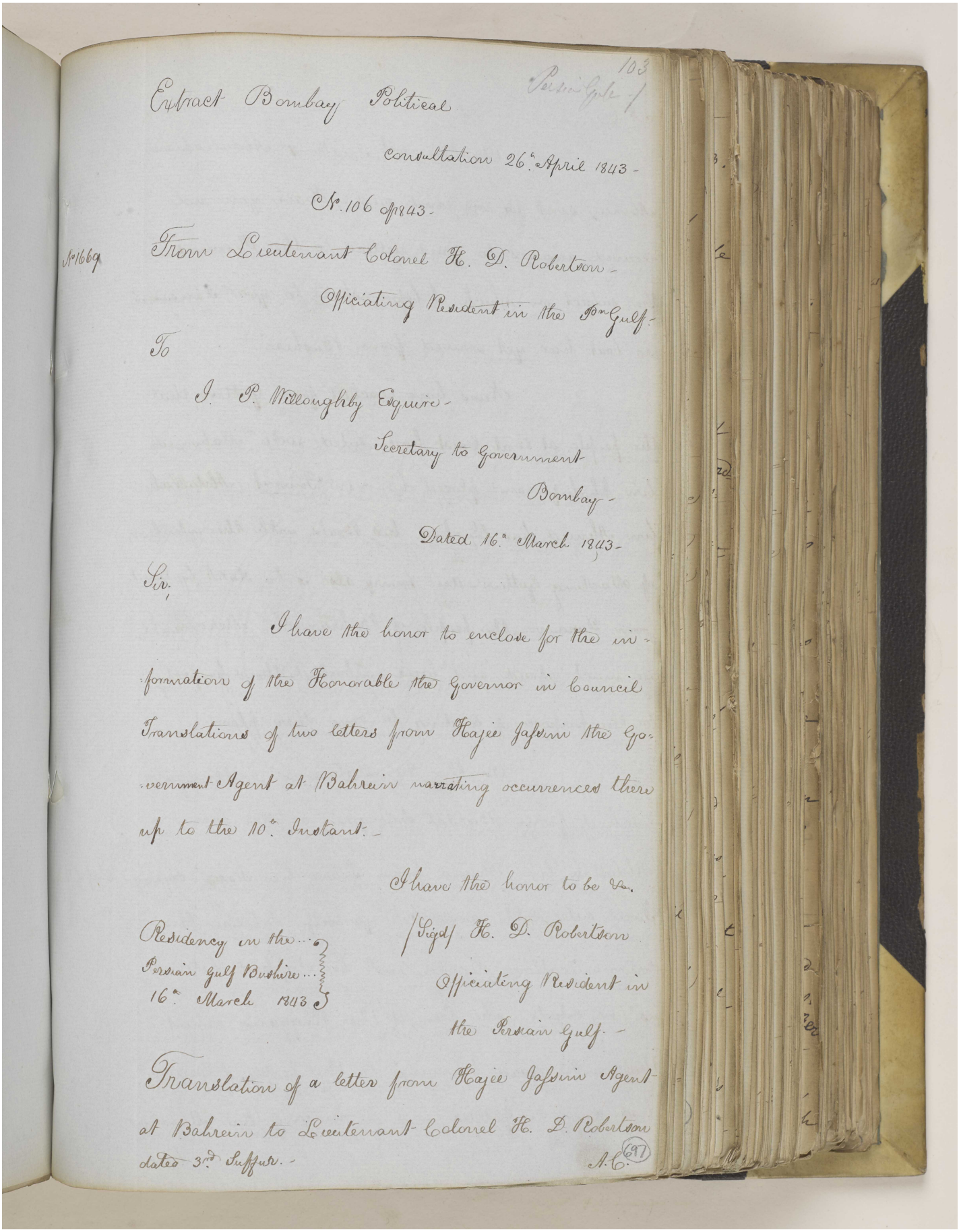

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 26th April 1843.

No. 106 of 1843.

No 1669

From Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson.

Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To

I. P. Willoughby Esquire.

Secretary to Government

Bombay.

Dated 16th March 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council Translations of two letters from Hajee Jaferin the Government Agent at Bahrein narrating occurrences there up to the 10th Instant.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Sigd) H. D. Robertson

Officiating Resident in

the Persian Gulf.

Residency in the Persian gulf Bushire 16th March 1843

Translation of a letter from Hajee Jaferin Agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson dated 3rd Suffur.

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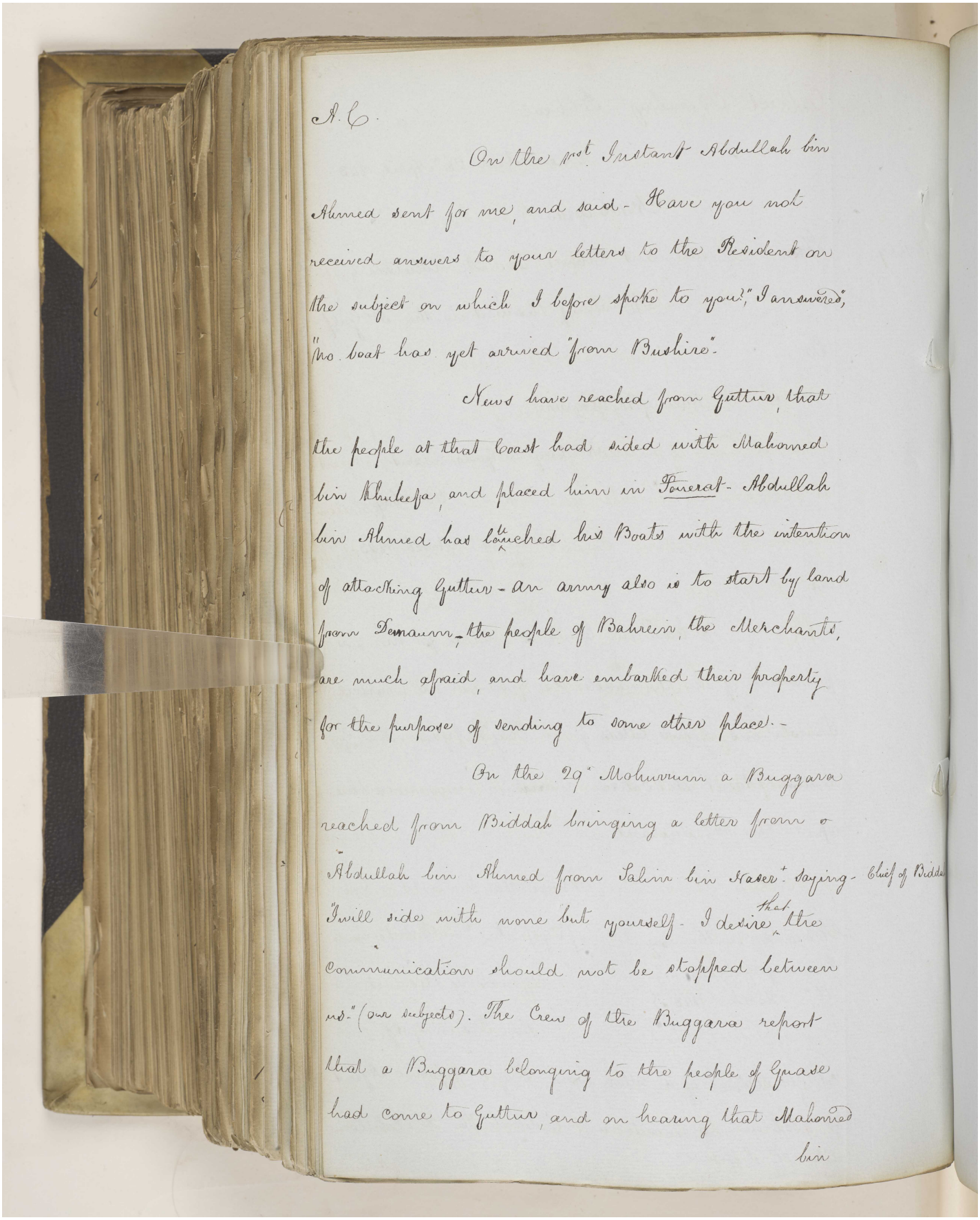


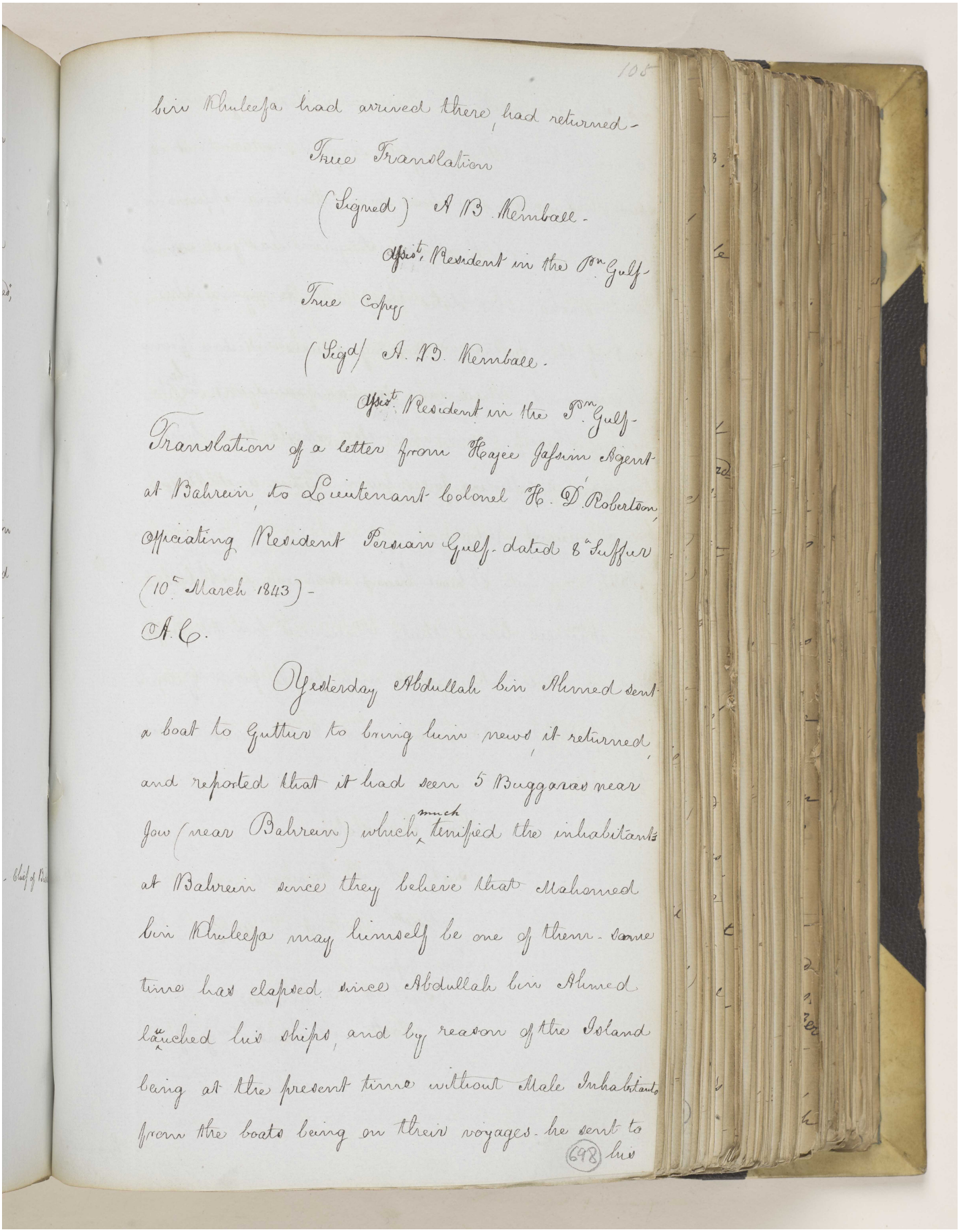
A. C.

On the 1st Instant Abdullah bin Ahmed sent for me, and said - Have you not received answers to your letters to the Resident on the subject on which I before spoke to you?" I answered, "no boat has yet arrived "from Bushire".

News have reached from Guttur, that the people at that Coast had sided with Mahomed bin Khuleefa, and placed him in Fenerat - Abdullah bin Ahmed has launched his Boats with the intention of attacking Guttur - an army also is to start by land from Demaum, - the people of Bahrein, the Merchants, are much afraid, and have embarked their property for the purpose of sending to some other place. -

On the 29th Mohurrum a Buggara reached from Biddah bringing a letter from Abdullah bin Ahmed from Salim bin Naser+ saying - "I will side with none but yourself - I desire that the communication should not be stopped between us." (our subjects). The Crew of the Buggara report that a Buggara belonging to the people of Guase had come to Guttur, and on hearing that Mahomed bin

+ Chief of Biddah



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bin Khuleefa had arrived there, had returned -

True Translation

(Signed) A B. Kemball -

Asst. Resident in the Pn Gulf -

True Copy

(Sgd) A. B. Kemball.

Asst. Resident in the Pn. Gulf -

Translation of a letter from Hajee Jasim Agent at Bahrein, to Lieutenant Colonel H. D'Robertson, Officiating Resident Persian Gulf - dated 8th Suffur (10th March 1843) -

A. C.

Yesterday Abdullah bin Ahmed sent a boat to Guttur to bring him news, it returned, and reported that it had seen 5 Buggarus near Jow (near Bahrein) which much terrified the inhabitants at Bahrein since they believe that Mahomed bin Khuleefa may himself be one of them - Some time has elapsed since Abdullah bin Ahmed launched his ships, and by reason of the Island being at the present time without Male Inhabitants from the boats being on their voyages - he sent to

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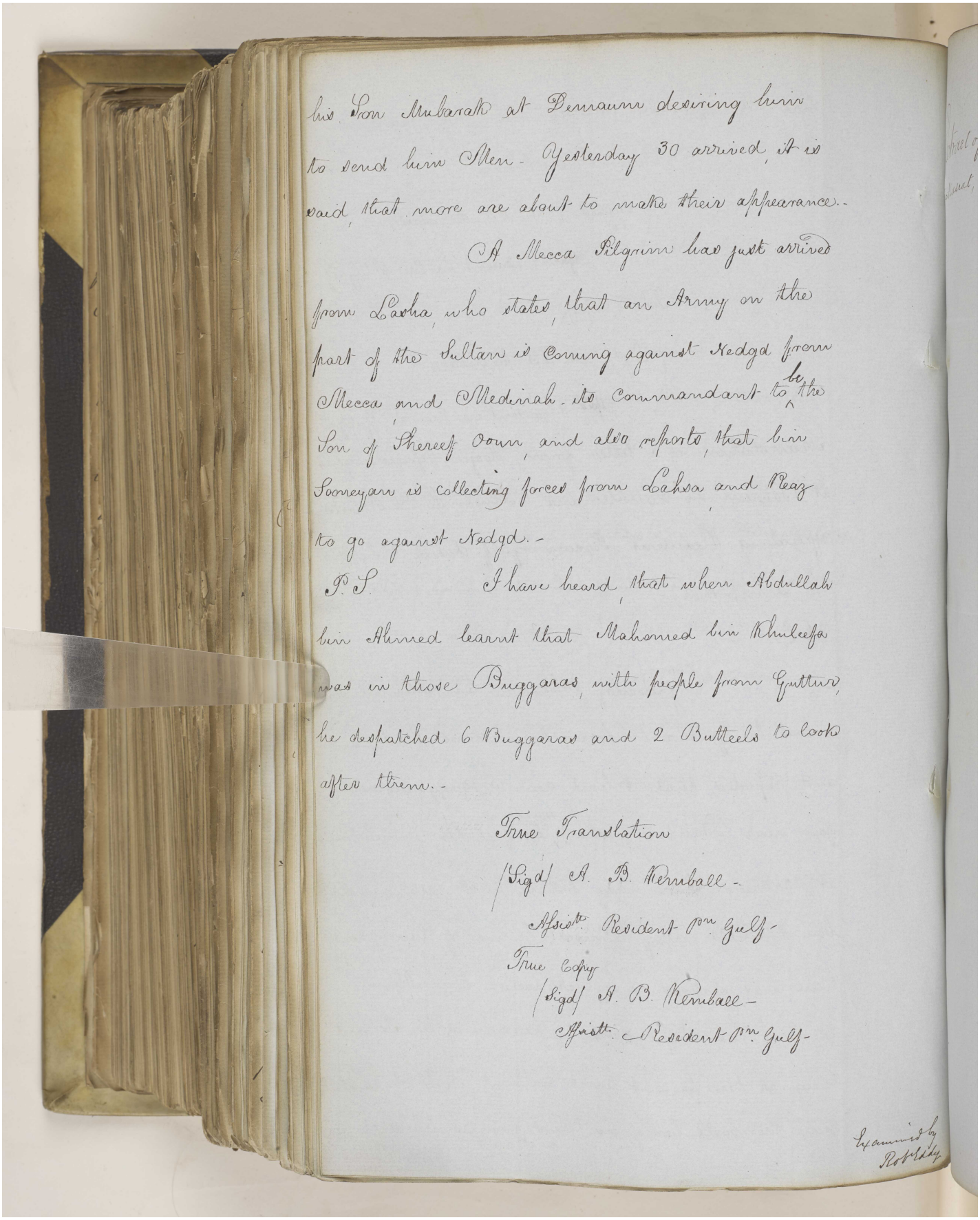

his Son Mubarak at Demaum desiring him to send him Men. Yesterday 30 arrived, it is said, that more are about to make their appearance.-

A Mecca Pilgrim has just arrived from Lasha, who states, that an Army on the part of the Sultan is coming against Nedgd from Mecca and Medinah. its Commandant to be the Son of Shereef Oown, and also reports, that bin Sooneyan is collecting forces from Lahsa and Reaz to go against Nedgd.-

P.S. I have heard, that when Abdullah bin Ahmed learnt that Mahomed bin Khuleefa was in those Buggaras, with people from Guttur, he despatched 6 Buggaras and 2 Butteels to look after them.-

