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'File 6/62 Ruined mosques in Bahrain, correspondence regarding'

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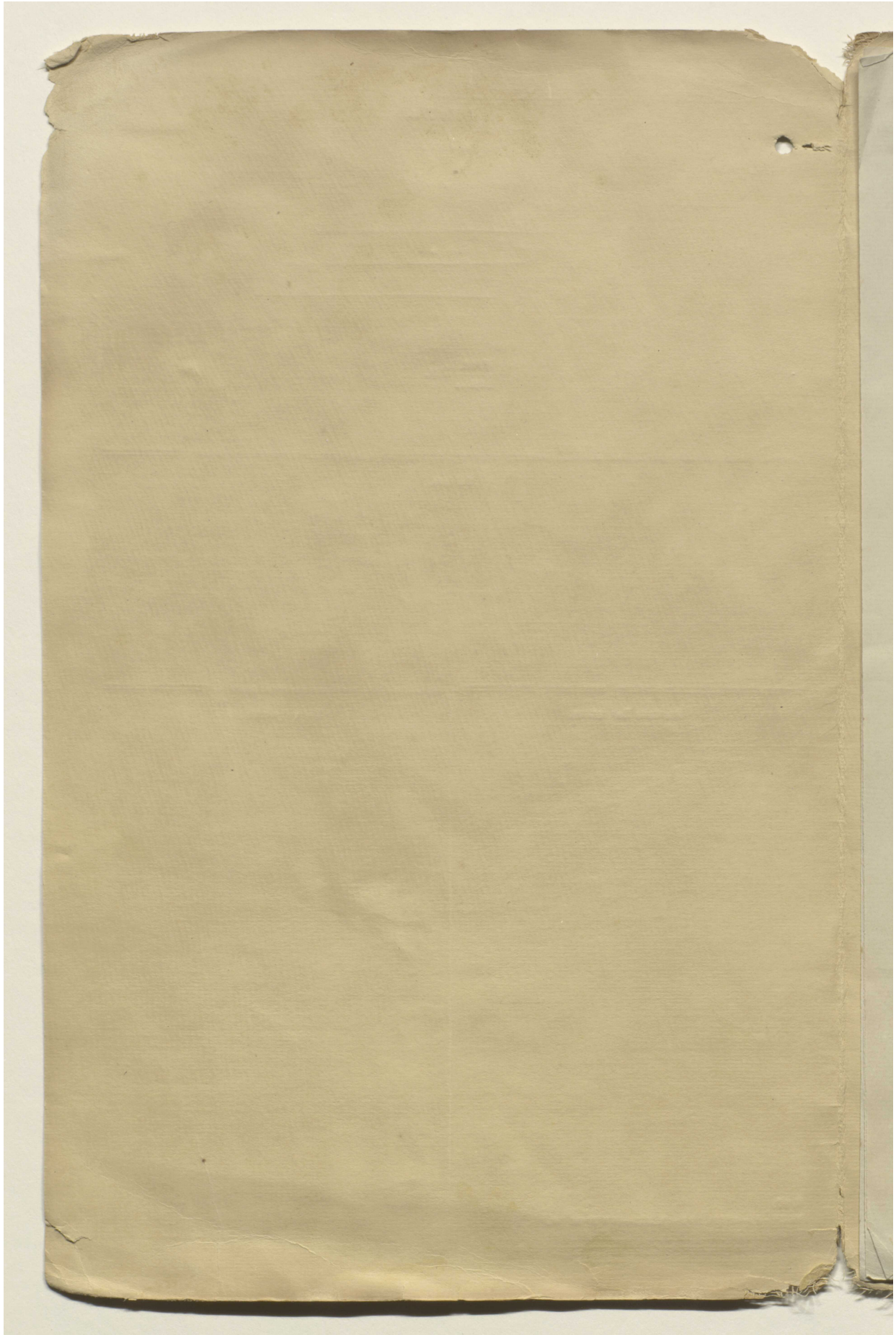


About this record

The file contains the following:

- a letter from Major Claude Edward Bremner, Political Agent, Muscat, to Lieutenant-Colonel Percy Gordon Loch, Political Agent, Bahrain, in which he reports the poor state of many of the town's mosques and enquires about any procedure of repair or removal that may have taken place in Bahrain;
- a reply from Loch in which he reports that he does not know of any ruined mosques that have been removed in Bahrain, commenting that to do such a thing would provoke strong feeling from the people.

Folio 4 is internal office notes.



