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### '3/12 Officials of the Public Works Department'

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#### About this record

This file contains correspondence between the British Political Agent at Bahrain; the British Political Resident in the Persian Gulf at Bushire; Major C C L Ryan, Secretary to the Political Resident at Bushire; and S G Murteza, Assistant Engineer, Persian Gulf Independent Sub-Division, Bushire.

- Folios 1-12 concern the poor quality of work undertaken at the Bahrain Political Agency in May 1935 by Mr Muhammad Ishaq, Overseer, Public Works Department;
- Folios 13-16 concern the consideration of Pardhan Singh and Abdul Wahab, Persian Gulf Sub-Division Overseers, for the post of Assistant Engineer at Bushire;
- Folios 17-22 concern the abolition of the Persian Gulf Independent Sub-Division of the Public Works Department during the period of the Second World War and the release of S G Murteza for military service.

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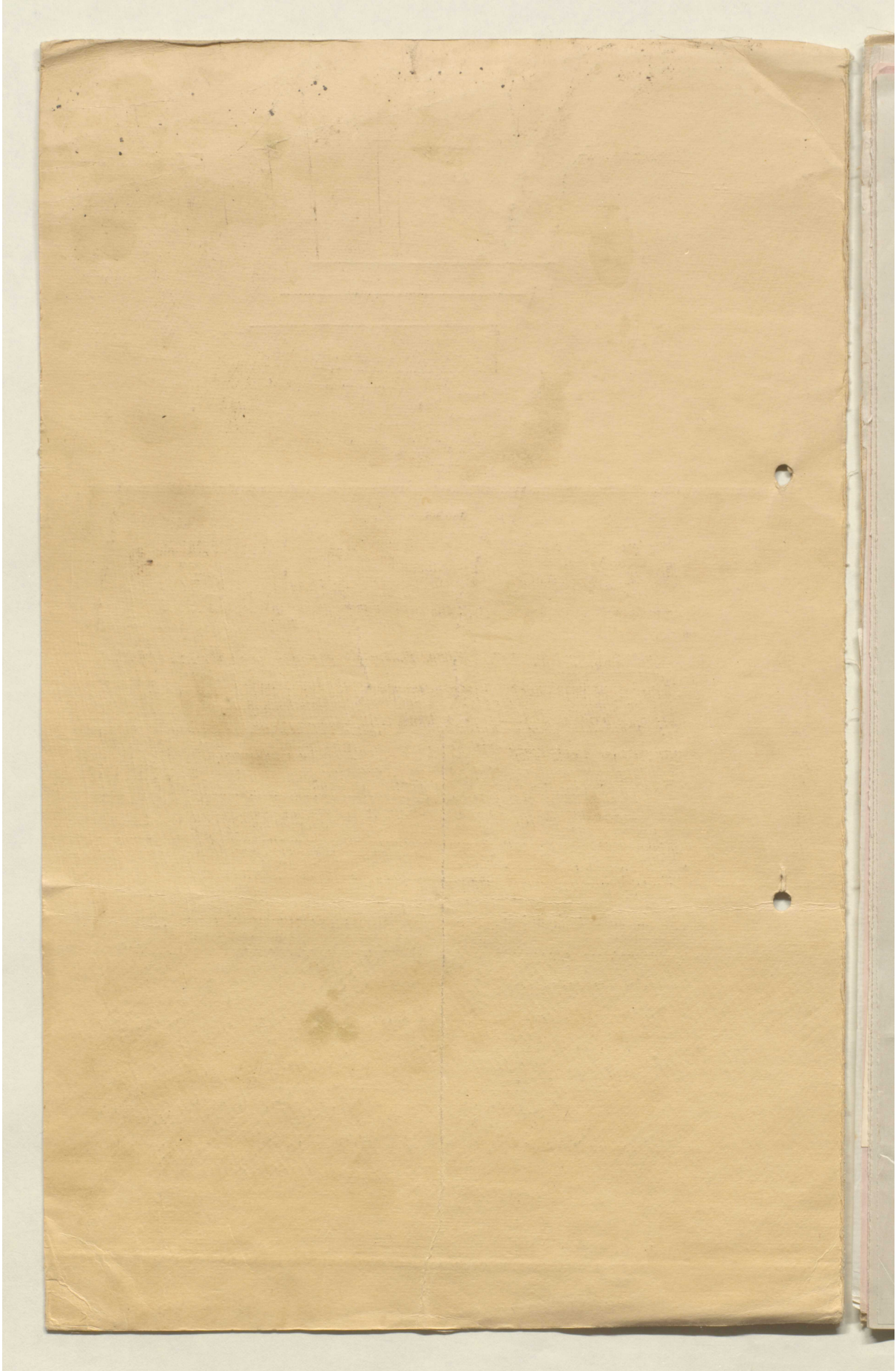
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Confidential.

No: C/613-3/11.

Political Agency,  
Bahrain, the 17th December 1935.

From:-

Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, Loch, C.I.E.,  
Political Agent,  
Bahrain.

To:-

The Honourable the Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf,  
Bushire.

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq, Overseer,  
Public Works Department.

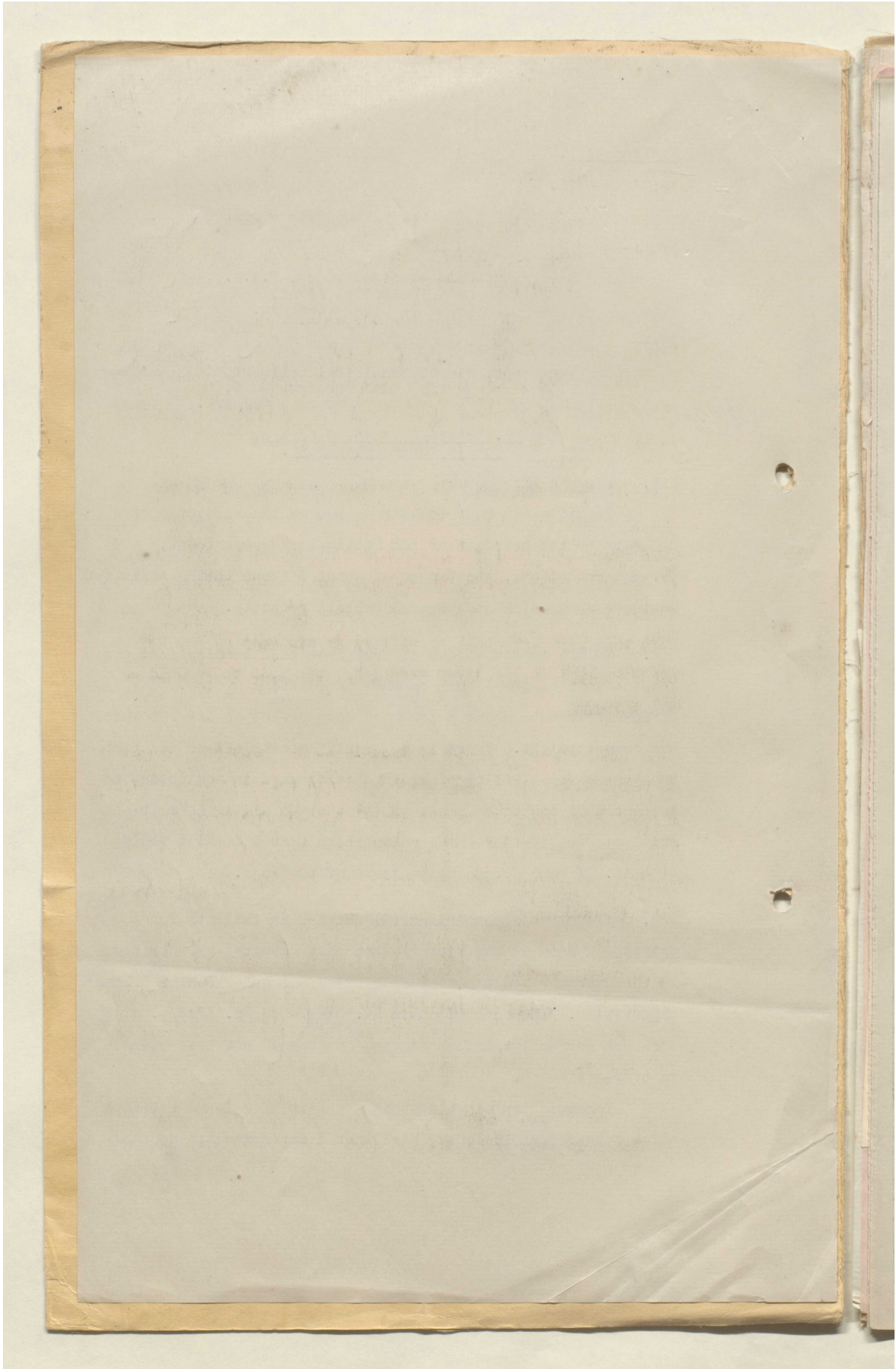
Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the bad work by the Overseer of the Public Works Department, Mr. Muhammad Ishaq, about some of which I spoke to the Assistant Engineer when he passed through Bahrain recently.

2. In May 1935 a wooden stairway was made leading from the ground floor of the Agency to the Confidential Office. I attach (A) a note about a long and deep defect of dry rot which has come to light. There is no doubt whatever either (a) that the Overseer was guilty of gross carelessness in neglecting to inspect the wood to be used, or (b) that he did inspect it and still allowed it to be used calculating that the paint would hide it. I send a box of specimens of the wood.

3. I enclose a comparison (B) between an estimate for painting a room in the Victoria Memorial Hospital as submitted by the Overseer and the cost as carried out under Doctor Holmes' supervision. The comparison is Rs.20/11/- to Rs.13/13/-. The work was perfectly simple painting and should not have been so over-estimated.

I should explain that this was part of a large estimate which appeared <sup>so</sup> ridiculously high that I determined to do the  
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work by local arrangement.

4. I enclose a copy (C) of noting showing carelessness in keeping three plywood bought for lining the offices. I gave specific orders in writing for the stacking of this wood on the dais in my Court room. It was actually piled off the dais and in a corner so that two sides of the pile were touching walls which were running with damp, rust from the ironite with which the walls had been treated and corrupting paint. There is no excuse for this carelessness.

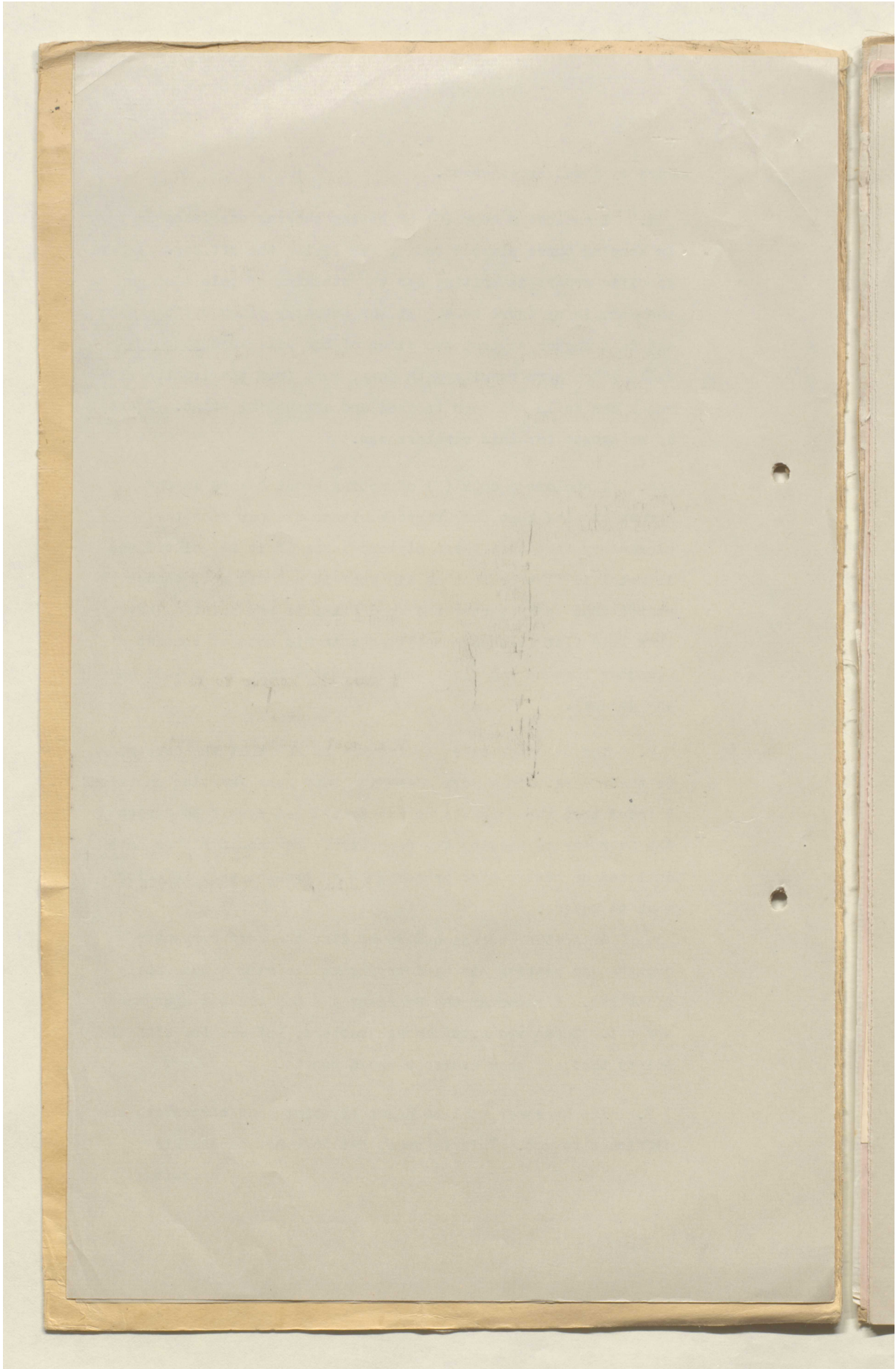
5. I enclose a copy (D) of noting about a work in the Agency showing that the Overseer either did not know the elementary fact that three plywood warps if it is painted and is not laid flat or that he did know it and did not, though he states that he inspected the wood after it was painted, have them laid flat (although he alleges in his note of the 1st December that he had given orders for the wood to be laid on the ground).

