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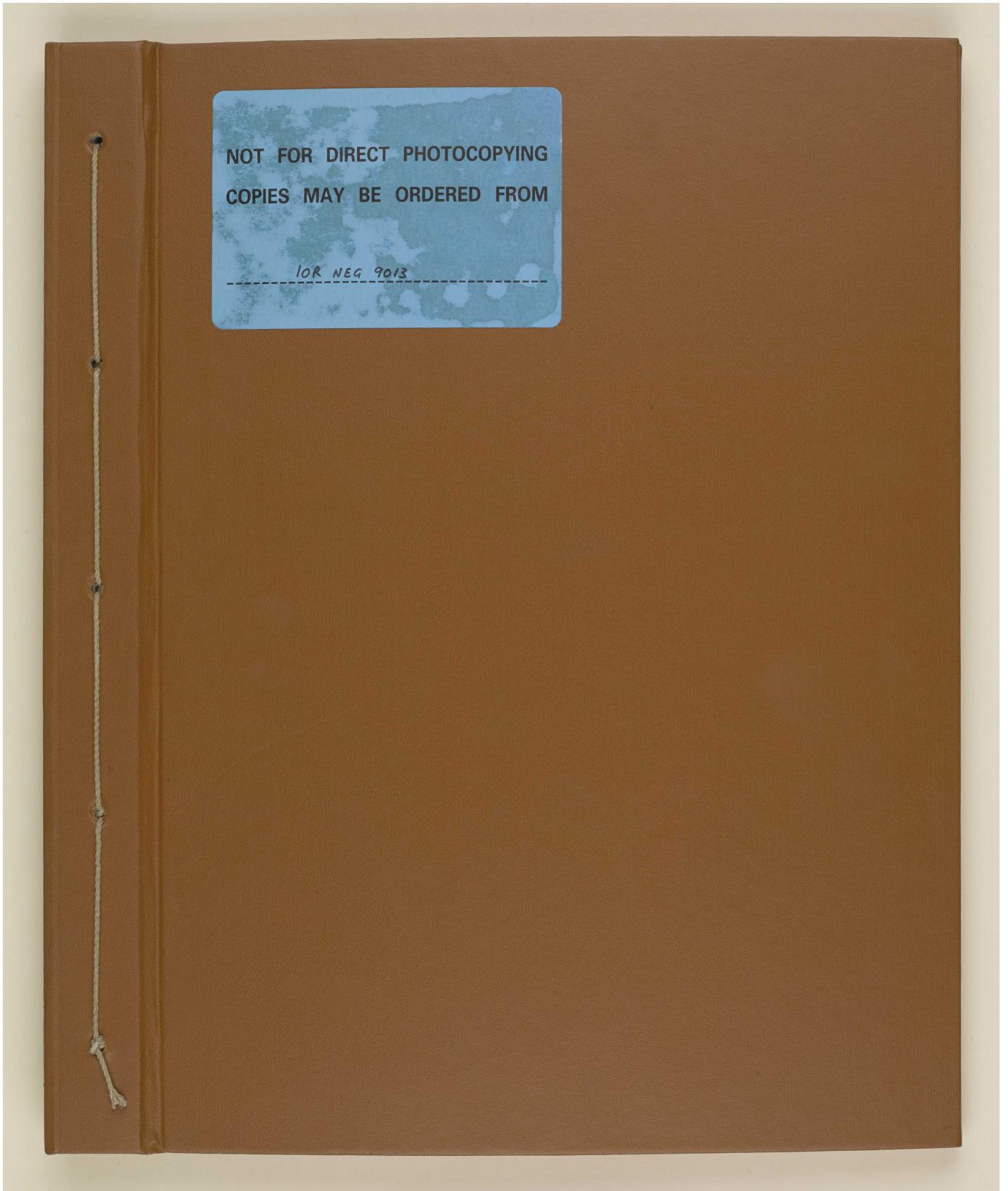
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The volume comprises letters sent by the Resident in the Persian Gulf, Captain Samuel Hennell, to the Commander of the Indian Naval Squadron in the Persian Gulf, Commodore George Barnes Brucks. The letters are instructions relating to the dispatch of Government vessels to the Arab coast to deal with reported incidents of piracy and the subsequent claims for compensation. Most of the correspondence deals with the suspected maritime hostilities of the fugitive Jassim bin Jaber Raqraqi.

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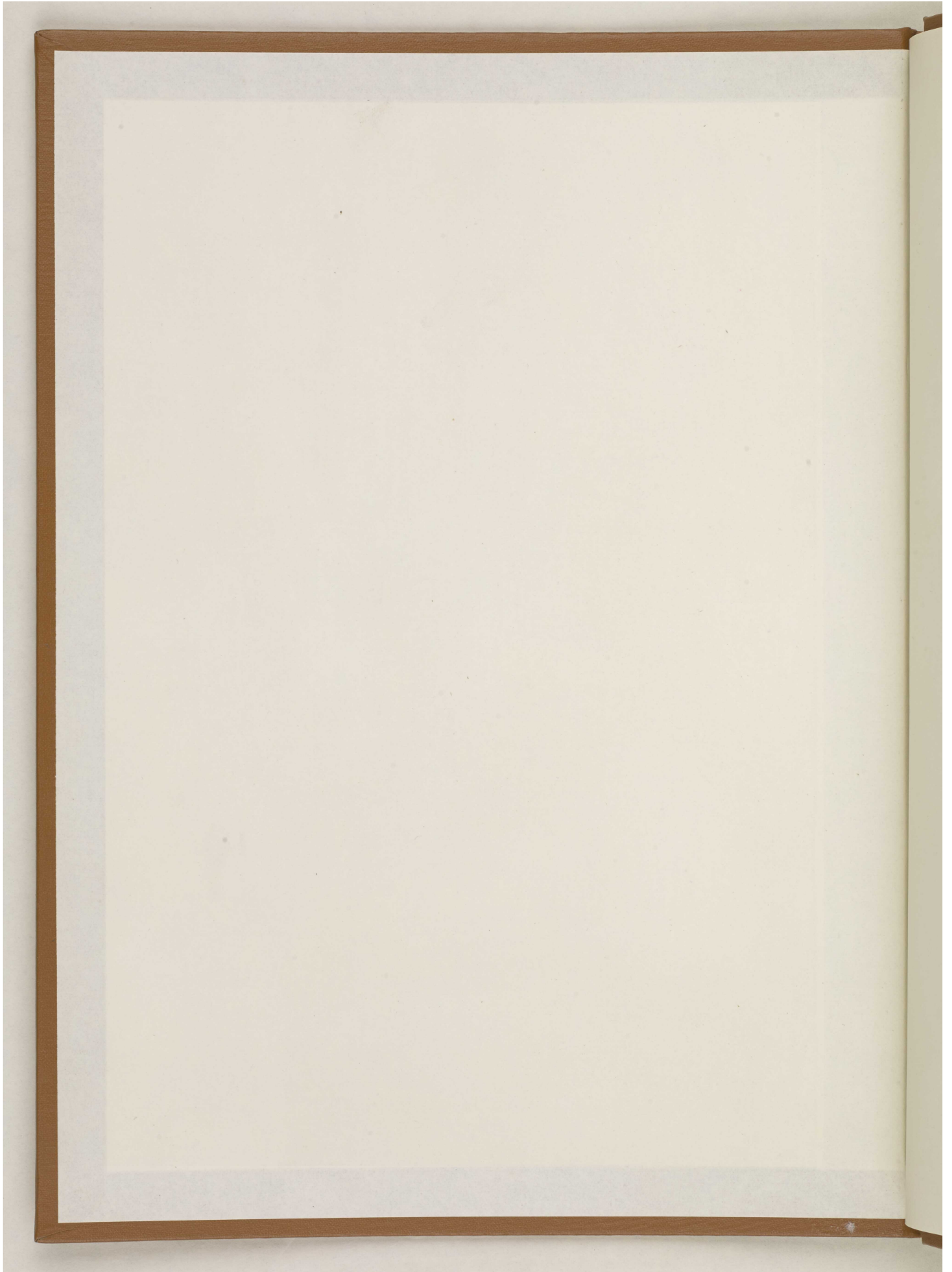
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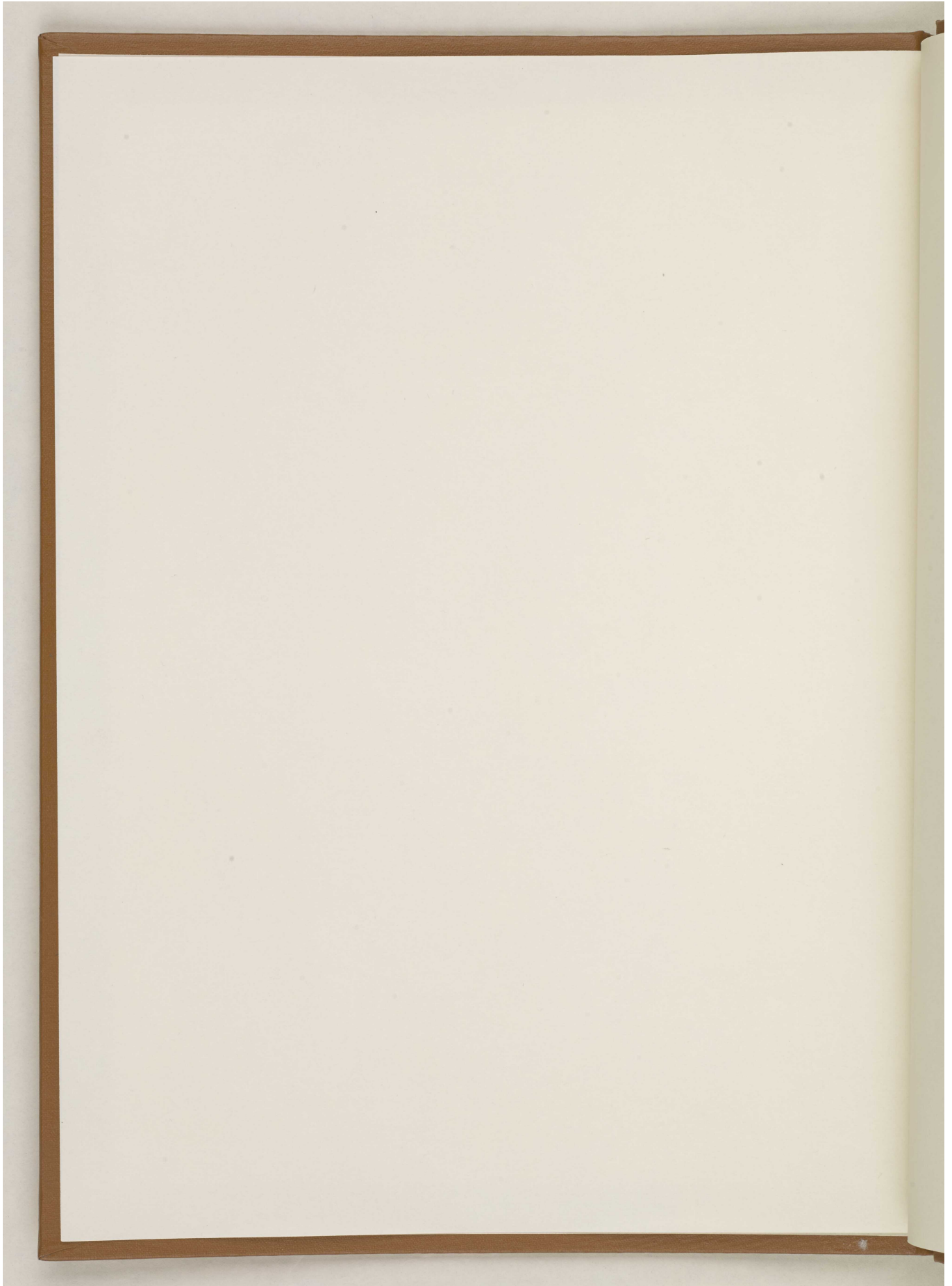
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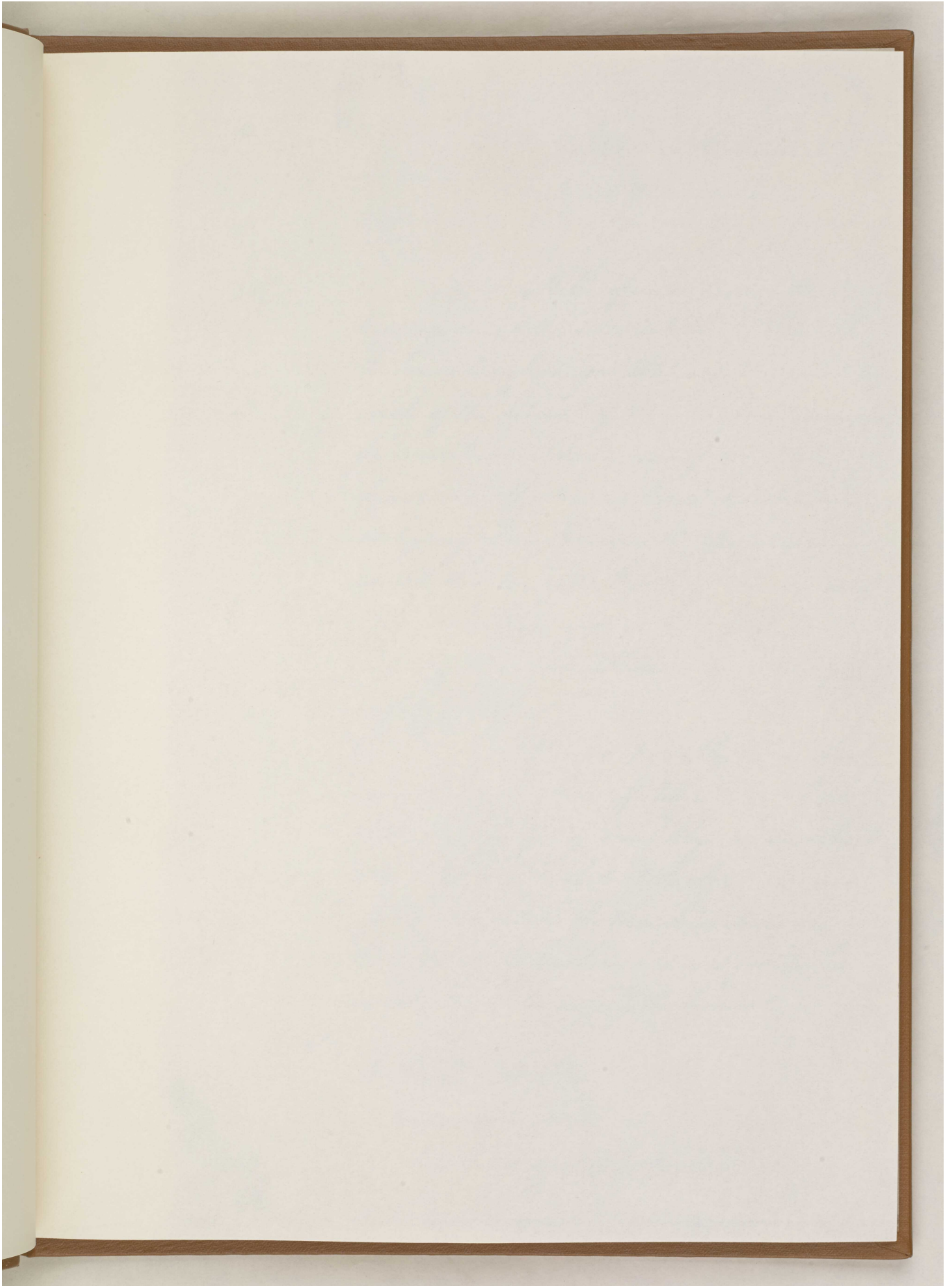
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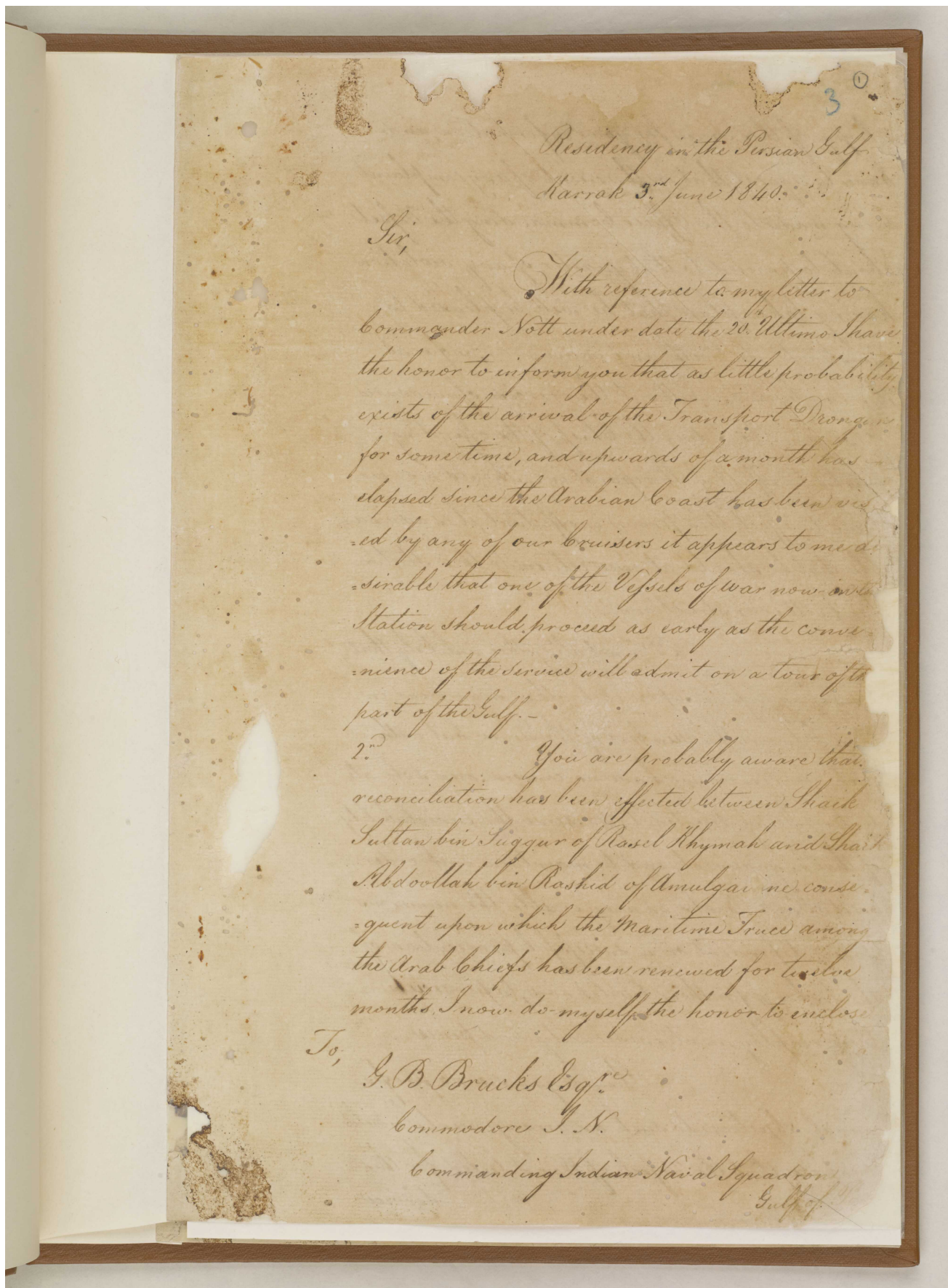
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Residency in the Persian Gulf
Barrak 3rd June 1840.

