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**Diary and Consultations of Mr Alexander Douglas, Agent of the East India
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About this record

The volume is in the form of a diary, which contains records of consultations at the Gombroon [Bandar-e 'Abbās] Factory. The Chief Agent, Alexander Douglas, and occasionally, the Factory's Council members William Nash and Dymoke Lyster, headed the consultations. They recorded the daily activities, the administrative decisions made, letters sent and received, and the significant political and military operations in the region.

Among the main details and issues recorded in the diary are the following:

- The French seizing the East India Company's ship *Speedwell*
- Reports of the country people attacking the Factory
- News of Shaik Rama [Raḥmah bin Maṭar al-Qāsimī, Shaikh of Julfār, also written as Rama and Rammah] of Julfar [Julfār in what is now Ra's al Khaymah, also written as Gulfar] seizing the effects of Moolah Ally Shaw [Mulla Ali Shah] in Ormuse [[Jazīreh-ye Hormoz, Hormuz, Ormuz, also written as Ormus]
- The enmity between Carem Caun [Karīm Khān Zand, Vakil of Persia, also written as Carim]

and Nasseir Caun [Nāṣir Khān Āl Mazkūr, Shaikh of Būshehr, ruled 1162-1203/c 1749-1788]

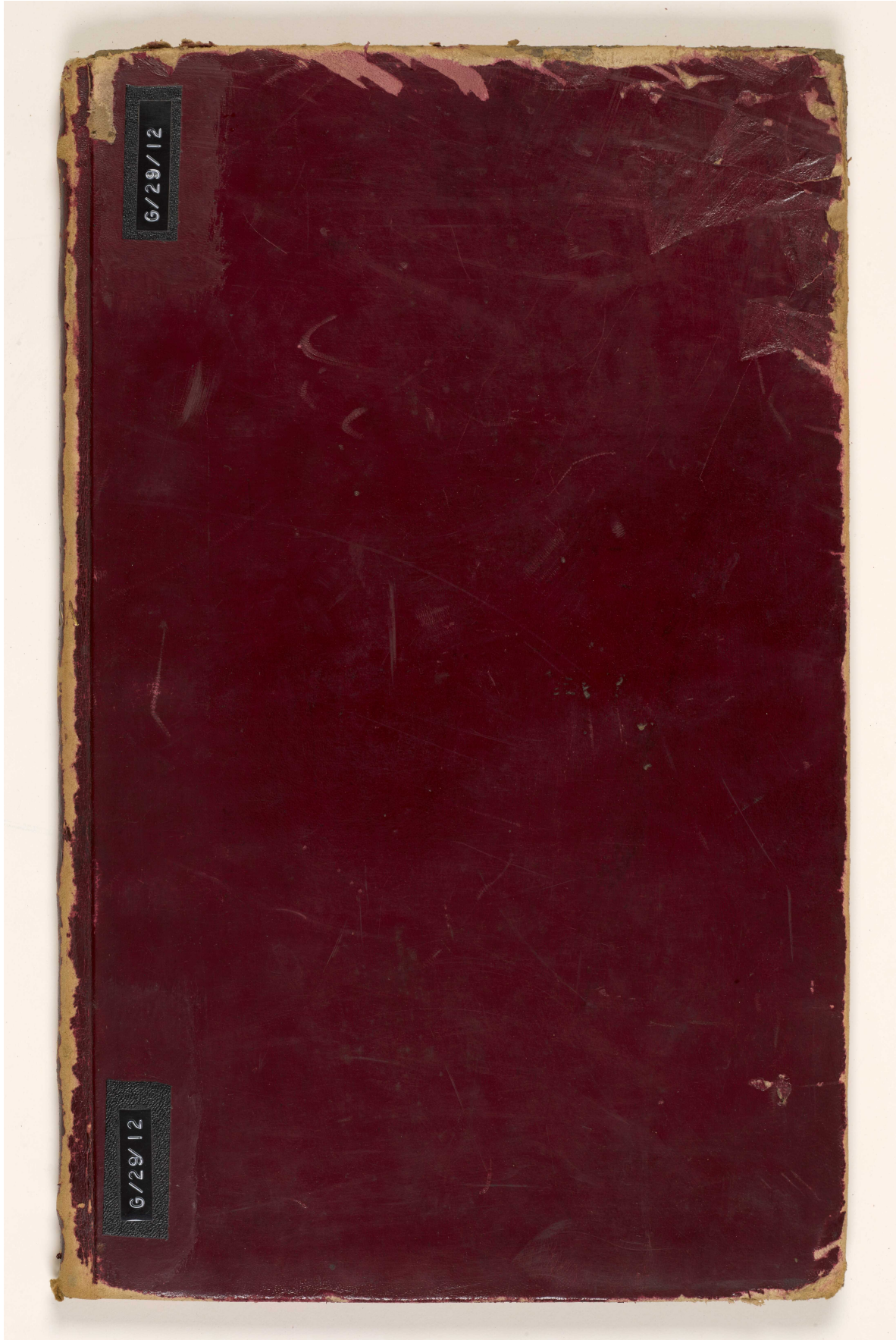
- The Imaum [Imam] of Muscat [also written as Muskatt] trying to entice the French ships ashore either at Muscat or Bourka
- Records of the activities of French and Dutch vessels
- Nasseir Caun sending his brother Jaffar Caun [Ja'afar Khān] to Afseen [Afsin] to build a fort there
- Records of military engagement between Dutch and English ships
- Correspondence with William Hutchinson, Captain of the ship *Godolphin* regarding sailing orders
- The Benimine [Banu Mu'in] and Charrack Arabs' [Al-'Ali, based at Charrack, modern (Bandar) Charak] confrontation with the Haram and Julfar Arabs over the Island of Kishme [Qishm, Qeshm]
- Records of a battle at Nandervash [Vandavasi or Wandiwash, south-west India] between French and English forces
- The arrival of wool from Cermina [Kerman, also written as Carmenia]
- Records of letters received from the Linguist (i.e. interpreter) at Carmenia advising on the amount of wool sent and the bills
- Accounts of damaged cloth delivered out of the Company's warehouse
- The Agent visiting the Cutwal [Kutwal from Persian, means the chief of a fort] of Ormuse castle
- The engagement between Nasseir Caun's troops and the Julfar Arabs at Linga [Bandar-e Lengeh]
- Letters exchanged between the Factory Agent and the President and Governor-in-Council at Bombay, and Council Members
- The President and Governor-in-Council at Bombay, Richard Bouchier resigning from his post, and Charles Crommelin taking over
- Records of the work of the Committee of Accounts
- The Bombay Council correspondence with the King of Siam regarding ship *Northumberland* which had been seized by his people
- Letters exchanged between the Resident at Bussorah [Basra, also written as Bossarah], William Shaw, and the Factory at Gombroon
- Records of events taking place in Bussorah and Bagdat [Baghdad]
- William Shaw's visit to the Bashaw [Pasha] of Bagdat and the good relations paved between the two
- The delivery of packets to the Court of Directors via Aleppo and Stamble [Istanbul].

The diary includes records of the arrival and departure of ships, including the *Dragon*, the *Welcome*, the *Godolphin*, the *Swallow*, the *Fort William*, the *Royal George*, the *Duke of Dorset*, the *Drake*, the *Calcutta*, the *Monmouth*, the *Roumania* and the *Fuzeraboony*.

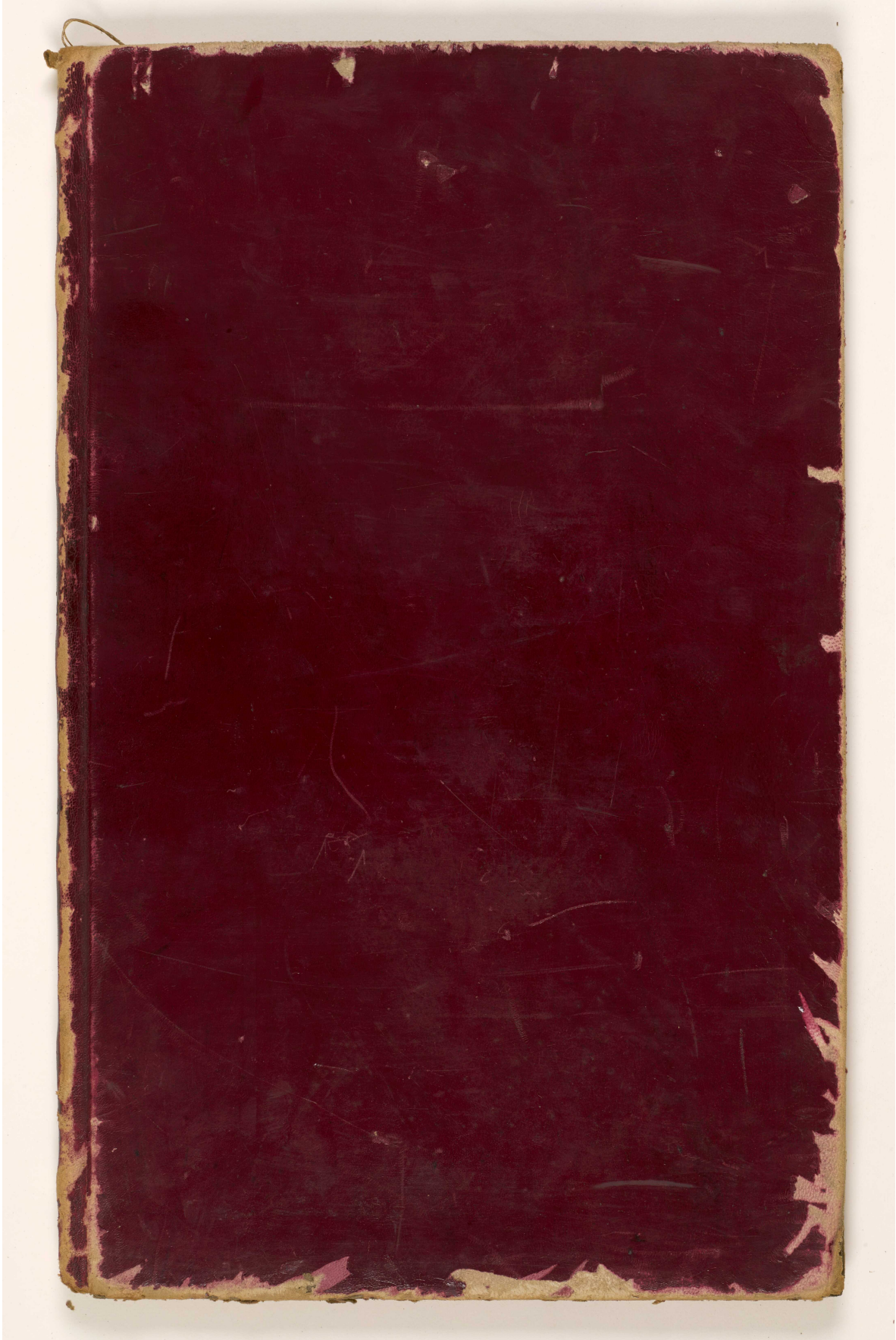
Ships sailed mainly to and from Gombroon, Bombay, Bussorah, Bengall [Bengal], Surat, Muscat, Bushier [Būshehr], and Ormuse.

The diary includes abstracts of the standard account disbursements for each month. These cover the following: table expenses, garrison charges, house repairs, the Afseen Garden, merchandised charges, extraordinary charges, servants' wages, ships' charges, and hospital charges.

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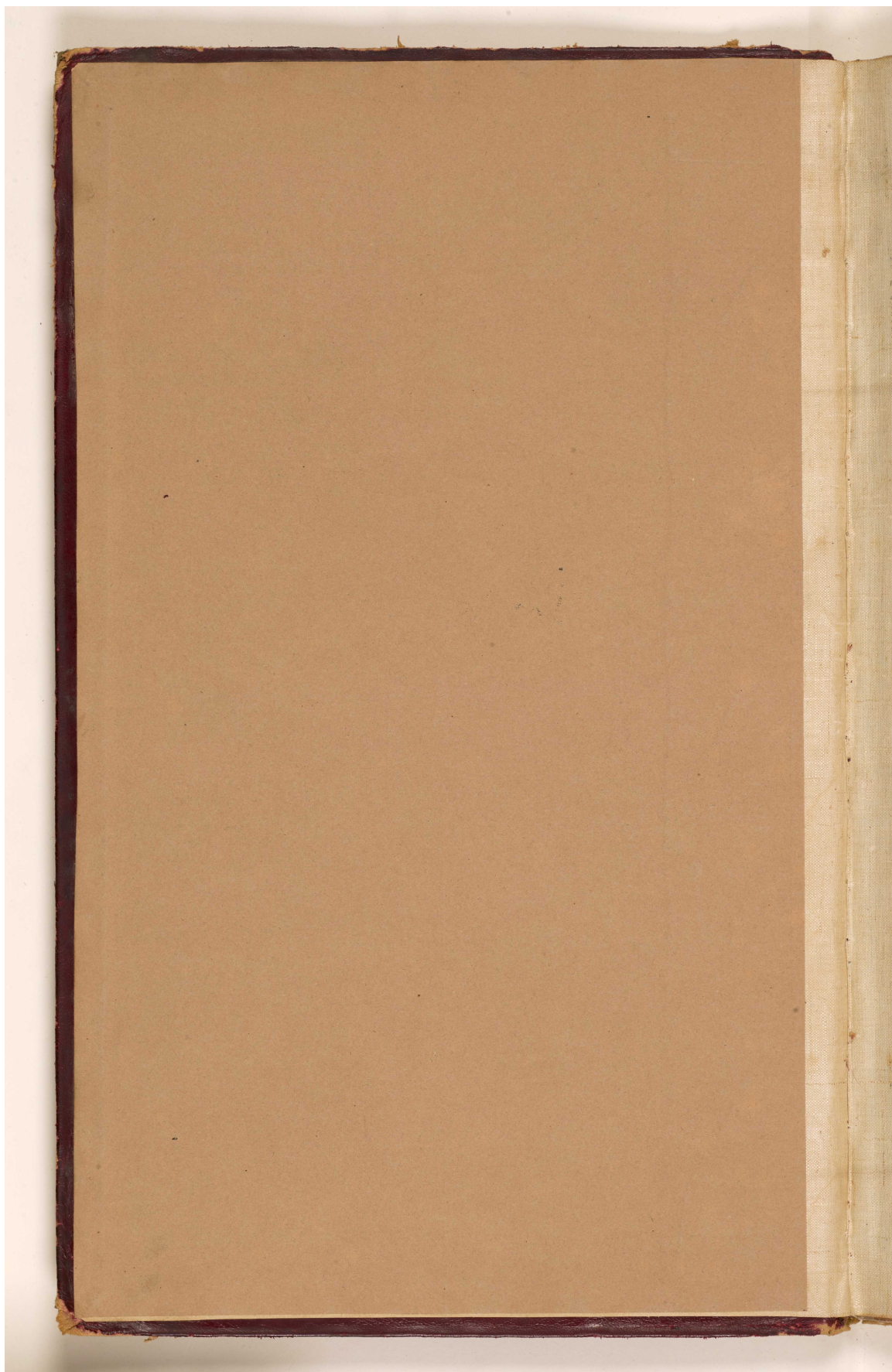
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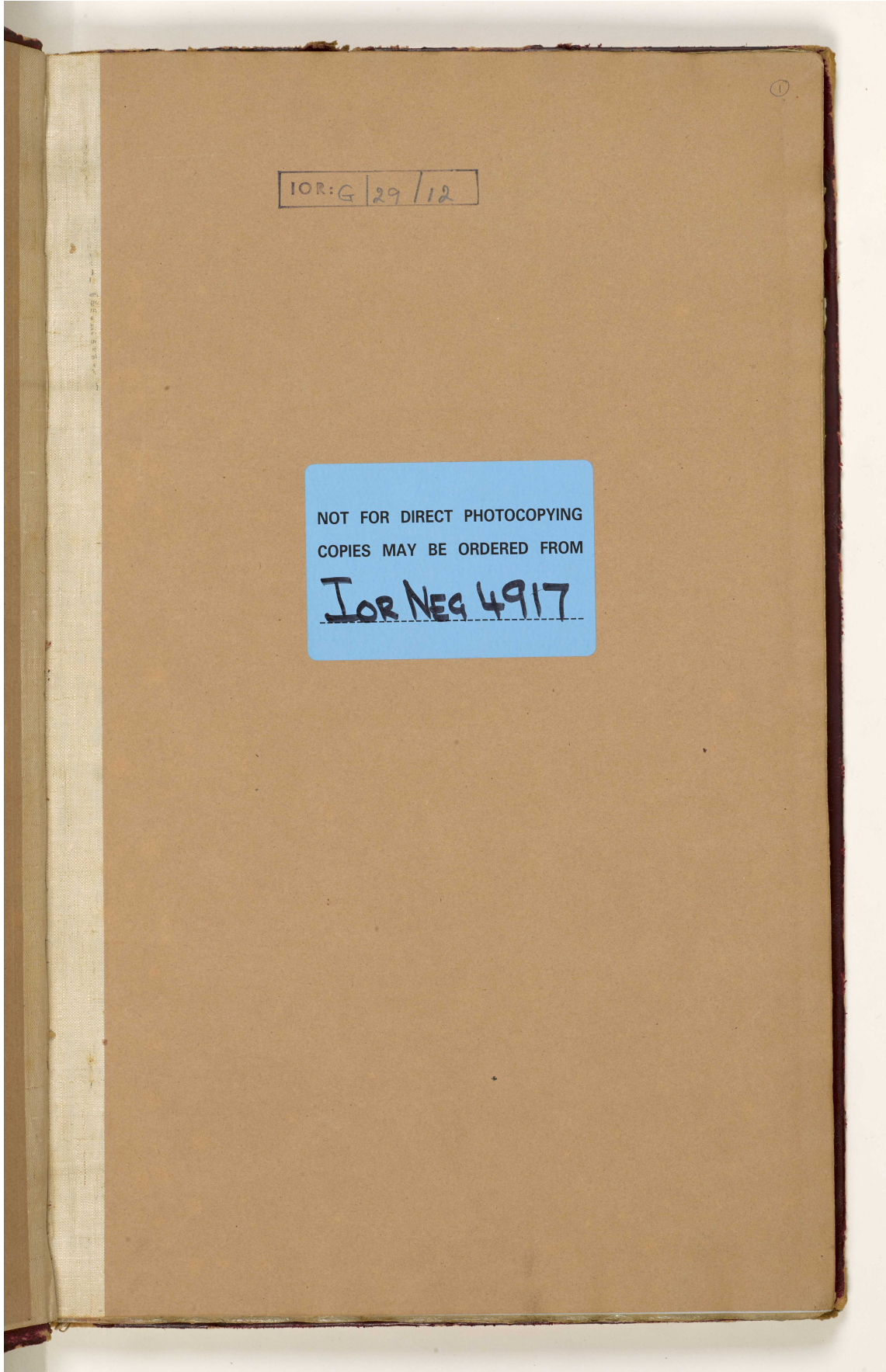
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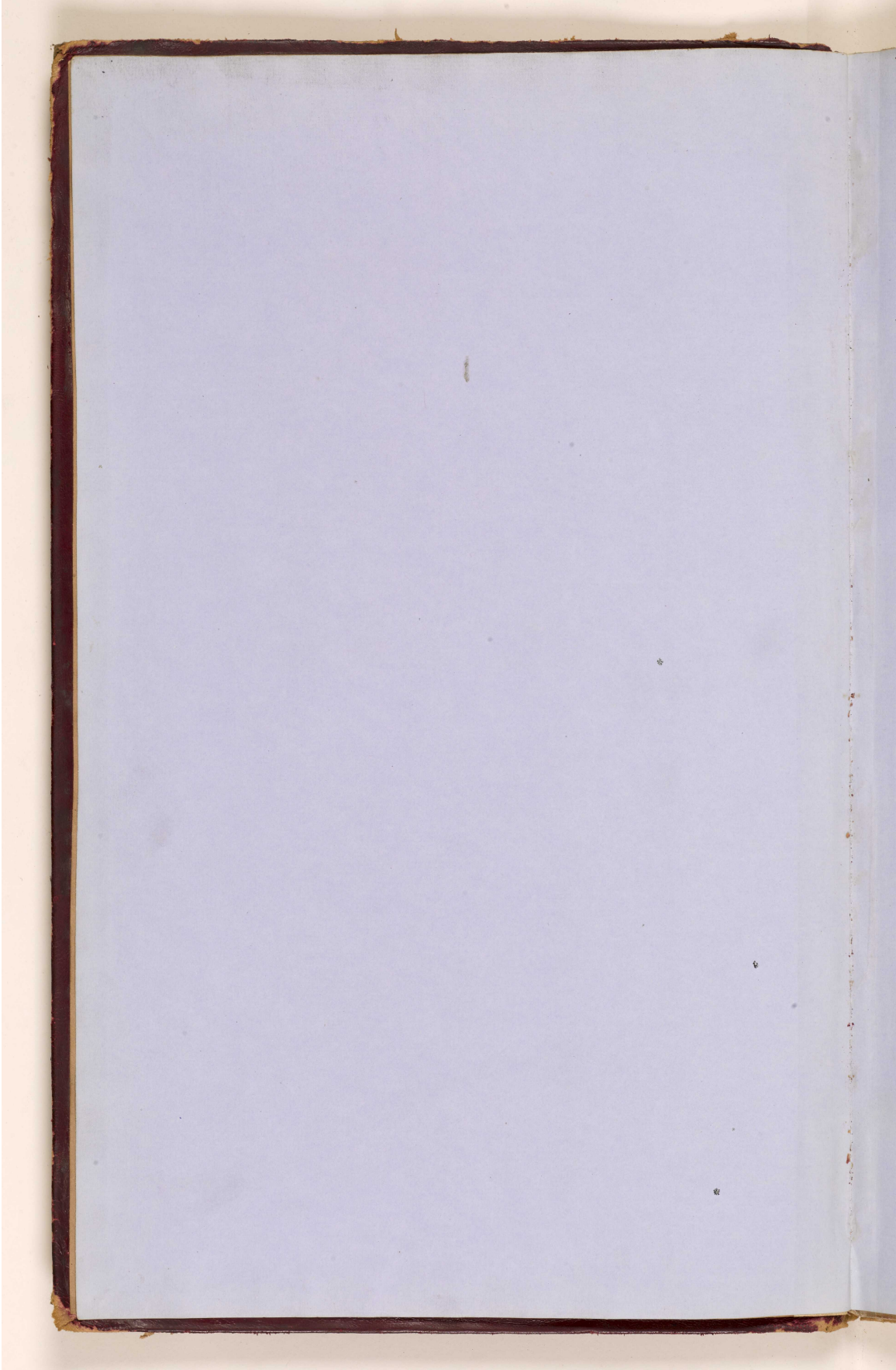
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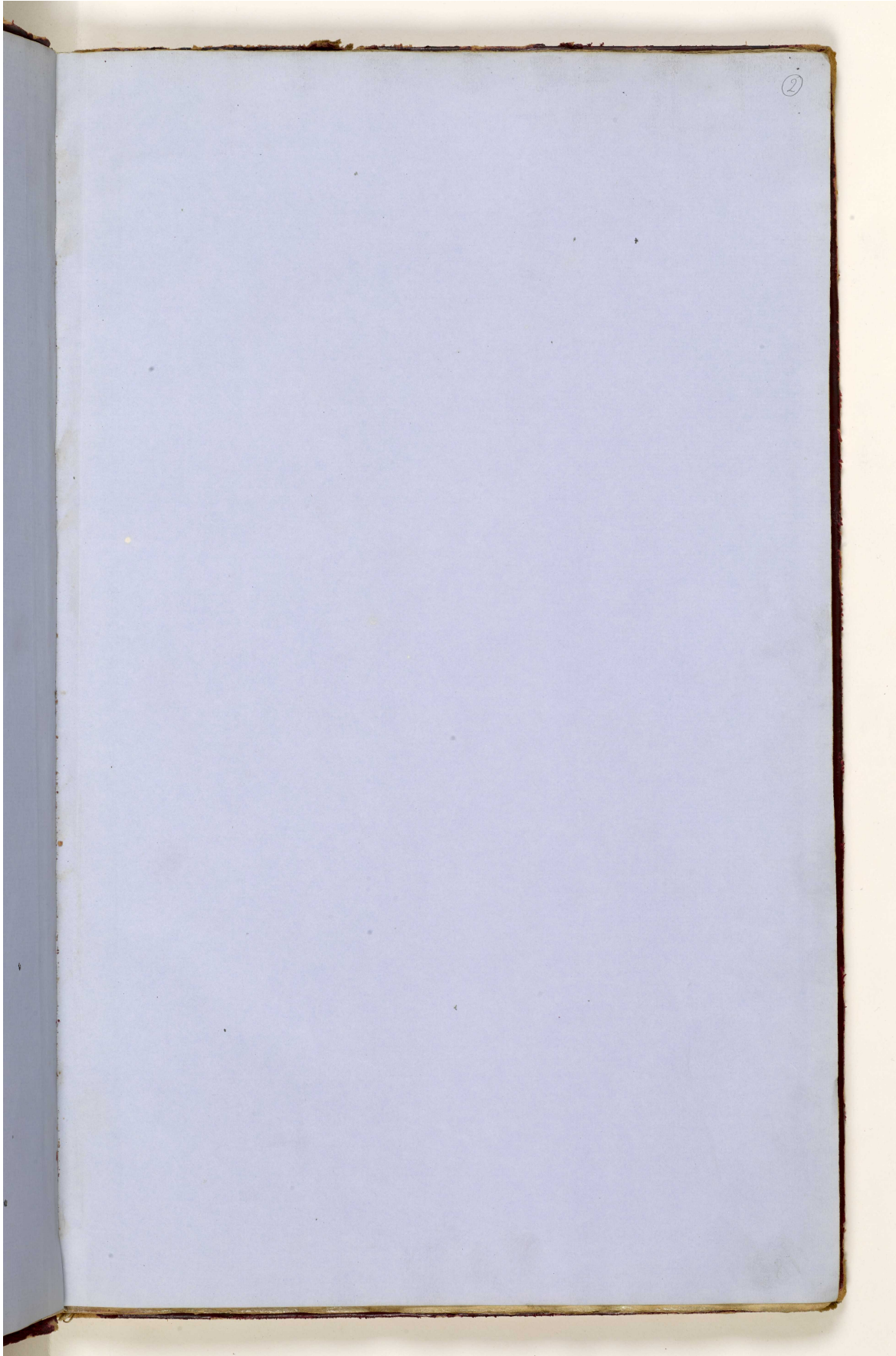
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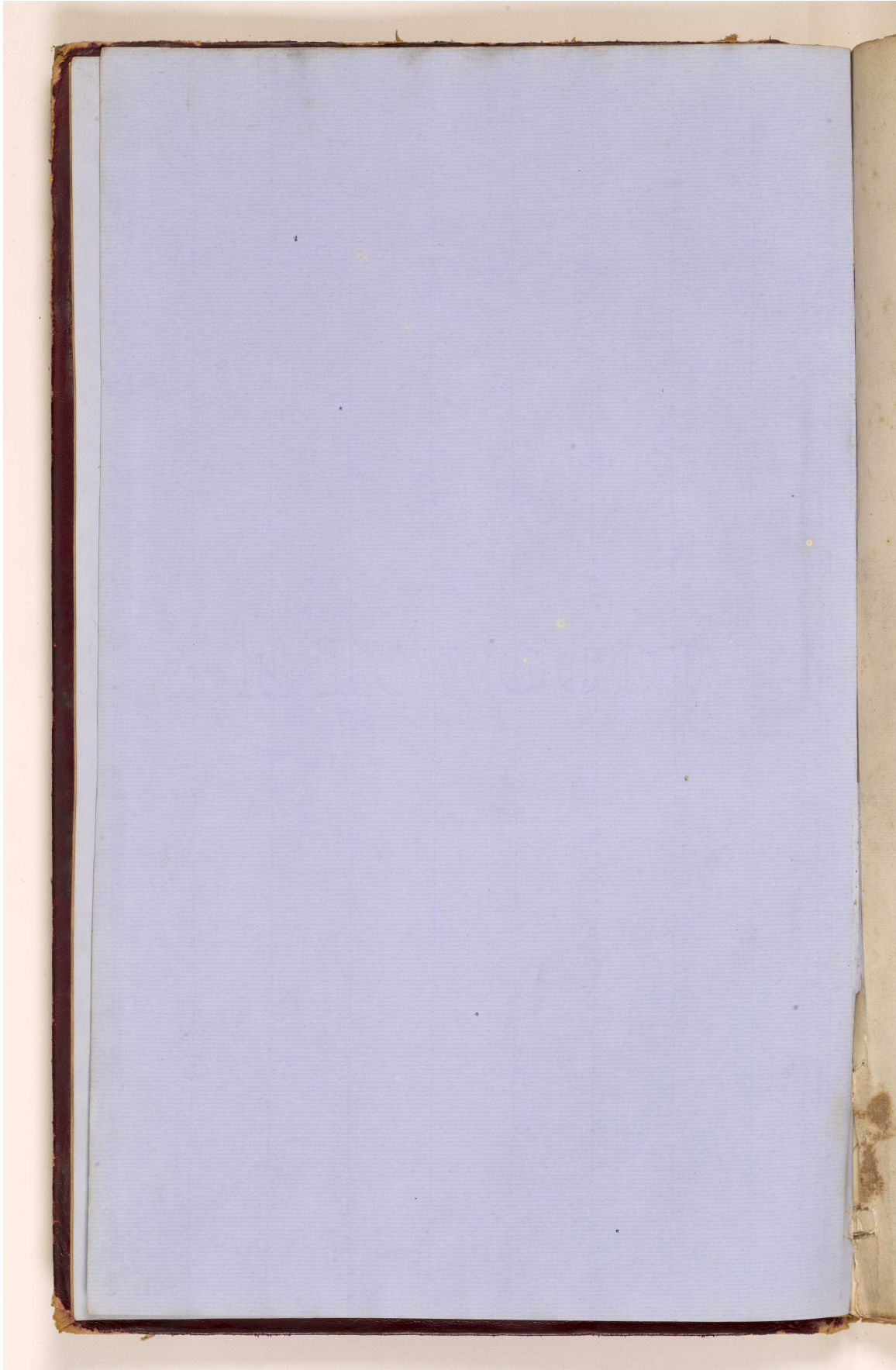
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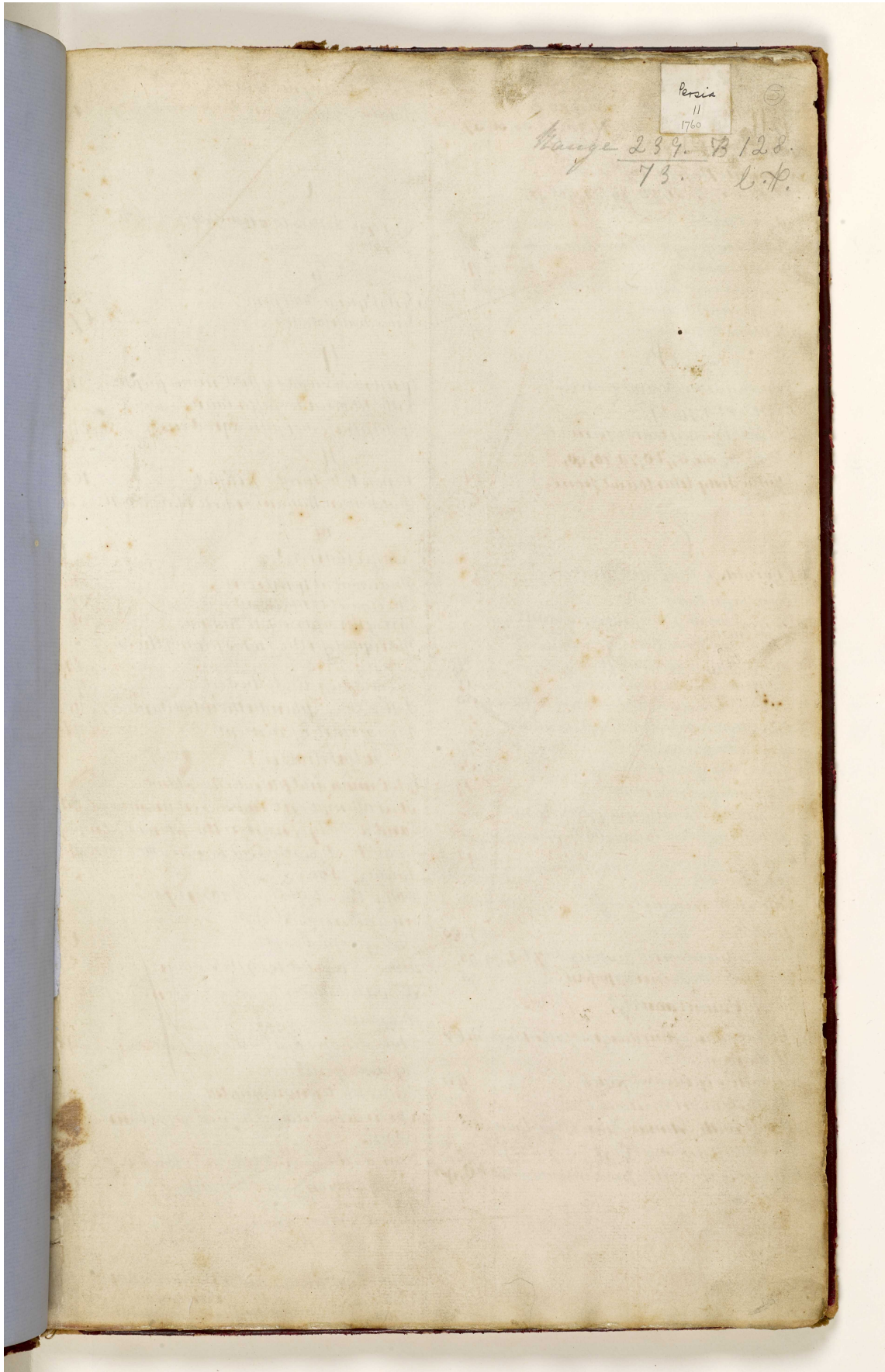
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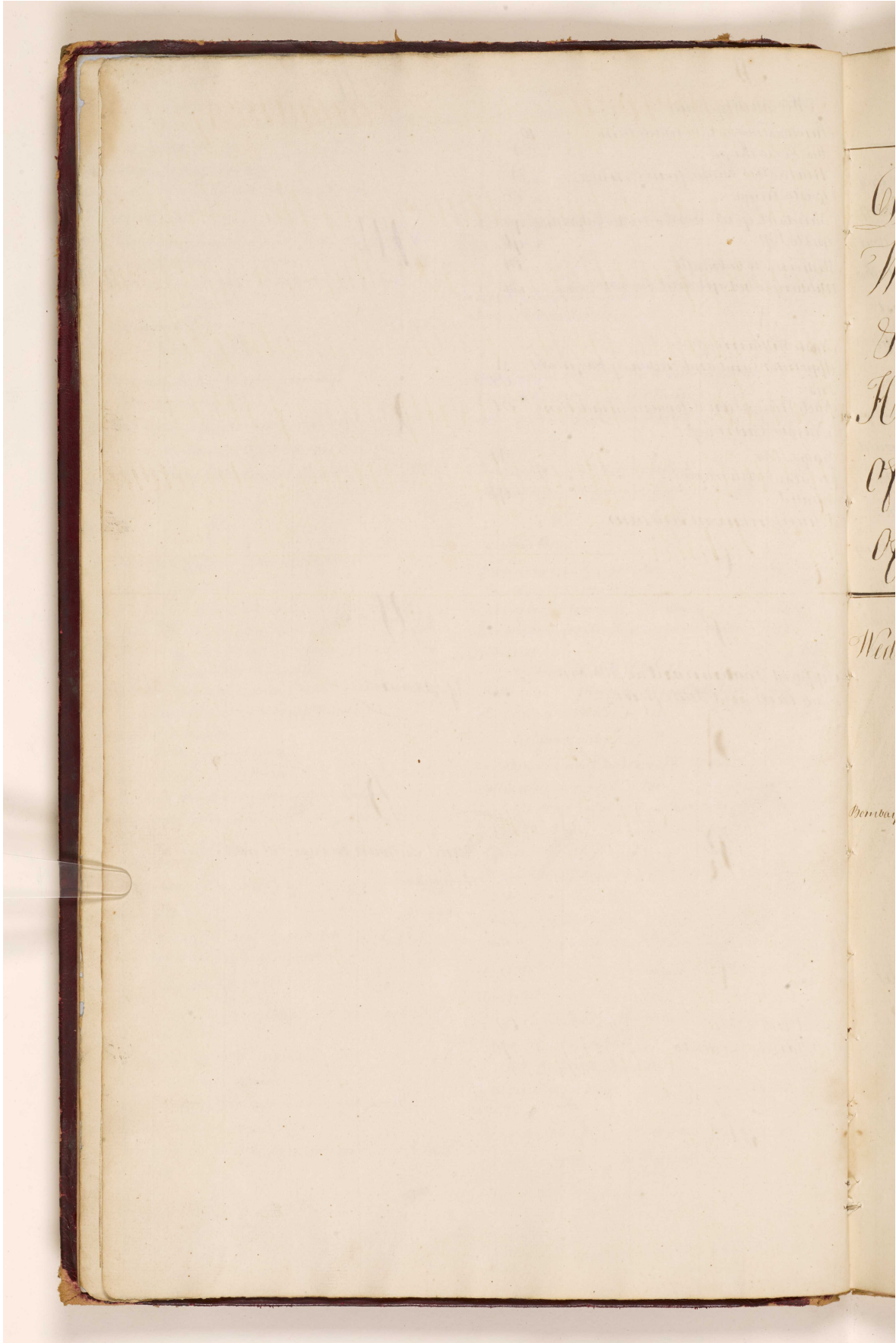
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Gombroon _____ January 1760 ⁽¹⁾₍₂₎

Diary and Consultations of the Right
Worshipful Alexander Douglas Esq Agent
Sec.^o Council in the Management of the
Honble the United Company of Merch^{ts}
of England, their Affairs in the Kingdom
of Persia,

Wednesday 11th This day arriv'd a Boat from Muscat which brought a Letter from the
Honble the President and Council of Bombay under date 12th Ultimo, as entered
hereafter.

Bombay Letter from

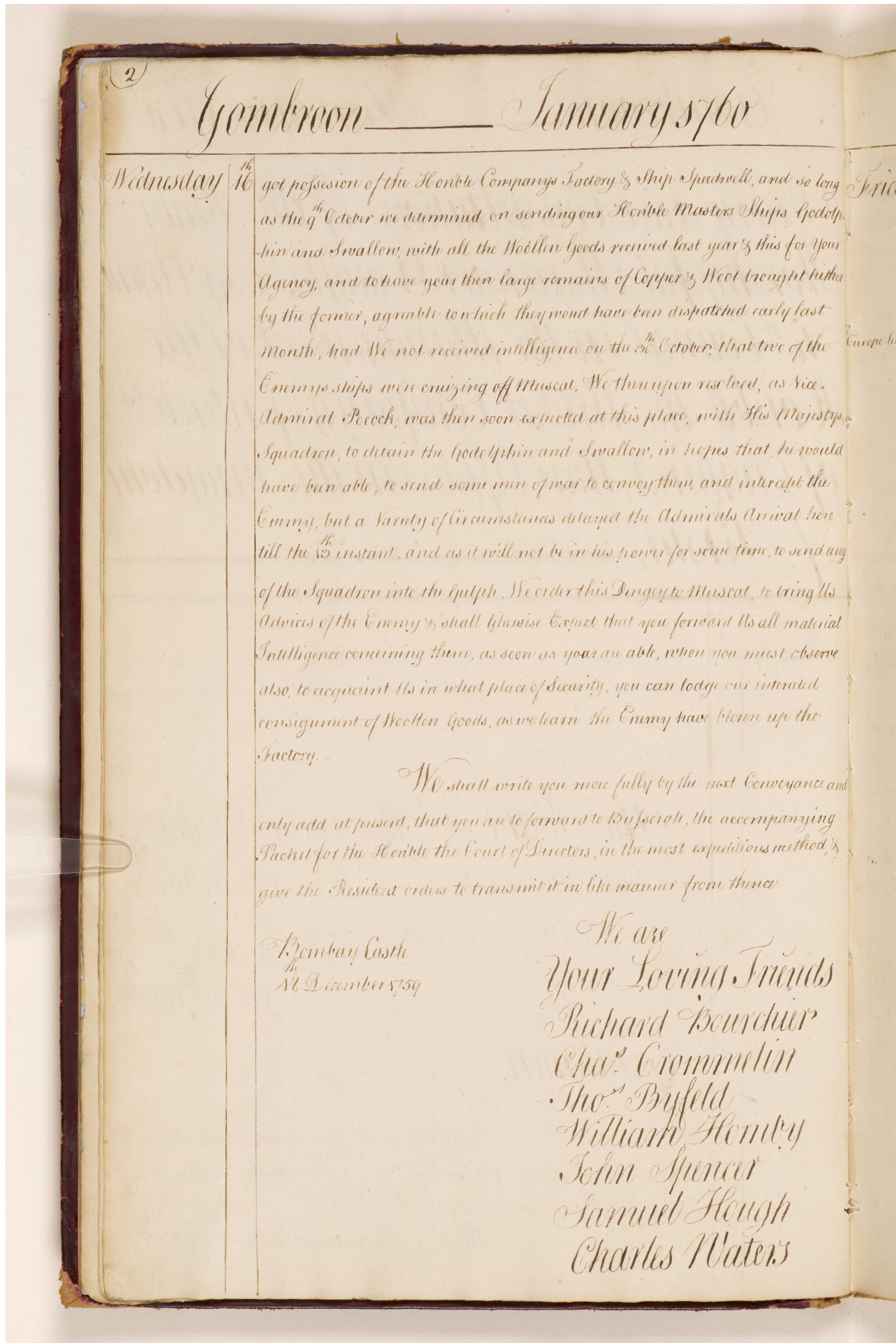
To
The Right W.^o Alexander Douglas Esq
Agent for all Affairs of the British Nation
in the Gulf of Persia Sec.^o Council
at Gombroon

Gentlemen,

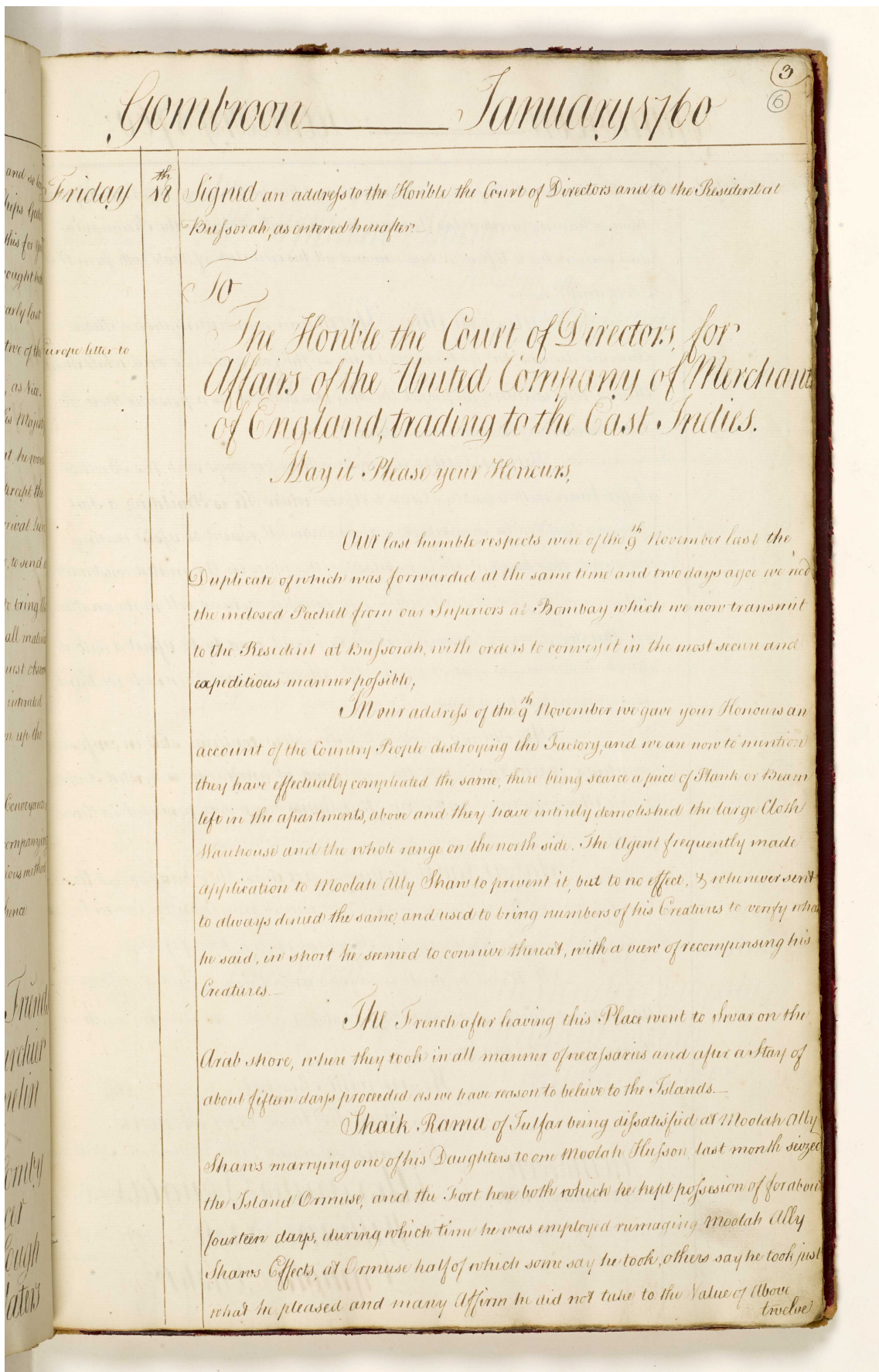
Since We wrote you by the Drake Sutch, We
have received yours under the 3th July & 22th October as also one from M^r
Robert Garden at Busserah, dated the 1th August.

