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'File XVII/2 Government Property, Christian Cemeteries'

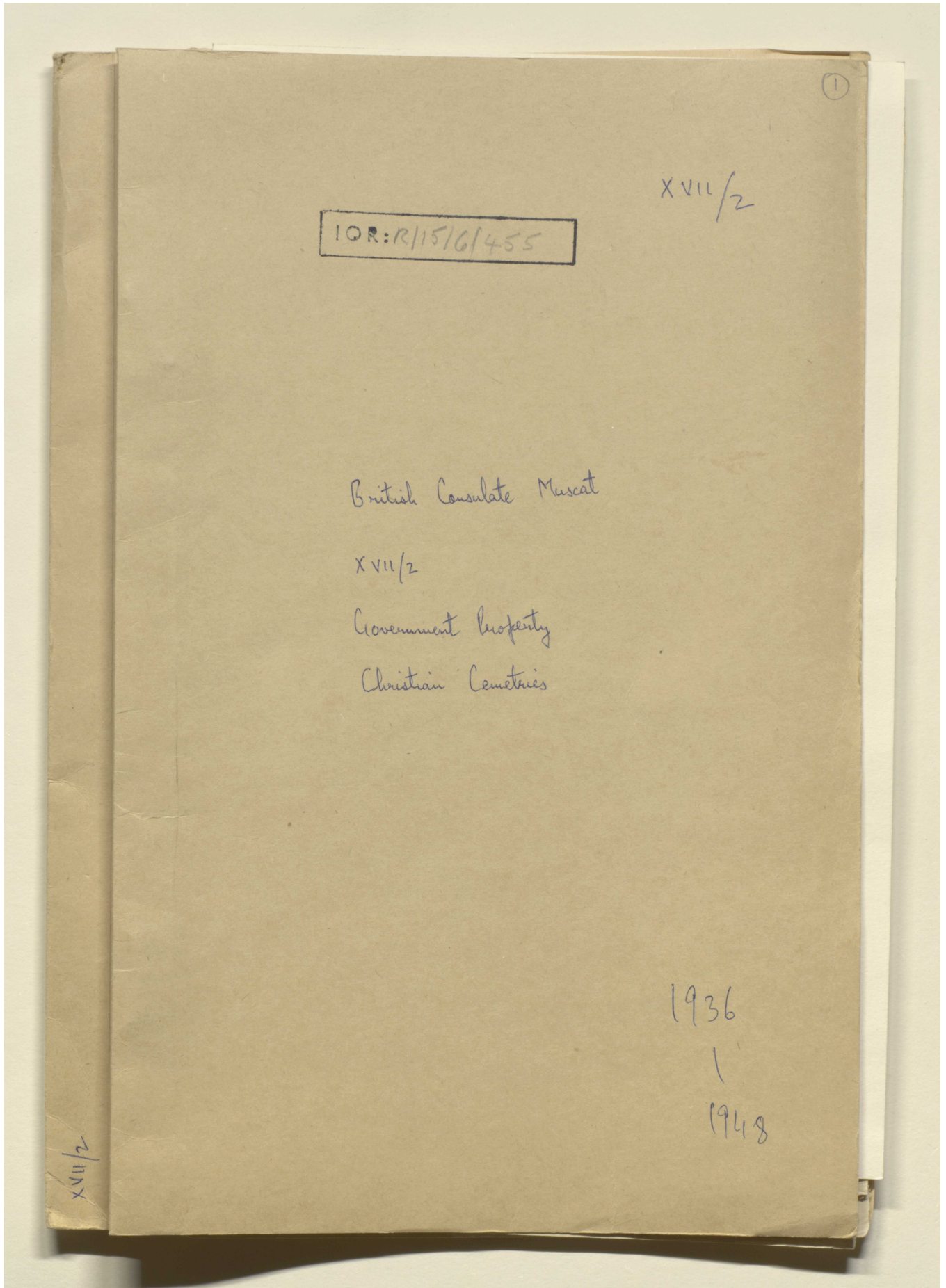
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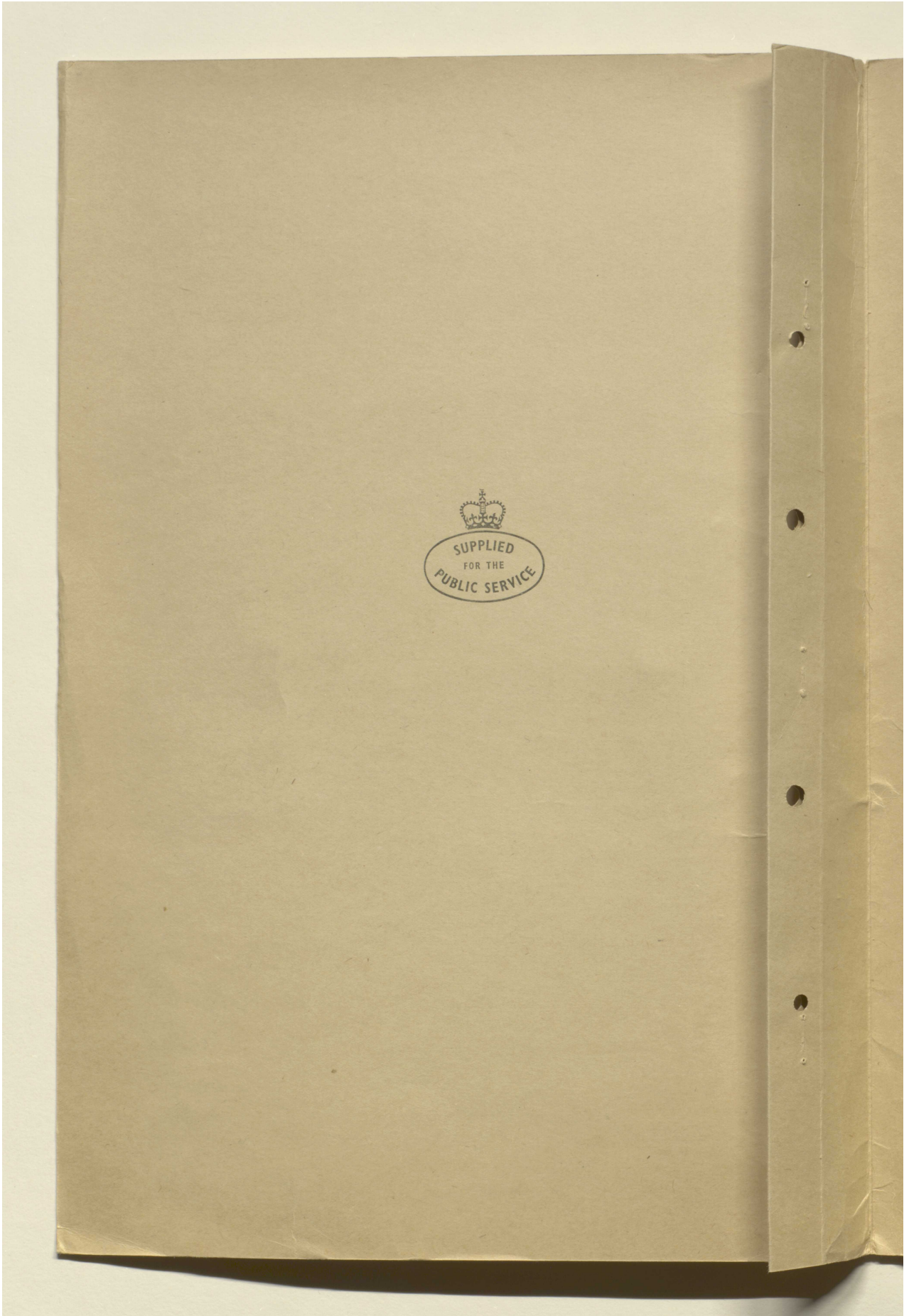


About this record

This file contains correspondence related to the maintenance and condition of the three Christian (or European) cemeteries in Muscat. The majority of the correspondence in the file is internal correspondence between British officials, but the file also contains correspondence between the Political Agency in Muscat and external entities including a contractor in India (concerning the purchase of chain for use as railing in a cemetery); Dirk Dykstra of the American Mission in Muscat; and the Ministry [naẓārah] of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman. The correspondence with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs relates to a stolen tombstone being used as flooring in a residence near Matrah, two of these letters are in Arabic (accompanied by English translations). In addition to correspondence, the file contains a plan of the Catholic Cemetery near the American Mission in Muscat (folio 16).

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'File XVII/2 Government Property, Christian Cemeteries' [2r] (3/74)

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106 (2)
No. 926 of 1936.

Political Agency & H.B.M's Consulate,
Muscat, the 18th September 1936.

Subject;- Grave of Corporal Swinherd, R.M.L.I.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter No. 88/1, dated the
14th August 1936, I have the honour to inform you that the
Overseer estimates Rs. 2/- (two only) for repairing the head-
stone over the grave of Corporal Swinherd, R.M.L.I. at the
new cemetery.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

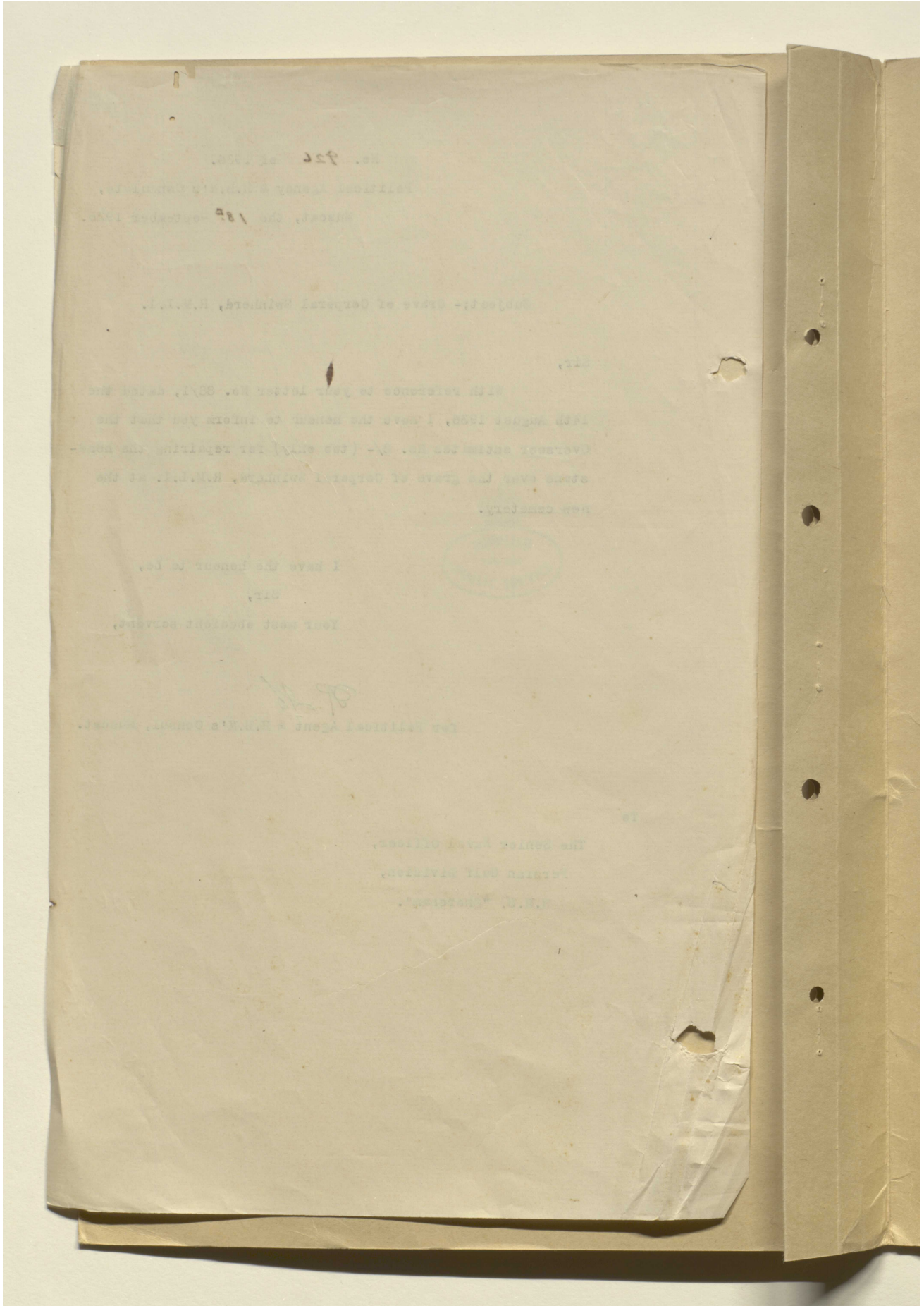
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for Political Agent & H.B.M's Consul, Muscat.

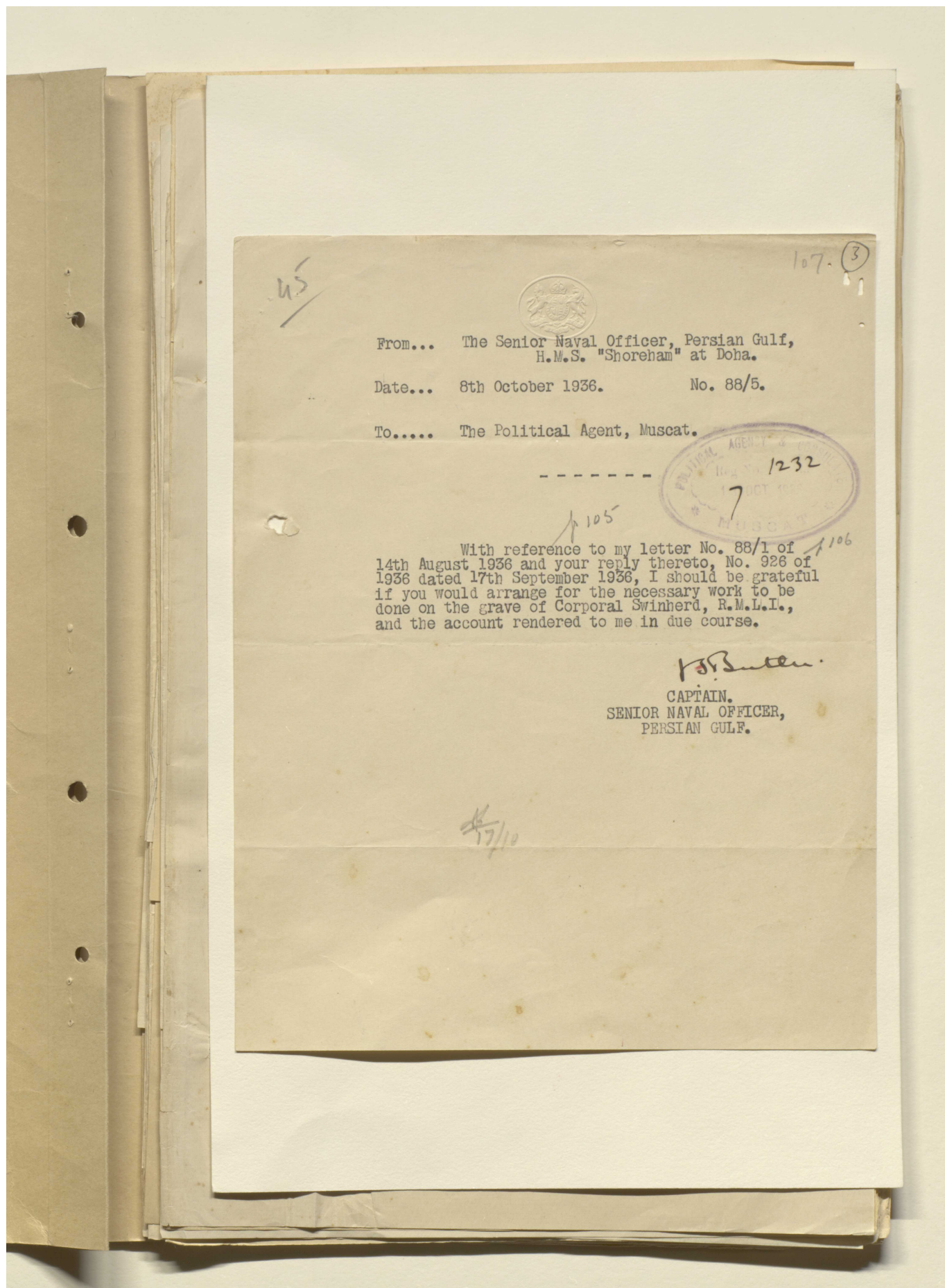
To

The Senior Naval Officer,
Persian Gulf Division,
H.M.S. "Shereham".

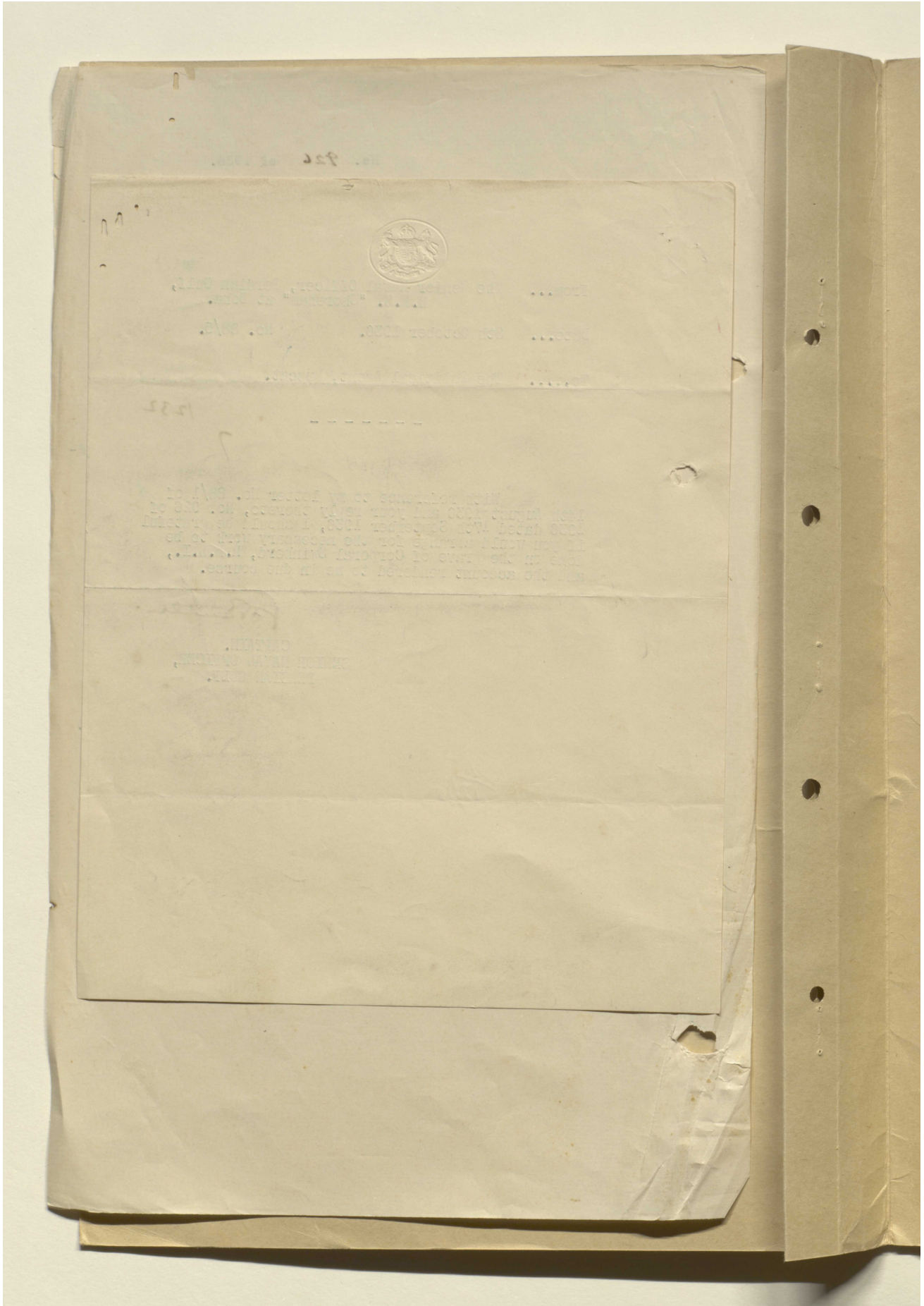
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'File XVII/2 Government Property, Christian Cemeteries' [4r] (7/74)

No. 1096/45 of 1936.

