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This file contains letters written by David Wilson, the British Resident in the Persian Gulf based at Bushire. The bulk of the letters are addressed to William Newnham, Chief Secretary to the Government in Bombay and John Wedderburn, Accountant General in Bombay.

The letters discuss relations with Abdoolah Ben Ahmed [Abdullah bin Ahmad], the ruler of Bahrain as well as tensions between him and Said bin Sultan, the Imam of Muscat.

The file also contains a detailed account of an attack on the town of Bushire written by Wilson in December 1828 (ff. 19v-23).

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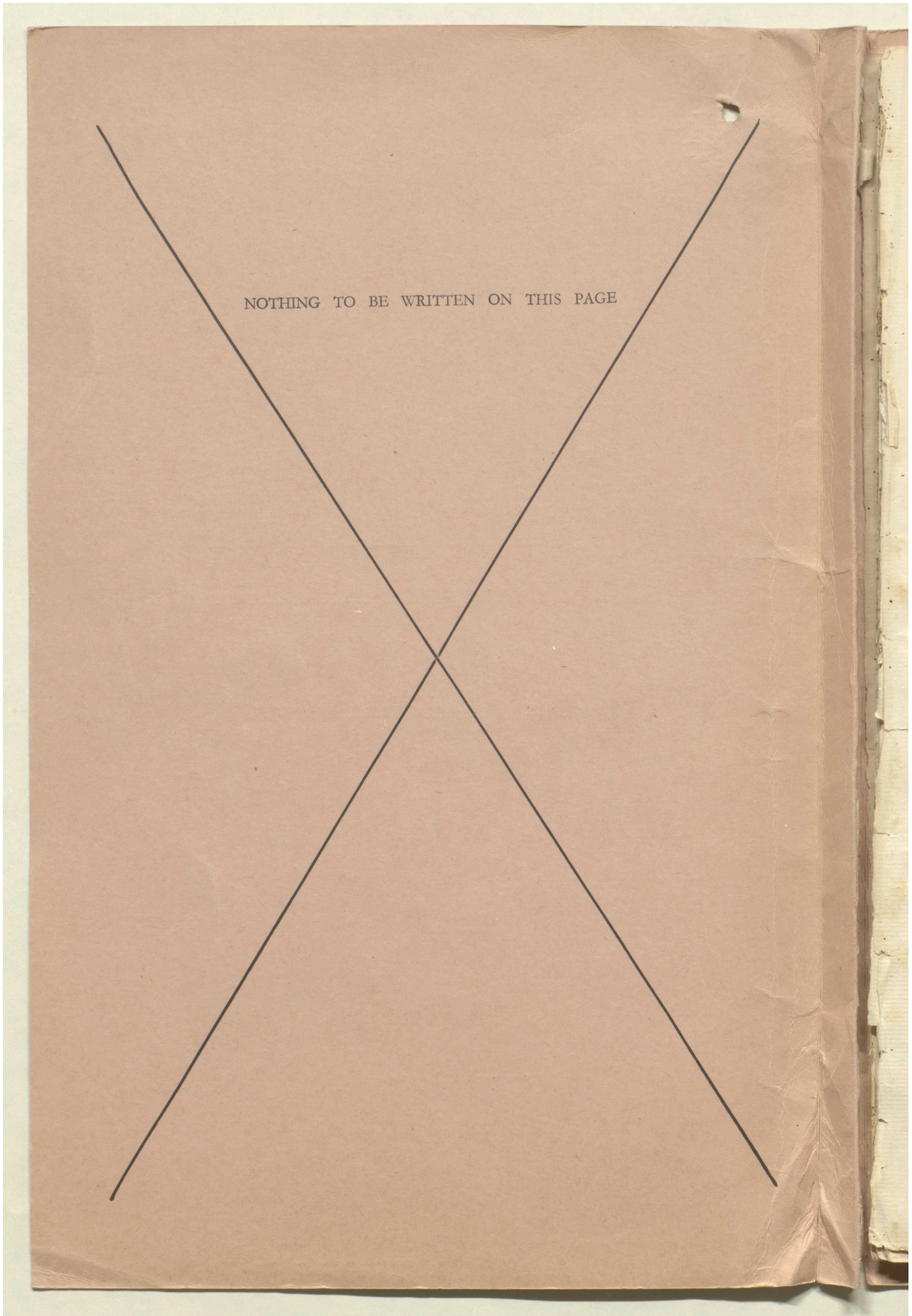
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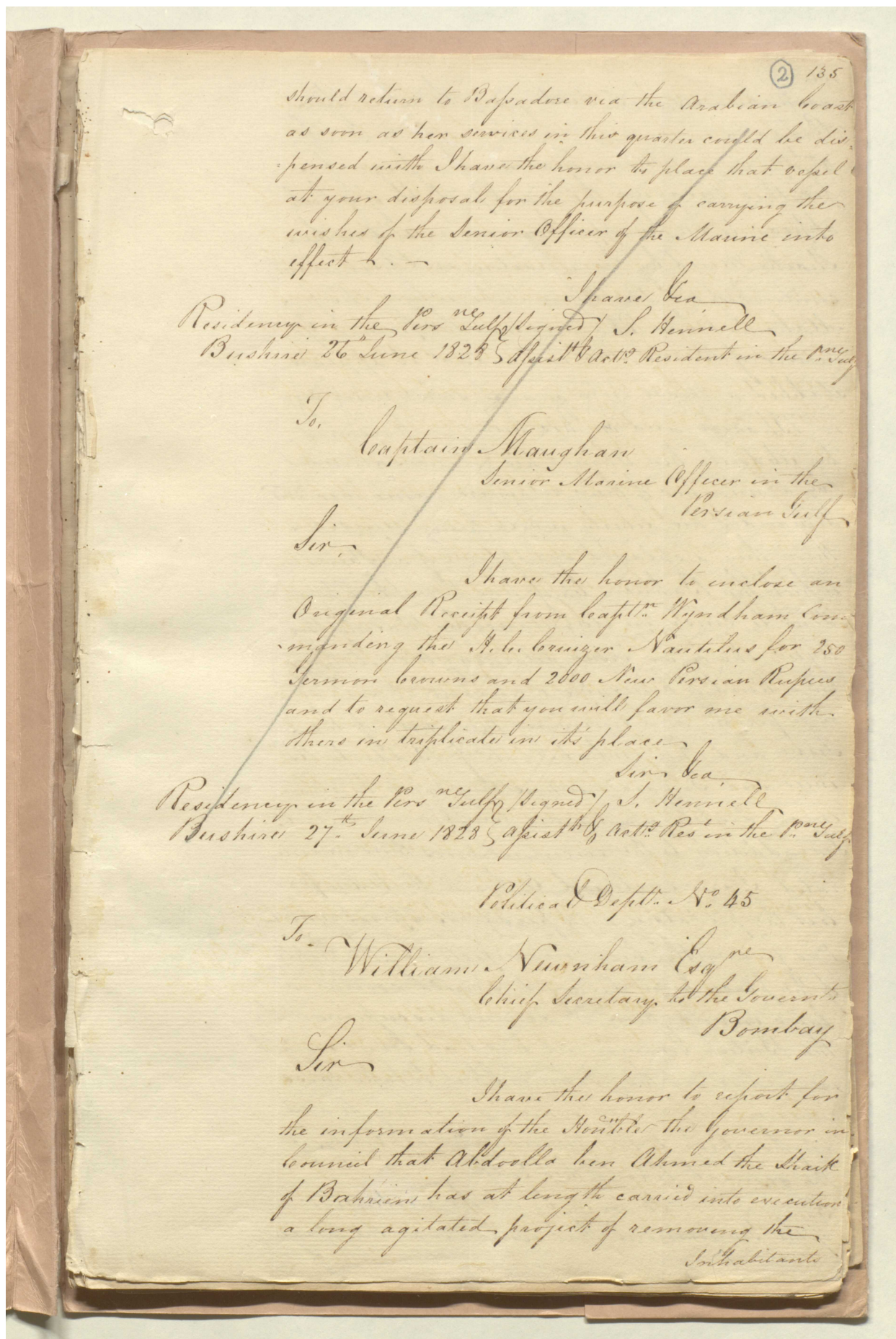
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Inhabitants, and destroying the Fort of
Bedda.

2nd Many reasons are assigned
for this measure the most plausible of which
appear to be the apprehensions excited in the
Shaihs Mind by the refractory and turbulent
conduct of the Bos Ayeuw Tribe whose Chief
Mahomed bin Rhasnees was the former Go-
vernour of Bedda. This individual it appears
stabbed a man in a quarrel some time ago
in Bharain and on his being imprisoned
by Abdolla ben Ahmed his relations attended
by a number of their retainers came over, and
demanded his liberty, which being refused
them they displayed symptoms of a spirit
which the Bahrein Chief has thought it pro-
pudent to crush in its infancy by placing the Bos
Ayeuw Shaihs in irons detaining his relations
in a kind of honorable confinement near his
own person, and removing the whole of the
Tribe and other inhabitants of Bedda to Re-
wees and Towarah where they will be more
immediately under his check and control.
In addition to the circumstances thus enu-
merated I am inclined to think that the fear
lest the predatory and piratical spirit which
has frequently been manifested by the people
of the place now destroyed, should sooner or
later involve him in serious discussions with
the British Government has had some weight
in inducing the Bahrein Chief to take these
energetic measures which are likely to add
another prop to the permanent stability of
the general Peace of this Gulf.

3rd It may be in the recollection
of the Government that Bedda was the place
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of refuge of two notorious Individuals by name
Suedun bin Zab and Saif bin Thykham who fled
from Abroothabeh in consequence of a dispute with
Shaik Tahnoon bin Shaikbood carrying with them
a number of boats belonging to the Inhabitants
of that port the detail of which proceeding together
with their subsequent conduct formed the subject
of a dispatch from Col^l Stammers dated 15th June
1826, on receiving information of the destruction
of Bedda I conceived it necessary to make en-
quiries respecting those two persons and am
informed that they had left the protection of the
Shaik of Bahrein some time before accompani-
ed by their followers, and that having returned
to their allegiance under Shaik Tahnoon they
were now established at Abroothabeh upon the
same footing as formerly.

Residency in the Pers Gulf & Shave Sea
Bushire 20th June 1828 } Signed / S. Hennell
Captain & Acting Res. in the Pers Gulf

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visiting Bafadore for the purpose of receiving
Captain Sawyer her Commander on board
will only occasion her a short absence from
her anchoring ground, it being of great import-
ance that two vessels should be constantly
maintained there during the Pearl Fishery,
and with this view perhaps you might consider
it advisable about the expiration of the period
assigned for the lounge of a vessel on the Banks
to send off the relieving ship there instead
of waiting her return to Bafadore before doing
so.

3^d I quite concur with you as to the
expediency of the alterations you have made in
Lieut Richardson's instructions and should
his vessel miss the Amherst and proceed
to Bushire your wishes respecting her im-
mediate dispatch to Bafadore shall be carried
into effect, if no circumstances occur in this
quarter to render her detention here a matter
of imperative necessity.

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to avoid all interferences in their disputes otherwise
 than in the way of friendly advice, yet it would
 meet with deep regret, the commencement of a war
 which would tend to shake the system establish-
 ed for the suppression of plunder and piracy with-
 so much labour and expence, by opening a door and
 affording a pretext under the cloak of lawful war-
 fare for the evil disposed to renew those wicked
 practices which it has been the sole and undivided
 object of the English Authorities in this quarter of the
 Globe to extirpate.

4th I venture to hope therefore you will
 carefully weigh these suggestions which are offered
 in the way of friendship by your sincere well wisher
 who has been induced to lay them before you as
 much from a regard for your welfare as a strong
 and earnest desire to save the peaceable and un-
 offending inhabitants who are quietly pursuing
 their respective avocations of Fishing and trading
 from the horrors which must necessarily attend
 a rupture betwixt the principal powers of this
 Gulf.

5th In the hope of soon receiving a
 favorable reply, I have submitted these con-
 siderations to you and have no doubt of your de-
 ciding agreeably to justice and a regard for the
 general welfare.

Signed/ J Kennell

Bushire
 30th August 1828.

Political Dept. No 60.

To
 William Newnham Esq^r
 Chief Secretary to the Government
 Bombay

Sir,

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In my letter to you N^o 40 in this Department dated the 25th June last, I had the honor of stating to the Government my disbelief of the rumours then in circulation respecting the hostile designs of His Highness the Imam against Bahrein, grounded upon a report received from the Agent at Muscat of His Highness having sent up several valuable presents, accompanied by a communication couched in the most friendly and amicable terms to Shaikh Abdolla ben Ahmed the Chief of that Island.

^{2nd} This opinion founded upon my knowledge of the Imams general character for frankness and sincerity, has, I regret to say in this instance proved incorrect, as there is but too much reason to believe that he has formed a fixed and settled determination to attempt the reduction of Bahrein to his Authority at all risks and hazards.

^{3rd} Subsequently to the dispatch of the letter above referred to the reports of His Highness being actively engaged in equipping his vessels and assembling Troops became daily more prevalent, but so much difference of opinion existed with regard to their ultimate destination that I was unwilling to believe that these warlike preparations could be intended for any other purpose than the repulsion of the predatory attacks made upon his possessions in the neighbourhood of Bander-Abbas. The circumstance of not receiving any intimation or hint from His Highness of his designs against the Territories of the Uttoosha Chief, tended to confirm me in this supposition and it is only lately that the receipt of some reports from the Agent at Muscat together with a communication from

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from the Shaikh of Bahrein has compelled me to
 resign the anticipations I had formed of the continu-
 ed peace and tranquillity of the Gulf, and however
 reluctantly to lay before the Government the al-
 most inevitable prospect of a war which however
 it may terminate can hardly fail to be attended
 while it lasts with both serious and disastrous
 consequences.