'File 6/62 Ruined mosques in Bahrain, correspondence regarding' [2r] (3/10)

Original is in File 16/27. No. 1 (2)

Extract from a Private Demi-Official letter dated the
28th December 1933 from Major C.E. Bremner, Political
Agent, Muscat.

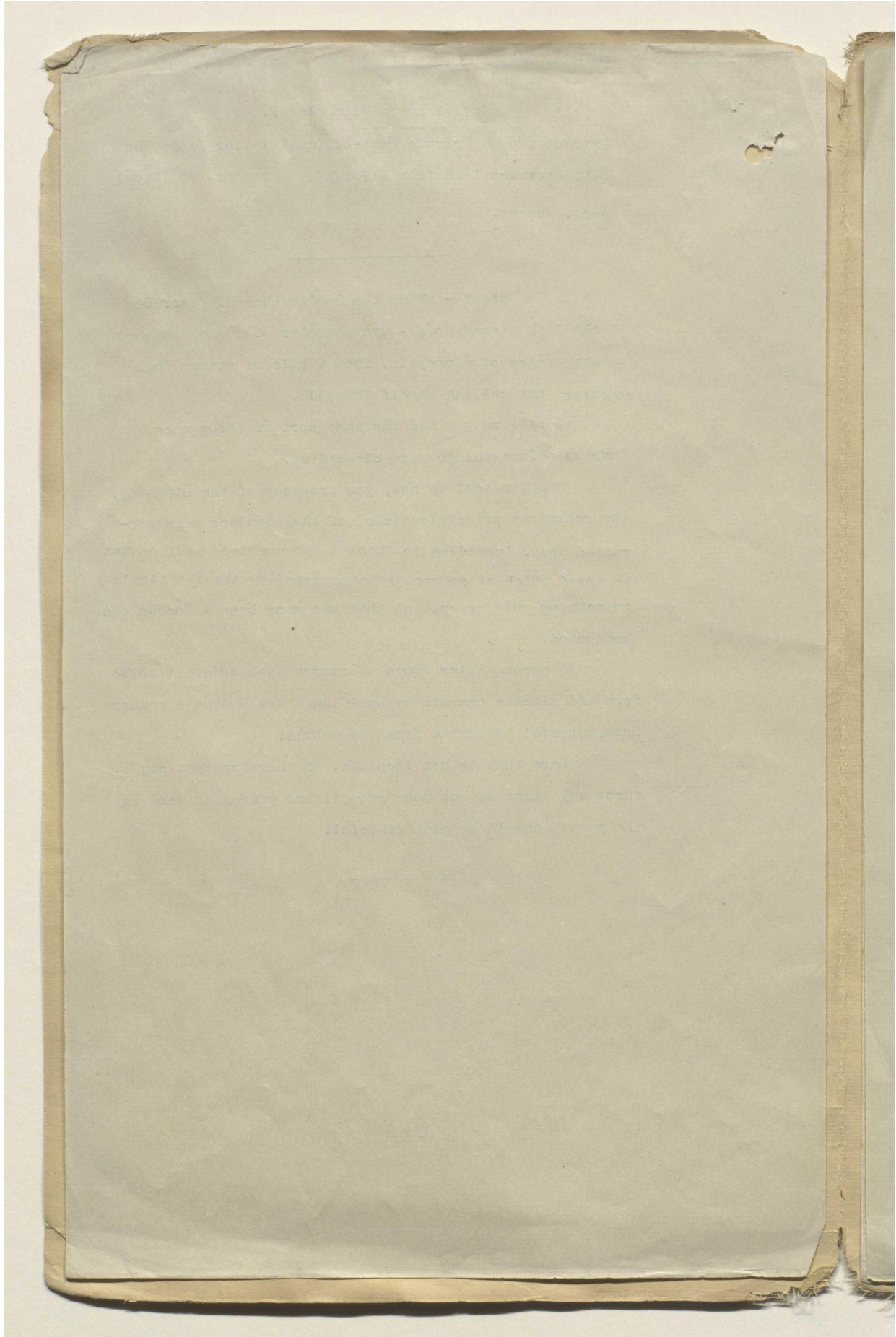
In Muscat - which the Sultan himself describes
as shell shattered town - are a number of ruined mosques
in all stages of disrepair, from a pile of stones to a
roofless hut calling itself "Masjid".

I believe you had the same sort of thing once in
Bahrain before things were cleaned up.

