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This file consists of a letter, telegrams, and notes between officials of the Government of India, India Office, and the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations regarding the Khodadad Bequest.

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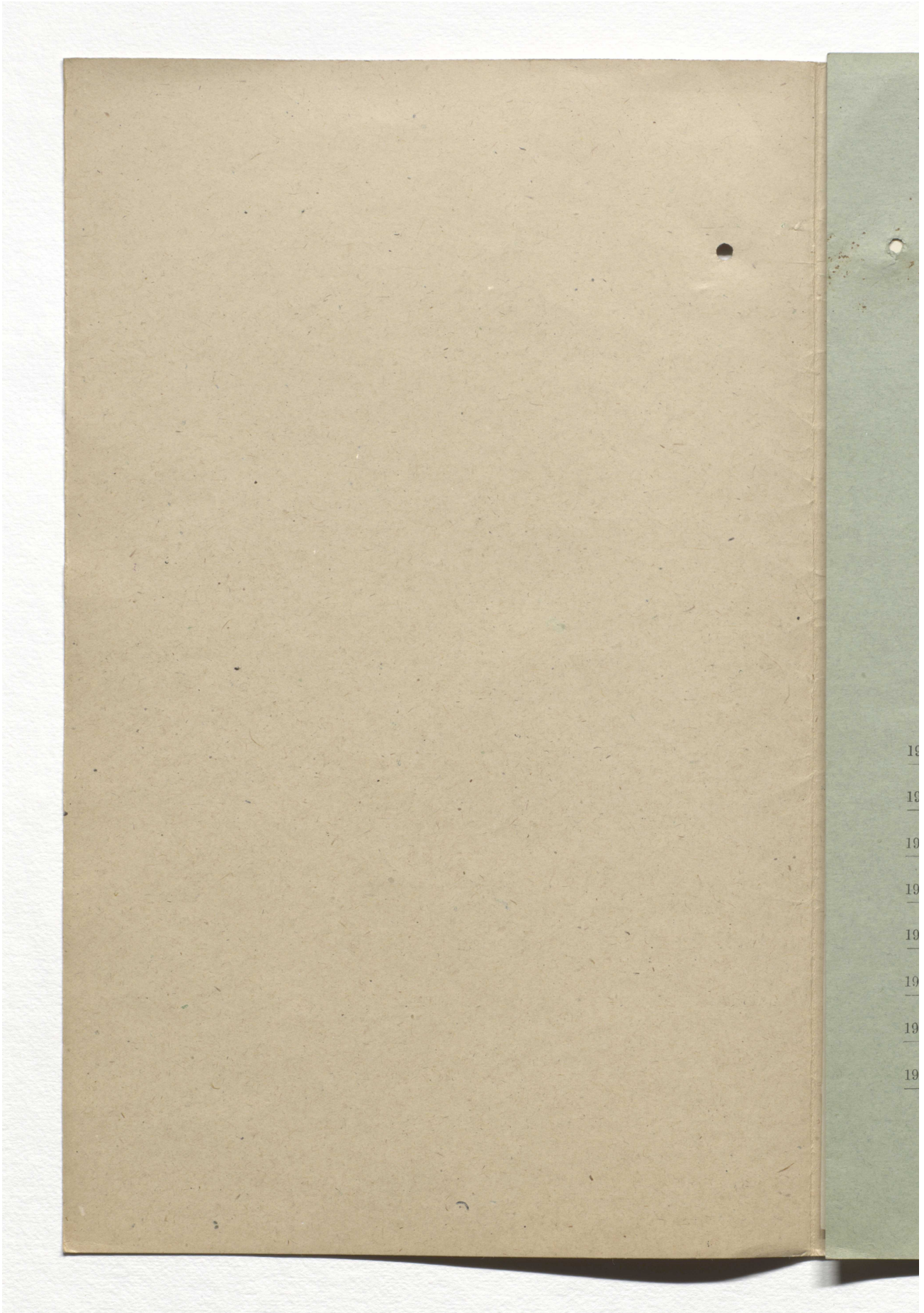
The letters discuss a possible change to the administrators of the legacy's Trust.