We are much concern'd at the French having
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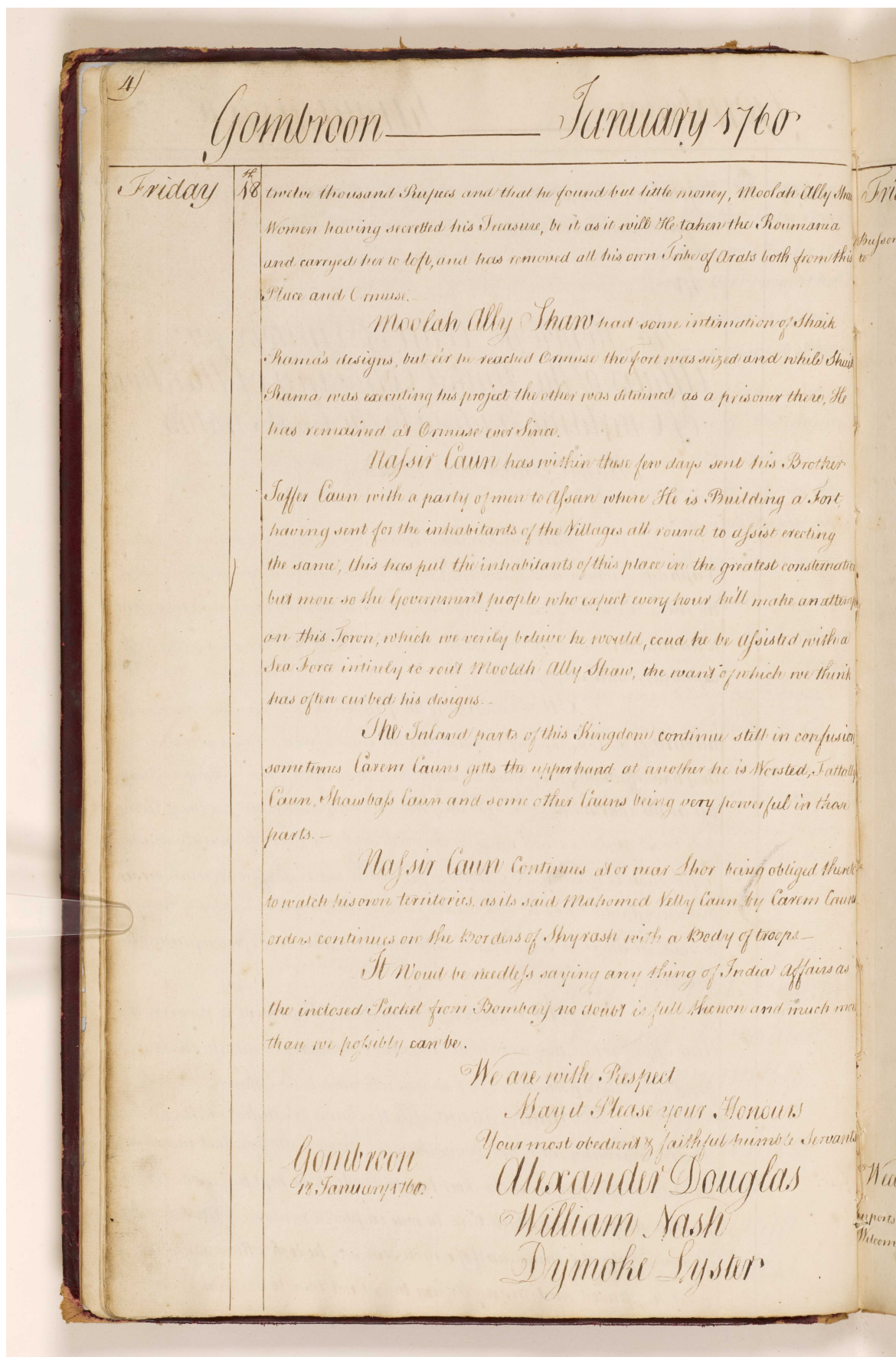
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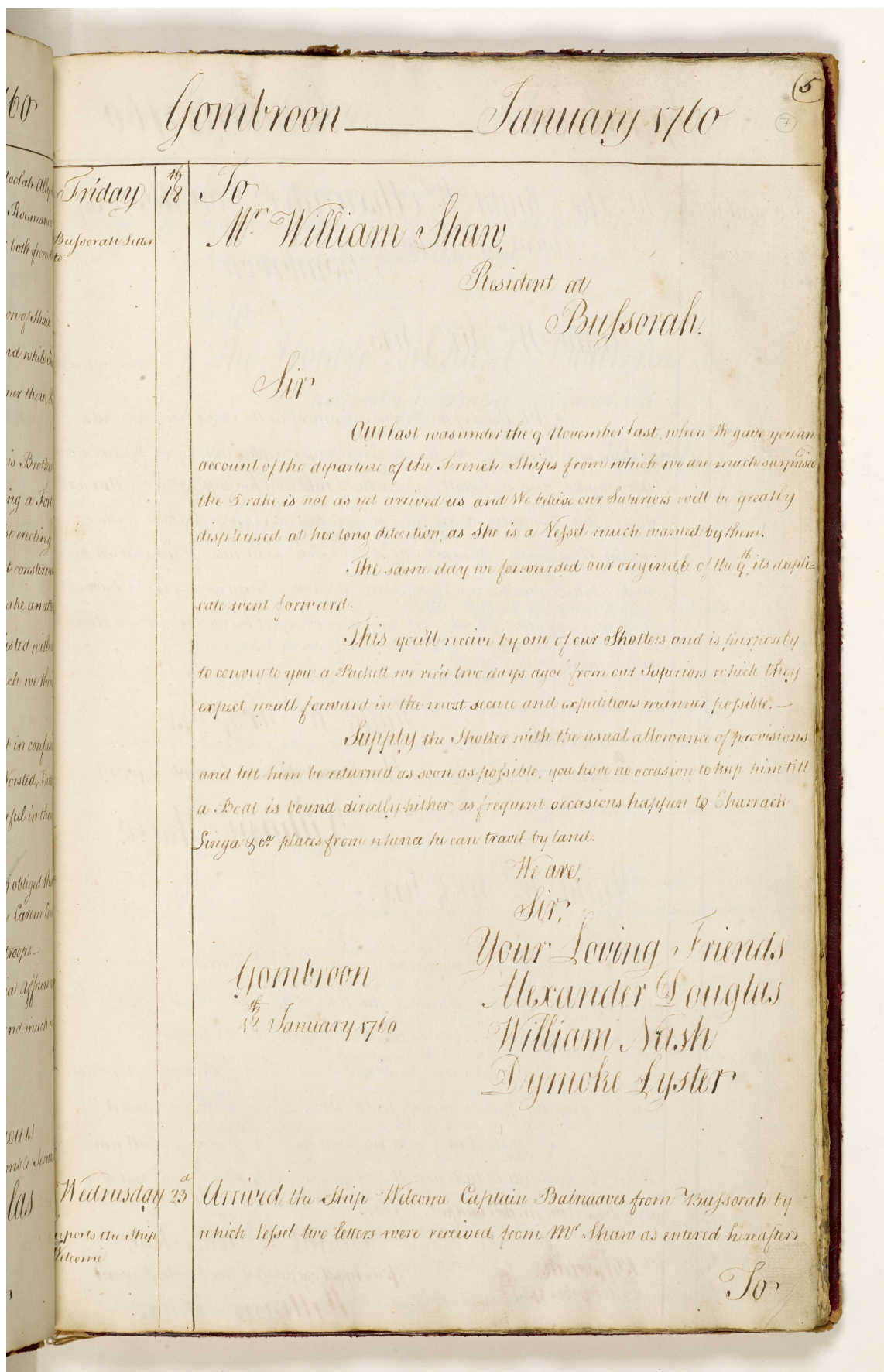
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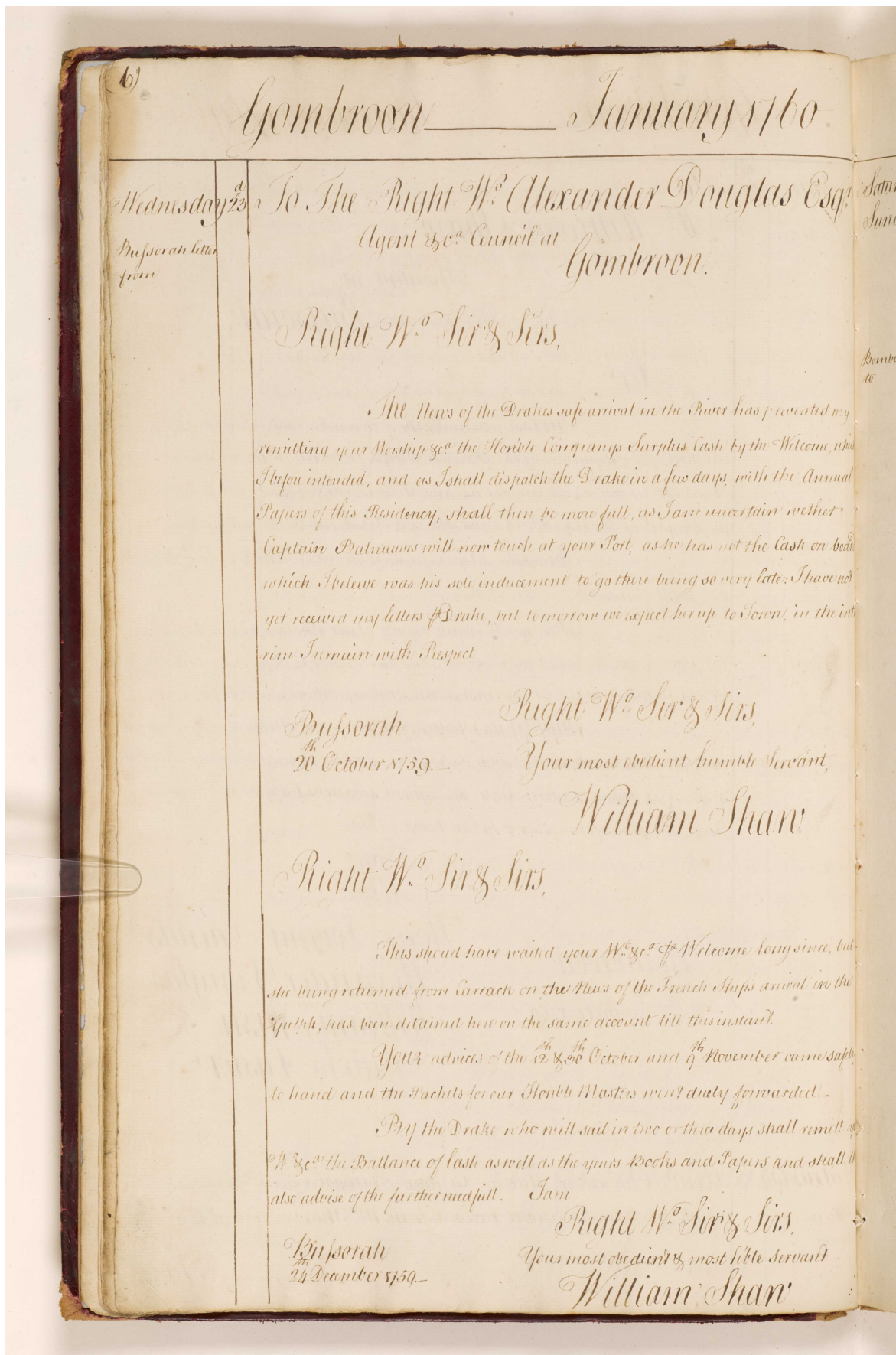
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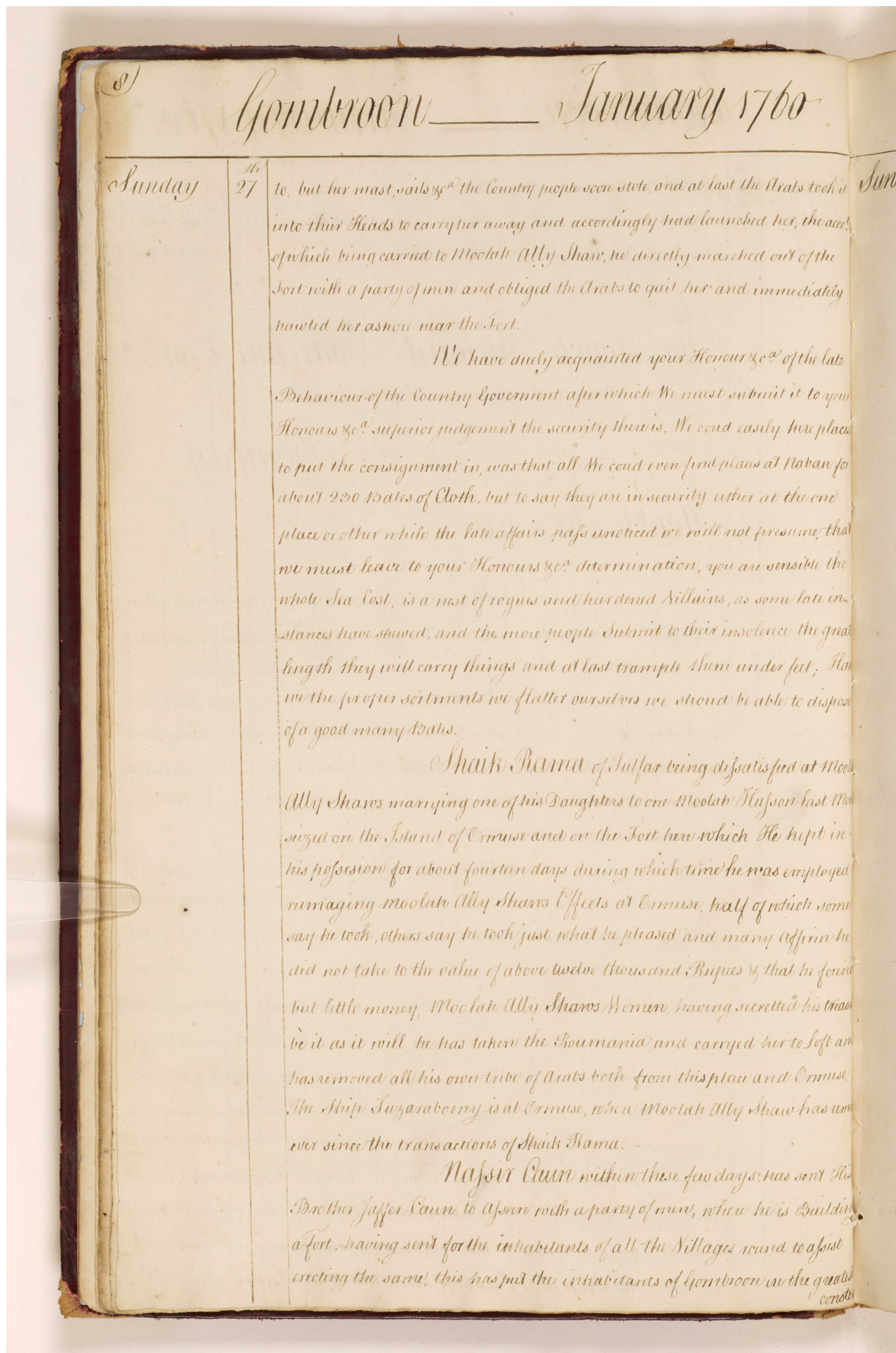
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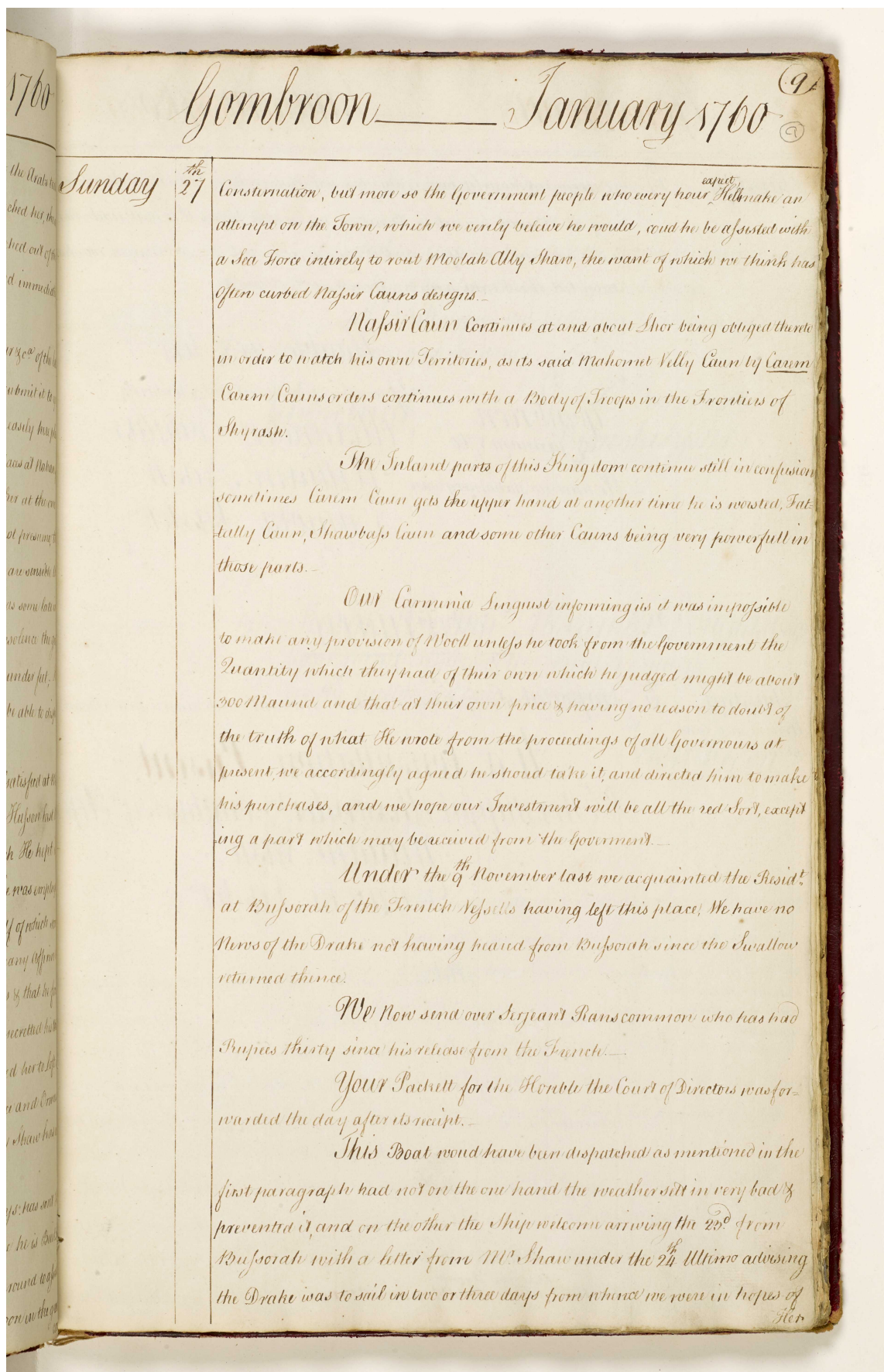
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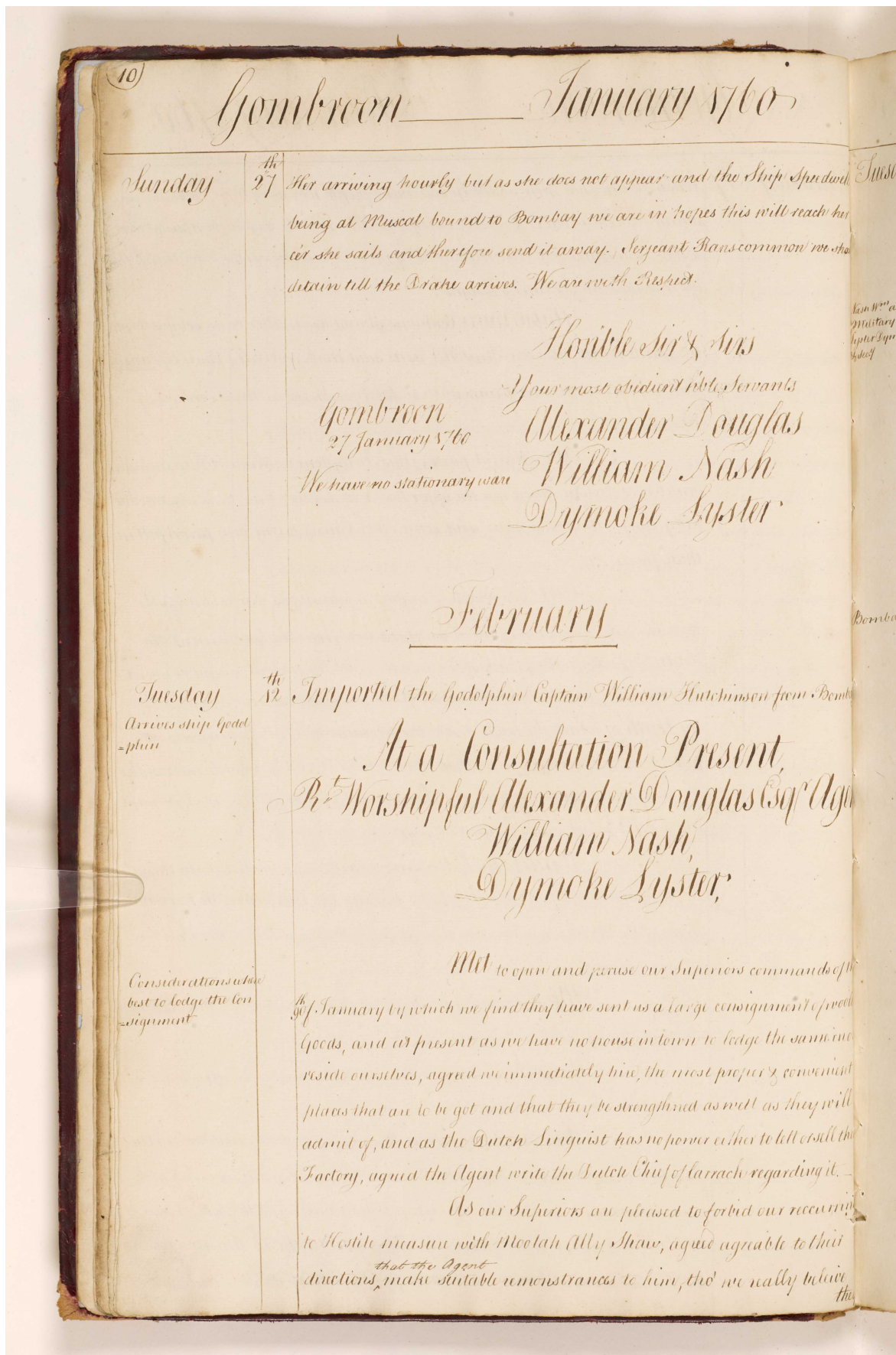
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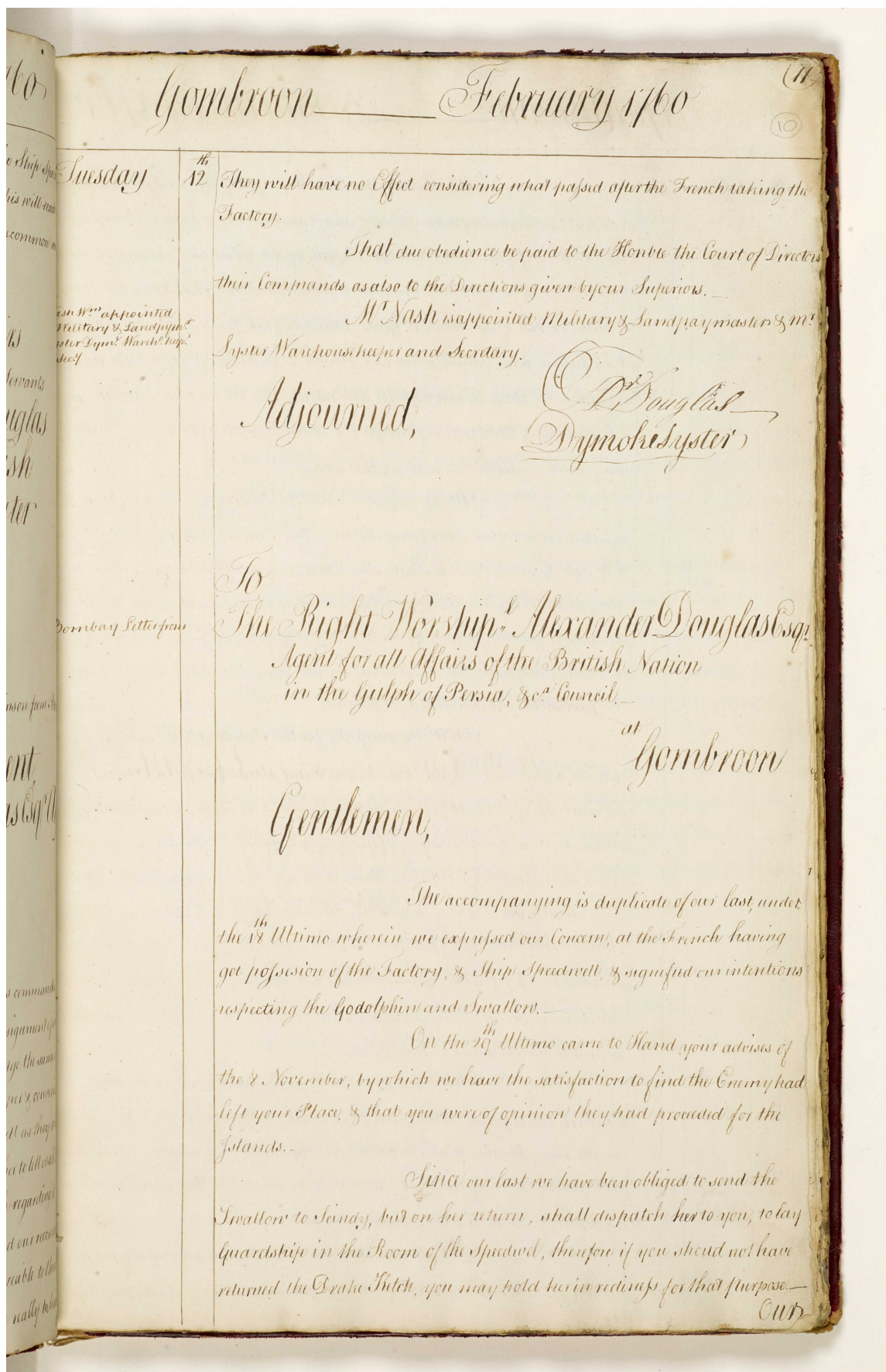
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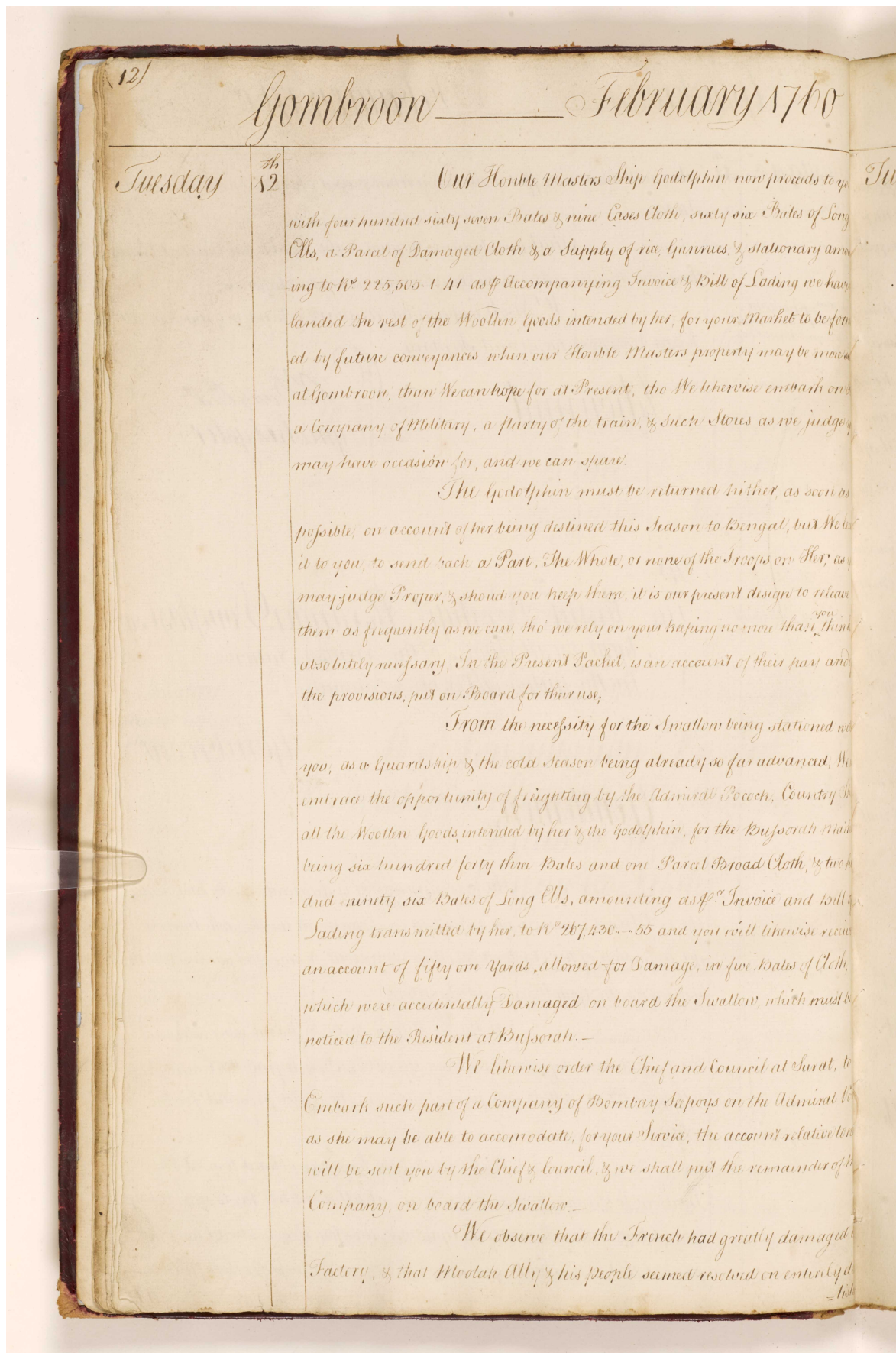
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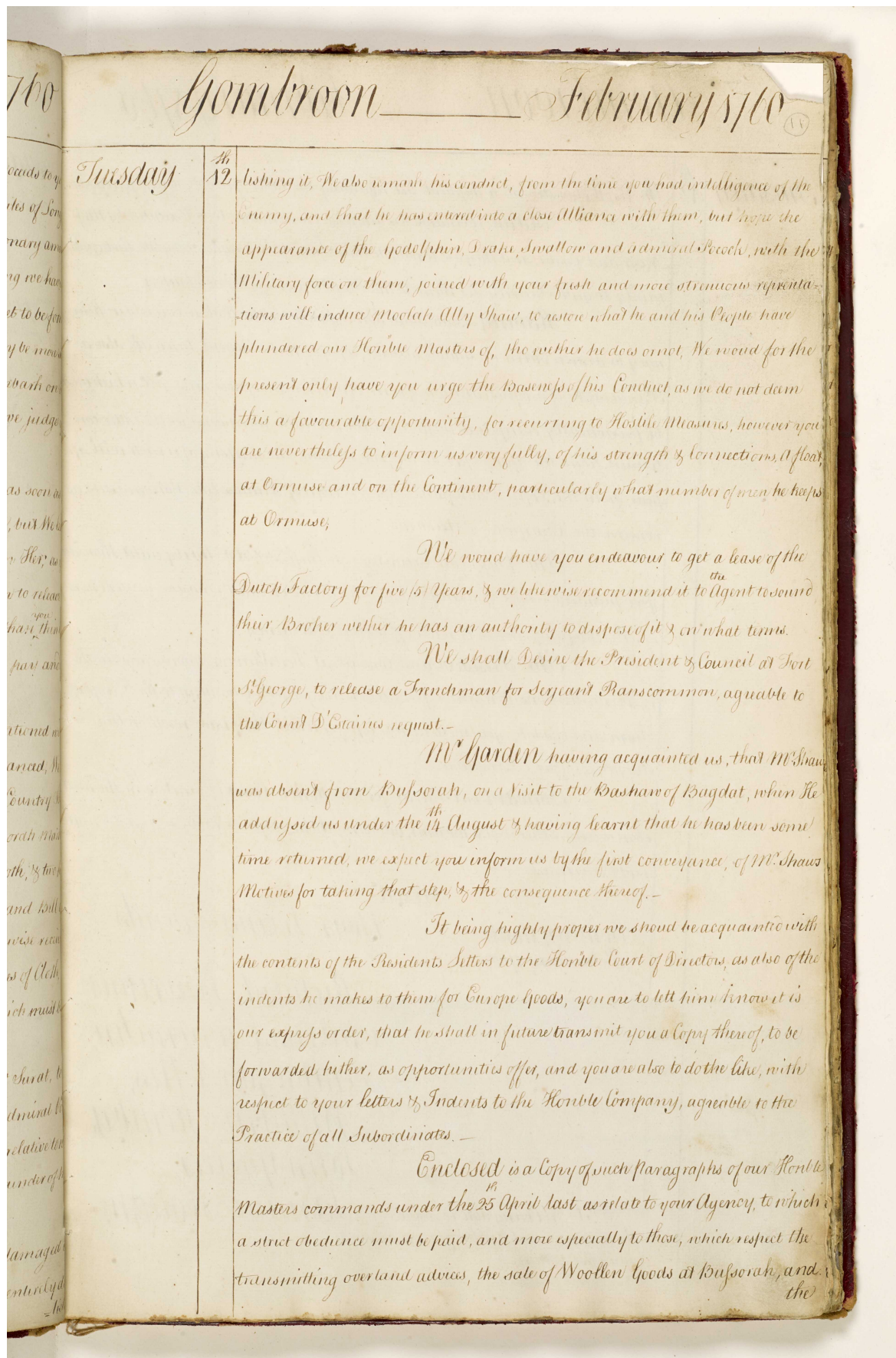
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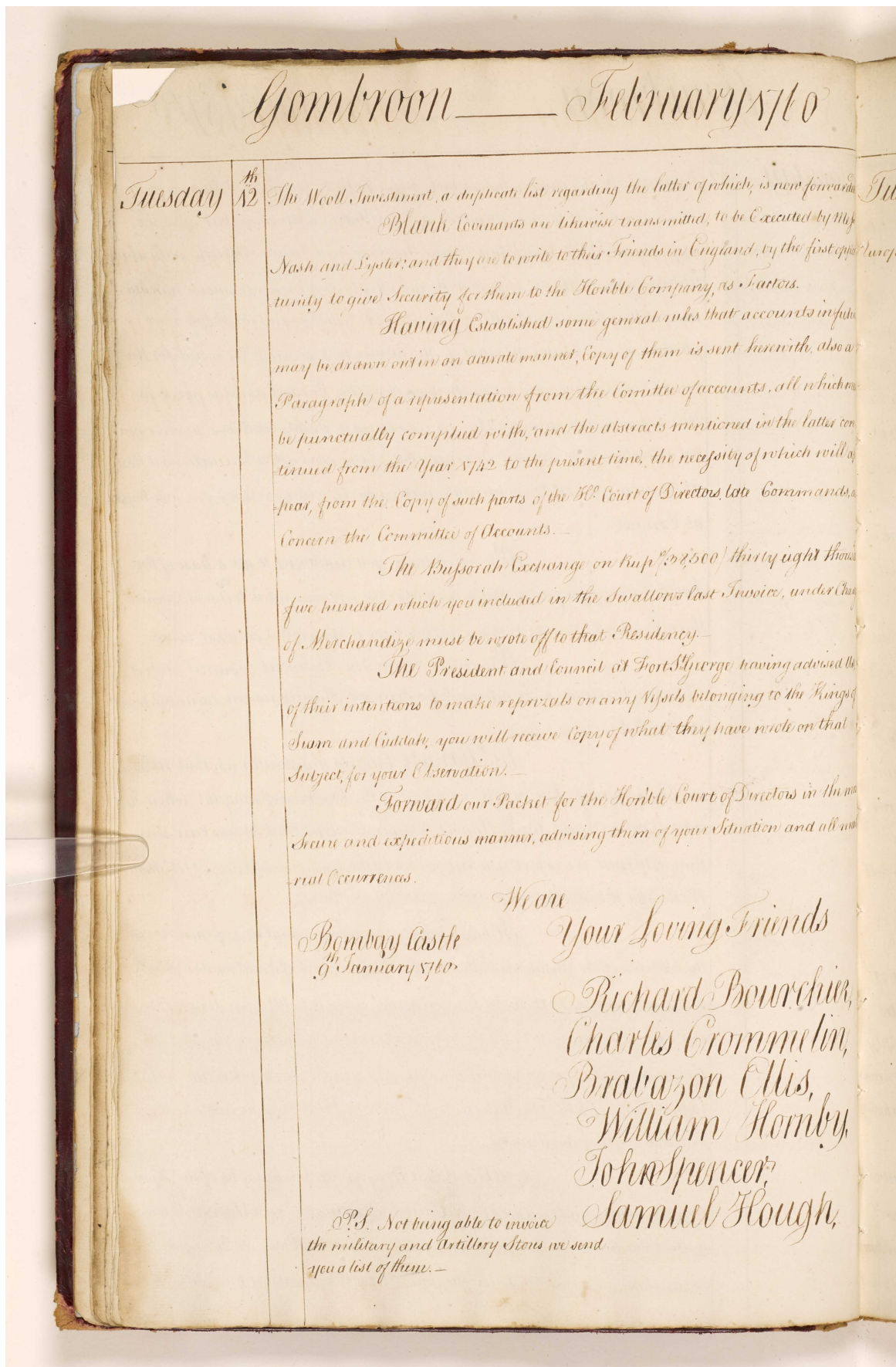
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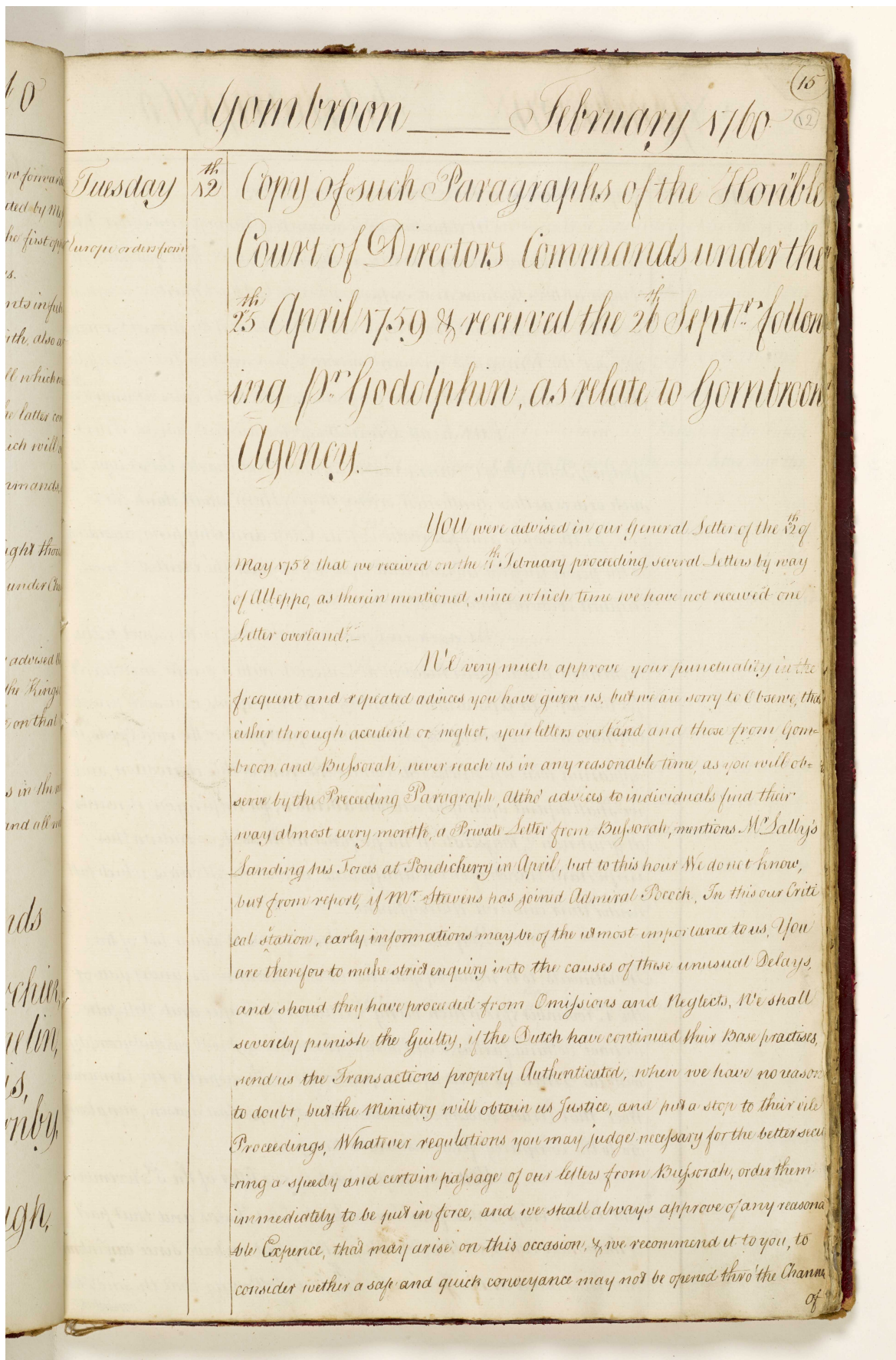
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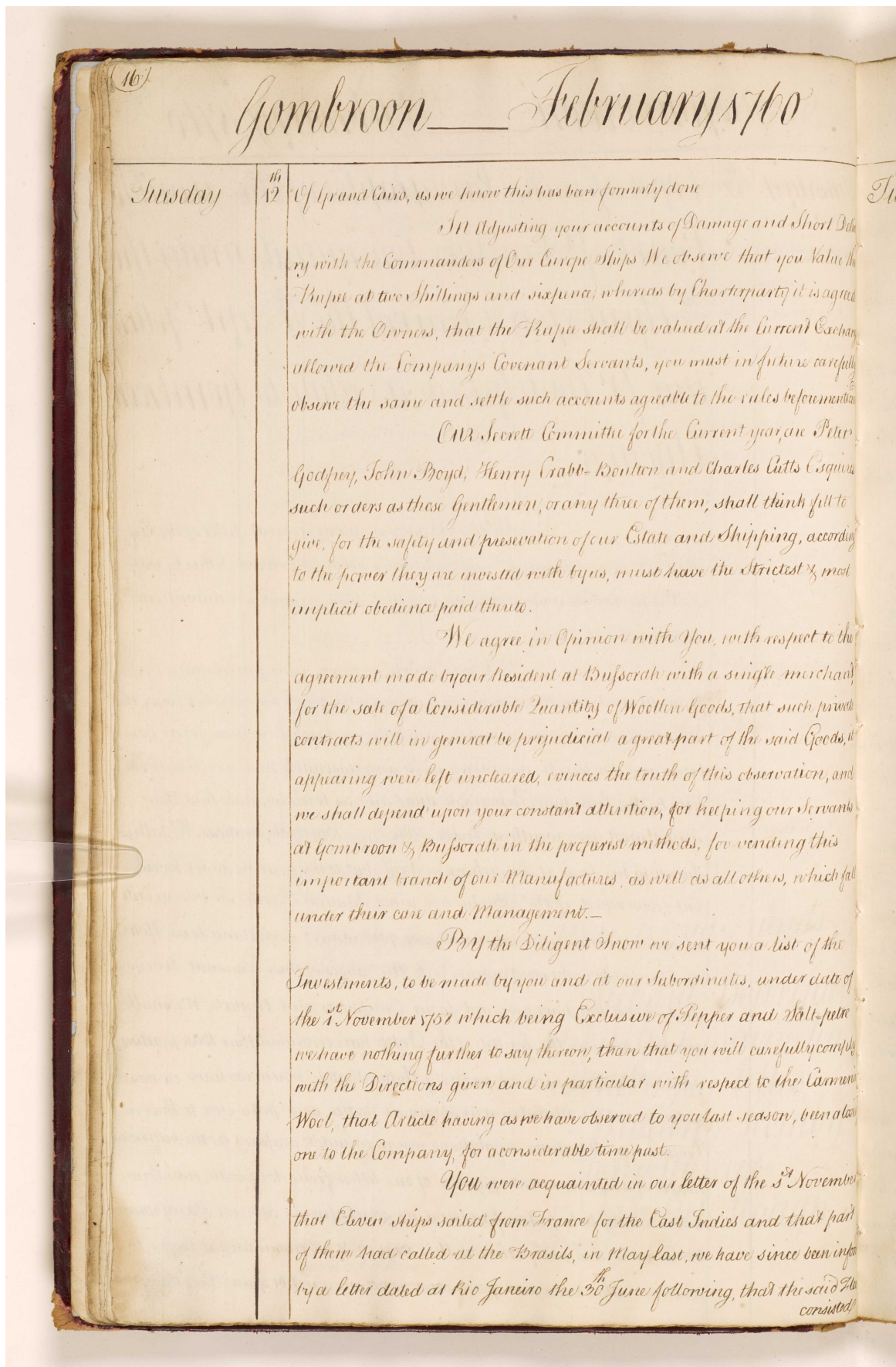
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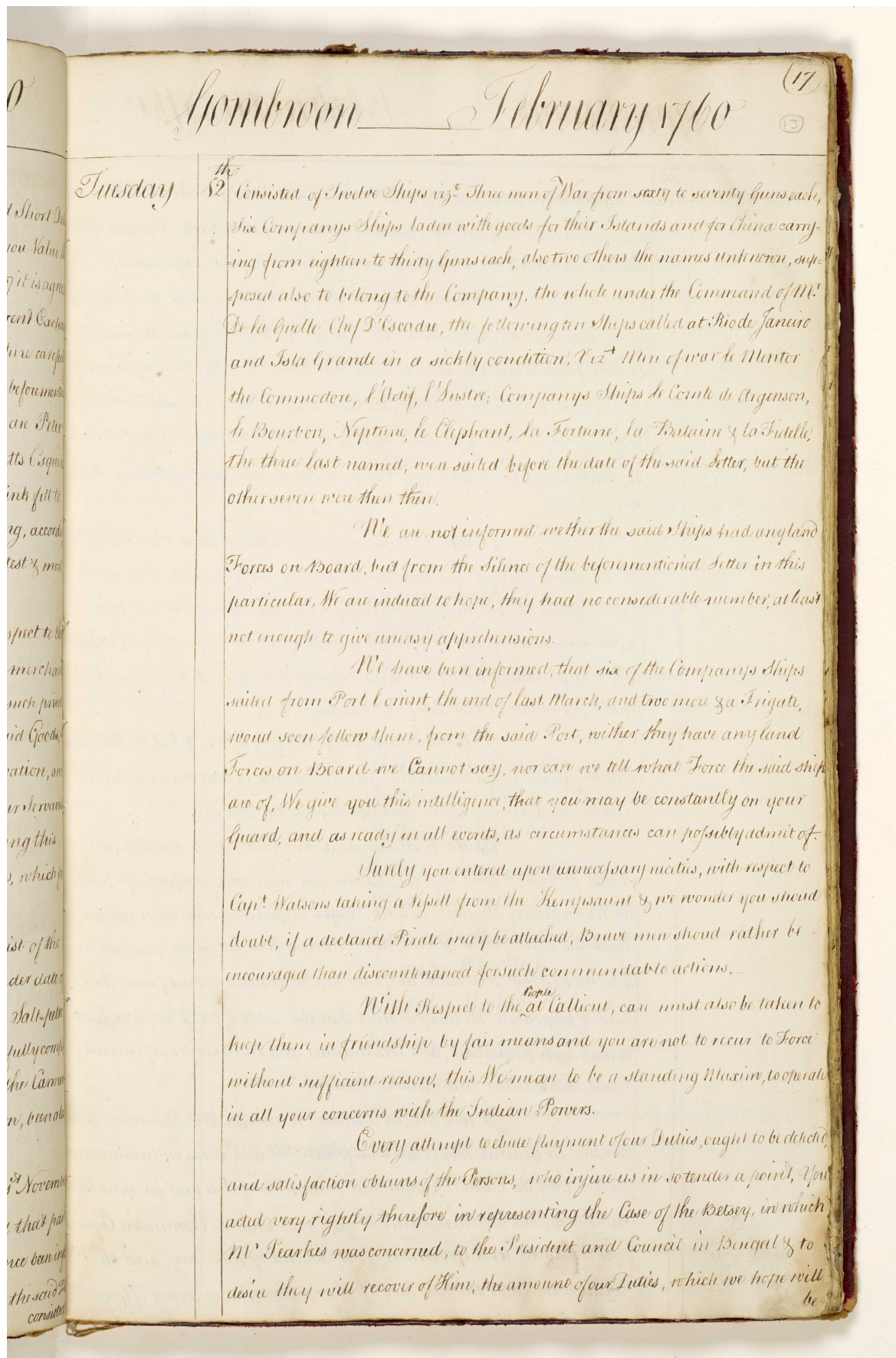
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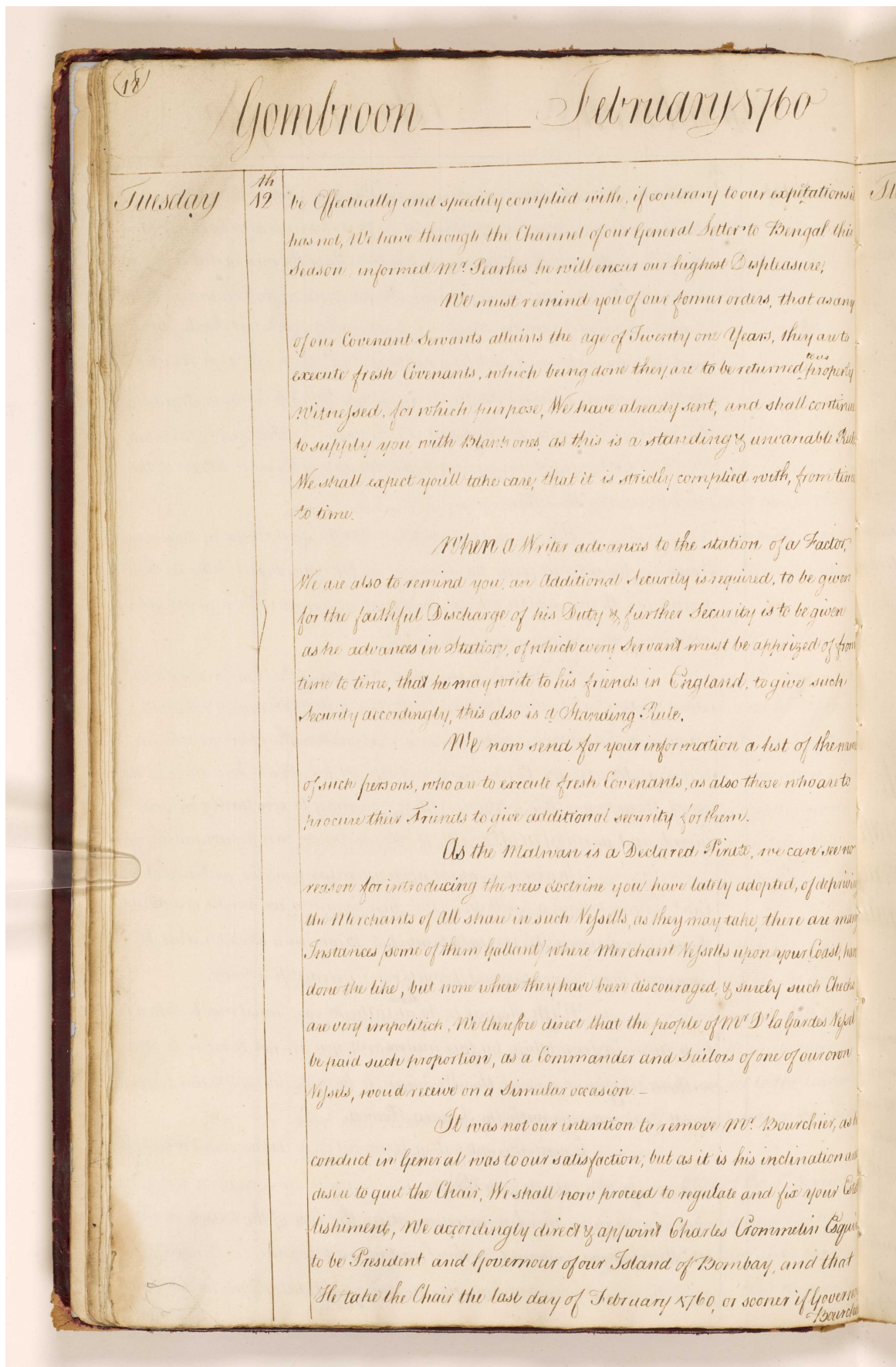
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Tuesday

12th

be Effectually and speedily complied with, if contrary to our expectation. It has not, We have through the Channel of our General Letter to Bengal this Season, informed Mr. Parhis he will incur our highest Displeasure;

We must remind you of our former orders, that as soon as your Covenant Servants attain the age of Twenty one Years, they are to execute fresh Covenants, which being done they are to be returned ^{to us} properly Witnessed, for which purpose, We have already sent, and shall continue to supply you with Blank ones, as this is a standing & unvariable Rule. We shall expect you'll take care, that it is strictly complied with, from time to time.

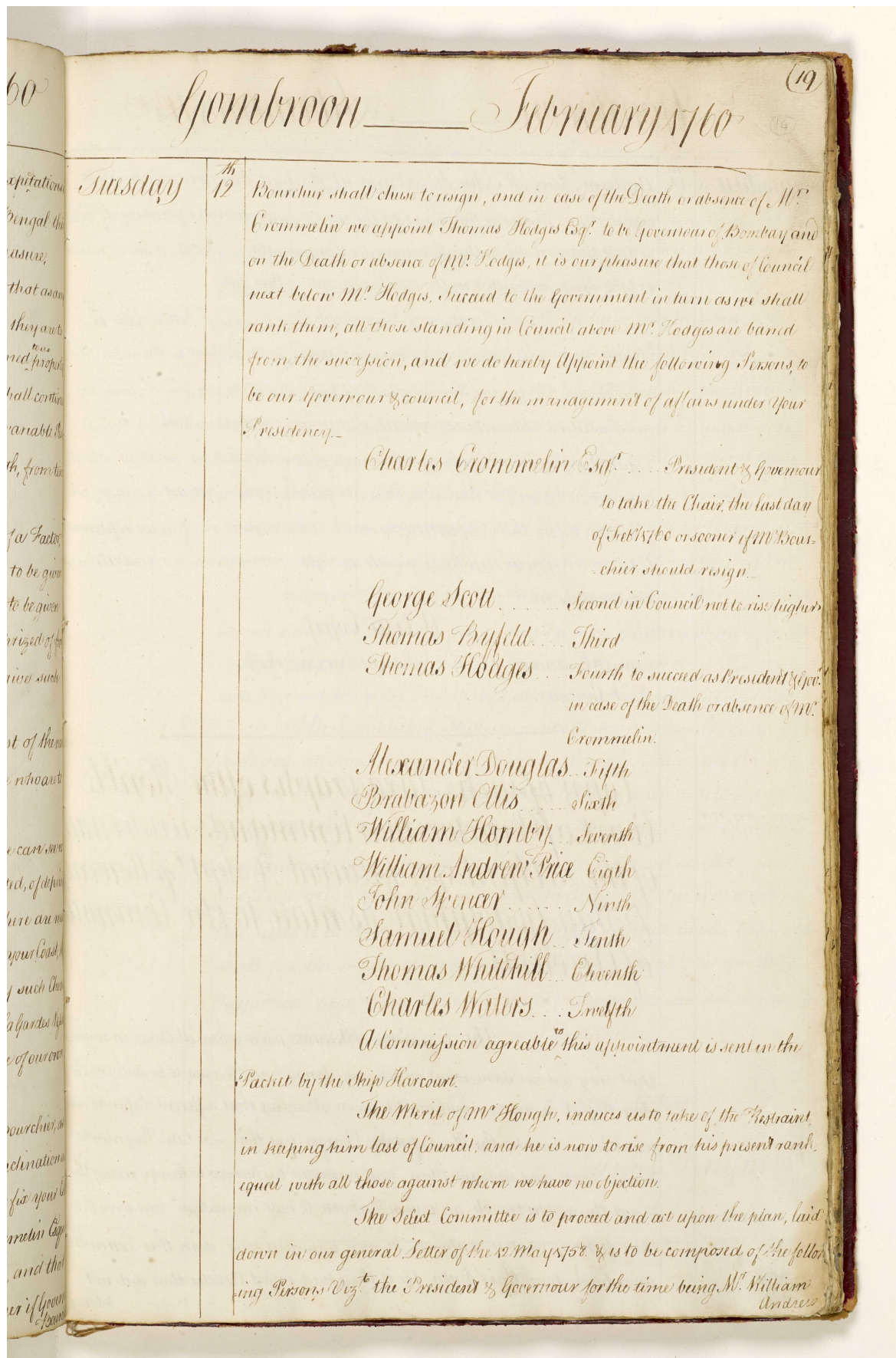
When a Writer advances to the station of a Factor, We are also to remind you, an Additional Security is required, to be given for the faithful Discharge of his Duty, & further Security is to be given as he advances in Station, of which every Servant must be apprized of from time to time, that he may write to his friends in England, to give such Security accordingly, this also is a standing Rule.

We now send for your information a list of the names of such persons, who are to execute fresh Covenants, as also those who are to procure their Friends to give additional security for them.