Political Agency & H.B.M.'s Consulate,
Muscat, the 16th November 1936.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 88/5, dated the 8th October 1936, I have the honour to inform you that the necessary work has been carried out on the grave of Corporal Swinherd, R.M.L.I. at the cost of Rs. 2/- (two only) which amount may kindly be remitted to me at your convenience.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

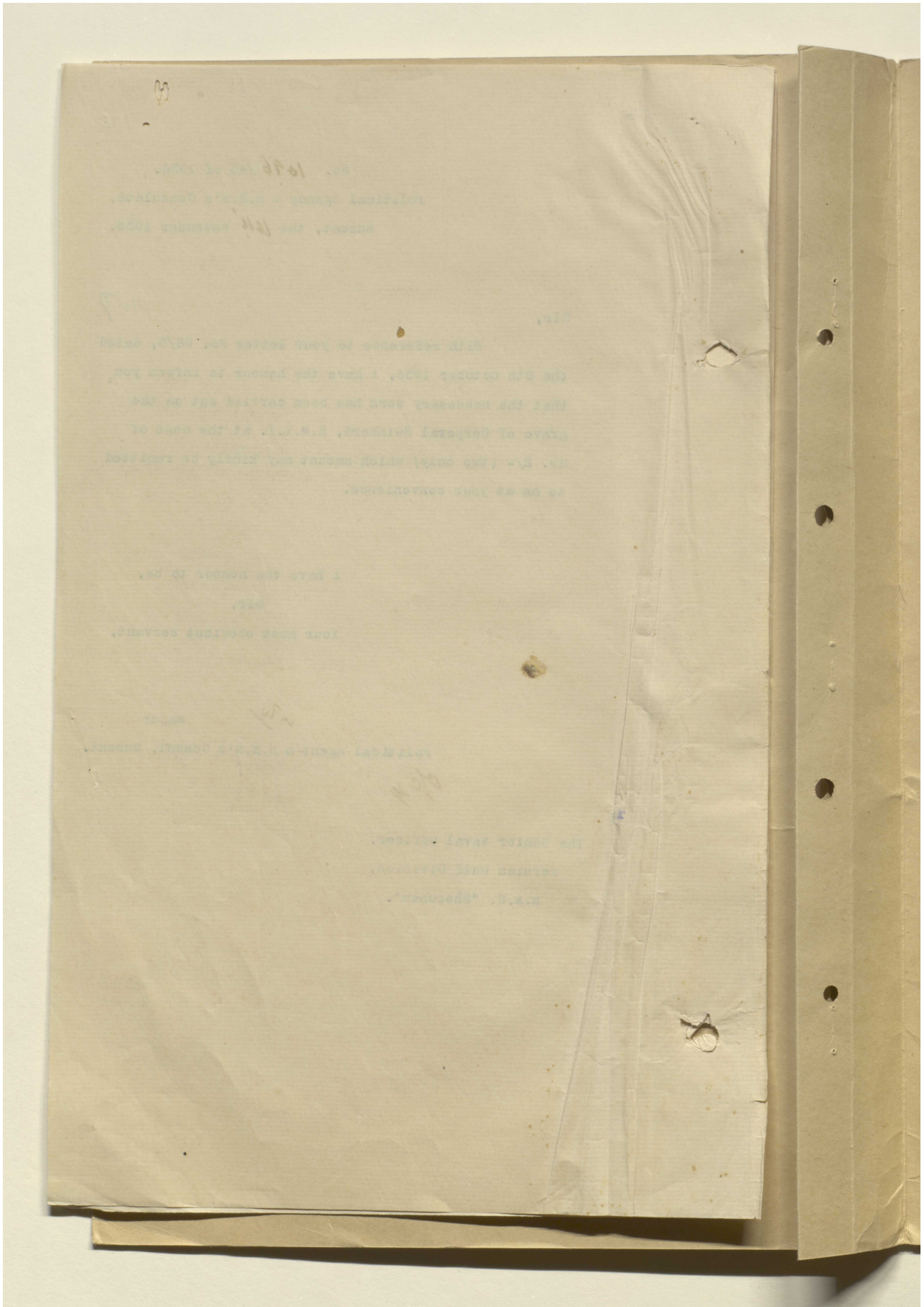
Your most obedient servant,

major

Political Agent & H.B.M.'s Consul, Muscat.

To

The Senior Naval Officer,
Persian Gulf Division,
H.M.S. "Shoreham".



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No. Z/30.

Office of the Political Agent & H.B.M's Consul, Muscat,
Camp Ziarat, Baluchistan.

May the 22nd, 1940.

To

Messrs. Herman, Mohatta & Co.,
Karachi.

Dear Sirs,

Referring to my interview with your representative on May 15th regarding my wish to purchase 100 yards of ordinary iron chain, with short links, about $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

2. This is for use as railings to a local cemetery, and need not be new, nor all of absolutely one size, so long as the pieces are approximately the same.

3. Would you please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you can supply me with this requirement, and at what price ?

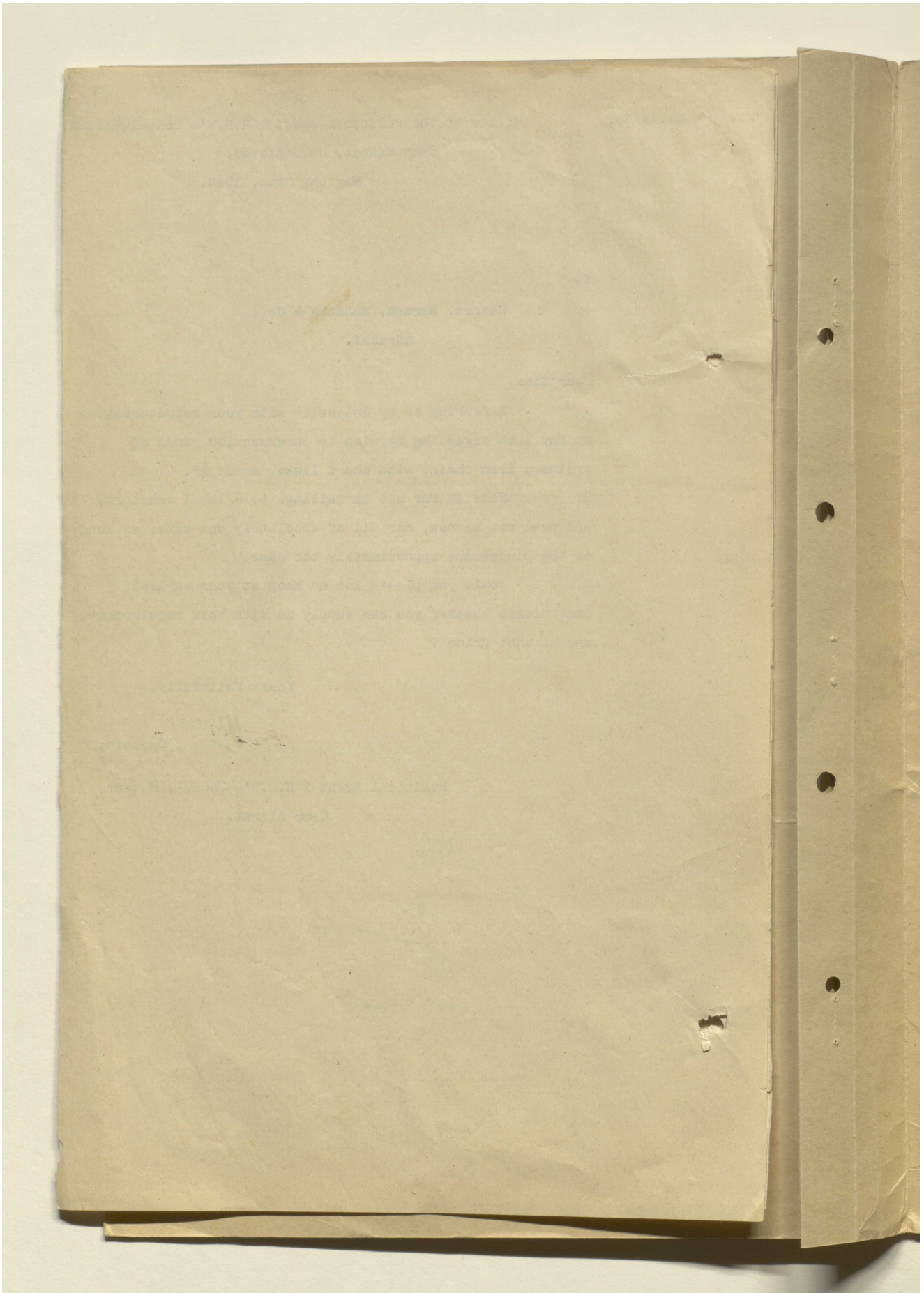
Yours faithfully,

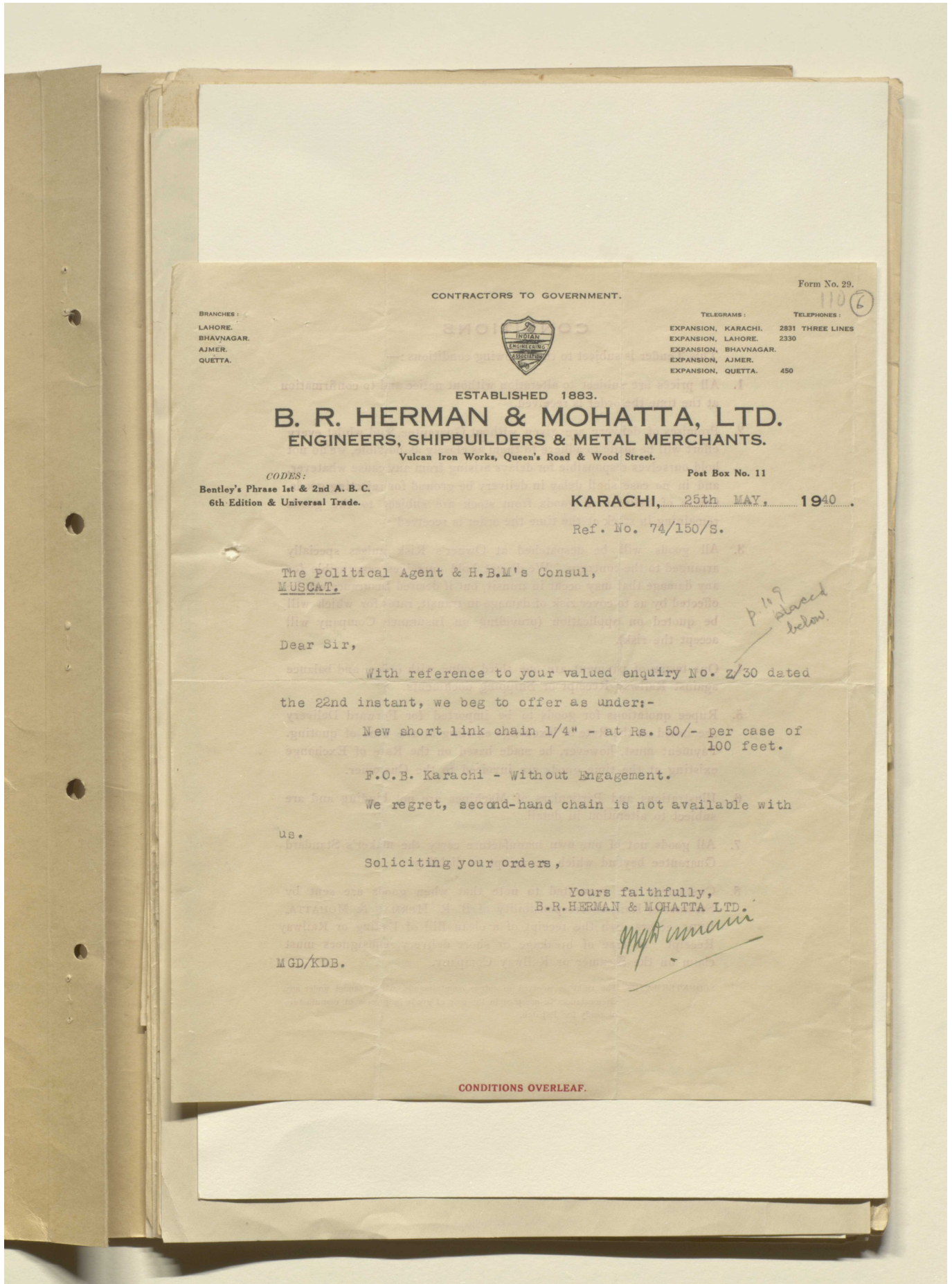
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Captain,

Political Agent & H.B.M's Consul, Muscat,
Camp Ziarat.

*o/c
K.R.*





BRANCHES :
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AJMER.
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CONTRACTORS TO GOVERNMENT.



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KARACHI, 25th MAY, 1940.

Ref. No. 74/150/S.

The Political Agent & H.B.M's Consul,
MUSCAT.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your valued enquiry No. Z/30 dated
the 22nd instant, we beg to offer as under:-

New short link chain 1/4" - at Rs. 50/- per case of
100 feet.

F.O.B. Karachi - Without Engagement.

We regret, second-hand chain is not available with
us.

Soliciting your orders,

Yours faithfully,
B.R.HERMAN & MOHATTA LTD.

MGD/KDB.

CONDITIONS OVERLEAF.

p. 19 placed below.

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3. All goods will be despatched at Owner's Risk unless specially arranged to the contrary. We do not hold ourselves responsible for any damage that may occur in transit, but if desired Insurance can be effected by us to cover risk of damage in transit, rates for which will be quoted on application (providing an Insurance Company will accept the risk).
4. Our terms of payment are one third value with order, and balance against Railway Receipt or Shipping documents.
5. Rupee quotations for goods to be imported for Forward Delivery are based on the Rate of Exchange existing at the time of quoting. Payment must, however, be made based on the Rate of Exchange existing at the time goods are invoiced to the Customer.
6. Illustrations and Particulars of Machines are not binding and are subject to alteration in detail.
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No. Z/44. Office of the Political Agent & H.B.M's Consul, Muscat,
Camp Ziarat, Baluchistan,
June 1st, 1940.

To

Messrs. B.R. Herman & Mohatta, Ltd.,
Vulcan Iron Works,
Queen Road & Wood Street,
Post Box No. 11,
Karachi.

Dear Sirs,

Reference your letter No. 74/150/S dated 25th May.

2. Would you please let me know the name of any ship-breakers or other firm in Karachi from whom I can get used chain.

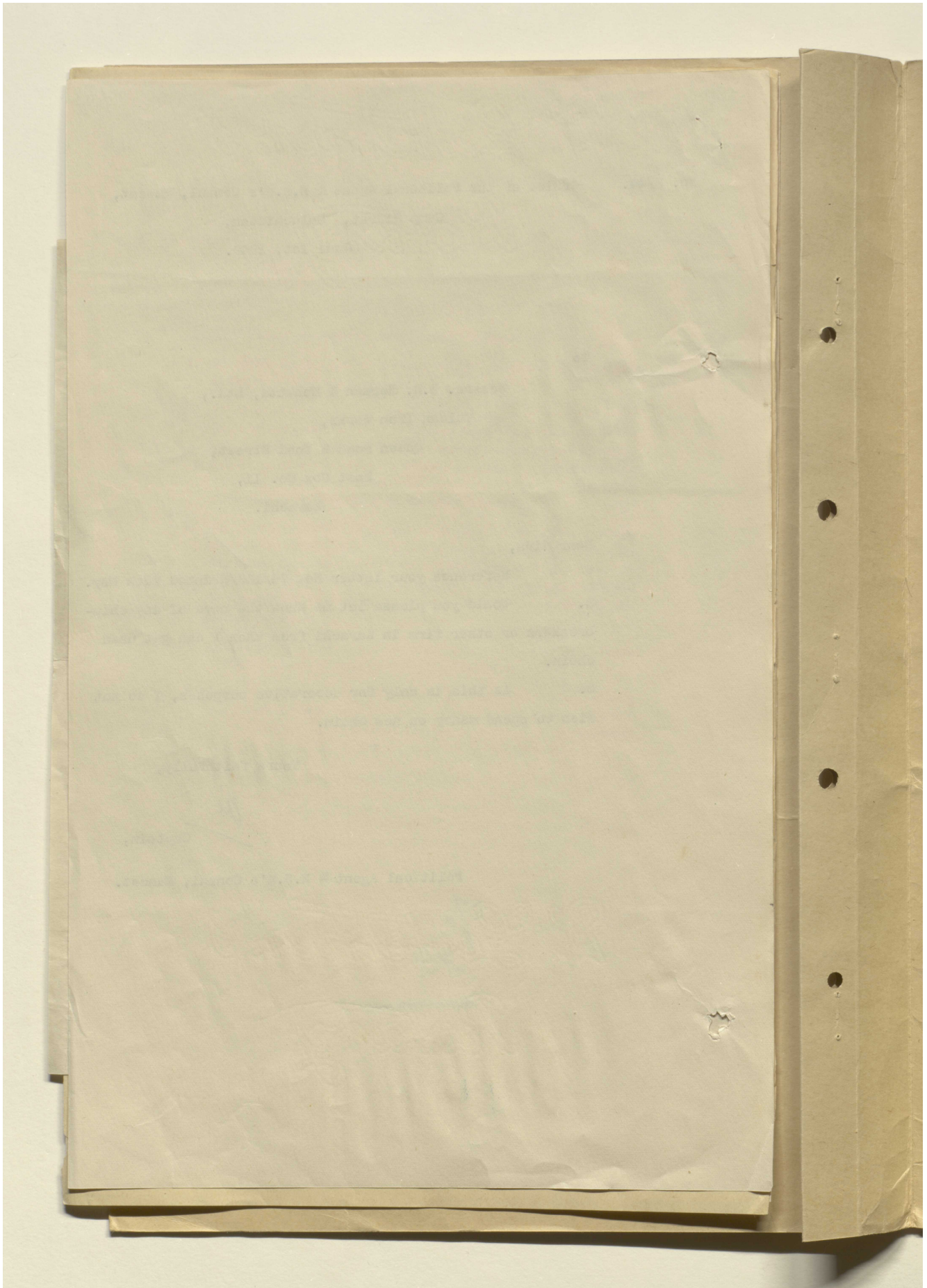
3. As this is only for decorative purposes, I do not wish to spend money on new chain.

Yours faithfully,

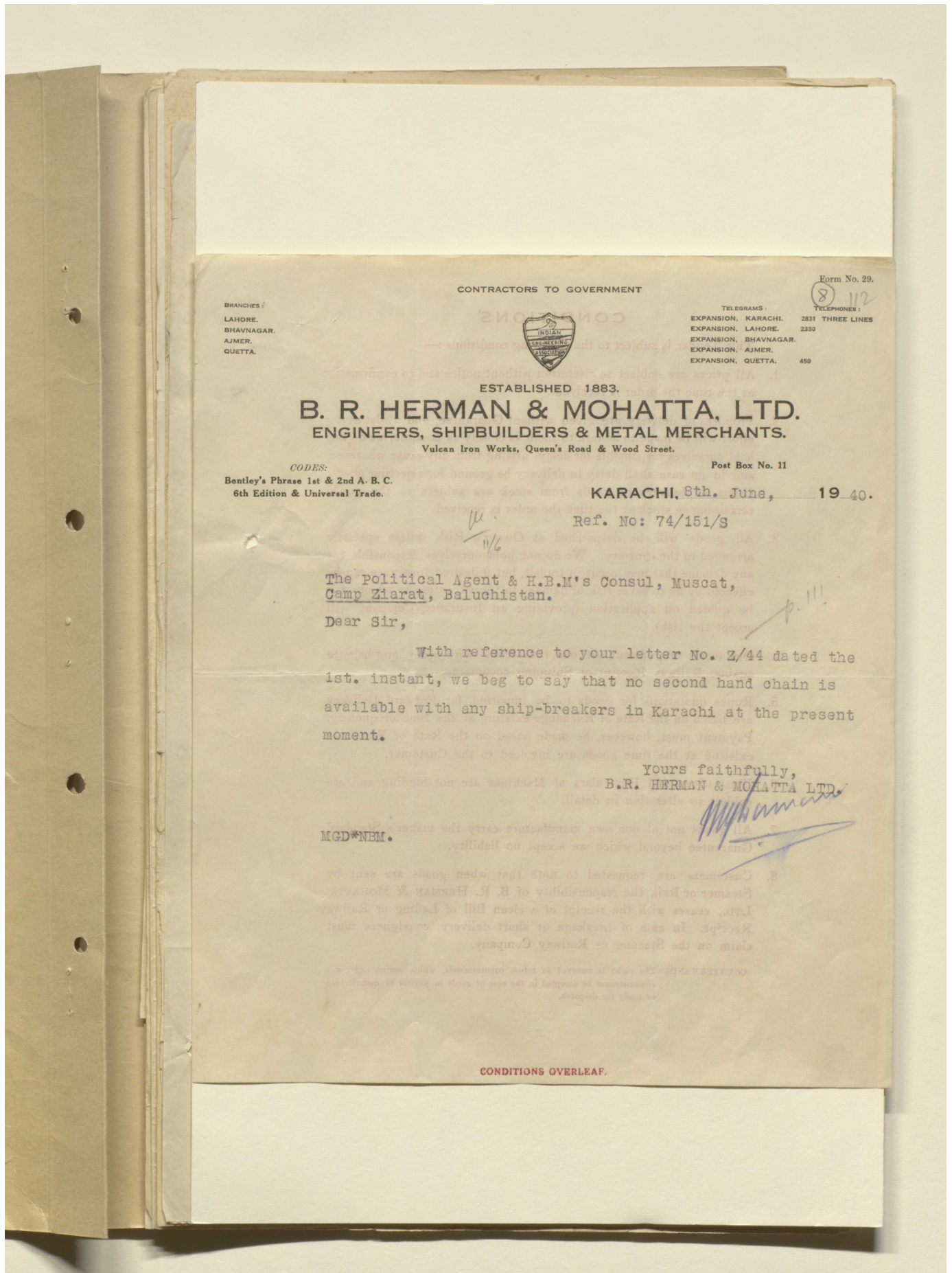
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Captain,

Political Agent & H.B.M's Consul, Muscat.

*o/c
H.B.*



'File XVII/2 Government Property, Christian Cemeteries' [8r] (15/74)



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9-9-42. (9)

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Sir,

Some weeks ago I was called to see the
heir of the Mullah of the Best-el-Felag (Jufanby)
mosque and was taken to his house in
the village outside Matrah town -

To my surprise on entering the house
I saw a tombstone, of E.R.A. KAYE of H.M.S.
JUNO - DIED in 1911 - forming one of the
flooring slabs -

This grave is in the New Cemetery
without a tombstone - So this stone was
evidently pilfered at sometime and sold
to the owner who used it - possibly not
knowing what it was - It has a CROSS
uppermost -

This is a small matter but some
steps should be taken to recover the
tombstone & replace it -

The Arab would be most indignant
if a "KAFFER" desecrated any of their
graves!

Sorry to trouble you -

HW
9/9

Gr. Hume
mo. 9/9/42

Handwritten notes on aged paper, oriented upside down. The text is written in cursive and appears to be a report or account. At the top of the page (which would be the bottom if read normally), there is a date: 2-1-43. The main body of text describes a visit to a cemetery, mentioning a tombstone of E. R. A. KAYE of A.H.S. and a cross. The notes are somewhat difficult to decipher due to the handwriting and the orientation. At the bottom of the page (top if read normally), there is a signature and the name 'Miss Phipps'.

