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### '14/102 I Sir Abu Nu`air'

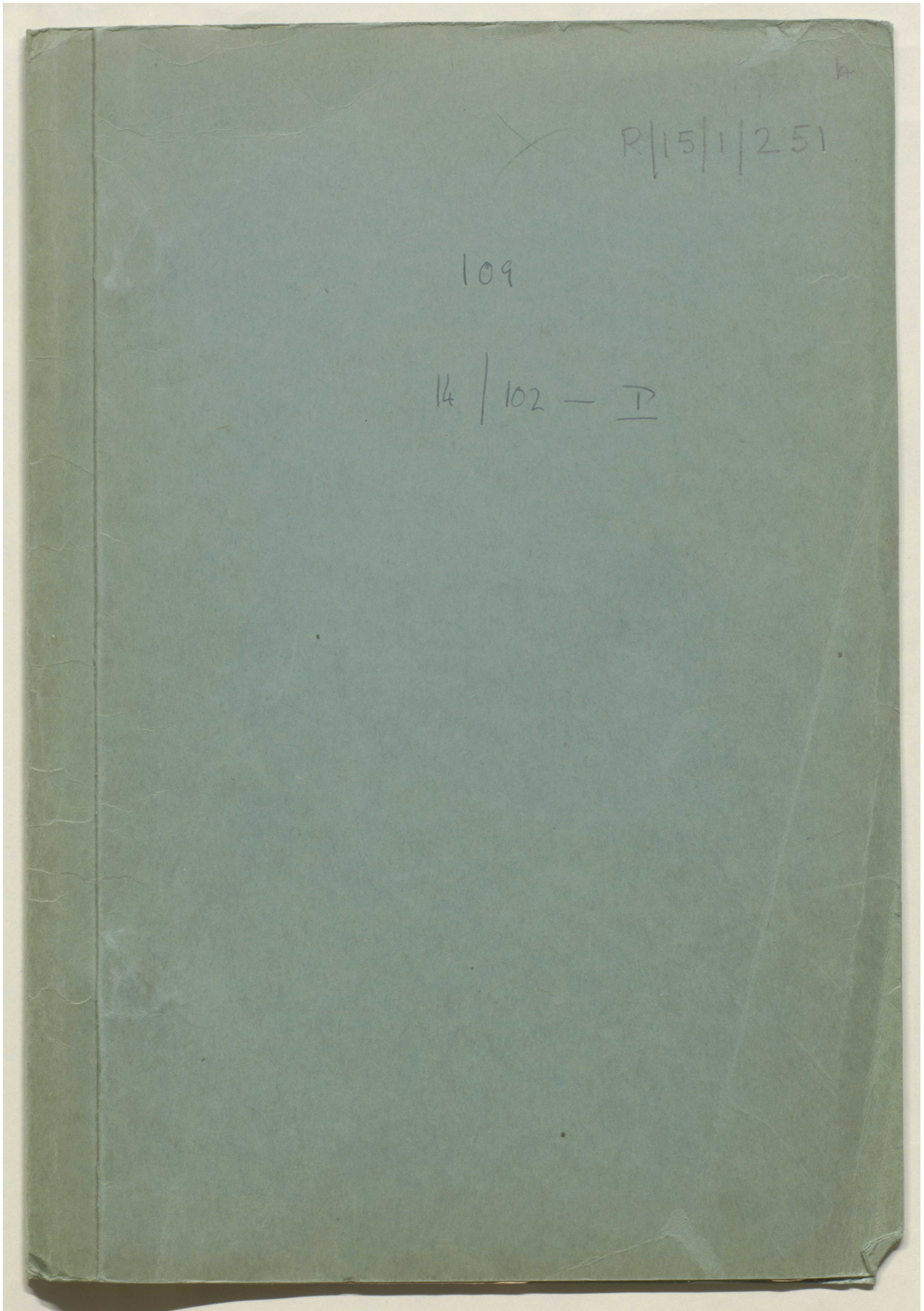
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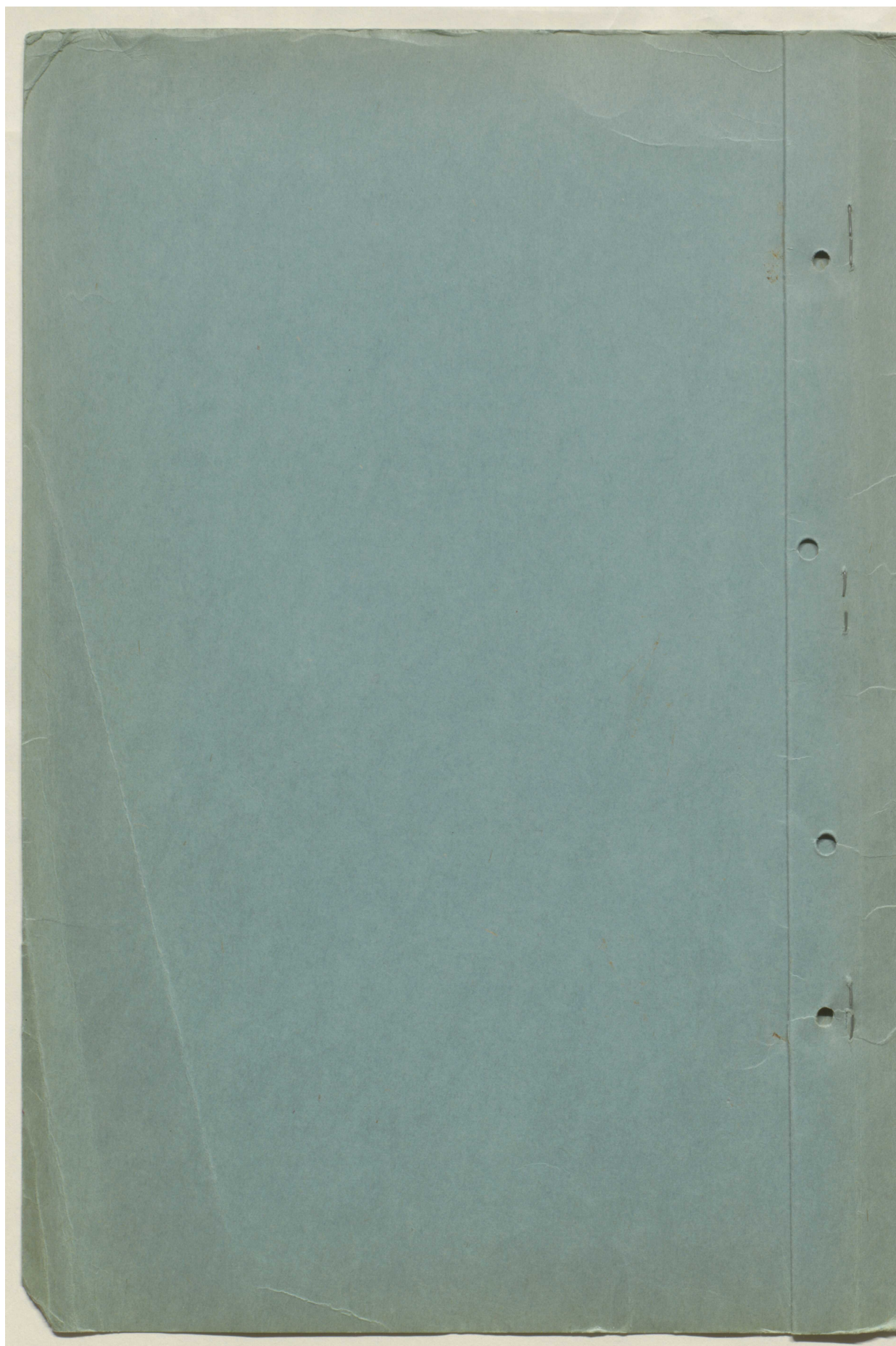
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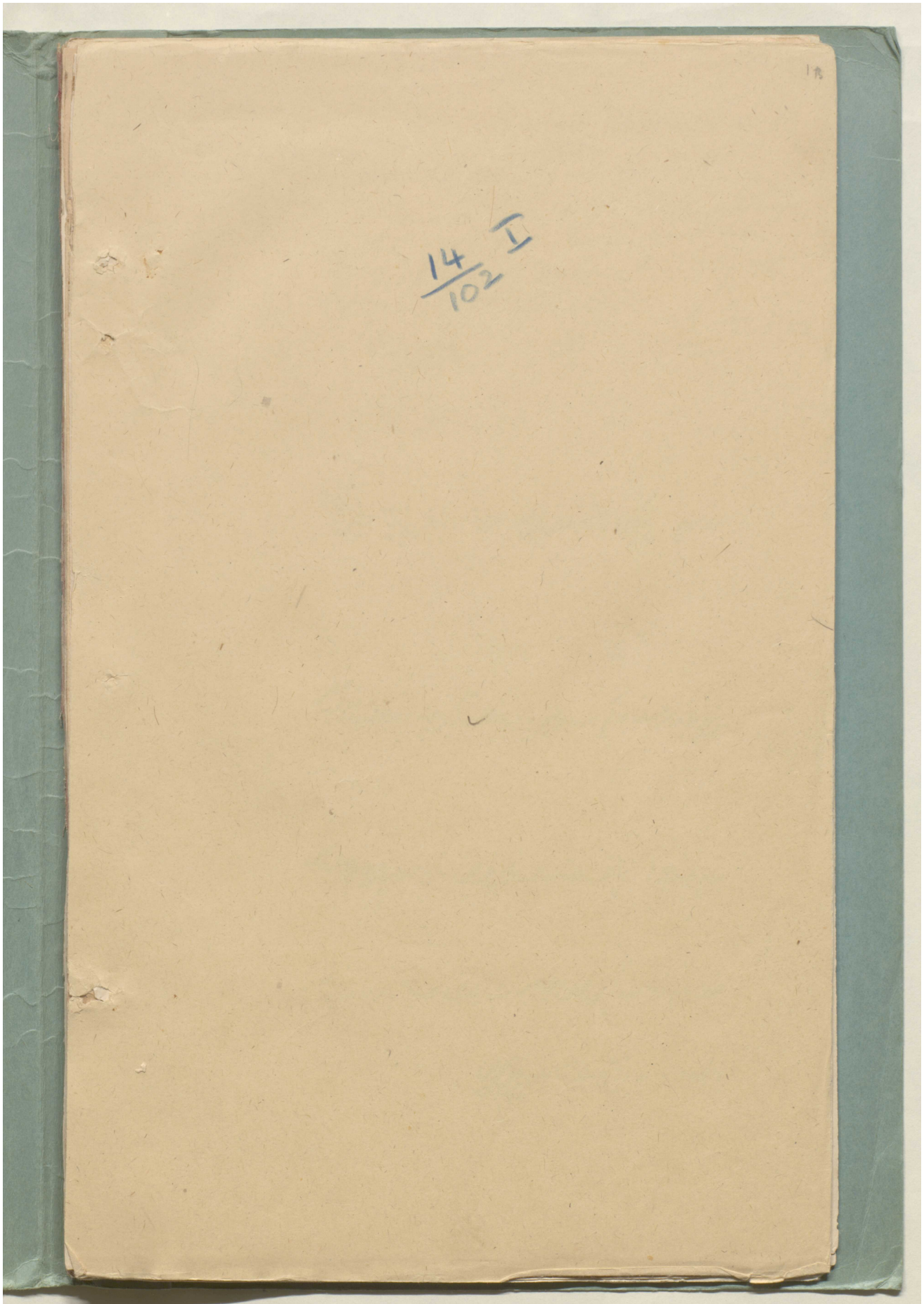
This file contains correspondence relating to the island of Sir Abu Nu'ayr[Şīr Bū Nu'ayr], its use and ownership. It consists mainly of letters in Arabic with English translations. The main correspondents are Shaikh Za'id bin Khalifah, Chief of Abu Dhabi; Political Resident Persian Gulf; Residency Agent, Sharjah. Most of the correspondence is dated 1902 or 1933; there are also copies of letters from 1921 which discuss the building of a water supply for divers. Letters discuss how the Shaikh of Sharjah claimed the island and the concerns of Shaikh Za'id bin Khalifah of Abu Dhabi over this claim. Issues discussed are whether the islands have remained uninhabited and whether a settlement could be a threat to Abu Dhabi and lead to a breach of the maritime peace. One letter discusses how the sale of salt from the island supports the claim of Sharjah.

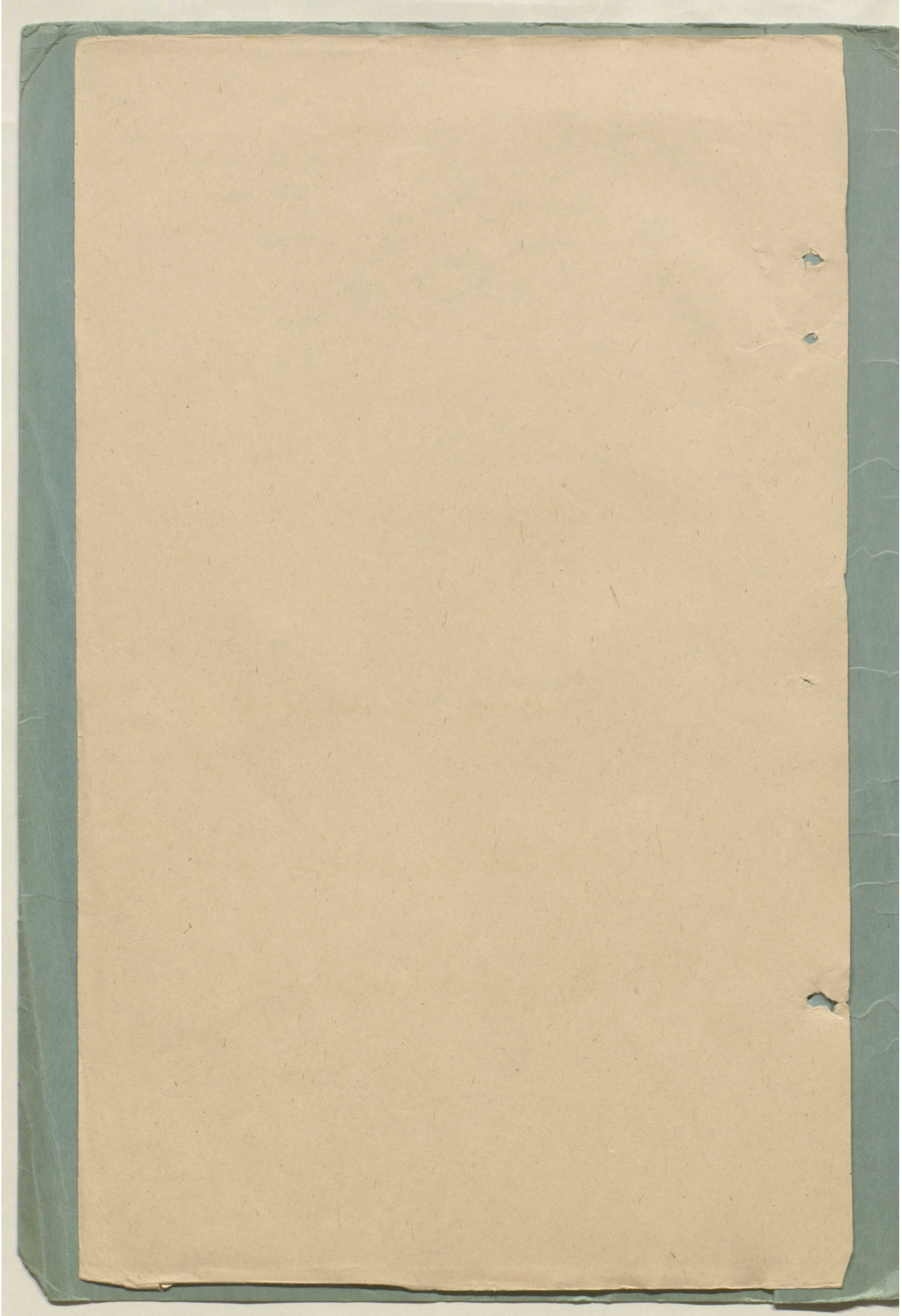
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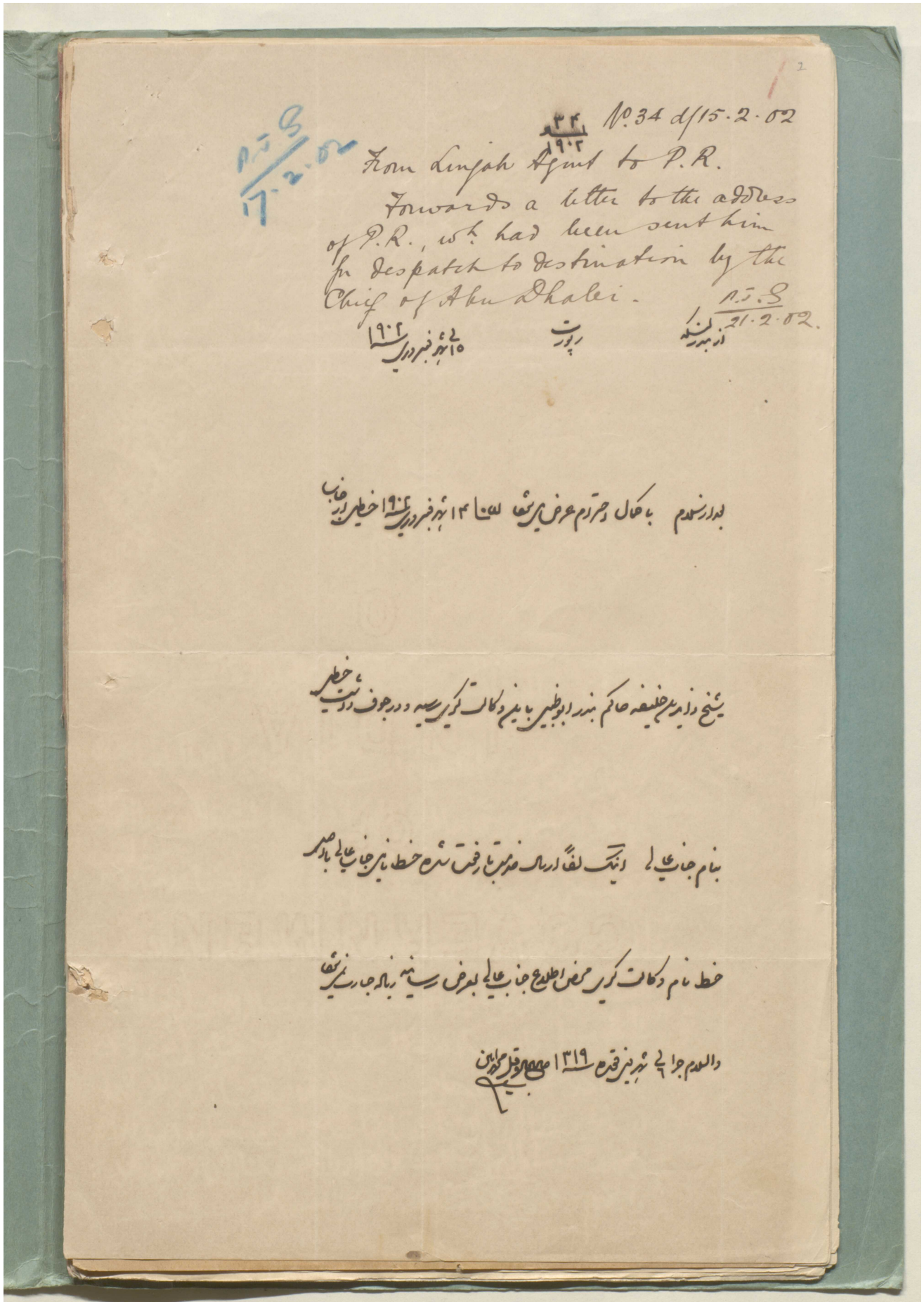