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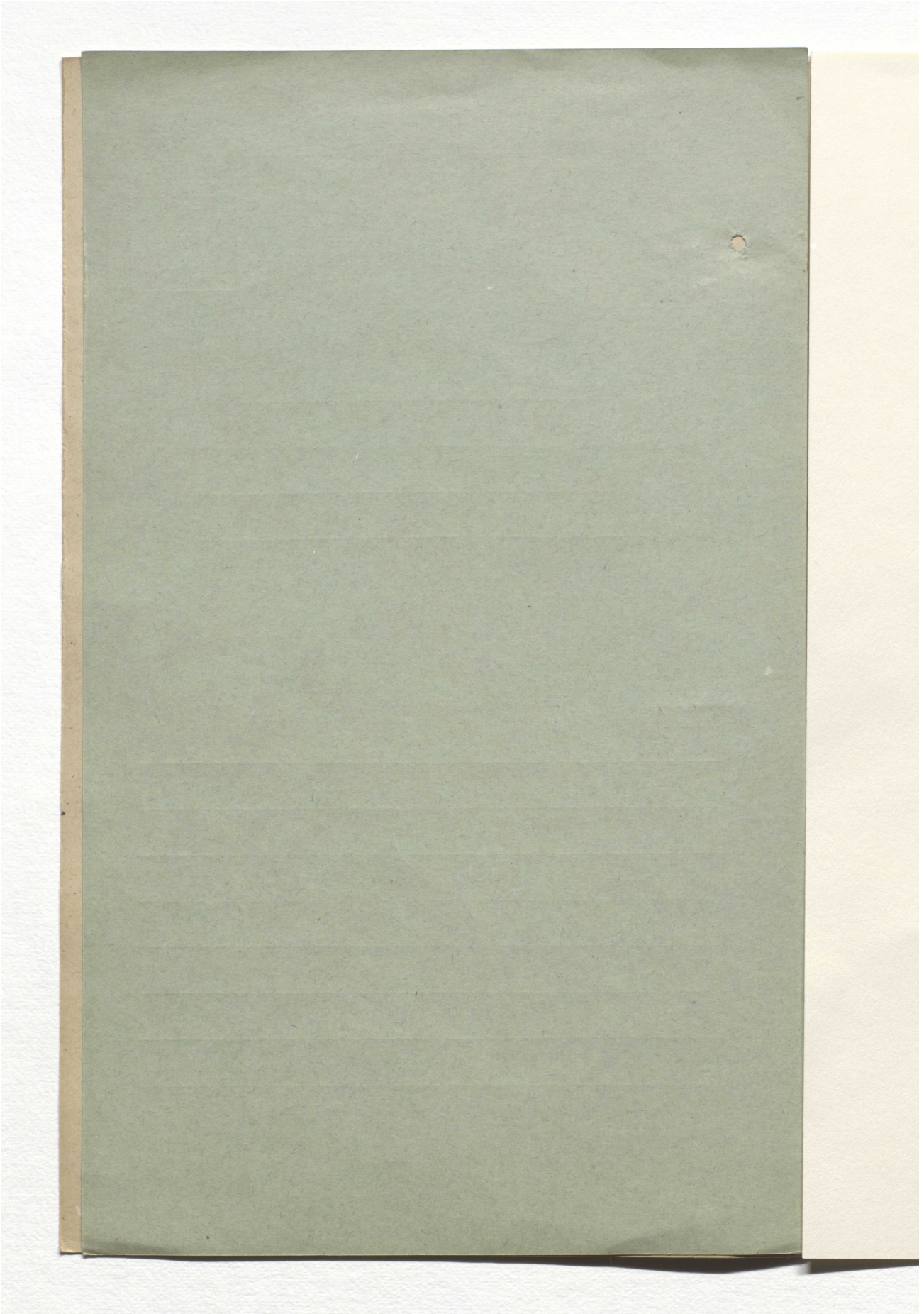
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Mr Hallows.

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The brief history of this bequest is
