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### 'File 9/7 Lighthouse and leading lights'

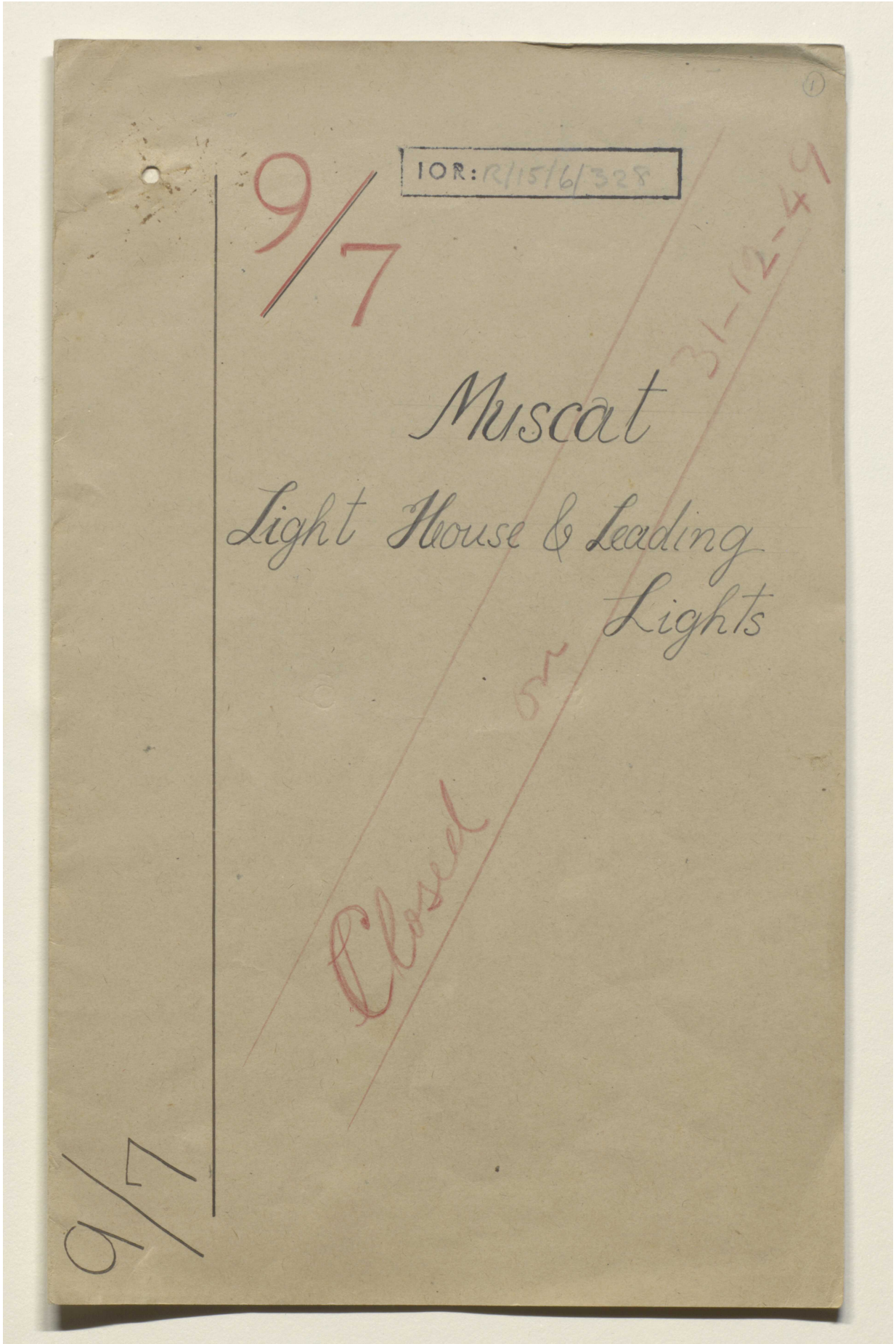
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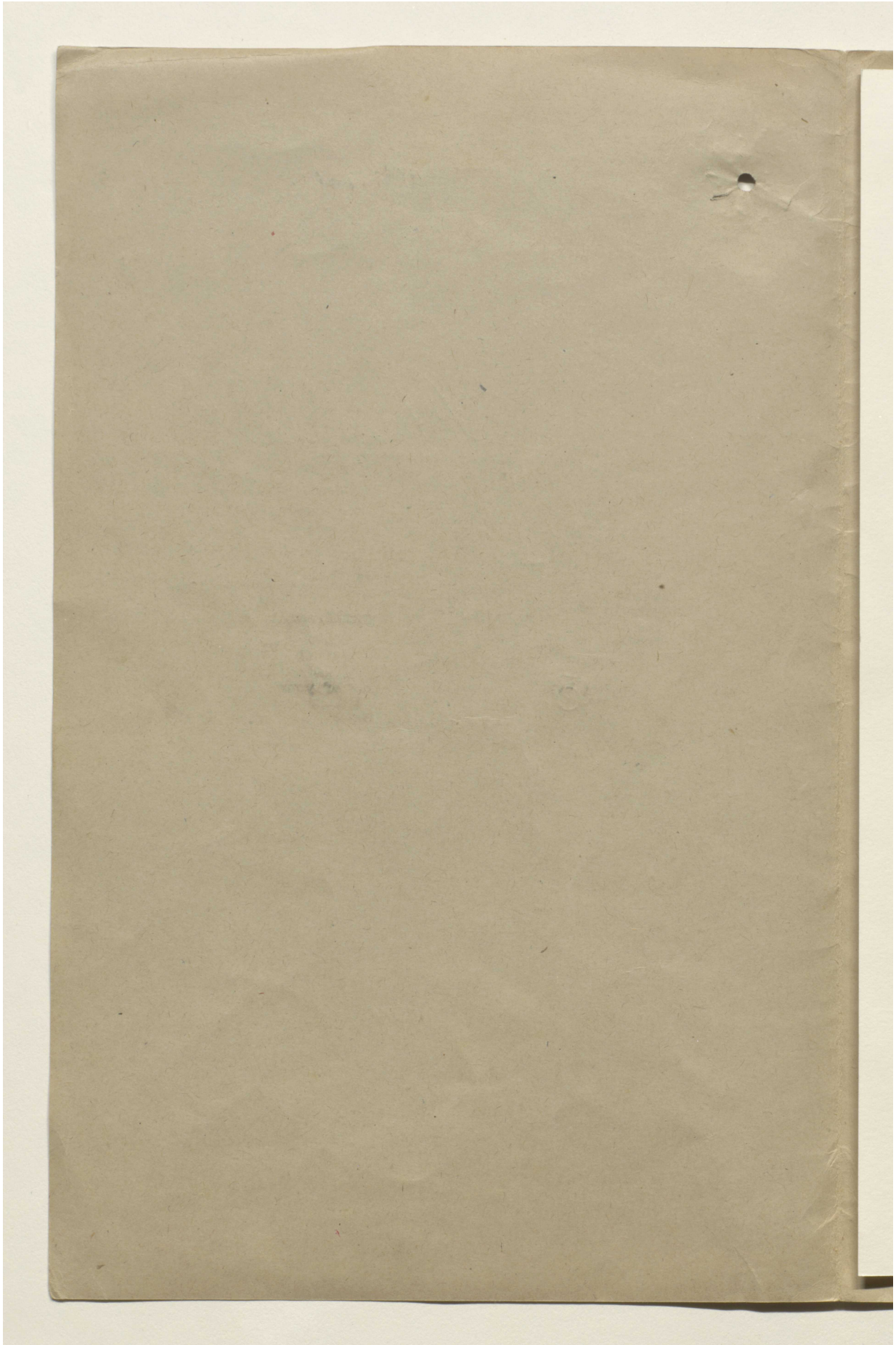
#### About this record

Correspondence concerning repairs required at Muscat Harbour. The papers consist of numerous reports of lights not working and other needs for repair and replacement. Also included in the file is the proposal to make the Secretary, Persian Gulf Lighting Service, responsible for disseminating navigational information in the Gulf.