True Translation
(Sigd) A. B. Kemball.-
Assistt. Resident Pn. Gulf.-
True Copy
(Sigd) A. B. Kemball.-
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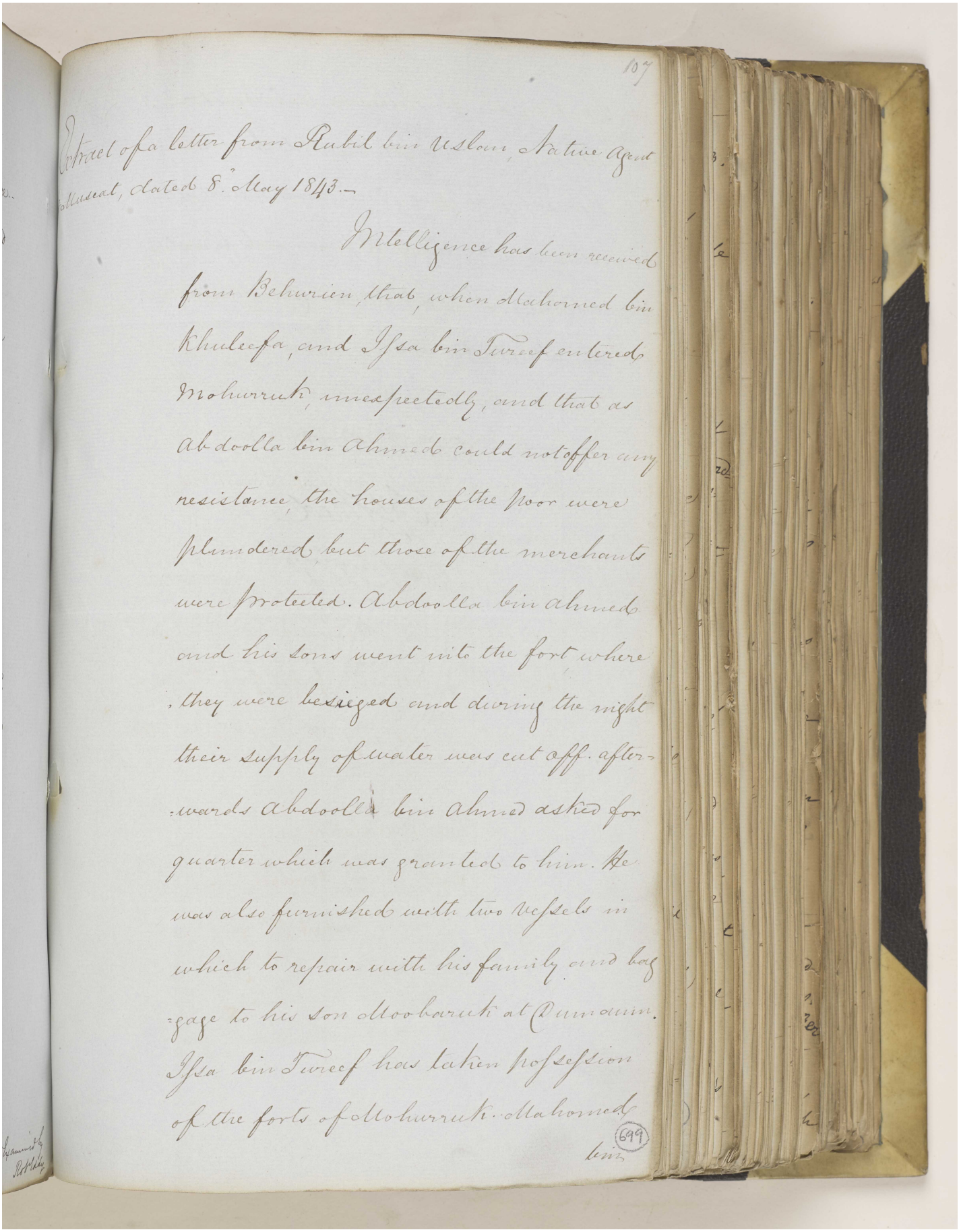

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Extract of a letter from Rahil bin Uslam, Native Agent Bussorah, dated 8th May 1843.—

Intelligence has been received from Behrein, that, when Mahomed bin Khaleefa, and Issa bin Tureef entered Mohurruk, unexpectedly, and that as Abdoolla bin Ahmed could not offer any resistance, the houses of the poor were plundered, but those of the merchants were protected. Abdoolla bin Ahmed and his sons went into the fort where they were besieged and during the night their supply of water was cut off. afterwards Abdoolla bin Ahmed asked for quarter which was granted to him. He was also furnished with two vessels in which to repair with his family and baggage to his son Mooharuk at Dummam. Issa bin Tureef has taken possession of the forts of Mohurruk. Mahomed bin

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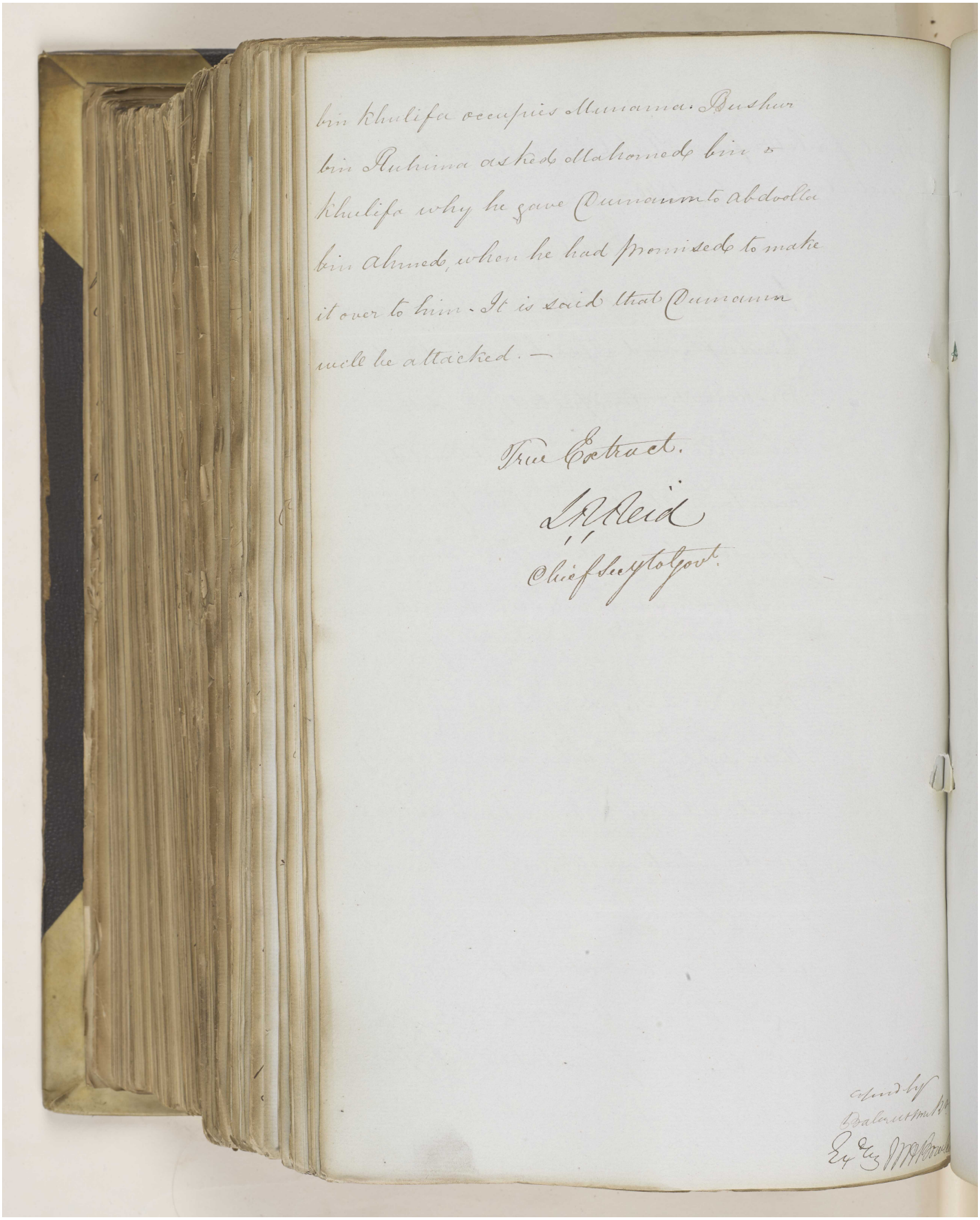

bin Khulifa occupies Munama. Bushur bin Ruhima asked Mahomed bin Khulifa why he gave Dumaum to Abdoolla bin Ahmed, when he had promised to make it over to him. It is said that Dumaum will be attacked. —

True Extract.

L. R. Reid

Chief Secy to Govt.

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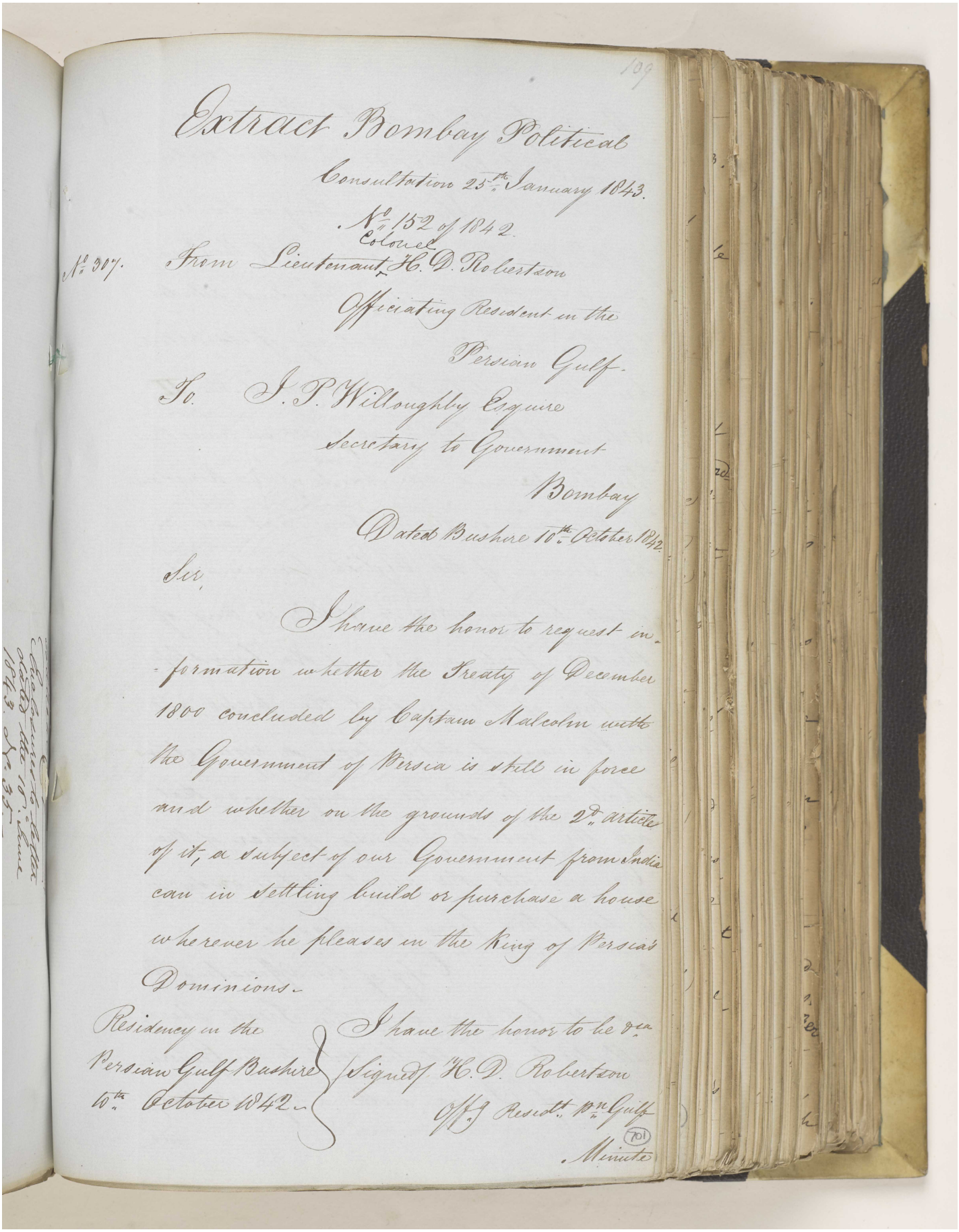

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Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 25th January 1843.

No. 152 of 1842.

No. 307. From Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson

Officiating Resident in the

Persian Gulf.

To. J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

Bombay

Dated Bushire 10th October 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to request information whether the Treaty of December 1800 concluded by Captain Malcolm with the Government of Persia is still in force and whether on the grounds of the 2d article of it, a subject of our Government from India can in settling build or purchase a house wherever he pleases in the King of Persia's Dominions.

Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 10th October 1842.

I have the honor to be &ca.

(Signed) H. D. Robertson

Offg. Residt. Pn. Gulf

Minute

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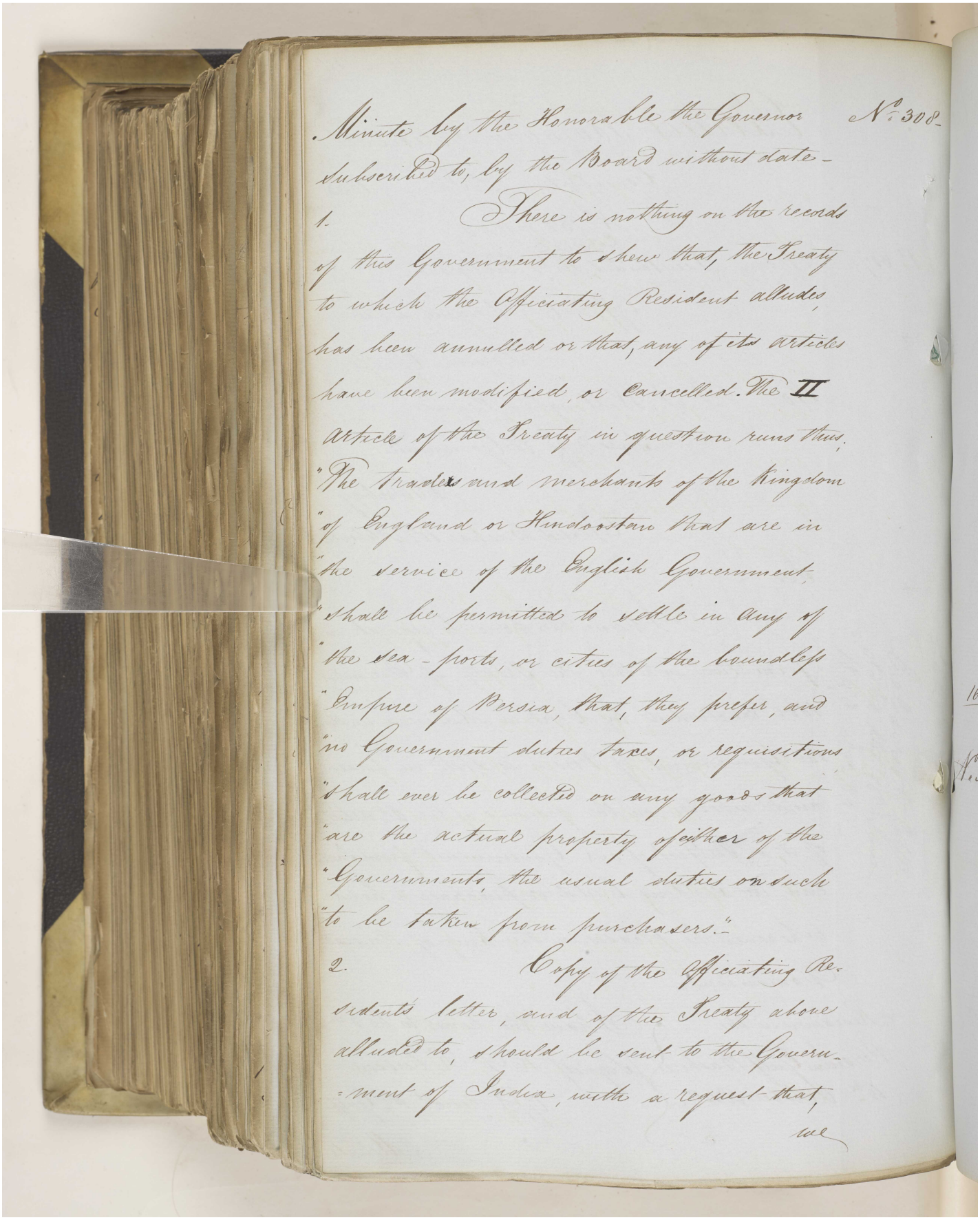

Minute by the Honorable the Governor No: 308
subscribed to, by the Board without date –

1. There is nothing on the records of this Government to shew that, the Treaty to which the Officiating Resident alludes, has been annulled or that, any of its articles have been modified, or cancelled. The II article of the Treaty in question runs thus, "The traders and merchants of the kingdom "of England or Hindoostan that are in "the service of the English Government "shall be permitted to settle in any of "the sea-ports, or cities of the boundless "Empire of Persia, that they prefer, and "no Government duties taxes, or requisitions "shall ever be collected on any goods that "are the actual property of either of the "Governments, the usual duties on such "to be taken from purchasers."

