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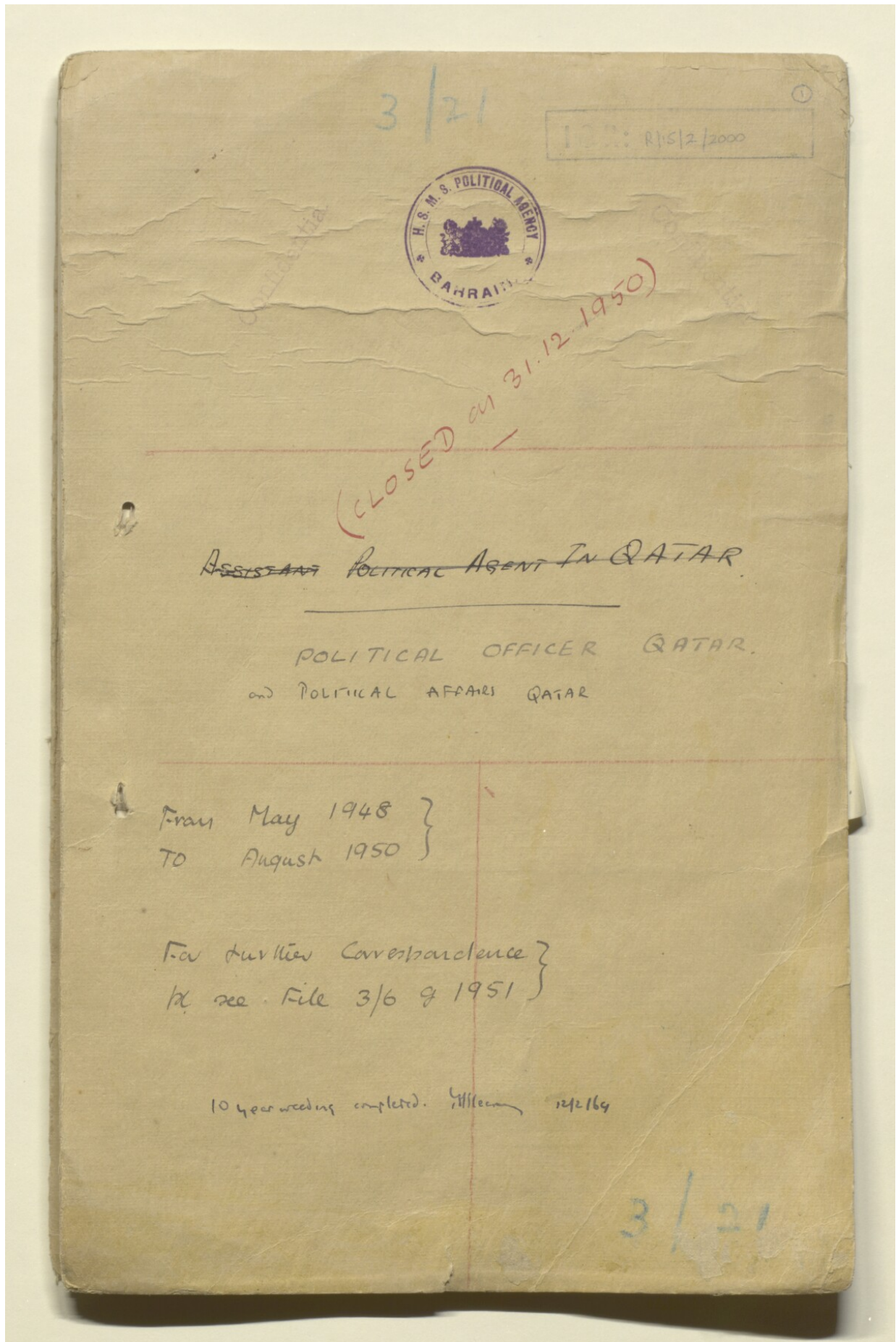
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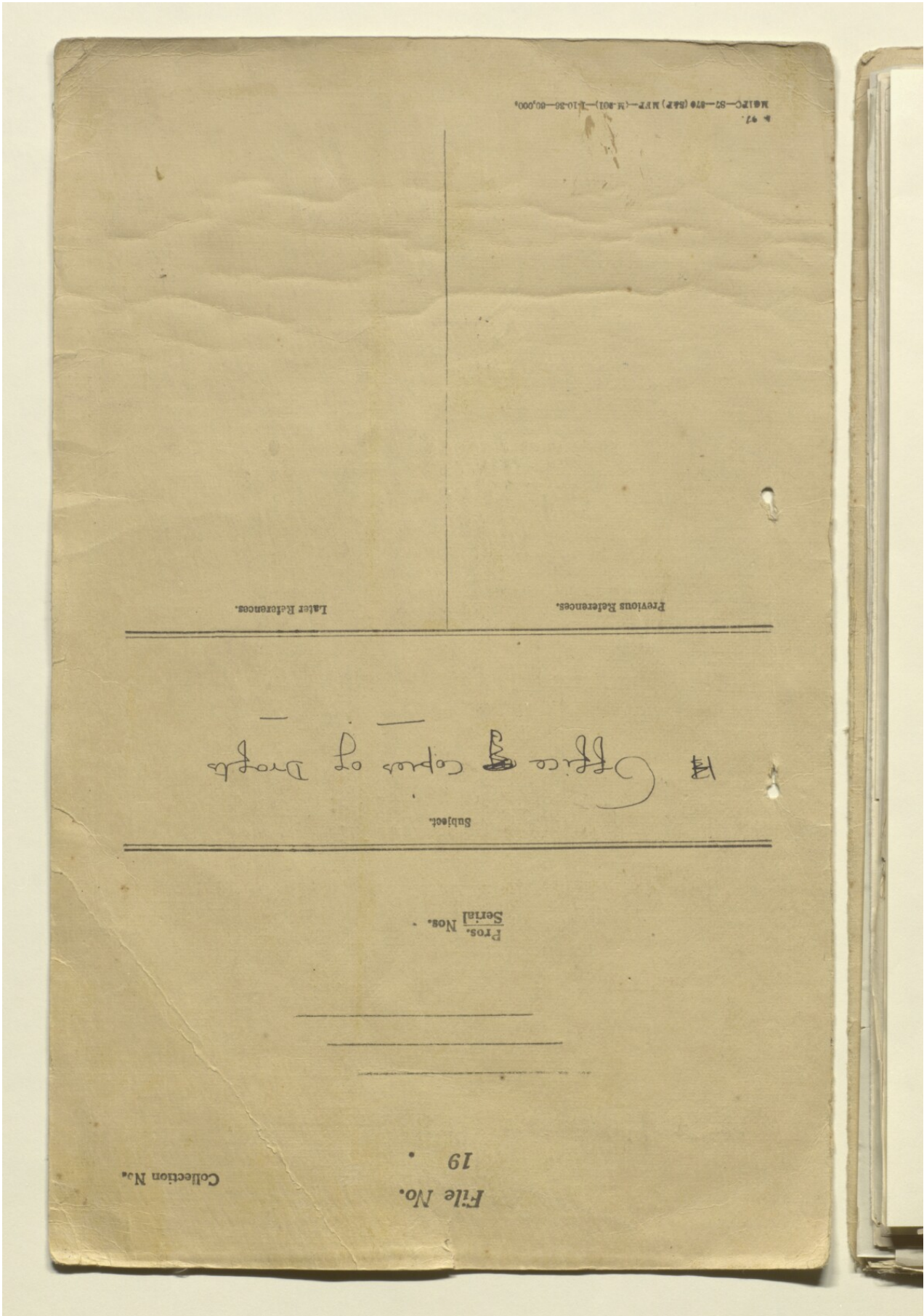
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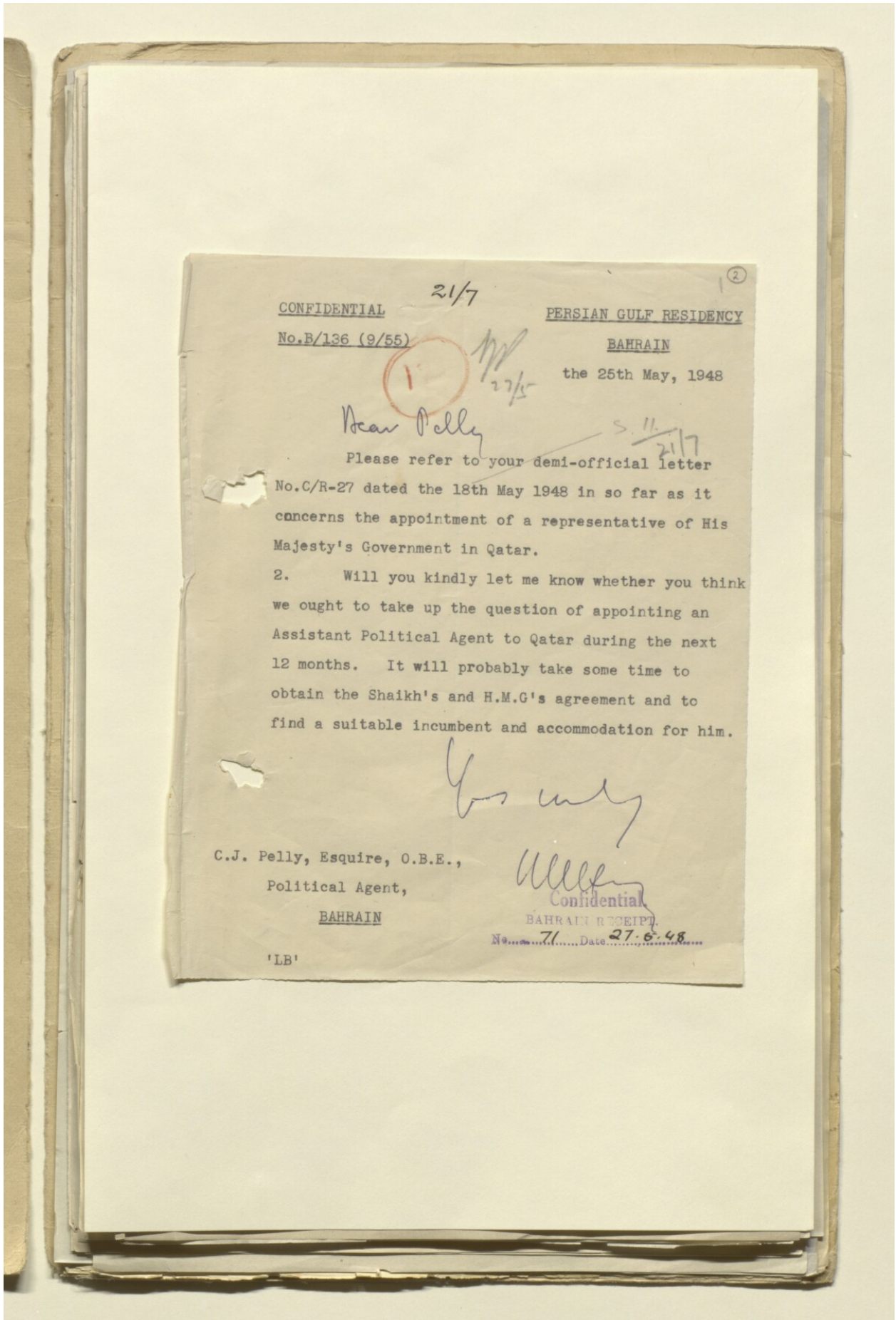
About this record

This file contains correspondence between British officials, primarily in the Political Agency, Bahrain and the Persian Gulf Residency, Bahrain. The correspondence discusses Britain's desire to establish some form of British representation in Qatar, either through the creation of the post of a Assistant Political Agent based in Qatar or the establishment of a 'rest house' for the Political Agent, Bahrain to use while on official visits to the country. The correspondence discusses the political rationale for such a decision, and the reason behind Qatar's initial opposition to it.

The file contains a letter to the Political Agency in Bahrain from Shaikh 'Abdullāh bin Jāsim Āl Thānī that is in Arabic (folio 25).







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No.B/136 (9/55)

PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY

BAHRAIN

the 25th May, 1948

Dear Pelly

Please refer to your demi-official letter No.C/R-27 dated the 18th May 1948 in so far as it concerns the appointment of a representative of His Majesty's Government in Qatar.

2. Will you kindly let me know whether you think we ought to take up the question of appointing an Assistant Political Agent to Qatar during the next 12 months. It will probably take some time to obtain the Shaikh's and H.M.G's agreement and to find a suitable incumbent and accommodation for him.

Yours truly

C.J. Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E.,
Political Agent,

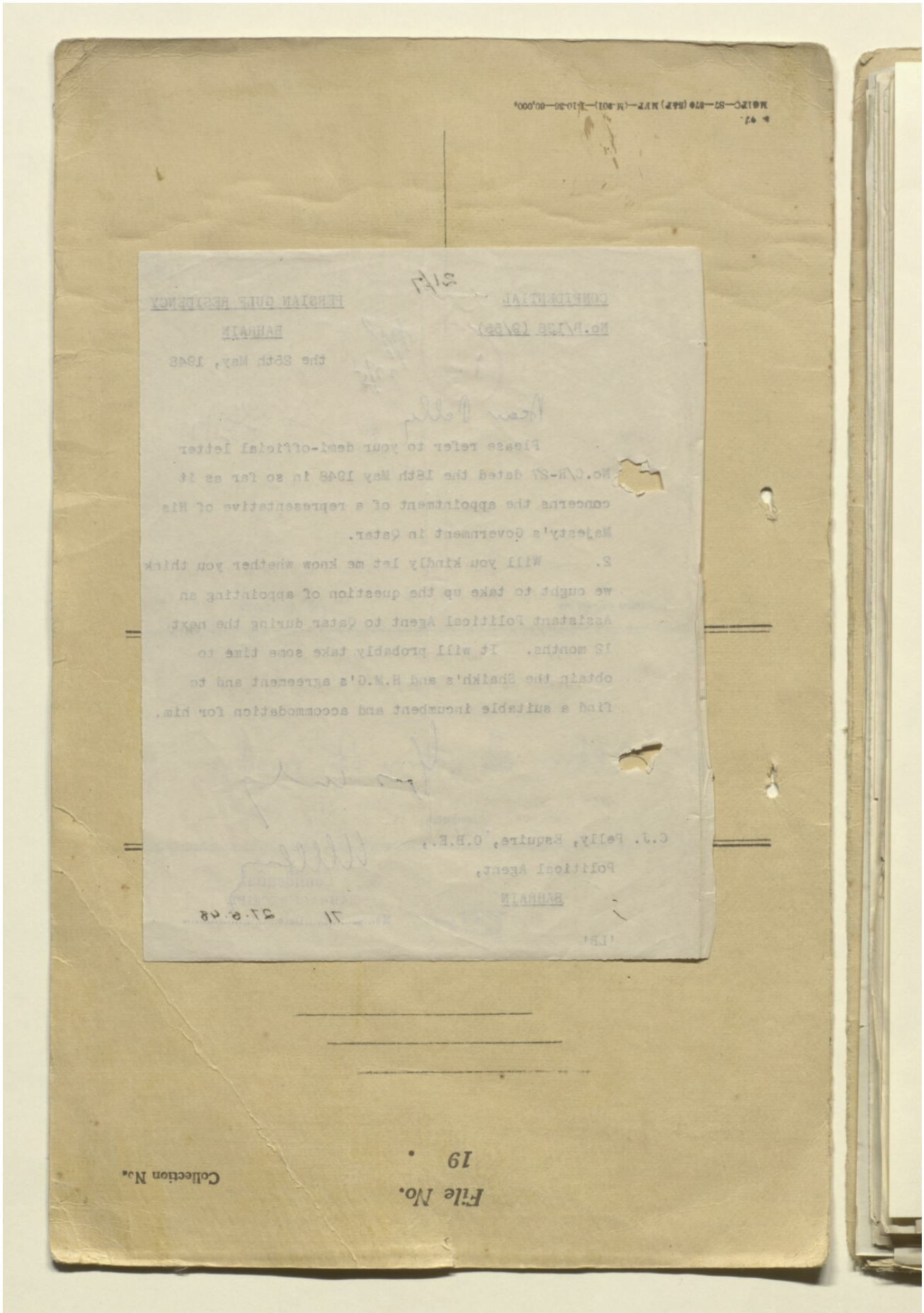
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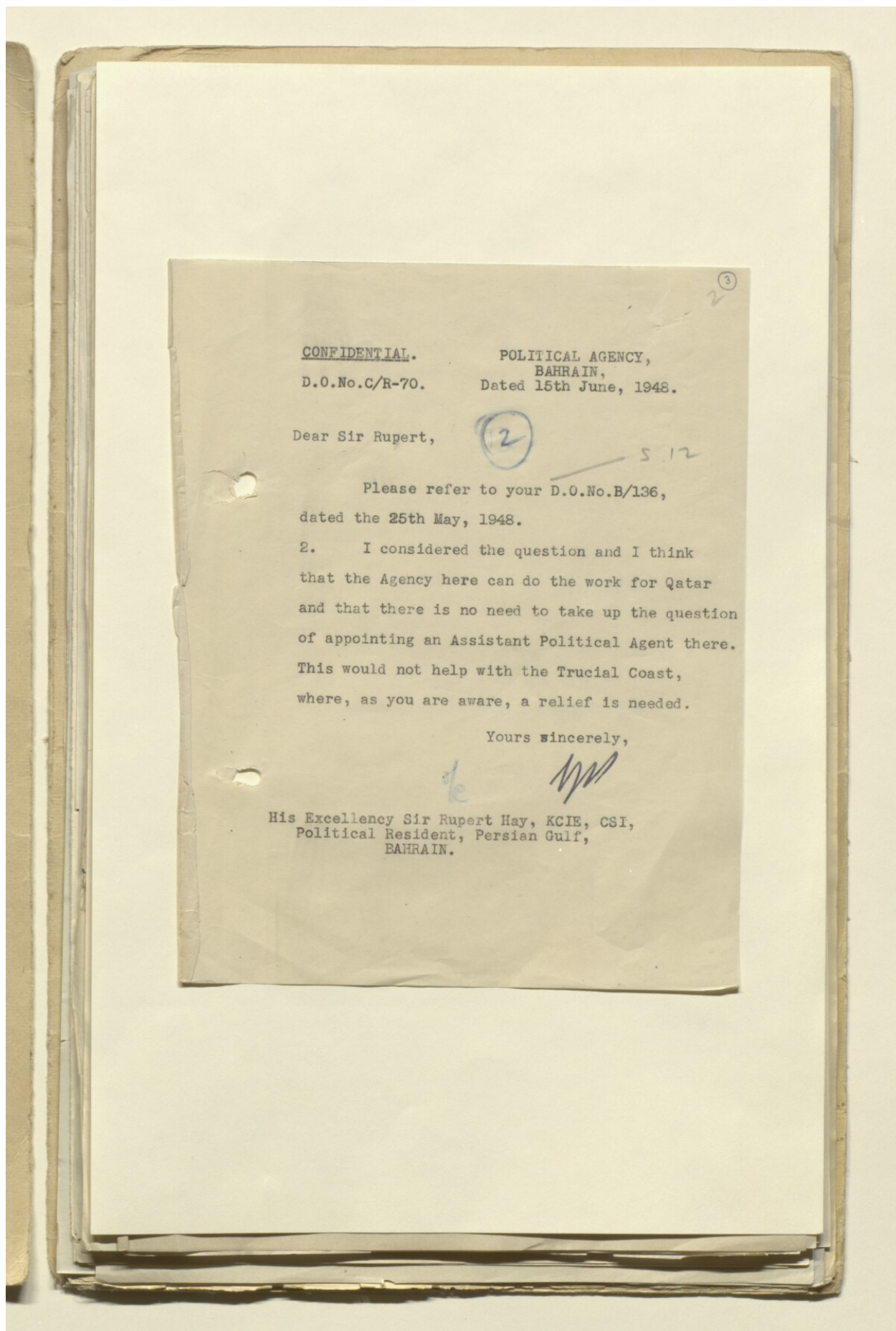
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BARRAIN
the 28th May, 1948

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G.J. Peijy, Resident, O.B.E.
Political Agent,
BARRAIN
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D.O.No.C/R-70.

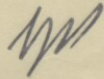
POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 15th June, 1948.

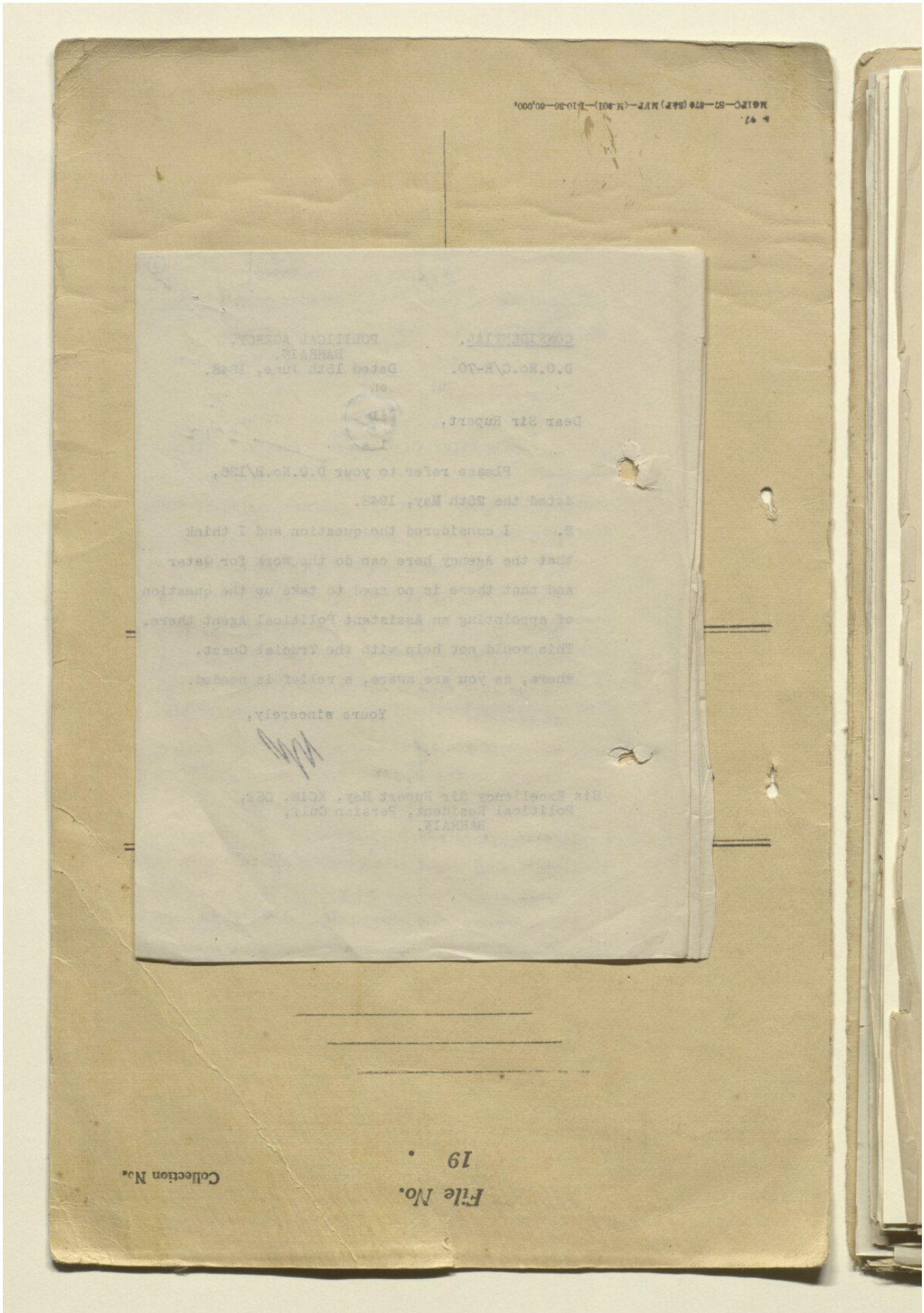
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of appointing an Assistant Political Agent there.
This would not help with the Trucial Coast,
where, as you are aware, a relief is needed.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE, CSI,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.



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POLITICAL AGENCY
DATED 13th June, 1948
D.O. No. C/P-70

Dear Sir Robert,

Please refer to your D.O. No. B/136,
dated the 23rd May, 1948.
I considered the question and I think
that the Agency here can do the work for Qatar
and that there is no need to take up the question
of appointing an Assistant Political Agent here.
This would not help with the Trustal Coast.
There, as you are aware, a relief is needed.

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency Sir Robert Hay, KCMG, GBE,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BARRAH.

File No. 19

Collection No.



CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O.No. C/R-87.

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 24th June, 1948.

Dear Sir Rupert,

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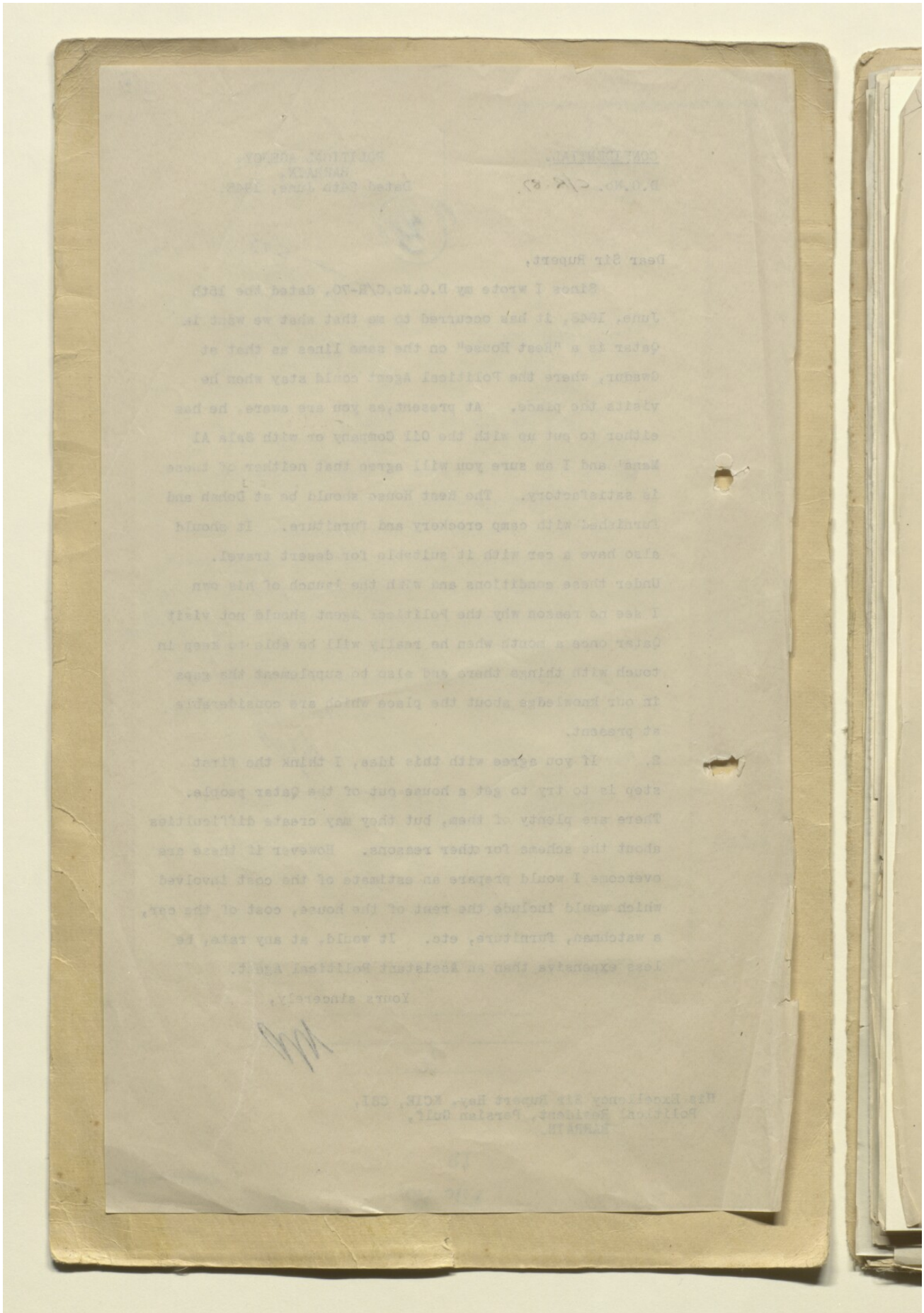
Since I wrote my D.O.No.C/R-70, dated the 15th June, 1948, it has occurred to me that what we want in Qatar is a "Rest House" on the same lines as that at Gwadur, where the Political Agent could stay when he visits the place. At present, as you are aware, he has either to put up with the Oil Company or with Sala Al Mana' and I am sure you will agree that neither of these is satisfactory. The Rest House should be at Dohah and furnished with camp crockery and furniture. It should also have a car with it suitable for desert travel. Under these conditions and with the launch of his own I see no reason why the Political Agent should not visit Qatar once a month when he really will be able to keep in touch with things there and also to supplement the gaps in our knowledge about the place which are considerable at present.

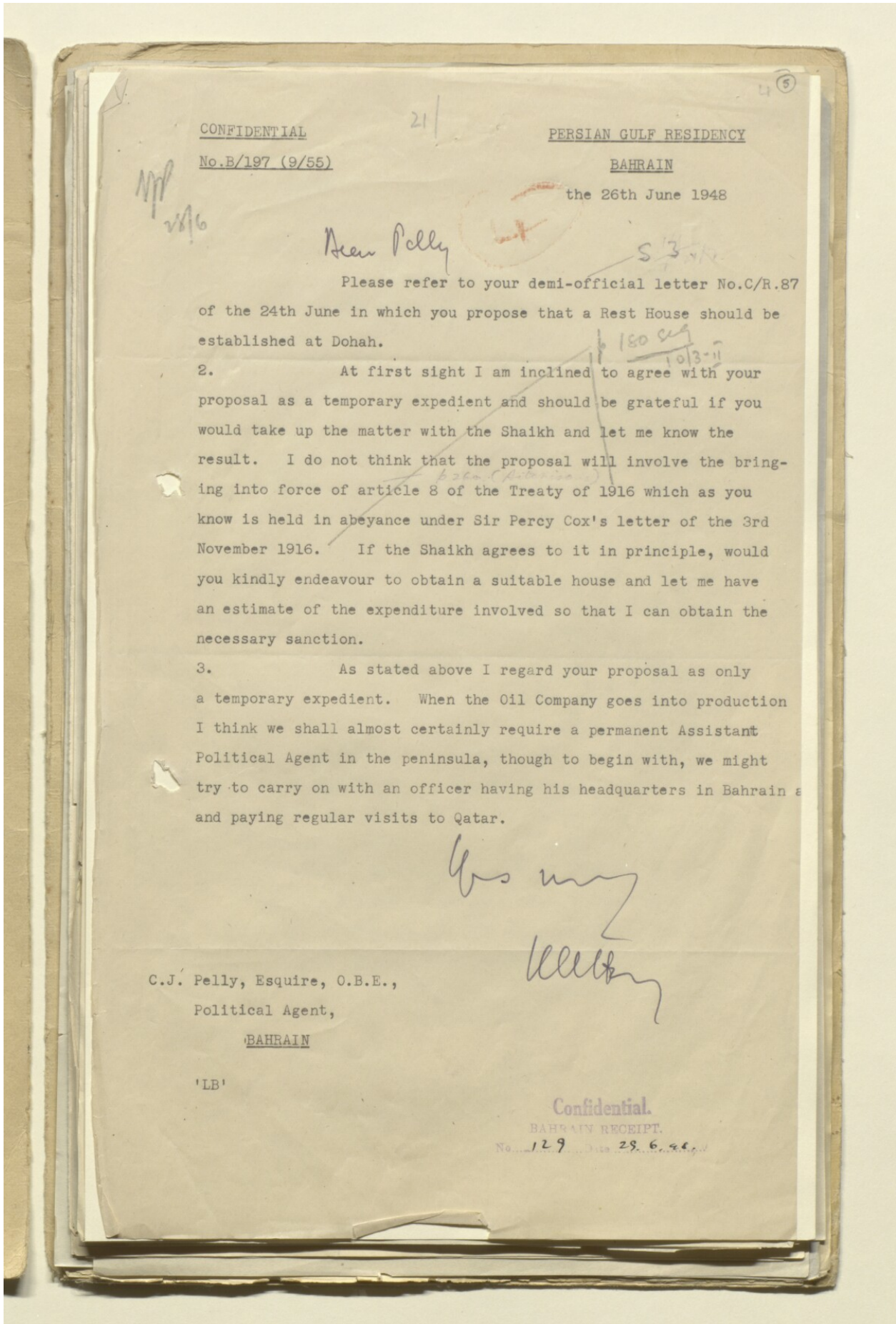
2. If you agree with this idea, I think the first step is to try to get a house out of the Qatar people. There are plenty of them, but they may create difficulties about the scheme for other reasons. However if these are overcome I would prepare an estimate of the cost involved which would include the rent of the house, cost of the car, a watchman, furniture, etc. It would, at any rate, be less expensive than an Assistant Political Agent.

Yours sincerely,

de *MM*

His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE, CSI,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.





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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY

No.B/197 (9/55)

BAHRAIN

the 26th June 1948

*MP
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Dear Pelly

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Please refer to your demi-official letter No.C/R.87 of the 24th June in which you propose that a Rest House should be established at Dohah.

2. At first sight I am inclined to agree with your proposal as a temporary expedient and should be grateful if you would take up the matter with the Shaikh and let me know the result. I do not think that the proposal will involve the bringing into force of article 8 of the Treaty of 1916 which as you know is held in abeyance under Sir Percy Cox's letter of the 3rd November 1916. If the Shaikh agrees to it in principle, would you kindly endeavour to obtain a suitable house and let me have an estimate of the expenditure involved so that I can obtain the necessary sanction.

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3. As stated above I regard your proposal as only a temporary expedient. When the Oil Company goes into production I think we shall almost certainly require a permanent Assistant Political Agent in the peninsula, though to begin with, we might try to carry on with an officer having his headquarters in Bahrain and paying regular visits to Qatar.