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No. 34 d/15.2.02

From Lingah Agent to P.R.

Forwards a letter to the address of P.R., who had been sent him for despatch to destination by the Chief of Abu Dhabi.

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ابو نوير

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ابو نوير

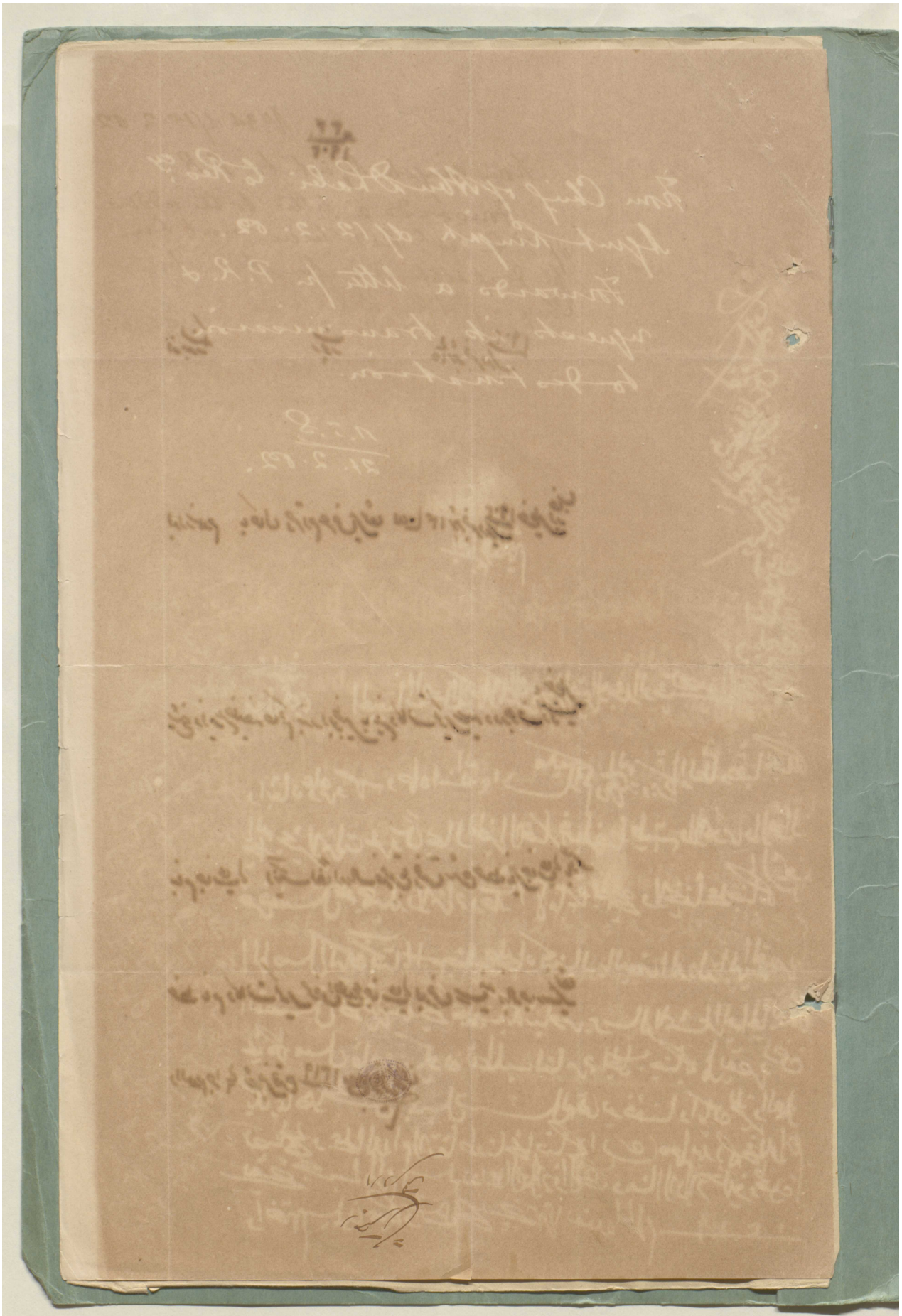
بدر زعيم باكل حرم عرف يرفا لينا ١٤ فبراير ١٩٠٢ اخير ريف

شيخ زايد خليفة حاكم بندي ابو ظبي با نيم دكات كير سيد در جوف روف

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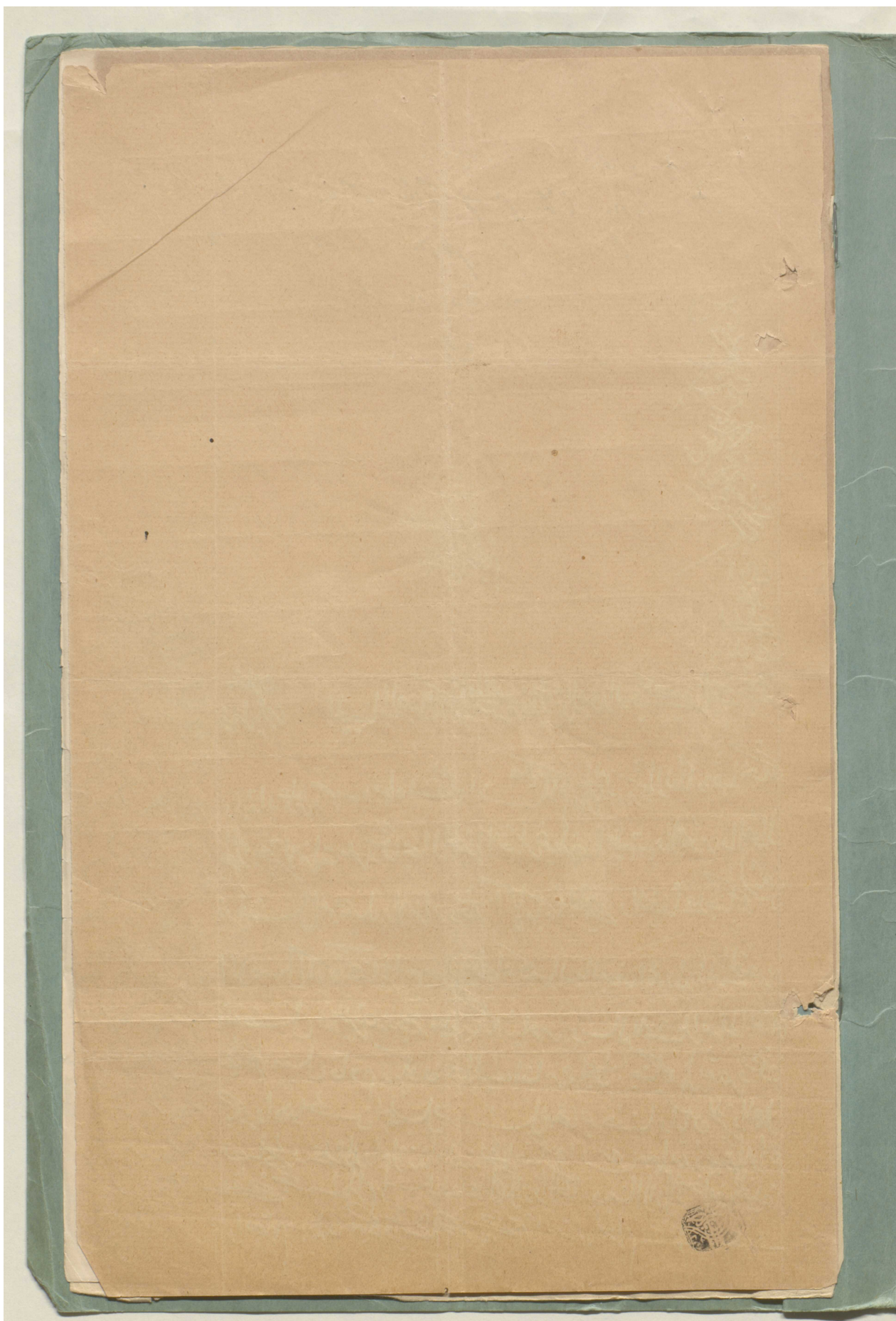
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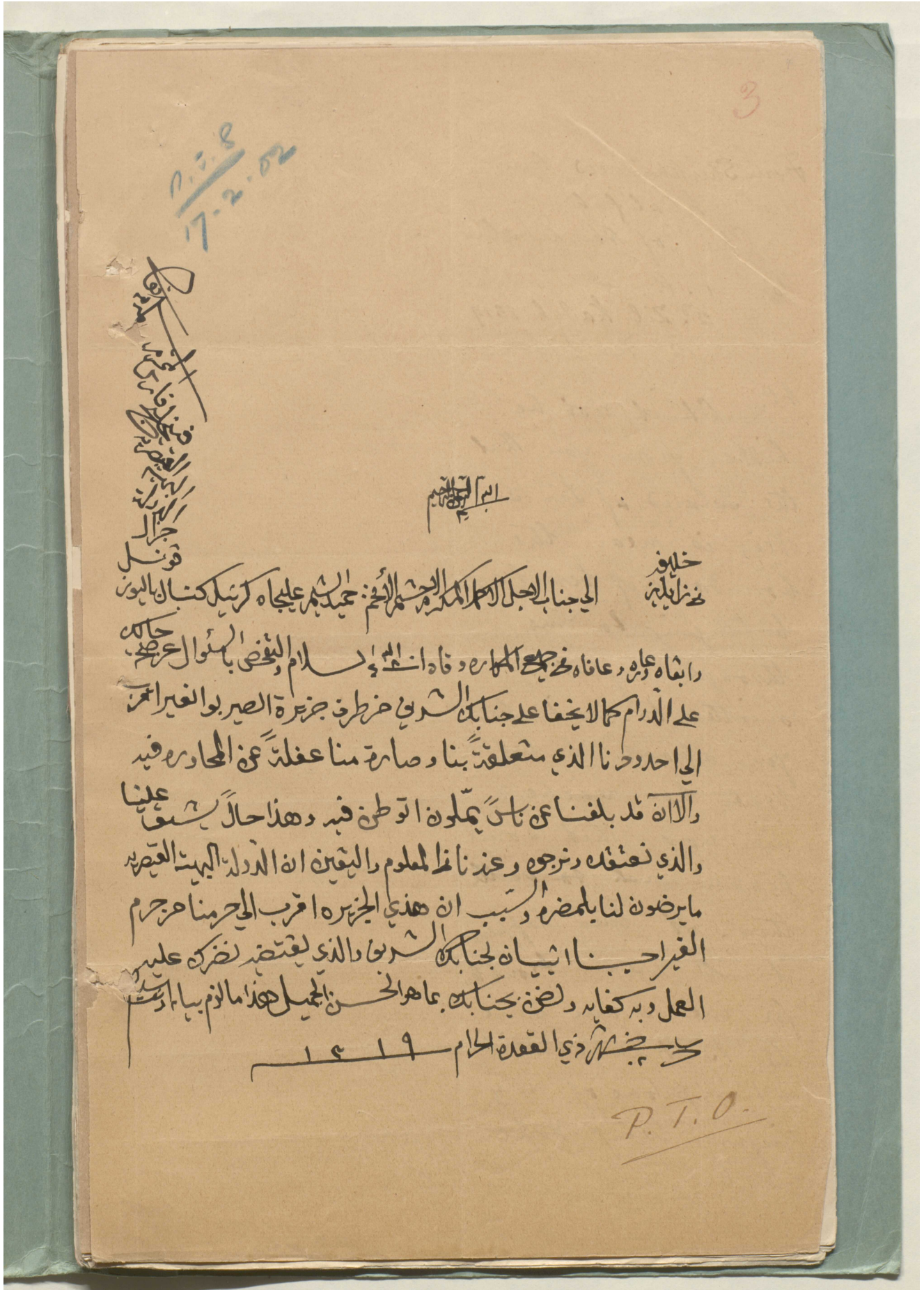
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From Sheikh Saïed bin  
Khalifah  
Chief of Abu Dhabi  
to P. R.  
Df 2<sup>d</sup> Zil Kadeh 1319  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>y 1902.

A.C. did it not be  
hidden from you that  
the Island of Sir Bu  
Neir is near the  
boundary of territory  
belonging to me, &  
through neglect I  
omitted to write to  
you about it before.  
News has reached  
me now that some  
people wish to settle  
there. If this happens  
it will create trouble  
for me. I am sure  
the British Gov<sup>t</sup> will  
not approve of any  
injury being done

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S. R.

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to me, because this island is nearer to my harem (sic, the Sheikh means "territory") than that of others. I have accordingly represented this to you and whatever you deem proper may be done. I have good thoughts about you.

