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The file contains correspondence between the Aden Governor (Bernard Reilly), the Aden Chief Secretary (Reginald Stuart Champion), the Colonial Office, and the India Office Political Department, regarding the request from Sultan Salih bin Ghalib Al Qu'ayti [Şāliḥ bin Ghālib Al Qu'ayṭī] that the title of Prince be bestowed on Husein bin 'Umar Al Qu'ayṭī. The correspondence concerns the Government position on the recognition of titles of Aden Protectorate rulers, and the possible ramifications of formally recognising the title in India.

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
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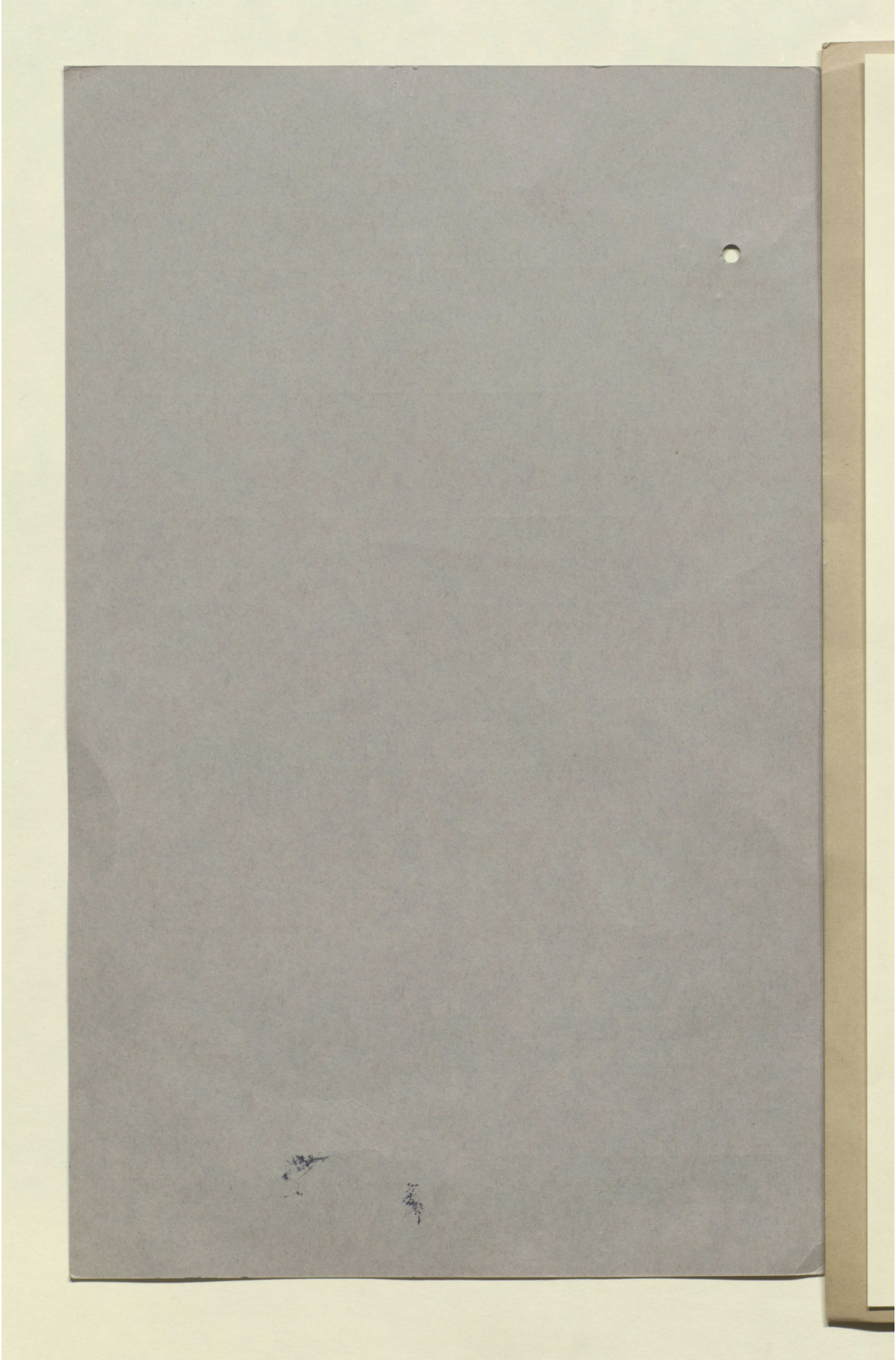
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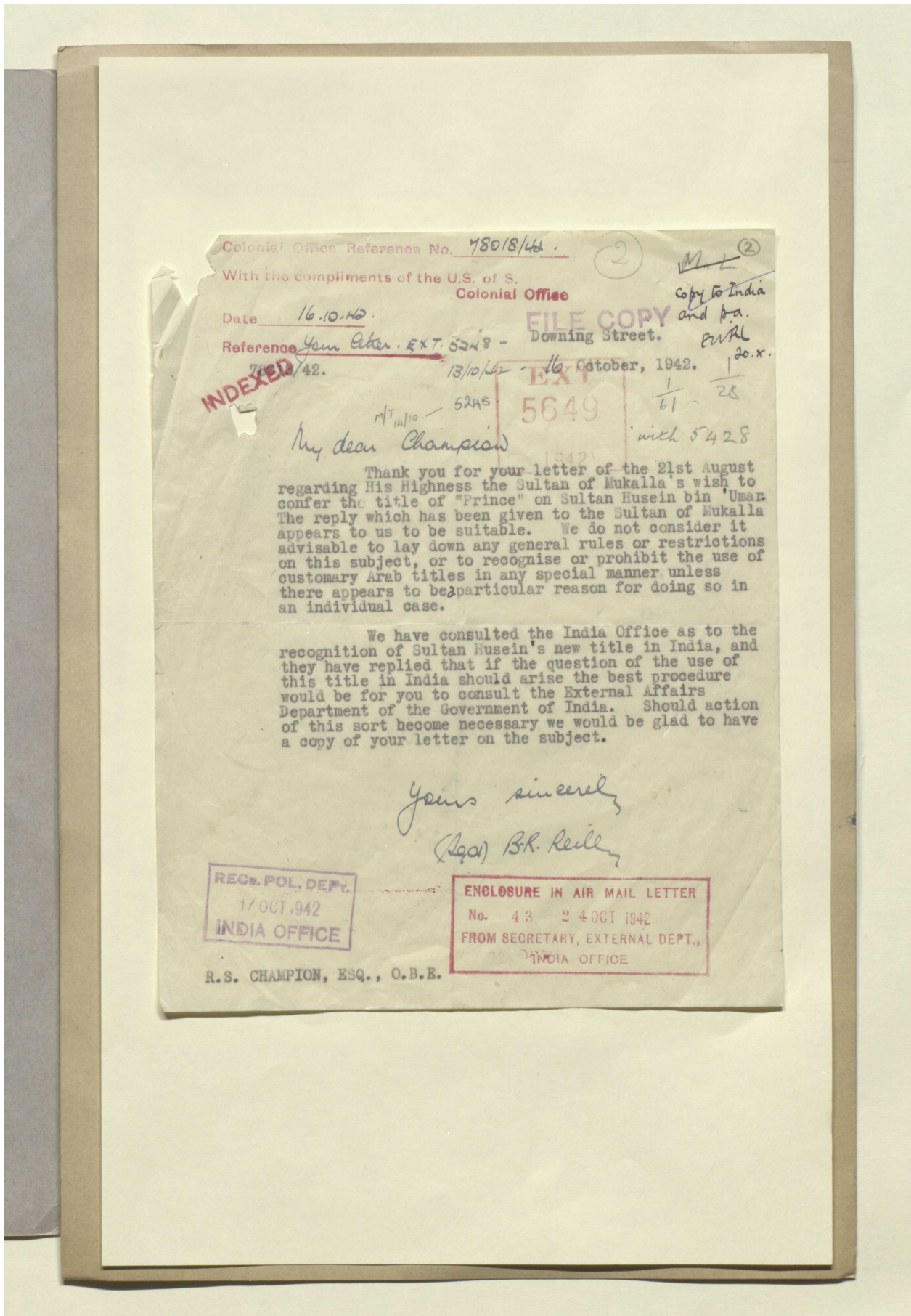
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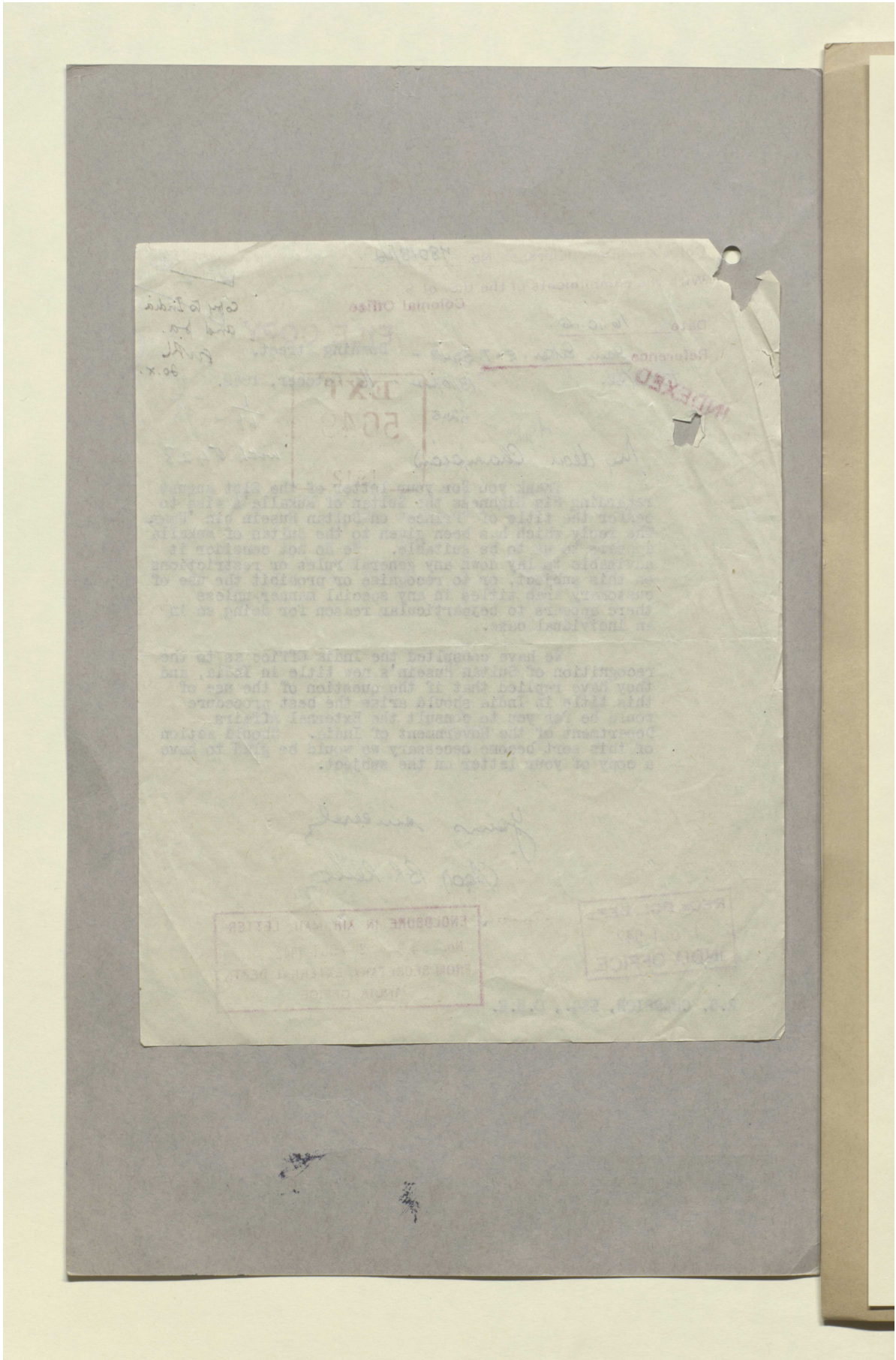
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1/61 (2) External Sec? Note attached file
Secretary, Political Department