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C.J. Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E.,
Political Agent,

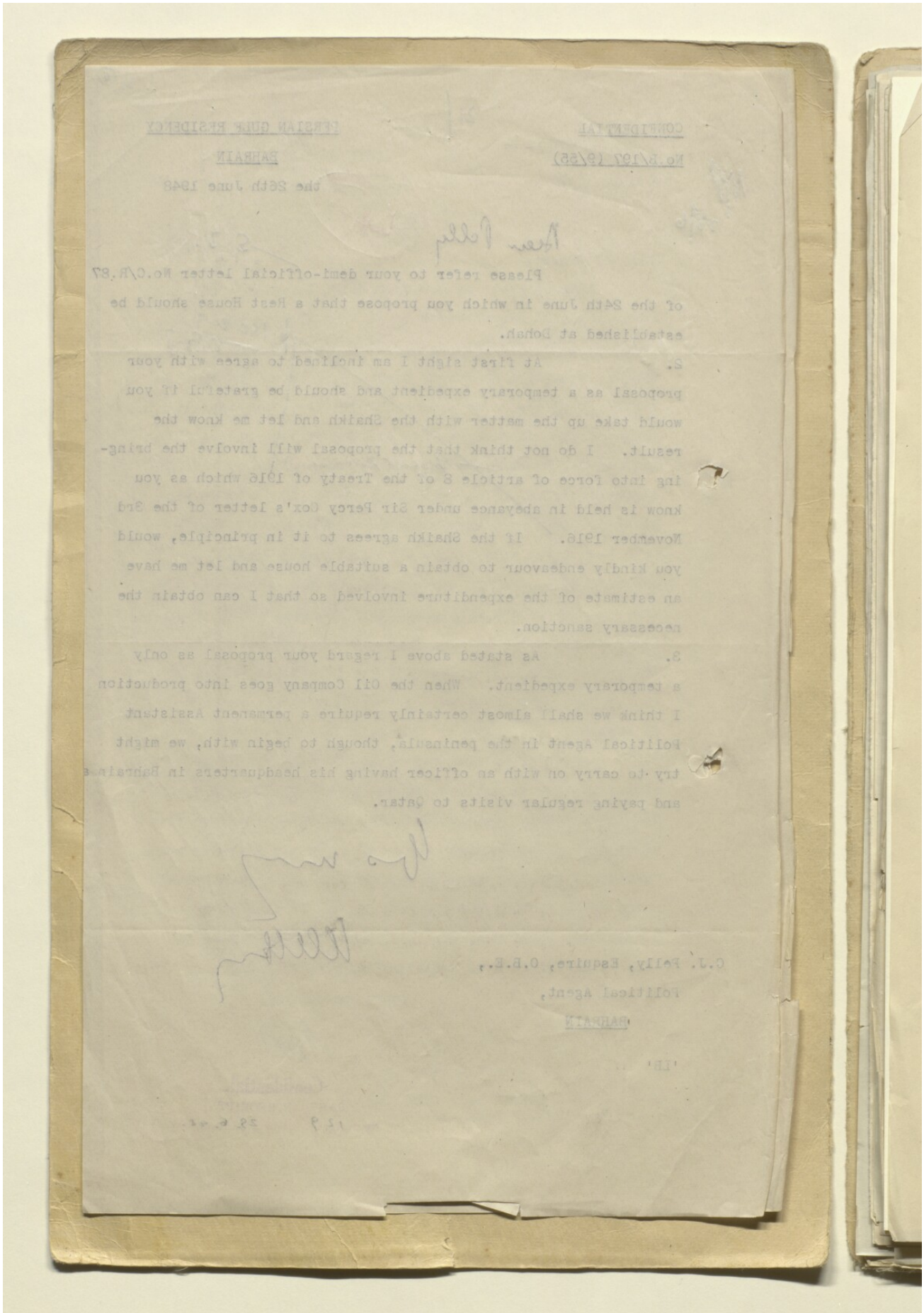
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No. 129 Date 29.6.48



QATAR RESIDENCY

QATAR

the 24th June 1948

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No. 197 (9/48)

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Please refer to your demit-official letter No. 197

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At first sight I am inclined to agree with your proposal as a temporary expedient and should be grateful if you would take up the matter with the Shaikh and let me know the result. I do not think that the proposal will involve the bringing into force of article 8 of the Treaty of 1916 which as you know is held in abeyance under Sir Percy Cox's letter of the 3rd November 1916. If the Shaikh agrees to it in principle, would you kindly endeavour to obtain a suitable house and let me have an estimate of the expenditure involved so that I can obtain the necessary sanction.

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G. L. Kelly, Esquire, O.B.E.,

Political Agent,

QATAR

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S.O.No.C/R-26.

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 20th January, 1949.

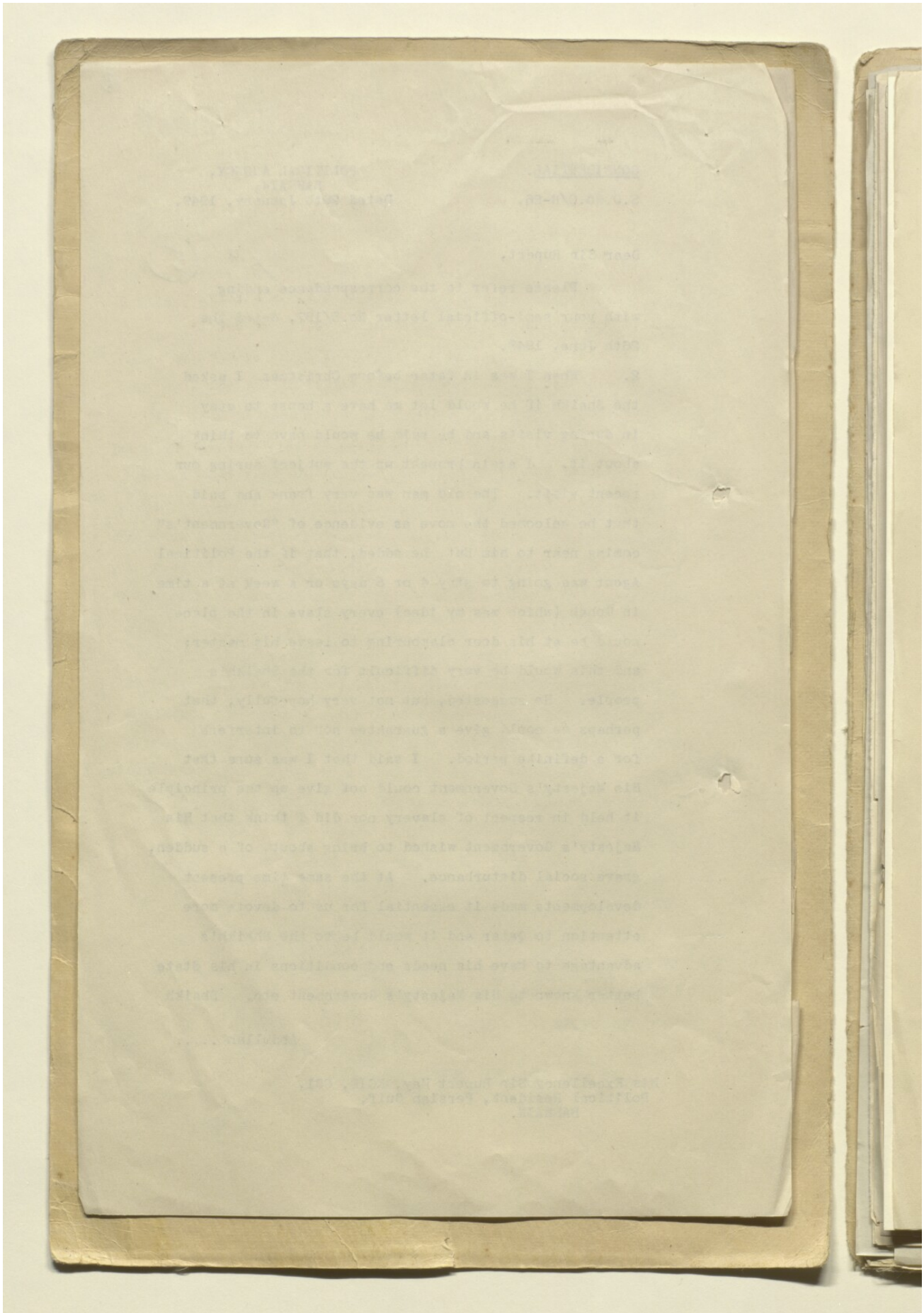
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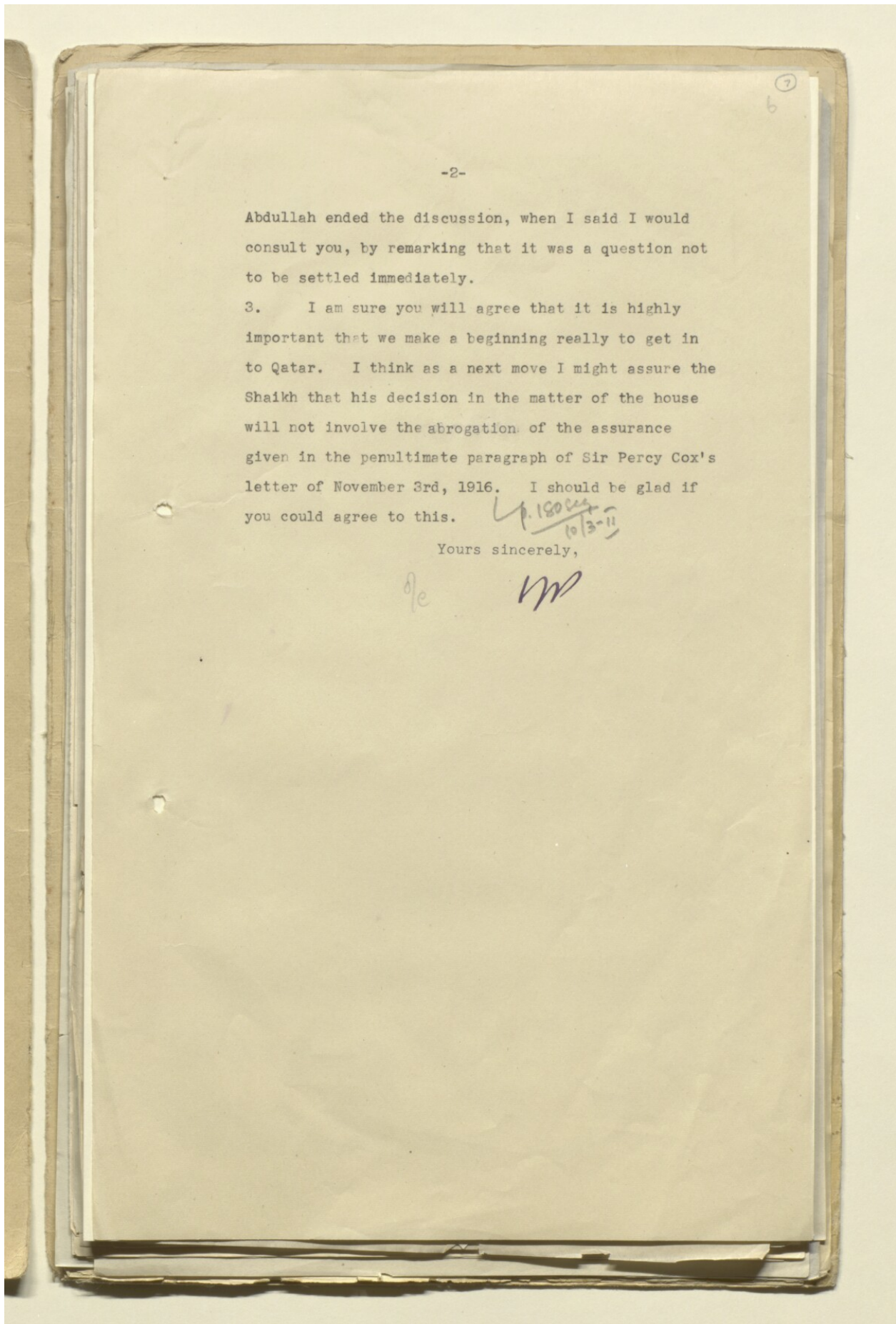
Please refer to the correspondence ending with your semi-official letter No.B/197, dated the 26th June, 1948.

2. When I was in Qatar before Christmas, I asked the Shaikh if he would let me have a house to stay in during visits and he said he would have to think about it. I again brought up the subject during our recent visit. The old man was very frank and said that he welcomed the move as evidence of "Government's" coming near to him but, he added, that if the Political Agent was going to stay 4 or 5 days or a week at a time, in Dohah (which was my idea) every slave in the place would be at his door clamouring to leave his master; and this would be very difficult for the Shaikh's people. He suggested, but not very hopefully, that perhaps we could give a guarantee not to interfere for a definite period. I said that I was sure that His Majesty's Government could not give up the principle it held in respect of slavery nor did I think that His Majesty's Government wished to bring about, of a sudden, grave social disturbance. At the same time present developments made it essential for us to devote more attention to Qatar and it would be to the Shaikh's advantage to have his needs and conditions in his State better known to His Majesty's Government etc. Shaikh

Abdullah

His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE, CSI,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.





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Abdullah ended the discussion, when I said I would consult you, by remarking that it was a question not to be settled immediately.

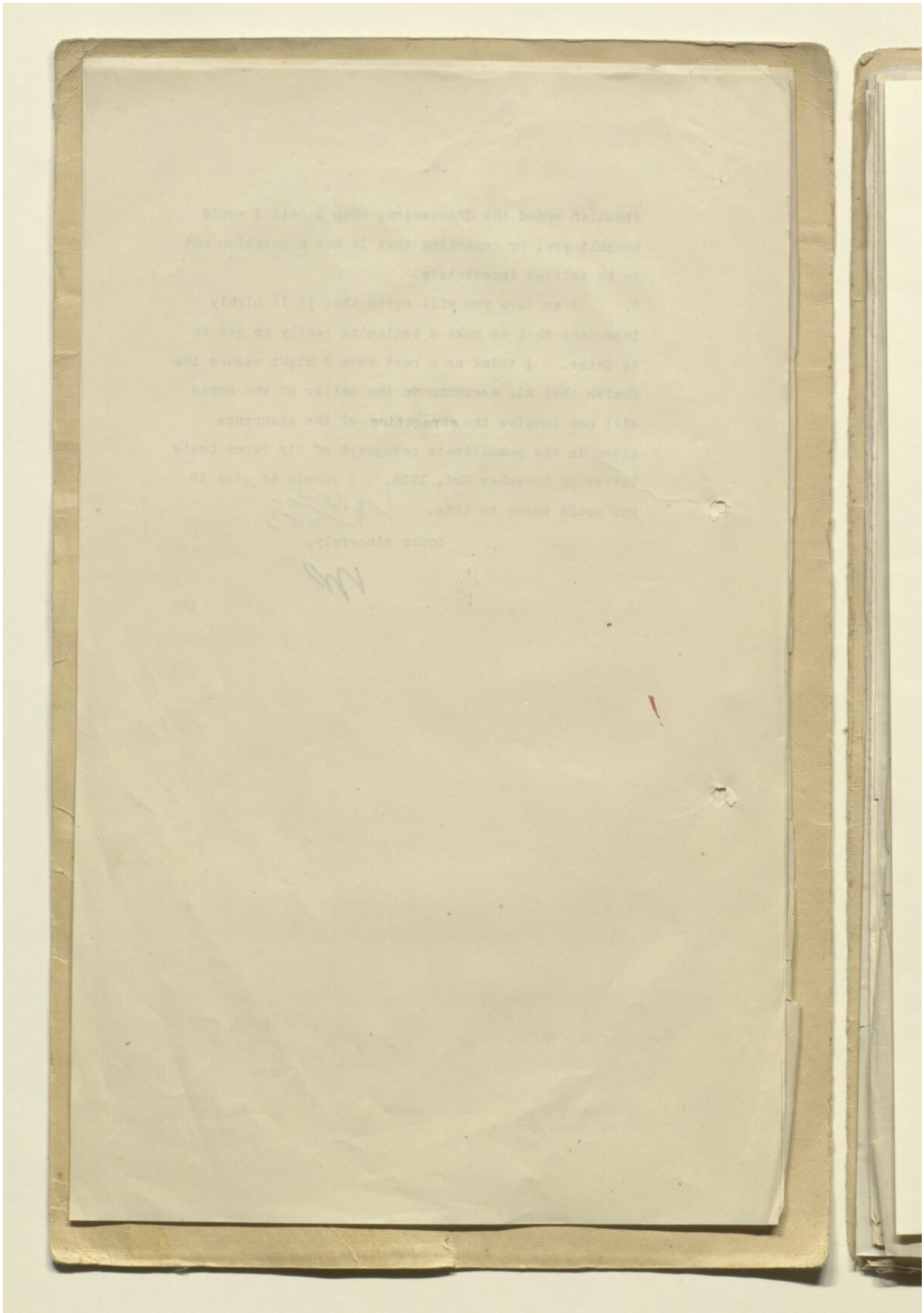
3. I am sure you will agree that it is highly important that we make a beginning really to get in to Qatar. I think as a next move I might assure the Shaikh that his decision in the matter of the house will not involve the abrogation of the assurance given in the penultimate paragraph of Sir Percy Cox's letter of November 3rd, 1916. I should be glad if you could agree to this.

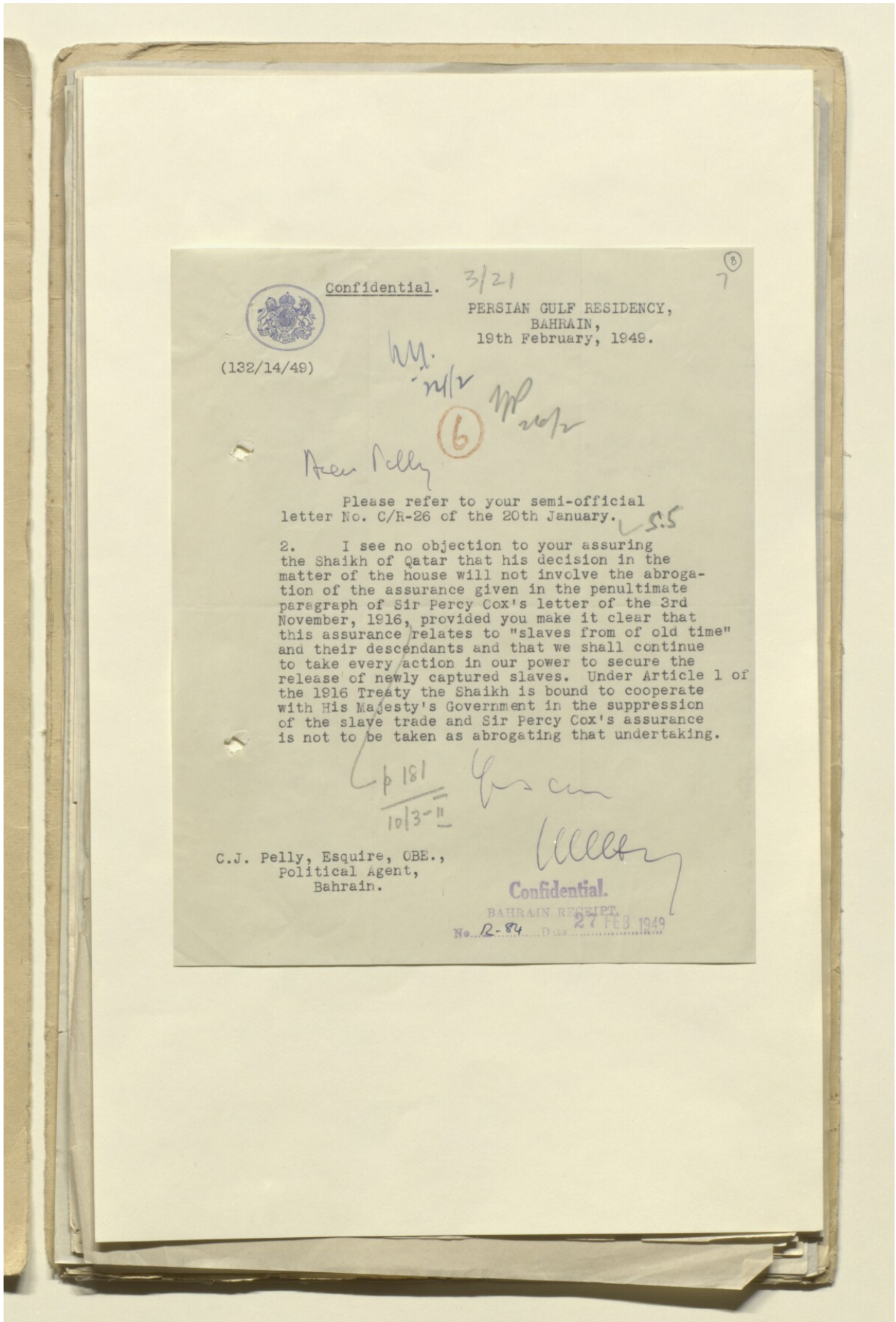
Yours sincerely,

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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN,
19th February, 1949.

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Please refer to your semi-official letter No. C/R-26 of the 20th January.

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2. I see no objection to your assuring the Shaikh of Qatar that his decision in the matter of the house will not involve the abrogation of the assurance given in the penultimate paragraph of Sir Percy Cox's letter of the 3rd November, 1916, provided you make it clear that this assurance relates to "slaves from of old time" and their descendants and that we shall continue to take every action in our power to secure the release of newly captured slaves. Under Article 1 of the 1916 Treaty the Shaikh is bound to cooperate with His Majesty's Government in the suppression of the slave trade and Sir Percy Cox's assurance is not to be taken as abrogating that undertaking.

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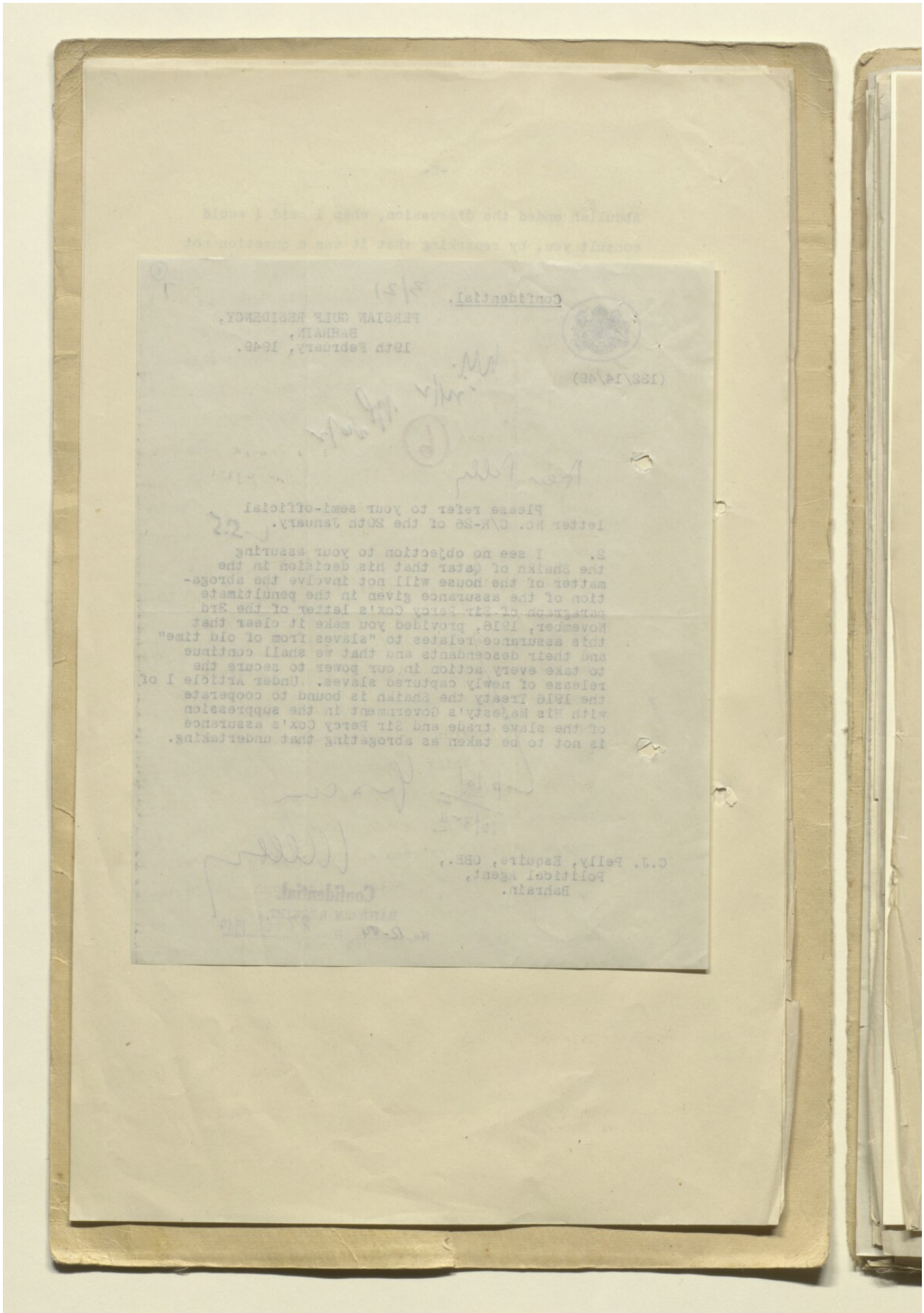
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C.J. Pelly, Esquire, OBE.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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G. J. Peilly, Esquire, CBE.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
Dated 19th March, 1949.

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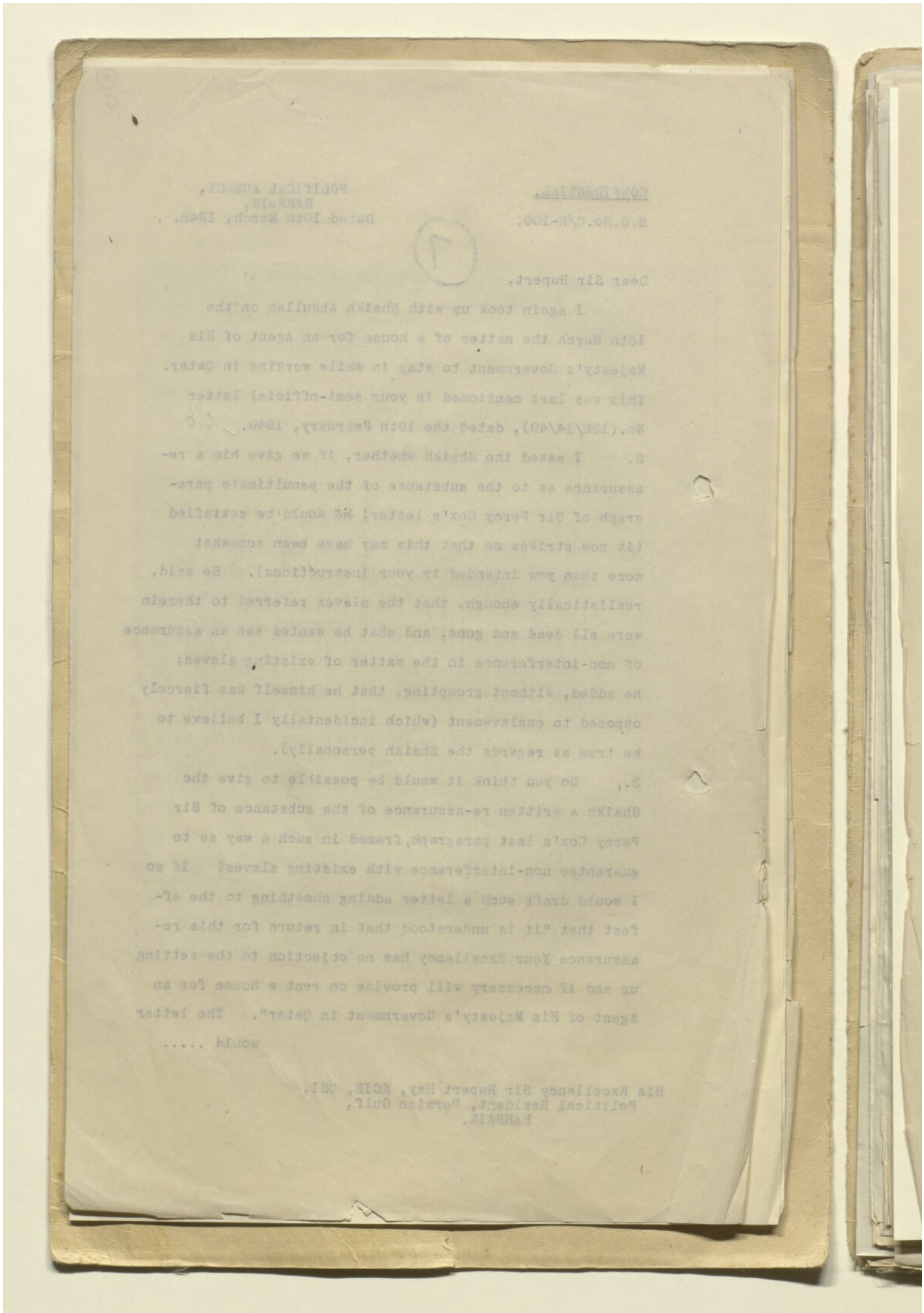
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I again took up with Shaikh Abdullah on the 15th March the matter of a house for an Agent of His Majesty's Government to stay in while working in Qatar. This was last mentioned in your semi-official letter No.(132/14/49), dated the 19th February, 1949. *sb.*

2. I asked the Shaikh whether, if we give him a re-assurance as to the substance of the penultimate paragraph of Sir Percy Cox's letter, he would be satisfied (it now strikes me that this may have been somewhat more than you intended in your instructions). He said, realistically enough, that the slaves referred to therein were all dead and gone, and what he wanted was an assurance of non-interference in the matter of existing slaves; he added, without prompting, that he himself was fiercely opposed to enslavement (which incidentally I believe to be true as regards the Shaikh personally).

3. Do you think it would be possible to give the Shaikh a written re-assurance of the substance of Sir Percy Cox's last paragraph, framed in such a way as to guarantee non-interference with existing slaves? If so I would draft such a letter adding something to the effect that "it is understood that in return for this re-assurance Your Excellency has no objection to the setting up and if necessary will provide on rent a house for an Agent of His Majesty's Government in Qatar". The letter would

His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE, CSI,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
BAHRAIN.



POLITICAL AGENCY,
BARBAIN,
Dated 10th March, 1949.

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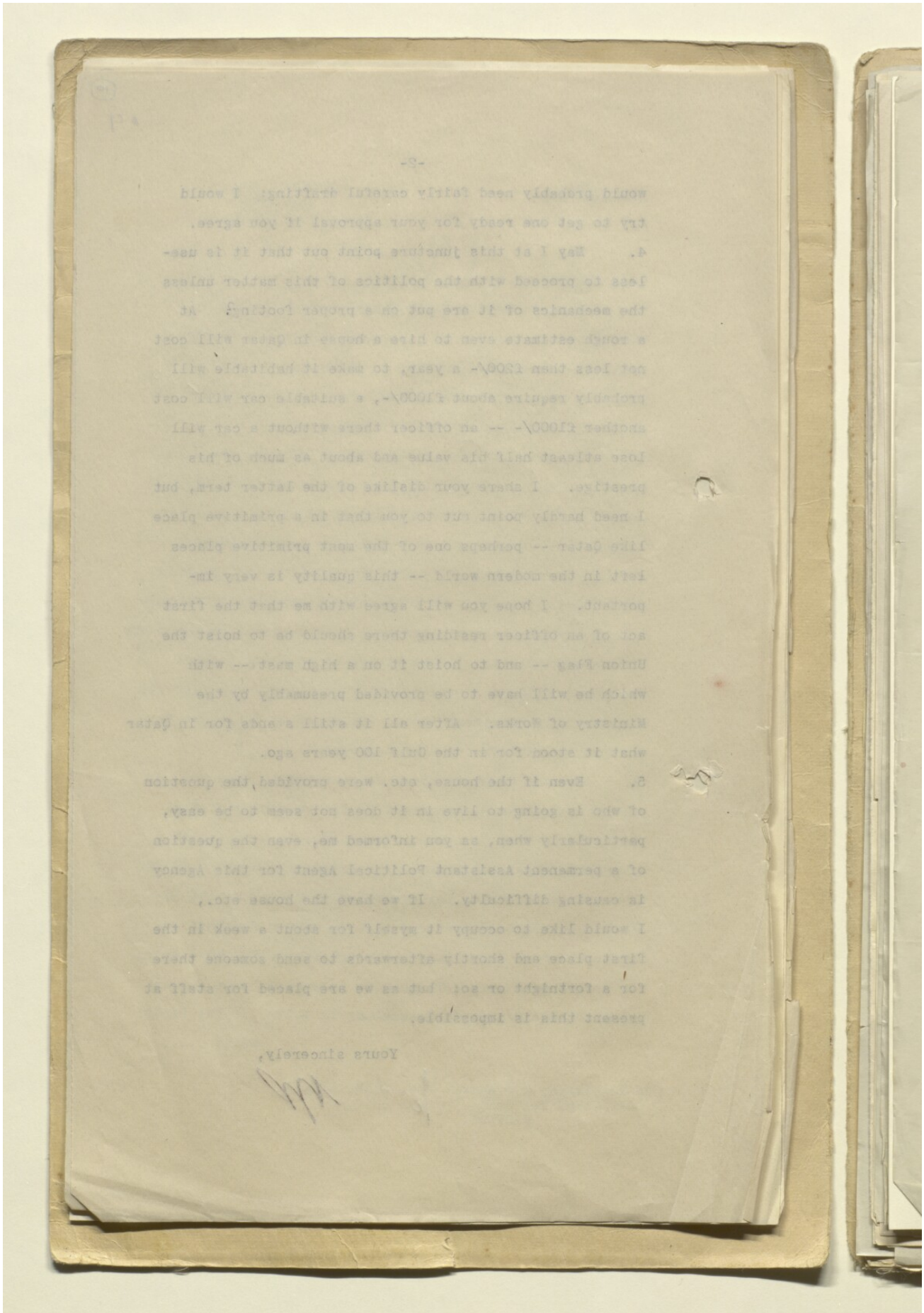
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would probably need fairly careful drafting: I would try to get one ready for your approval if you agree.

4. May I at this juncture point out that it is useless to proceed with the politics of this matter unless the mechanics of it are put on a proper footing? At a rough estimate even to hire a house in Qatar will cost not less than £200/- a year, to make it habitable will probably require about £1000/-, a suitable car will cost another £1000/- -- an officer there without a car will lose at least half his value and about as much of his prestige. I share your dislike of the latter term, but I need hardly point out to you that in a primitive place like Qatar -- perhaps one of the most primitive places left in the modern world -- this quality is very important. I hope you will agree with me that the first act of an officer residing there should be to hoist the Union Flag -- and to hoist it on a high mast -- with which he will have to be provided presumably by the Ministry of Works. After all it still stands for in Qatar what it stood for in the Gulf 100 years ago.

5. Even if the house, etc. were provided, the question of who is going to live in it does not seem to be easy, particularly when, as you informed me, even the question of a permanent Assistant Political Agent for this Agency is causing difficulty. If we have the house etc., I would like to occupy it myself for about a week in the first place and shortly afterwards to send someone there for a fortnight or so; but as we are placed for staff at present this is impossible.

Yours sincerely,





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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN,
25th March, 1949.

(213/2/49)

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Dear Pelly

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Please refer to your letter C/R-100 of the 19th March about the matter of a house for an Agent of His Majesty's Government in Qatar.

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2. You will see from my semi-official letter to Burrows 18/12/49 of the 24th March, a copy of which has been forwarded to you that I have proposed that Shaikh Abdullah should be asked to agree to the bringing into force of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the 1916 Treaty in return for our recognition of Ali as heir-apparent. If this proposal is accepted, there will I think be no point in continuing separate negotiations for the opening of a rest-house and I would suggest that no further action should be taken until we receive a reply from the Foreign Office.

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3. Meanwhile, I should be grateful if as you suggest, you would draft a letter about slaves as the Shaikh, even if he agrees to the bringing into force of the three Articles will obviously continue to demand an assurance on this point. Under Article 1 of the Treaty the Ruler has only agreed to co-operate in the suppression of the slave trade and has given no undertaking to put a stop to slavery as such. I am of the opinion that there should be no difficulty in giving the Shaikh a promise that we will not exercise the right of manumission of established slaves, but we must insist that he will co-operate fully in obtaining the release of persons who have been recently abducted or may be abducted in the future. I would suggest that you study the existing instructions on the subject of manumission. It is not a right that we enforce automatically in the Gulf States and I do not think His Majesty's Government will insist on it in the case of Qatar provided the Shaikh fulfills his obligation to co-operate in the suppression of the traffic in slaves.

4. I agree with what you say in paragraph 4 of your letter about the mechanics of the case and I propose to take this matter up when I have received a reply to my letter to Burrows.