2. Copy of the Officiating Residents letter, and of the Treaty above alluded to, should be sent to the Government of India, with a request that,

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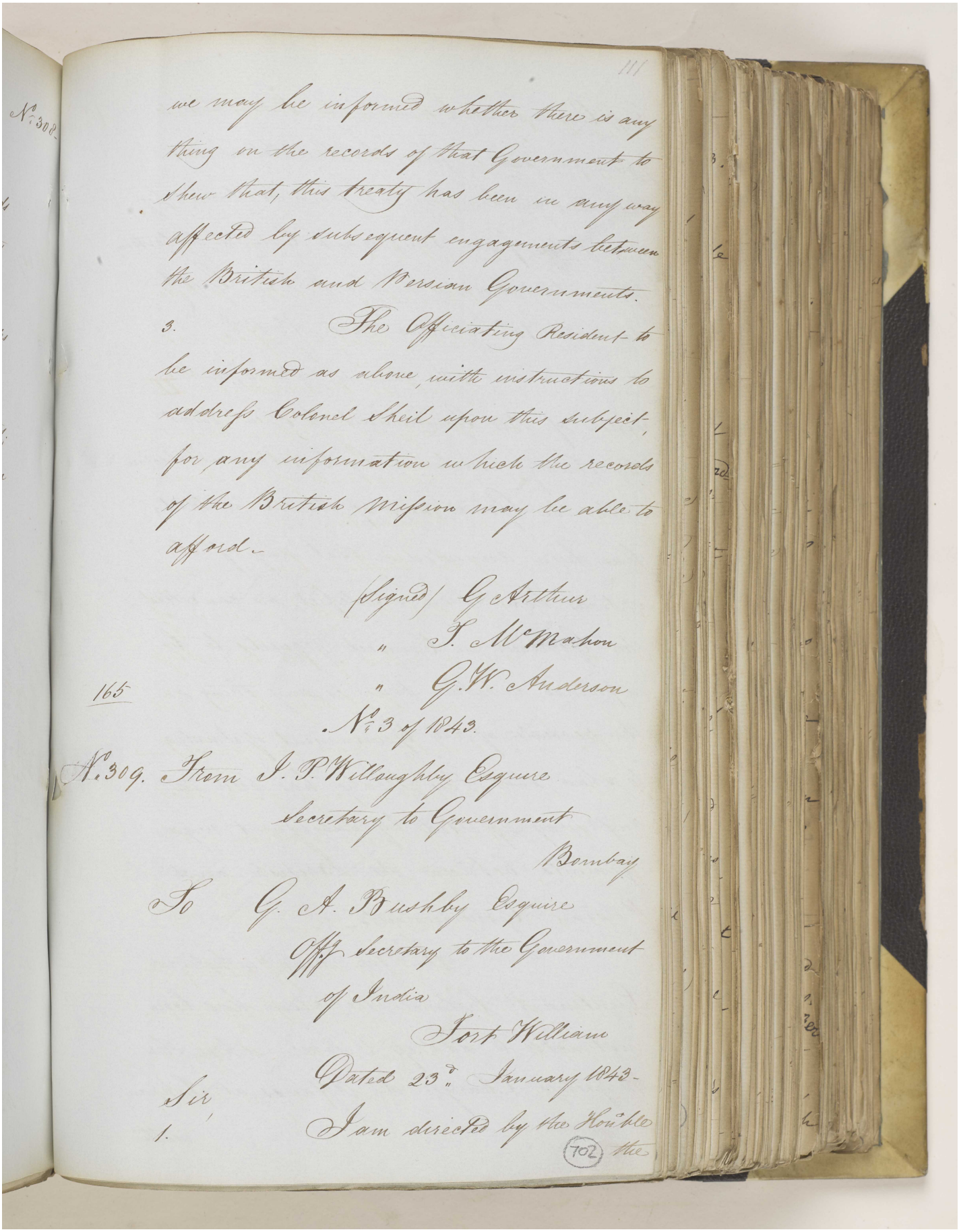

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we may be informed whether there is any thing on the records of that Government to shew that, this treaty has been in any way affected by subsequent engagements between the British and Persian Governments.

3. The Officiating Resident to be informed as above, with instructions to address Colonel Sheil upon this subject, for any information which the records of the British Mission may be able to afford.

(Signed) G Arthur
" I. McMahon
" G.W. Anderson

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No 3 of 1843.

No 309. From I. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To G. A. Bushby Esquire
Offg Secretary to the Government
of India
Fort William

Dated 23d January 1843.

Sir,

1. I am directed by the Hon'ble the

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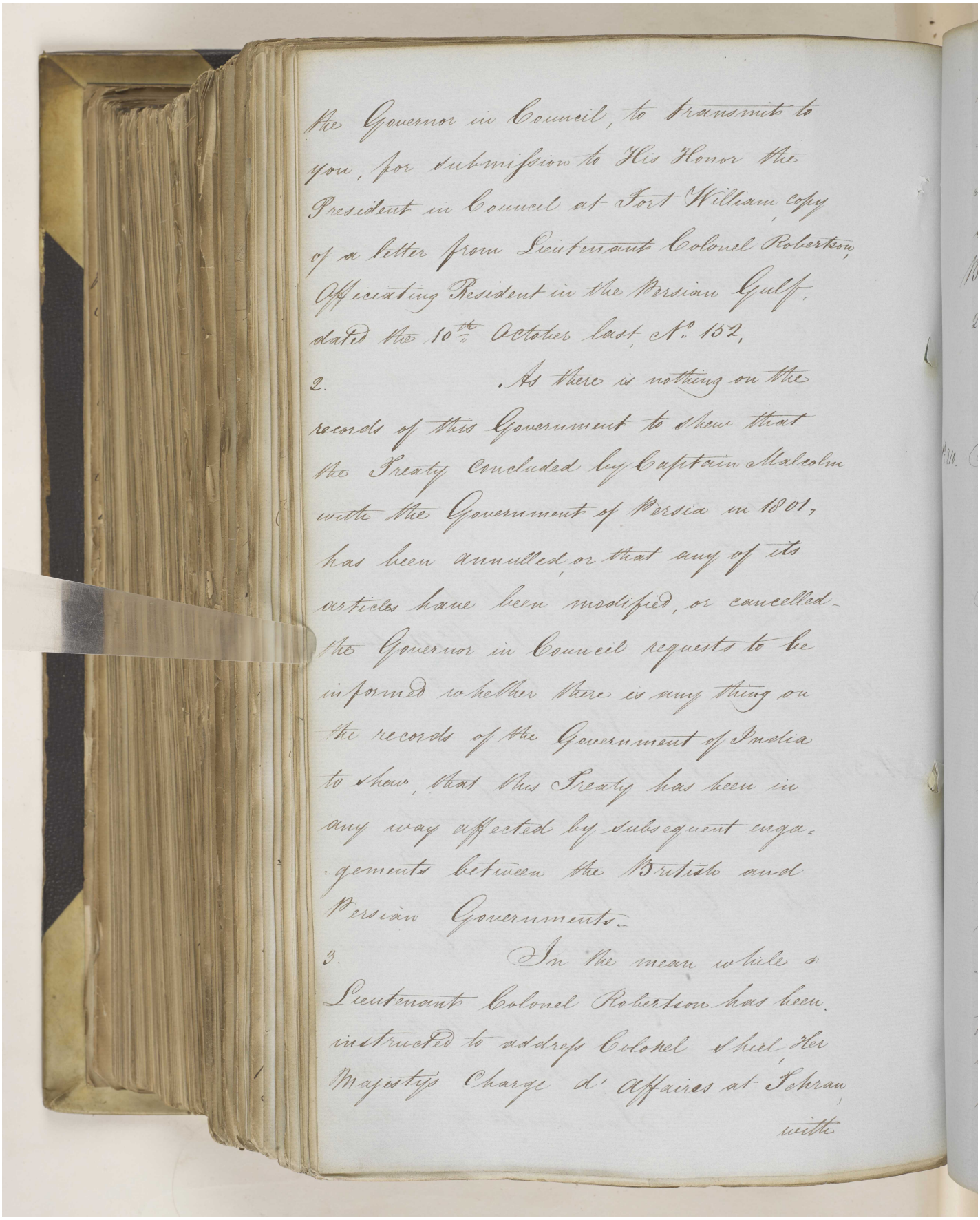
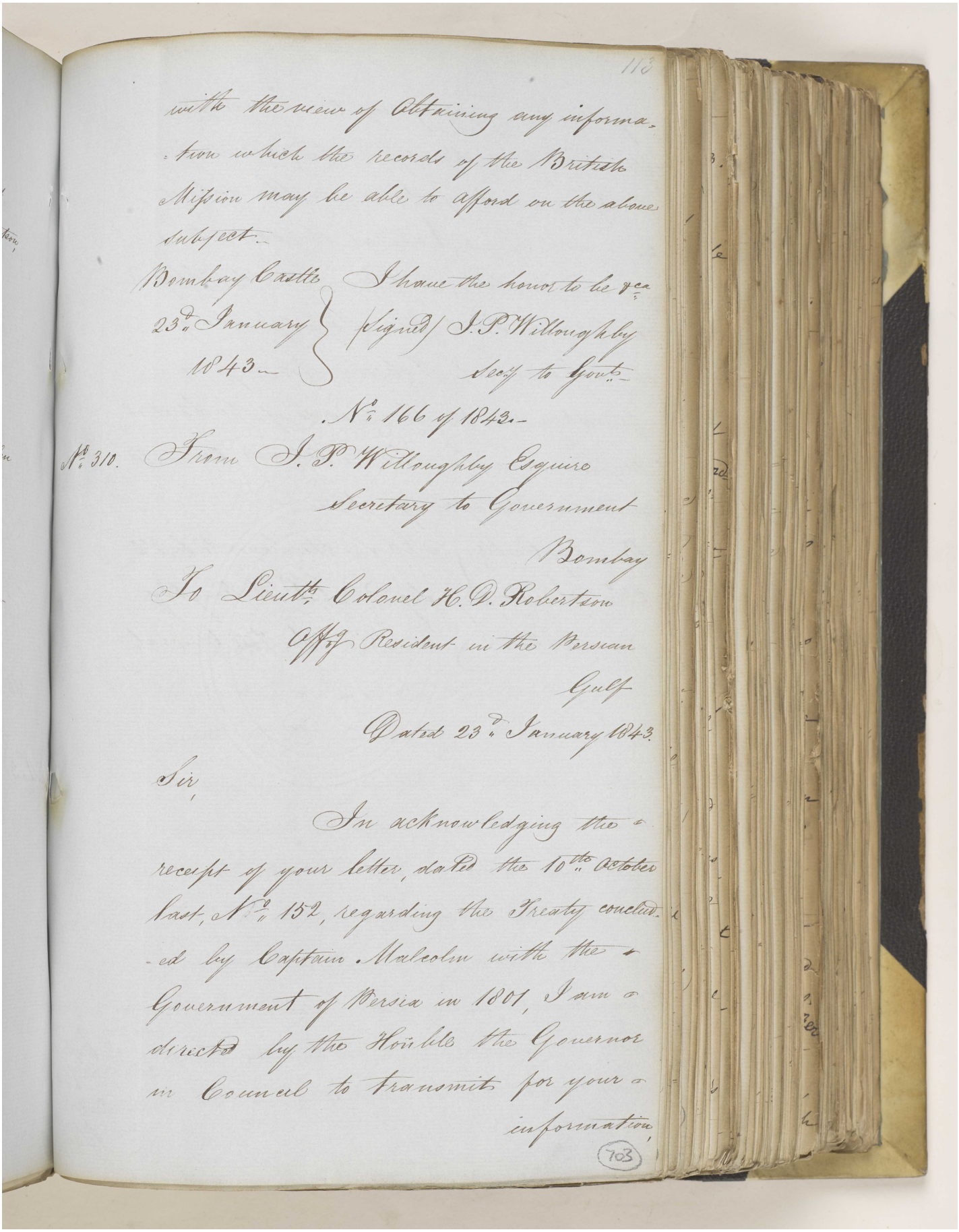


the Governor in Council, to transmit to you, for submission to His Honor the President in Council at Fort William, copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Robertson, Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf, dated the 10th October last, No. 152,

2. As there is nothing on the records of this Government to shew that the Treaty concluded by Captain Malcolm with the Government of Persia in 1801, has been annulled, or that any of its articles have been modified, or cancelled, the Governor in Council requests to be informed whether there is any thing on the records of the Government of India to shew, that this Treaty has been in any way affected by subsequent engagements between the British and Persian Governments.

3. In the mean while Lieutenant Colonel Robertson has been instructed to address Colonel Shiel, Her Majesty's Charge d' Affaires at Tehran, with



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with the view of attaining any informa-
tion which the records of the British
Mission may be able to afford on the above
subject.

Bombay Castle
23d. January
1843.

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

No. 166 of 1843.

No. 310.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To Lieut. Colonel H. D. Robertson
Offg Resident in the Persian
Gulf

Dated 23d. January 1843.

Sir,

In acknowledging the
receipt of your letter, dated the 10th October
last, No. 152, regarding the Treaty conclud-
ed by Captain Malcolm with the
Government of Persia in 1801, I am
directed by the Honble the Governor
in Council to transmit for your
information

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information, copy of my Communication of this date, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, on the subject.

2. I am at the same time desired to state that you should apply to Colonel Sheil Her Majesty's charge d' Affaires at Tehran, for any information which the records of the British Mission may be able to afford connected with the Treaty in question.

Bombay Castle
23d. January
1843.

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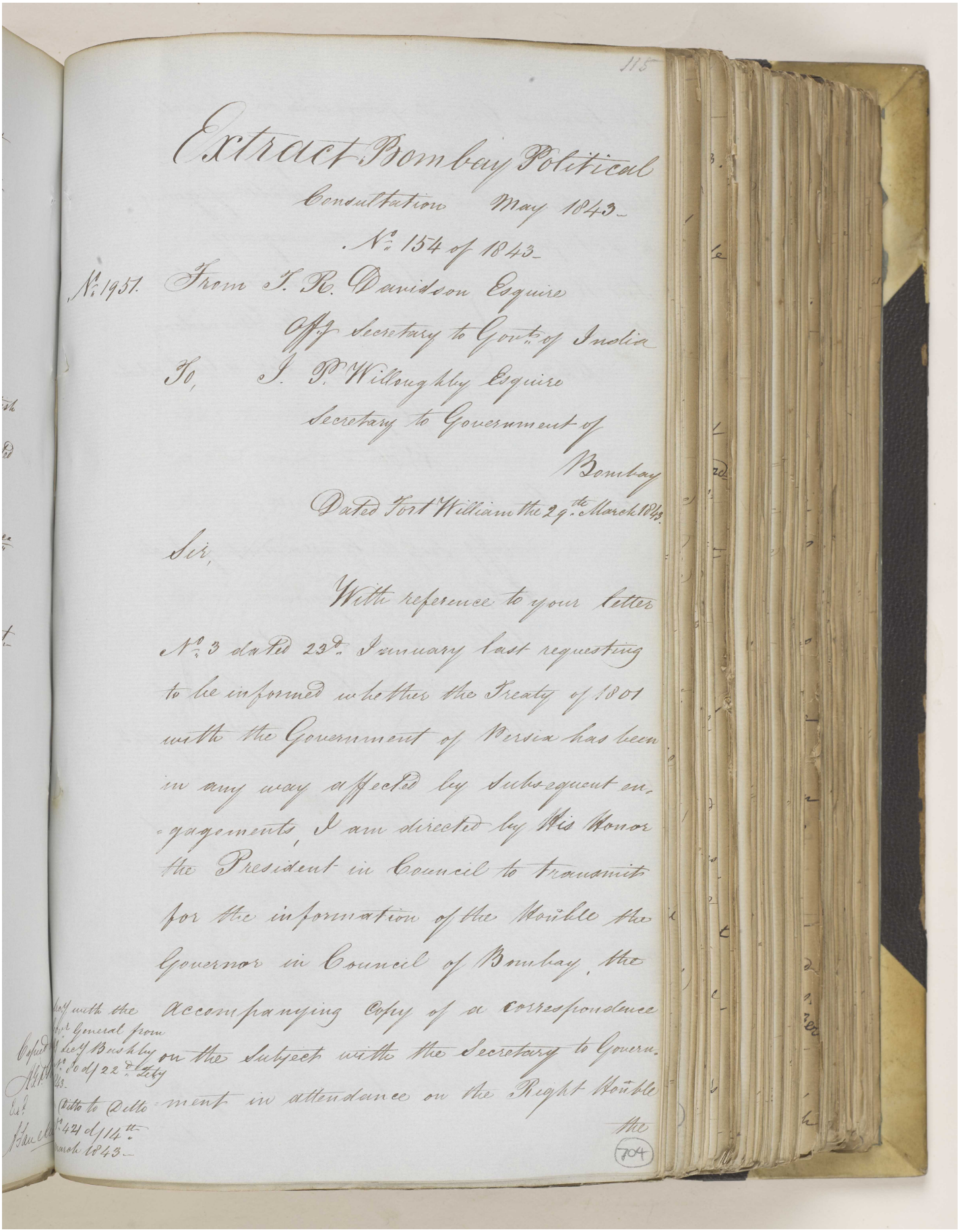

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Extract Bombay Political Consultation May 1843.

No. 154 of 1843.

No. 1951. From T. R. Davidson Esquire
Offg Secretary to Govt. of India

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

Dated Fort William the 29th March 1843.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3 dated 23d. January last requesting to be informed whether the Treaty of 1801 with the Government of Persia has been in any way affected by subsequent engagements, I am directed by His Honor the President in Council to transmit for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council of Bombay, the accompanying copy of a correspondence on the subject with the Secretary to Government in attendance on the Right Honble the

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Secy with the Govr General from Secy Bushby No. 80 d/22d. Feby 1843.
Ditto to Ditto No. 421 d/14th March 1843.

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the Governor General, from which it will be observed that His Lordship is of opinion, that Colonel Shiel is alone capable of giving a satisfactory answer to the enquiry.