Sir,

With reference to my letter to
Commander Vott under date the 20th Ultimo I have
the honor to inform you that as little probability
exists of the arrival of the Transport Dragoon
for some time, and upwards of a month has
elapsed since the Arabian Coast has been visi-
ed by any of our Cruisers it appears to me ad-
-sirable that one of the Vessels of war now in the
Station should proceed as early as the conve-
-nience of the service will admit on a tour of the
part of the Gulf.

2nd You are probably aware that
reconciliation has been effected between Shaik
Sultan bin Suggur of Rasel Khymah and Shaik
Abdoollah bin Rashid of Amulgar in conse-
-quent upon which the Maritime Truce among
the Arab Chiefs has been renewed for twelve
months. I now do myself the honor to enclose

To,

G. B. Brucks Esq^r.

Commodore I. N.

Commanding Indian Naval Squadron
Gulf of Persia.

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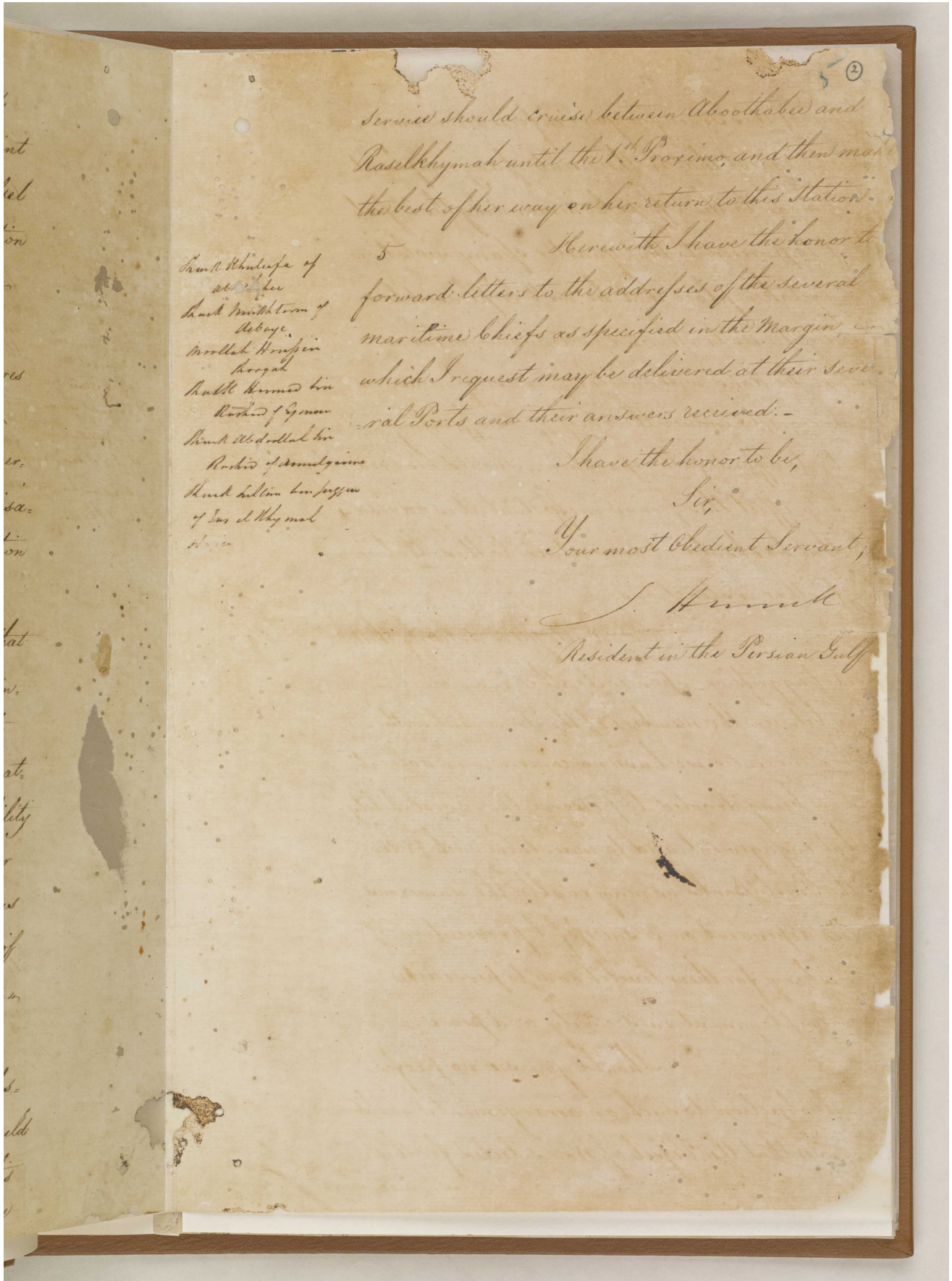
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 a copy of this Truce for your information, and have to request, that in the event of any complaint being made to the Officer Commanding the Vessel about to proceed to that quarter, of any violation having taken place, that he will be pleased to investigate its truth, and endeavour, as far as this can be done without the exercise of measures of coercion, to induce the Chief of the offending party to afford full reparation. - Should his exertions to effect this prove ineffectual, it is advisable that he should at once return to this Station for further instructions. -

It is not altogether unlikely that acts of aggression upon each other may occur in the hands between the members of the Truce, but with such occurrences, we have no concern; our sole attention being devoted to preserve the inviolability of that engagement, and to maintain such order on the Pearl Banks, as may enable the numerous classes dependent on a successful prosecution of the Fishery for their livelihood, to prosecute their employment in security and peace. -

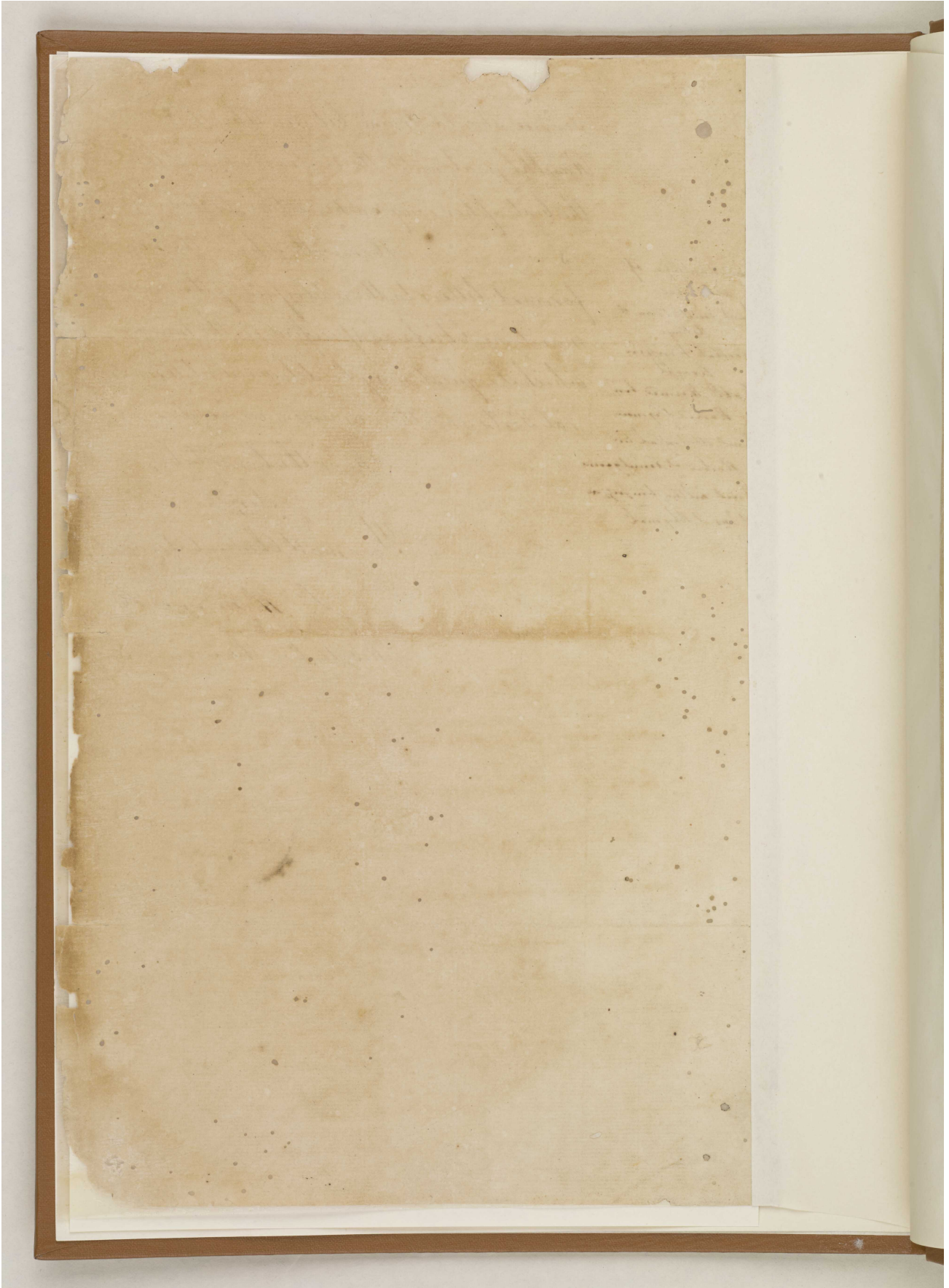
Should you see no professional objection to such an arrangement, I would propose that the Vessel of War selected for this Service