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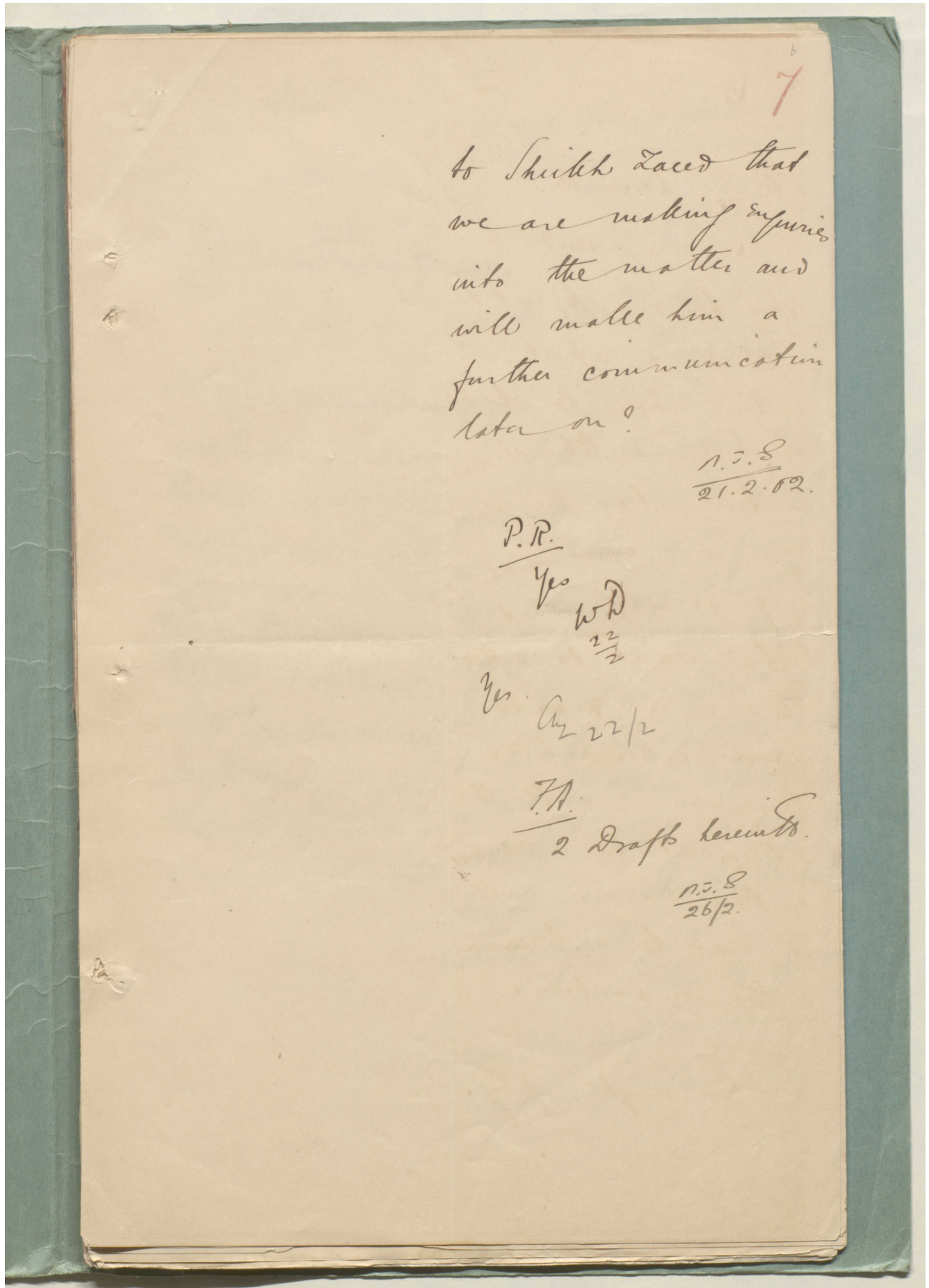
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This savours of retaliation for the Zaara affair.

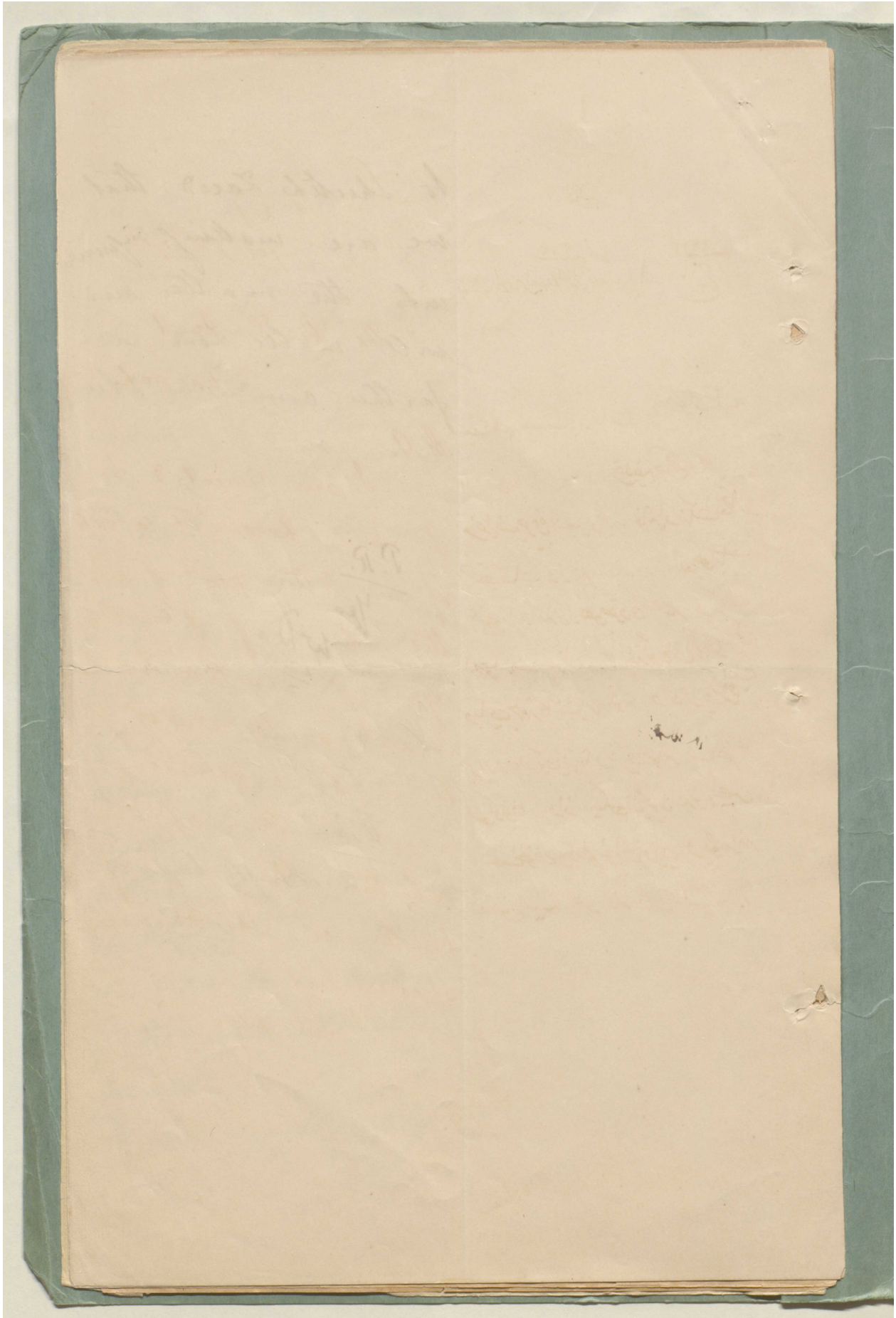
Sir Bu Weir belongs to the Chief of Sharjah - see Sharjah Agents' report first paper on

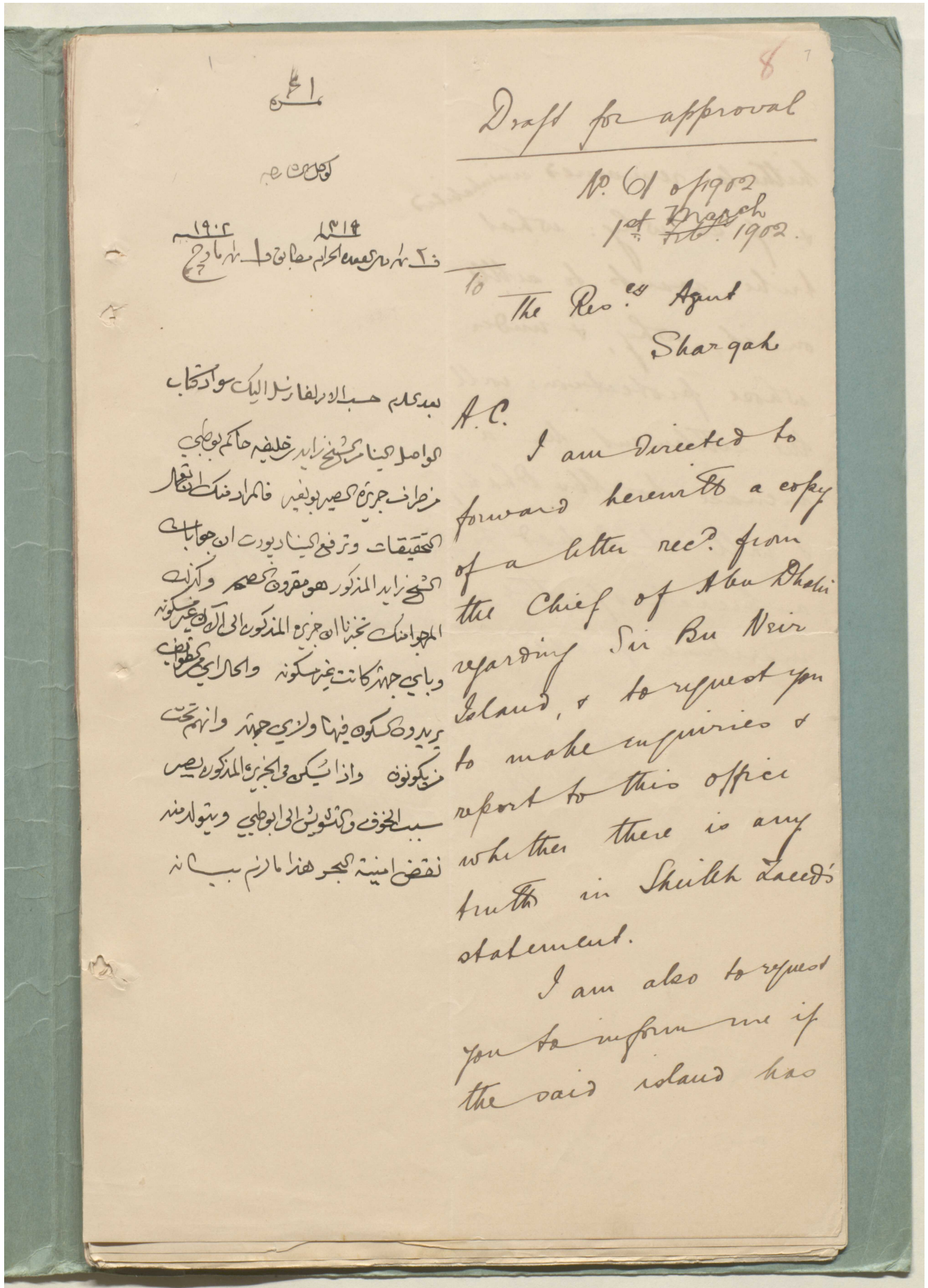
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file  $\frac{14}{90}$  herewith.

We may send a copy to our Agent & call for a report, asking him to state if the Sheikh's statement is true, has the island remained ~~not~~ uninhabited & if so why, what tribe wants to settle there & why & with whose under whose protection; will the settlement be a menace to Abu Dhabi; will it lead to a breach of the maritime peace.

We might reply







المعالي

كوت

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في شهر رجب سنة ١٤١٤

Draft for approval

No. 61 of 1902  
1st March  
1902

To The Res<sup>nt</sup> Agent  
Sharqah

بمدىم حسب الادلة الفارسة التي هو كتاب  
لواصل حينا من شيخ زايد خليفة حاكم بوهاي  
من طرف جزيرة كيصير بوفير فالمراد من كتاب  
الحقيقات وترفع كينا ريد ان جوابك  
الشيخ زايد المذكور هو مقرون بضمه واكيد  
المجوا منك نخشا ان جزيرة المذكورة الى ان غير كونه  
وباي جهه كانت غير كونه واحكام اي كونه  
بريد كونه فيها ولا في جهه وانتم تحت  
من كونه واذا يكن في الجزيرة المذكورة  
سب الخوف وكثرت الى ابوي وبتولد منه  
نقض امينة البحر هذا ما رث بيانه

A.C.

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter rec<sup>d</sup> from the Chief of Abu Dhabi regarding Sir Bu Nuir Island, & to request you to make inquiries & report to this office whether there is any truth in Sheikh Sa'eed's statement.

I am also to request you to inform me if the said island has



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hitherto remained uninhabited  
& if so why: what  
tribe wants to settle  
on it, why, & under  
whose protection: will  
the settlement be a  
menace to Abu Dhabi;  
& will it ~~be~~ lead to  
a breach of the  
maritime peace.

Ally  
J.A.  
N.S.S.  
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Draft for approval

No. 65 of 1902.

3 ~~Feb~~ 1902.  
March

الى صاحبنا خليفة عبد الوهاب

To  
Sheikh Sa'ud bin Khalfan  
Chief of Abu Dhabi

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٥٤٤٠ رقم ٦٥ مطبوعه ٢٦٠٢

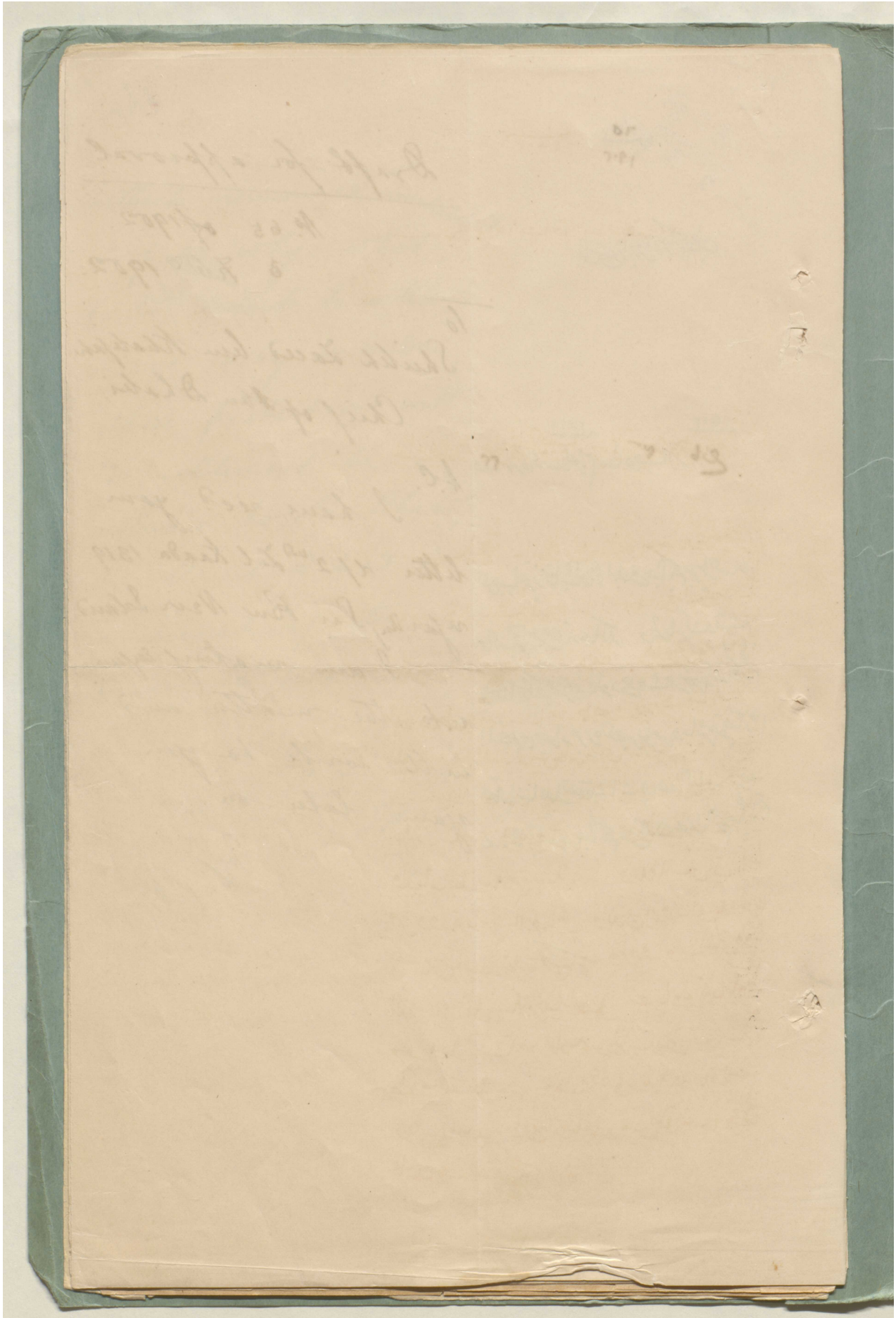
A.C. I have recd your

المهيا اخبرنا ان المودع البدع جنابكم خبرنا السلام  
ما كقولكم في حاله وتم بارك وقت  
١٣١٩  
ولنا ما كقولكم في ريف المودع في شهر رجب  
المنص في جزير الكصر بنوعه وما نرجوكم صلوات  
الحمد اننا نعلم الحقيقات في هذا الباب ونسرد  
هذا بنا في جنابكم فذلت هذا ما نرجوكم صلوات

letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lil Kaada 1319  
regarding Sir Bu Neir Island.  
I am making enquiries  
into the matter and  
will write to you  
again later on.