Fort William
The 29th March 1843.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) J. R. Davidson
Offg Secy to Govt. of India

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No. 80

From G. A. Bushby Esquire
Offg Secy to Government of India

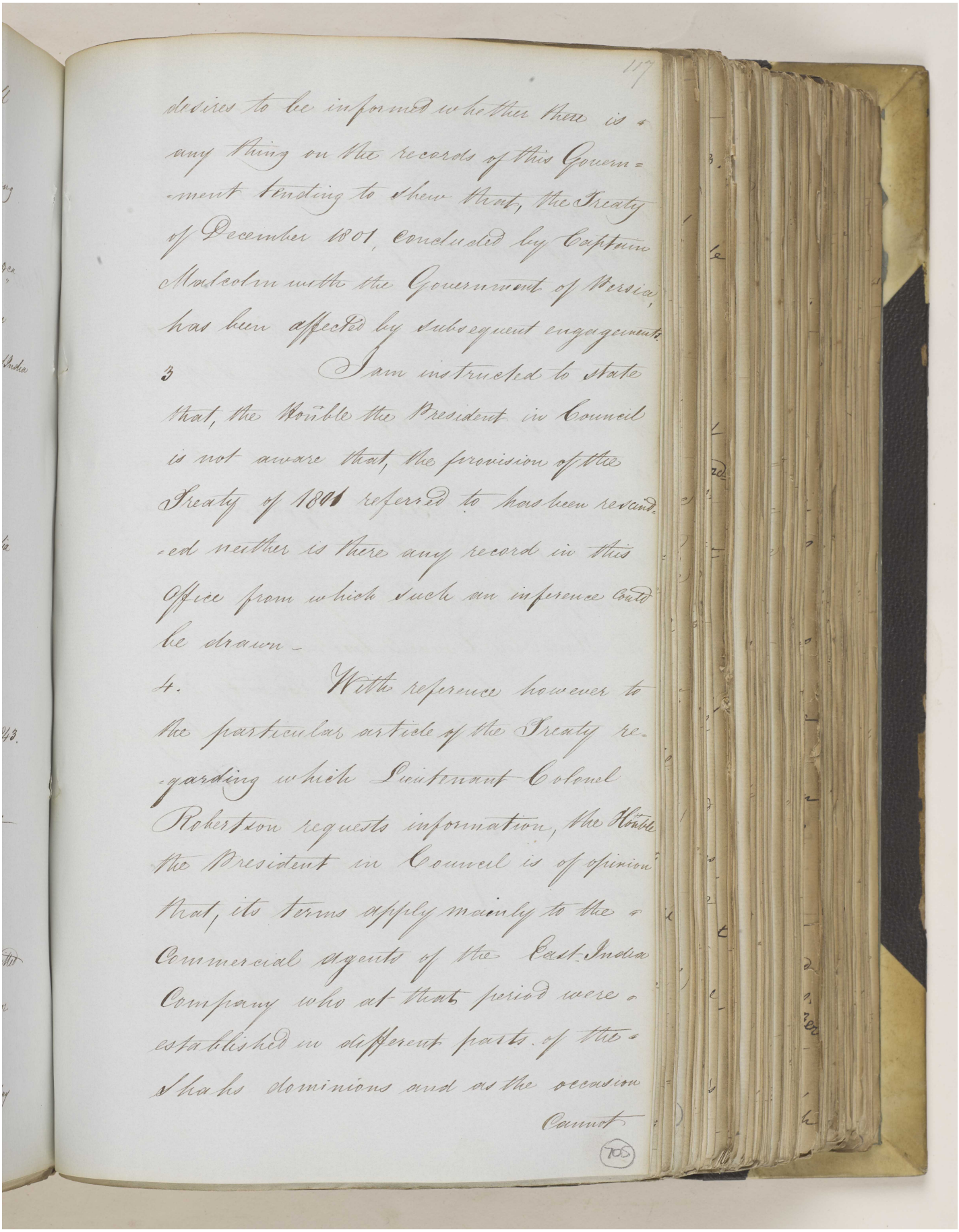
To J. Thomason Esquire
Offg Secy to Govt. of India
with the Governor General

Fort William the 22d February 1843.

Sir,

I am directed to request that the accompanying Copy of a despatch No. 3 dated the 23 ultimo from the Secy to the Government of Bombay be submitted for the orders of the Right Honble the Governor General of India.

2 The Government of Bombay desires



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desires to be informed whether there is
any thing on the records of this Govern-
ment tending to shew that, the Treaty
of December 1801, concluded by Captain
Malcolm with the Government of Persia,
has been affected by subsequent engagements.

3 I am instructed to state
that, the Honble the President in Council
is not aware that, the provision of the
Treaty of 1801 referred to has been rescind-
ed neither is there any record in this
Office from which such an inference could
be drawn.

4. With reference however to
the particular article of the Treaty re-
garding which Lieutenant Colonel
Robertson requests information, the Honble
the President in Council is of opinion
that, its terms apply mainly to the
Commercial Agents of the East India
Company who at that period were
established in different parts of the
Shahs dominions and as the occasion
cannot

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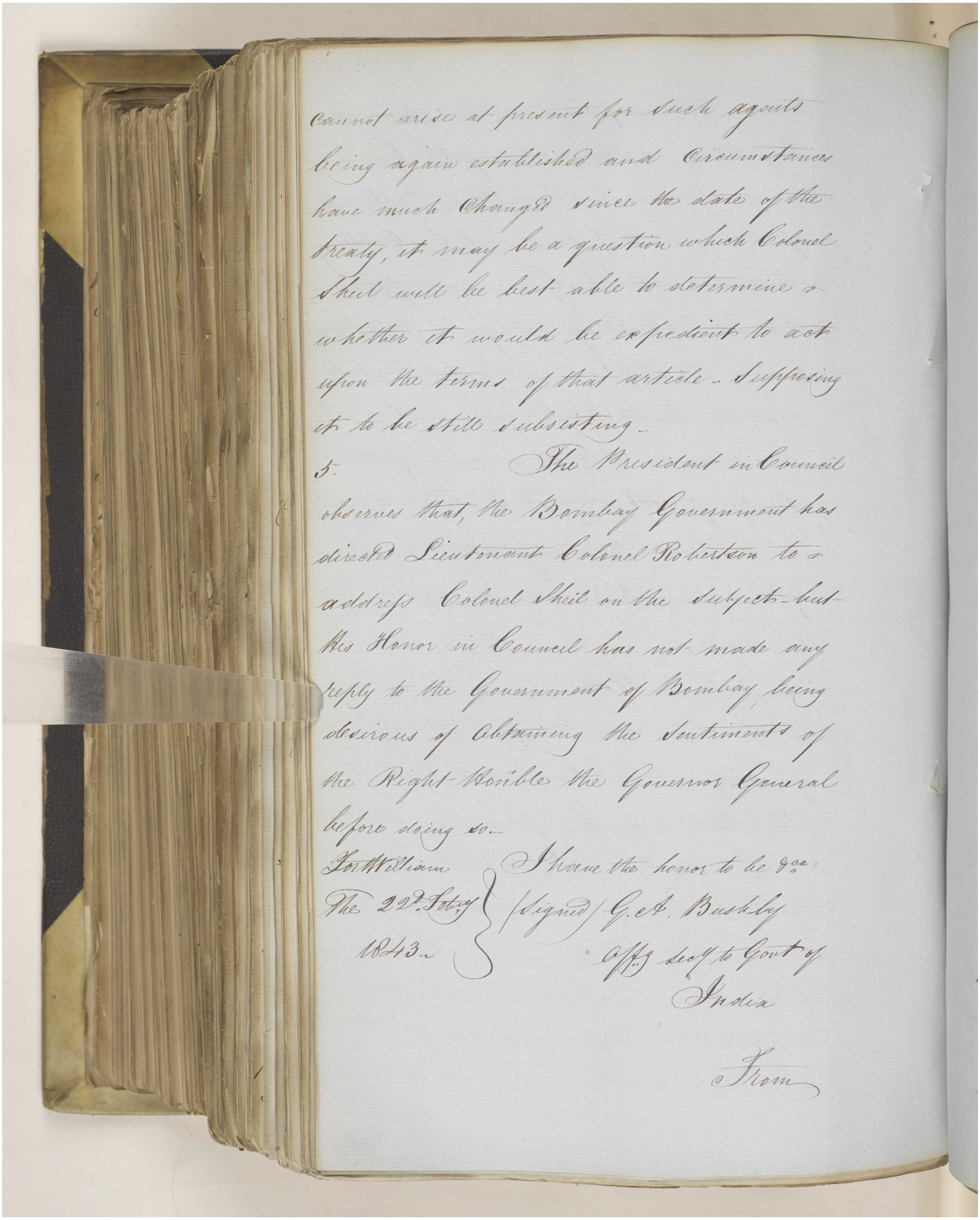

cannot arise at present for such agents being again established and Circumstances have much changed since the date of the treaty, it may be a question which Colonel Sheil will be best able to determine whether it would be expedient to act upon the terms of that article - supposing it to be still subsisting -

5. The President in Council observes that, the Bombay Government has directed Lieutenant Colonel Robertson to address Colonel Sheil on the subject - but His Honor in Council has not made any reply to the Government of Bombay, being desirous of obtaining the sentiments of the Right Honble the Governor General before doing so -

Fort William
The 22d. Feby
1843 -

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) G.A. Bushby
Offg Secy to Govt of
India

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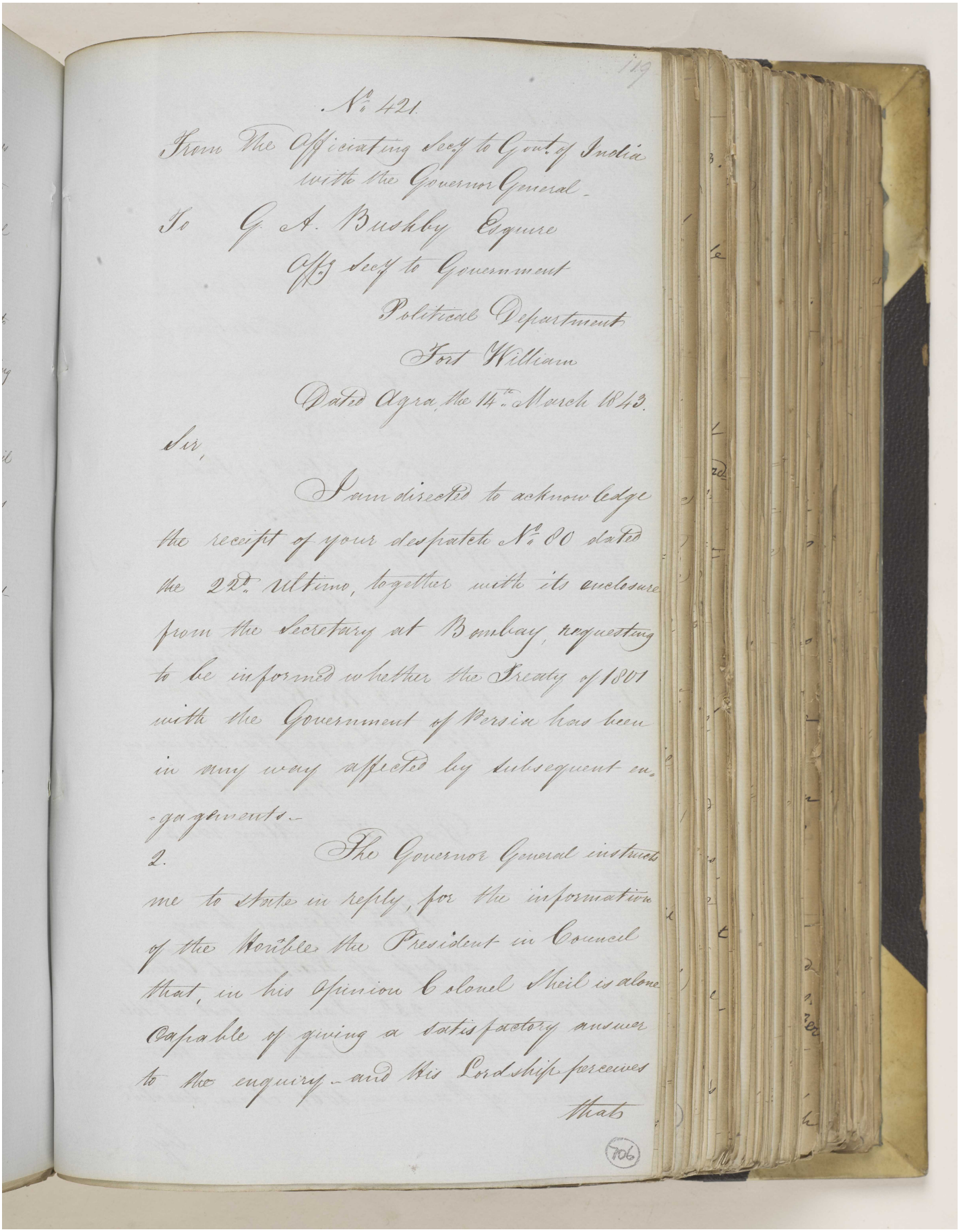

No. 421.

From The Officiating Secy to Govt. of India
with the Governor General.

To G. A. Bushby Esqure
Offg Secy to Government
Political Department
Fort William

Dated Agra the 14th March 1843.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 80 dated the 22d. ultimo, together with its enclosure from the Secretary at Bombay, requesting to be informed whether the Treaty of 1801 with the Government of Persia has been in any way affected by subsequent engagements.

2. The Governor General instructs me to state in reply, for the information of the Honble the President in Council that, in his opinion Colonel Sheil is alone capable of giving a satisfactory answer to the enquiry - and His Lordship perceives that

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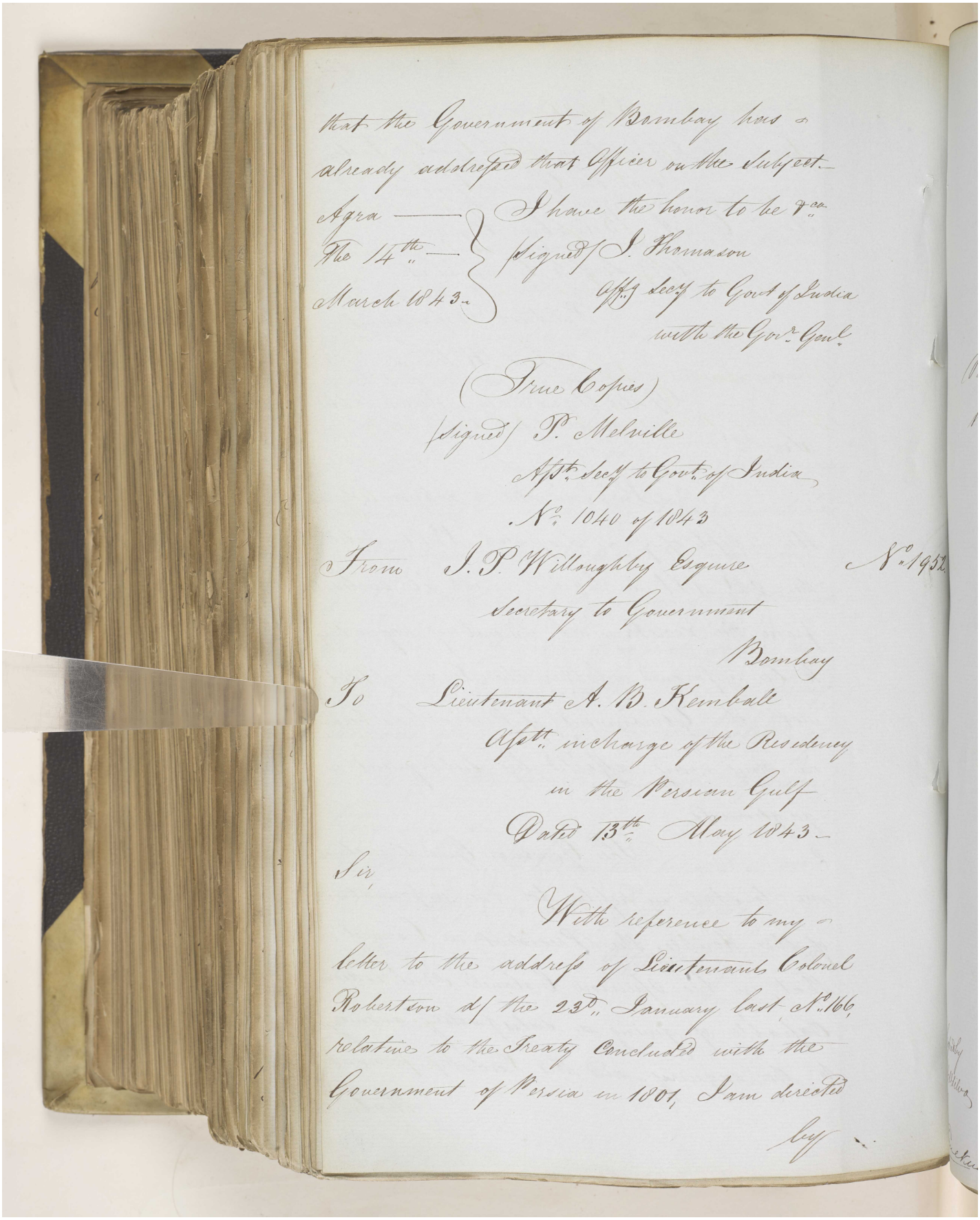


that the Government of Bombay has
already addressed that Officer on the subject.
Agra —— I have the honor to be &c.
The 14th —— (signed) J. Thomason
March 1843. Offg Secy to Govt of India
with the Govr Genl

(True Copies)
(signed) P. Melville
Asst Secy to Govt of India

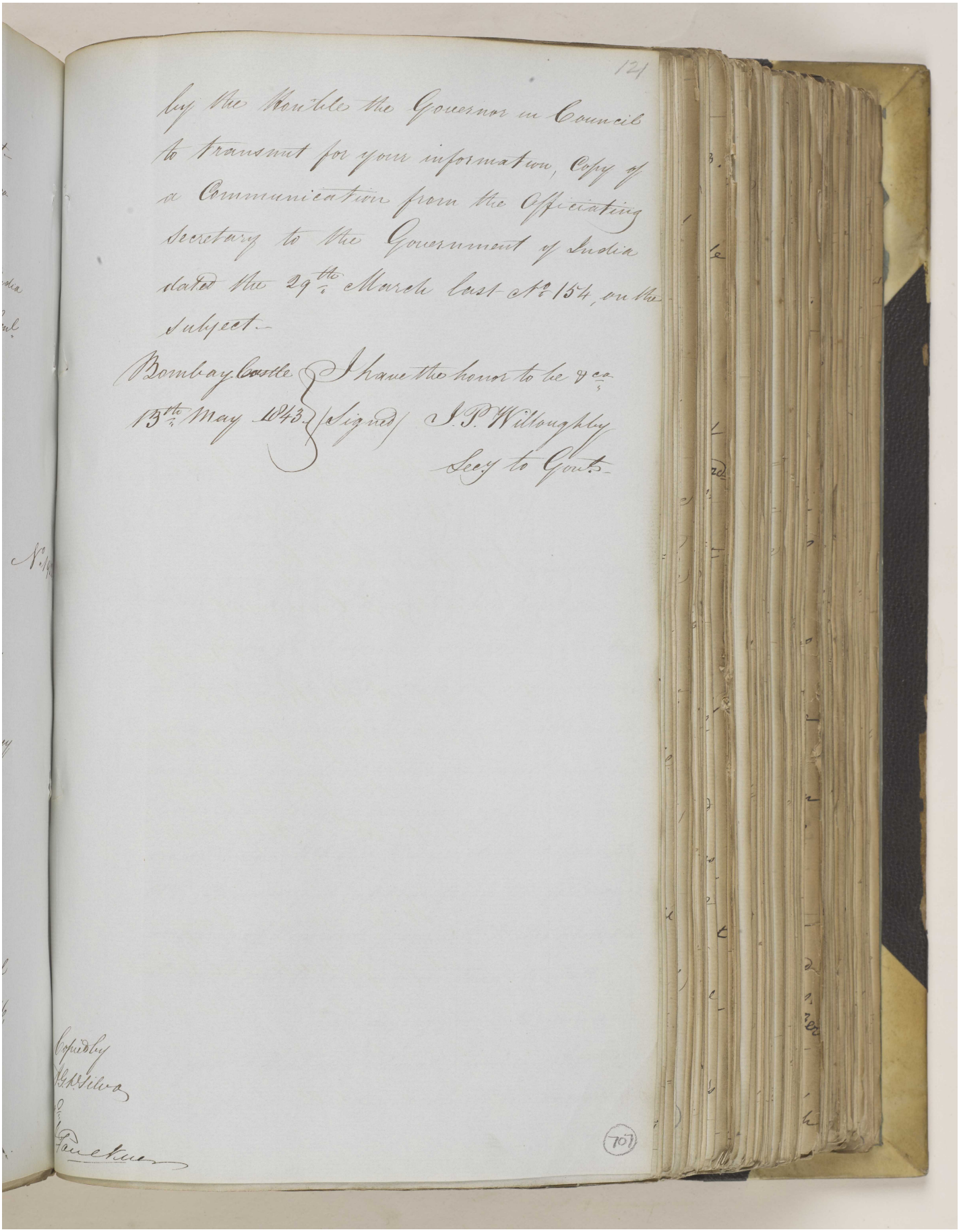
No. 1040 of 1843

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire No. 1952
Secretary to Government
Bombay

To Lieutenant A. B. Kemball
Asstt in charge of the Residency
in the Persian Gulf
Dated 13th May 1843.