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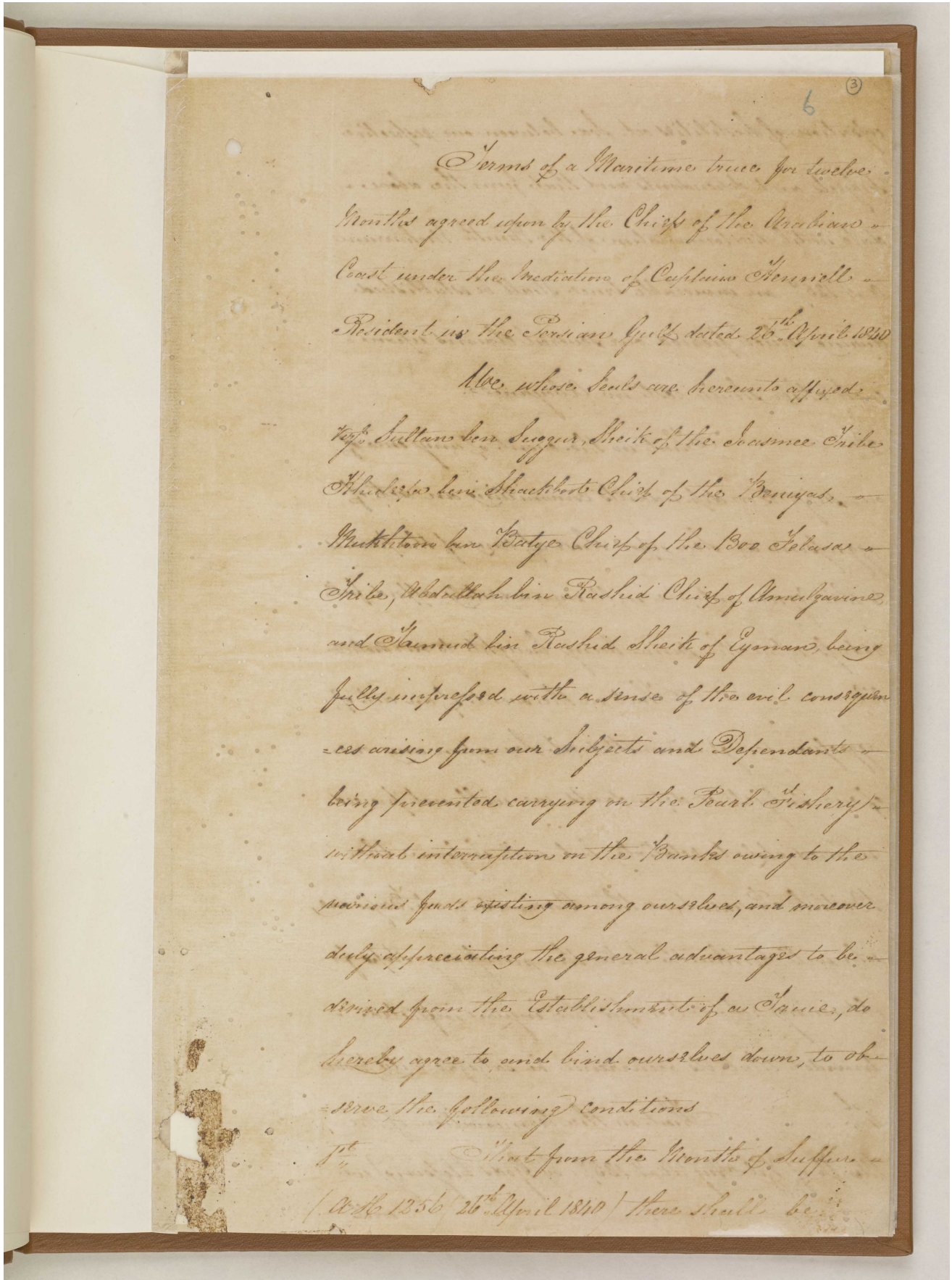
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George Barnes Brucks, Commanding the Indian Naval Squadron in the Persian Gulf
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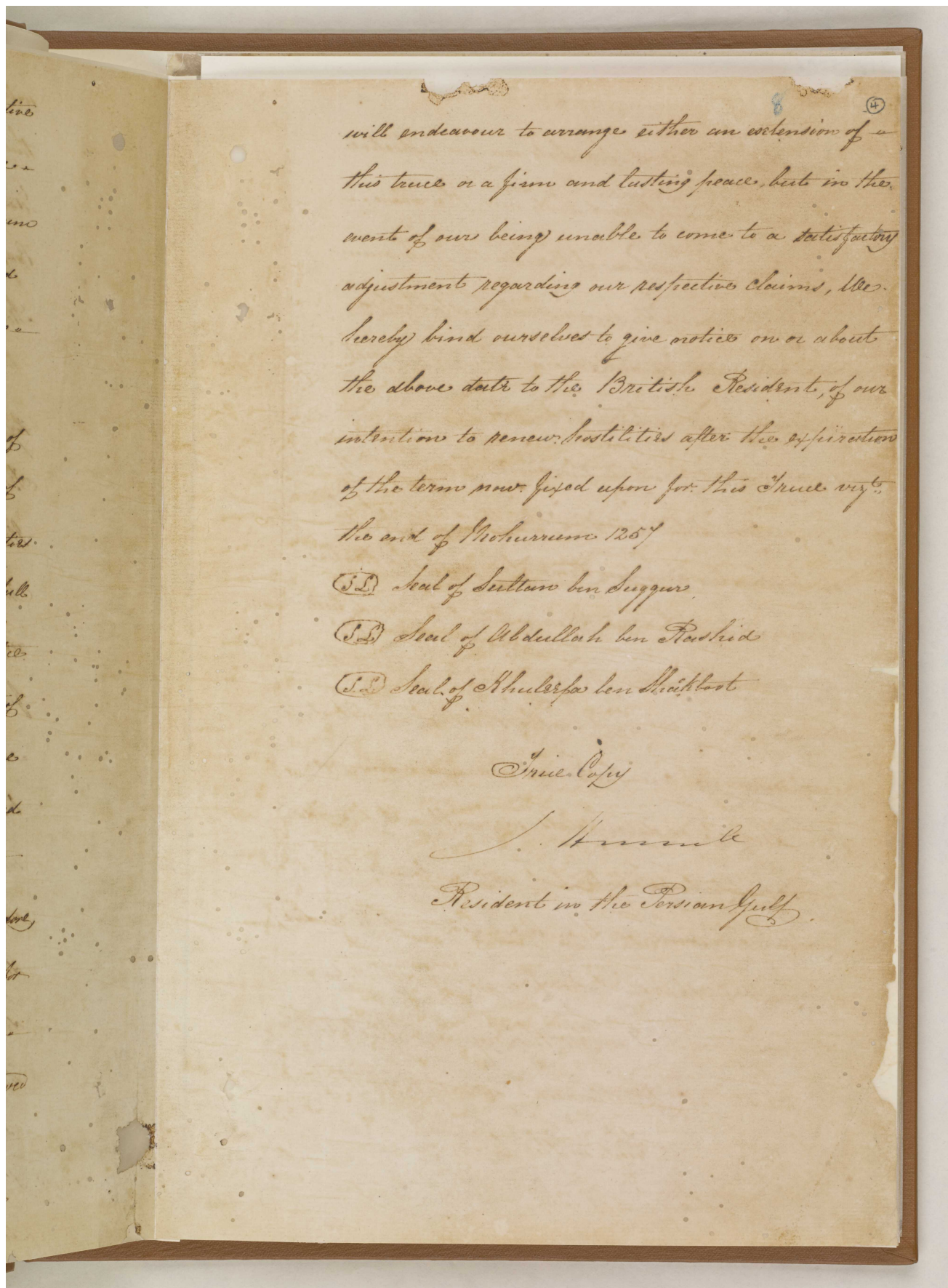
reparation of hostilities at Sea between our respective
Subjects and dependants and that from the above
date until the termination of the Month Mohurrum
(A. H. 1257) an inviolable truce shall be established
during which period our several claims upon
each other shall rest in Abeyance.

2^d That in the event of any one of
our Subjects or dependants committing an act of
aggression at Sea upon those of any of the Powers
to His Government, we will immediately afford full
redress upon the same being brought to our notice.

3^d That in the event of an act of
aggression being committed at Sea upon any one
of our Subjects or dependants, we will not proceed
immediately to retaliation, but will inform the
British Resident, or the Commodore, at Basrah,
who will forthwith take the necessary steps for
obtaining reparation for the injury inflicted -
provided that its occurrence be satisfactorily proved.

4th That on the termination of the
Month of Zil-Hijj (A. H. 1257) by Gods blessing we
will

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will endeavour to arrange either an extension of
this truce or a firm and lasting peace, but in the
event of our being unable to come to a satisfactory
adjustment regarding our respective claims, we
hereby bind ourselves to give notice on or about
the above date to the British Resident, of our
intention to renew hostilities after the expiration
of the term now fixed upon for this truce viz^t
the end of Mohurrum 1257

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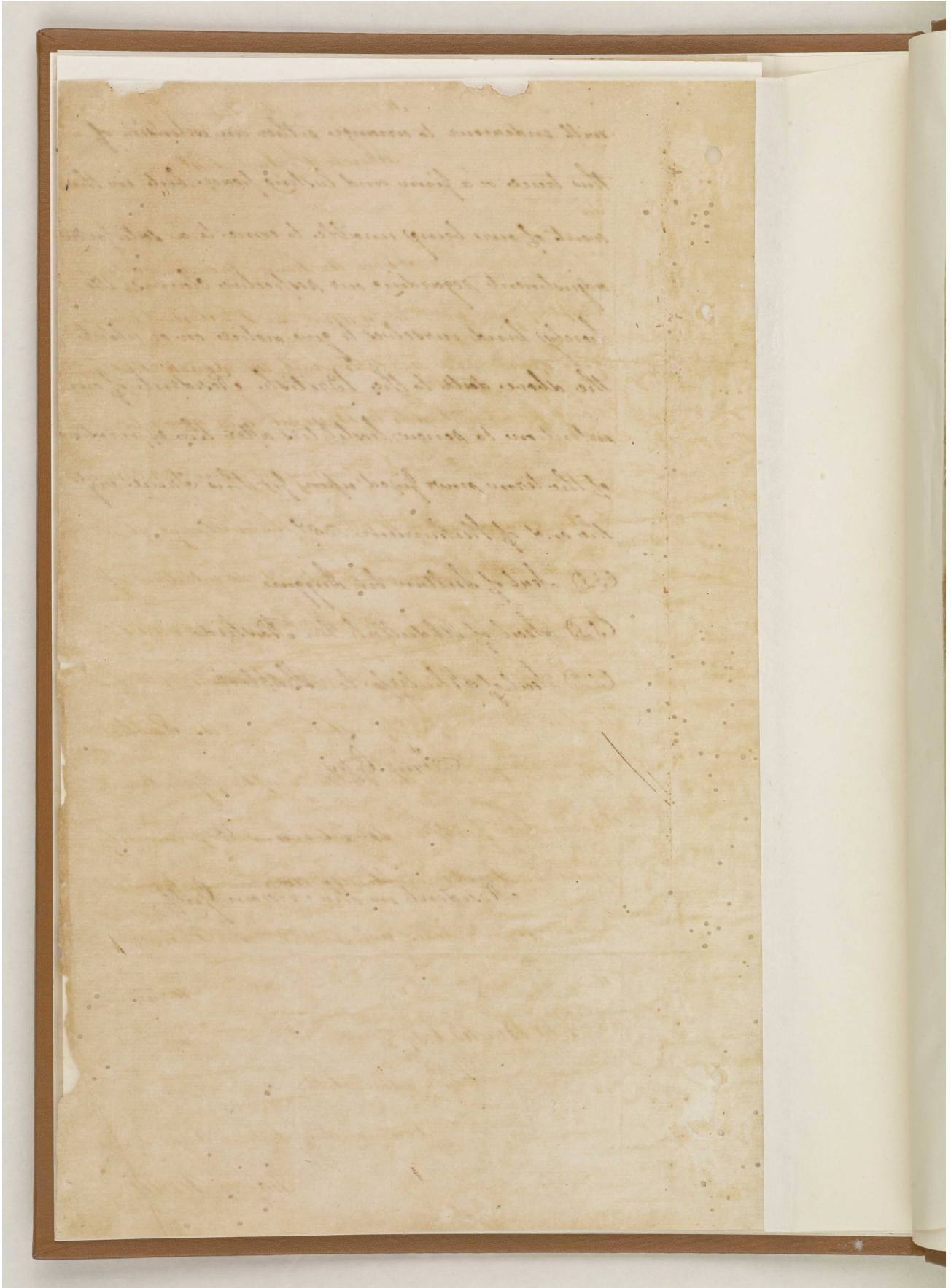
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S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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Substance of a letter from Moolah Kogbeera's
Agent at Shargah to Captain Hennell,
Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 28th October
1840.