contained in the PR's letter of 21 June
below. Do you think we should
send it to the G.I. or let
them take their course?

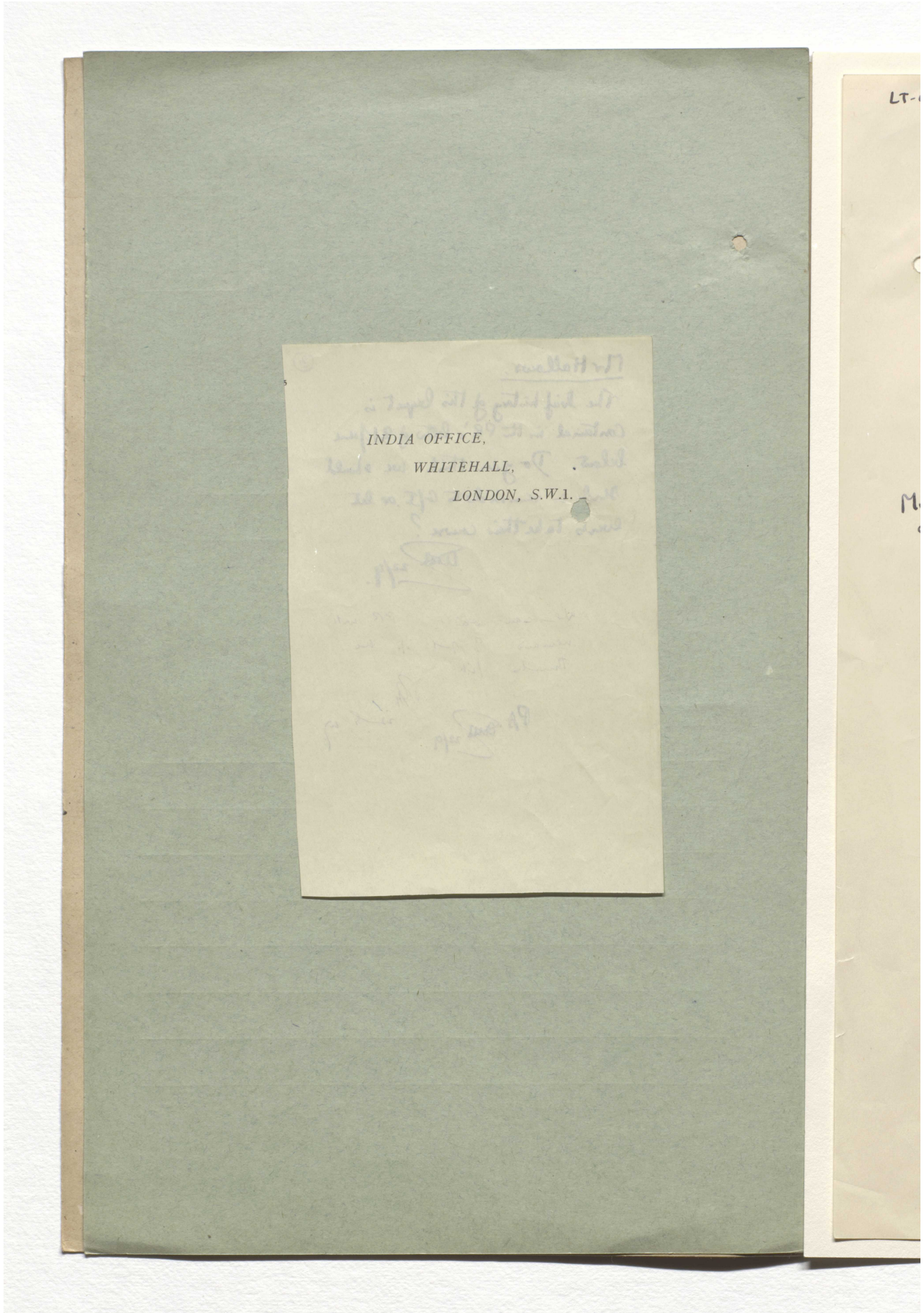
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We can wait. P.R. will
remain 9/71 if he
thinks it.