1. Copy of C.O. letter d. 3
Sept. 23, with enclosures,
and of I.O. letter d. Oct.
12th, to India. ENRL
2. p.m. 14.X.

Please see the Colonial Office letter of September 23rd and its enclosures on the question of the recognition of the title of "Prince of the Quati State" which the Sultan of Mukalla wishes to confer on a younger son of the late Sultan Umar. It will be seen that the point on which the Colonial Office consult us is the recognition of the proposed new title in India "in view of the close connections between the Mukalla ruling family and the Nizam's Court at Hyderabad".

This Department has little or no information which will help us in answering the Colonial Office letter. Scattered through the attached bound volume (Collection 1/61) are some papers connected with the arrangement mentioned in the second paragraph of Mr. Champion's letter of August 21st, whereby Sultan Muhammad Bin Umar was dispossessed of his claim to succession to the Sultanate. We have not either of the despatches to which Mr. Champion refers, and the only mention in our papers of the conferment on Sultan Muhammad of the title of Prince, in part compensation for being thus ousted, is in an Aden Political Intelligence Summary dated August 18th, 1937 (P.Z. 6121/37). For the rest our papers about the affair deal with the question of preventing Sultan Muhammad, who is living in Hyderabad, from going to Mukalla in order to agitate his claim. For this purpose the Nizam's Government, in response to a request from the Crown Representative, for a time compelled Muhammad to remain in Hyderabad. The papers do not reveal the nature of the relationship between the ruling families of Hyderabad and Mukalla (see P.Z. 4705/37, 8062/37, 23/38, 660/38, 2766/38).

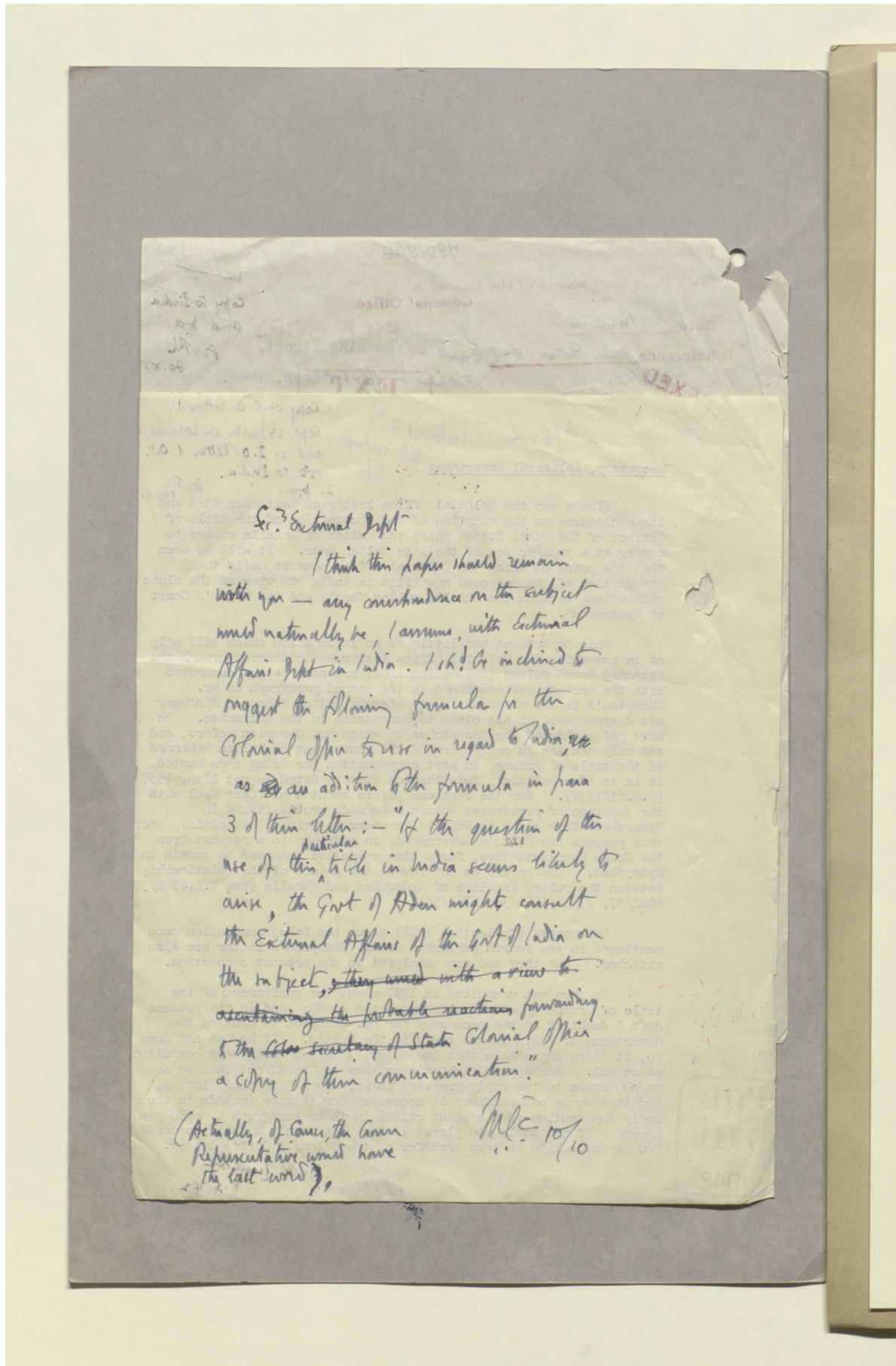
Our papers (Collection 1/28) about the Lahej succession case mentioned in the fourth paragraph of Mr. Champion's letter are also attached. But they too are unhelpful in the present connection.