I have the honor to report
the particulars of the following case of piracy
which has occurred on the gutter coast,
by certain evil-disposed persons, usually
residing in Bedda. On the termination
of this year's season, these persons, viz
Jubber Ruzgragee, Moobaruk bin Salamah
Fowires bin Salamah, Jasim-ool-Arij-ool-
Sooweedee - Hillaal, Ayed-ool-Gutteree, Mami
and Khuleefa ben Yaan returned to
Bedda and having been joined by four
others prepared a boat for the purpose of piracy.
About this time a Ras-el-Shymah boat with
money and cargo arrived at Bedda for the
purpose of trading. The cupidity of these lawless
characters being incited, they sent one of their
party to make enquiries, and having ascer-
-tained that on leaving Bedda, she intended
to sail to Towaret, they embarked and pursued

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to the latter place. On the Ras-el-Rhyamah
Vessel arriving and taking her departure
for Bahrein they followed her as far as
Khor-el-Jullaya where they seized her together
with all the cash and cargo on board,
and having stripped the crew cast them
on shore. They then with their prize pro-
-ceeded to the Dooat-Benigas and entered ^{+ the backwaters}
Khor Shijer. The cargo on board the captured ^{lying between}
boat consisted of 600 M.S. Rupees. 6 Sirbars ^{Abou thabee and}
of Henna, 2 Men of Color (one free and ^{adeed.}
the other a Slave) 2 Daggers, one Match-
-lock one Waistbelt. I have since learnt
from Bedda that ^{when} Sheik Salmin ben Nasir
heard of what had taken place, he despatched
a Vessel with 50 Men to Khor Shijer where
they found the Ras-el-Rhyamah ^{boats} with all
her cargo, which they seized together with
all the pirates, whom they brought to Bedda
and delivered with the two boats and the plun-
-dered property to their chief. Sultan ben
Suggur on hearing this, informed me of
the same, and I have written to Salmin

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to take care of the goods thus recovered
True translation
/signed/ S. Hennell.
Resident of

2/-
Translation of a letter from Captain S.
Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf to
Salim ben Nasir the Sheik of Beddah.
dated Karrak 12th December 1840.

A. b. It is with much regret that
I have received intelligence that certain
evil-disposed persons residing in your
port named Jubbur Ragnage, Moobarak
bin Sulumah, Howares bin Sulumah
Jafsun-ul-Ary-oo-Sowedee, Kullab-ayeed
ool-Gutteree, Marnia and Khulefa ben
Zaan have been guilty of a shameful act
of piracy in the capture and plunder of a
Rasul Khymah boat (off Khor-el-Jullaya
near Bahrein) of the following articles
600 M.S. Rupees, 6 Shiras of Henna, two Colored
Men, two daggers, 1 Matchlock, 1 Waist-belt.

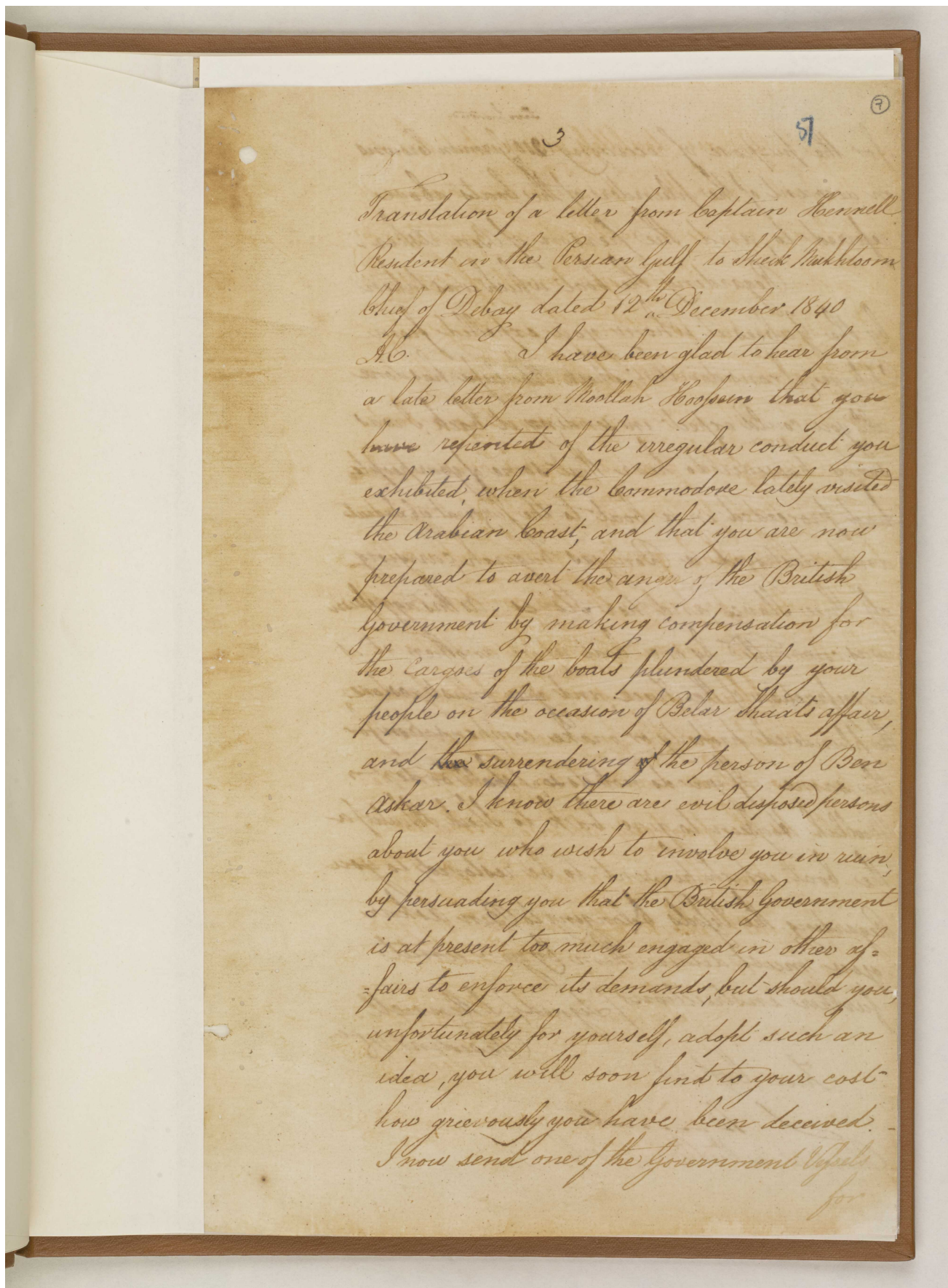
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You are doubtless aware that this is
not the first time these persons have been guilty
of such an act; and as they have always found
an asylum in Bedda, you must of course be
held responsible for their proceedings. I
was therefore much pleased to hear that
you had lost no time in sending a boat
in pursuit of the gallees in question, and
that you had fortunately succeeded in cap-
-turing the whole party, together with all
the plundered property. This is conduct which
will afford the Government much satisfaction.

I have now sent one of the Govern-
-ment Vessels for the purpose of receiving
the persons whose names are above specified
as well as the property detailed. The boat
you will keep by you and preserve from
injury until Sheik Sultan ben Suggur
sends for it.

(Signed) S. Hennell.
Resident Genl.

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Translation of a letter from Captain Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sheikh Mullahoom
Chief of Debay dated 12th December 1840
A.C. I have been glad to hear from
a late letter from Mollah Hoossein that you
have reported of the irregular conduct you
exhibited, when the Commodore lately visited
the Arabian Coast, and that you are now
prepared to avert the anger of the British
Government by making compensation for
the cargoes of the boats plundered by your
people on the occasion of Belar Shaat's affair,
and the surrendering of the person of Ben
askar. I know there are evil disposed persons
about you who wish to involve you in ruin,
by persuading you that the British Government
is at present too much engaged in other af-
fairs to enforce its demands, but should you,
unfortunately for yourself, adopt such an
idea, you will soon find to your cost
how grievously you have been deceived.
I now send one of the Government Vessels
for

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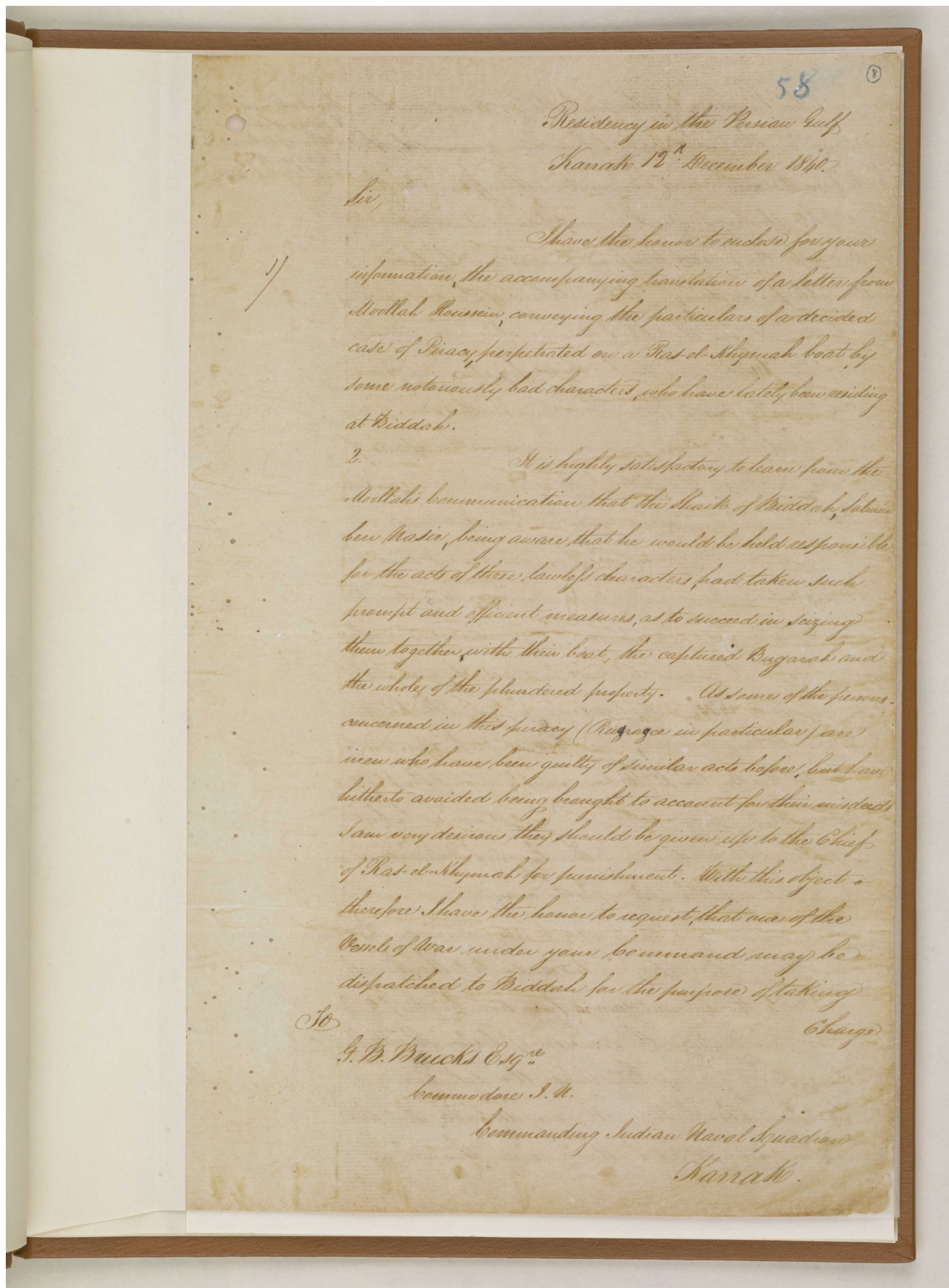
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for the purpose of receiving ^{two hundred} ~~two~~ German Crowns
on account of the plunder of the boats above
referred to, and the person of Ben Asker.

Regarding the boat which was taken
by the Gubeesat whom you expelled from
Debaye, I consider that Sheik Khulefa has done
all you could expect in sending it back. I was
sorry however to hear that some of your people
had proceeded in a boat to the Juzerat ul Sadeat
and destroyed a Benigas Bugarah, carrying
off three slaves and her stores - as this aggression
was committed by one boat upon another, it is
an infraction of the Truce, and you must restore
the plundered property, or make compensation for
the same. If you do not do so I shall order
Moollah Hoopari to give back to Sheik Khulefa
the boat which he sent to be restored to you.
Regarding the Effects belonging to Ben Askar
you must detain them by your until
further instructions / Signed / S. Hennell.
Resident &c.