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LT-COL. A.C. GALLOWAY, C.I.E. O.B.E.
Residency - Bahrain

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My dear Galloway,

Please refer to Hay's letter No. 1441-6/1
of 21st June about the Khodadad bequest.
We agree to the procedure outlined in the second
paragraph and will await the views of the
Government of India which you will no doubt
transmit to us.

Mr. Donelson. NO
So this letter necessary
at this stage?
24/7.

1st await G.P.'s
reply to P.R.'s letter
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Draft Letter Form B.

P.Z.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State in Council to enclose, for the information of the Government of India, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office regarding the appointment of

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for at

2. I am to enquire whether any objection is seen to this appointment and am to request that, if there is no objection, it may be recognised by the Government of India.

3. If it is considered that there may be any objection to the appointment, the Secretary of State would be glad to be informed by telegraph at the earliest possible date.

I am, Sir,

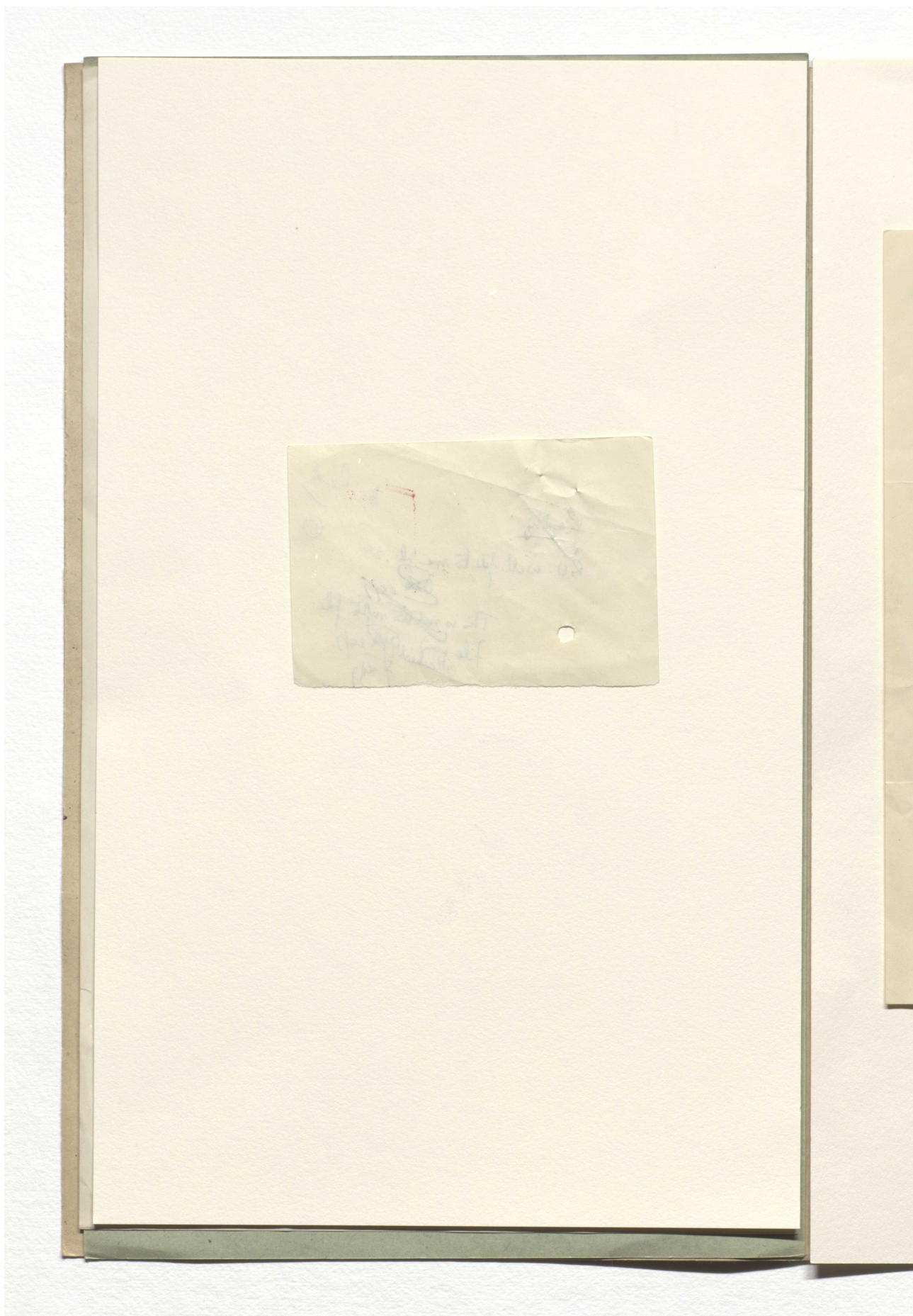
Your obedient Servant,

The Foreign Secretary,
Foreign and Political Department,
Government of India.

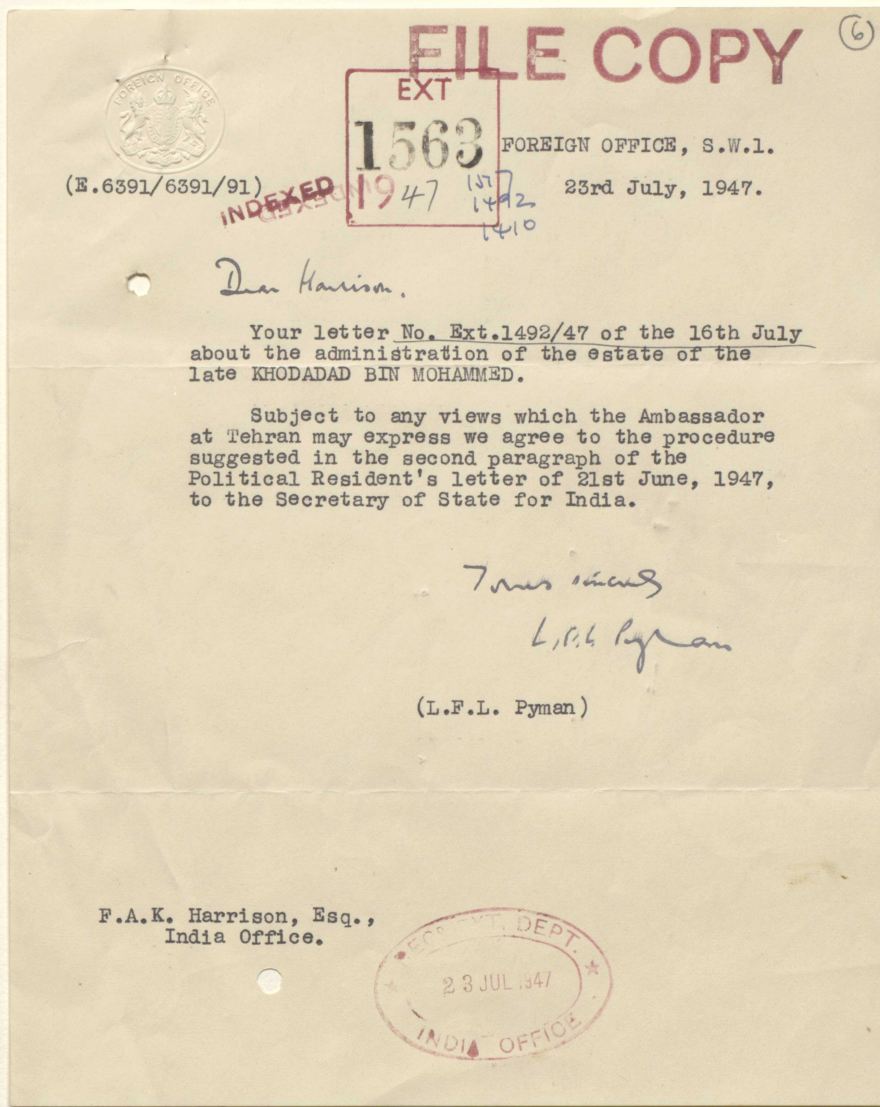
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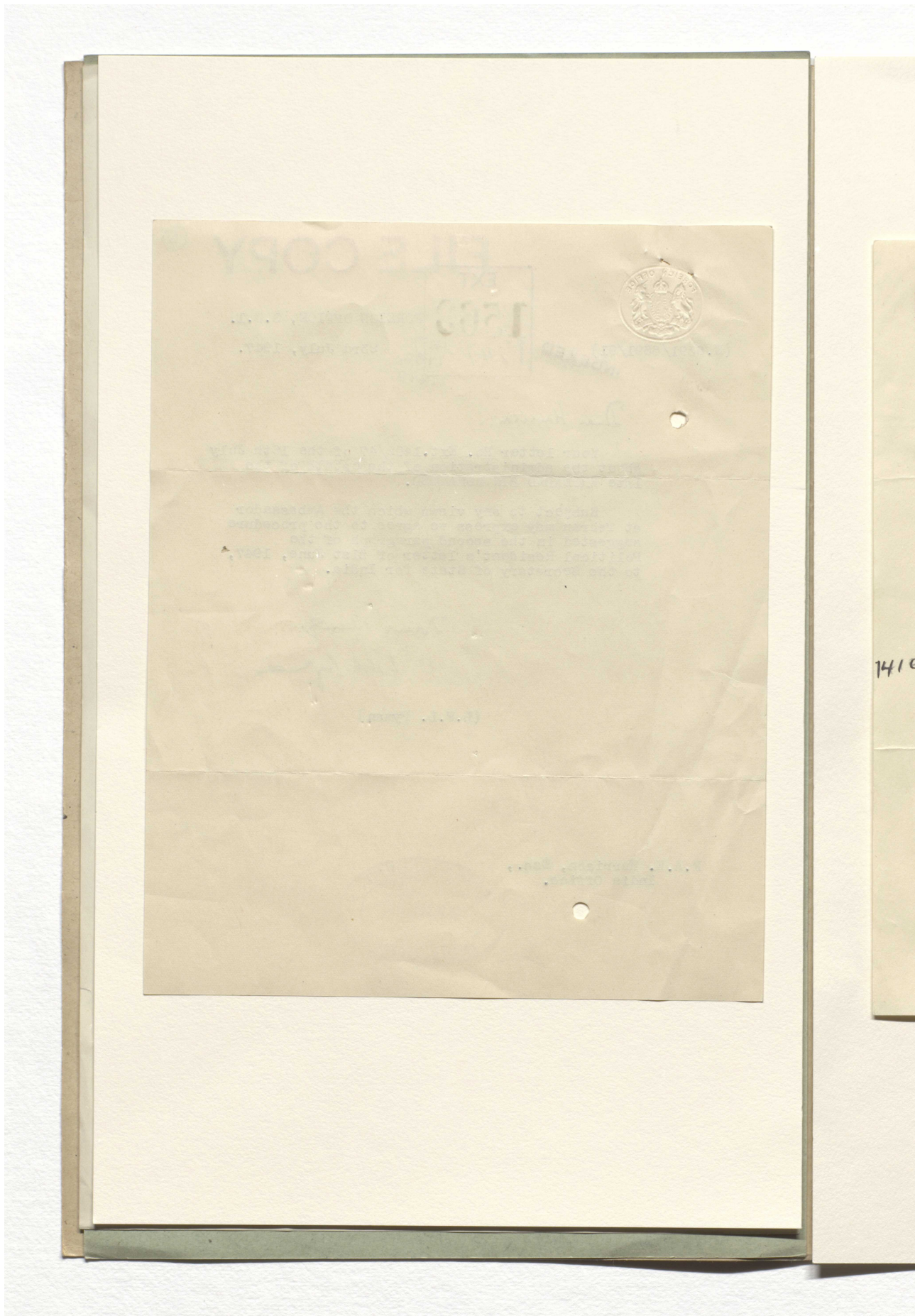
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Mr. Leach
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Telegram Office
Mr Reed
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FROM TEHRAN TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir J. Le Rougetel D. 8.38 p.m. 15th July, 1947
No. 795
14th July, 1947. R.12.30 p.m. 15th July, 1947