Sir,

With reference to my
letter to the address of Lieutenant Colonel
Robertson d/ the 23d January last, No. 166,
relative to the Treaty Concluded with the
Government of Persia in 1801, I am directed
by



by the Hon'ble the Governor in Council to transmit for your information, Copy of a Communication from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India dated the 29th March last No. 154, on the subject.

Bombay Castle
13th May 1843.

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

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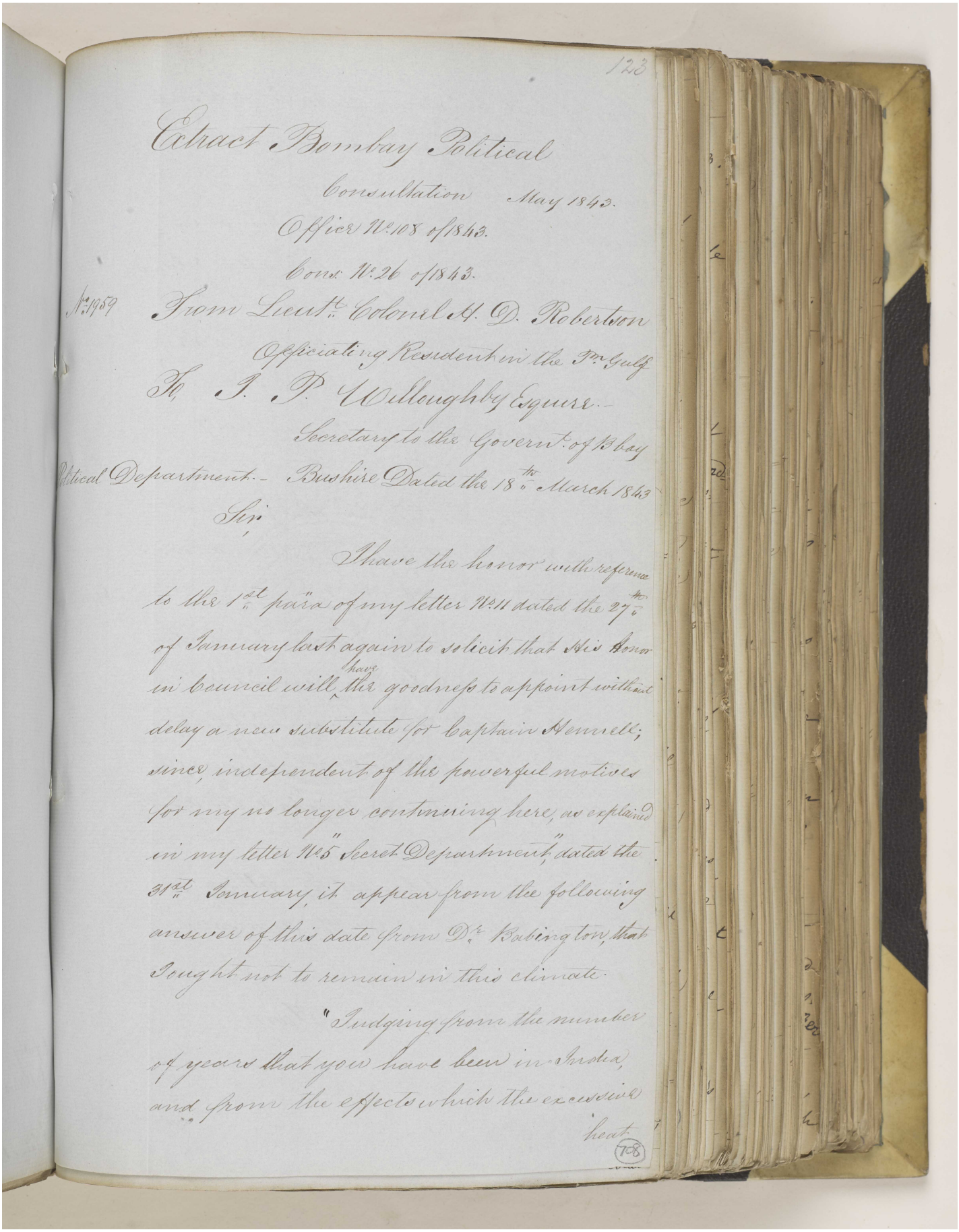

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation May 1843.
Office No. 108 of 1843.
Cons. No. 26 of 1843.

No. 1959 From Lieut.t Colonel H. D. Robertson
Officiating Resident in the Pn. Gulf
To, J. P. Willoughby Esquire.-
Secretary to the Govern.t of Bbay
Political Department.- Bushire Dated the 18th March 1843

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to the 1st para of my letter No. 11 dated the 27th of January last again to solicit that His Honor in Council will have the goodness to appoint without delay a new substitute for Captain Hennell; since, independent of the powerful motives for my no longer continuing here, as explained in my letter No. 5 "Secret Department," dated the 31st January, it appear from the following answer of this date from Dr. Babington, that I ought not to remain in this climate.

"Judging from the number of years that you have been in India, and from the effects which the excessive heat

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heart of last hot season appeared to me to have had upon your general health, I decidedly think that you ought not to run the risk of a further stay here, and have acted wisely in applying to be relieved

I have the honor to be &c.

Residency in the Persian Gulph
Bushire 18th March 1843

(Signed) A. D. Robertson
Officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf.-

Minute by the Honble the Governor
Subscribed to by the Honble Mr Anderson
dated the 10th April 1843.-

No. 1960.

Lieutenant Colonel Robertson may be referred to the Government letter to his address of the 25th February last No 457 authorizing him to deliver over charge of the Residency to Lieutenant Kemball his assistant.-

(Signed) G. Arthur
10th April 1843. " G. W. Anderson

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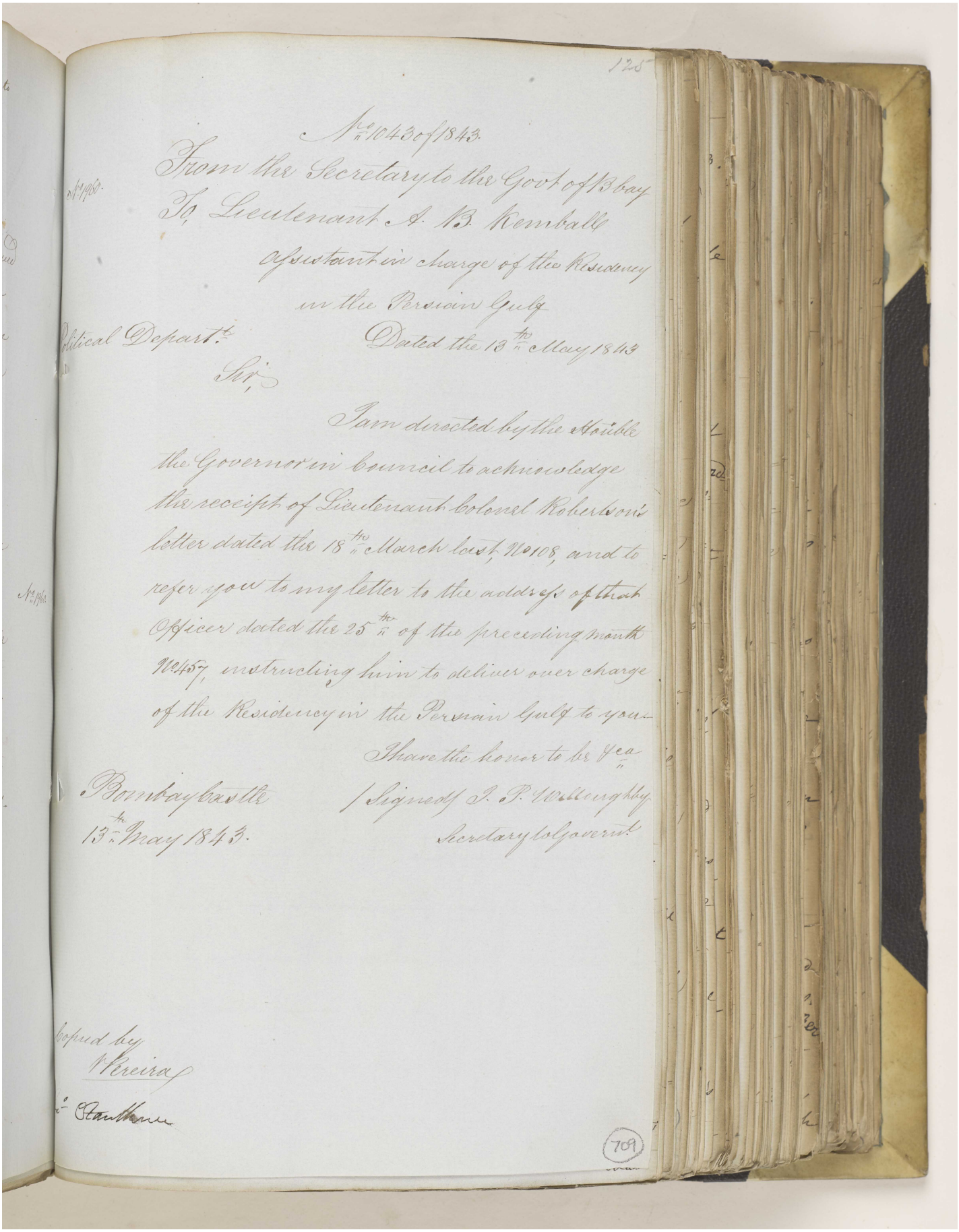

No 1043 of 1843.

From the Secretary to the Govt of Bombay

To Lieutenant A. B. Kemball

Assistant in charge of the Residency

in the Persian Gulf

Political Depart.t

Dated the 13th May 1843

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's letter dated the 18th March last, No 108, and to refer you to my letter to the address of that Officer dated the 25th of the preceding month No 457, instructing him to deliver over charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to you.

I have the honor to be &c.

Bombay Castle
13th May 1843.

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt

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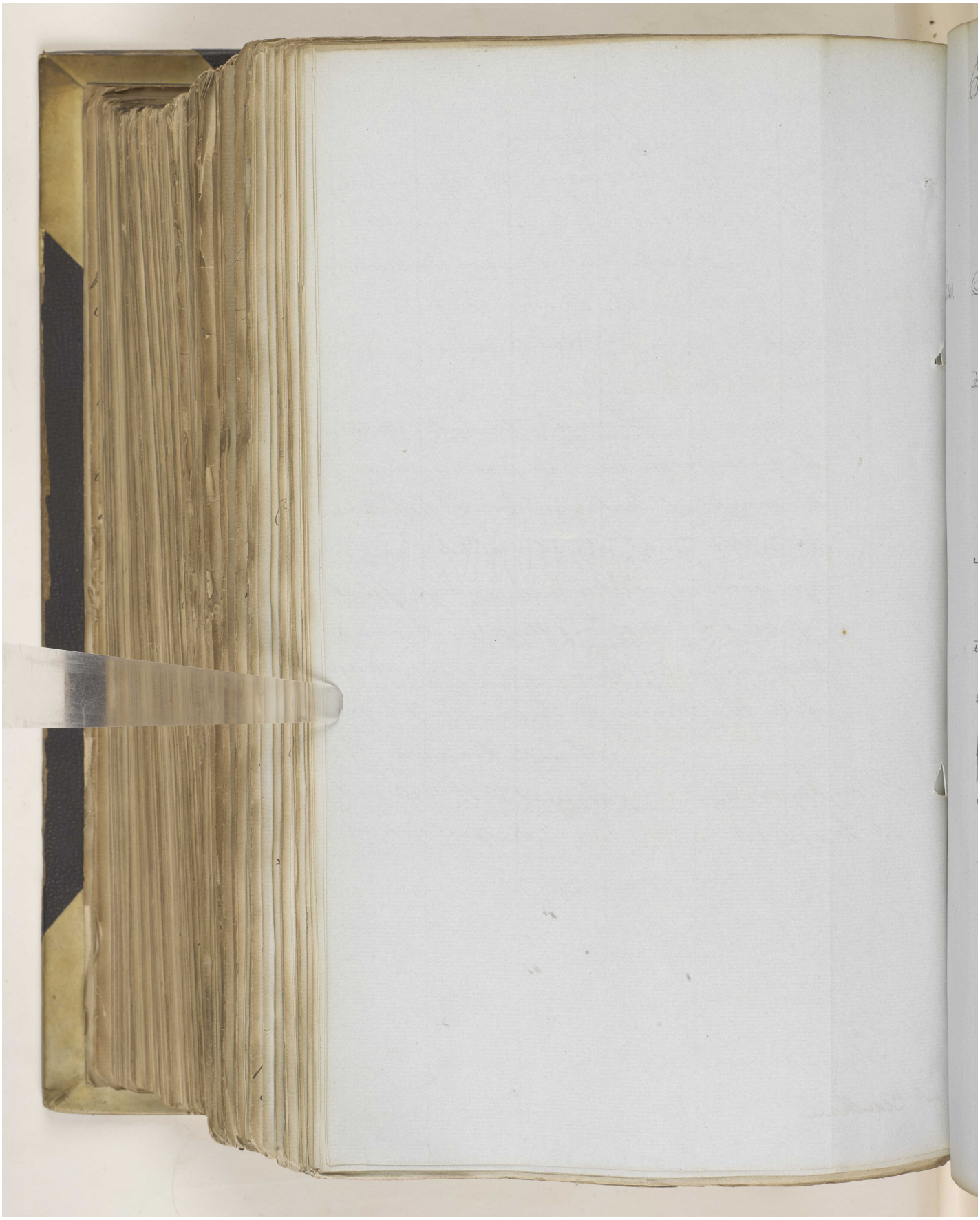

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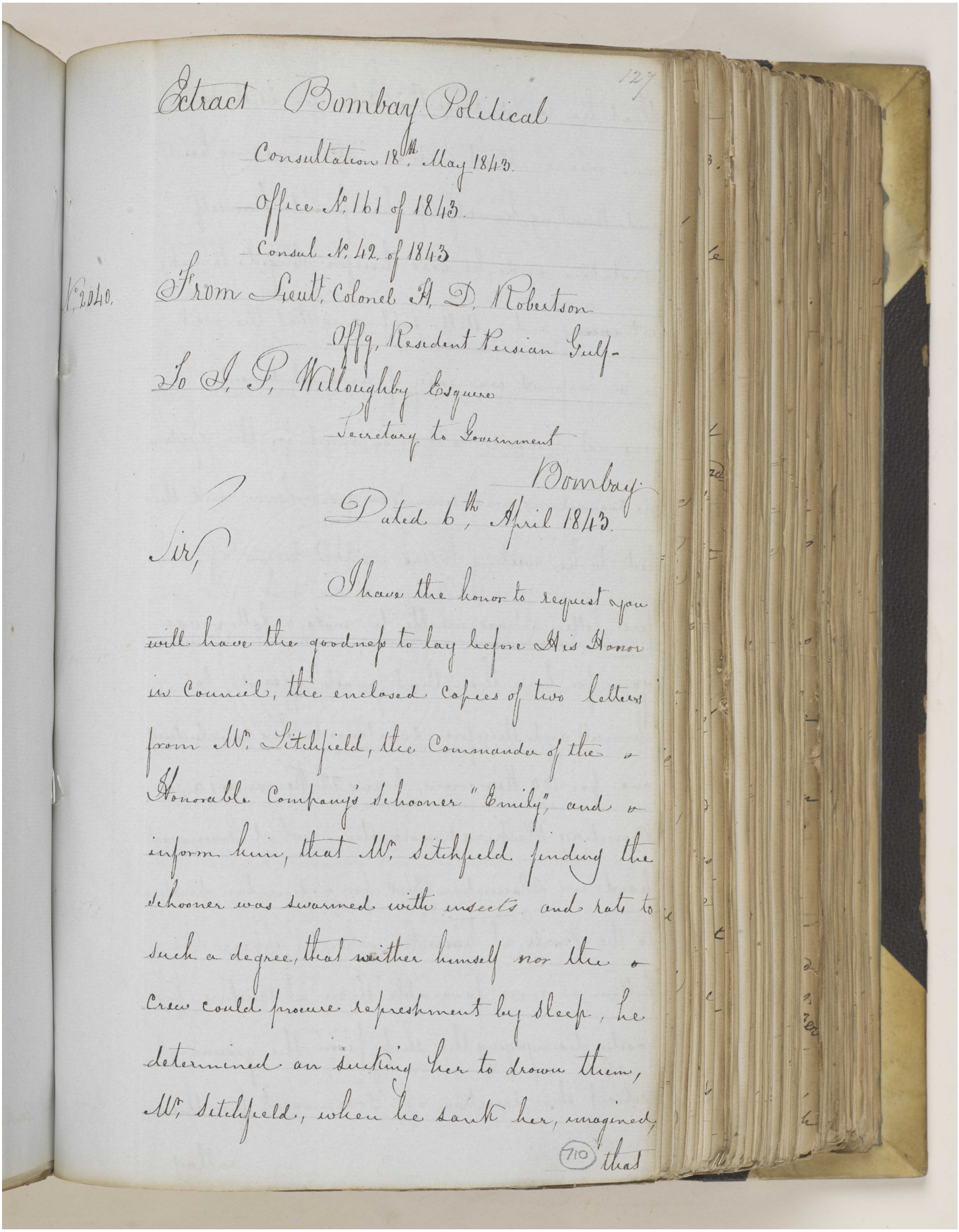

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No. 2040.