True Copies

S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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Residency in the Persian Gulf
Karachi 12th December 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your information, the accompanying translation of a letter from Mollah Hussein, conveying the particulars of a decided case of Piracy perpetrated on a Ras-el-Nigmah boat by some notoriously bad characters, who have lately been residing at Biddah.

It is highly satisfactory to learn from the Mollah's communication that the Shaikh of Biddah, Soliman ben Masin, being aware that he would be held responsible for the acts of these lawless characters, had taken such prompt and efficient measures, as to succeed in seizing them together with their boat, the captured Bugarah and the whole of the plundered property. As some of the persons concerned in this piracy (Ruzages in particular) are men who have been guilty of similar acts before, but have hitherto avoided being brought to account for their misdeeds, I am very desirous they should be given up to the Chief of Ras-el-Nigmah for punishment. With this object therefore I have the honor to request, that one of the Vessels of War under your command may be dispatched to Biddah for the purpose of taking charge

To

G. B. Brucks Esq^r

Commodore I. N.

Commanding Indian Naval Squadron
Karachi.

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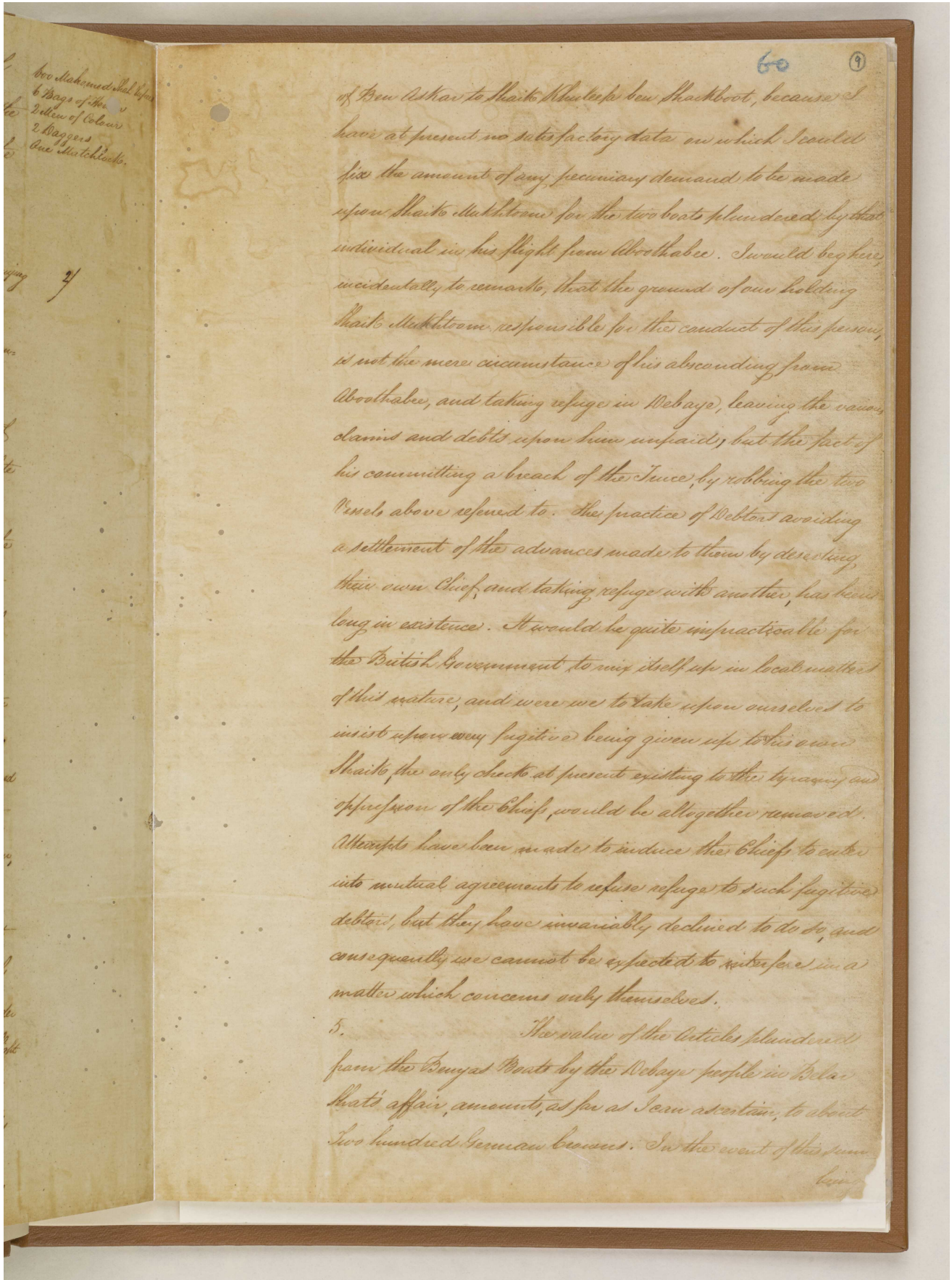
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 charge of the Prisoners, together with the goods and cash
 mentioned in the margin which have been recovered by the
 Marks from the individuals concerned in this affair. In the
 event of his refusing or evading compliance, it will be
 sufficient for the present, to inform him he will be held
 responsible for, so doing. A translation of the accompanying
 letter to the address of that Chief is now enclosed for your
 information. While en route for Biddah, I would recom-
 mend that the vessel of War proceeding on this service,
 should touch at Bahien, in order to receive the reports of
 the Agent, and learn the state of affairs at that place, no late
 communications having been received from that Quarter.

600 Makhmed Sal Khan
 6 Bags of Tea
 2 Bales of Colours
 2 Daggers
 One Matchlock.

3
 As some time has now elapsed since the
 Coast of Oman has been visited by our Cruisers, I consider it
 advisable, that on the completion of the service at Biddah,
 the vessel of War should proceed direct to Ras-el-Majmal and
 deliver over the Prizes, and plundered property of Shaikh Sultan
 Ben Suggur's boat, to that Chief, taking his receipts for the same;
 but should the Biddah Marks have simply restored the plundered
 property without giving up the prisoners, it would be best
 that it should be made over to the charge of Moolah Hussein,
 the Agent at Shargah, for delivery to the owner.

4
 I am happy to acquaint you that
 Shaikh Mulktoon has expressed his readiness to the Shargah
 Agent, to settle the amount claimed from him for the plunder
 of the Benyas Boats on the occasion of Belon Shaat's flight
 to Debye, and to give up Ben Ashar, the delinquent
 fugitive from Abrothakee. It is very desirable, that this
 affair should be settled by the surrender, through us.

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of Ben Ashar to Shaik Muktom bin Shakhboot, because I have at present no satisfactory data on which I could fix the amount of any pecuniary demand to be made upon Shaik Muktom for the two boats plundered by that individual in his flight from Abrothabe. I would beg here, incidentally, to remark, that the ground of our holding Shaik Muktom responsible for the conduct of this person, is not the mere circumstance of his absconding from Abrothabe, and taking refuge in Nebaye, leaving the various claims and debts upon him unpaid, but the fact of his committing a breach of the Truce, by robbing the two Babels above referred to. The practice of Nebay's avoiding a settlement of the advances made to them by deserting their own Chief, and taking refuge with another, has been long in existence. It would be quite impracticable for the British Government, to mix itself up in local matters of this nature, and were we to take upon ourselves to insist upon every fugitive being given up to his own Shaik, the only checks at present existing to the tyranny and oppression of the Chief, would be altogether removed. Attempts have been made to induce the Chief to enter into mutual agreements to refuse refuge to such fugitive debtors, but they have invariably declined to do so, and consequently we cannot be expected to interfere in a matter which concerns only themselves.

5. The value of the articles plundered from the Bungal Boats by the Nebaye people in Beha Shaik's affair, amounts, as far as I can ascertain, to about two hundred Persian Bases. In the event of this sum being

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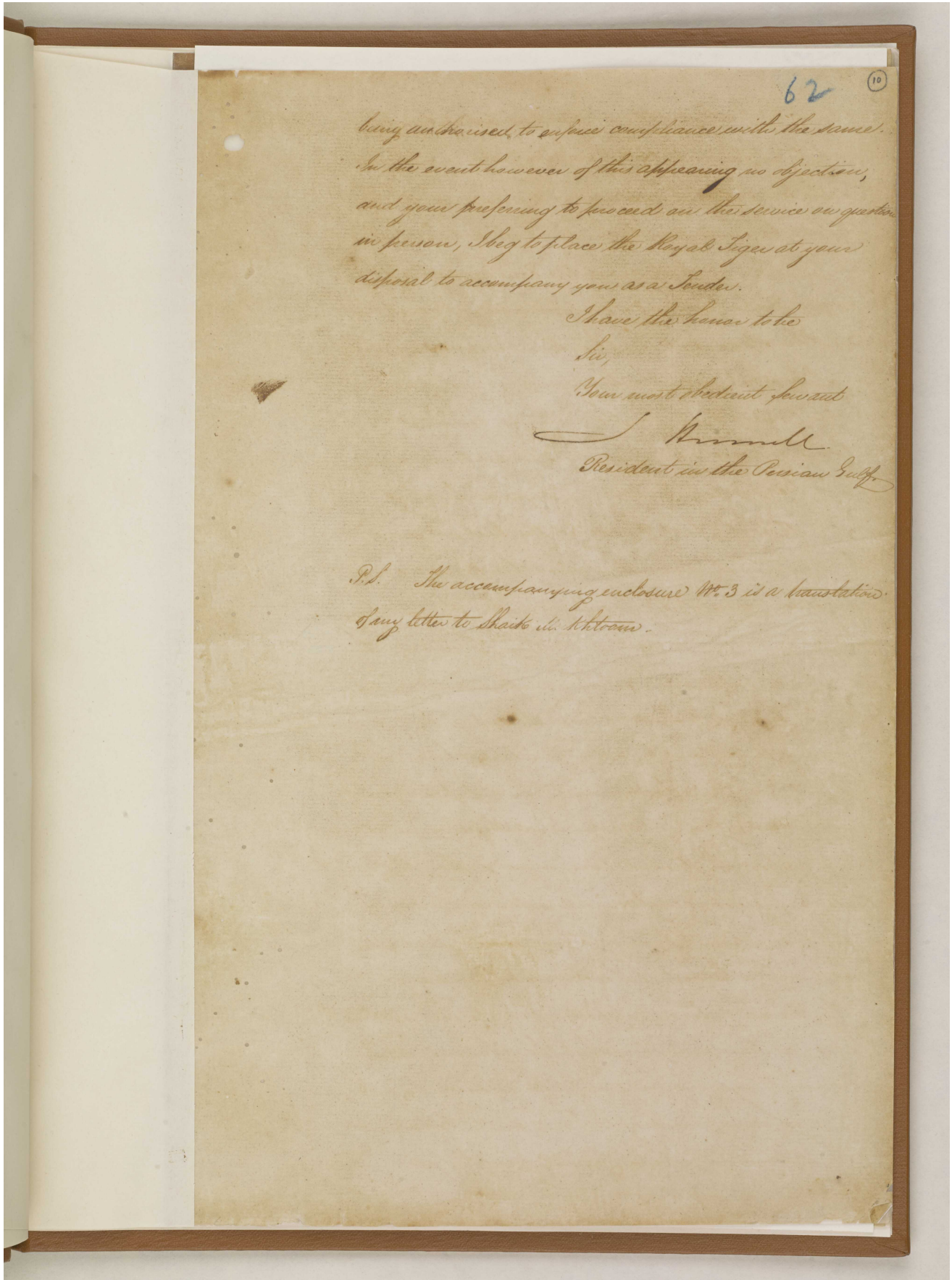
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being paid by Shaik Muktoum, and his dewan being given up to us, I request that the vessel of war may proceed to Abothabee, and that individuals together with the sum in question, be made over to Shaik Muktouf ben Shakhod.

6 With regard to a later complaint from the Bungal Chief, on account of the destruction of a boat, the seizure of her stores, and the three slaves composing her crew, while employed in cutting wood in one of the backwaters near Abothabee, the act must be looked on as a breach of peace, as the aggressors (a party of Debye Men and Bedouins) embarked in a bogaah for this purpose; otherwise, had they seized the boat on shore without leaving the land themselves, the offence would not have been considered as coming within the conditions of the treaty. I have instructed Mollah Moussem in the event of Shaik Muktoum declining to afford compensation for this act, to return to Shaik Muktouf the Debye boat which he lately sent to our Agent for restoration to Muktoum.

The boat was stolen & destroyed by a party of the Bogaah who had been expelled from Debye by Shaik Muktoum.