We were not consulted in 1937 about the conferment of the title of Prince upon Sultan Muhammad and Awadh; and in the present case I doubt if it was necessary for Mr. Champion to mention the Government of India in his reply to the Sultan. If he had not done so, it seems improbable that the Colonial Office would have consulted us at all. Perhaps we might answer them to the effect that we see no objection to the reply proposed in paragraph 3 of their letter, and that we do not consider it necessary for them to include in their reply any mention of the point raised in their paragraph 4. Do you agree? If not would you please advise what should be said instead? You may even like to take transfer of the Colonial Office letter.

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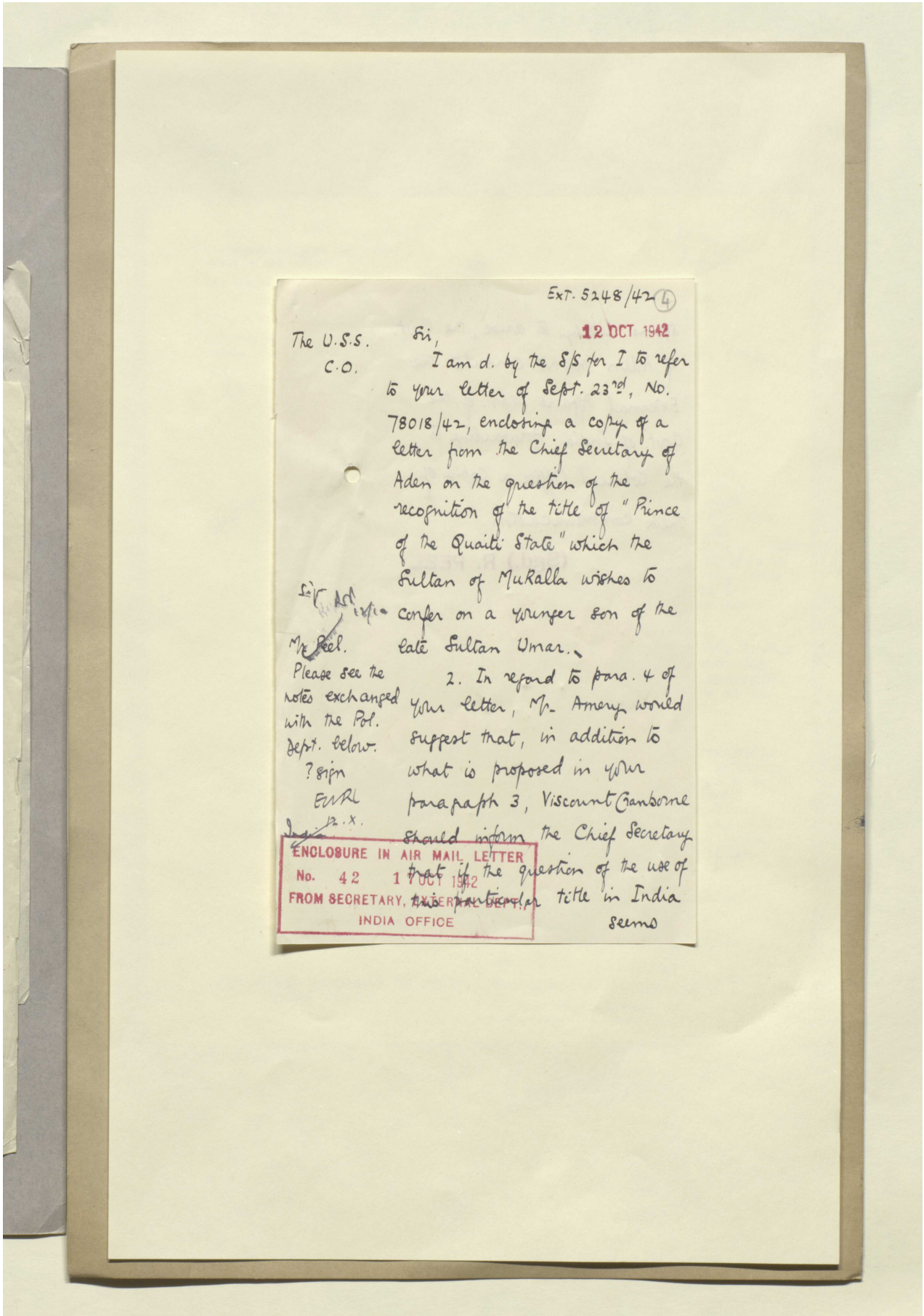
Mr. [Name]
Aden

Dear Sir,
I think this paper should remain with you — any correspondence on the subject would naturally be, I assume, with External Affairs Dept in India. I should be inclined to suggest the following formula for the Colonial Office to use in regard to India, as an addition to the formula in para 3 of their letter: — "If the question of the use of this ^{particular} title in India seems likely to arise, the Govt of Aden might consult the External Affairs of the Govt of India on the subject, they would with a view to ascertaining the probable reactions forwarding to the Secy of State Colonial Office a copy of their communication."

