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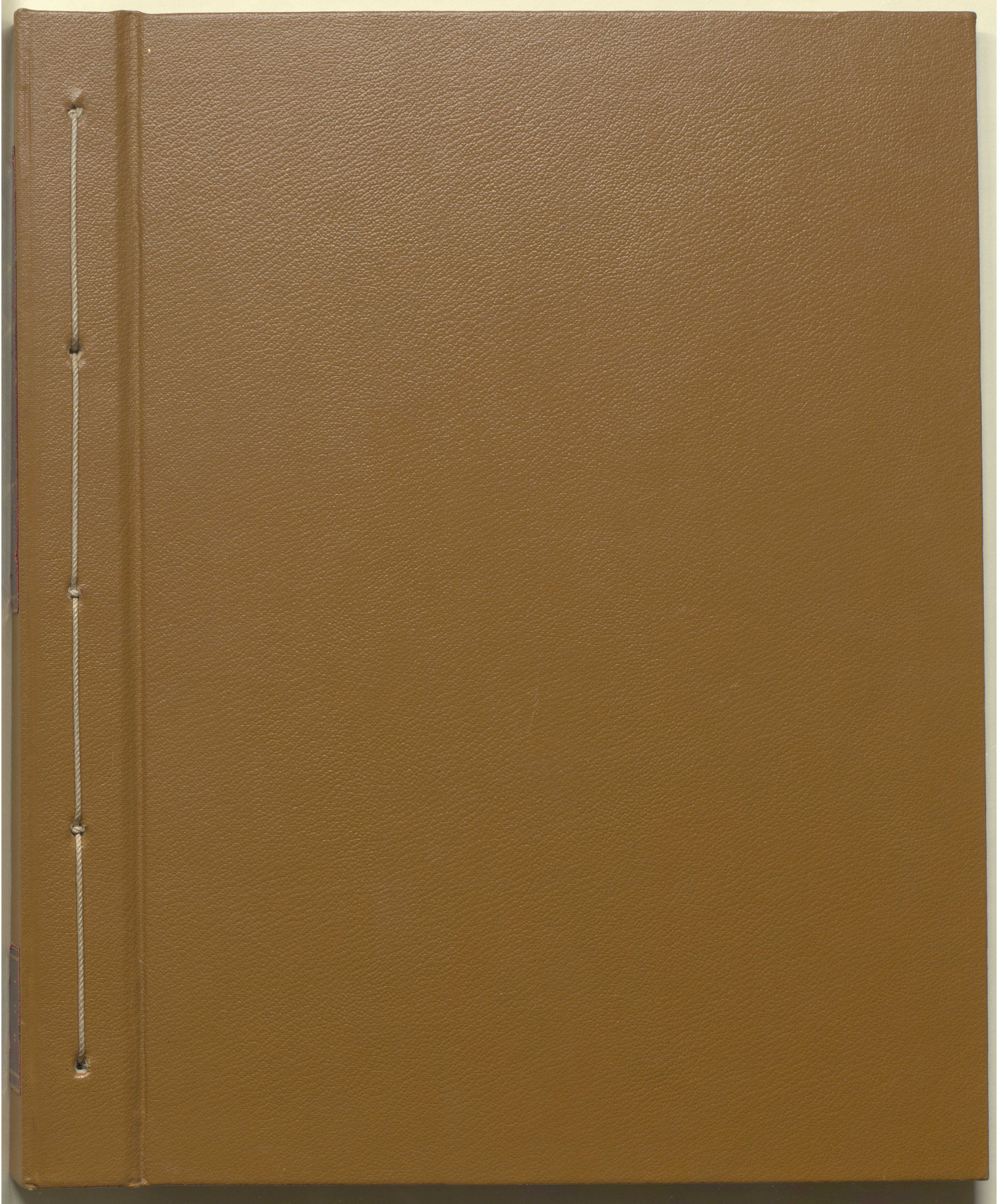


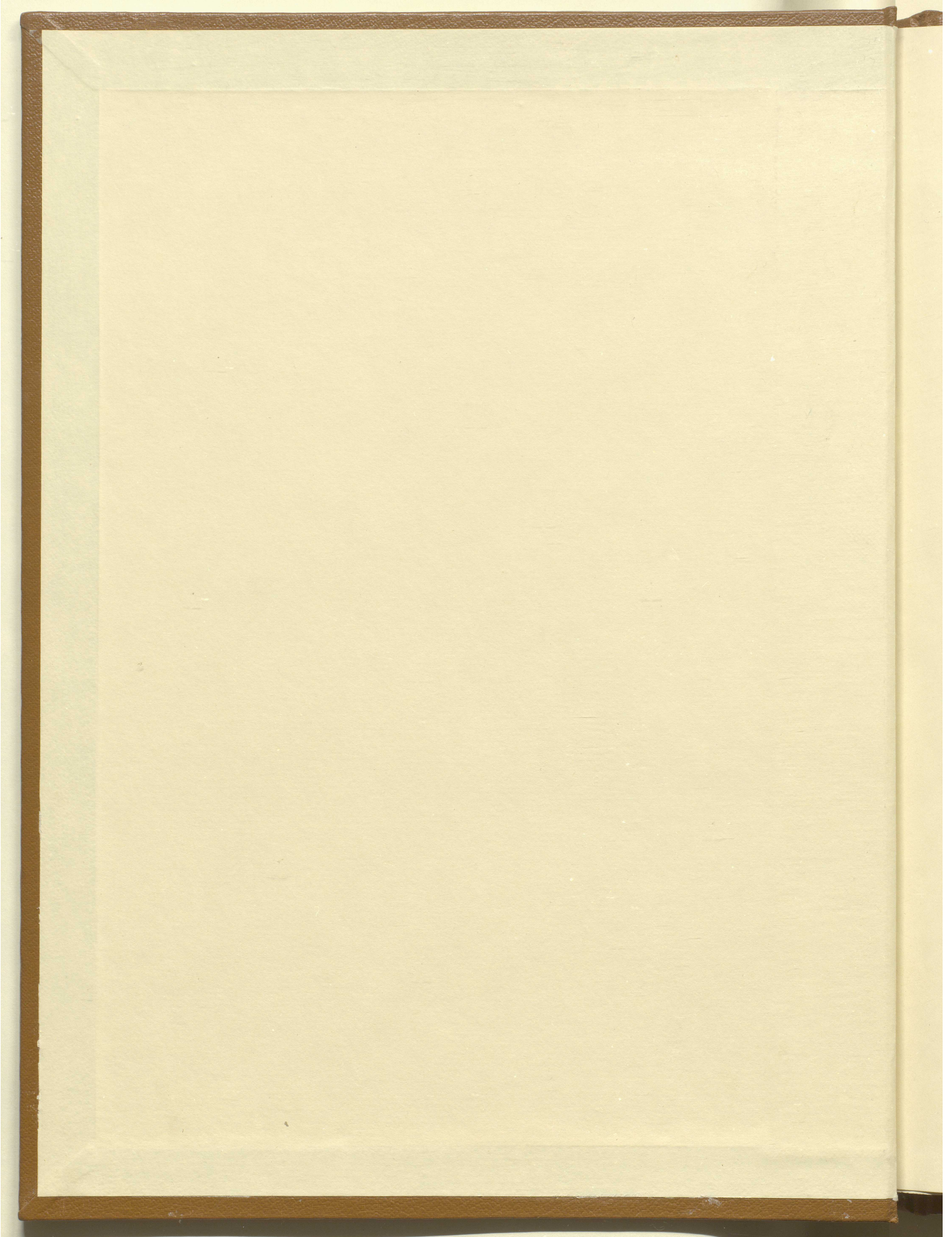
About this record

The volume consists of some letters outwards penned by David Anderson Blane, British Resident in the Persian Gulf. The principle recipients are Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay (in the Political Department); and John Pepper, Commander and Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf.