Repeated to Bahrein.

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Following for Secretary of State for India
(Foreign Office please pass).

1410 Political Resident the Persian Gulf despatch
1441-6/1 of June 21st.

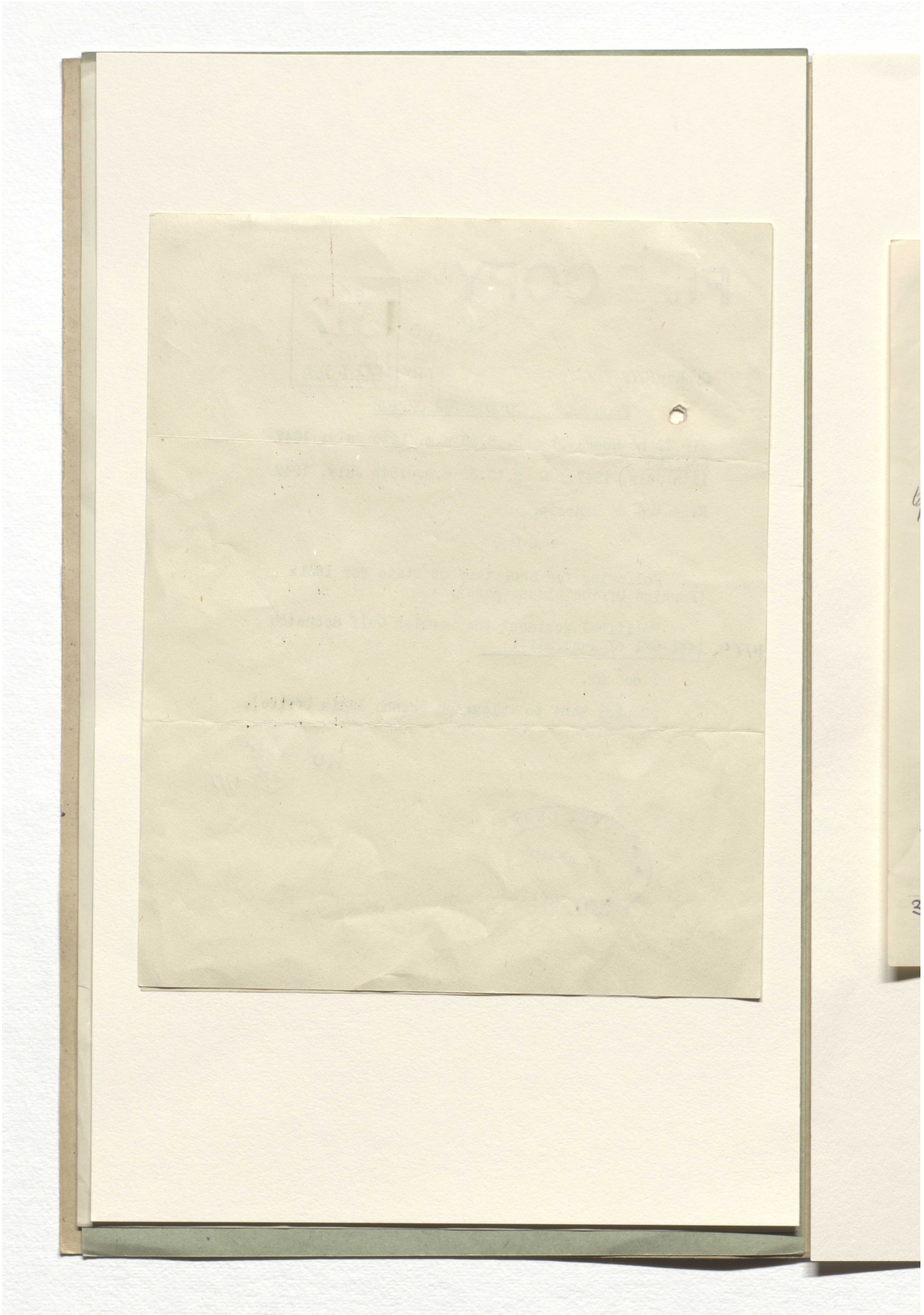
I concur.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Branch India Office].

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Dear Pyman,

5 enclos^a ^{to correspondence} copies of letters received from the Political Resident Persian Gulf about the administration of the estate of the late Khodadad bin Mohammed.

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sent
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Would you please let me know ^{in due course} if the Foreign Office agree to the procedure outlined in the second paragraph of the Political Residents' letter of 20th June 1947 to the Secretary of State for India.

Yours sincerely
F. A. K. HARRISON

L. F. L. PYMAN ESQ.
Foreign Office.

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Mr Harrison
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Received
B.O. 29/7. 1947

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Draft Letter Form B.

P.Z.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State in Council
to enclose, for the information of the Government of
India, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office regarding
the appointment of

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2. I am to enquire whether any objection is seen to
this appointment and am to request that, if there is no

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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.

The 21st June, 1947.

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? will you
require the 1868
papers
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Copy with compliments to

