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'Abolition of the Residency at Muscat'

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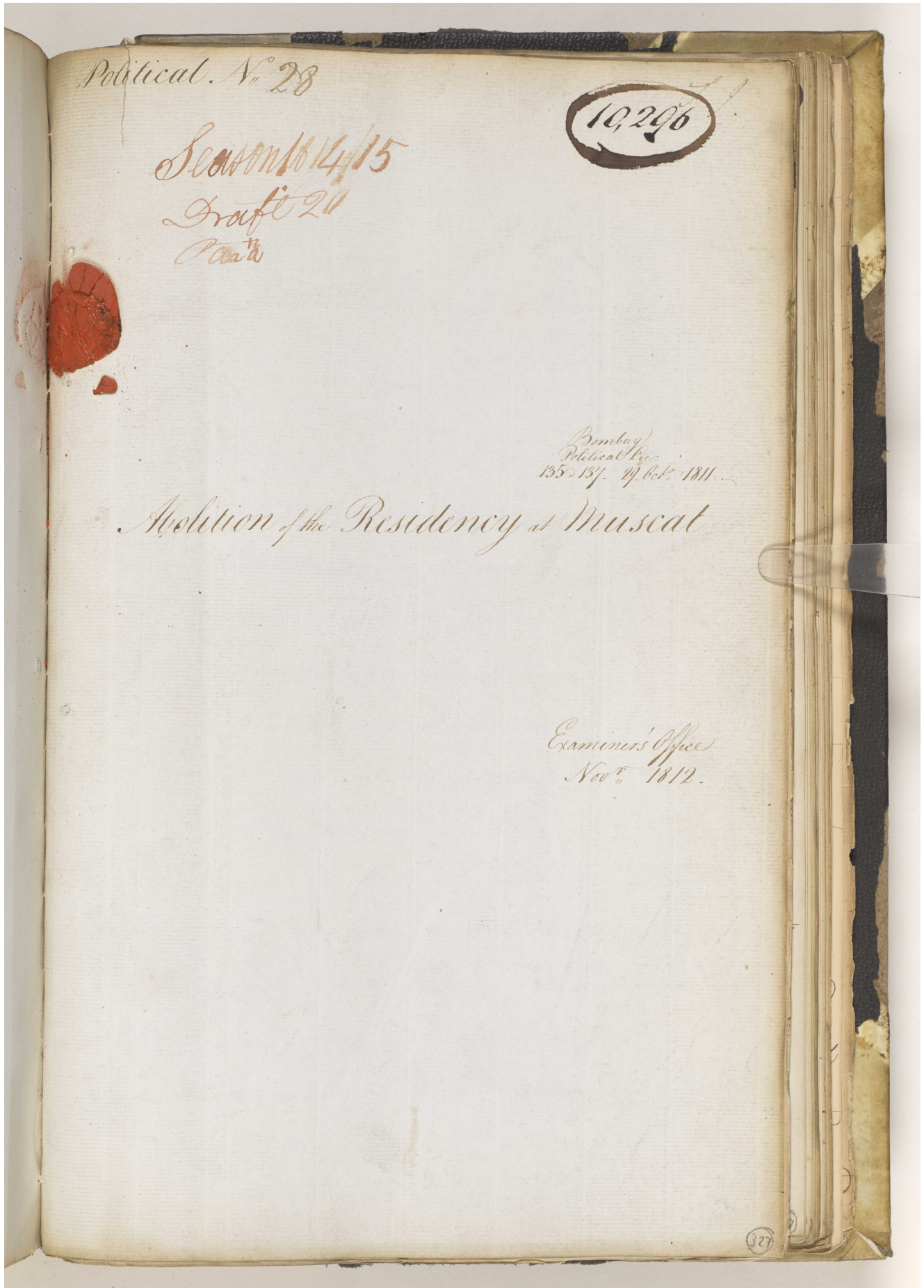
The item consists of copies and extracts of Political Letters and Political Consultations from the Government of Bombay.