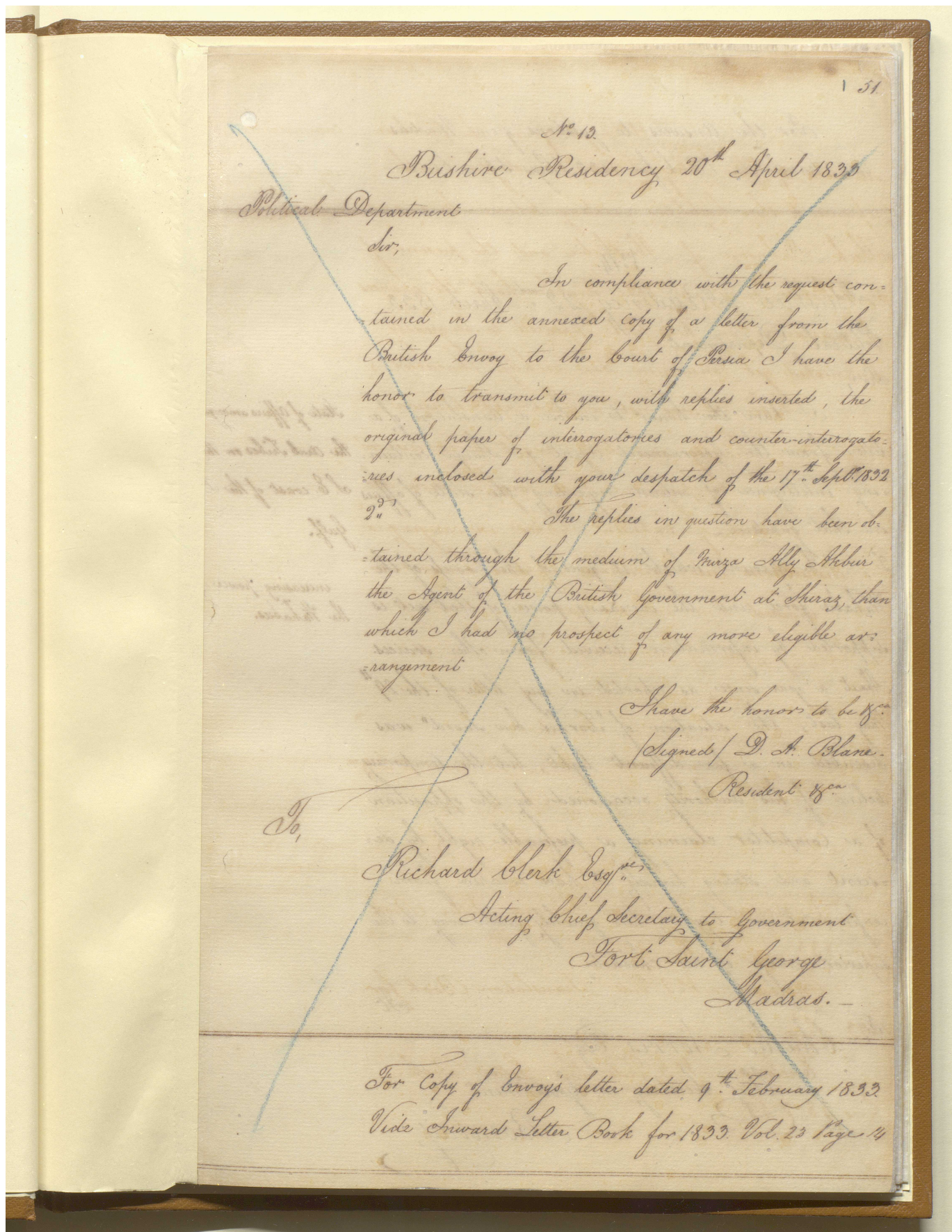
No subject is covered in great depth, though some of the subjects briefly mentioned include the ascendancy of the Wahabees [Wahhabi] in Arabia under the leadership of Toorkee bin Saood [Turki bin Sa'ūd]; the expulsion from Bushire of the Governor, Prince Reza Kooli Mirza; the Resident's concerns over the efficiency of the crews manning the ships of the Indian Navy stationed in the Persian Gulf; and the intention of Ubdulla ben Ahmed [ʿAbdullāh bin Aḥmad Āl Khalīfah], Chief of Bahrein [Bahrain] to resist the Wahabee ascendancy.

The file also includes a statement of imports into Bushire for the year 1832/33 (see ff 15-16).





Letter No. 13 of 1833 from David Anderson Blane, Resident in the Persian Gulf,
at Bushire to Richard Clerk, Acting Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint
George, Political Department, Madras [1r] (1/1)



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No. 13.

Bushire Residency 20th April 1833

Political Department

Sir,

In compliance with the request con-
tained in the annexed copy of a letter from the
British Envoy to the Court of Persia I have the
honor to transmit to you, with replies inserted, the
original paper of interrogatories and counter-interrogate-
ries enclosed with your despatch of the 17th Sept. 1832

The replies in question have been ob-
tained through the medium of Mirza Ally Akber
the Agent of the British Government at Shiraz, than
which I had no prospect of any more eligible ar-
rangement

I have the honor to be
Signed/ D. A. Blane.
Resident: 18³³

To,

Richard Clerk Esq.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
Madras.

For Copy of Envoy's letter dated 9th February 1833.
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at Bushire to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [1v] (1/2)

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For the answers to questions from Madras
Vide Translation Book for 1833 Pages 55 & 61

N^o 14

Bushire Residency 22nd April 1833.
Political Department

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a translation of a State of affairs amongst
letter from the Government Agent at Sharga contain. the Arab Tribes on the
-ing intelligence of interest regarding the state of affairs S. E. coast of the P.
in that quarter. - Gulf.

The account which it gives of the progress of the
Wahabee force and the increasing power of that sect is increasing power of
supported by information received from other sources. the Wahabees.
About a year since, as reported in my letter of the 29th
May last, the situation of "Toorkee bin Saood" was
described in a far different light, but the temporary
decline of his authority occasioned by the opposition
of a competitor claiming a preferable right by de-
-scent and stating himself to have escaped from
confinement in Egypt, has quickly given way to the
superior energy of his character. -

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To, Charles Norris Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

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It is to be feared that the inde-
pendence of our Ally the Imam of Muscat cannot
long coexist with an advancement of Wahabee ascen-
dancy. Already indeed the exaction of the Zukat a
Tribute of 5 per Cent would appear by a letter from
the Government Agent at Muscat, of which I like-
wise inclose an extract, to be in contemplation.
As regards however the interests of commerce and
interference with foreign states Toorkee bin Saood
unlike his predecessors, still opposes himself to the
wishes of the Joasmees and other lawless tribes de-
sires of his sanction for the renewal of Piracy
and aggression.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) D. A. Blane
Resident &c.