By P.R.

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bad water supply: also there  
is no fodder for animals. Only  
fishermen ~~for there to fish~~  
from Sharjah & Debai in winter  
go there to fish in winter.  
At other times only such  
persons go there as have  
bought salt and that only  
to bring it. In my opinion  
only the Sharjah Chief can  
allow it to be inhabited -  
and no disturbance of  
the peace is ~~to~~ likely to  
be ~~occasioned~~ <sup>caused</sup> by the  
settlers, nor ~~is~~ <sup>will</sup> the settlement  
be a menace to Abu Dhabi.  
In view of the presence of  
the British ~~foot~~ none of  
Chiefs of the Arab Coast  
can dare ~~to~~ disturb the  
maritime peace.

T. T. P.  
11.5.8  
2.4.02.

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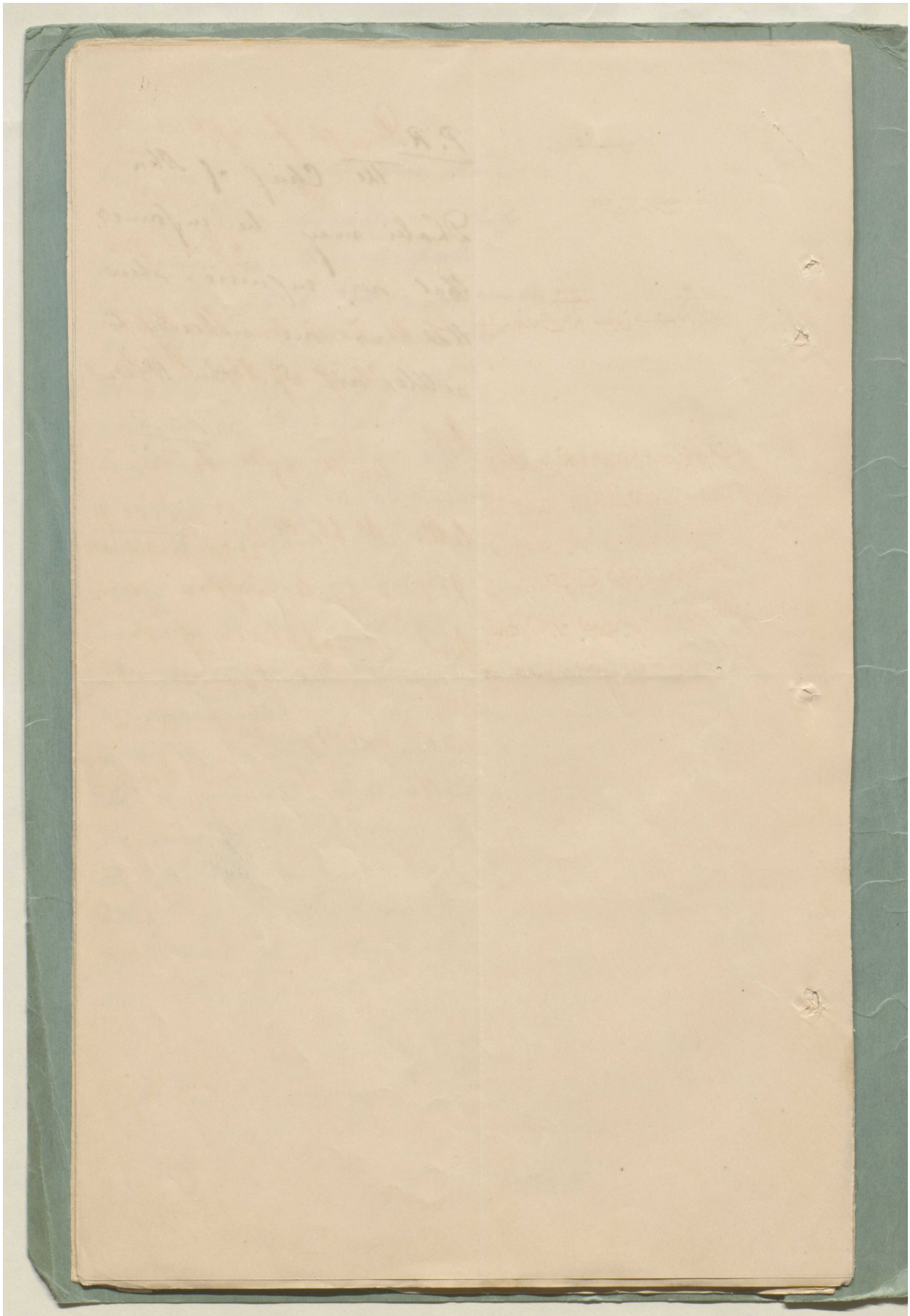


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P. R.  
The Chief of Abu  
Dhalei may be informed  
that our enquiries shew  
that no one intends to  
settle at Sir Bu Nu`air?

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Draft for approval

N. 100 of 1902.

7 April 1902.

منقول

الشيخ زايد خليفة

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٢٧ ربيع الثاني ١٣٢١  
مطابق ٧ أبريل ١٩٠٢

To  
Sheikh Zaid bin Khalifah  
Chief of Abu Dhabi.

A.C.

with ref: to my  
letter N. 65 of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1902  
22 Zul Kaadib 1319

I h th to inform you  
that it appears from  
enquiries I have made  
that nobody intends to  
settle at Sir Bu Neir.

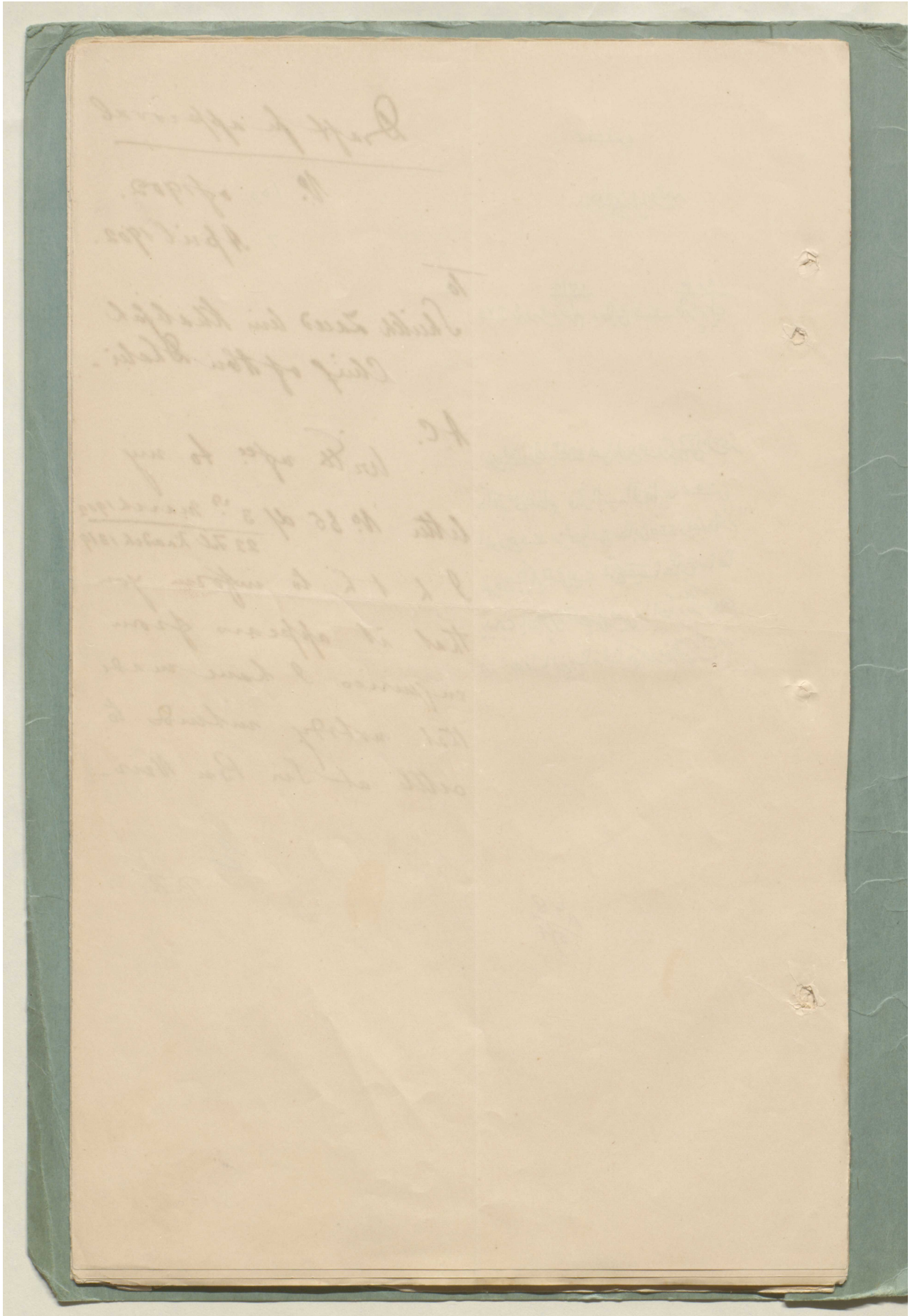
الموجود في كتاب الجوه هو ابا في حيا و هو في حيا  
حالك على اللغام و قد بالنسبة الى كتابنا  
الوديع و قد مرهنا في مطابق و قد في حيا  
نرفحنا بكم في حيا في حيا في حيا  
يتبين باه جزرة في حيا في حيا ما احدي في حيا  
فيه هذا ما في حيا في حيا في حيا

*[Signature]*

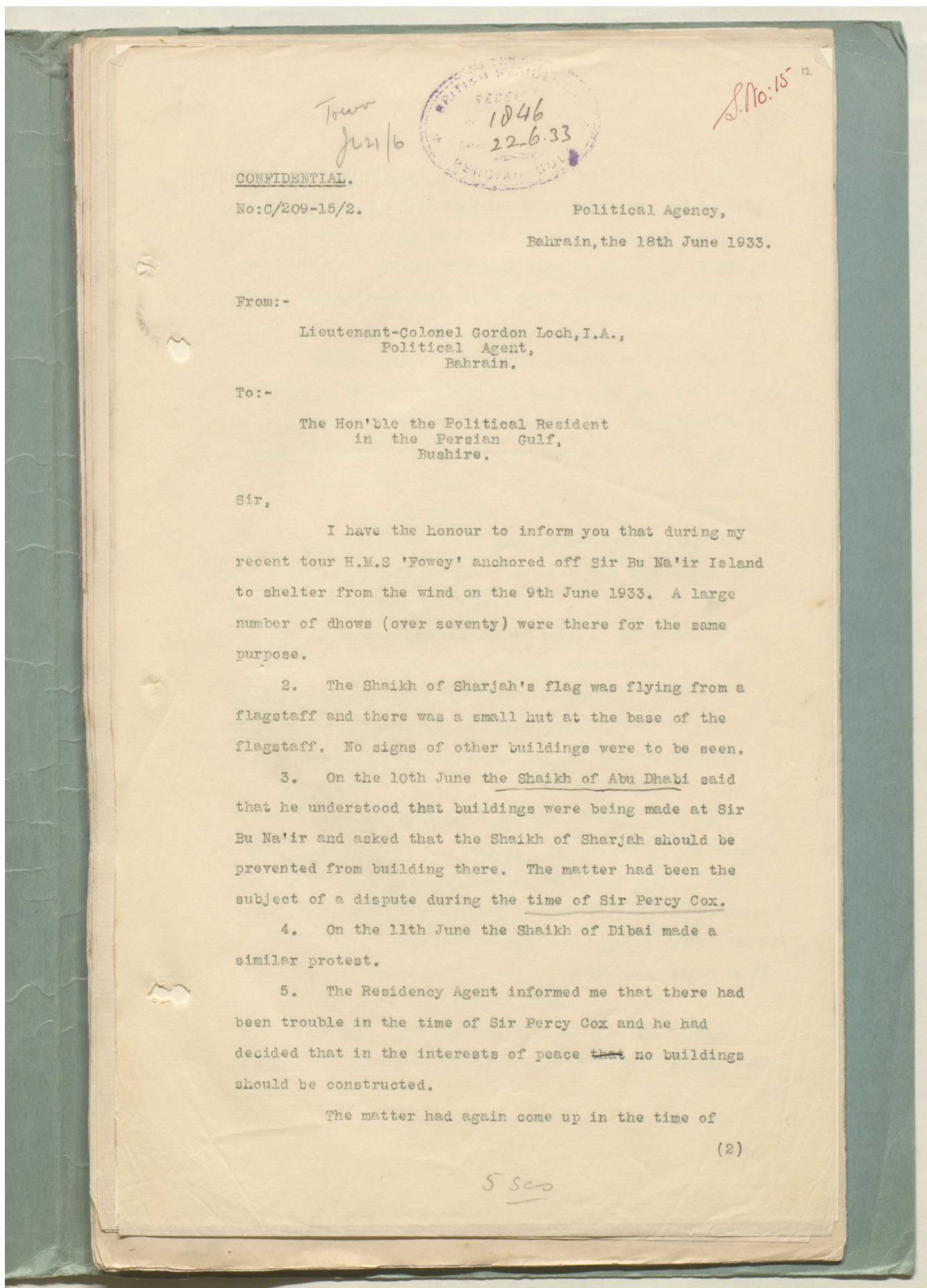
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'14/102 I Sir Abu Nu`air' [12r] (25/56)



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No:C/209-15/2.

Political Agency,

Bahrain, the 18th June 1933.

From:-

Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Loch, I.A.,  
Political Agent,  
Bahrain.

To:-

The Hon'ble the Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf,  
Bushire.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that during my recent tour H.M.S 'Fowey' anchored off Sir Bu Na'ir Island to shelter from the wind on the 9th June 1933. A large number of dhows (over seventy) were there for the same purpose.

2. The Shaikh of Sharjah's flag was flying from a flagstaff and there was a small hut at the base of the flagstaff. No signs of other buildings were to be seen.

3. On the 10th June the Shaikh of Abu Dhabi said that he understood that buildings were being made at Sir Bu Na'ir and asked that the Shaikh of Sharjah should be prevented from building there. The matter had been the subject of a dispute during the time of Sir Percy Cox.