6. The Overseer takes no trouble to see that the carpenters do their work. On a work which included some Venetian shuttering I found that the work was so bad that I had myself to direct the Overseer to dismiss the carpenter. He should either have insisted on better work or should have brought this inferior work to notice.

On another occasion I found that the next carpenter engaged was wasting his time trying to saw with a completely blunt saw. I summoned the Overseer and had the saw sharpened and set. These are petty enough matters, but are the kind of points that any good overseer would see to.

7. The Overseer will no doubt say that good carpenters are difficult to get. This is true, but does not excuse his

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allowing inferior work to be done without reporting it. He has at present (pending sanction to various proposals now before the Government of India) little or no work to do, so that there is no excuse for his carelessness.

8. The works which have been done recently are of an easy and petty nature, but, I should be most unwilling to entrust to him any of the proposed works, such as the new wing of the Agency, the Indian Assistant's Court or the servants' quarters.

9. In all the circumstances, I beg that Mr. Muhammad Ishaq may be removed at once from Bahrain and that he may never be sent back.

10. I understand that the Assistant Engineer is prepared, if you have no objection, to replace him by another Overseer shortly returning from leave.

I have the honour to be

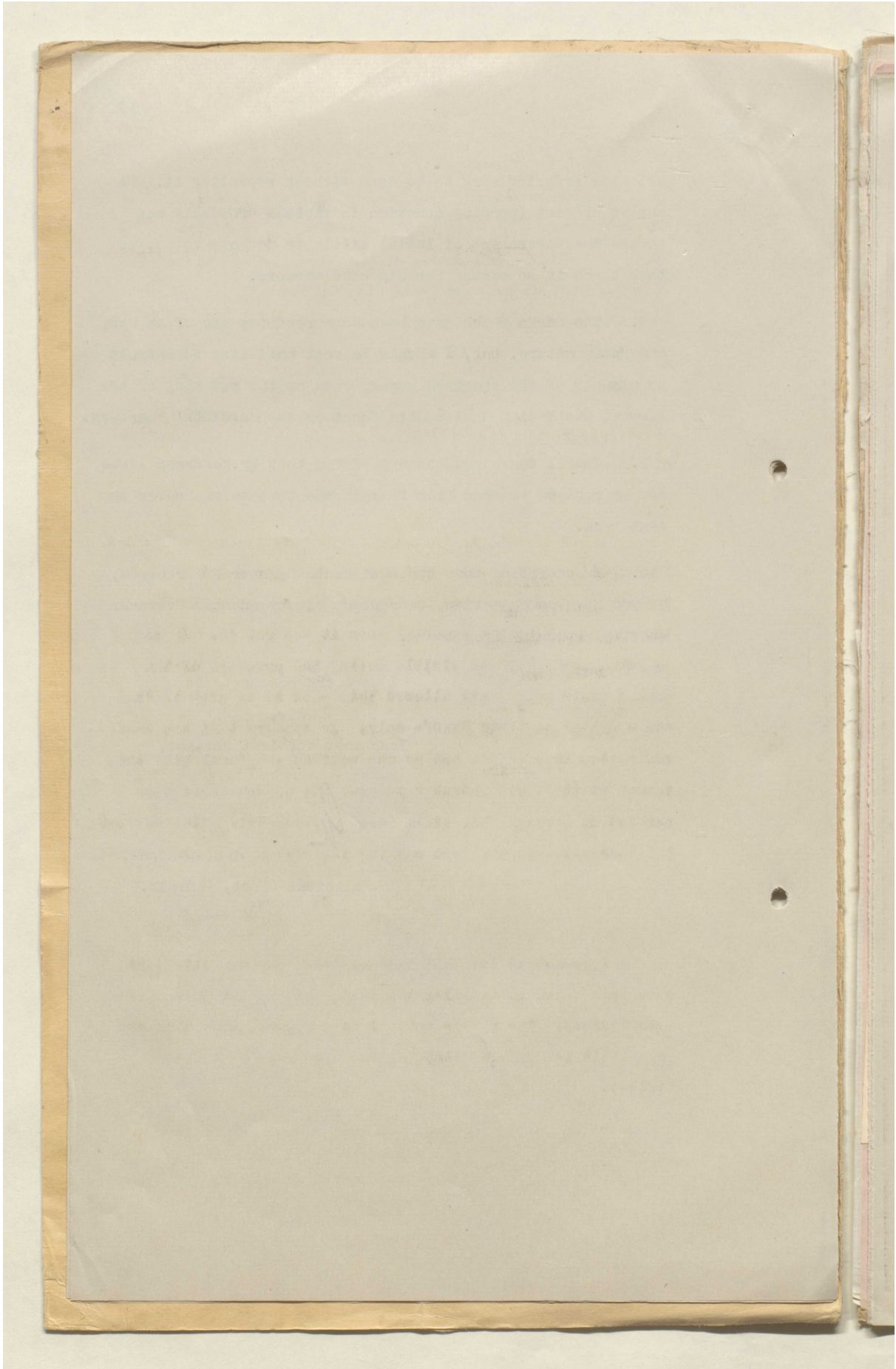
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Lieut-Colonel,  
Political Agent, Bahrain.





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office no 12/35

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Enclosure "A".

I should like an explanation by Mr. Muhammad Ishaq why rotten wood was used for the handrail of the stair leading up to the Confidential Office. The wood is so rotten as to be powdery and the fault extends for some couple of feet at intervals. It is deep and obviously was visible when the wood was put in as in places there is only the paint over it.

A.P.A to see. G.A.C.-10/12.

G.L.- 10/12/35.

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq.

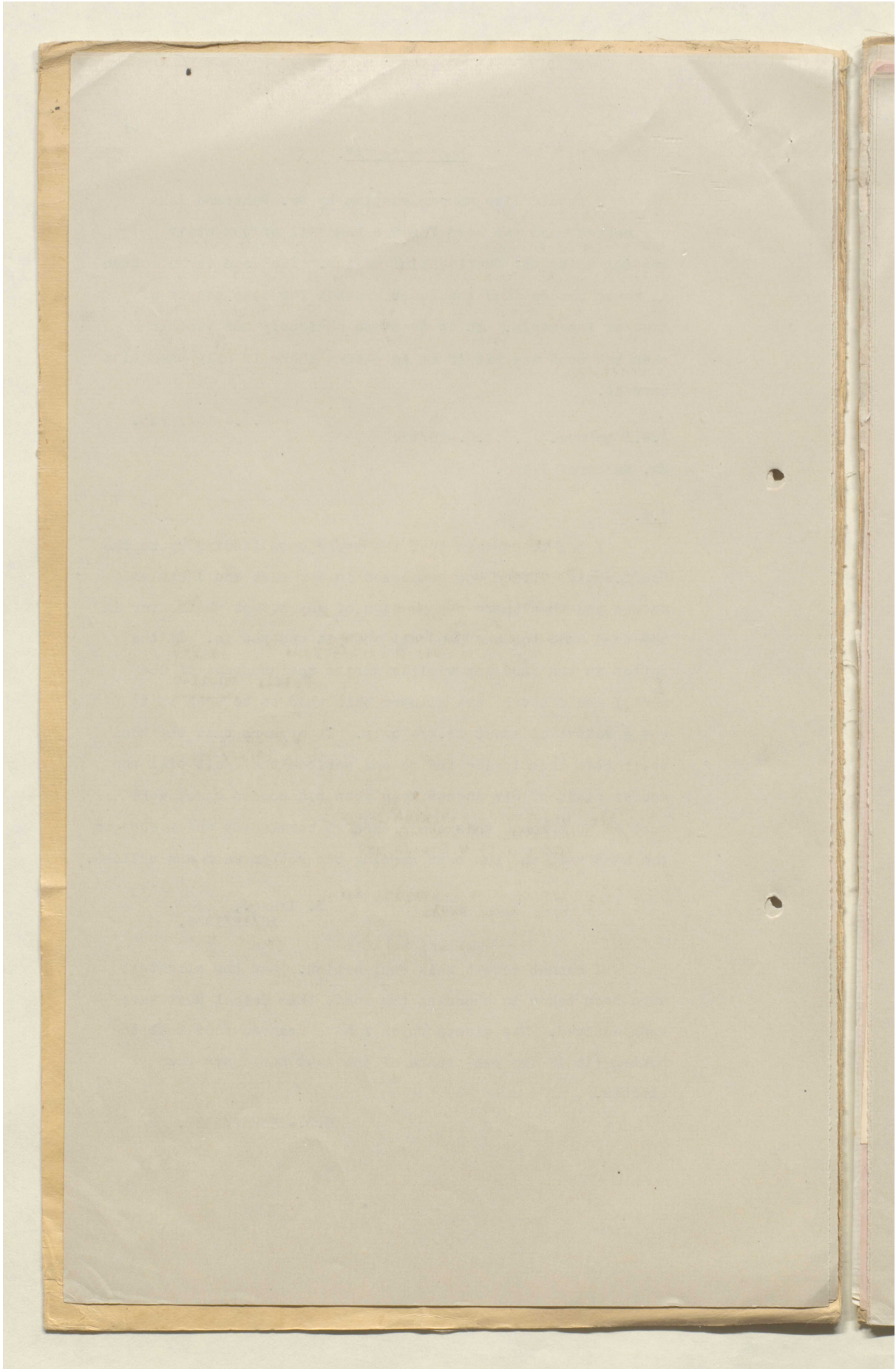
P.A.

I beg to explain that the stair case leading up to the Confidential Office was completed in May last and I can only assure you that there was no sign of any defect whatsoever in the wood used for the handrail when it was put in. If the defect in the wood was visible during the progress of the work I would never have allowed this wood to be used as it was a matter of about Rs.3/- only. It appears that the wood was rotten from inside and no one noticed the fault till the recent visit of Sir Andrew Ryan when big wooden cases were carried up through this stair case so carelessly which damaged the hand rail and the next morning the rotten wood was noticed.

M. Ishaq.,  
10/12/1935.

I cannot accept this explanation. Had the slightest care been taken in choosing the wood, this defect must have been noticed. The pieces which I have removed show that the rotten (it is dry rot) state of the wood must have been visible.

G.L.- 16/12/1935.



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Enclosure "B".

Would you kindly let me have the comparison between the estimate supplied for painting the room in the Hospital building by the Overseer and the actual cost of doing so ourselves. I should like to know how many khalasis were employed and for how many days, so as to get an accurate comparison.

G.L.- 12/12/1935.

Dr. Holmes.

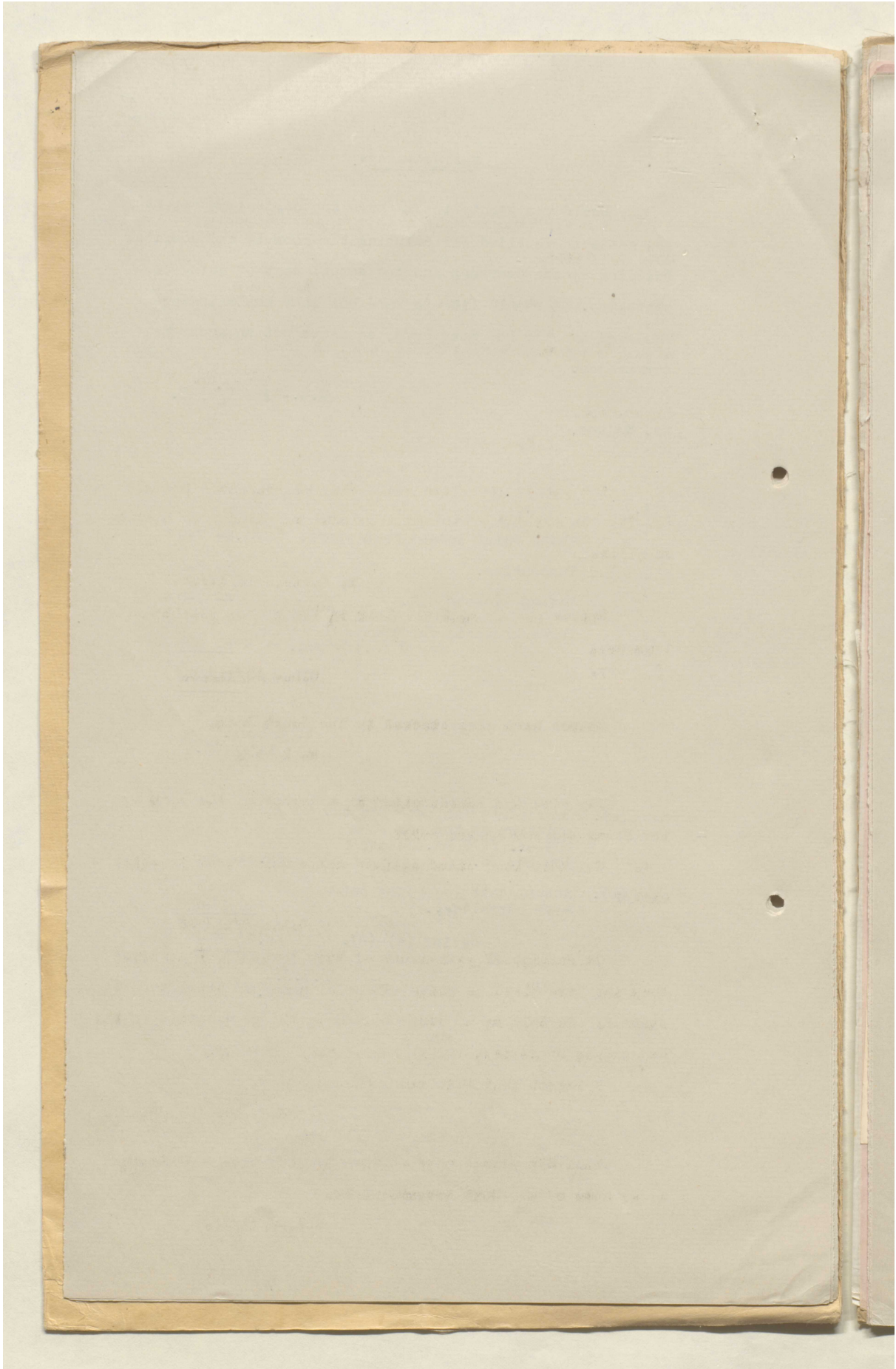
P.A.