2-1-43

Some weeks ago I was called to see the
head of the Mission of the West-End (Wentworth)
Theodore and was taken to his house in
the village outside Tisbury town -
to my surprise on entering the house
I saw a tombstone of E. R. A. KAYE of A.H.S.
June - died in 1811 - found on the
floor and slabs -
The grave in the New Cemetery
had a tombstone - so the stone was
removed to the place of the tombstone and sold
to the owner who used it - I was not
knowing what it was - it had a cross
on top -
There is a small water but some
steps should be taken to remove the
tombstone & replace it -
The grave would be most important
of a "KAYE" connected with the
grave!

Signed to the grave -
Miss Phipps

عدد ٠٢ / ١٢ / ١٣١٢

قنصلية صاحب الجلالة البريطانية بمسقط
مسقط في ١٢ سبتمبر ١٩٣٢

File No
Serial No.

DEPARTMENT.
BRANCH.

Draft Letter
Memorandum
Telegram

No. 1312 Dated 12.9.32 19

To Saiyid Shahab.

A/C

I have the honour to state that it has been brought to my notice that a tombstone belonging to the grave of the late E.R.A. Kaye of H.M.S. Juno forms a flooring slab in the house of the Mullah of the Infantry mosque. It appears that some one has ~~xxxx~~ removed it from the grave, which is now without a tombstone, and sold it to the present owner, who not knowing what it was, has used it for flooring purposes. It has a cross uppermost.

2. I shall be grateful if it is recovered from the said Mullah and sent to me and orders issued prohibiting the removal of the tombstone from the graves.

U.E

H.B.M's Consul, Muscat.

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ساكنين شاكرين لكم اذا استرد الحجر من الامام المذكور وارسل الي واصدرك منكم الاوامر بمنع نقل الاحجار من القبرة .

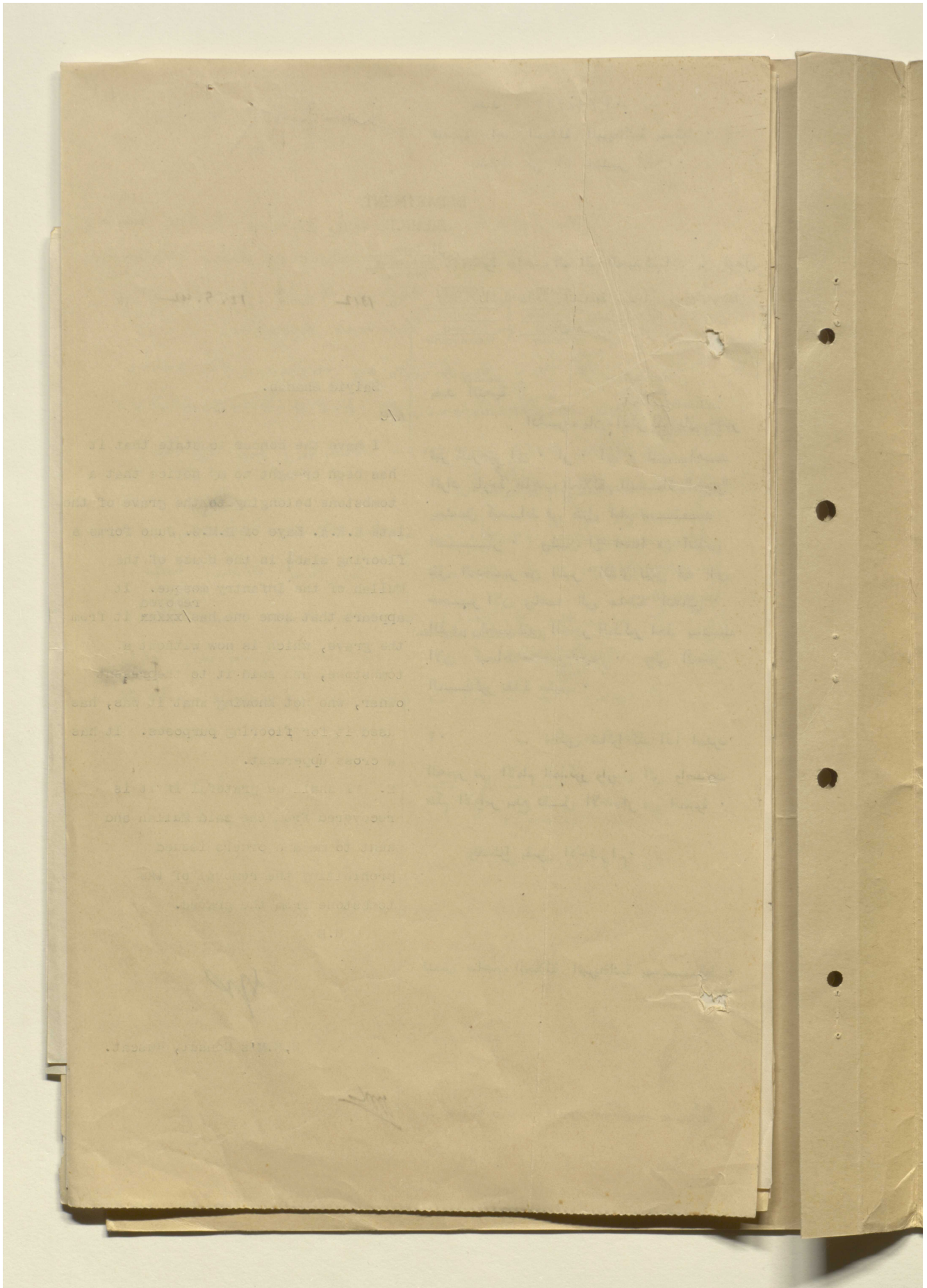
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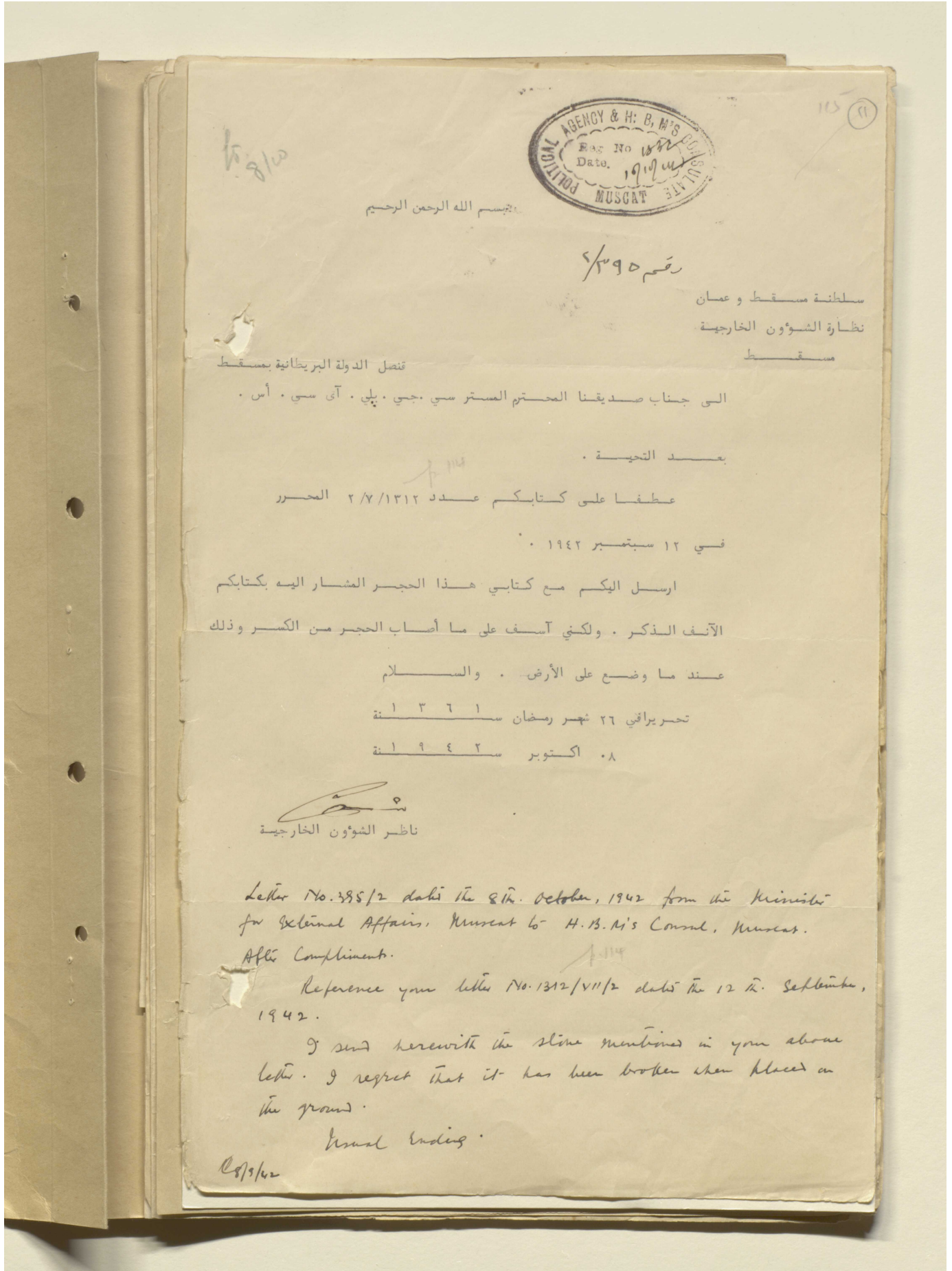
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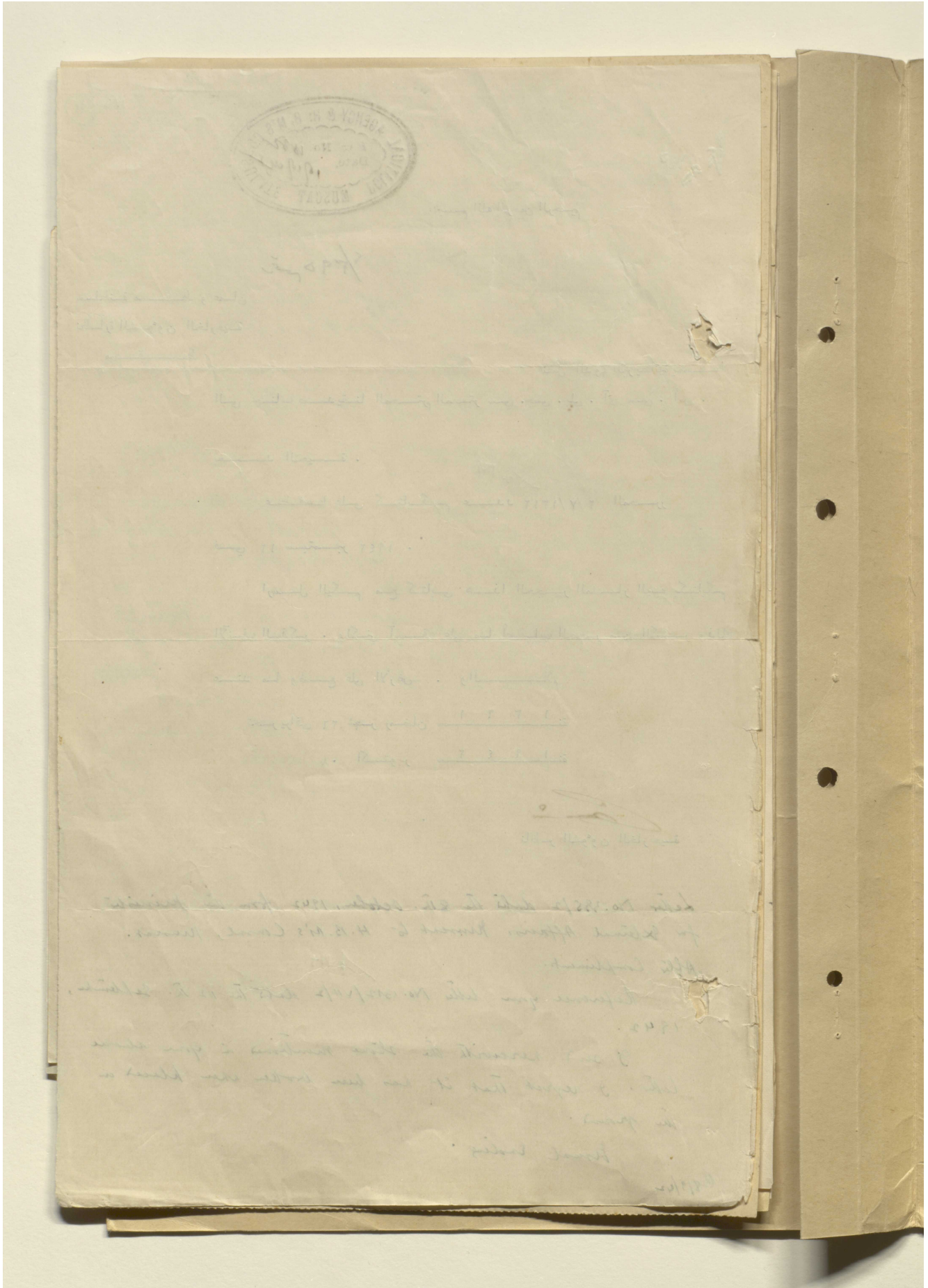
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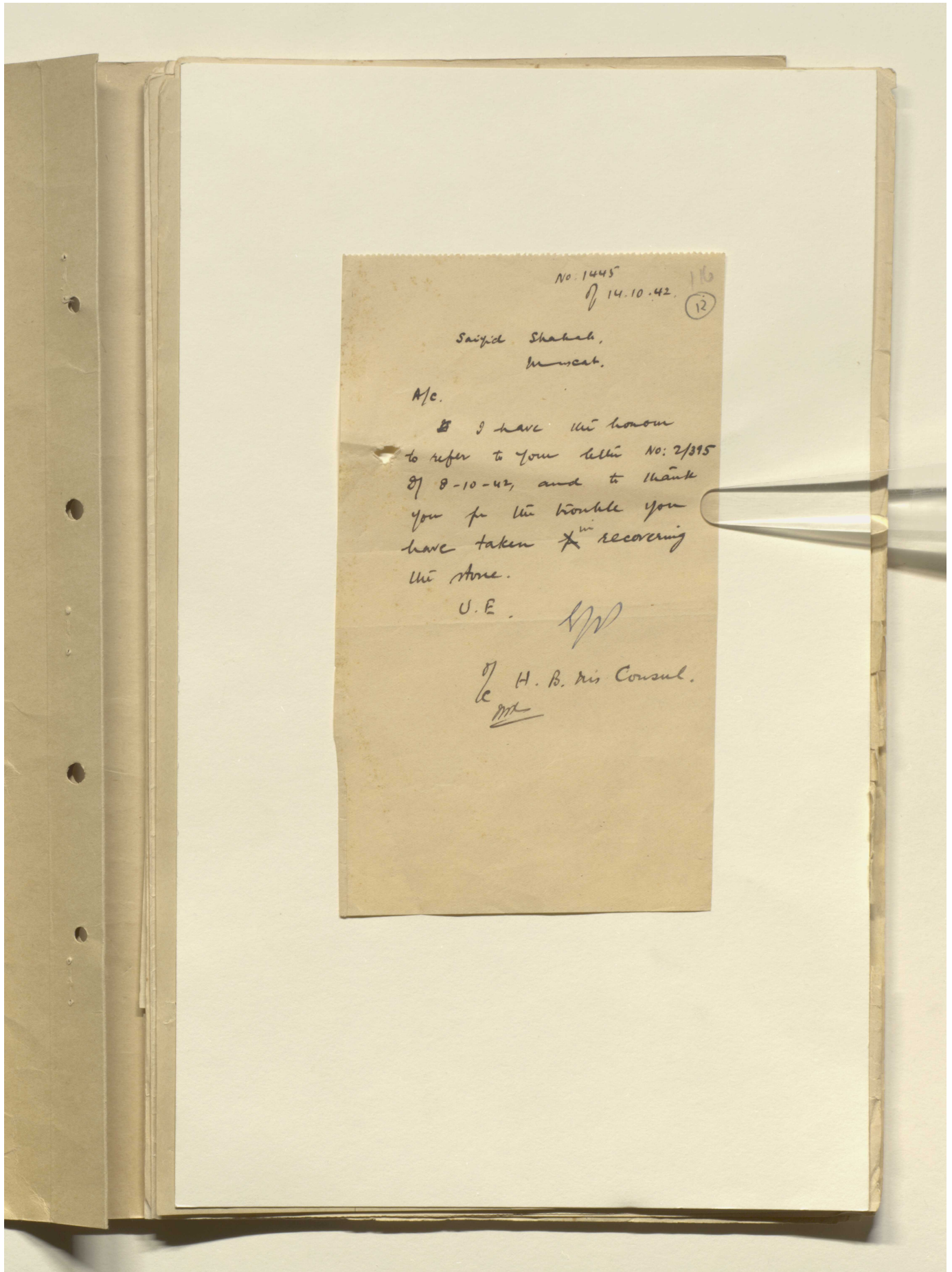
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No. 1445

of 14.10.42.

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(12)

Saïd Shabel,
Muscat.

Sir,

I have the honour
to refer to your letter No: 2/395
of 8-10-42, and to thank
you for the trouble you
have taken in recovering
the stone.

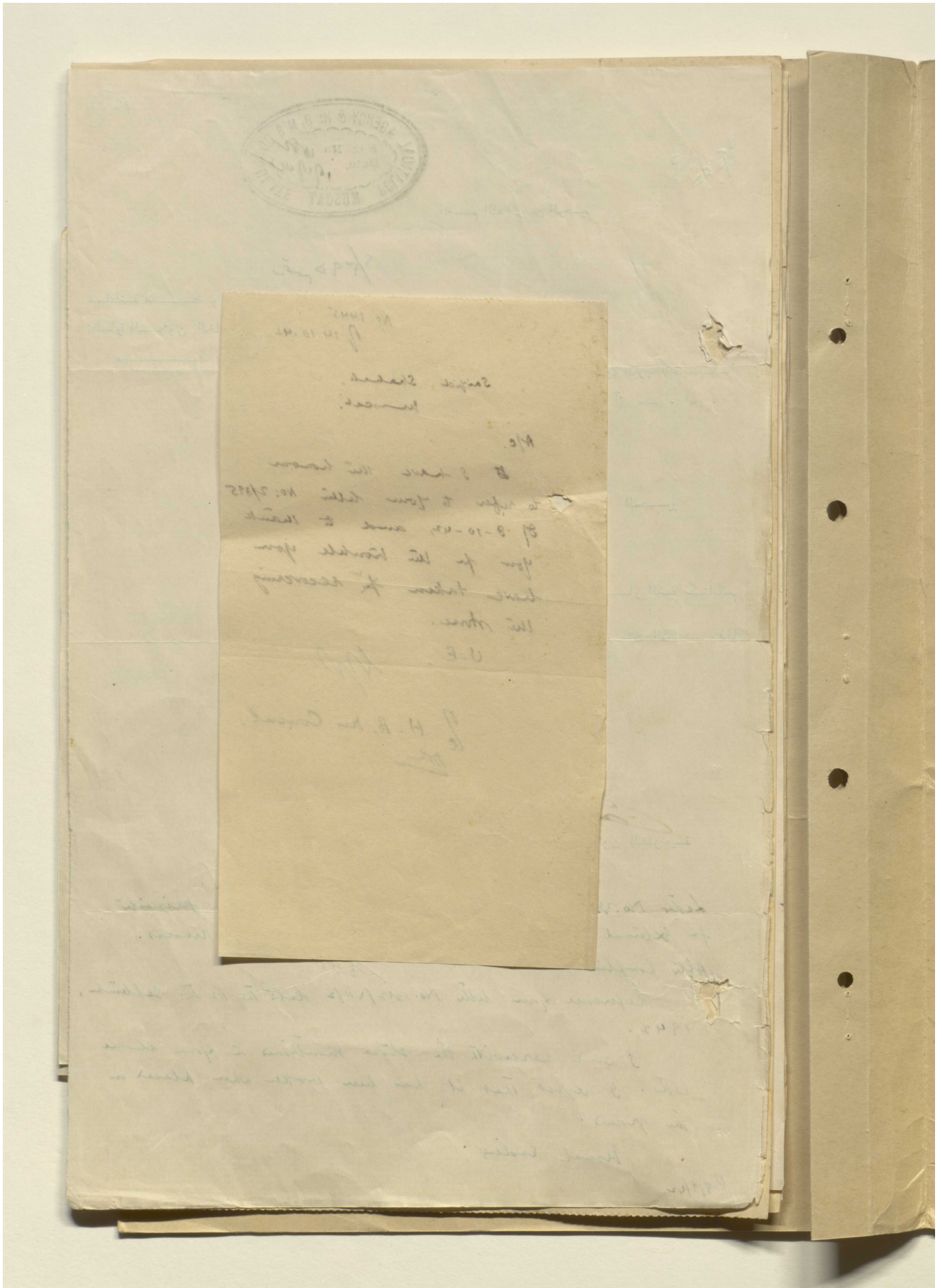
Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

H. B. his Consul.

[Signature]