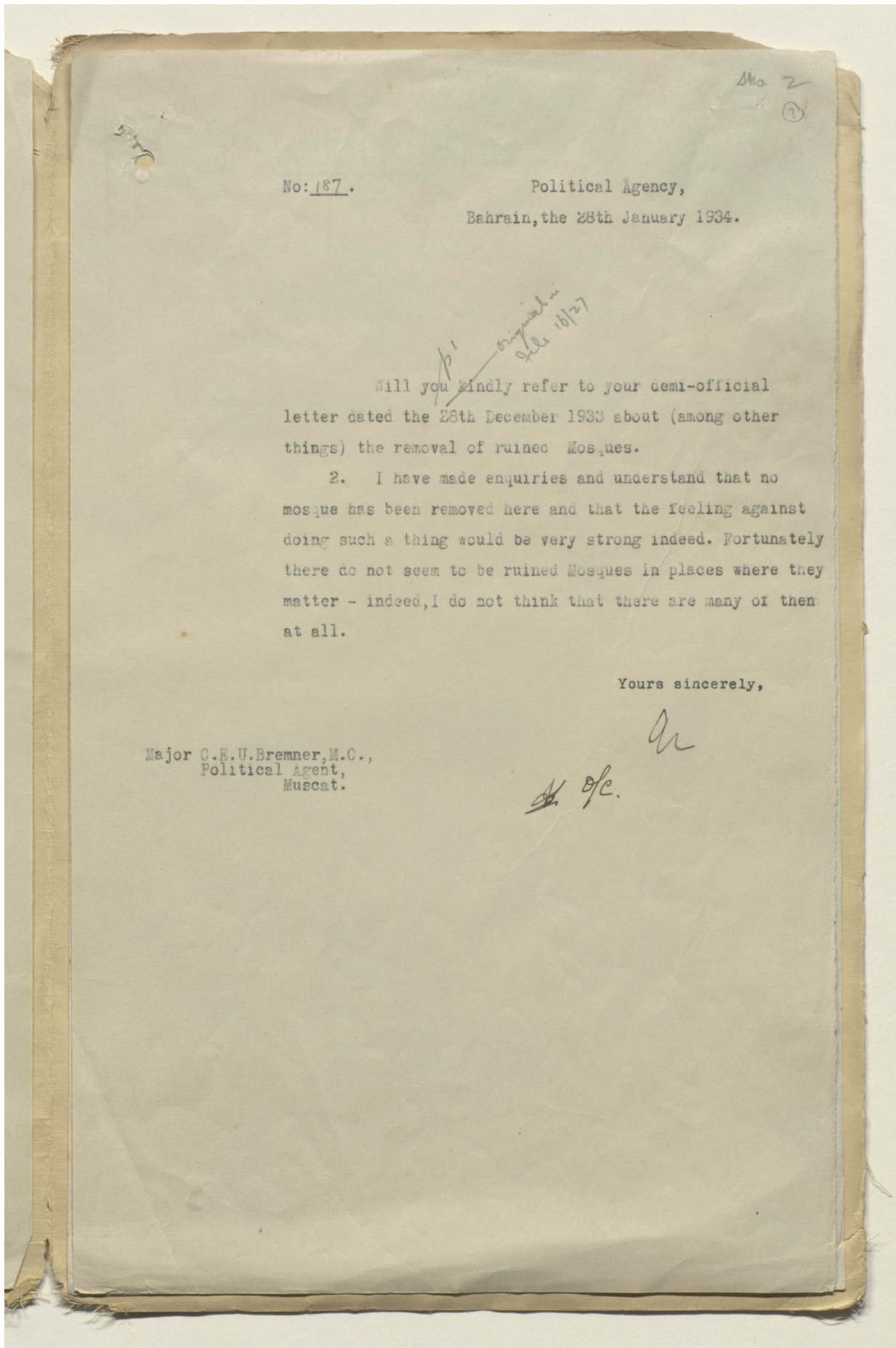
Can you tell me how, you proposes of the clean up,
the religious principles (sic) of the populace were pre-
vailed upon. According to Shara a Mosque once made cannot
be moved which of course is interpreted by the fanatics
to mean no ruin or rubbish that has once been a Mosque can
betouched.

A strong Ruler would of course just order it to be
down and placate the mob by building a new Mosque elsewhere
from material available from the debris.

Here that is not possible. If therefore you can
throw any light on how you accomplished your good work in
the past I should be most grateful.



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No: 187.

Political Agency,
Bahrain, the 28th January 1934.