White paint issued from store.	Rs.8- 0-0
Turpentine.	3- 8-0
Boiled linseed oil.	3- 3-0
Three khalasis for 2 days say @ Re.1/- p.d.	6- 0-0
Total.	<u>20-11-0</u>

R. Holmes.  
14/12/35.

(a). Overseer's estimate for the painting of the bed room 864 sq. ft @ Rs.4/- per 100 sq. ft.	Rs.34- 8-0
(b). Actual cost (carrying out work ourselves).	<u>20-11-0</u>
Saving (a)-(b).	Rs. <u>13-13-0</u>

D.J.S.-  
16/12.



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Enclosure "C".

I have inspected and kept only 140 boards which are in good condition.

Bahrain, dated 26/11/1935. M. Ishaq,  
Supervisor.

These may be kept if he sells at Rs.6/14/-.

G.L.- 26/11/35.

Supervisor.

D.J.S.-27/11.

160 boards have been taken over at Rs.6/14/- per 100 sq. ft. On receipt of the bill payment may kindly be made to supplier.

M. Ishaq.- 30/11/35.

Better put in my Court Room on the wooden dais to keep them dry.

G.L.- 30/11/35.

Boards have been stacked in the Court Room.

M. Ishaq.

Why were the boards piled in a corner of the room on the floor and not on the dais?

2. Why were they piled against walls which were sweating badly?

G.L.- 7/12/1935.

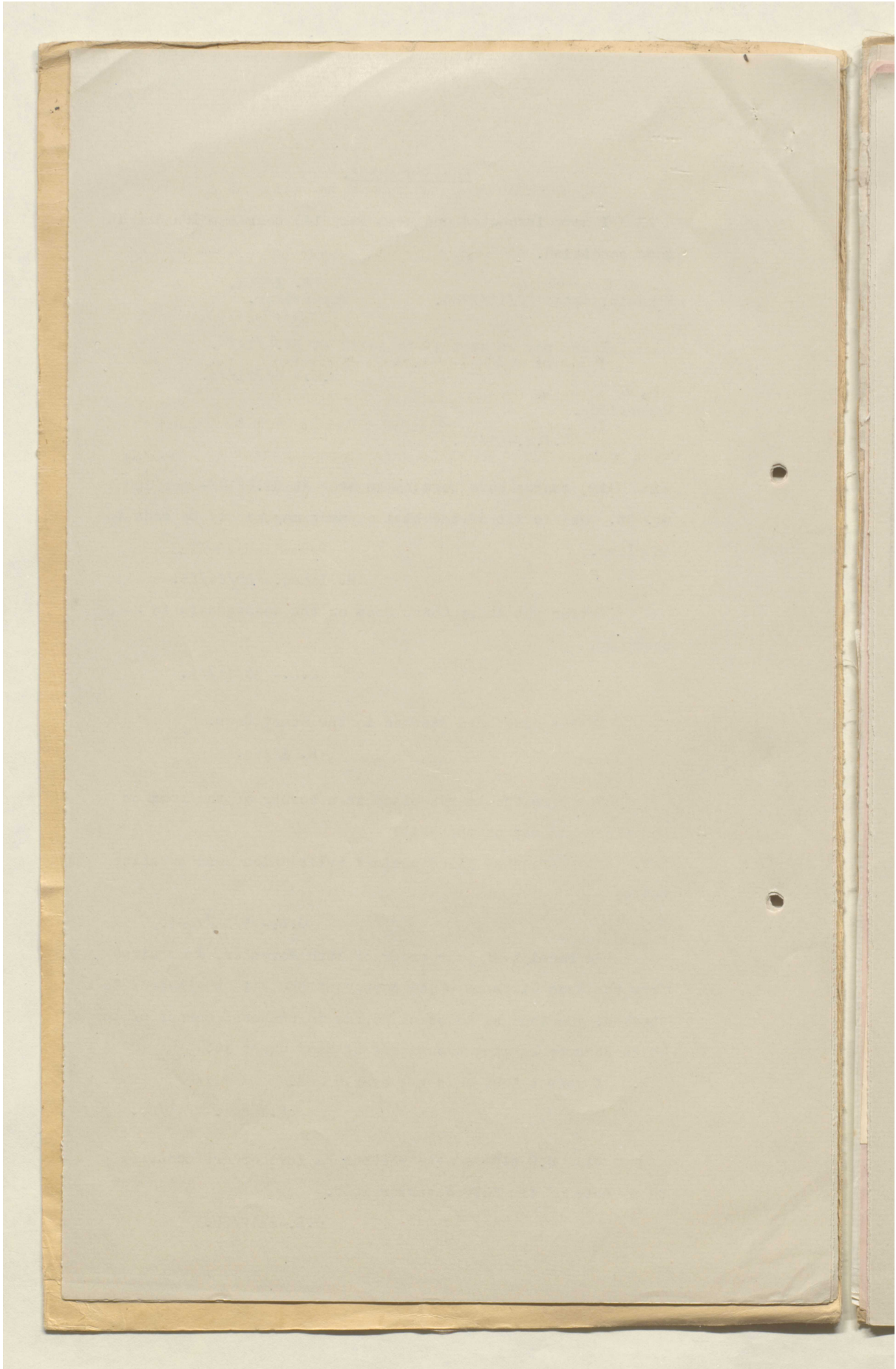
On receipt of your order of 30th November, I enquired from the Head Clerk on which corner of the dais the boards to be stacked. He told me to stack boards on the west corner of the Court Room by keeping two pieces of wood under it.

2. I regret that this was overlooked.

M.Ishaq.-7/12/35.

Will H.C please note whether he gave orders contrary to my note of the 30th November 1935.

G.L.-8/12/35.



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No, I told the Supervisor on the dais but to the left (on entering room) to allow P.A to get to his table. I do not recollect saying anything about two pieces of wood under the boards.

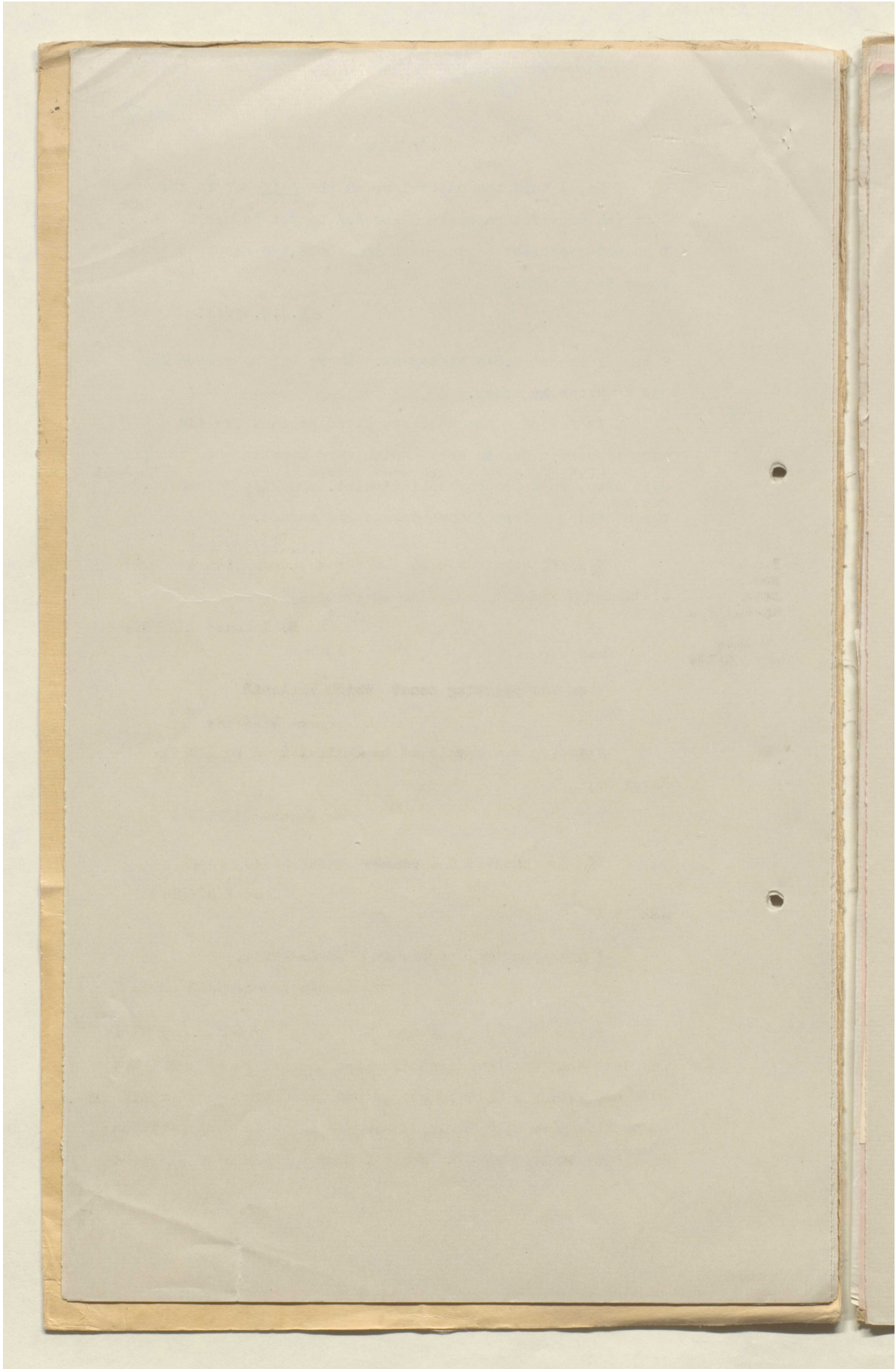
D.J.S.-7/12.

I accept H.C's statement. There was no reason for him to alter my order.

In any case the wood was piled so that two sides were pressed close to walls which were sweating and running with damp, rust and corrupting paint. Luckily I inspected the stacking before before damage had ensued.

G.L.-16/12/1935.





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Enclosure "D".

H.C.

On 26-11-35 Mr. Muhammad Ishaq asked me to issue him with  $\frac{1}{2}$  (half a gallon) solignum, orange colour, for painting P.A's store room three-ply wood and I gave him the same.

J.M.- 1/12/35.

P.A.

The solignum was applied by our khalasi (Syed ?)

D.J.S.- 1/12.

Overseer should note what orders he gave to the khalasi who painted the wood.

G.L.- 1/12/35.

Two coats  
are not  
necessary  
up-stairs.

Khalasi was instructed to paint boards with two coats of solignum and keep the same on ground.

M. Ishaq.- 1/12/35.

G.L.  
2/12.

When was painting done? Which khalasi?

G.L.- 1/12/35.

Painting was completed by Khalasi Syed on the 29th November.

M. Ishaq.- 1/12/35.

Did you inspect the painted wood: if so, when?

G.L.- 1/12/35.

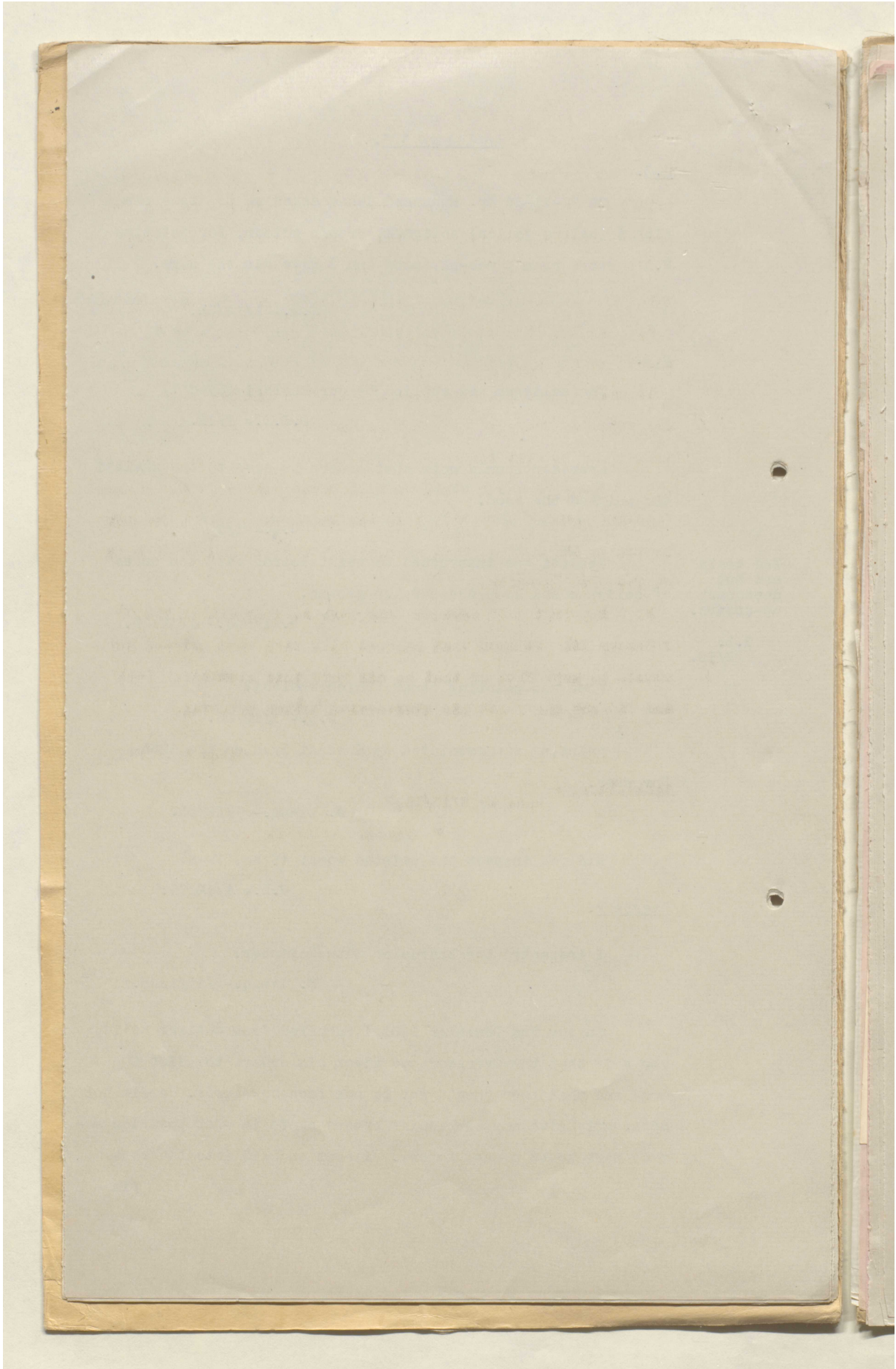
Overseer.