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at Bushire to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [2v] (1/3)

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N^o 15 of 1833

Bushire Residency 23rd April 1833
Political Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you of a further revolution having taken place in the Govt. of this Town by which H. P. H. H. The Prince Reza Kooli Mirza has been expelled and the authority for the present vested in the hands of "Jemal Khan Beshir" supported by the chiefs of the neighbouring districts of Dashiatoon and Jungistoon.

The immediate cause of this rebellion against H. P. Highness appears to have been the disgust occasioned by the conduct of H. P. H's mother, who during a late visit rendered herself particularly obnoxious by her exertions in the introduction of unpopular measures for the increase of the revenues of the Bushire Government and the seizure of the Chief of "Borazjoon" in execution of the said object led to the explosion of this feeling into open insurrection

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On the evening of the 14th Instant. Manner of its execution

To,

Charles Norris Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay

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a large body of the armed followers of the chiefs surrounded the Palace of H. P. H. and having released the prisoner, threatened to proceed to extremities unless H. P. H. Highness consented to leave the Town early the next morning. Having in vain attempted to appease them and finding that he had no adherents upon whom he could depend, he was compelled to accede to the terms required of him and went out accordingly accompanied only by a few of his own personal attendants. The Ladies of H. P. H. Underoon were likewise permitted to take their departure a few days after so soon as carriage could be obtained for the transport of their Tuckt-rowan and baggage.

absence of plunder 4th Considerable alarm regarding the sequel to these revolutionary proceedings prevails amongst the merchants and other peaceful inhabitants of the Town, but hitherto no act of outrage or plunder has come to my knowledge.

intentions of the 5th The insurgents declare their intention of defending the passes in the mountains between this and Shiraz and of setting the Prince of Fars at defiance should he attempt the adoption of coercive measures. In the present tottering state of H. P. H. power this bold determination may

may

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may be attended with success and lead perhaps to
the introduction of the sovereignty of the Prince Royal:
but should the chiefs prove treacherous to one another
or the Shiraz government possess the energy to
strike a successful blow for the recovery of its
jurisdiction, Bushire I fear must become the
scene of much confusion and disturbance

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ D. A. Blane
Resident &c

No 16 of 1833

Bushire Residency 23rd April 1833

Political Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward extracts extracts of Letters
of letters containing some interesting particulars re: from the Govt Agent
relative to the state of affairs at Shiraz at Shiraz

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ D. A. Blane.
Resident &c

To,

Charles Norris Esq^r

Chief Secretary to the Govt

Bombay

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from Bombay for transference to him at "Sohar"
I request the favor of your affording me the assistance
of one of the Ships of War for this purpose. -

2. The Officer in command should be
directed to make the best of his way to the above
Port, where on his arrival, or shortly after, I an-
ticipate he will find some one on the part of
the Political Agent in Turkish Arabia, instructed
to take charge of the arms, to whom he would
deliver them. If otherwise it would be advisable
for him to keep them on board and communi-
cate with the Residency for further instructions.

3. It will occur to you that the
Vessel drawing the least water will be the most
suitable for the above service and should it
appear to you that the Schooner "Fly" can be
made of use for the transport of a portion of
the arms she is at your disposal to send in company
with her

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servt.
Signed / D. A. Blane.
Resident of

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John Pepper, Commander and Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian
Gulf, at Bushire [4v] (1/3)

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Bushire Residency 31st May 1833

Sir,

It may not perhaps be considered strictly within the line of my duty to comment on the finding in men &c of the Vessels sent up for service in this Gulf, but the general efficiency of the Squadron will not I imagine appear other than a most legitimate subject of communication between the Resident and the Commodore on this Station.

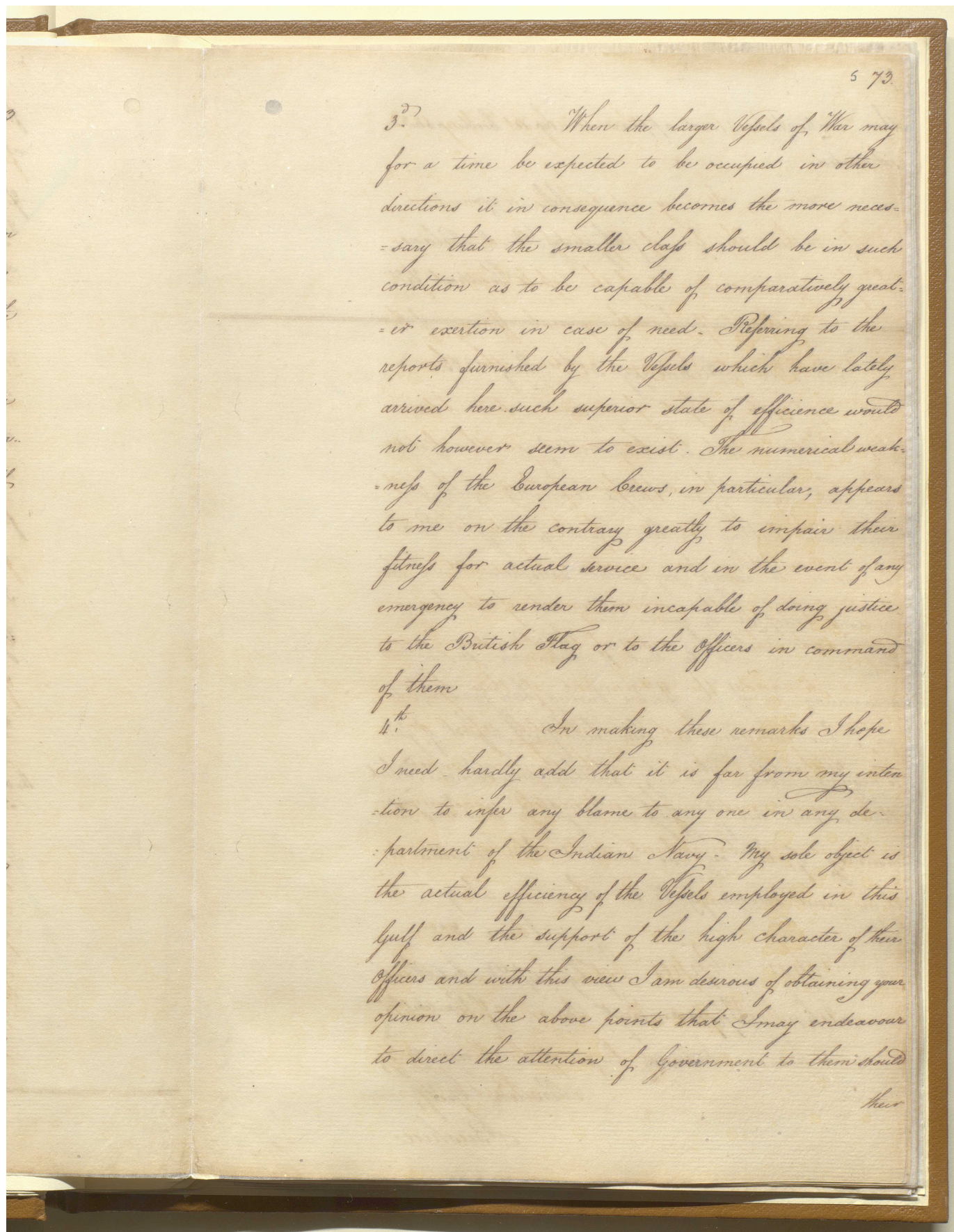
The suppression of Piracy in the Gulf of Persia and the protection of the trade to Bushire have always been argued to be a most important part of the service required of the Indian Navy and while the credit of the Bombay Government demands the attainment of these objects any miscarriage must immediately reflect on the Authorities intrusted with the local superintendance and might ultimately occasion a very serious embarrassment and expense.