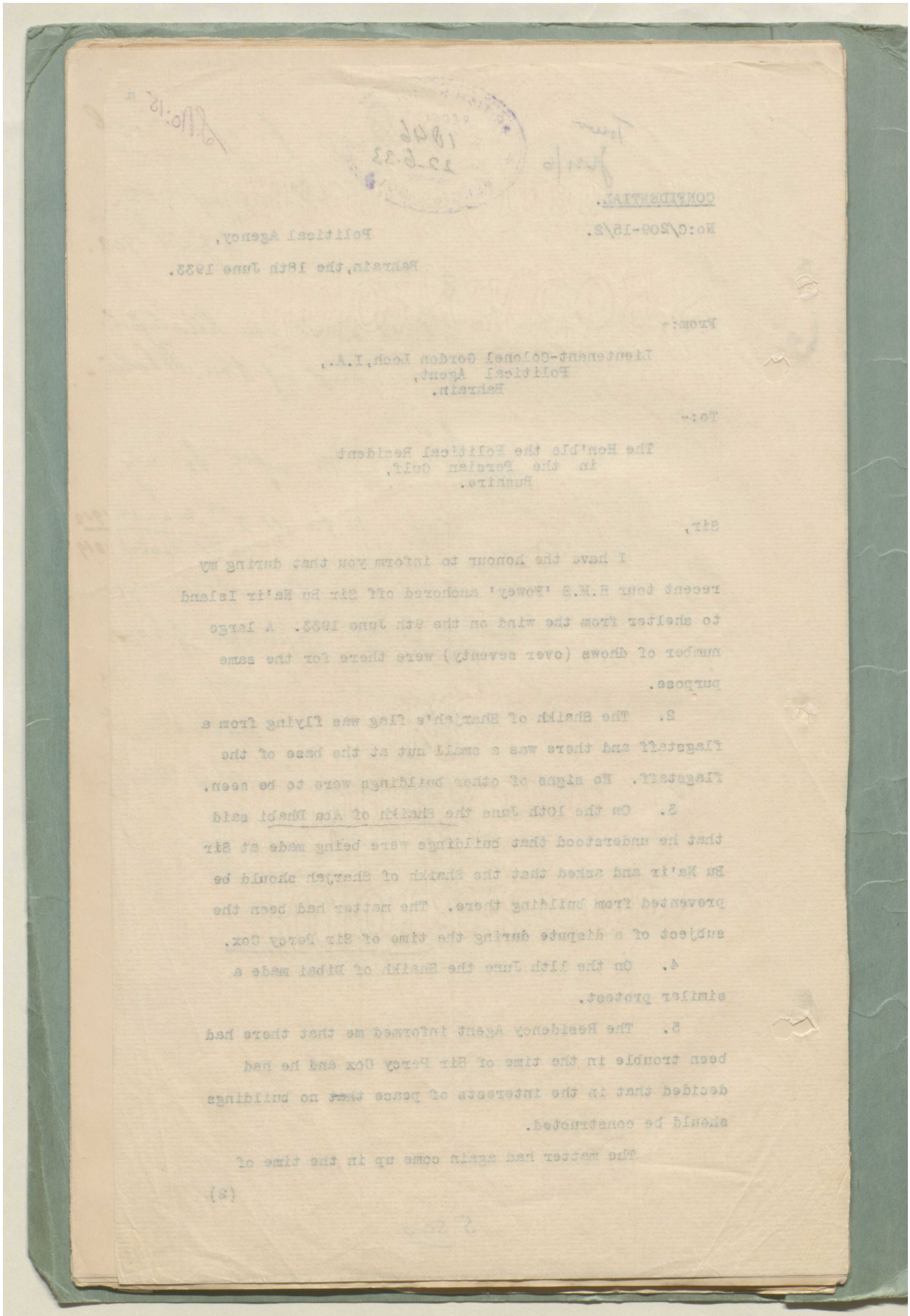
4. On the 11th June the Shaikh of Dibai made a similar protest.

5. The Residency Agent informed me that there had been trouble in the time of Sir Percy Cox and he had decided that in the interests of peace ~~that~~ no buildings should be constructed.

The matter had again come up in the time of

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Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor, who had said that Government had no objection to the buildings being constructed. On hearing this the Shaikh of Abu Dhabi had written a threatening letter to the Shaikh of Sharjah, who then gave up the idea. There is no question about sovereignty, which admittedly rests with Sharjah.

6. In accordance with recent general instructions the Shaikh of Sharjah hoisted his flag on Sir Bu Na'ir Island, and has apparently made this an opportunity for reverting to the plan of building there and creating a re-victualling base for the pearling fleets.

7. In each case (Abu Dhabi and Dibai) I said that I had no information, that I had seen no buildings except the hut at the flagstaff, but that I would report the matter to the Hon'ble the Political Resident.

8. I took an opportunity of telling the Shaikh of Sharjah that I had heard that he was thinking of building and that I believed that the question had been raised in the time of Sir Percy Cox and Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor. He said that he was not building now, but that he might do so in the future.

9. I do not know what took place in the past and submit the matter for your orders. On the meagre information before me, I would suggest that the Residency Agent might be instructed to remind the Shaikh of Sharjah that the question of building on Sir Bu Na'ir Island gave rise to unpleasantness in the past and to advise him not to do anything which would upset his relations with his neighbours.

10. I would only add that I think that the Shaikh of Sharjah is acquiring rather an higher opinion of himself than

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7. In each case (Abu Dhabi and Dubai) I said that I had no information that I had seen no buildings except the hut at the Ghazal, but that I would report the matter to the Hon'ble the Political Resident.

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hard facts would warrant, and it is not impossible that he may embroil himself in some foolish course of action unless he is carefully watched.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

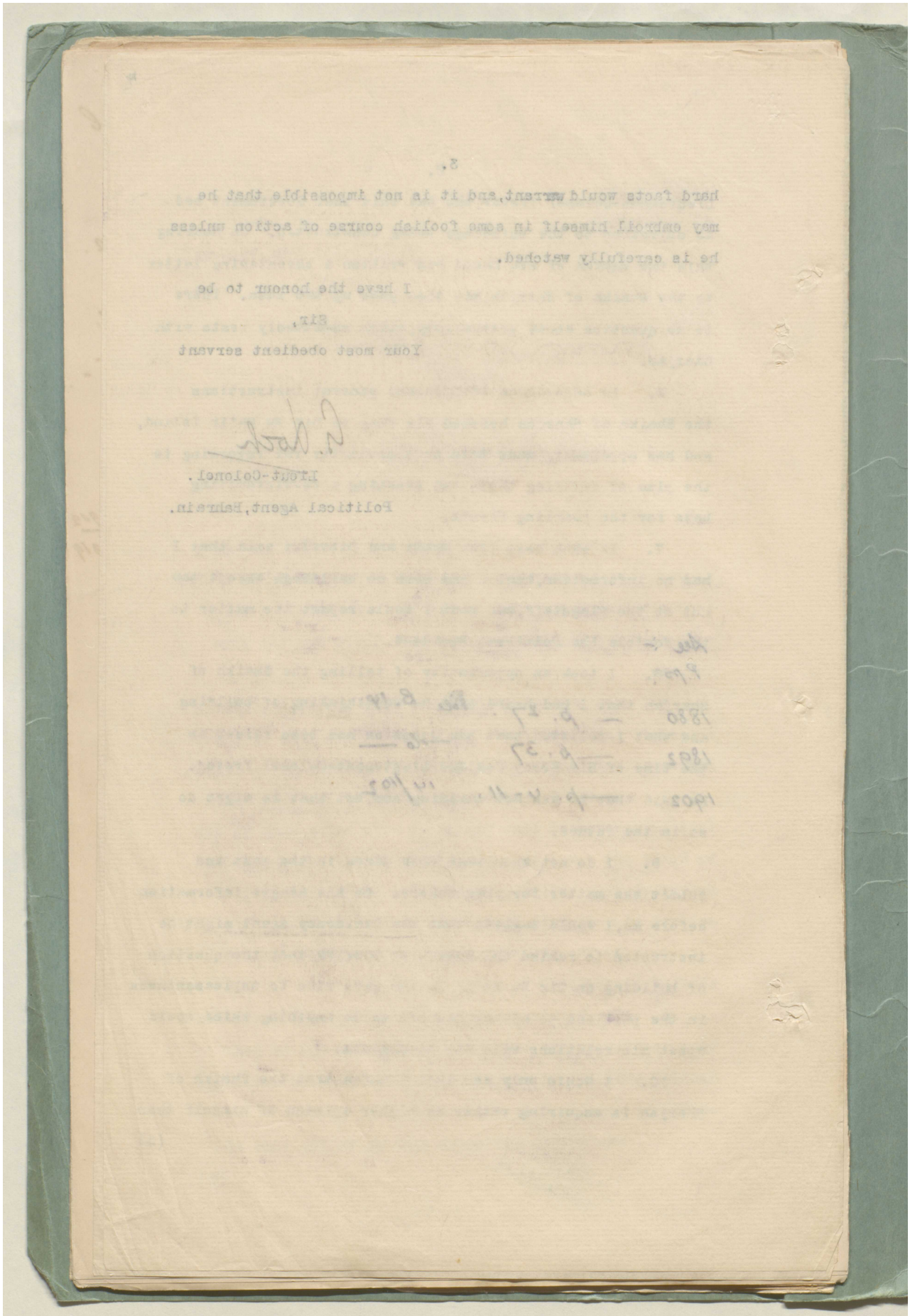
G. Doch

Lieut-Colonel.

Political Agent, Bahrain.

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No. 243 of 1933.  
British Residency & Consulate-General  
Bushire, 19<sup>th</sup> July 1933.

وكذا بالبريد بالشارقة

To  
The Residency Agent,  
Shargah.

After Compliments.

When Colonel Loch was on tour at Abu Dhabi and Qatar recently the Shaikhs of those places mentioned that they had heard that the Shaikh of Shargah was building houses on the Island of Sir Bu Na'air. You mentioned that the matter had been discussed both in the time of Sir Percy Cox and also of the late Colonel Trevor. I request that you will inform me of the number and date of <sup>any</sup> letter which may have been sent to you on this subject from the Political Resident or of any report which you may have sent to the Residency.

U. E.

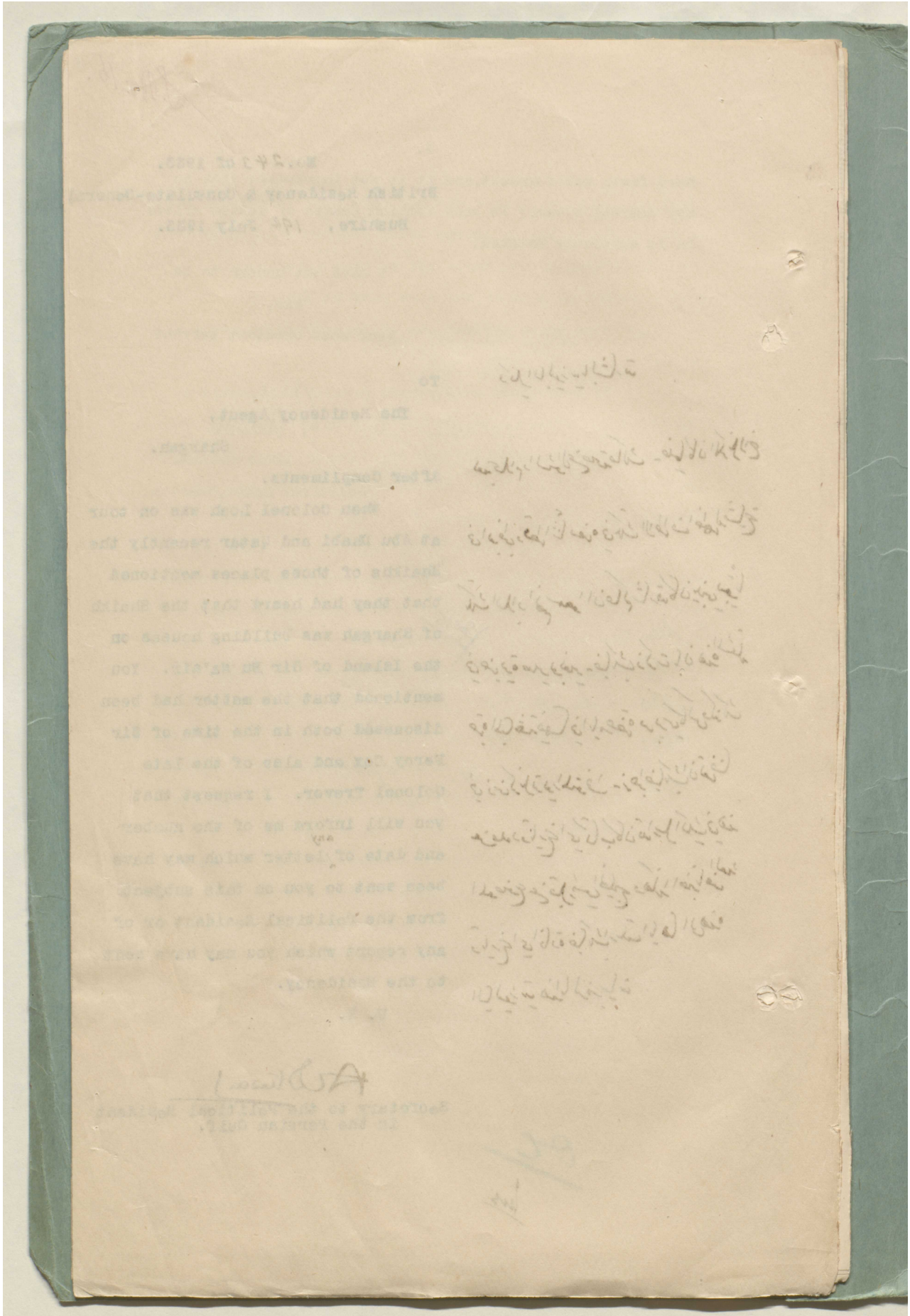
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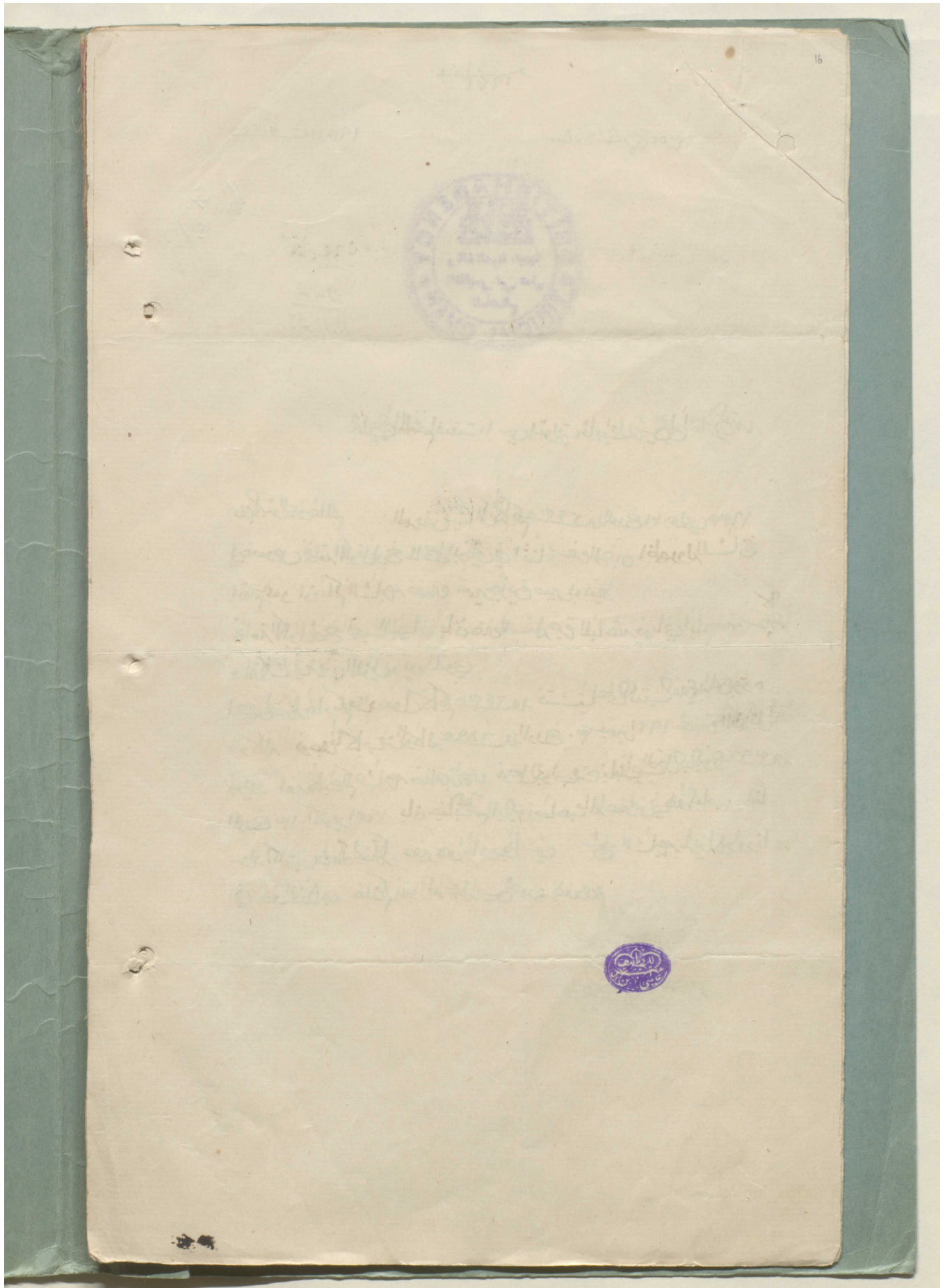
Secretary to the Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf.