I inspected the boards on 30th November.

M. Ishaq.-2/12/1935.

On the 2nd December 1935 I enquired from Khalasi Sa'id, who said that the Overseer had given him orders to paint the wood and that they should not be put face downwards. He did not apparently give any particular orders as to in what position they were to be placed to dry. I went on 2/12 into the room

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in which the painted plywood was kept with the Overseer. He said that the Khalasi found it easier to paint the sheets when propped against the wall and that they were going to be put down when they were dry. He did not apparently notice the warping when he inspected the boards on the 30th November 1935.

2. Whether the overseer gave orders for the boards to be placed on the ground or not, the point is that he did not see that they were put on the ground. I asked him why when he inspected on the 30th November he did not have them put on the ground and he said they were not then dry. If he had actually given orders to the khalasi to keep these boards on the ground (see his note of 1/12/35), I do not understand why he did not insist on the orders being carried out when he inspected them on the 30th November.

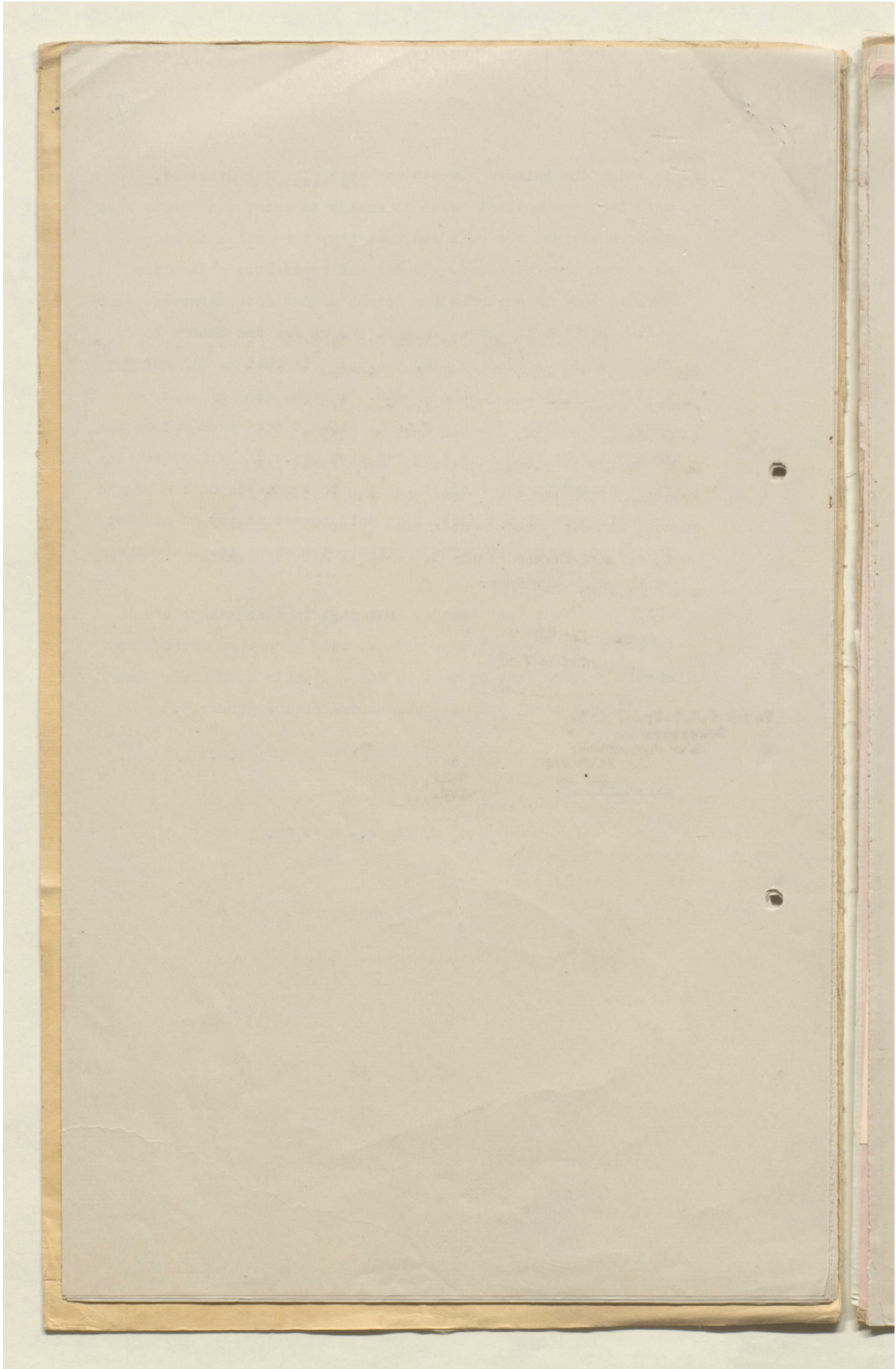
3. The fact that emerges from this is that either the Overseer did not know that plywood will warp when painted and should be kept flat or that he did know this elementary fact and did not carry out his over-seeing duties properly.

G.L.- 2/12/35.

A.P.A to see.

G.A.C.- 3/12/35.

M. Ishaq.- 2/12/35.



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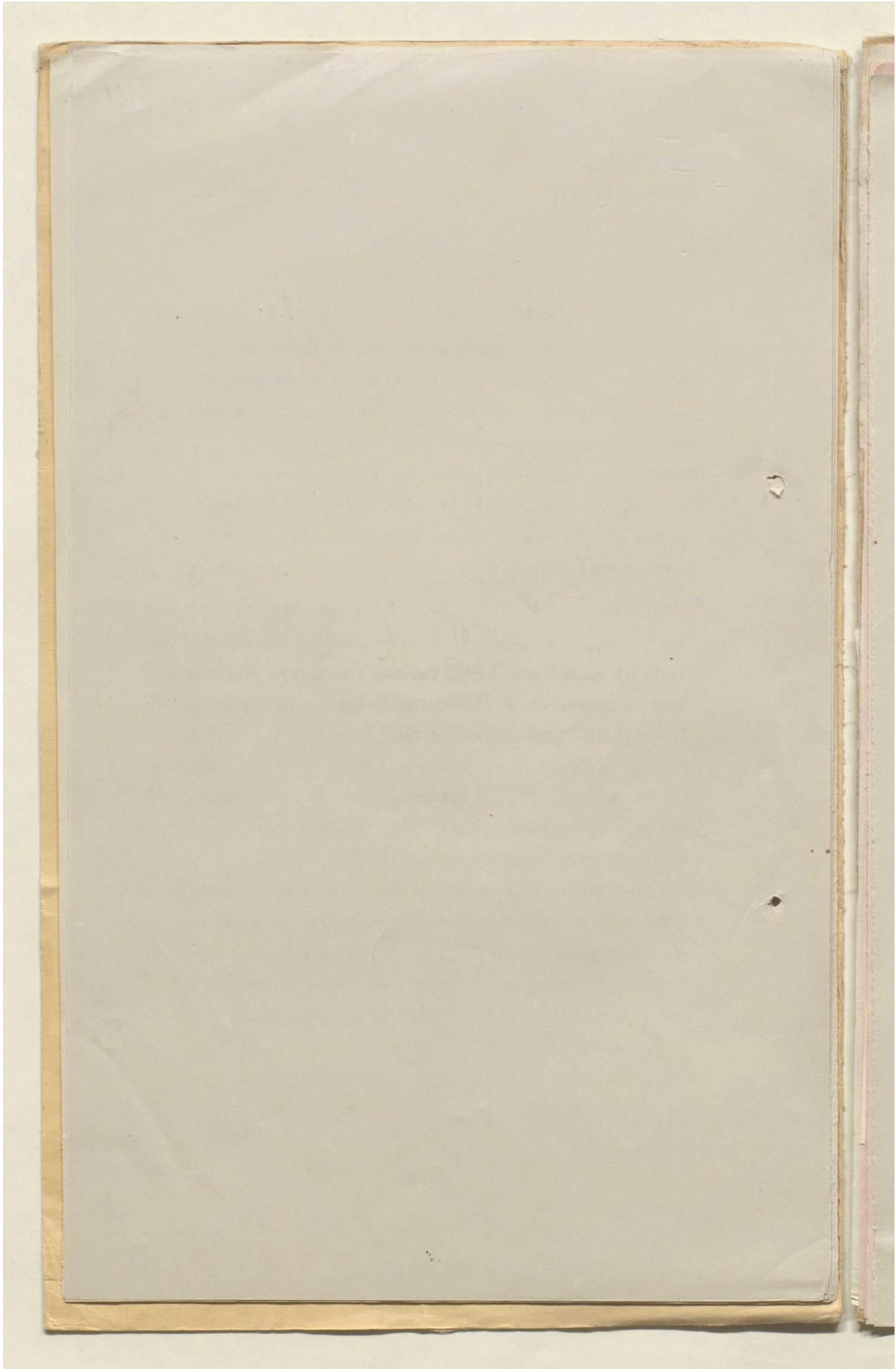
D.O.No:C/7-3/11.

3rd January 1936.

P.1.  
The orders transferring Mr. Muhammad Ishaq, Overseer of the Public Works Department, to Gwadar crossed my letter No:C/613-3/11 dated the 17th December 1935 about his work. I hope that my letter will nevertheless be placed before the Honourable the Political Resident, as I know that the Political Agent, Muscat, also had trouble with this Overseer, and it is possible that Colonel Fowle may wish to take the matter up.

o/c A

Major C.C.L.Ryan, I.A.,  
Secretary to  
the Honourable  
the Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf,  
Bushire.



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Confidential.

No:C/40-3/11.

Political Agency,  
Bahrain, the 26th January 1936.

From:-

Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Loch, C.I.E.,  
Political Agent,  
Bahrain.

To:-

The Secretary  
to the Honourable the Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf,  
Bushire.

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Overseer,  
Public Works Department.  
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Sir,

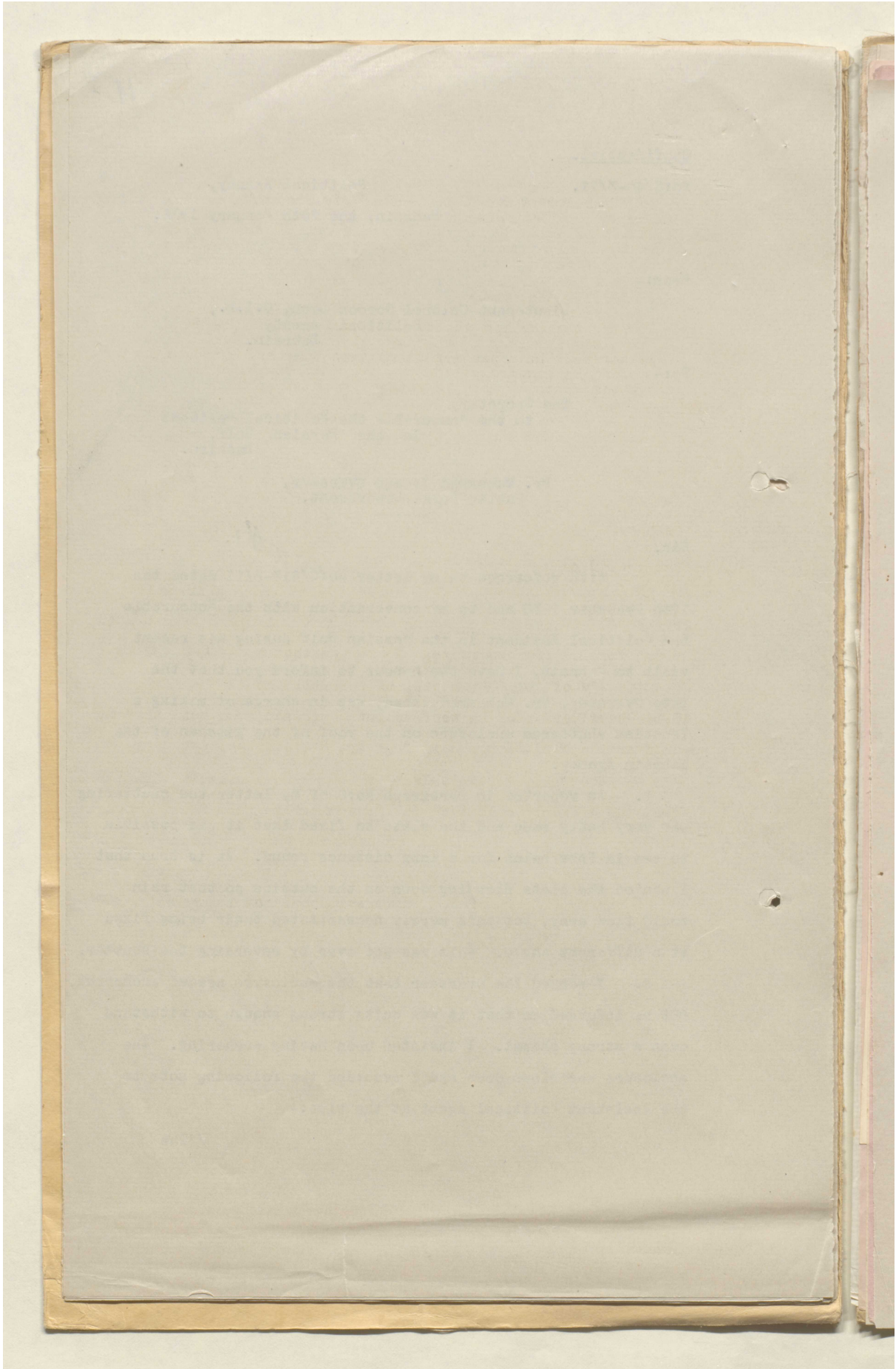
With reference to my letter No:C/613-3/11 dated the 17th December 1935 and to my conversation with the Honourable the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf during his recent visit to Bahrain, I have the honour to inform you that the late Overseer, Mr. Muhammad Ishaq, was in charge of making a Venetian shuttered enclosure on the roof of the kitchen of the Bahrain Agency.