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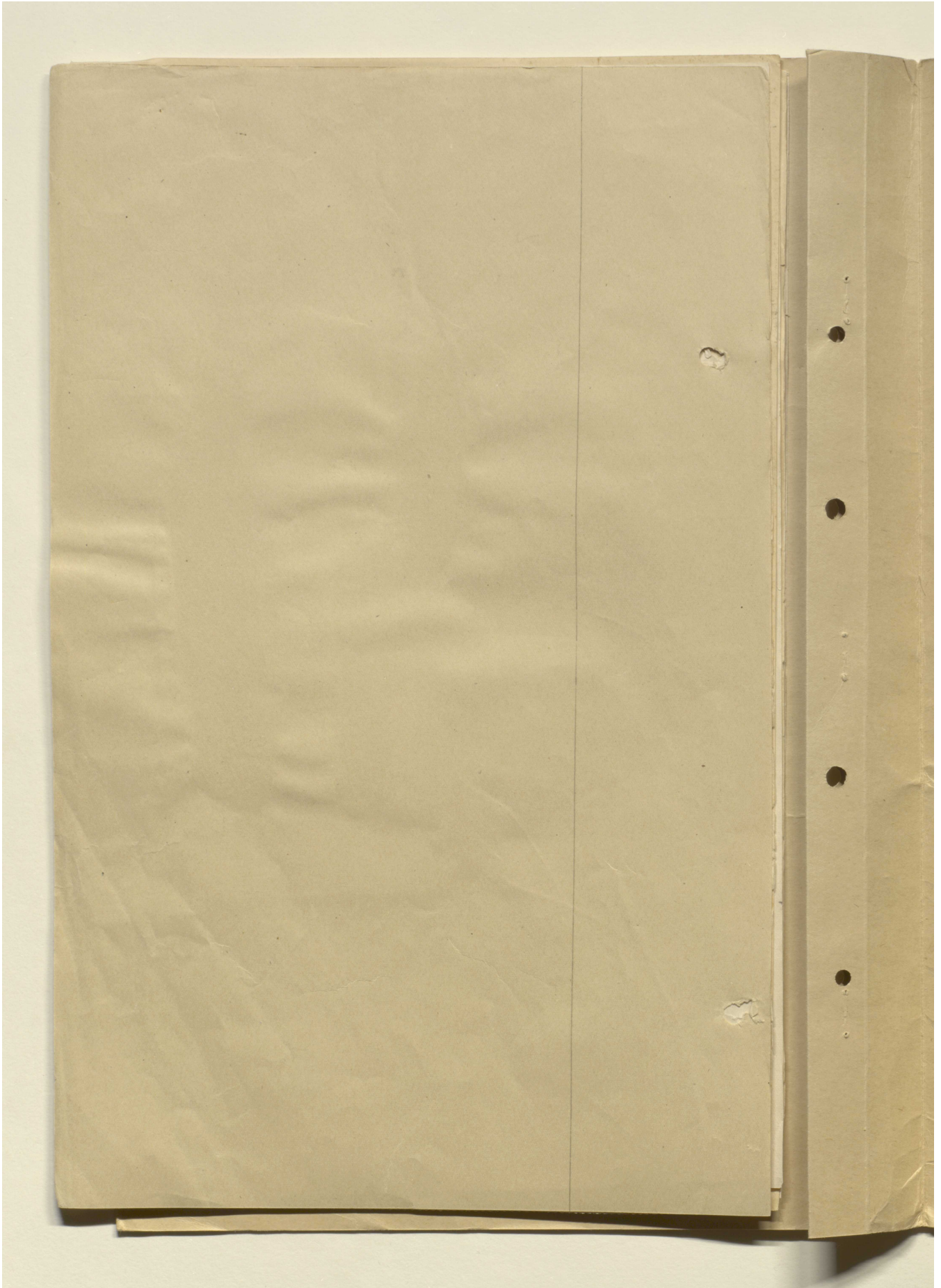
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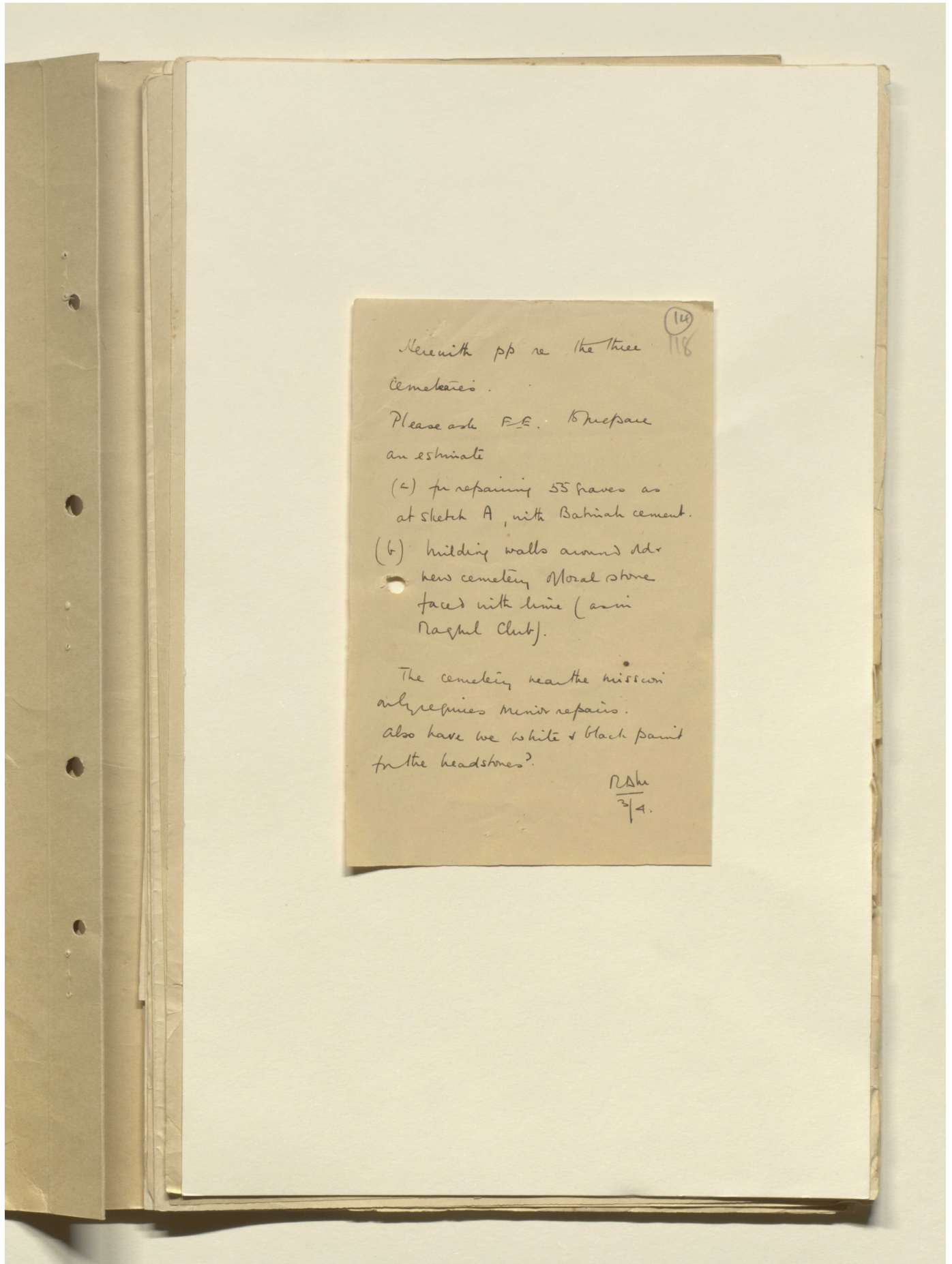
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paraph 16, Muskat Report
for 1900-1901 says

" On December 1st, the Bishop
of Lahore consecrated the new
European cemetery and also
a new burial ground near the
American Mission house primarily
for the burial of the Native
Christian community."

Please keep this on record.

R. A. S.
1872





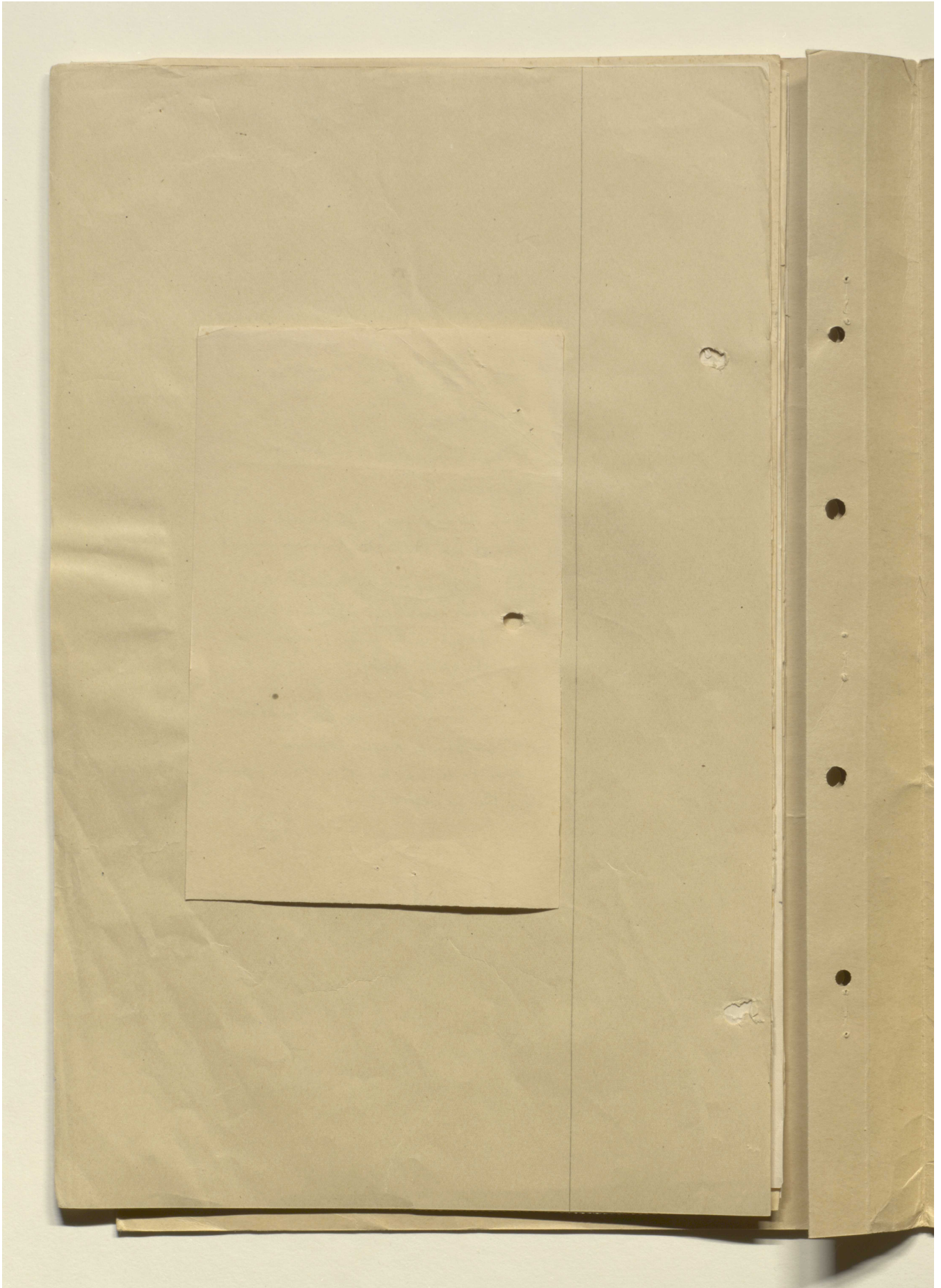
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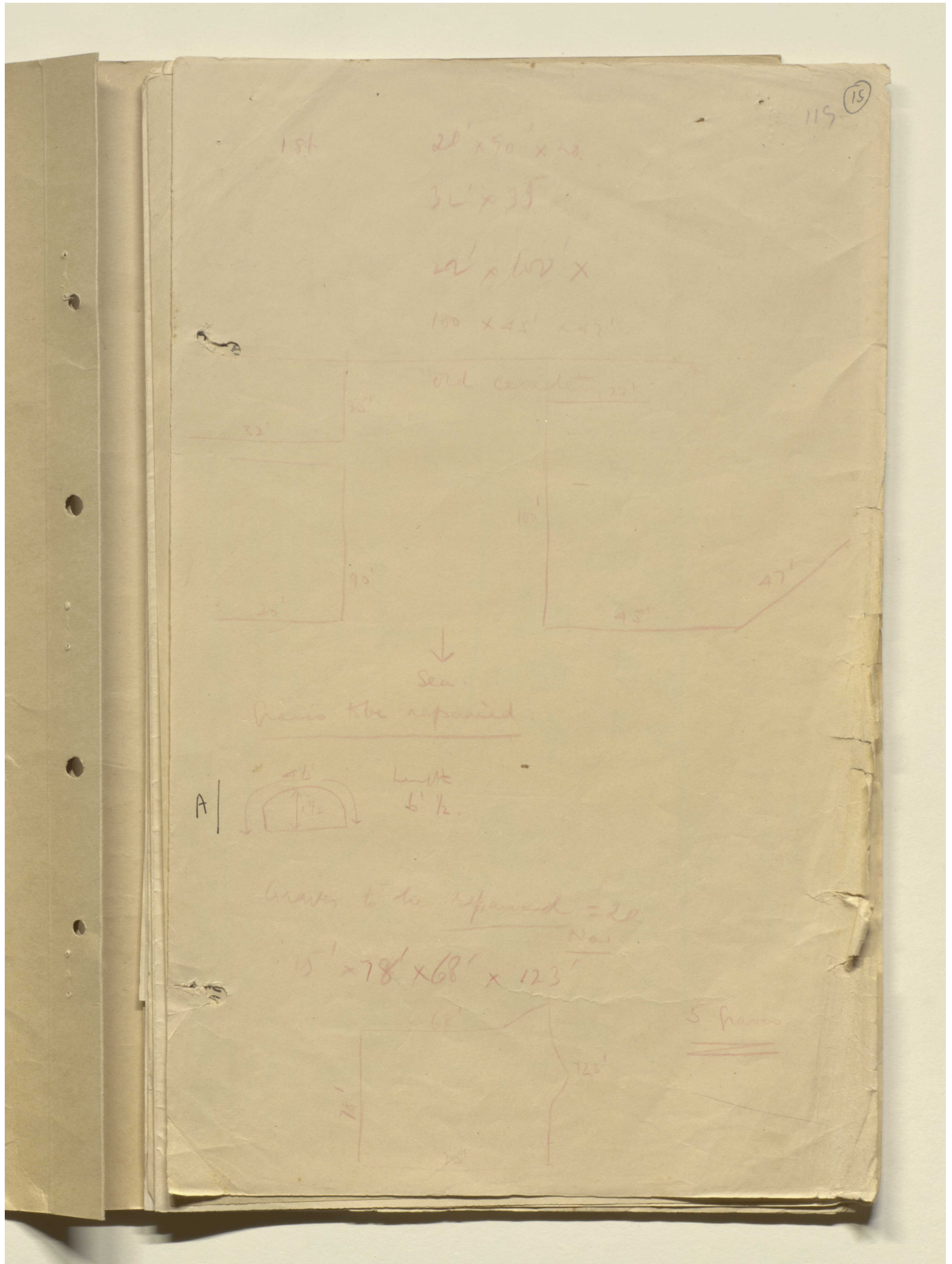
Please ask P.E. to prepare
an estimate

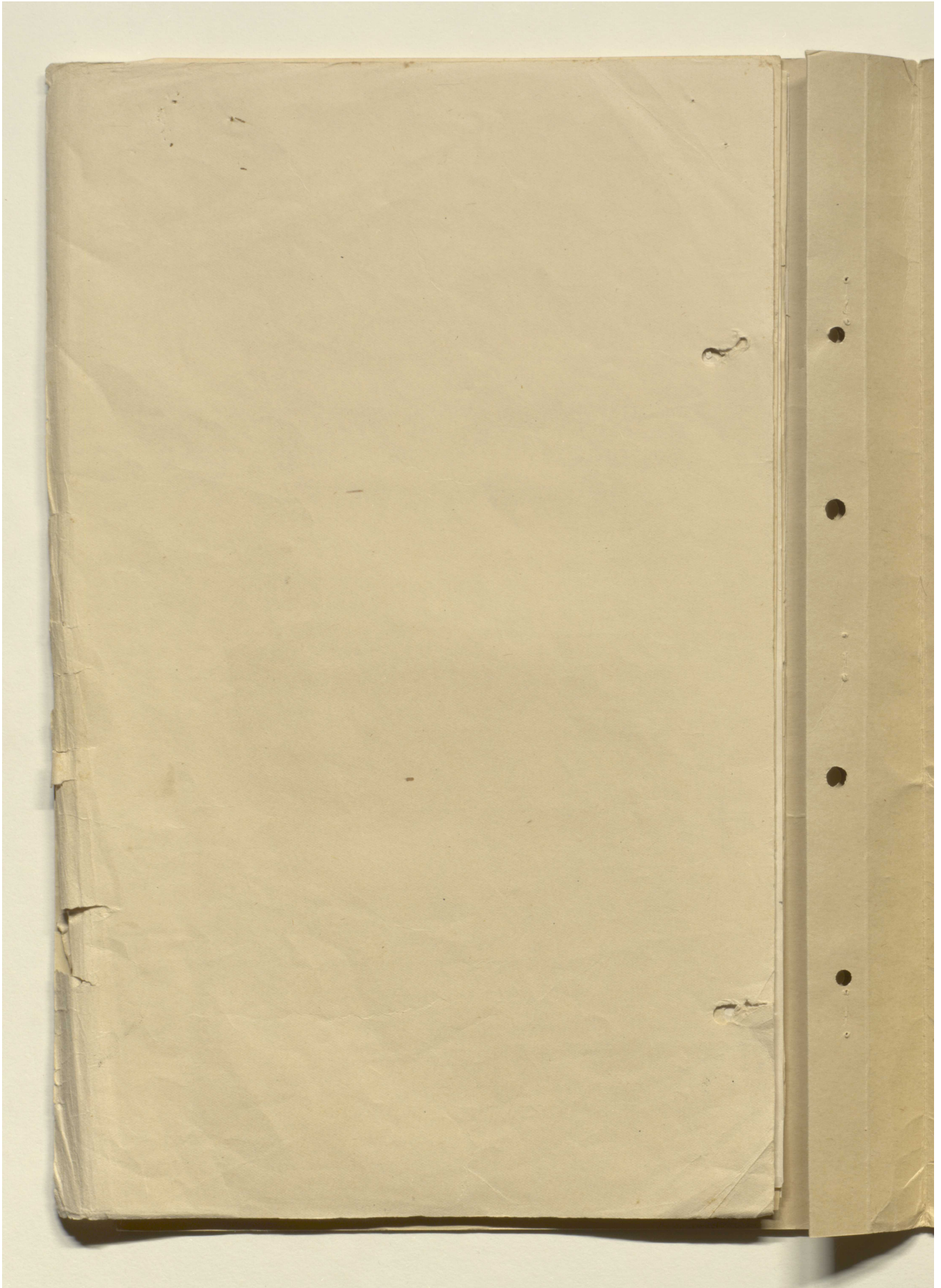
- (a) for repairing 55 graves as
at sketch A, with Bahrah cement.
- (b) building walls around old
new cemetery Moral stone
faced with lime (as in
Raghad Club).

The cemetery near the mission
only requires minor repairs.
also have we white & black paint
for the headstones?

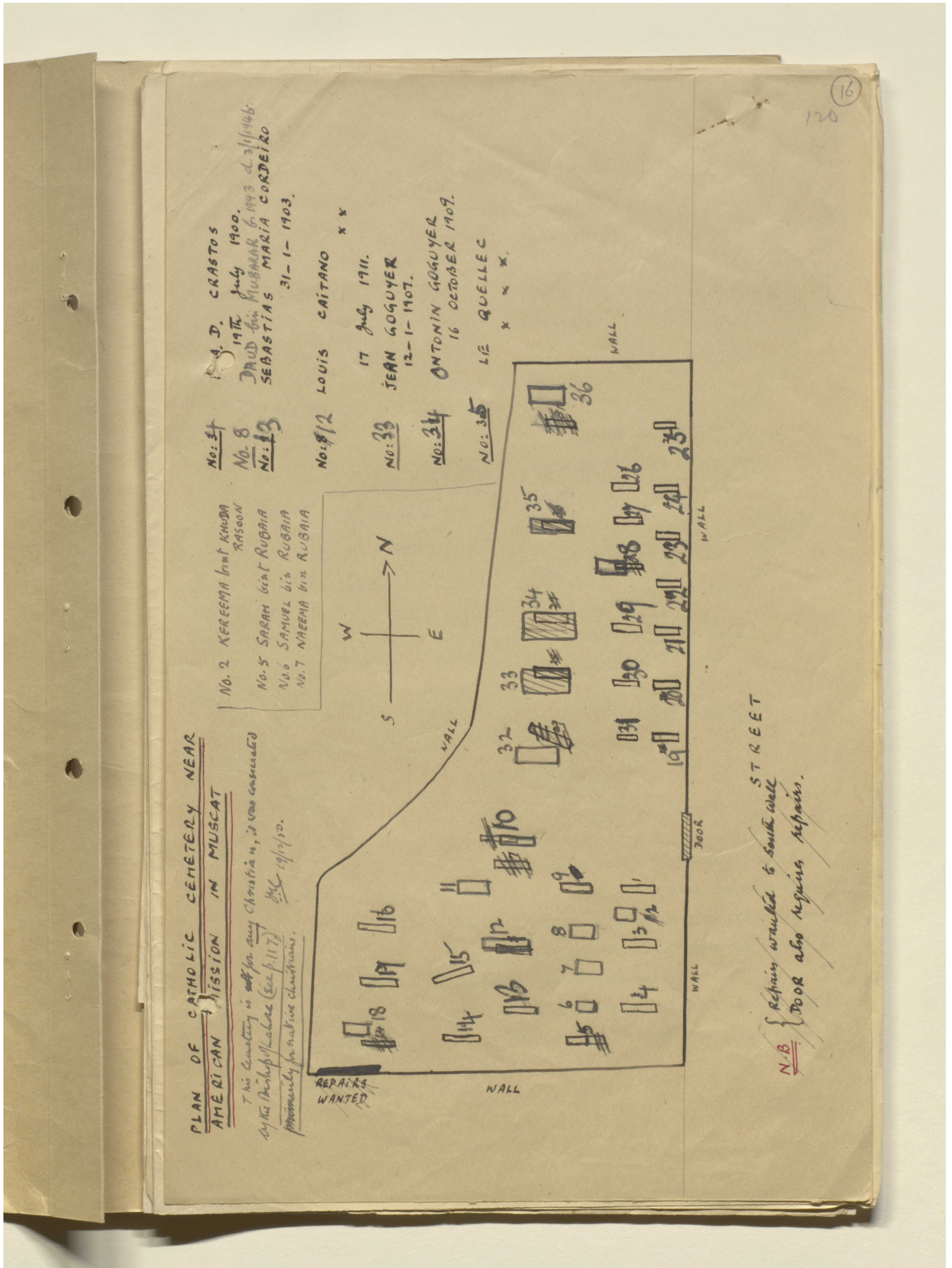
R. Ash
3/4.