In doing myself the honor to for-
 ward translations of the letters from Shaikh Abdool-
 la and the Muscat Agent together with copies
 of my reply to the former as well as a communi-
 cation to Shaikh Tahnoon for the information of
 the Honble the Governor in Council I beg respectfully
 to be permitted to observe that I was chiefly in-
 duced to address the Baniyas chief in consequence
 of the intimation conveyed in the concluding
 part of the Shaikh of Bahrein's letter viz. that if
 Tahnoon did not throw his weight into the scale
 against him he should not be under the neces-
 sity of seeking for the alliance and support of the
 Seasmen. Aware that the Senam had written
 to the Honble the Governor upon the subject
 of his proposed schemes and that the Government
 would probably communicate their sentiments
 direct to H. Agha upon the reference made
 by him I still ventured to think that under any
 circumstances a material point would be
 gained towards maintaining the general quiet
 of the Gulf, could Shaikh Tahnoon be prevailed
 upon by friendly advice not to join in any
 want act of aggression against the Shaikh of
 Bahrein or his dominions as in that case not
 only the foundation of a feud between the Bani-
 yas and Mtoobeh Tribes leading perhaps to con-
 tinued bloodshed and disorder would be avoided
 but

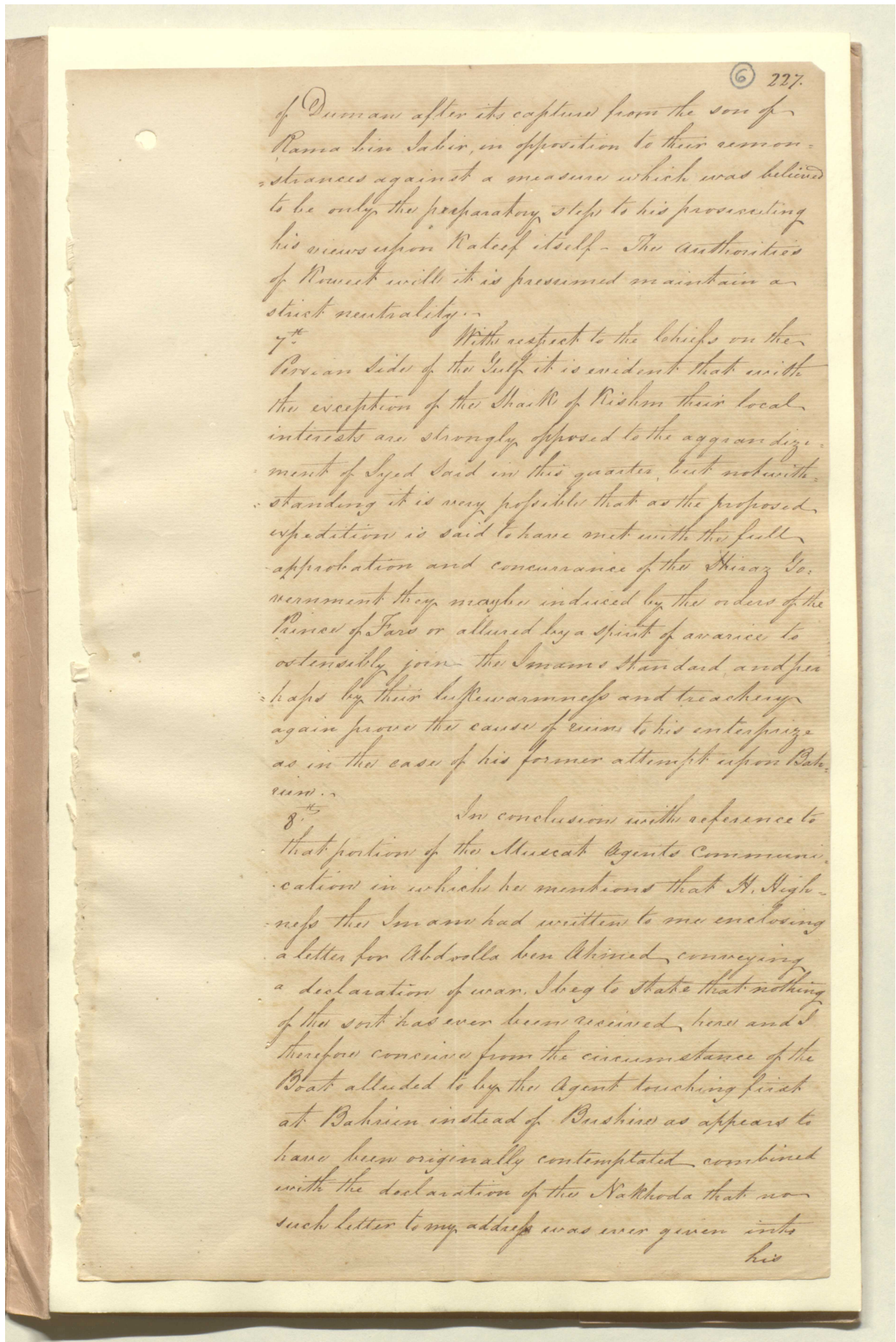
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but also reasonable hopes might be entertained of two of the principal powers on the Arabian Coast pursuing a neutrality in the approaching contest.

5. It would appear presumptuous in me to offer any opinion as to the probable issue of His Highness the Imam's order taking up carried into execution. Abdolla ben Ahmed altho' taken apparently by surprise, is yet making the most vigorous and active preparations for the defense of his territories. An embargo has been laid upon all the trading boats - the Shaik's vessels of war have been launched. The Fort of Soharah repaired, and his friend Mahomed ben Mushan Chief of the Umayya Arabs been called upon to join him with a large force of Horse and Foot, of which contingent six hundred cavalry are stated to be already assembled in the vicinity of Dussan. In fact so confident is the Bahruin Shaikh in the attachment of his followers and his own resources that he has given them all permission to proceed to the Pearl Banks upon the condition of their returning on the first intimation being given of the approach of danger.

6. The only Maritime Tribes of the Gulf who will dare if called upon to afford open assistance to the Ottobees are those of Sothan ben Sagger and Rashid ben Hussein but it is most probable that Shaikh Tahnoon will take measures to prevent their doing so even if he does not personally join in the attack upon the Island. The Shaikhs of Katsch are reported to be favorably disposed towards the Imam, as a coolness has for some time past subsisted between them and Abdolla ben Ahmed in consequence of the latter strengthening and garrisoning the Fort



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of Durrani after its capture from the son of
Rama bin Sabir, in opposition to their resolu-
tions against a measure which was believed
to be only the preparatory steps to his prosecuting
his views upon Katsif itself. The authorities
of Muscat will it is presumed maintain a
strict neutrality.

7th With respect to the chiefs on the
Persian side of the Gulf it is evident that with
the exception of the Shah of Kishm their local
interests are strongly opposed to the aggrandise-
ment of Syed Said in this quarter, but notwith-
standing it is very probable that as the proposed
expedition is said to have met with the full
approbation and concurrence of the Shiraz Go-
vernment they maybe induced by the orders of the
Prince of Fars or allured by a spirit of avarice to
ostensibly join the Imam's standard, and per-
haps by their treachery and treachery
again prove the cause of ruin to his enterprise
as in the case of his former attempt upon Bah-
rein.

8th In conclusion with reference to
that portion of the Muscat Agents Communi-
cation in which he mentions that H. Nigh-
ness the Imam had written to me enclosing
a letter for Abdolla bin Ahmed conveying
a declaration of war, I beg to state that nothing
of the sort has ever been received here and I
therefore conclude from the circumstance of the
Boat alluded to by the Agent touching first
at Bahrein instead of Bushire as appears to
have been originally contemplated combined
with the declaration of the Nakhoda that no
such letter to my address was ever given into
his

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his charge, that His Highness must have altered
his first intention and sent his defiance to the
Attorney Shaikh direct

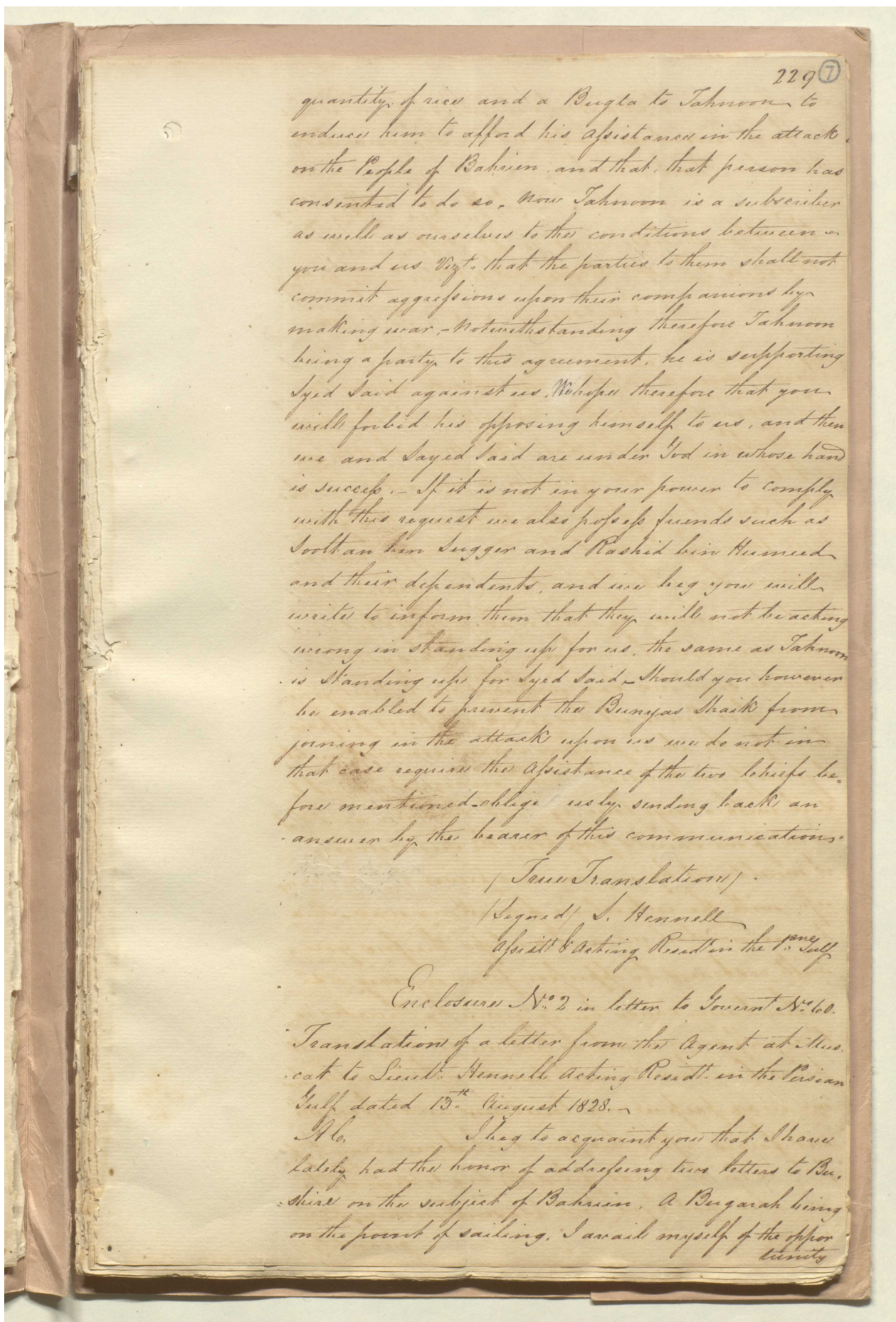
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Resid^t in the Persian Gulf (signed) S. Wernmell
Busheir 2^d Sept 1828 affict. & act^o test in the par^{me} Gulf

Enclosure N^o 1 to Govt. Letter
N^o 60.

Translation of a Letter from Shaikh Abdostla
bin Ahmed to Lieut. S. Wernmell Act^o Resident
in the Persian Gulf dated 25th August 1828.

A. C. With reference to our affair with
Said Syed it is not hidden from you that you
were formerly the mediator to make peace bet^o
ween us. Since that period we have regularly
paid him annually what was stipulated and
we were about launching a Boat this year in
order to send our Son with^{out} was due to him your
Man Apoo knows all this while making prepara-
tions for the above purpose, we have received intel-
ligence from Muscat, that the Imam is about to
sail with a large force against Bahrien, and that
even if we should pay him the sum owing
it would not by any means prevent his coming
up with the intention of making war. This
has astonished us, and we hope therefore you
will restrain the oppressor from injuring us
without any cause being given by plunder or
piracy. If you cannot do this we trust you will
prevail on him to wait two Months in order that
we may prepare our territories and assemble
our forces, after this period whatever may hap-
pen is in the hands of God. We beg to acquaint
you also that Syed Said has sent money a
quantity



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quantity of rice and a Buzla to Tahnoon to
induce him to afford his assistance in the attack
on the People of Bahrein and that that person has
consented to do so. Now Tahnoon is a subscriber
as well as ourselves to the conditions between
you and us vizt. that the parties to them shall not
commit aggressions upon their companions by
making war. Notwithstanding therefore Tahnoon
being a party to this agreement, he is supporting
Sayed Said against us. We hope therefore that you
will forbid his opposing himself to us, and then
we and Sayed Said are under God in whose hand
is success. - If it is not in your power to comply
with this request we also possess friends such as
Soolthan bin Sagger and Rashid bin Hussein
and their dependents, and we beg you will
write to inform them that they will not be acting
wrong in standing up for us, the same as Tahnoon
is standing up for Sayed Said. Should you however
be enabled to prevent the Bunyas Shaikh from
joining in the attack upon us we do not in
that case require the assistance of the two be-
fore mentioned - oblige us by sending back an
answer by the bearer of this communication.