2. As reported in paragraph No:6 of my letter the shuttering was very badly made and the slats so fixed that it was possible to see in from below for a long distance round. It is true that I wanted the slats sloping down on the outside so that rain would flow away, but this merely necessitated their being fixed at a different angle. This was got over by reversing the shutter.

3. I warned the Overseer that the enclosure needed anchoring, but he informed me that it was quite strong enough to withstand even a strong shamal. I insisted upon having anchoring. The enclosure was blown down and I recorded the following note to the Assistant Political Agent at the time:-

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"The Overseer was found and I told him to report to you tomorrow morning. I told him yesterday or the day before that the shuttering needed anchoring or the first real shamal would blow it down. His excuse is that they were going to fix it this afternoon, but the wind was too high. The crass stupidity (in view of this strong wind) of leaving the shuttering unfixd instead of laying it flat on the roof does not seem to have struck him. Incidentally the fall of one of the shitters from the roof has destroyed the electric cable connection of the (I think) S.P.M's house. Had my servants been passing below (and they are continually passing to and fro as the roof is that of the kitchen), one might easily have been hurt or even killed.

2. This and any further note that you may make should be submitted to me on my return, with the p.m."

4. It will be seen from the note that, apart from his ignorance in thinking that a shutter<sup>or enclosure</sup> of this kind would stand unanchored, he was guilty of gross neglect in leaving it standing in such a high wind.

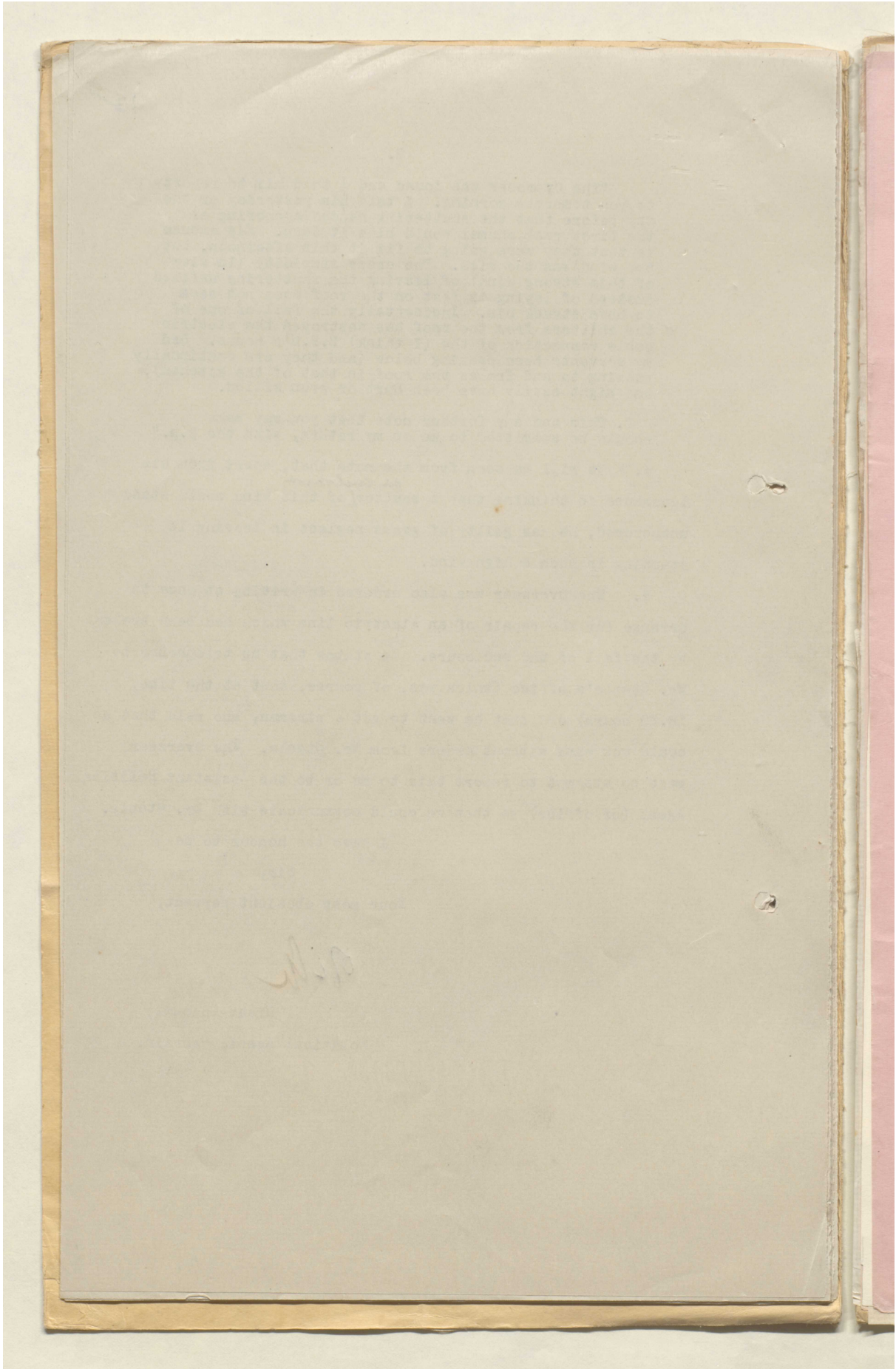
5. The Overseer was also ordered in writing at once to arrange for the repair of an electric line which had been broken by the fall of the enclosure. He states that he telephoned to Mr. Steele's office (which was, of course, shut at the time, 18.30 hours) and that he went to get a wireman, who said that he could not work without orders from Mr. Steele. The Overseer made no attempt to report this to me or to the Assistant Political Agent (of office) so that we could communicate with Mr. Steele.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lieut-Colonel,  
Political Agent, Bahrain.



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No. 94 of 1937.

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

1. The Political Agent, Muscat.
2. The Political Agent, Bahrain.

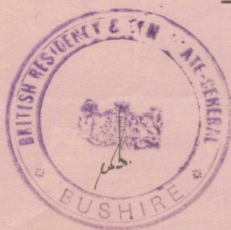
and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned documents (s)///



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

British Consulate-General, BUSHIRE.  
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Dated... 27th April 1937.

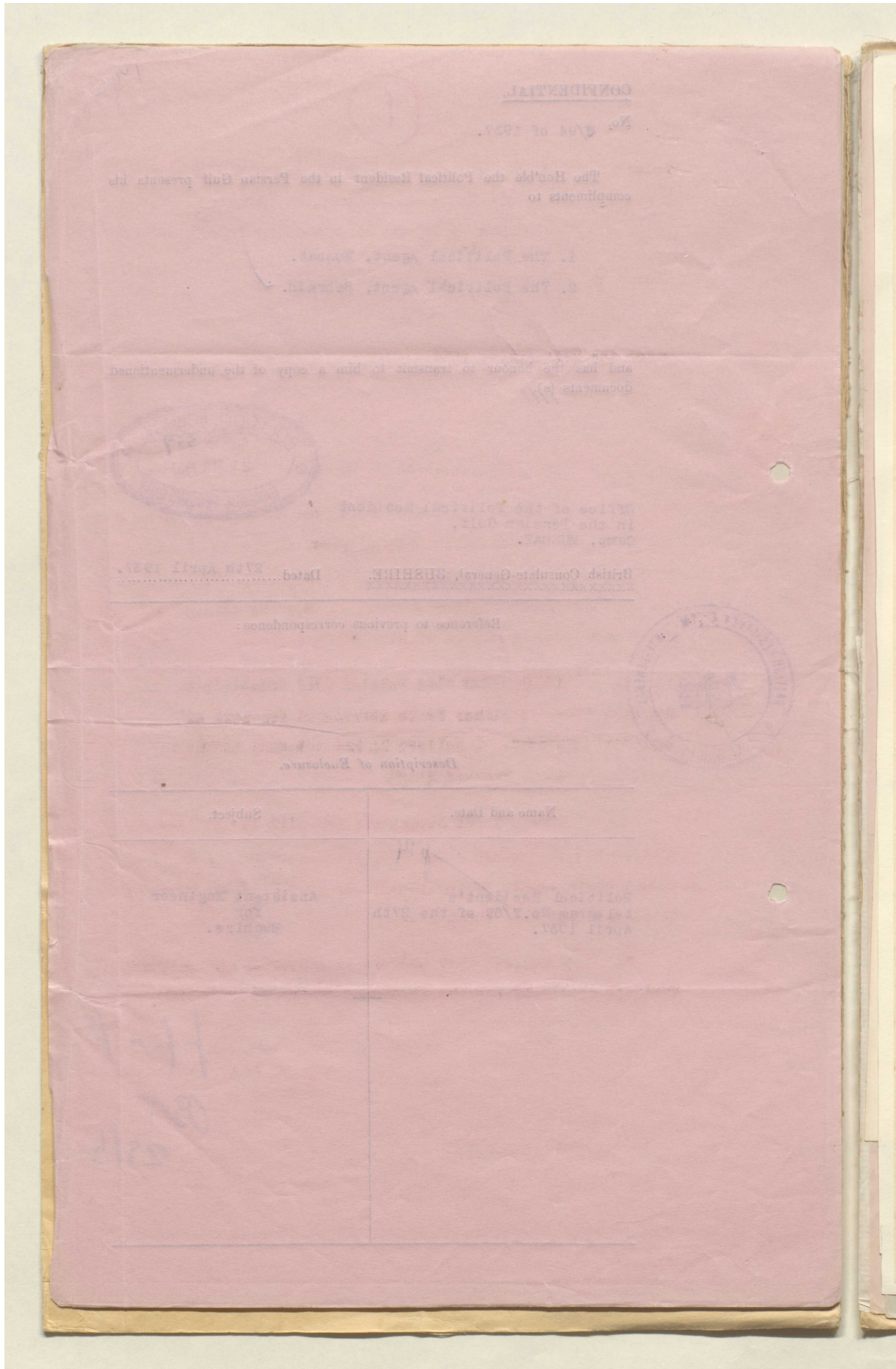


Reference to previous correspondence:

*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p>Political Resident's telegram No. T/69 of the 27th April 1937.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">p14</p>	<p>Assistant Engineer for Bushire.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">H-H-18 BT 29/4</p>

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Telegram G.T.C.  
From Political Resident, Bushire, at Muscat.  
To Government of India, Department of External  
Affairs, Simla.

Copies by post to Political Agent, Muscat, and  
Political Agent, Bahrain.

No. T/69.

Dated the 27th April, 1937.

Reference Assistant Engineer for Bushire.

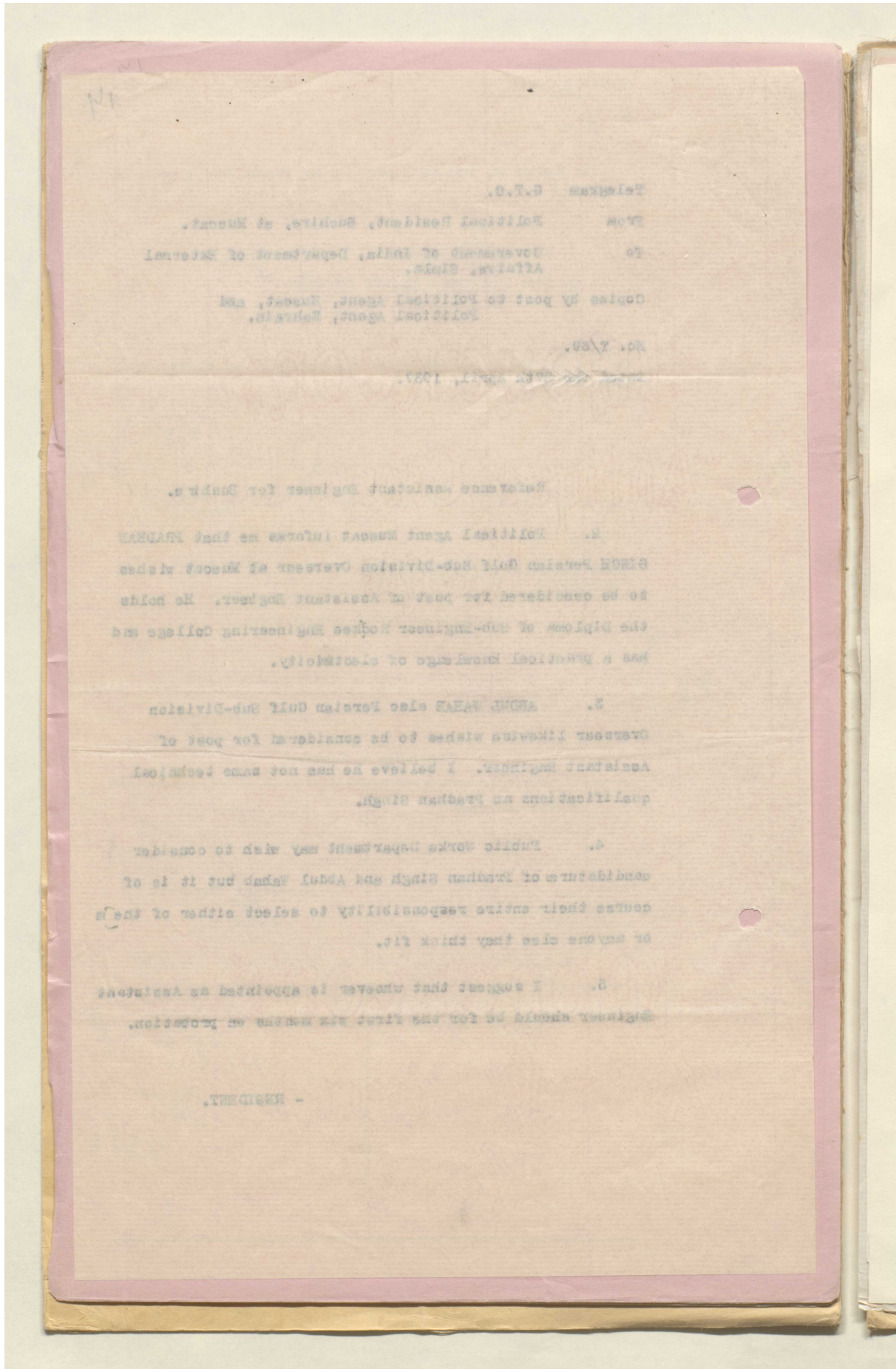
2. Political Agent Muscat informs me that PRADHAN SINGH Persian Gulf Sub-Division Overseer at Muscat wishes to be considered for post of Assistant Engineer. He holds the Diploma of Sub-Engineer Rojkee Engineering College and has a practical knowledge of electricity.