'Plan of Catholic Cemetery Near American Mission in Muscat' [16r] (1/2)



PLAN OF CATHOLIC CEMETERY NEAR AMERICAN MISSION IN MUSCAT

This cemetery is ~~not~~ for any Christians, it was consecrated by the Bishop of Lahore (Sep. 11/17) 19/1/30. ~~Especially~~ for native Christians.

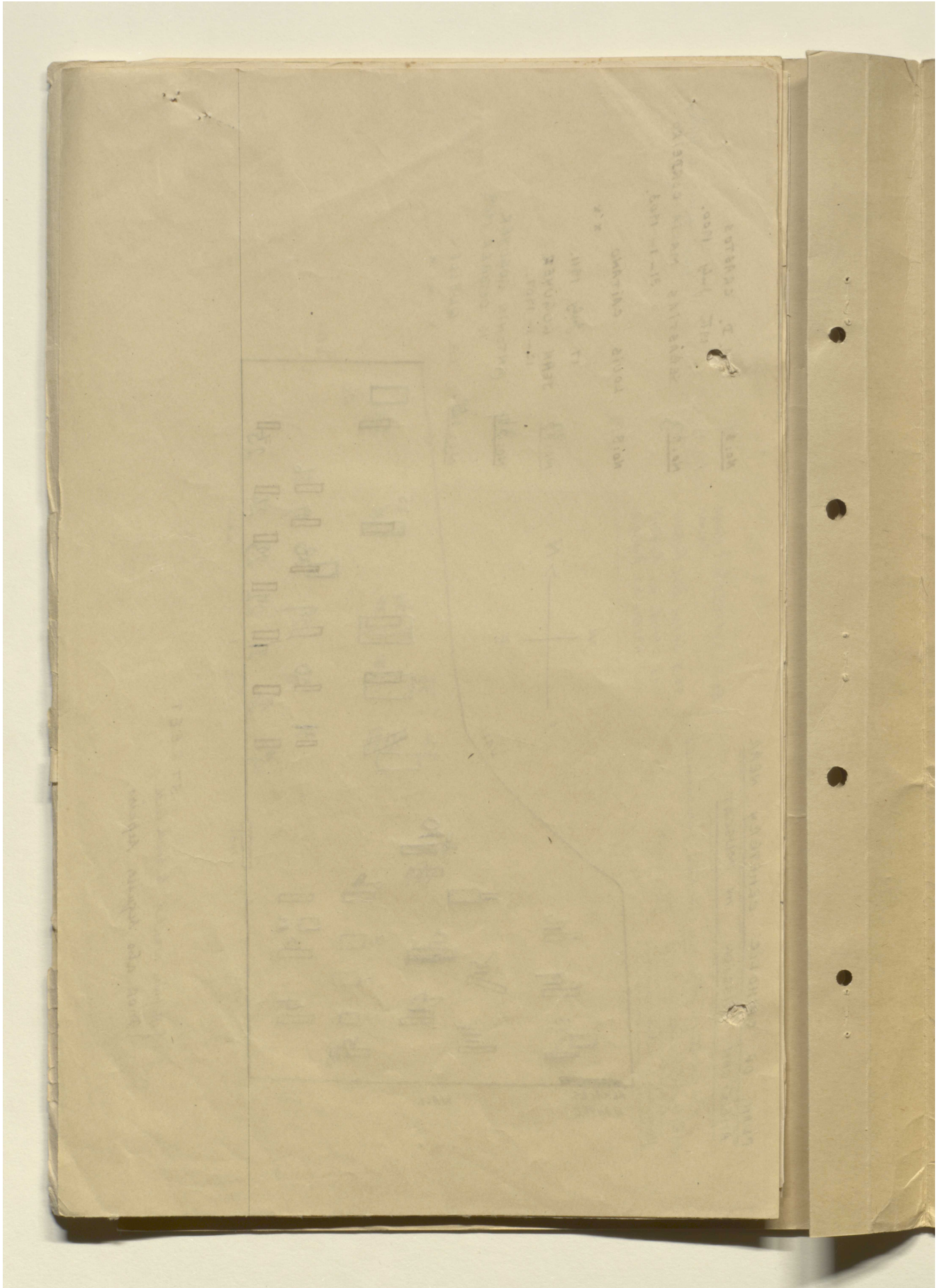
REPAIRS WANTED

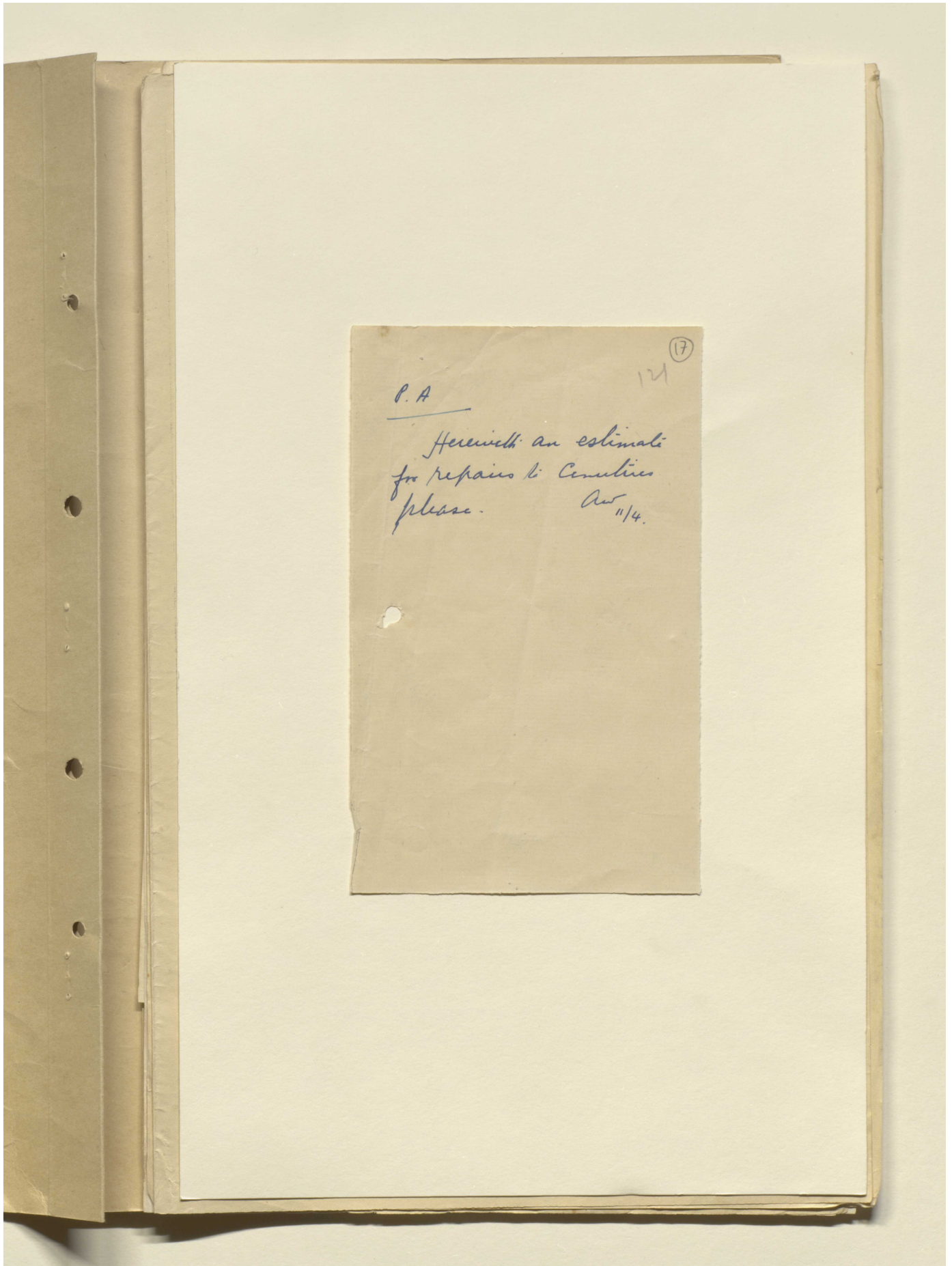
STREET
DOOR
N.B. { Repair wanted to South wall
DOOR also requires repairs.

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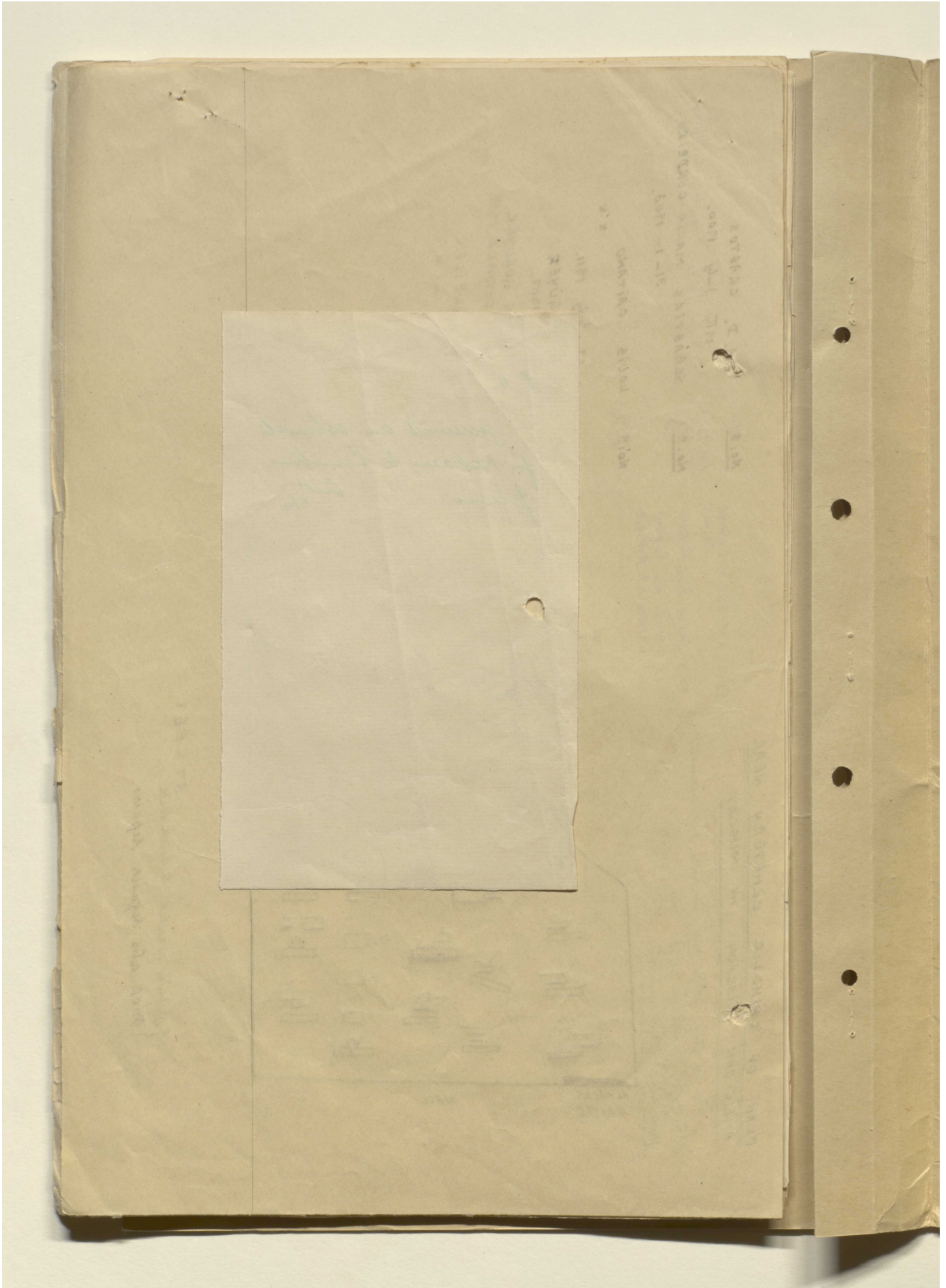
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'Plan of Catholic Cemetery Near American Mission in Muscat' [16v] (2/2)





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P. W. D. 1.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Estimate No. _____ for 19 ____ -19 ____
(Central P. W. D. Code, Paragraph 81.)

Province _____ Branch _____
Division _____

Name of work **Special Repairs to Cemeteries at Muscat.**

Fund _____

Major head _____

Minor head _____

Detailed head _____

(Note.—The entries against each of the above should be made in accordance with the classification prescribed in Appendix No. 4, P. W. A. Code.)

Estimate framed by **Supervisor. P.W.D Musct.** Engineer,
of the probable cost of **the above works.**

REPORT.

Old cemetery at Shaik Jabur. Muscat.

20 graves are built of mud and stone, some have cement plaster and some lime plaster. Most of these graves are just heaps, irregular in shape and size, and all the above number graves require reconditioning, rebuilding, to a regular size of 6 feet 6 inches and 3 feet 6" wide. The shape to be segmental and rise in centre 1' 6".

After reconditioning the graves graded stones from 1" below are to be dressed over the graves, and over it 1" thick Patinhah cement is to be applied and polished.

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Further provision is made also for constructing a boundary wall of local stones and mud, the wall to be 1 foot thick and 4 feet in height, having 1 foot 6 inches square pillars 15' apart centre to centre. Both the surfaces of the wall to receive rough cast lime plaster 1:1. The top of the wall to receive 3" thick lime concrete slabs 18" wide, having a projection of 3" on either sides.

Provision is also made for providing and fixing a katcha taak gate 5' by 4½'.

The boundary wall is to be built over dry stone masonry of local stones 9" deep 18" wide, and 3" above ground level.

New Cemetery at Shaik Jabur.

No. of graves to be repaired are 5

No foundation wall is required, as it has dry masonry above ground.

Other things apply as per old cemetery, and provided for.

Roman Catholic cemetery near American Mission.

Number of graves to be repaired are 30.

A portion of boundary wall to be repaired. Provision is made for the same.

A door hinge is to be renewed, provision is made in the estimate.

Graves are to be repaired as specified above.

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Province
Branch
Name of work **Special Repairs to Cemeteries at Muroot.**

[P. W. A. Code, paragraphs 320-322.]

P. W. D. 3.
Division
Sub-Division.

Item No.	Sub-heads and items of work.	Quantity or No.	Rate.		Per.	Amount.		Total.
			Rs.	A&P.		Rs.	Rs.	
Old Cemetery at Shaik Jahan								
1	Building boundary wall on the specification attached, foundation	371 sq ft	30		1/100	111		111
2	Building boundary wall on the specification, finishing	371 sq ft	350		1/100	1298		1298
3	Repairs to frame on the specification	20 Nos	30		1/100	600		600
4	Providing and fixing kateks to the door New cemetery at Shaik Jahan	1 No	75		1/100	75		2084
1	Building boundary wall on the specification	277 sq ft	350		1/100	970		
2	Repairs to frame on the specification	580 Nos	30		1/100	150		
3	Providing and fixing gate Roman Catholic Cemetery at American Mission	1 No	75		1/100	75		1195
1	Repairs to wall and stone							
2	Renewing hinges & door							
3	Repairs to frames							
		30 Nos	25		1/100	750		763
						4042		4042
						202		202
						4244		4244
						4244		4244
						763		763

57. Embankment for other purpose

Carried over

John Bull
Aug 11/14

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Item No.	Sub-heads and items of work.	Quantity or No.	Rate.		Per.	Amount.	Total.
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		Brought forward					
		Total					

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Sanctioned for Rupees

Engineer.

Engineer.

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Rate Analysis.

~~SYNOPSIS~~ SPECIFICATION.

Grave repairs, reconditioning etc 1 grave

Material,	Graded shigles 1 para at Rs2/ per para	Rs2.0.0	
	Water for drinking (labour) and work	0.8.0	
Labour,	Second class mason 1 No. at Rs3/ each	3.0.0	
	Coolies 2 Nos. at Rs1/ each	<u>2.0.0</u>	
		7.8.0	Rs7.8.0

2 Renewing 1" thick Batinhah cement about 33 sft. 1 grave

Materials,	Batinhah cement 3 bags at Rs3.4.0 each	9.12.0	
	Water for drinking and work	1.0.0	
Labour,	Mason 1st class 1 No. at Rs4/ each	4.0.0	
	Coolies 3 Nos. for helping and polish	<u>3.0.0</u>	
		17.12.0	Rs25.4.0

3 Boat hire per day for going and coming

<u>5.0.0</u>
30.4.0

Rate for graves at American mission is ~~Rs25/~~
Rate for graves at Shaik Jabur 30/

2 Building boundary walls 1 foot thick 4 feet high and 1½' squire pillars 15 feet apart, in mud and local stones.

Materials,	Stones 115 cft at Rs5/ per %	5.12.0	
	Mud 60 cft at Rs10/ per %	6.0.0	
	Water for drinking and work	<u>3.0.0</u>	
Labour,	Masons second class 2 Nos. at Rs3/ each	6.0.0	
	Coolies 6 Nos. at Rs1/ each	<u>6.0.0</u>	
		26.12.0	26.12.0 x4 Rs107

Rough lime cast plaster 1:2/1 on 800 sft.

Materials,	Kuryat lime big bags 32 Nos. at Rs2.4.0	Rs72.0.0	
	Small stones 4 para at Rs3/ per para	12.0.0	
	Water for work	3.0.0	
	Water for drining	2.0.0	
Labour,	Masons 12 Nos. at Rs4/ each	48.0.0	
	Coolies 12 Nos. at Rs1/ each	<u>12.0.0</u>	
		149.0.0	256/

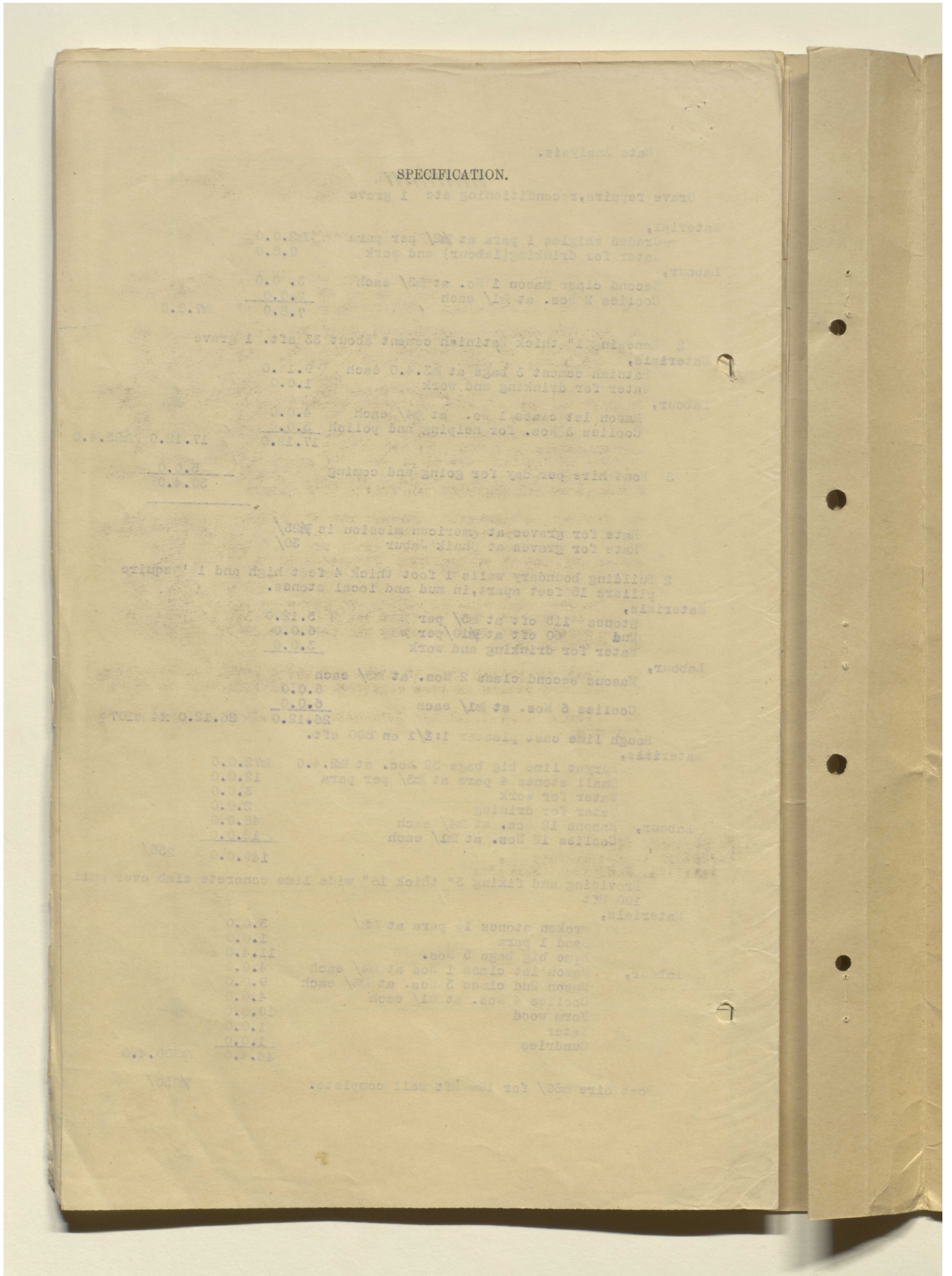
Providing and fixing 3" thick 18" wide lime concrete slab over wall 100 Rft

Materials,	Broken stones 1½ para at Rs2/	3.0.0	
	Sand 1 para	1.0.0	
	Lime big bags 5 Nos.	11.4.0	
Labour,	Mason 1st class 1 Nos at Rs4/ each	4.0.0	
	Mason 2nd class 3 Nos. at Rs3/ each	9.0.0	
	Coolies 4 Nos. at Rs1/ each	4.0.0	
	Form wood	10.0.0	
	Water	1.0.0	
	Sundries	<u>1.0.0</u>	
		44.4.0	Rs300.4.0

Boat hire Rs50/ for 100 Rft wall complete.