7 As the information I possess regarding the piracy committed by Piragesee and the amount of the claims upon Shaik Muktoum is not sufficiently definite at present to enable me to authorise their being brought to a settlement, by using coercive measures, it appears to me it would be best if the Honourable Company's King Agents were to be despatched upon the Service above referred to, as I am unwilling that the influence attached to your rank and name should be lessened by an apparent noncompliance with any demands proposed by you, when circumstances do not admit of your being

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being authorised to enforce compliance with the same.
In the event however of this appearing no objection,
and your preferring to proceed on the service on quarters
in person, I beg to place the Royal Tiger at your
disposal to accompany you as a Squire.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

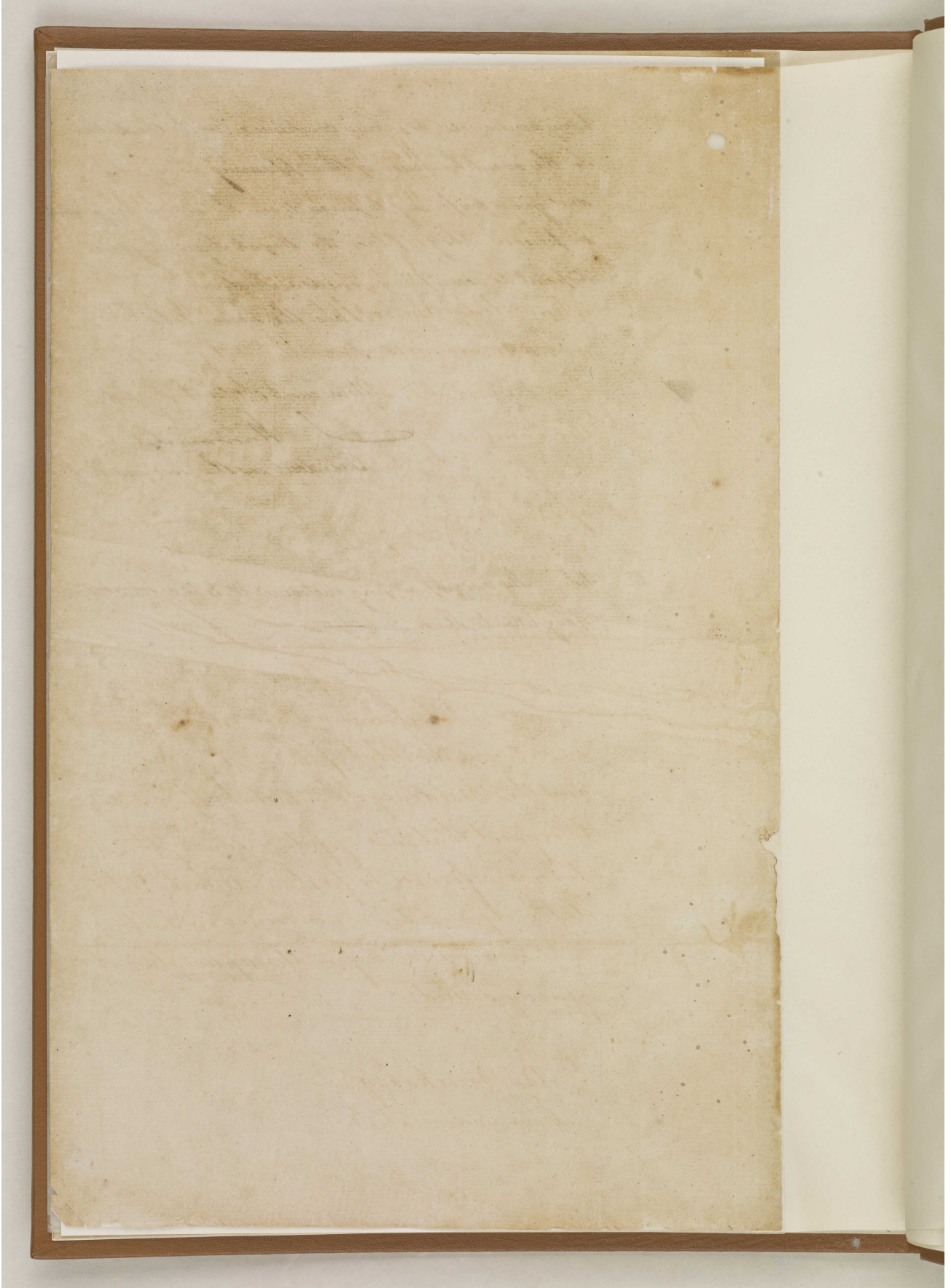
Your most obedient servant

S Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

P.S. The accompanying enclosure No. 3 is a translation
of my letter to Shaikh ul Khatoon.

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Residency in the Persian Gulf
Harrak 12th February 1841.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive
Lieut. Stephen's report of his proceedings dur-
-ing the late cruise of the Honorable Company's
Brig of War Tigris along the Arabian coast.

2nd It is with much regret I find
that the rumours of the seizure of Jubbur Rugraque
and his associates by the Sheik of Biddah, and
the recovery of the plundered property turn out
to be unfounded.

3rd The statements made to Lieut.
Stephen by Sheik Salmin bin Nasir regarding
Jubbur Rugraque, are, as asserted by Moolleh
Hoofsein, untrue, and strong grounds exist for
suspecting that the Biddah Sheik not only con-
-nives at these lawless acts, but even participates
in the plunder thus nefariously acquired.

4th It is sufficient however for
our purpose that the fact of Jubbur Rugraque
having found an asylum in Biddah the last

To,
G. B. Brucks Esq.
Commodore I. N.
Commanding Indian Naval Squadron
Persian Gulf
Pearl

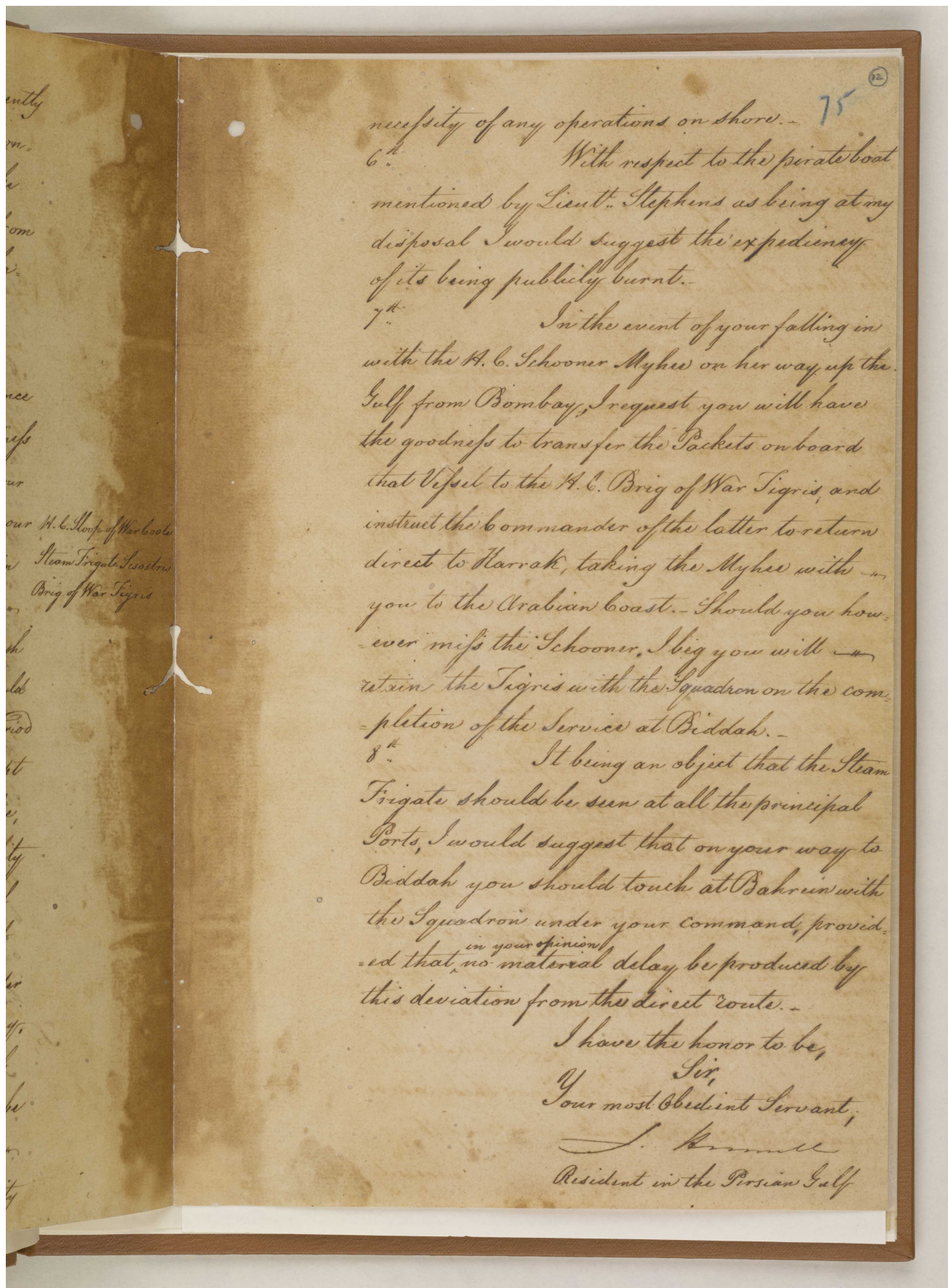
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Pearl Fishery is unquestioned, and consequently Sheik Salmin bin Nasir becomes fully responsible for all his proceedings, and must make good the value of the property plundered from the Rasel Khymah boat by the notorious character in question.

5th I have accordingly the honor to request that so soon as the convenience of the service admits, you will have the goodness to proceed to Biddah with the vessels under your command specified in the Margin, and on your arrival at that place, call upon Sheik Salmin bin Nasir to pay forthwith the sum of three hundred German crowns, as the value of the Cash Cargo and Stores of the plundered Vessel. Should the Sheik consent to do this after a limited period for consideration, you will be pleased to accept goods and property at their estimated value, in lieu of money, should he plead his inability to produce the latter. In the event however of Salmin bin Nasir refusing compliance with the demands made upon him, you will consider yourself authorised to treat him as an enemy, and to enforce compliance by all the Naval means at your disposal so far as these can be made available without involving the
necessity

H. C. Sloop of War Coote
Steam Frigate Tesostris
Brig of War Tigres

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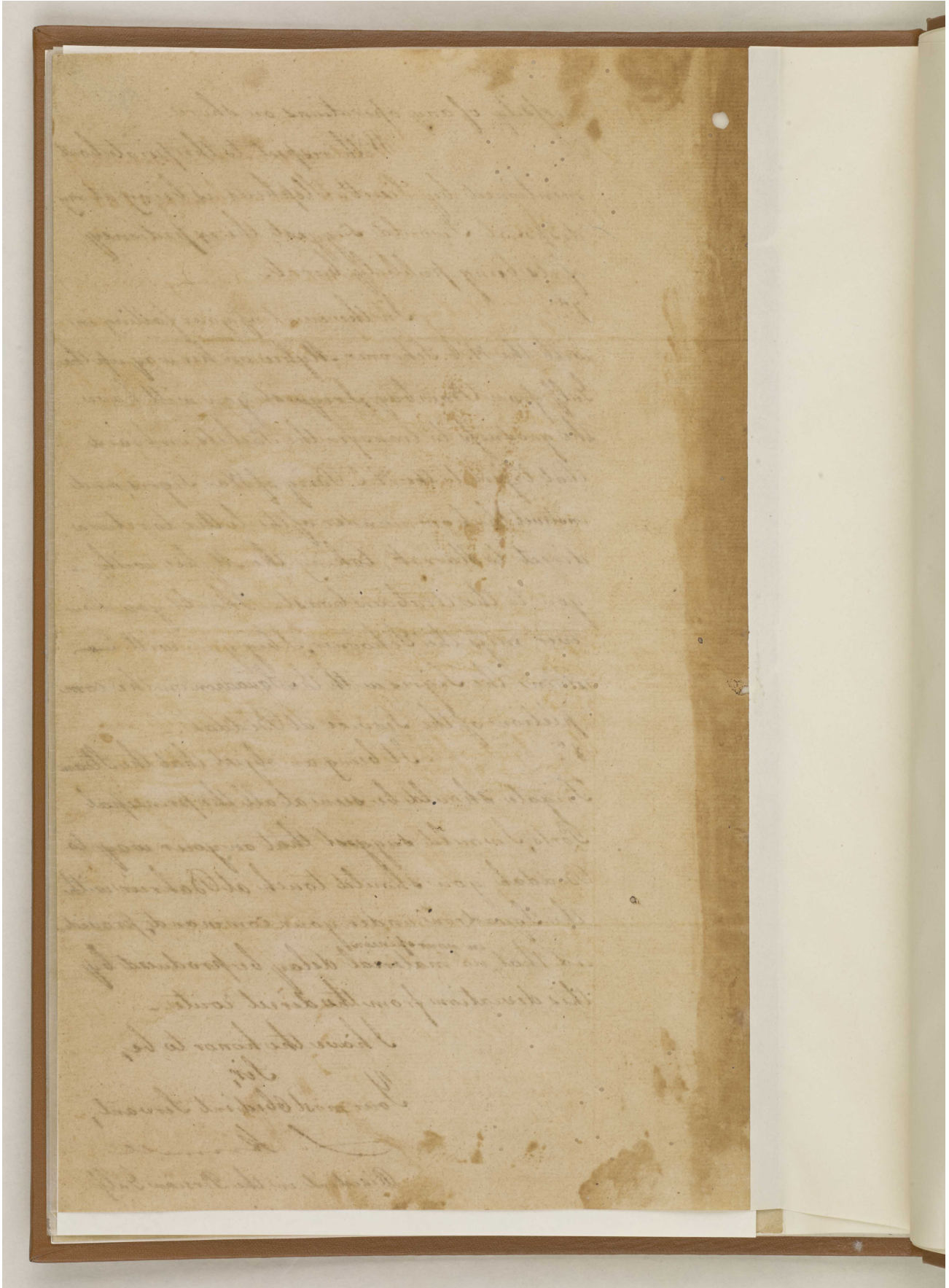
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necessity of any operations on shore. - 75
6th With respect to the pirate boat mentioned by Lieut. Stephens as being at my disposal I would suggest the expediency of its being publicly burnt.

7th In the event of your falling in with the H. C. Schooner Myhee on her way up the Gulf from Bombay, I request you will have the goodness to transfer the Packets on board that Vessel to the H. C. Brig of War Tigris, and instruct the Commander of the latter to return direct to Harrah, taking the Myhee with you to the Arabian Coast. - Should you however miss the Schooner, I beg you will retain the Tigris with the Squadron on the completion of the Service at Biddah.