3. ABDUL WAHAB also Persian Gulf Sub-Division Overseer likewise wishes to be considered for post of Assistant Engineer. I believe he has not same technical qualifications as Pradhan Singh.

4. Public Works Department may wish to consider candidatures of Pradhan Singh and Abdul Wahab but it is of course their entire responsibility to select either of the m or anyone else they think fit.

5. I suggest that whoever is appointed as Assistant Engineer should be for the first six months on probation.

- RESIDENT.





D. O. No. 4/ 1068. 15

Bushire, 8th December 1937.

Dear Mr. Weightman, 1/R. 1201  
17/12/37

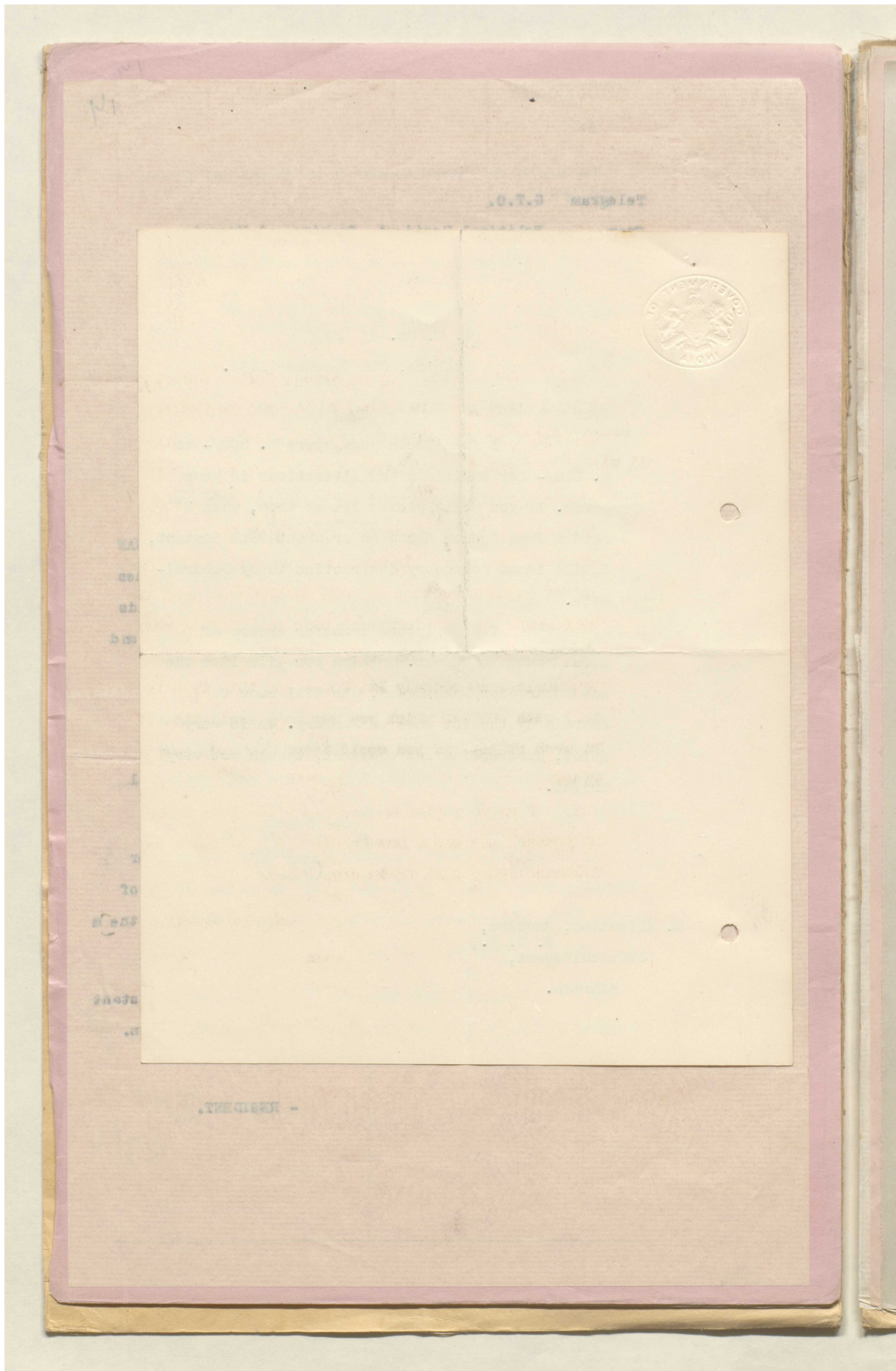
I find I can just spare Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/- for Additions and Alterations in your house. If you would please let me know, when I return from Bunder Abbas on or about 25th instant, I will issue necessary instruction to my Subordinate.

I have issued transfer orders of Abdul Wahab to Muscat. I think you will like the new Supervisor Mohd Ishaq, who will come to Bahrain by the 1st week of January. He is very quiet, hardworking and obedient, though not very bright.

Yours sincerely,  
G. O.

H. Weightman, Esquire,  
I. C. S.,  
Political Agent,  
Bahrain.





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D.O.No. C/916-3/11

The 18th December 1937.

Dear Mr. Murteza,

Many thanks for your demi-official letter No. 4/1068 dated the 8th December 1937 and the offer of Rs. 200/- to 300/- for Additions and Alterations.

2. I should have liked most of all to re-roof the kitchen, but the sum available is not sufficient for that work, and so I suggest that it might be spent on two very necessary improvements, namely, providing a jaffri in front of the godowns on the east side of the house, and another jaffri to hide the kitchen when entering the compound. The Supervisor informs me that these two would cost roughly Rs. 250/- and this fits in very well with the sum which you can make available. I should be much obliged if you would issue the necessary instructions.

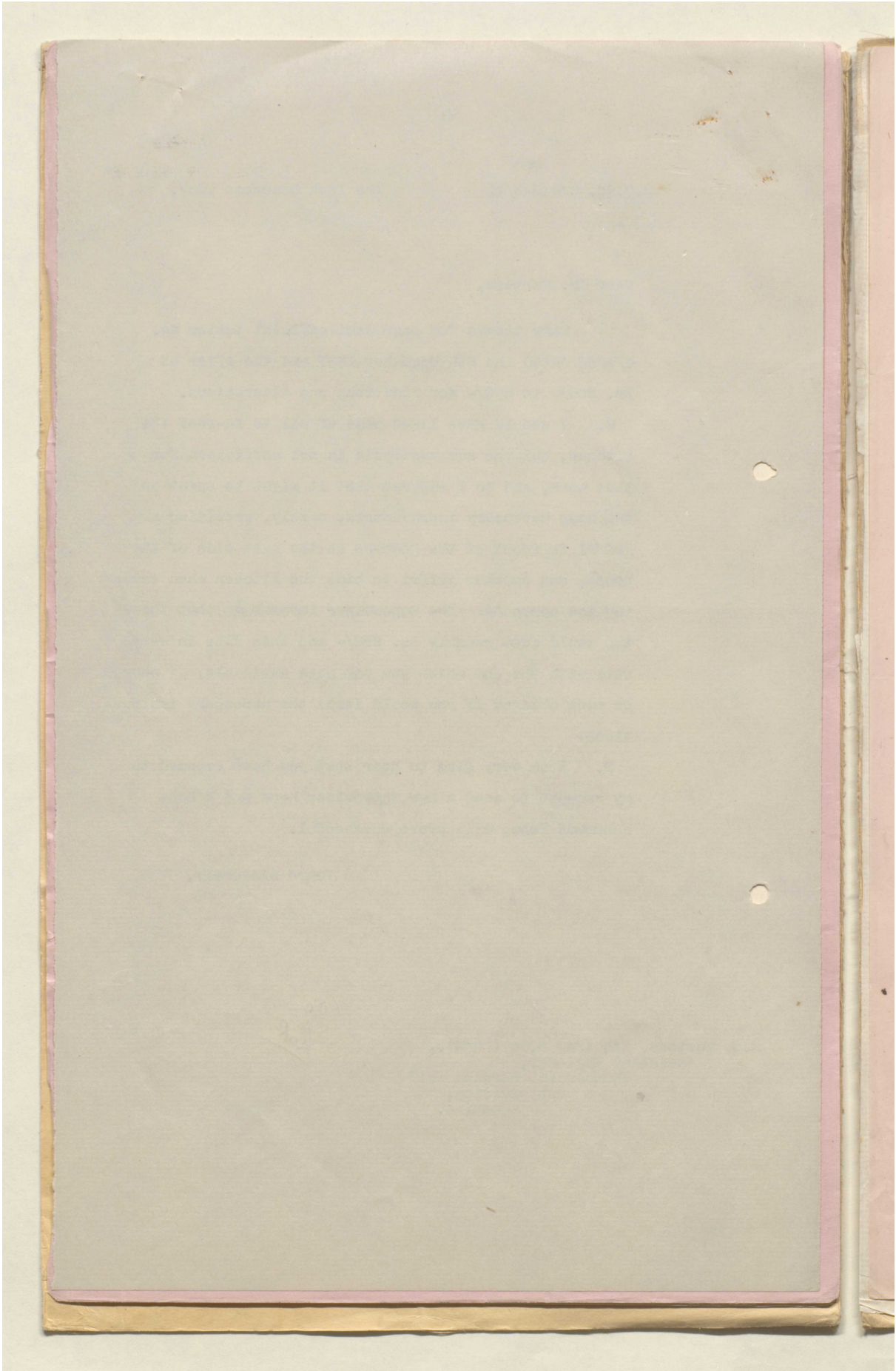
3. I am very glad to hear that you have acceded to my request to send a new Supervisor here and I hope Mohammed Ishaq will prove successful.