~~Rs~~350/

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ms 21
D.O. No. 696/17/2.
Political Agency, Muscat.
The 13th April 1944.

Christian Cemeteries in Muscat.

There are three cemeteries here, the old and new European cemeteries at Shaikh Jabar, a small bay to the South of Muscat, and the native Christian cemetery in Muscat town.

2. The old European cemetery contains 39 graves of which 20 require almost complete renewal and the new European cemetery has ten graves of which five require repair. The reason for the damage to and deterioration of these graves is that both cemeteries are entirely unprotected from the strong winds coming in from the sea and from wandering animals and locals and both really require a surrounding wall. It is estimated that the above repairs and additions if constructed locally, will cost approximately Rs. 3,000 (the estimate can only be approximate because of fluctuations in prices) and since the majority of the graves belong to service people, I imagine that they are a charge on the Imperial War Graves Commission.

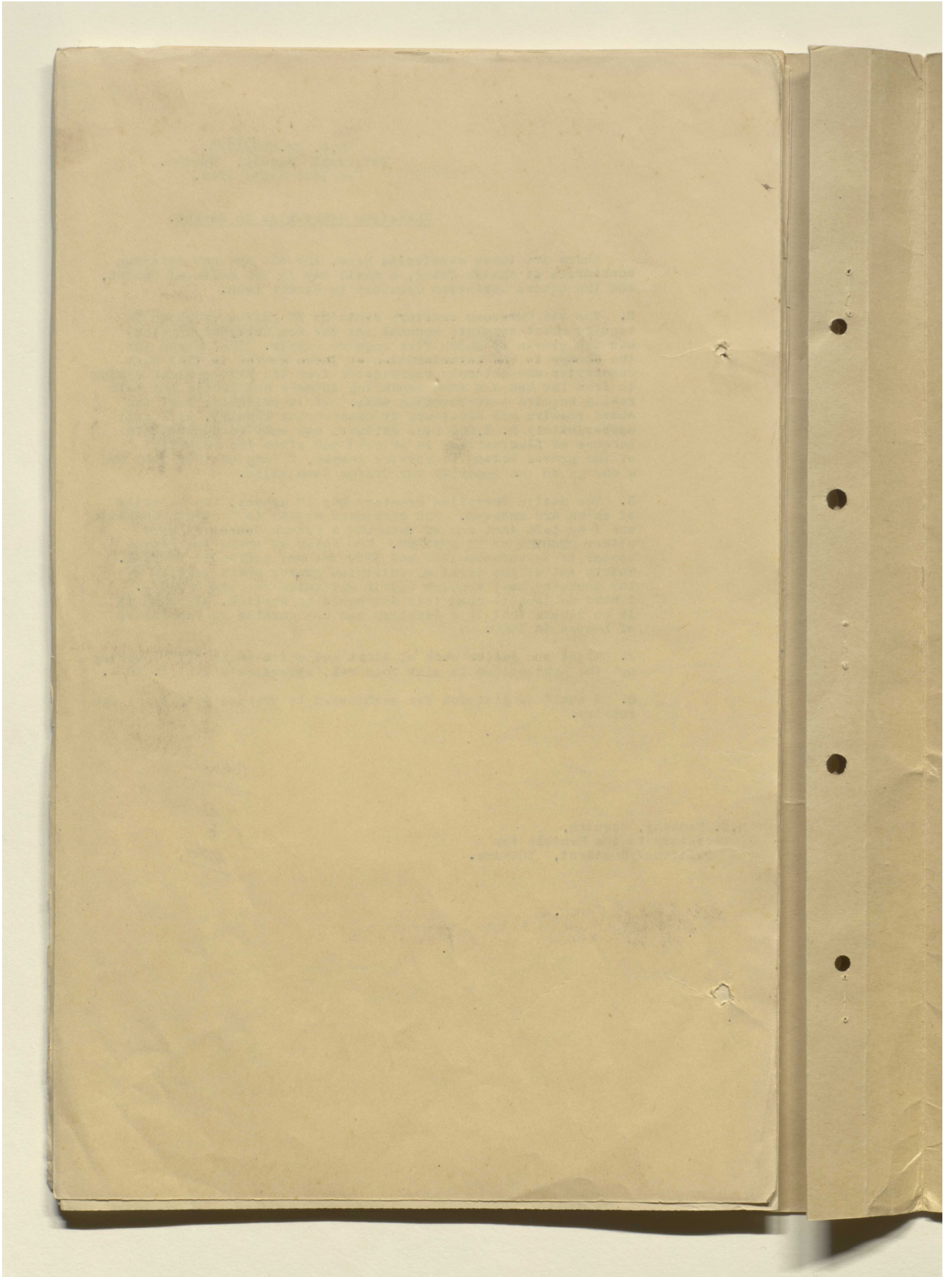
3. The native Christian cemetery has 32 graves, the majority of which are unknown. The remainder appear to be Roman Catholic and I am told that one of them was a French Consul by name either GUCUYER or IE QUELLEC. The dates of these two graves appear to be between 1907 and 1909 but are difficult to read. Thirty out of the total of thirtytwo graves and a portion of the boundary wall require repair estimated to cost Rs 800/-. I have no idea to whom this sum could be debited, although it is on record that this cemetery was consecrated by the Bishop of Lahore in 1900.

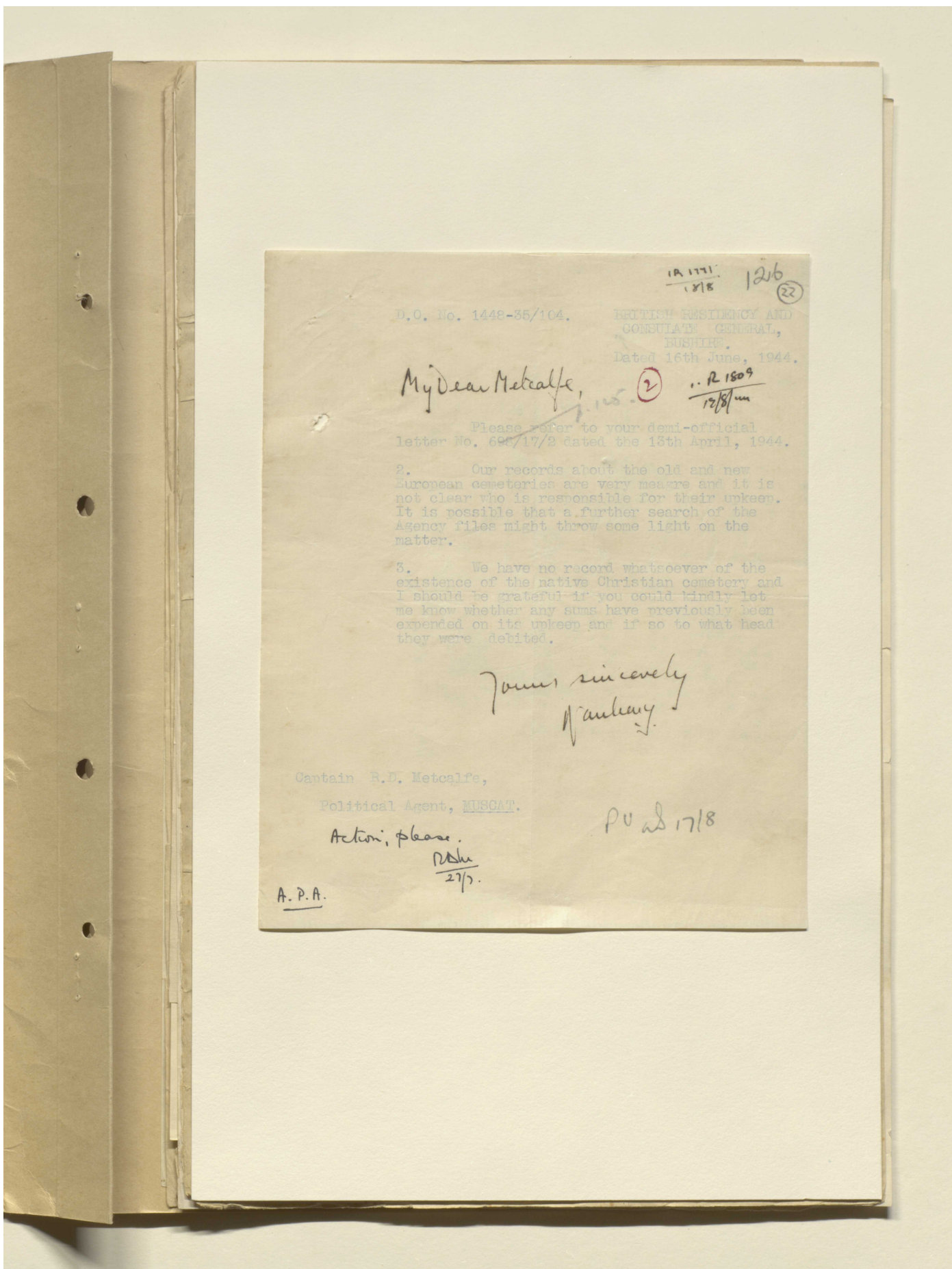
4. About one gallon each of black and white paint for "touching up" the head stones is also required, approximate cost Rs. 25/-.

5. I shall be grateful for permission to proceed with all these repairs.

R.G. Daubeny, Esquire,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Political Resident, Bushire.

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D.O. No. 1448-35/104.

BRITISH RESIDENCY AND
CONSULATE GENERAL,
MUSCAT.
Dated 16th June, 1944.

18.11.44
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My Dear Metcalfe,

11.12.44
R 1809
12/8/44

Please refer to your semi-official letter No. 688/17/2 dated the 13th April, 1944.

2. Our records about the old and new European cemeteries are very meagre and it is not clear who is responsible for their upkeep. It is possible that a further search of the Agency files might throw some light on the matter.

3. We have no record whatsoever of the existence of the native Christian cemetery and I should be grateful if you could kindly let me know whether any sums have previously been expended on its upkeep and if so to what head they were debited.

Yours sincerely
W. Aubrey

Captain R.D. Metcalfe,
Political Agent, MUSCAT.

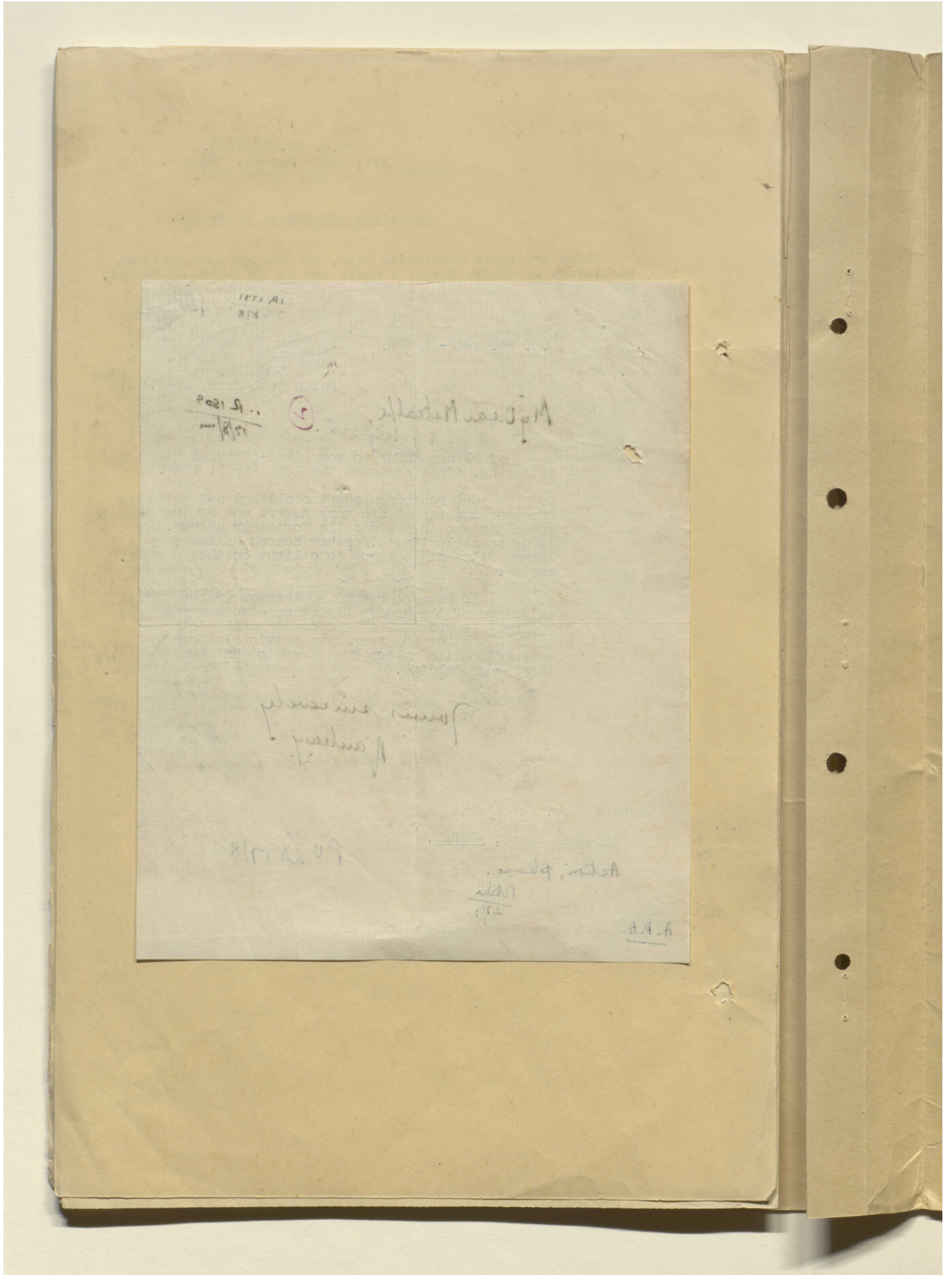
Action, please.

RSH
27/5.

A.P.A.

PV 17/8

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'File XVII/2 Government Property, Christian Cemeteries' [23r] (45/74)

D.O. No. 1861/17/2.

Political Agency, Muscat.
The 28th August 1944.

Subject: Muscat cemeteries.

Will you please refer to your D.O. letter No. 1448-35/104 dated the 16th June 1944 addressed to Metcalfe.

I have delved through all the files here and Foreign Office circular No. K/998/564/50 of the 4th February 1931 reads as follows:-

"I am directed by Mr. Secretary Henderson to state that his attention has recently been drawn to a case in which a Consular Officer has sanctioned alterations in the British war graves within his district without previous reference to the Imperial War Graves Commission. I am to remind you that whenever questions arise affecting such graves no decision should be taken by you without prior consultation with the Imperial War Graves Commission or their local representative."

3. The Political Agent, Muscat in 1932, however, arranged for repairs costing Rs. 375/- to be carried out direct with the Secretary to the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf, H.M.S. Triad and divided the cost thereof. He paid for the repairs to civilians' graves (Rs. 211/-) out of Central Contract Grant presumably in accordance with Sir Geoffrey (then Captain) Prior's D.O. Letter (NOT numbered) of the 14th August 1926 addressed to Major Barrett, Political Agent, Muscat.

4. I think the Supervisor could reduce his estimate of Rs. 3,000/- a good bit and when he returns to Muscat we will see if this is possible.

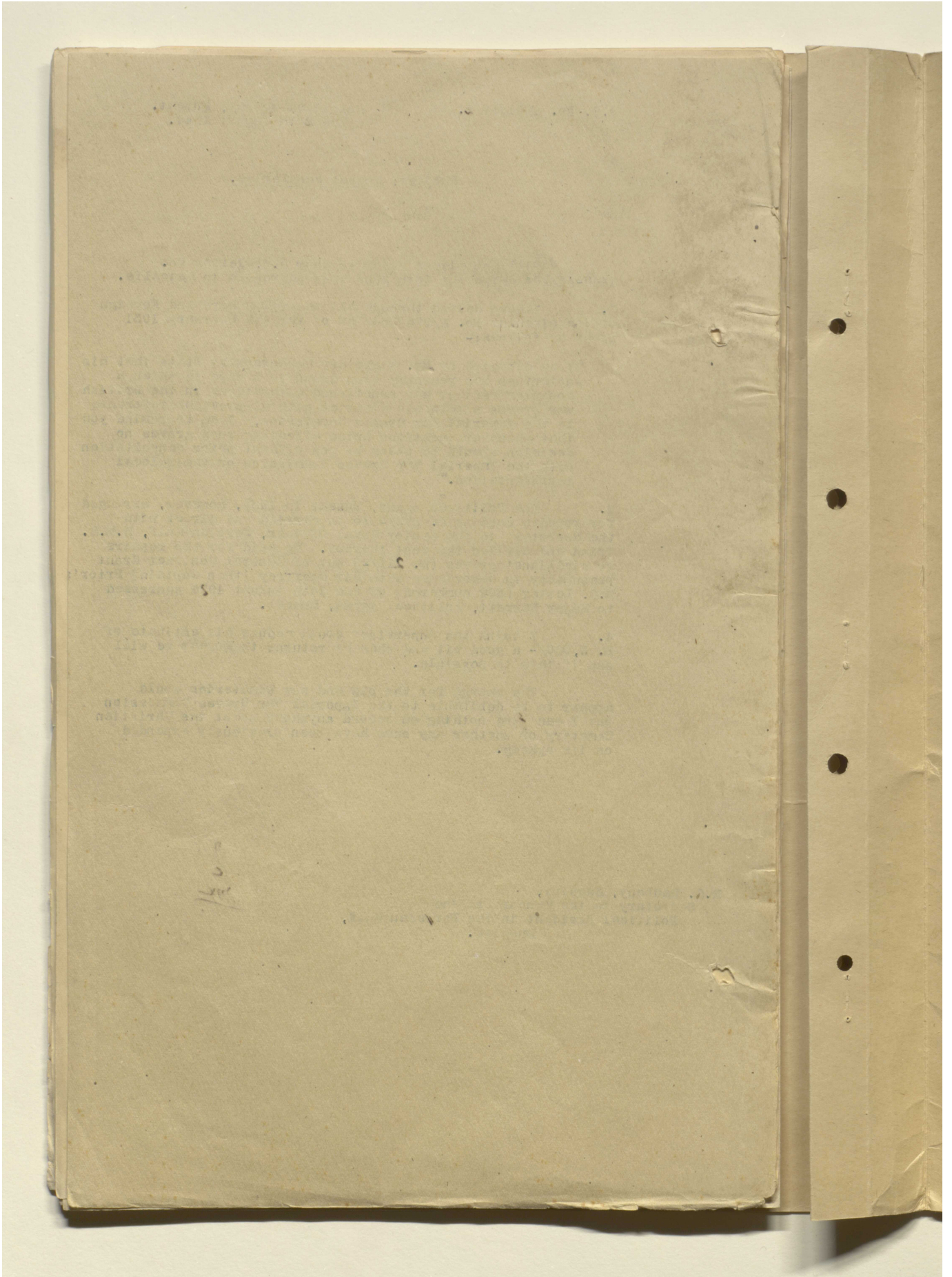
The charge for the old and new cemeteries would appear to be debitable to the Imperial War Graves Commission but I can find nothing on record anywhere about the Christian Cemetery or whether any sums have been previously expended on its upkeep.

R.G. Daubeny, Esquire,
Secretary to the Honourable the
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
Bushire.

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No. D.O. 2456-35/104.

AGENCY & H. B. P. S. MUSCAT
No. 2683
Date 30.11.44.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSCAT PROPERTY AND
CONSTRUCTION GENERAL,
MUSCAT.
Dated 2nd November, 1944.

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My Dear Galloway, P.127.