Yours ever

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C.J. Pelly, Esq., O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

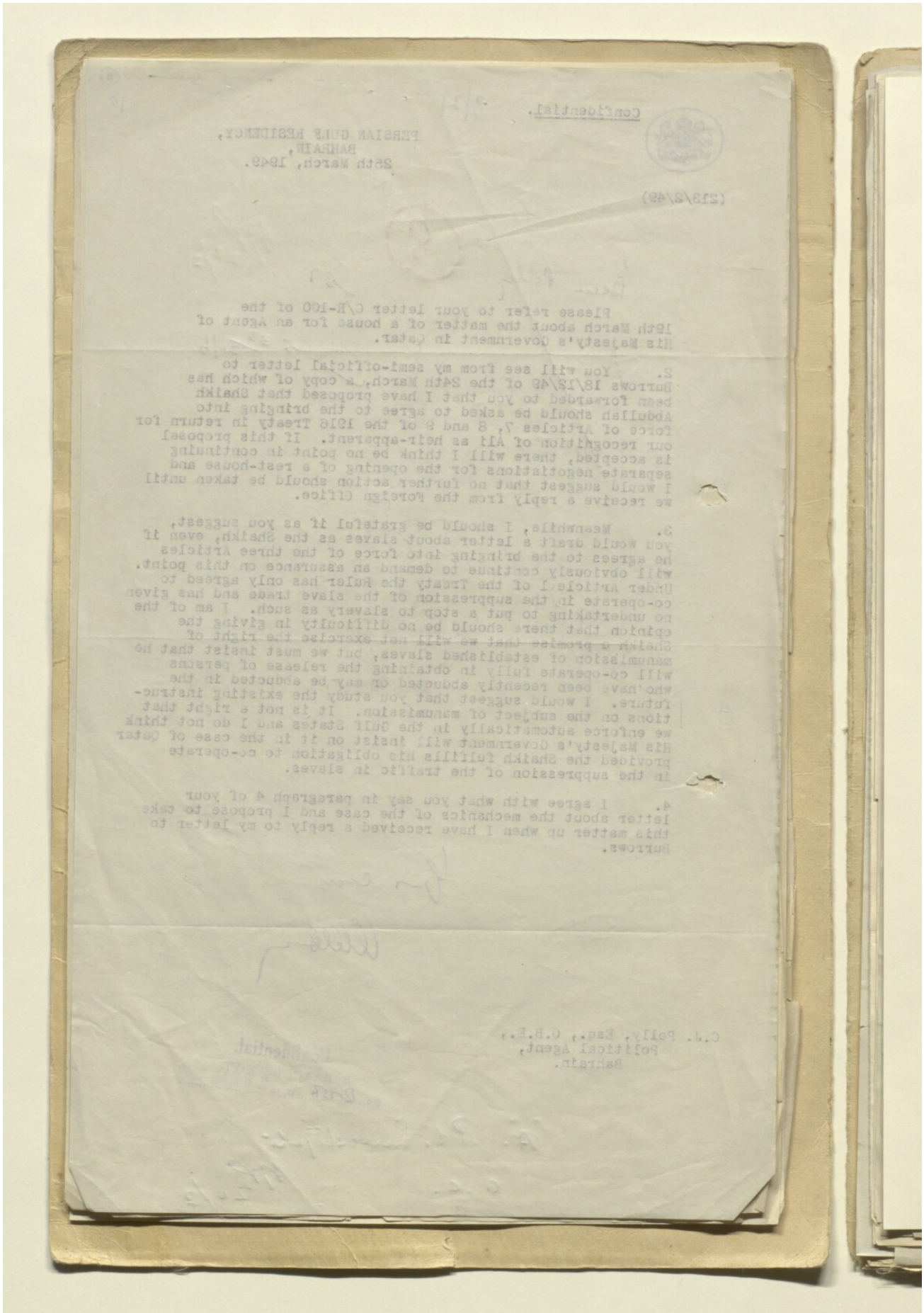
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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN,
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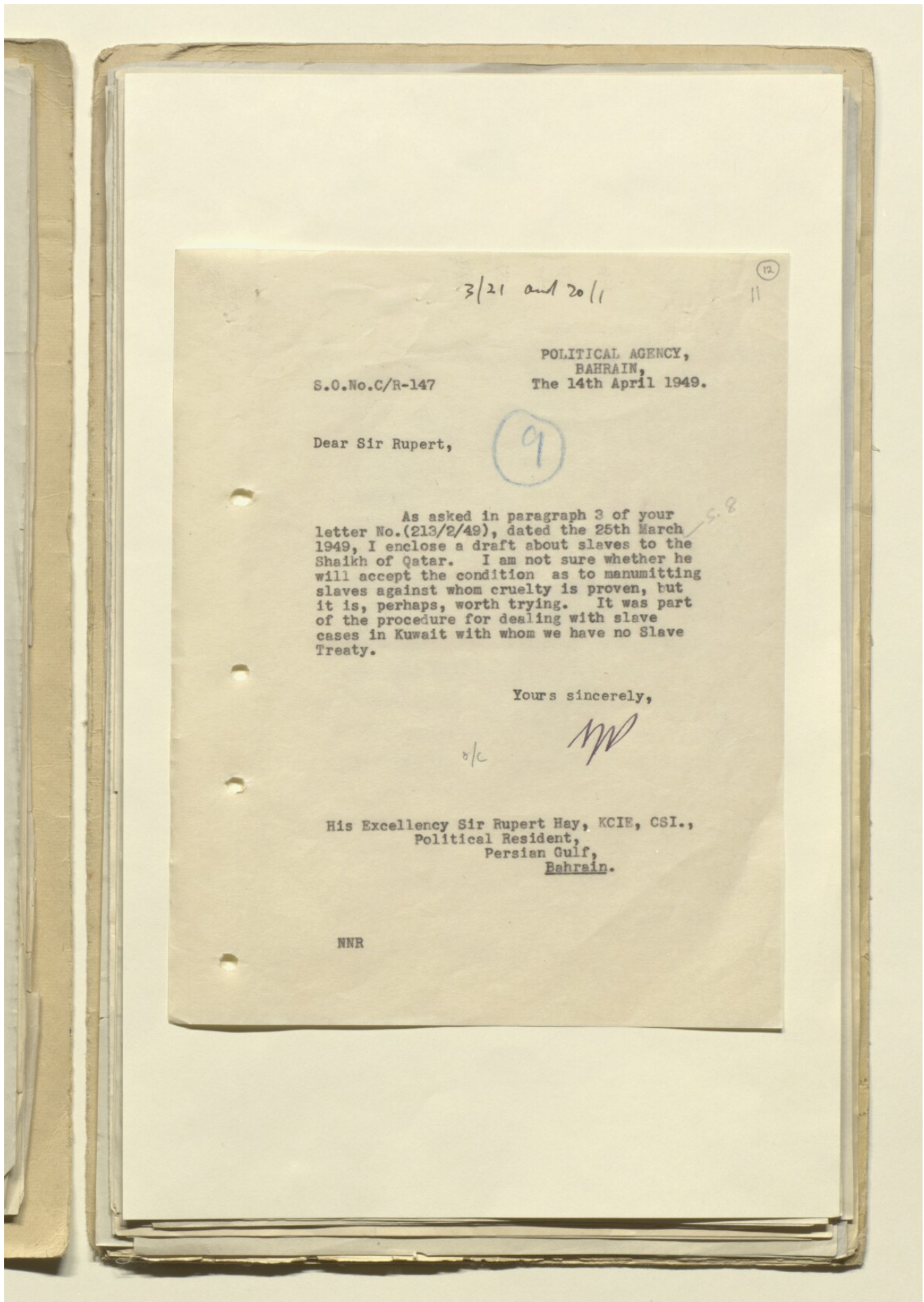
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C. J. Pelly, Esq., O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.



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POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
S.O.No.C/R-147 The 14th April 1949.

Dear Sir Rupert,

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As asked in paragraph 3 of your letter No.(213/2/49), dated the 25th March 1949, I enclose a draft about slaves to the Shaikh of Qatar. I am not sure whether he will accept the condition as to manumitting slaves against whom cruelty is proven, but it is, perhaps, worth trying. It was part of the procedure for dealing with slave cases in Kuwait with whom we have no Slave Treaty.

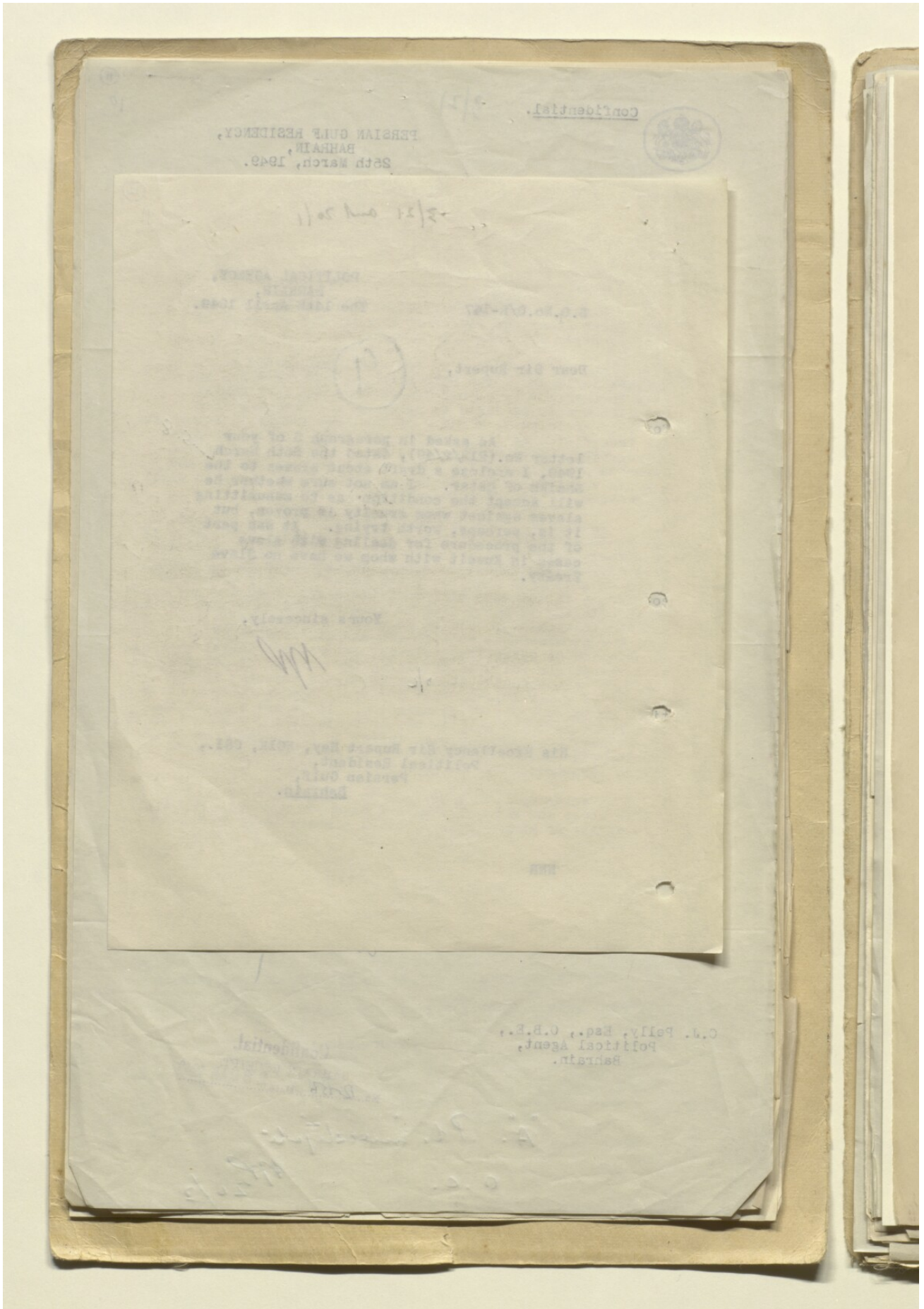
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Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE, CSI.,
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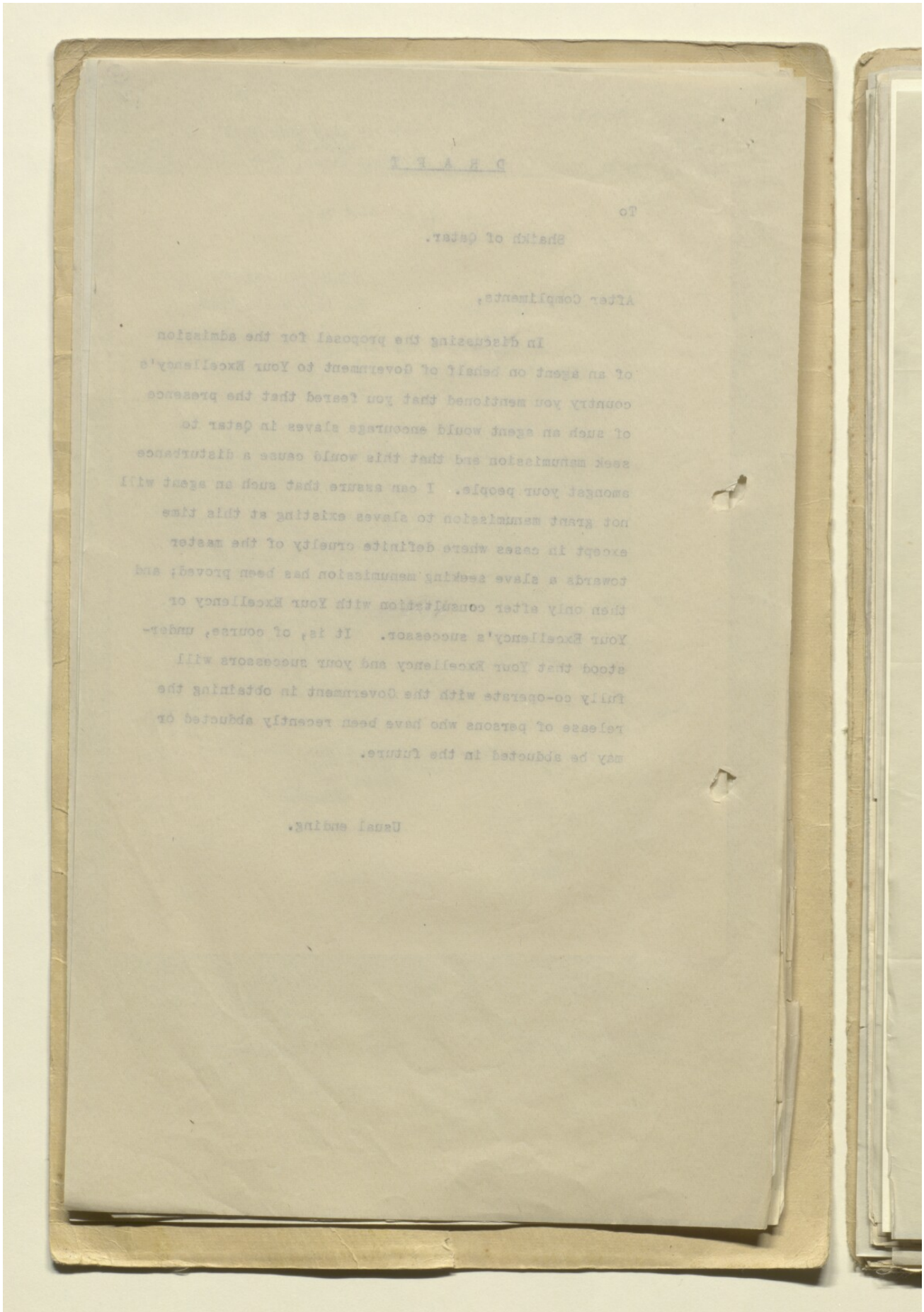
To

Shaikh of Qatar.

After Compliments,

In discussing the proposal for the admission of an agent on behalf of Government to Your Excellency's country you mentioned that you feared that the presence of such an agent would encourage slaves in Qatar to seek manumission and that this would cause a disturbance amongst your people. I can assure that such an agent will not grant manumission to slaves existing at this time except in cases where definite cruelty of the master towards a slave seeking manumission has been proved; and then only after consultation with Your Excellency or Your Excellency's successor. It is, of course, understood that Your Excellency and your successors will fully co-operate with the Government in obtaining the release of persons who have been recently abducted or may be abducted in the future.

Usual ending.





CONFIDENTIAL.

(18/14/49)



PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN,
14th April, 1949.

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Dear Pelly

Please refer to my letter 213/2/49 of the 25th March about Qatar affairs. *58*

2. The Foreign Office have agreed to the proposals contained in my letter 18/12/49 of the 24th March to Burrows and have remarked that our support may be promised to the extent mentioned in Bahrain letter C/129 of the 11th May, 1935, but without reference to that letter which in view of its somewhat blunt terms could be embarrassing if it came to public notice.

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3. The Foreign Office have also asked whether it is possible to obtain an assurance from the Shaikh that he will take effective steps to prevent slave trading in or through his territory. We have already this question in mind and if you can obtain any assurance ~~in~~ in writing from him on the subject as a result of the negotiations so much the better.

4. If you see no objection, would you now kindly initiate negotiations with the Shaikh as soon as you conveniently can on the lines proposed? If you consider that my personal participation in any of the talks would likely to have any beneficial result, you will no doubt let me know.

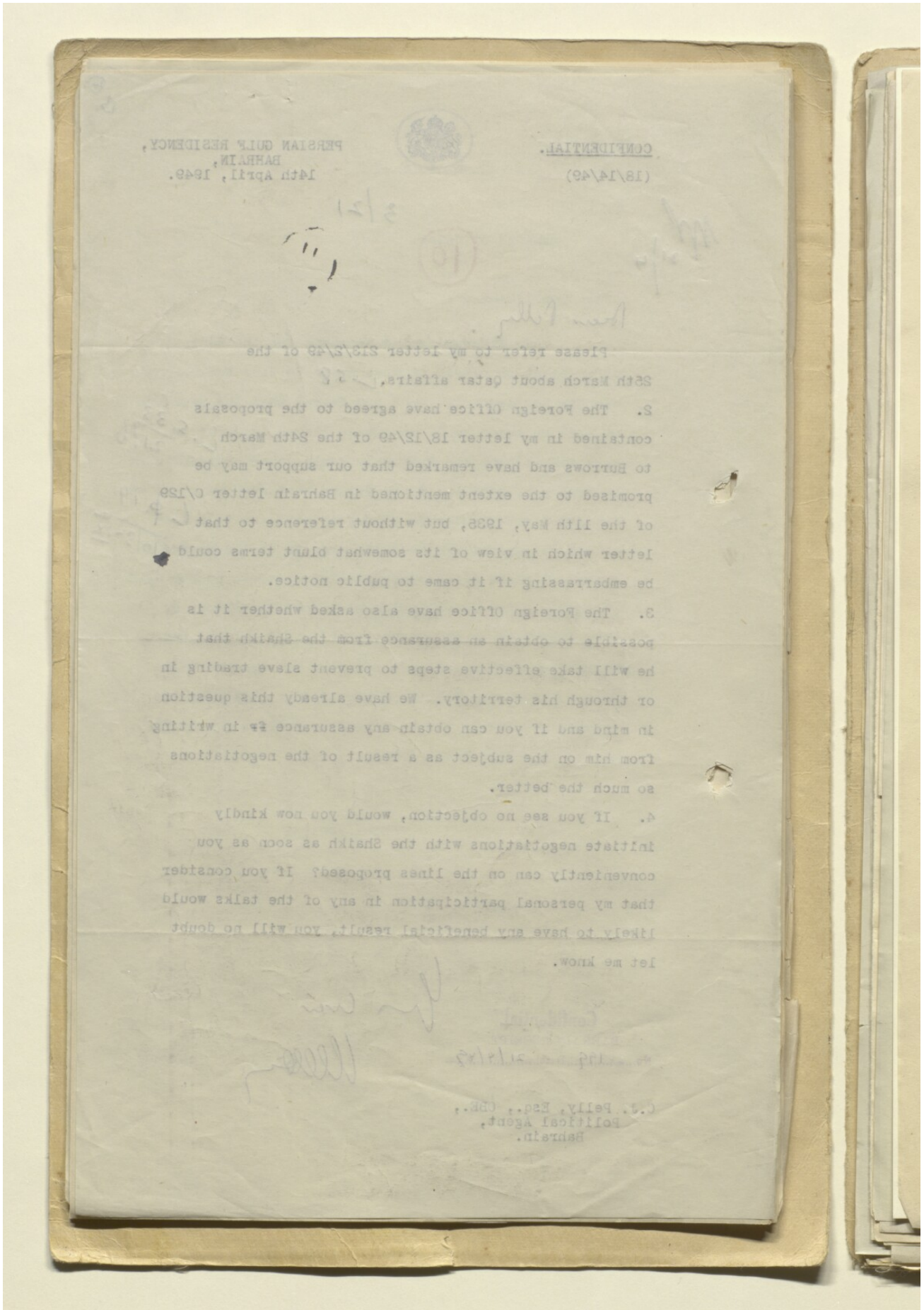
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C.J. Pelly, Esq., OBE.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN,
14th April, 1949.

CONFIDENTIAL.
(18/12/49)

Please refer to my letter 213/49 of the 25th March about Qatar affairs.

2. The Foreign Office have agreed to the proposals contained in my letter 18/12/49 of the 24th March to Burrows and have remarked that our support may be promised to the extent mentioned in Bahrain letter C/129 of the 11th May, 1938, but without reference to that letter which in view of its somewhat blunt terms could be embarrassing if it came to public notice.

3. The Foreign Office have also asked whether it is possible to obtain an assurance from the Shakh that he will take effective steps to prevent slave trading in or through his territory. We have already this question in mind and if you can obtain any assurance in writing from him on the subject as a result of the negotiations so much the better.

4. If you see no objection, would you now kindly initiate negotiations with the Shakh as soon as you conveniently can on the lines proposed? If you consider that my personal participation in any of the talks would likely to have any beneficial result, you will no doubt let me know.

C. S. Pelly, Esq., CBE.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.



U R G E N T

S.O.No.C/R-207-3/21

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
The 18th May, 1949.

Dear Sir Rupert,

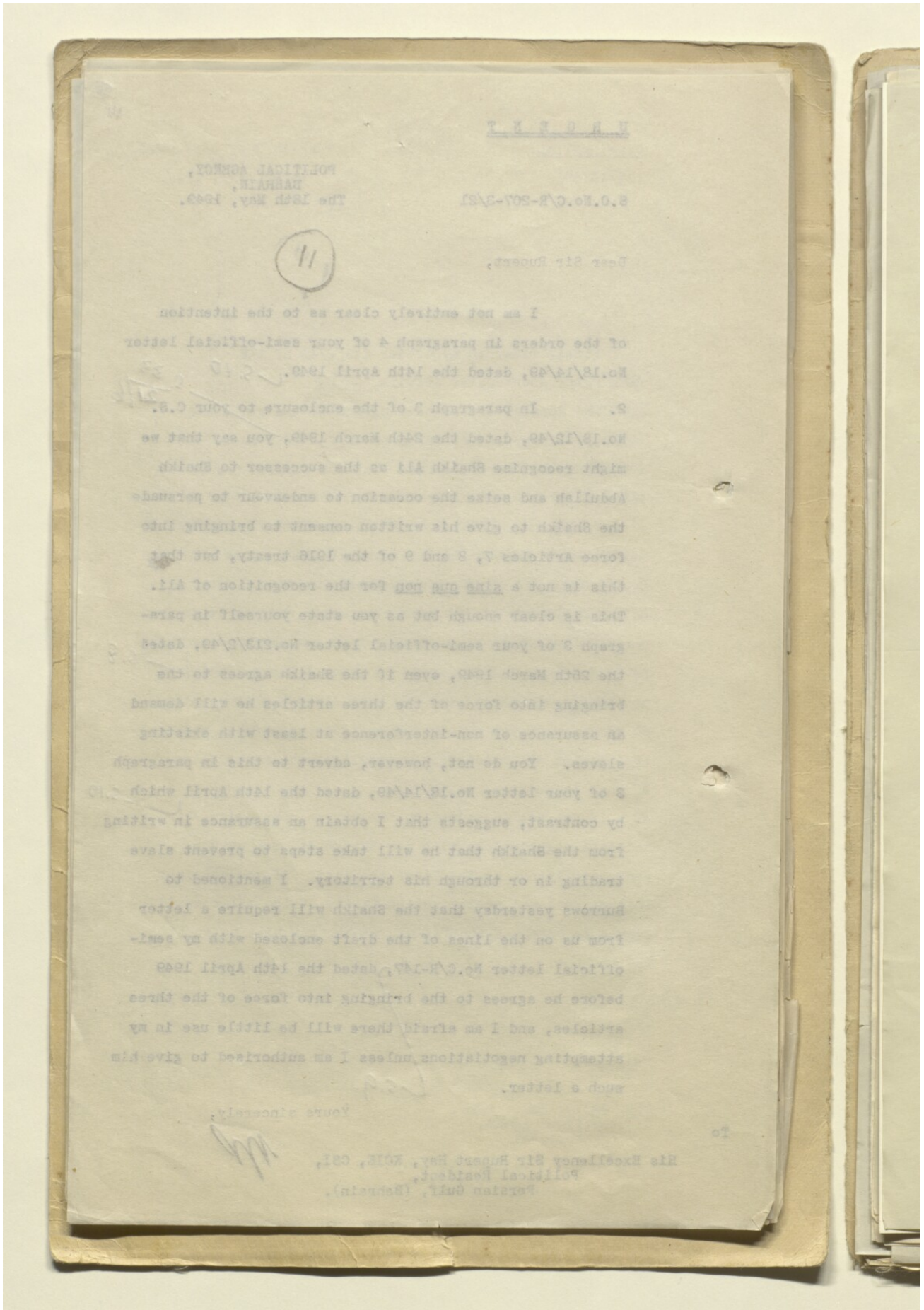
I am not entirely clear as to the intention of the orders in paragraph 4 of your semi-official letter No.18/14/49, dated the 14th April 1949. *S.10*

2. In paragraph 3 of the enclosure to your C.S. No.18/12/49, dated the 24th March 1949, you say that we might recognise Shaikh Ali as the successor to Shaikh Abdullah and seize the occasion to endeavour to persuade the Shaikh to give his written consent to bringing into force Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the 1916 treaty, but that this is not a sine qua non for the recognition of Ali. This is clear enough but as you state yourself in paragraph 3 of your semi-official letter No.213/2/49, dated the 25th March 1949, even if the Shaikh agrees to the bringing into force of the three articles he will demand an assurance of non-interference at least with existing slaves. You do not, however, advert to this in paragraph 3 of your letter No.18/14/49, dated the 14th April which by contrast, suggests that I obtain an assurance in writing from the Shaikh that he will take steps to prevent slave trading in or through his territory. I mentioned to Burrows yesterday that the Shaikh will require a letter from us on the lines of the draft enclosed with my semi-official letter No.C/R-147, dated the 14th April 1949 before he agrees to the bringing into force of the three articles, and I am afraid there will be little use in my attempting negotiations unless I am authorised to give him such a letter. *S.8* *S.10* *S.9*

Yours sincerely,

To

His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, KCIE, CSI,
Political Resident,
Persian Gulf, (Bahrain).





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URGENT.



PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,

CONFIDENTIAL.

BAHRAIN.

(18/16/49)

19th May 1949.

Dear Pelly

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Please refer to your S.O. letter No.C/R-207-3/21 of the 18th May about the undertaking to be given regarding the manumission of slaves in Qatar.

2. I have discussed the question with Burrows and he is not very much in favour of the draft forwarded with your letter No.C/R-147 of the 14th April, and suggests that if we are compelled to adopt it something on the lines of "until further agreement is reached with Your Excellency on the subject" should be inserted between "I can assure you that" and "such an Agent" at the beginning of the second sentence.

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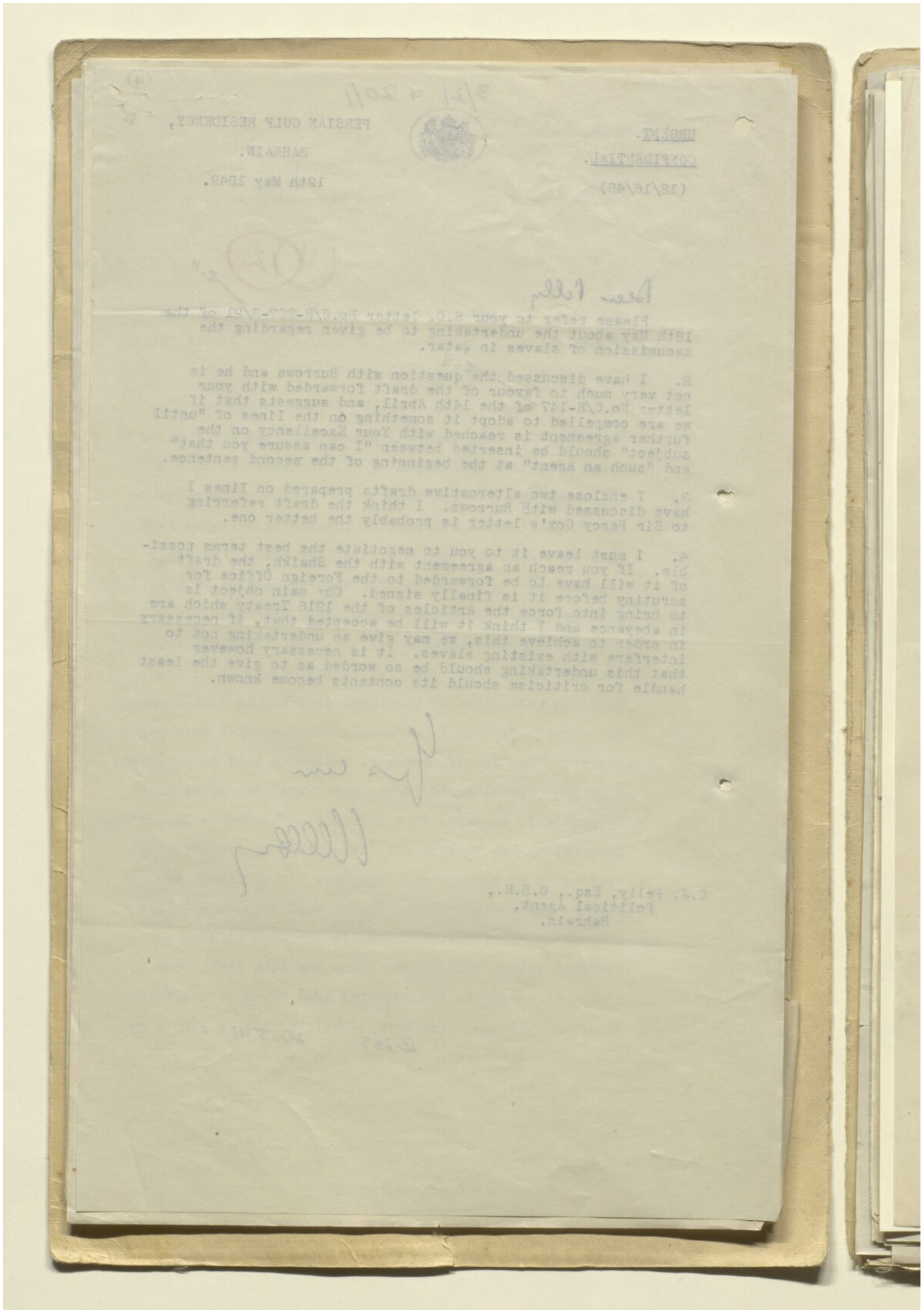
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Yours ever
Pelly

C.J. Pelly, Esq., O.B.E.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.
18th May 1949.



URGENT.
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(18/5/49)

Please refer to your S.O. letter No. C/A-207-251 of the 18th May about the undertaking to be given regarding the manumission of slaves in Qatar.

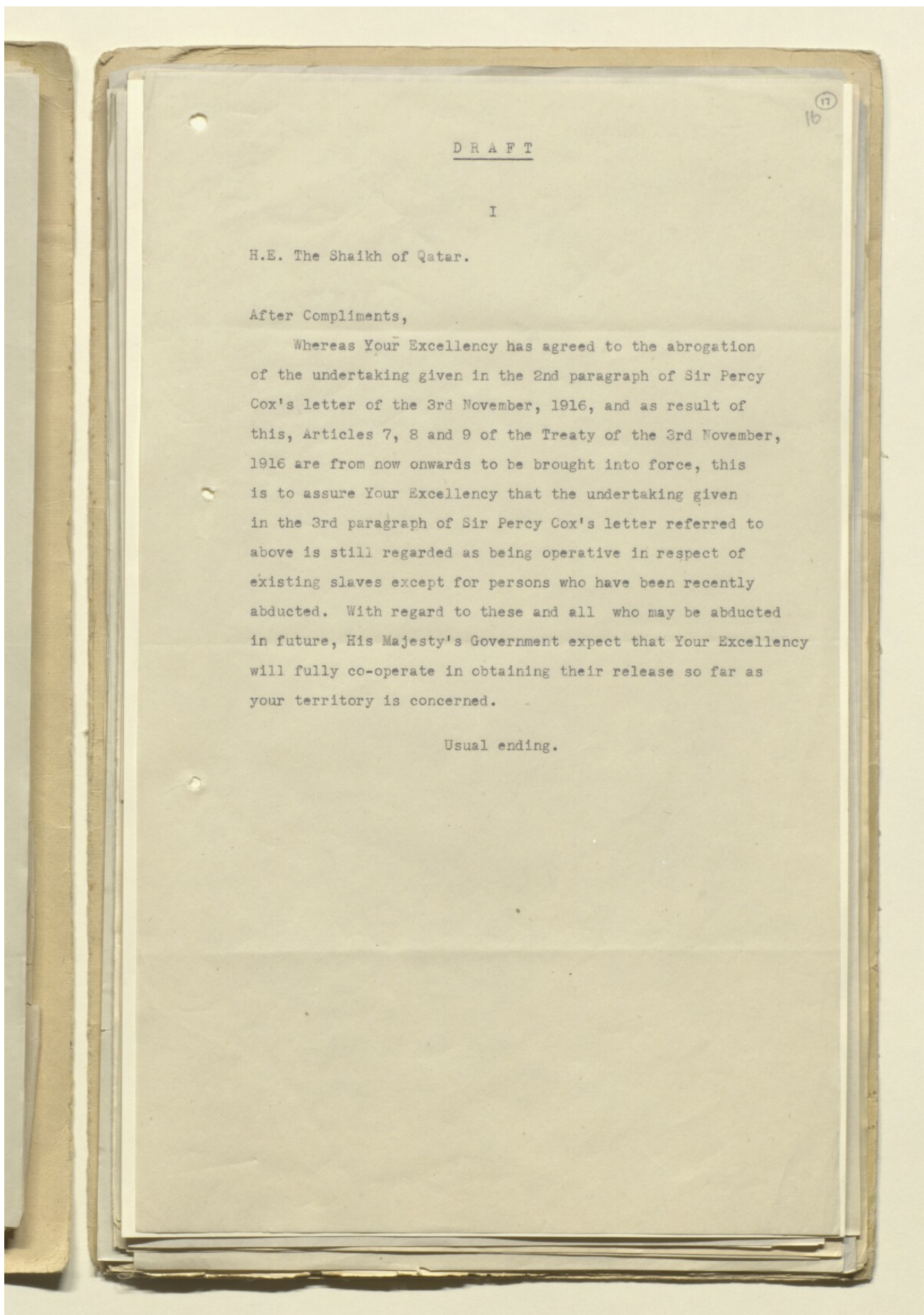
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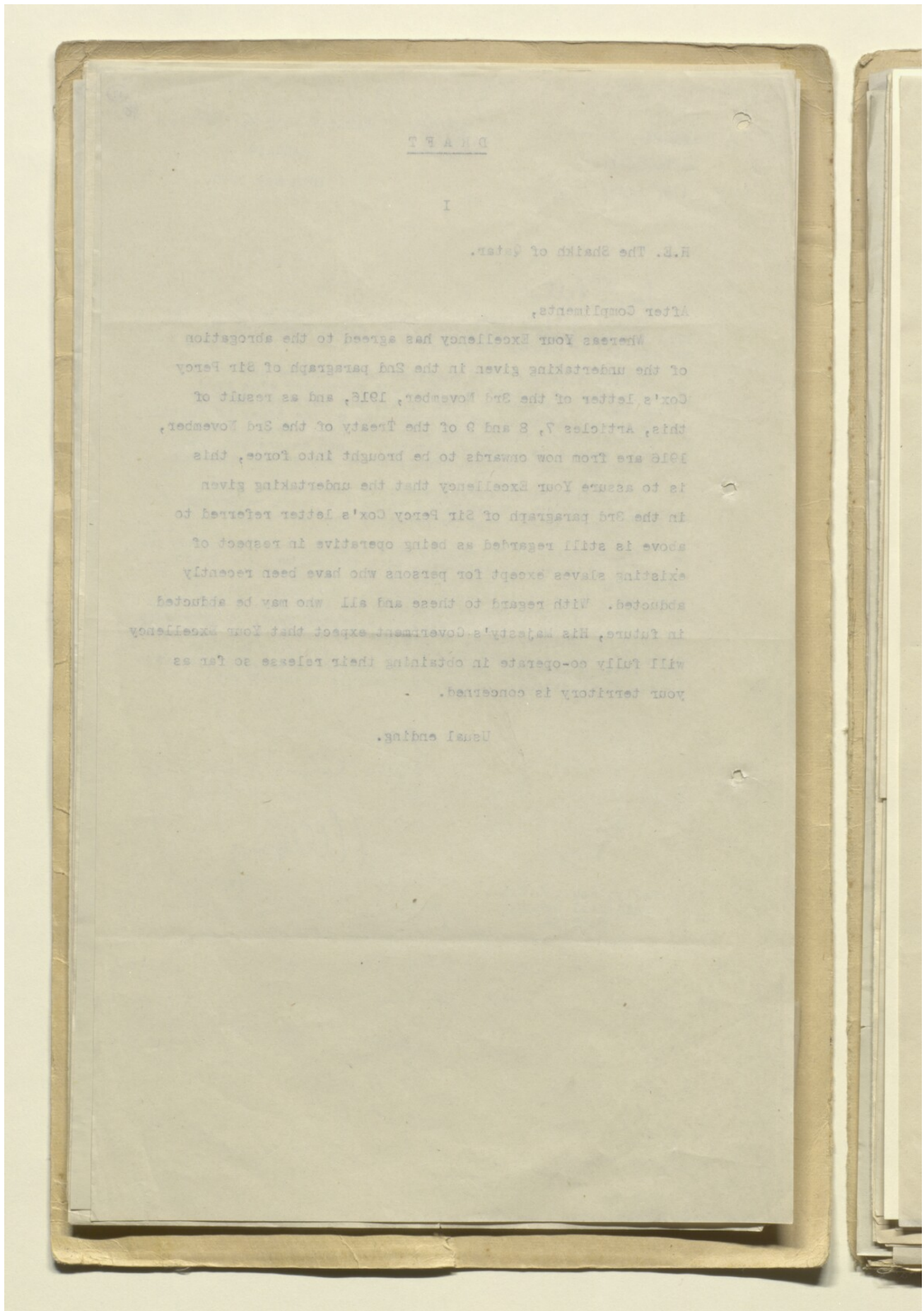
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H.E. The Shaikh of Qatar.