Correspondence comes from: the Government of Iran; the British India Steam Navigation Company Limited; the Persian Gulf Lighting Service; the Political Residency, Bahrain; and the Political Agency, Muscat.



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9/7  
No. 5/17/33/49

British Consulate,  
Muscat,  
December 7, 1949.

PROMULGATION OF FRESH NAVIGATIONAL  
INFORMATION.

Sir,

With reference to your circular letter No. III-P.G.(3)/1 dated the 16th November 1949 to all shipping companies and copy to me, I have to inform you that there is a gas flashing light at Muscat, which it is understood is maintained by the Basra Port authorities at present, and ~~the~~ two oil leading lights - one red light on this Consular flagstaff and another light behind the Consulate on the hill - are still maintained by the Government of India. The maintenance charges for these two lights are about Rs. 27/- a month.

2. If these lights are necessary which it is believed they are, it seems that they should be taken over by your service and maintained by it. I should be glad of your views.

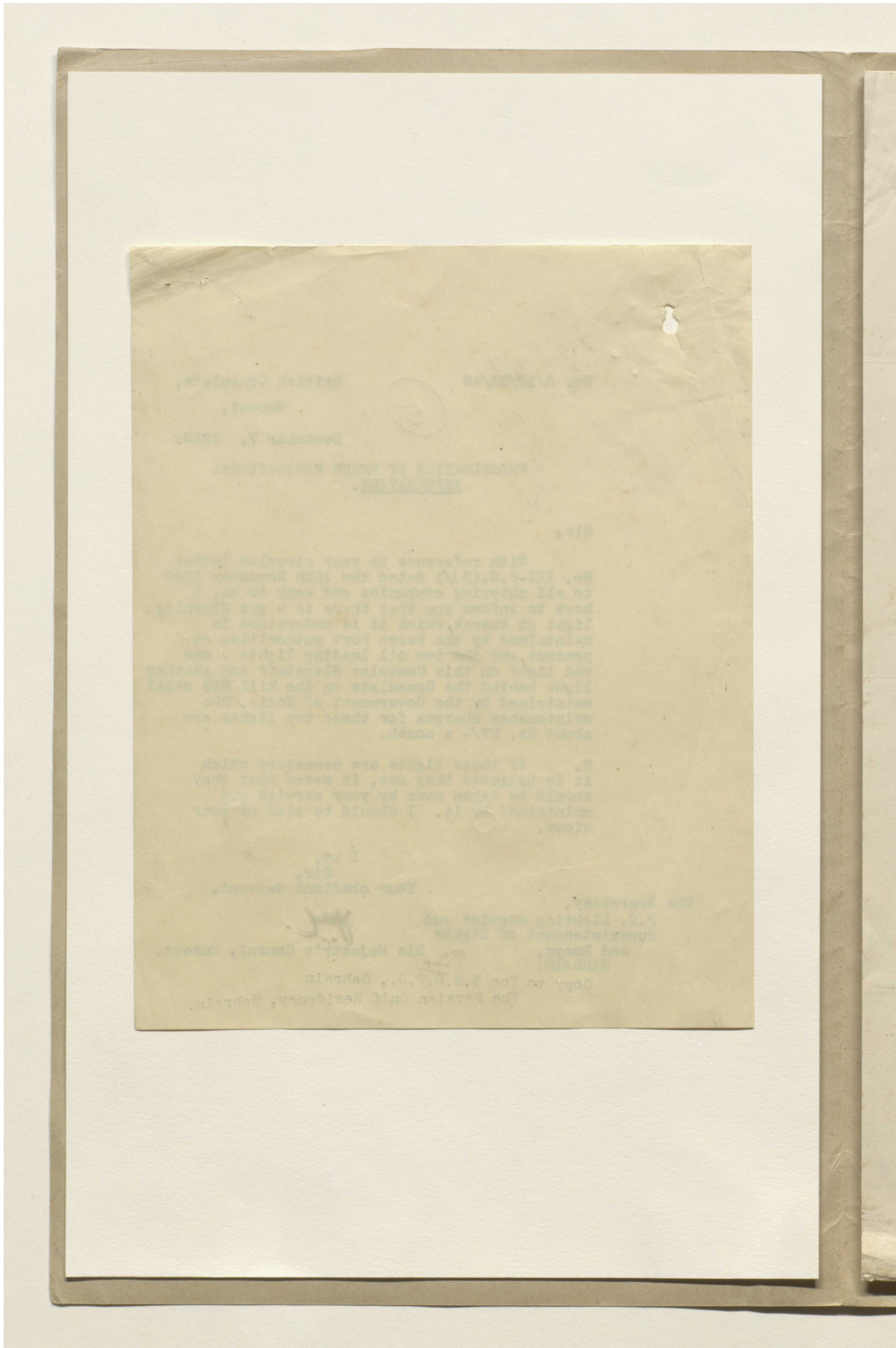
I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,  
P.G. Lighting Service and  
Superintendent of Lights  
and Buoys,  
BAHRAIN.

*[Signature]*  
His Majesty's Consul, Muscat.

Copy to The S.N.O.P.G., Bahrain  
The Persian Gulf Residency, Bahrain.

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Bahrain.

16<sup>th</sup> November 1949

No. III-PG(3)/1

To all Companies concerned

The Political Agent  
Muscat.

(4)

Dear Sirs,

17/33

PROMULGATION OF FRESH NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION

Except within BASRAH PORT limits, there is at present no organisation for the speedy promulgation to all concerned of new navigational information arising in the PERSIAN GULF.

2. It has now been arranged that the Secretary, Persian Gulf Lighting Service, should undertake the co-ordination and distribution of this information. Commercial companies are therefore requested to send him (with a copy to the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf) details of any new navigational marks erected, old marks changed or removed, or other navigational information discovered, which does not fall within BASRAH PORT limits. In order that it may be of full value it is essential that a report be made of all new information at the earliest possible moment. As far as possible, the above information may please be given in the form below:-

Subject -----  
Position- Latitude-----Longitude-----  
Details-----  
-----  
Authority reporting-----

This letter is issued according to instructions from the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf, contained in his letter No.P.G.88/102/49, dated 11th November 1949.