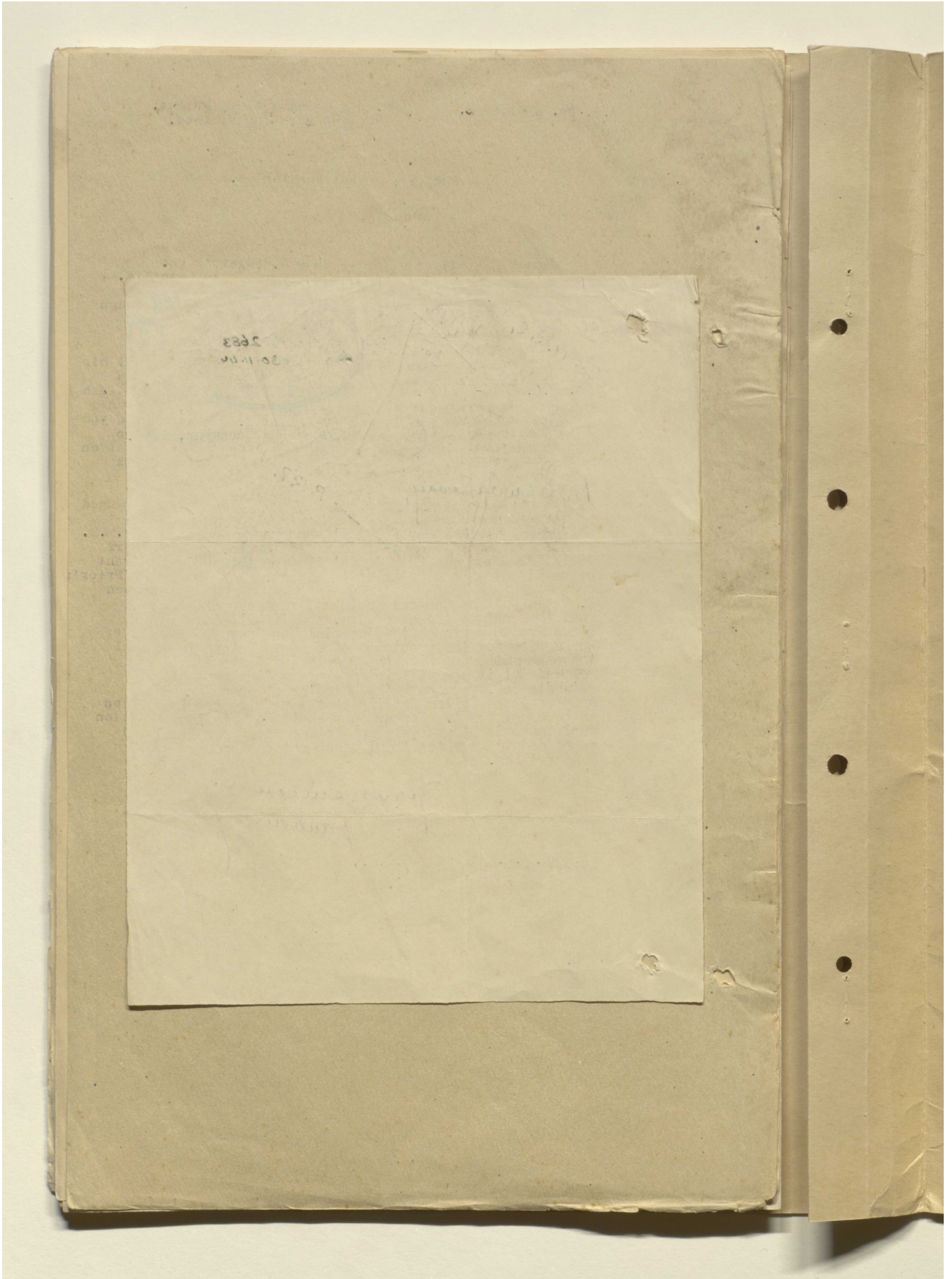
Please refer to the correspondence relating with Bird's demi-official letter No. 1861/17/2 dated the 28th August 1944 on the subject of repairs to the cemeteries in Muscat.

2. The Central Contract Grant cannot meet the cost of these repairs, and it will be necessary to approach the Imperial War Graves Commission for the provision of funds. Before I take the matter up with the Commission I should be grateful if you will let me have a final estimate (cf. paragraph 4 of Bird's letter referred to above) and fuller details of the repairs required to be carried out. Perhaps you could go into the whole question thoroughly and let me have your final recommendations after Abdul Wahab returns from Bandar Abbas.

Yours sincerely
Haubey

Lt. Col. A.C. Galloway C.P.E.,
Political Agent, Muscat.

AGL.



'File XVII/2 Government Property, Christian Cemeteries' [25r] (49/74)

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No.434-17/1.

Dated 13th May, 1947.

Dear Mr. Dykstra,

I find on examining my records a note by Hallows to the effect that he had visited the cemetery in company with you and that you had promised to secure a reliable mason to examine the matter in detail and prepare an estimate of the cost of repairing the various cemeteries.

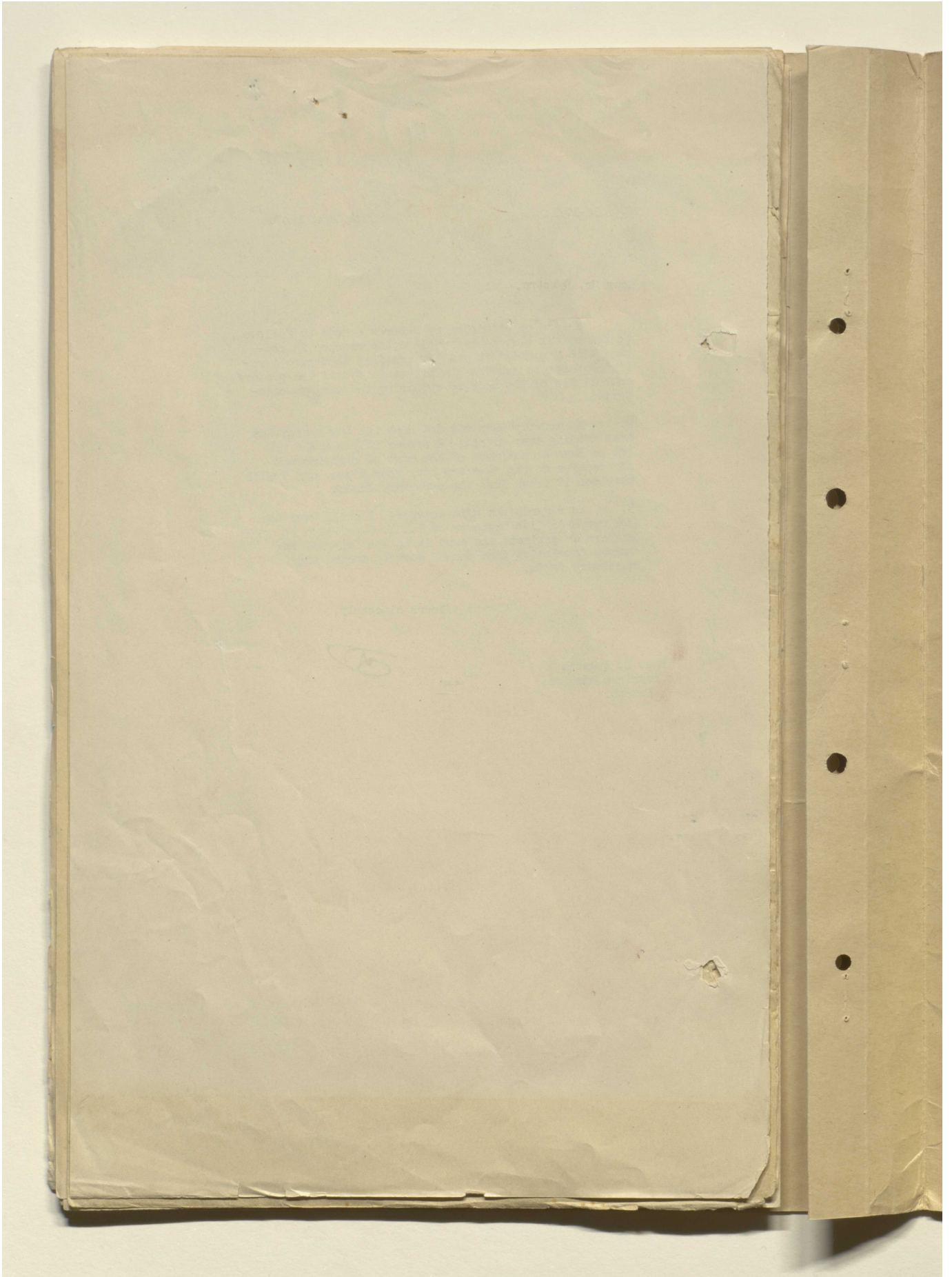
2. Apparently this was not done and the matter has been pending ever since. I wonder if you could now let me have an estimate of the cost of carrying out the repairs to the cemetery near your house, and I will then see if I can find the necessary funds.

3. As regards the main cemetery, I shall have to get our Executive Engineer or P.W.D. Supervisor to prepare an estimate and send it to the Imperial War Graves Commission from whom I have to secure the necessary funds.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. D. Dykstra,
American Mission,
Muscat.

[Handwritten signature]
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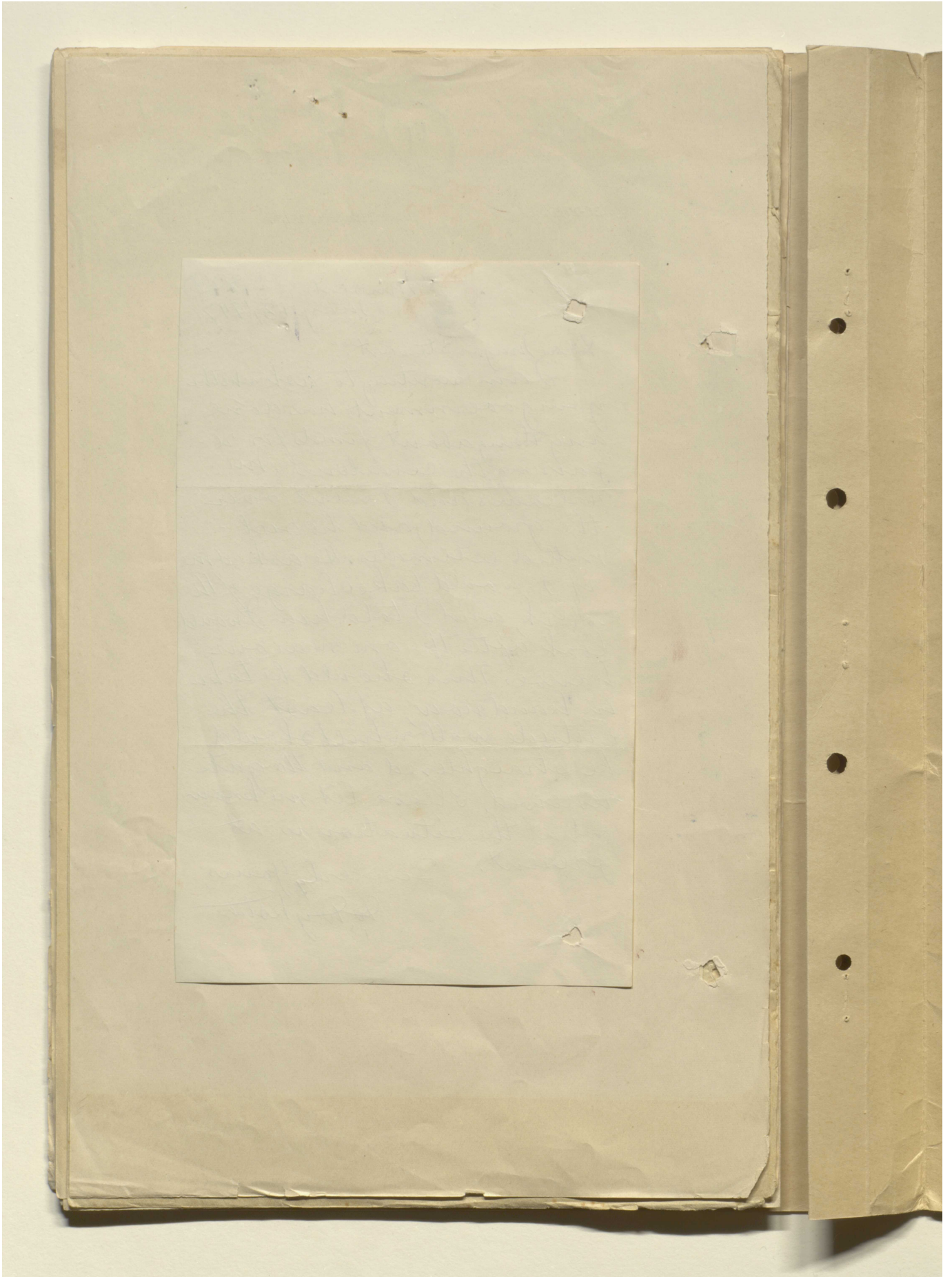


⑤ Muscat ³⁰ 26
May 13, 1947

Dear Major Stewart:

I am writing to ask whether your government has done anything about funds for repairing the cemeteries. Mr. Hallams and I went over the ground, and he submitted estimates. He asked me if I would take charge of the work and I told him I would look after the one near our house. This should be taken in hand now, at least the outside wall, which should be straightened and the gate renewed. Please let me know what the situation is at present.

Sincerely yours,
W. Dykstra

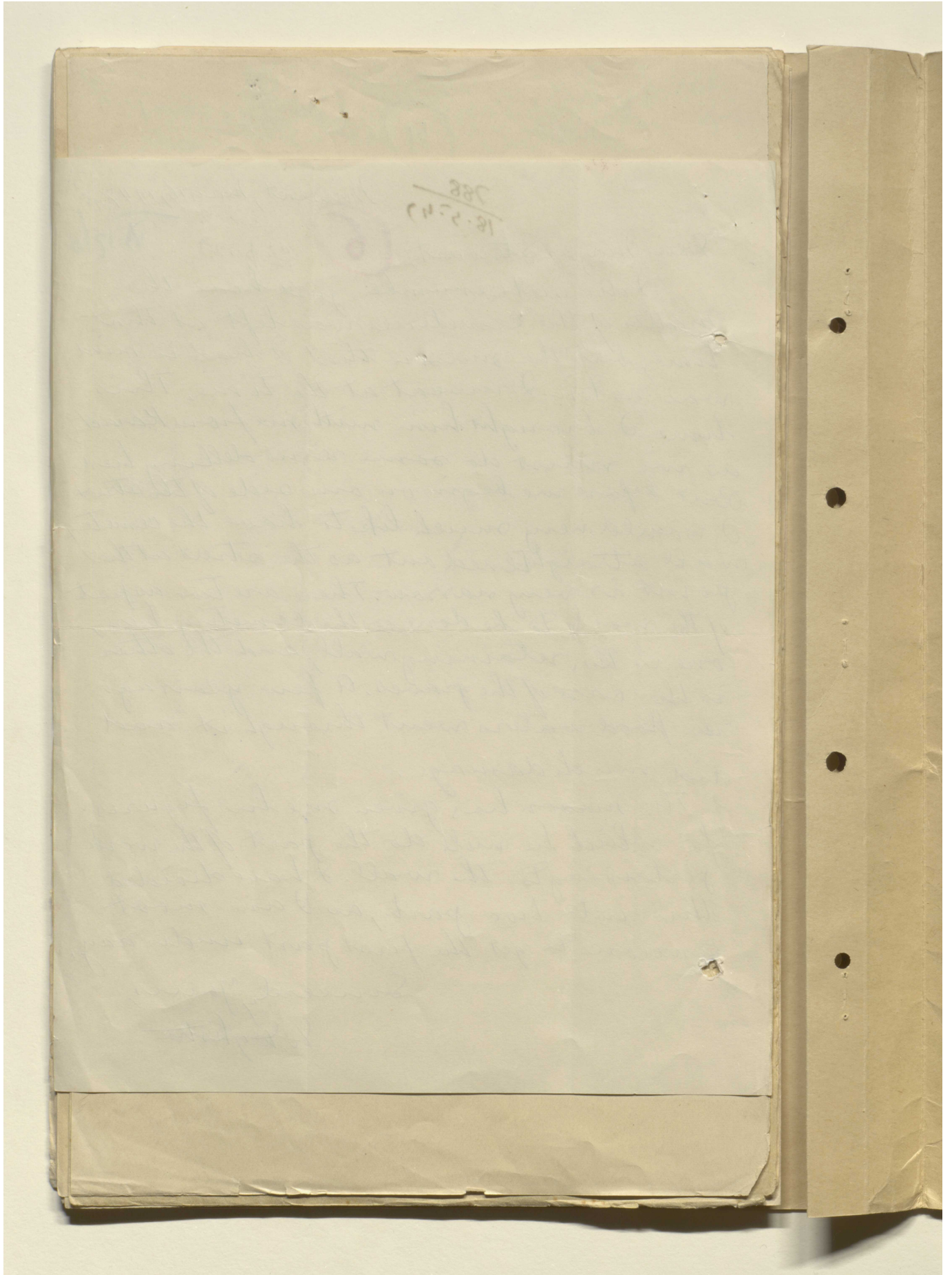


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18.5.47
Muscat, May 16, 1947⁽¹³⁾
Dear Major Stewart: **(5)** Cf. p. 129 ⁽²⁷⁾ 7/6

I did not remember just how the matter of the cemeteries was left at that time, but the mason that I had in mind was not in Muscat at the time. This time I brought him with me from Karachi, as we must do some remodelling here. But before we begin on our side of the street I would very much like to have the cemetery wall straightened out as the street at that point is very narrow. There are two aspects of the work to be done on the cemetery here, one is the retaining wall, and the other is the care of the graves. A few years ago the flood waters went through it and did much damage.

The mason has given me his figures for which he will do the part of the work pertaining to the wall. I have divided this into two parts, as I am most anxious to get the first part under way.

Sincerely yours,
D. Dykstra



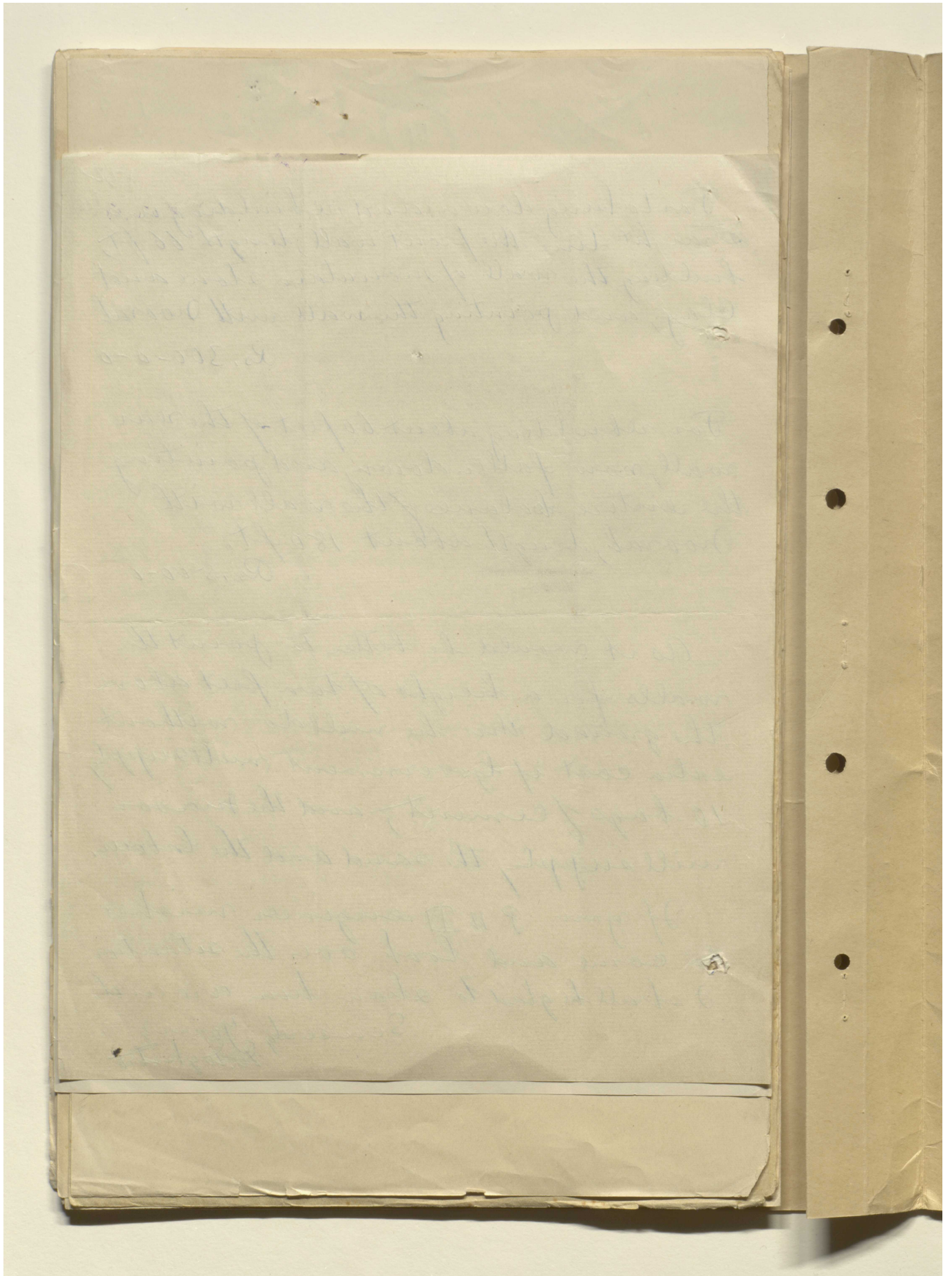
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For taking down and rebuilding in a ⁽²⁸⁾
straight line the front wall, length 66 ft,
building the wall of mountain stone and
clay, and pointing the wall with nooral
Rs. 300-0-0

For rebuilding about 60 feet of the rear
wall, now fallen down, and pointing
the entire balance of the wall with
nooral, length about 180 ft.
Rs. 500-0

As it would be better to point the
walls for a height of two feet above
the ground this he will do without
extra cost if Government will supply
10 bags of cement, and the mason
will supply the sand and the labour.

If your PWD engineer wishes
to come and look over the situation
I shall be glad to show him around.

Sincerely yours,
W. Dykstra



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No.459-17/1.

Dated 22nd May, 1947.

Dear Mr. Dykstra,

Will you please refer to your letter dated the 16th May, 1947, regarding repairs to cemetery?