(True Translation)

Respectfully,
Signed J. Kennell

Agent & Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf

Enclosure No. 2 in letter to Government No. 60.

Translation of a letter from the Agent at Mus-
cat to Lieut. Kennell Acting Resident in the Persian
Gulf dated 15th August 1828.

No. I beg to acquaint you that I have
lately had the honor of addressing two letters to Bu-
shair on the subject of Bahrein, a Buzarah being
on the point of sailing, I avail myself of the oppor-
tunity

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Unity to report that H. Highness the Imam wrote to the Honble the Governor, in Council by the Comuzer Benares and is now awaiting the reply. In the mean while he is still employed in the assembling and preparation of his forces, and it is probable that by the 17th Instant his arrangements will be completed and his fixed determination is to proceed on the 12th Proximo with all his forces to attack the Island of Bahrein, H. Highness had at first fixed to send a Bateel with a Mofanger bearing a letter to Shaikh Abdoola to this effect, "Be upon your guard, to the present time we have been friends with you, for the future we are enemies and we now give you due notice". This intention however the Imam has changed, and has determined to enclose his letter to the Bahain Chief in a communication to you in which he has doubtless explained his designs. The Bugarah after touching at Bushara is to proceed to Bahain to deliver Sunday letters.

Two Translations
Signed J. Kennell
apt. & dat. Rec. in the 1st July.

Enclosure No 3 to Govant. Letter No 60.

To
Shaikh Abdolla bin Ahmed
Shaikh of Bahain

M. G. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 12th Suffar upon the Subject of the Imam of Muscat having projected a hostile expedition against Bahain and also of Shaikh Tahmooz being prepared to cooperate with him by bringing a body of Troops as a reinforcement

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This intimation has given me deep
and

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and sincere concern as it is impossible that one feeling so deep an interest as I do in the maintenance of that general peace and tranquillity which is daily extending the spirit of mutual confidence and good order among the Inhabitants of this Gulf should feel indifferent to the prospect of a scene of general warfare which is but too likely to afford a pretext to the evil disposed for again introducing the former system of Plunder and Piracy which was the cause of misery and ruin to so many defenceless and unfortunate Individuals - With respect to Syed Saïd's entertaining mischievous intentions towards you I can only say that I have never received the slightest communication or hint from H. H. himself that could lead me to believe that such was really the case, Since the period however the Imam commenced his relations of friendship and Amity with the British Government he has never undertaken any expedition without communicating it to them and awaiting their reply before carrying it into execution and as H. H. has made no reference to me in any way on the subject above alluded to it is more than probable if he is serious in his intentions that he has long before this made a communication to the British Authorities in Bombay, if such is the case it is most likely that the Answer to H. H. and Instructions of the Government for the Reside^{nt} guidance will be received by an early opportunity, and as in the event of Syed Saïd's having given me any intimation of his views I should finally have been obliged to refer to India I can say nothing further at present so far as relates to H. H. but must await the orders of my Superior at the same time should your surmises prove to be well founded and a favorable opening offer

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I beg to assure you of my readiness and willingness to take advantage of any opportunity which may enable me to offer my mediation to bring about a friendly and amicable adjustment between you.

3rd With reference to what you mention respecting Shaik Tahnoon preparing a force to act against Bahier Shepu sincerely that you have been misinformed on this point and that that Chief has no intention of breaking thro' the amicable engagements which have so long and happily subsisted between you to the mutual advantage of both parties, I shall however write immediately to him with my warmest recommendations to maintain his relations with you inviolate and shall earnestly dissuade him from embarking in an undertaking that must be inevitably attended with frightful consequences to the lives and properties of a large proportion of the inhabitants of this part of the world, should however my friendly advice unhappily prove unavailing I regret that the orders of my Government will preclude me from any other more direct interference.

4th I cannot however pass over in silence that part of your letter which hints that the British Government as being a party to the General Treaty is bound to restrain our Tribes from commencing Hostilities against another. After the many explanations which have been afforded you upon this point by Col^l Staunton, any further exposition on my part must be quite unnecessary, but I may be allowed to observe that the British Authorities both in India and this Gulf have held one invariable line of conduct viz^t that of declining all interference in the affairs and wars of the Arabian Chiefs beyond that of a Mutual friend.

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friend desirous on all occasions of maintaining the general peace and sparing the effusion of Blood by an unbiassed and unprejudiced mediation - The object and scope of the general Treaty is nothing more nor less than the complete suppression of piracy and the anxiety and perseverance with which the British Government has hitherto pursued and by the Grace of God in a great degree effected this desirable object is manifested by the large naval force they maintain in the Gulf at such an enormous expense without receiving any other advantage than the promotion of the general civilization and welfare of its inhabitants.

5.th From this principle of non interference in lawful and acknowledged war it must be sufficiently apparent to you that altho the English Government are always most desirous of promoting peace and concord yet that I conceive no objection can exist to your strengthening yourself against the attacks of your enemies by such alliances as you may conceive best adapted to that purpose.

6.th In conclusion I beg to recommend to your continued favor and protection of the Government Agent at Bahrein and trust you will continue to favor me with your correspondence.

Bushire
30th August 1828

Signed / S. Kennell

Agent & Acting Resident in the Gulf

/ True Copy /

Signed / S. Kennell

Agent & Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf
Political Dept. No. 65.

To
William Nevill Esq
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay.
Sir

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Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council that Shaikh Abdool Resool the Governor of Bushira appears to entertain the most serious apprehensions with regard to the ultimate views of the Sultan of Muscat in his intended visit to the Northern Extremity of this Gulf; and influenced thence by the advice he has lately received from Shiraz to be upon his guard is now strengthening himself in every way his means and resources will permit Five hundred Boats from the surrounding Districts have been brought into Bushira and two hundred of that number sent over to Rarrack with large supplies for the purpose, reinforcing the Garrison there the remainder have been distributed in the different Towers connected with the defences of the Town the inhabitants being no longer so formerly entrusted with their charge In order to protect the Rarrack water, a Tower has been erected upon the Island of Shaikh Said, and still further to ensure this object a Breast work formed in the wreck of a large Buzga which completely commands the entrance is regularly guarded every night by a party of the Shaikh's new Troops, Picquets are established at all ^{the} binding places, and every possible precaution appears to be taken against a surprise - That the Shaikh is seriously alarmed and considers himself in some danger is sufficiently proved by the fact of his giving the reinforcements he has lately assembled regular Monthly pay, which under any other circumstances he would never think of doing.

I have Dear Sir,
Residency in the Pers. Gulf
Bushira 3^d Sept^r 1828 Signed J. Kennell
Capt. Genl. Resid^t in the Pers. Gulf

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to the Port of Seign left that place with a Cargo and
went to Adjer he left his Cargo there and sailed for
Bahrein on the 20th of August was taken by two boats
between the Island of Bahrein and the Misim land
the boats that committed this Piracy belong to the
Tribes of Benzias and Manafier, two Men belong-
ing to the Seign boat were killed and seven wound-
ed, they were then secured and the boat taken, moved
from the locus of the other boats, and four days after
they captured three boats belonging to Bahrein laden
with dates bound to Soorat, at that Port all the
Prisoners were sent on shore except their slaves in
which they took with them, the Property taken
is the three boats load of Dates and from the Seign
boat 1800 Dollars and a small Bale of Silk 150
of the above mentioned money belonged to the
Agent at Bahrein.

Shaw. Sea, Sea,
A. C. Sloop of War Amherst, Signed, J. B. Harrison
Bushier Roads, Lieut. Comdr
September 6th 1828

(True Copy)
Signed, J. Russell
Asst. Secy. Res. in the Pers Gulf

Political Dept. N^o 62.

To, William Newnham Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Governor
Bombay

Sir

With reference to my dispatch
N^o 60. in this department under date the 2nd Inst
I have the honor to report for the information of
the Honble the Governor in Council that I have
this day received a letter from His Highness the
Imam

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Sumon of Muscat enclosing a sealed communication for Shaikh Abdoollo ben Ahmed and intimating his intention of attacking Bahrein after the expiration of the period of one month from ^{the date thereof}.

The Translation of this letter which I have now the honor to forward with I apprehend sufficiently show that the writer has quite made up his determination to carry his views into execution and on reference to the date which is so far back as the 11th Ulth. I cannot help surmising that it has been intentionally delayed or antedated in order to prevent the possibility of any reply from me reaching Muscat before St. Dighnefs' departure which if the accounts I have received can be at all depended upon I am inclined to believe will take place in the course of a very few days more.

Had I not been previously informed that the Sumon had referred the subject of his intended enterprise to the authorities in Bombay some time ago I should not have hesitated an instant in proceeding to Muscat on the receipt of St. H's letter in order to have attempted in a personal communication to dissuade him from an undertaking which so far as I can judge from the documents of this Residency will certainly be viewed with deep regret by the British Government, but being satisfied that in the event of St. Dighnefs not awaiting the reply from India he would have left Muscat with his Fleet long before I could possibly arrive I conceived that my absence from Bushier under such circumstances and at such a crisis would be rather disadvantageous than otherwise I still however thought it my duty in acknowledging the arrival of St. H's letter to express the deep regret I felt on receiving the information

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information conveyed in it, and at the same time
to intimate to him the high gratification I should
experience if H. Highness would permit me to offer
my mediation with a view to avert the calamities
which must necessarily attend a sanguinary and
protracted war between himself and Abdulla
ben Ahmed.

4th With respect to the Communication
addressed to the Bahain Chief by Syed Said I was
somewhat at a loss in the first instance how to
dispose of it, but a case exactly similar having
occurred in 1826 when H. H. the Imam sent up in-
closed to Colonel Stammers a Letter to the address
of Shaikh Mahomed the Acting Governor of Bushra
intimating his intention of commencing hos-
tilities against the place after the expiration of
twenty days, and that Officer having forwarded
it to its destination I considered that I could
not have a better guide for my Conduct than
the steps adopted by him upon such an occasion
and I have accordingly transmitted the docu-
ment in question to Bahain accompanied by
a few lines of explanation a copy which together
with one of my reply to the Imam I have now
the honor to forward, in the earnest hope that they
may be honored by the approbation of Govern^t.

5th In conclusion I beg respectfully
to intimate that I shall consider myself as
acting in entire conformity with the intentions
of the Government in maintaining the strictest
neutrality between the contending parties.

I have &c. &c.

Residenc^y in the Pers^{on} of ^{myself} Signed / S. Kennell
Bushra 7th Sept 1828 & assist & act^l Resid^{ent} in ^{myself}

Enclosure

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Enclosure No. 1 to Pth Letter No. 62.

Translation of a Letter from H. H. the Imam of Muscat to Sir J. Kennell ^{62.} Resident in the Persian Gulf dated the 11th August 1828.

Al. The situation of Shaikh Abdolla ben Ahmed is not hidden from you and that he and I are not upon good terms, Now after one Month's time my intention is to proceed against him with the assistance of God and whatever the Almighty deems and orders will be for the best. I send a letter to Shaikh Abdolla in order that he may not say that I have taken him by treachery. I have no wish to injure the Utroohes as a body but those who intend to support Abdolla ben Ahmed must share his fate, those who keep themselves quiet will have nothing to apprehend from me.

(True Translation)

Signed J. Kennell
Asst. Resid. in the Persian Gulf

Enclosure No. 2 to Pth Letter No. 62.

Translation of a letter to Shaikh Abdolla ben Ahmed benip of Bahrein from Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Al. In the letter which I did myself the honor to address to you a few days ago, I mentioned that I had received no intimation whatsoever from H. H. the Imam of Muscat on the subject of his views upon Bahrein. It is with much regret however that I have now to acquaint you that by the Dugla Sultan Boj which arrived here yesterday a communication from H. H. to me declaring his intention of proceeding against your territories was brought up. On opening this I was surprized to find

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find a letter to your address and altho I beg to as-
 -sure you that this mode of transmission was equal-
 -ly unexpected and uninvited for by me yet con-
 -ceiving it might be of importance to you to receive
 it without any delay I have forwarded it accom-
 -panied by a copy of H. H. the Imam's original letter
 in order that by its perusal you may be satisfied
 that it is the first hint I have received from H.
 Highness himself of his intended expedition.

2nd In acknowledging the receipt
 of the enclosed communication I have availed
 myself of the opportunity to express to H. Highness
 the heart felt gratification it would afford me if
 he would condescend to allow me to be the medi-
 -um of laying before you any proposals as the basis
 on which a negotiation tending to a friendly and
 amicable adjustment might be raised, should
 you on your part have any offers to communi-
 -cate to H. H. as tending to promote this desired
 object. I shall feel much pleasure in forwarding
 them with my earnest solicitations to H. H.
 to give them a favourable consideration.

Bushra J. Sept. 1828. Signed / J. Kennell
 Asst. & Act. Resident in Persia

(True Copy)
 Signed / J. Kennell
 Asst. & Act. Res. in the Persia

Enclosure No 3 to Lett. Letter No 62.
 Translation of a Letter to H. H. the Imam of
 Muscat from J. Kennell Asst. & Acting Resid.
 in the Persian Gulf.

M. G. I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your Highness' Communication
 dated the 29th Moharram or 11th August arriv-
 -ing to

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to see your intention of proceeding against Shaik
Abdulla ben Ahmed and enclosing a letter for
that behalf.

2nd I will not conceal from your High-
ness the deep regret and sorrow I felt on receiving
this information, for I had ventured to hope that
the exertions of the English Government to change
the lawless and predatory dispositions of many
of the Maritime Inhabitants of the Gulf into a
spirit of enterprize, commerce and good order assist-
ed by the blessing of God and the zealous and effor-
tant cooperation of a person of your Highness en-
larged and benevolent views would in the course
of a few years have been eminently successful,
and nothing appeared wanting to ensure the com-
pletion of this desired object but the preservation
and promotion as far as possible of general peace
and quietness. These having been my anticipations
it will not doubtless appear surprising to your High-
ness that I should experience serious concern at the
prospect of the commencement of an enterprize
which terminate as it may will most probably
involve all the Gulf in one universal scene of
warfare and bloodshed and I greatly fear will
be taken advantage of by the unprincipled
and wild disposed to recommence their wicked
and lawless practices against the lives and prop-
ties of others.