The item consists of correspondence regarding the abolition of the Residency at Muscat and the consolidation of residencies at Muscat and Bushire. The correspondence is particularly concerned with the resignation, due to the climate, of Nicholas Hankey Smith from the Residency at Muscat and the search for a more suitable residence there.

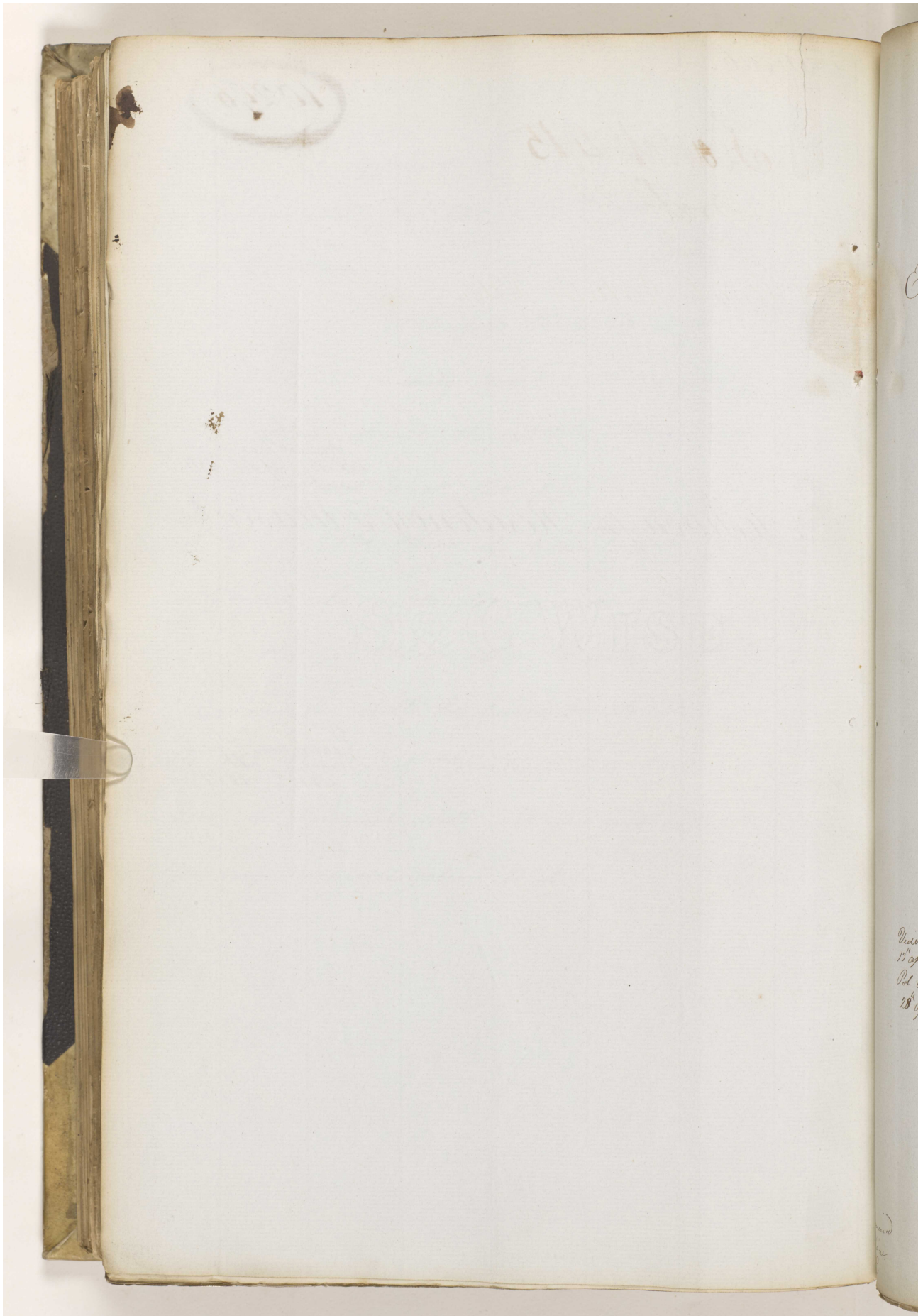
The correspondence consists of letters between the Government of Bombay and the Resident at Muscat. The other correspondents are: Court of Directors of the East India Company; George Cumming Osborne, Secretary to the Government of Bombay; Neil Benjamin Edmonstone, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William; Captain Wainwright of His Majesty's Ship La Chiffonne; Lieutenant-Colonel Smith.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Political No. 28, Season 1814/15, Draft 20' and 'Examiner's Office November 1812'.