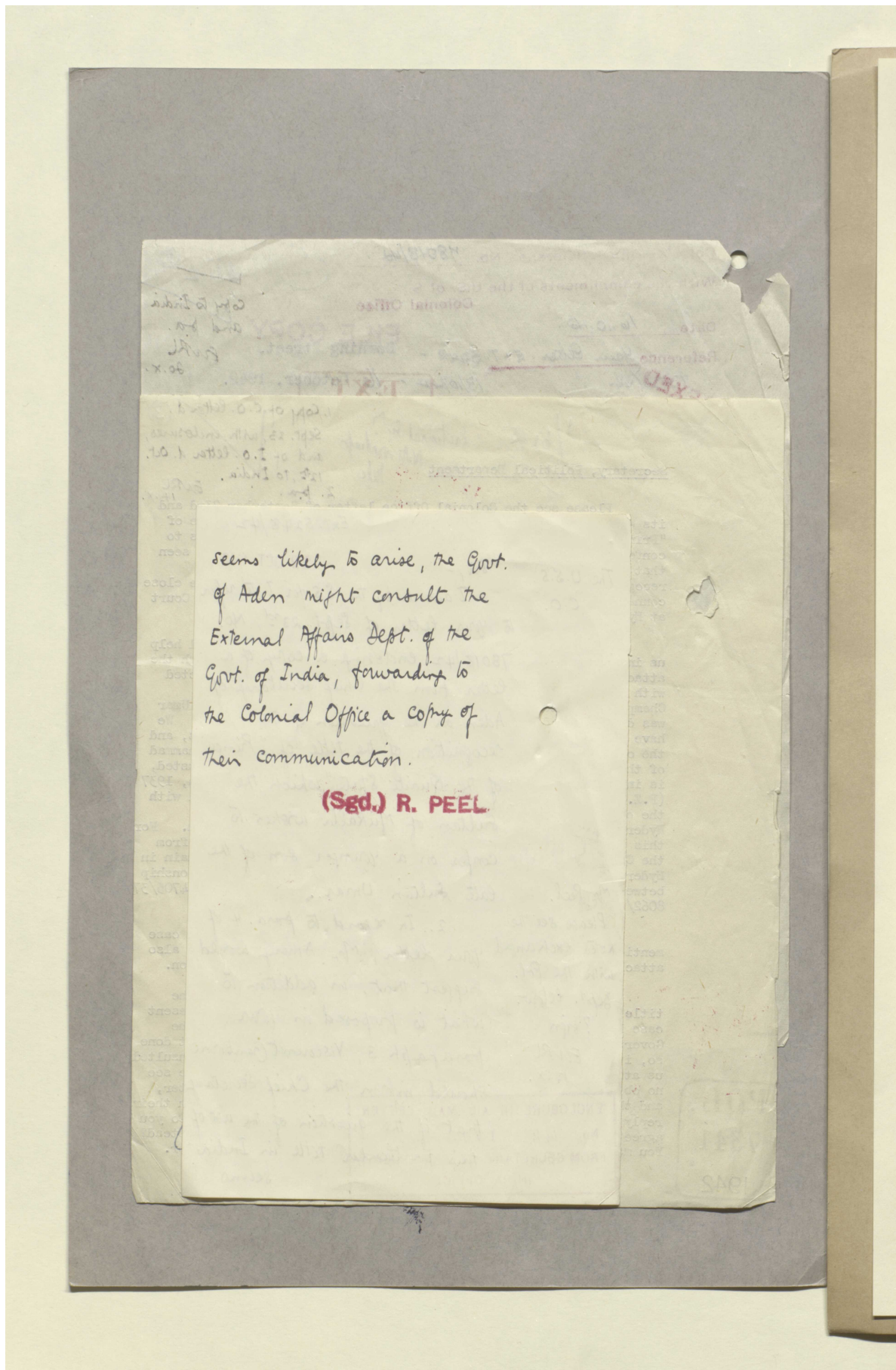
(Actually, of course, the Comm Representative would have the last word)