From Lieut. Colonel H. D. Robertson

Offg. Resident Persian Gulf-

To I. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

Bombay.

Dated 6th April 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to lay before His Honor in Council, the enclosed Copies of two letters from Mr. Sitchfield, the Commander of the Honorable Company's Schooner "Emily," and to inform him, that Mr. Sitchfield finding the Schooner was swarmed with insects and rats to such a degree, that neither himself nor the Crew could procure refreshment by sleep, he determined on sinking her to drown them, Mr. Sitchfield, when he sank her, imagined,

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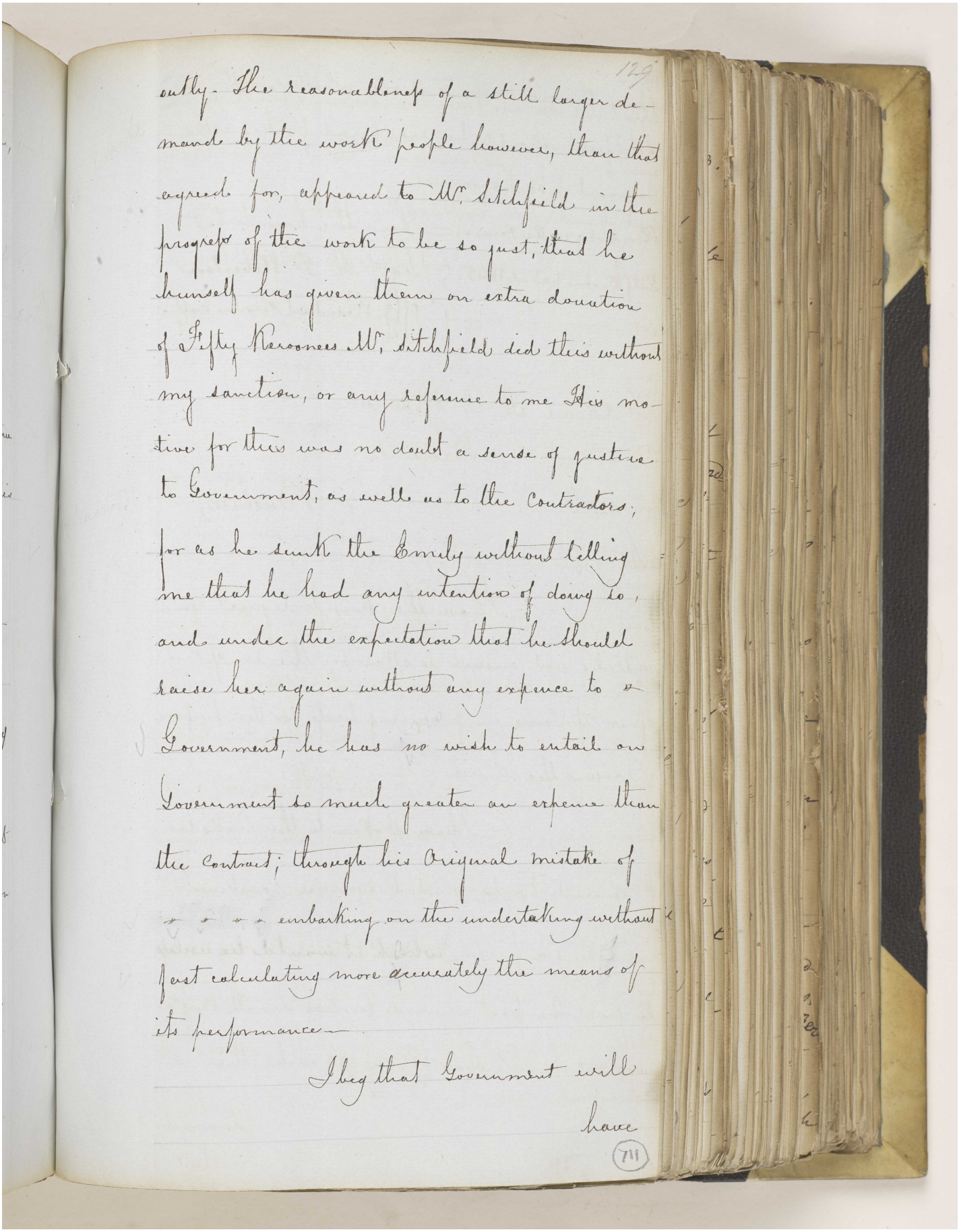
that he could raise the schooner with his own means - But in this, after working hard, and Knocking himself up. he found himself mistaken - and he was therefore obliged to seek extraneous aid - still supposing, that the work to be performed was easy of accomplishment, he was not disposed to offer so much for the Assistance he required, as was demanded from him; and this led to his writing to me in the terms of his first letter - I was unable to make a better bargain for him than that finally offered to himself and therefore sanctioned his concluding one for 100 Kerroonees, being 22 Kerroonees (a 11 Bombay Rupees) more than what Government paid in December 1840, for a similar operation to the Emily at Karrack, where it appears the bottom is more favorable than at Bushire for easily disengaging the ship from the ground - I solicit the sanction of Government for this outlay



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outly. The reasonableness of a still larger demand by the work people however, than that agreed for, appeared to Mr. Sitchfield in the progress of the work to be so just, that he himself has given them an extra donation of Fifty Keroonees Mr. Sitchfield did this without my sanction, or any reference to me His motive for this was no doubt a sense of justice to Government, as well as to the Contractors; for as he sunk the Emily without telling me that he had any intention of doing so, and under the expectation that he should raise her again without any expence to Government, he has no wish to entail on Government so much greater an expence than the Contract; through his Original mistake of embarking on the undertaking without fast calculating more accurately the means of its performance—

I beg that Government will have

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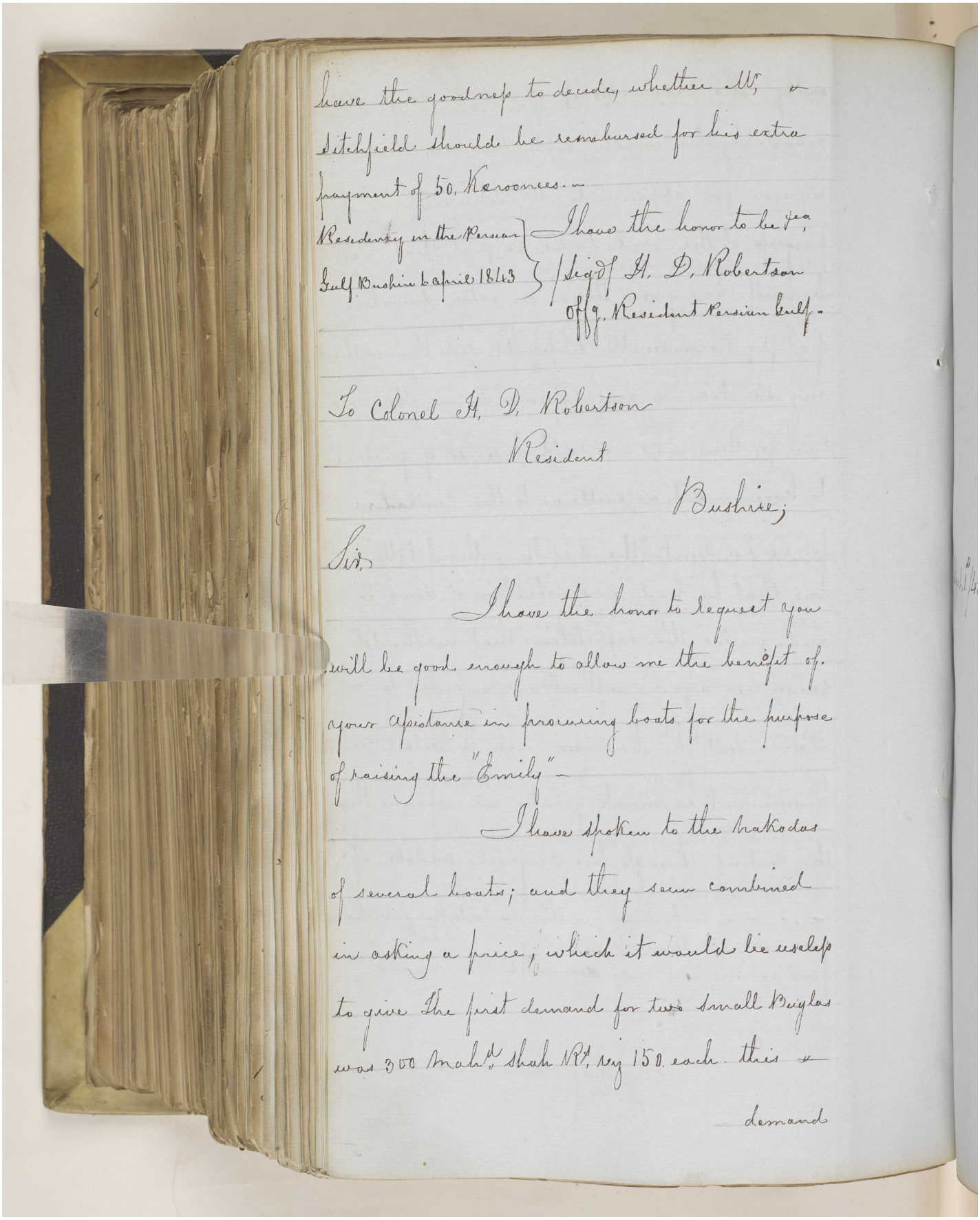


have the goodness to decide, whether Mr. Sitchfield should be reimbursed for his extra payment of 50. Keroonees.—

Residency in the Persian Gulf Bushire 6 April 1843

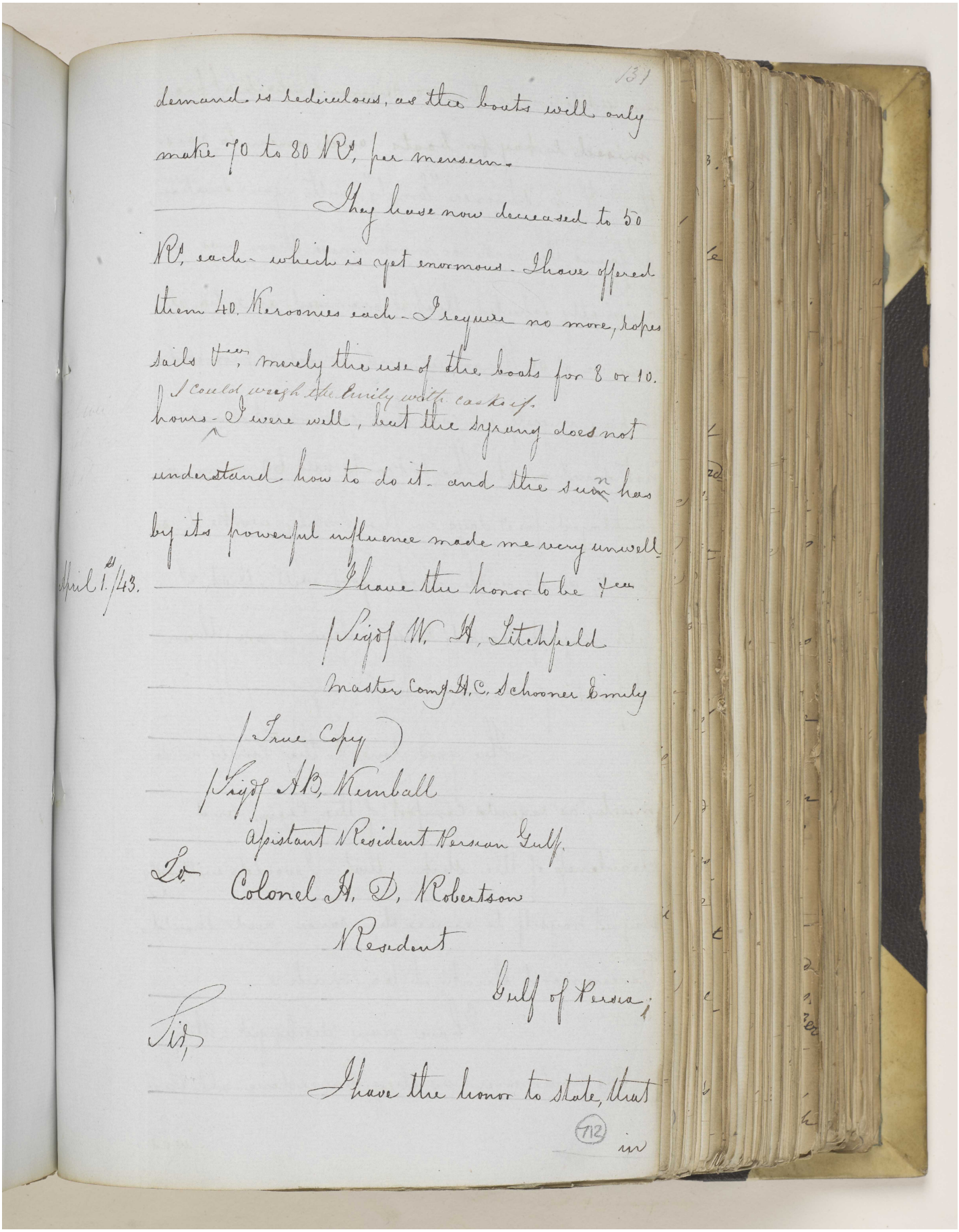
I have the honor to be &ca.
(Sigd) H. D. Robertson
Offg. Resident Persian Gulf.

To Colonel H. D. Robertson
Resident
Bushire;

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to allow me the benefit of your assistance in procuring boats for the purpose of raising the "Emily"—

I have spoken to the Nakodas of several boats; and they seem combined in asking a price, which it would be useless to give The first demand for two small Buglas was 300 Mahd. Shah Rs. viz 150. each. this demand



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demand is rediculous, as the boats will only make 70 to 80 Rs, per mensem.

They have now decreased to 50 Rs, each - which is yet enormous - I have offered them 40. Keroonies each - I require no more, ropes sails &ca, merely the use of the boats for 8 or 10. hours - I could weigh the Emily with casks if I were well, but the Syrang does not understand how to do it - and the sun has by its powerful influence made me very unwell.

April 1st/43. I have the honor to be &ca

(Sigd) W. H. Litchfield
Master Comg H.C. Schooner Emily

(True Copy)
(Sigd) A.B. Kimball
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf.

To Colonel H. D. Robertson
Resident
Gulf of Persia;

Sir,

I have the honor to state, that

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in addition to the 100 Kerosenes which I promised to pay for boats and men to raise the H. M. Schooner "Emily", with your sanction; I found the work so much more than was originally expected, that I promised an extra allowance of 50 Kerosenes, and which I promised to pay myself, in case the Government should not sanction it. The 4 Boats and 60 men employed for 3 days in the Emily worked so hard, and with such good will, that I felt myself bound to give them more than at first agreed on.

The good done to the "Emily" is so much, as regards Comfort of the Crew, and cleanliness of the ship that I would willingly pay it myself to ensure the same, and should Government think it too much.

I have now discharged the boats and men, as they have done all that

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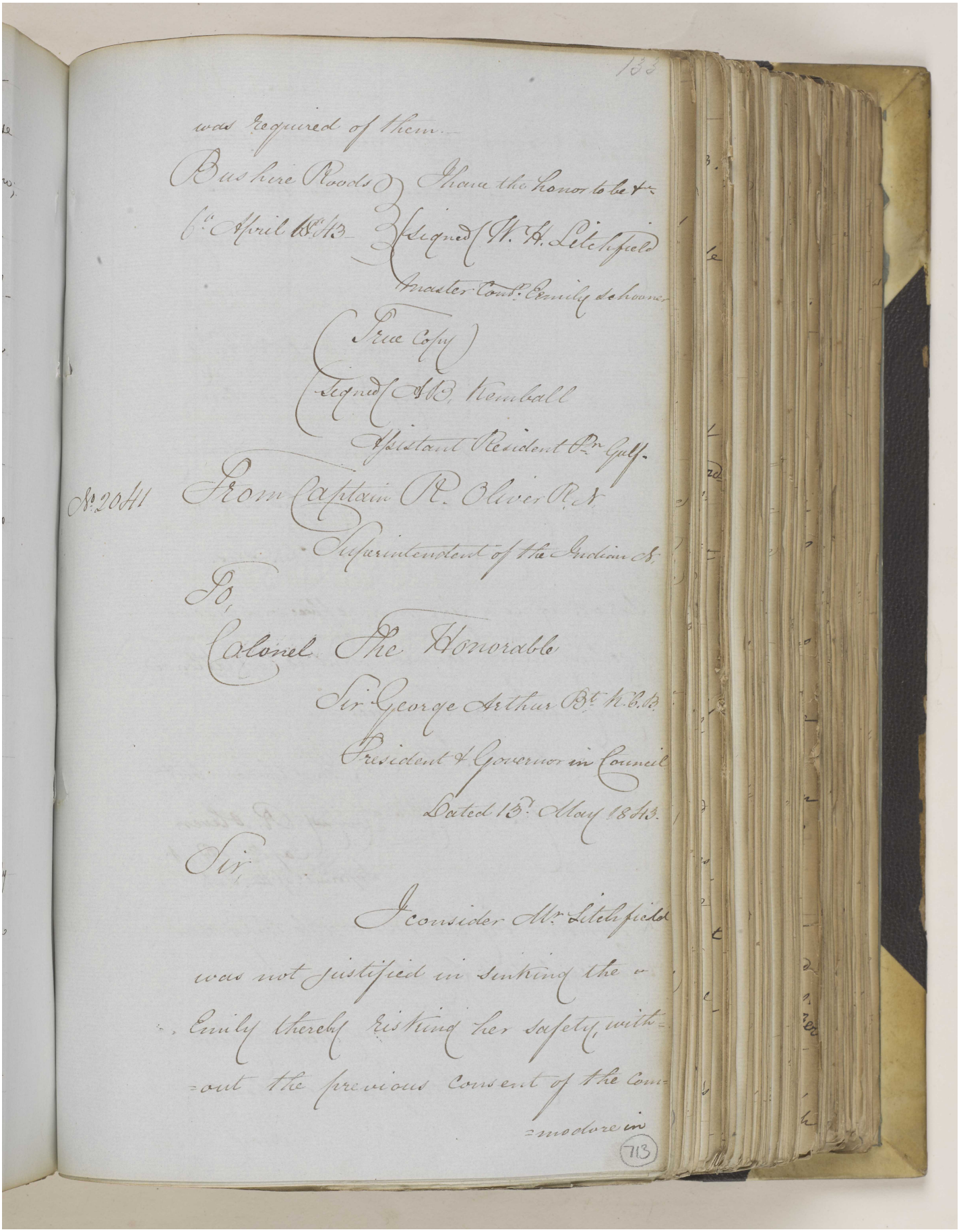

was required of them.