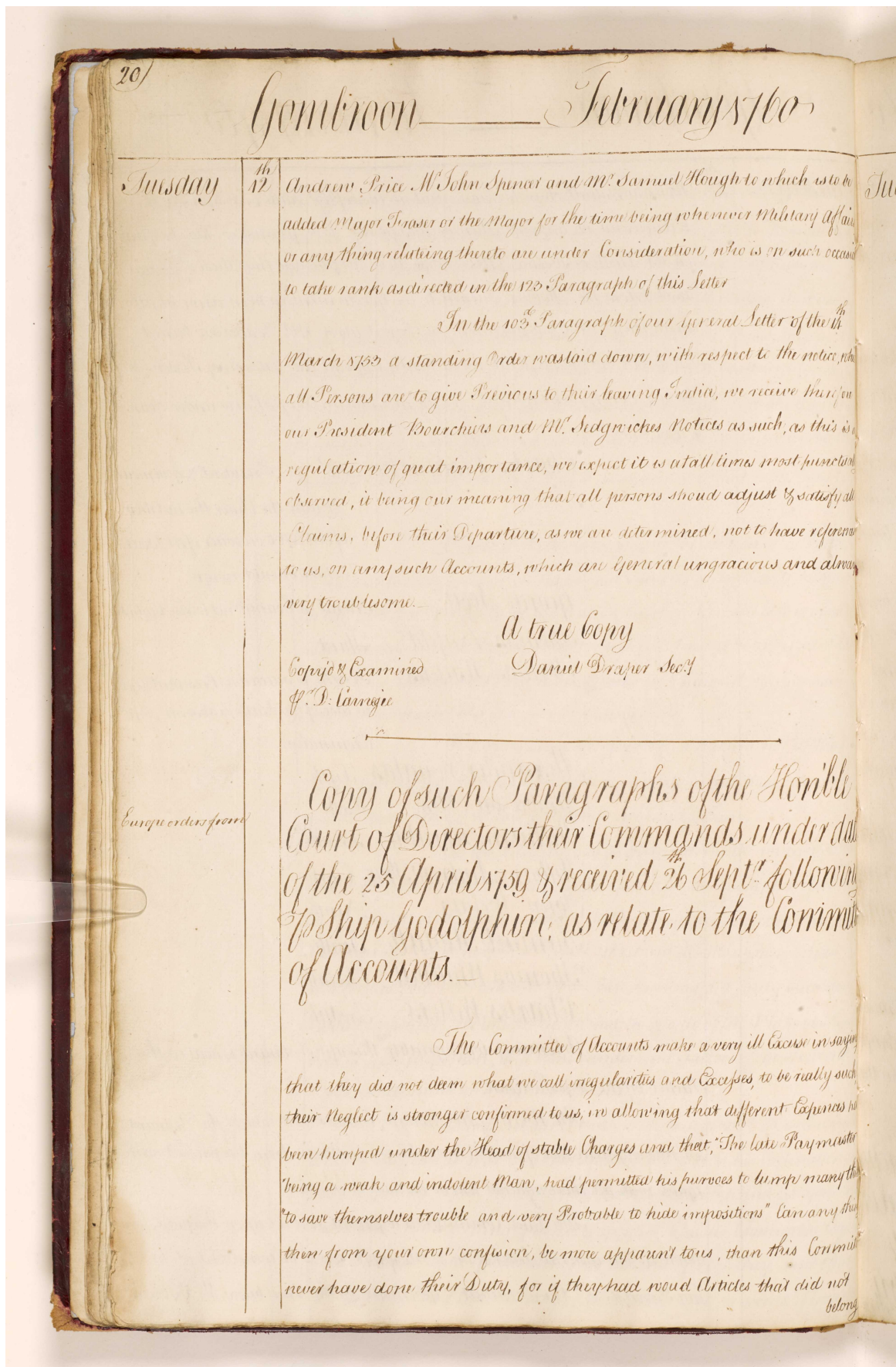
As the Malabar is a Declared Pirate, we can never reason for introducing the new doctrine you have lately adopted, of depriving the Merchants of all share in such Vessels, as they may take, there are many Instances some of them Gallant where Merchant Vessels upon your Coast, have done the like, but now when they have been discouraged, & suchy such Vessels are very impolitic, We therefore direct that the people of Mr. D'Albancort's Vessel be paid such proportion, as a Commander and Sailors of one of our own Vessels, would receive on a similar occasion.

It was not our intention to remove Mr. Bourchier, as his conduct in general was to our satisfaction, but as it is his inclination and desire to quit the Chair, We shall now proceed to regulate and fix your Establishment, We accordingly direct & appoint Charles Crommelin Esquire to be President and Governour of our Island of Bombay, and that He take the Chair the last day of February 1760, or sooner if Governour Bourchier

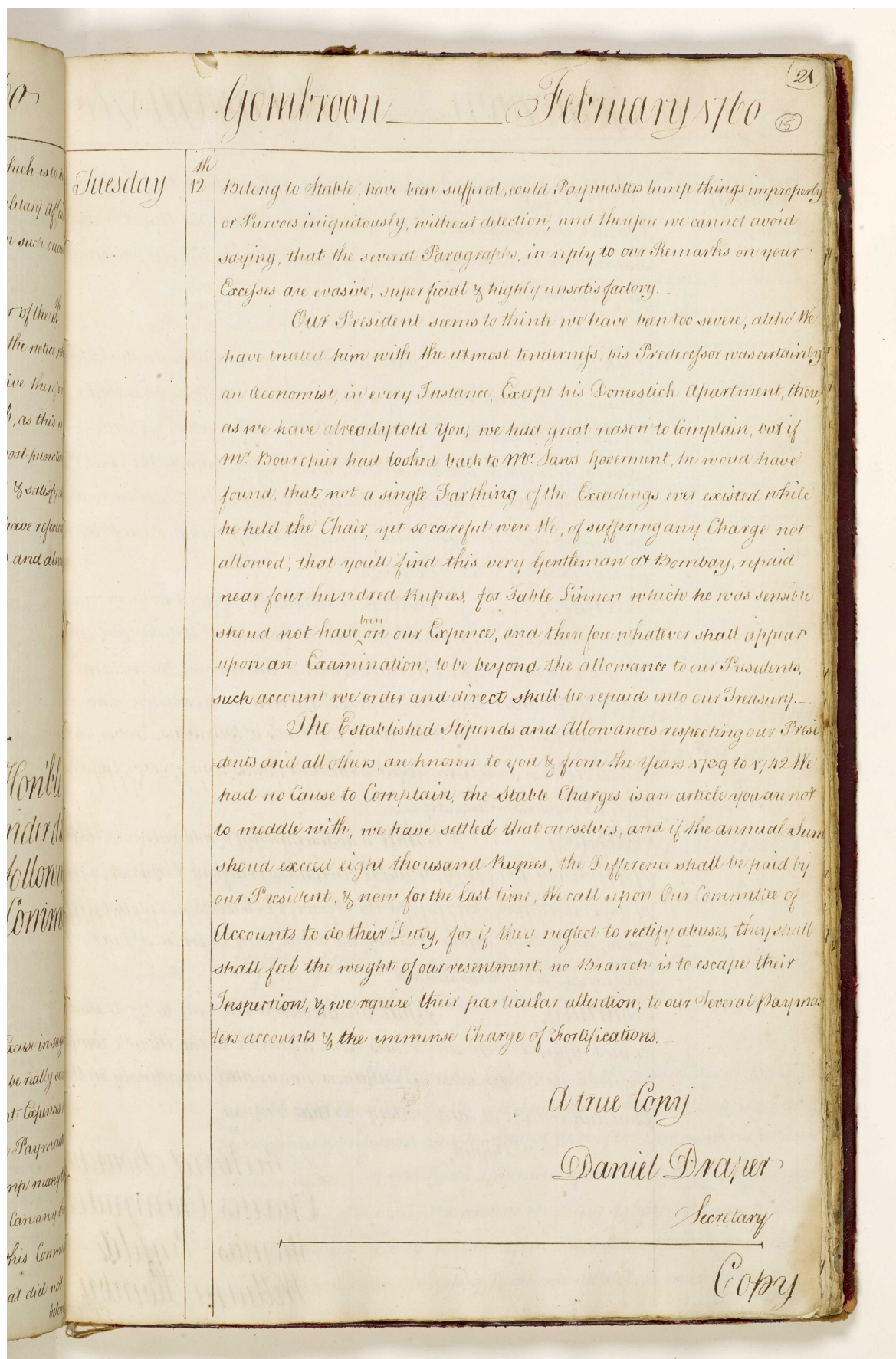
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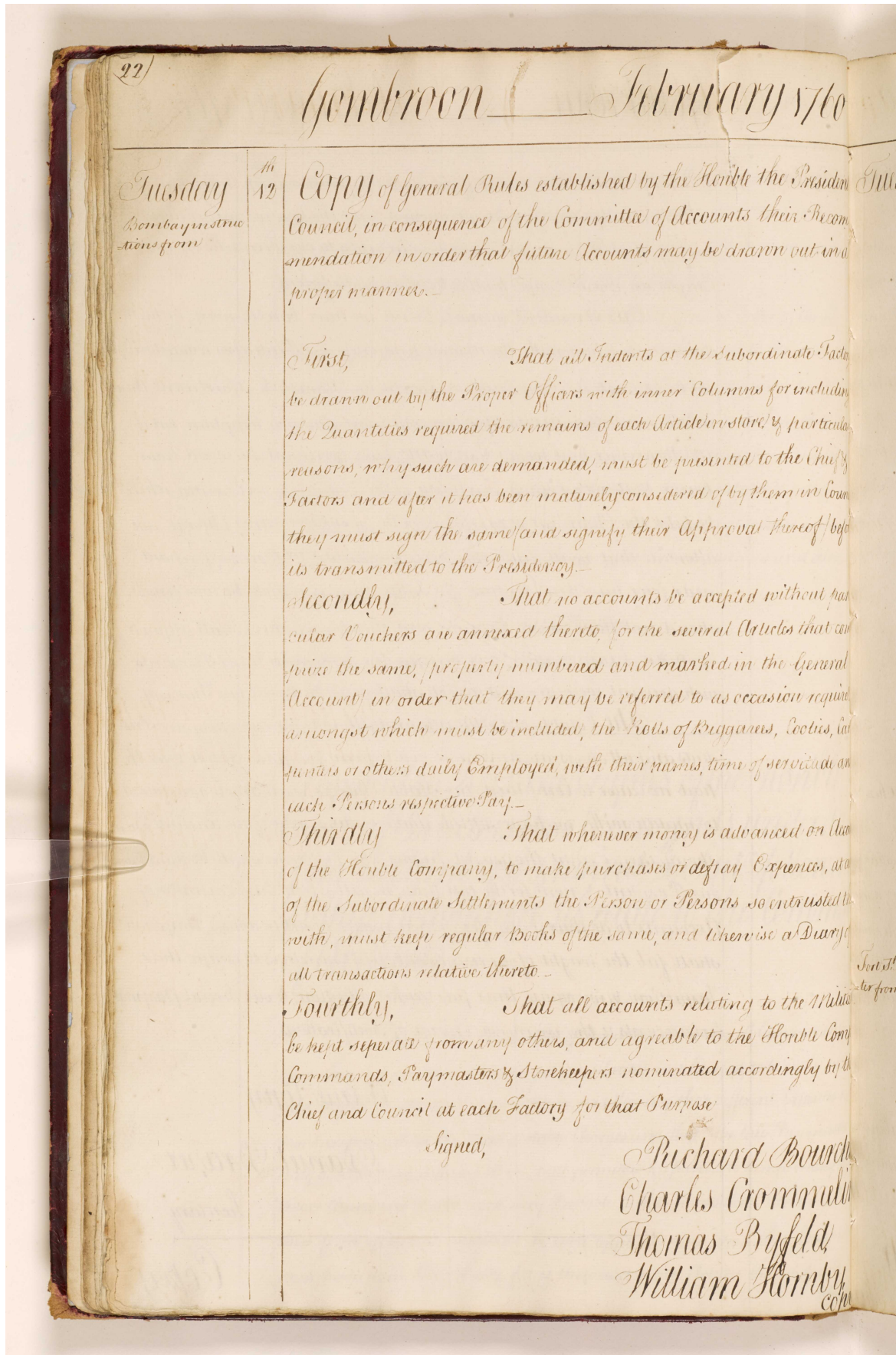
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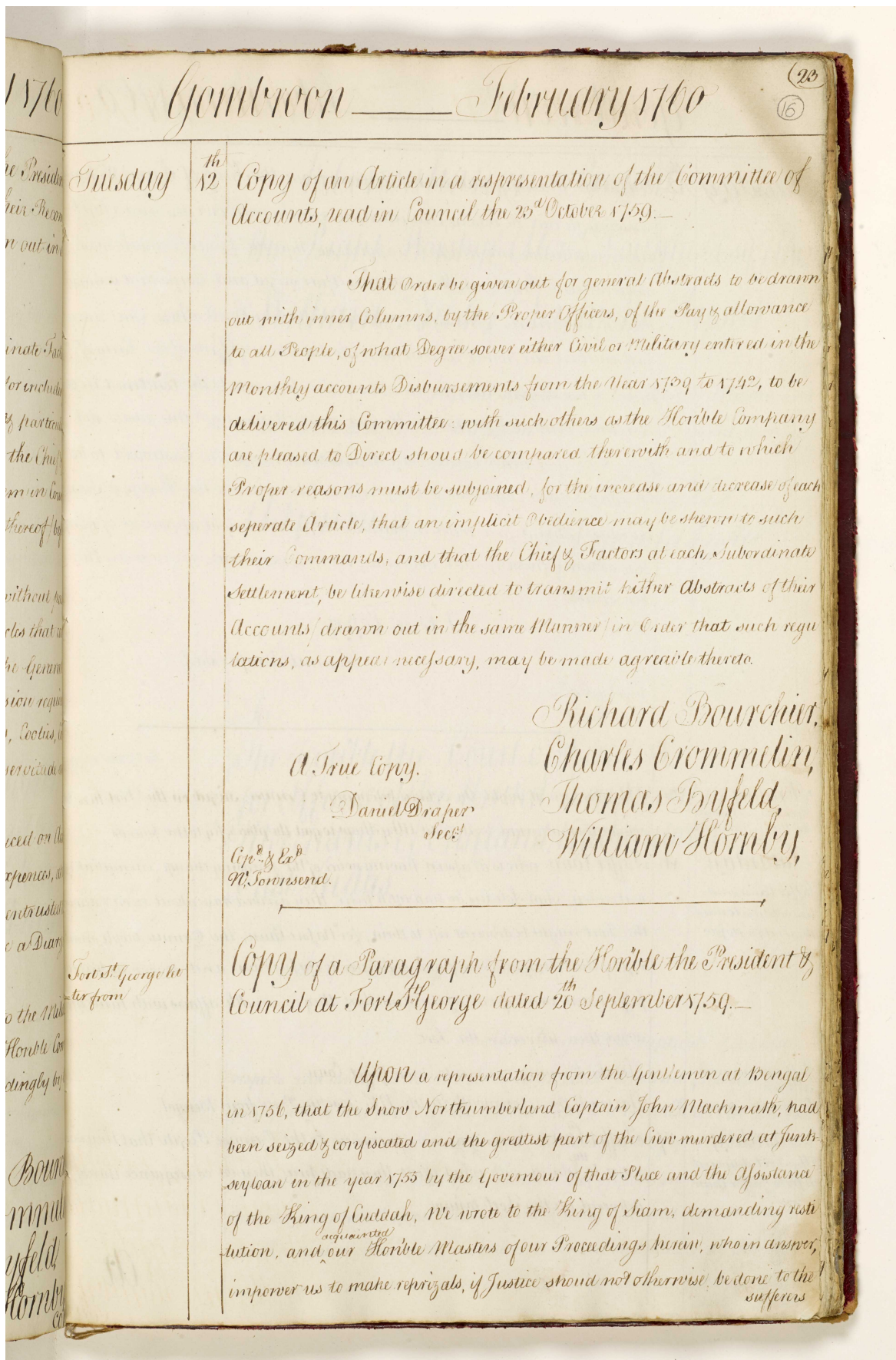
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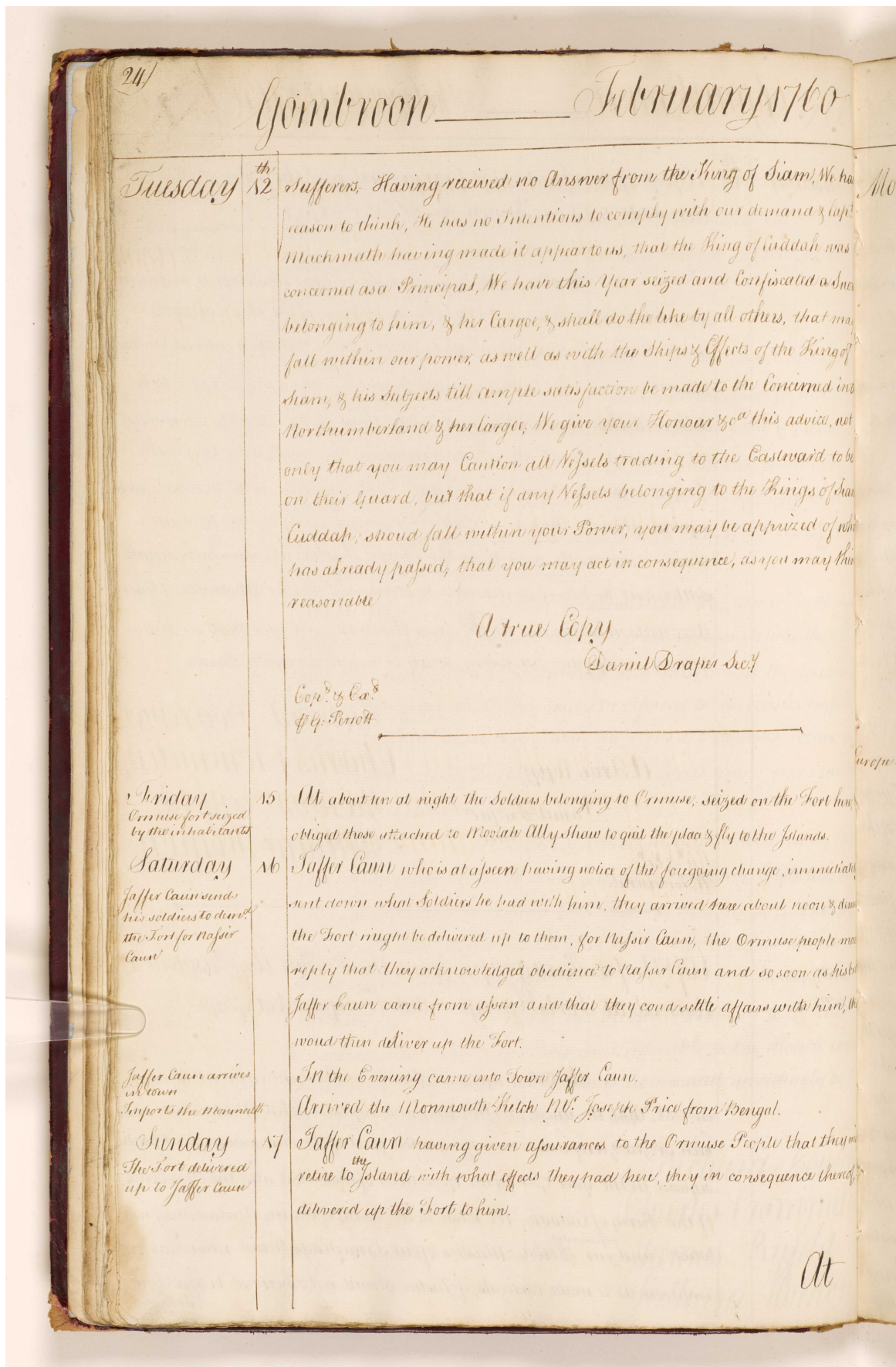
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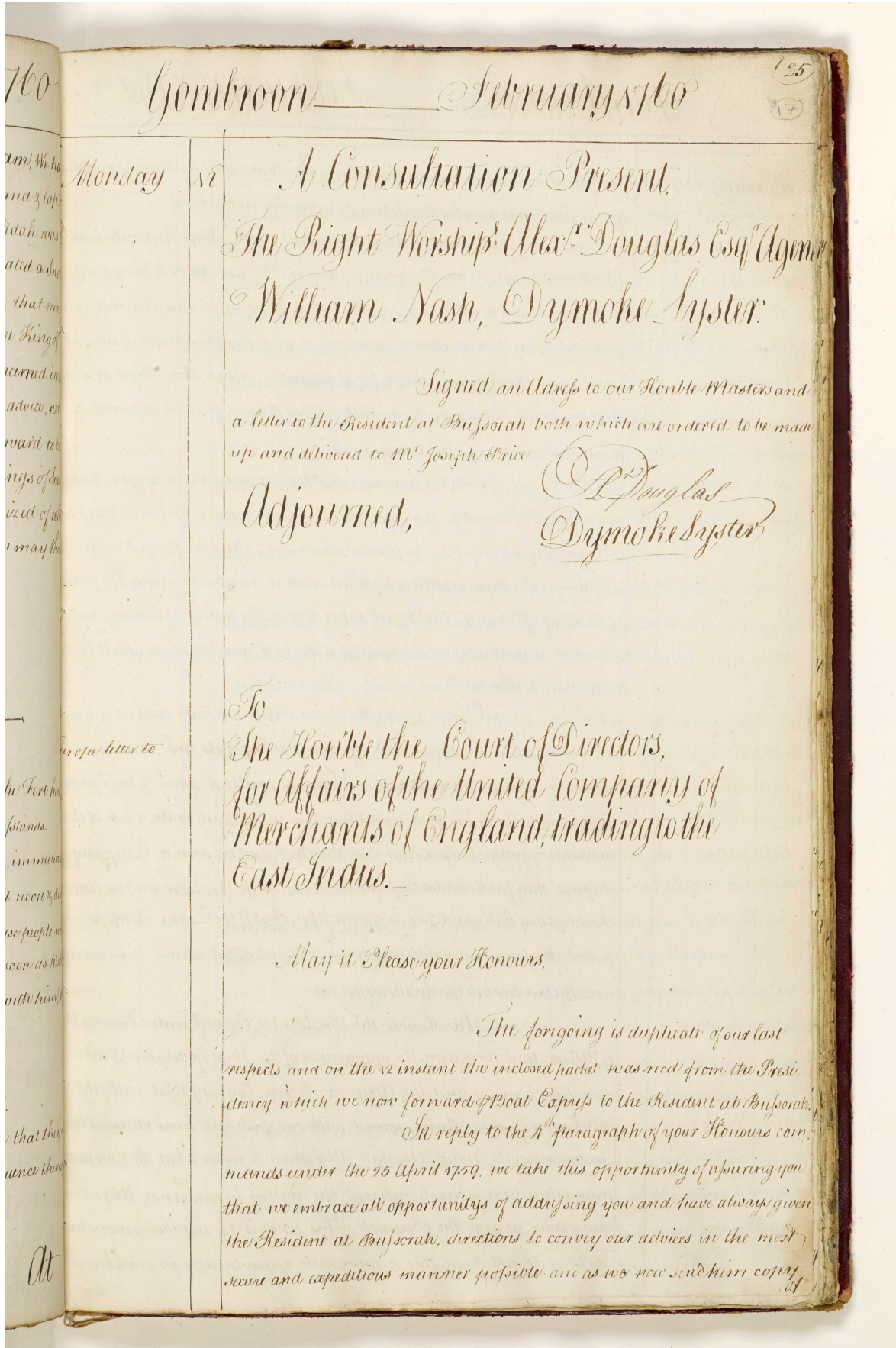
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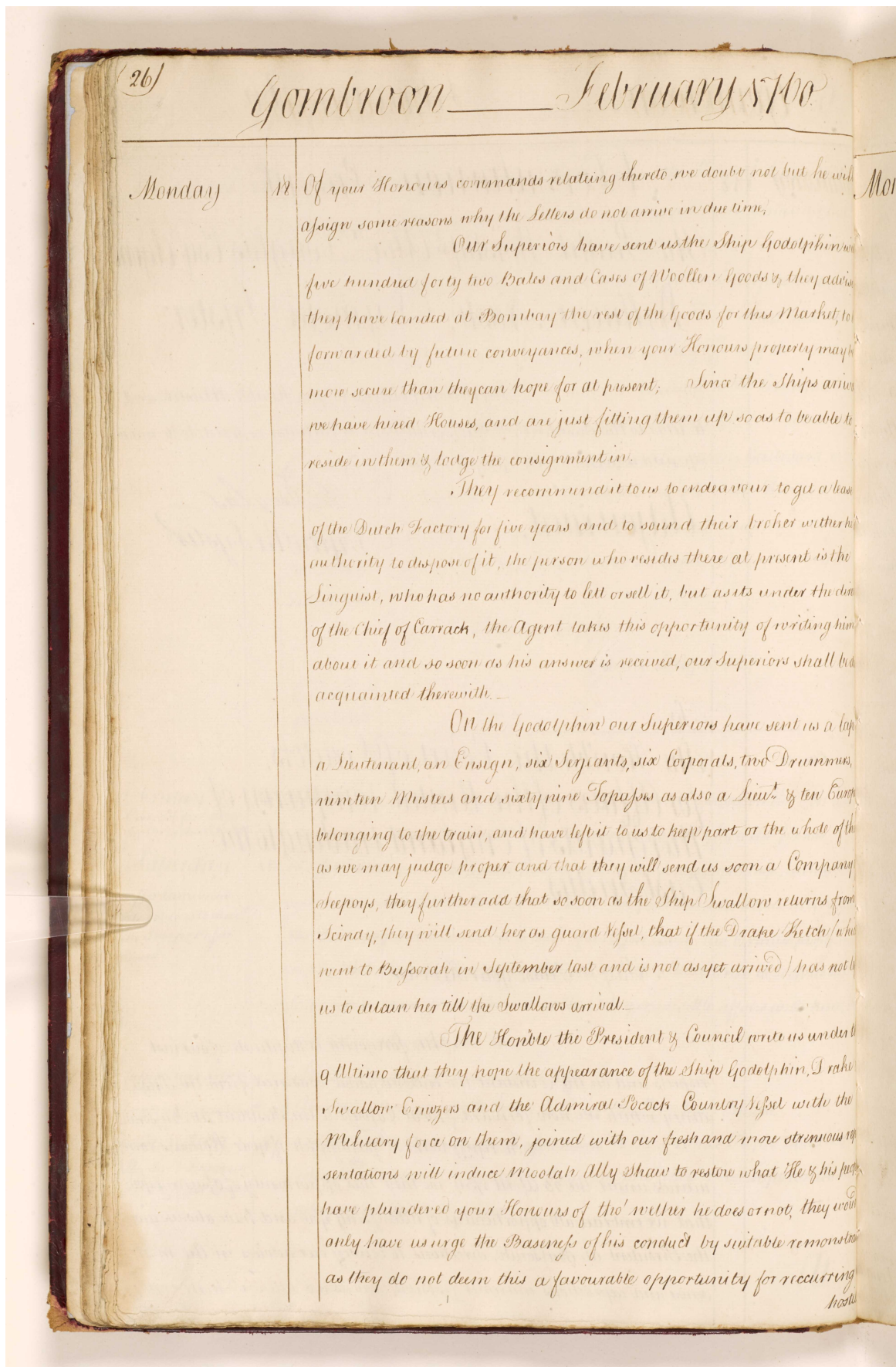
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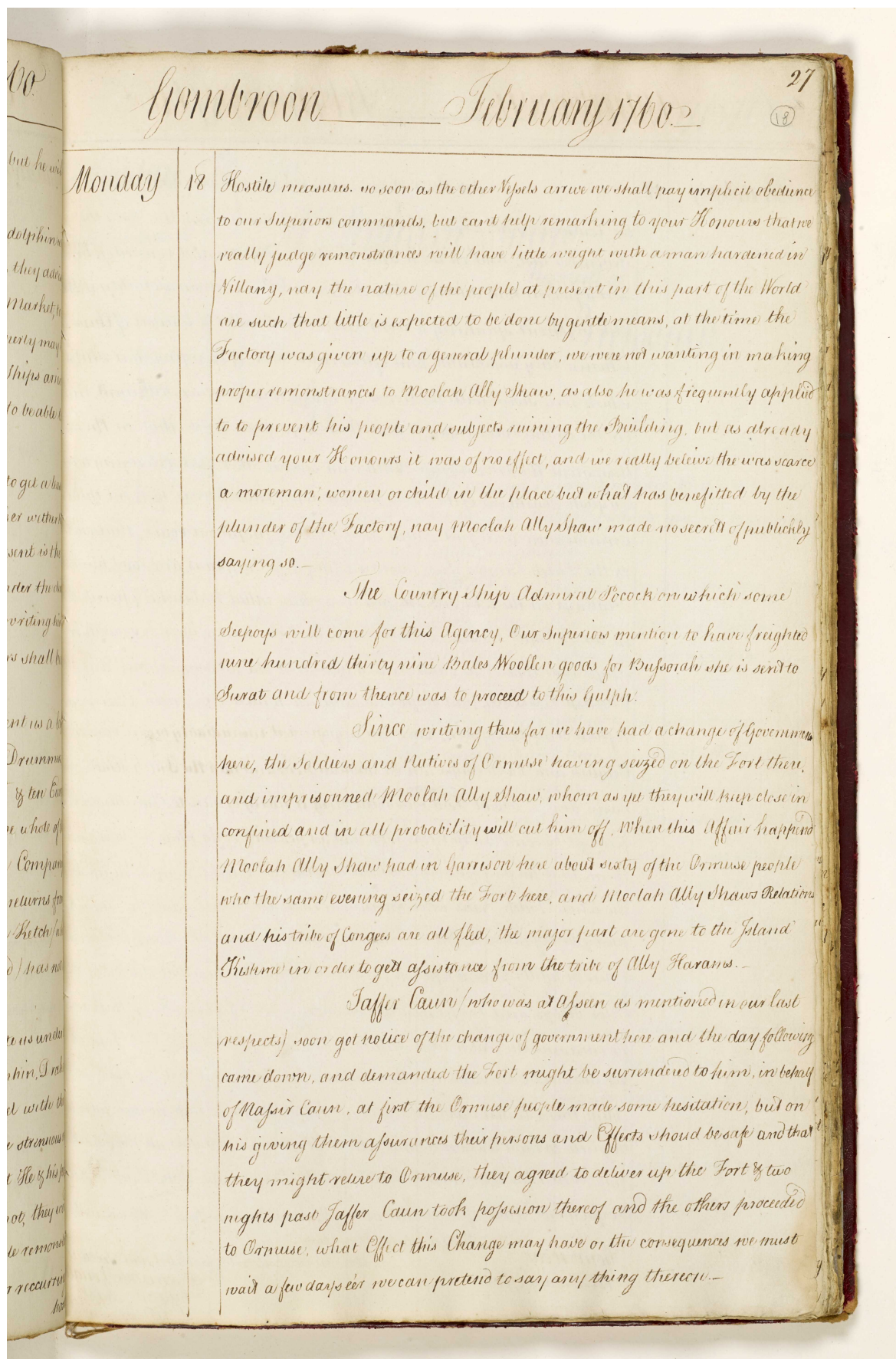
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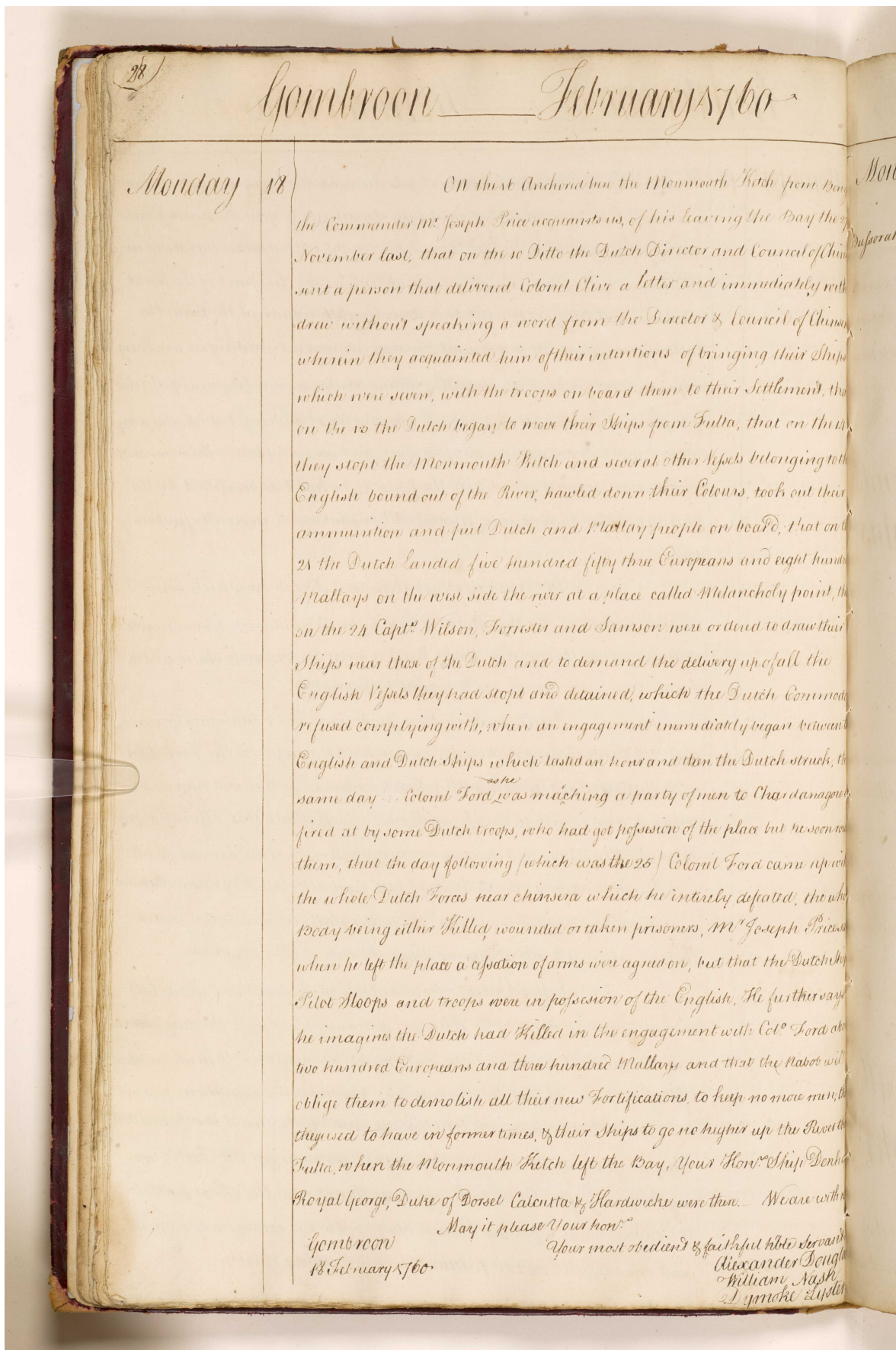
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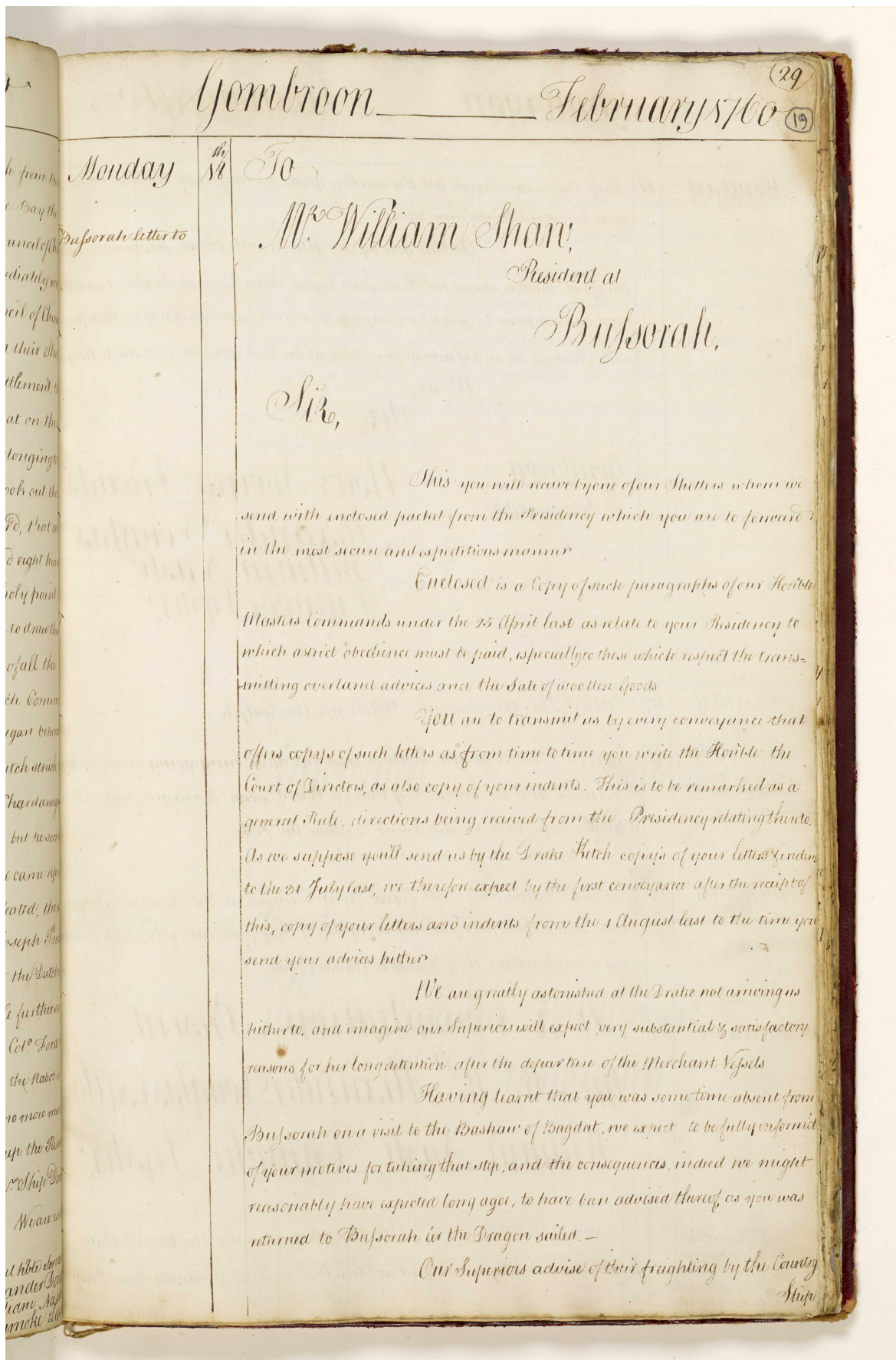
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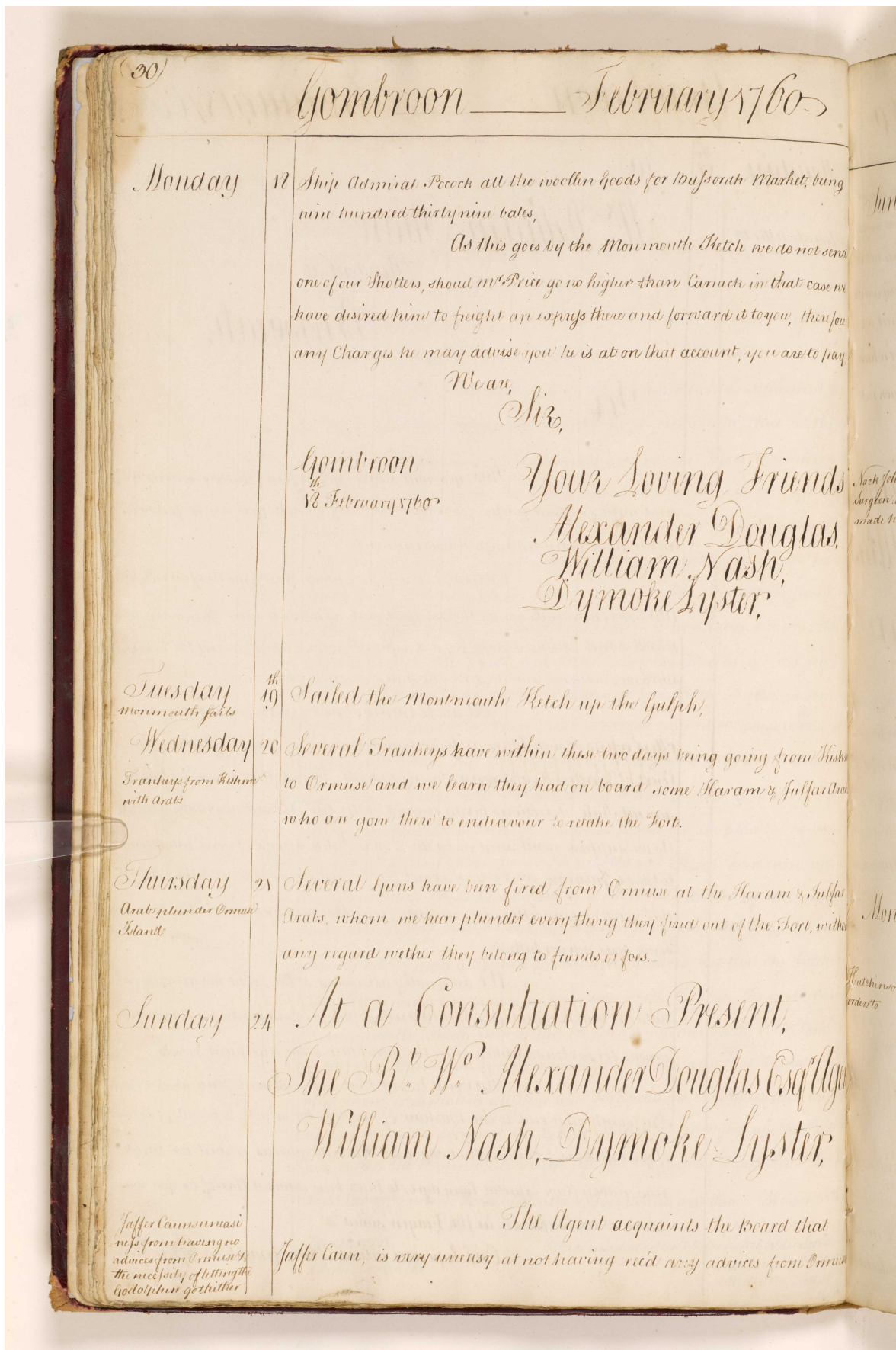
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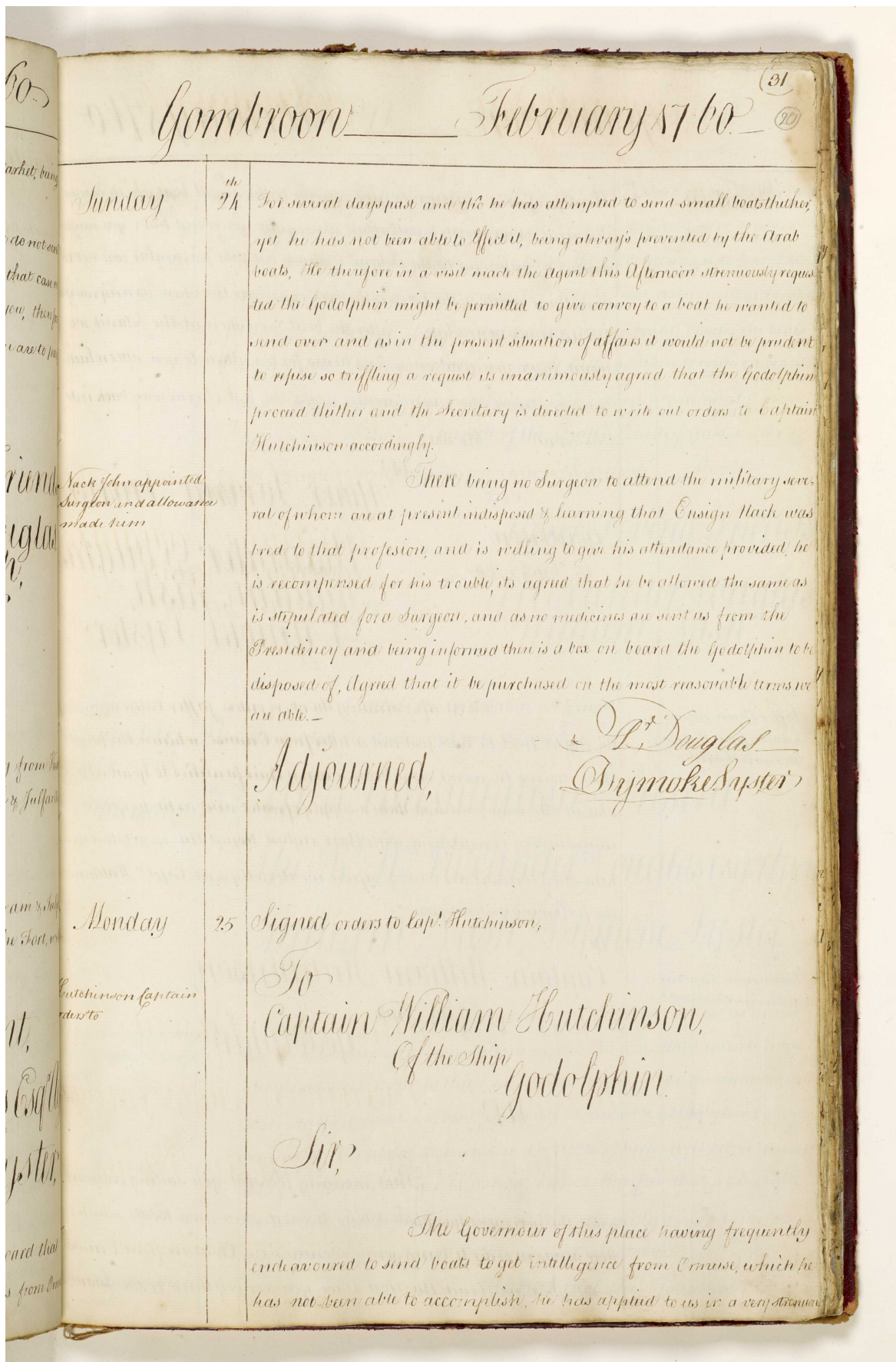
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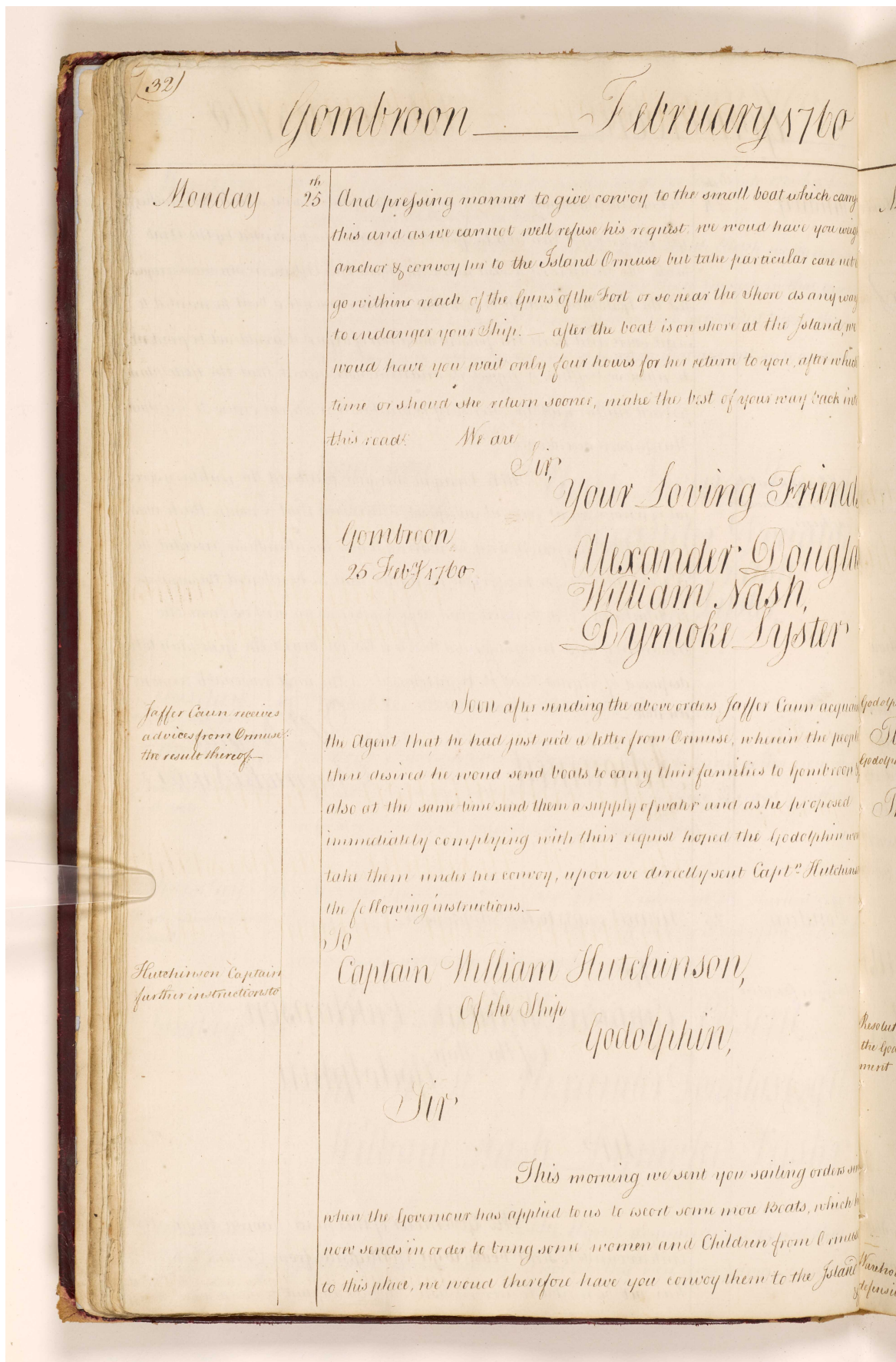
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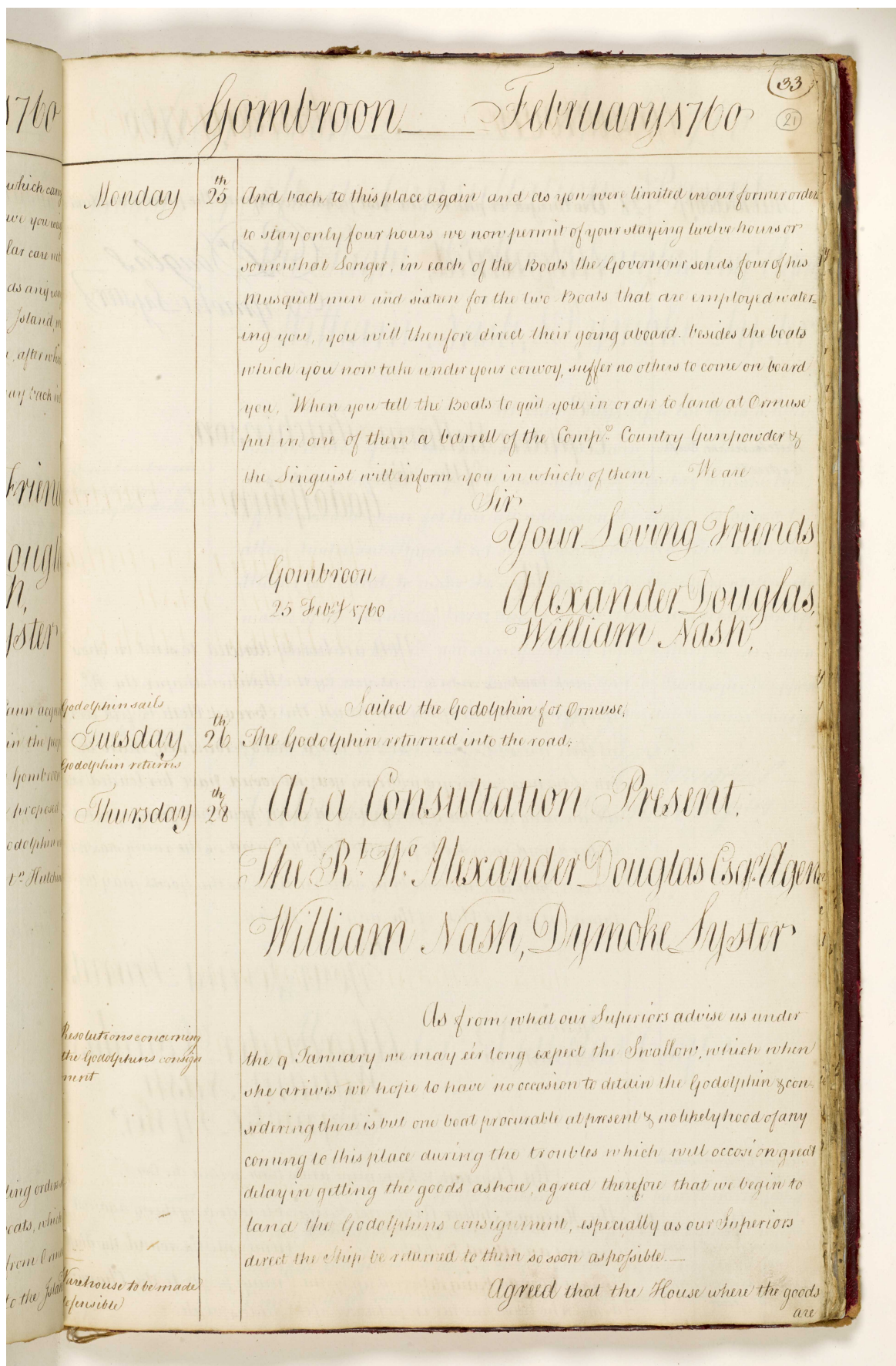
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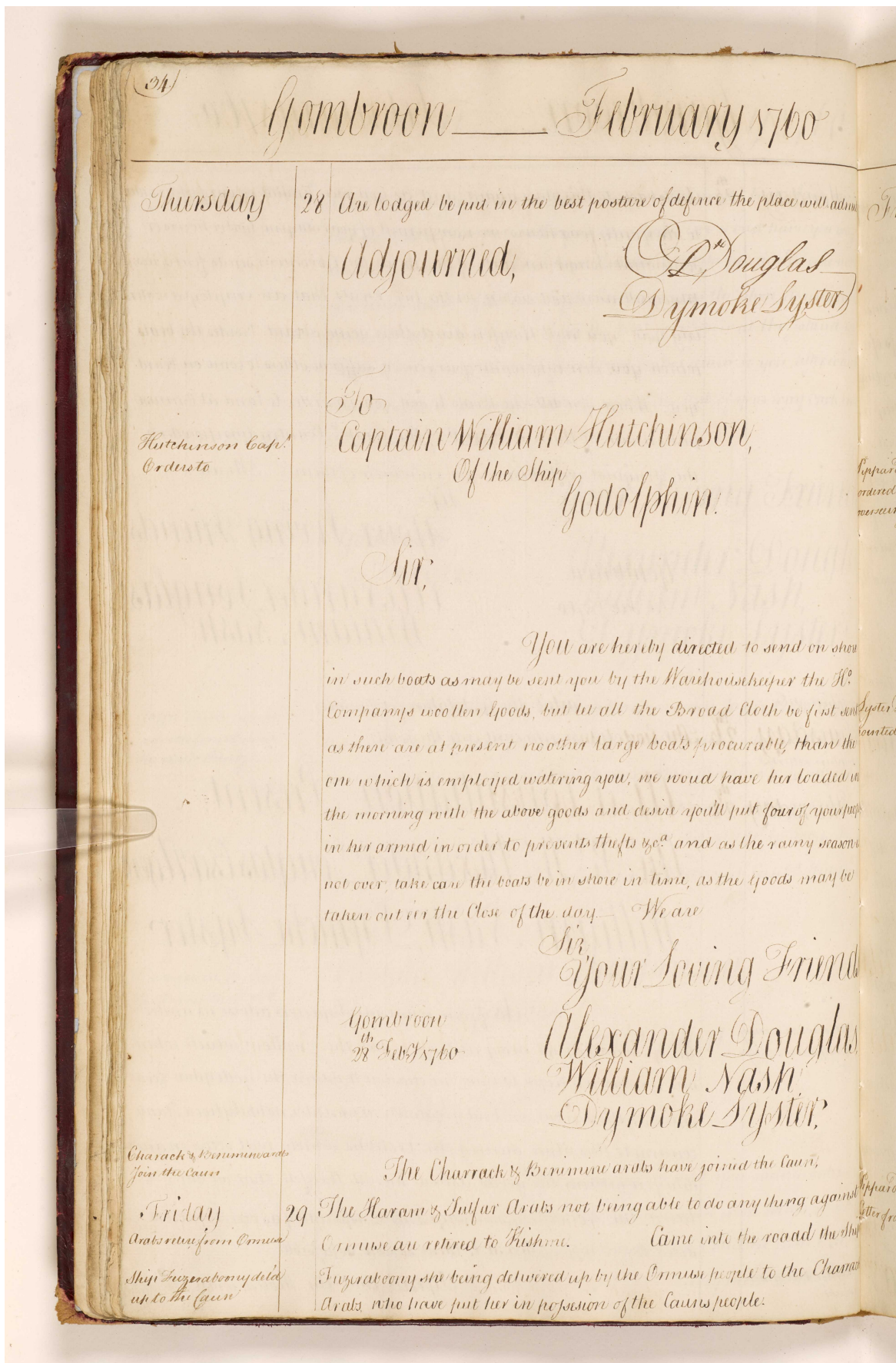
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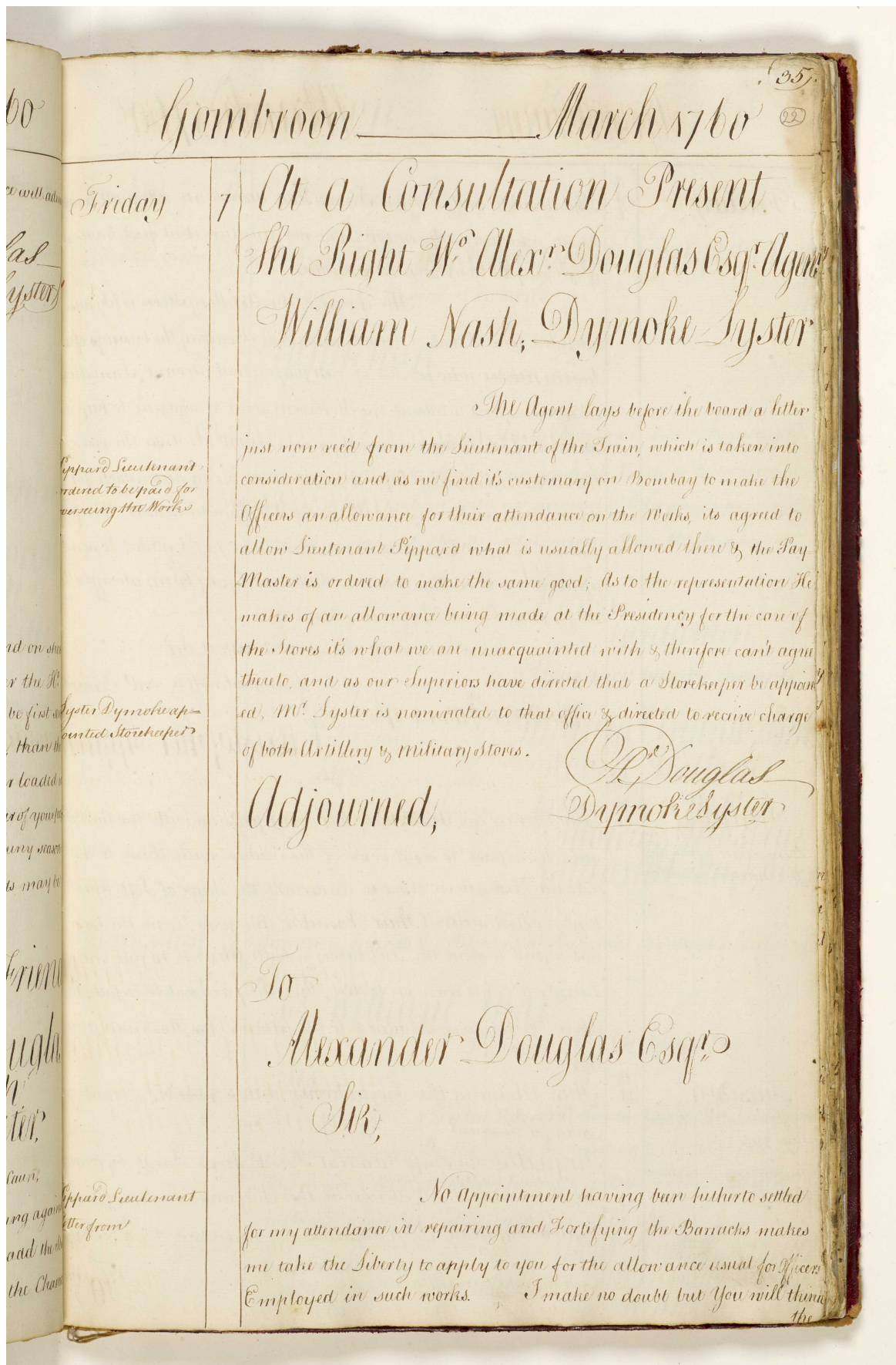
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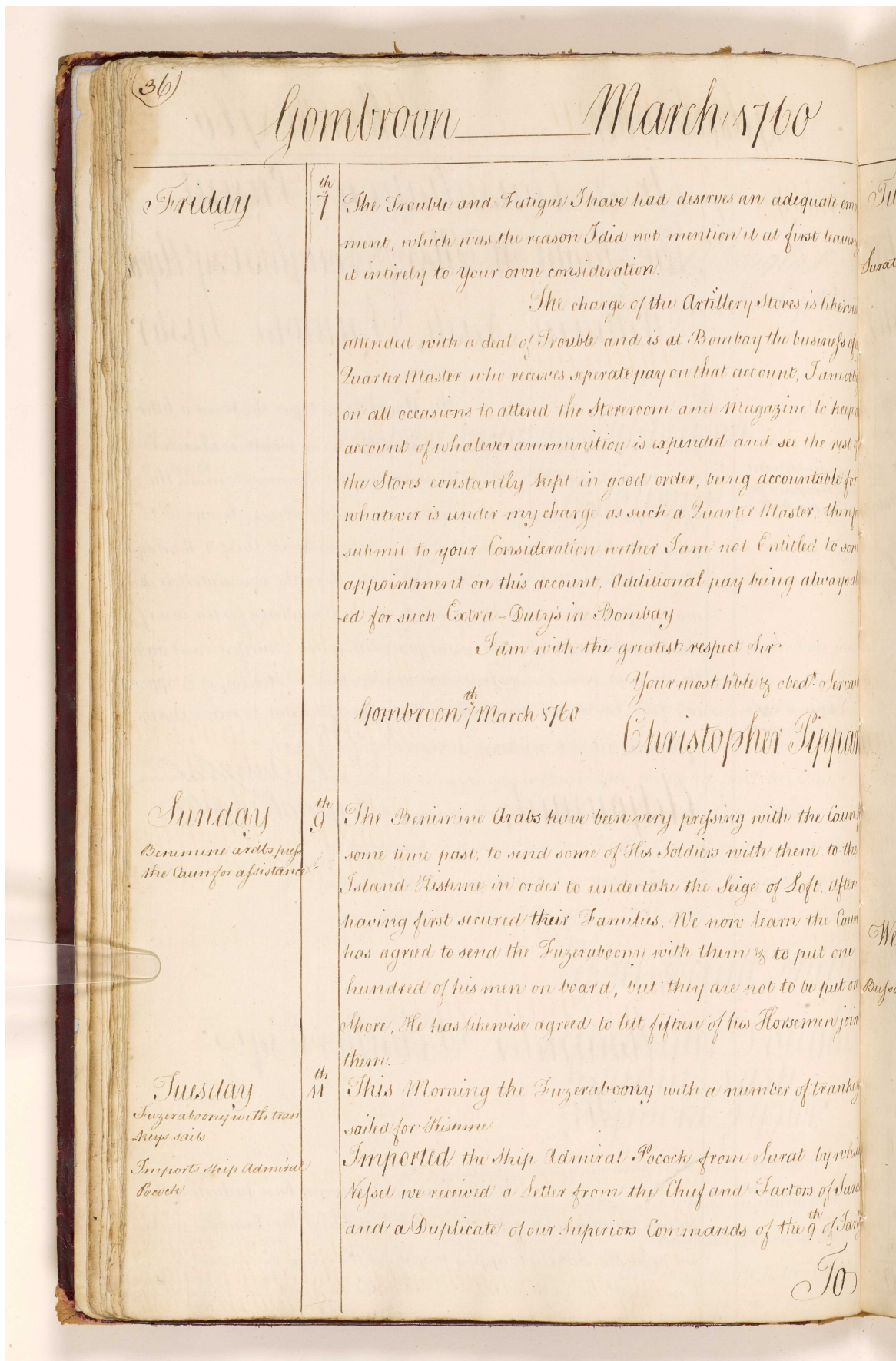
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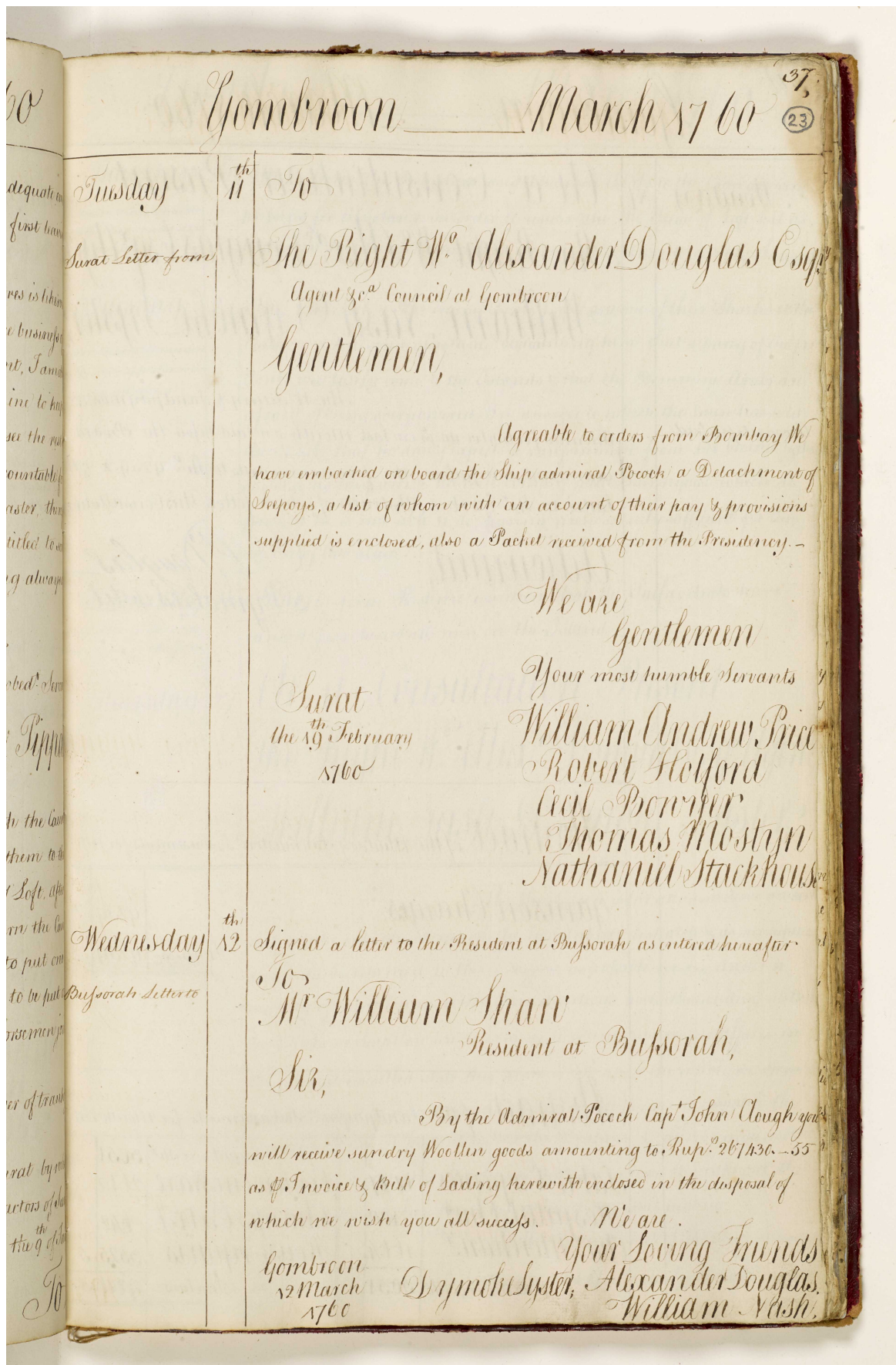
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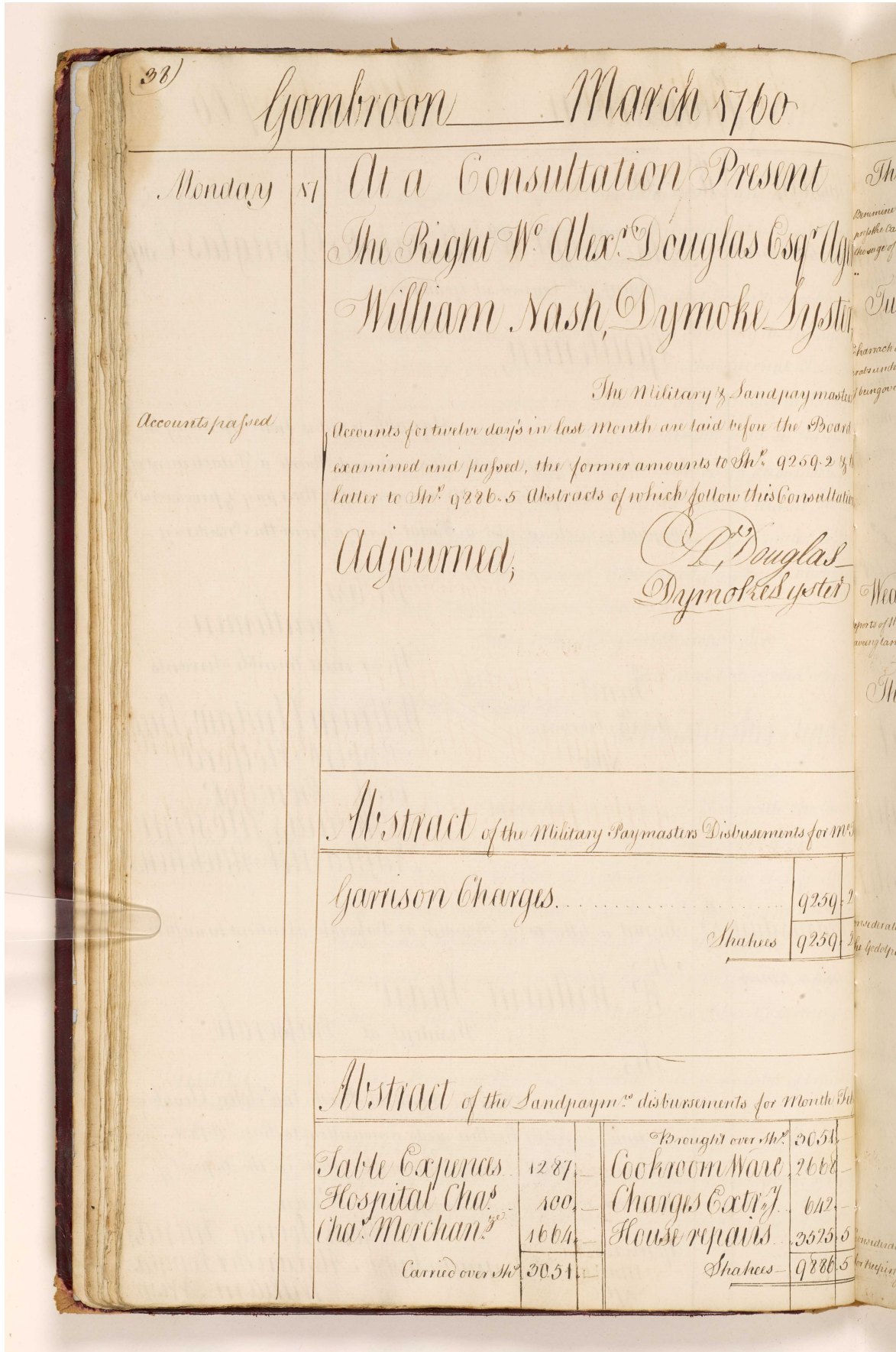
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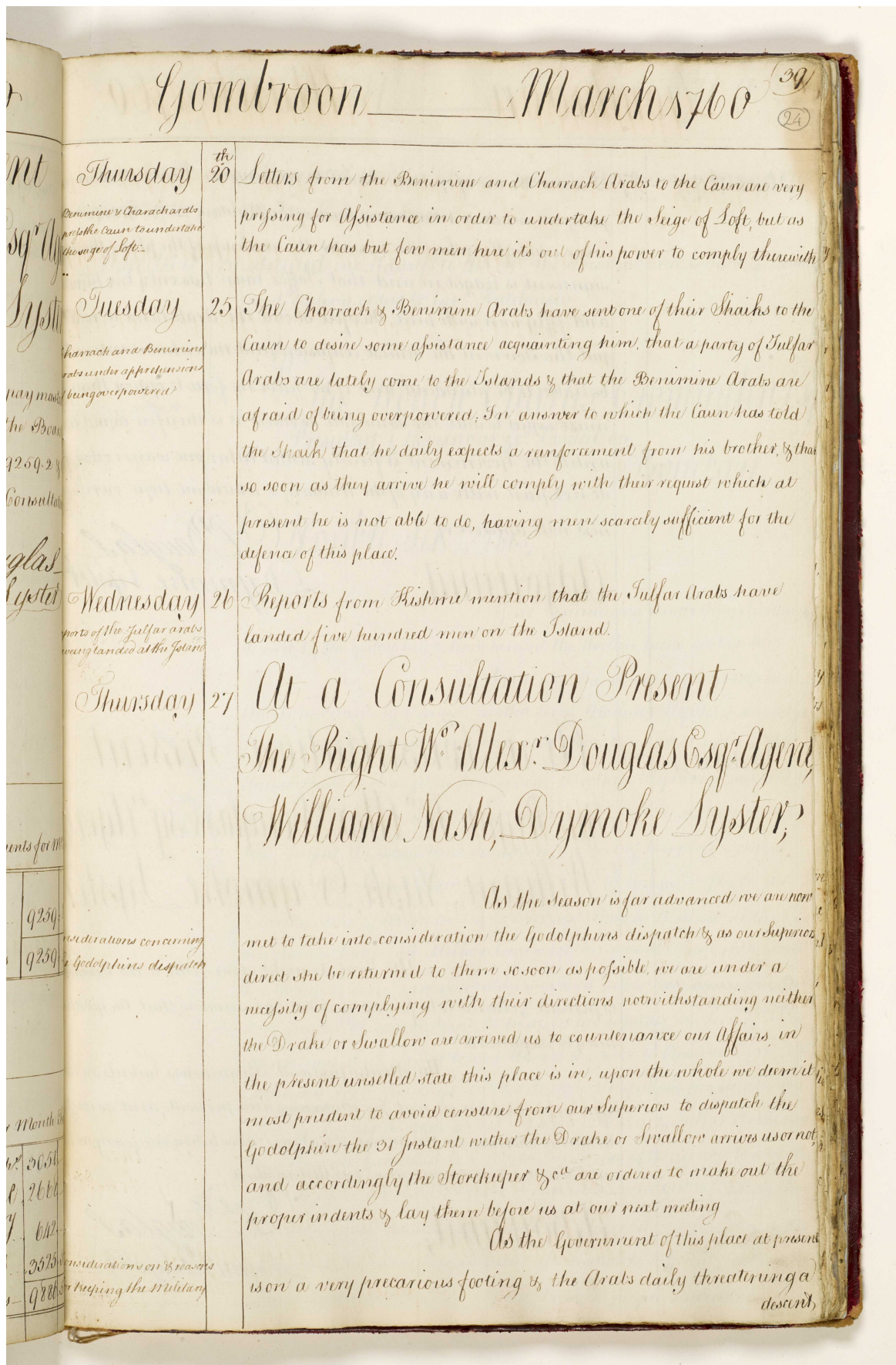
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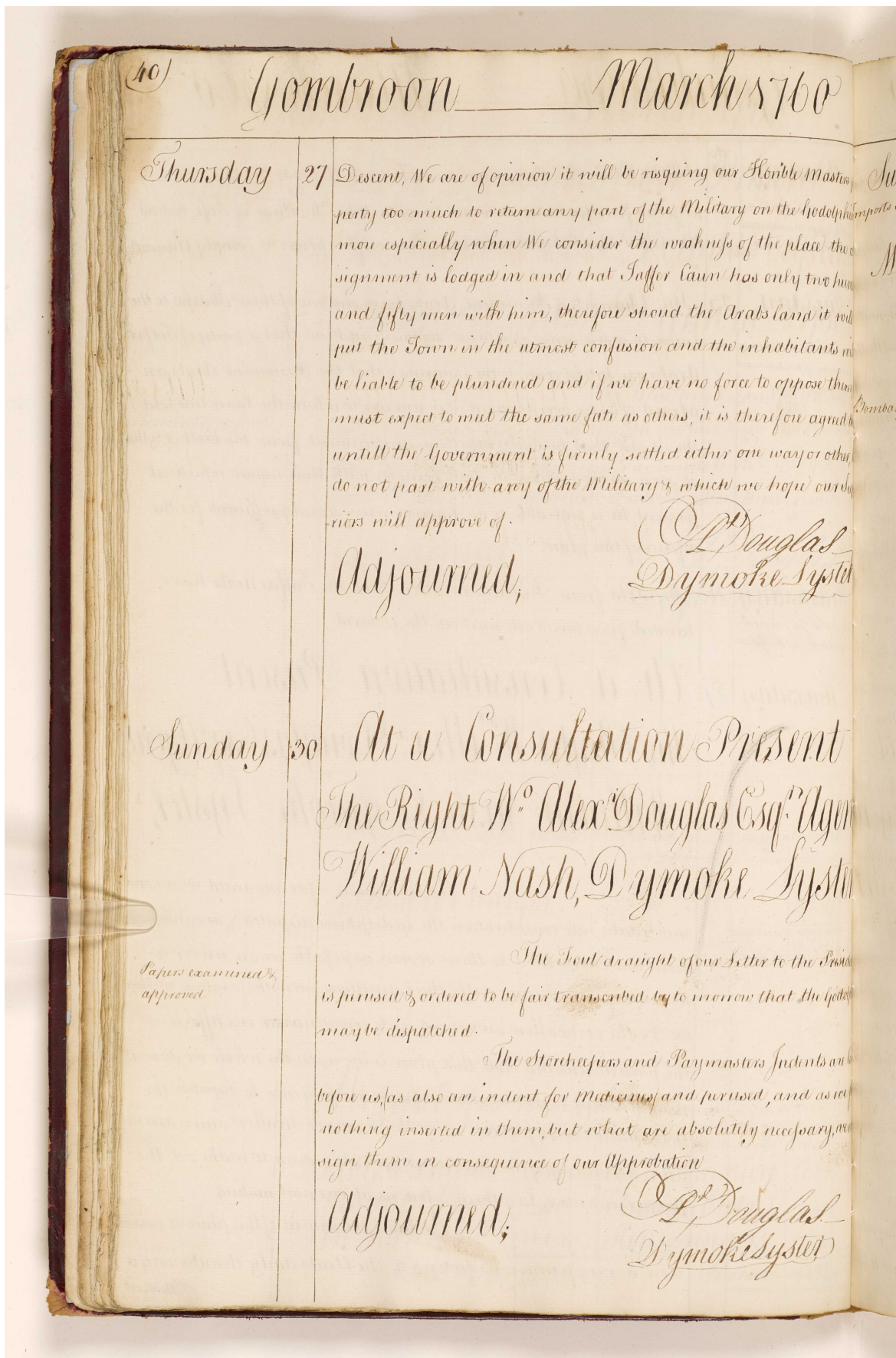
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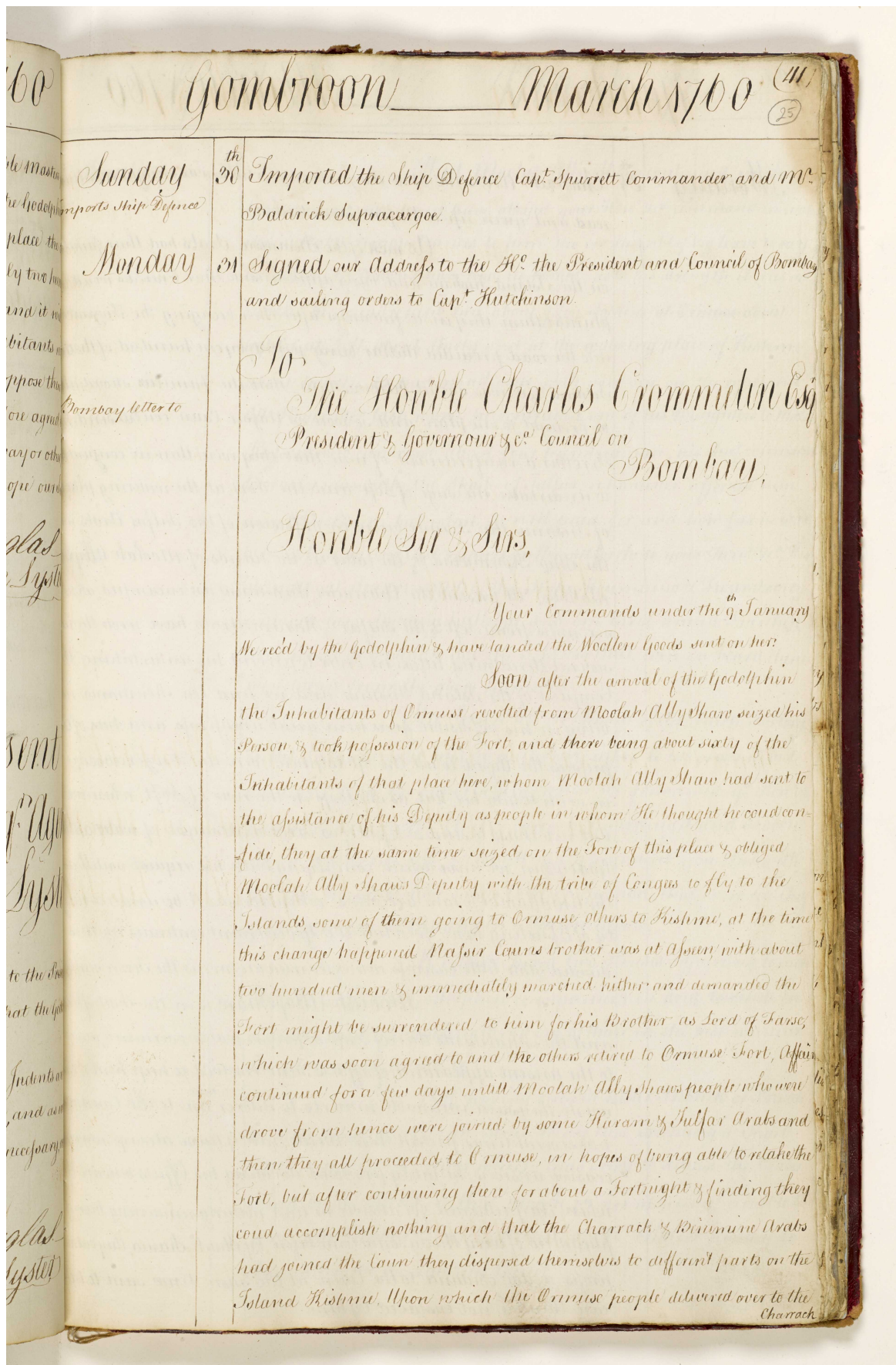
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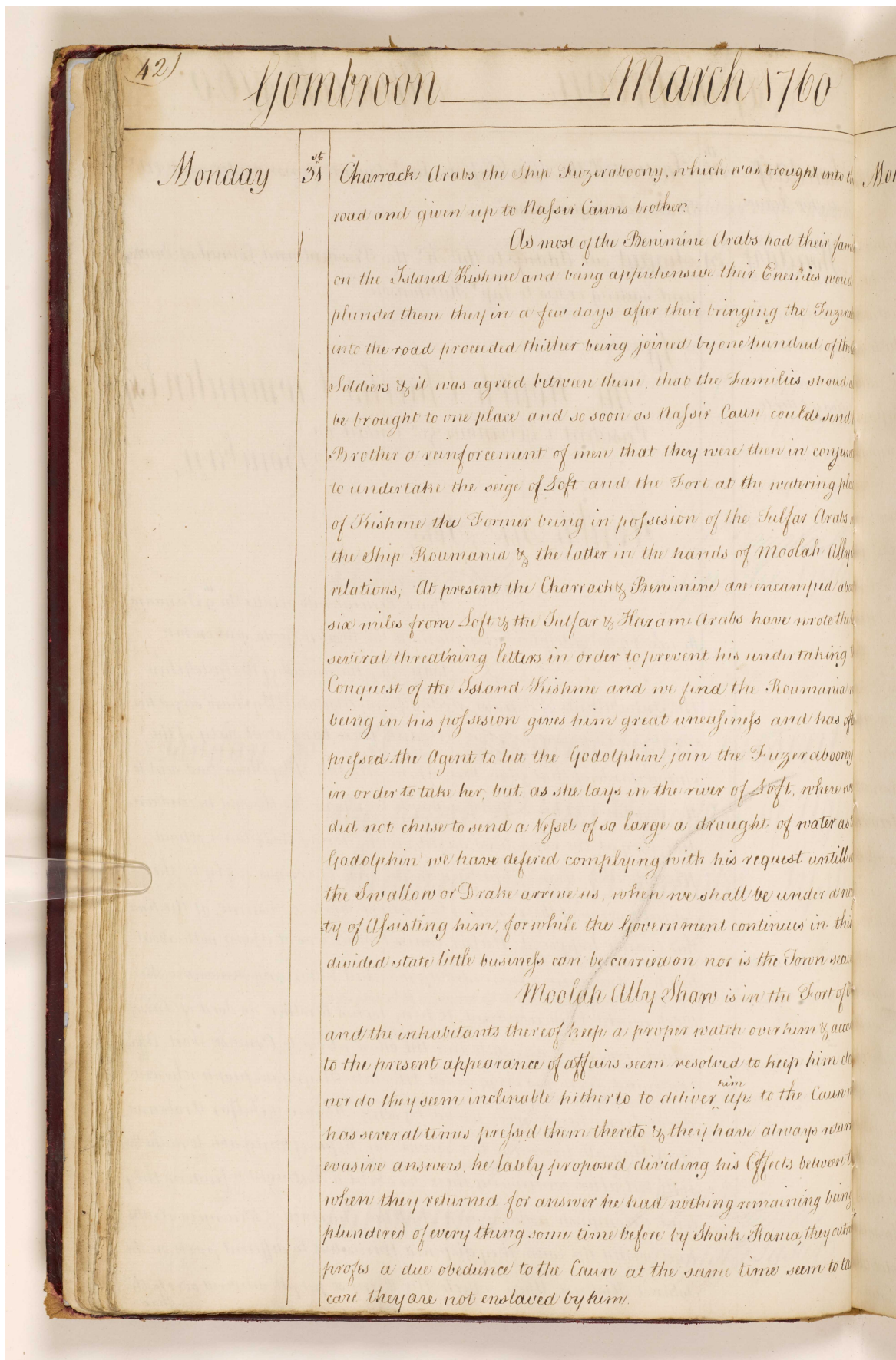
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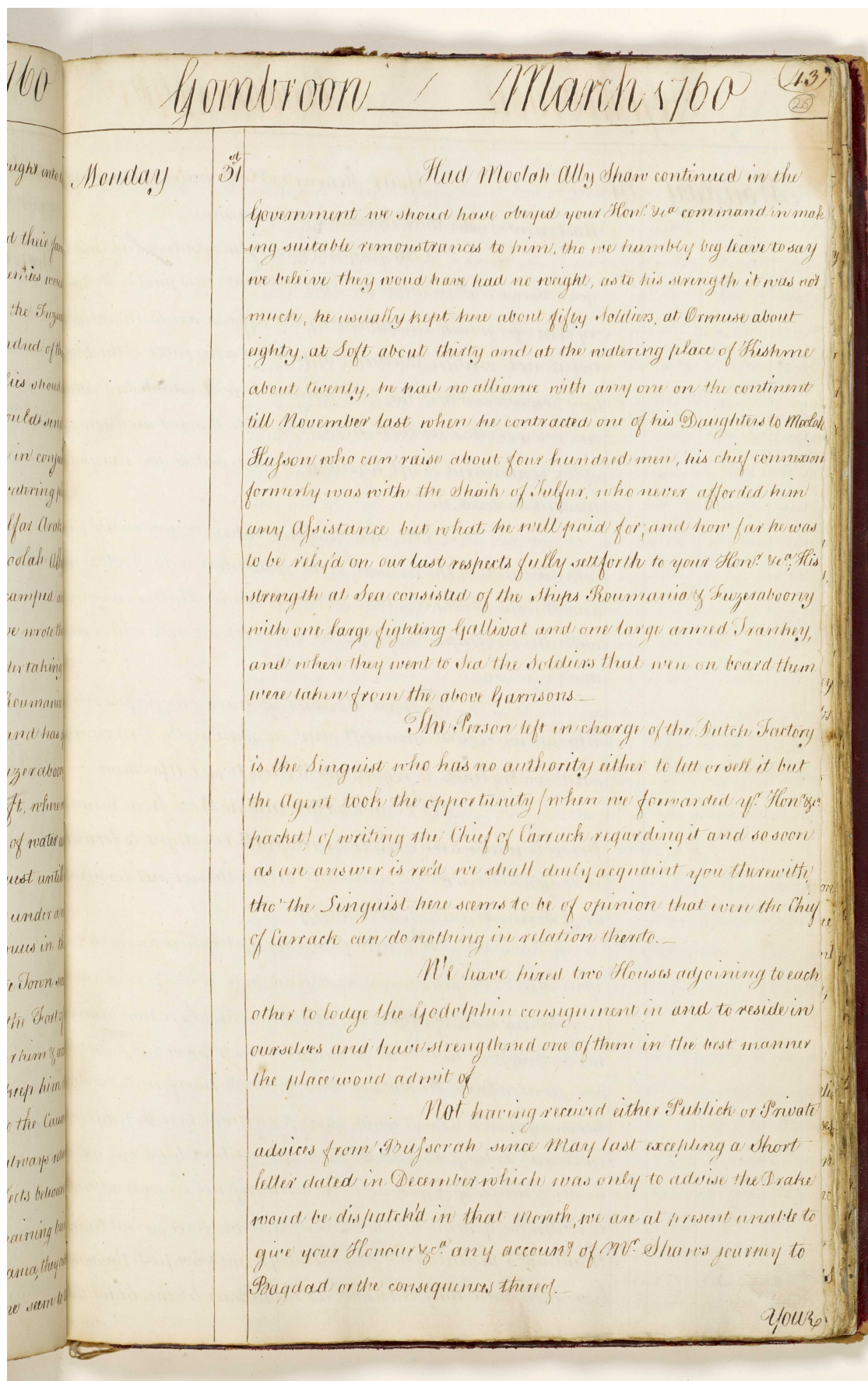
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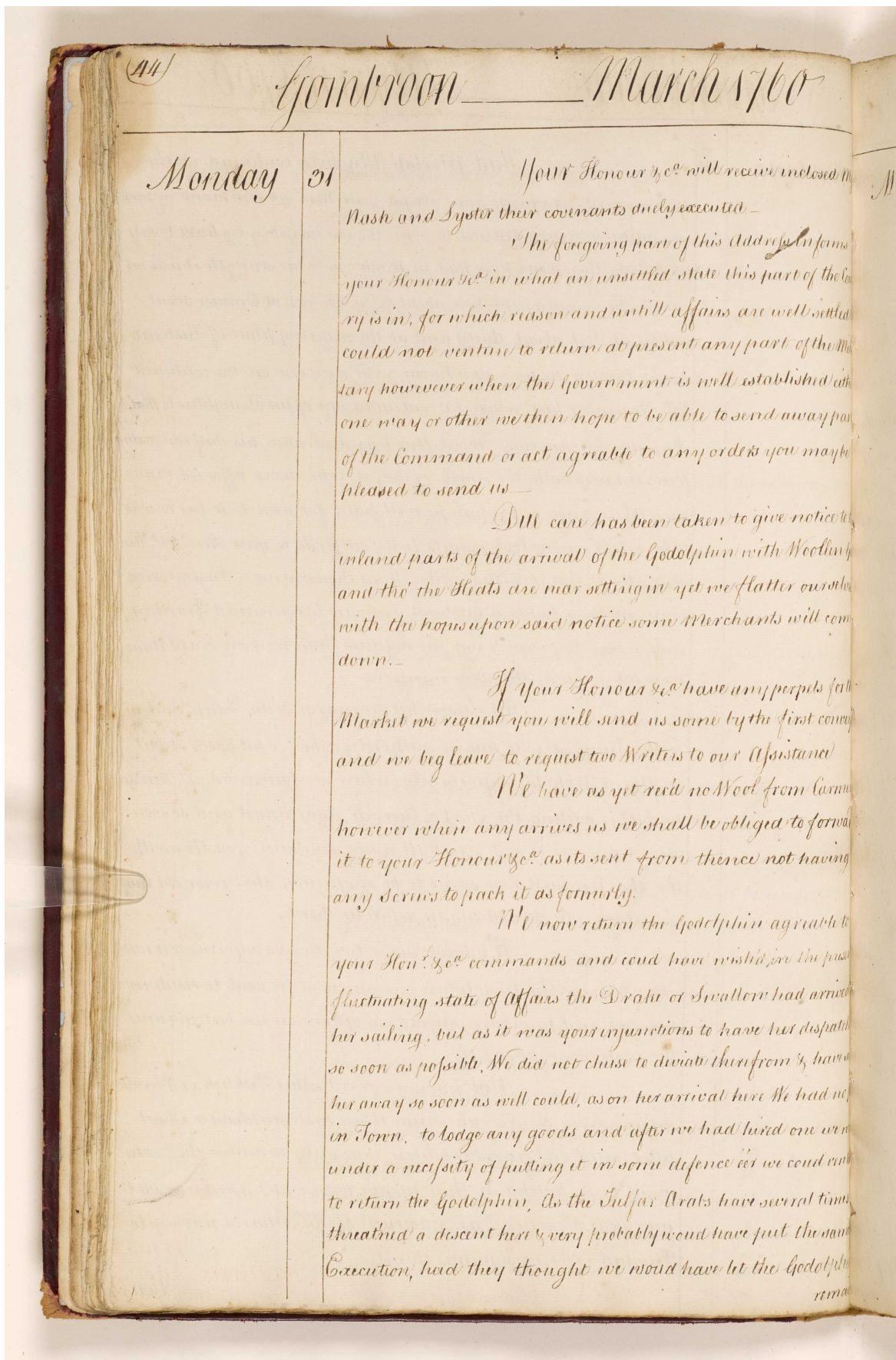
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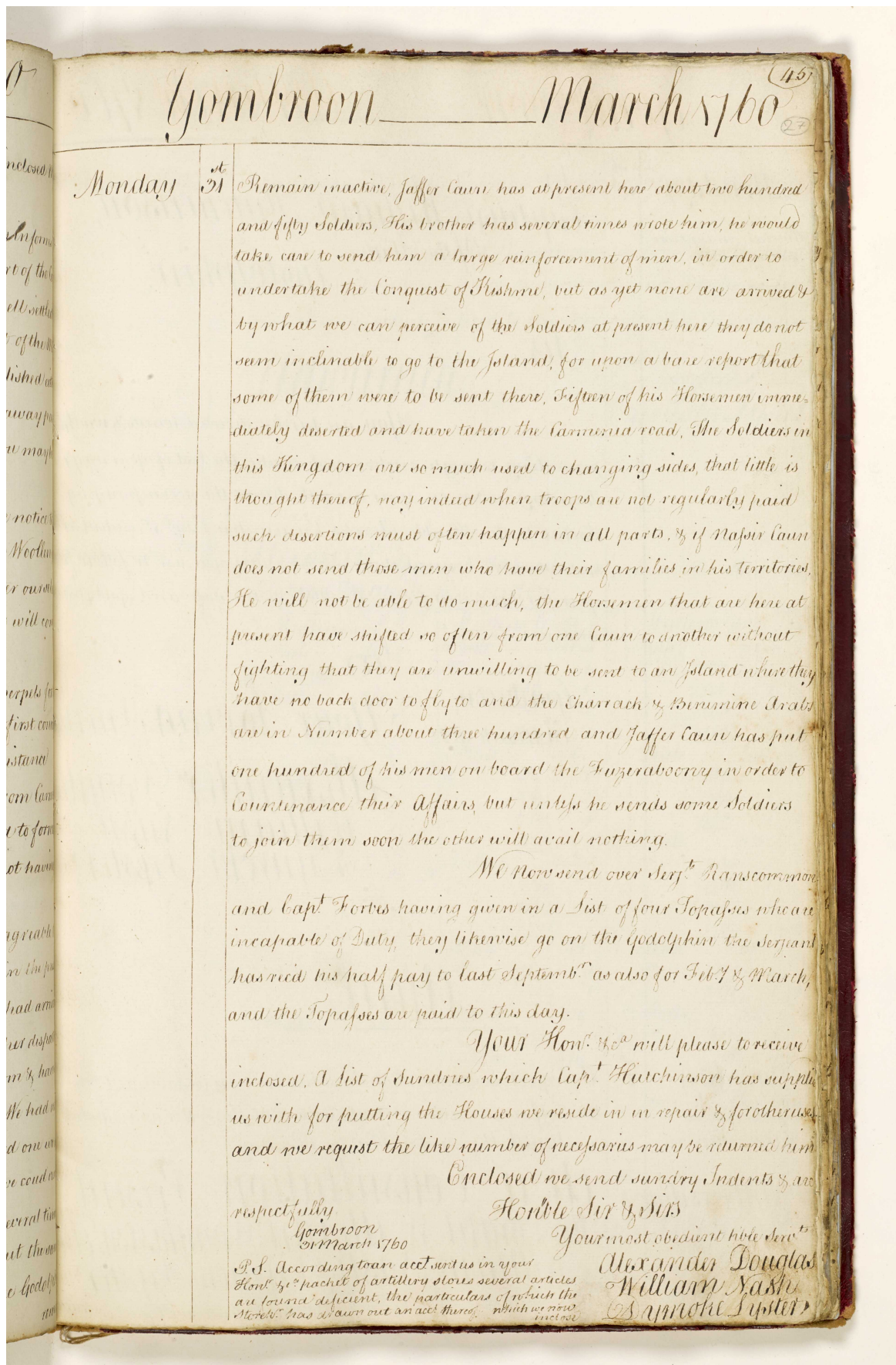
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Gombroon March 1760 ¹⁴⁵