3rd After the arguments and advice
so ably set forth by the late Governor of Bombay in
his letter to your Highness under date the 20th Feb^r 1805
upon this subject it would be the height of presump-
tion in me to suppose that any thing that I could
adduce would place the probable consequences of your
Highness expedition in a clearer or more forcible
point of view and I conclude therefore that your
Highness

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Highness has seasonably weighed and considered them
before so completely making up your mind on the point.
4th I trust sincerely that your Highness
will not from these few remarks imagine that I
should dare for an instant to presume to interfere
in any manner or way in your Highness' Plans or
arrangements but that you will believe what I
have now said has been prompted, not more ^{by the} sense &
entertain of the great advantages attending the
continuance of Peace and Tranquillity in this Gulf
than the warm and heart felt regard inspired
in me in common with every one who enjoys the
favor of your Highness' acquaintance and which
is so materially strengthened by the princely and
amiable personal qualities with which your High-
ness is so eminently gifted.

5th Anxious to re-
viving the commerce I have now done myself the honor to ac-
knowledge a letter was forwarded to me from
Shaik Abdolla bin Ahmed on the subject of your
Highness' intention and intimating also that he
understood Shaik Tabarov was preparing a force
to act against him. Fully aware of the strict alliance
which had so long continued between these two
chiefs and having lately received a letter from the
latter in which he did not even hint that he was
unfriendly disposed towards Shaik Abdolla, I con-
cluded that the report was erroneous, but still I
thought it my duty to offer my friendly advice
to the Buniyas Shaik not to break his engagements
with an old and faithful ally without any ap-
parent cause.

6th Although your Highness has not
condescended to make me acquainted with the
grounds of complaint you entertain against
Shaik Abdolla yet if your Highness has any
proposals

and of their both
being members
of the general
Treaty.

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 proposals or demands to make by the acceptance
 of which the serious consequences of a long and sar-
 equinary contest might be avoided, I beg to assure
 your Highness that there is no exertion or trouble
 that I would not most cheerfully undertake to bring
 about this much wished for end, The slightest hint
 from your Highness to this effect will be sufficient
 to bring me to Muscat to wait in person upon you
 and I should esteem it the most fortunate period of
 my life if by any efforts of mine a negotiation
 could be set on foot which might eventually lead
 to a friendly and amicable adjustment of your
 Highness claims upon Bahien.

In conclusion I beg to mention
 that I have been informed your Highness has writ-
 ten to the Bombay Government some time ago
 upon the subject of this letter, and I therefore conclude
 that your Highness intends awaiting the reply which
 must be now daily expected, before taking any
 active measures.

Signed J. Kennell
 British 7th Sept. & April 1828 Res. in the 1st July

(True Copy)

Signed J. Kennell
 April 1828 Res. in the 1st July

Political Dept. 8th 1828
 To
 William Newbham Esq.
 Chief Secretary to Government
 Bombay.

Sir
 I have the honor to forward for the
 information of the Board to the Governor in Council
 a copy of a letter I have this day addressed to the
 Senior

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Senior Officer of the Marine in the Persian Gulf upon
the subject of H. H. the Imam of Muscat intended
attacks upon the Island of Bahrein and trust that
the suggestions conveyed therein will be considered
by the Government as adopted to the occasion.

Residency in the Pers.ⁿ Gulf Shams Sea, Sea
Bushra 7th Sept 1828 Signed / A. Merrick
aft^r Capt. Resident in the Pers. Gulf.

Enclosure to the preceding Letter No. 63

To
Captain Maughan
Senior Officer of the Marine in the
Persian Gulf

Sir,

Having this day received a commu-
nication from H. H. the Imam of Muscat declaring
his intention of proceeding to the attack of Bahrein
after the expiration of one month from the 11th ult.
the date of H. H. letter. I have the honor to request
that you will do me the favor to issue instructions
to the H. C. vessels at present stationed in the
Pearl Banks not to interfere in any manner
betwixt the contending Parties.

2nd The utmost vigilance, activity, and
prudence will however be required from every
Officer connected with the Naval Establishment
in this Gulf in order to repress and punish escapes
which will doubtless be attempted by numerous
lawless and desperate characters who will gladly
seize the present occasion for plundering and in-
juring the peaceably disposed Inhabitants un-
der the pretext of being engaged in lawful war,
should Hostilities unhappily actually commence
betwixt the Imam and the Shaik of Bahrein.

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 Perhaps you may concur with me
 in opinion that in the event of H. H. taking up a
 position off Bahrein it would be advisable that
 the H. Co. vessels should not go within sight of the
 Island during the period operations are carrying
 on against it, unless required to do so for some very
 special purpose lest sinister interpretations should
 be formed and false reports get abroad of our having
 assisted or cooperated with the Spaniard in his winter
 cruises.

It being highly desirable that the G.
 Government should receive the latest possible infor-
 mation regarding His Highness intended departure
 from Muscat I hope you will find it convenient
 to allow the Antelope to touch at that Port suffi-
 cient time to receive the reports which the agent
 there will doubtless forward to the Presidency respecting
 H. H. proceedings.

I have Dear Sir

Signed / J. Keimell
 Agent & Acting Res. in the 1st Gulf

Residency in the Persian Gulf

Bushkoo 7th September 1828

(True Copy)

Signed / J. Keimell
 Agent & Acting Res. in the 1st Gulf

~~To~~
 The Post Master General
 Port Louis
 Sir

~~I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of a Packet from you by the Arabedda
 containing one letter to the address of Major D.
 Wilson which has been forwarded to that Gentleman
 accordingly.~~

~~Residency in the 1st Gulf I have Dear Sir
 Bushkoo 7th Sept 1828 Signed / J. Keimell
 Agent & Acting Res. in the 1st Gulf~~

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this affair has confirmed the above Statement
 On the 25th Inst. one of the Buniyas Tribes arrived
 here and stated that a man of the Monasir na-
 med Obed ben Mohammah the same person
 who plundered the Bateel belonging to Ben Ma-
 shary last year off Cape Bung seeing that the
 Bateel had been cruising and had captured the
 Bateel Bateel was so excited by a Spirit of ad-
 vance that he got a small boat and having collected
 33 Men and 200 lbs from the Monasir and Buni-
 yas Tribes embarked from Ben Buniyas and
 proceeded to sea for the purpose of plunder and
 piracy - That passing up the Persian Coast off
 Tangasser he seized two small vessels one of which
 was laden with grain lying at anchor off a
 village conceiving the opportunity a favorable
 one Obed ben Mohammah landed with three
 of his Men under pretence of purchasing grain
 Those who remained in the Boat were directed
 to conceal themselves and to attack and carry
 off the vessels at anchor during the night
 When the People of the village saw Obed ben Mo-
 hammah they suspected his purpose and sent
 off two Men to the Bugarah to examine it and
 those returned they informed their Companions
 that she was filled with armed men who
 had every appearance of being pirates upon
 this the Inhabitants of the village seized Obed
 ben Mohammah. The Pirates hearing that their
 leader was taken immediately set sail leaving
 him behind. On their return to sea they perceived
 that four Boats belonging to Apulo had put into
 Ben Buniyas for water they instantly attacked
 them and plundered all their pearls, Staves, and
 every thing they possessed. The Apulo people have
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sent some of their number to Shaikh Tabaroon
to Complain of the Treatment they have experienced
a person arrived this day from Basal Whymah
and reports that H. A. the Imam has arrived at
Rishon. Shaikh Soothan Ben Suggar has sent for
his brother Saleh to consult with him and it is
most likely that he will send him over to meet
Sud Said. Shaikh Saleh has just left Margah.

True Translation

Signed J. Munnell
Asst. Acting Secy in the Gulf

File Dept. No 68.

To
William Newnham Esq^r
Chief Secretary to the Govt.
Bombay

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the
information of the Honble the Governor in Council
that His Highness the Imam took his depart-
ure from Muscat for the Persian Gulf a few
days after the ^{arrival of the} H. C. Coote at that Port.

On the 17th Ultimo H. A. attended
by a numerous Fleet of Ships and Native vessels
arrived at Rishon from whence after remain-
ing a short time he sailed on the 23rd but for
what place does not appear to be exactly known.
It is however very currently reported that the
vessels and Troops belonging to the Chiefs on
the Persian Side of the Gulf are to be rendez-
vous at the Islands of Bushieh where they will
be joined by His Highness personally to his pro-
ceeding against Bahrein.

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Residency in the P^{er} Gulf
Bushaid 11th Oct^r 1838

I have been
Signed J. Munnell
Asst^t Sec^y Res^t in the P^{er} Gulf

To
J. William Newnham Esq^r
Chief Secretary to the Government,
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward as
per accompanying List packets and letters
received from the Envoy at the Court of Persia
the day before yesterday and to be

Residency in the P^{er} Gulf
Bushaid 11th October 1838

Sir
Signed J. Munnell
Asst^t Sec^y Res^t in the P^{er} Gulf

To
Lieut. Col^l Macdonald,
Envoy at the Court of
Persia

Sir,

I have the honor to forward by
the Merchant *Rab Delauer* under Charge of
your Fellowdar *Semal Beg* one Box of Presents
covered with green wax to be together
with three small Packages to your address

Enclosed I do myself the pleasure
of transmitting a duplicate Copy of a letter from
the Chief Sec^y relative to the box of presents to-
gether with the Register of the Packages and have
the honor to be

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Sir

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Sir, Dear Sir,
Residency, in the Gulf (Signed) S. Russell
Bushira 14th October 1828 Spirit. & Post in the Gulf

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To, Lieut. Col. Macdonald,
Envoy at the Court of
Persia,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt on the 9th Instant of your Packets
forwarded from Tabreez under charge of Row-
land Gifford, and to acquaint you that they were
transmitted to the Residency on board the S.
S. Co. Helios on the third day after their ar-
rival at Bushira.

Yours Dear Sir,
Resid. in the Gulf (Signed) S. Russell
Bushira 14th Oct^r 1828 Spirit. & Post in the Gulf

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Political Department.

To, William. Wynnham Esq^r
Chief Secretary to the Govern^t
Bombay.

Sir,

I am doing myself the honor to ack-
nowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 6th
June and 27th July 1828 in this Department
on the subject of the disposal of the Horses
belonging to the 1000 or Auxiliary Horses alluded
to in Colonel Macdonald's communication
to

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To, John Wedderburn Esq^r
Accountant General,
Bombay.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to for-
ward Statements of the Quick and Dead Stock
of the Residency in the Persian Gulf for the Quarter
ending 31st October 1828 and to be

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Rushid 19th November 1828

Sir, Sea, Sea,
Signed, D. Wilson
Resident in the Pers. Gulf

To, John Wedderburn Esq^r
Accountant General

Sir,

Bombay,

Herewith I have the honor to for-
ward a Statement of Actual Receipts and Dis-
bursements of the Residency in the Persian Gulf
for the Months of August, September and October
1828 and to be

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Rushid 19th November 1828

Sir, Sea, Sea,
Signed, D. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To
The Asiat^c Company General
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose certificates
respecting two Artificers sent from your Office, and
attached to this Residency who now proceed to Bom-
bay by the Amble Courier. Scarcely their habits
of dissipation rendering them useless. It does not
appear

³²⁹ appear to be necessary that these two men should
for the present be replaced.

Thamr Sea, Sea
Residency in the P^o Sulph^r Resigned / D. Wilson
Resid^o 20th Nov^r 1828 Resident in the P^o Sulph^r

Enclosure No. 1.

Residency in the P^o Sulph^r
Resid^o 20th Nov^r 1828.

This is to certify that Carpenter Avang
Doolab proceeding to Bombay on the A. C. Larizze
Nankelus has been paid his Batta at 15^{rs} per
8 per Month from the 1st May to the 20th of December
1828 inclusive, including the advances of one month
for their voyage from hence to Bombay.