Bushire Roads } I have the honor to be &c.
6th April 1843 } (Signed) W. H. Litchfield
Master Comd. Emily Schooner

(True Copy)
(Signed) A. B. Kemball
Assistant Resident Pn. Gulf.

No. 2041 From Captain R. Oliver R.N.
Superintendent of the Indian N.

To,
Colonel The Honorable
Sir George Arthur Bt. K.C.B.
President & Governor in Council
Dated 13th May 1843.

Sir,

I consider Mr. Litchfield was not justified in sinking the Emily thereby risking her safety, without the previous consent of the Commodore in

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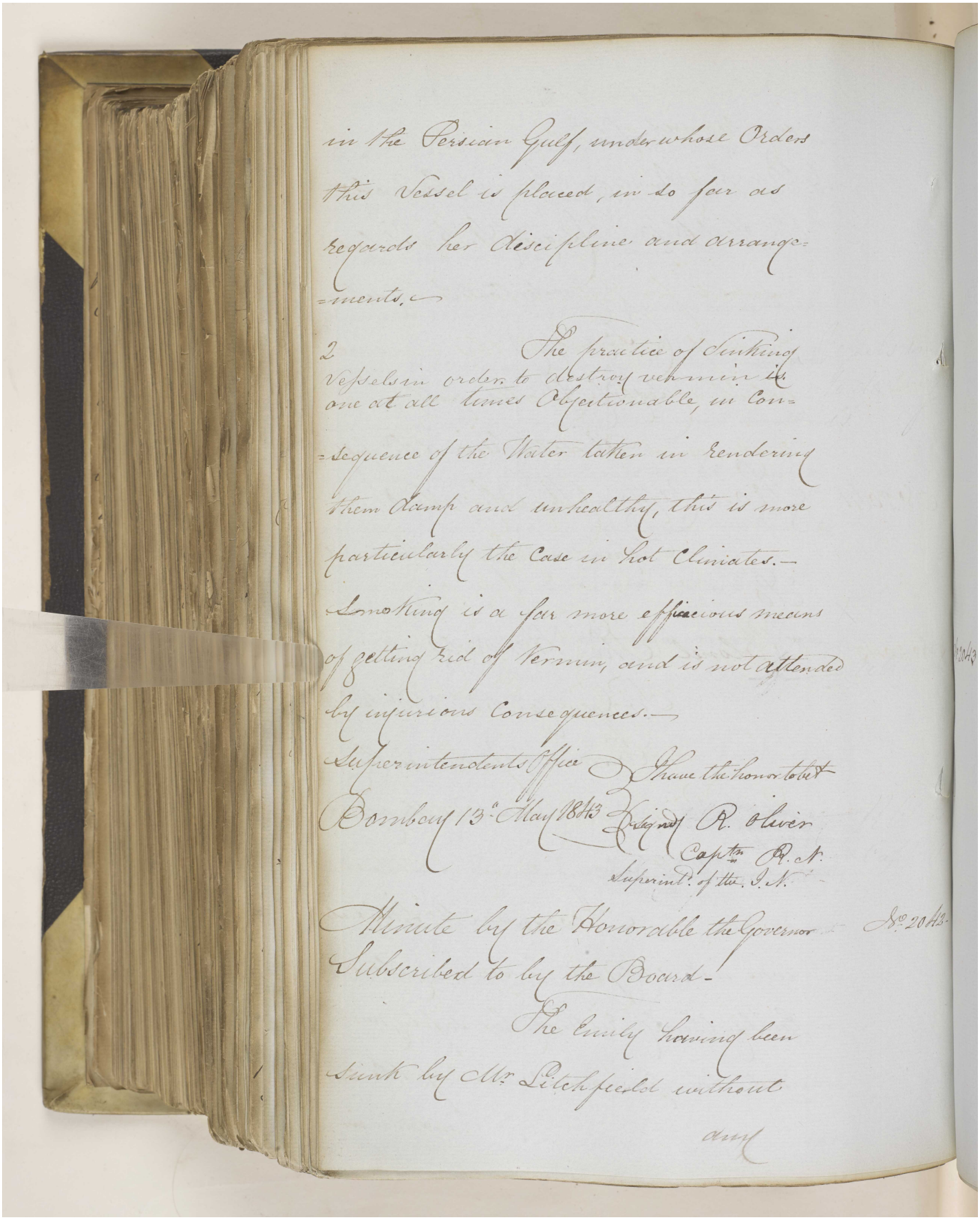


in the Persian Gulf, under whose Orders this Vessel is placed, in so far as regards her discipline and arrange=ments.—

2 The practice of sinking vessels in order to destroy vermin is one at all times Objectionable, in Con=sequence of the Water taken in rendering them damp and unhealthy, this is more particularly the Case in hot Climates.— Smoking is a far more efficacious means of getting rid of Vermin, and is not attended by injurious Consequences.—

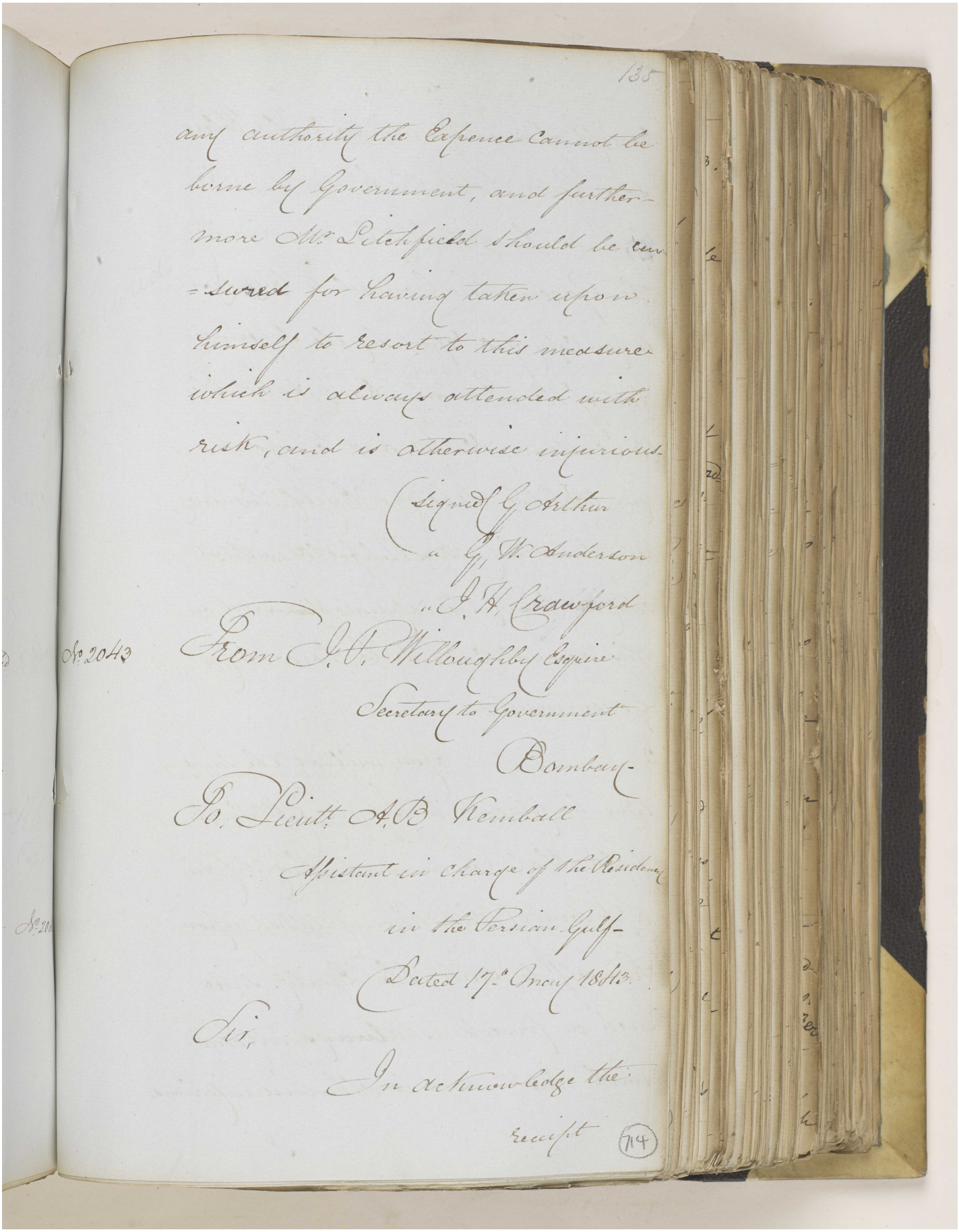
Superintendents Office
Bombay 13th May 1843

I have the honor to be &c
Signed R. Oliver
Captn R. N.
Superintd. of the I. N.

Minute by the Honorable the Governor — No. 2042.
Subscribed to by the Board.—

The Emily having been sunk by Mr. Litchfield without

any



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any authority the Expence cannot be
borne by Government, and further-
more Mr. Pitchfield should be cen-
-sured for having taken upon
himself to resort to this measure
which is always attended with
risk, and is otherwise injurious.

(Signed) G. Arthur
" G. W. Anderson
" J. H. Crawford

No. 2043

From J. H. Willoughby Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay -

To Lieut. A. B. Kemball
Assistant in charge of the Residency
in the Persian Gulf -

Dated 17th May 1843.

Sir,

In acknowledge the
receipt

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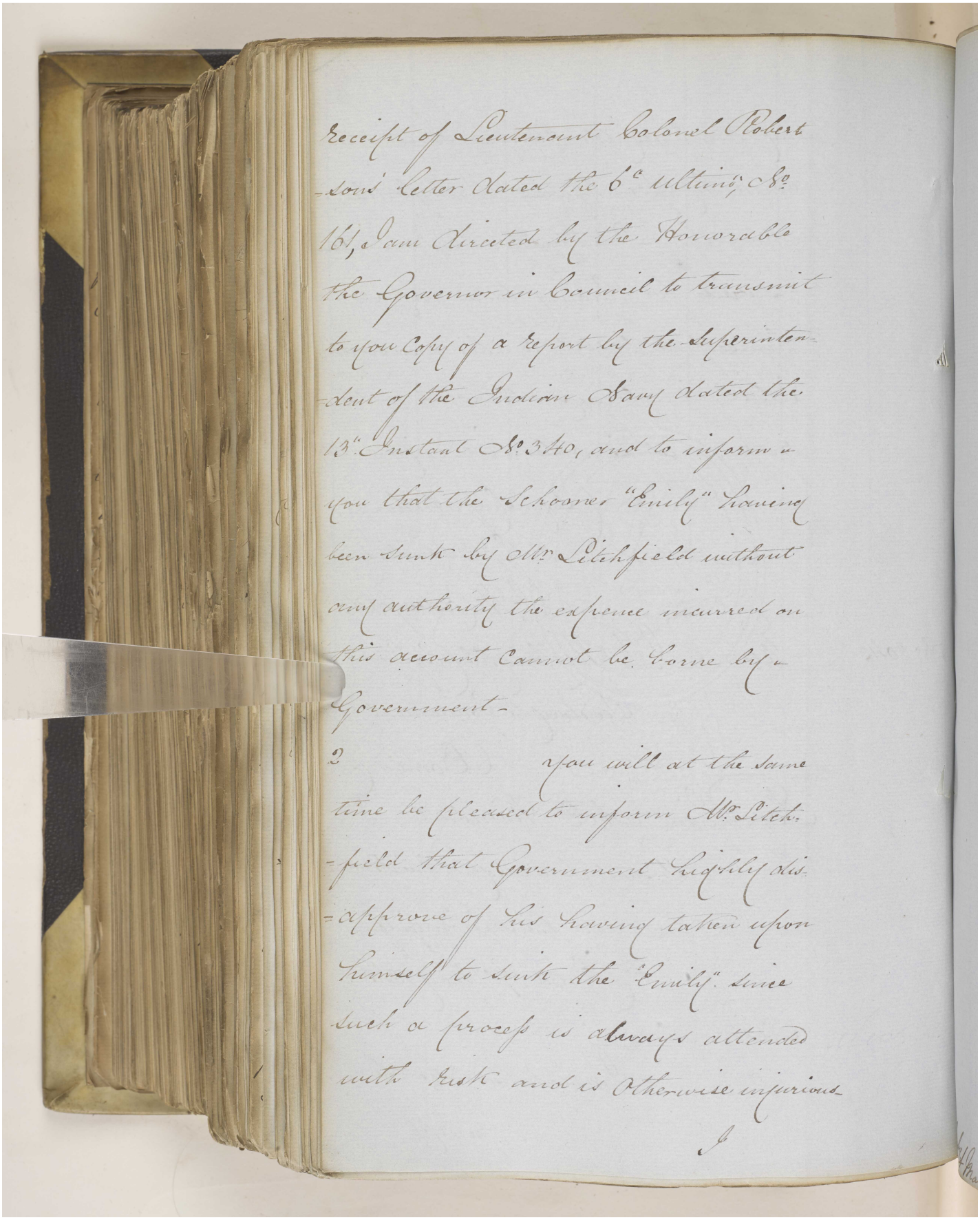

Receipt of Lieutenant Colonel Robert-son's letter dated the 6th ultimo & 8th 16th, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you Copy of a Report by the Superintendent of the Indian Navy dated the 13th Instant No. 340, and to inform you that the Schooner "Emily" having been sunk by Mr. Pitchfield without any authority the expence incurred on this account cannot be borne by Government -

2 You will at the same time be pleased to inform Mr. Pitchfield that Government highly disapprove of his having taken upon himself to sink the "Emily" since such a process is always attended with risk and is otherwise injurious

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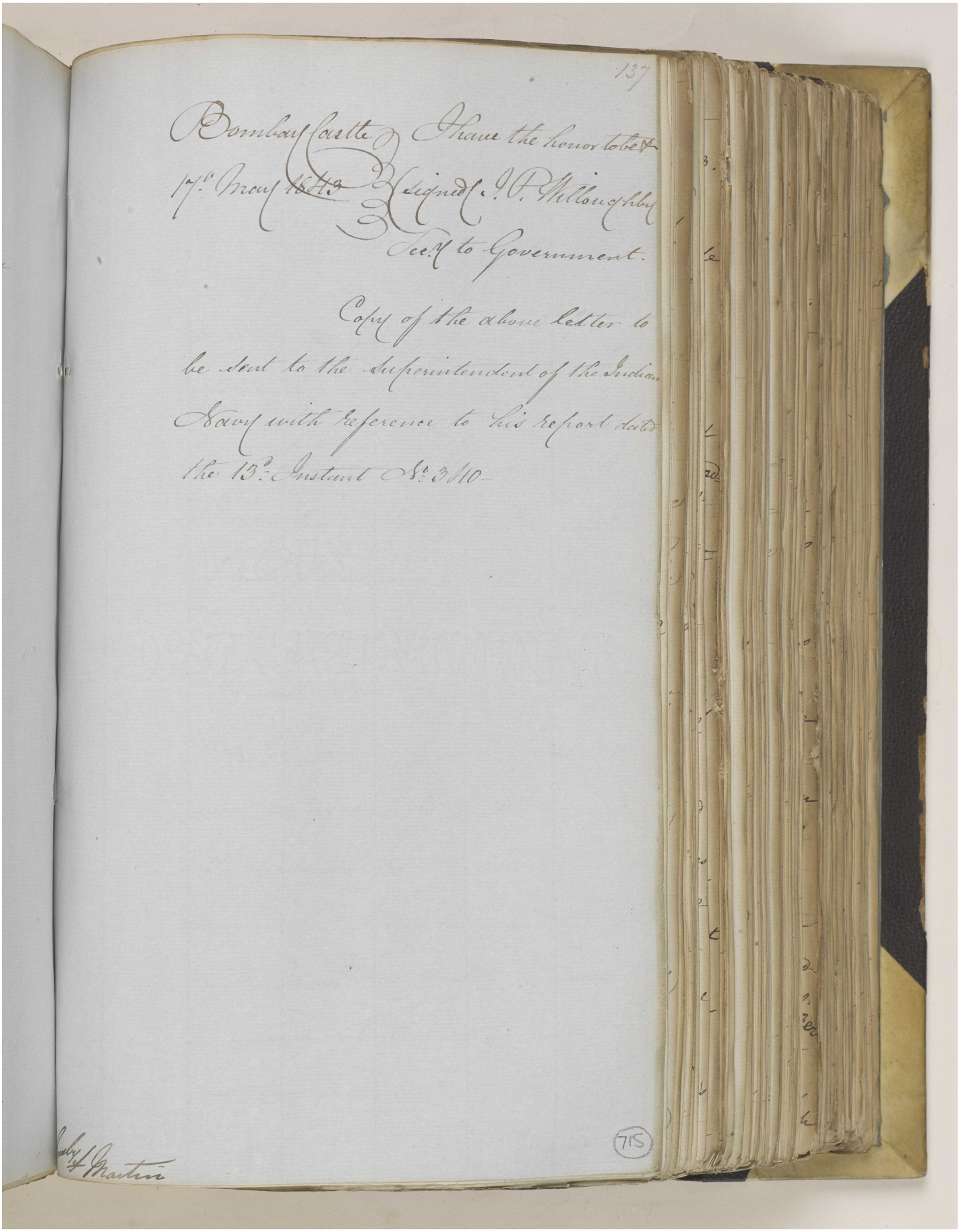