To,

John Pepper Esq^{re}

Commander and Senior Officer of the
Indian Navy in the Persian Gulf
Bushire

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John Pepper, Commander and Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian
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3.^d When the larger Vessels of War may for a time be expected to be occupied in other directions it in consequence becomes the more necessary that the smaller class should be in such condition as to be capable of comparatively greater exertion in case of need. Referring to the reports furnished by the Vessels which have lately arrived here such superior state of efficiency would not however seem to exist. The numerical weakness of the European Crews, in particular, appears to me on the contrary greatly to impair their fitness for actual service and in the event of any emergency to render them incapable of doing justice to the British Flag or to the Officers in command of them

4.th In making these remarks I hope I need hardly add that it is far from my intention to infer any blame to any one in any department of the Indian Navy. My sole object is the actual efficiency of the Vessels employed in this Gulf and the support of the high character of their Officers and with this view I am desirous of obtaining your opinion on the above points that I may endeavour to direct the attention of Government to them should

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John Pepper, Commander and Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian
Gulf, at Bushire [5v] (3/3)

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their importance not appear to have been over-
estimated

I have &c.
/Signed/ D. A. Blane
Resident &c.

Bushire Residency 31st May 1833.

Sir,

In acknowledgement of your letter of yester-
-day's date respecting the trespass committed upon the
Government building on the Island of Loos, I have
the honor to express my entire satisfaction with the
measures adopted by you.

2^d As the Sheik of Abohumra, in the letter
acquainting me of the offenders having been given up to
you, has interceded in their behalf, I request of you
to acquaint them that any further punishment, which
their wanton act of aggression might be considered ^{to render} them
deserving of, has, on this account, been remitted to
them, and accordingly to set them at liberty.

I have &c.

/Signed/ D. A. Blane
Resident &c.
John Pepper Esq.
Commander and Senior Officer Indian Navy
Persian Gulf,
Bushire

Last Page of a Letter from David Anderson Blane, Resident in the Persian Gulf,
at Bushire [6r] (1/1)

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~~I am bound by instructions and without power in matters
of this nature. Nevertheless confiding in your Royal
Highness' penetration I have a full hope that things
will not so happen as to cause any diminution to-
wards me of your Royal Highness favor.
/Signed/ D. A. Blane.
Resident of~~

N^o 20 of 1833

Bushire Residency 4th June 1833

Political Department

Sir

Affairs of the Arab
Tribes on the S.E.
Coast of the Gulf.

I have the honor to enclose a
translation of a letter from the Government Agent
at Sharga containing further particulars of the
proceedings of the Wahabees in that quarter and giving
a detailed account of the murder of Sheik. Tahnoon
Chief of the powerful tribe of the Beniagas.

The letter of the Wahabee Agent therein
intemperate letter noticed refers to the proceedings reported by me under
from the Wahabee Agent date the 20th April last. It is of a very intemperate
in that quarter nature, but not professing to have been written
under

To

Charles Norris Esq^r

Chief Secretary to the Government.

Bombay.

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at Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
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under any express authority may perhaps be deemed
deserving of little attention. A draft of my instruc-
-tions to the Government Agent is herewith enclosed
and the tenor of the reply which I have dictated
to him may I trust meet with the concurrence of the
Right Honorable the Governor in Council. - For the
future it is a matter for consideration whether the
Wahabe representative would not be the proper autho-
-rity to address in the event of the recurrence of any
similar demand for satisfaction from the Arab tribes
in that neighbourhood.

5th The Sheik of the Beniayas was a chief
of superior talent and a powerful counterpoise Character of the man
to the restless habits of the Jousnees. His death - ded chief of the
is therefore greatly to be regretted. Considering the Beniayas
inveterate feuds existing between the above tribes
no material change in their relative position
may however perhaps be the result.

I have &c.

(Signed) D. A. Blane

Resident &c.

Enclosures Nos 1 & 2. Vide translation Book
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Department, Bombay [7r] (3/4)

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Enclosure No. 3

Draft of a letter from the Resident to the Govern-
ment Agent at Shargah. dated 5th June 1833.
After Compliments.

In reply to the note of the Wahabee
Agent Udeeb Azeez you will express yourself to the
following effect viz: that no precipitacion was displayd
in employing the Ships of War to enforce restitution
of the plundered property, on the contrary that a whole
year was consumed in negotiation without success
in obtaining redress and that during this interval
he (the Wahabee Agent) had volunteered no interference
for the promotion of the ends of justice - that with
reference to his observation that many are made to
suffer for the guilt of a few, it ^{is} ~~may~~ be evident
to all the world that the disposal of this question
rests with the Governor of the Country and not
with the injured party applying to him as the
proper medium through which to seek redress - further
that a great portion of the property taken is the
property of a Musulman and that the sole object of
the British Government is justice and protection to
the oppressed whatever religion they may profess and
in short that if he would consult the correspon-
dence with "Sultan bin Sughur" he would understand

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Department, Bombay [7v] (4/4)

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understand the merits of the case, whereas on the con-
-trary such general and intemperate remarks are unde-
-serving any direct answer -

No 21 of 1833

Bushire Residency 4th June 1833.

Political Department.

Sir,

The Ships of War upon this Station ha. sufficient state of the
-ving lately on several occasions been employed upon crews of the Ships of War
service which threatened to require for its accomplish- employed in the Per-
-ment the fullest exertion of which Vessels of their -sian Gulf
-class are capable, it has not been without anxiety
that I have noticed the very inefficient state of
the Crews with which they are provided when destined
for the ordinary relief in this Gulf

^{2nd} I accordingly addressed a letter to the correspondence with the
Senior Officer in Command of the Squadron and Senior Officer of the
now beg leave to submit a copy of it together with Squadron on the
a copy of his reply for the consideration of the subject -

Right

To

Charles Norris Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay

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Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

3^d The peace establishment of these Vessels
apparent conclusion of complete with reference to the number and descrip-
-tion to be derived. -tion of the men is not more than adequate
for the duties they should at all times be prepared
to undertake in this Gulf. When so deficient in
both respects, it is evident therefore they cannot do
justice to the expectation formed of them. The su-
-perior style in which they are manned when sent
in other directions upon extra, tho' not perhaps more
important duty, is indeed a tacit admission of this
fact. Great difficulty, I am aware, exists in procu-
-ring a sufficient supply of men fit for the service
and the defect may therefore originate in circumstances
beyond immediate controul. In calling attention
to the subject there is however hope of some
remedy being suggested or at all events of the de-
-ficiencies under which they labour being duly
estimated in the event of any want of success in
executing the duties assigned to this Squadron.

a partial remedy
suggested

4^t The proposal in the Senior Officer's letter
to detain in cases of emergency a portion of the crew
of Vessels returning to the Presidency and to take ad-
-vantage on ordinary occasions of a willingness
on the part of individuals to volunteer for
further

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further service in this Gulf is I think calculated
to meet the difficulty in some respect. These or
any other remarks having the efficiency of the ser-
vice for their object would I am satisfied meet
with every attention from the head of the Naval
Department, but the forms of communication
hitherto observed require that I should offer them
through the channel which I now adopt.