After Compliments,

Whereas Your Excellency has agreed to the abrogation of the undertaking given in the 2nd paragraph of Sir Percy Cox's letter of the 3rd November, 1916, and as result of this, Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Treaty of the 3rd November, 1916 are from now onwards to be brought into force, this is to assure Your Excellency that the undertaking given in the 3rd paragraph of Sir Percy Cox's letter referred to above is still regarded as being operative in respect of existing slaves except for persons who have been recently abducted. With regard to these and all who may be abducted in future, His Majesty's Government expect that Your Excellency will fully co-operate in obtaining their release so far as your territory is concerned.

Usual ending.



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H.E. The Shaikh of Qatar.

After Compliments,

Whereas Your Excellency has agreed to the abolition of the undertakings given in the 3rd paragraph of Sir Percy Cox's letter of the 3rd November, 1916, and as result of this, Articles V, B and D of the Treaty of the 3rd November, 1916 are from now onwards to be brought into force, this is to assure Your Excellency that the undertakings given in the 3rd paragraph of Sir Percy Cox's letter referred to above is still regarded as being operative in respect of existing slaves except for persons who have been recently abducted. With regard to these and all who may be abducted in future, His Majesty's Government expect that Your Excellency will fully co-operate in obtaining their release so far as your territory is concerned.

Yours faithfully,



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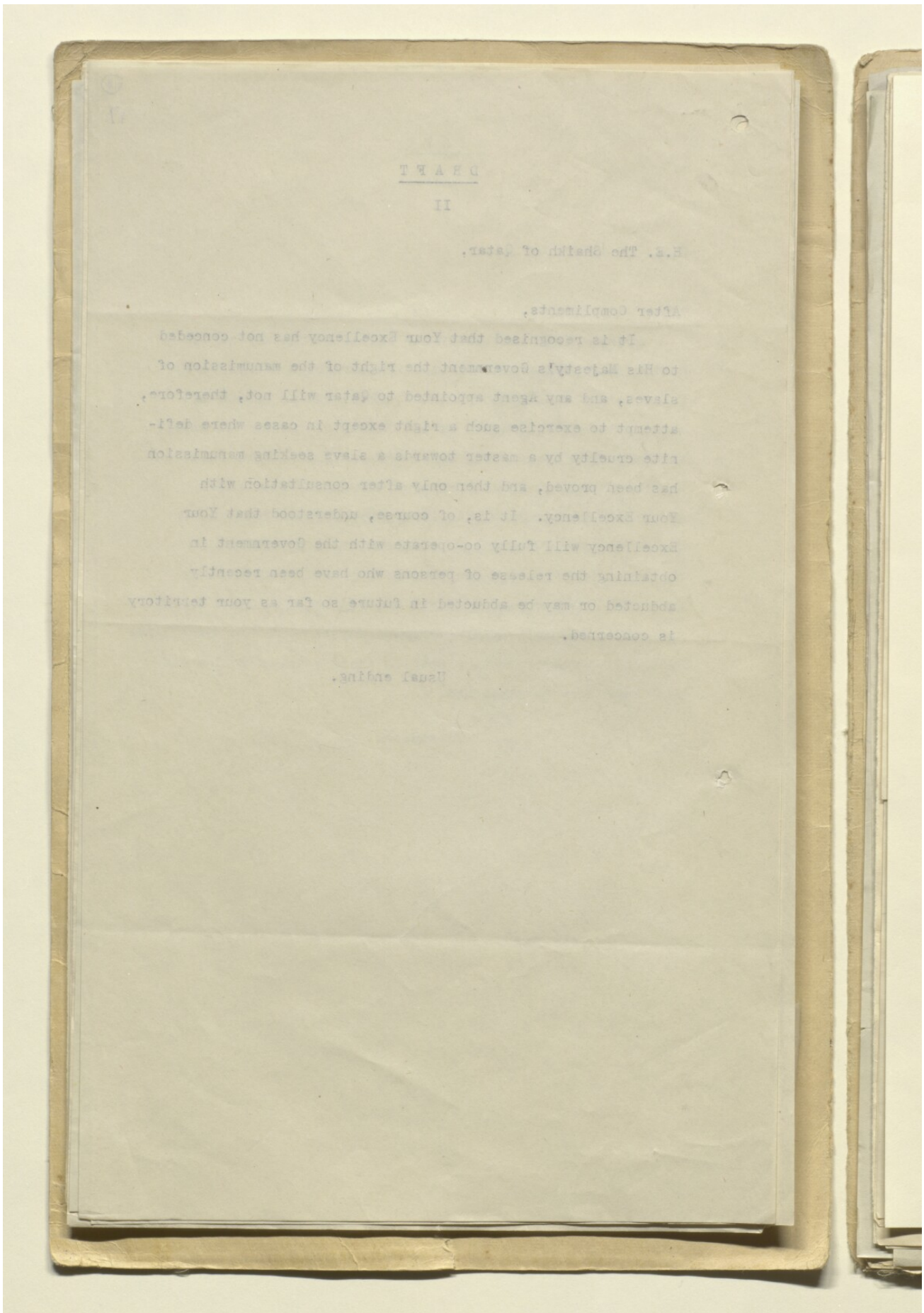
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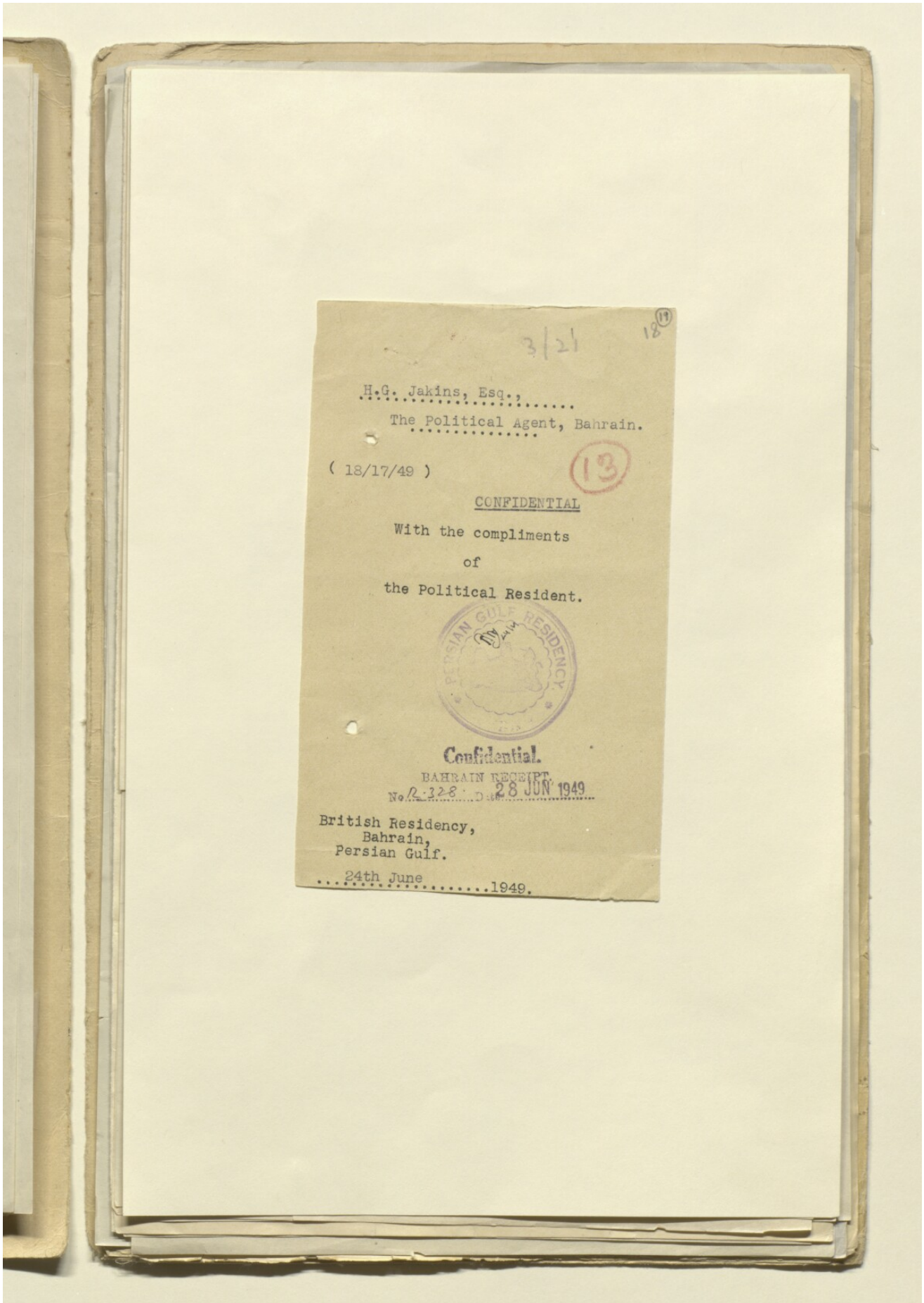
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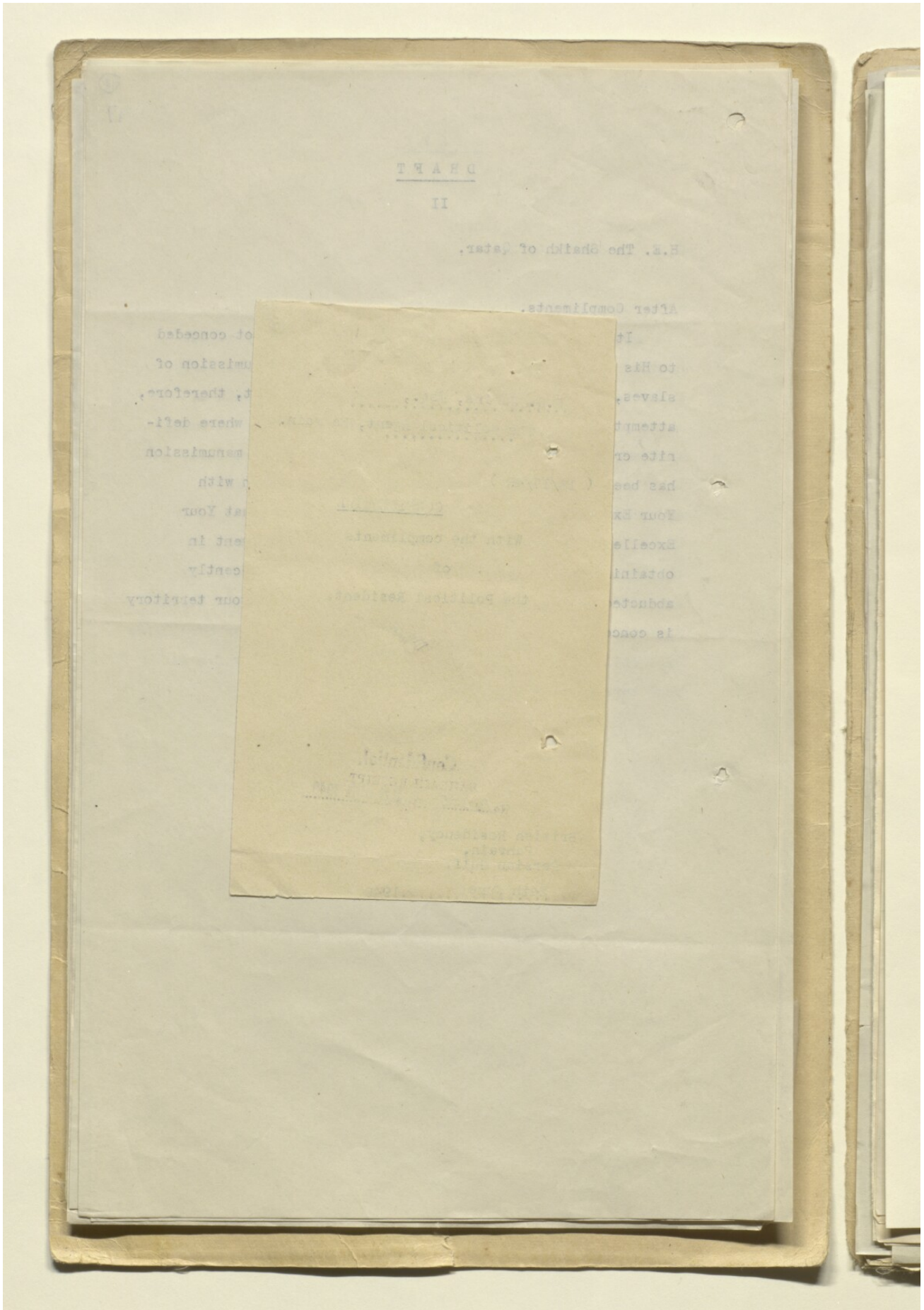
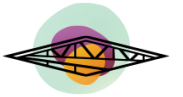
It is recognised that Your Excellency has not conceded to His Majesty's Government the right of the manumission of slaves, and any Agent appointed to Qatar will not, therefore, attempt to exercise such a right except in cases where definite cruelty by a master towards a slave seeking manumission has been proved, and then only after consultation with Your Excellency. It is, of course, understood that Your Excellency will fully co-operate with the Government in obtaining the release of persons who have been recently abducted or may be abducted in future so far as your territory is concerned.

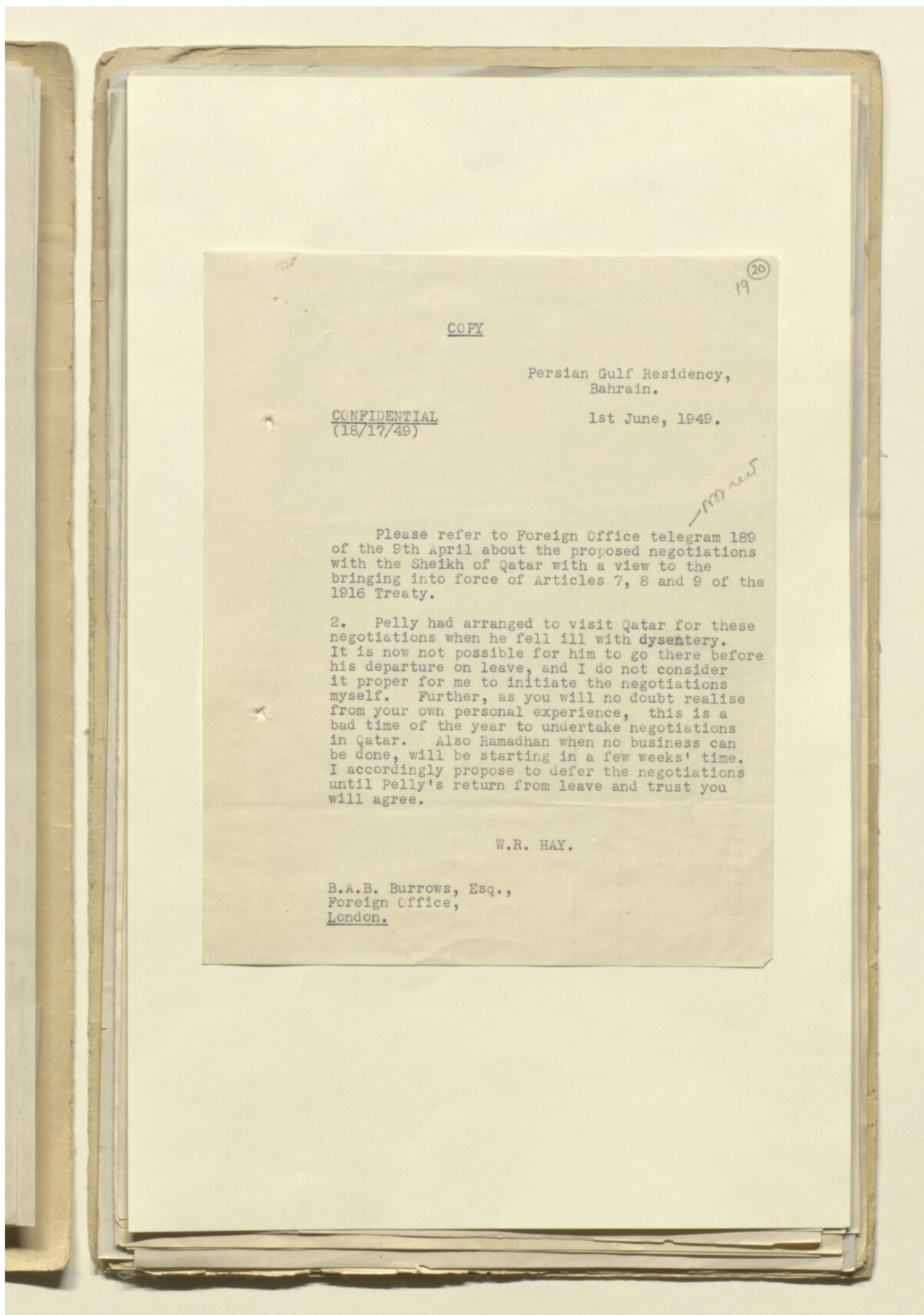
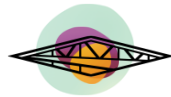
Usual ending.





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H.G. Jakins, Esq.,
The Political Agent, Bahrain.
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With the compliments
of
the Political Resident.

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No. R-328 Date 28 JUN 1949
British Residency,
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Persian Gulf Residency,
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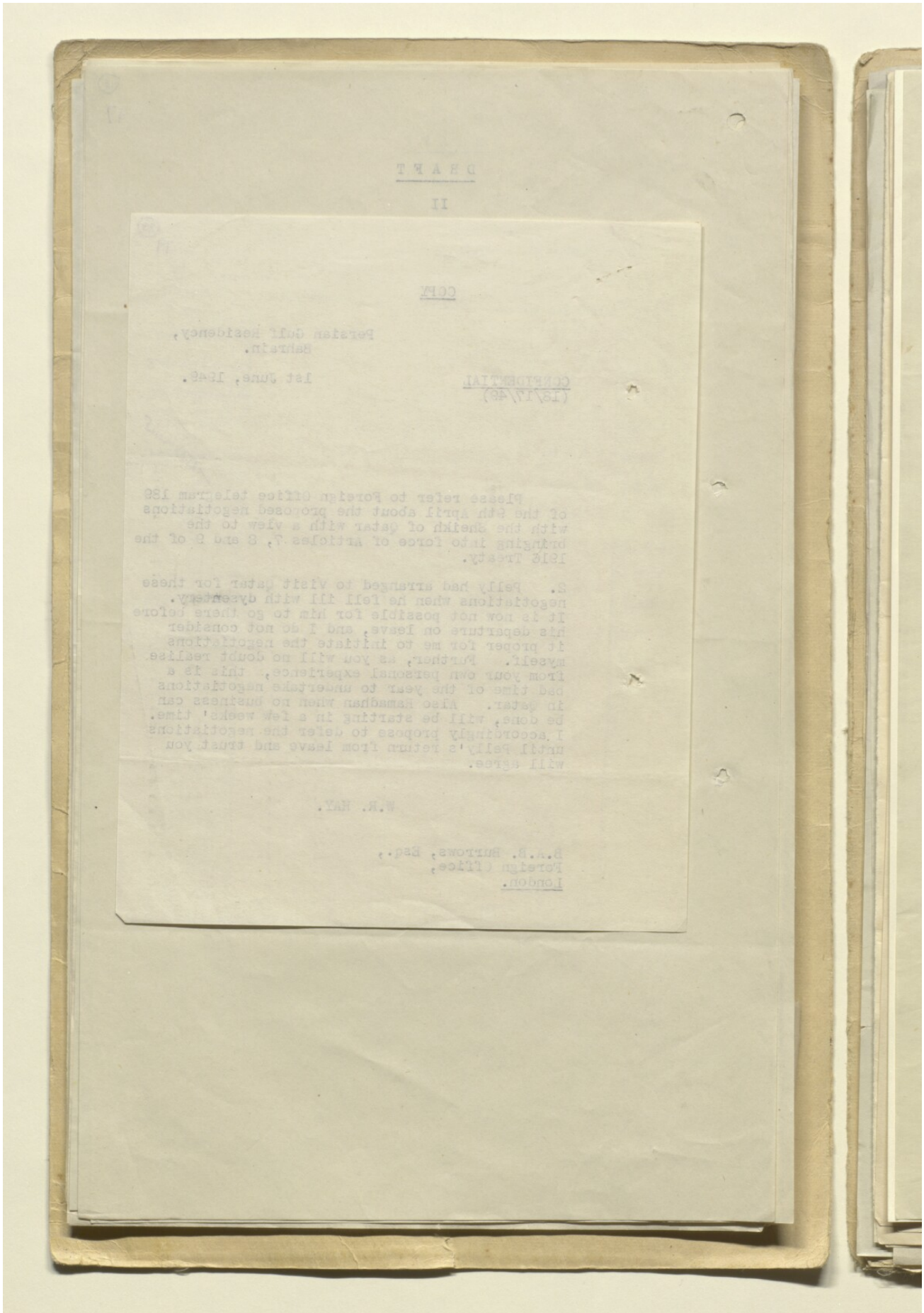
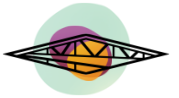
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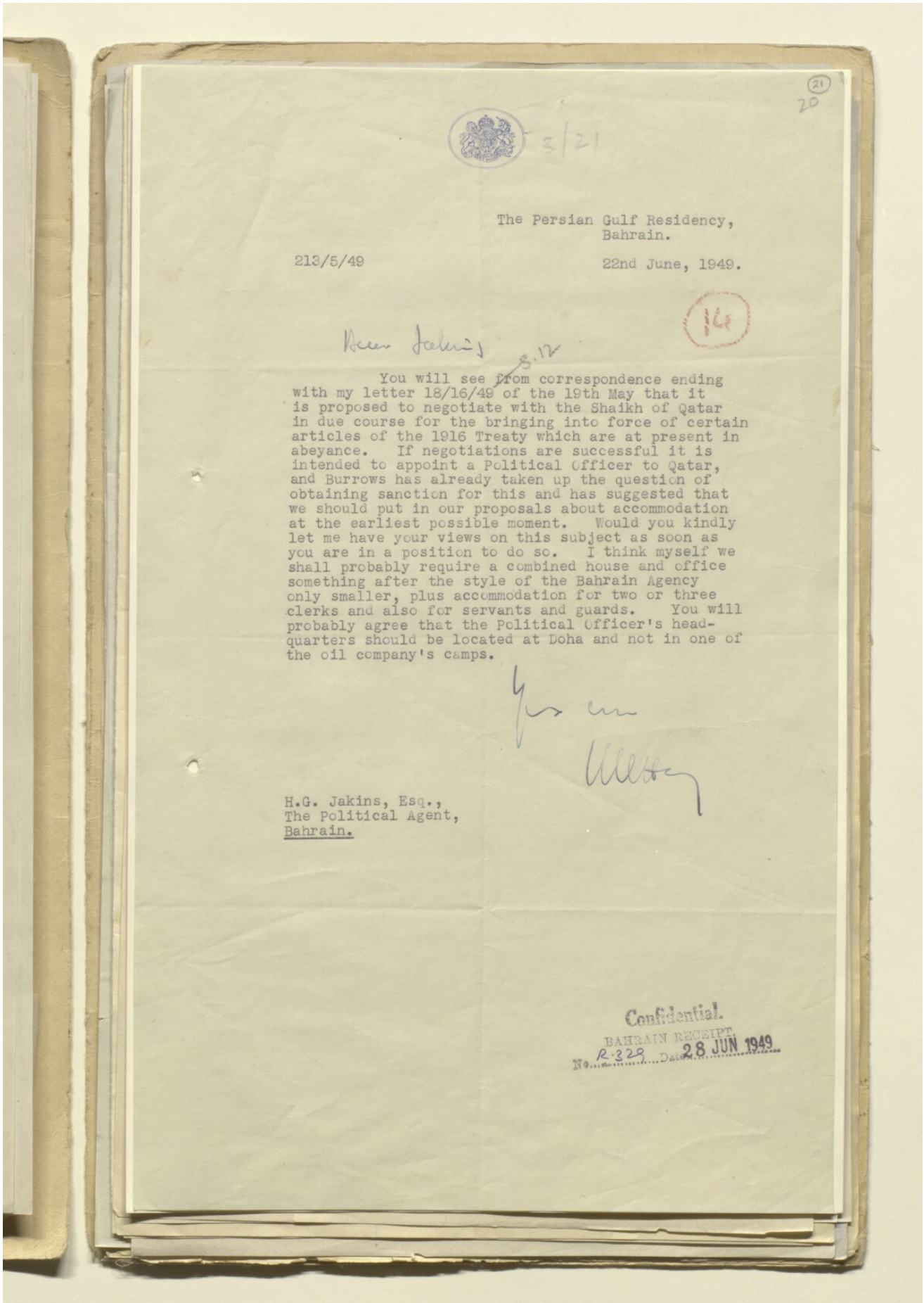
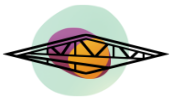
Please refer to Foreign Office telegram 189 of the 9th April about the proposed negotiations with the Sheikh of Qatar with a view to the bringing into force of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the 1916 Treaty.

2. Pelly had arranged to visit Qatar for these negotiations when he fell ill with dysentery. It is now not possible for him to go there before his departure on leave, and I do not consider it proper for me to initiate the negotiations myself. Further, as you will no doubt realise from your own personal experience, this is a bad time of the year to undertake negotiations in Qatar. Also Ramadhan when no business can be done, will be starting in a few weeks' time. I accordingly propose to defer the negotiations until Pelly's return from leave and trust you will agree.

W.R. HAY.

B.A.B. Burrows, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London.





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The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.

213/5/49

22nd June, 1949.

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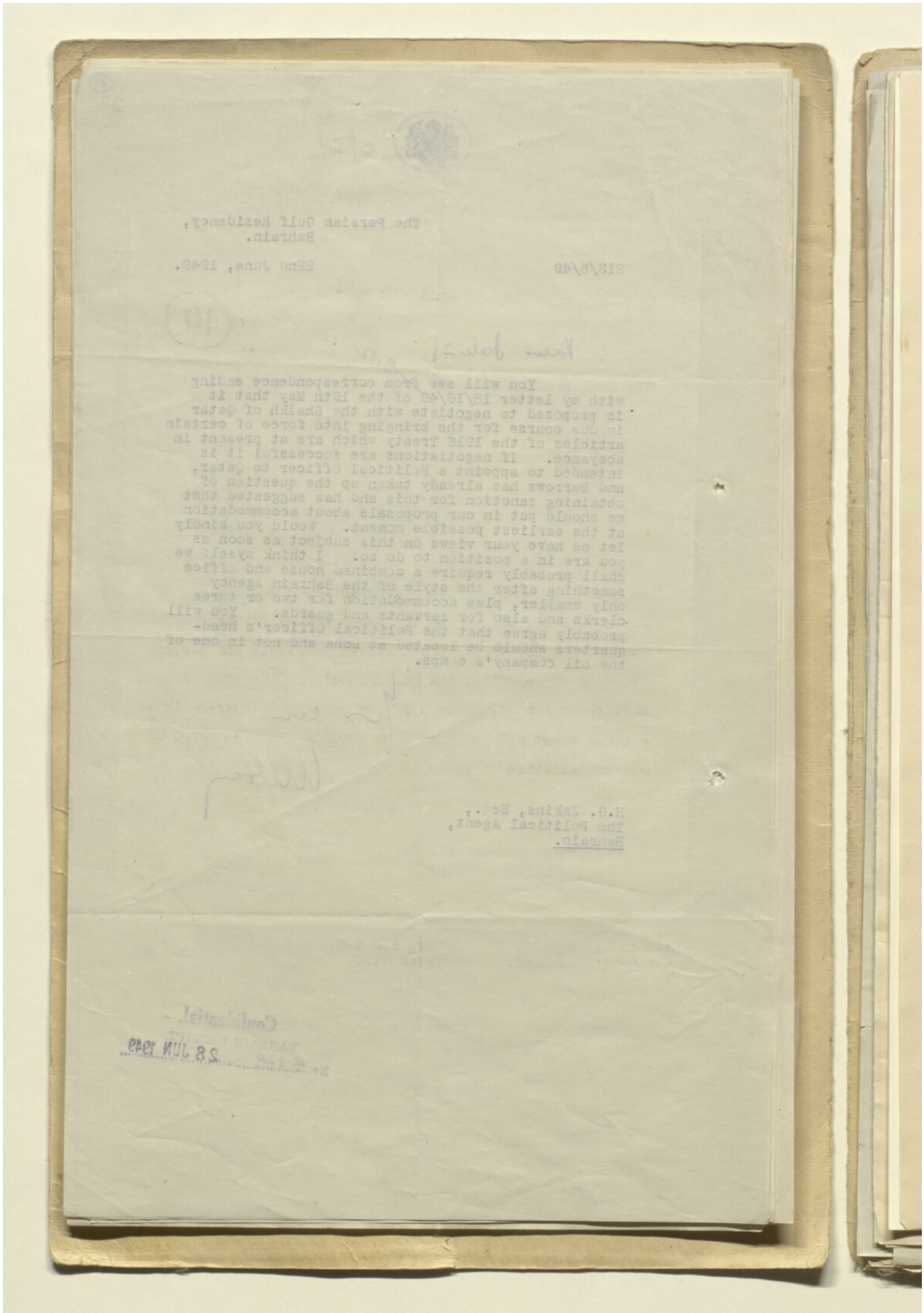
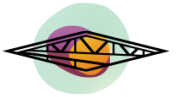
Dear Sir,

You will see from correspondence ending with my letter 18/16/49 of the 19th May that it is proposed to negotiate with the Shaikh of Qatar in due course for the bringing into force of certain articles of the 1916 Treaty which are at present in abeyance. If negotiations are successful it is intended to appoint a Political Officer to Qatar, and Burrows has already taken up the question of obtaining sanction for this and has suggested that we should put in our proposals about accommodation at the earliest possible moment. Would you kindly let me have your views on this subject as soon as you are in a position to do so. I think myself we shall probably require a combined house and office something after the style of the Bahrain Agency only smaller, plus accommodation for two or three clerks and also for servants and guards. You will probably agree that the Political Officer's headquarters should be located at Doha and not in one of the oil company's camps.

*Yours ever
H.G. Jakins*

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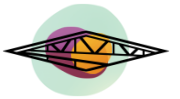


The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.
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H.G. Jenkins, Esq.,
The Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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28 JUN 1949



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No.C/R-278.

POLITICAL AGENCY,
BAHRAIN,
3rd July, 1949.

Dear Sir Rupert,

Your letter of June 22nd No.213/5/49. ^{S.14} (15)

2. I am glad that sanction is being obtained for the appointment of a Political Officer to Qatar. With the imminent expansion of oil production and, as it appears to me, the unfitness of the Ruler to handle the changing situation the need for us to have someone permanently on the spot grows daily more imperative.

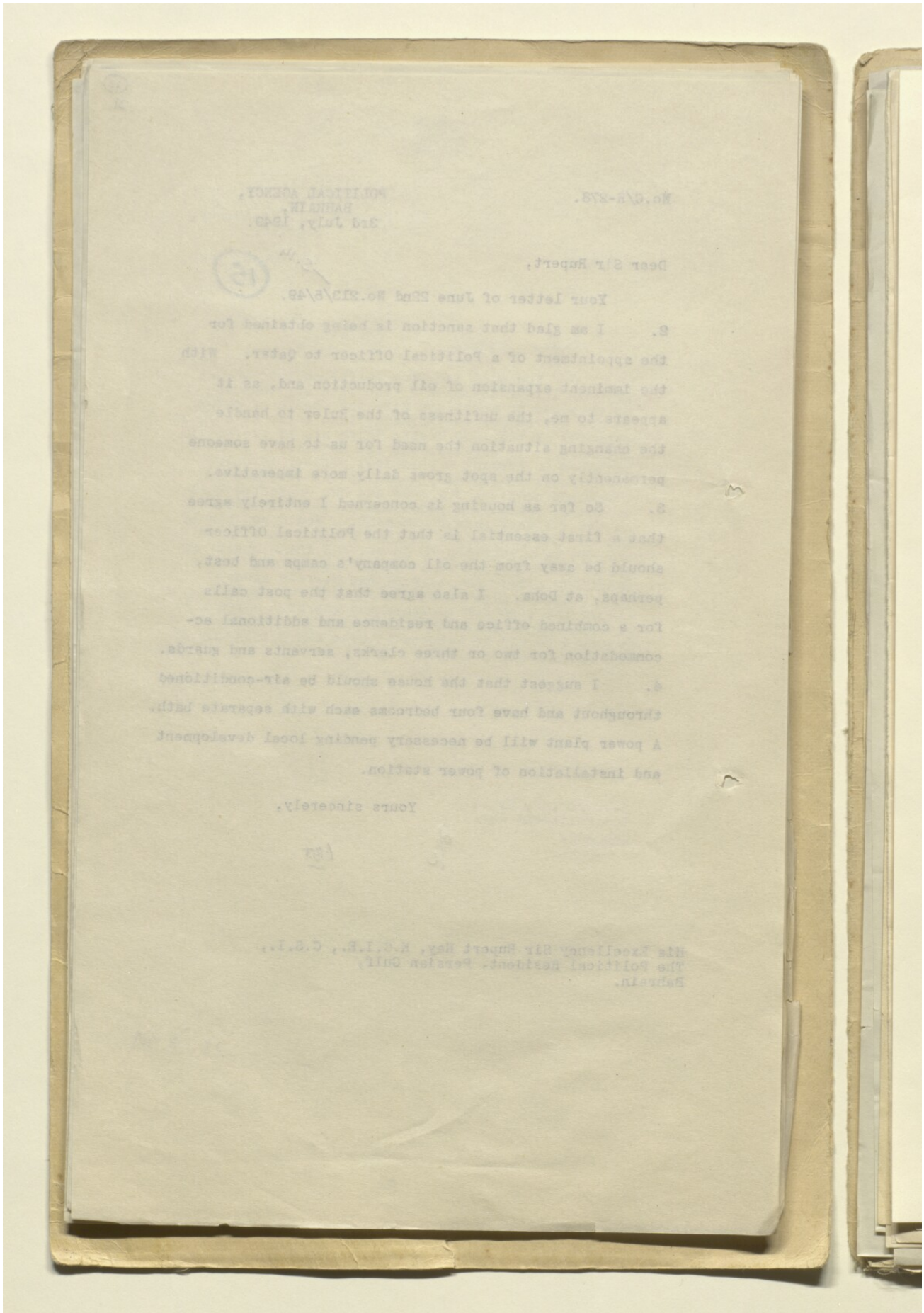
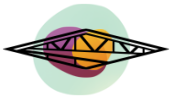
3. So far as housing is concerned I entirely agree that a first essential is that the Political Officer should be away from the oil company's camps and best, perhaps, at Doha. I also agree that the post calls for a combined office and residence and additional accommodation for two or three clerks, servants and guards.