Similar one as above
delivered to Blacksmith
Subind. Narver

Resigned / D. Wilson
Resident in the P^o Sulph^r

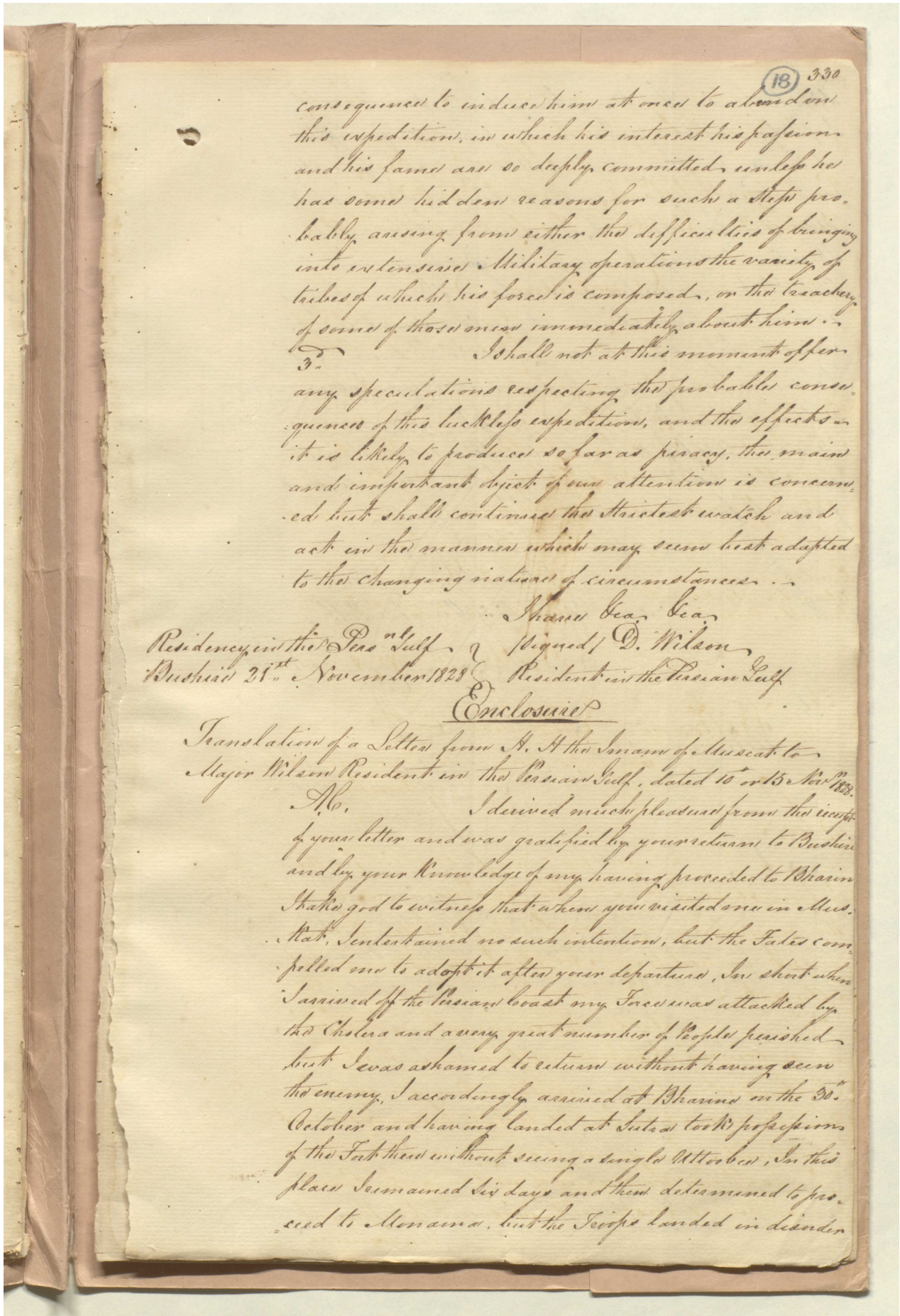
Publ^o Dept^o No. 78.

To, William Newnham Esq^r
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the
Information of the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council
the accompanying translation of a letter this mo^o 1st
sent received from His Highness the Saheb of
Muscat.

2nd Under the circumstances which
have occurred it appears unfortunate that his
Highness should have undertaken an expedi-
tion during which he has even by his own account
displayed so few signs of energy or decision so
far as I have the means of judging the Cheak
which he has sustained was not of sufficient
consequence



consequence to induce him at once to abandon
this expedition, in which his interest his passion
and his fame are so deeply committed, unless he
has some hidden reasons for such a step pro-
bably arising from either the difficulties of bringing
into extensive Military operations the variety of
tribes of which his force is composed, or the treachery
of some of those near immediately about him.

I shall not at this moment offer
any speculations respecting the probable conse-
quences of this luckless expedition, and the effects in
it is likely to produce so far as piracy, the main
and important object of our attention is concern-
ed but shall continue the strictest watch and
act in the manner which may seem best adapted
to the changing vicissitudes of circumstances.

Yours Dear Sir

Residence in the Persian Gulf
Residence in the Persian Gulf
Signed D. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Rushid 25th November 1828

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from A. A. the Son of Muscat to
Major Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf, dated 15th Nov 1828.

A. I derived much pleasure from the receipt
of your letter and was gratified by your return to Bushid
and by your knowledge of my having proceeded to Bahrain
that when you visited me in Mus-
cat, I entertained no such intention, but the Fates com-
pelled me to adopt it, after your departure, I went when
I arrived off the Persian Coast my Force was attacked by
the Cholera and a very great number of People perished
but I was ashamed to return without having seen
the enemy, I accordingly arrived at Bahrain on the 30th
October and having landed at Sutra took possession
of the Fort there without seeing a single Ottoman, In this
place I remained six days and then determined to pro-
ceed to Monama, but the Troops landed in disorder

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 diended and without any being present, only 100
 Infantry, and 60 or 70 Boatsmen of the Uttoorbees ^{appear}
 and them. The Almighty however defeated my people
 without fighting and without a blow, This did not take
 place thro' the inferiority of number or the want of
 Spirit and strength in my Troops, but by the design of
 God. I lost about twelve good men in Shore and perhaps
 40 or 50 men drowned. I could make a second descent
 upon the Island but knowing it to be the design of God
 I consider it incumbent upon me to refrain from
 so doing for whatever the Almighty has determined
 it is in vain for man to attempt to alter. I am
 now on the point of returning to Muscat and trust
 you will favor me with your commands

(Your Translation)

Signed /s/ Hennell
 Agent to the Resident in Persia ^{or} Gulf

Sol. Dept. No. 79.

To,
 William Newnham Esq.
 Chief Secretary to the Government,
 Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward as per
 accompanying list, Packets and letters received
 from Colonel Macdonald, as well as those of
 this place and to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant
 Signed /s/ D. Wilson
 Resident in the Persian Gulf

Residency in the Persian Gulf
 Bushiah 21st November 1828

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To,
The General Paymaster
Bombay
Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have received from Captain Richardson the sum of Sahib Rupees 2310. - 79. being the amount of freight of the Treasuries ^{nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100} shipped here on board the S. S. Courier Nautilus for Bombay which will begin credit for in the Residency Cash Account under the head of Account Current Bombay.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Rushid 21st Nov^r 1828

I have Sea, Sea,
Signed / O. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

No. 53.

To,
Lieut. Colonel Macdonald
Envoy at the Court of Persia,
Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to forward a Statement of Disbursements made on account of your Mission from the 1st August to the 31st October 1828 amounting to Persian Rupees / 1,423. - 3. - 73 / One thousand, four hundred and twenty three, three quarters and seventy two reas or Bombay Rupees / 1157. 2. 66 / One thousand, one hundred and fifty seven, two quarters and sixty six reas for which I beg leave to enclose for your signature receipts in triplicate which you will have the goodness to return at your earliest convenience.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Rushid 25th Nov^r 1828

I have Sea, Sea,
Signed / O. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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To, Major Taylor
Political Agent,
Bussorah,
Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to forward as per accompanying List Packets and Letters brought from India by the Sh. King of War Cypriotes and to be,

Sir Sea, Sea,
Residence in the P. Gulf signed D. Wilson
Bussorah 25th Nov. 1828 Resident in the P. Gulf

To, The Committee of the Native Pension
Fund,
Bombay,
Gentlemen,

In conformity with the request contained in your letter dated the 15th May last, I have the honor to enclose a Statement of Payments made from the Bussorah Treasury on Account of the Native Pension Fund from the 1st May to the 31st October 1828, and to be,

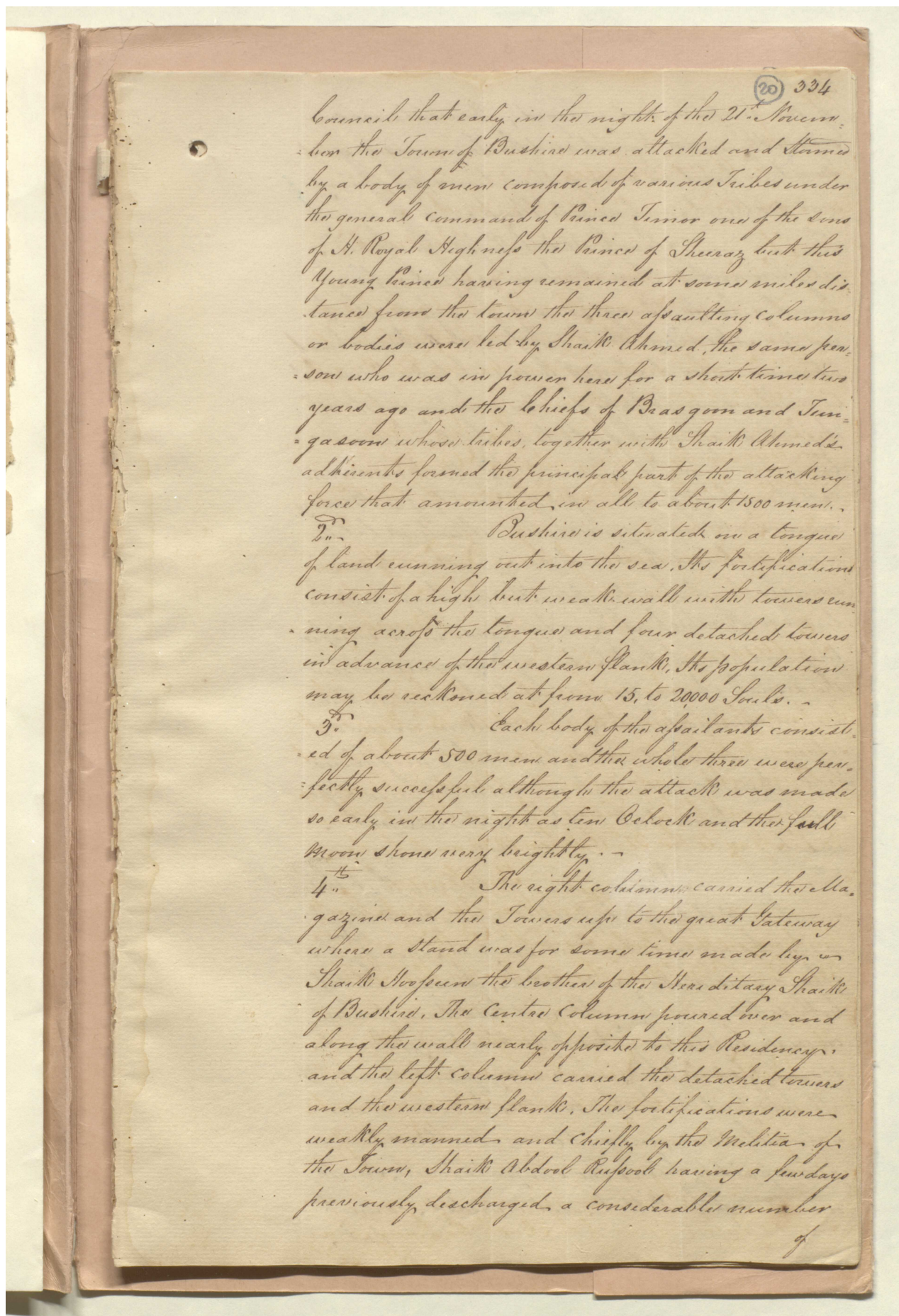
Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Serv^t

Residence in the P. Gulf signed D. Wilson
Bussorah 1st Dec 1828 Resident in the P. Gulf

To, William Newbham Esq^r,
Pol. Dept. N^o 80
Chief Secretary to the Government,
Bombay,
Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council,



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 Council that early in the night of the 21st Novem-
 ber the Town of Bushind was attacked and storm'd
 by a body of men compos'd of various Tribes under
 the general Command of Prince Junior one of the sons
 of H. Royal Highness the Prince of Sheeraz but the
 Young Prince having remained at some miles dis-
 tance from the town the three assaulting Columns
 or bodies were led by Shaik Ahmed the same per-
 son who was in power here for a short time two
 years ago and the Chiefs of Beasgoon and Tun-
 gasoon whose tribes together with Shaik Ahmed's
 adherents formed the principal part of the attacking
 force that amounted in all to about 1500 men.

1. Bushind is situated on a tongue
 of land running out into the sea. The fortifications
 consist of a high but weak wall with towers run-
 ning across the tongue and four detached towers
 in advance of the western flank. The population
 may be reckon'd at from 15, to 20000 Souls.

2. Each body of the assailants consist-
 ed of about 500 men and the whole three were per-
 fectly successful although the attack was made
 so early in the night as ten O'clock and the full
 Moon shone very brightly.