Yours faithfully,

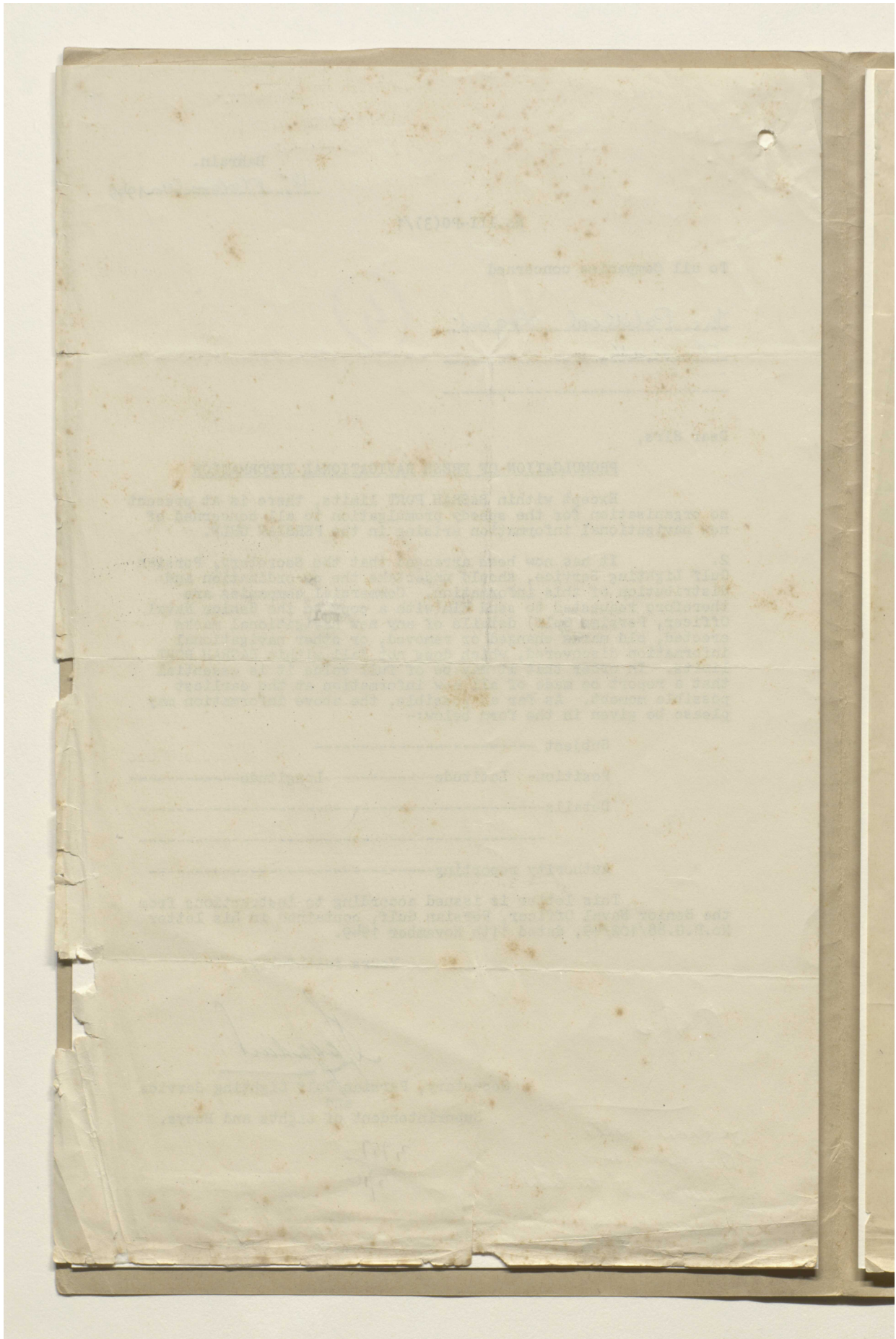
*Secretary*

Secretary, Persian Gulf Lighting Service  
and  
Superintendent of Lights and Buoys.

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*We should write to their firm and enquire about the lighting arrangements on our flag staff + that...*

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'File 9/7 Lighthouse and leading lights' [4r] (7/20)

MOW.21/49/139

MINISTRY OF WORKS,  
POLITICAL RESIDENCY,  
BAHREIN.

30th April, 1949.

The Secretary,  
Persian Gulf Lighting Service,  
Bahrein.

Sir,

Reference your letter PG/HPA/1/1 to Muscat dated 26-4-49.

I am sorry to have to inform you that the Ministry Of Works forman electrition in Muscat is at present on sick leave in India.

In any case he is not capable of undertaking the type of work you require doing.

May I suggest that the work be let out contract by H.B.M's Political Agent as when the Ministry Of Works forman does return he will have quite a lot of repairs and alterations to do.

We have just had to send to Bombay for an engineer to carry out work for ourselves at Muscat.

May I also propose that P.G.L.S apply to Ministry Of Transport London for official Ministry Of Works services. Then we could claim extra staff. As we are under staffed and over worked at present and shall be for the summer I am afraid we will not be able to comply with any but the most minor requests.

*This is addressed to the Sec.  
P.G.L.S + copy to us for  
information a.s. May file?*

*L.G. Horner*  
(G.G. Horner)  
Assistant Resident Engineer,  
Persian Gulf.  
30th April, 1949.

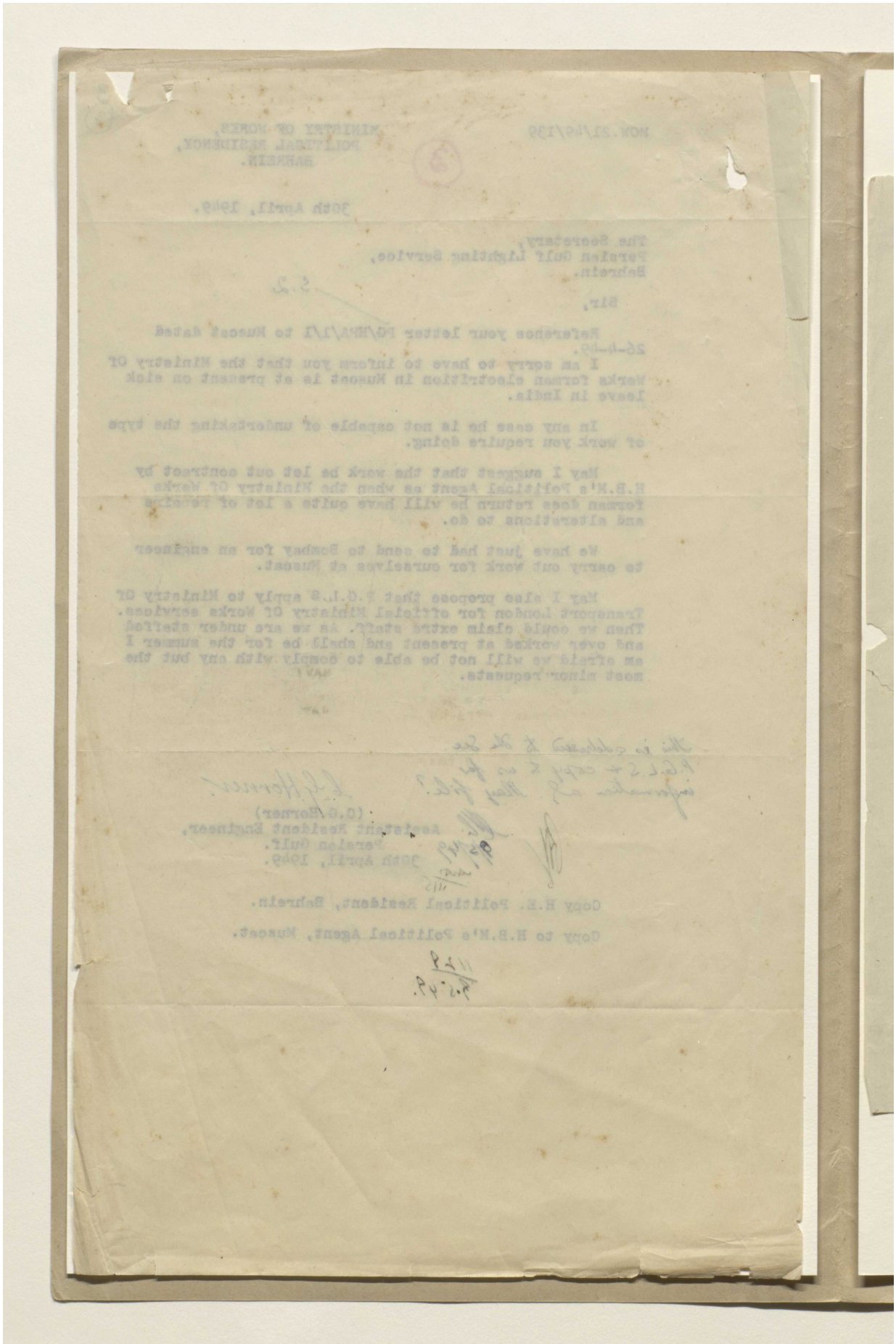
Copy H.E. Political Resident, Bahrein.