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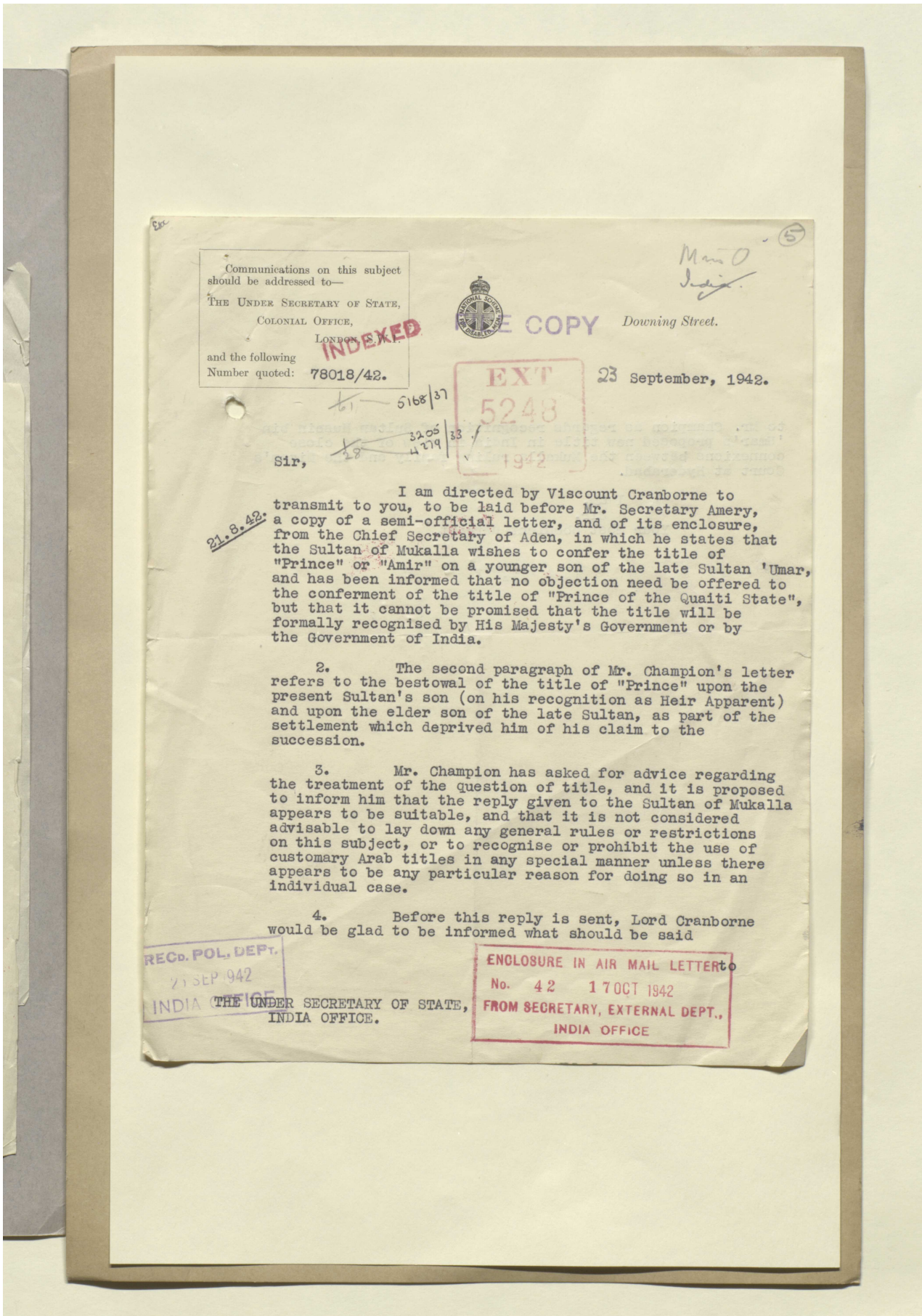
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to Mr. Champion as regards recognition of Sultan Husein bin
'Umar's proposed new title in India in view of the close
connexions between the Mukalla ruling family and the Nizam's
Court at Hyderabad.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E. Lloyd

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THE SECRETARIAT,
ADEN. 21st August, 1942.

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My dear Sir Bernard,

His Highness the Sultan of Mukalla has expressed a wish to confer the title of "Prince" (or "Amir") on Sultan Husein bin 'Umar, son of the late Sultan, and His Highness's son-in-law, and we have replied that no objection need be offered to his appointment as "Prince of the Quaiti State" but that we cannot promise that His Majesty's Government or the Government of India will formally recognise the title.

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neither received
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If you will refer to your own despatch Confidential (2) of 18th March 1937 with attachments and to the Secretary of State's reply dated 22nd October, 1937, you will see that the Aden Government undertook to address Sultan Muhammad bin 'Umar, His Highness's cousin, by the title of "Prince" as part of the settlement of the succession question, and that Sultan 'Awadh is entitled to the title by virtue of his being recognised as Heir Apparent. A formal deed of appointment was eventually - September 1941 - issued by His Highness to Sultan Muhammad bin 'Umar and forwarded to him by the Aden Government. I attach a copy of this.