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'Abolition of the Residency at Muscat' [327v] (2/18)



Extract Political Letter from Bombay

Dated 29th October 1811

135- In the ^{the} 40th to 44th paragraphs ^{the} of our letter dated the 14th of April 1810, We had the honor to advise of the arrangements adopted under the sanction of the Supreme Government, for consolidating the Residencies of Bushire and Muscat, in the person of Mr. N. B. Smith, of your Civil Establishment at this Presidency.~

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135- But Mr. Smith having written to us from Muscat, that the baneful climate of that place would not admit of his residing there even for a short period, without injury to his health; We complied with his request to be relieved from all

Received
Dane
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further

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further charge of the duties of the Muscat
Residency: and we also revoked the appointment
announced in the ^{1st} paragraph of our Advice
last adverted to, of the two civilians we
had furnished to Mr. Smith to be his
Assistants —

13^y — We have been deterred
from nominating any successor to the Muscat
Residency, from our long experience that
no European constitution can reside in
that deleterious climate with impunity. —

Extract Political Letter to Bombay

dated 23rd Sept^r 1812

Letter from 31st Jan^y 1810.
Para 74. 75. Mr W C Bunce
appointed Resident at Muscat
and granted an extra allowance
of Rs 1500^{rs} mo towards enabling
him to maintain a Match