لعمري سلام والسؤال عن صحة ما كنت قد علمت من الاطراف اعلمت له شايخ  
في ابو ظبي وقطر انما سمعوا في تلك الاطراف اعلمت له شايخ  
ملك الالار انهم سمعوا ان حاكم شارقة كان يبنى بيوتا  
في جزيرة صدر بوشير. فبالتاكيد ذكرت بان هذه المسئلة  
حرية المباني فيها في ايام حضرة مراد بن كاسر وكذا كنت  
في زمن كراولي المتوفى - زجره فبالتاكيد ان تعرفنا  
عن عدد وتاريخ اى كتاب كان قد ارسل اليك في هذه  
الموضوع عن قبل رئيس الخليج وهكذا اخبرنا عن العدد  
وتاريخ اى افادة فبالتاكيد اياها الى هذه  
الى البريد هذا بالبريد بالشارقة

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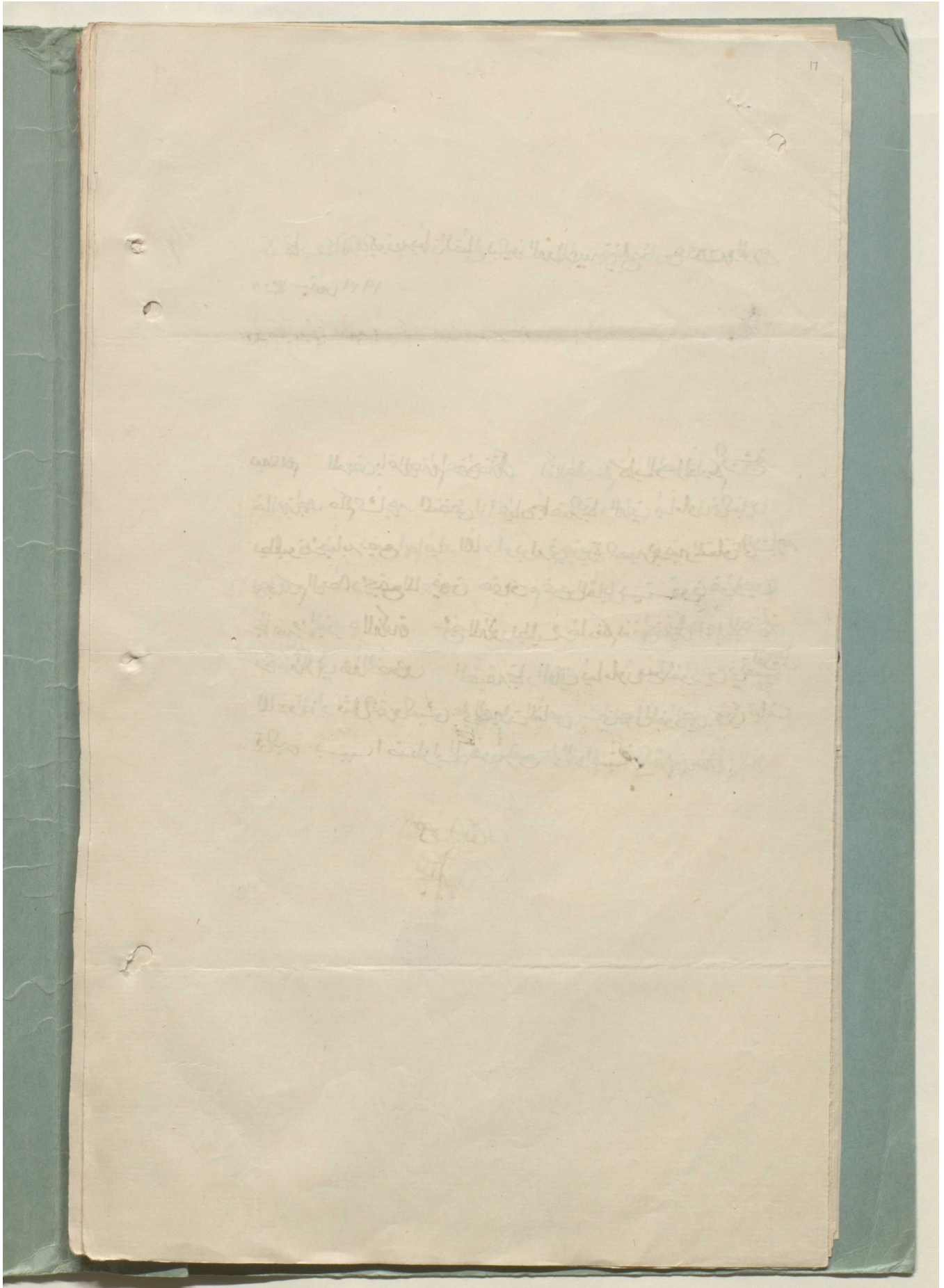
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لجاء لي المحقق انت اسي لتواتر فايد اعلم اني اذ اطلع على كتاب

مؤرخ من القرن الثالث عشر  
المرغوض نسا الى كتابكم ٤٤٤٤م والورق ١٩ جولي ١٩٣٣  
في خصوص فحاشه الكرنال في اثناء فراهجه اظهره له الشاخي  
انتم سمو ان حاكم الشاخي تصدق تعمير جزيرة صير يونيفر  
فحاشه الكرنال في حيا البيان بان هذه السله جرة للباحثه فيها في ايام حاضره سري  
وانتم في زمن الكرنال تدوير المتوني  
اعرض لفضلك خادكم من وصول كتابكم ٤٤٤٤م قد قشنا على كتيبه كتيبه الجوده  
باوكاله فوجدنا كتابه لوكاله ٦٨٩٤م والورق ٣٠ سبتمبر ١٩٢١ حضرة الكرنال  
تريور افند كتابكم من ارجه خاله من فصل الجواب وحينما انزل الفيلد كاليوري ١٩٢٦م  
الورق ١٣ اكتوبر ١٩٢١ بان حينما فتح الباهوز صاحب الادعاض في هذا الباب لقا  
سواد الكتيبه لفضلك وفيه من ما وجدنا شي شي الشاخي لم يزل يوردنا  
في هذا الخطاب خادكم نقول له العمل ليس محوره فنحن

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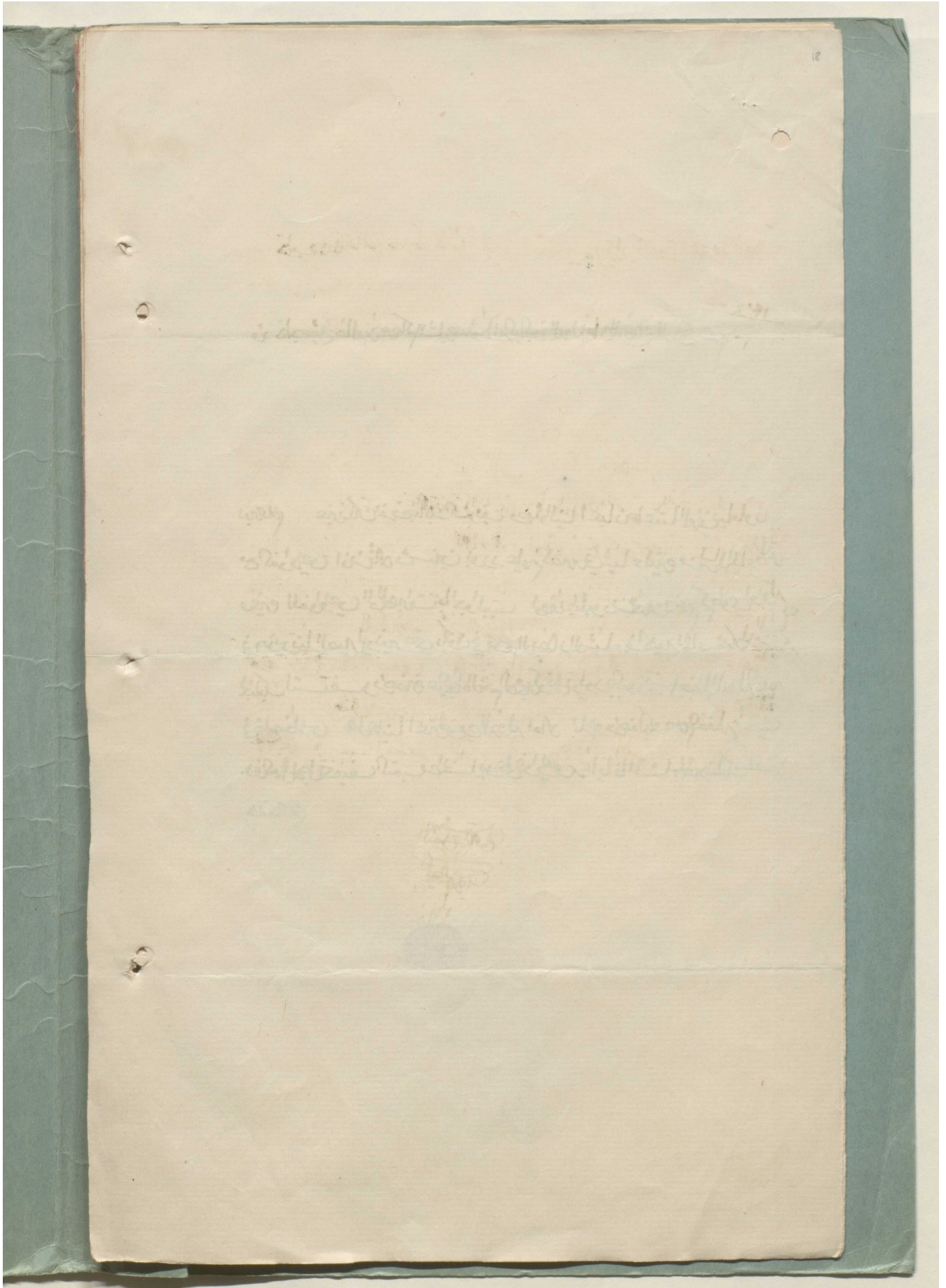


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بعضهم المرض بآفة الهمم اعرضتكم لفظا طالعكم كتاب الوصل لخدمكم الشيخ  
خاله بنده حاكم عشاير المتصفي ان اعيان جماعة تجار الذين يماون في بعض  
بطلون جنابهم يضع لهم ابيار الماء او بركة في جزيرة الصير بونفير المتعلق على اياه  
اول يوم الاطوار يجمع للماء فيهن حتى يروم غوص القابل يستقون فوالصين  
جماعة من الجزير للملكة شيخ المذكور يطلب من خدمكم لفظا طالعكم عليه العرش  
من خدمتكم في هذا الموضع الحقيقه تجار الذين يماون مع الكفواصين في تعب الوصول  
للماء والذواد مثل التمر والكميش على الهيرات المفاص شي يصل للمفواصين حتى يلف  
في البحر بسبب اضطراب الالهوية تقع على الجوابية من خدمتكم لفظا طالعكم

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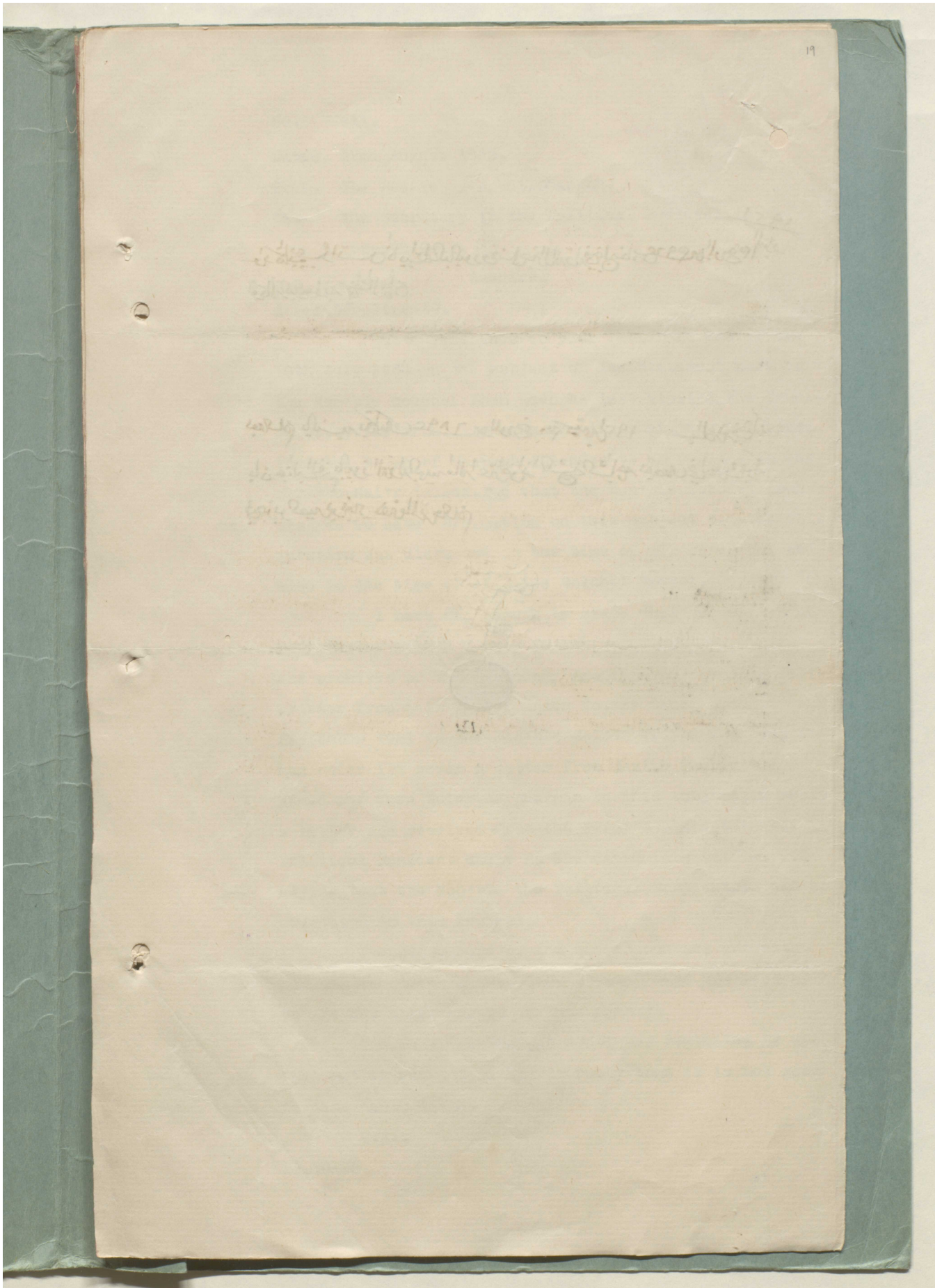




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مذكرة في أخبار جزيرة البحرين وأهلها في سنة ١٠٢٠ هـ

بسم الله  
غير ذلك في جزئنا كثر من وصلنا ايماننا على الله تعالى  
مع الغواصين انهم في سنة ١٠٢٠ هـ كثر من اللواتي  
من الغواصين الى البحرين بالبحر الى جزيرة البحرين في سنة ١٠٢٠ هـ  
في جزيرة البحرين في يوم الاربعاء في شهر ربيع الثاني من سنة ١٠٢٠ هـ  
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البحريني  
١٠٢٠ هـ







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No. 441.