3. The right column carried the Ma-
 gazins and the Towers up to the great Gateway
 where a stand was for some time made by
 Shaik Hoosien the brother of the hereditary Shaik
 of Bushind. The Center Column pour'd over and
 along the wall nearly opposite to this Residency
 and the left column carried the detached towers
 and the western flank. The fortifications were
 weakly manned and chiefly by the Militia of
 the Town, Shaik Abdool Ruffool having a few days
 previously discharged a considerable number
 of

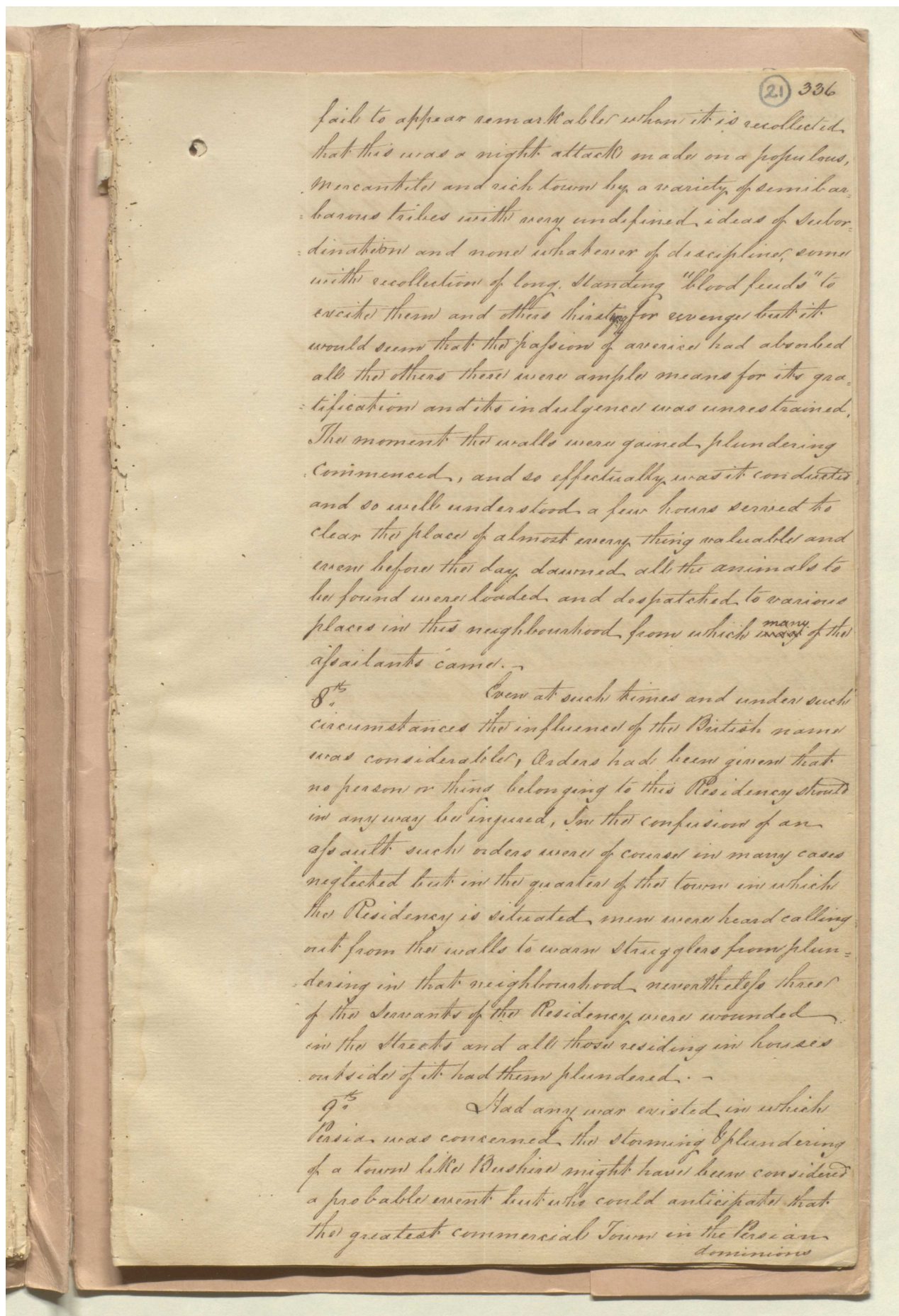
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of the troops he had engaged, The resistance consequently was not great and the Town was carried sword in hand in a very short time, the firing was scattered, and very trifling -

5th Shaikh Abdool Ruffool with his only son and brother Hoossein escaped safe on board a large Buggala or Arab vessel which in the morning stood out to sea but anchored at some miles distance to watch for a time what turn affairs might take, on the morning of the 25th it stood away out of sight to the Southward.

6th The moment the attack commenced I made dispositions for the security of the Residency against all contingencies, The alterations lately made in it and the escort being within its enclosure rendered this simple, The quickness and steadiness with which all was done was most satisfactory and proved that had any emergency arisen the usual Character would have been maintained, but fortunately no attack on us was either made or intended, in such a neighbourhood, at such a moment we were of course exposed to accidents but happily none occurred inside.

7th I have reason to believe that the number killed of all parties was about eight or ten the wounded about sixty or seventy, this affair was quite terminated, the wounded of both sides were brought and laid down promiscuously before the gates of the Residency, I need scarcely add that they were readily opened to admit all who paid this spontaneous tribute to our national Character and every attention in our power paid to them, The comparatively small number of the killed, and wounded cannot fail



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fail to appear remarkable when it is recollected that this was a night attack made on a populous, mercantile and rich town by a variety of semi-barbarous tribes with very undefined ideas of subordination and more whatever of discipline, even with recollection of long standing "blood feuds" to excite them and their thirst for revenge but it would seem that the passion of avarice had absorbed all the others these were ample means for its gratification and its indulgence was unrestrained. The moment the walls were gained plundering commenced, and so effectually was it conducted and so well understood, a few hours served to clear the place of almost every thing valuable and even before this day dawned all the animals to be found were loaded and despatched to various places in this neighbourhood from which many of the assistants came.

8th Even at such times and under such circumstances the influence of the British name was considerable, Orders had been given that no person or thing belonging to this Residency should in any way be injured, In the confusion of an assault such orders were of course in many cases neglected but in the quarter of the town in which the Residency is situated men were heard calling out from the walls to warn stragglers from plundering in that neighbourhood nevertheless three of the servants of the Residency were wounded in the streets and all those residing in houses outside of it had their houses plundered.

9th Had any war existed in which Persia was concerned the storming & plundering of a town like Bushin might have been considered a probable event but who could anticipate that the greatest commercial Town in the Persian dominions

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diminution the entrepot between it and India a recognized and permanent source of great revenue to the Prince Governor of the Southern part of this Kingdom and ultimately to the King himself, should unoffending, be attacked, plundered, and laid waste ~~and this source of wealth annihilated~~ and this source of wealth annihilated, certainly for a long time if not altogether by one of the Sons of the Prince Royal, a Youth, acting no doubt as a puppet in the hands of others who certainly are not much wiser but much more cunning, more practised and bolder than himself.

10th

It is affirmed, and I am inclined to believe it, that this outrage has been committed without the orders of His Royal Highness the Prince of Sheraaz but it remains to be seen whether it will meet with punishment or censure from him; It cannot be supposed that he will openly approve of what even to Persian ideas is considered a monstrous proceeding, but he most likely will seize much of what has been plundered which I fear would not be very likely to render its restoration more probable.

11th

It is difficult at this moment to form any thing like a correct idea of the loss and destruction of property which this proceeding has occasioned, probably it may not be overestimated at twenty five Lacks of Rupees, a considerable portion of which will I fear ultimately fall on British Subjects, or persons residing under our Government in India, The Merchants here are in general only nominally rich, being traders in the capital of others and in most transactions, are only Agents.

12th

Prince Jerror entered the town

on the 22nd and was speedily beset by numbers clamorous for redress and demanding the restitution of their property with the boldness of despair, I have not heard that these appeals have produced much beyond vague promises of restitution.

13th. On the 23rd Shaikh Ahmed called upon me, the principal object of his visit was to solicit in the name of the Prince that I would take steps for preventing Shaikh Abdool Ruzsood's Ship Monsoon, hourly expected from Bombay from falling into the hands of its owner this of course in the present stage of this matter was out of the question particularly in the absence of all knowledge to whom she really belongs to whom her cargo is actually consigned, under this view I intimated to the Shaikh my positive determination to act in strict conformity to my orders which were in no way to interfere in the concerns of this country or to take any part whatsoever in its disturbances so long as our concerns were unmolested.

14th. With this view to keep my communication with the Prince open I sent my assistant Mr. Hennell to visit him in the evening and to enquire after his health, without entering on any business whatever, He was very civilly received, and the Prince enquired why I did not come myself, but under the present circumstances I have not deemed that to be my duty.

15th. I subsequently addressed a letter of which the accompanying is a copy to Prince Jemur and trust that the strong language held in the remonstrance will meet the views of the Government in answer I received a verbal message that every thing should be attended to a detail of the claims was

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was subsequently transmitted but without any results
of the smallest consequence.

16th I have reason to believe that Shaikh
Abdool Ruffool has fallen in with his Ship Mast:
sloop as a third Masted vessel and a large boat were
seen from hence on the 26th standing towards the Island
of Kharack where I am inclined to believe the
Shaikh now is and is likely to remain until some
thing decisive may be learnt from Sheeraz.

17th I have little doubt of Prince Timor
having received communications from Sheeraz sub-
sequently to information having reached that place
of what had occurred here but I have not been able
to ascertain what the nature of these communications
is, had it been favourable to him, they would in all
probability have been published forthwith. There are
various reports of His Royal Highness the Prince
intending to set out from Sheeraz for this place forth-
with, but no dependance can be placed on such
rumour.

18th With a view to accommodate the
Merchants, and to secure as much Treasure as
possible destined for India, I gave intimation
some days ago that whatever money was ready would
be received on board the H. C. Brig Enterprise which
arrived here on the 23rd ultimo.

19th After the departure of the Nautilus
this on the Morning of the 21st the only vessel here
was the H. C. Yacht Fly and considered her having
been attached to the Residency, as a great resource
which was recognised by the people of this place
as well as myself. The Nautilus carried to Bom-
bay nearly two lacks of Rupees which would other-
wise have swelled the plunder.

20th I cannot at this moment offer any
satisfactory speculation on what the probable course
of events will be, as I have neither reason nor
judgement.

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judgment guides, the principal actors all conjectures must be utterly vain, I trust that the Government from what has already passed, will be able to recognise the line of conduct that I am likely to pursue, and should any unforeseen difficulties arise I shall act to the best of my judgment with the fullest confidence in the favourable consideration which I have always experienced.

I have Dear Sir,

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Rushid 3 December 1828.

Signed J. D. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Enclosure

Translation of a letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Highness Prince Junior

Al Since it has come to my knowledge that your Highness was arrived in this place I have entertained every hope that the severe suffering and losses sustained during late occurrences by those connected with the British Government, will forthwith be examined into the most complete restitution made, or the fullest compensation given. This is required as much from your Highness' sense of Justice as from the long confirmed friendship and the positive treaties existing between the British Government and His Majesty the Shah of Persia.

The people who have now suffered such severe evils were residing here in the fullest confidence in the protection of the Government of the Country, they were pursuing their peaceable avocations in an old commercial City, the constant resort of British Ships and British Subjects and full of British property, As the British Resident at this place, I feel it impossible for me actually to witness such things without representing them to

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To you in the strongest manner that language
will express and solemnly ^{pledging} to you as the Son of His
Royal Highness the Prince of Sheeraz against all
such proceedings in which persons connected with
the British Government are the unoffending suf-
ferers.

I shall with the utmost speed
and with all the accuracy possible submit to
Your Highness the claims of individuals for ad-
justment.

(True copy)

Signed D. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Post. Dept. No. 81.

To
William Newnham Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Sir,
I have the honor to forward the ac-
companying letter with an Extra Indent for Me-
dals made by the Surgeon of this Residency in conse-
quence of the great expenditure that late occurrences
here have occasioned, and I beg most strongly
to recommend with reference to my despatch
of this days date, that the Government may be
pleased to sanction this Extra Indent.

I need not notice here the great
moral and considerable political influence which
the well known attention that the Government has
always shown to the call of humanity has been
long accumulating for us in these barbarous
countries, but I gladly take this opportunity of
noticing the indefatigable exertions of Mr. Reichel
in administering with the most faithful worthy
care, and ability the means placed at his disposal
by

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~~Sir Sir,~~

~~Residency in the Persian Gulf & Signed D. Wilson~~
~~Bushire 12th December 1828 Resident in the Persian Gulf~~

Pol^l. Depart^{mt}. No. 85.

To, William Nevins Esq^r
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council the accompanying translation of a letter from the Agent at Bharain giving an account of occurrences that took place there subsequent to the check sustained by His Highness the Imam reported in my last letter on this subject No. 78. dated 21st November in this department.

I have Dear Sir,
Signed, D. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Residency in the Persian Gulf & Signed, D. Wilson
Bushire 12th December 1828 Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translation of a Enclosure letter from an Agent at Bharain to Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf 24th November 1828.

As On the 15th November after the Imam's defeat Ally ben Savod landed from His Highness' Fleet at Musharay with a letter for Saïd Abdool Suleib from Abdolla ben Musharay. The purport of this communication was that if Abdolla ben Ahmed wishes to make peace with the Imam, I will become mediator. Saïd Abdool Suleib accordingly went to Saïd Abdolla ben Ahmed and informed him of the proposition, he replied that Abdolla ben Musharay is not of sufficient consequence to become a mediator but

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 if the Imam will write a letter himself and
 send it by one of the Bin Sa'id, the affair may
 be adjusted, with this answer Ally bin Sa'id
 went on board but returned the next day and told
 Sa'id Abdool Suluck that Mahomed bin Naser a
 relation of the Imam would land on the Shore and
 begged that Abdool Rahman would give him a
 meeting there, Abdool Suluck and Abdool Rah-
 man accordingly went the next day to the beach
 and Mahomed bin Naser accompanied by Abdool
 la bin Mushary landed the same place and proposed
 N. N. terms of Peace, which were that the former
 tribute should be paid as usual, that if the Imam
 required Troops or Ships against his enemies they
 should pay obedience to his requisitions, that they
 should be friends of N. Highness's friends and enemies
 of his Enemies. to this Abdool Rahman replied,
 with respect to the first proposition we will
 pay nothing because this payment did not for-
 merly exist, but was given for a few years thro' the
 mediation of the English, beside at that time you
 had taken our vessels and our people went with
 you, we therefore consented to pay, the sum in
 question and did so, The infractions of the
 treaty is on your part as you have been the
 first to break it, and as this is the case we will
 pay it no longer with respect to the second article
 we cannot agree to it, for your friends are our ene-
 mies, and your enemies are our friends, and we will
 not act inimically towards them, we will how-
 ever agree to assist you in case of your being attack-
 ed in your own Country without pay or reward
 on your making any application to us. These
 terms were rejected and all the parties returned
 to their respective places - Subsequently to this
 Sa'id Sa'id addressed a letter to Shaik Abdool
 Rahman

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Rahman inviting him on board, his ship and promis-
ing to satisfy him, So this however the Pharian
Ship would not consent, but sent word that if H.
Highness would send a sealed Treaty upon the
basis professed by him (Shaiikh Abdoolah) that
he had no objection to pay the Sumam the comple-
ment before the people of allowing Abdool Reki-
man to visit him first, Two or three days passed
in this manner, without any final arrange-
ment for peace being made. - On the 20th Nov.
His Highness the Sumam sailed for Muscat,
Two Bateels were sent after him as soon as they
were satisfied of his departure they returned,
Shaiikh Abdoolah immediately ordered all the
ships to be drawn up and has declared his
intention of embarking himself and proceeding
towards Muscat.