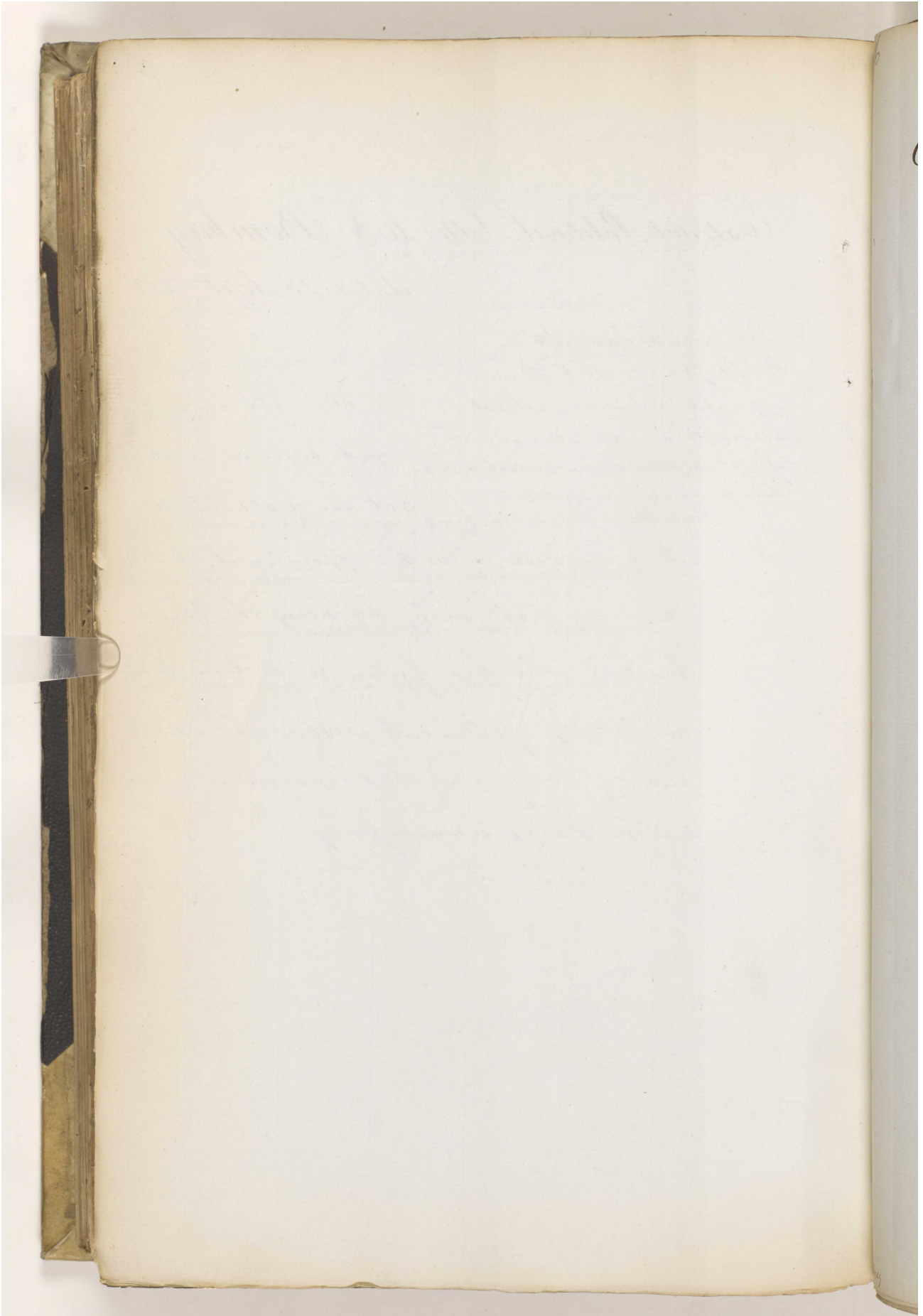
30. It is with
much concern we observe
that the death of Mr