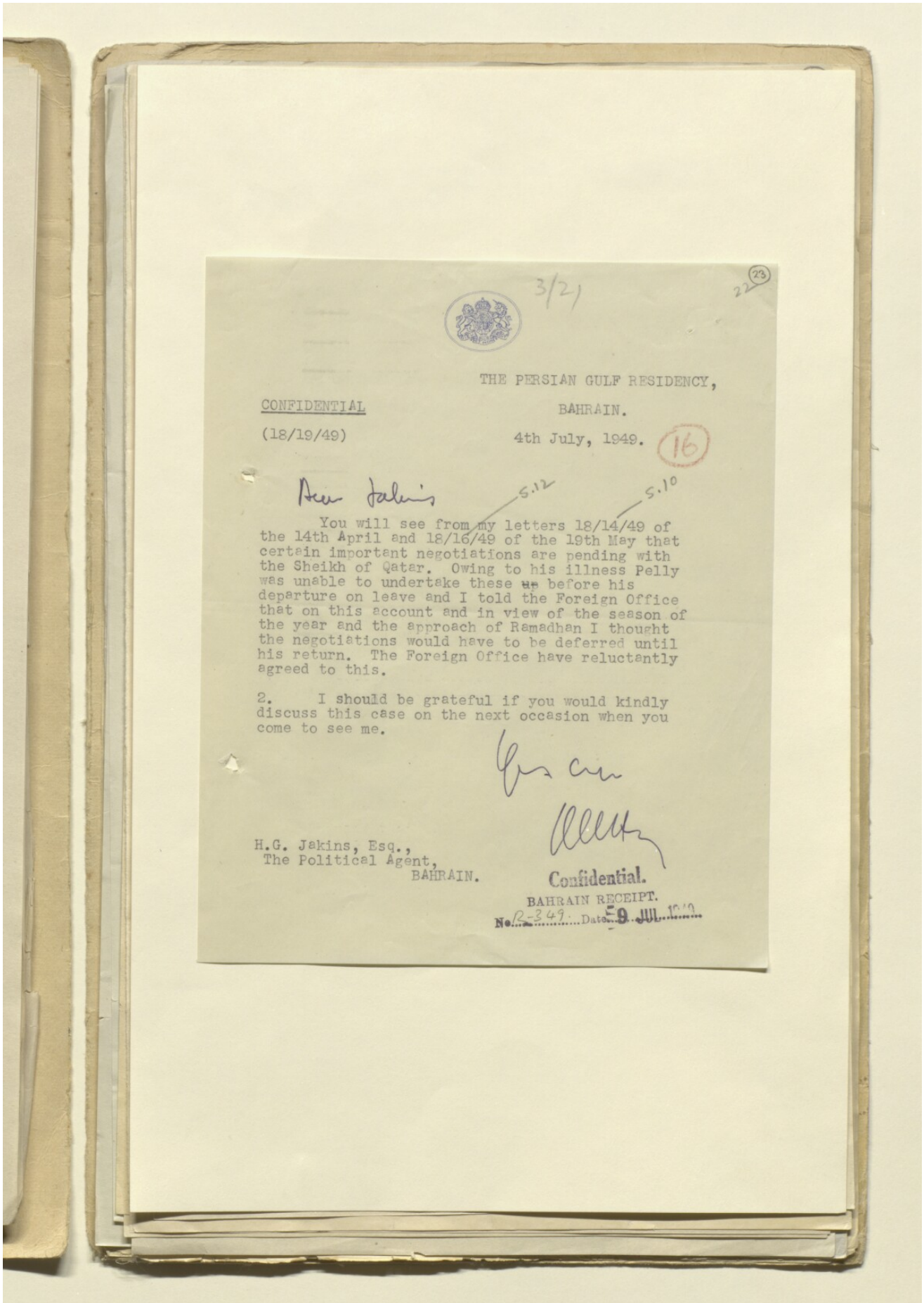
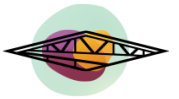
4. I suggest that the house should be air-conditioned throughout and have four bedrooms each with separate bath. A power plant will be necessary pending local development and installation of power station.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Sir Rupert Hay, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
The Political Resident, Persian Gulf,
Bahrain.





THE PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.

CONFIDENTIAL
(18/19/49)

4th July, 1949.

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You will see from my letters 18/14/49 of the 14th April and 18/16/49 of the 19th May that certain important negotiations are pending with the Sheikh of Qatar. Owing to his illness Pelly was unable to undertake these ~~up~~ before his departure on leave and I told the Foreign Office that on this account and in view of the season of the year and the approach of Ramadhan I thought the negotiations would have to be deferred until his return. The Foreign Office have reluctantly agreed to this.

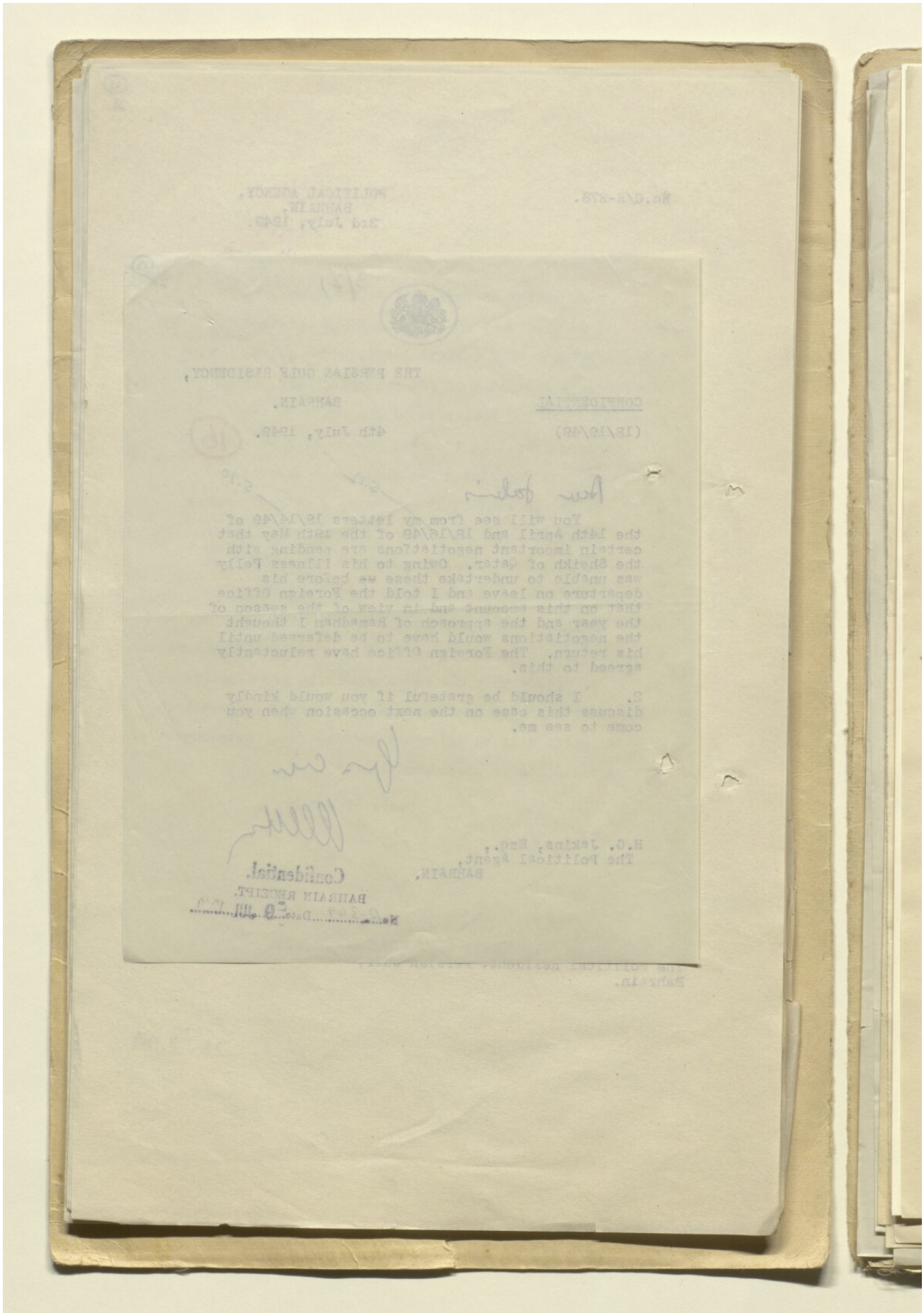
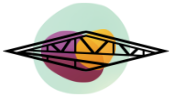
2. I should be grateful if you would kindly discuss this case on the next occasion when you come to see me.

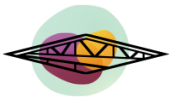
Yours ever
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H.G. Jakins, Esq.,
The Political Agent,
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No. 2-349... Date 9 JUL 1949





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Translation of letter dated the 10th Shuwal, 1368 (6.8.49)
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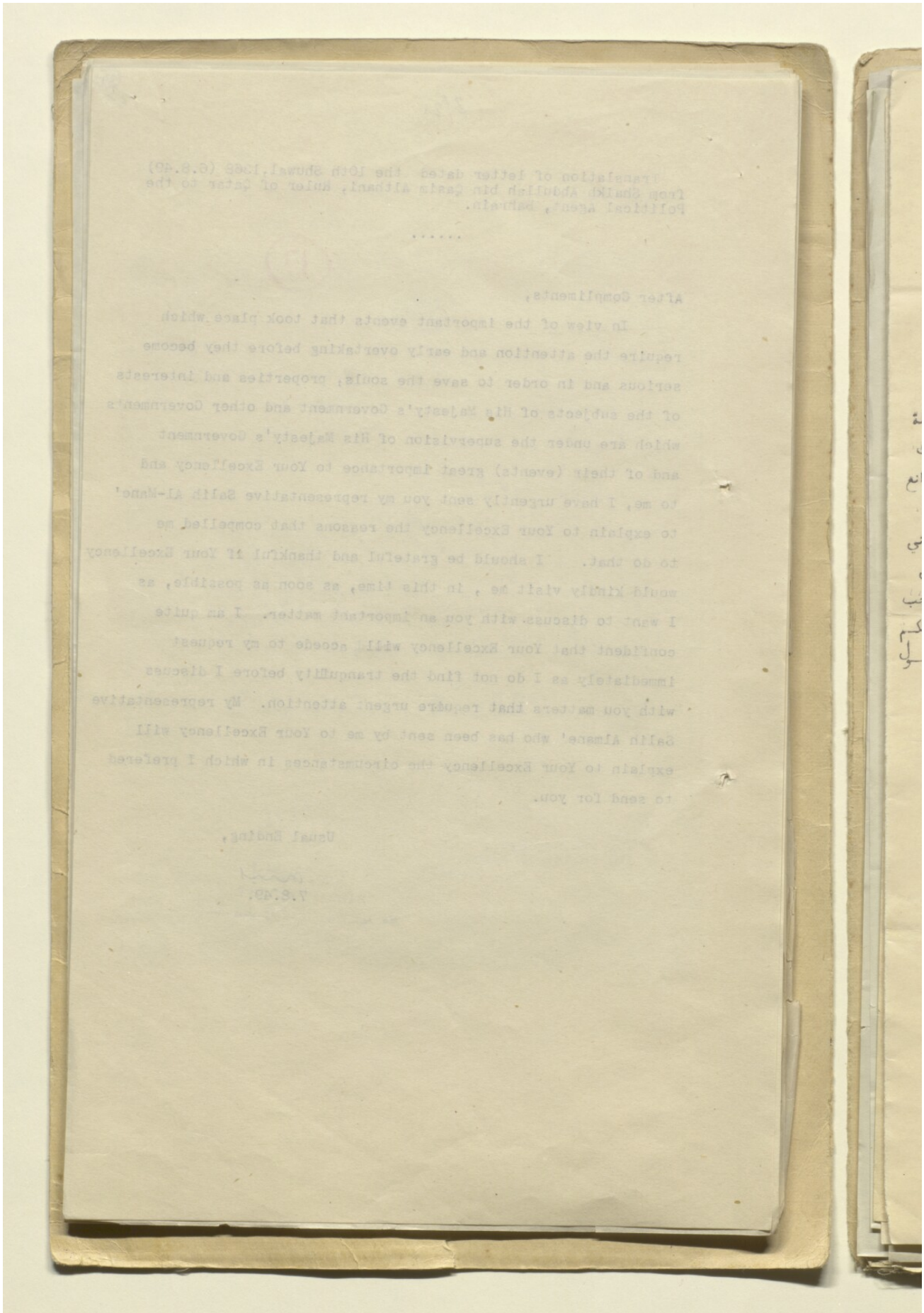
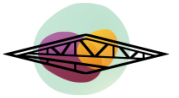
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Usual Ending,

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After Comments,

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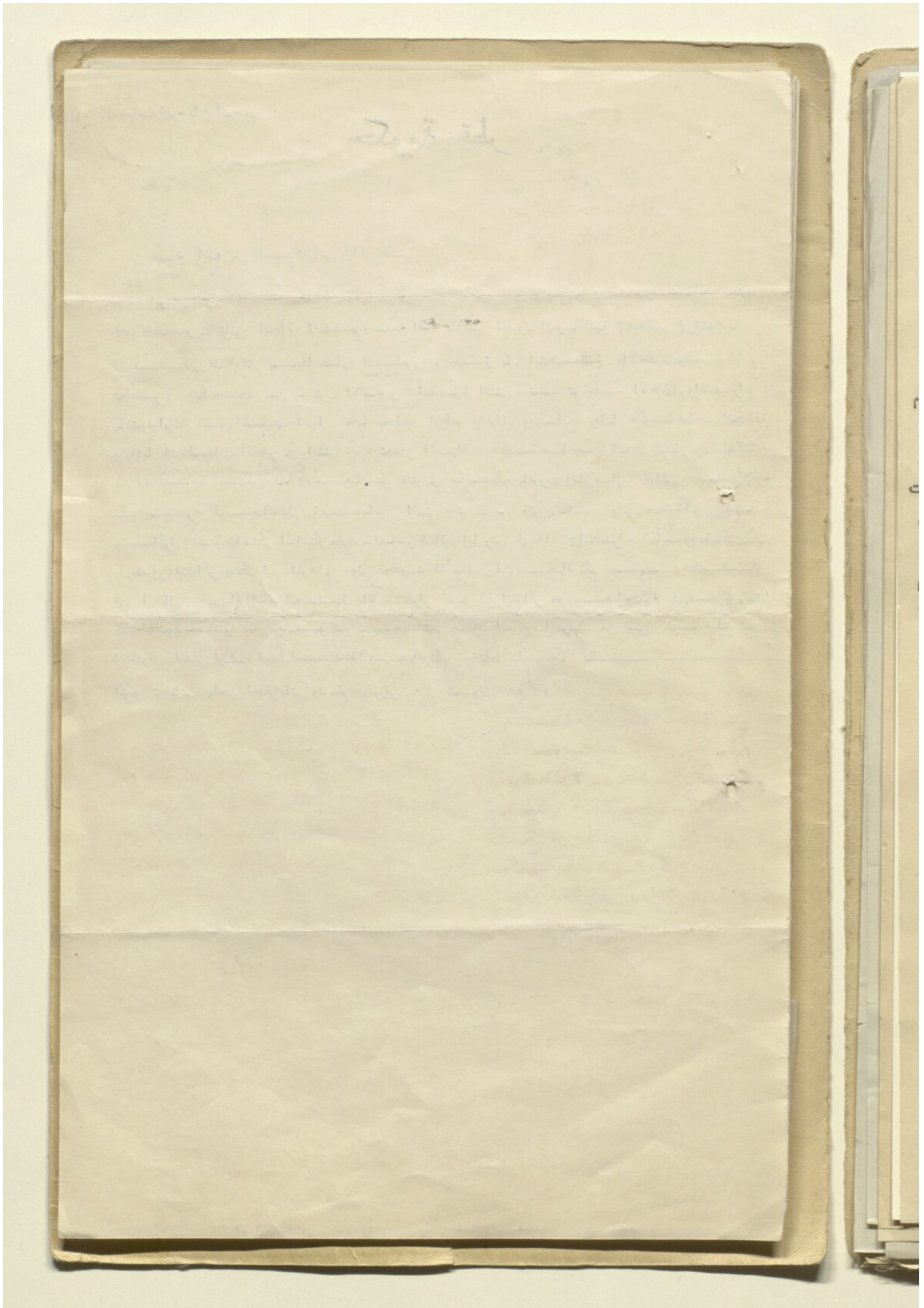
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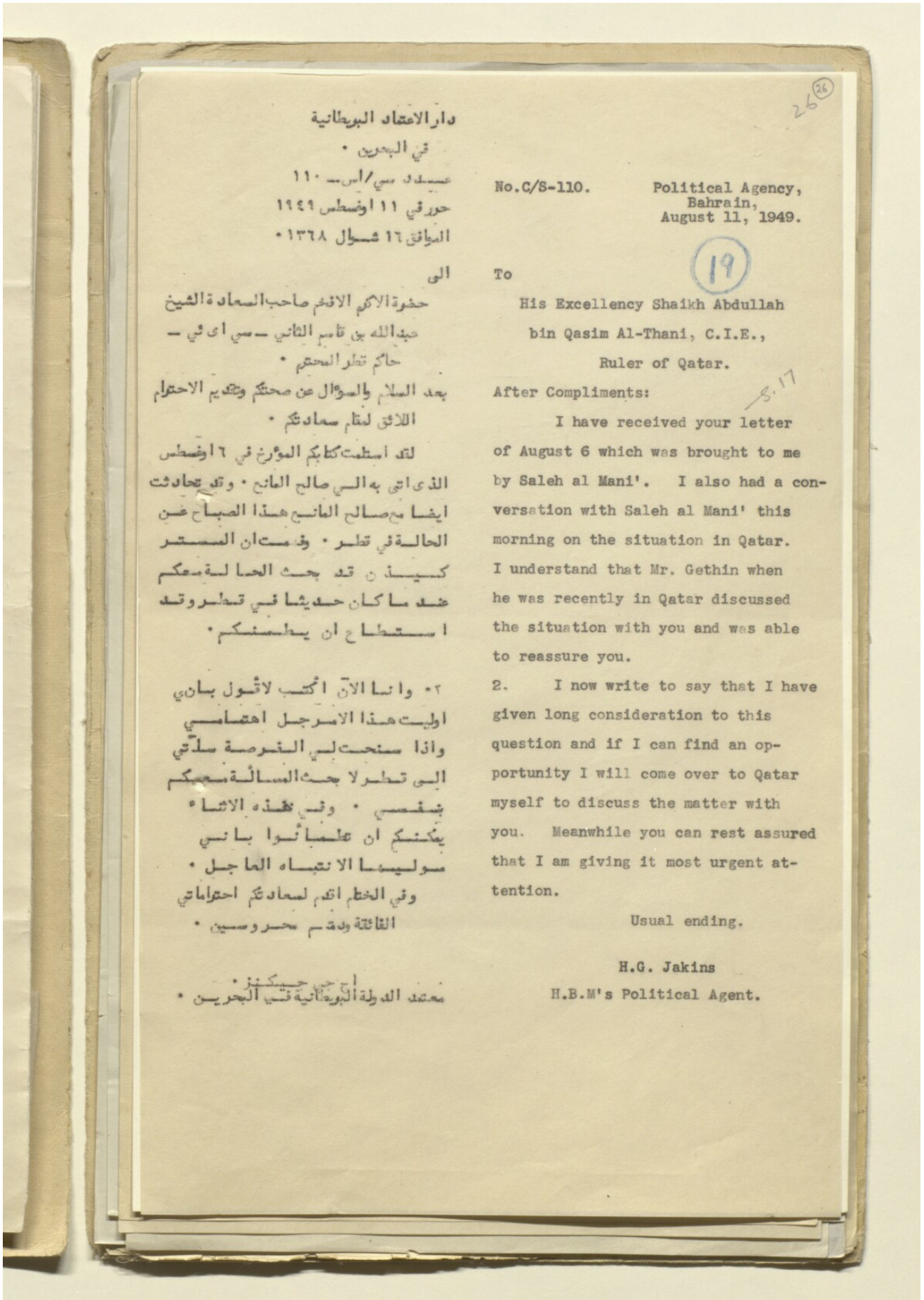
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من عبد الله بن قاسم الثاني حاكم قطر

المحترم

الى حضرت عالي الجاه الفخيم سعادة معتمد الدولة البريطانية العظمى في البحرين
السلام الاثني بمقامكم السامي وجزيل التحية والاحترام
نظري لما حدث من بعض الامور المهمة التي تستوجب الاهتمام والاسراع
بالتدارك قبل استفحالها حبا بحفظ ارواح واموال ومصالح رعايا حكومة صاحب الجلالة
ورعايا الحكومات الاخرى التي هي تحت اشراف حكومة صاحب الجلالة ولما لذلك
من الاهمية العظمى لدى سعادتكم ولدى محبتكم بادرت بأرسال ممثلي صالح المانع
لكي يشرح لسعادتكم الاسباب التي حدثت بي الى ذلك واني سأكون ممتننا
وشاكرنا سعادتكم اذا تكرمت بالمبادرة الى زيارتي في هاذي الظرف بأسرع ما يمكن لأنني
اريد ان اتذاكر معكم في امهام ولي وطيد الأمل ان سعادتكم سيخلي طلبتي
في الحال حيث الاجد الطمئينة والاستقرار قبل ان اتذاكر مع سعادتكم في مسائل يجب
ملاحظتها بسرعة وسيوضح لسعادتكم صالح المانع المرسل من قبلي لسعادتكم
الاحوال التي فضلت فيها استدعاء سعادتكم ختاماً تفضلوا بقبول
اسئ تحياتي واحل احتراماتي ودمتم حرر في 10 شوال 1268





دار الاعتقاد البريطانية

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حور قبي 11 اوسطس 1949

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الى

حضرة الاكبر الاقبح صاحب السعادة الشيخ
عبدالله بن قاسم الثاني - سي اي قبي -
حاكم قطر المحترم
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اللائق لتمام سعادتكم

لقد استلمت كتابكم المؤرخ في 6 اوسطس
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٠٢ وانا الان اكتب لاقبول بانني
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الي قطر لاجل المسألة معكم
بشخصي . وفي نظري الاشياء
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وفي الختام اقدم لسعادتكم احتراماتي
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الرجح جيكينز
مساعد الدولة البريطانية قبي البحرين

No.C/S-110.

Political Agency,
Bahrain,
August 11, 1949.

To

His Excellency Shaikh Abdullah
bin Qasim Al-Thani, C.I.E.,
Ruler of Qatar.

After Compliments:

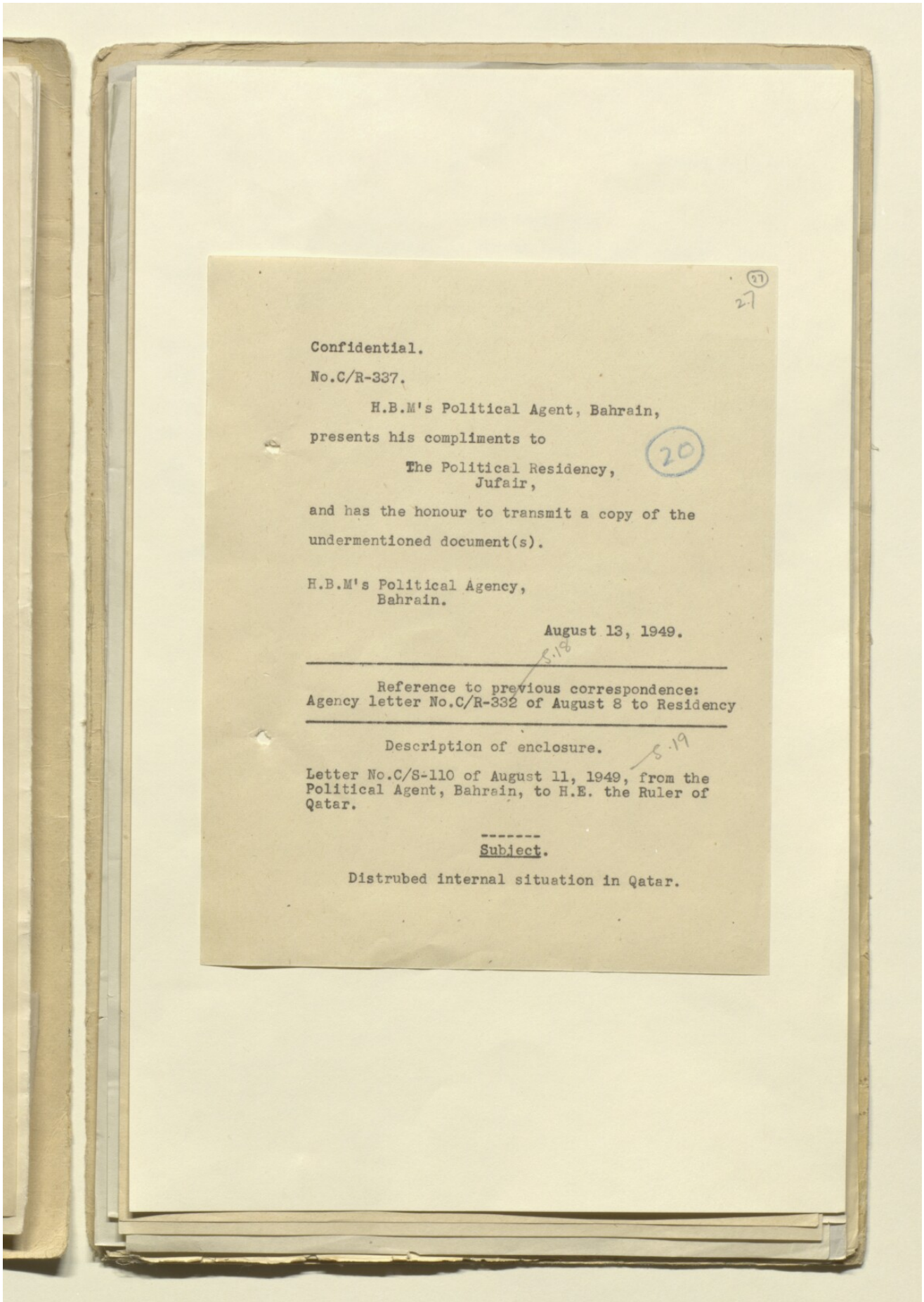
I have received your letter
of August 6 which was brought to me
by Saleh al Mani'. I also had a con-
versation with Saleh al Mani' this
morning on the situation in Qatar.
I understand that Mr. Gethin when
he was recently in Qatar discussed
the situation with you and was able
to reassure you.

2. I now write to say that I have
given long consideration to this
question and if I can find an op-
portunity I will come over to Qatar
myself to discuss the matter with
you. Meanwhile you can rest assured
that I am giving it most urgent at-
tention.

Usual ending.

H.G. Jakins

H.B.M's Political Agent.



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No.C/R-337.

H.B.M's Political Agent, Bahrain,
presents his compliments to

The Political Residency,
Jufair,

and has the honour to transmit a copy of the
undermentioned document(s).

H.B.M's Political Agency,
Bahrain.

August 13, 1949.

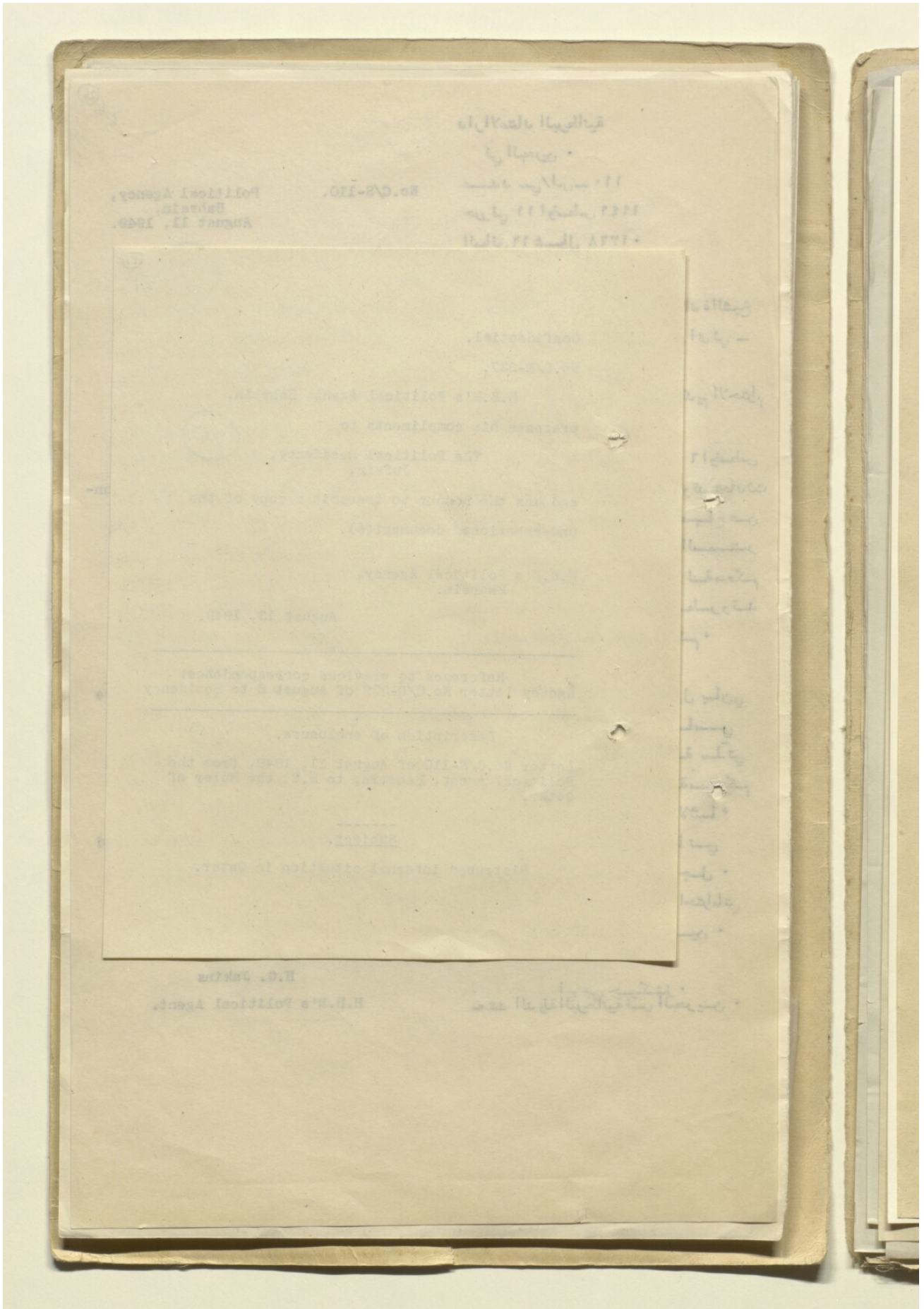
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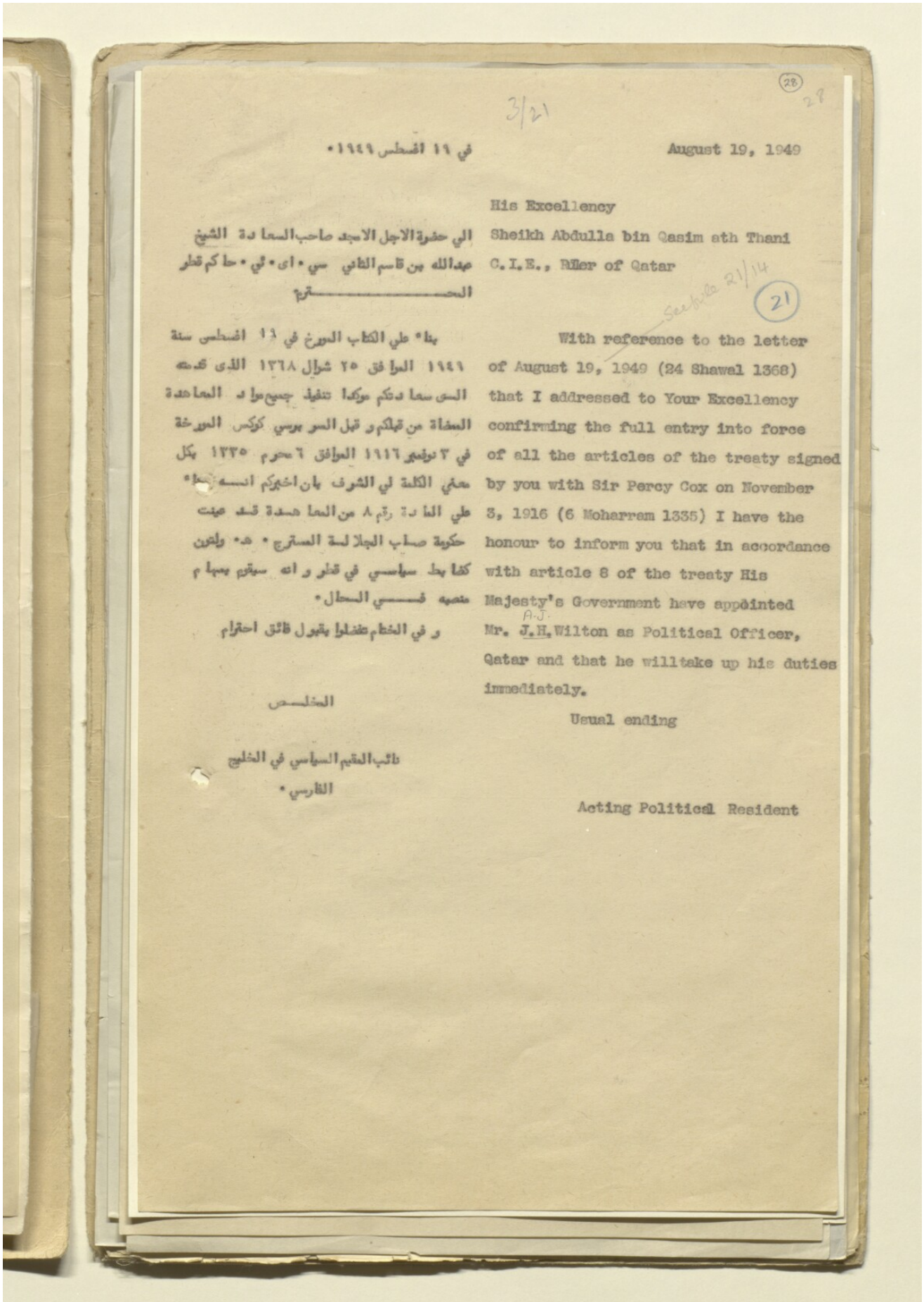
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Letter No.C/S-110 of August 11, 1949, from the
Political Agent, Bahrain, to H.E. the Ruler of
Qatar.

Subject.

Disturbed internal situation in Qatar.