I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ D. A. Blane.
Resident of &c.

Enclosure No. 1 Vide this letter Book Pages 79, 73, & 70.

Enclosure No. 2 Vide Inward letter Book for 1833.
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No. 22 of 1833.

Bushire Residency 5th June 1833

Political Department

Sir

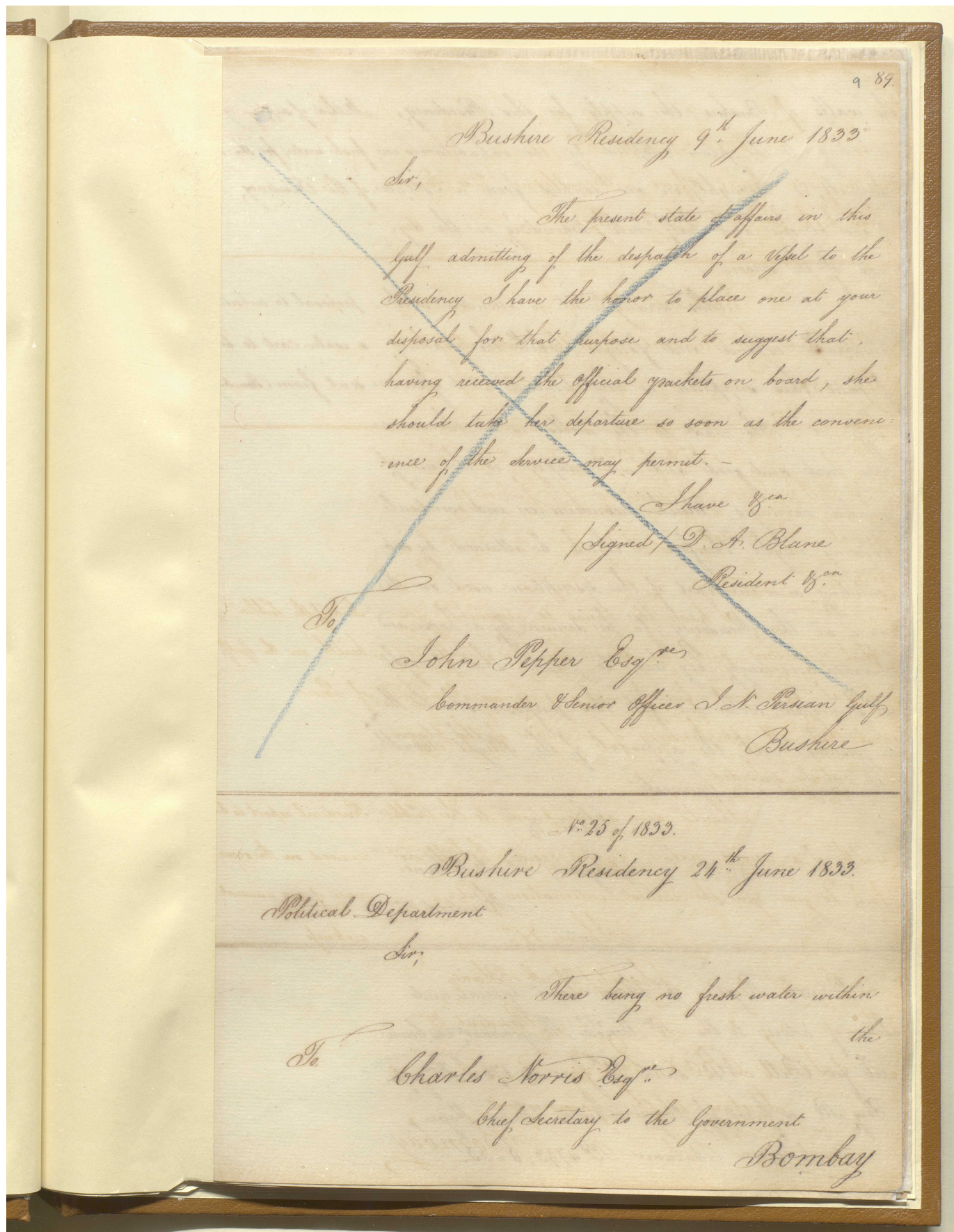
I have the honor to forward a copy of the arms received by
the

To,

Charles Norris Esq^r

Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay.

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John Pepper, Commander and Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian
Gulf, at Bushire [9r] (1/1)



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the walls of Bushire the supply for this Presidency, Method of supplying according to the plan adopted by the inhabitants in fresh water for the use general, is brought in on donkeys from a distance of the Presidency of one or one and half mile, depending on the dry.

- refs of the season. -

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This arrangement is attended with proposal to substitute considerable expense and fatigue, while the quantity a water cart to be of Water thus supplied is very limited and often insufficient. The road to the wells is at the same time level and good and well adapted to the use of wheeled carriages. Much inconvenience and eventual economy might therefore I think be attained by substituting a water cart of the description used on the roads at the Presidency, to be drawn by a horse, and I would accordingly beg leave to propose that I might be furnished with one for this purpose, should the suggestion meet the approval of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