1. His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, India
Office, London.
2. His Majesty's Ambassador, Tehran.

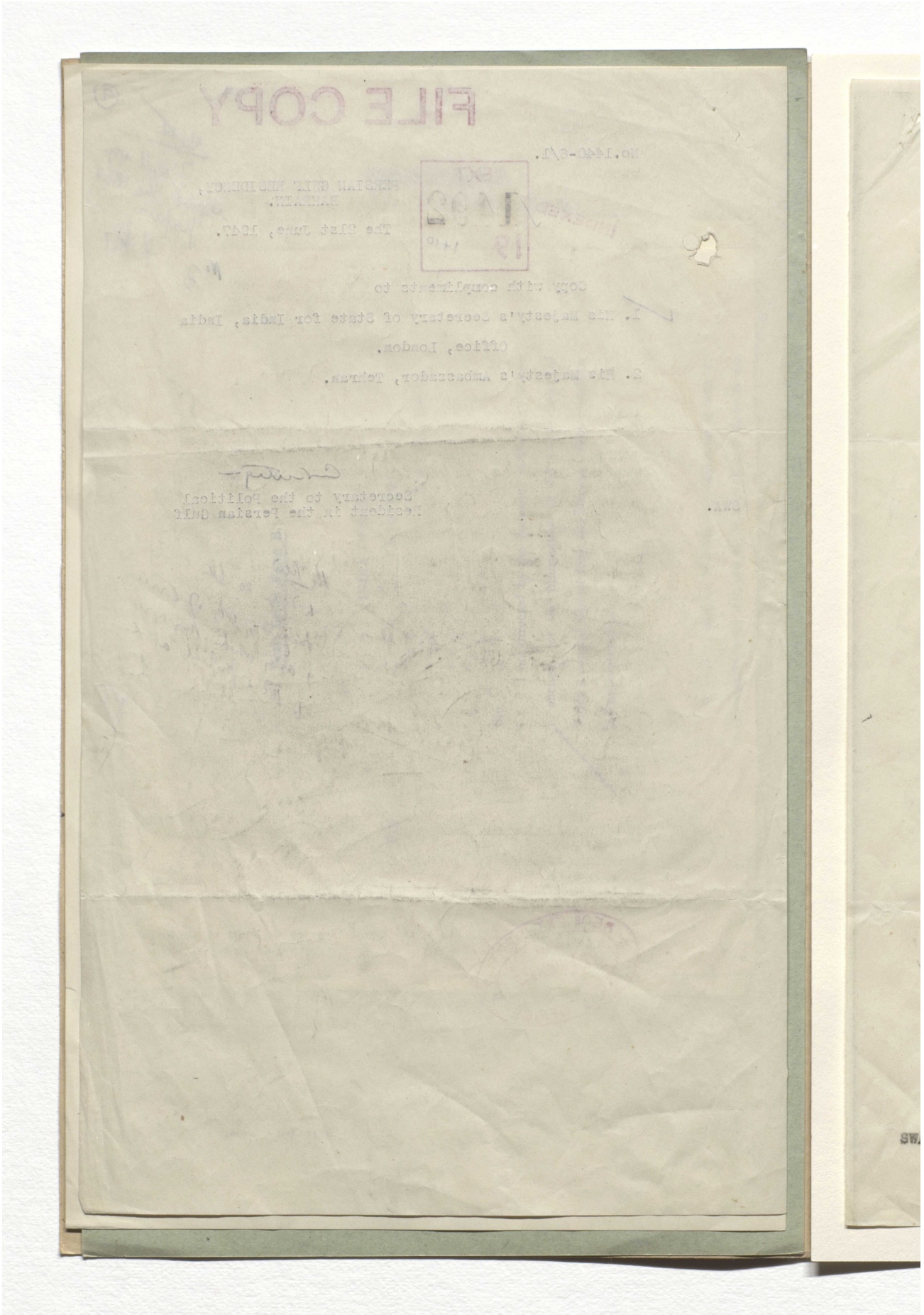
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Christy
Secretary to the Political
Resident in the Persian Gulf

*The Rev.
W.D. G. 20 ltr. to
himself, copy of course
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From

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

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of External Affairs and
Commonwealth Relations,
New Delhi.

Dated Bahrain, the 21st June, 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to say that one Khodadad bin Mohamed, a former Supply Agent at Bassidu Station, a regular Naval Base in the last century, died in 1862, leaving a considerable estate, one third of which he bequeathed for charitable purposes and appointed the Political Resident and the Senior Naval Officer in the Persian Gulf as the executors.

2. The case was referred in due course to the Bombay High Court (Suit No.1116 of 1868), and the bequest amounting to Rs.22,200/- was placed in charge of the Administrator General, Bombay. The interest accruing from this bequest has been transmitted annually to the Political Resident by the Administrator General, Bombay, and has been expended by the Resident on charity according to Mohamedan usage.

3. The income annually remitted to the Political Resident is at present derived from interest on securities amounting to Rs.15,500/- held by the Official Trustee, Bombay, and interest on a fixed deposit of Rs.3,000/- in the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay. The total annual income is approximately Rs.800/- per annum.

4. In view of the approaching constitutional changes in India, I feel that it would be advisable to transfer this Trust Fund from the charge of the Administrator General, Bombay, to that of the Political Resident; and it is requested that the Government of India may advise me on what legal processes will be required to effect this transfer.