في ١٩ أغسطس ١٩٤٩

August 19, 1949

His Excellency

إلى حضرة الأجل الامجد صاحب المعادة الشيخ
عبدالله بن قاسم الظاهري سي. إي. سي. حاكم قطر
المستقر

Sheikh Abdulla bin Qasim ath Thani
C. I. E., Ruler of Qatar

بنا على الخطاب الموجه في ١٦ أغسطس سنة
١٩٤٩ الموافق ٢٥ شوال ١٣٦٨ الذي قدّمته
إلى سعادتكم مؤكدا تنفيذ جميع مواد المعاهدة
البرقية من قبلكم وتقبل المرحوم سي. كوكس البرقية
في ٣ نوفمبر ١٩١٦ الموافق ٦ محرم ١٣٣٥ بكل
معاني الكفاية في الشرف بان اخبركم ان سي. كوكس
عليه العادة رقم ٨ من المعاهدة قد سميت
حكومة صاحب الجلالة المسترجح سي. ويلتون
كفأ بط سياسي في قطر وانه سيقيم بمهام
منصبة سياسي السطال
و في الختام تفضلوا بقبول فائق احترام

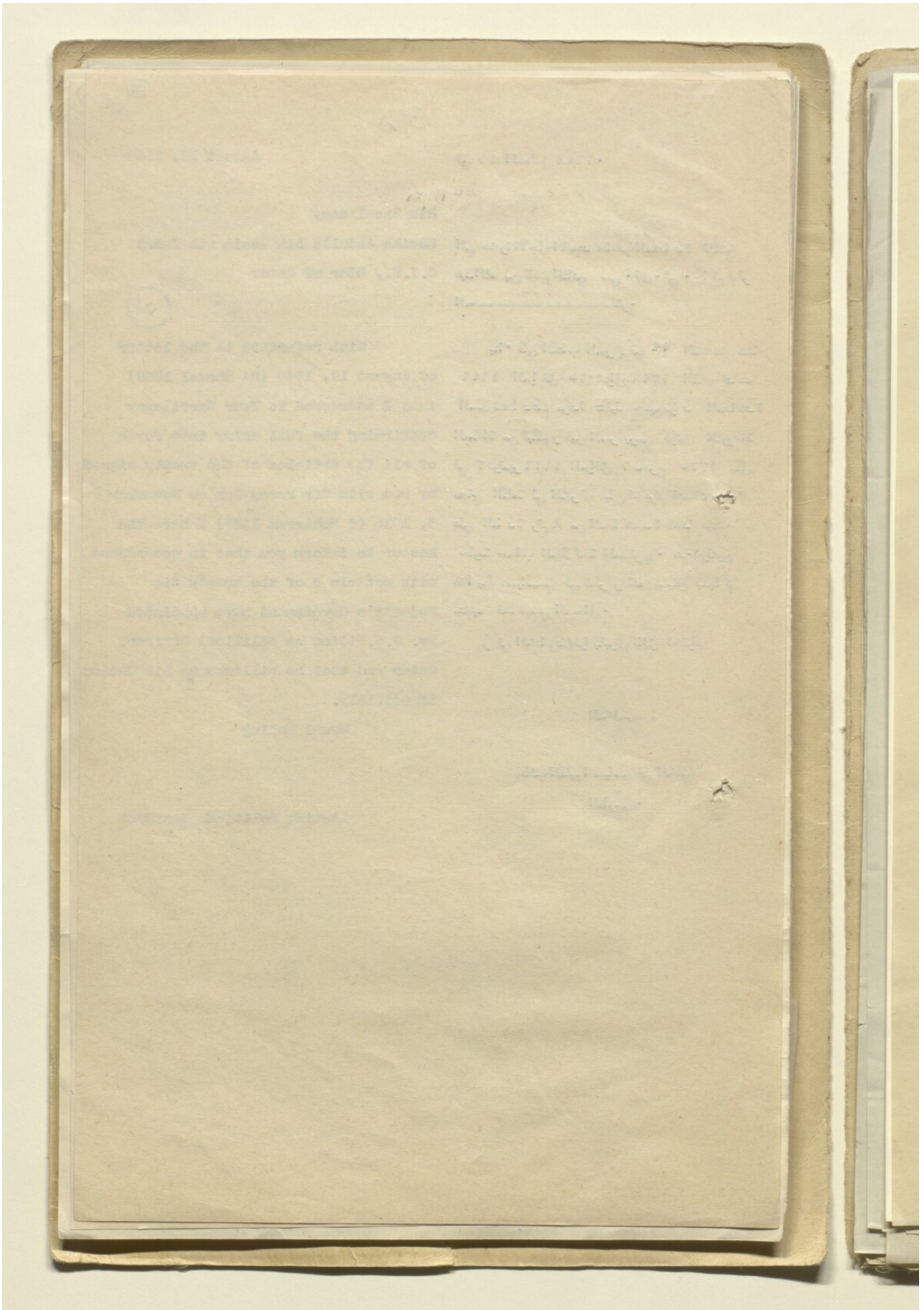
With reference to the letter
of August 19, 1949 (24 Shawal 1368)
that I addressed to Your Excellency
confirming the full entry into force
of all the articles of the treaty signed
by you with Sir Percy Cox on November
3, 1916 (6 Moharrem 1335) I have the
honour to inform you that in accordance
with article 8 of the treaty His
Majesty's Government have appointed
Mr. J.H. Wilton as Political Officer,
Qatar and that he will take up his duties
immediately.

Usual ending

المخلص

نائب القسيم السياسي في الخليج
الظاهري

Acting Political Resident





Mr. Wilton. (22)

1. 3 Articles of the 1916 Treaty with Qatar were not brought into force when the Treaty was originally signed. These were:

Article 7 giving British subjects the right to trade in Qatar,

Article 8 giving H.M.G. permission for the appointment of a Political Officer there, and

Article 9 referring to the establishment of a British Posts and Telegraphs service.

These three articles were brought into force on the 21st.

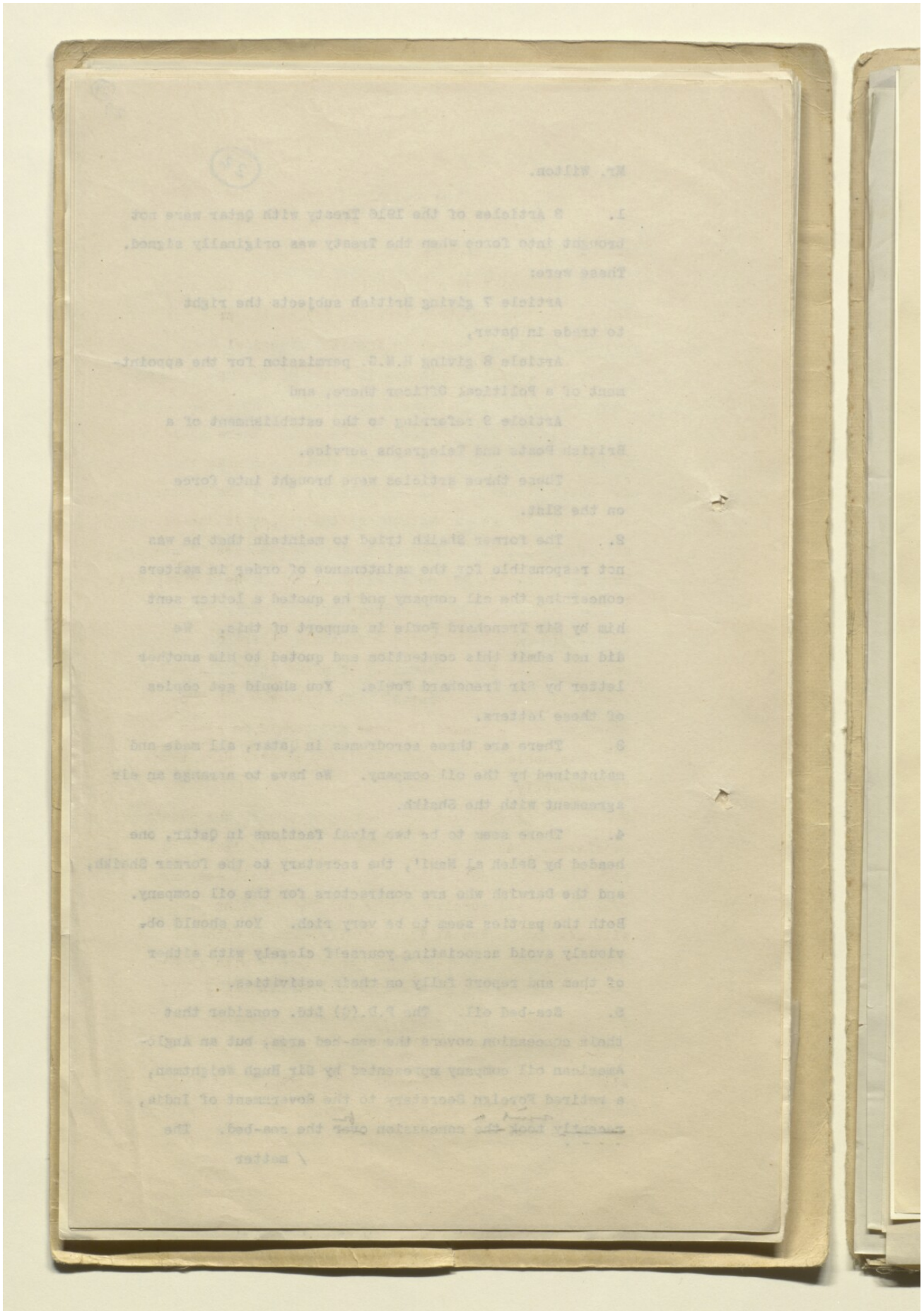
2. The former Shaikh tried to maintain that he was not responsible for the maintenance of order in matters concerning the oil company and he quoted a letter sent him by Sir Trenchard Fowle in support of this. We did not admit this contention and quoted to him another letter by Sir Trenchard Fowle. You should get copies of these letters.

3. There are three aerodromes in Qatar, all made and maintained by the oil company. We have to arrange an air agreement with the Shaikh.

4. There seem to be two rival factions in Qatar, one headed by Saleh al Mani', the secretary to the former Shaikh, and the Darwish who are contractors for the oil company. Both the parties seem to be very rich. You should obviously avoid associating yourself closely with either of them and report fully on their activities.

5. Sea-bed oil. The P.D.(Q) Ltd. consider that their concession covers the sea-bed area, but an Anglo-American oil company represented by Sir Hugh Weightman, a retired Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, recently ^{was} took ~~the~~ concession ^{for} over the sea-bed. The

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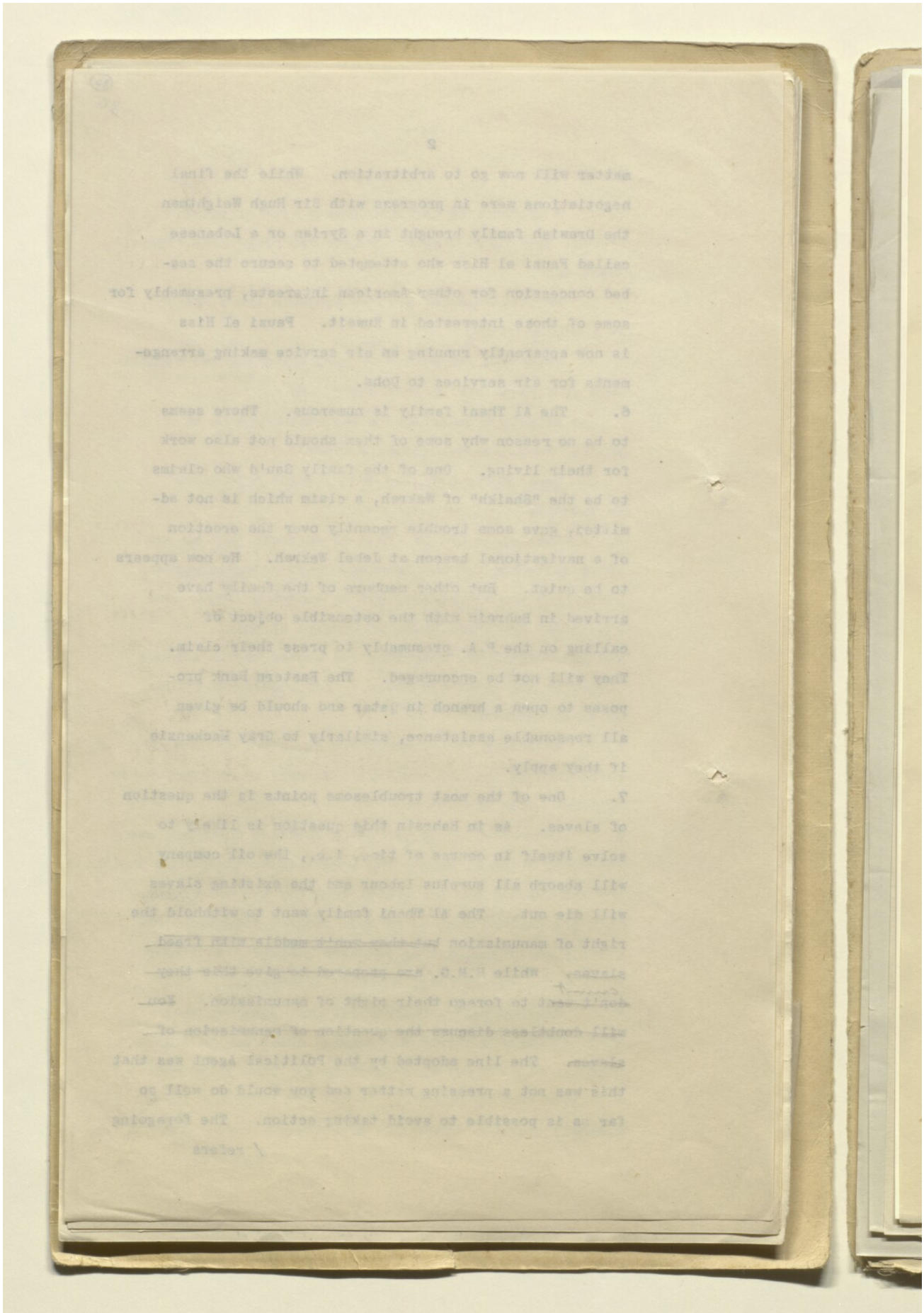


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matter will now go to arbitration. While the final negotiations were in progress with Sir Hugh Weightman the Drawish family brought in a Syrian or a Lebanese called Fauzi el Hiss who attempted to secure the seabed concession for other American interests, presumably for some of those interested in Kuwait. Fauzi el Hiss is now apparently running an air service making arrangements for air services to Doha.

6. The Al Thani family is numerous. There seems to be no reason why some of them should not also work for their living. One of the family Sa'd who claims to be the "Shaikh" of Wakrah, a claim which is not admitted, gave some trouble recently over the erection of a navigational beacon at Jebel Wakrah. He now appears to be quiet. But other members of the family have arrived in Bahrain with the ostensible object of calling on the P.A. presumably to press their claim. They will not be encouraged. The Eastern Bank proposes to open a branch in Qatar and should be given all reasonable assistance, similarly to Gray Mackenzie if they apply.

7. One of the most troublesome points is the question of slaves. As in Bahrain this question is likely to solve itself in course of time, i.e., the oil company will absorb all surplus labour and the existing slaves will die out. The Al Thani family want to withhold the right of manumission ~~but they won't meddle with freed slaves.~~ While H.M.G. are ~~prepared to give this they~~ ^{cannot} ~~don't~~ want to forego their right of manumission. ~~You will doubtless discuss the question of manumission of slaves.~~ The line adopted by the Political Agent was that this was not a pressing matter and you would do well so far as is possible to avoid taking action. The foregoing
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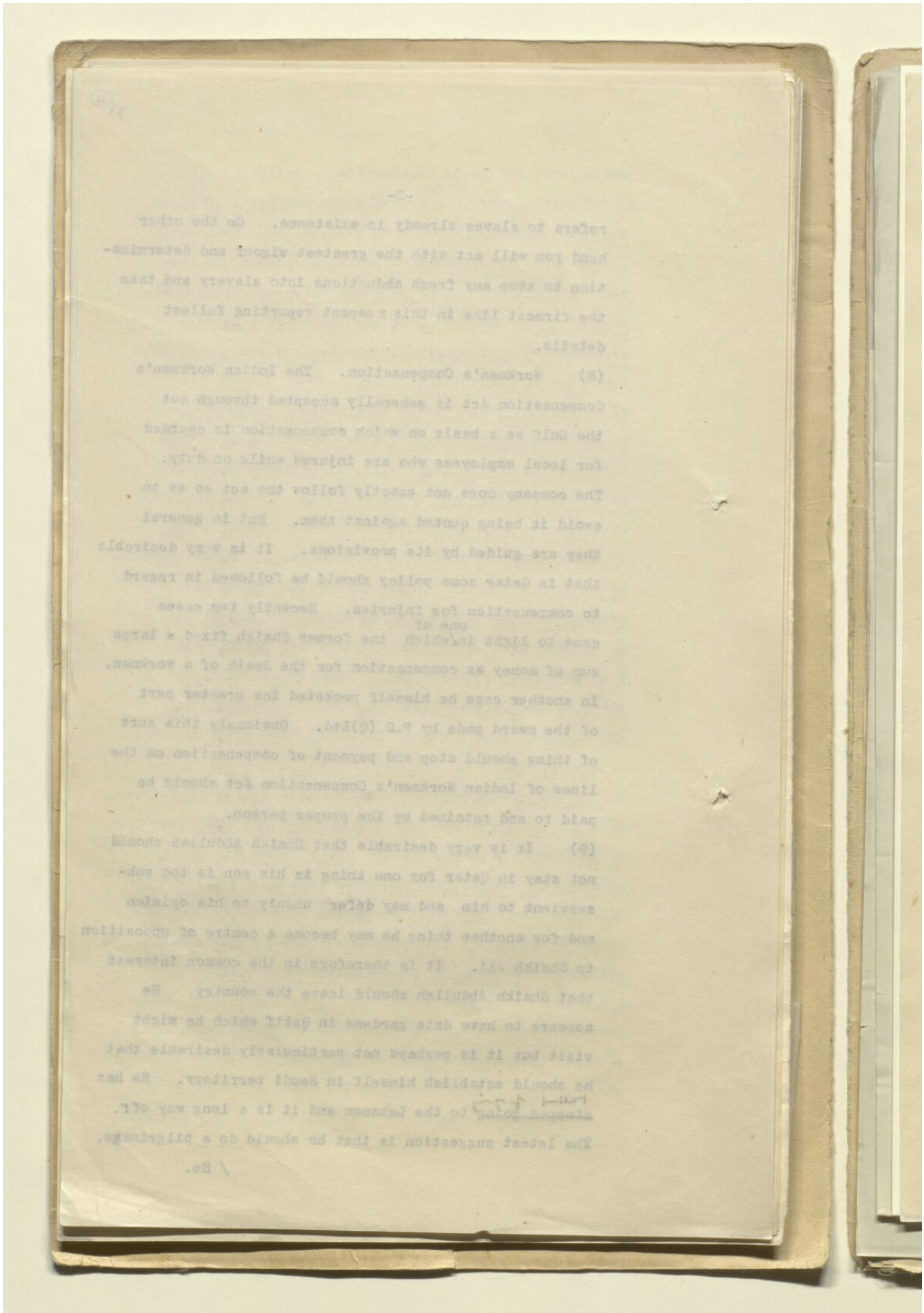


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refers to slaves already in existence. On the other hand you will act with the greatest vigour and determination to stop any fresh abductions into slavery and take the firmest line in this respect reporting fullest details.

(8) Workmen's Compensation. The Indian Workmen's Compensation Act is generally accepted through out the Gulf as a basis on which compensation is awarded for local employees who are injured while on duty. The company does not exactly follow the act so as to avoid it being quoted against them. But in general they are guided by its provisions. It is very desirable that in Qatar some policy should be followed in regard to compensation for injuries. Recently two cases came to light in ^{one of} which the former Shaikh fixed a large sum of money as compensation for the death of a workman. In another case he himself





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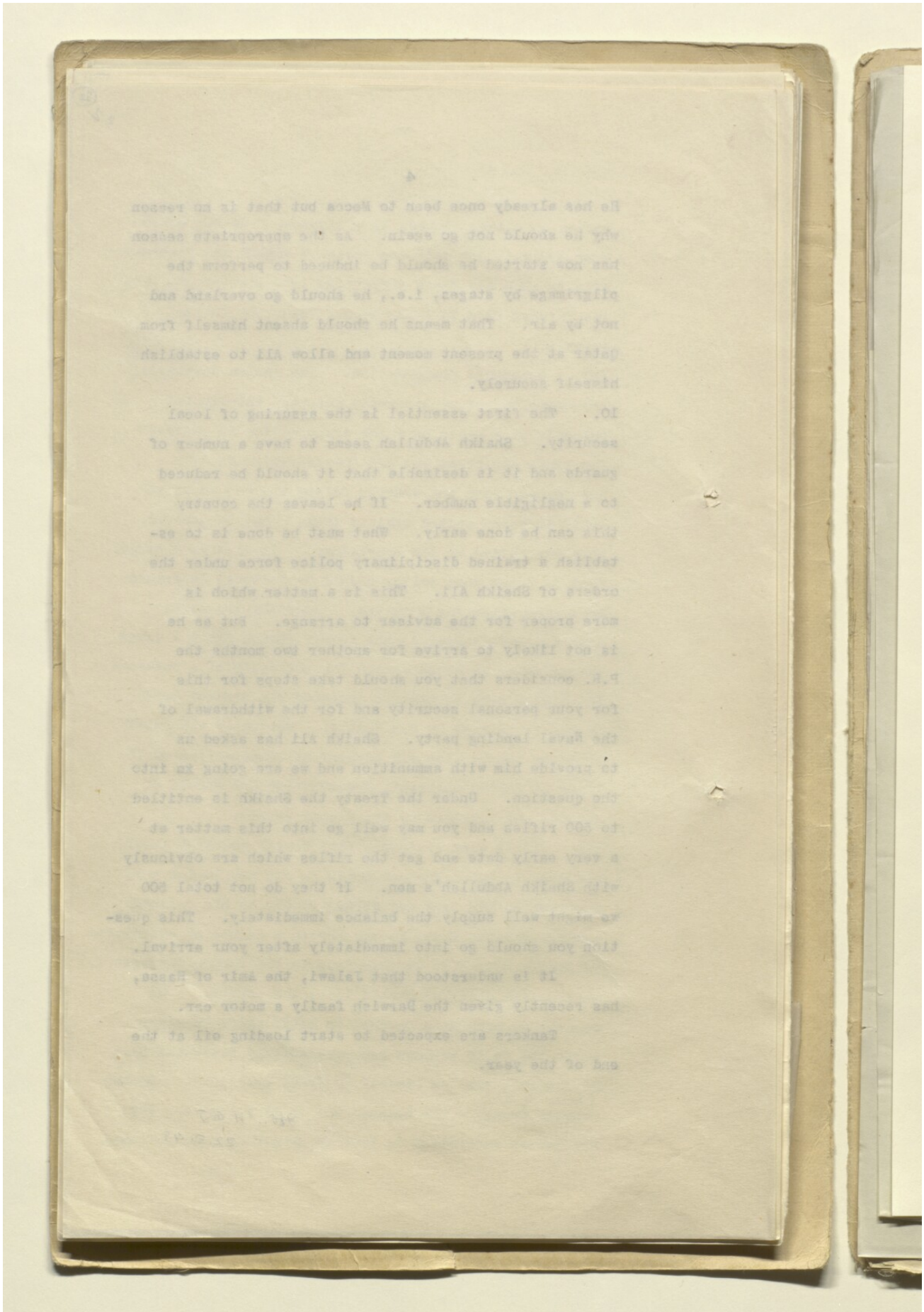
He has already once been to Mecca but that is no reason why he should not go again. As the appropriate season has now started he should be induced to perform the pilgrimage by stages, i.e., he should go overland and not by air. That means he should absent himself from Qatar at the present moment and allow Ali to establish himself securely.

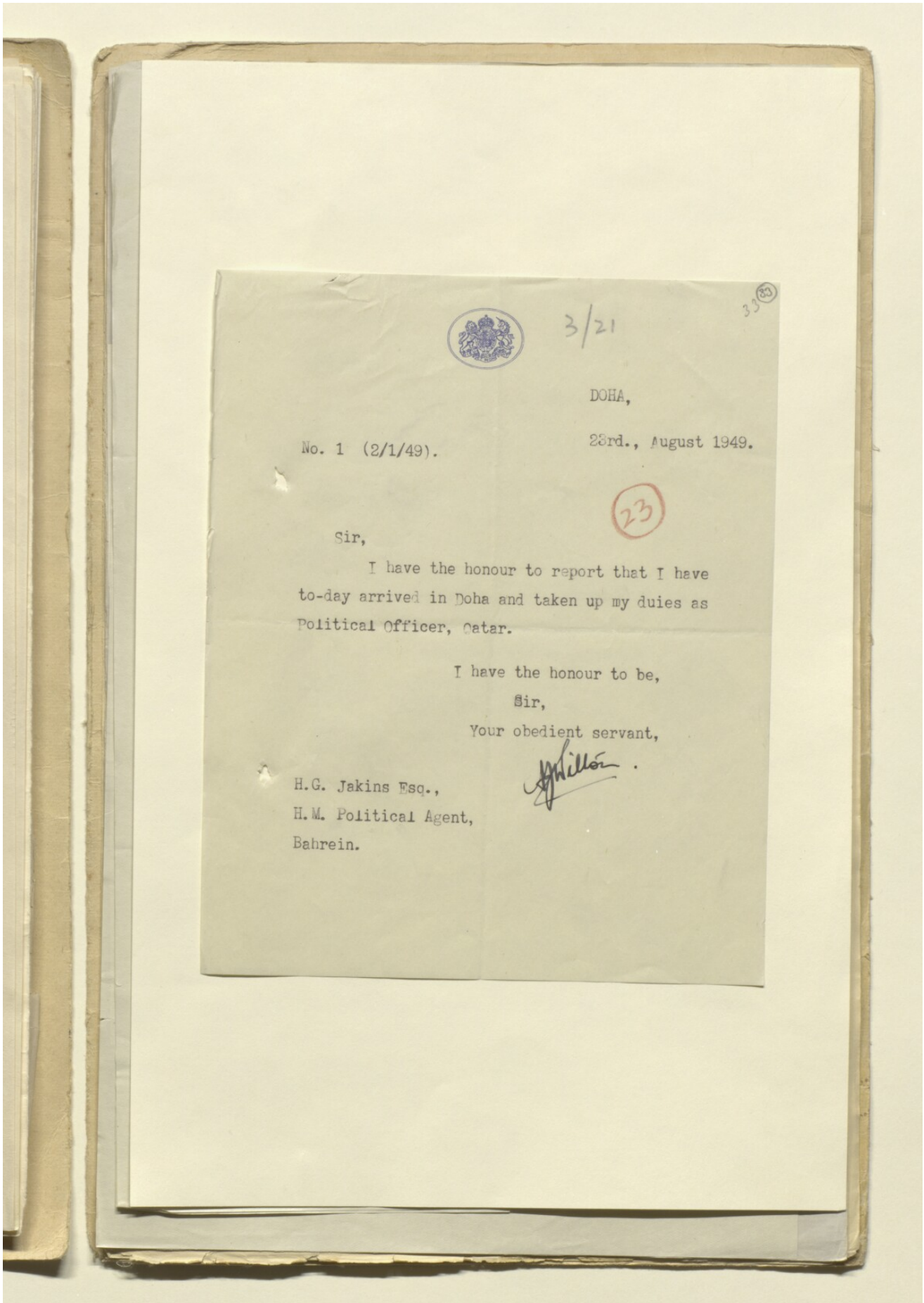
10. The first essential is the assuring of local security. Shaikh Abdullah seems to have a number of guards and it is desirable that it should be reduced to a negligible number. If he leaves the country this can be done early. What must be done is to establish a trained disciplinary police force under the orders of Shaikh Ali. This is a matter which is more proper for the adviser to arrange. But as he is not likely to arrive for another two months the P.R. considers that you should take steps for this for your personal security and for the withdrawal of the Naval landing party. Shaikh Ali has asked us to provide him with ammunition and we are going ~~ka~~ into the question. Under the Treaty the Shaikh is entitled to 500 rifles and you may well go into this matter at a very early date and get the rifles which are obviously with Shaikh Abdullah's men. If they do not total 500 we might well supply the balance immediately. This question you should go into immediately after your arrival.

It is understood that Jalawi, the Amir of Hassa, has recently given the Darwish family a motor car.

Tankers are expected to start loading oil at the end of the year.

H.G.J.
22.8.49.





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DOHA,

No. 1 (2/1/49).

28rd., August 1949.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have to-day arrived in Doha and taken up my duties as Political Officer, Qatar.

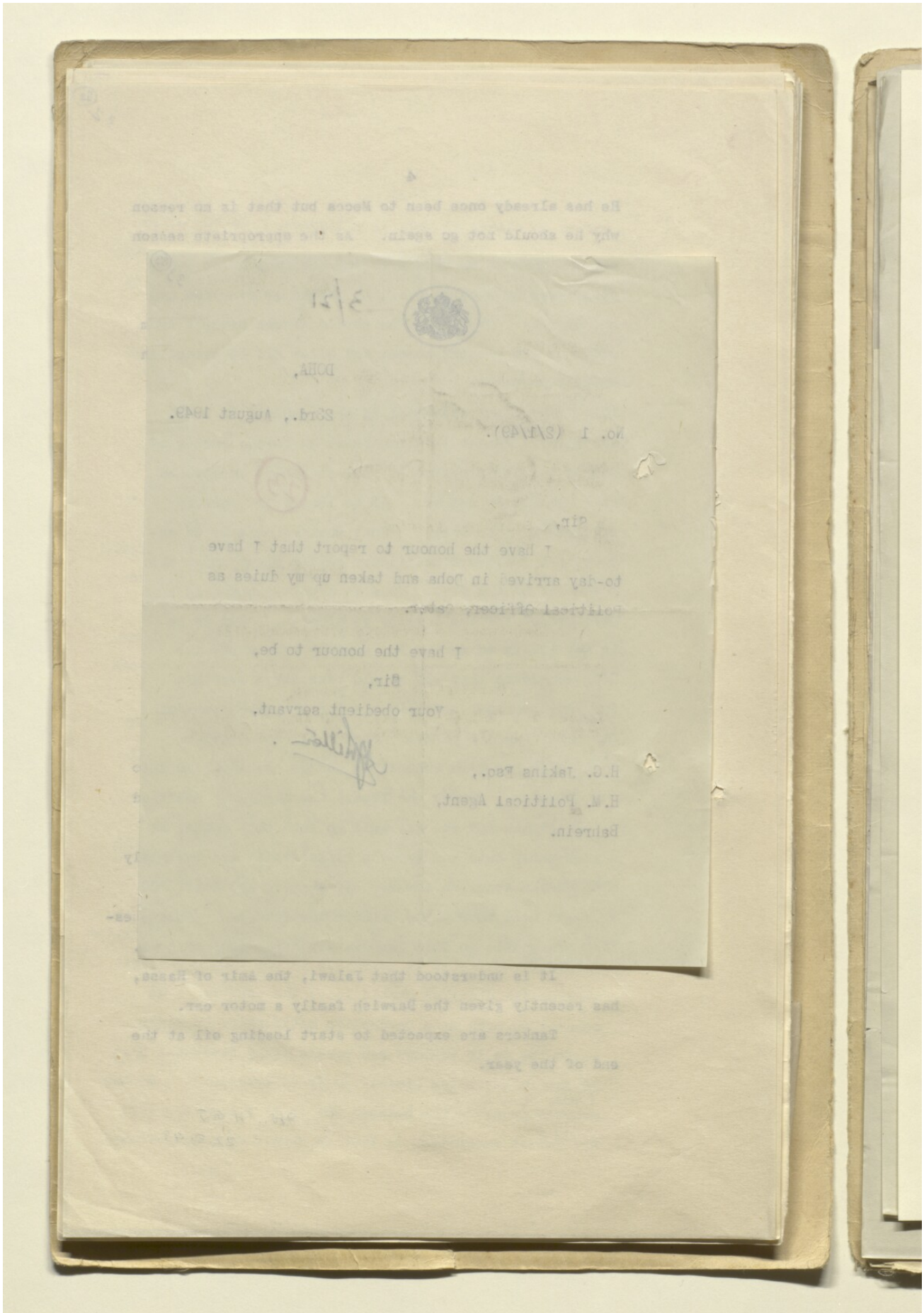
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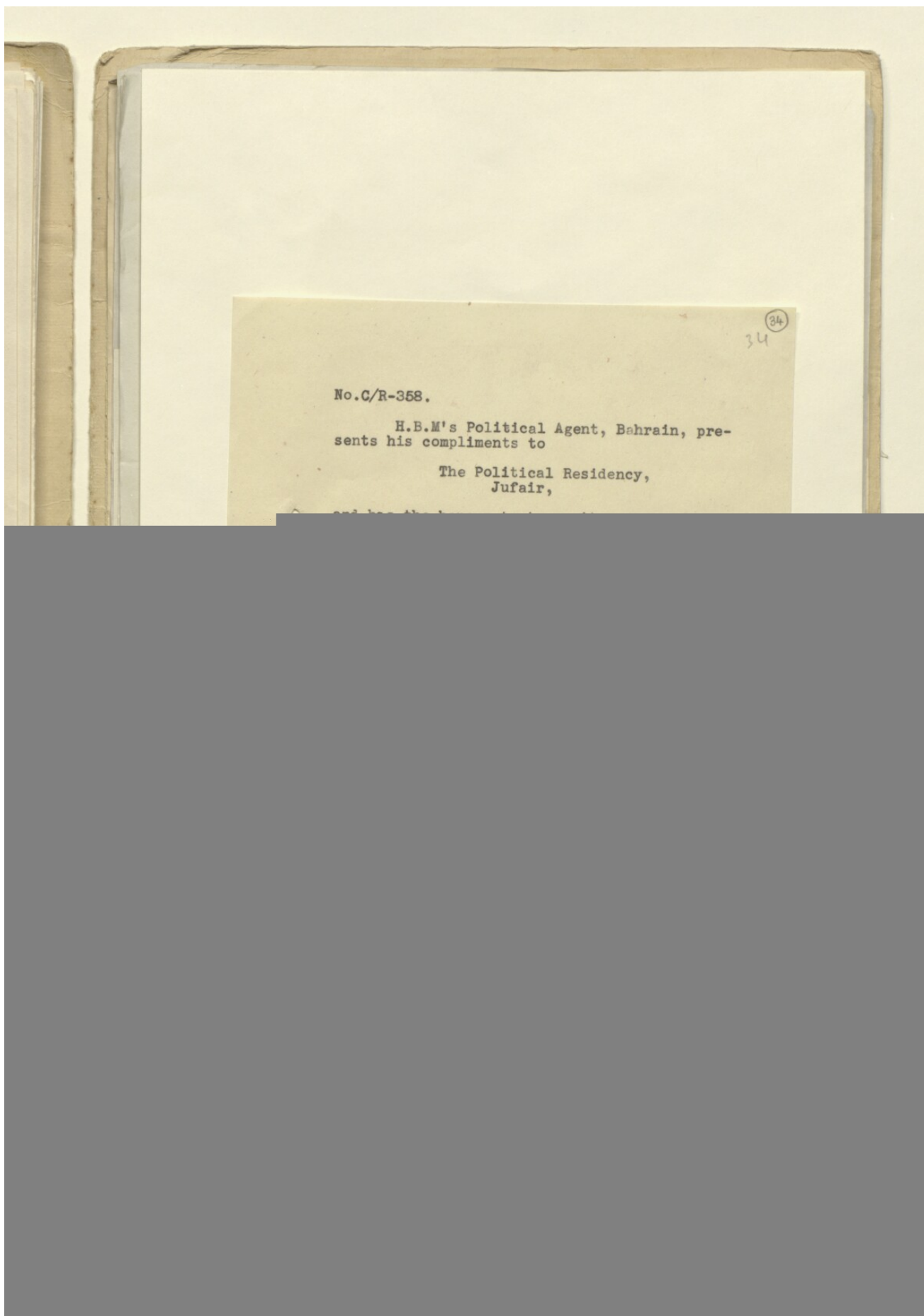
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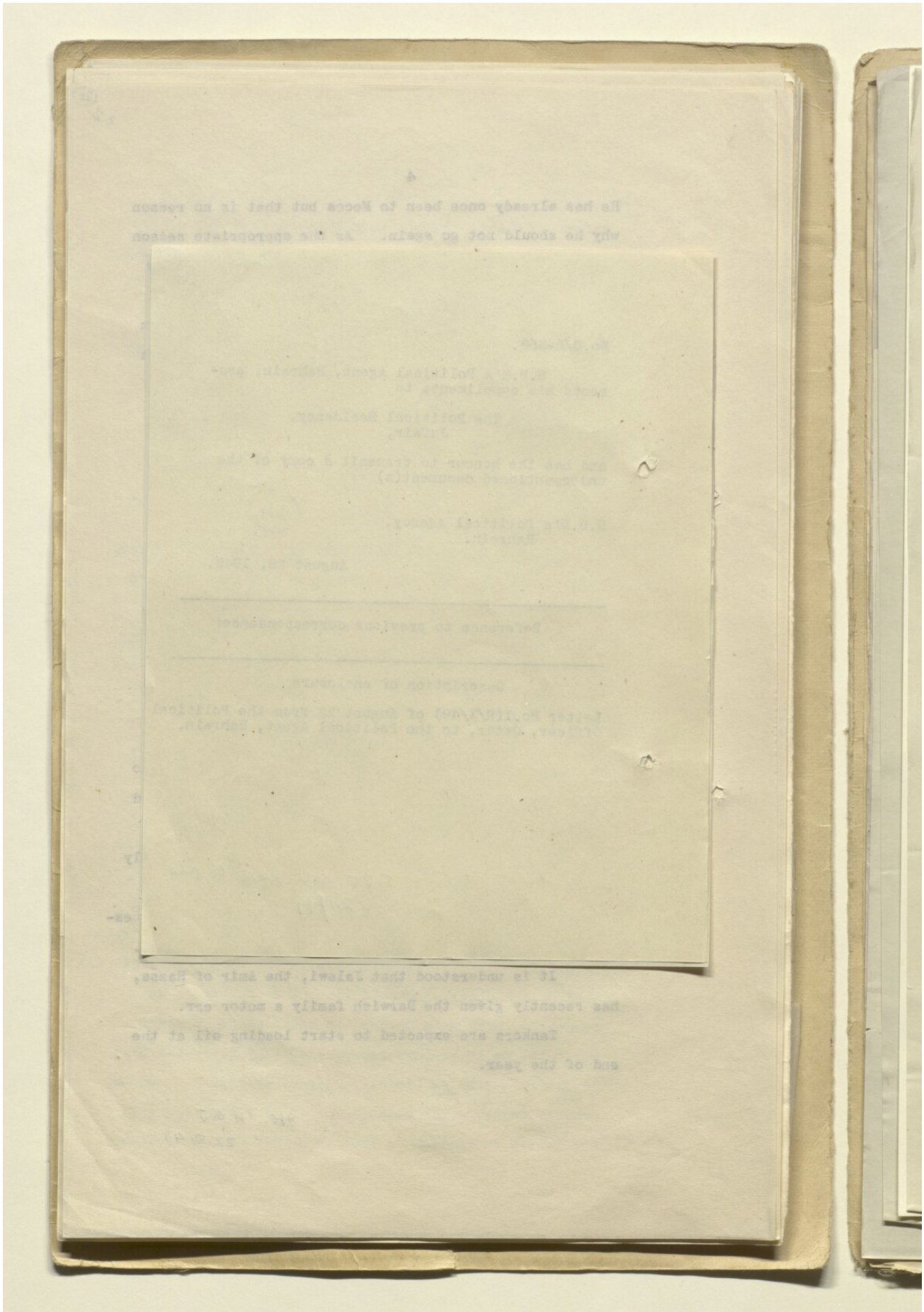
Your obedient servant,

H.M. Political Agent

H.G. Jakins Esq.,
H.M. Political Agent,
Bahrein.