Yours sincerely,

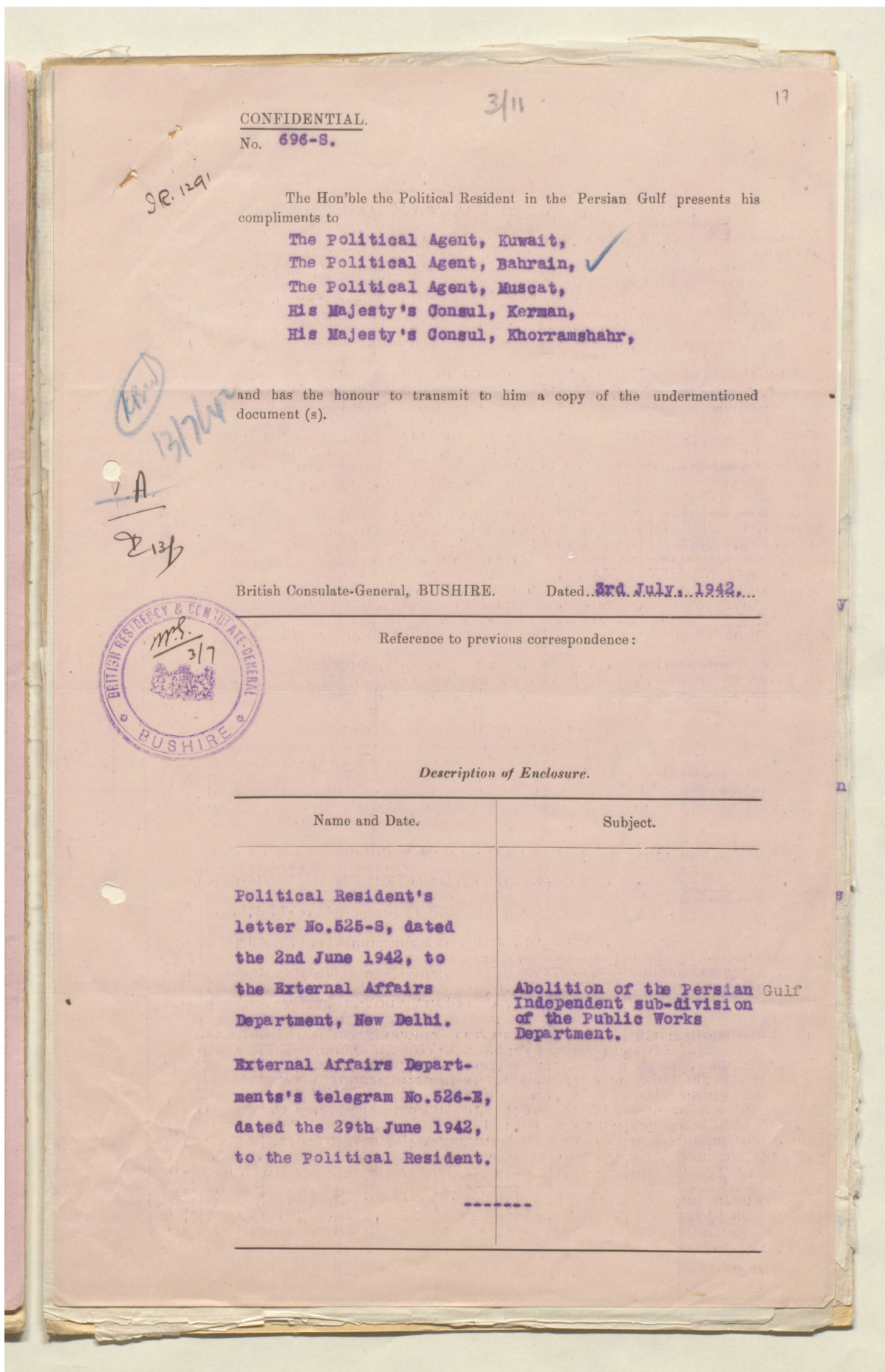
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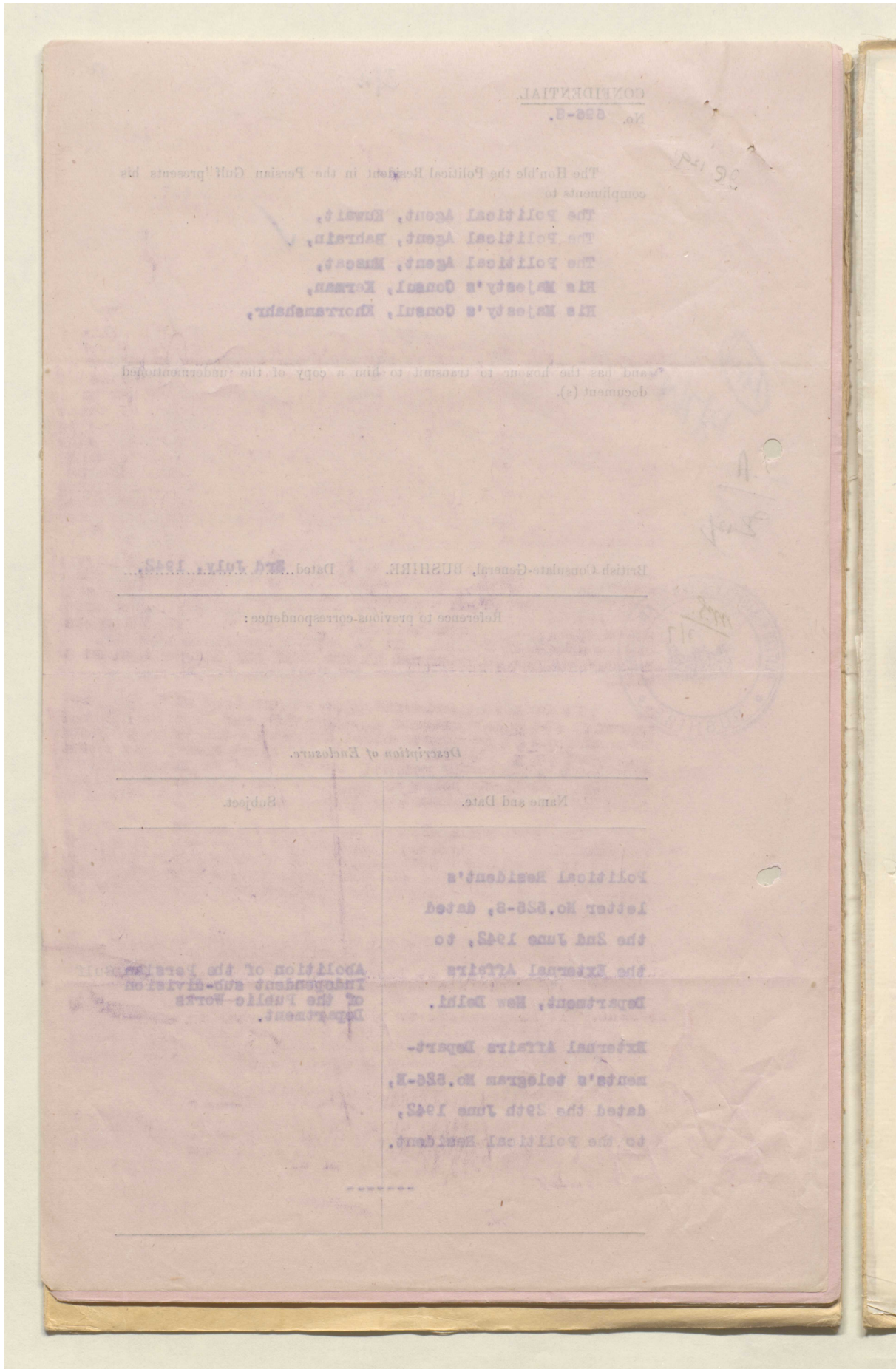
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Kor

S.G. Murteza, Esquire, B.Sc (Lond).,  
Assistant Engineer,  
Independent Persian Gulf  
Sub Division,  
Bushire.



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No. 525-S.  
British Residency and Consulate-General,  
Bushire, 2nd June 1942.

From - The Hon'ble Lieut.-Colonel W.R. Hay, C.I.E.,  
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,  
To - The Secretary to the Government of India,  
External Affairs Department, New Delhi,

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram No. 411-E, dated the 13th May, and to say that the antecedents of the Danish engineer referred to have not yet been verified by His Majesty's Legation, Tehran, but that I do not in any case consider him as a suitable candidate in all respects as he is a mechanical rather than a constructional engineer. I therefore propose that for the duration of the war the Persian Gulf Independent sub-division of the Public Works Department should be closed and its funds for minor works and special repairs placed under my direct control as a contract grant, such of the P.W.D. staff as it is necessary to retain being amalgamated for the time being into the Residency office staff and brought on to the Persian Gulf cadre. These posts are noted in the attached Proposition Statement.

2. This proposal has been prompted largely by the difficulty experienced in finding a suitable Assistant Engineer. The present incumbent, Mr. Murtaza, wishes to volunteer for military service and asked to be relieved in the autumn of 1940, since when all efforts to find a properly qualified successor have completely failed. It is most undesirable that Mr. Murtaza should be retained in the Gulf any longer against his will.

3. It is also considered that in war time when for lack of material and other reasons construction and repairs are reduced to a minimum it is uneconomical to retain the present rather top heavy P.W.D. staff. Lack of transport also makes inspection difficult and greatly reduces the value of an inspecting officer. As shown below my proposals will effect a saving of Rs. 24,320 on establishment alone.

4. The Proposals will throw a certain amount of extra responsibility on Political Agents and other executive officers but it is considered that in present circumstances petty repairs can probably be carried out more expeditiously and economically under their direct control than through the intervention of the P.W.D.

5. The only original works of importance in view at present are the re-construction of the Khorramshahr Consulate and the building of a hospital at Dubai. If the proposal to re-construct the Consulate is proceeded with, which seems at present unlikely, some special local arrangement will have to be made. It is proposed to place an overseer in charge of the work on the Dubai hospital, and I am of opinion that the Political Agent, Bahrain, and the Residency Agent, Sharjah, will be able to exercise the necessary amount of supervision.

6. My detailed proposals are as follows:-

(1) The abolition of the post of Assistant Engineer, Persian Gulf Independent sub-division. The pay of the present incumbent of the post is Rs. 690 plus allowances of Rs. 170. Saving of Rs. 10,320 per annum.

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No. 525-B  
British Residency and Consulate-General,  
Bahrain, 2nd June 1942.

From - The Hon'ble Lieut.-Colonel W.R. Hay, C.I.E.,  
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To - The Secretary to the Government of India,  
External Affairs Department, New Delhi.

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to your telegram No. 411-B dated the 13th May, and to say that the antecedents of the British engineer referred to have not yet been verified by His Majesty's Legation, Tehran, but that I do not in any case consider him as a suitable candidate in all respects as he is a mechanical rather than a constitutional engineer. I therefore propose that for the duration of the war the Persian Gulf Independent sub-division of the Public Works Department should be closed and its funds for minor works and special repairs placed under my direct control as a contract grant, such as the P.W.D. staff as it is necessary to retain being amalgamated for the time being into the Residency office staff and brought on to the Persian Gulf cadre. These posts are noted in the attached Proposition Statement.

2. This proposal has been prompted largely by the difficulties experienced in finding a suitable Assistant Engineer. The present incumbent, Mr. Murtaza, wishes to volunteer for military service and asked to be relieved in the autumn of 1940 since when all efforts to find a properly qualified successor have completely failed. It is most undesirable that Mr. Murtaza should be retained in the Gulf any longer against his will.

3. It is also considered that in war time when for lack of material and other reasons construction and repairs are reduced to a minimum it is unreasonable to retain the present rather top heavy P.W.D. staff. Lack of transport also makes inspection difficult and greatly reduces the value of an inspecting officer. As shown below my proposals will effect a saving of Rs. 24,330 on establishment alone.

4. The proposals will throw a certain amount of extra responsibility on Political Agents and other executive officers but it is considered that in present circumstances better repairs can probably be carried out more expeditiously and economically under their direct control than through the intervention of the P.W.D.

5. The only original works of importance in view at present are the re-construction of the Khorrasmshah Consulate and the building of a hospital at Dubai. If the proposal to re-construct the Consulate is proceeded with, which seems to be present unlikely, some special local arrangement will have to be made. It is proposed to place an overseer in charge of the work on the Dubai hospital, and I am of opinion that the Political Agent, Bahrain, and the Residency Agent, Sharjah, will be able to exercise the necessary amount of supervision.

6. My detailed proposals are as follows:-  
(1) The abolition of the post of Assistant Engineer, Persian Gulf Independent sub-division. The pay of the present incumbent of the post is Rs. 900 plus allowances of Rs. 170. Saving of Rs. 1,070 per annum.

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(ii) The abolition of the post of Accountant at present provided by the Accountant General, Central Revenues. (This post will become unnecessary, as the special repairs and other grants will be administered as contract grants by the Resident. The pay of the present incumbent of this post is Rs.200 plus allowances of Rs.150. Saving of Rs.4,200 per annum. It is suggested that in order to simplify accounts procedure, after the abolition of this post, the grants - if any - for original works should be managed as a contract grant under my own supervision.

(iii) The amalgamation of the P.W.D. office with the Residency office. In detail, this involves :-

- (a) The transfer of Messrs. Nawazish Ali (P.W.D. accounts clerk) and Mukhtar Yassin (P.W.D. clerk) to the Persian Gulf clerical cadre. Their present pay is Rs.150 plus allowances of Rs.75, and it is proposed that they should be brought in as Lower Division clerks at the level of Rs.160 plus the standard Lower Division allowances of Rs.65. Subsequently, they may be promoted in the Persian Gulf cadre in the same way as other clerks, subject to their satisfying the Resident of their capabilities. This would necessitate the provision of two Upper  $\beta$  (initially Lower) Division posts on the Persian Gulf Residency cadre, in place of the two present posts on the cadre of the P.W.D. Financial effect, nil.
- (b) The abolition of the P.W.D. travelling allowance grant of Rs.7,500 per annum, and increase of the Residency travelling allowance grant by Rs.5,000 per annum (cf. paragraph 9 below), producing a saving of Rs.2,500 per annum.
- (c) The abolition of the P.W.D. contingent allowance of Rs.2,700 and of the P.W.D. office and petty establishment grant of Rs.11,500 and the increase of the Residency Office Allowance by Rs.6,000 producing a nett saving of Rs.8,200.

(iv) The transfer of the present Assistant Engineer's house from the P.W.D. to the Residency. The provision of a house for the Vice-Consul, Bushire, has been due for some years, since the post was taken over from the Foreign Office; and the present Assistant Engineer's house would be adequate. No financial adjustment between the departments concerned need, it is suggested, be made, as the rental value of the house will be covered many times over by the costed value of the services rendered by the officers of the External Affairs Department in the administration of P.W.D. funds. Also the house can, if necessary, revert to the Assistant Engineer if the appointment is revived after the war. No rent is at present paid by the Assistant Engineer for the occupation of the house and the financial result of the transaction will be nil.

(v) The post of Supervisor, Bushire, should, it is suggested, be made a selection post, and should carry an additional allowance of Rs.75 as in the absence of an Assistant Engineer its incumbent will have increased responsibilities, and will be primarily responsible for giving technical advice to the Resident and Secretary. The post is at present suitably filled.

(vi) The current expenses and income of the electric light plants at Bushire and Muscat, and of the water supply organisation at Bushire as well as the income occasionally derived from letting quarters in the Consulate building at Bushire, the rent of the post office at Muscat, and the tennis

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(iii) The amalgamation of the P.W.D. office with the Residency office. In detail, this involves:-

(a) The transfer of Messrs. Nawwaf Ali (P.W.D. accounts clerk) and Mukhtar Yassin (P.W.D. clerk) to the Persian Gulf clerical cadre. Their present pay is £180 plus allowances of £75, and it is proposed that they should be promoted in as lower division clerks at the level of £180 plus the standard lower division allowances of £65. Subsequently, they may be promoted in the Persian Gulf cadre in the same way as other clerks, subject to their satisfying the Resident of their capabilities. This would necessitate the provision of two Upper & (initially) Lower Division posts on the Persian Gulf Residency cadre, in place of the two present posts on the cadre of the P.W.D. financial effect, nil.

(b) The abolition of the P.W.D. travelling allowance grant of £7,500 per annum, and increase of the Residency travelling allowance grant by £2,000 per annum (cf. paragraph 2 below), producing a saving of £2,500 per annum.