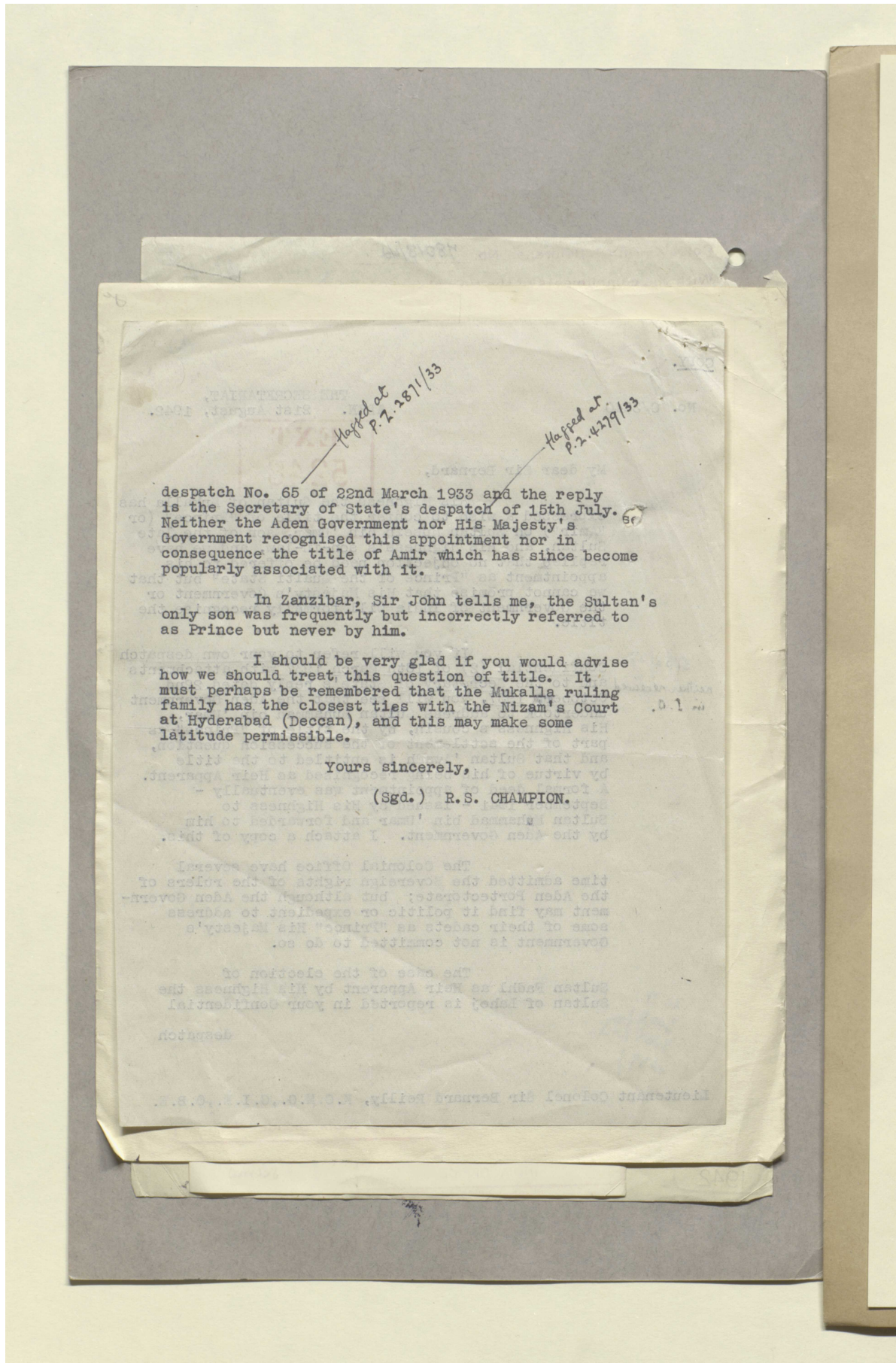
The Colonial Office have several time admitted the Sovereign rights of the rulers of the Aden Portectorate; but although the Aden Government may find it politic or expedient to address some of their cadets as "Prince" His Majesty's Government is not committed to do so.

The case of the election of Sultan Fadhl as Heir Apparent by His Highness the Sultan of Lahej is reported in your Confidential

despatch

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Bernard Reilly, K.C.M.G., C.I.E., O.B.E.

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despatch No. 65 of 22nd March 1933 and the reply is the Secretary of State's despatch of 15th July. Neither the Aden Government nor His Majesty's Government recognised this appointment nor in consequence the title of Amir which has since become popularly associated with it.

In Zanzibar, Sir John tells me, the Sultan's only son was frequently but incorrectly referred to as Prince but never by him.

I should be very glad if you would advise how we should treat this question of title. It must perhaps be remembered that the Mukalla ruling family has the closest ties with the Nizam's Court at Hyderabad (Deccan), and this may make some latitude permissible.

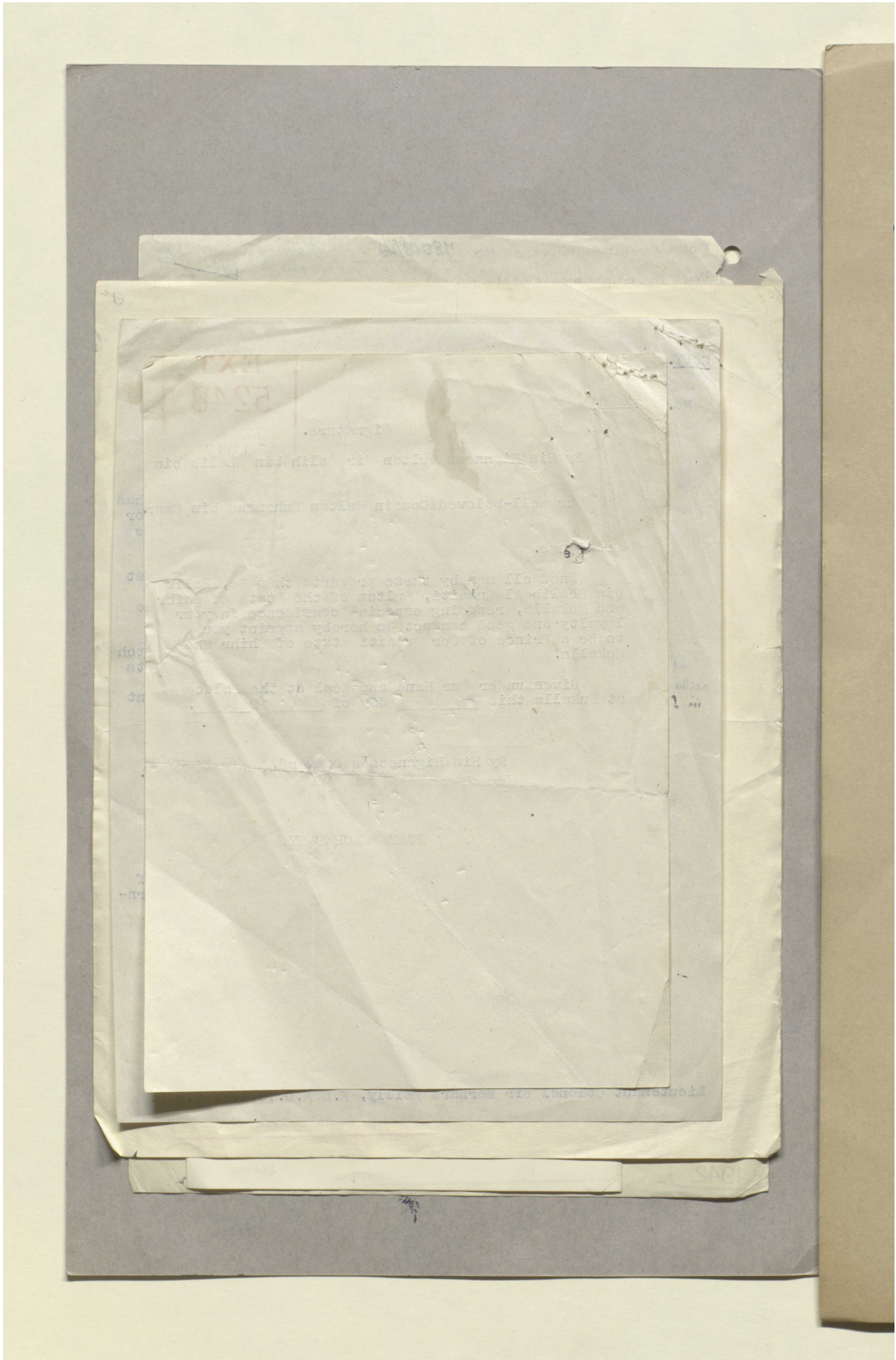
Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) R.S. CHAMPION.