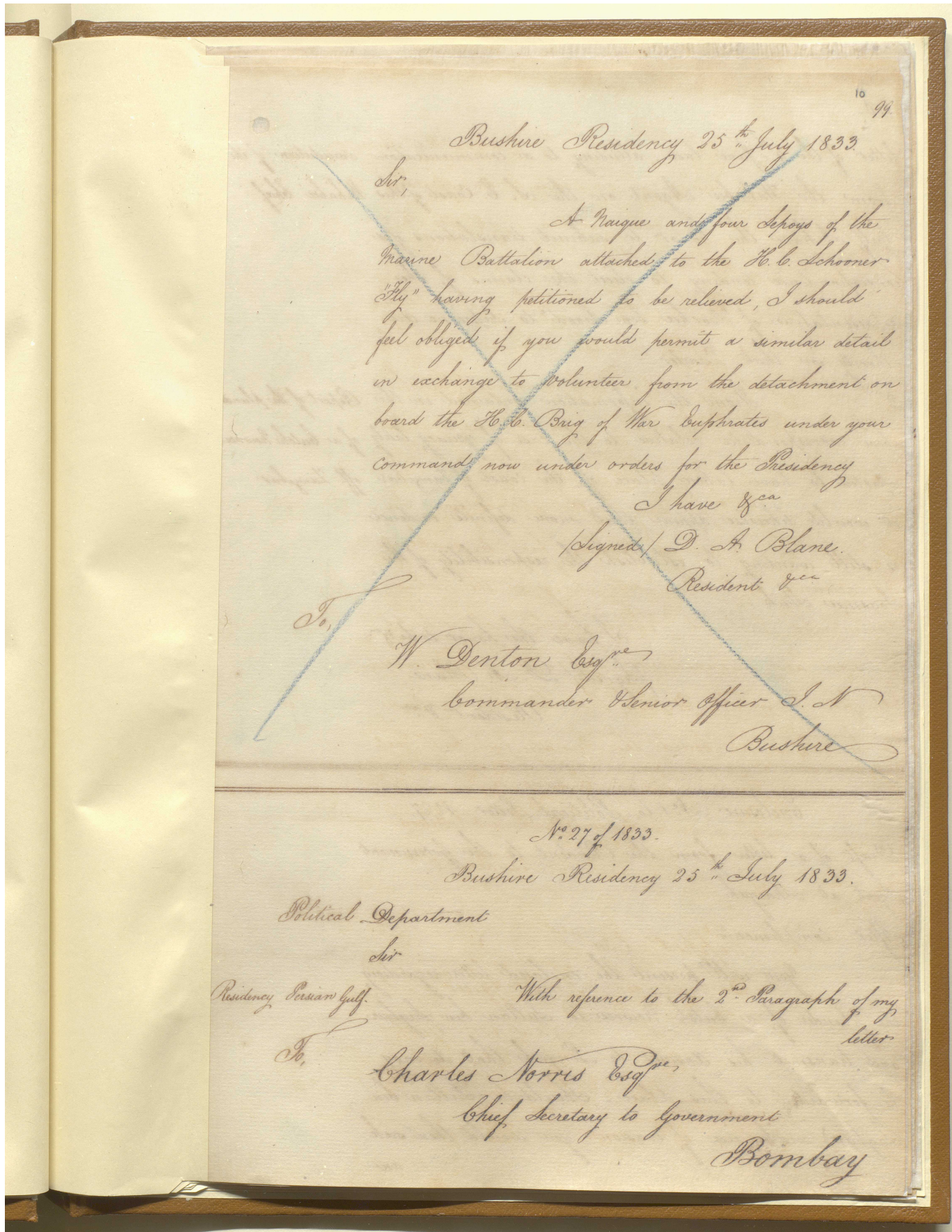
I have &c^{ca}

(Signed) D. A. Blane

Resident &c^{ca}

~~Usual Register to Accountant General and
Letter of advice to the R^t Honorable the Governor in Council.
-al for Bill N^o 10. dated 26th June @ 174 S. W. prop.
Prop^r R^t in favor of Haje Ahmed Baba Haje -
Usual reason Balance R^s 4793, 0, 33.~~

Letter from David Anderson Blane, Resident in the Persian Gulf, at Bushire, to
William Denton, Commander and Senior Officer of the Indian Navy in the Persian
Gulf, at Bushire [10r] (1/1)



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Bushire Residency 25th July 1833

Sr,

A Naigue and four Sepoys of the
Marine Battalion attached to the H. C. Schooner
"Fly" having petitioned to be relieved, I should
feel obliged if you would permit a similar detail
in exchange to volunteer from the detachment on
board the H. C. Brig of War *Bushrates* under your
command now under orders for the Presidency

I have &c

Signed/ D. A. Blane.

Resident &c

To,

W. Denton Esq.

Commander Senior Officer I. N.

Bushire

No. 27 of 1833.

Bushire Residency 25th July 1833.

Political Department

Sr

Residency Persian Gulf.

With reference to the 2nd Paragraph of my
letter

To,

Charles Norris Esq.

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

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at Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [10v] (2/3)

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letter of the 4th June last, alluding to a communication ⁱⁿ the
from the Wahabee Agent on the S. E. Coast of this Wahabee chief
Gulf I have the honor to submit translations of a
correspondence tending to elicit the claims of the
representative of "Fooksee ben Saood" to Supreme au-
thority in that Quarter

From the information contained in the Report of the plunder
above correspondence relative to the case of piracy lately of a batch Nooree
reported to have taken place off the coast of Zanzibar off Zanzibar
it would likewise appear that more definite evidence
is still wanting to establish the responsibility of the
Soasmee Sheik.

I have the honor to be
Signed/ D. A. Blane
Resident &c

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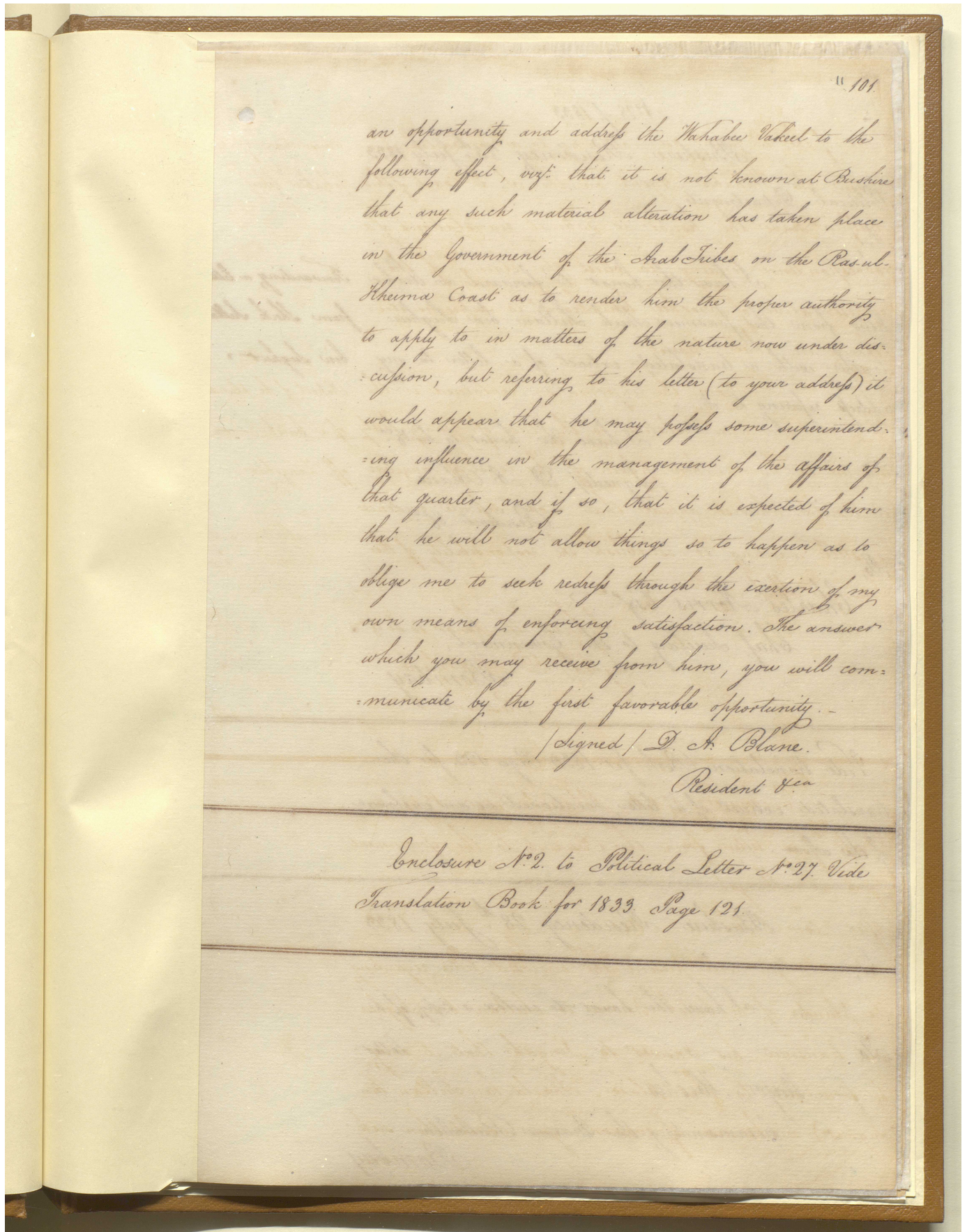
Enclosure No. 1 to Political Letter No. 27.