(Translation)

Signed, D. Wilson

Asst. Resid. in the D^o Gulf

To,
William Keimuddin Esq^r
Chief Secretary to the Govt.
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
for the information of the Honble the Governor
in Council the accompanying translation of a
letter from Abdoolah Bin Ahmed the Chief
of Pharian together with my reply and its
accompaniment, to the same, which I trust
will be found in accordance with the views
of the Government.

Residency in the East^o Gulf
Bombay 12th Dec^r 1828. - S.

I have Dear Sir
Signed D. Wilson
Resident in the D^o Gulf

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Enclosures N^o 1.

Translation of a letter from Shaikh Abdollah
ben Ahmed to Major Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf, dated 7th December 1838. -

Ah. I was not aware of your safe return
from Bombay before I received your letter and
I thank God that you have arrived in safety.
You intimate to me that Mr Munnell had before
informed me that the English Government
did not interfere in any way in the disputes
and quarrels of the Arabian tribes. I knew this
and have by me a letter from my friend Col^l
Stannus to the same effect. God willing I will
show it to you. With respect to Saïd Bey the
Governor of Muscat you of course know the enmi-
ty he has displayed towards me and how he has
cut off our Pearl fishing and Trading. - By the
Grace of God we will retaliate his enmity
upon himself and all connected with him,
but we have no intention of injuring or inter-
fering with others. In the Treaty of the Pacified
Arabs with the English it is stated in the 14th
Article that they shall not fight one with ano-
ther, Now Shaikhoob and his Son Tahm oon of the
Bunyas Tribes belong to the pacified Arabs
notwithstanding on Saïd Saïd's making a re-
quisition for their assistance against the Chief of
Phanien they rose up and sided themselves with
his desire and enmity towards us God willing
we are desirous of repaying them this enmity. Some
time ago when Captain Lock seized Shaikhoob and
Tahmoo Begla in Bahrien, I told him that I under-
stood it was their intention to join the Sanams
against Phanien, to this he replied that if he
heard such things was really the case and that they

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they were serious in their purpose he would not
permeate it but would join us, God willing we will
show you

True Translation
Signed, J. Kennell
Asiatic Post in the Persian Gulf

Enclosure No 2

Copy of a letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the
Persian Gulf to Sheikh Abdoollo ben Ahmed the Chief
of Bahain, dated 12th December 1828

Ma
I have had the pleasure of receiving
your letter of the 7th December, as you observe I have
been much afflicted to hear of the war which
exists between you and my friends Soudy and
and Tharoon to both of whom I have in little
manner expressed extreme regret at this unhappy
circumstance, The best proof I can give of the
interest and friendship the British Government
feels towards all is to take no part saving and
excepting that of a peace maker which we are
always desirous of becoming in the belief that the
blessing of God rests with all such.

From the manner in which your
mention the 14th Article of the Treaty which exists
between the British Government and the Pacific
Arabs I am apprehensive that some misunder-
standing respecting it may exist in your mind.
I therefore think it right to send you the enclosed
explanations of it for the purpose of doing away
such misconception of the view taken of it by the
British Government.

As in times of war and trouble
the Common people are apt to become forgetful
of what is becoming in them and thereby bring
those who are over and responsible for them
into

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into difficulties and dangers it would afford
me much gratification from the interest I take
in you if you were to remind your people of
what is said in the eight Article of the Treaty
Article VIII. The putting men to death after they
have given up their arms, is an act of piracy and
not of acknowledged war. - and if any Tribe shall
put to death any person, either Mahomedans
or others, after they have given up their arms such
Tribe shall be held to have broken the peace,
and the Friendly Arabs shall act against them
in conjunction with the British and God will
kind, the war against them shall not cease until
the success of those who performed the act
and of those who ordered it.

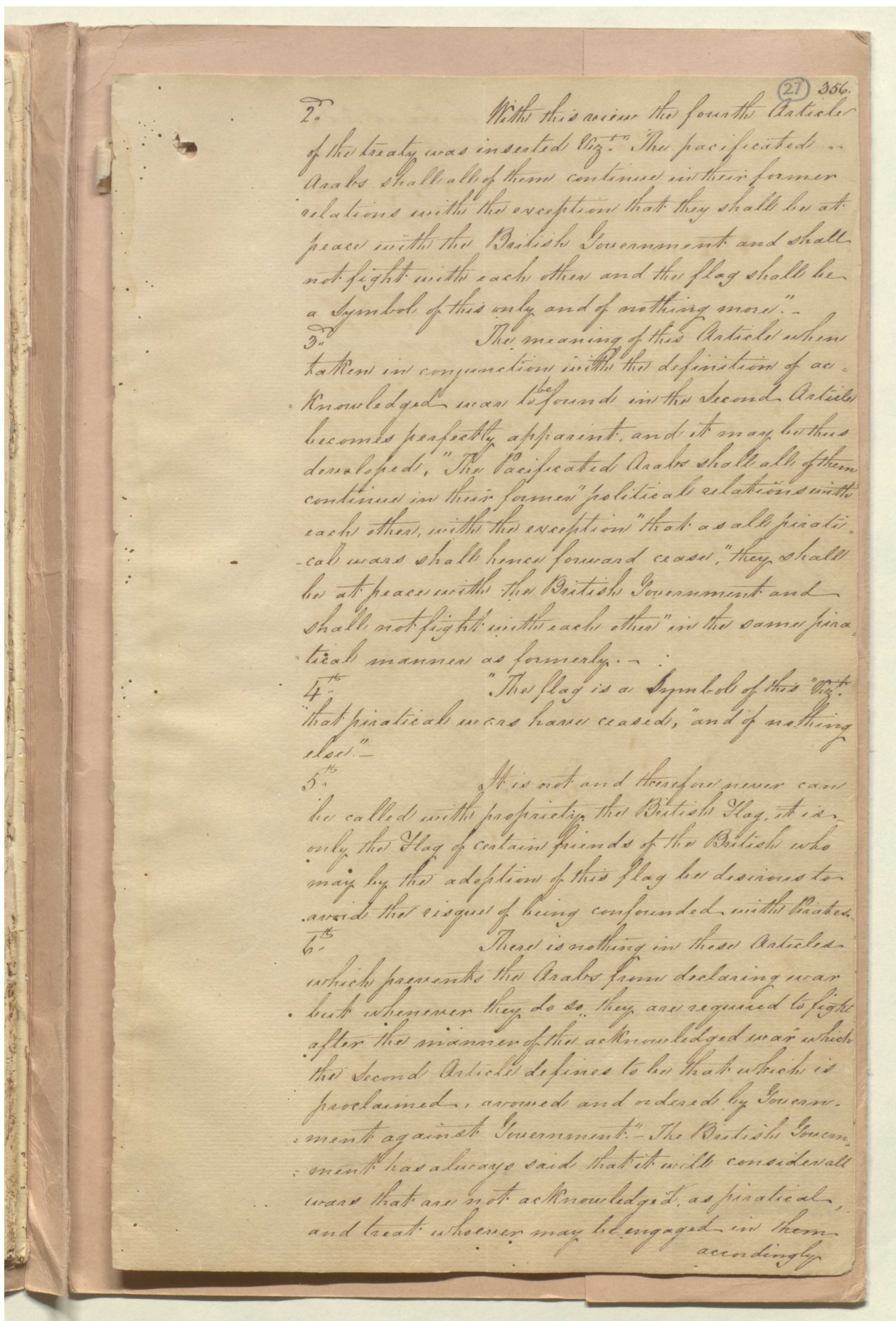
Continue to send me accounts
of your well being and let me know if I
could do any thing to bring about a good under-
standing among my friends.

Yours Obedt.
Signed J. D. Wilson
Resident in the Pers. Gulf

Enclosure N^o 2.

Explanatory Note of the fourth Article of the
Treaty.

Piratical Wars being in existence
previous to the conclusion of the Treaty with the
pacified Arabs it was necessary for the purpose
of introducing the new order of things which the
Treaty announces in its first Article, viz^t There
shall be a cessation of plunder and piracy by
land and by sea on the part of the Arabs who
are parties of this contract forever that these pira-
tical wars should be brought to a termination.



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accordingly, and the latter part of the second Article states that "the killing of men and taking of goods without proclamation, avowal and the orders of a Government is plunder and piracy".

The British Government being most desirous to maintain to the whole of the Arab Tribes inhabiting the shores of this Gulf the blessing of peace and tranquillity is most ready on all occasions to offer its mediation in where disputes may exist and will always rejoice at their peaceable and happy termination whilst it avows most distinctly its absolute determination not to tolerate for a moment any piratical practices and it will look to the different Chiefs for the maintenance of due order among all their subjects.

Signed/ D. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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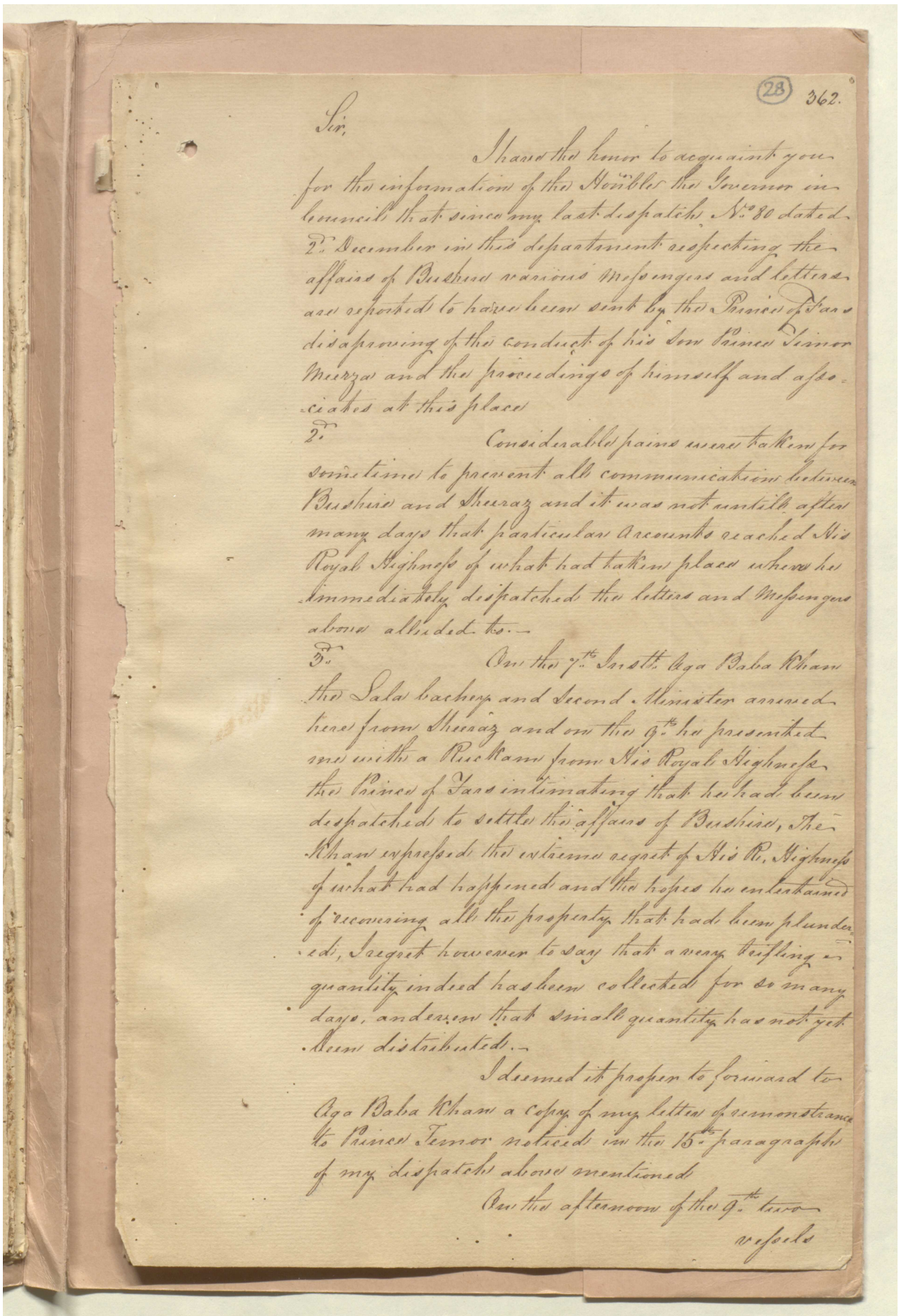
~~Mr William Nevill Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay.~~

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council that Hajee Syed Husain Raja Sharfpoor and Hajee Meerza Husain Begumahady brought me a letter to my address of which I transmitted a copy from Meerza Abdool Wahab the Minister of the Home Department at Tehran. I am not aware that these persons have claims for any thing beyond the usual civilities.

Shama Sa. Sa.
Residency in the P. Gulf
Resided 13th Dec^r 1828

Signed/ D. Wilson
Resident in the P. Gulf



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Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council that since my last dispatch N^o 80 dated 2^d December in this department respecting the affairs of Bushier various Wosungus and letters are reported to have been sent by the Prince of Sans disapproving of the conduct of his son Saimee Timor Meerza and the proceedings of himself and associates at this place

2^d Considerable pains were taken for sometimes to prevent all communication between Bushier and Meeraz and it was not until after many days that particular Accounts reached His Royal Highness of what had taken place where he immediately dispatched the letters and Wosungus above alluded to.