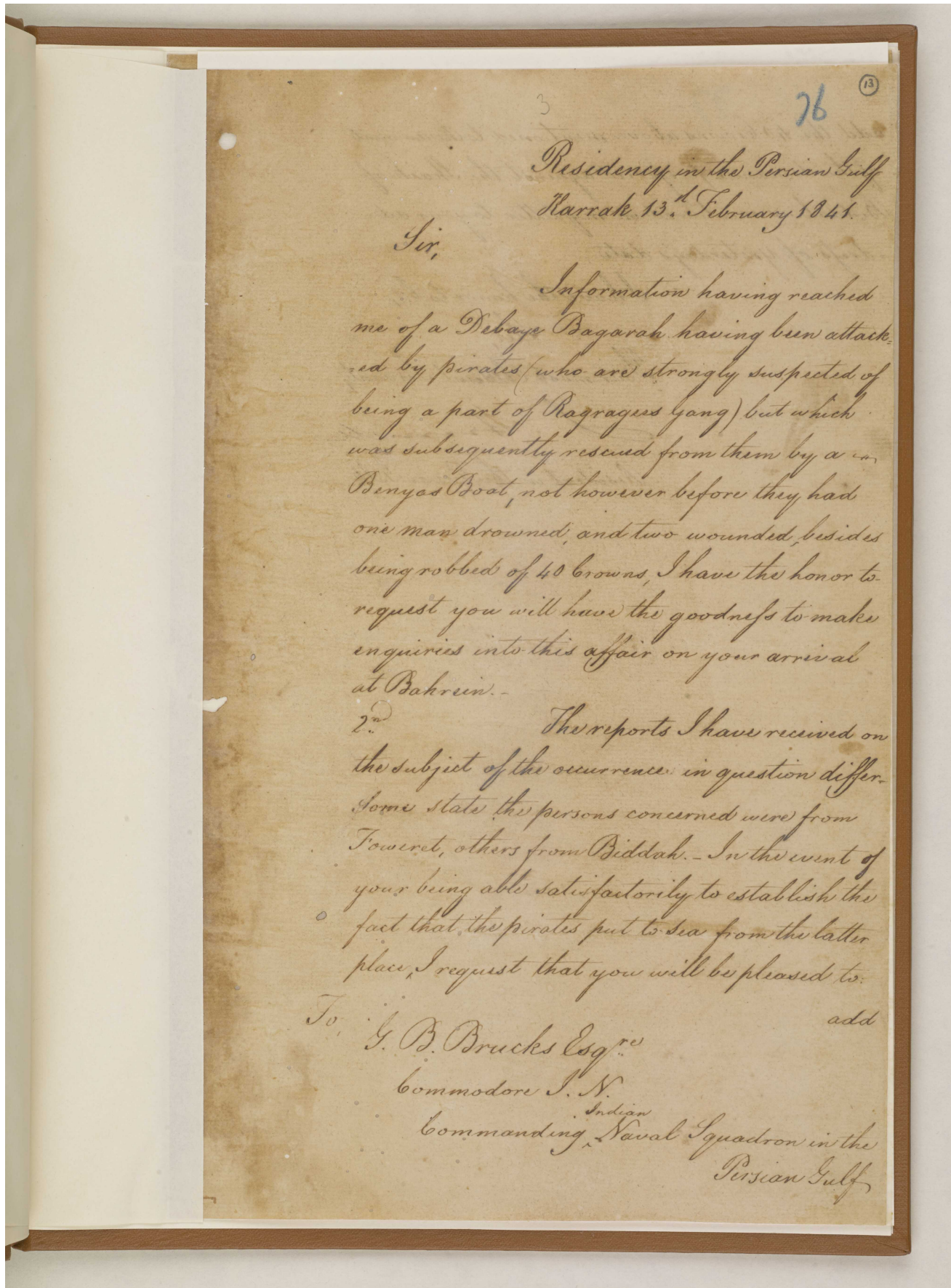
8th It being an object that the Steam Frigate should be seen at all the principal Ports, I would suggest that on your way to Biddah you should touch at Bahrein with the Squadron under your Command, provided that ^{in your opinion} no material delay be produced by this deviation from the direct route.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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Residency in the Persian Gulf
Narrak 13th February 1841.

Sir,

Information having reached me of a *Debaye Bagarak* having been attacked by pirates (who are strongly suspected of being a part of *Ragragus* gang) but which was subsequently rescued from them by a *Benyas* Boat, not however before they had one man drowned, and two wounded, besides being robbed of 40 Crowns, I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to make enquiries into this affair on your arrival at *Bahrain*.

The reports I have received on the subject of the occurrence in question differ. Some state the persons concerned were from *Foweret*, others from *Biddah*. - In the event of your being able satisfactorily to establish the fact that the pirates put to sea from the latter place, I request that you will be pleased to

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add the 40 Crowns above mentioned to the amount
of the demands preferred against the Shaik of
Biddah as mentioned in my letter to your ad-
-drefs of yesterday's date.

I have the honor to be,

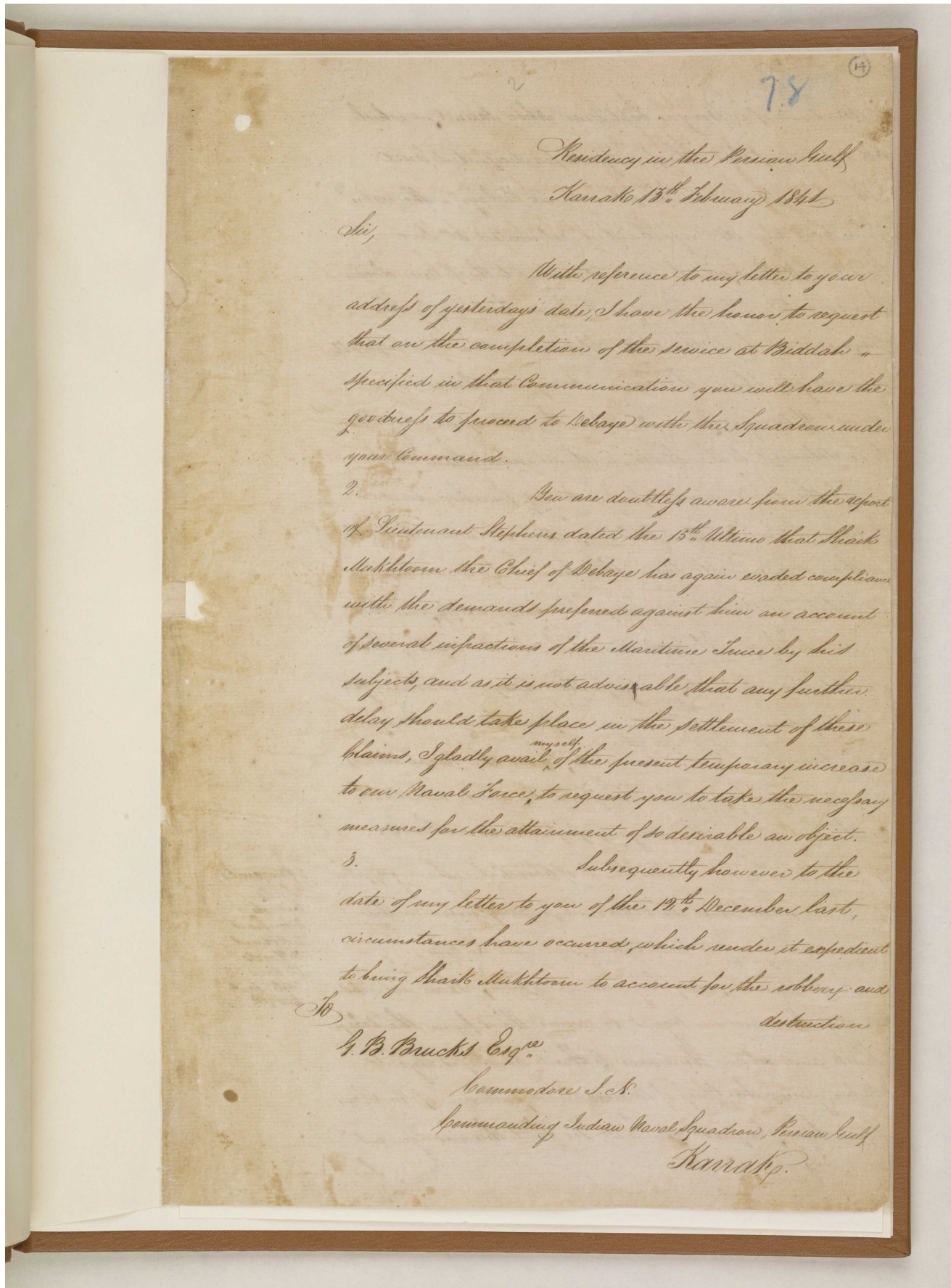
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Residency in the Persian Gulf
Karacke 13th February 1844

Sir,

With reference to my letter to you an
address of yesterday's date, I have the honor to request
that on the completion of the service at Biddah -
specified in that Communication you will have the
goodness to proceed to Debye with this Squadron under
your Command.

2. You are doubtless aware from the report
of Lieutenant Stephens dated the 15th Ultimo that Shais
Mukhtoom the Chief of Debye has again evaded compliance
with the demands preferred against him on account
of several infractions of the Maritime Law by his
subjects, and as it is not advisable that any further
delay should take place in the settlement of these
claims, I gladly avail ^{myself} of the present temporary increase
to our Naval Force, to request you to take the necessary
measures for the attainment of so desirable an object.

3. Subsequently however to the
date of my letter to you of the 12th December last,
circumstances have occurred which render it expedient
to bring Shais Mukhtoom to account for the robbery and
destruction

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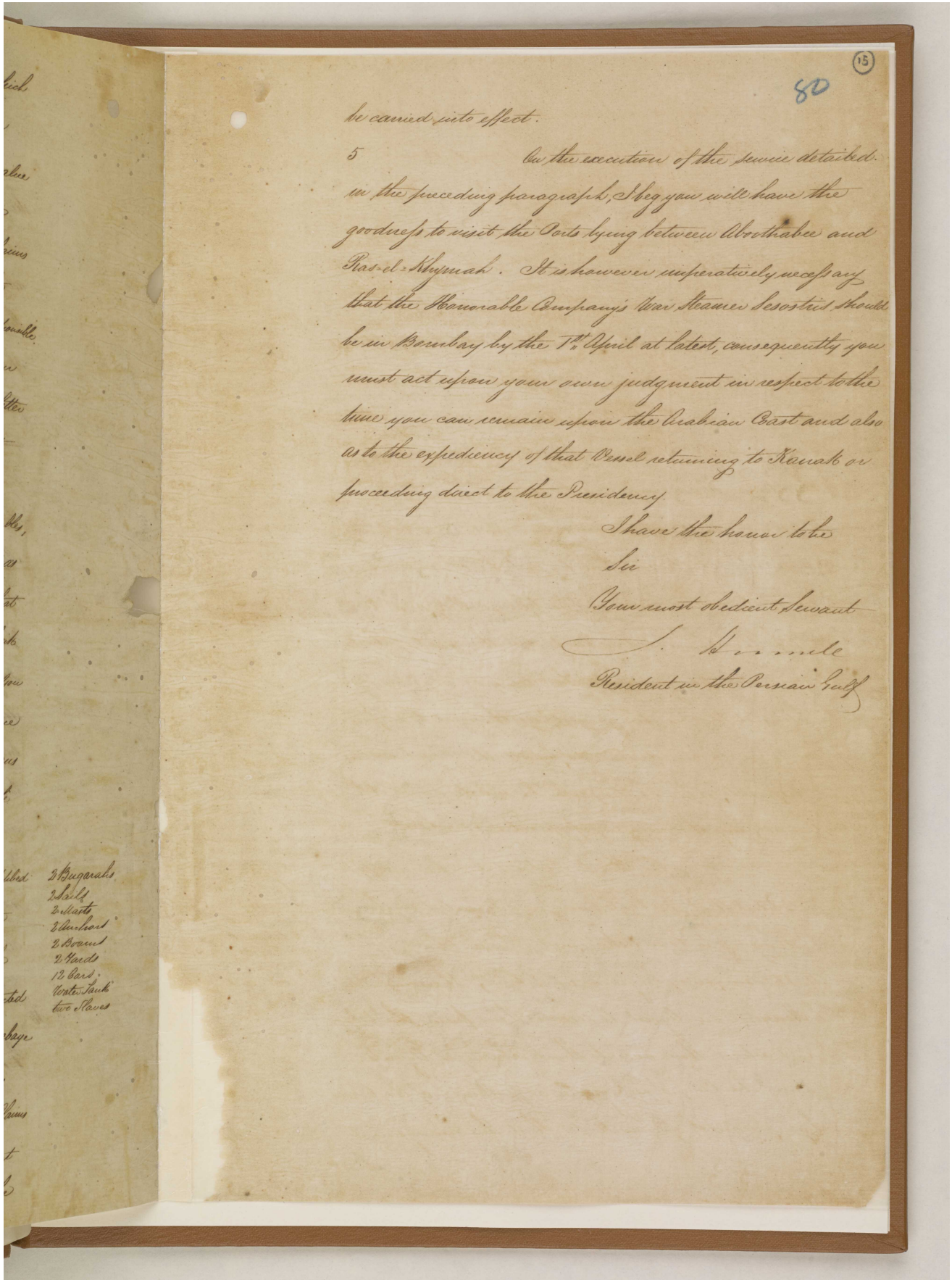
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destruction of a Beyas boat near Sheer Sediat, in which
and a party of that Chief's subjects participated, and
afterwards openly sold the plunder in Dehage - The value
of this boat and its Cargo has been estimated at Two
hundred Dollars, which amount added to the former claims
forms a total of Four hundred Hermana brauns, for the
payment of which Shaik Mukhtoum must be held responsible.
Accordingly I have the honor to request that on your
arrival off Dehage, you will cause the accompanying letter
to be delivered to the Shaik, with an intimation that
unless the sum above referred to viz. four hundred
Hermana brauns be paid down, either in Coin or Valuables,
within a reasonable time, that he will be considered as
a violator of the truce and public tranquillity, and that
he will be forthwith treated as such. In the event of Shaik
Mukhtoum attempting any further delay or evasion, you
will be pleased to consider yourself authorized to enforce
compliance with our demands, by all the Naval means
at your disposal, as far as they can be made available
without involving the necessity of operations on land.