Draft of a letter from the Resident to the Government
Agent at Shargah.

After compliments

You will present the enclosed letter regarding
the plunder of a batch Nooree to Sultan bin Sughur
and transmit his answer to Sengah that it may
be forwarded to this place. Should he (Sultan bin
Sughur) make use of evasion, you would then seek
an

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an opportunity and address the Wahabee Vakil to the following effect, viz: that it is not known at Bushire that any such material alteration has taken place in the Government of the Arab Tribes on the Ras-ul-Khaima Coast as to render him the proper authority to apply to in matters of the nature now under discussion, but referring to his letter (to your address) it would appear that he may possess some superintending influence in the management of the affairs of that quarter, and if so, that it is expected of him that he will not allow things so to happen as to oblige me to seek redress through the exertion of my own means of enforcing satisfaction. The answer which you may receive from him, you will communicate by the first favorable opportunity.

/Signed/ D. A. Blane.

Resident &c

Enclosure N°2. to Political Letter N°27. Vide Translation Book for 1833. Page 121.

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at Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [11v] (1/1)

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Bushire Residency 25th July 1833.

Political Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Arabic letter from the Joasmees Sheik Sultan bin Sughur together with a translated extract of a letter to my address referring to it. - Forwarding a letter from Sheik Sultan bin Sughur to my bin Sughur

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) D. A. Blane.

Resident &c.

To,

Charles Norris Esq.

Chief Secretary to the Government,

Bombay

Vide translation Book for 1833. Page 123. for the translated extract of a letter, mentioned as an enclosure of the above.

~~Bushire Residency 28th July 1833.~~

~~Sir,~~

~~I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter~~

~~To,~~

~~Major Hiches~~

~~Commanding the Marine Battalion~~

~~Bombay~~

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Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [12r] (1/3)

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Bushire Residency 7th October 1833

Political Department,

Sir

Approaching contest
between the Sheik copies and extracts of letters from the Government
of Bahrein and the Agent at Bahrein acquainting me of the determi-
nation of Abdulla Ben Ahmed the sheik of
that Island to oppose the extension of the Wahabee
authority and of his exertions to confederate the
neighbouring Arab Tribes in the same design

commencement of 2^d
hostilities against
the Port of Kattif
Their attack at present would
appear to be directed chiefly against the Wahabee Port
of Kattif and it is with great ^{regret} that I notice the
character of ferocity which the contest has already
assumed in the putting to death of several natives
of that place found on board of neutral Vessels
bound there for purposes of trade

Slaughter of enemies 3^d
found in Neutral
Vessels.
Barbarous and detestable as this practice
must appear it may not be so entirely at variance
with their own system of warfare, otherwise I shall

probably

To,

Charles Norris Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

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Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [12v] (2/3)

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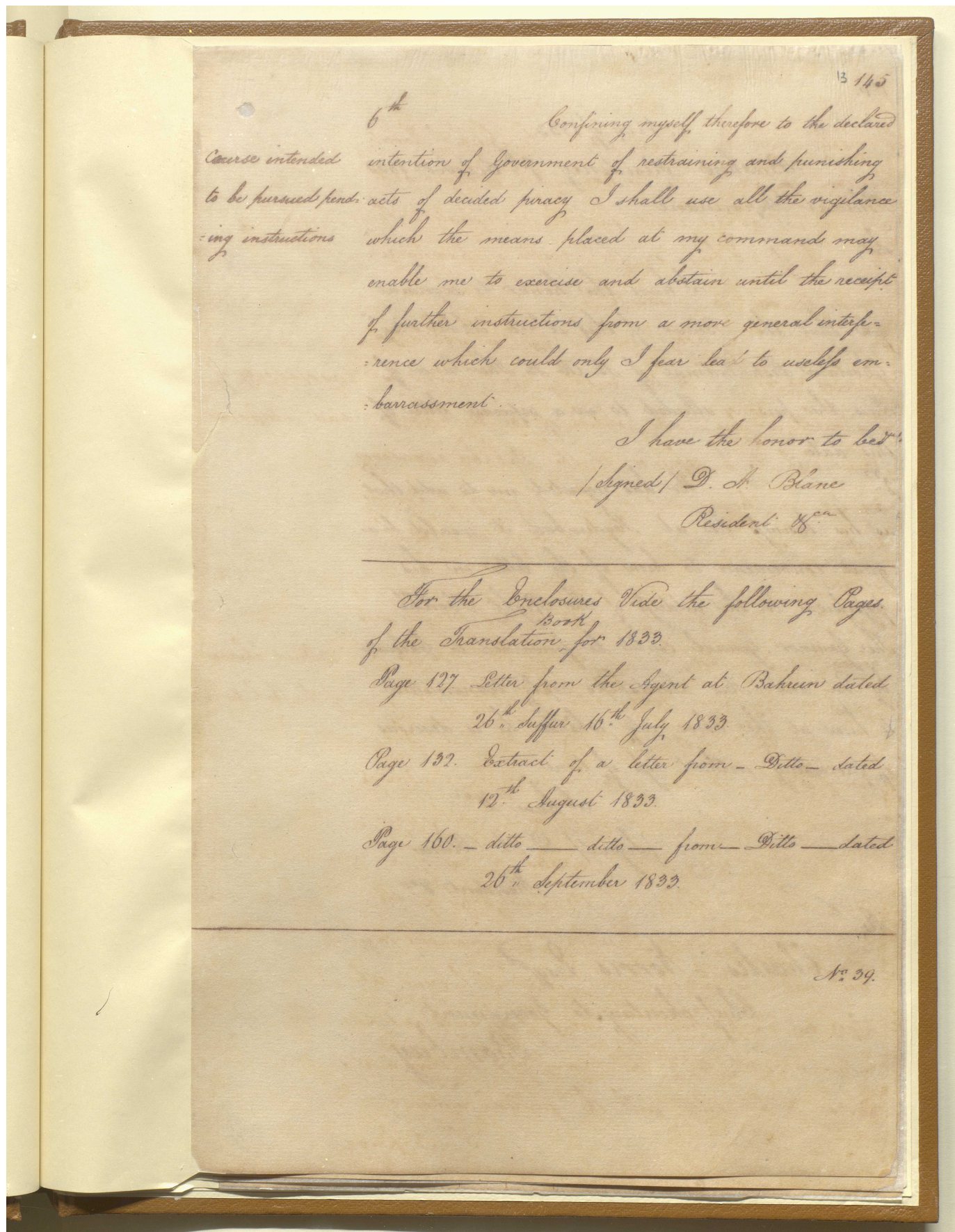
probably receive an appeal from the Sheik of Koweit,
the port to which the Neutral Vessels belonged and
I shall not at all events fail to remonstrate with
the Sheik of Bahrein on the cruelty of having re-
-course to such a measure.