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DOHA,

2/5/49.

29th August 1949.

Dear Jakins,

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I accompanied the general migration to Dukhan on Saturday, and while there, I discussed my general administrative requirements with Langham.

2. I am now comfortably installed in the Company Rest House, also the home of Tirbutt, their representative in Doha. The Navy have erected me a flagstaff, and the flag is flying. Langham has agreed to send me a bill for my food and keep.

3. About accommodation charges however, he said that it had not been the Company's practice in the past to charge for accommodation, that he did not know what to charge, etc. and suggested that you should approach Lermite with a view to having a nominal rate fixed.

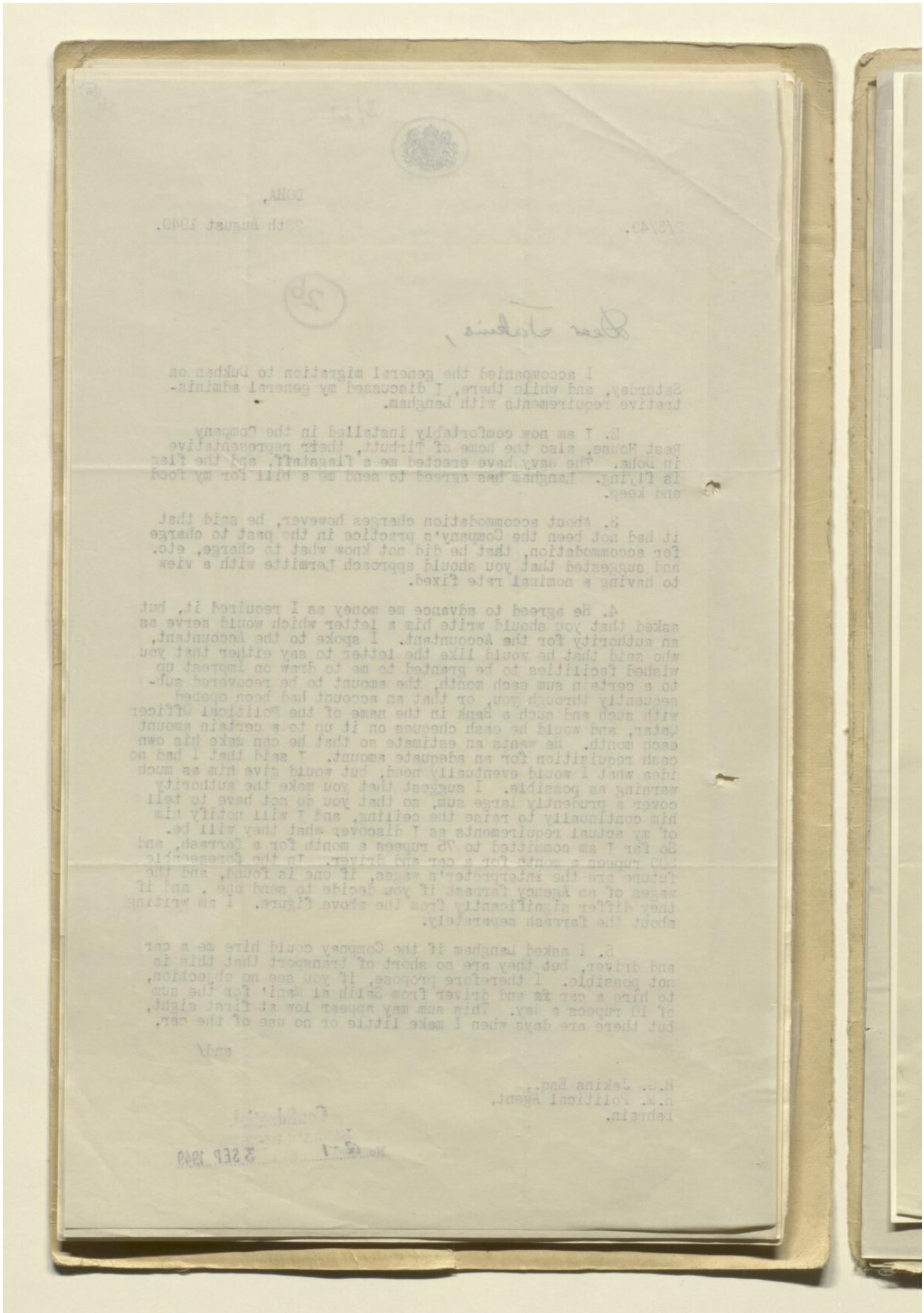
4. He agreed to advance me money as I required it, but asked that you should write him a letter which would serve as an authority for the Accountant. I spoke to the Accountant, who said that he would like the letter to say either that you wished facilities to be granted to me to draw on Imprest up to a certain sum each month, the amount to be recovered subsequently through you, or that an account had been opened with such and such a Bank in the name of the Political Officer Qatar, and would he cash cheques on it up to a certain amount each month. He wants an estimate so that he can make his own cash requisition for an adequate amount. I said that I had no idea what I would eventually need, but would give him as much warning as possible. I suggest that you make the authority cover a prudently large sum, so that you do not have to tell him continually to raise the ceiling, and I will notify him of my actual requirements as I discover what they will be. So far I am committed to 75 rupees a month for a farrash, and 200 rupees a month for a car and driver. In the foreseeable future are the interpreter's wages, if one is found, and the wages of an Agency farrash if you decide to send one, and if they differ significantly from the above figure. I am writing about the farrash separately.

5. I asked Langham if the Company could hire me a car and driver, but they are so short of transport that this is not possible. I therefore propose, if you see no objection, to hire a car and driver from Salih al Mani' for the sum of 10 rupees a day. This sum may appear low at first sight, but there are days when I make little or no use of the car,

and/

H.G. Jakins Esq.,
H.M. Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN RESIDENCY
No. 2-1 Dated 3 SEP 1949



Dear Sir,

I recommended the general migration to Doha on Saturday, and while there, I discussed my administrative requirements with Langham.

2. I am now comfortably installed in the Company Rest House, also the home of Tibbitt, their representative in Doha. The Navy have erected me a flat, and the flat is being furnished. Langham has agreed to send me a bill for my food and keep.

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5. I asked Langham if the Company could hire me a car and driver, but they are so short of transport that this is not possible. I therefore propose, if you see no objection, to hire a car & driver from Bahi al Mani, for the sum of 10 rupees a day. This sum may appear low at first sight, but there are days when I make little or no use of the car, and

H. W. Jenkins Esq.,
Political Officer,
Doha.

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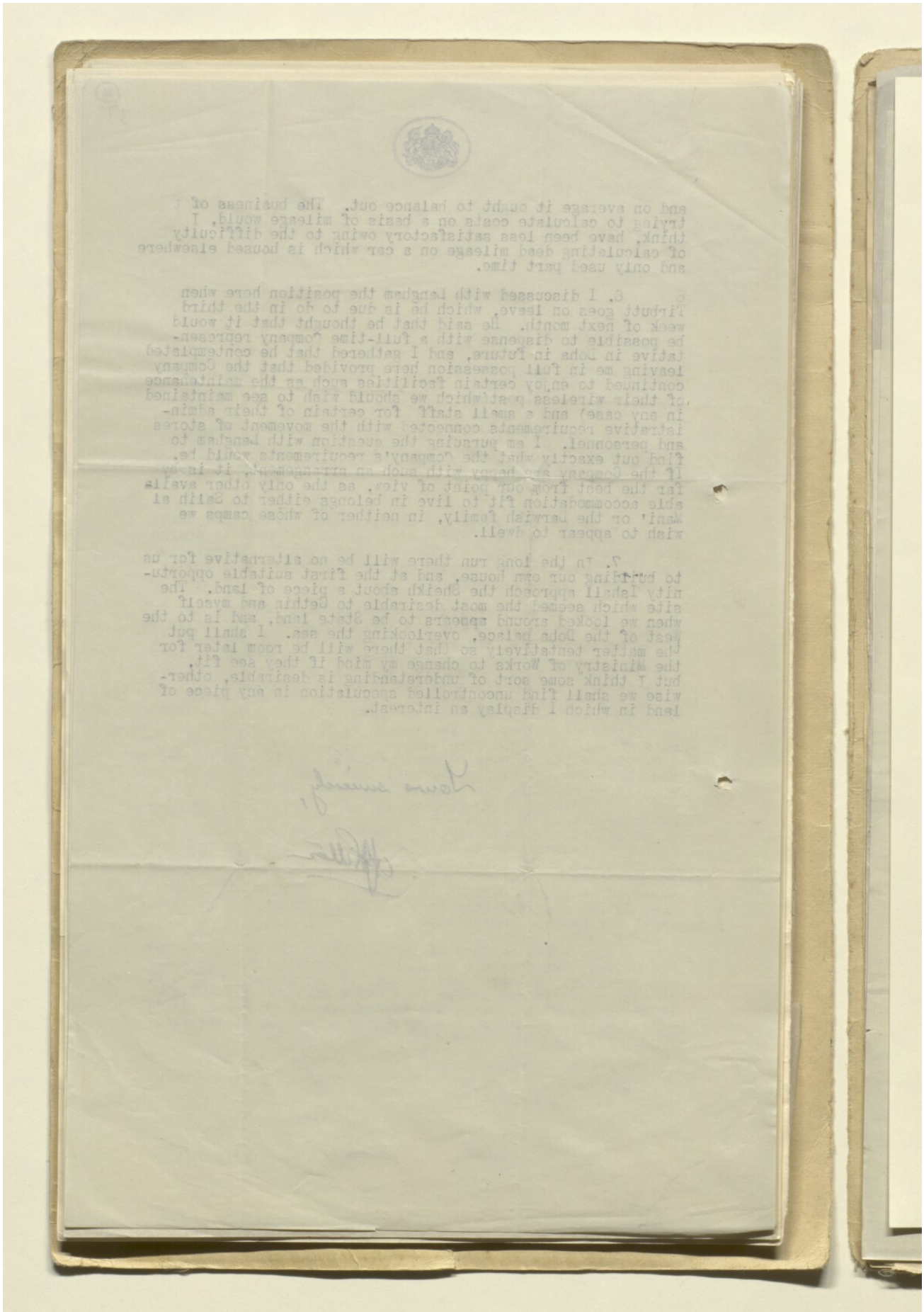
and on average it ought to balance out. The business of trying to calculate costs on a basis of mileage would, I think, have been less satisfactory owing to the difficulty of calculating dead mileage on a car which is housed elsewhere and only used part time.

6. I discussed with Langham the position here when Tirbutt goes on leave, which he is due to do in the third week of next month. He said that he thought that it would be possible to dispense with a full-time Company representative in Doha in future, and I gathered that he contemplated leaving me in full possession here provided that the Company continued to enjoy certain facilities such as the maintenance of their wireless post (which we should wish to see maintained in any case) and a small staff for certain of their administrative requirements connected with the movement of stores and personnel. I am pursuing the question with Langham to find out exactly what the Company's requirements would be. If the Company are happy with such an arrangement, it is by far the best from our point of view, as the only other available accommodation fit to live in belongs either to Salih al Mani' or the Darwish family, in neither of whose camps we wish to appear to dwell.

7. In the long run there will be no alternative for us to building our own house, and at the first suitable opportunity I shall approach the Sheikh about a piece of land. The site which seemed the most desirable to Gethin and myself when we looked around appears to be State land, and is to the West of the Doha palace, overlooking the sea. I shall put the matter tentatively so that there will be room later for the Ministry of Works to change my mind if they see fit, but I think some sort of understanding is desirable, otherwise we shall find uncontrolled speculation in any piece of land in which I display an interest.

Yours sincerely,

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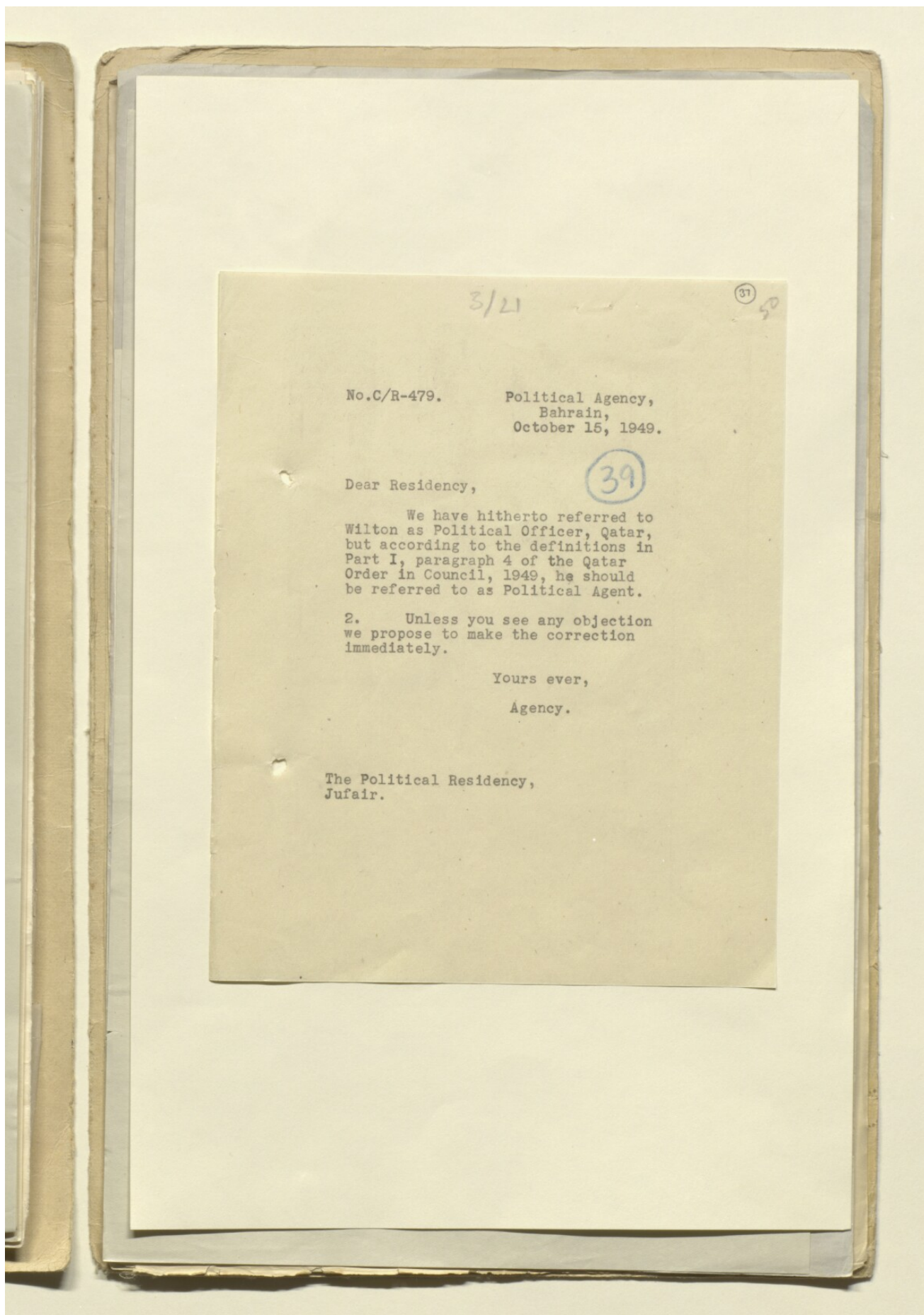


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How much?
[Signature]



No.C/R-479.

Political Agency,
Bahrain,
October 15, 1949.

Dear Residency,

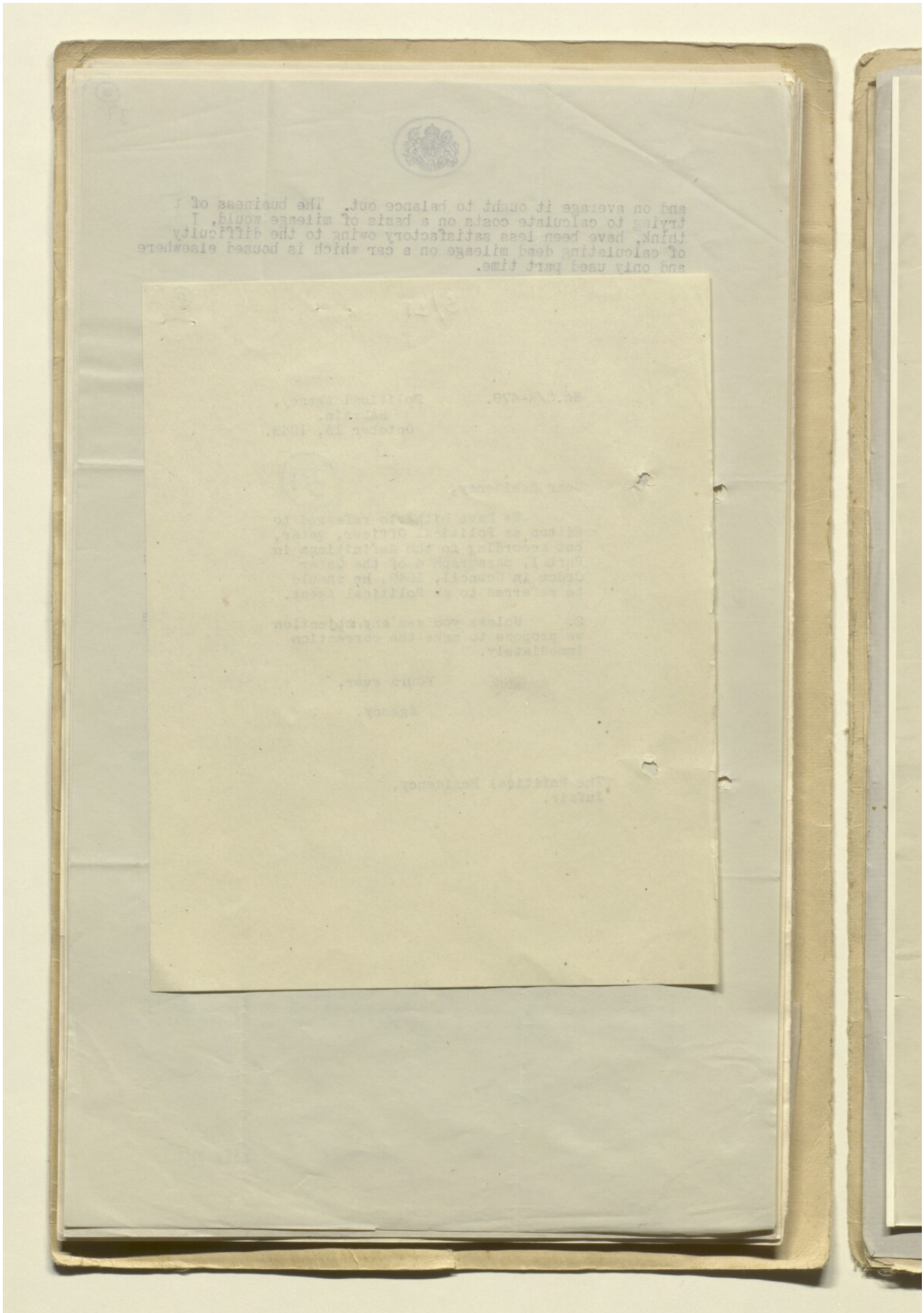
We have hitherto referred to
Wilton as Political Officer, Qatar,
but according to the definitions in
Part I, paragraph 4 of the Qatar
Order in Council, 1949, he should
be referred to as Political Agent.

2. Unless you see any objection
we propose to make the correction
immediately.

Yours ever,

Agency.

The Political Residency,
Jufair.





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The Persian Gulf Residency,
Bahrain.

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27th October, 1949.

Dear Gethin

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Please refer to your Agency letter No. C/R-479 of the 15th October about the status of the Political Officer at Qatar.

The Political Agent, Bahrain, remains the Political Agent as far as Qatar is concerned in the same way as he does for the Trucial Coast, and Wilton should continue to be referred to as Political Officer.

2. The definition of Political Agent in the Qatar Order-in-Council is identical with that (mutatis mutandis) in the Trucial States Order-in-Council. Hitherto it has been held that the Political Officer, Trucial States, or in his absence the Residency Agent, is the representative of the Political Agent, Bahrain, and as such entitled to exercise the judicial powers of the Political Agent. Beckett has objected to this vide my letter 85/56/49 of the 8th July and if you wish Wilton to be granted judicial powers you should apply through me for his appointment as a judge of the Political Agent's Court.

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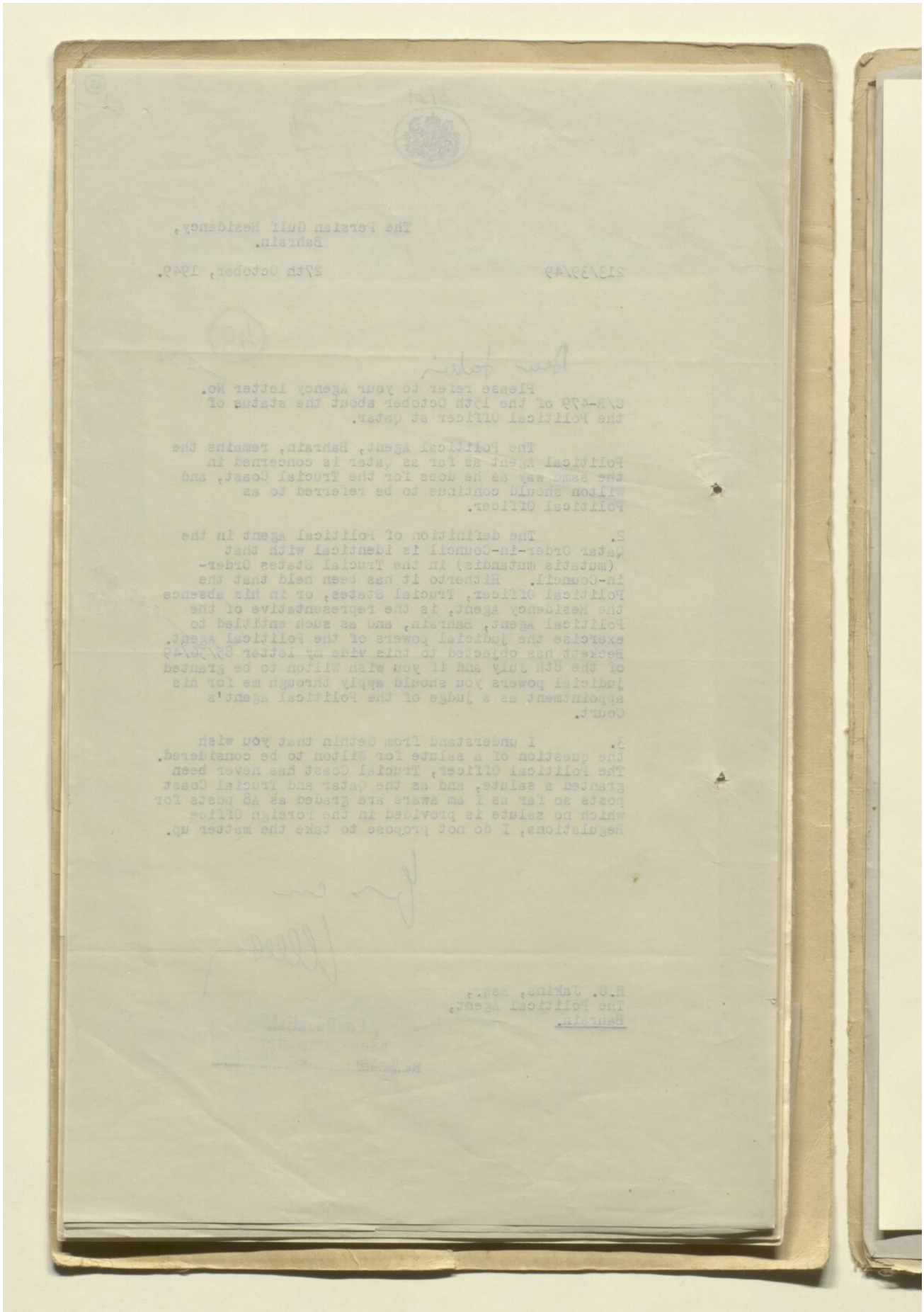
3. I understand from Gethin that you wish the question of a salute for Wilton to be considered. The Political Officer, Trucial Coast has never been granted a salute, and as the Qatar and Trucial Coast posts so far as I am aware are graded as A8 posts for which no salute is provided in the Foreign Office Regulations, I do not propose to take the matter up.

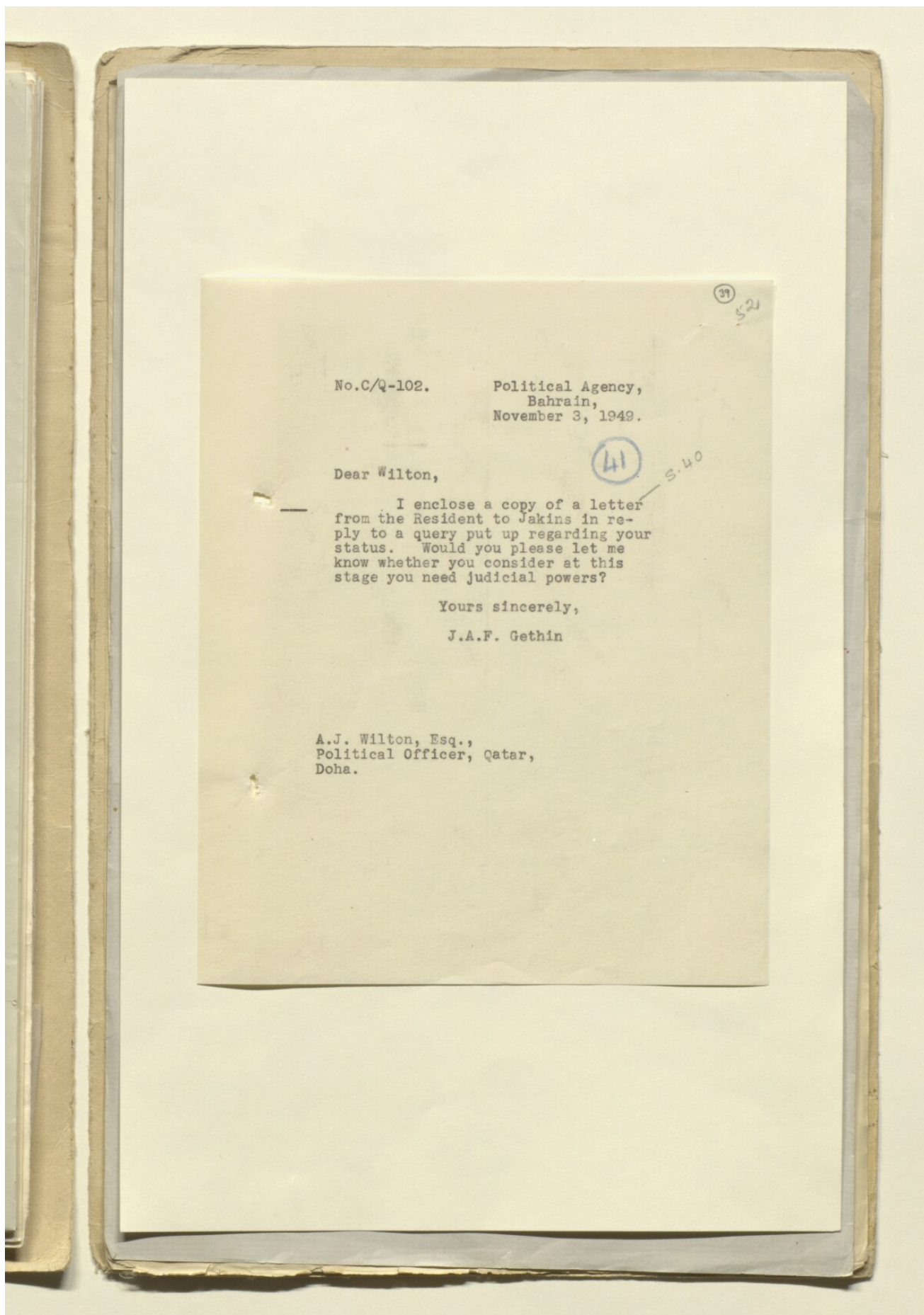
H.G. Jakins

H.G. Jakins, Esq.,
The Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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BAHRAIN RECEIPT.
No. R-561. Date 29 Oct 1949





No.C/Q-102.

Political Agency,
Bahrain,
November 3, 1949.

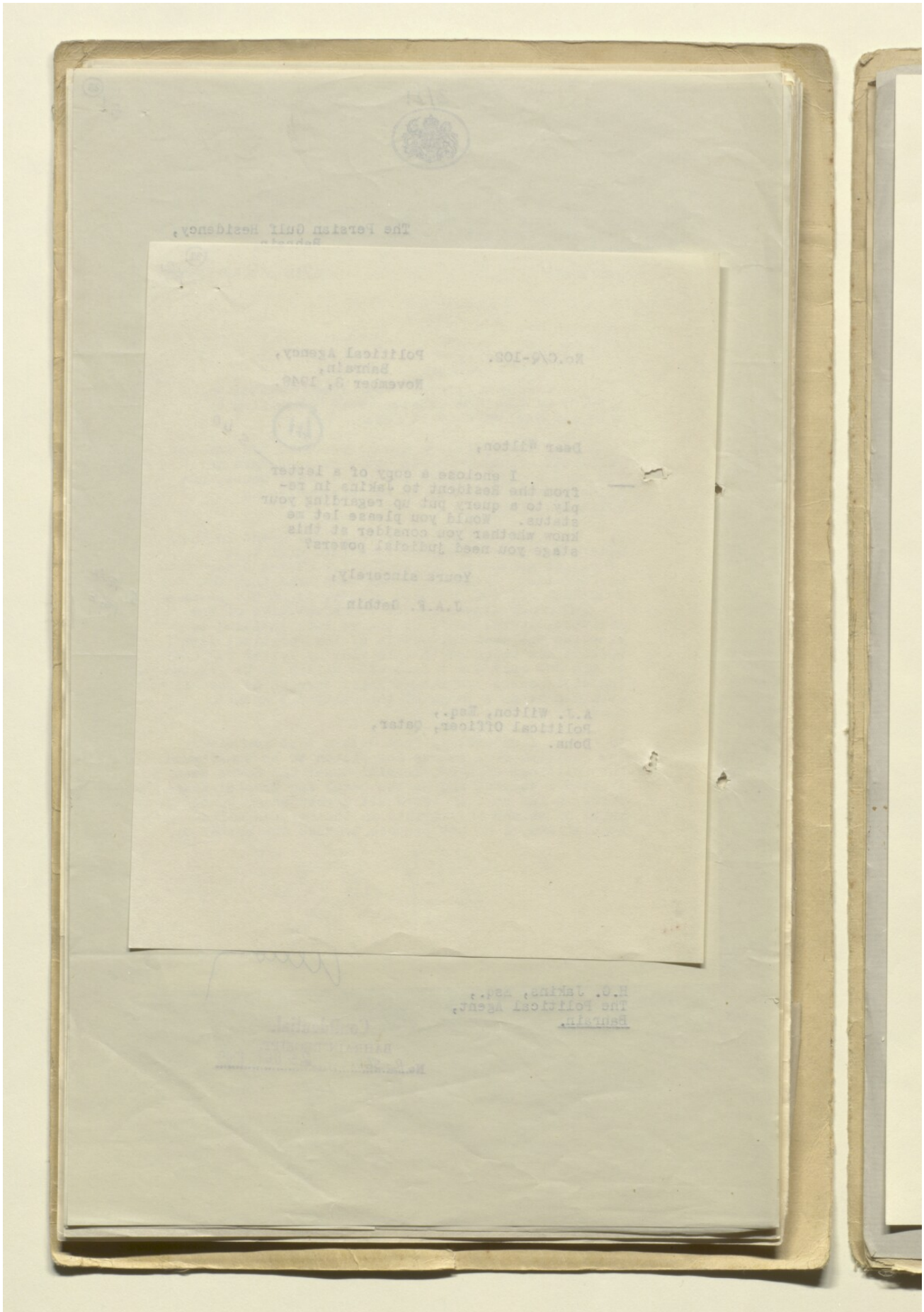
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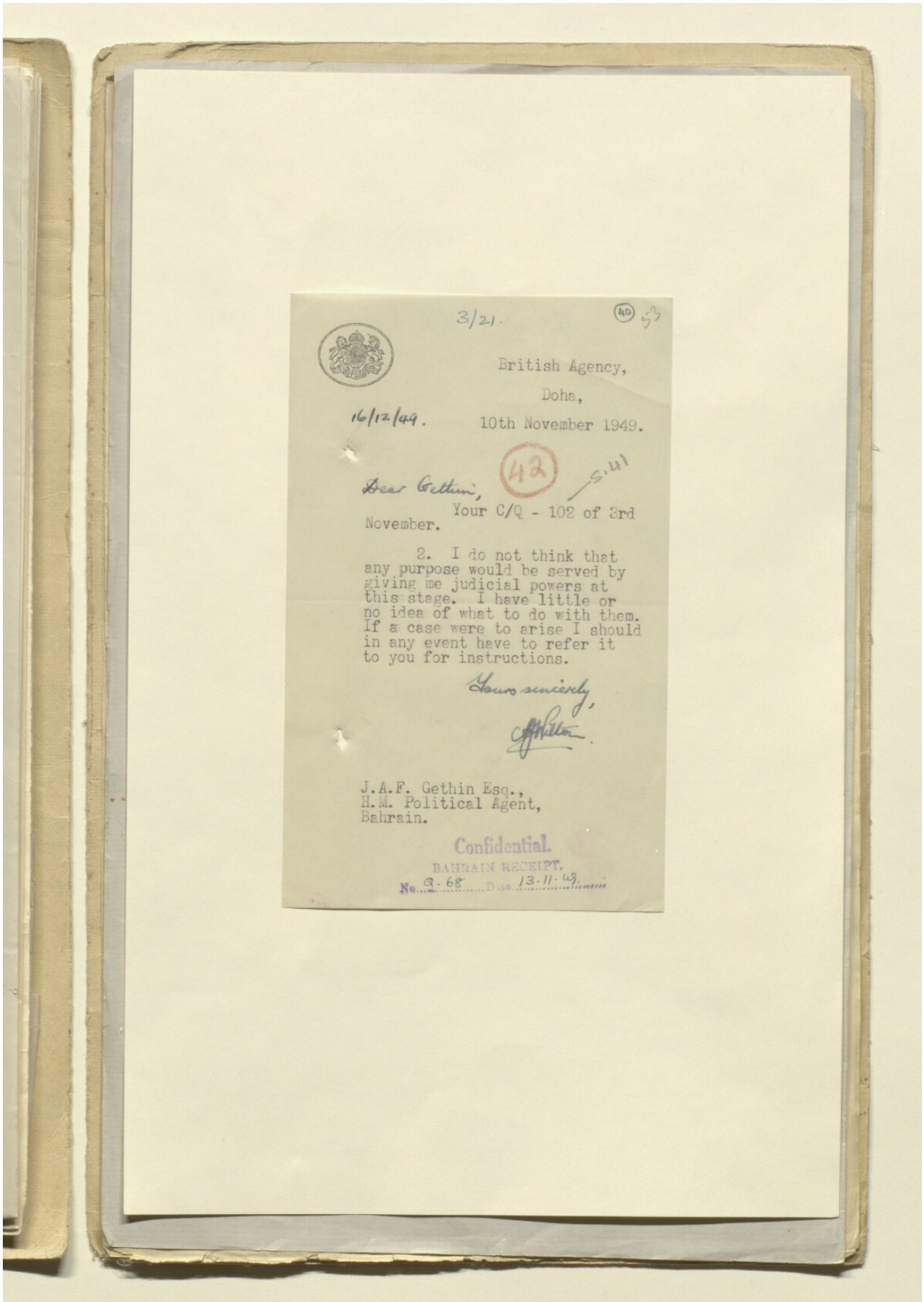
I enclose a copy of a letter from the Resident to Jakins in reply to a query put up regarding your status. Would you please let me know whether you consider at this stage you need judicial powers?