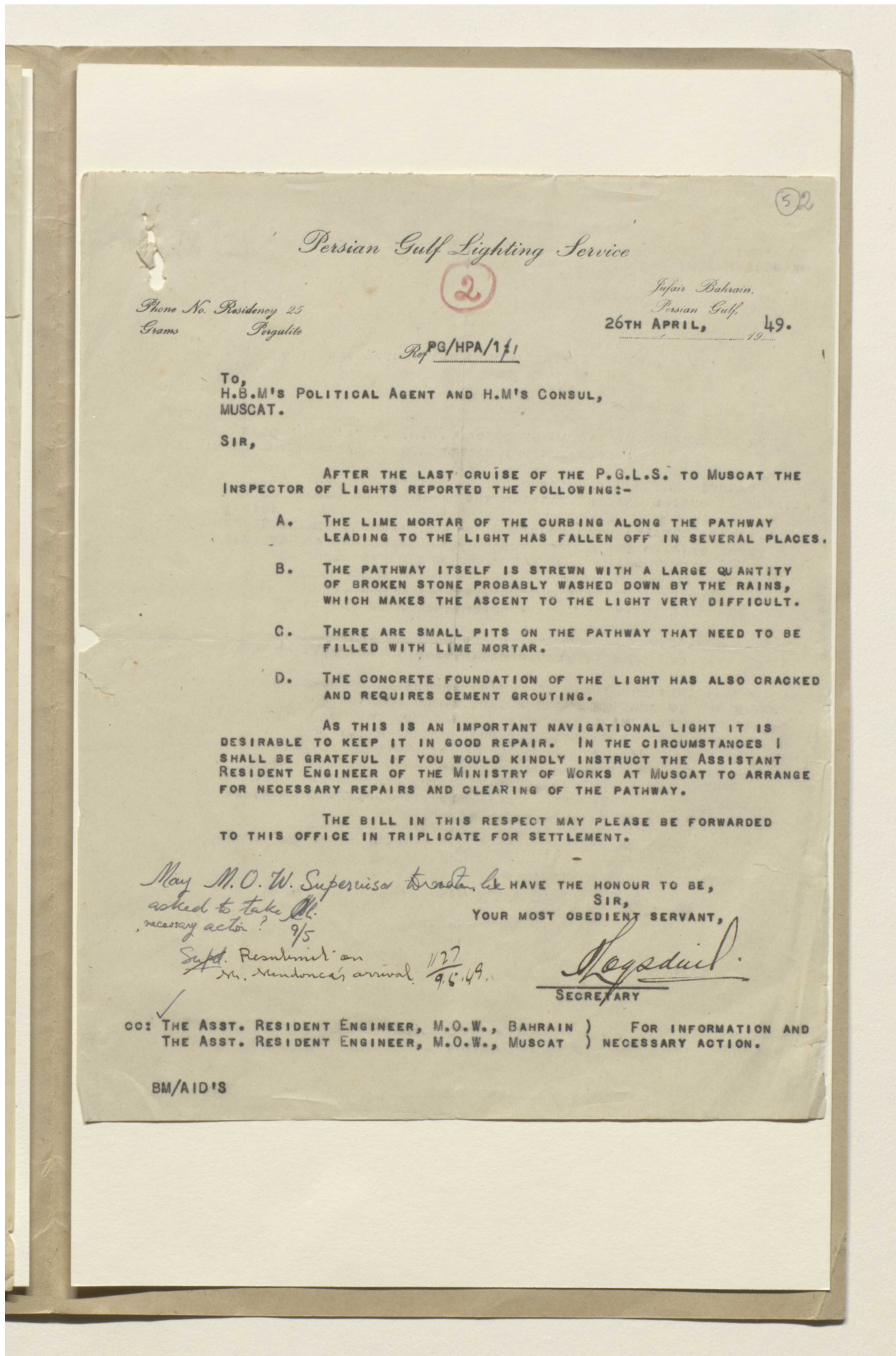
Copy to H.B.M's Political Agent, Muscat.

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Persian Gulf Lighting Service

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Phone No. Residency 25  
Grams Pergulite

Jufair Bahrain,  
Persian Gulf, 26TH APRIL, 1949.

Ref PG/HPA/1/1

To,  
H.B.M.'S POLITICAL AGENT AND H.M.'S CONSUL,  
MUSCAT.

SIR,

AFTER THE LAST CRUISE OF THE P.G.L.S. TO MUSCAT THE INSPECTOR OF LIGHTS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:-

- A. THE LIME MORTAR OF THE CURBING ALONG THE PATHWAY LEADING TO THE LIGHT HAS FALLEN OFF IN SEVERAL PLACES.
- B. THE PATHWAY ITSELF IS STREWN WITH A LARGE QUANTITY OF BROKEN STONE PROBABLY WASHED DOWN BY THE RAINS, WHICH MAKES THE ASCENT TO THE LIGHT VERY DIFFICULT.
- C. THERE ARE SMALL PITS ON THE PATHWAY THAT NEED TO BE FILLED WITH LIME MORTAR.
- D. THE CONCRETE FOUNDATION OF THE LIGHT HAS ALSO CRACKED AND REQUIRES CEMENT GROUTING.

AS THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NAVIGATIONAL LIGHT IT IS DESIRABLE TO KEEP IT IN GOOD REPAIR. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD KINDLY INSTRUCT THE ASSISTANT RESIDENT ENGINEER OF THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AT MUSCAT TO ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS AND CLEARING OF THE PATHWAY.

THE BILL IN THIS RESPECT MAY PLEASE BE FORWARDED TO THIS OFFICE IN TRIPLICATE FOR SETTLEMENT.

May M.O.W. Supervisor to be asked to take necessary action? 9/5  
Supt. Resubmission on Mr. Mendonca's arrival 127/9.6.49.