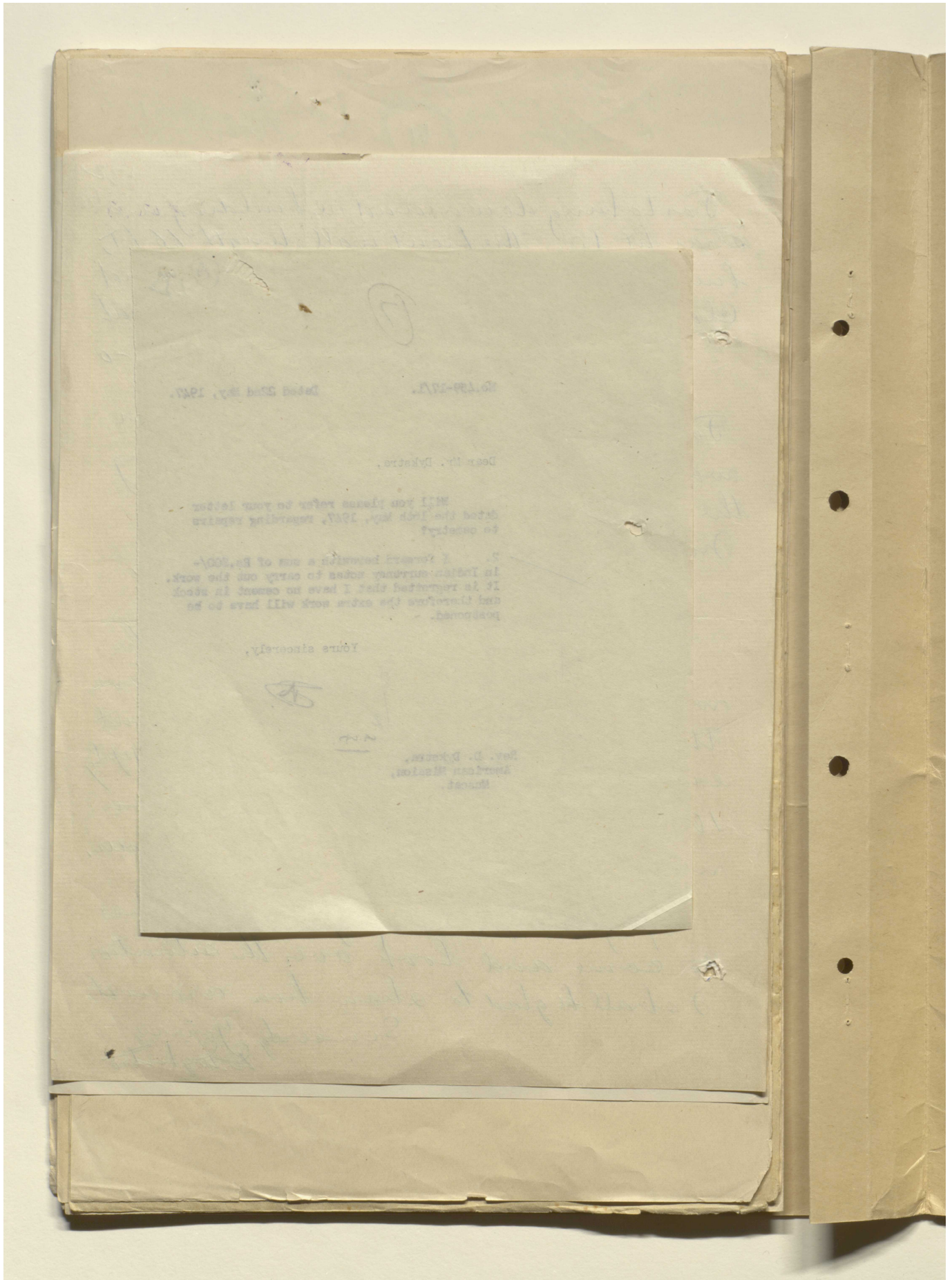
2. I forward herewith a sum of Rs.800/- in Indian currency notes to carry out the work. It is regretted that I have no cement in stock and therefore the extra work will have to be postponed.

Yours sincerely,

J. C.
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Rev. D. Dykstra,
American Mission,
Muscat.

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IN-REPLY REFER TO

CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND.)

No. _____

Muscat

BRANCH,

MEMORANDUM.

Dear Mr Khan. 25th May

We had to return the first three fans after waiting on them for two days - they were no good. Mr Oze sent us three other fans in exchange and after waiting on them for two more days we have managed to put two of them into working order. The third I am afraid is useless, it has been in salt water and the inside is badly corroded. We will return it if you don't mind, will you please amend your debit note accordingly?

The new battery for Sheikh Saleem
is now charged and ready. Could
you please have it collected. Do
try and inform the Sheikh
that it will need recharging
at least once each month.

Yours etc
J. P. Muelens



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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.

19th November 1948.

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Dear Sir,

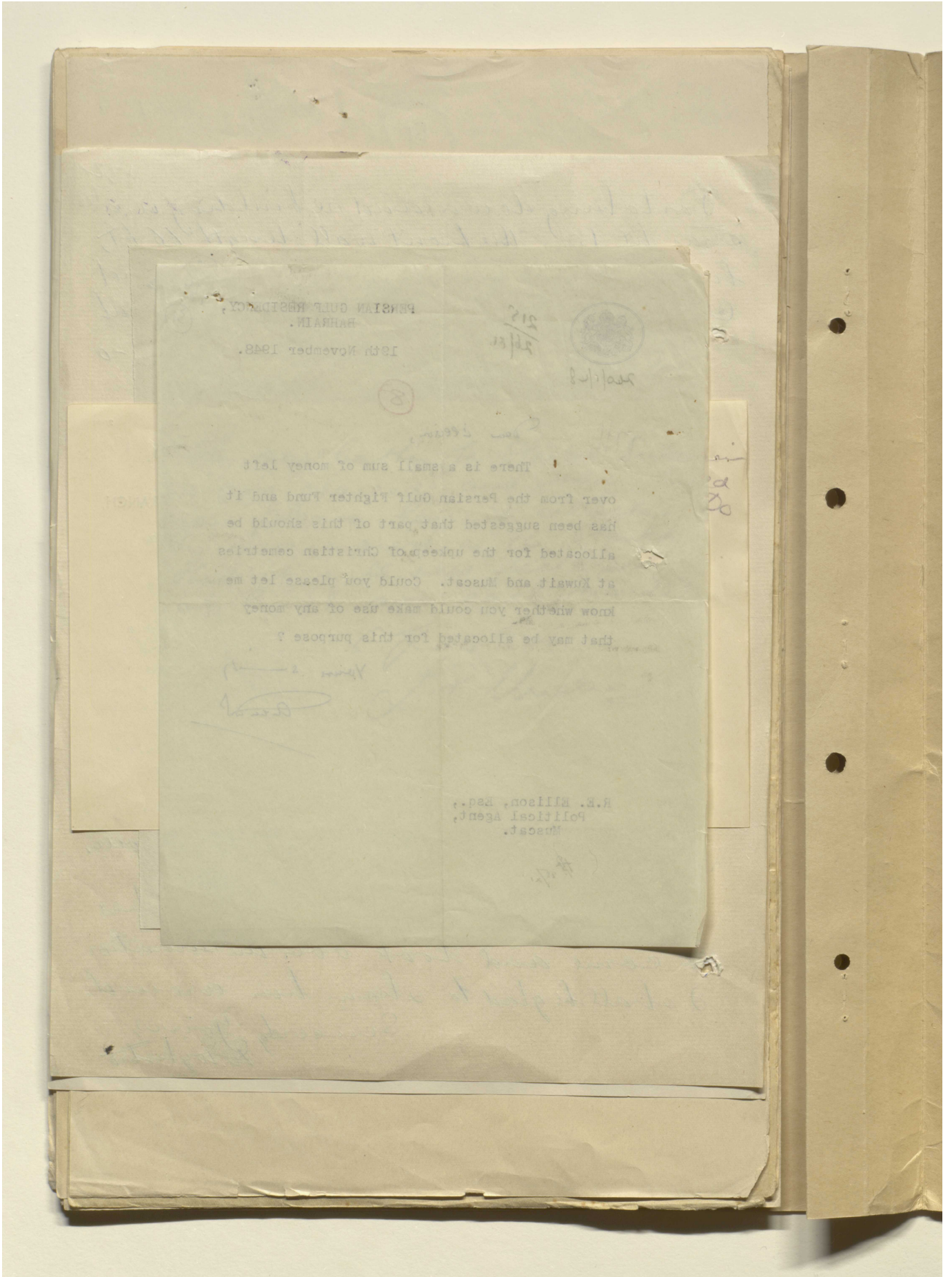
There is a small sum of money left over from the Persian Gulf Fighter Fund and it has been suggested that part of this should be allocated for the upkeep of Christian cemeteries at Kuwait and Muscat. Could you please let me know whether you could make use of any money that may be allocated for this purpose ?

Yours sincerely,

R.E. Ellison, Esq.,
Political Agent,
Muscat.

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PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY
BAHRAIN.
12th November 1948.

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25/11/48
8/11/48

There is a small sum of money left over from the Persian Gulf Fighter Fund and it has been suggested that part of this should be allocated for the upkeep of Christian cemeteries at Kuwait and Muscat. Could you please let me know whether you could make use of any money that may be allocated for this purpose?

R.E. Ellison, Esq.,
Political Agent,
Muscat.

Letter no. 74/150/S, 25/5/40, from Herman & Shalaby ⁽³²⁾ ~~Baschi~~

One letter referred to in the P.U.C. is placed below
please.

Submitted.

~~22.~~
31/5.

P.A.

Such too expensive. Reply on
below. ~~11/6.~~

Note of 9-9-42 from medical office, Muscat.

Draft letter to S. Shalaby below for
approval pl.

~~11/9/42.~~ to 11/9/42

~~11/9/42.~~

same. Pl. tell me where the cemetery
is so that I may visit it
some time.

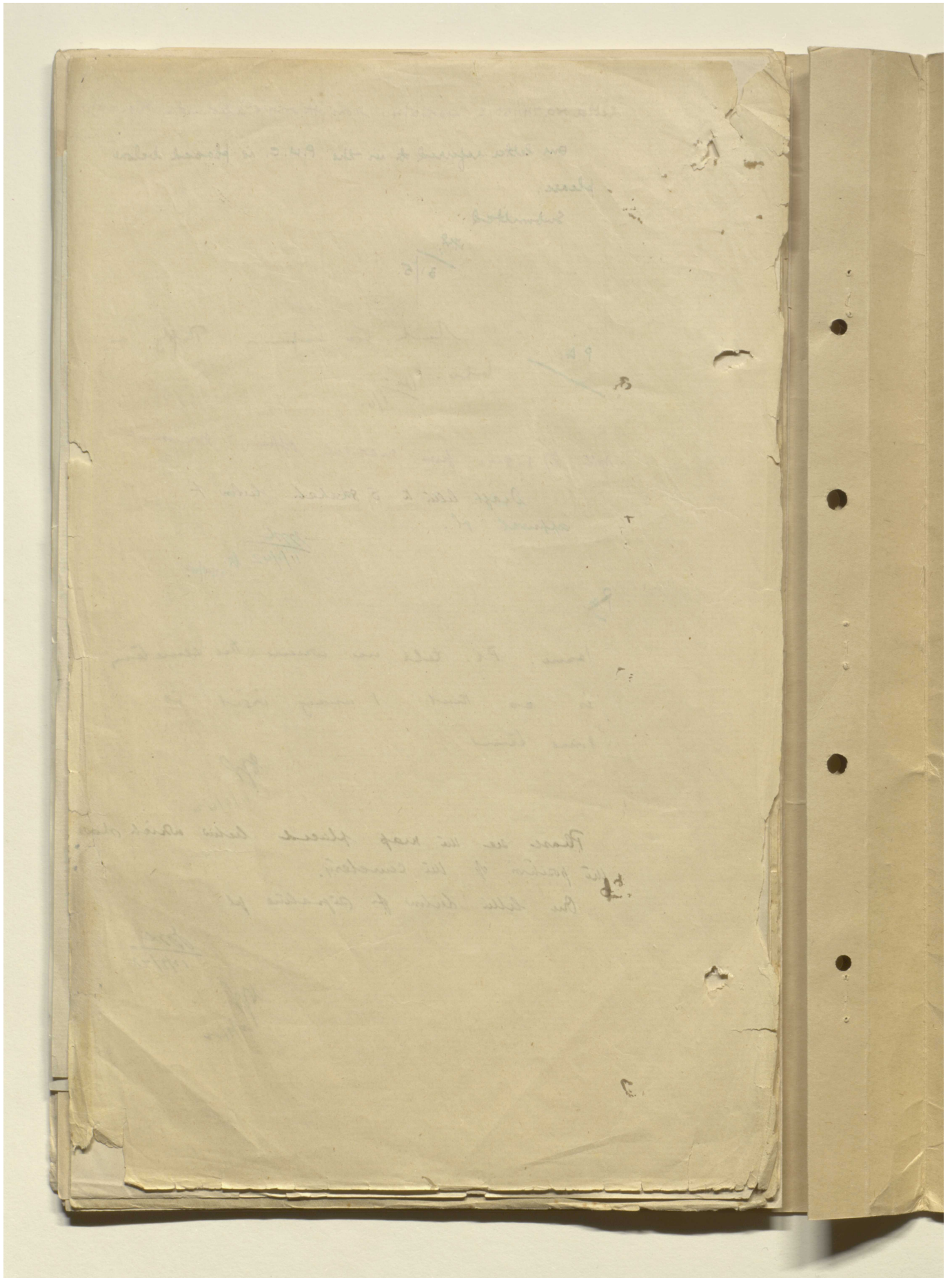
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Please see the map placed below which shows
the position of the cemetery.

One letter below for signature pl.

~~12/9/42.~~

~~12/9/42.~~



1. Ltr No: 2/395 D/ 8-10-42 from S. Shahab.

1 Refers to page 114. The stone is kept downstairs pl. Submitted.

JML
10/10/42

2 May thank S. Shahab for recovering stone & arrange for it to be replaced, if it can be mended with cement.

ls.
10/10/42

~~P.A.~~

3 D. F. a.

JML
14/11/42
ls.
14/10/42

JML
10/10/42

4 The stone has been repaired with cement but inspecting the grave, it is found that there is already a cross and small marble tablet. no further instructions please.

JML
9/2/43

5 The grave has a wooden cross. If P.A. approves this may be removed & replaced by the stone.

ls.
9/2/43

~~ls.~~

6 Mr. Oza ls. 10/2/43

JML
10/2/43

The wooden cross has been removed & replaced by the new grave stone. but the small slate tablet referred to above was found smashed.

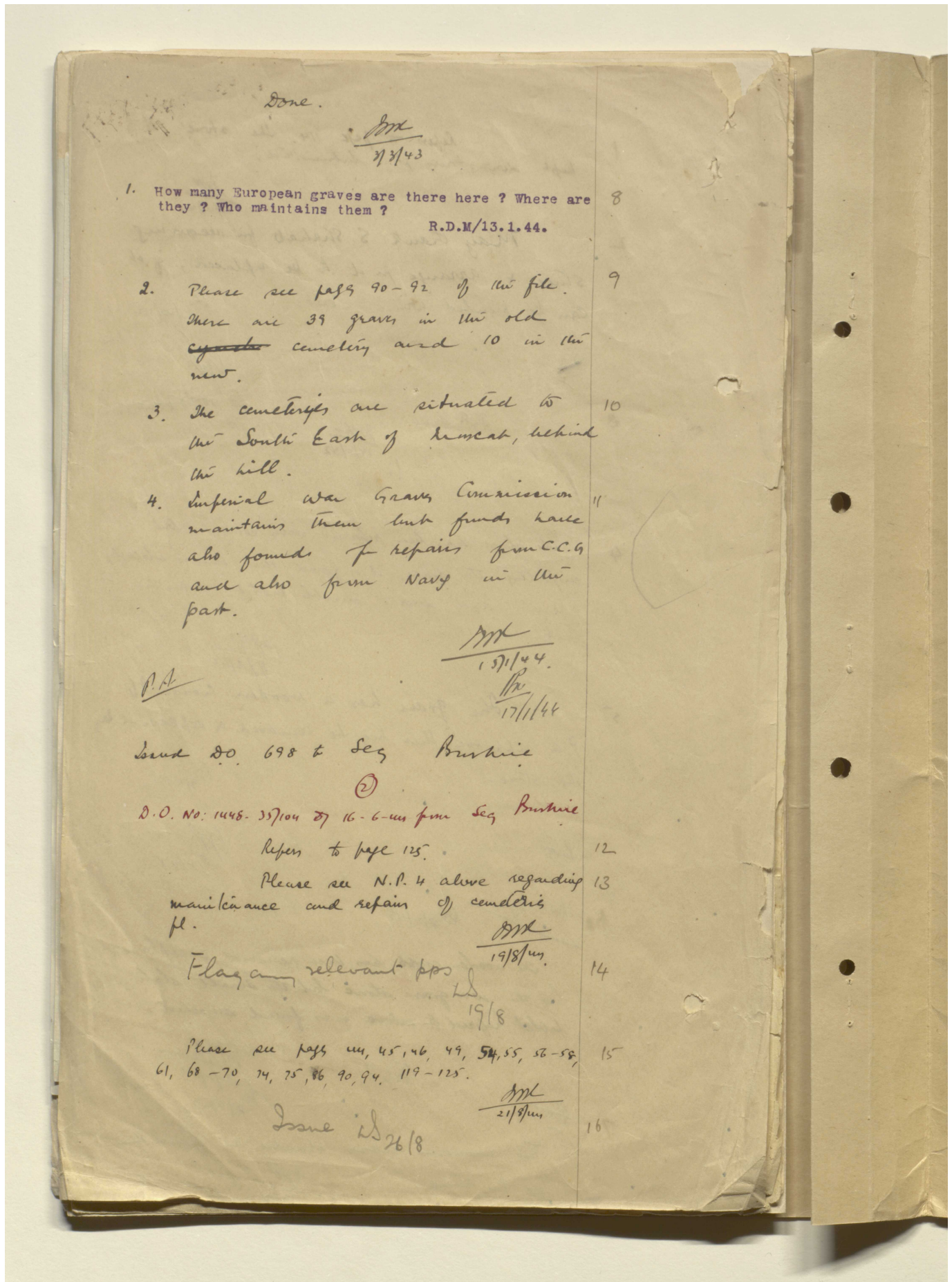
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ls.
2/2/43

7 P.A.

The wooden cross should be placed in the stone.

JML
2/2/43



Done.

JMK
31/3/43

1. How many European graves are there here ? Where are they ? Who maintains them ? 8

R.D.M/13.1.44.

2. Please see pages 90-92 of the file. 9
There are 39 graves in the old ~~cemetery~~ cemetery and 10 in the new.

3. The cemeteries are situated to 10
the South East of Doha, behind the hill.

4. Imperial War Graves Commission 11
maintains them but funds have also found for repairs from C.C.G and also from Navy in the past.

JMK
15/1/44
R
17/1/44

P.A.

Send D.O. 698 to Sec Bushie

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D.O. No: 1448-35704 of 16-6-44 from Sec Bushie

Refer to page 125. 12

Please see N.P. 4 above regarding 13
maintenance and repairs of cemeteries
pl.

Flag any relevant pps 14
JMK
19/8/44

Please see pages 44, 45, 46, 49, 54, 55, 56-58, 15
61, 68-70, 74, 75, 86, 90, 94, 119-125.

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JMK
21/8/44

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87 17 D.O. No. 2456-35/104 dt 2.11.44 from Secretary, Bushire
 This may await Mr Abdul Wahabi's return from B/Alhas as suggested by Bushire. The estimated cost of Rs 3000/- appears very light and it would be worth while to ask Mr Oza to give his estimate with the help of some local contractor
KAB
4.12.44

18 The herb lesson is Mr Dykstra. I will try to remember to read on Sunday next.
KAB
6.12.44

19 Would you like to take a ride to the cemetery with Mr Dykstra? Does not matter if you do not want to. I have not the time to go now.
KAB
14.12.44

20 ~~...~~ I want A.P.A.
KAB
18.12.44

21 APA Please put up in a week time.
KAB
2.1.45

22 File submitted.
KAB
9.1.45

23 I have no time to go now. Remind me in 2 weeks or perhaps Mr Alhas will return now.
KAB
6.2.45

n. Para 23 File Submitted pl.

Mr. D. is now ill. await ¹⁹⁴⁵ 5/3/45
 when I will see him. or perhaps
 it will have more energy - the
 matter than I have had.

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This will have to await until
 arrival of Abdul Wahab or return
 of Mr. D.

26.

19. 5. 45.

N/P area 2b. Resubmitted pl.

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27/7/45

I have arranged to see Mr
 Cushing with Mr. Dykes on Saturday.
 Please ask Mr D.A.C. to let me have
 his custom's launch at 3.30 on this
 day. If his ship is in port his
 arrangement will be postponed.

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1. 11 45.

D.A.C. has instructed the launch crew
 to be in front of the Agency at 3.30 on
 Saturday

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This file has remained static as the Rev. Dykstra's promise to repair a road was examined in detail and did not materialize.

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A mission padre should be posted to Muscat soon, and when he arrives, I suggest his assistance be sought.

Q

PA

28.5.46.

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Thanks. file until mission padre arrives

J
2/12.

32a

N/para 32 Mission Padre has arrived. Resubmitted

PA
10.5.47
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Issued D.O. No. 434 d/13.5.47 to Rev. D. Dykstra

Letter d/13.5.47 from Rev. D. Dykstra

Letter d/16.5.47 — do —

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S.5. This has crossed on d.o. at page 129. File? PA 18.5.47

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S.6. May the two estimates amounting to Rs. 800/- be approved? The amount will be met by sale

proceeds of surplus fans etc and the balance will be paid from accounts. As regards cement, Mr. Oza reports that it is out of stock. As he is proceeding on leave by the down mail due here on or about the 27th of May, he will not be able to supervise this work.
P.A. (from X/para 34)

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17/5/47.

and Mr. Dykstra Rs Post to carry out the work to be debited as suggested. Report that I have no cement in stock @ that therefore this extra work will have to be postponed.

(A)
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D.F.A. funds to meet Allocation of expenditure of Rs. 800/-

1) Sale proceeds of 5 ^{old} ceiling fans sold to Behinji Ramdas	} Rs. 500
2) Sale proceeds of 3 old ceiling fans @ £3/- each sold to C. + W.	} " 120
3) from accounts	" 180
	<u>Rs. 800</u>

444
20/5/47.

(B)
21/5-

Issued D.O. No. 459 d/22.5.47 to Mr. Dykstra

Ref. X/para 37.

Cable and Wireless have purchased only two ceiling fans instead of three. I have sent a debit note for Rs. 80/- May Rs. 220/- be now debited to "accounts"?

444
26/5/47.

X/para 36-38
P. 220/- bank for one out

(C)
27/5/47

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