Monday

Remain inactive, Jaffer Cawn has at present here about two hundred and fifty Soldiers, His brother has several times wrote him, he would take care to send him a large reinforcement of men, in order to undertake the Conquest of Bushahr, but as yet none are arrived & by what we can perceive of the Soldiers at present here they do not seem inclinable to go to the Island; for upon a bare report that some of them were to be sent there, Fifteen of his Horsemen immediately deserted and have taken the Larmeria road, The Soldiers in this Kingdom are so much used to changing sides, that little is thought thereof, nay indeed when troops are not regularly paid such desertions must often hapen in all parts, & if Nasir Cawn does not send those men who have their families in his territories, He will not be able to do much, the Horsemen that are here at present have shifted so often from one Cawn to another without fighting that they are unwilling to be sent to any Island where they have no back door to fly to and the Charrack & Binominine Arabs are in Number about three hundred and Jaffer Cawn has put one hundred of his men on board the Fuzerabocroy in order to Courtenance their Affairs, but unless he sends some Soldiers to join them soon the other will avail nothing.

We have send over Serj^t Ranscomman and Capt Fortis having given in a List of four Sepajis who are incapable of Duty, they likewise go on the Godolphin the Serjant has recd his half pay to last Septemb^r as also for Feb^r & March, and the Sepajis are paid to this day.