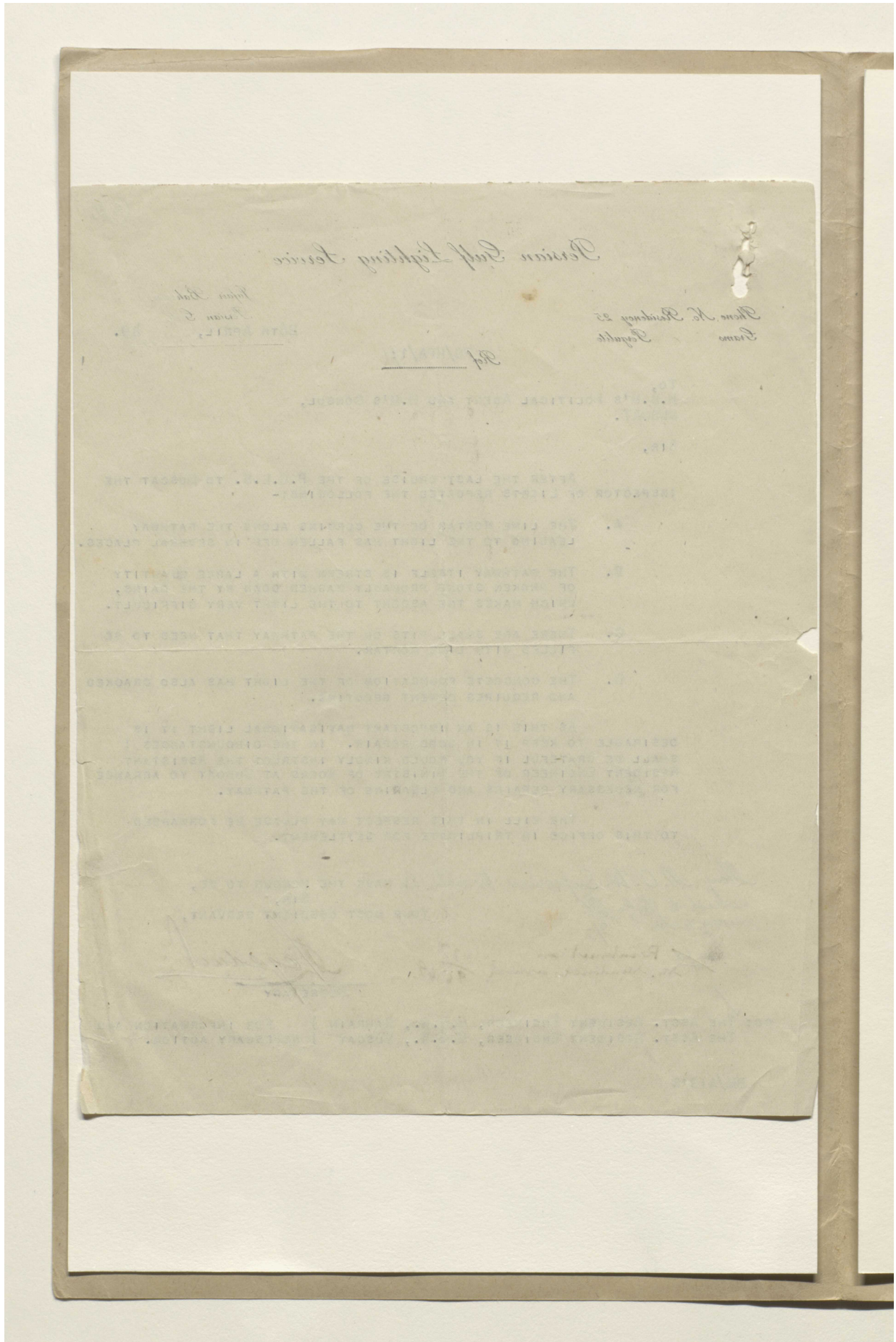
I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE,  
SIR,  
YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

*Legsdail*  
SECRETARY

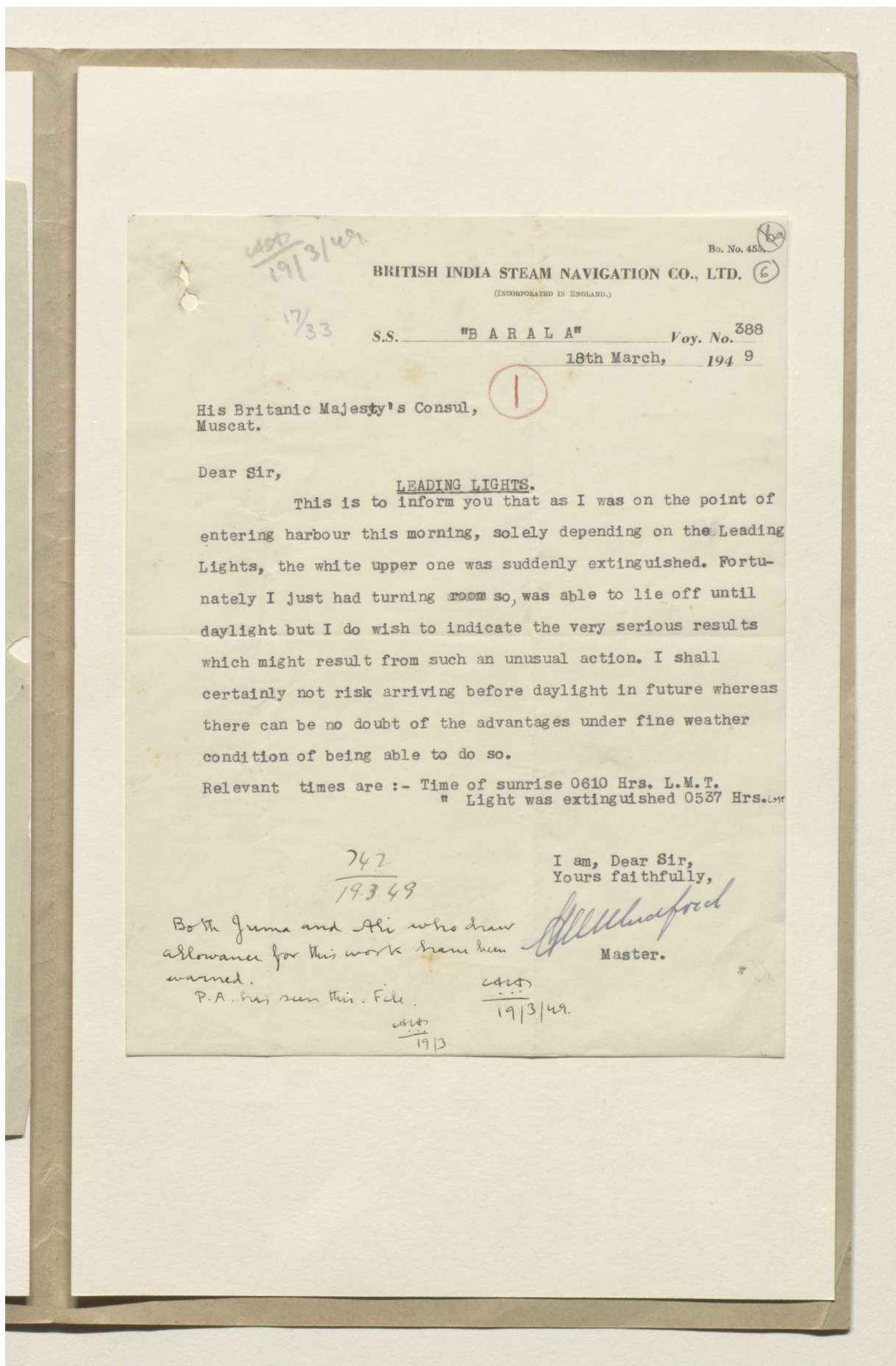
CC: THE ASST. RESIDENT ENGINEER, M.O.W., BAHRAIN ) FOR INFORMATION AND  
THE ASST. RESIDENT ENGINEER, M.O.W., MUSCAT ) NECESSARY ACTION.