(c) The abolition of the P.W.D. contingent allowance of £2,700 and of the P.W.D. office and petty establishment grant of £11,500 and the increase of the Residency office allowance by £8,000 producing a net saving of £8,200.

(iv) The transfer of the present Assistant Engineer's house from the P.W.D. to the Residency. The provision of a house for the Vice-Governor, Bushire, has been due for some years, since the post was taken over from the Foreign Office; and the present Assistant Engineer's house would be adequate. No financial adjustment between the departments concerned need be made, as the rental value of the house will be covered many times over by the costed value of the services rendered by the officers of the External Affairs Department in the administration of P.W.D. funds. Also the house can, if necessary, revert to the Assistant Engineer if the appointment is revived after the war. No rent is at present paid by the Assistant Engineer for the occupation of the house and the financial result of the transaction will be nil.

(v) The post of Superintending Engineer, Bushire, should, it is suggested, be made a selection post, and should carry an additional allowance of £75 in the absence of an Assistant Engineer. His incumbent will have increased responsibilities, and will be primarily responsible for giving technical advice to the Resident and Secretary. The post is at present entirely filled.

(vi) The current expenses and income of the electric light plant at Bushire and Muscat, and of the water supply organisation at Bushire as well as the income occasionally derived from letting quarters in the Governor's building at Bushire, the rent of the post office at Muscat, and the tennis court

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court at Kuwait, should be accounted for up to the end of the present financial year under Special Repairs, and thereafter in a separate profit and loss account. Replacements (when necessary) may be governed by the same considerations as those governing replacements of launches, motor cars or other machinery maintained by contract grants.

7. The nett financial effect of the proposals given above is a saving of E.24,320 per annum, vide the proposition statement attached.

8. One post of overseer on E.120-5-150 plus allowances of E.60 per mensem and the post of draftsman on E.150-5-200 plus allowances of E.85 have been vacant since March 1939 and May 1941 respectively. In order that the new scheme proposed may be a success it is most desirable that these posts should be filled as soon as possible and I would ~~greatly~~ solicit the assistance of the Government of India in finding suitable candidates.

9. If it is at all possible I should be very grateful if the Government of India could depute from time to time, say once a year if possible, an Executive or Assistant Engineer to inspect the various buildings and report on their condition and generally to offer advice on P.W.D. matters to the Political Resident and his subordinate officers. The object of retaining as large a sum as E.5,000 from the P.W.D. travelling allowance grant - vide paragraph 6(iii)(b) is to make provision for the travelling expenses of such an officer.

10. If these proposals are approved in principle I request that I may kindly be informed accordingly by telegram so that I can release Mr. Murtaza, vide paragraph 2.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. W.R. Hay.

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... should be accounted for up to the end of the present financial year under Special Revisions, and thereafter in a separate profit and loss account. Revisions (when necessary) may be governed by the same considerations as those governing revisions of incomes, motor cars or other machinery maintained by contract grants.

V. The net financial effect of the proposals given above is a saving of Rs. 2,330 per annum, vide the proposition statement attached.

8. One post of overseer on Rs. 150-5-150 plus allowances of Rs. 60 per annum and the post of draftsman on Rs. 150-5-300 plus allowances of Rs. 88 have been vacant since March 1939 and May 1941 respectively. In order that the new scheme proposed may be a success it is most desirable that these posts should be filled as soon as possible and I would request you to solicit the assistance of the Government of India in finding suitable candidates.

9. If it is at all possible I should be very grateful if the Government of India could depute from time to time, say once a year if possible, an Executive or Assistant Engineer to inspect the various buildings and report on their condition and generally to offer advice on P.W.D. matters to the Political Resident and his subordinate officers. The object of retaining as large a sum as Rs. 6,000 from the P.W.D. travelling allowance grant - vide paragraph 6(d) is to make provision for the travelling expenses of such an officer.

10. If these proposals are approved in principle I request that I may kindly be informed accordingly by telegram so that I can release Mr. Muzumdar, vide paragraph 8.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
Sd/W.R.Hay.

Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

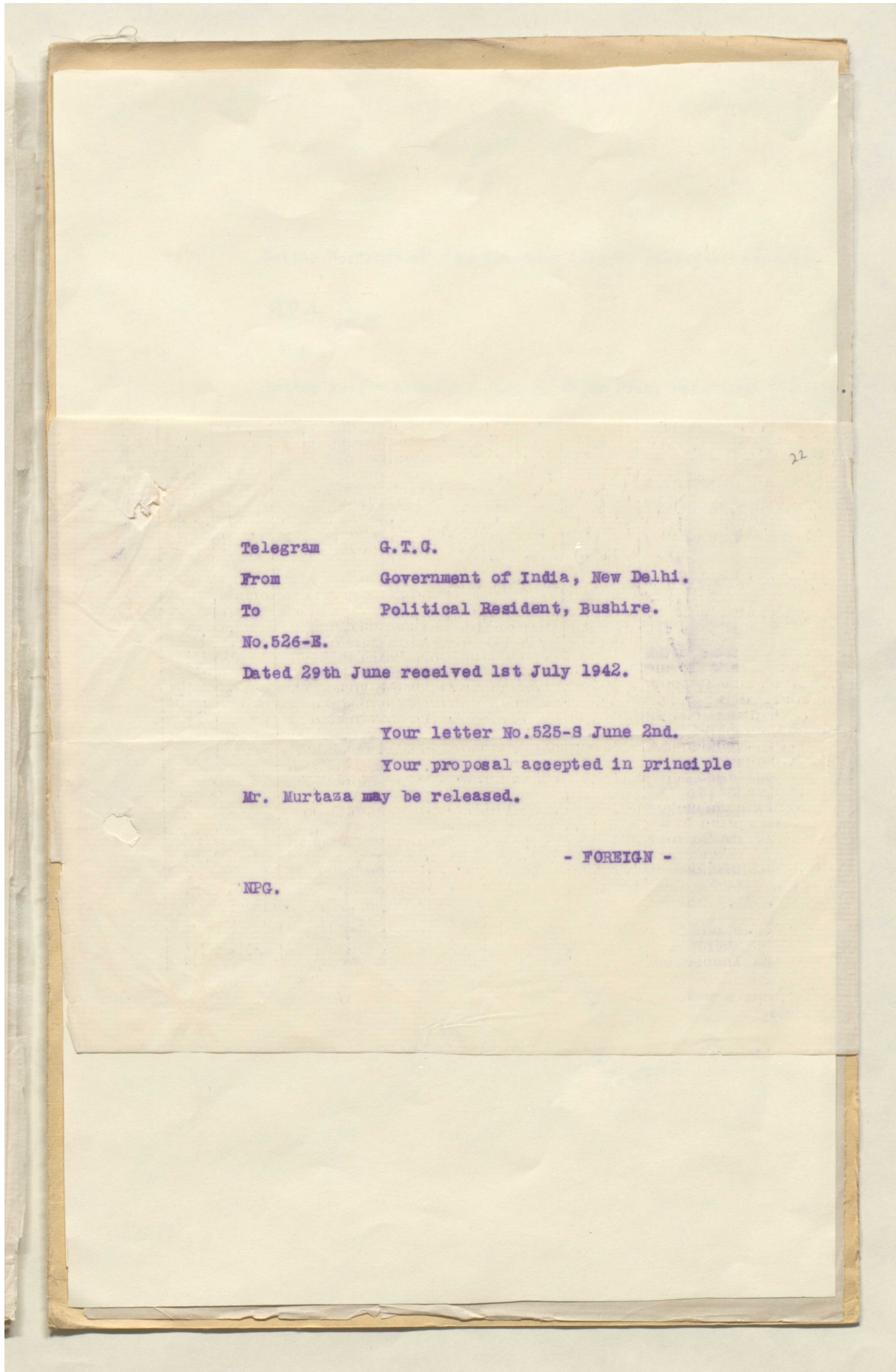
STATEMENT OF PROPOSITION

Class or Grade and designation of Government servants affected.	Number in each Class.		Rates of pay per mensem.		Actual present cost of establishment affected per annum.		Approximate extra cost involved by these proposals per annum.	
	Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Assistant Engineer	One	Nil	360	Nil	10,320	10,320	(-)	10,320
Accountant	One	Nil	350	Nil	4,200	4,200	(-)	4,200
F.W.D. clerks	Two	Two	225 each.	225 each.	5,400	5,400		Nil.
Supervisor, Bushire.	One	One	330	405	3,960	3,960	(+)	900
Draftsman, Bushire.	One	One	235	235	2,820	2,820		Nil.
Overseers	Two	Two	180 each.	180 each.	4,320	4,320		Nil.
Contingencies	-	-	14,200 per annum.	6,000 per annum.	-	-	(-)	8,200
Travelling Allowance	-	-	7,500 per annum.	5,000 per annum.	-	-	(-)	2,500
					<u>NETT SAVING Rs. 24,320.</u>			

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تكاليف الصيانة	ل.م	1	400	400	400	400
تكاليف الصيانة	ل.م	1	500	500	500	500
تكاليف الصيانة	ل.م	1	600	600	600	600
تكاليف الصيانة	ل.م	1	700	700	700	700
تكاليف الصيانة	ل.م	1	800	800	800	800
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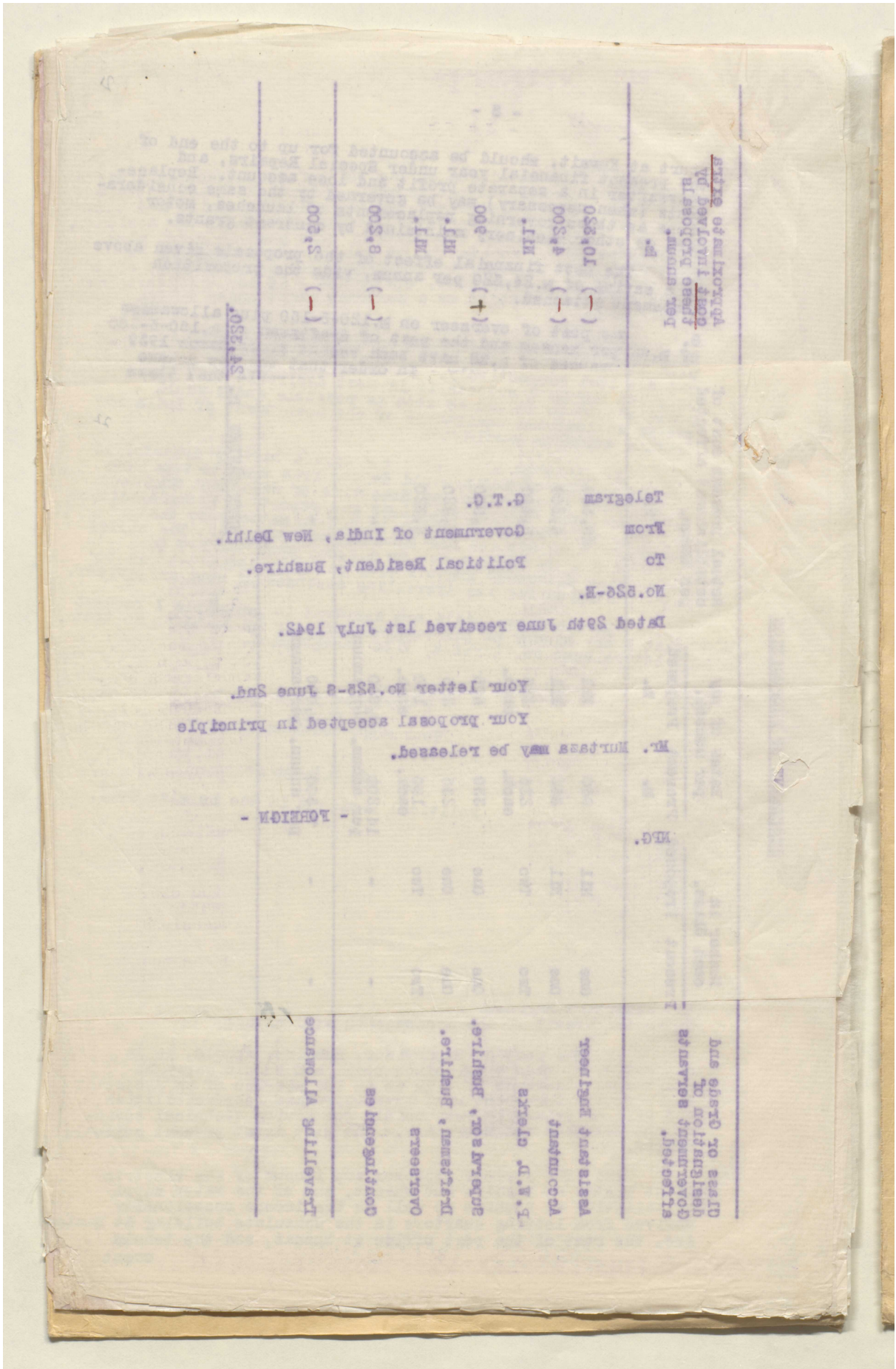


Telegram G.T.G.  
From Government of India, New Delhi.  
To Political Resident, Bushire.  
No.526-E.  
Dated 29th June received 1st July 1942.

Your letter No.525-S June 2nd.  
Your proposal accepted in principle  
Mr. Murtaza may be released.

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Letter No:C/613 of 17th December 1935 to Political Resident.

*a.p.a*  
*GC 12*  
*5/18/12*

Letter No:C/7 dated 3.1.1935 to Major Ryan, Secretary, Bushire.

*a.p.a*  
*GC 5/1*  
*5/4/1*

Letter No:C/40 dated 26.1.1936 to Secretary to Resident.

*a.p.a*  
*GC 30/1*  
*5/30/1*

*p13* 1. P.L. No.C/94 dated 27-4-37 from P.R. at Muscat.

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*h15* *AE's Do. No. 4/1068 DT 8.12.37*

*h16* *Issued Do. No. 4/916 DT 18/12 to AE*

*P.L. No. 696-S d. 3/7/42 from P.R.*

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