Your Hon^r will please to receive inclosed, A list of sundries which Capt^t Hutchinson has supplied us with for putting the Houses we reside in in repair & for other uses, and we request the like number of necessaries may be returned him

Enclosed we send sundry Indents & are

respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

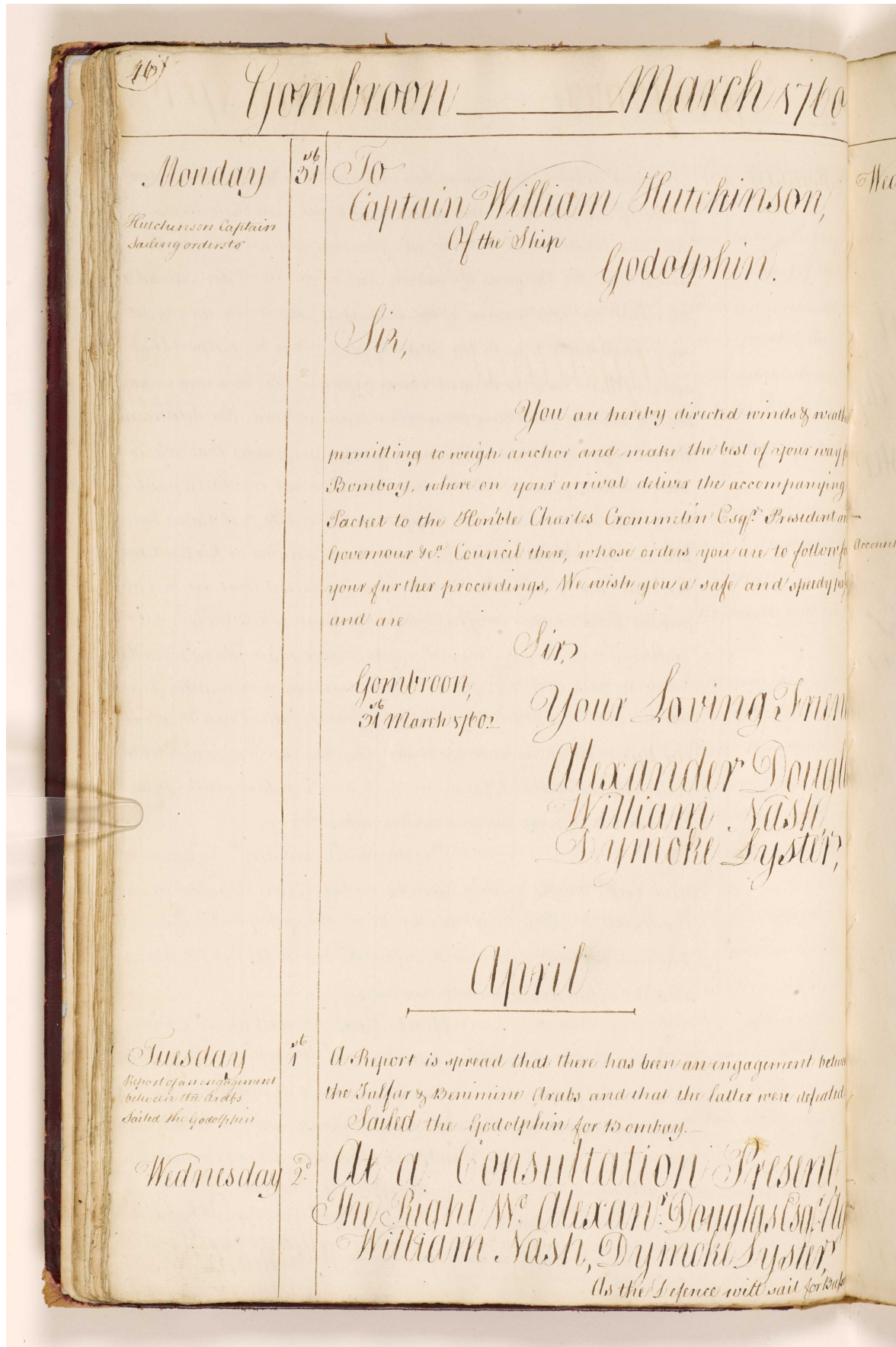
Gombroon
29 March 1760

Your most obedient humble Serv^{ts}

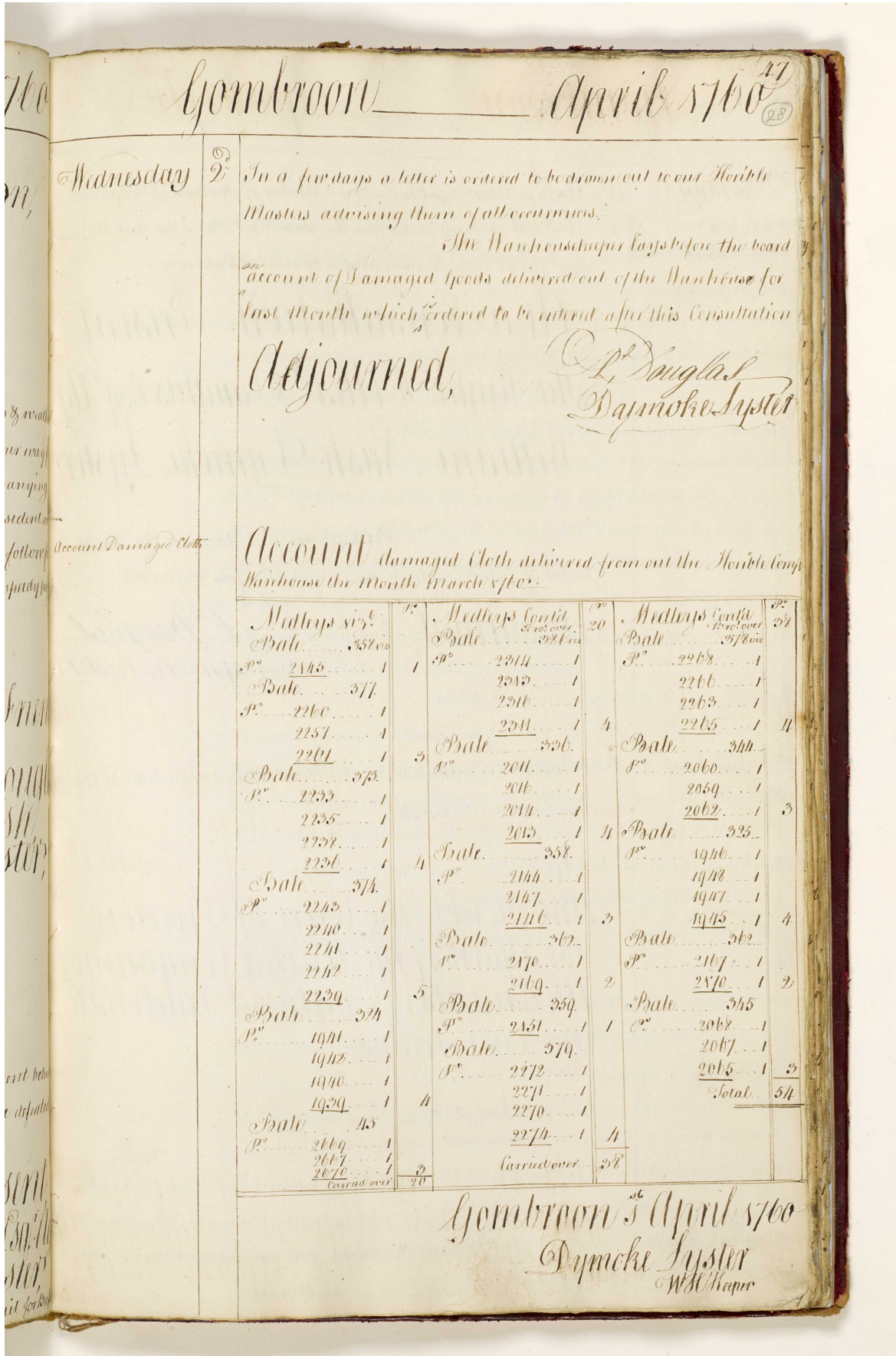
P.S. According to an acct sent us in your Hon^r 4th packet of artillery stores several articles are found deficient, the particulars of which the Hon^r has drawn out an acct thereof, which we now inclose

Alexander Douglas
William Nash
& Amone Syder

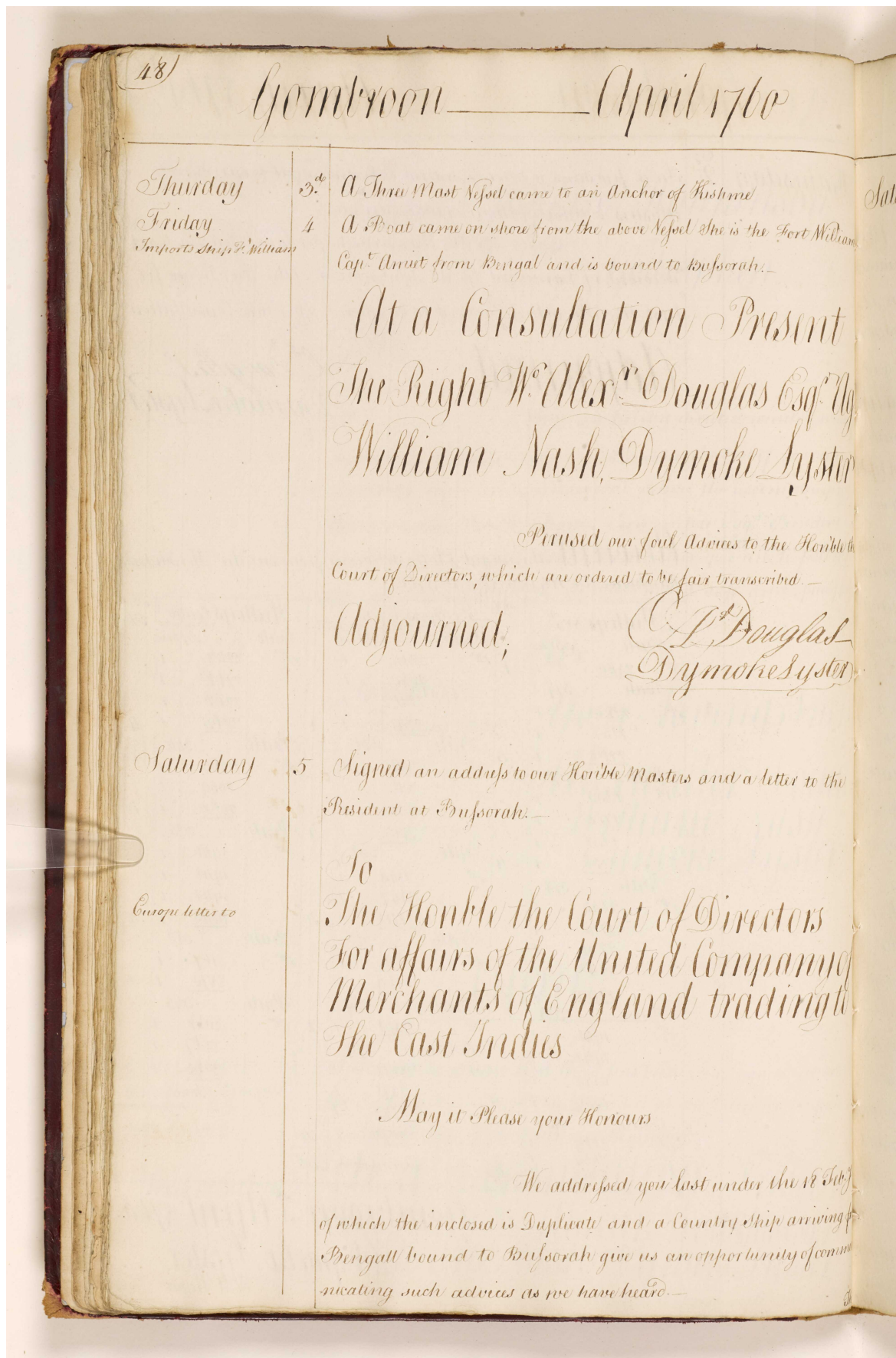
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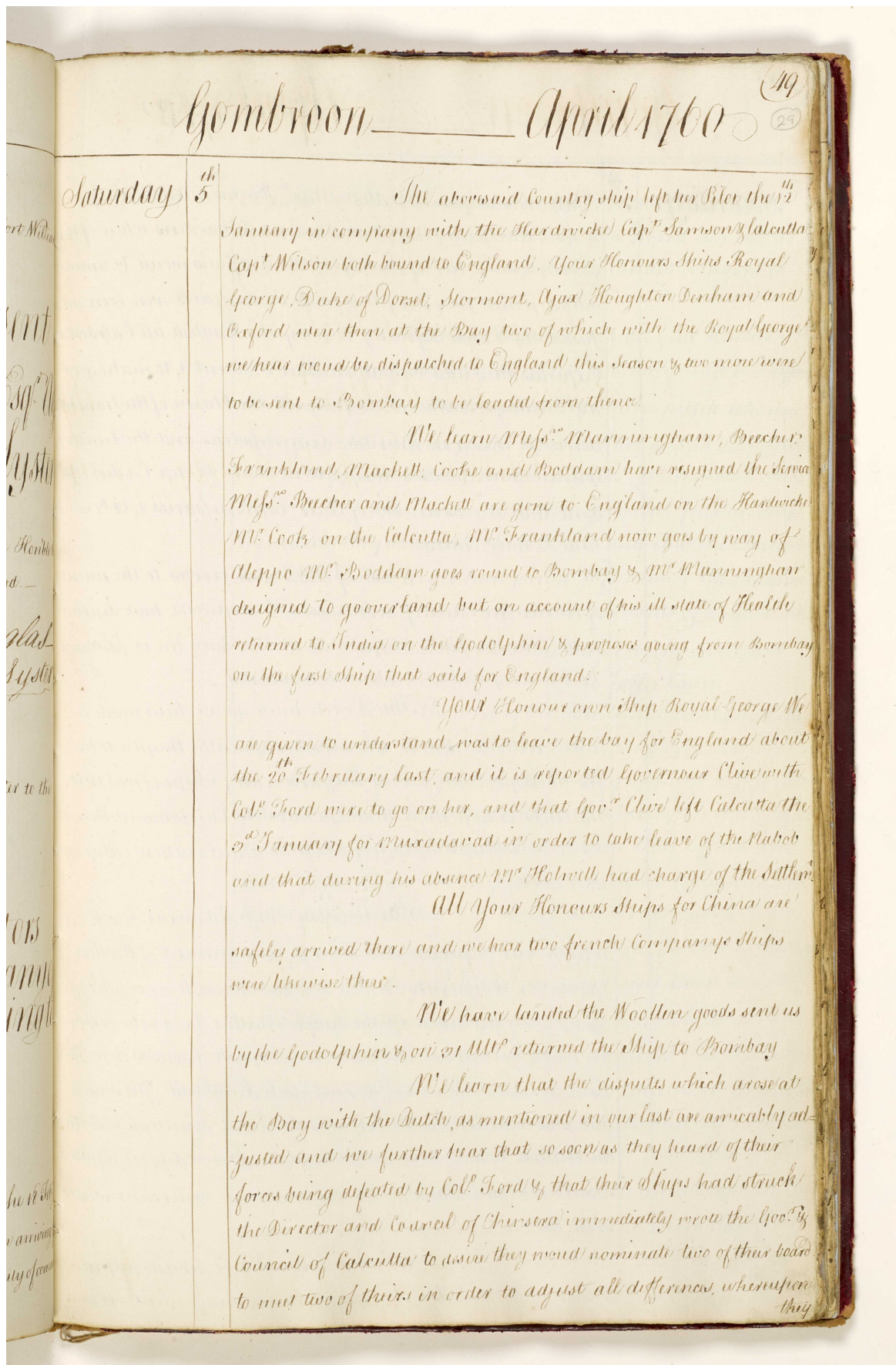
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Gombroon April 1760

Saturday 5th

The abovesaid Country ship left her Pilot the 12th January in company with the *Hardwiche* Cap^t Jamson & *Calcutta* Cap^t Wilson both bound to England. Your Honours Ships *Royal George*, *Duke of Dorset*, *Stormont*, *Vixen*, *Houghton*, *Denham* and *Esford* were then at the Bay two of which with the *Royal George* we hear would be dispatched to England this season & two more were to be sent to Bombay to be loaded from thence.

We learn Mess^{rs} *Manningham*, *Brecher*, *Frankland*, *Mackell*, *Cocke* and *Weddam* have resigned the service Mess^{rs} *Brecher* and *Mackell* are gone to England on the *Hardwiche* Mr *Cocke* on the *Calcutta*, Mr *Frankland* now goes by way of *Aleppo* Mr *Weddam* goes round to *Bombay* & Mr *Manningham* designed to go overland but on account of his ill state of Health returned to *India* on the *Godolphin* & proposes going from *Bombay* on the first ship that sails for England.

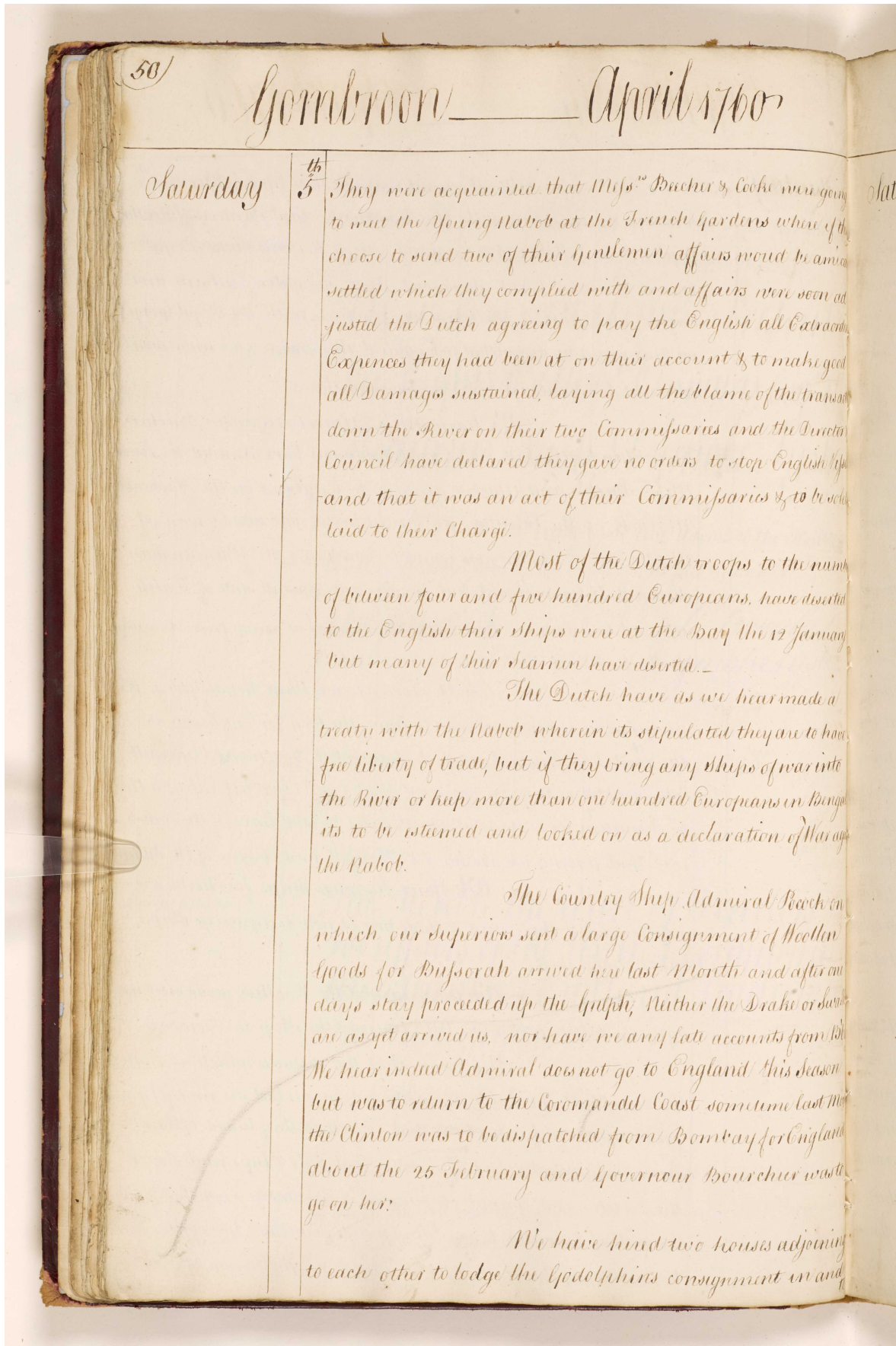
Your Honour own Ship *Royal George* we are given to understand was to have the way for England about the 20th February last, and it is reported Governour *Clive* with Col^l *Ford* were to go on her, and that Gov^r *Clive* left *Calcutta* the 2nd January for *Muzadavad* in order to take leave of the *Nabob* and that during his absence Mr *Holwell* had charge of the *Sittah*.

All Your Honours Ships for *China* are safely arrived there and we hear two french Companies Ships were likewise there.

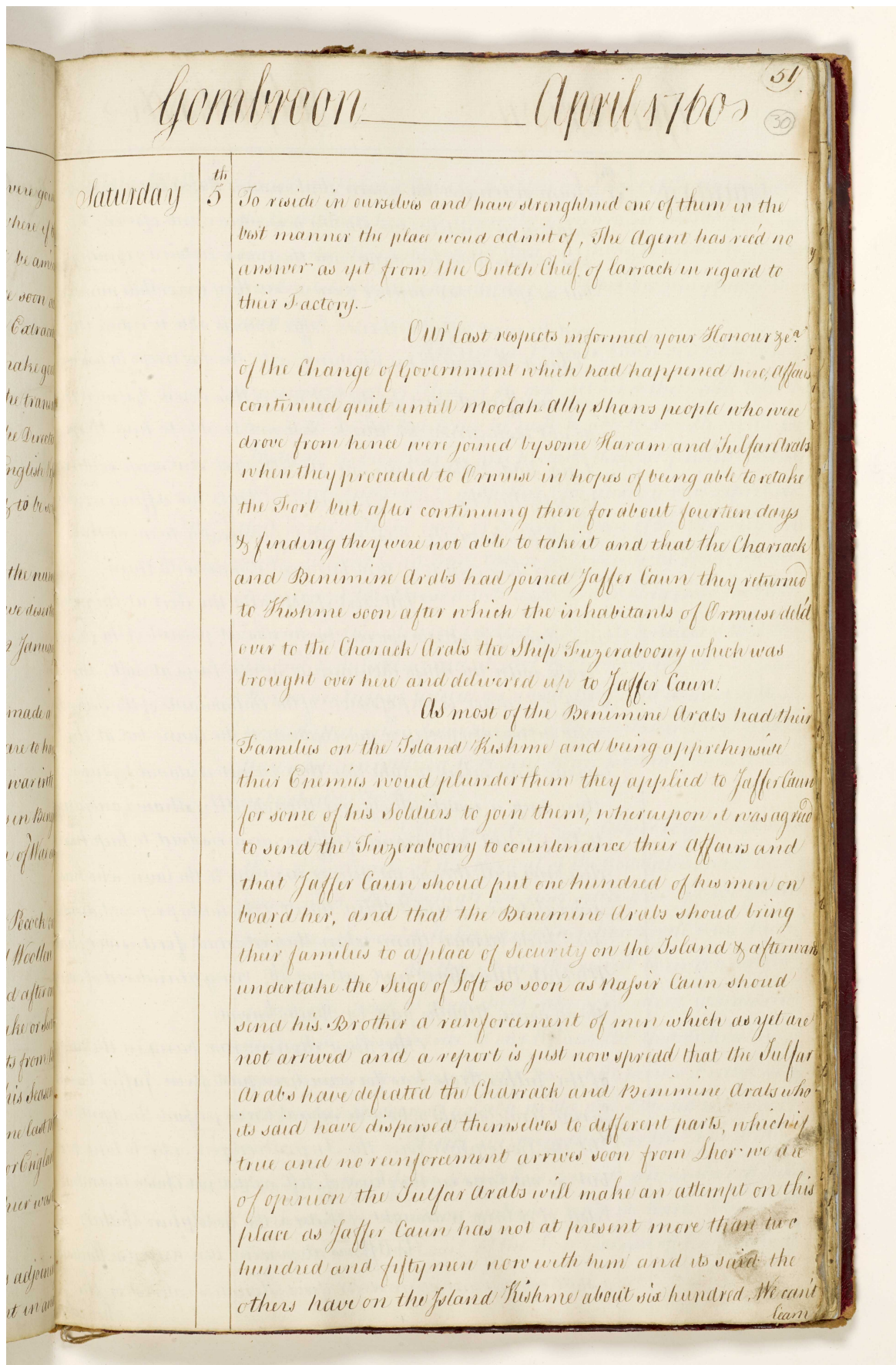
We have landed the *Woolter* goods sent us by the *Godolphin* & on 21st Mr returned the Ship to *Bombay*.

We learn that the disputes which arose at the Bay with the *Dutch*, as mentioned in our last are amicably adjusted and we further hear that so soon as they heard of their forces being defeated by Col^l *Ford* & that their Ships had struck the *Director* and *Council* of *Chiraw* immediately wrote the Gov^r & *Council* of *Calcutta* to advise they would nominate two of their board to meet two of theirs in order to adjust all differences, whereupon they

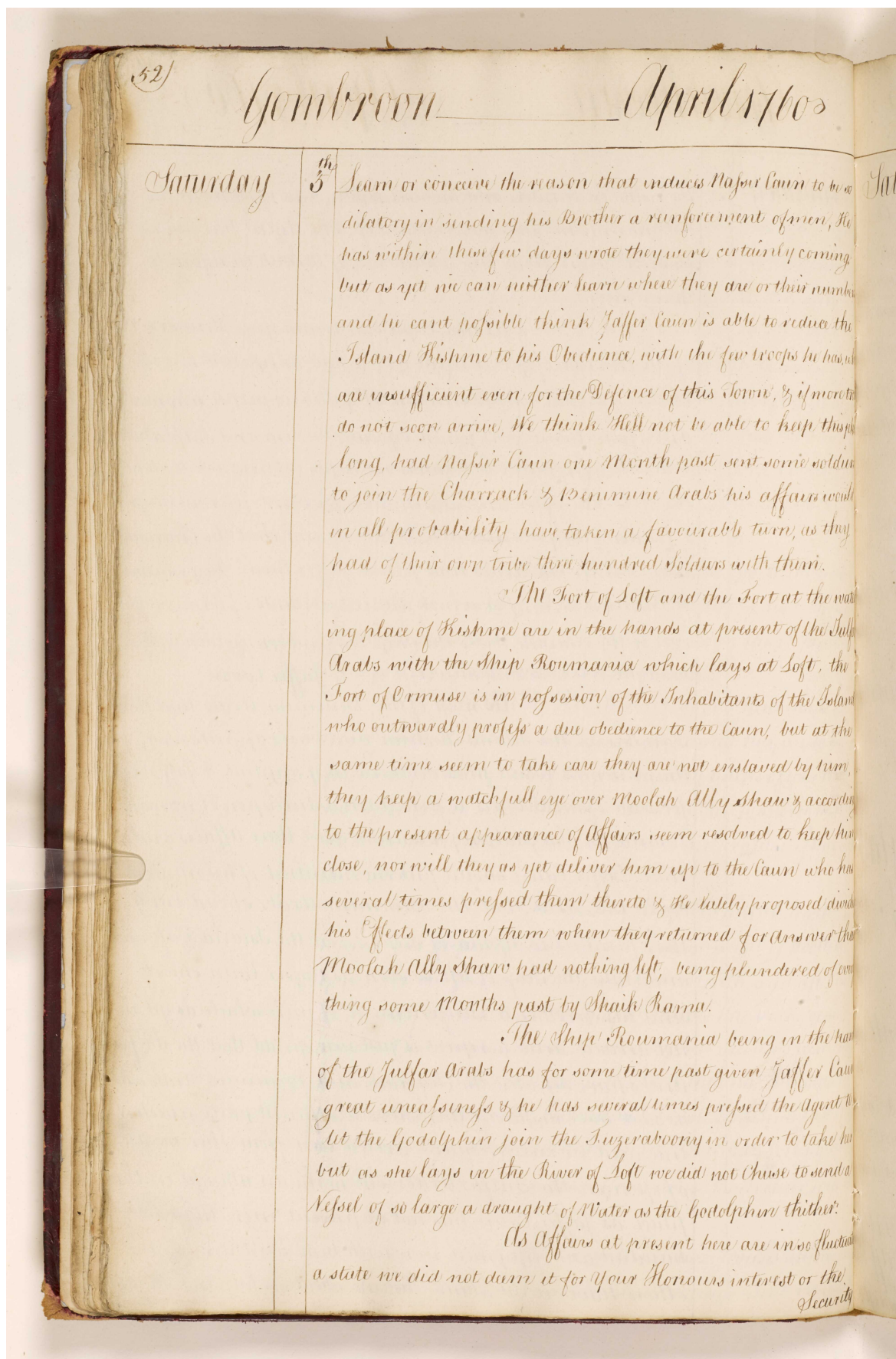
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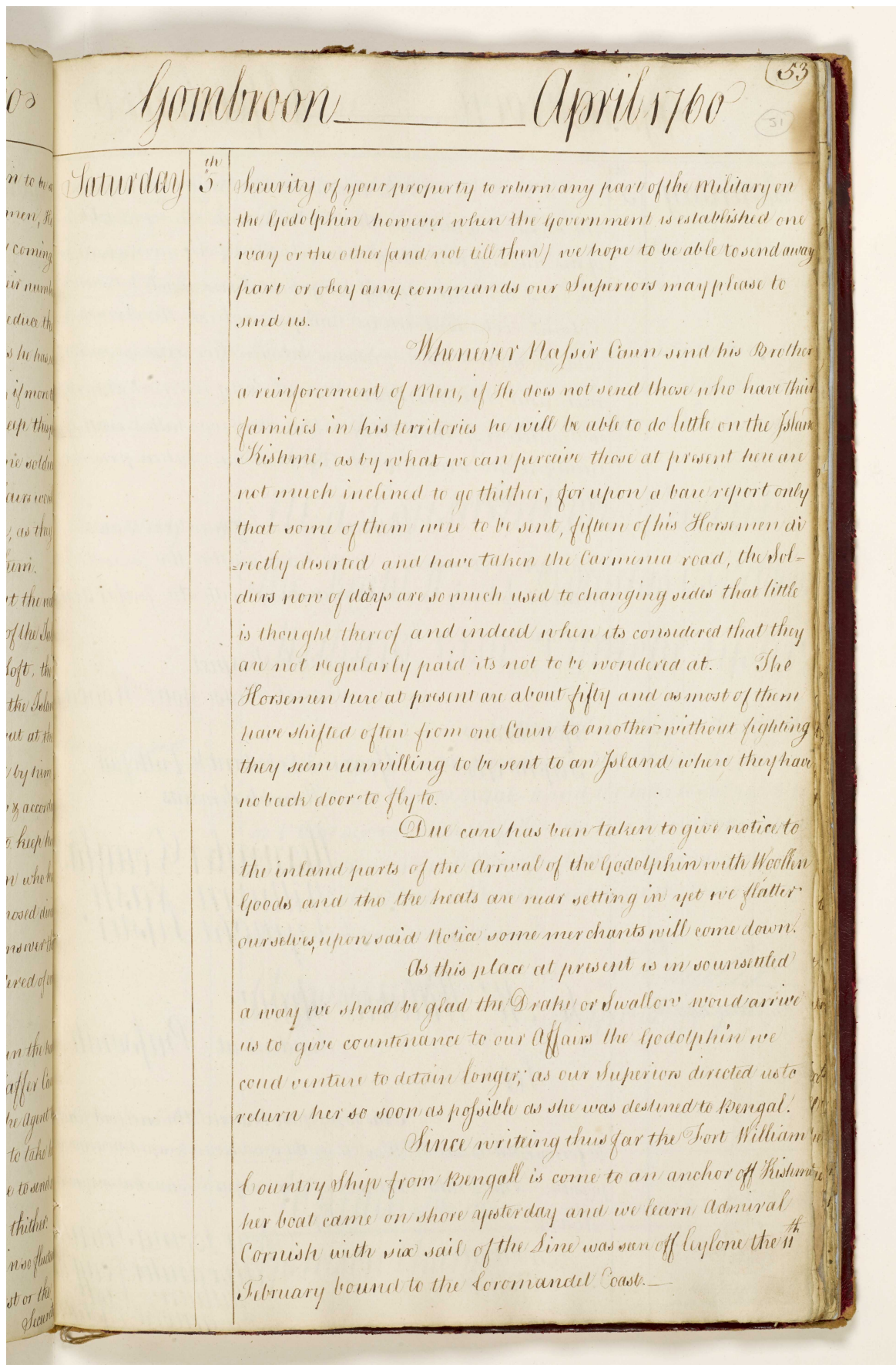
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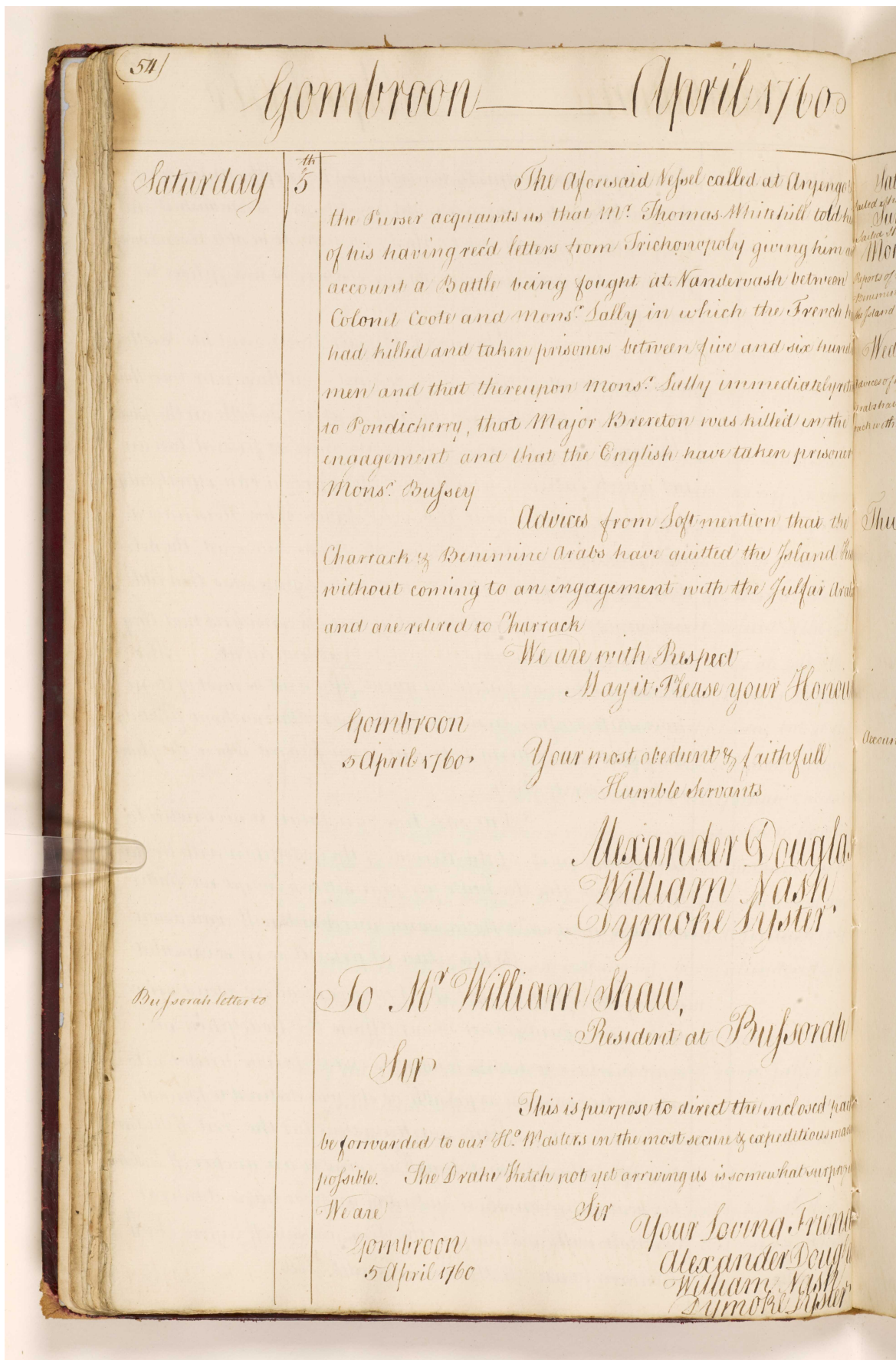
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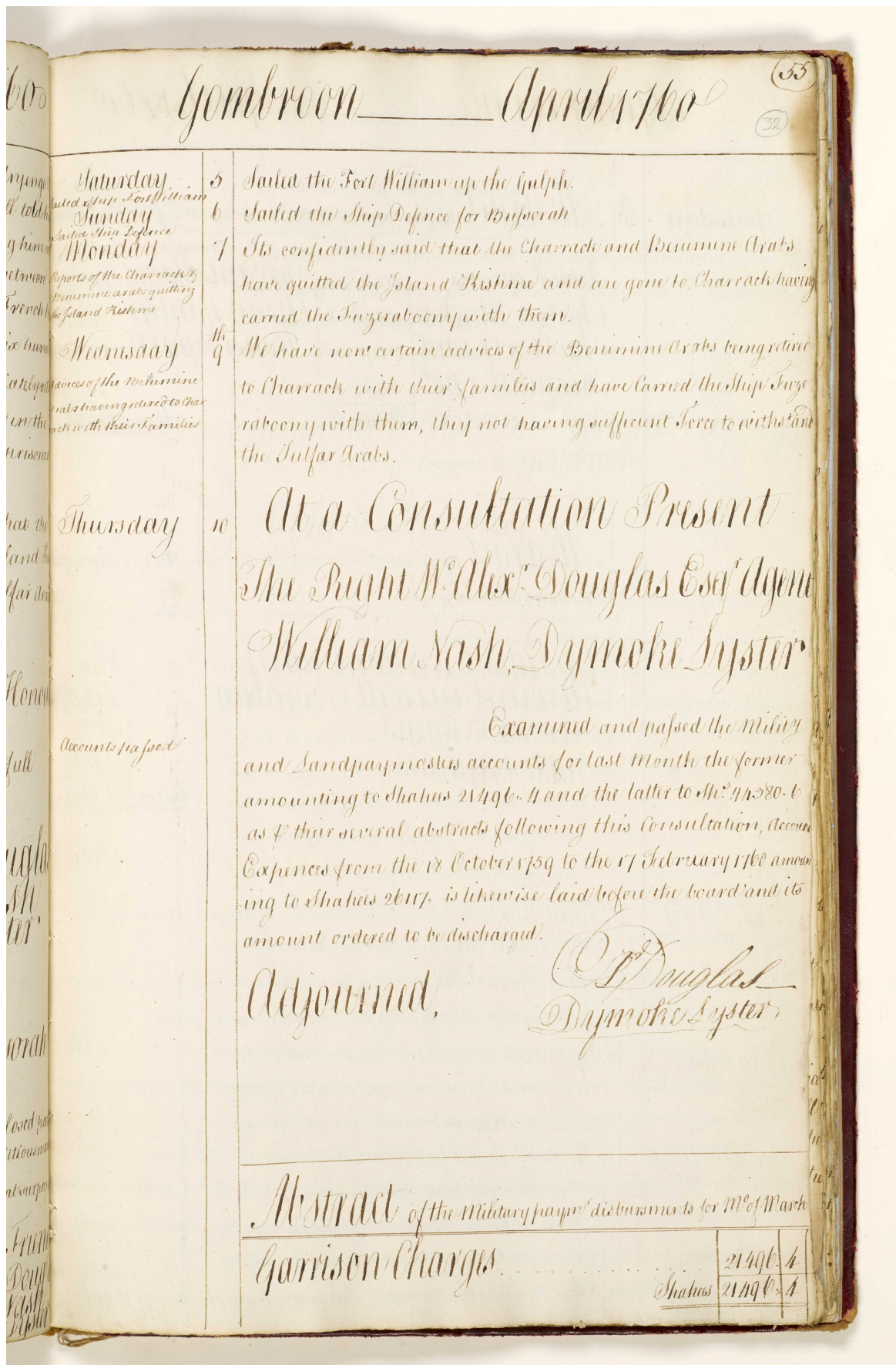
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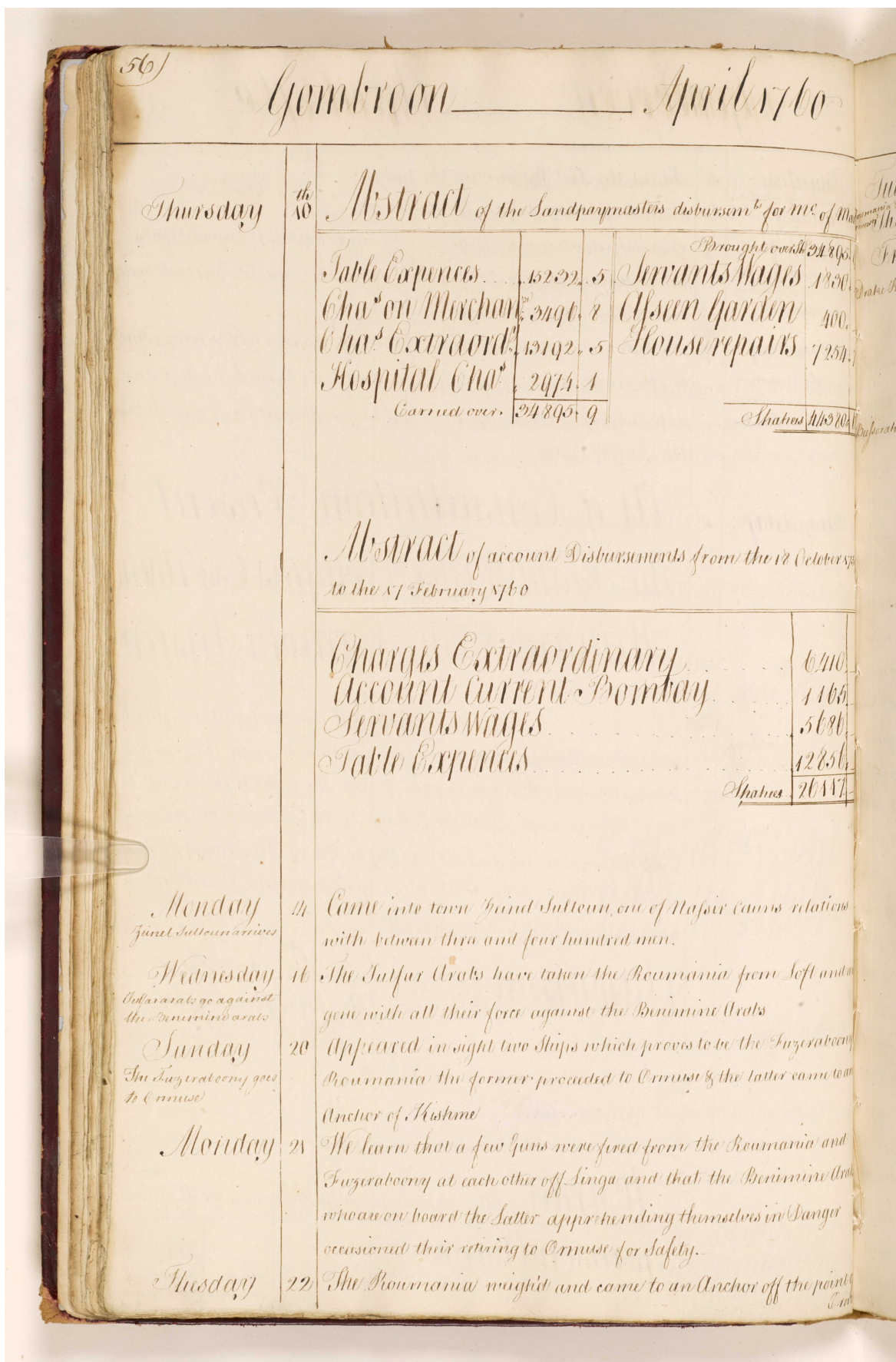
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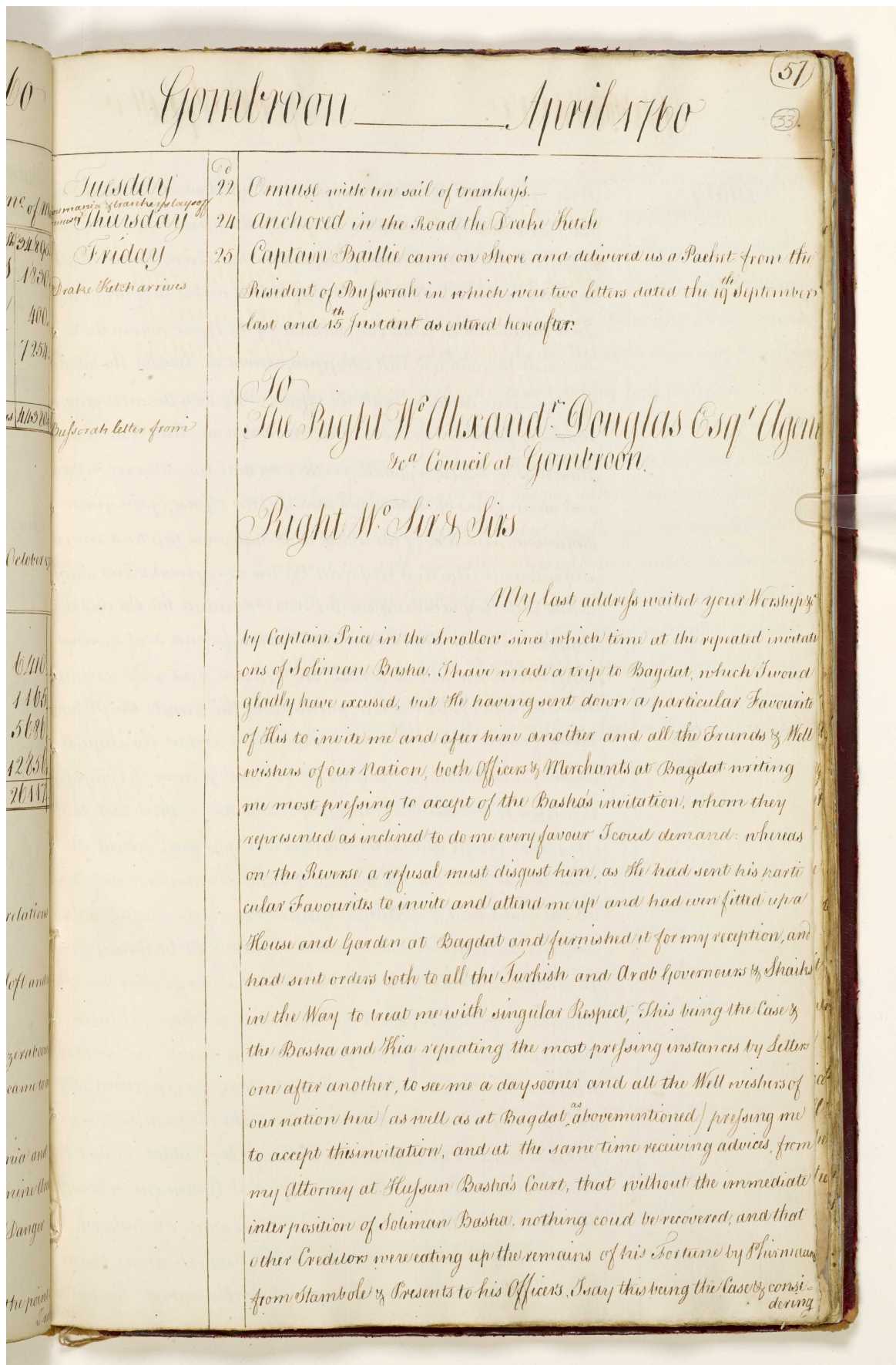
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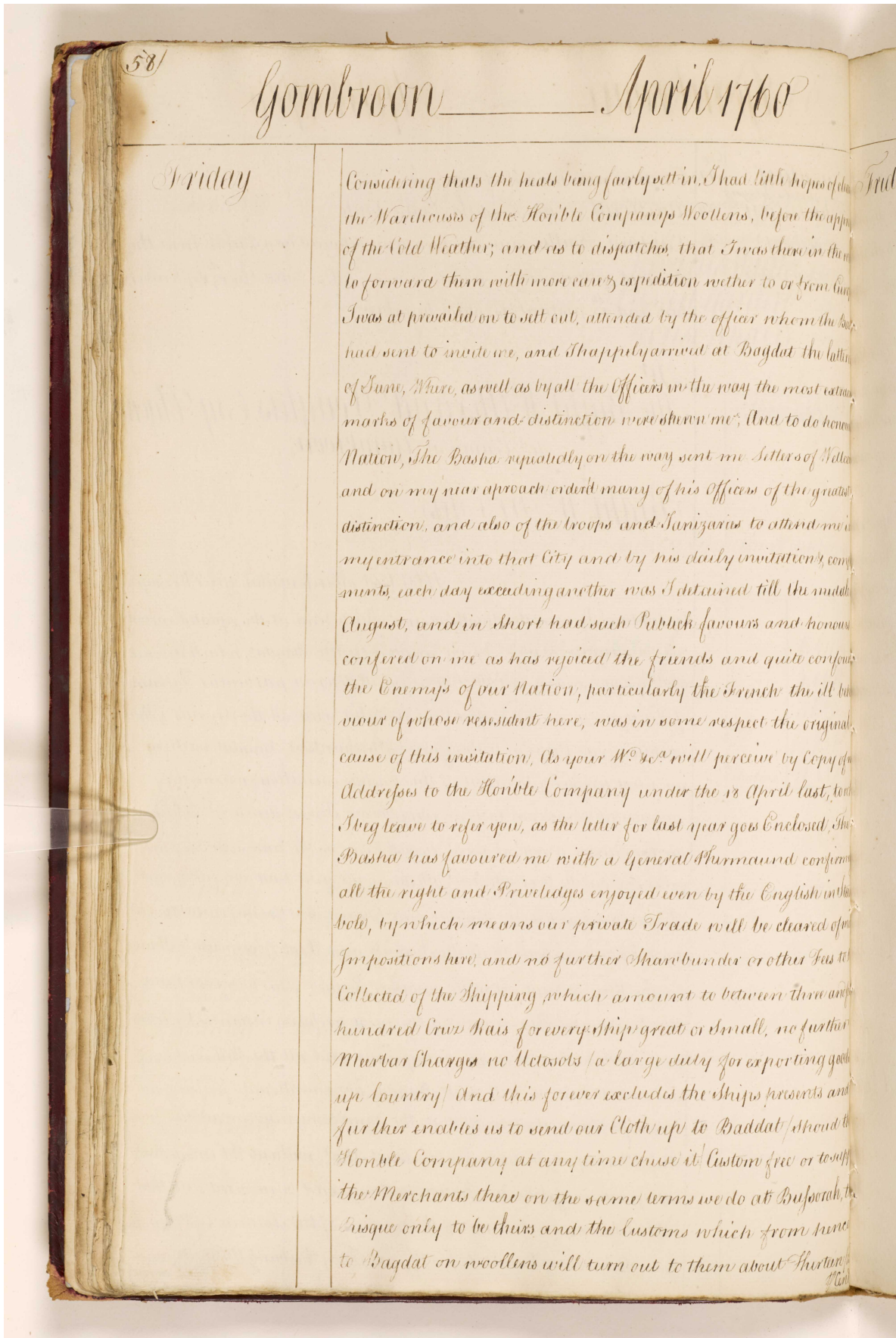
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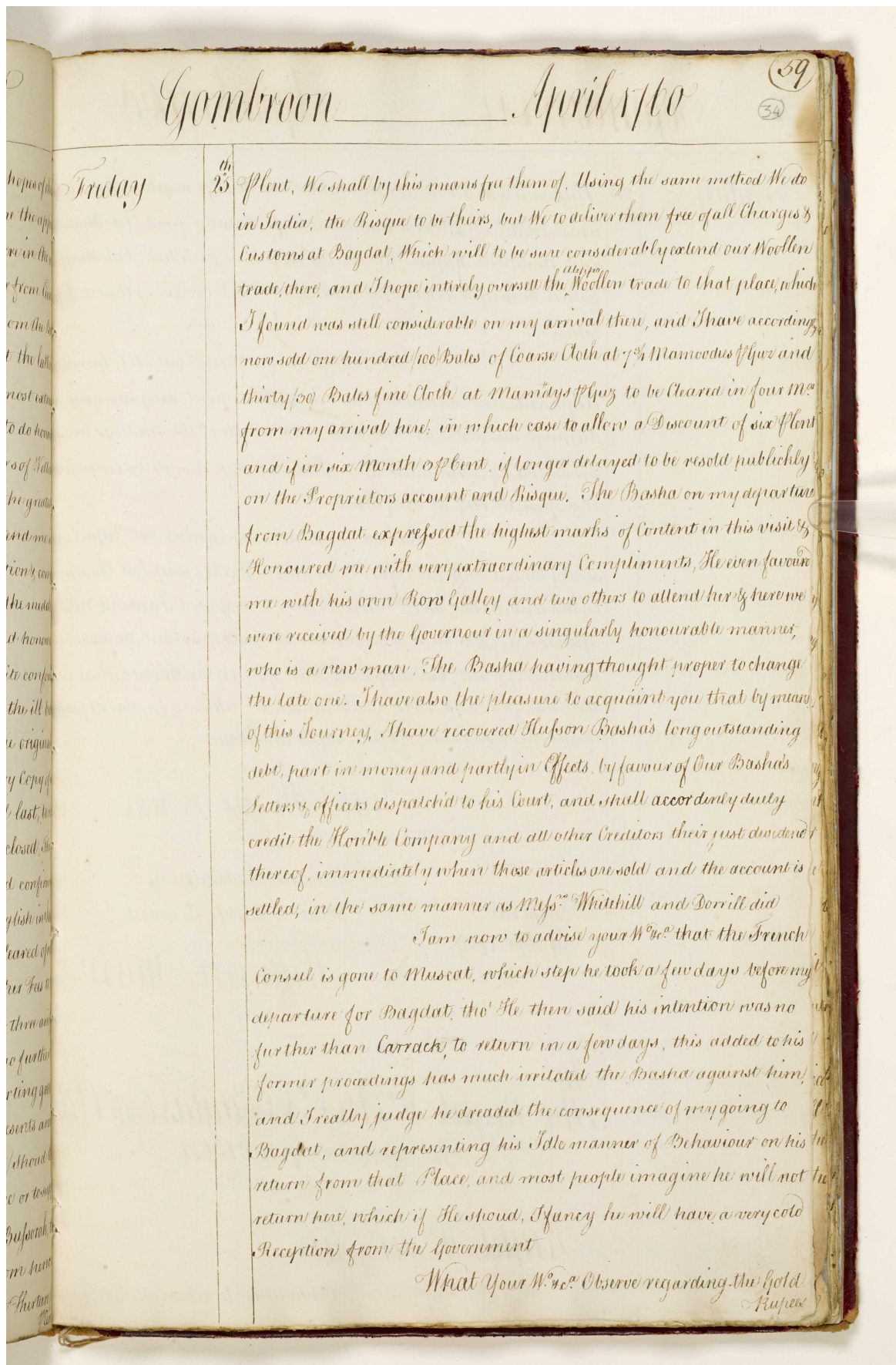
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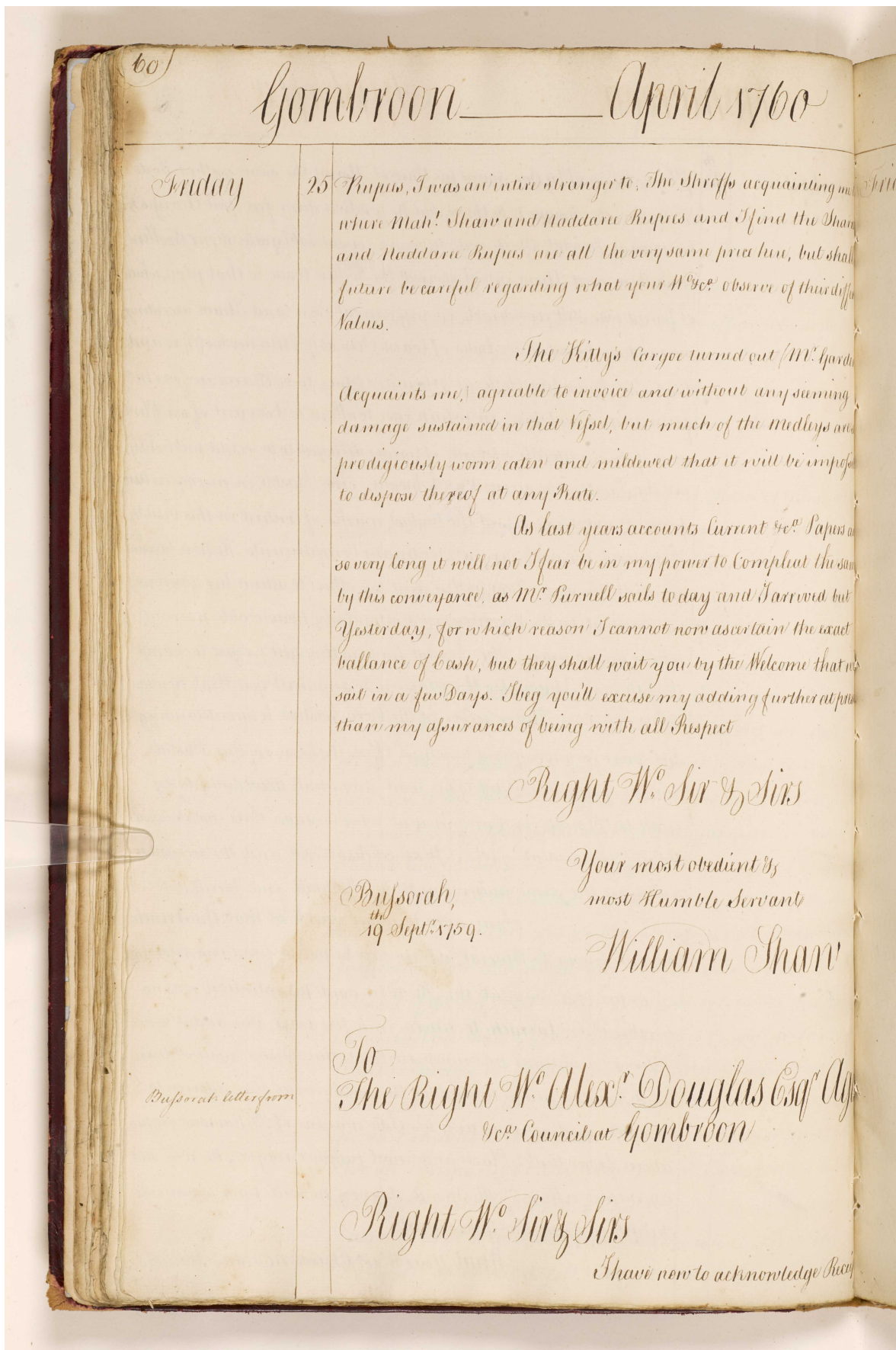
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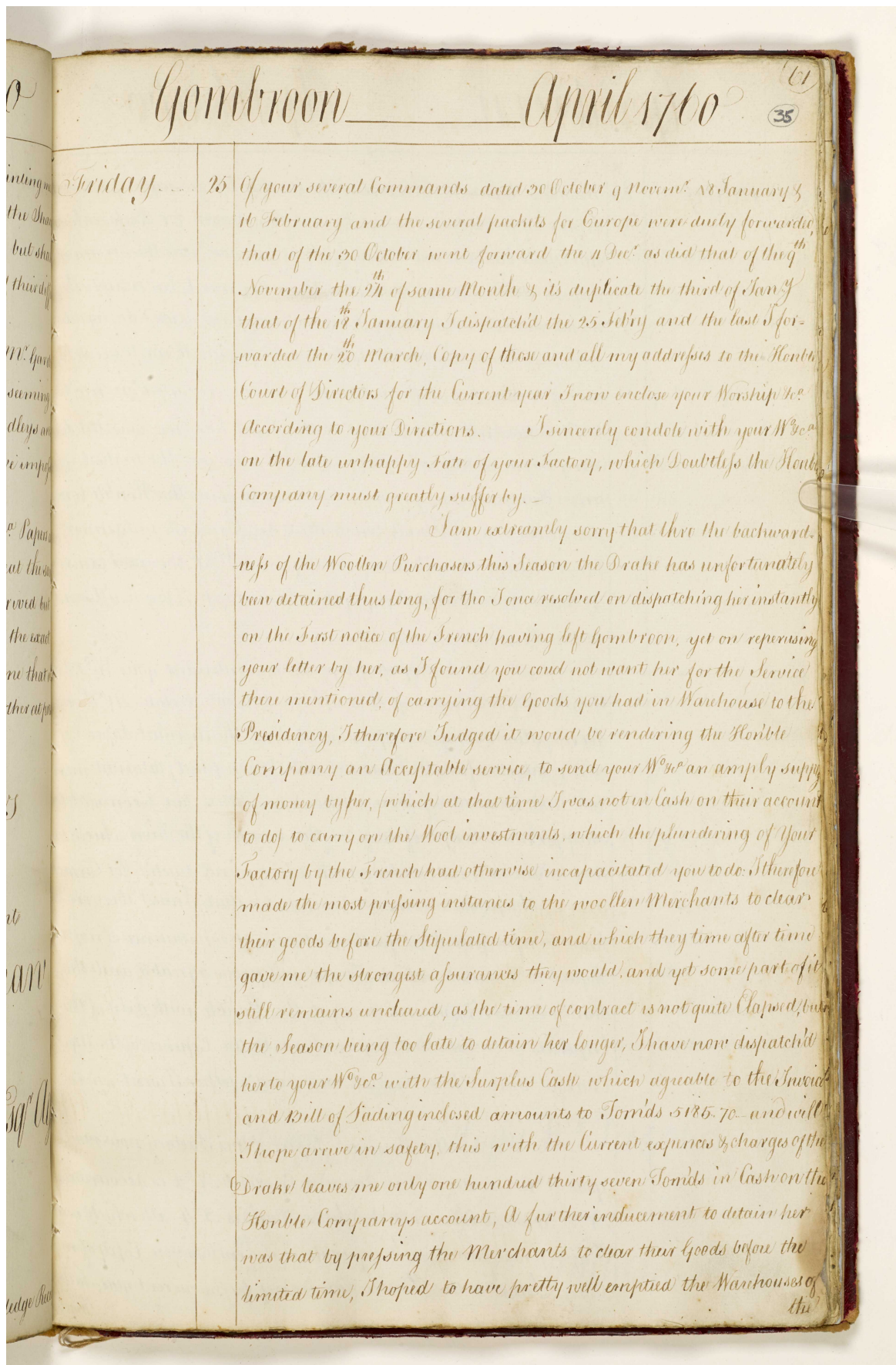
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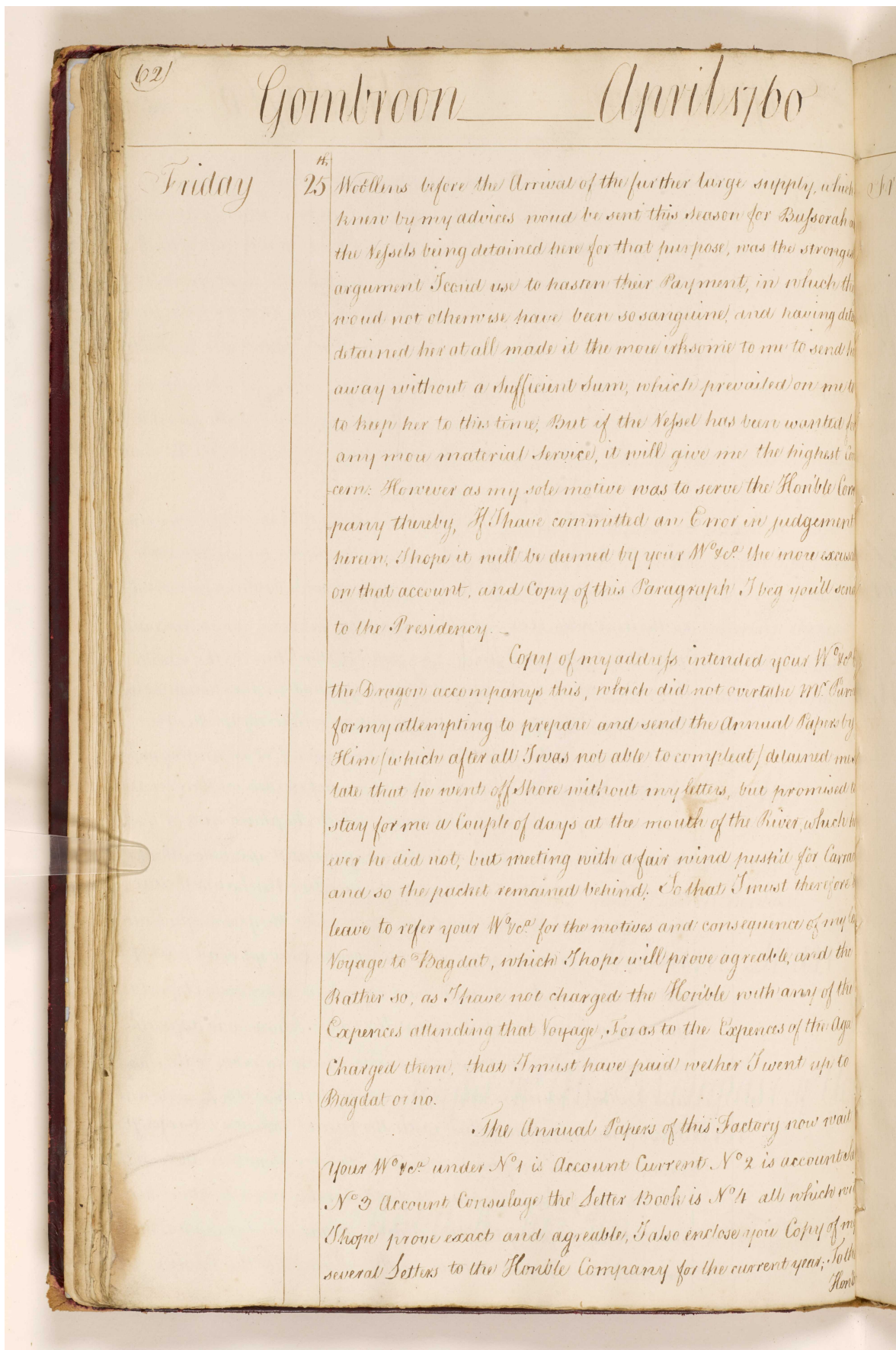
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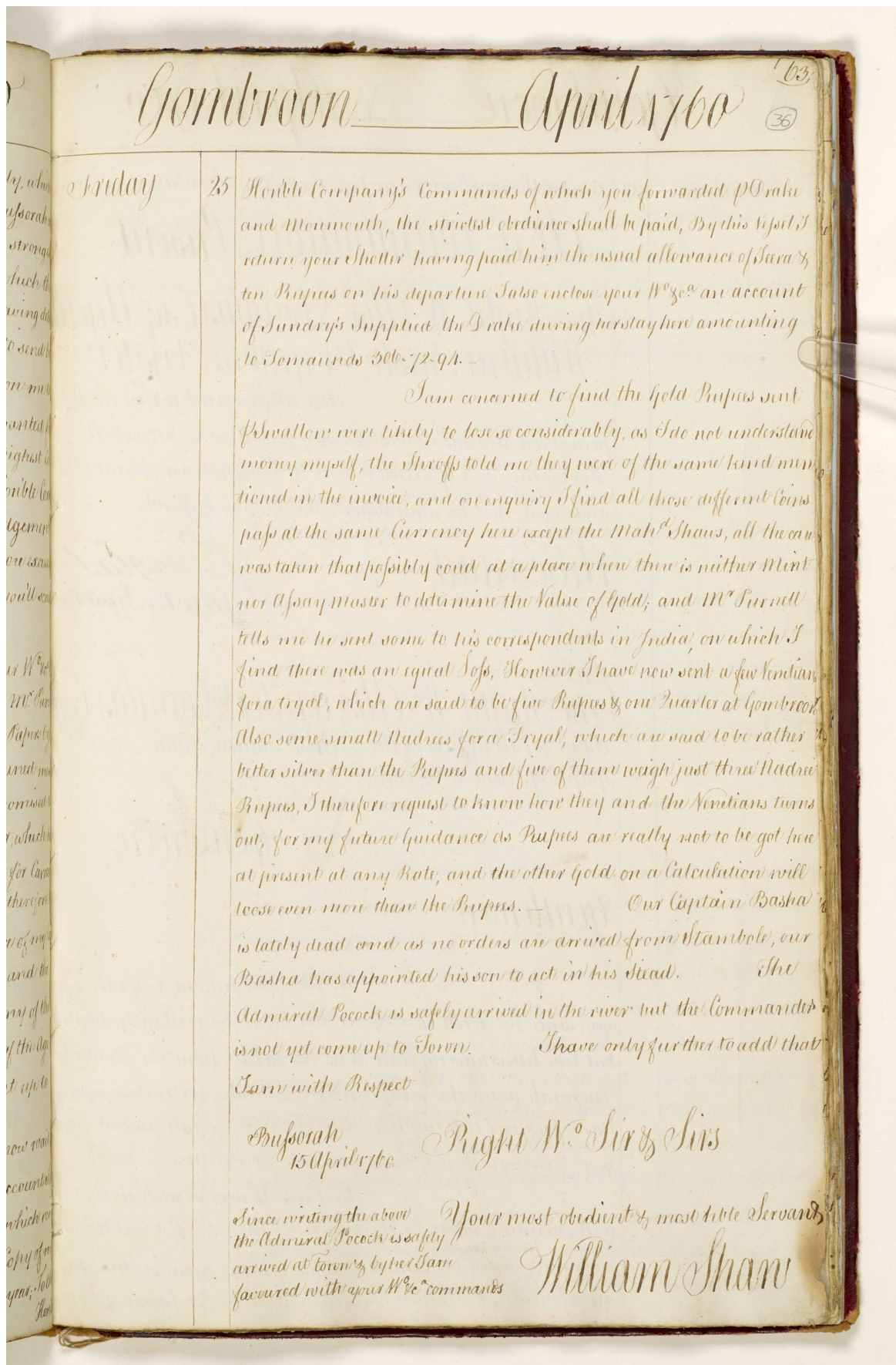
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Gombroon April 1760