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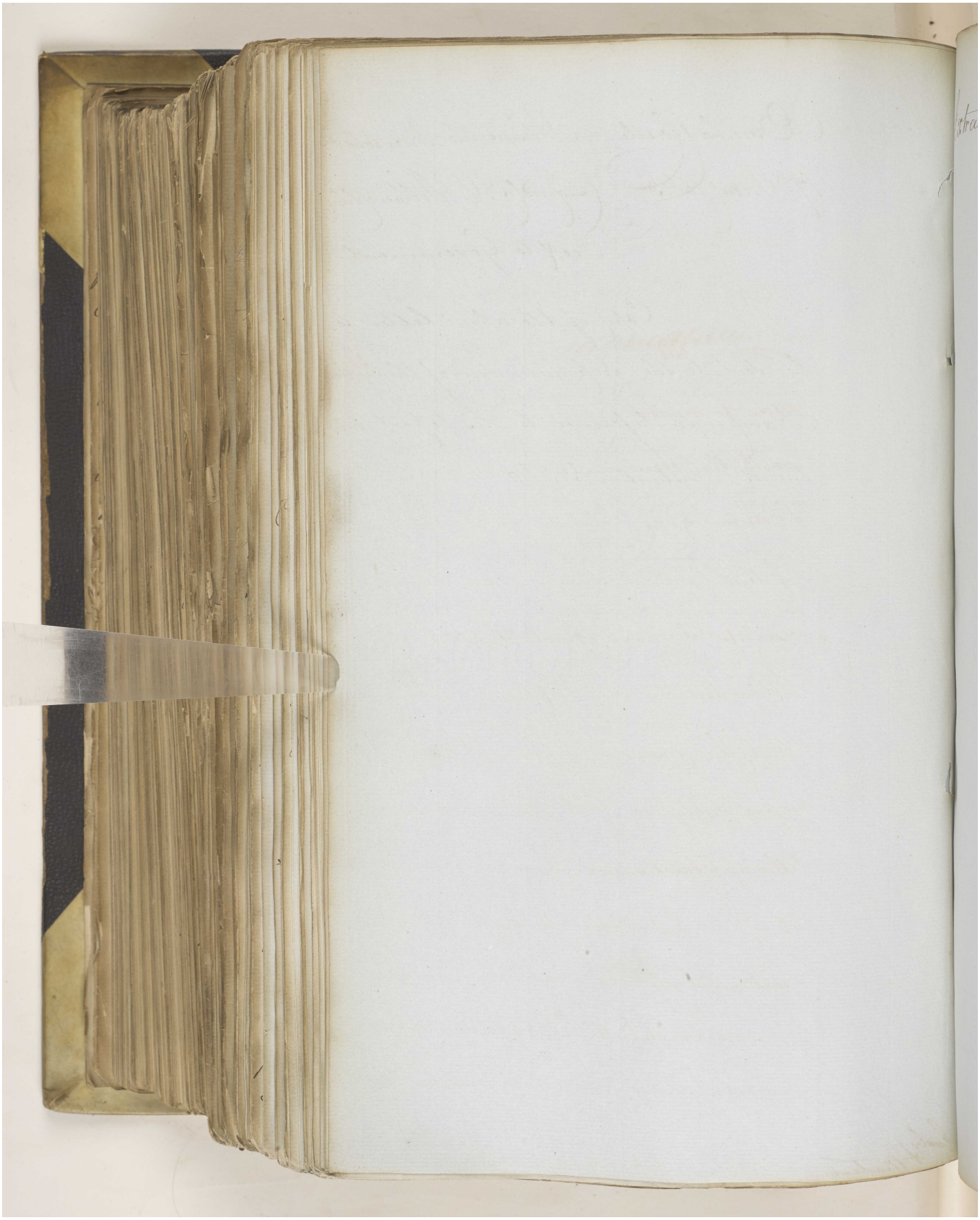

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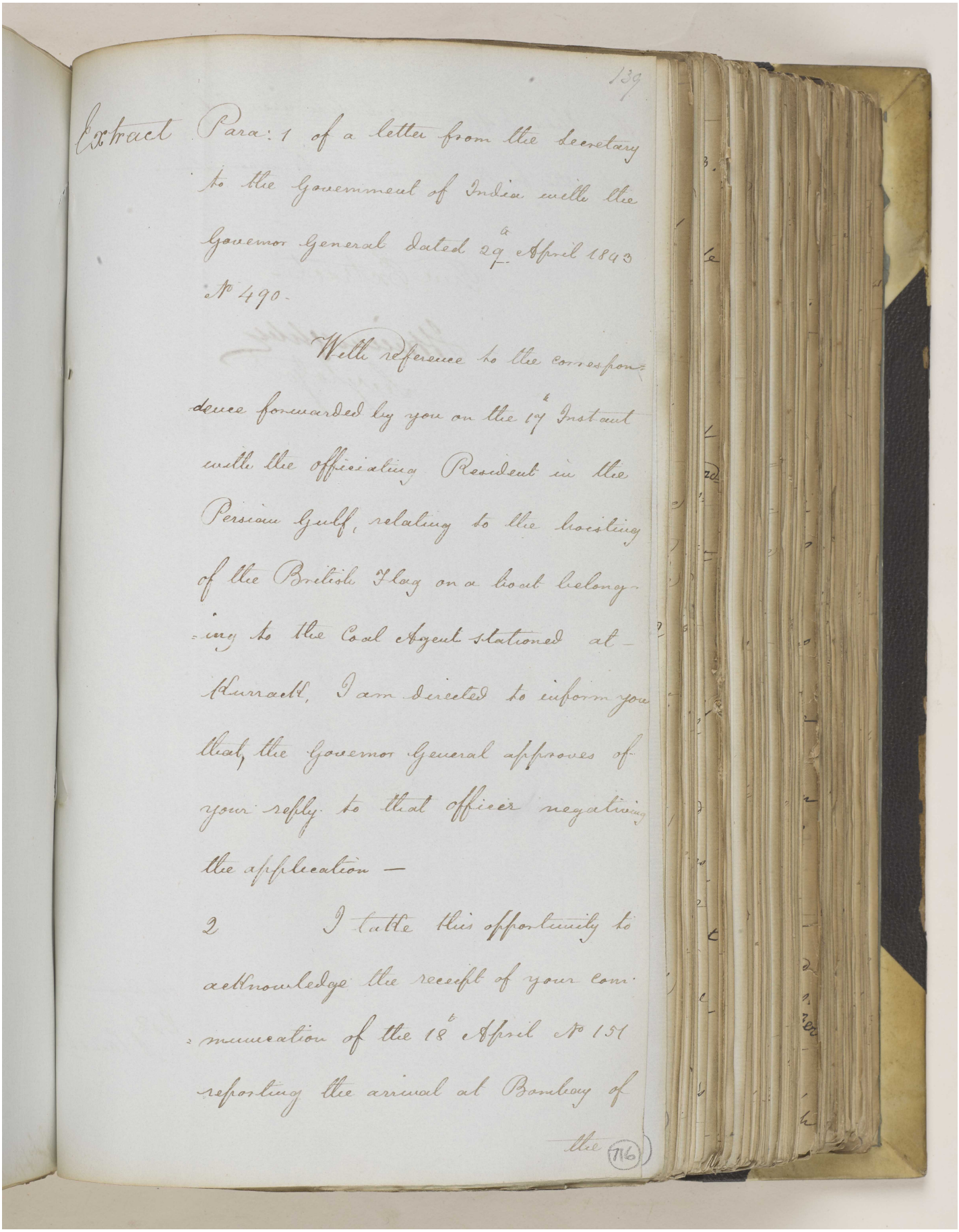

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Extract Para: 1 of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India with the Governor General Dated 29th April 1843 № 490.

With reference to the correspondence forwarded by you on the 19th Instant with the officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf, relating to the hoisting of the British Flag on a boat belonging to the Coal Agent stationed at Kurrachi, I am directed to inform you that the Governor General approves of your reply to that officer negativing the application —

2 I take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th April № 151 reporting the arrival at Bombay of the

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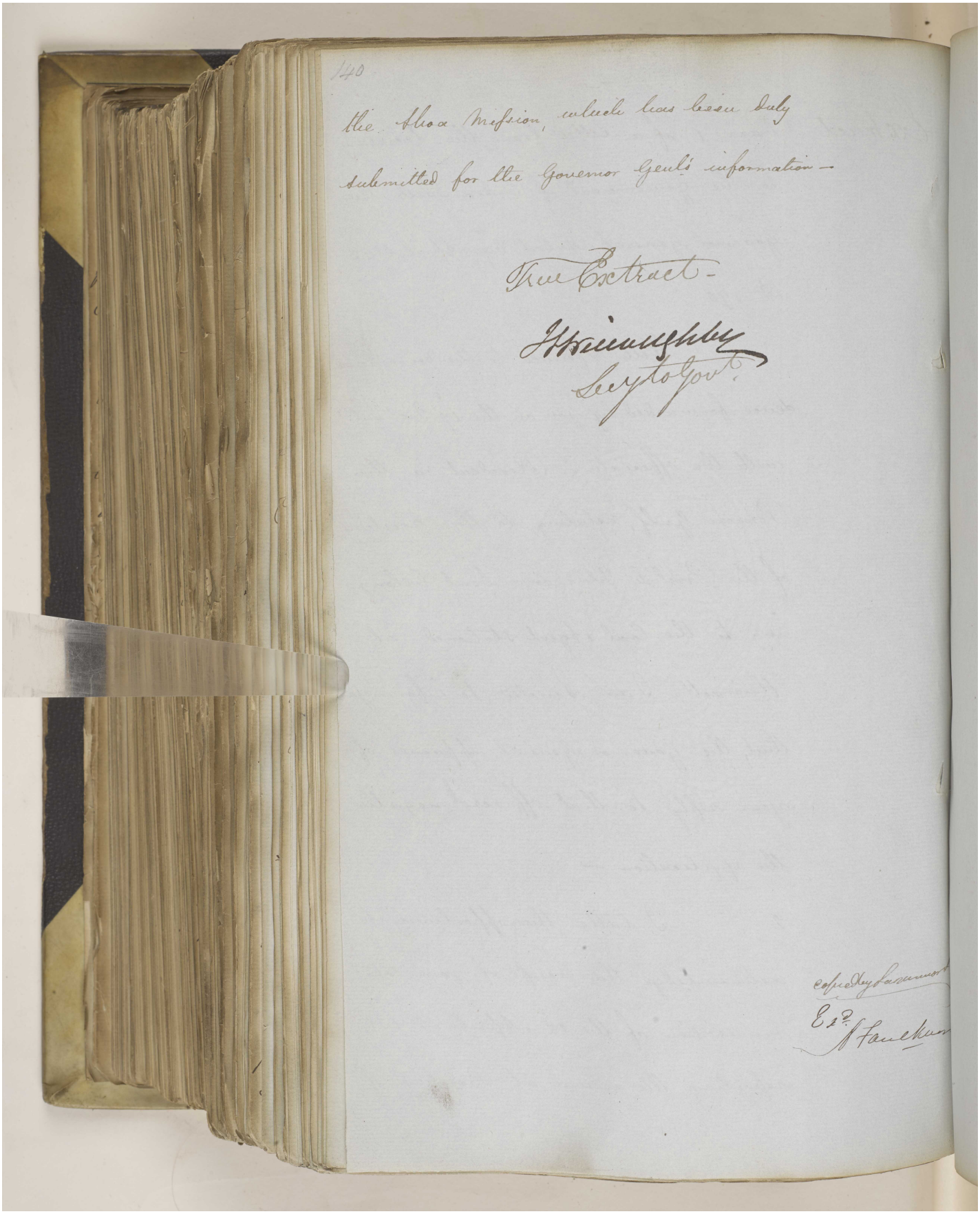

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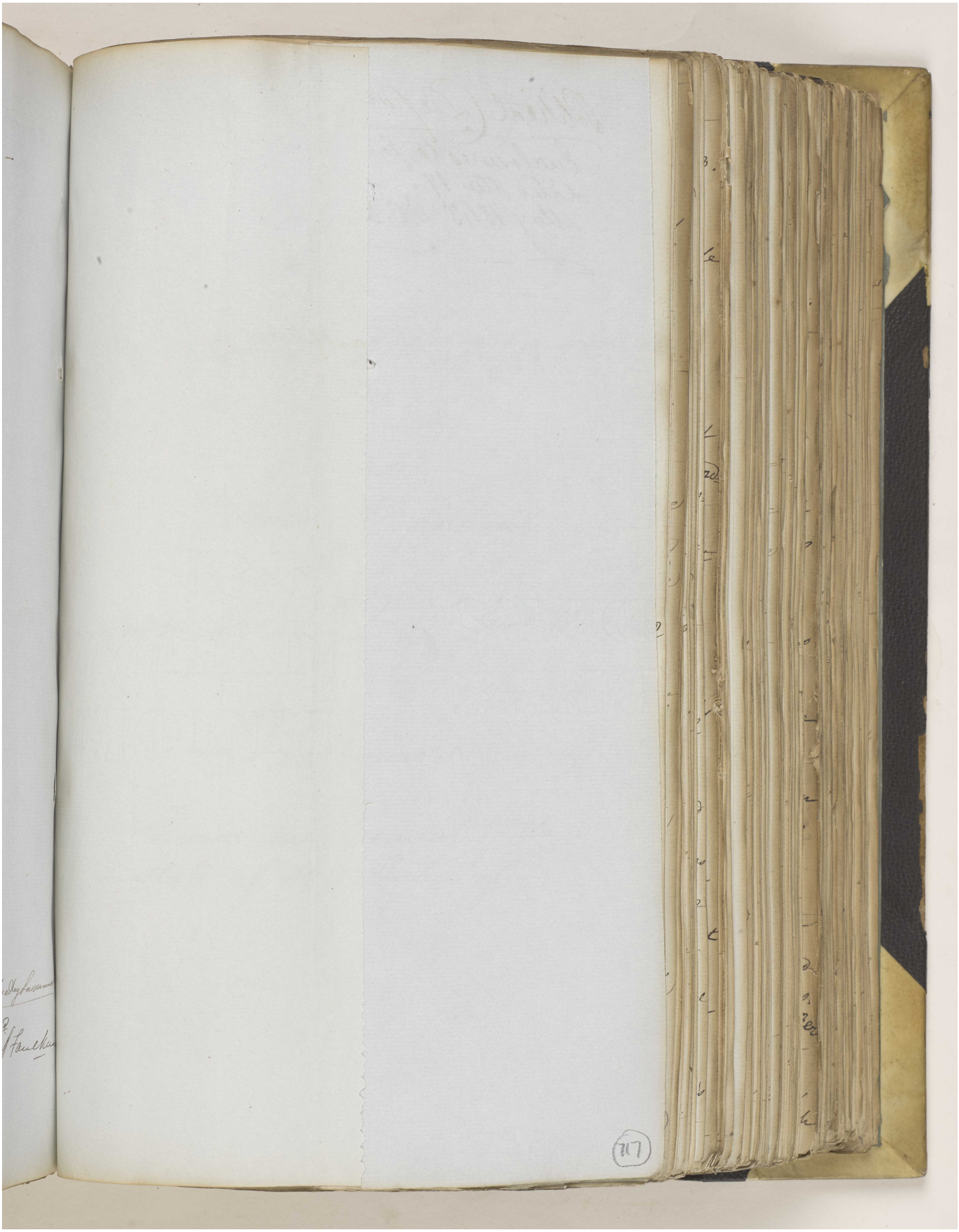

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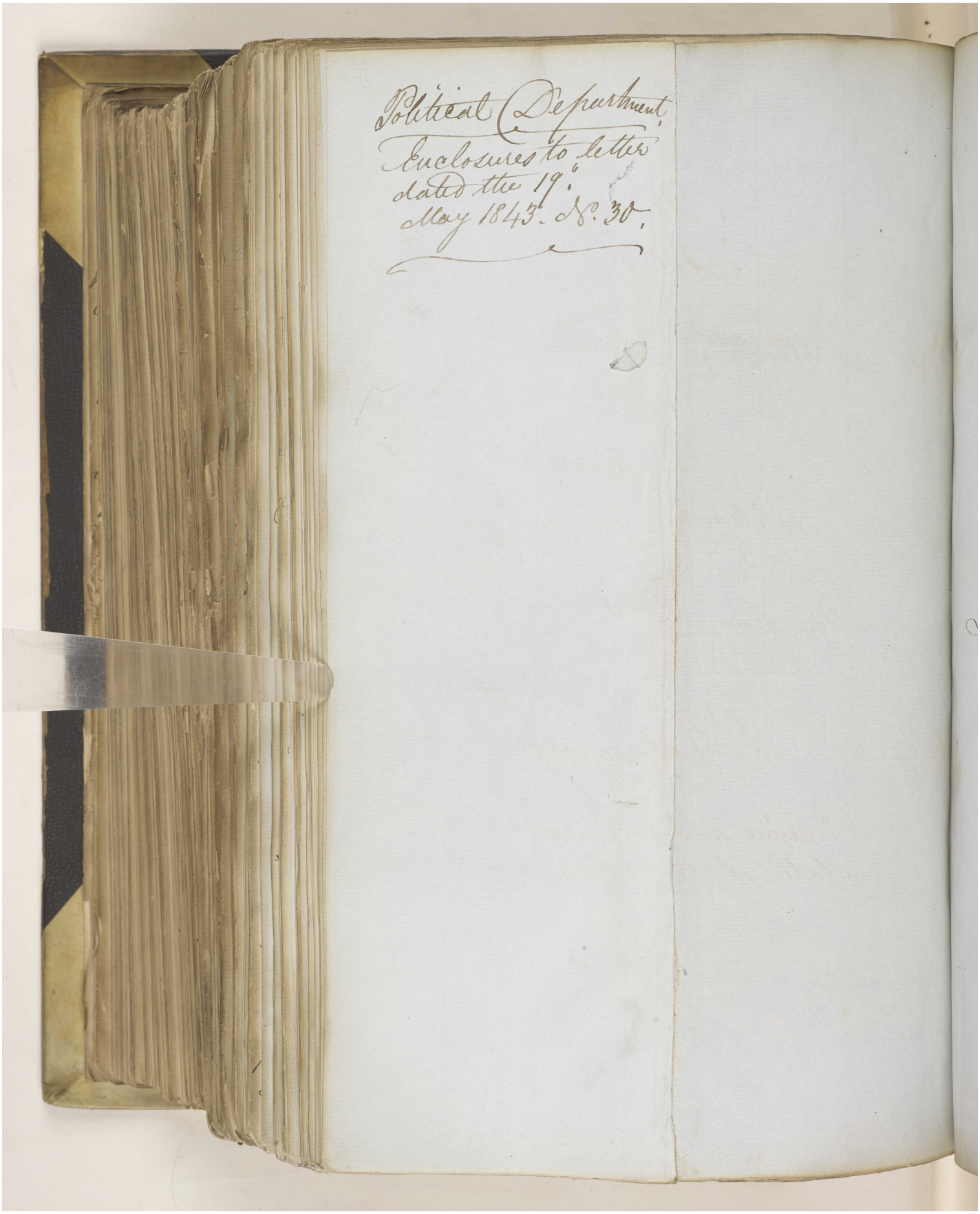

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