BM/AID'S

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'File 9/7 Lighthouse and leading lights' [6r] (11/20)



Bo. No. 455

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD. (6)

(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)

S.S. "BARALA" Voy. No. 388  
18th March, 1909

His Britannic Majesty's Consul,  
Muscat.

Dear Sir,

LEADING LIGHTS.

This is to inform you that as I was on the point of entering harbour this morning, solely depending on the Leading Lights, the white upper one was suddenly extinguished. Fortunately I just had turning room so, was able to lie off until daylight but I do wish to indicate the very serious results which might result from such an unusual action. I shall certainly not risk arriving before daylight in future whereas there can be no doubt of the advantages under fine weather condition of being able to do so.

Relevant times are :- Time of sunrise 0610 Hrs. L.M.T.  
" Light was extinguished 0537 Hrs. L.M.T.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

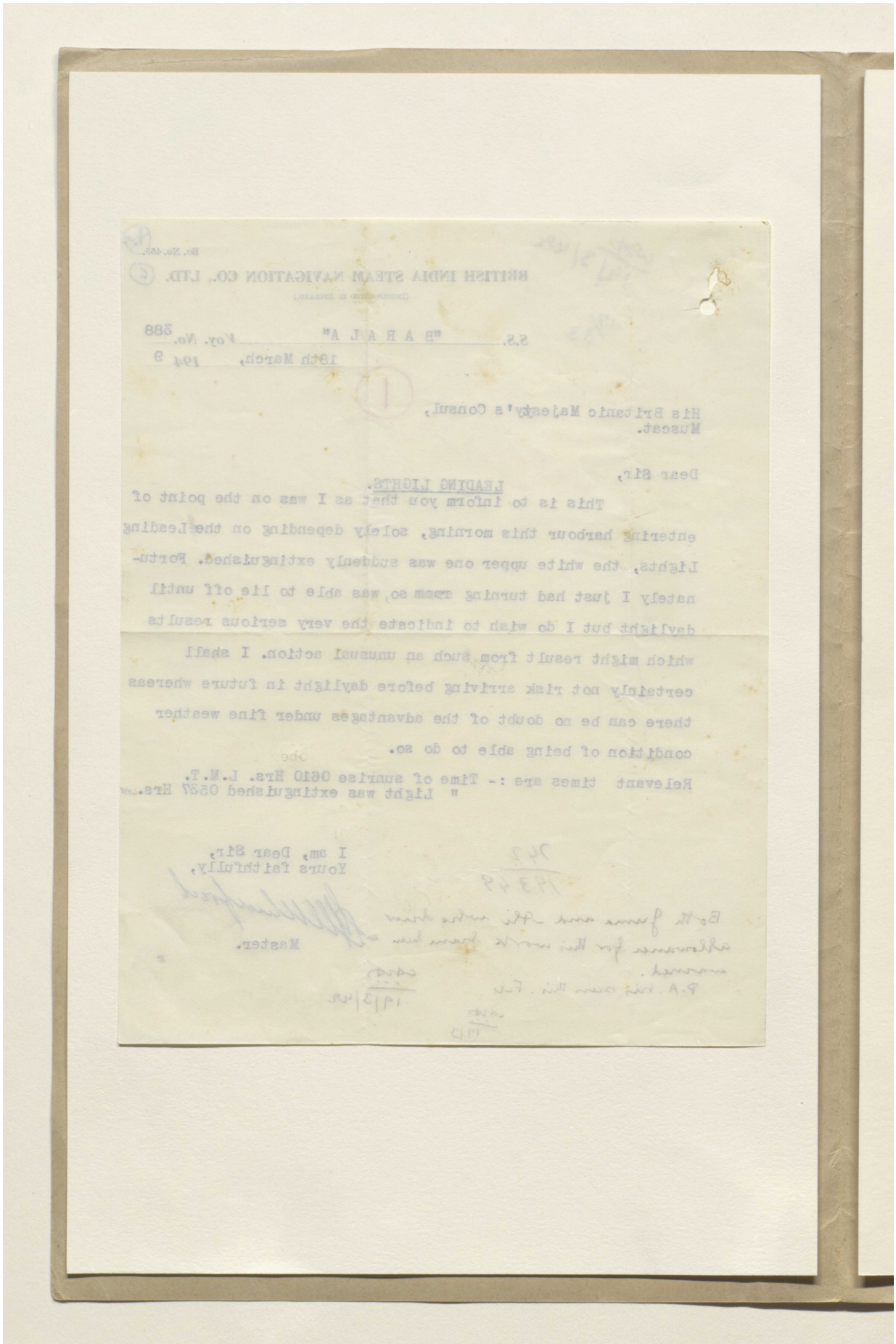
Master.

Both Juma and Ali who draw allowance for this work have been warned.

P.A. has seen this. File.

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19/3/49.



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Dear Mr. Khan  
The Captain of S.S.  
Bamara complained that  
as he was entering  
harbour yesterday, his  
Red Navigation lantern  
was brought down.

The time he says was  
about 6. A. M., but  
even then there was not  
enough light for him  
to be safe.