Friday

25 Health Company's Commands of which you forwarded p^rOrake and Monmouth, the strictest obedience shall be paid, By this I ret^rn your Shelt^r having paid him the usual allowance of Sara & ten Rupus on his departure I also enclose your W^og^e an account of Sundry's Supplies the p^rOrake during her stay here amounting to Sommands 306.72.94.

I am concerned to find the gold Rupus sent p^rSwallow were likely to lose so considerably, as I do not understand money myself, the Shroffs told me they were of the same kind mention'd in the invoice, and on enquiry I find all these different coins pass at the same Currency here except the Mah^d Shaws, all the care was taken that possibly could at a place where there is neither Mint nor Assay master to determine the Value of gold; and M^r Surrell tells me he sent some to his correspondents in India, on which I find there was an equal loss. However I have now sent a few Venetian for a tryal, which are said to be five Rupus & one Quarter at Gombroon. Also some small Madras for a tryal, which are said to be rather better silver than the Rupus and five of them weigh just three Madras Rupus, I therefore request to know how they and the Venetians turns out, for my future guidance as Rupus are really not to be got here at present at any Rate, and the other gold on a Calculation will lose even more than the Rupus. —

Our Captain Basha is lately dead and as no orders are arriv'd from Stambol, our Basha has appointed his son to act in his stead. The

Admiral Pocock is safely arriv'd in the river but the Commanders is not yet come up to Town. I have only further to add that

I am with Respect

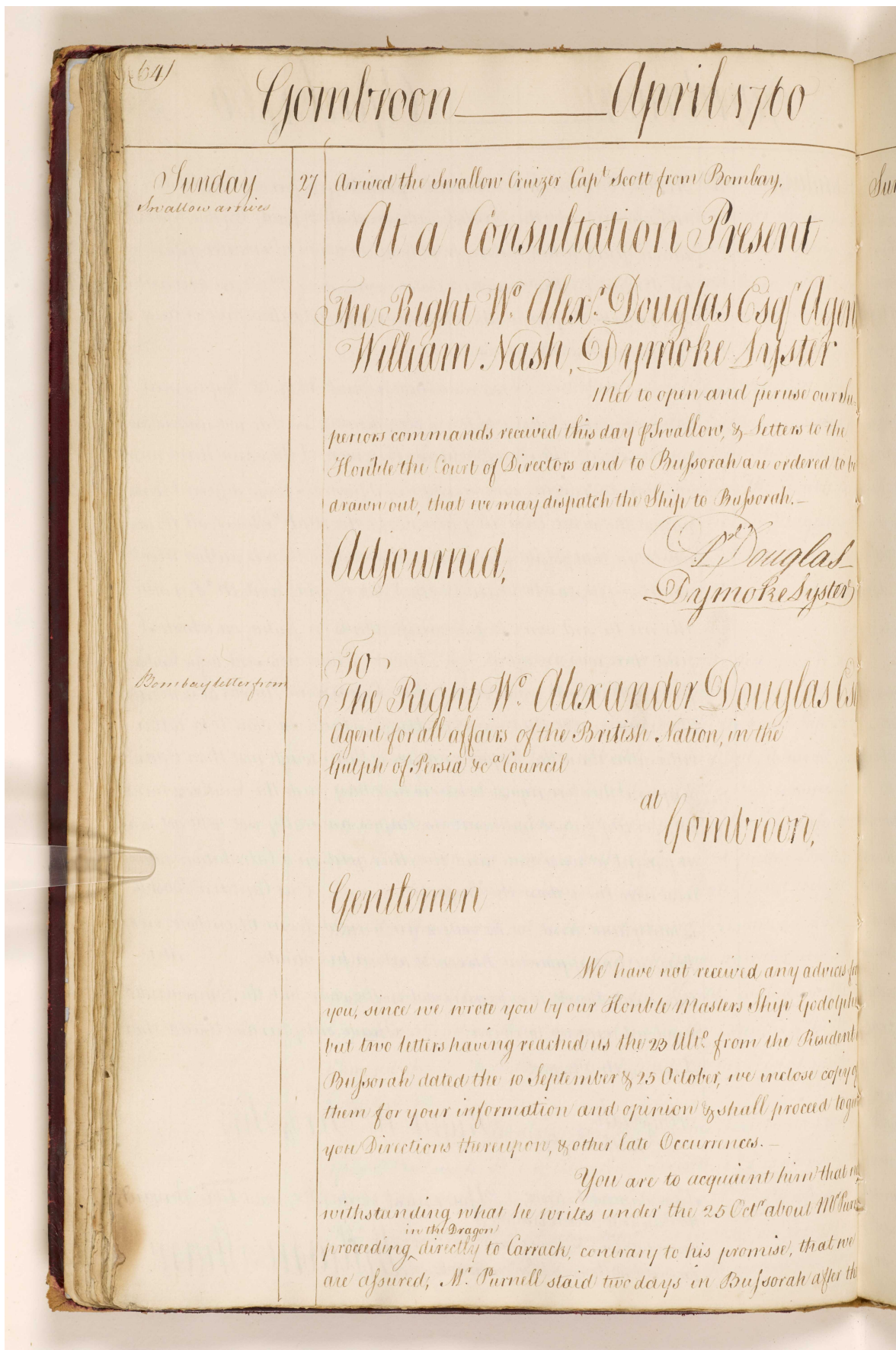
Bufoorah
15 April 1760

Right W^o Sir & Sirs

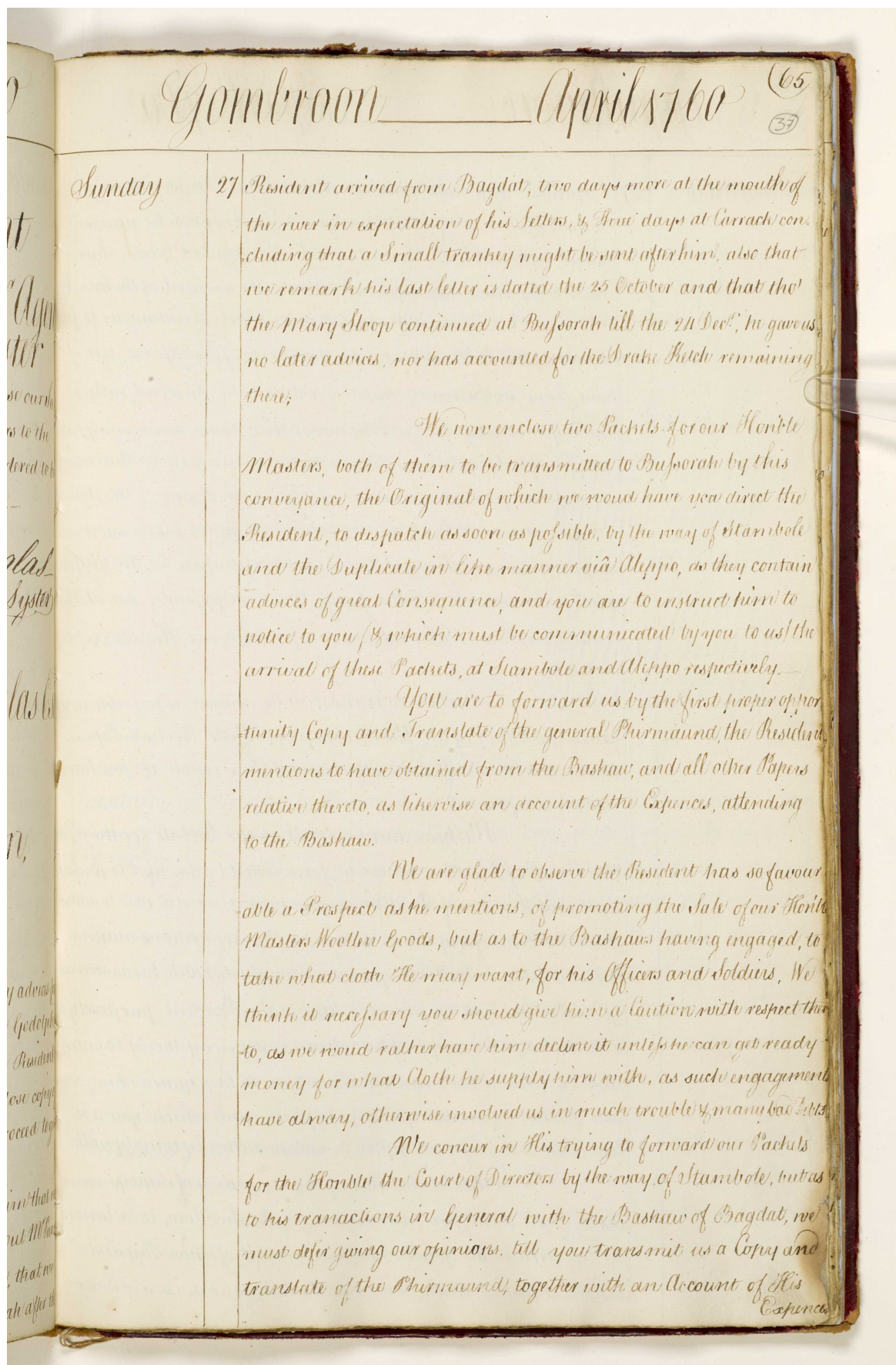
Since writing the above the Admiral Pocock is safely arriv'd at Town by her Sam favoured with your W^oc^e commands

Your most obedient & most humble Servant
William Shan

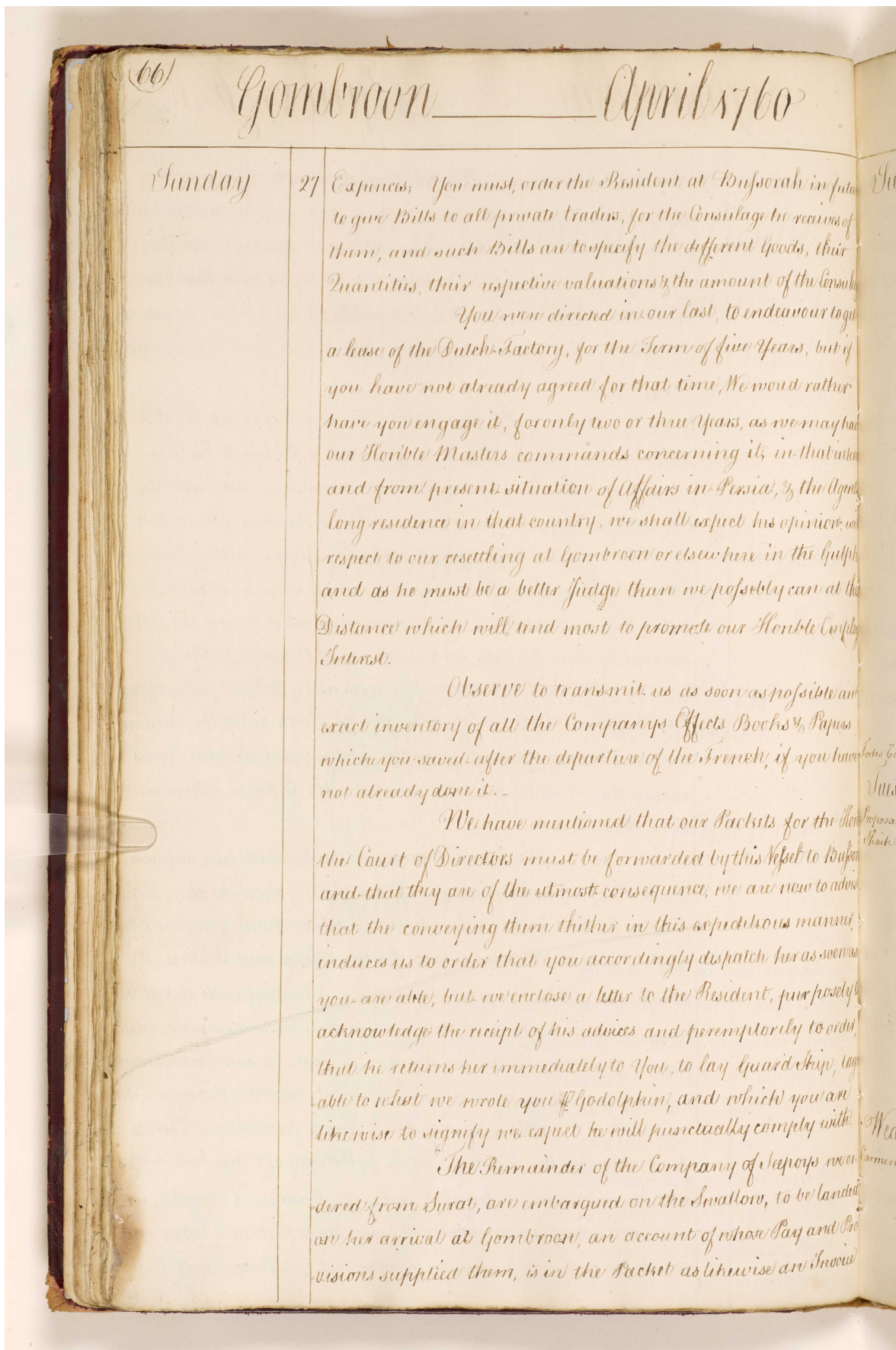
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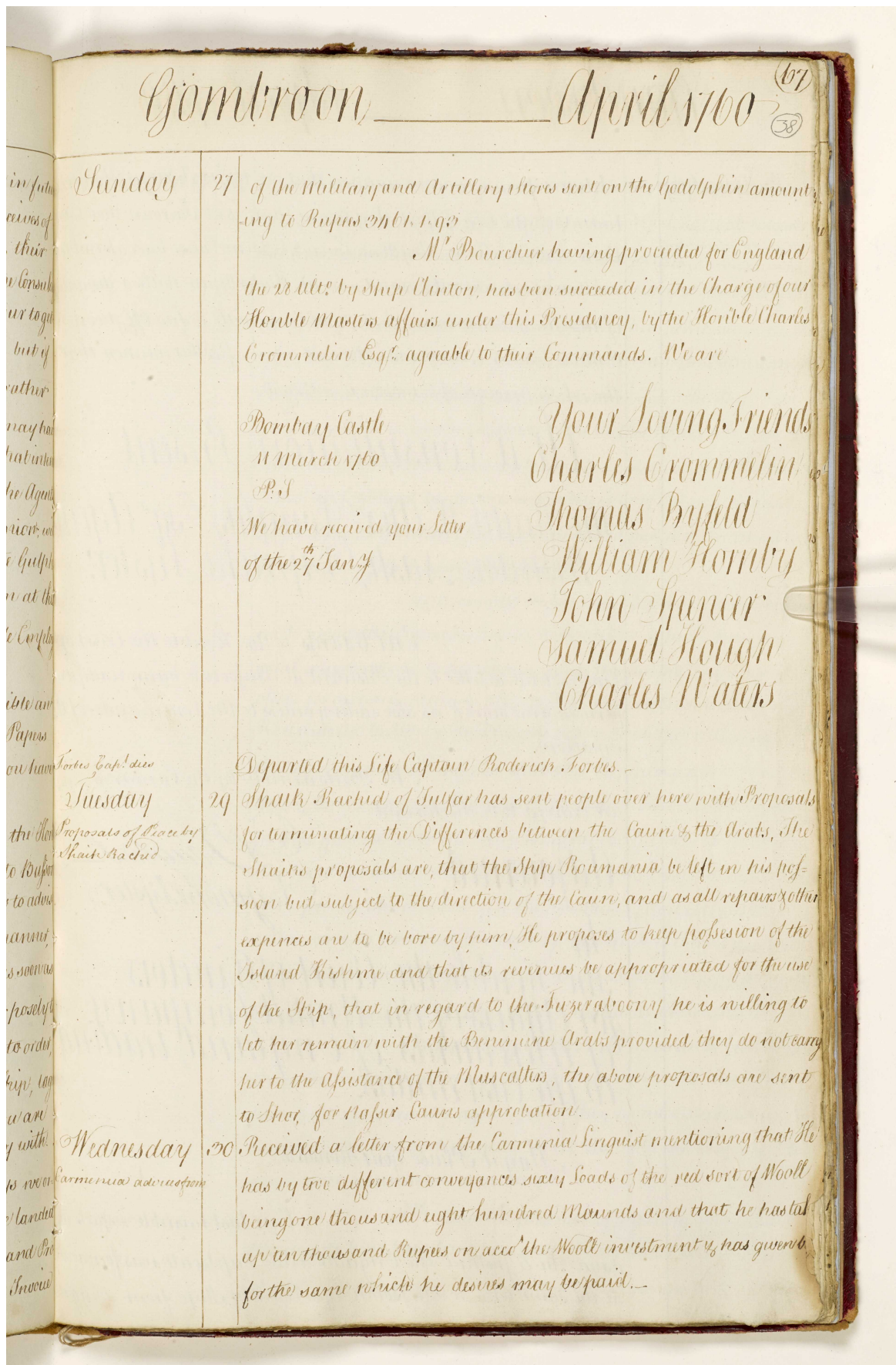
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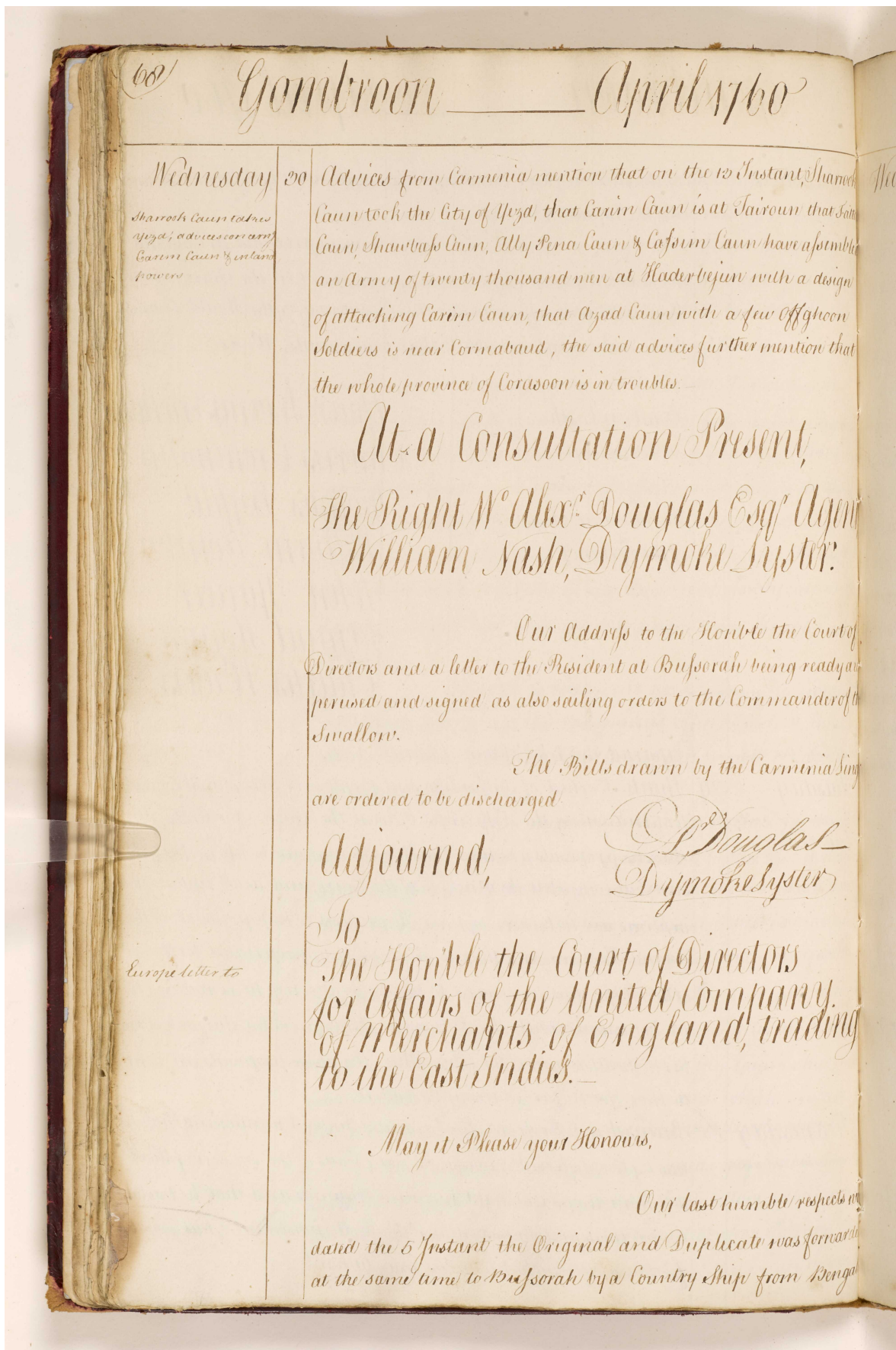
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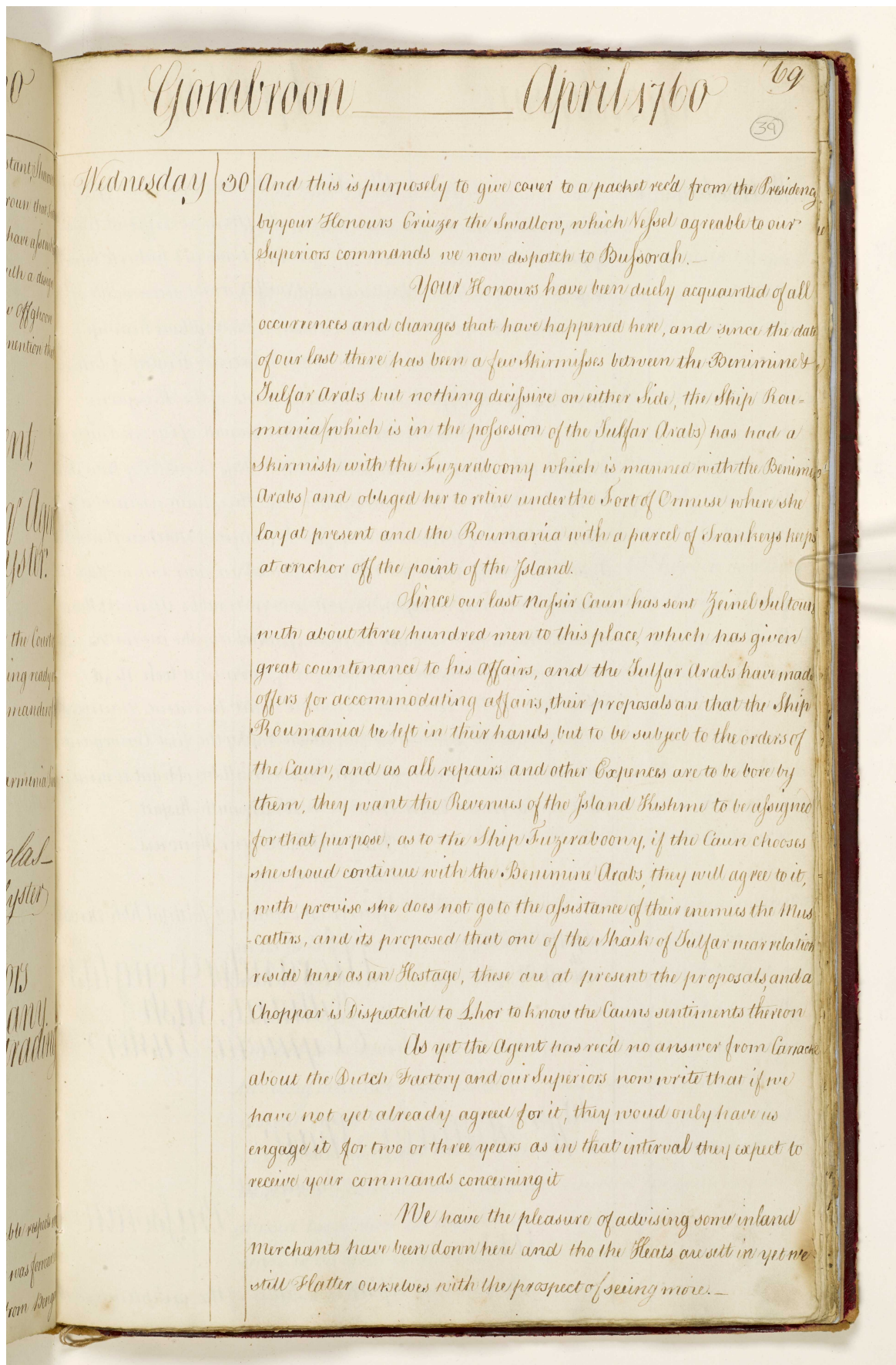
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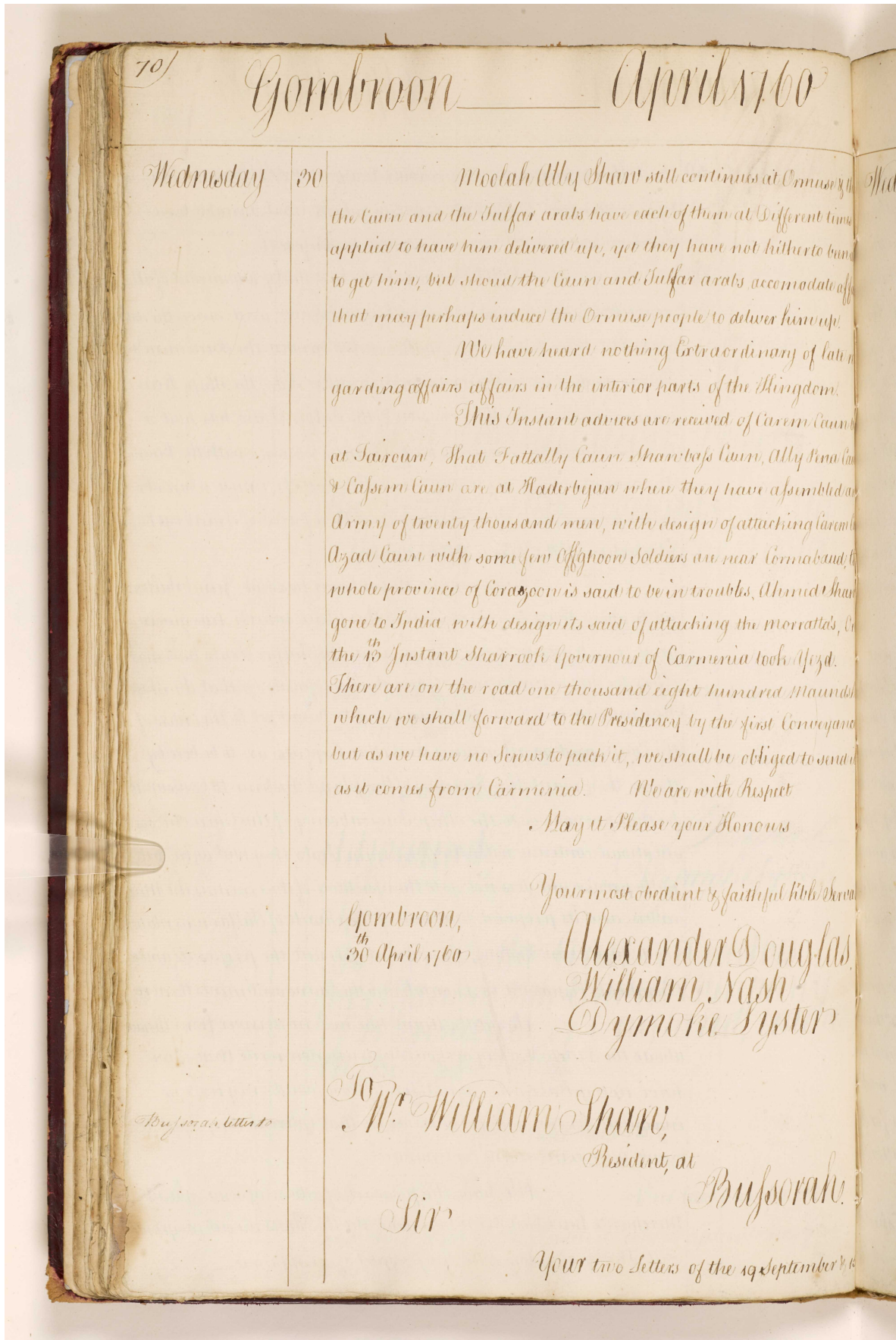
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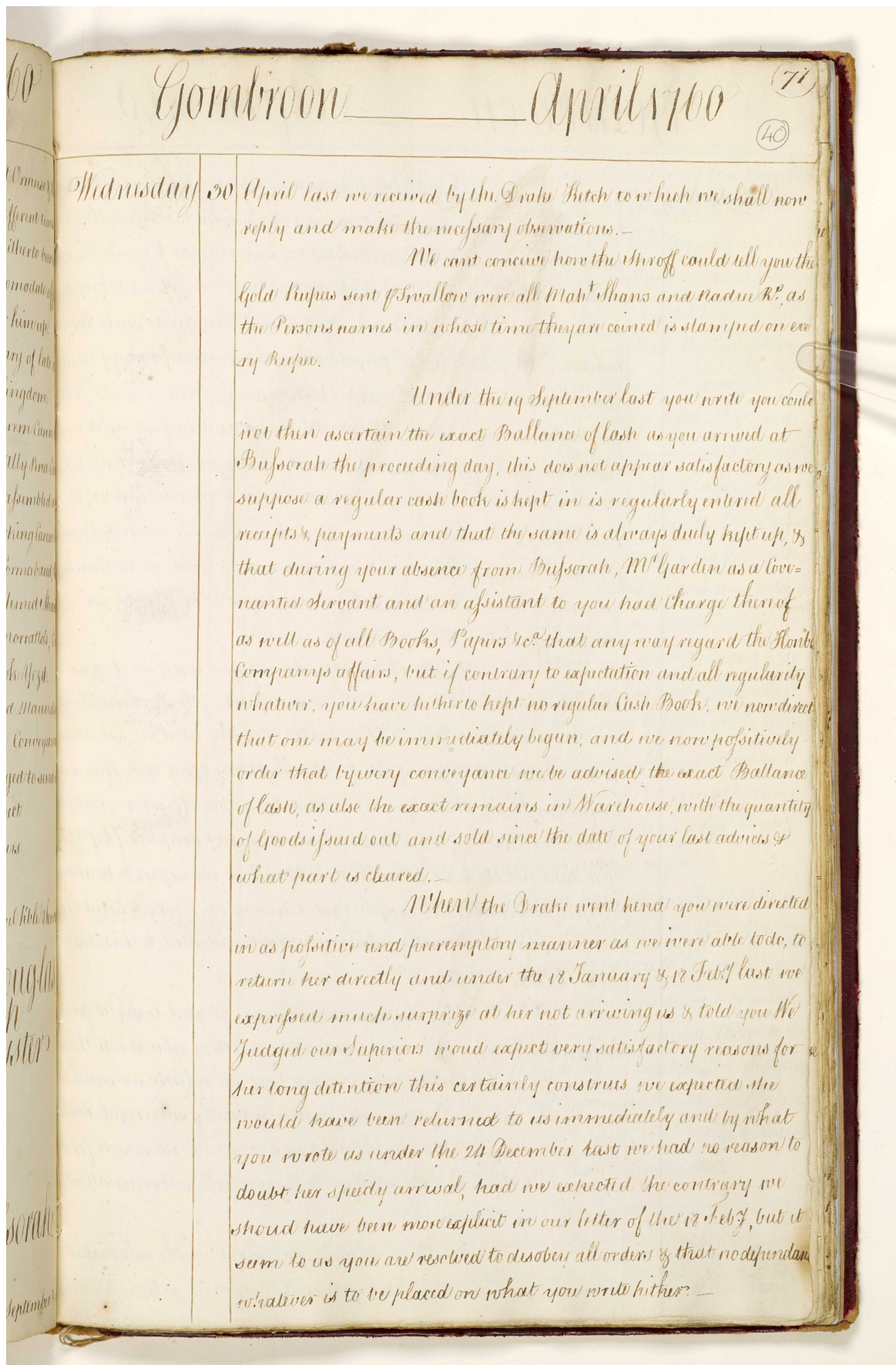
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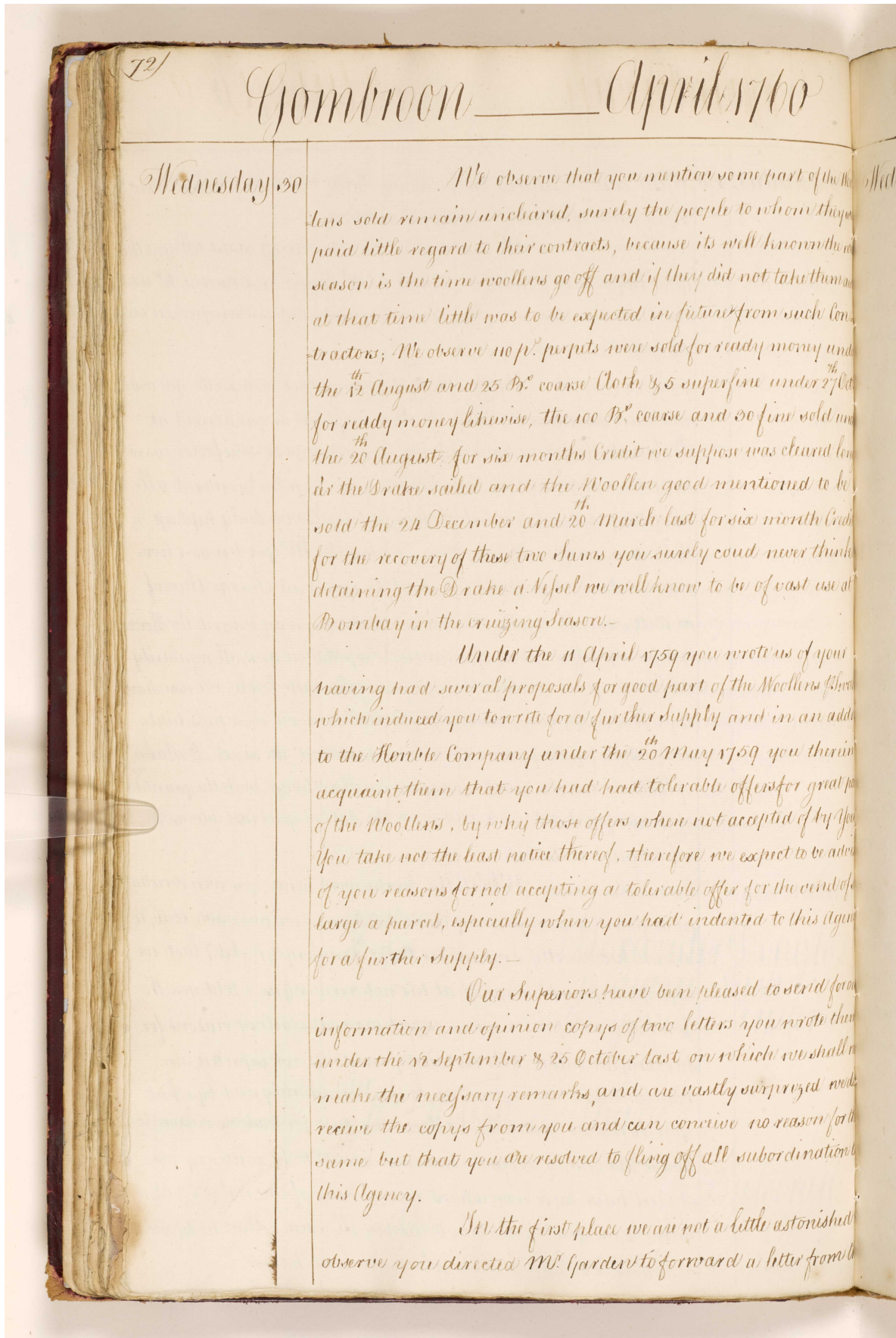
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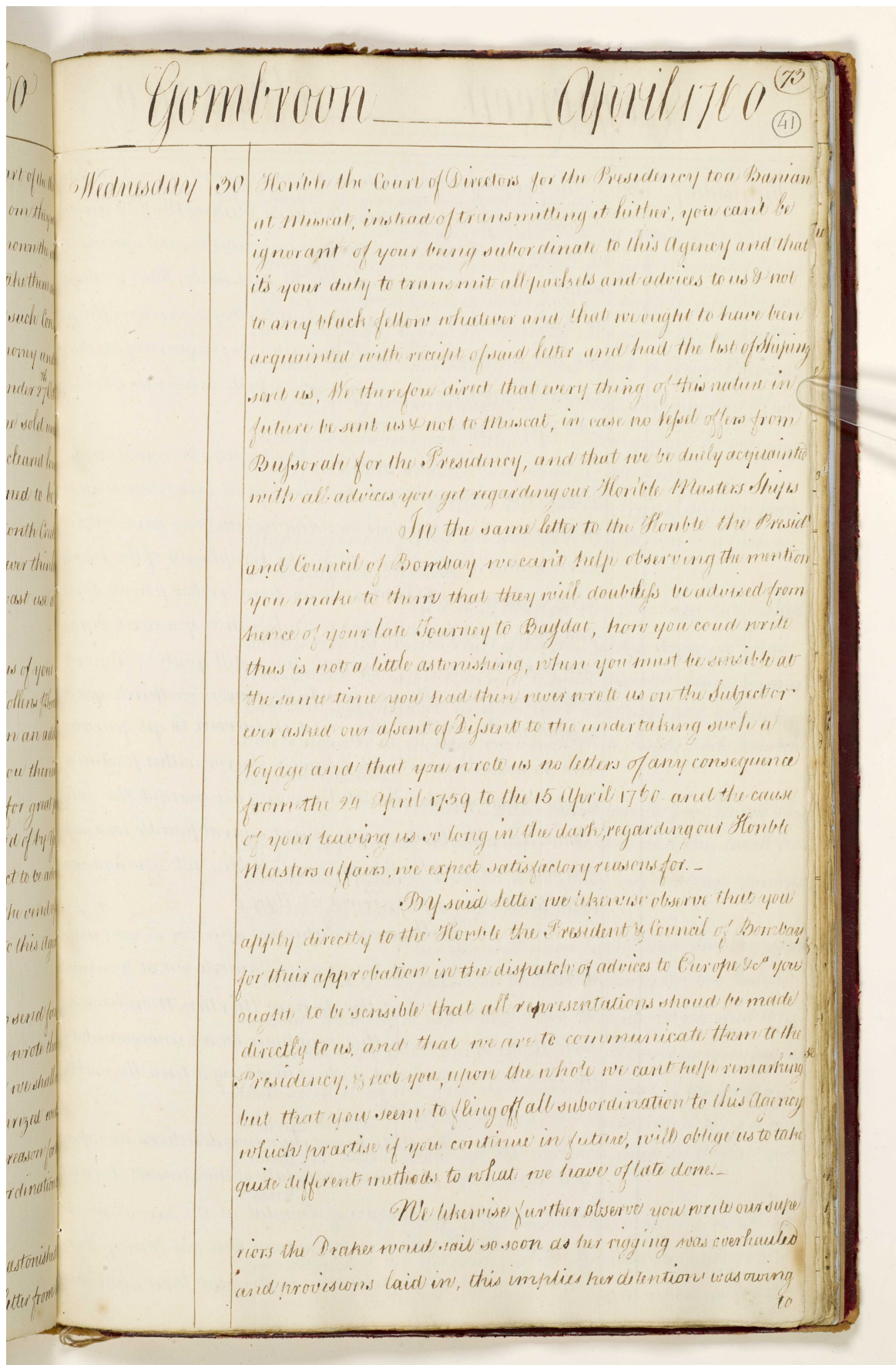
We observe that you mention some part of the woollens sold remain unchar'd, surely the people to whom they are paid little regard to their contracts, because its well known the season is the time woollens go off and if they did not take them on at that time little was to be expected in future from such contractors; We observe no p^r purpits were sold for ready money under the 12th August and 25 p^r coarse Cloth 3, 5 superfine under the 27th Oct for ready money likewise, the 100 p^r coarse and 30 fine sold under the 20th August for six months credit we suppose was cleared before the Brake sailed and the Woollen goods mentioned to be sold the 24th December and 20th March last for six month credit for the recovery of these two Sums you surely could never think detaining the Brake a Week we will know to be of vast use at Bombay in the cruising Season.