5 no. 17.

Dated. 22nd August 1933.

From. The Residency Agent. Shargah.

To. The Secretary to the Political Resident in the  
Persain Gulf.

Bushire.

After Compliments.

With reference to your letter No 243 of the 19th July 1933 on the subject of the statement made to the Hon'ble Colonel Loch when he last visited the Trucial Coast, by the Trucial Shaikhs saying that they had heard that the Ruler of Shargah intended to do repairs to the Sir-Abu-Nai'r Island. And that the Hon'ble Colonel Loch desires to have information on this subject because this question was discussed in the time of Sir Percy Cox and also in the time of the late Colonel Trevor. <sup>5 no: 16.</sup> <sub>p 3/6 F 14/7</sub>

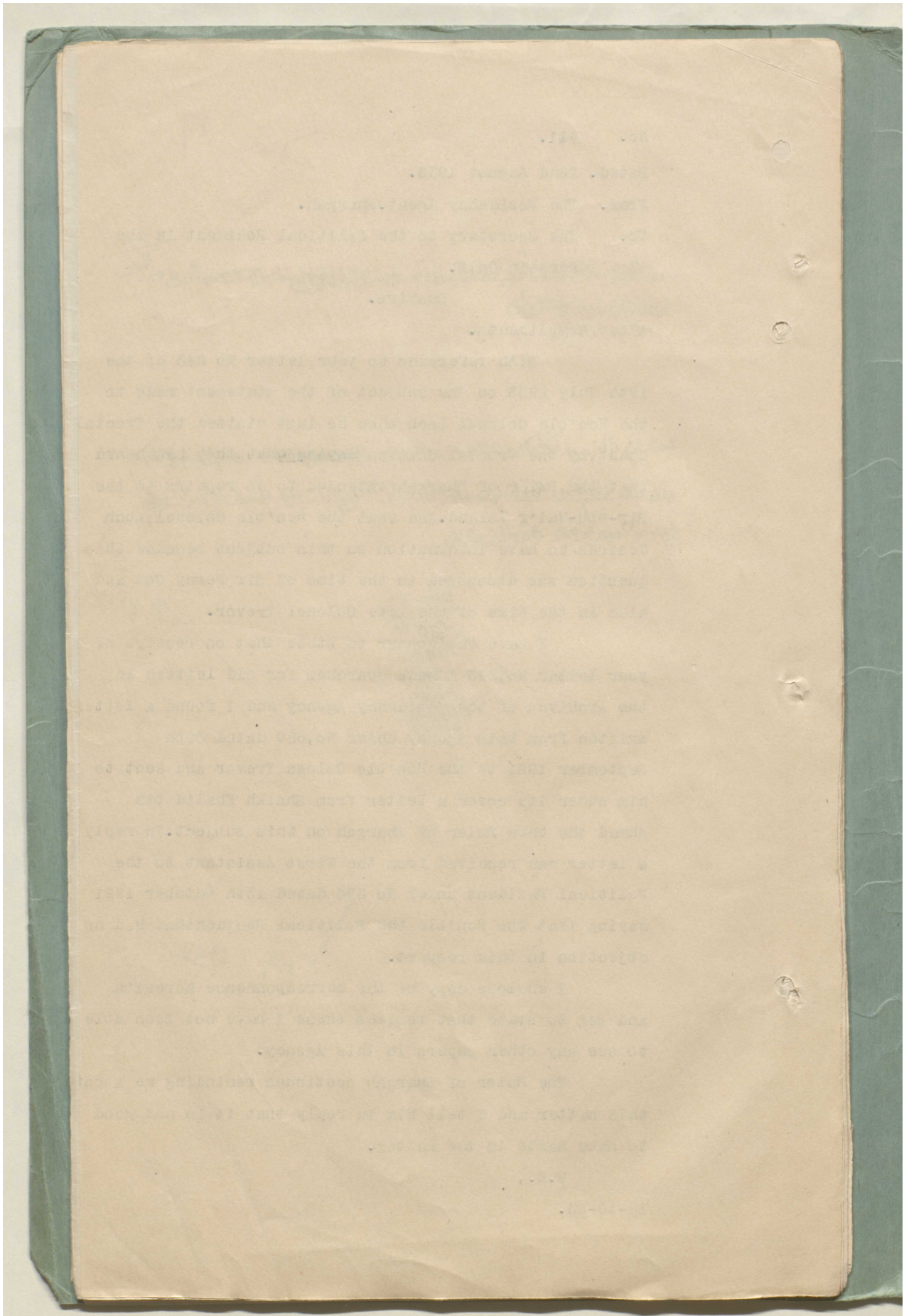
I have the honour to state that on receipt of your letter No, 243 I made searches for old letters in the archives of the Residency Agency and I found a letter written from this Agency under No, 689 dated 30th September 1921 to the Hon'ble Coloen Trevor and sent to him under its cover a letter from Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmad the then Ruler of Shargah on this subject. In reply a letter was received from the First Assistant to the Political Resident under No 396 dated 13th October 1921 saying that the Hon'ble the Political Resident had had no objection in this respect. <sub>SN 16</sub> <sub>p 4/6 F 14 XII</sub>

I enclose copy of the correspondence herewith and beg to state that besides these I have not been able to see any other papers in this Agency.

The Ruler of Shargah continues reminding me about this matter and I tell him in reply that it is not good to make haste in the matter.

U.E.,

18-10-33.



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From - The Residency Agent, Shargah  
To - The Political Resident Persian Gulf, Bushire.  
No.689 Dated 30th September 1921.  
A.C.

I beg to forward herewith a letter received by me from Shaikh Khaled bin Ahmad, Chief of Shargah, stating that the respectable merchants of his town who are engaged in diving business ask him to build a reservoir for them in the island of Seer Bunair which belongs to him to reserve water at the time of raining so that his subjects take water in the next diving season from the island. The Shaikh requested me to ask you if you have any objection in this matter. In fact the merchants who deal with divers experience much trouble in carrying water and food such as dates, rice and firewood to the diving banks because some of them reach the divers and some of them spoil at sea on account of strong winds.

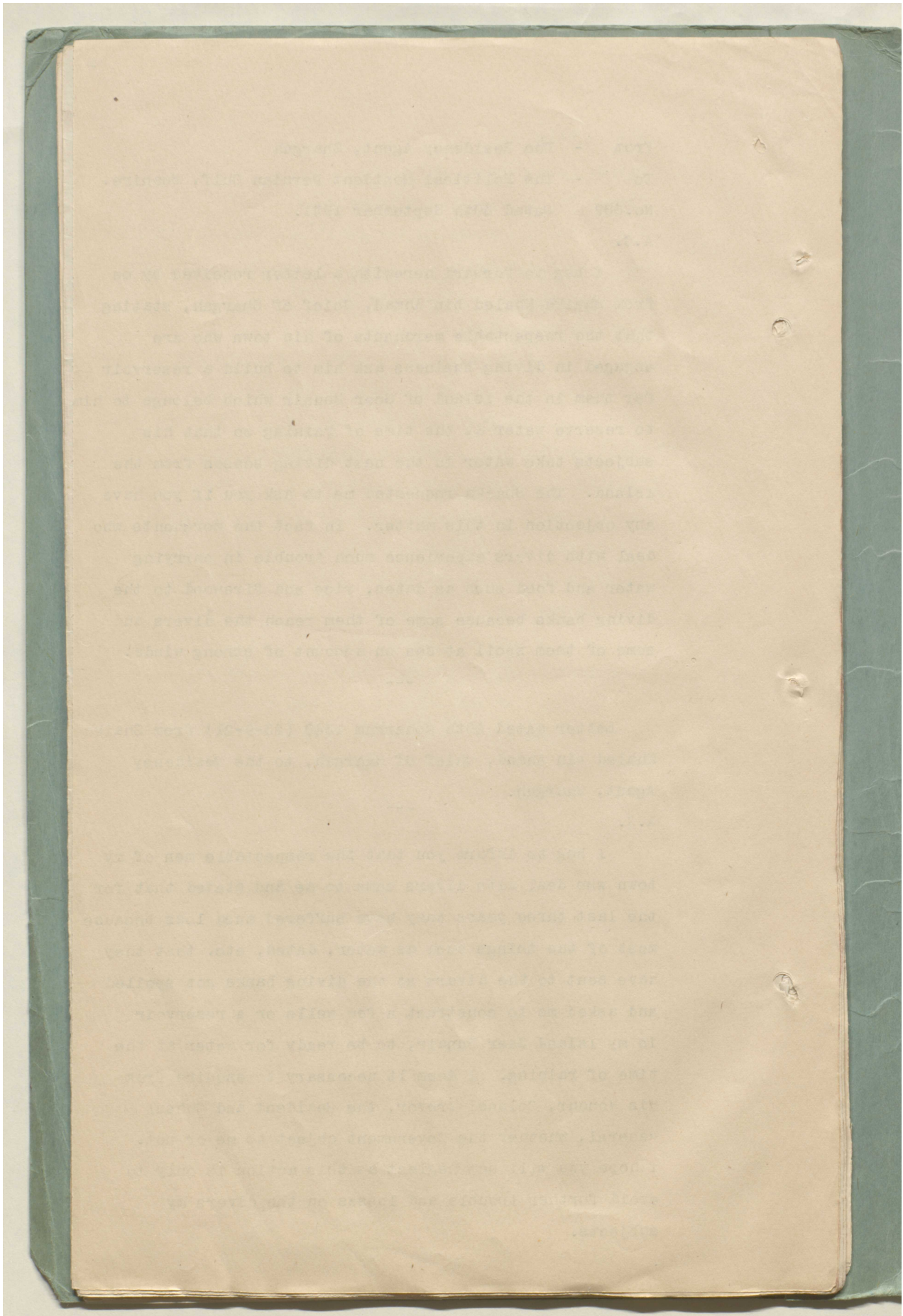
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Letter dated 20th Moharram 1340 (23-9-21) from Shaikh Khaled bin Ahmad, Chief of Shargah, to the Residency Agent, Shargah.

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A.C.

I beg to inform you that the respectable men of my town who deal with divers came to me and stated that for the last three years they have suffered much loss because most of the things such as water, dates, etc. that they have sent to the divers at the diving banks got spoiled and asked me to construct a few wells or a reservoir in my island Seer Bunair, to be ready for water at the time of raining. I deem it necessary to enquire from His Honour, Colonel Trevor, the Resident and Consul General, whether the Government object to me or not. I hope you will not neglect as this action is only to avoid further trouble and losses on the divers my subjects.



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No. 396 of 1921.  
British Residency & Consulate General,  
Bushire, 13th October 1933.

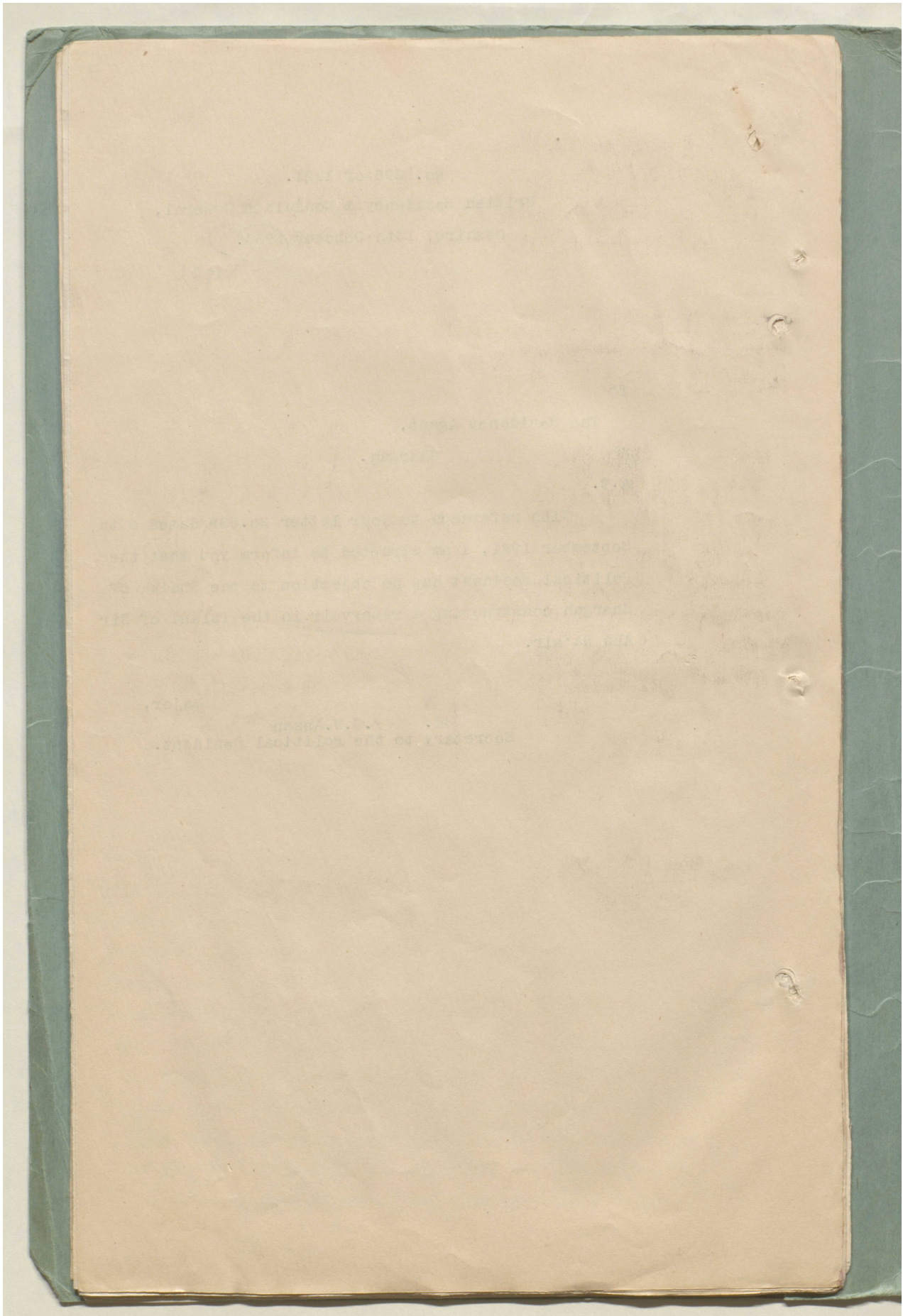
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To  
The Residency Agent,  
Shargah.

A.C.

With reference to your letter No.689 dated 30th  
September 1921, I am directed to inform you that the  
Political Resident has no objection to the Shaikh of  
Shargah constructing a reservoir in the Island of Sir  
Abu Na'air.

Major,  
Sd. F.G.W.Ansion  
Secretary to the Political Resident.



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No: 18

المسدد سي/ ٢٠٠ لسنة ١٩٣٣  
ادارة رئيس الخليج الفارسي مقم في  
البحرين - في ٢٥ نوفمبر ١٩٣٣  
الموافق ٧ شعبان ١٣٥٢

No. 1/200 of 1933.

Office of the Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf,  
Camp, Bahrain.

25th November, 1933.

حضرة الامير الاكبر الامير فخر خان بهادر  
بن عبداللطيف - او بن بي - وكيل  
الدولة البريطانية في الشارقة المحترم

To  
The Residency Agent,  
Sharjah.