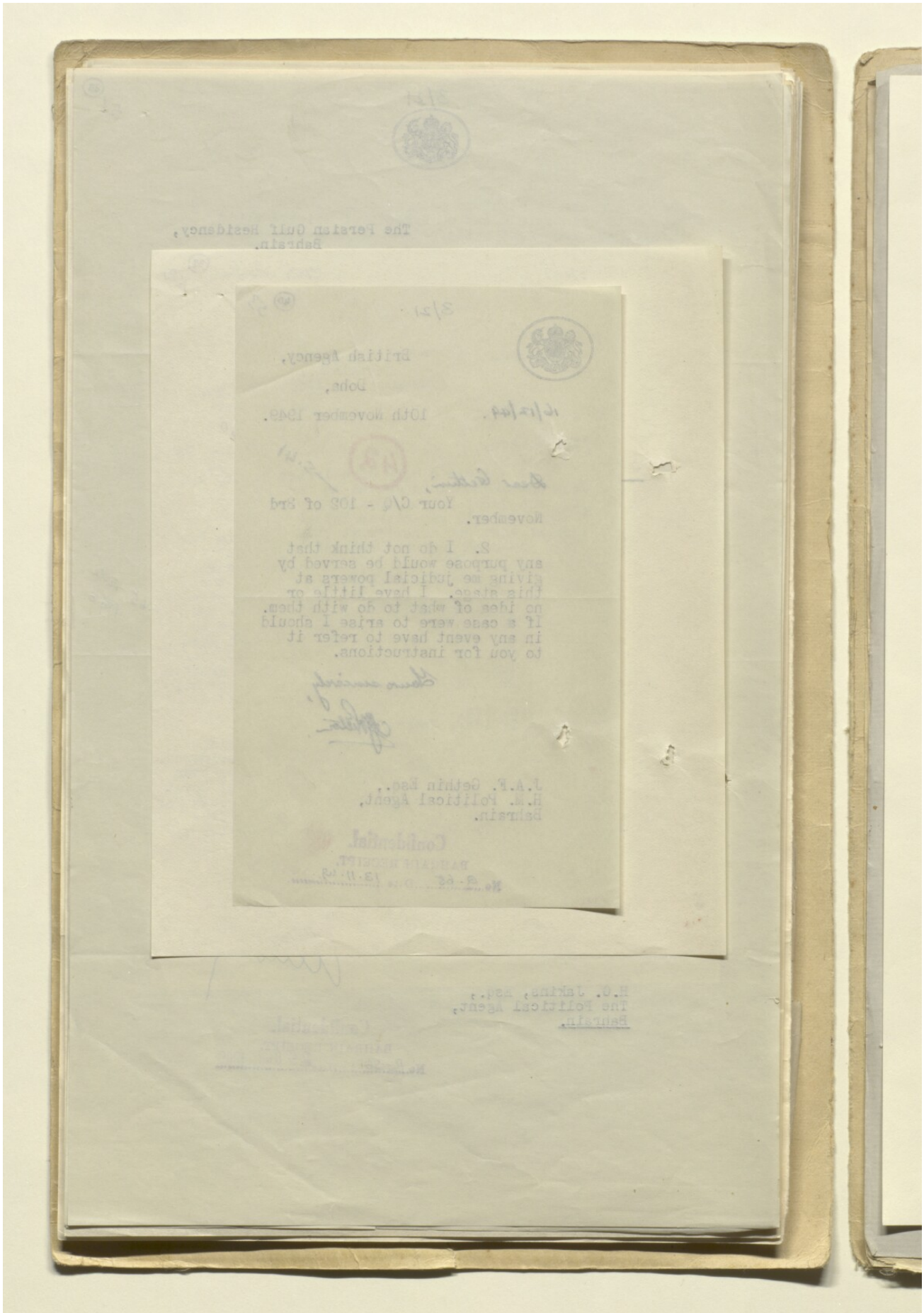
Yours sincerely,

J.A.F. Gethin

A.J. Wilton, Esq.,
Political Officer, Qatar,
Doha.









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R. McC. Andrew, Esq.,
Political Agent,
Bahrain.

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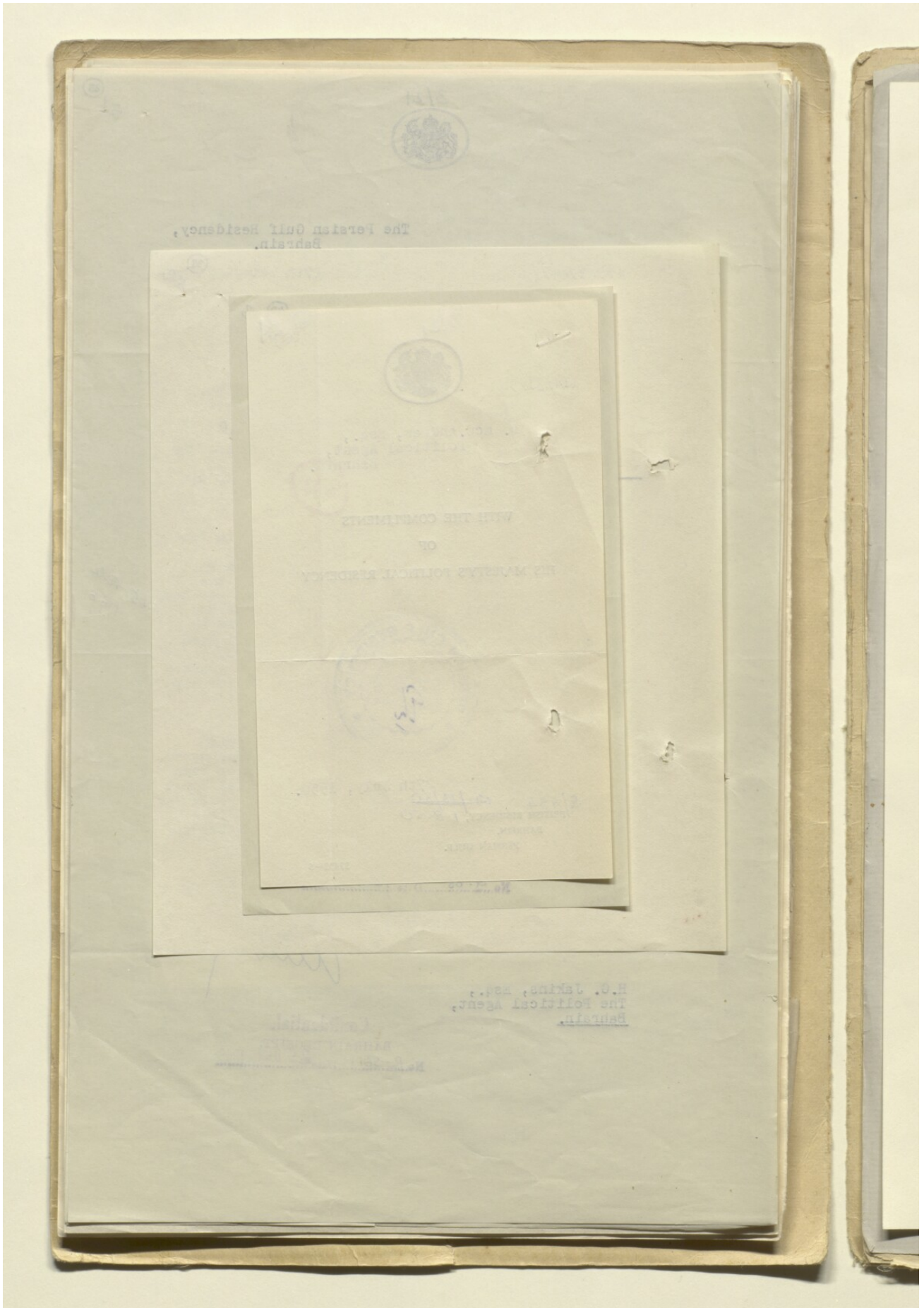
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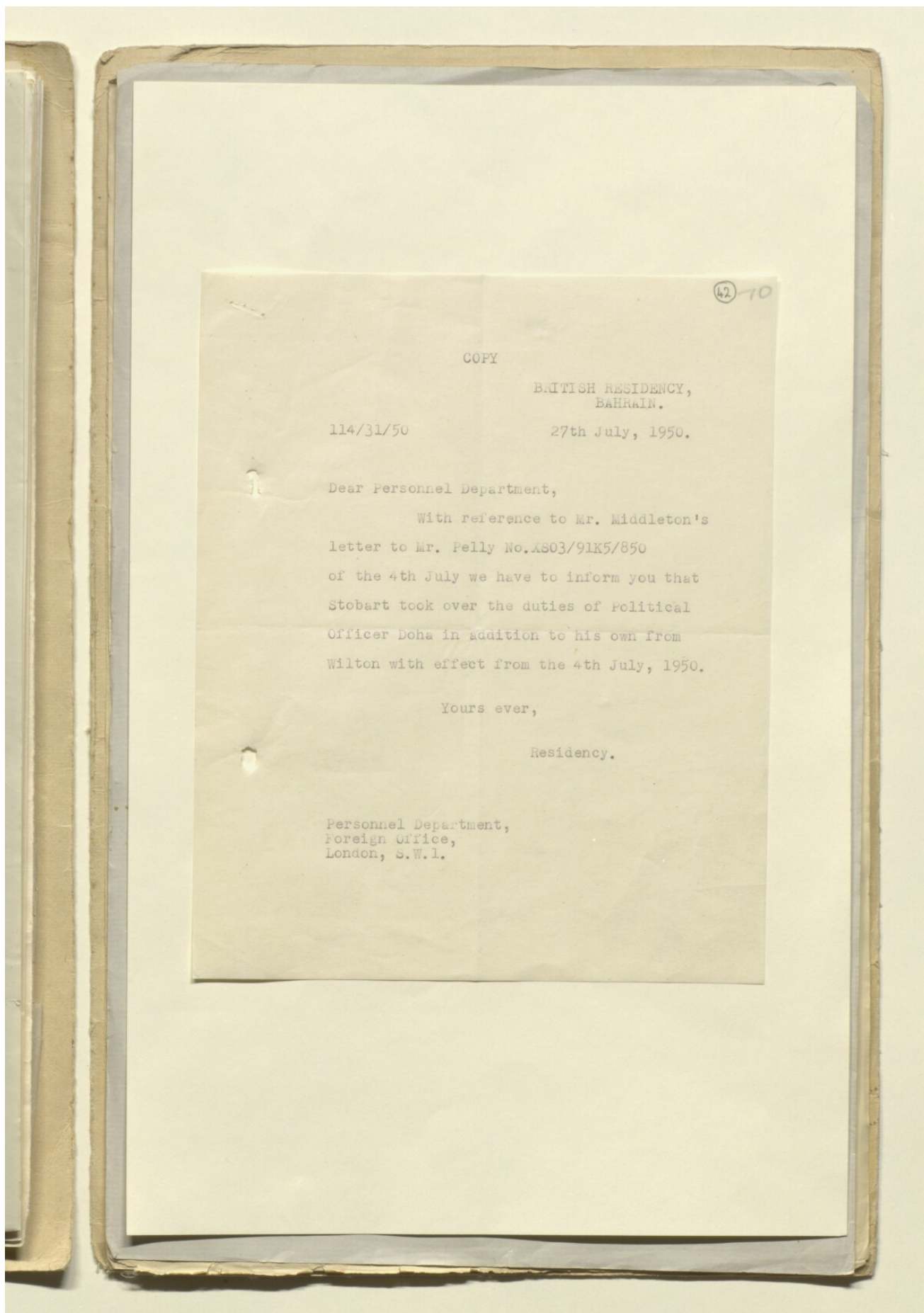


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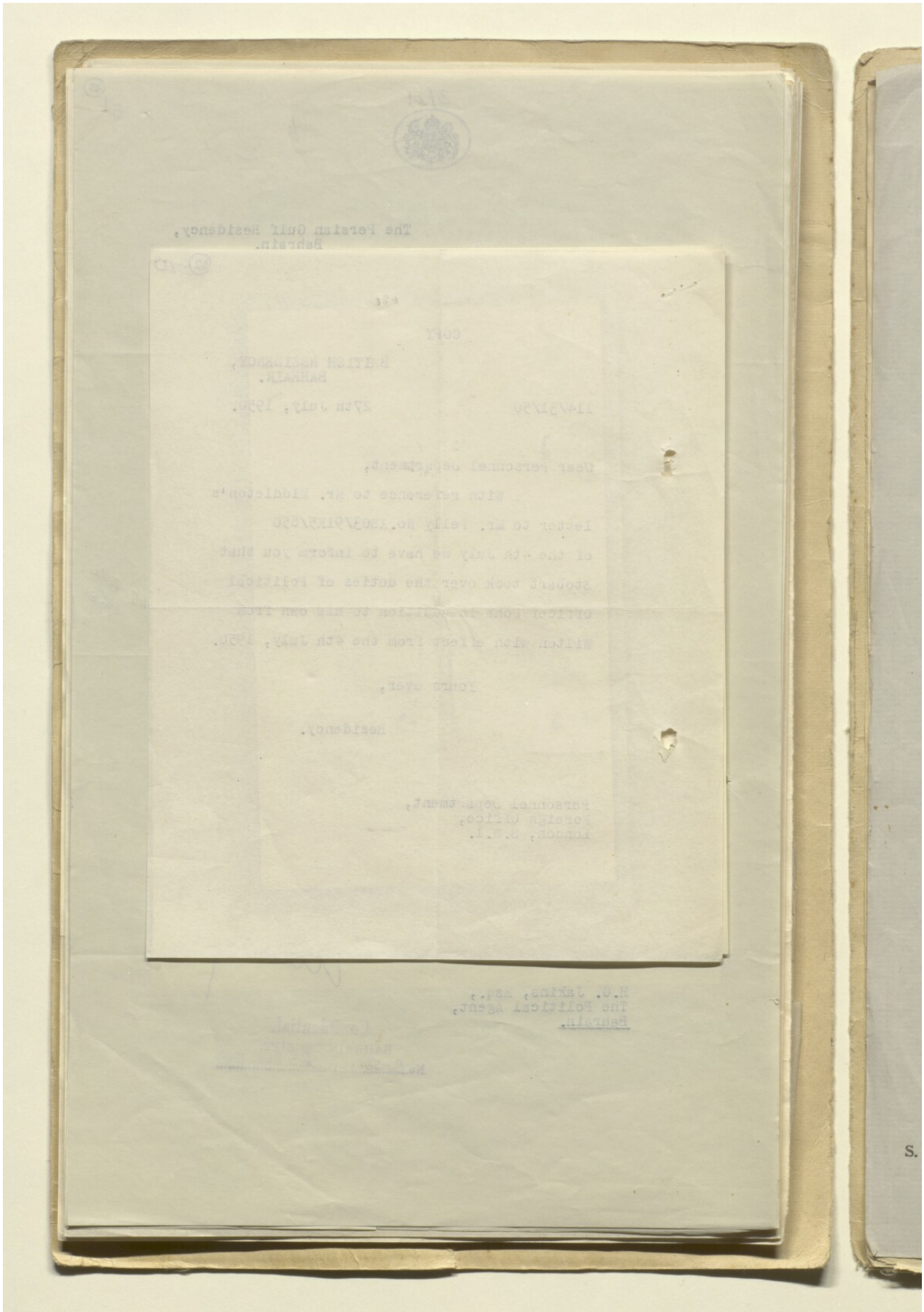
Dear Personnel Department,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's letter to Mr. Pelly No. AS03/91K5/850 of the 4th July we have to inform you that Stobart took over the duties of Political Officer Doha in addition to his own from Wilton with effect from the 4th July, 1950.

Yours ever,

Residency.

Personnel Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.





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Section. File No.
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NOTES.

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Pros. 19 Nos.

Subject.

A. P. A. in QATAR.

Notes and Orders.

(1)
D.O. No. B/136 dt. 25.5.48 from P.R. Bah.

(2)
Issued D.O. No. C/R-70 dt. 15.6.48 to P.R. Bah.

(3)
Issued D.O. No. C/R-87 dt. 24.6.48 to P.R. Bah.

(4)
D.O. No. B/197 dt. 26.6.48 from P.R. Bah.

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(5)
Issued S.O. No. C/R-26 dt. 20.1.49 to Sir Rupert Wey.

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P.R. s.o. Lett No. 132/14/49 dt. 19/2/49

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Issued s.o. No. c/R-100 dt. 19/3/49 to P.R.

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P.R. s.o. No. 23/2/49 dt. 25/3/49.

"A". Pl. investigate.

C.C.

It'd. C.J.P.
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We are concerned only with the manumission instructions for the manumission of slaves of long domicile as it would affect the established slave population of Qatar - the Shaikh is bound by Article I of the 1916 Treaty (vide page 180 of 10/3-II) to suppress the trade in newly captured slaves.

It is true that manumission certificates are not granted automatically to all applicants because some enquiry is necessary to ascertain whether an applicant is (a) a debtor, (b) a criminal, (c) a person whose release is likely to cause political repercussions, or (d) belongs to the area of another Agency; but to be a debtor or a criminal does not render a slave ineligible for a manumission certificate (to claim manumission as a slave is sometimes the trick of a free person who hopes in this way to escape from his debts or punishment for his crimes), and the general instructions regarding manumission - vide page 12 seq of A.30/4 - are now so humanely interpreted - vide noting at pages 21 - 24 ~~ibid~~ - that, in practice, if a slave has the energy to run away and present himself at Bahrain claiming cruel treatment by his master or his impending sale to a new and worse master he has little difficulty in securing a manumission certificate. That more slaves do not seek manumission is because they are often better off economically than free men and the fact that the manumission facilities we offer to the disgruntled make for the general amelioration of the slaves' lot, vide page 88 of 20/1-I.

The liberalization of our manumission policy, however, has come about slowly and in regard to Qatar P.A. may be interested to see the older manumission instructions at page 1 seq of A.30/4, with their different procedures for Kuwait, Bahrain, Muscat, and the T.C. Presumably the procedure for Qatar is to follow the procedures for Kuwait, the T.C., and Bahrain, in that order, the "Kuwait" procedure to obtain during the period for which the Shaikh of Qatar would like a guarantee of non-intervention, cf. s. 5 of 3/21.

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4. 4. 49.

Pl. Jain adapt below.

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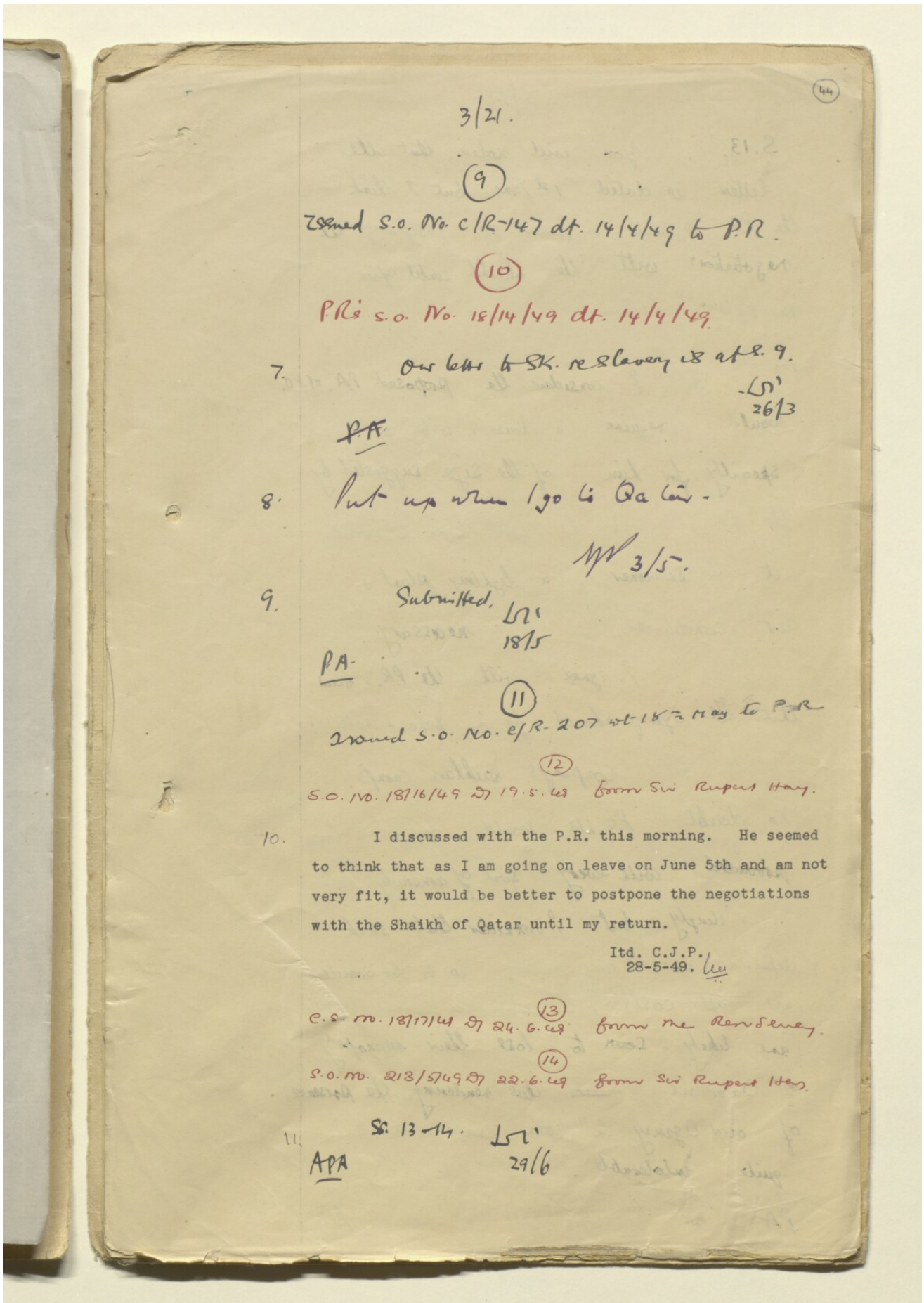
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Issued S.O. No. C/R-147 dt. 14/4/49 to P.R.

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P.R.'s S.O. No. 18/14/49 dt. 14/4/49.

7. Our letter to SK. re slavery is at p. 9.

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8. Put up when I go to Qatar -

MS 3/5.

9. Submitted. LSI
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Issued S.O. No. C/R-207 dt 18 May to P.R.

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S.O. No. 18/16/49 dt 19.5.49 from Sri Rupert Har.

10. I discussed with the P.R. this morning. He seemed to think that as I am going on leave on June 5th and am not very fit, it would be better to postpone the negotiations with the Shaikh of Qatar until my return.

It'd. C.J.P.
28-5-49. LSI

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C.S. No. 18/17/49 dt 24.6.49 from me re slavery.

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S.O. No. 213/5/49 dt 22.6.49 from Sri Rupert Har.

SI: 13-14. LSI
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S.13. You will notice that the letter is dated 1st June, but I think the P.R. is still in favour of postponing the negotiations with the Shaikh until after Mr Pelly's return. 12

S14. I consider the proposed P.A. of P.O. 13. would require a house to be built specially for him of the size suggested by the P.R. As he will have to occupy it in summer, a lighting plant & air conditioner will be necessary.

I agree with the P.R.'s view that the Agency should be in Soha & not in the oil Company's Sukhan camp. 14

No doubt P.C.H. would rent us a house provided with every sort of amenity only too willingly, but I consider that such dependence upon any company is to be avoided at all costs, the more so, since P.C.H. are likely soon to lose their monopoly of Qatar oil, ~~making~~ thus rendering the presence of our Agency in "one camp or the other" quite intolerable.

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Forwarded S.O. No. CIR-278 dt 3.7.49 to Sri Rupert Hay.

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S.O. No. 18/19/49 dt 4.7.49 from Sri Rupert Hay.

P.A. L.S.
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15. (discussed this case with the P.R. & now understand that Mr. Pelly will be back early-September. No further action now.

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Letter dt 6.8.49 from the Sheriff of Qatar

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Forwarded letter no. CIR-232 dt 8.8.49 to the Residency.

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Forwarded letter no. 95-110 dt 11.8.49 to the Ruler of Qatar.

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Forwarded C.S. no. CIR-337 dt 13.8.49 to the Residency.

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Forwarded letter dt 19.8.49 to the Ruler of Qatar.

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note dt 22.8.49 to Mr. Wickham, P.O., Qatar.

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Letter no. 1 (2/1/49) dt 23.8.49 from P.O., Qatar.

16. Copy under P.I. to Residency?

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17. Encl. 4 copies so that they can send 3 to the P.O. if desired.

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Issued S.O. no. C/R-2 dt 25.8.49 to Mr. Wilton.

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S.O. no. 2/5/49 dt 29.8.49 from P.O., Qatar.

P.A. Pl. see S. 2 of file 21/17. about accommodation for P.O.Q.

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Issued S.O. no. C/L-311 dt 3.9.49 to Mr. Lennin.

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Issued P.L. no. C/R-379 dt 3.9.49 to Residency

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Issued P.L. no. C/R-28 dt 3.9.49 to P.O., Qatar

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Issued S.O. no. C/L-312 dt 3.9.49 to Mr. Lennin.

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Issued P.L. no. C/R-380 dt 3.9.49 to the Residency

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Issued P.L. no. C/R-29 dt 4.5.49 to P.O., Qatar

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Issued S.O. no. C/R-27 dt 3.9.49 to Mr. Wilton.

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Issued P.L. no. C/R-382 dt 4.9.49 to the Residency

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S.O. no. Do/accw/1/8/45 dt 11.7.49 from P.D. (7) HQ.

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11.9.49.

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S.O. no. 2/17/49 dt 7.9.49 from P.O., Qatar.

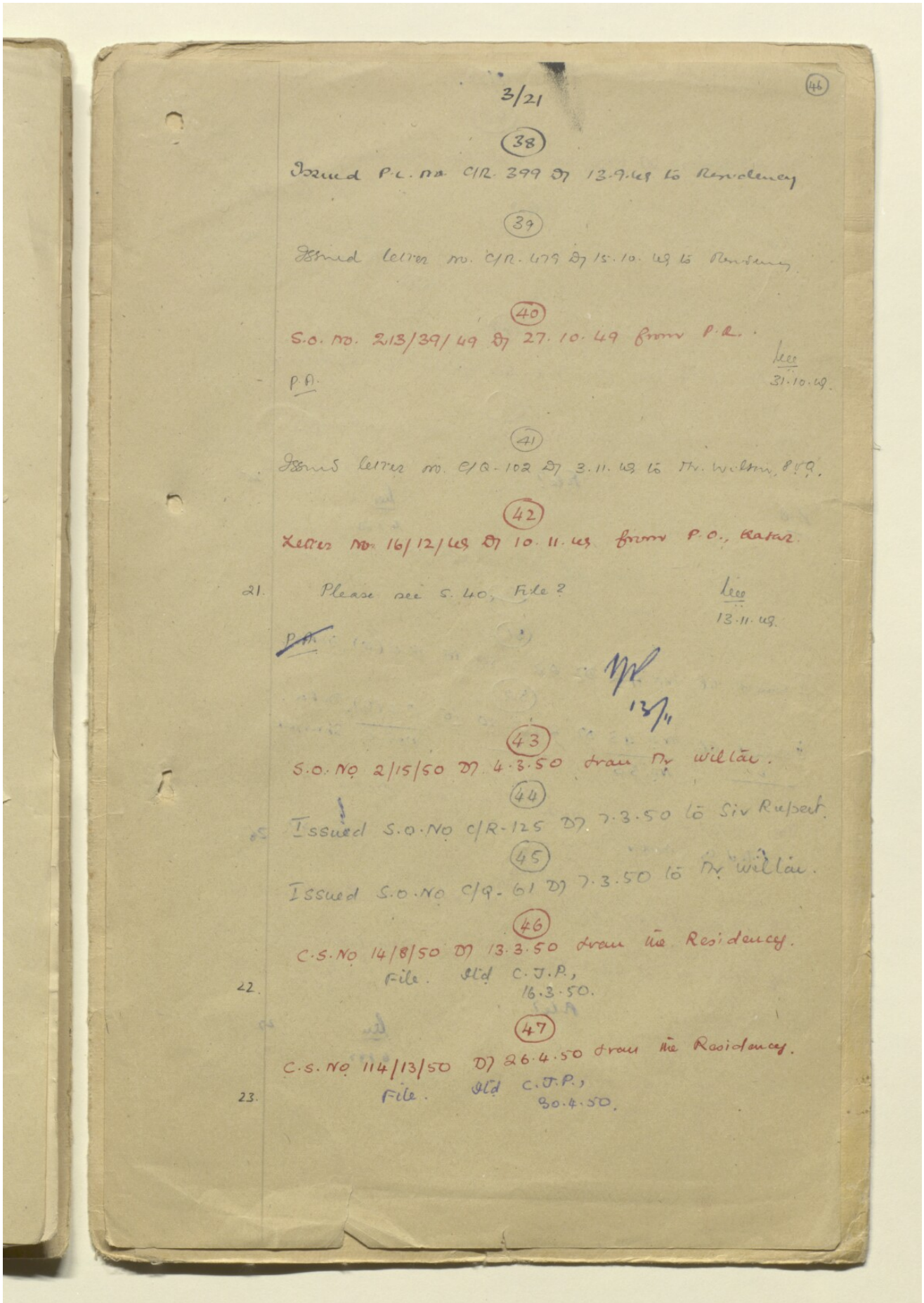
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Issued P.L. No. C/R. 399 D/ 13.9.49 to Residency

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Issued letter no. C/R. 479 D/ 15.10.49 to Residency

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S.O. No. 213/39/49 D/ 27.10.49 from P.A.

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31.10.49.

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Issued letter no. C/R. 102 D/ 3.11.49 to Mr. Wilton, S.P.O.

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Letter no. 16/12/49 D/ 10.11.49 from P.O., Qatar.

21. Please see S. 40, File?

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13.11.49.

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S.O. No. 2/15/50 D/ 4.3.50 from Mr. Wilton.

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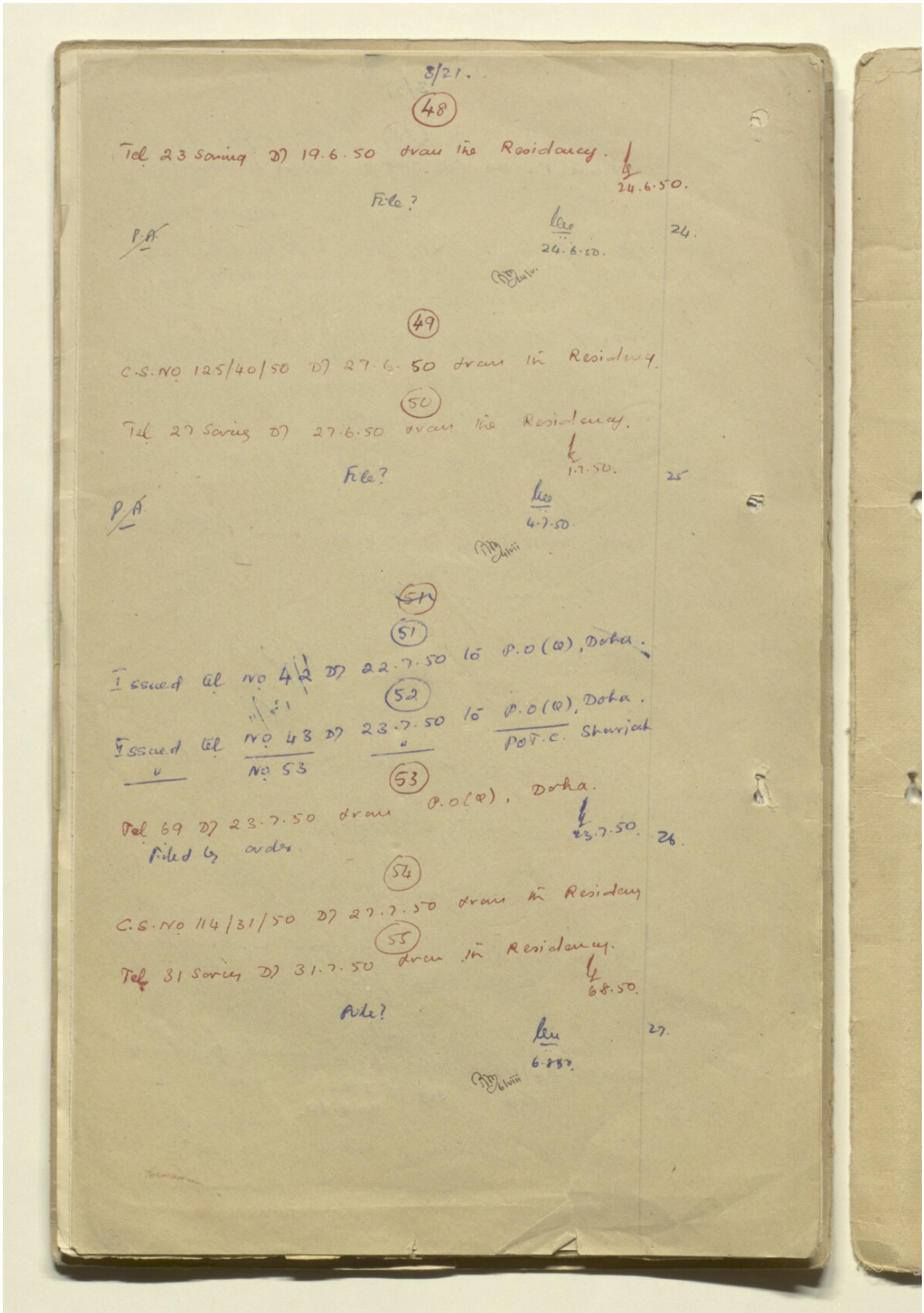
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