Under the 11 April 1759 you wrote us of your having had several proposals for good part of the Woollens which induced you to write for a further supply and in an add^l to the Honble Company under the 20th May 1759 you therein acquaint them that you had had tolerable offers for great part of the Woollens, by which these offers were not accepted of by you you take not the least notice thereof, therefore we expect to be advised of you reasons for not accepting a tolerable offer for the end of a large parcel, especially when you had indent'd to this Agent for a further supply.

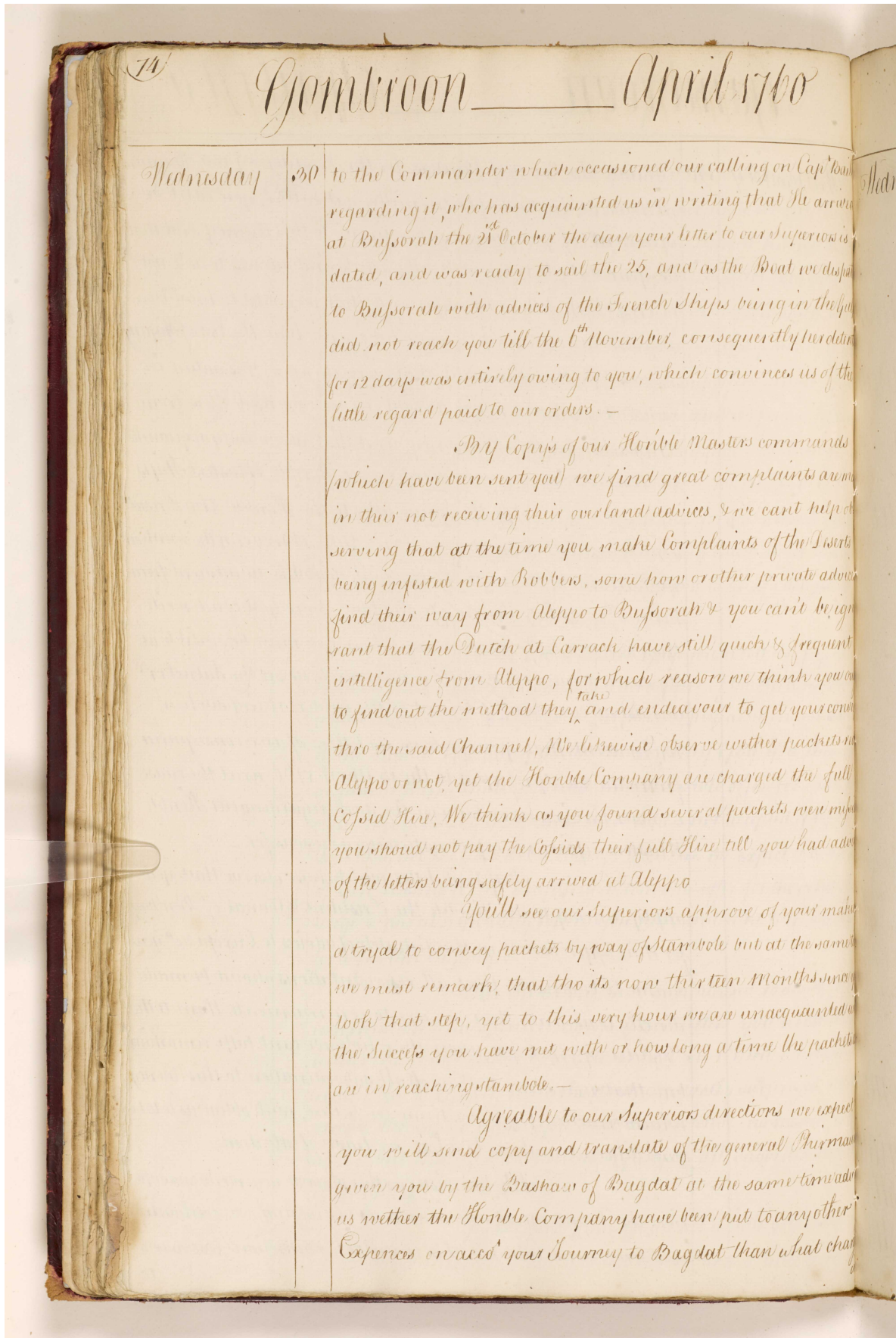
Our Superiors have been pleas'd to send for information and opinion copies of two letters you wrote them under the 27 September & 25 October last on which we shall make the necessary remarks, and are vastly surpris'd we receive the copies from you and can conceive no reason for the same but that you are resolv'd to fling off all subordinations to this Agency.

In the first place we are not a little astonish'd to observe you directed M^r Gardner to forward a letter from the

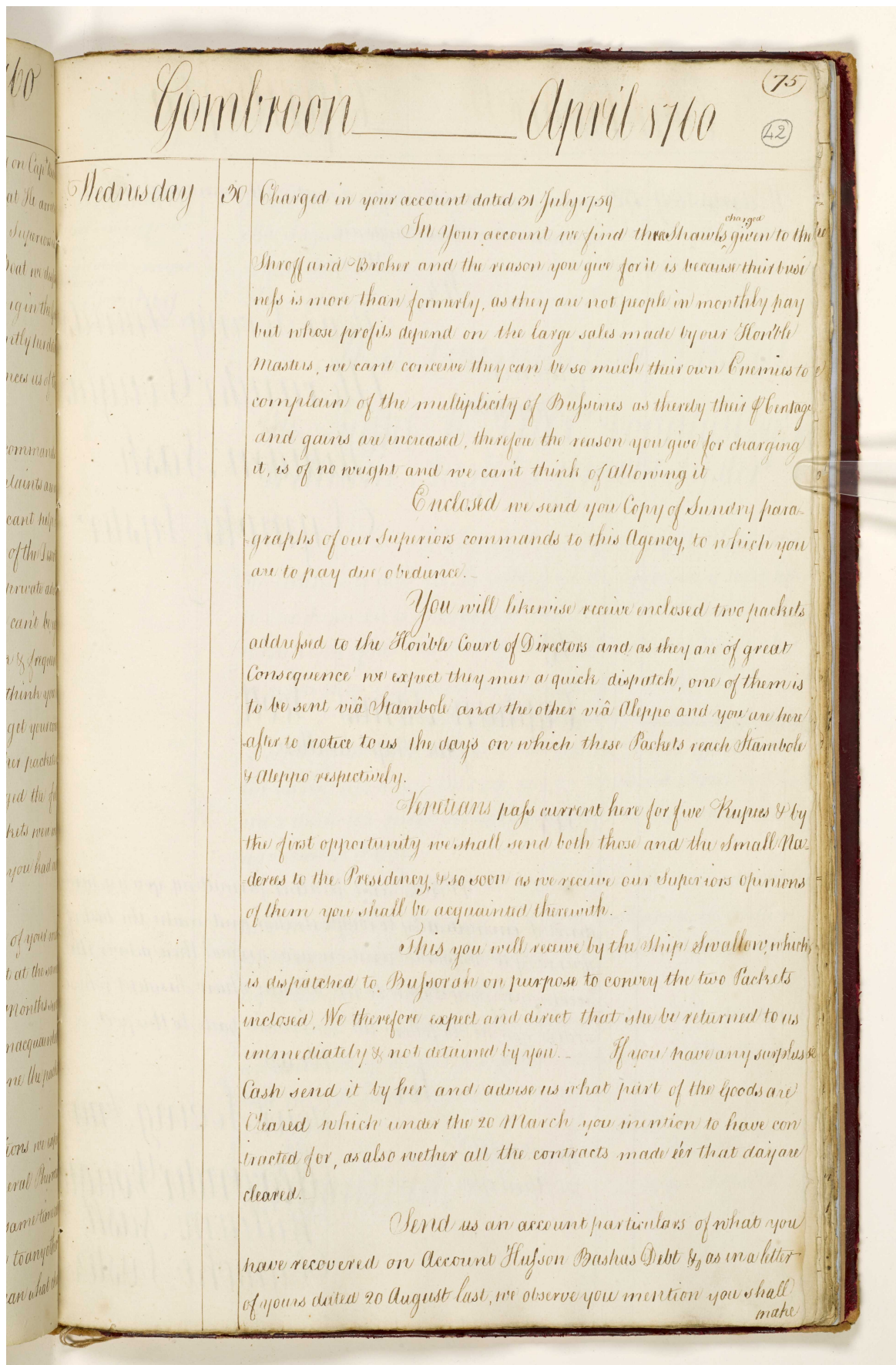
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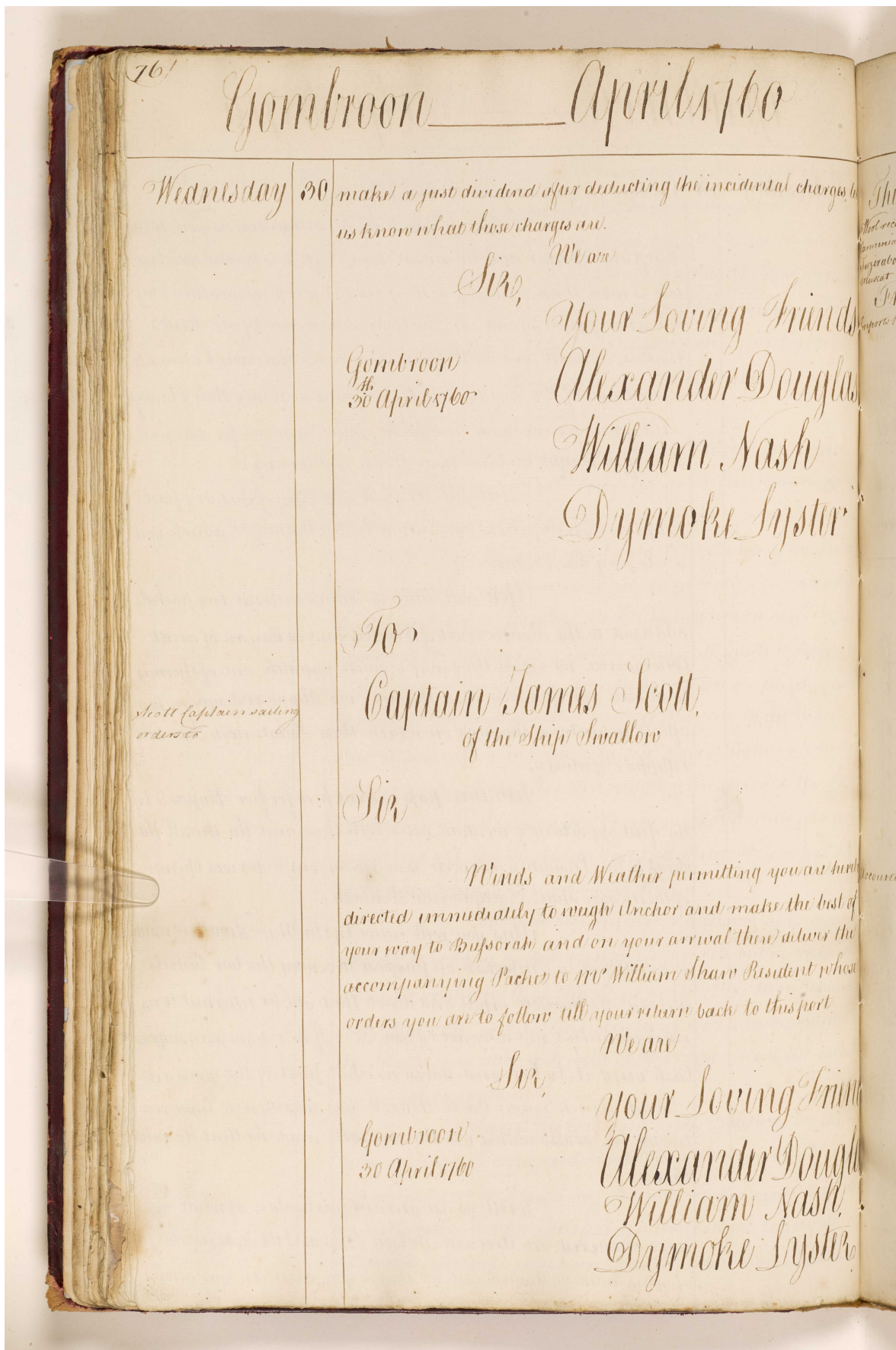
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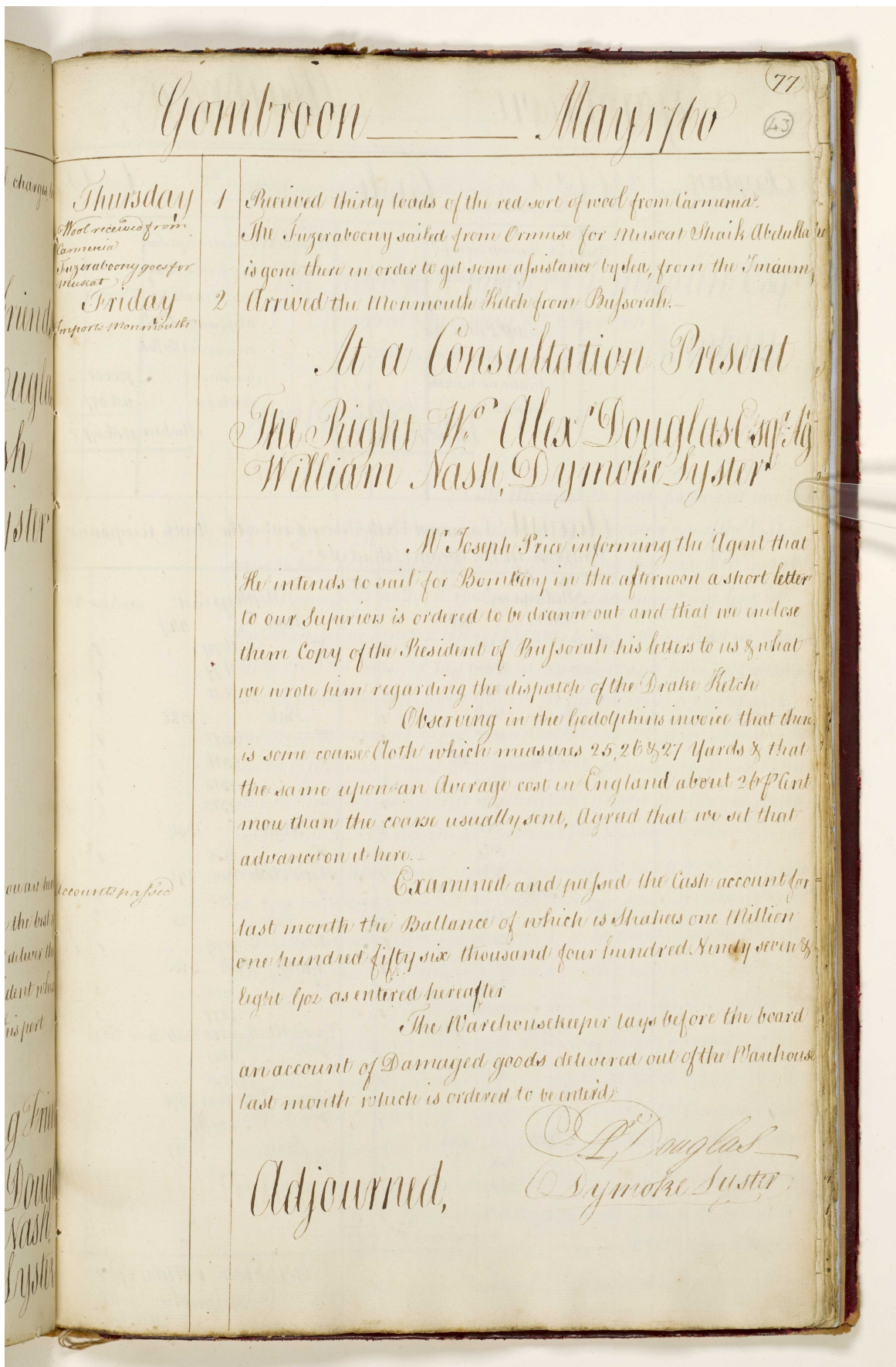
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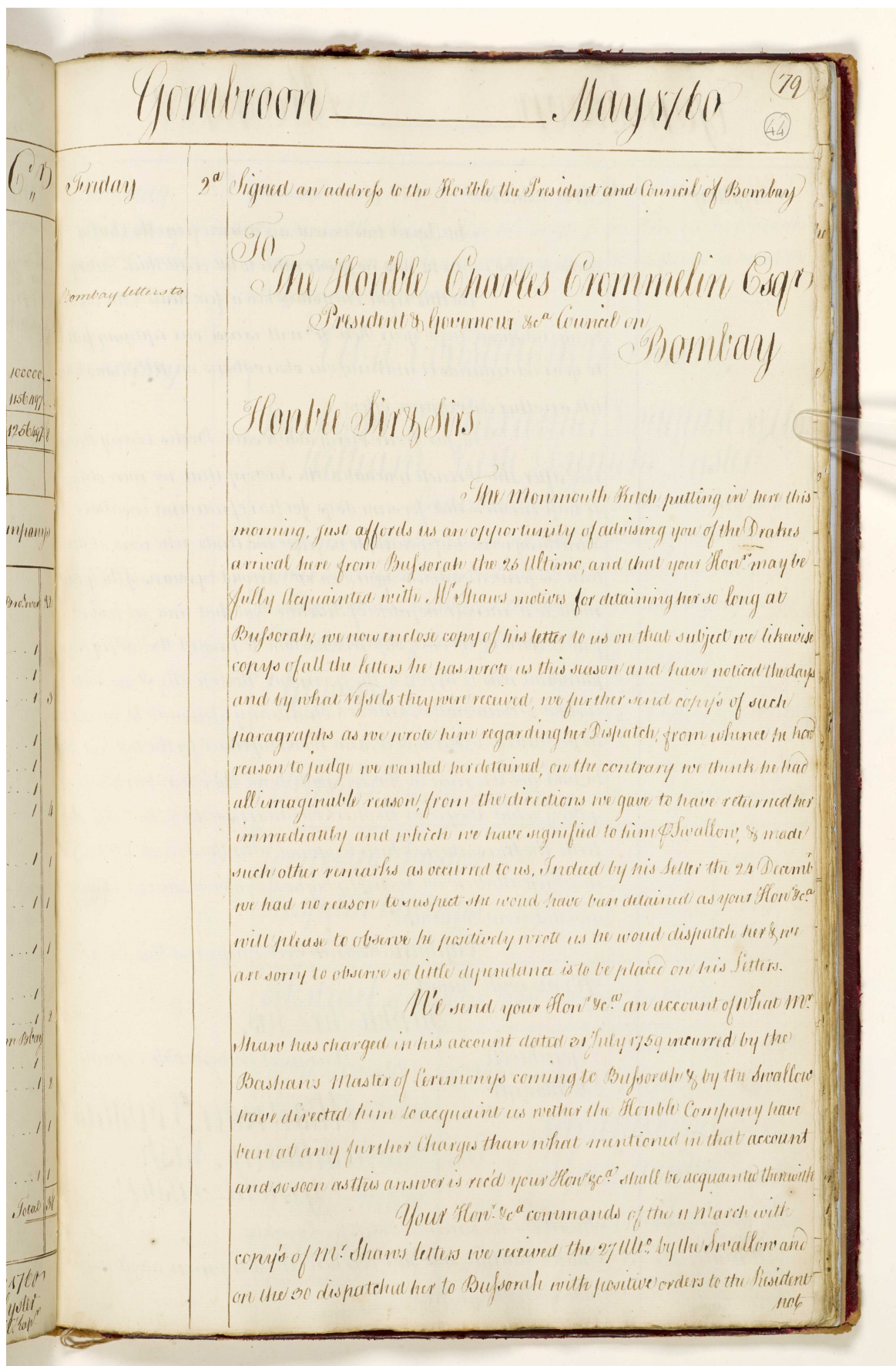
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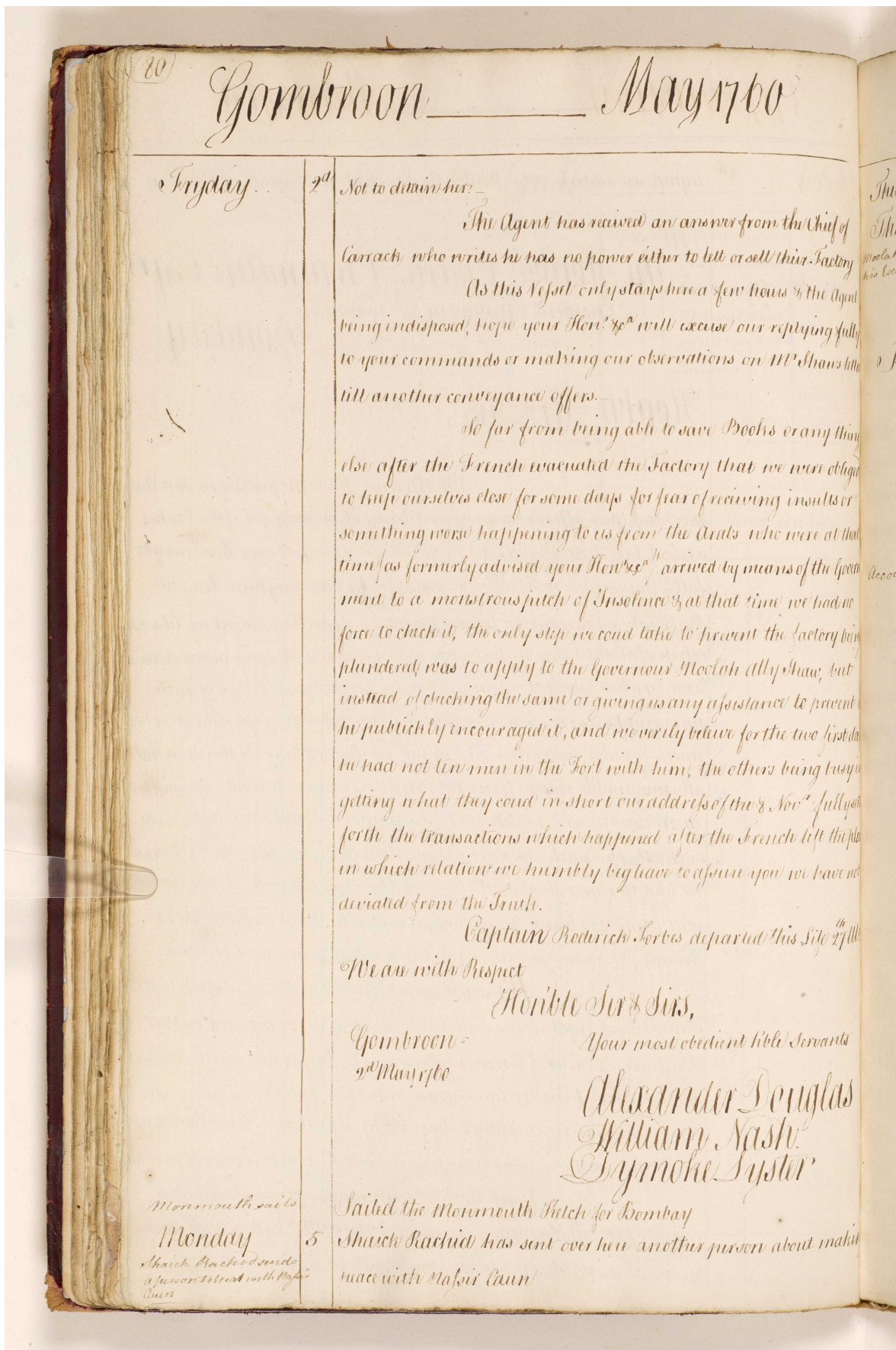
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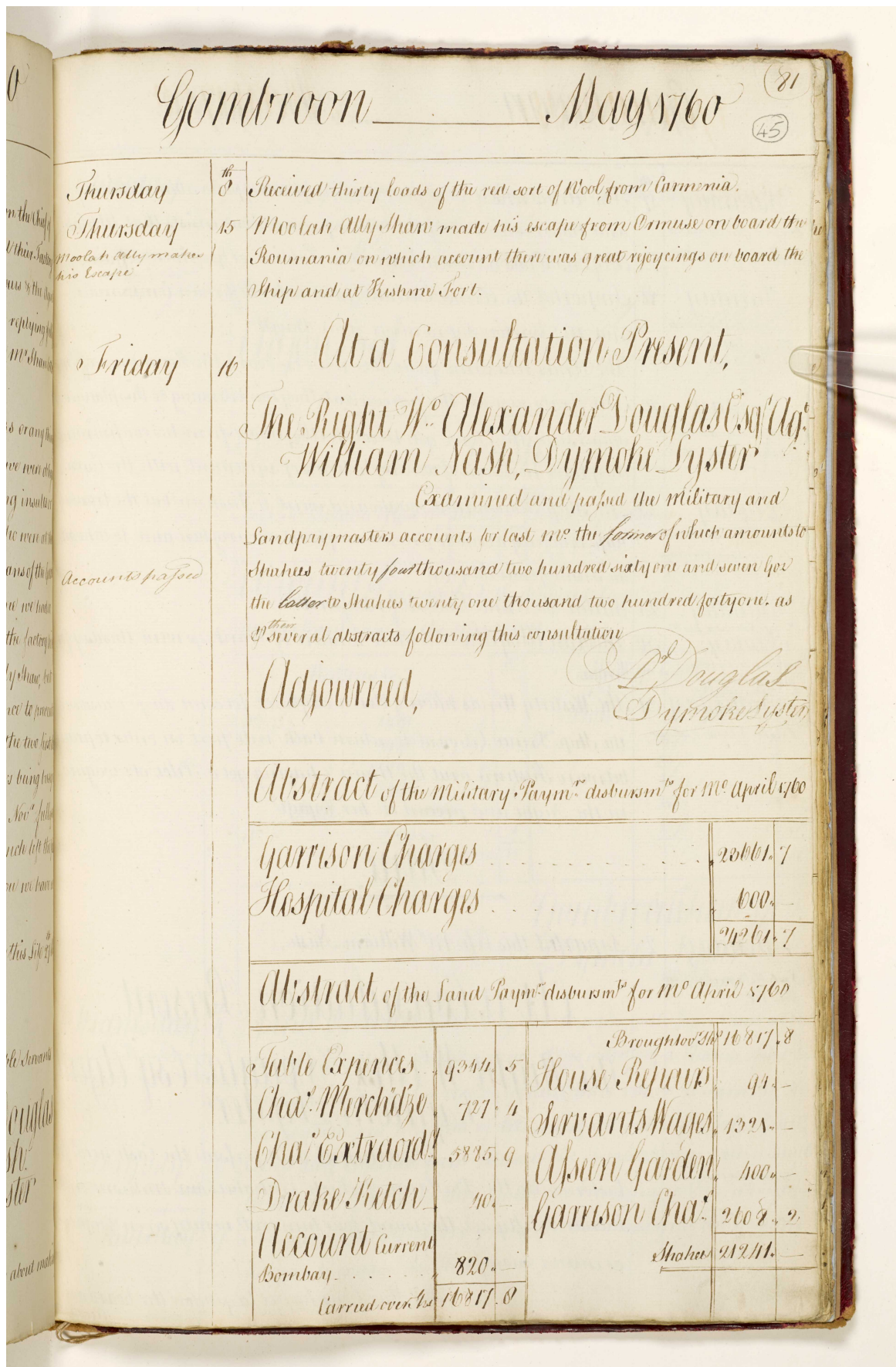
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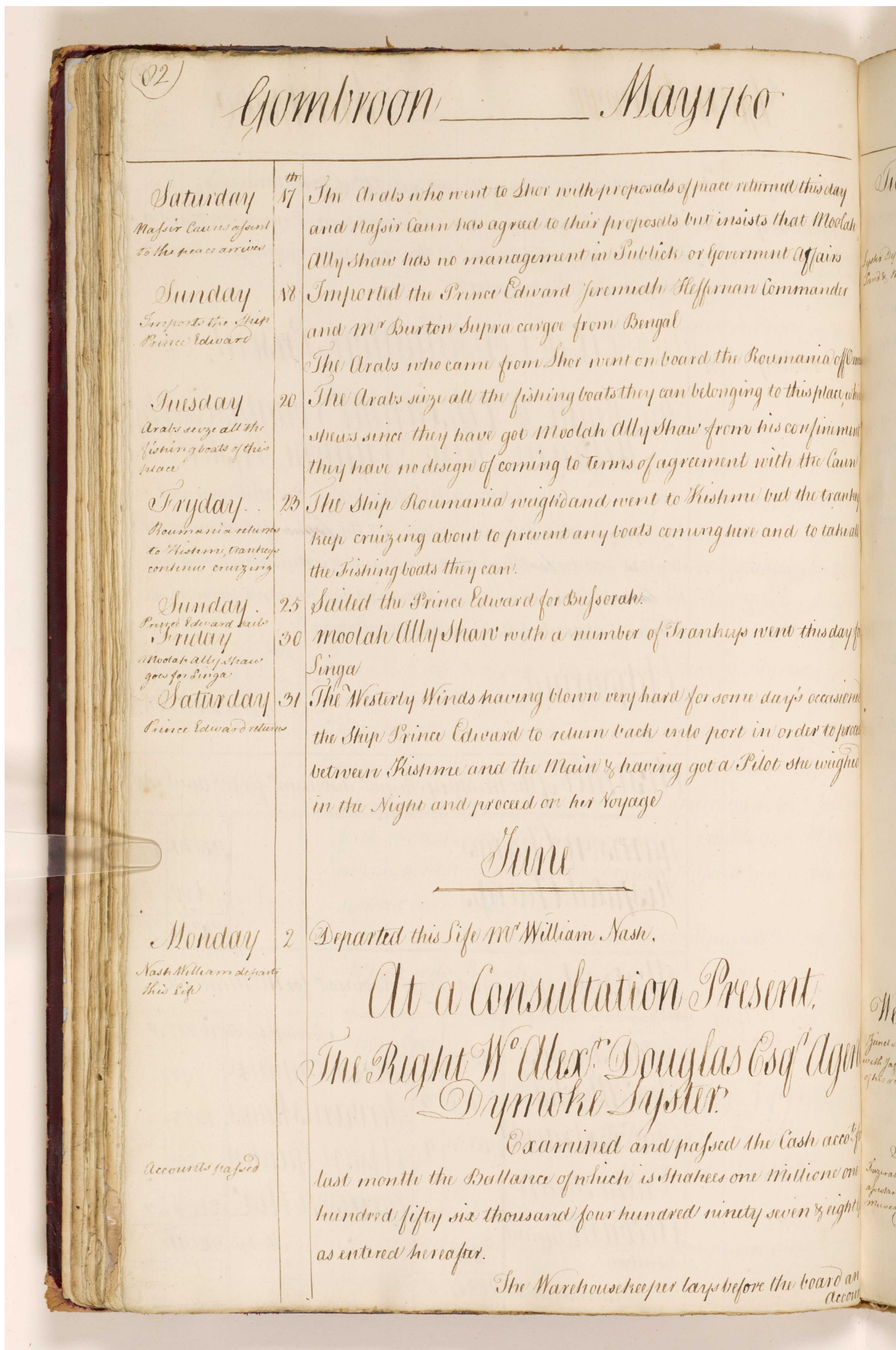
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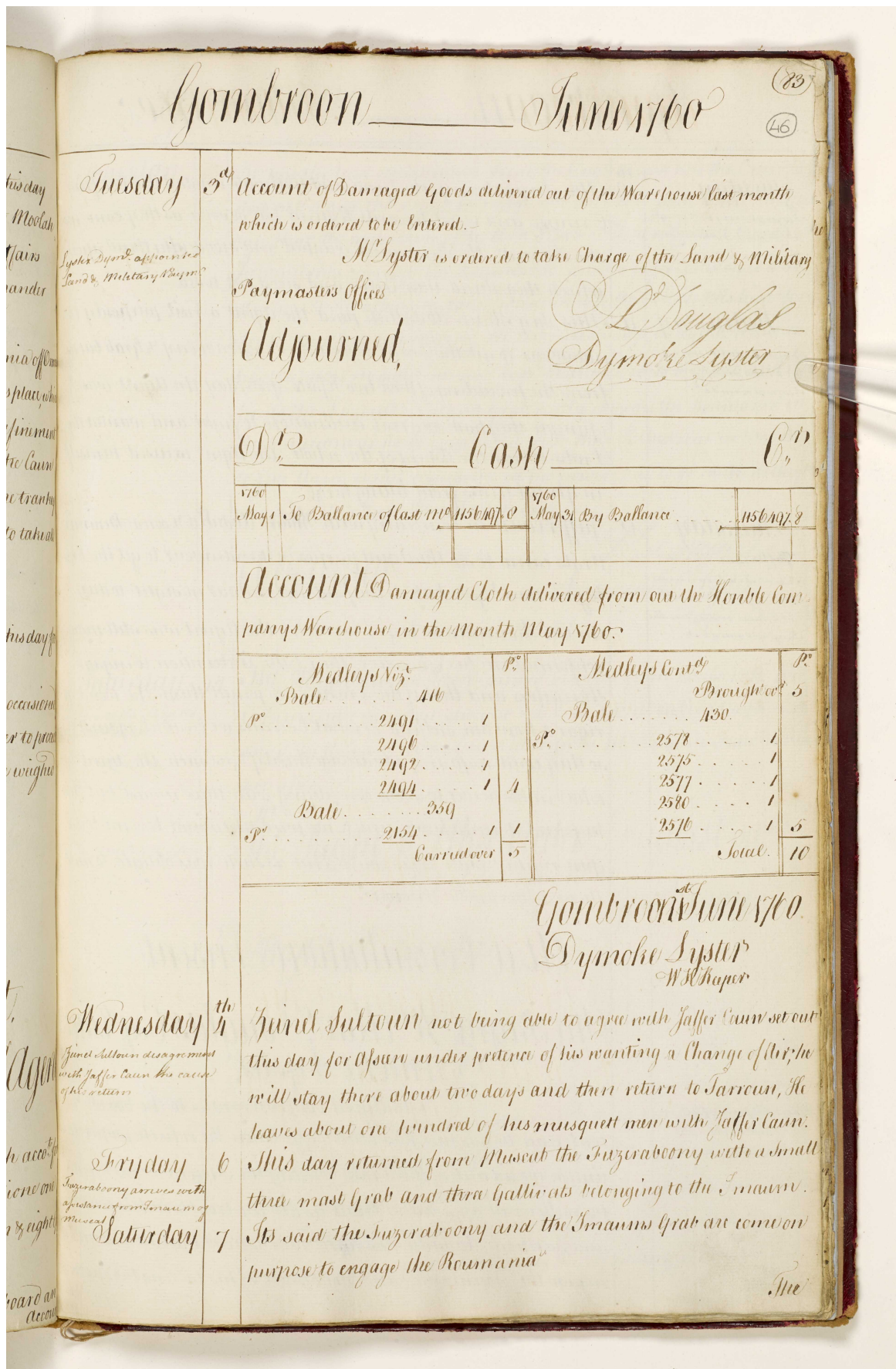
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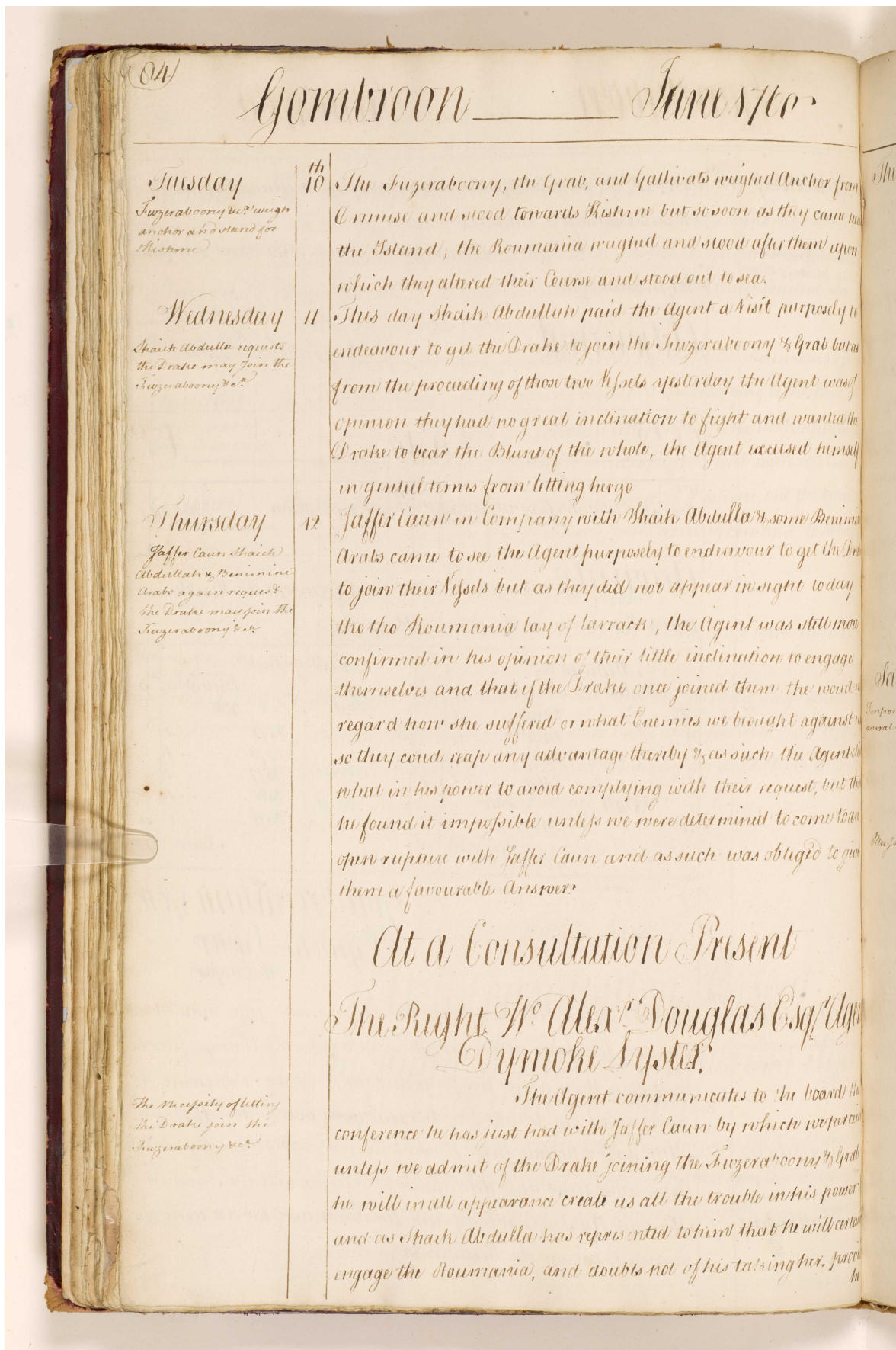
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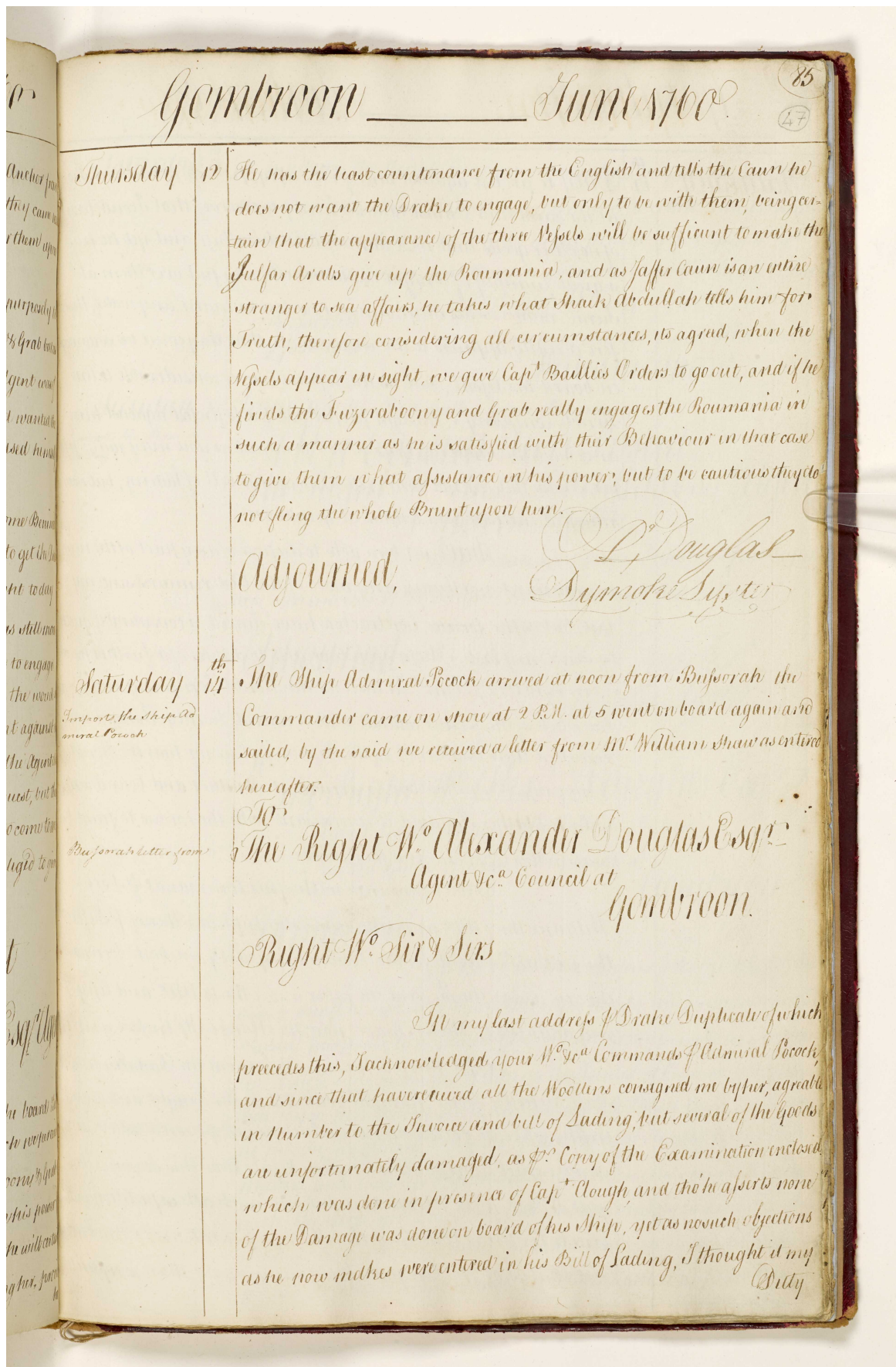
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Thursday 12th He has the least countenance from the English and tells the Court he does not want the *Brahm* to engage, but only to be with them, being certain that the appearance of the three *Najals* will be sufficient to make the *Julfar* Arabs give up the *Koumanid*, and as *Jaffer* Court is an entire stranger to sea affairs, he takes what *Shahk Abdallah* tells him for Truth, therefore considering all circumstances, its agreed, when the *Najals* appear in sight, we give *Cap^t Baillies* Orders to go out, and if he finds the *Suzerabony* and *Grab* really engages the *Koumanid* in such a manner as he is satisfied with their Behaviour in that case to give them what assistance in his power, but to be cautious they do not fling the whole *Bunt* upon him.

Adjourned, *A. Douglas*
Supreme Super

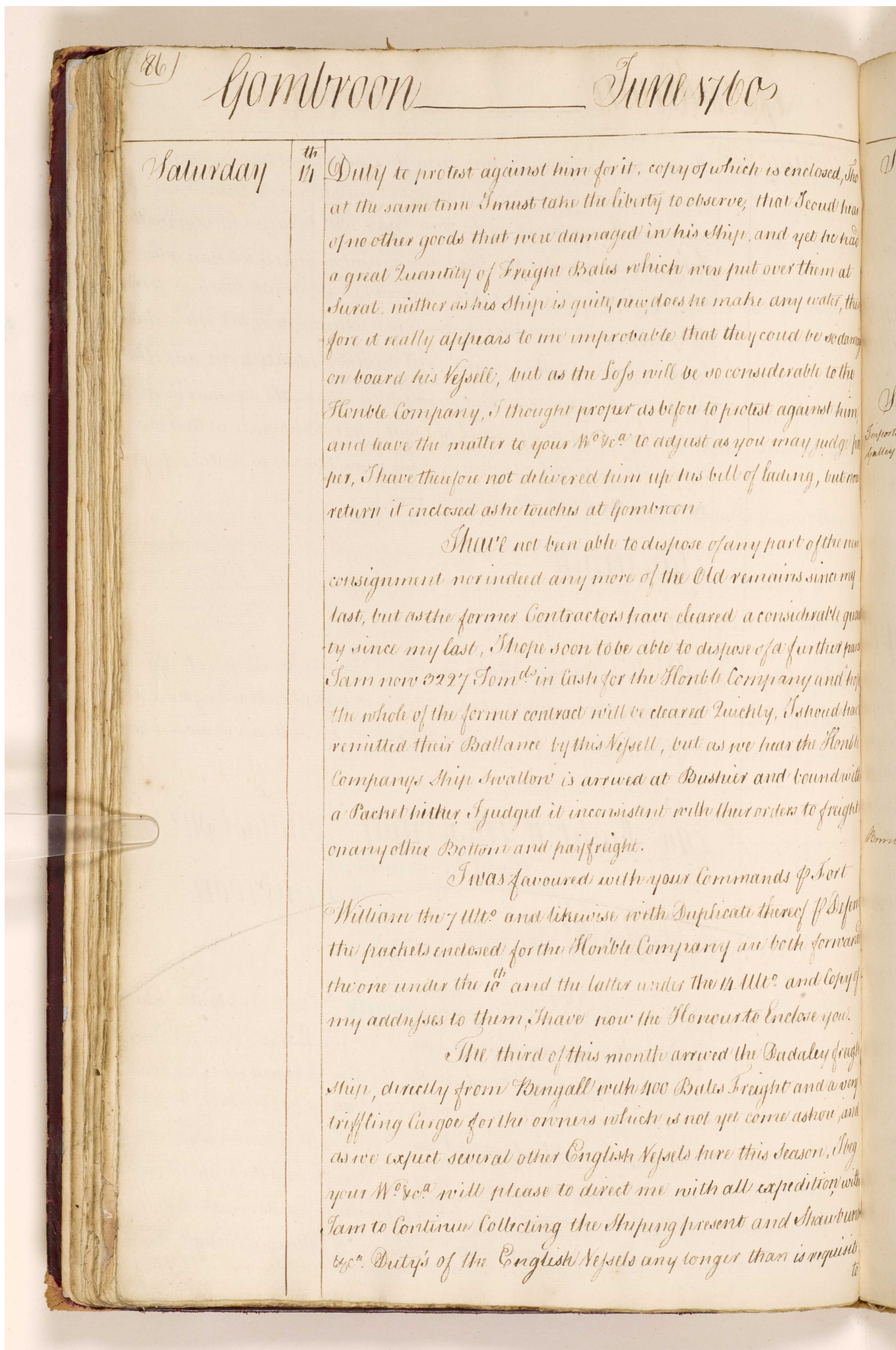
Saturday 14th The Ship *Admiral Peock* arrived at noon from *Bussorah* the Commander came on shore at 2 P.M. at 5 went on board again and sailed, by the said we received a letter from *M^r William Shaw* as entire hereafter.

To
The Right W^o Alexander Douglas Esq^r
Agent &c Council at
Gombroon.

Right W^o Sirs

In my last address of *Brahm* Duplicate of which precedes this, I acknowledged your W^o Command of *Admiral Peock*, and since that have received all the *Woolens* consigned me by her, agreeable in Number to the Invoice and bill of Lading, but several of the Goods are unfortunately damaged, as *Copy* of the Examination enclosed which was done in presence of *Cap^t Clough* and tho' he asserts none of the Damage was done on board of his Ship, yet as no such objections as he now makes were entered in his Bill of Lading, I thought it my Duty

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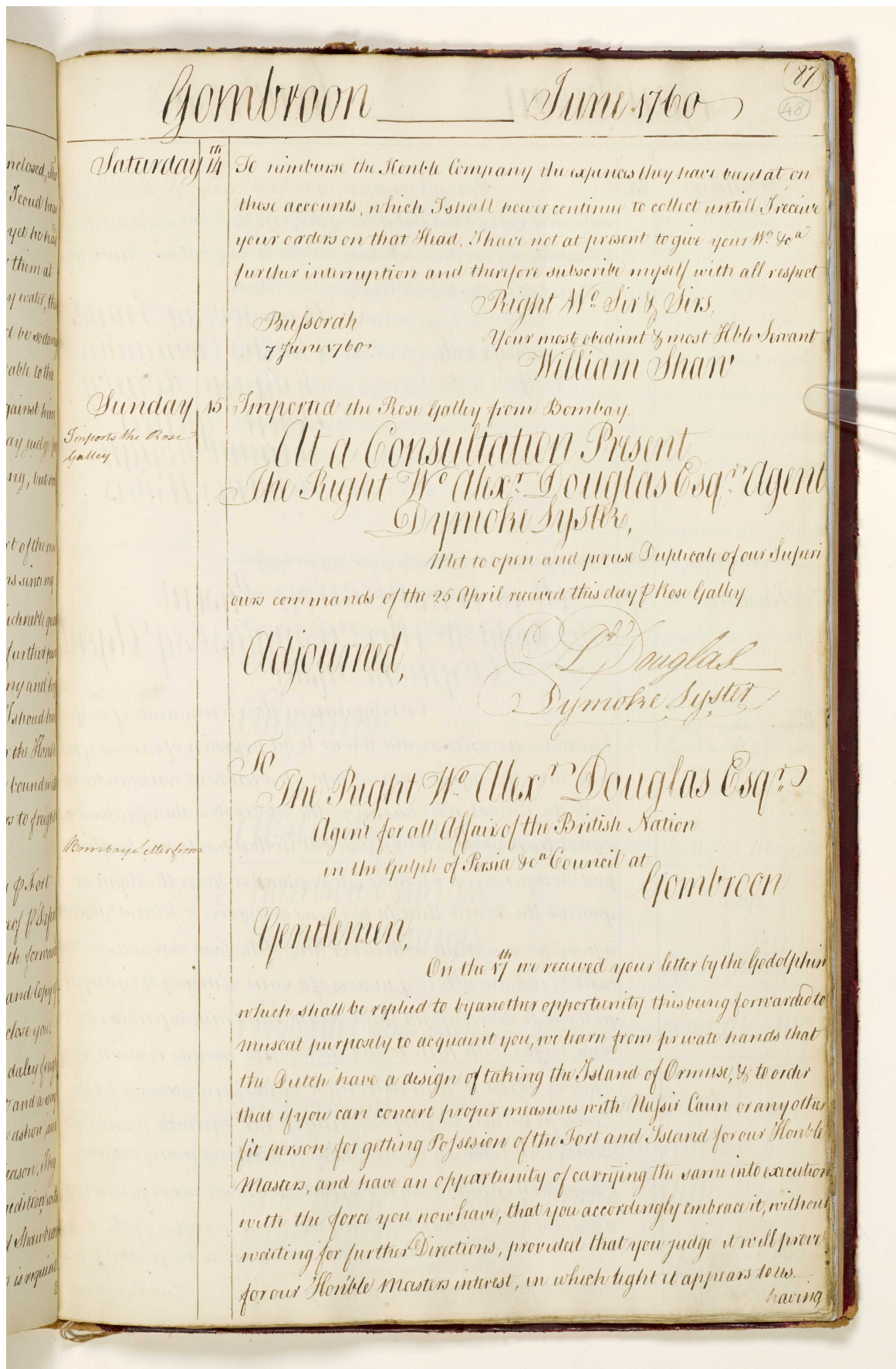
th 14 Duty to protest against him for it, copy of which is enclosed, ^{the} at the same time I must take the liberty to observe, that I could find of no other goods that were damaged in his Ship, and yet he had a great Quantity of Freight Bales which were put over them at Surat, neither as his Ship is quite new, nor does he make any water, therefore it really appears to me improbable that they could be damaged on board his Vessel, but as the Loss will be so considerable to the Honble Company, I thought proper as before to protest against him, and have the matter to your W^ord^e to adjust as you may judge proper, I have therefore not delivered him up his bill of lading, but now return it enclosed as he touches at Gombroon.