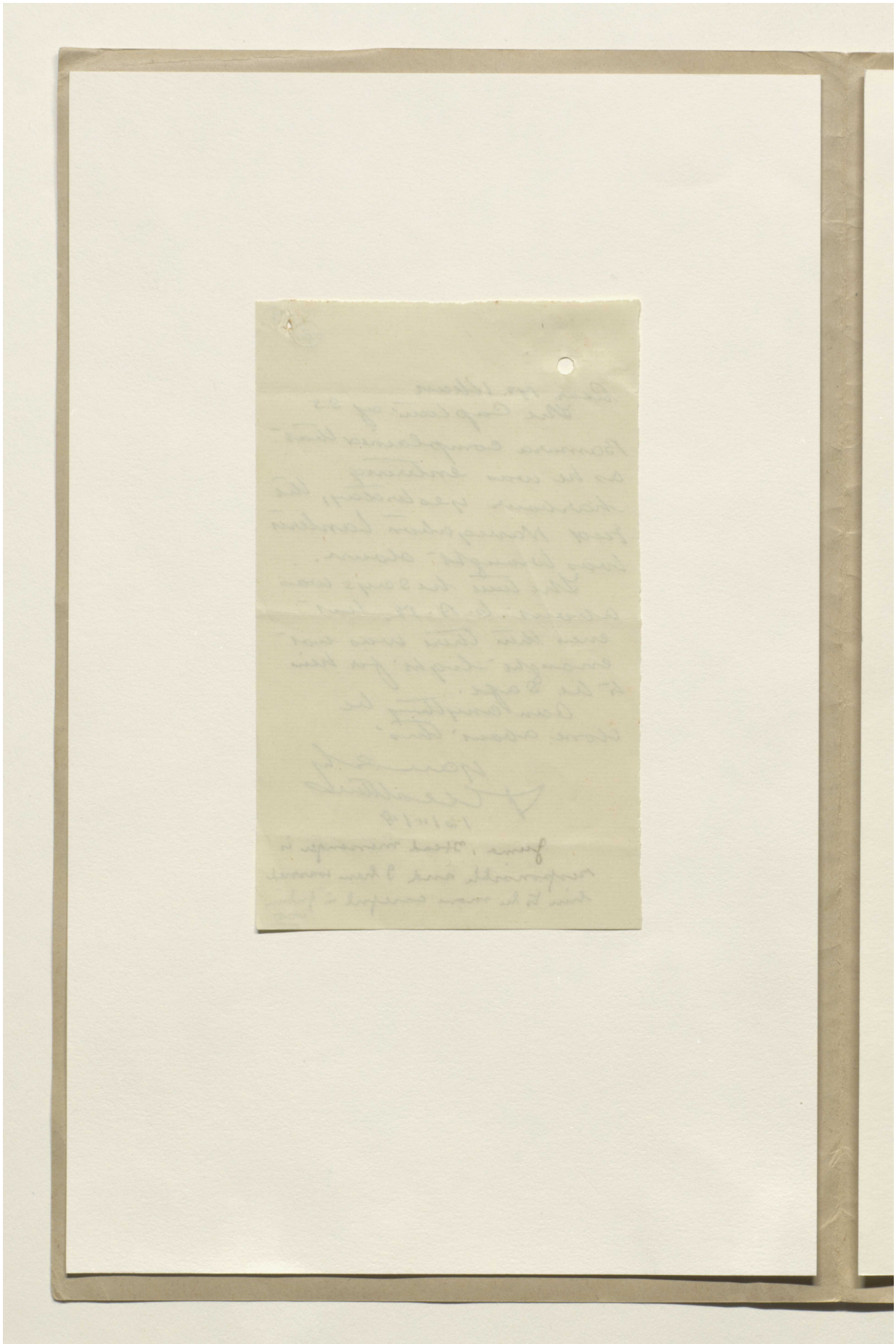
Can anything be  
done about this?

Yours truly  
J. Heath

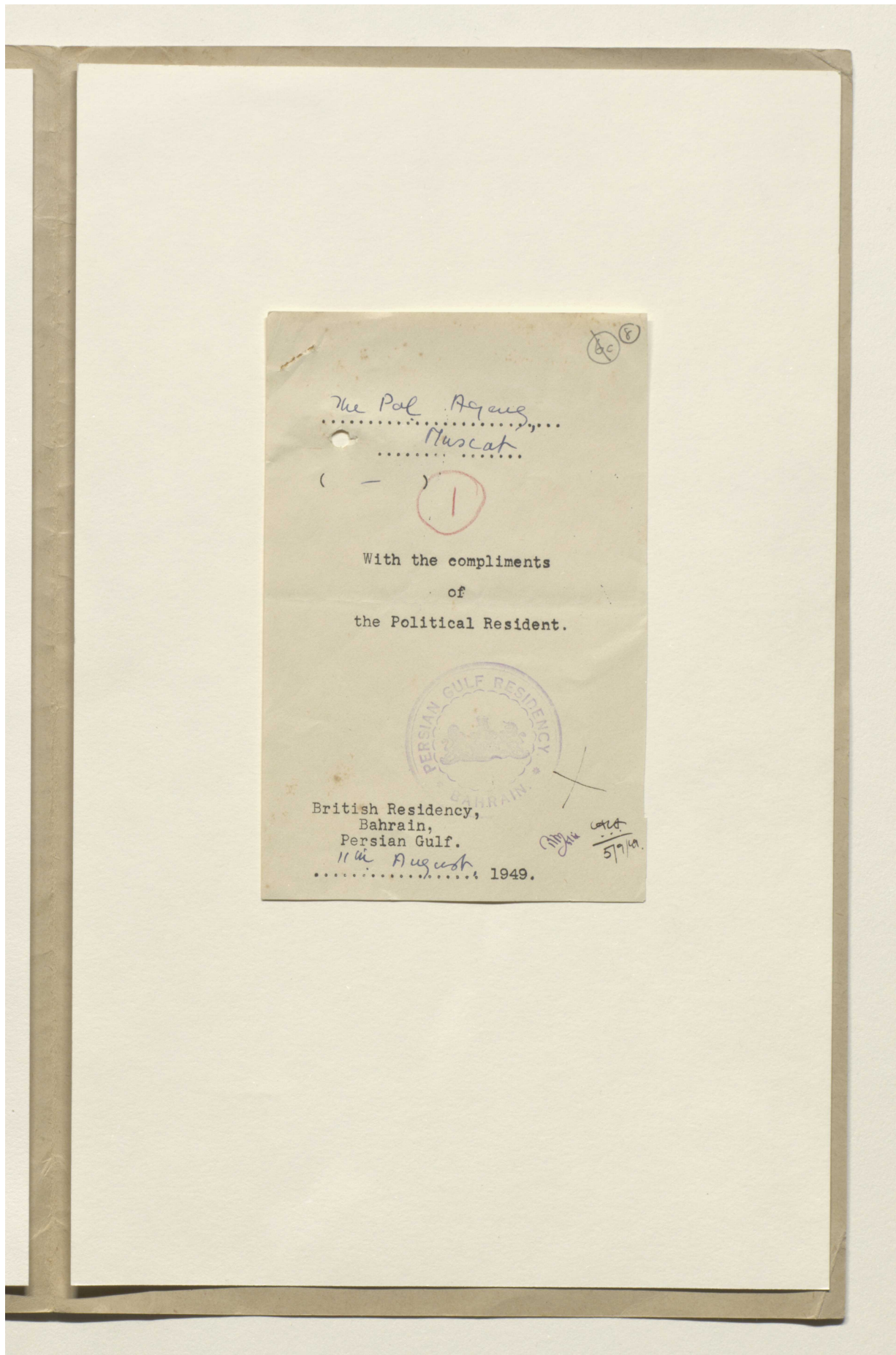
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Juma, Head messenger is  
responsible and I have warned  
him to be more careful in future