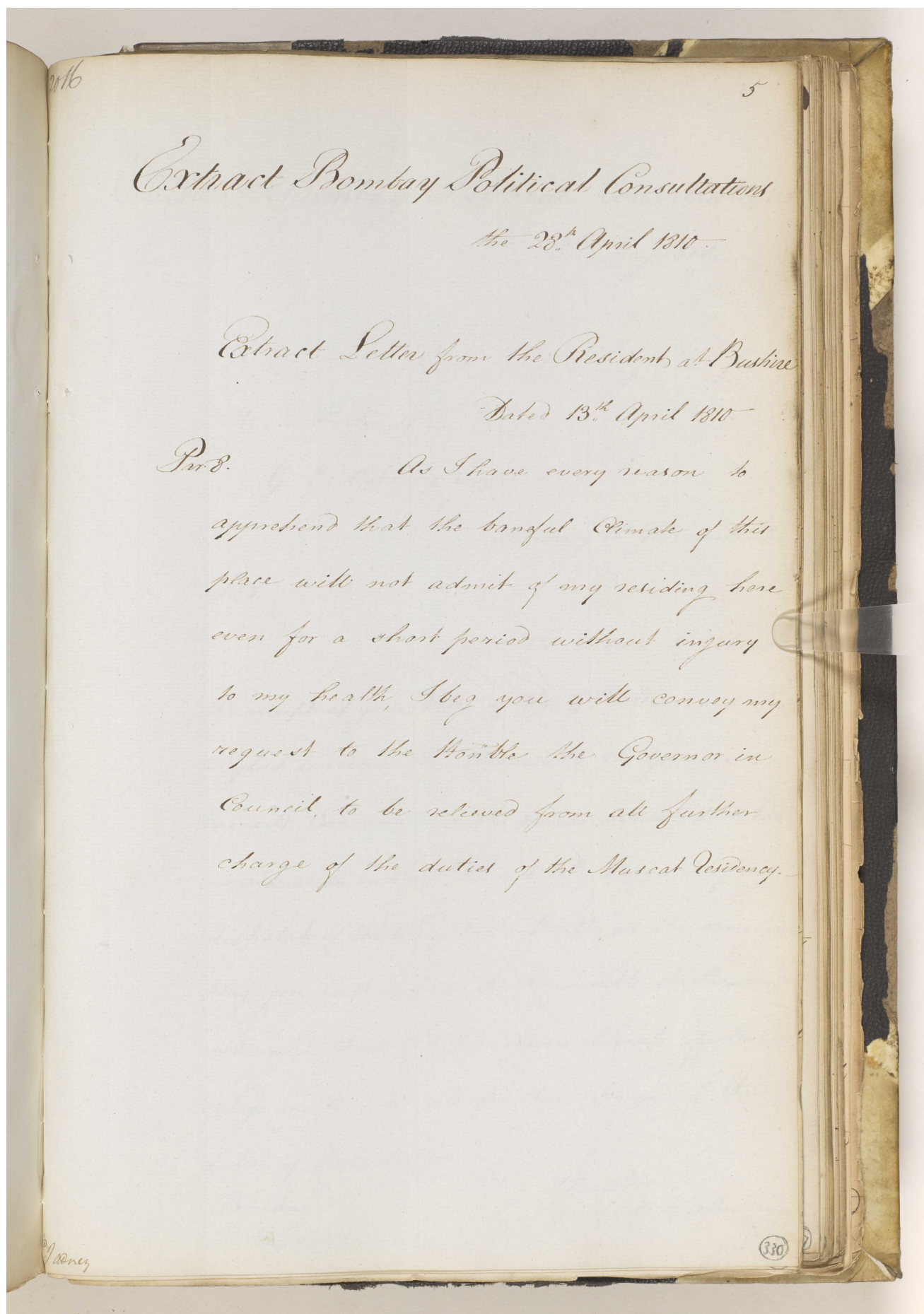
Bunce so soon after his appointment to the
Residency of Muscat (he being the third
Resident who has fallen a victim to the
insalubrity of Muscat within the short
period of two years) has rendered a reply
to these Para's unnecessary.