I shall not be able to dispose of any part of the new consignment nor indeed any more of the Old remains since my last, but as the former Contractors have cleared a considerable quantity since my last, I hope soon to be able to dispose of a further part. I am now 2227 Tom^l in Cash for the Honble Company and hope the whole of the former contract will be cleared quickly, I should have remitted their Ballance by this Vessel, but as we hear the Honble Company's Ship Swallow is arrived at Bushier and bound with a Packet hither I judge it inconsistent with their orders to freight on any other Bottom and pay freight.

I was favoured with your Commands of the 10th and likewise with Duplicate thereof of the packets enclosed for the Honble Company are both forwarded the one under the 10th and the latter under the 14th and copy of my addresses to them, I have now the Honour to Enclose you.

The third of this month arrived the Badaley Freight Ship, directly from Bengall with 400 Bales Freight and a very trifling Cargo for the owners which is not yet come ashore, and as we expect several other English Vessels here this Season, I beg your W^ord^e will please to direct me with all expedition with what I am to continue collecting the Shipping present and absent with respect to the English Vessels any longer than is requisite.

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To reimburse the South Company the expences they have been at on these accounts, which I shall never continue to collect untill I receive your orders on that Head, I have not at present to give your M^o G^o further interruption and therefore subscribe myself with all respect

Bussorah
7 June 1760

Right W^o Sirs,
Your most obedient & most Hble Servant
William Shan

Sunday 15th

Imports the Rose Galley

Imports the Rose Galley from Bombay.

At a Consultation Present
The Right W^o Alex^r Douglas Esq^r Agent
Dymocke Systor,

W^ht to open and peruse Duplicate of our Superior commands of the 25 April received this day & Rose Galley

Adjourned,

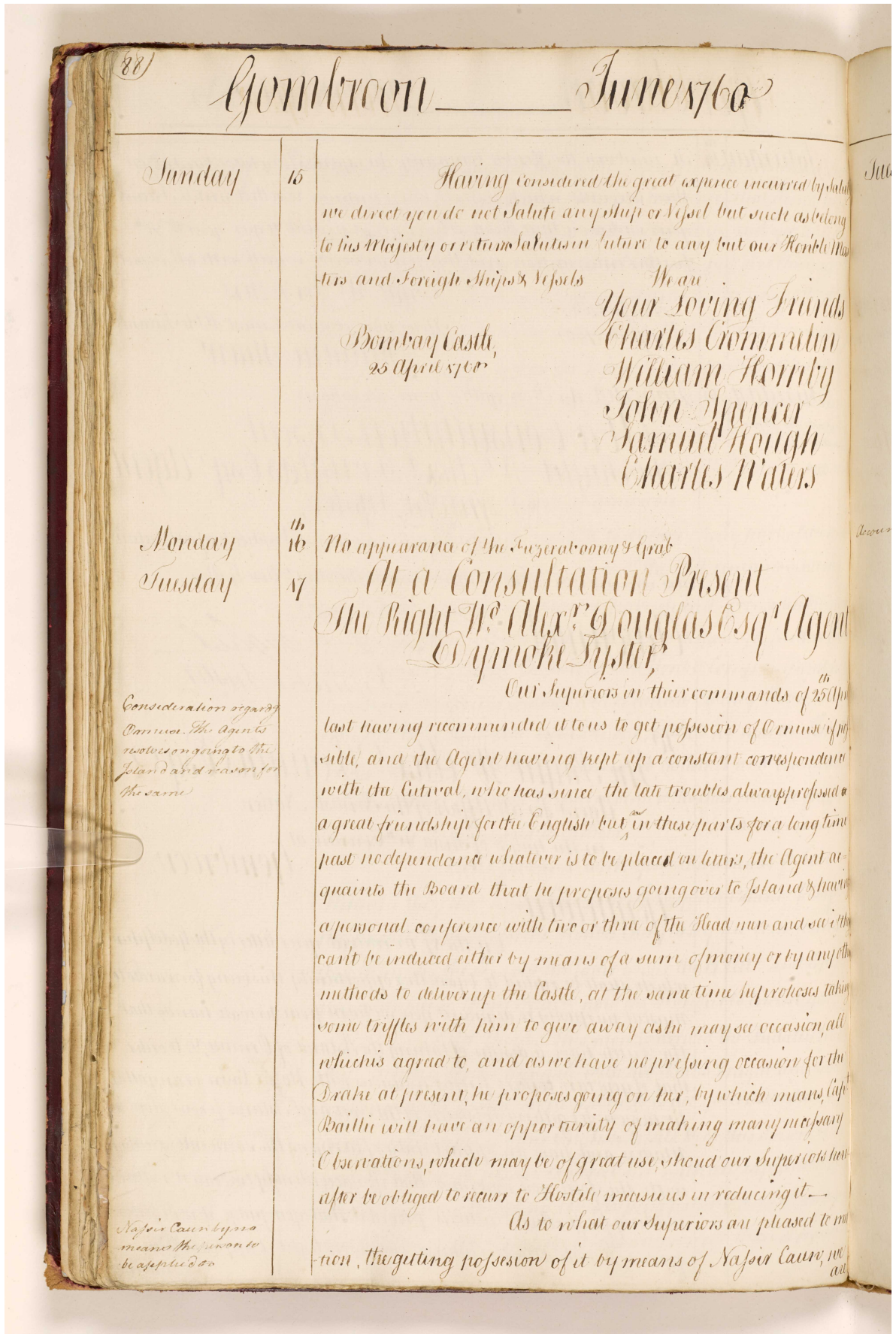
A. Douglas
Dymocke Systor

To The Right W^o Alex^r Douglas Esq^r
Agent for all Affairs of the British Nation
in the Gulph of Persia &c Council at
Gombroon

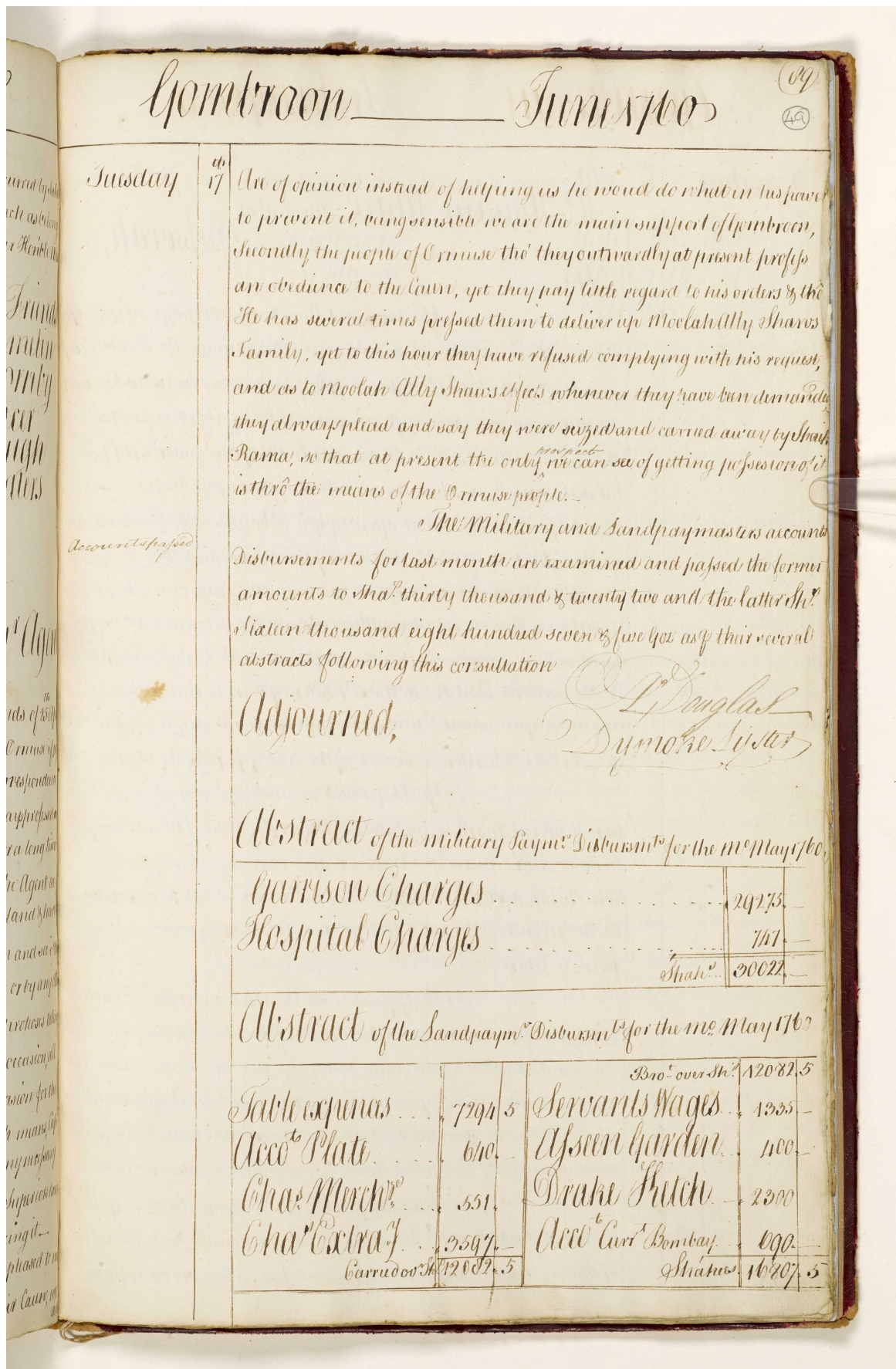
Gentlemen,

On the 17th we received your letter by the Goodship which shall be replied to by another opportunity this being forwarded to Muscat purposely to acquaint you, we learn from private hands that the Dutch have a design of taking the Island of Ormuse, & to order that if you can concert proper measures with Muzai Cawn or any other fit person for getting Possession of the Fort and Island for our Honble Masters, and have an opportunity of carrying the same into execution with the force you now have, that you accordingly embrace it, without waiting for further Directions, provided that you judge it will prove for our Honble Masters interest, in which light it appears to us
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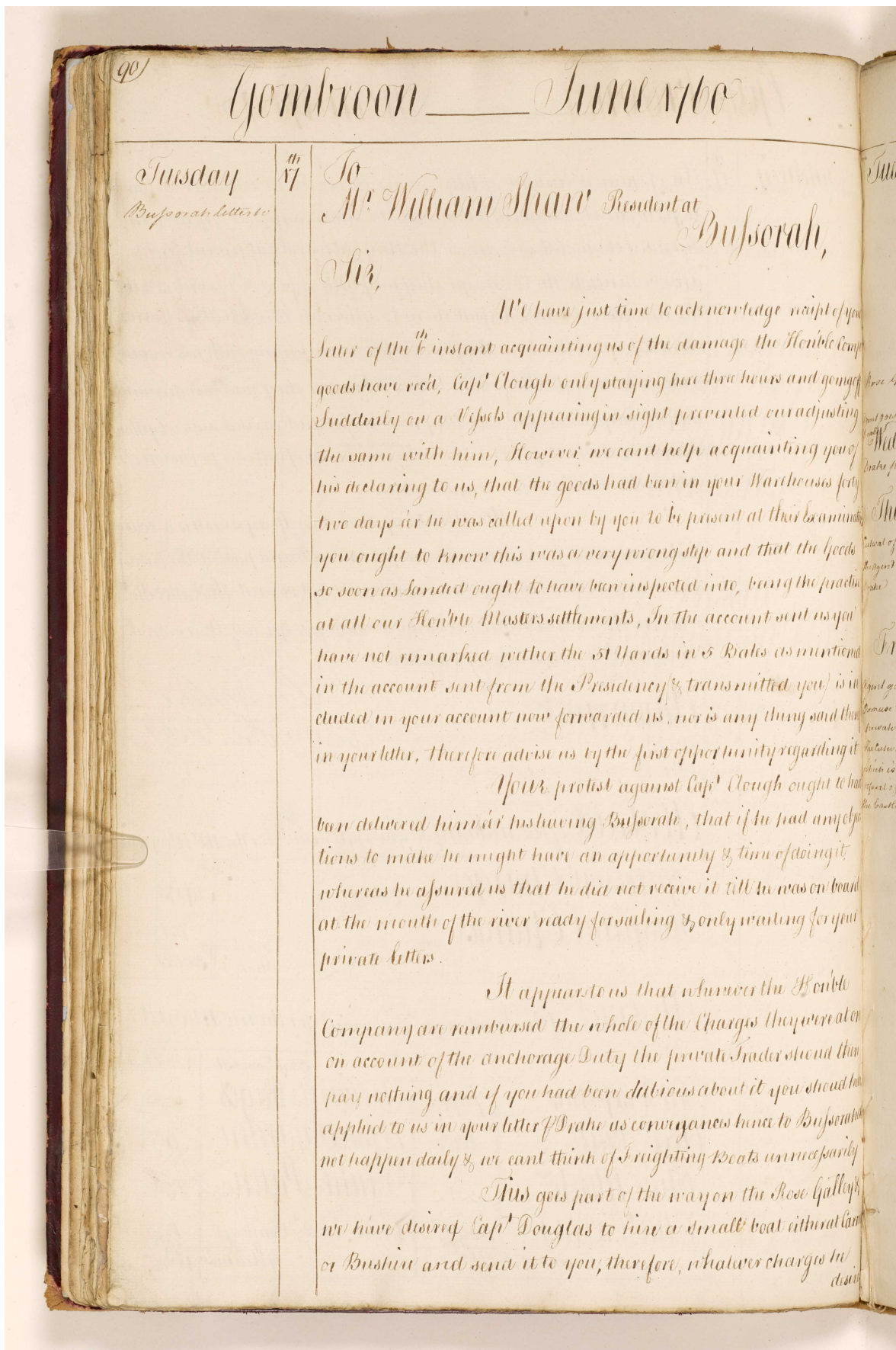
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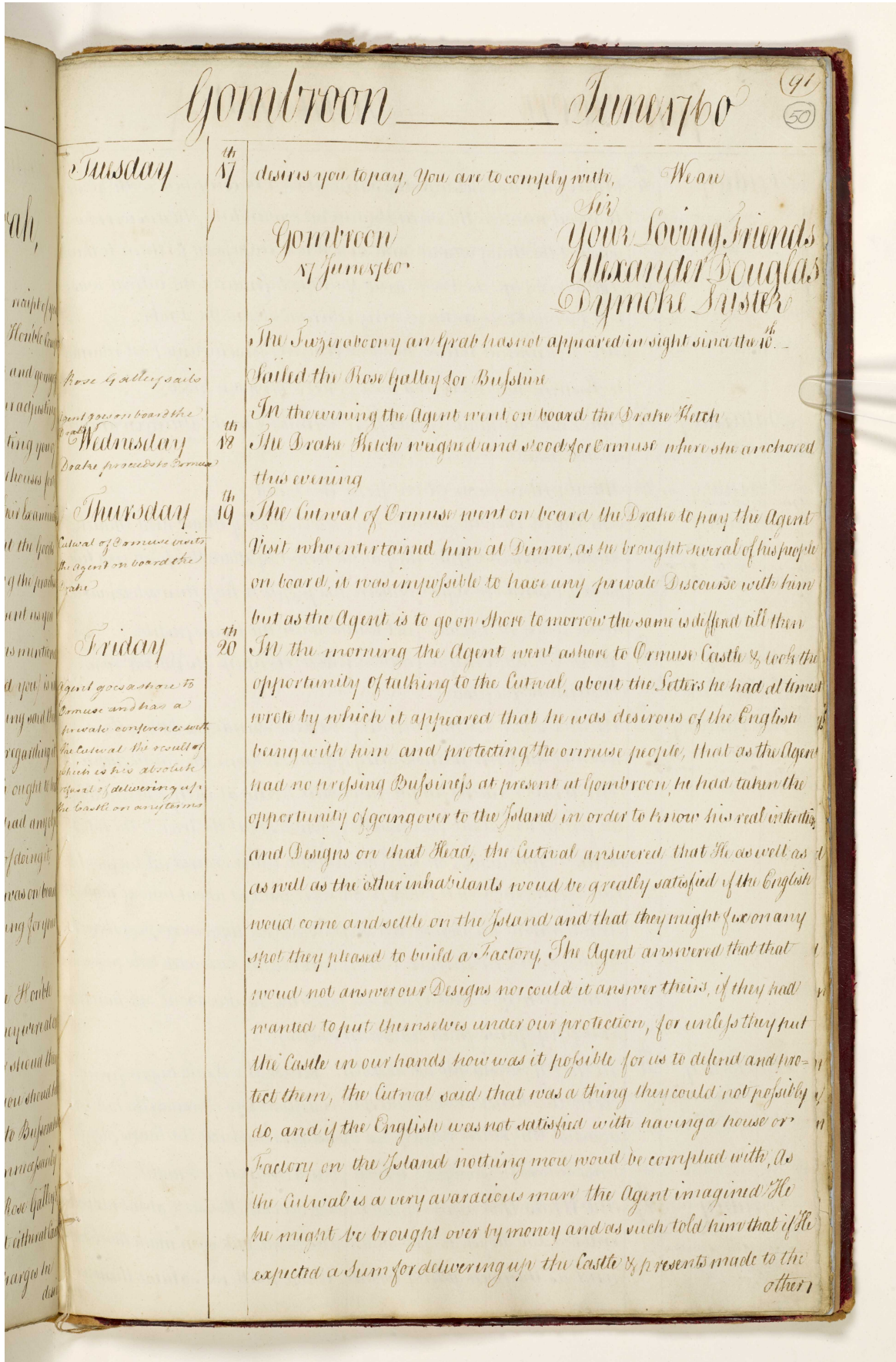
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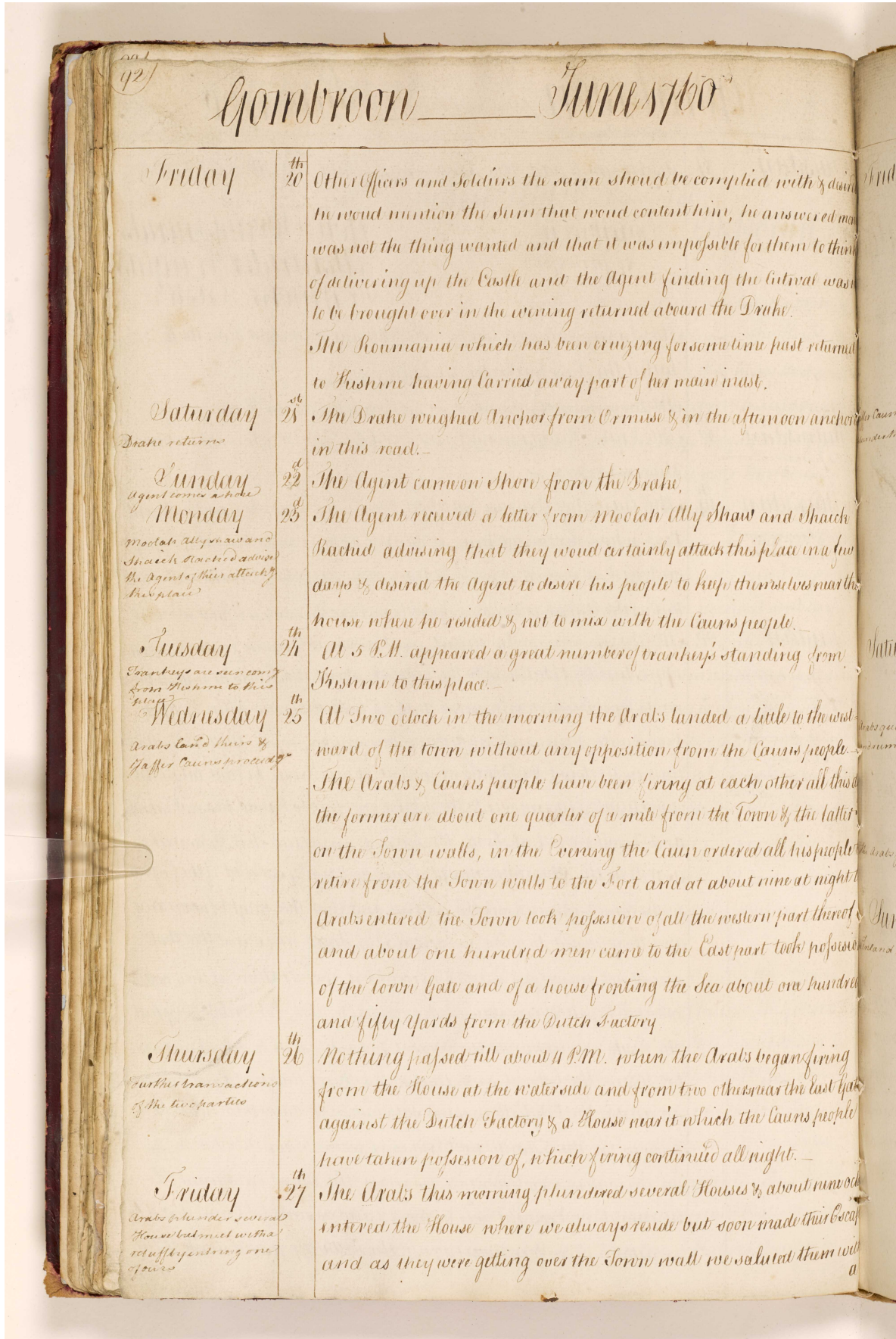
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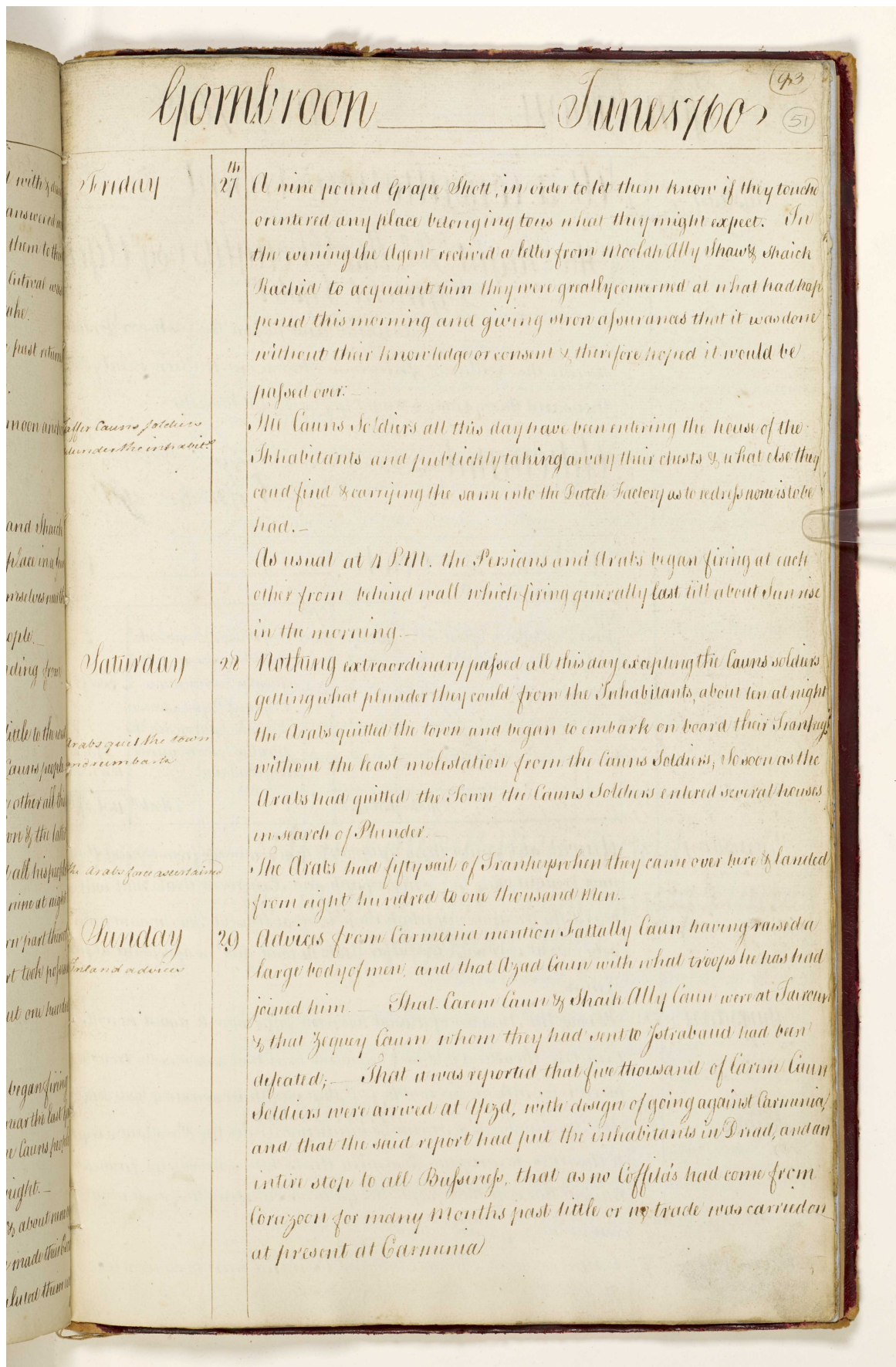
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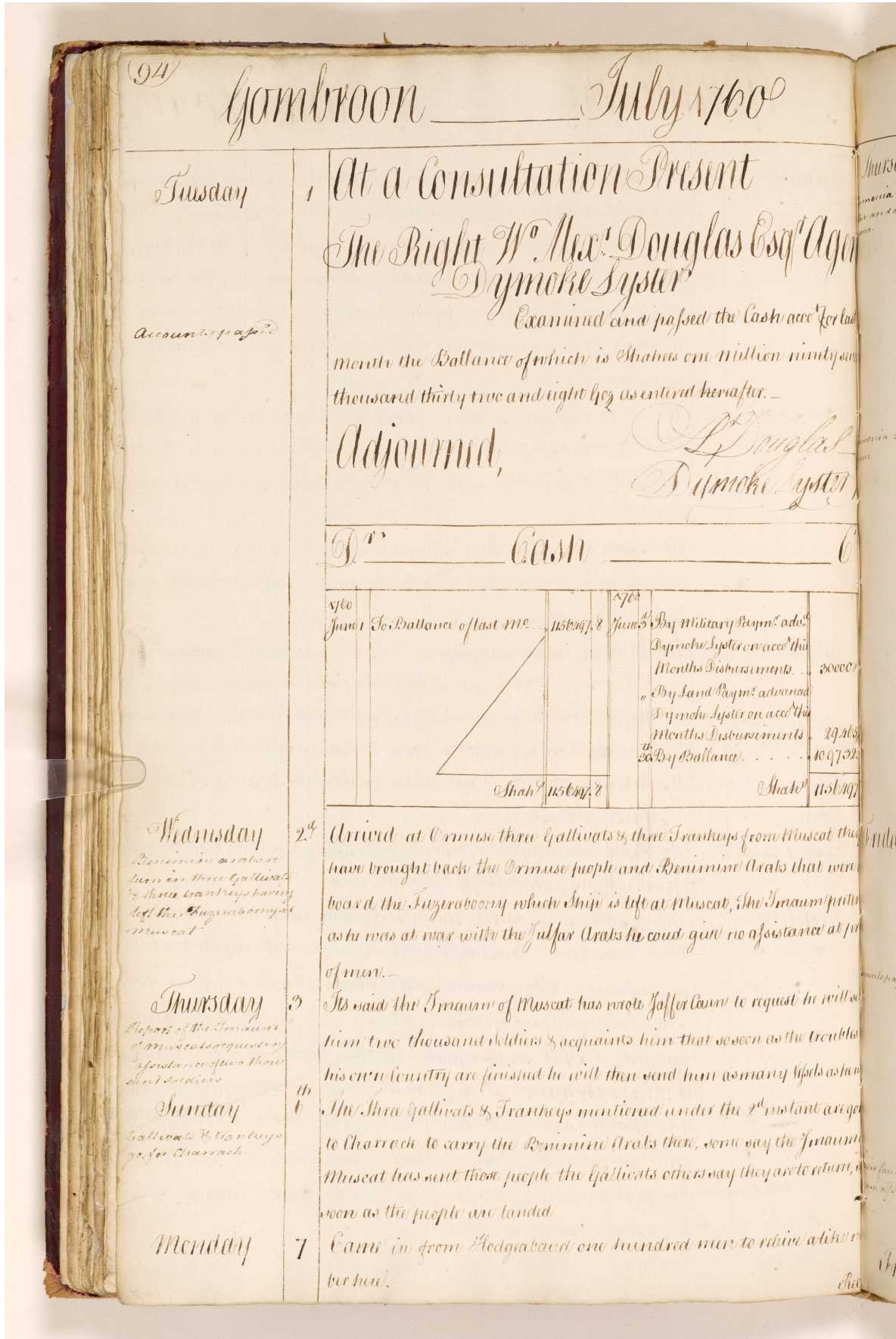
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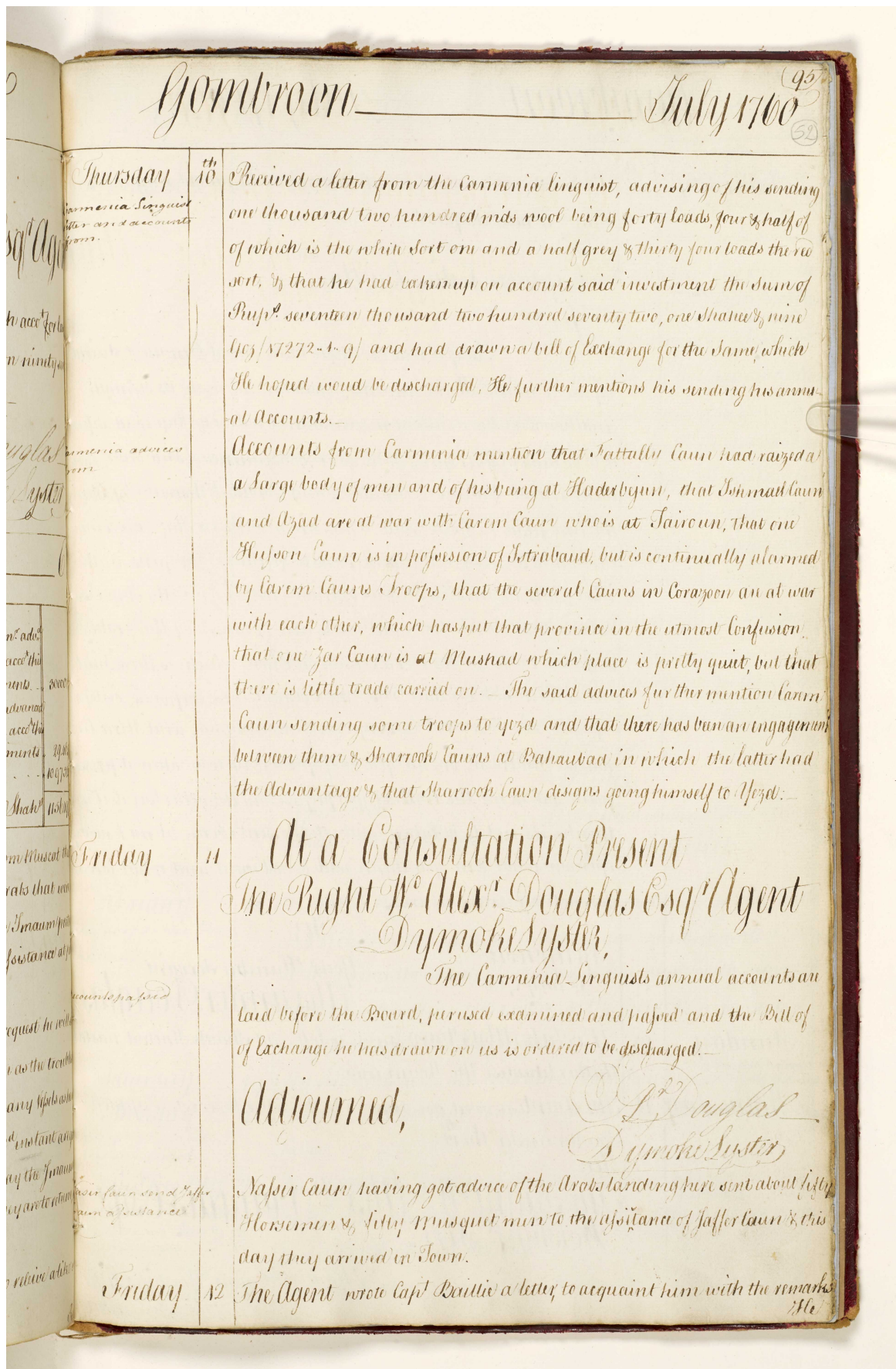
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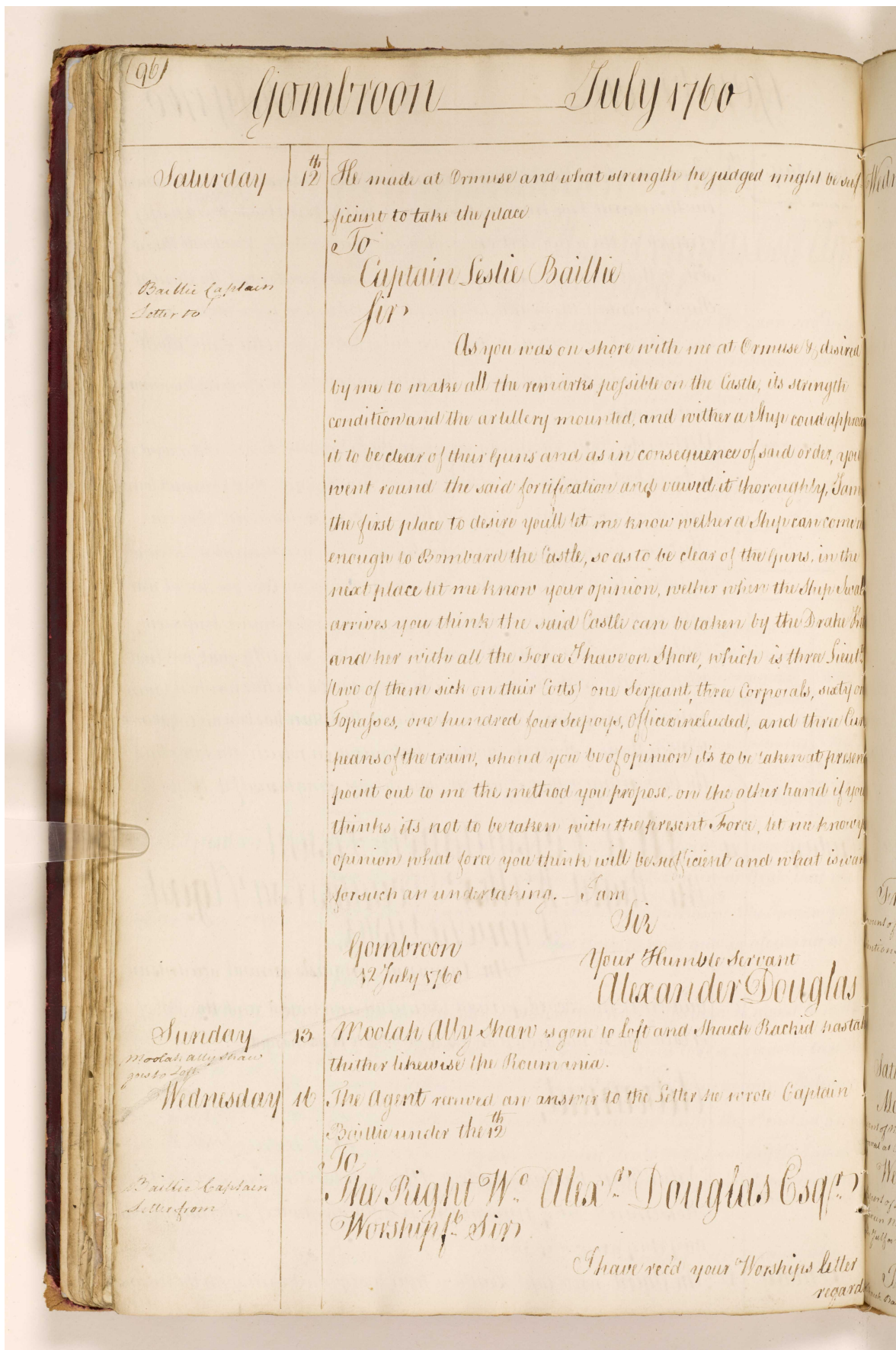
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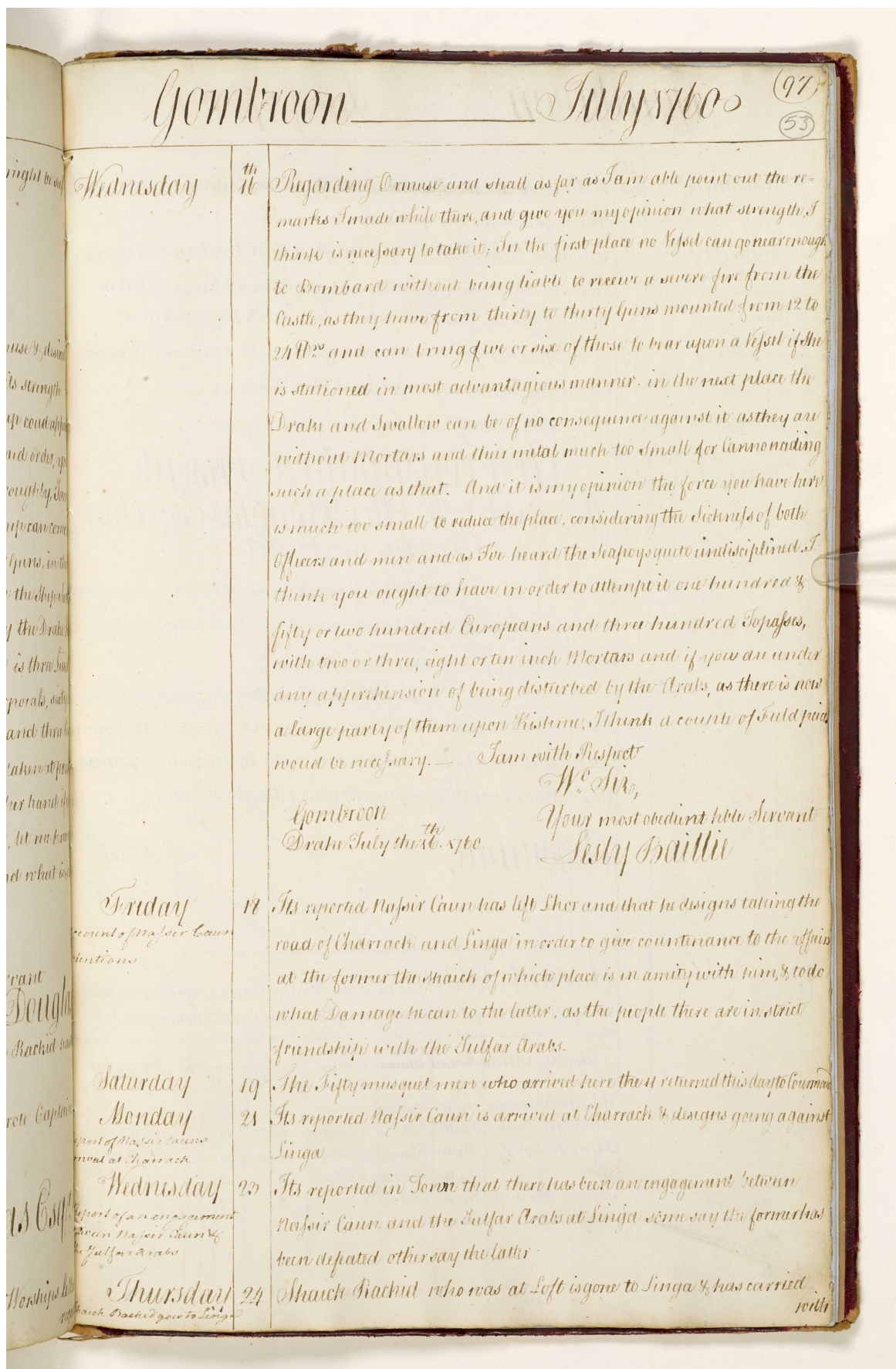
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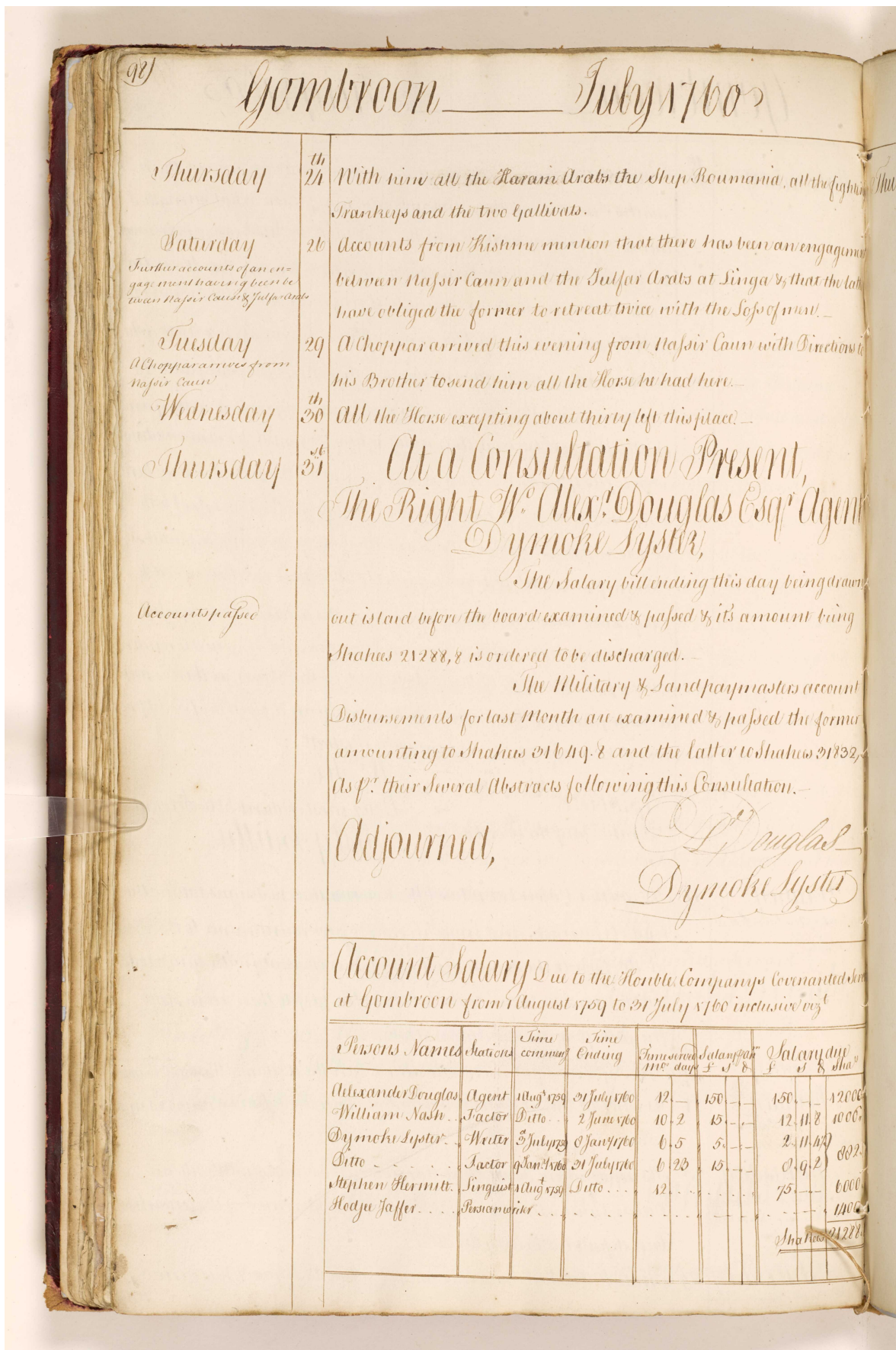
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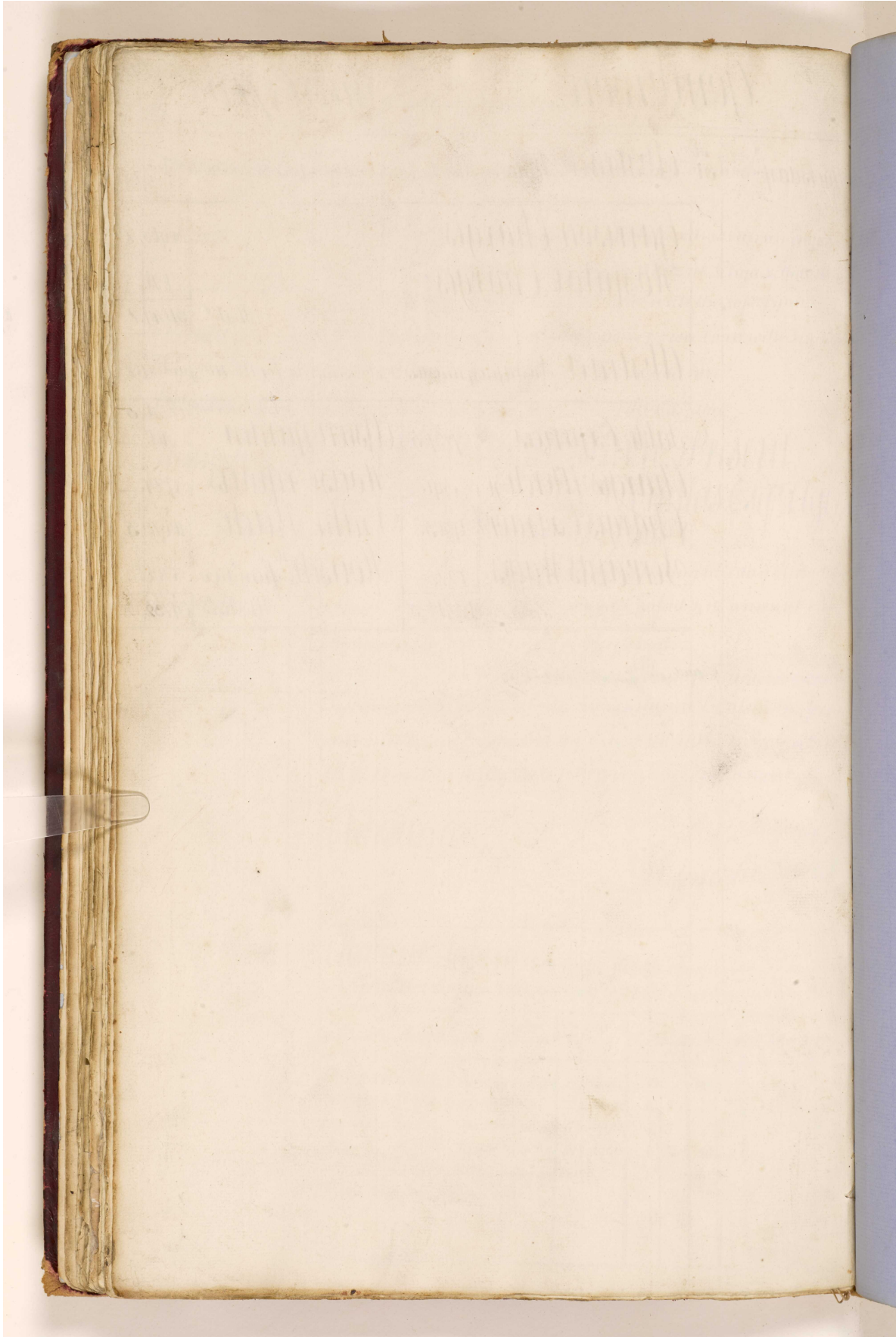
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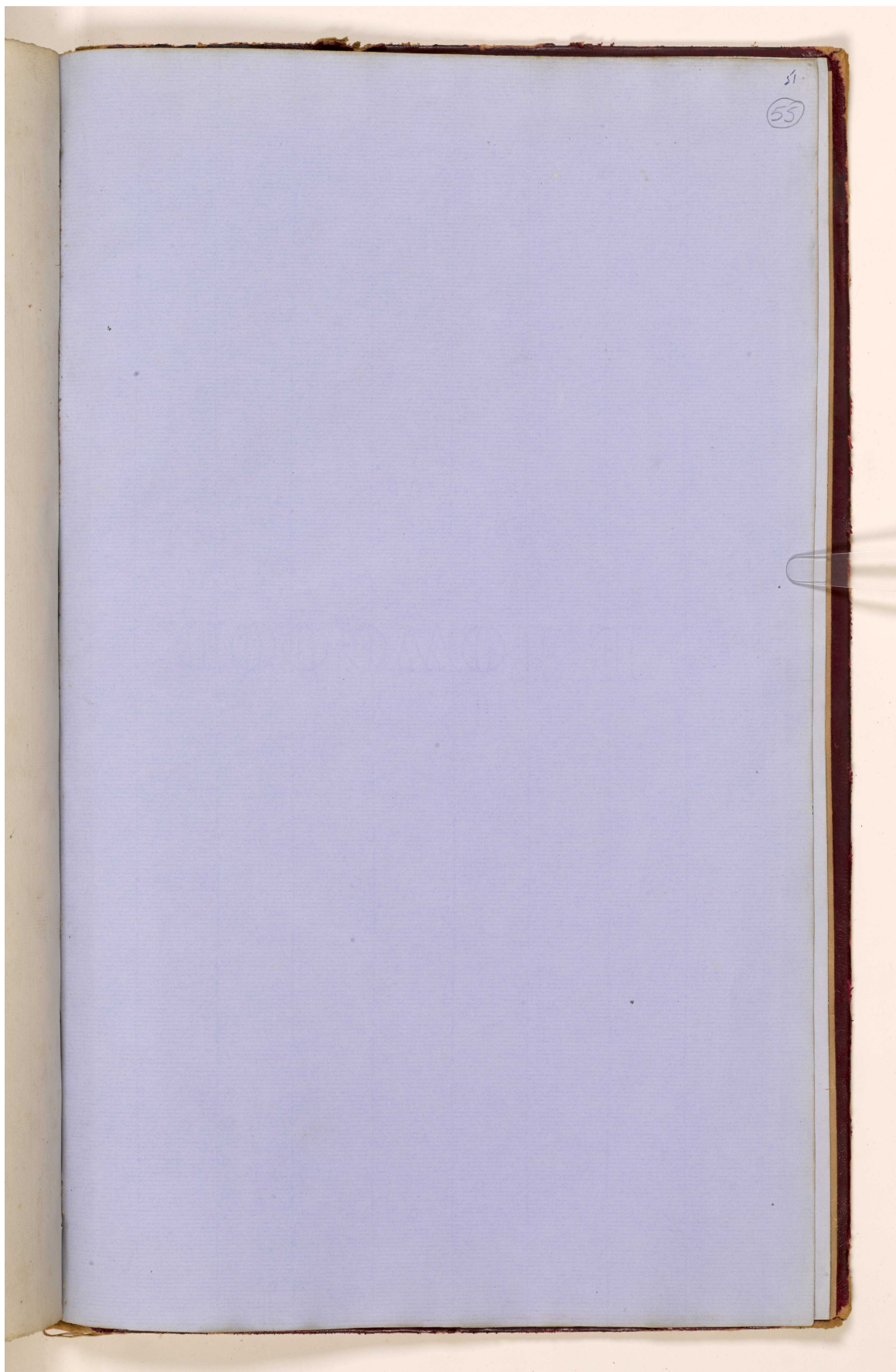
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Charges Merchize	591.	House repairs	1724.
Charges Contract	9203.	Drake Hetch	10920.5
Servants Wages	1225.	Household Furniture	500.
Carried over	18416.5	Shahces	31132.5

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