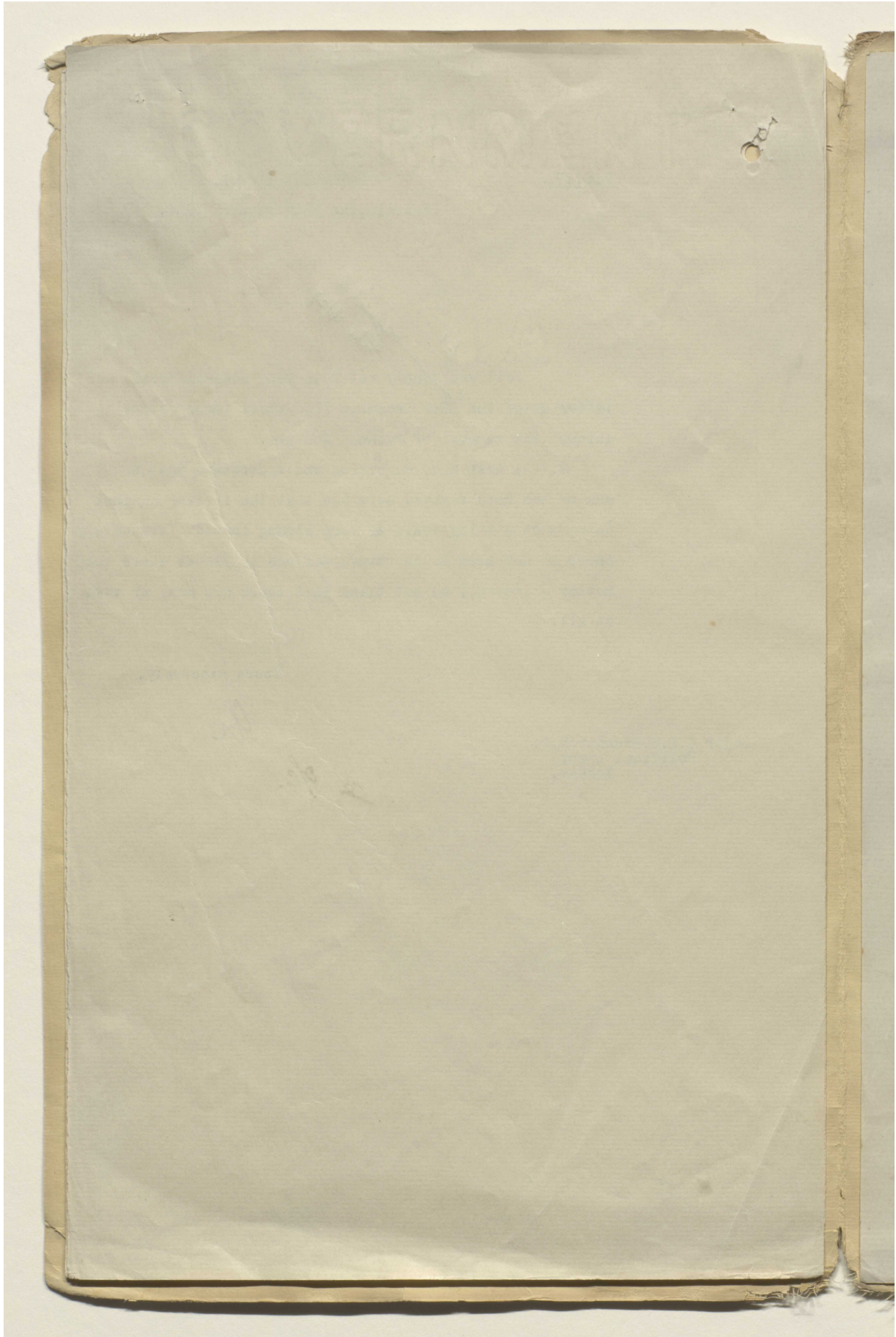
Will you kindly refer to your demi-official letter dated the 28th December 1933 about (among other things) the removal of ruined Mosques.

2. I have made enquiries and understand that no mosque has been removed here and that the feeling against doing such a thing would be very strong indeed. Fortunately there do not seem to be ruined Mosques in places where they matter - indeed, I do not think that there are many of them at all.

Yours sincerely,

Major C.E.U. Bremner, M.C.,
Political Agent,
Muscat.

W. E. C.



'File 6/62 Ruined mosques in Bahrain, correspondence regarding' [4r] (7/10)

Extract from a demi-official letter dated the 28th
December 1934 from Major Bremner, Political Agent, Muscat.
Re-ruined mosques.

P.A.

I cannot trace any papers on this subject.

From private enquiries, I understand no Mosque
or Masjid has been removed from one place to another please.

p. 2/c D.O. No. 187, M. 28.1.34, to Maj. C.F. Bremner, Muscat.
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