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Bunce

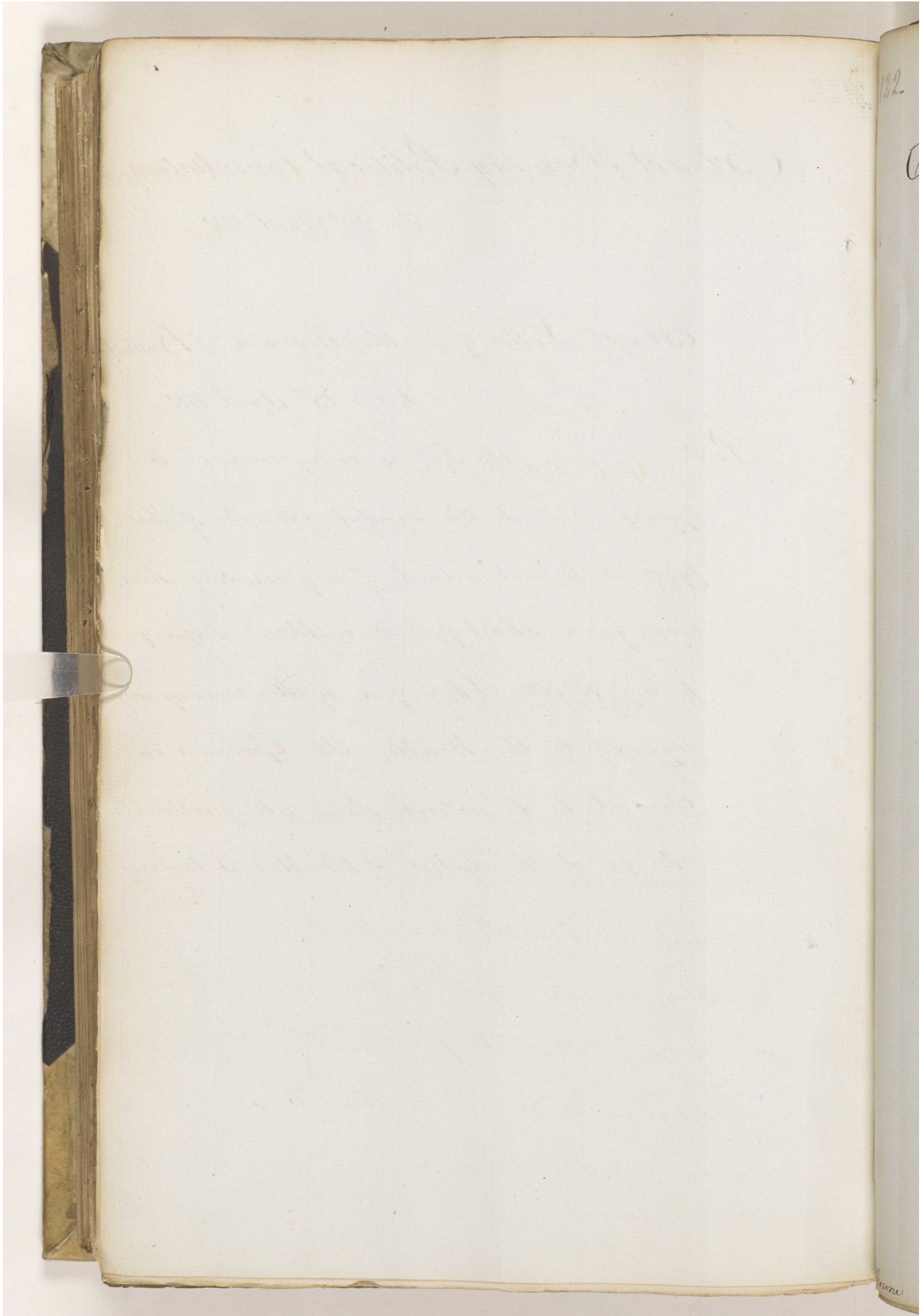
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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

5th May 1810.

Read the following letter from

Mr. N. H. Smith.

G. C. Osborne Esq^r

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo, and shall be glad to receive the Honourable the Governor in Council's Commands on the points submitted to his consideration in the 7th, 8th, and 10th Paragraphs of my dispatch of the 13th of last Month, at the same time I beg you will inform the Honourable the President in Council that the pernicious climate of Muscat oblige me to resign all further charge of the duties of that station. —

Bombay
1st May 1810.

I have &c.
(Signed) N. H. Smith

Ordered
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Ordered that Mr. N. H. Smith
be informed that his letter of the 13th April
has been referred for the decision of the
Supreme Government.

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
9th May 1840

In consequence of Mr. Smith's
relinquishment of the station of Consul,
the appointment of Messrs Babington &
Williams as assistants to the latter in the
political department at Bushire & Muscat
must of course be dissolved, and as Mr.
Bruce who has so long acted as assistant
to the Commercial Resident at Bushire
(from which he cannot be removed
without undue harshness or some fault
on his part) constitutes an Establishment
quite equal to all the purposes of the
existing or even the prospective views of
the Honble Company, as to any extent of
trade that can be carried on in the Gulf
on their account, it appears under these
circumstances necessary to revert to that
part