After Compliments,

تحية واحترام وبعد - اشارة  
للمكاتبة المنشوبة في كتابكم رقم ٤٤١  
وتاريخ ٢٢ اوكست ١٩٣٣ فيخصوص  
عزم شيخ الشارقة على البناء في  
جزيرة صيربونمبر ٠ من فخاصة  
رئيس الخليج سوف يخاطب الشيوخ  
الذين بهمهم الامر عن هذه المسئلة  
في زيارته الآتية الى ساحل عمان  
المتمايح  
هذا ودمتم باحترام

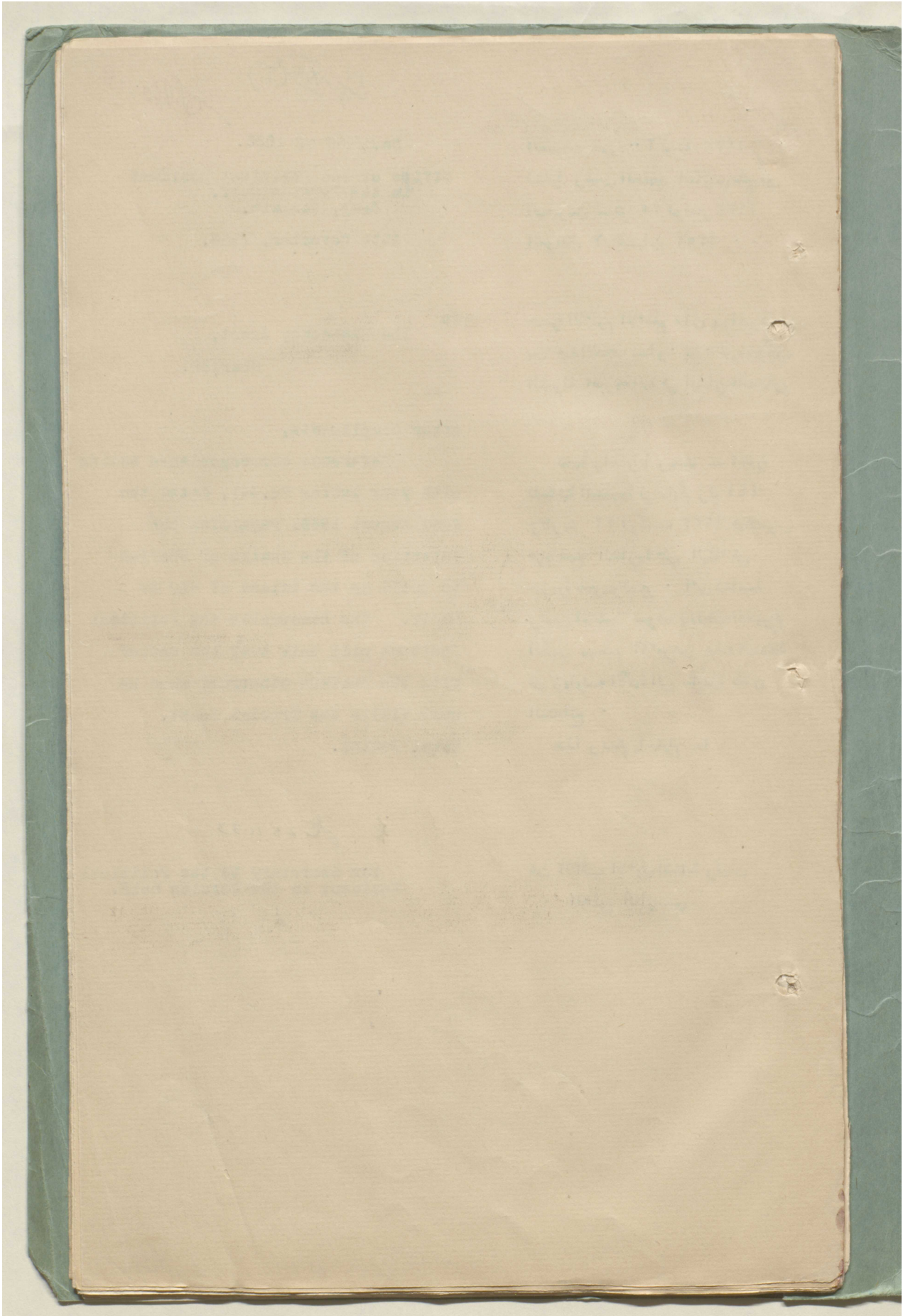
Reference correspondence ending  
with your letter No.441, dated the  
22nd August 1933, regarding the  
intention of the Shaikh of Sharjah  
to build on the island of Sir Bu  
Na'ir. The Honourable the Political  
Resident will talk over the matter  
with the Shaikhs concerned when he  
next visits the Trucial Coast.  
Usual Ending.

عن النائب الاول لفخامة رئيس  
الخليج الفارسي

25.11.33

for Secretary to the Political  
Resident in the Persian Gulf.





'14/102 I Sir Abu Nu`air' [24r] (49/56)

CONFIDENTIAL.

No.C/201 of 1933.

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S.No: 19

O/K

The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

The Political Agent,  
Bahrain.

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document (2)

Office of the Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf,  
Camp, Bahrain.

British Consulate-General,  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
BUSHIRE.  
XXXXXXXXXXXX

Dated 25th November 1933.

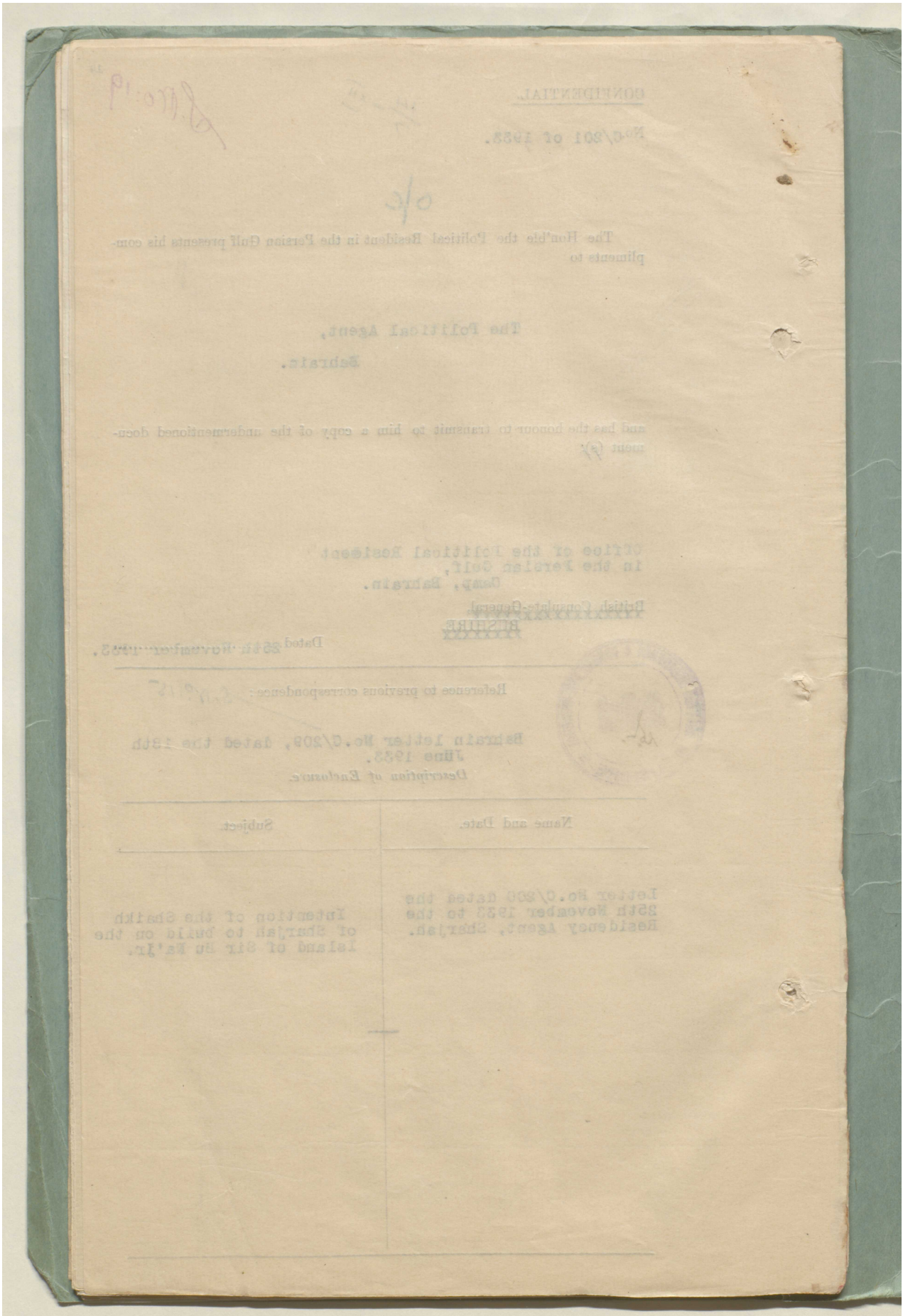


Reference to previous correspondence: S.No. 15

Bahrain letter No.C/209, dated the 18th  
June 1933.

Description of Enclosure.

| Name and Date.  | Subject.   |
|---|--|
| Letter No.C/200 dated the 25th November 1933 to the Residency Agent, Sharjah. | Intention of the Shaikh of Sharjah to build on the Island of Sir Bu Na'ir. |



Letter No. C/209-15/2 D/18/6/33 from P. A. Bahrein

Us. Please see file  $\frac{14}{102}$  which bears on this subject. There does not appear to be anything later in our records and in the absence of a definite reference we are unable to trace that the matter did come up again for consideration during Sir Percy Cox's or Colonel Trevor's time (Sq. file  $\frac{14}{88}$  is also submitted). The island of Sir Bu`Nair is accepted to belong to the Sheikh of Sharqah and if he wishes to develop it he should be allowed to unless the neighbouring Sheikhs have valid objections. None have been shown.

Ullb  
17

C.A. Re para 5 of P.U.C. There appears to be no ref. concerning this in the Town Office, perhaps you have something about at Salghad.

Ans.

17.

Us.

We have not been able to trace anything in subsequent files than his bound volume have sent down (P. 14 i.e.  $\frac{14}{88}$ -I)

17/17

P.R.

Re this P.U.C. I can find no trace of any record referring to the Residency Agents statement that his matter had been the subject of dispute during the time of Sir Percy Cox or even during the time of Colonel Trevor.

The only record we have is that on pages 47-11 file  $\frac{14}{102}$  + Page 27 file  $\frac{14}{88}$  I on this

occur in (1902) it would appear that the  
affair does not.

R. Will you make another search.

I have found following references  
but nothing later than 1902.

1880 - p 27 file B 14  
1892 - p 37 " "  
1902 - p 4 - " " 14/102.

He.

A.S.

2/7.

R

I have made an exhaustive search  
for further correspondence on the subject  
but my efforts have been unsuccessful.

See  
file

8/7

Look through the diaries of  
Sir Percy Cox's tour's possibly  
there might be some ref in that.  
also look Jaur file.

A.S.

2/7.

Confidential file. searched within  
found. some draft. attached to R.A.

Shargah.

A.S. 18/7

File B 14 is sent to Sabzabad  
19.7.33

Letter No. 293 dated 19th July 1933 issued to R.A. Shargah

S.No.:16.

S.No: 17 Letter No: 441 of 22/8/33 from the Residency Agent, Sharjah. 26

Copy Submitted with Sp.

Sub  
25/10

P.R.

S.No. 17.

The matter of erecting buildings on Sir Bu hani is an old one, pl. see pages 4-11. file 14/102. On this occasion the affair being over. It would appear that the same question arose again in Coe. Jervis time & Col. Trevor. <sup>have</sup> granted permission for a water reservoir to be erected.

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In view of this I think we might inform Sheikh that there is no objection to his building a water tank but that ~~we cannot~~, in view of the bad feeling it would cause <sup>H.M.S.</sup> would not view with ~~favor~~ <sup>favor</sup> the erection of any other building. ~~then building~~. A.D. 20/10.

See:  
I will take the file with me  
when I return to Terminal  
Coast road.  
29/10

PR  
You may like to discuss with Col. Koch.  
21/11

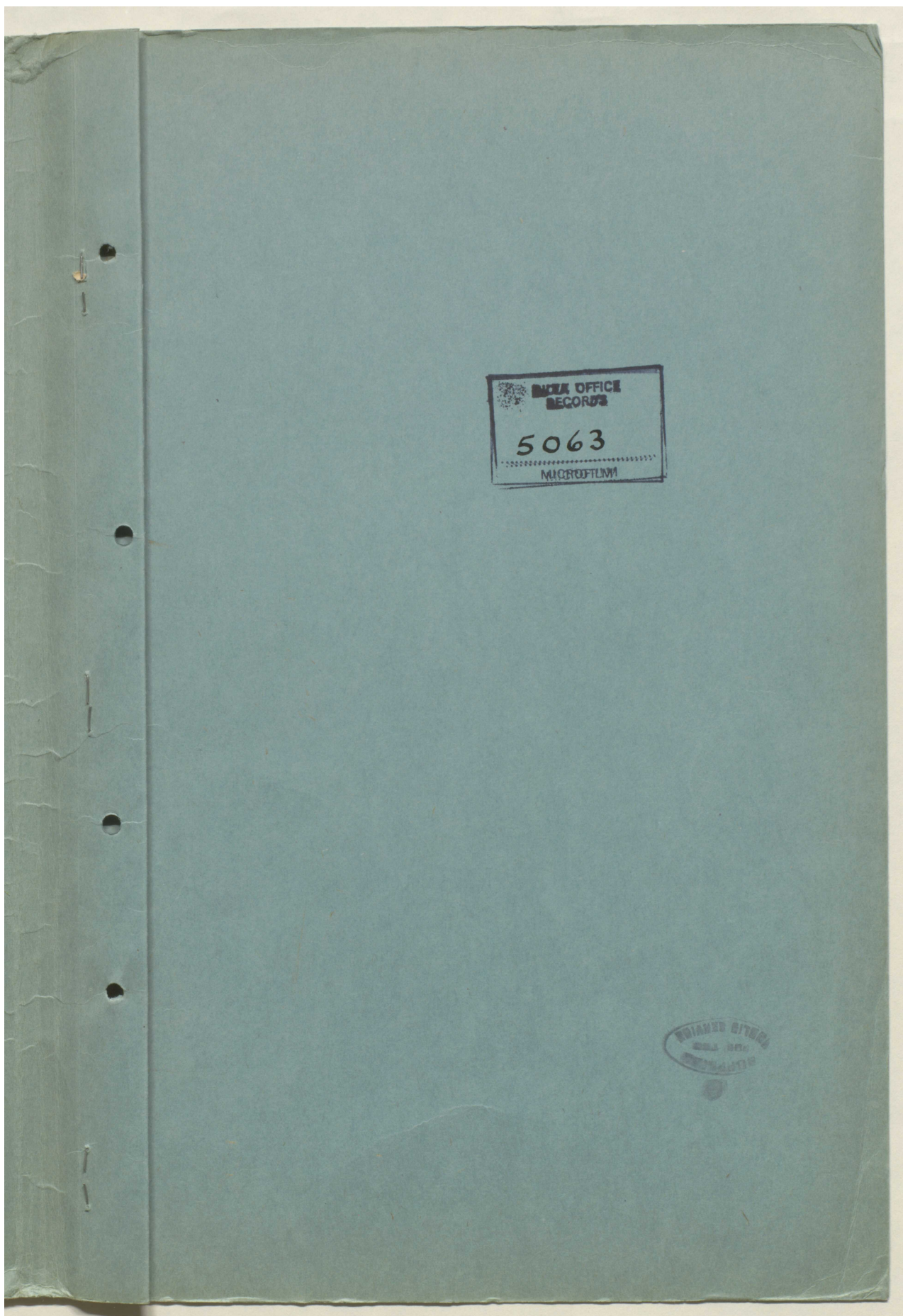
C.A.  
I have discussed the matter with Col. Koch,  
who is of opinion that what Abu  
Dhali is ~~concerned~~ anxious about  
is ~~not~~ to demand of his Bahrain  
should become a supply station for oil,  
who as present which is for Abu  
Dhali. I will take the matter with  
to handle concerned with I return to  
T.C. road, R.A. the informed of  
the is A. with ~~only~~ R.A. Bn.  
23/11

A.

Issued letter no. C/200 of 25/11/33 to R.A. Shejiah S.No: 18  
- " " C/201 - " R.A. Bahrain. S.No: 19  
et.

See file 29/11/33

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