4 The Shaik of Abroothabe, having applied
to me in order that the boats and property, noted in the
margin belonging to Ben Ashar, and now in charge of
Shaik Mukhtoum, may be given up to him, I have instructed
Moolah Houssein our Agent to receive them from the Dehage
Shaik, and deliver them over to Shaik Shuleh's Agents.
Before giving the Chief of Dehage an acquittance of the claims
upon him, I request you will see that this arrangement
be

2 Hugarahs
2 Shells
2 Shaik
3 Munchard
2 Braum
2 Hards
13 Cars
Water Shaik
two Slaves

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be carried into effect.

5 On the execution of the service detailed
in the preceding paragraph, I beg you will have the
goodness to visit the Ports lying between Abrothaber and
Ras-el-Nymah. It is however imperatively necessary
that the Honorable Company's War Steamer 'Sesostis' should
be in Bombay by the 1st April at latest, consequently you
must act upon your own judgment in respect to the
time you can remain upon the Arabian Coast and also
as to the expediency of that Vessel returning to Karachi or
proceeding direct to the Presidency.

I have the honor to be

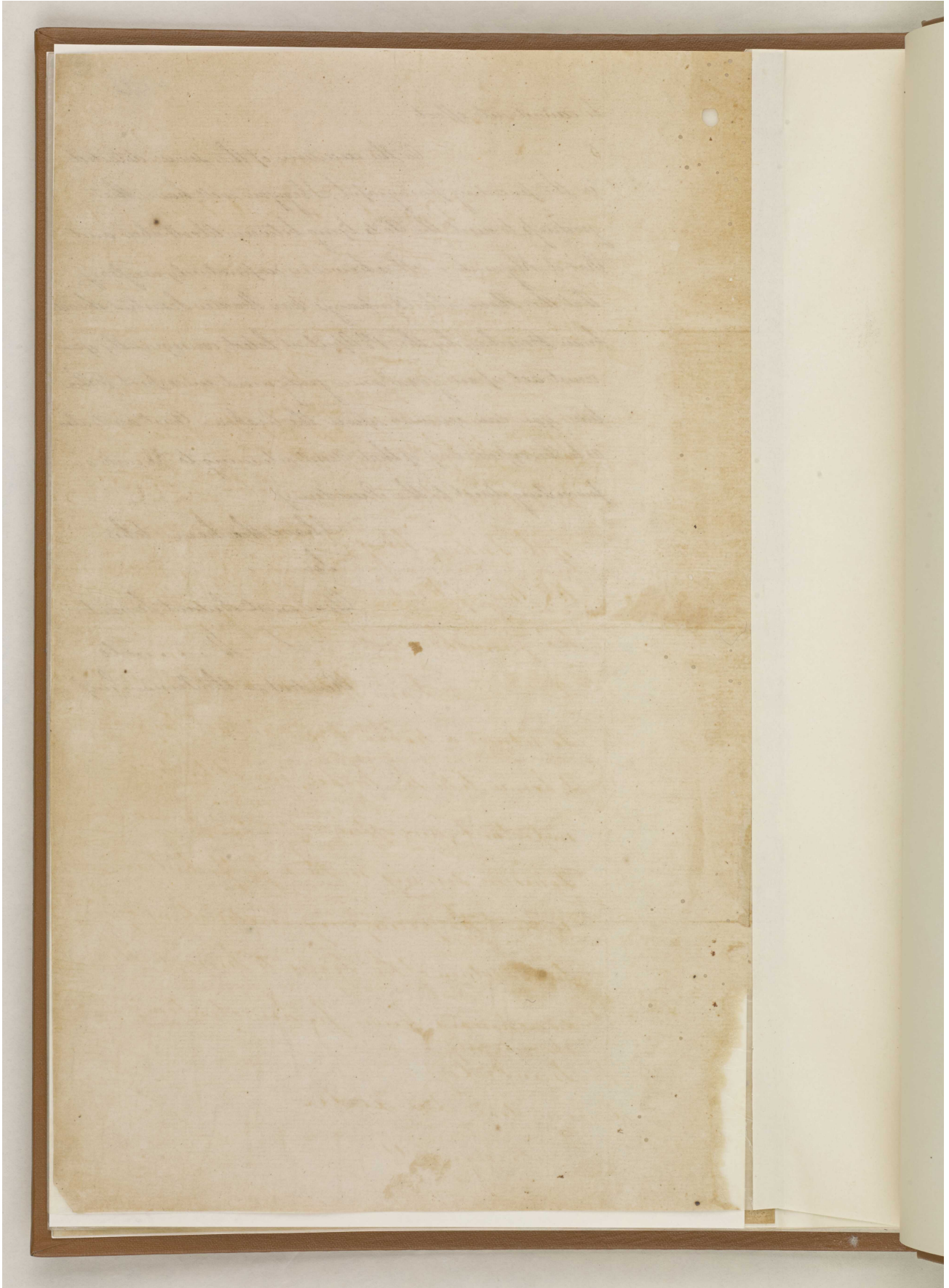
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

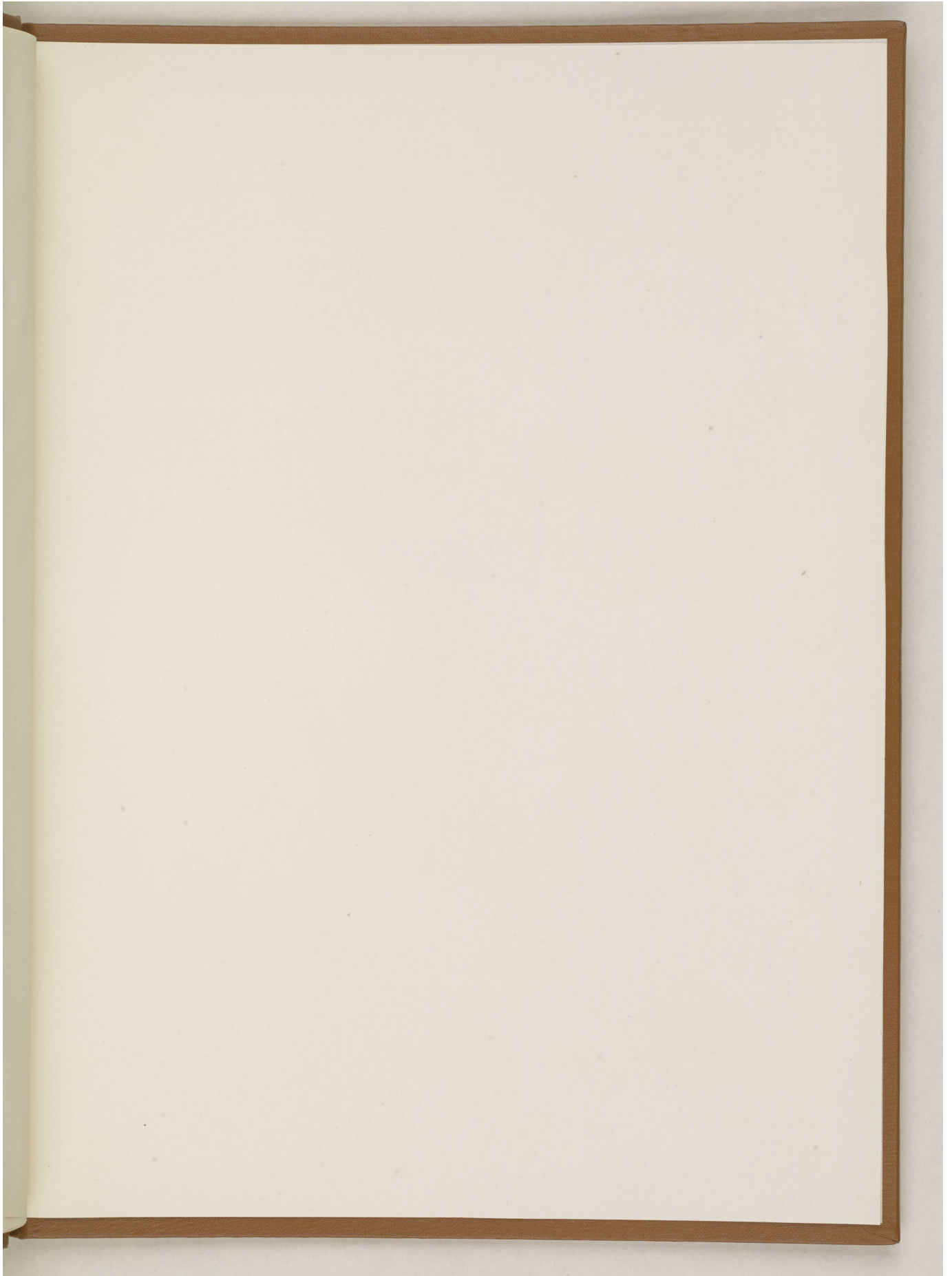
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3 Hugganahs
2 Shields
2 Silents
2 Gunboats
2 Boats
2 Masts
13 Bars
Water Tank
two Haws

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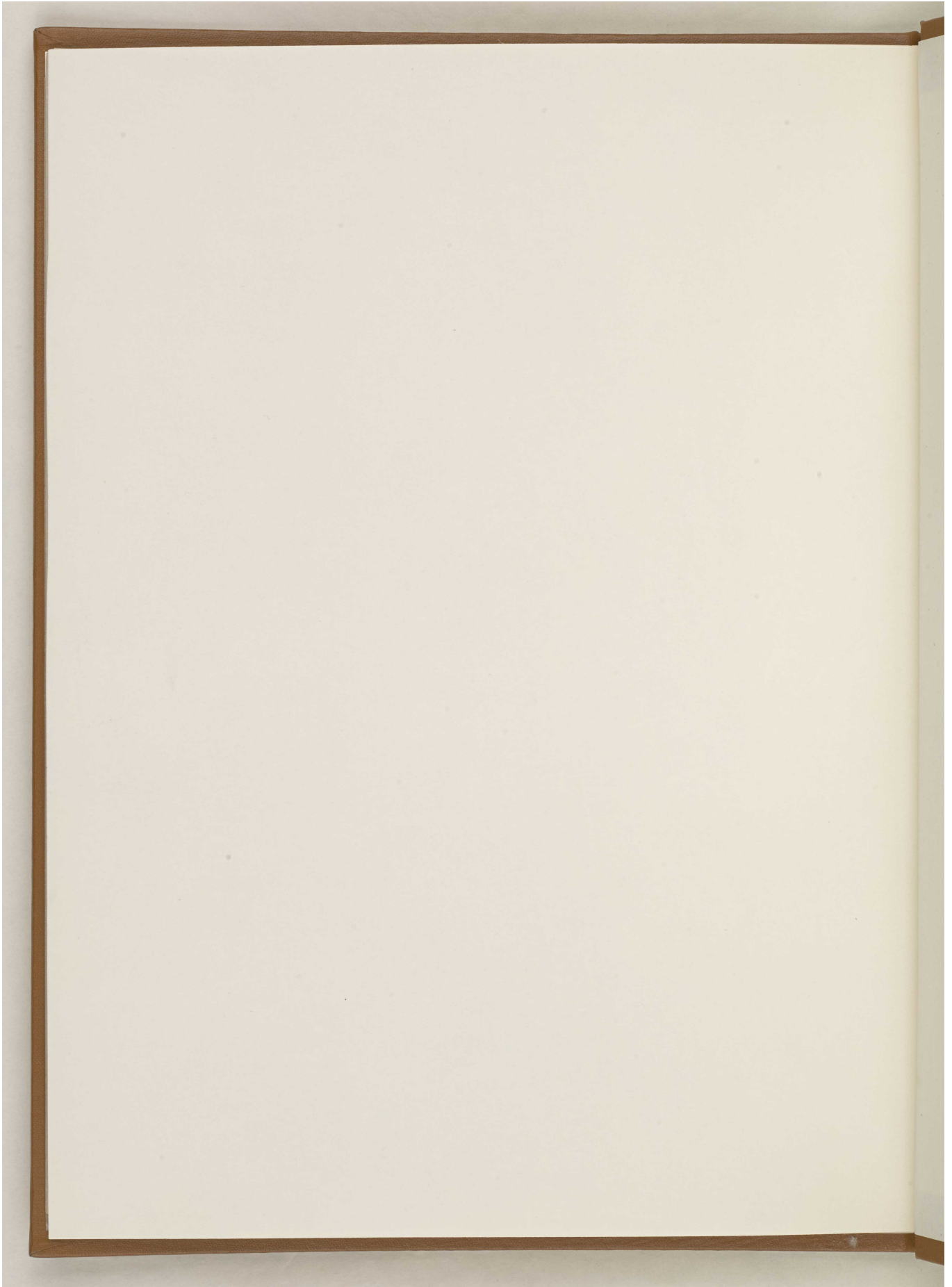
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