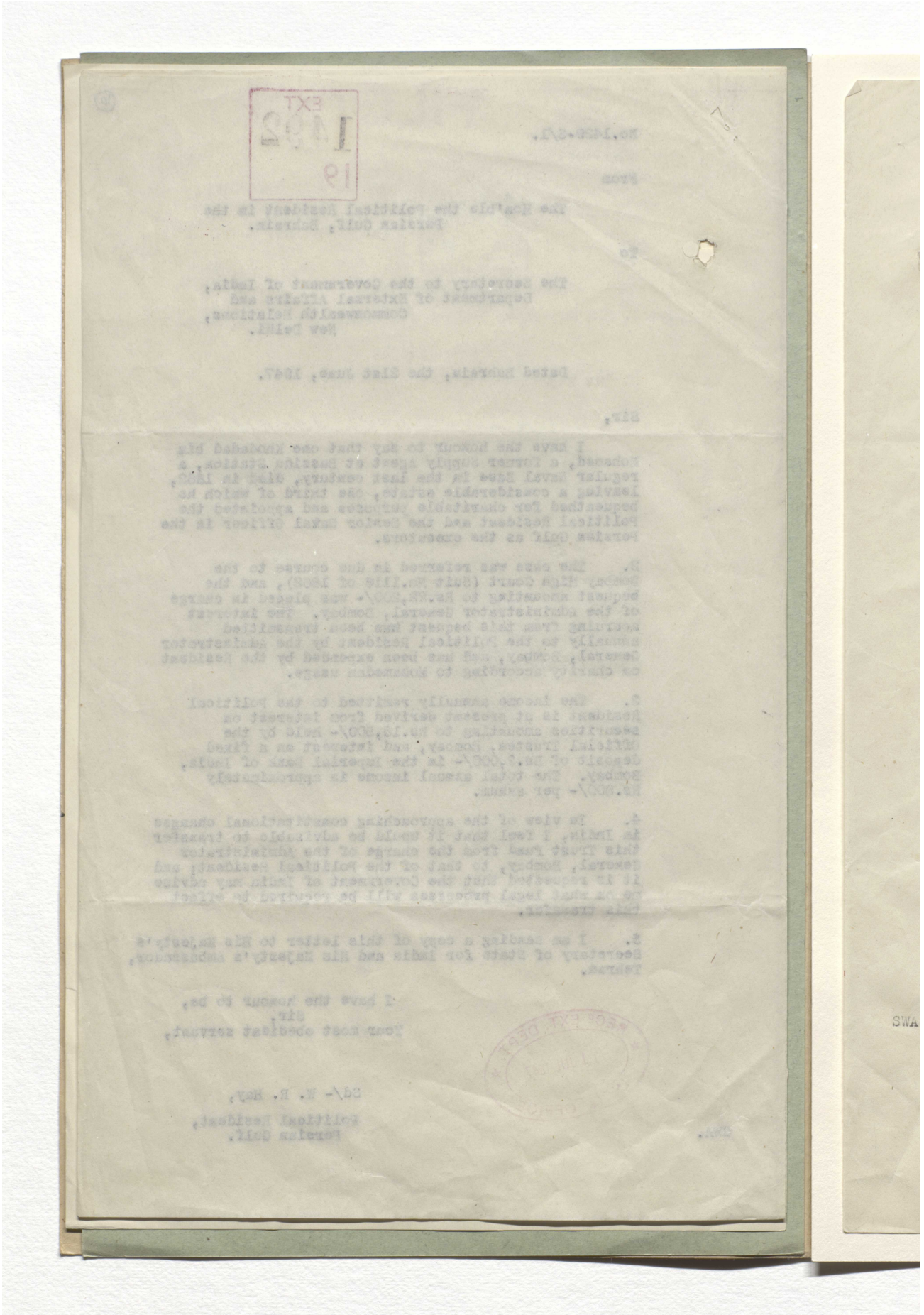
5. I am sending a copy of this letter to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India and His Majesty's Ambassador, Tehran.

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



Sd/- W. R. Hay,
Political Resident,
Persian Gulf.

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

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of External Affairs and
Commonwealth Relations,
New Delhi.

Dated Bahrain, the 21st June, 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to say that one Khodadad Ali
Khodadad, a former Deputy Agent of Persian Station, a
regular agent in the last century, died in 1903,
leaving a considerable estate, the bulk of which he
bequeathed for charitable purposes and appointed the
Political Resident and the Persian Consul Officer in the
Persian Gulf as the executors.

The estate was retained in his name for the
purpose of the court (Civil No. 111 of 1903), and the
estate amounted to Rs. 1,20,000/- was placed in charge
of the Administrator General, Bombay. The interest
accruing from this estate has been transmitted
annually to the Political Resident by the Administrator
General, Bombay, and has been expended by the Resident
of course according to Khodadad's will.

The income annually yielded to the Political
Resident is of course derived from interest on
securities amounting to Rs. 1,20,000/- held by the
Official Trustee, Bombay, and interest on a fixed
deposit of Rs. 2,00,000/- in the Imperial Bank of India.
The total annual income is approximately
Rs. 80,000/- per annum.

In view of the approaching constitutional changes
in India, I feel that it would be desirable to transfer
this trust fund from the charge of the Administrator
General, Bombay, to that of the Political Resident, and
it is requested that the Government of India may advise
me as to what legal processes will be required to effect
this transfer.

I am sending a copy of this letter to His Majesty's
Secretary of State for India and His Majesty's Ambassador,
London.

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

CdA- W. R. R. Nay,
Political Resident,
Persian Gulf.

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From

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

To

His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
India Office, London.

Dated Bahrain, the 21st June, 1947.

Sir,

1492. In continuation of my endorsement No. 1440-6/1 dated the 21st June, 1947, forwarding a copy of my letter No. 1439-6/1 dated the 21st June, 1947, to the Government of India on the subject of the Khodadad Bequest I have the honour to state that according to the bequest, the money is to be spent on Shia charities; and, between 1939 and 1945, Rs. 350/- out of a total annual income of Rs. 800/- was allotted annually for expenditure on the Arab side of the Persian Gulf, firstly because it was found that some of the money was being expended in Persia on certain religious observances which had long been banned by law in Persia; and secondly because the major part of the population where the testator lived have now migrated from South Persia to the Arab side of the Persian Gulf.

2. Subject to the views of His Majesty's Ambassador, Tehran, I think it preferable that the Trust should be administered by this Residency rather than some authority in Persia where legal difficulties may arise and the Persian Government may lay claim to the funds. I would suggest that the division of the fund in future as between the Persian and Arab side of the Gulf should be settled in due course between His Majesty's Ambassador, Tehran, and this Residency.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to His Majesty's Ambassador, Tehran.

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

Political Resident
Persian Gulf.



SWA.