4th Except in this light it would not
however I conceive be the wish of Government that in expediency of
I should interfere. The politics of the Arab Coast direct interference
particularly with reference to the Wahabee ascendancy
being ~~too~~ too complicated and delicate to admit of any
beneficial intervention on the part of the British
Government

5th Formerly when the Wahabee sect was
viewed as the instigators to piracy and lawless ~~aggression~~ altered character
aggression they were looked upon in the light of ~~of the Wahabee~~ of the Wahabee
enemies by the British Govt. But now that their
policy appears to have assumed a different character
the cause of good order and eventual civilization
would appear likely to be promoted by ^{the} rise of a
power competent to control the lawlessness of the
petty maritime tribes. Permanent improvement can
-not indeed be expected until some such event take
place but the problematical nature of the result and our
connection with H. H. the Imam of Muscat render it a
question to be treated with the greatest caution

6th Concluding

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Department, Bombay [13r] (3/3)



Letter No. 39 of 1833 from David Anderson Blane, Resident in the Persian Gulf,
at Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [13v] (1/1)

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No. 39 of 1833.

Bushire Residency 7th October 1833

Political Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint
you that the Bearer of this is "Ali Akbar Beg"
Ghoolam Peshkedmat of H. B. H. The Prince of
Fars the person alluded to in a separate letter of
this date.

He has requested me to add that,
as his business lies at Hyderabad it would be a
great convenience to him if the letter in his
possession to the address of the Right Honorable
The Governor General, could be forwarded to Calcutta
by Post and His Lordship's reply transmitted
to him at the above city whether he is desirous
of proceeding without loss of time

I have &c

(Signed) D. A. Blane

Resident &c

To,

Charles Norris Esq

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Letter No. 40 of 1833 from David Anderson Blane, Resident in the Persian Gulf,
at Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [14r] (1/1)

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N^o. 40 of 1833

Bushire Residency 10th October 1833

Political Department

Sir

Residency Pers. Gulf

The enclosed copies and extracts of
state of affairs or letters from the Government Agent at "Sharga"
the S.E. coast of the giving an account of the feeling existing between
Gulf. the Soasmees and the Wahabee chief and of the
renewal of the feud between the former tribe and
that of the "Beniyas" will I conceive be deemed
of interest as descriptive of the restless and turbulent
habits of the tribes on the South East part of the
Arabian Coast of this Gulf.

I have &c^{ca}

(Signed) D. A. Blane

Resident &c^{ca}

To,

Charles Norris Esq^{rs}

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Enclosures

Page 149 of Translation Book for 1833. Letter
from the Agent at Sharga dated 26th Aug^r 1833.

Page 152 of — do — from do dated 5th Sept^r 1833.

Page 170 of — do — from do dated 15th Sept^r 1833.

Letter No. 41 of 1833 from David Anderson Blane, Resident in the Persian Gulf,
at Bushire, to Charles Norris, Chief Secretary to the Government, Political
Department, Bombay [14v] (1/1)

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No. 41 of 1833

Bushire Residency 10th October 1833.

Political Department

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 2nd August last I have the honor to inclose a trans. ^{Reply to H. H. the} Amam's remonstrance of a letter from the Government Agent at Muscat ^{on the subject of the} informing me of the tenor of the reply to His Highness' remonstrance on the subject of the detention of his wife which cannot I think be deemed of a very conciliatory nature.

In the present dismembered condition ^{Designs of the} of his own Government it would hardly appear possible that ^{Prince of Shiraz} His Highness the Prince of Shiraz can have any serious intentions against Beissora as alluded to, in the above reply, yet a similar report has reached this from other quarters and the Persian ideas on such matters are so inexplicable that any assimilation to the ordinary rules of calculation must not be depended upon. If the means could in any way be attained other considerations would not improbably be overlooked.

I have you

[Signed] D. A. Blane.

Resident &c

To,

Charles Norris Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Statements of Imports and Exports into the Port of Bushire for the Year 1832/33 and Abstract of a Report made by the Resident in the Persian Gulf in 1829/30 [15r] (1/3)

Statement of Imports into the Port of Bushire for the year 1832/33

Names of Ships	Date of Arrival	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Shells	Miscellaneous							
Barque Discovery from Bombay	October 1 1832	1	66	58	1854	1	116	10	11	116	22	101	12	21	5	96												
Barque Sultan from Bengal	October 5 1832	829	25	14	1765																							
Barque Resource from Bengal	Oct. 19 1832	596	17	57	2																							
Ship William G. from Bengal		315	700	50	300																							
Barque Discovery from Bombay	March 3 1833		278	85	2074	264	1705	6	26	9	5	153		14		84												
Barque Resource from Bombay			200		1000		700					120	50															
Ship Andronic from Bengal	June 20 1833	710	90	200	1400	10	10		10							13		10	45	20	12	100	800	8	12	1		
Barque Discovery from Bombay	Aug 17 1833		227	114	3190		1185	16	32	30	14	75	1		4		29		5	1		58					259	
Ship Pargabona from Bengal	Aug 19 1833	388	33	234	1785																							
Ship George from Bombay					200																							
Ship Sultan from Bombay				5																								
7 Bungal				575	1500											200												
Sales of 11 Ships and 7 Bungal	2859	1611	1612	17505	275	1716	32	74	155	161	524	13	35	9	290	17	54	20	58	234	8316	8	37	117	259	1		
Estimated Value in Bombay Rupees	2741200	3702000	1442000	3201000	6815	18106	2207	2000	20208	16400	88100	1900	175	1350	5720	66530	1000	4250	1350	400	13200	28400	41530	160	7400	6615	578	25

Total estimated value of Imports and Bungal for 1833. 42,649,24

See the enclosure to the preceding letter. Note Page 156 of the Consulation Book for 1833.

Letter from David Anderson Blane, Resident in the Persian Gulf, at Bushire, to
John Pepper, Commander and Senior Officer of the Indian Naval Squadron in the
Persian Gulf, at Bushire [16v] (1/1)

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Bushire Residency 17th October 1833.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt yesterday of your despatch of the 3rd
Instant and to observe with reference to the cer-
-tificate therein alluded to that although in my
opinion it be desirable to limit the practice of
giving them as much as possible on account of
the occasional embarrassment which may result;
yet when the interests of the Public Service are
thereby promoted there can I conceive be little
objection to granting one as in the present in-
-stance, for a specified period

I have &c^a

(signed) D. A. Blane.

Resident &c^a

To,

J. Pepper Esq^r

Senior Officer Commanding Squadron I.N.

Persian Gulf

Bushire