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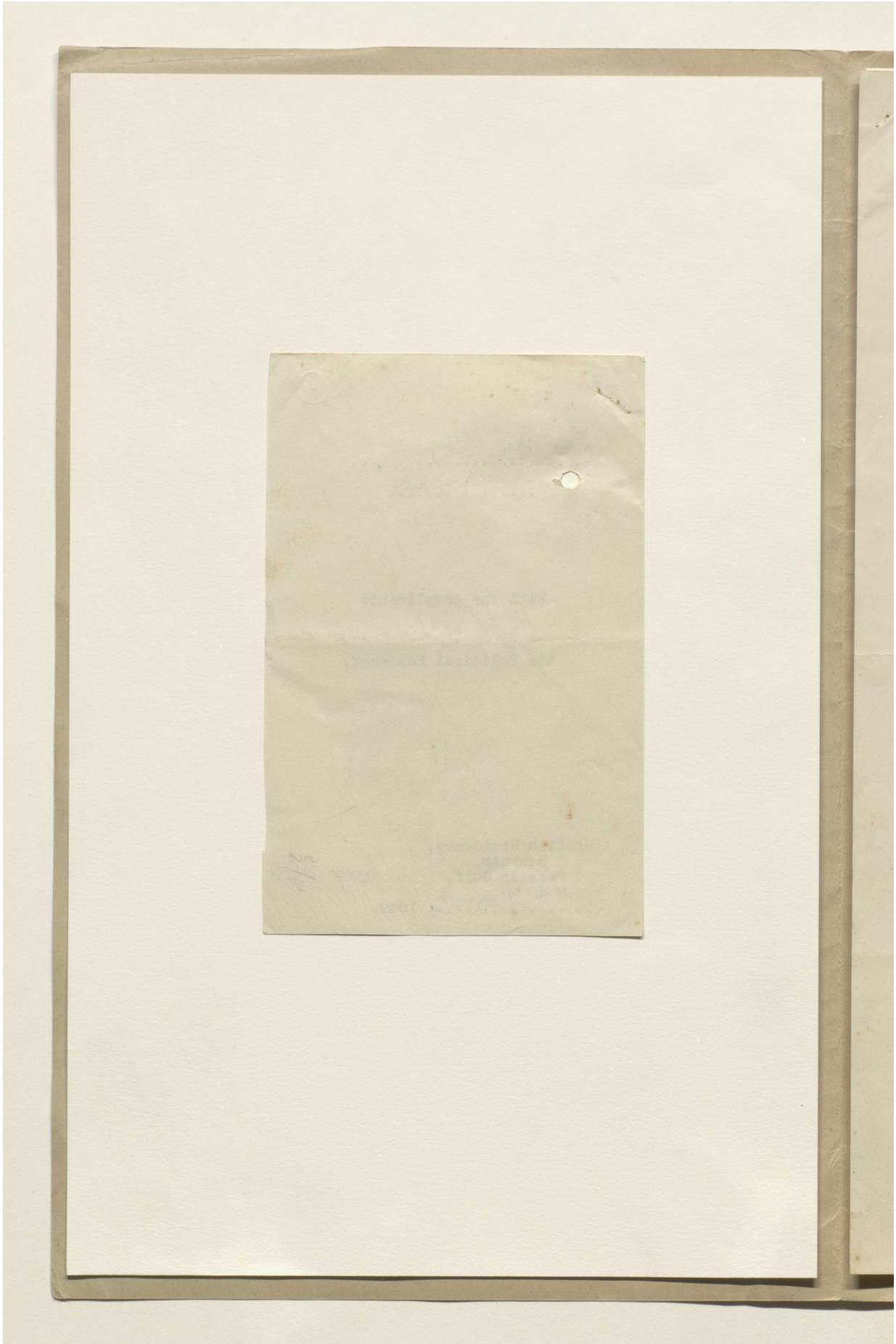


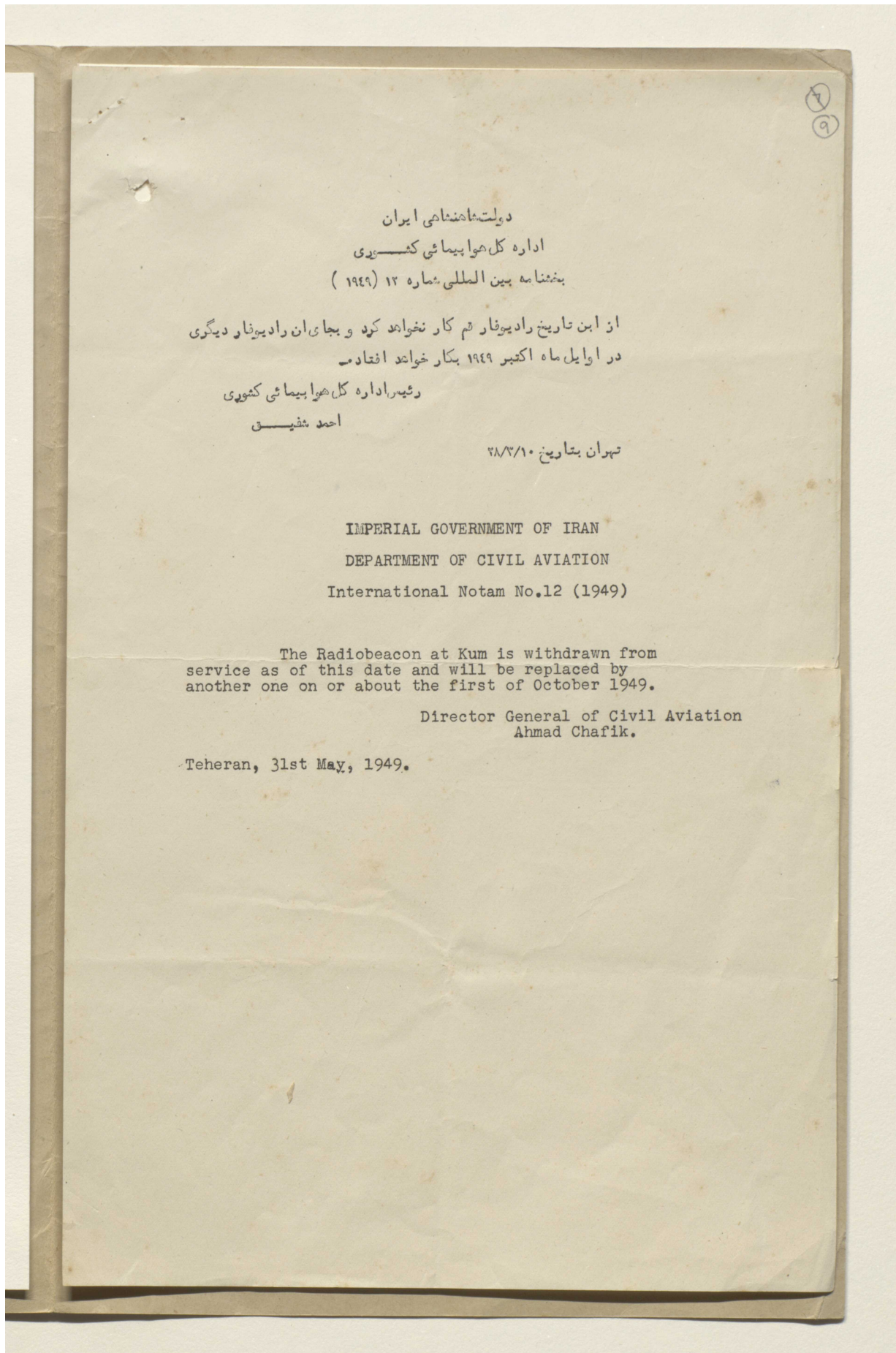
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احمد شفیق

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IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN  
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION  
International Notam No.12 (1949)

The Radiobeacon at Kum is withdrawn from  
service as of this date and will be replaced by  
another one on or about the first of October 1949.

Director General of Civil Aviation  
Ahmad Chafik.

Teheran, 31st May, 1949.

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