3^d On the 7th Saath Aga Baba Khan the Sala Bachery and Second Minister arrived here from Meeraz and on the 9th he presented me with a Ric Khan from His Royal Highness the Prince of Sans intimating that he had been despatched to settle the affairs of Bushier, The Khan expressed the extreme regret of His R. Highness of what had happened and the hopes he entertained of recovering all the property that had been plundered, I regret however to say that a very trifling quantity indeed has been collected for so many days, and even that small quantity has not yet been distributed.

I deemed it proper to forward to Aga Baba Khan a copy of my letter of remonstrance to Prince Timor noticed in the 15th paragraph of my dispatch above mentioned

On the afternoon of the 9th two
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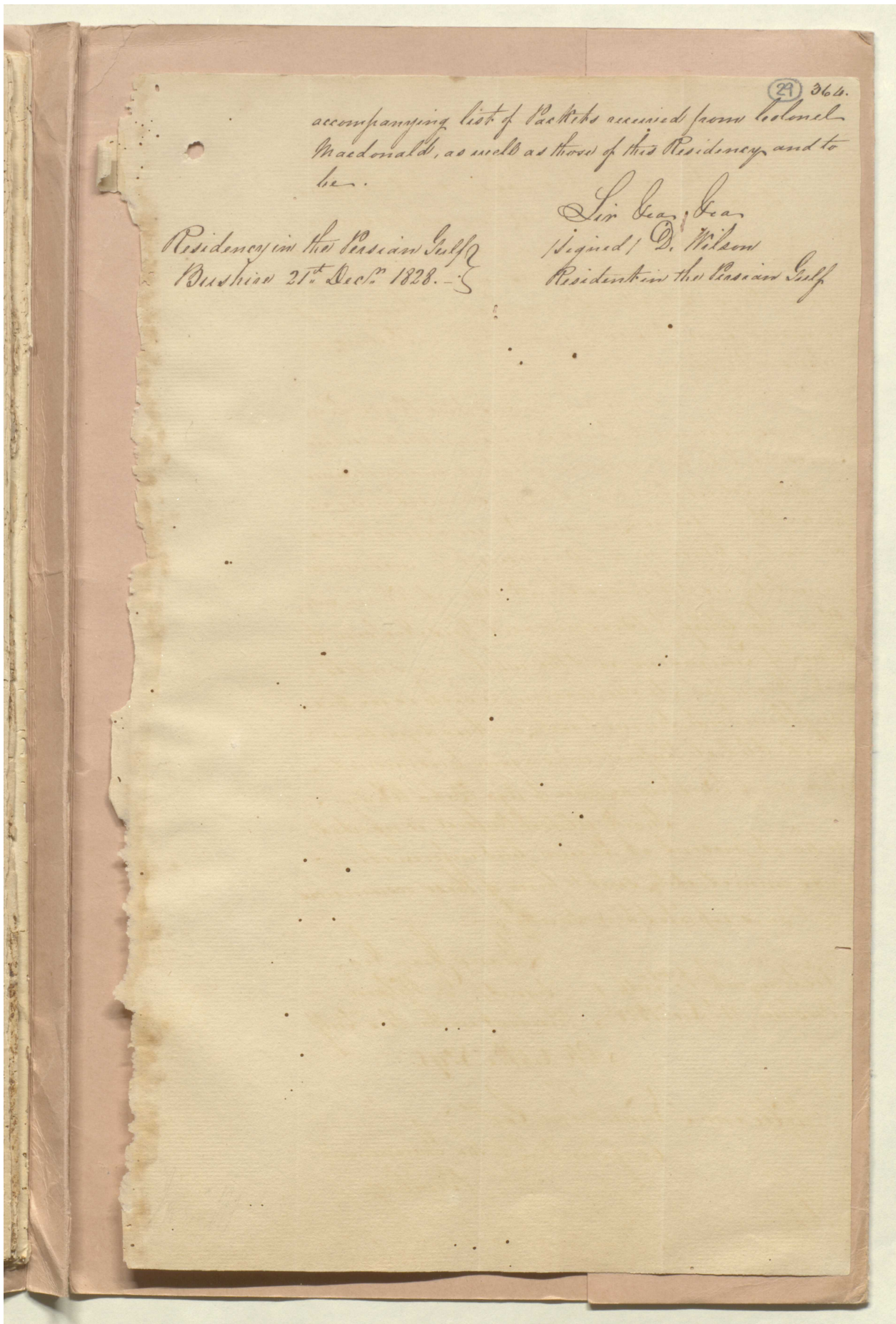
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 vessels belonging to Shaikh Abdool Ruffool took up
 a position to blockade the port. I immediately dis-
 patched a note to say that it was expected no vessels
 with the English flag or having English persons or
 property on board would in any way be interfered with.
 To this a very civil answer was received from Shaikh
 Abdool Ruffool's brother stating that nothing could
 be further from his intentions than molesting our
 vessels or people.

The repeated orders of the Prince of Sare
 the representations of Prince Timor's own Mother who is
 reported to be a woman of talent and influence,
 and the solicitations and remonstrances of Aga
 Baba Khan, finally induced Prince Timor to vac-
 ate this place on the 10th Instant he was accom-
 panied by his Associates Shaikh Ahmed Khan, Salem
 Khan the chief of Brasgorn and Reis Noorun the
 chief of Jungasorn and the whole are said to
 have proceeded to Jungasorn, which is in their
 neighbourhood. Immediately on their departure
 Shaikh Abdool Ruffool was again proclaimed
 Governor of Bushin by order of Aga Baba Khan.

Shaikh Abdool Ruffool is reported
 to be at present at Seais, but information
 was immediately sent to him of these occurrences
 and he is expected here shortly.

Shamr Jeer Jeer
 Residency in the P. Gulf 2 (Signed) D. Wilson
 Bushin 21st Dec. 1828 Resident in the P. Gulf
 P. M. Dept. No. 95.

To William Nevill Esq^r
 Chief Secretary to the Government
 Bombay.
 Sir,
 I have the honor to forward the
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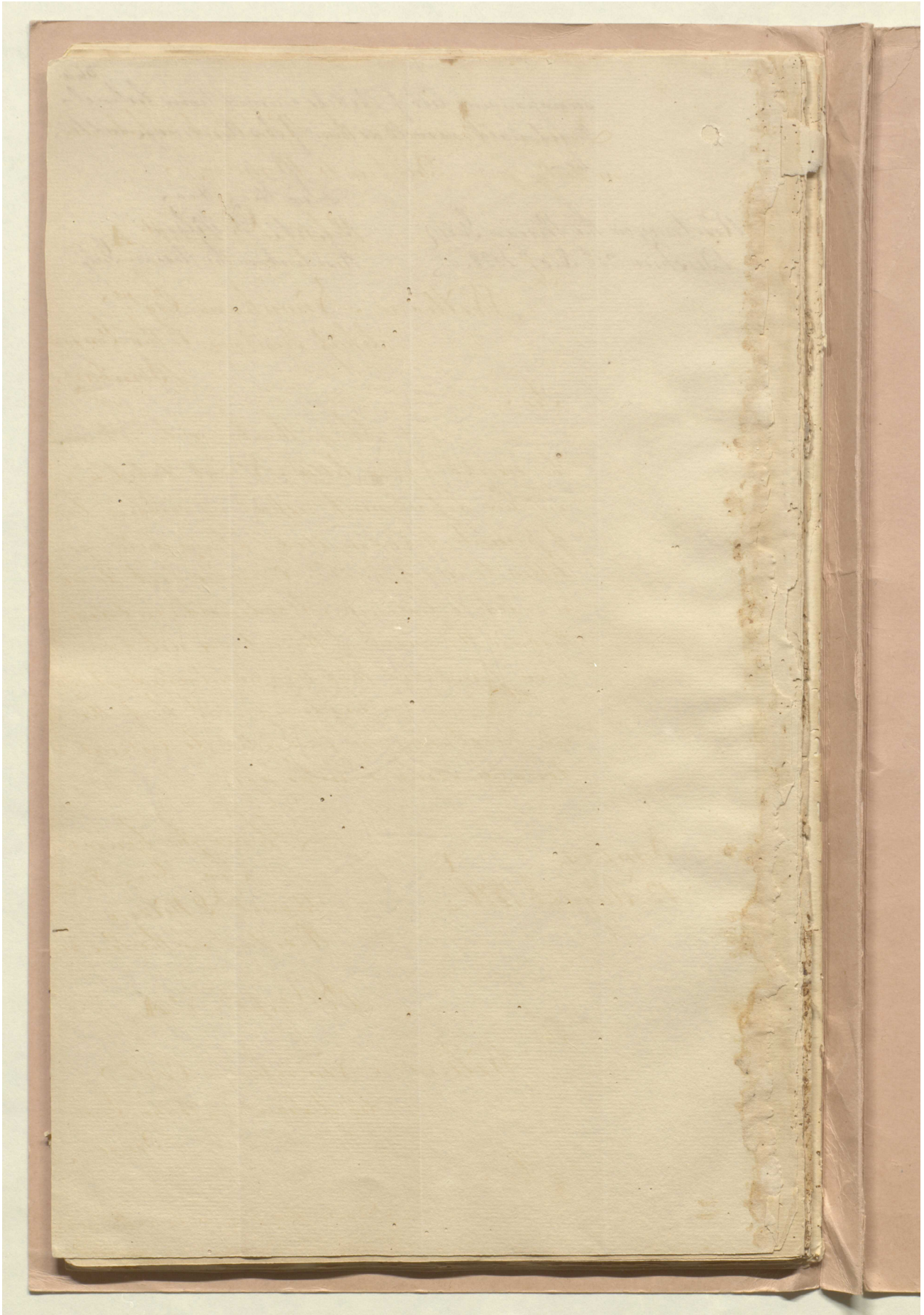


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accompanying list of Packets received from Colonel
Maedonald, as well as those of this Residency and to
be.

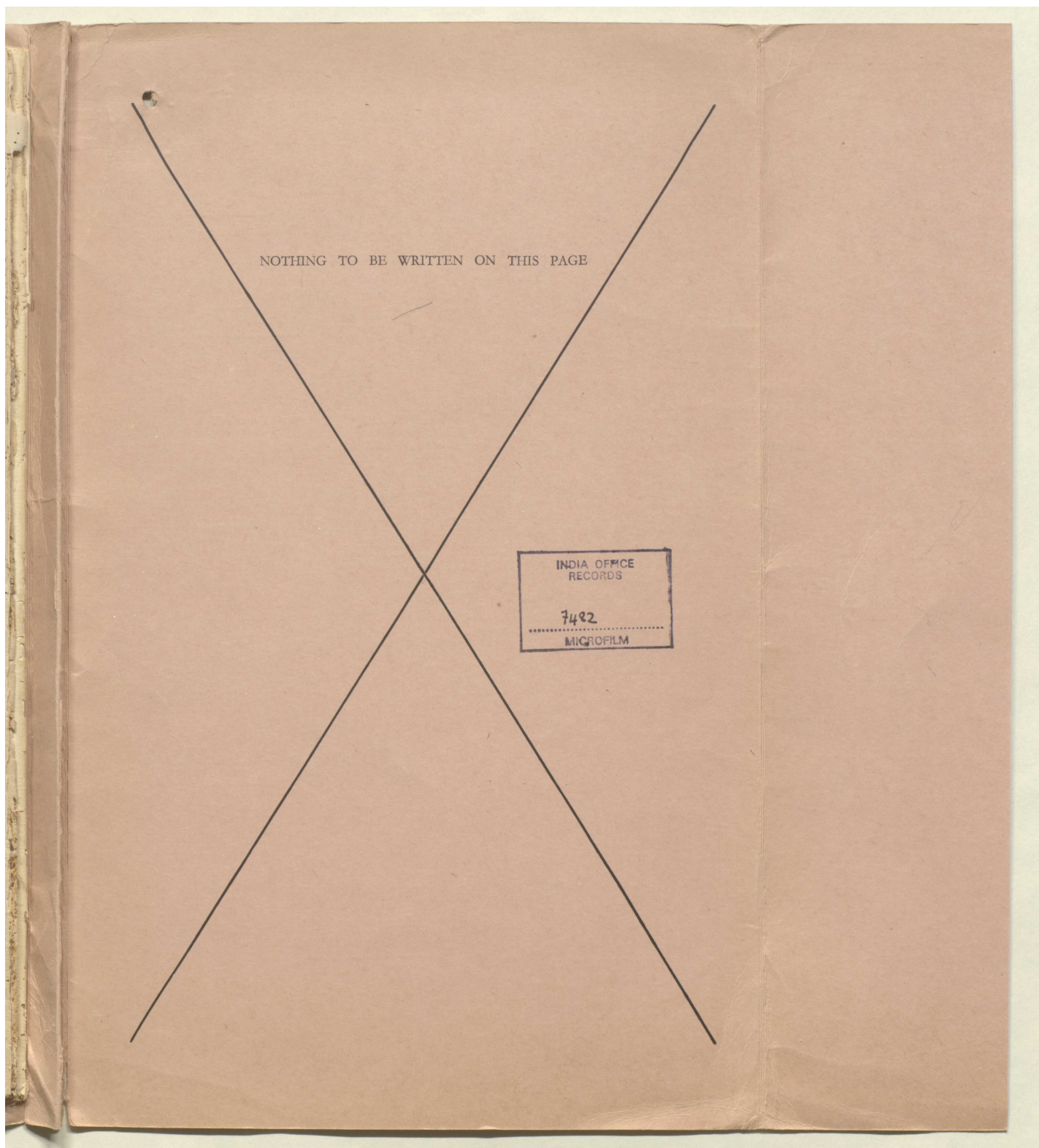
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Sir Sean Sean
Signed / D. Wilson
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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