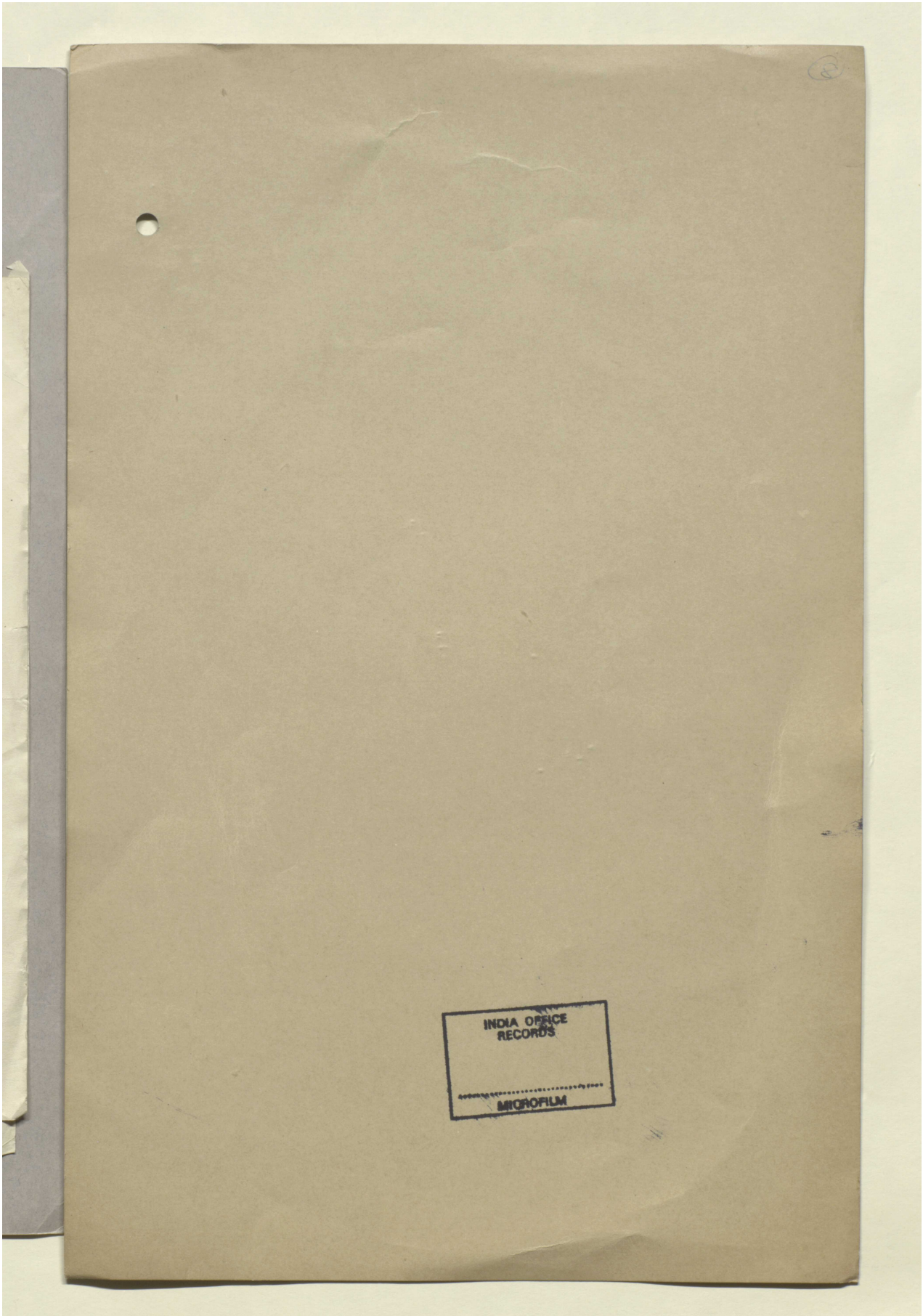
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L.S. Signature.
By His Highness Sultan Sir Salih bin Ghalib bin
To Our well-beloved Cousin Sultan Muhammad bin Umar
Greetings.
Know all men by these presents that We, Salih
bin Ghalib Al Qu'aiti, Sultan of the State of Shihr
and Mukalla, reposing especial confidence in your
loyalty and good conduct do hereby appoint you
to be a Prince of Our Qu'aiti State of Shihr and
Mukalla.
Given under Our Hand and Seal at the Palace
at Mukalla this _____ day of _____ 19____.
By His Highness's Command,
STATE SECRETARY.

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