to
Babu

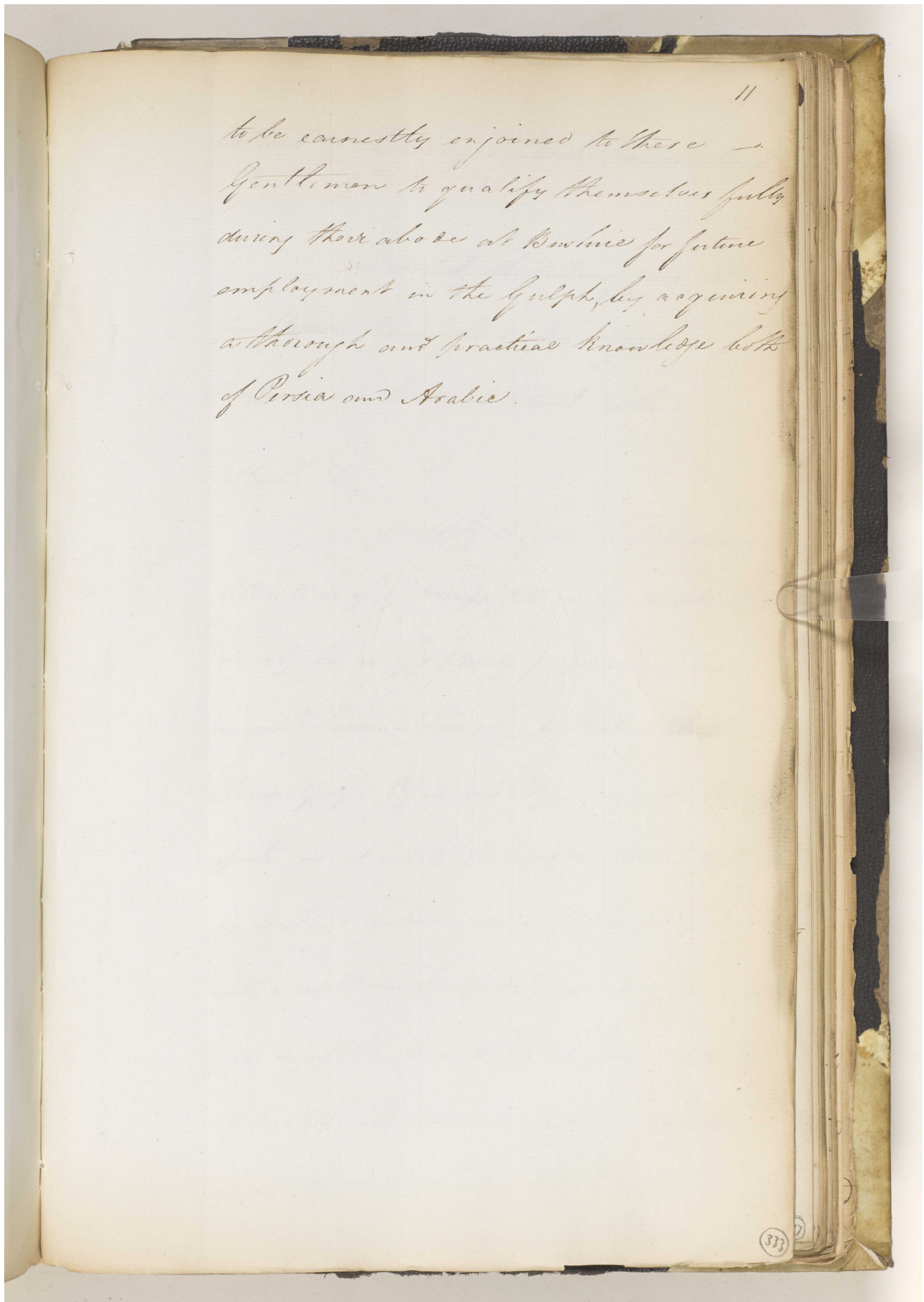
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part of the original Instructions to Capt
Moinwright and to Col. Smith, which
had for their object to provide a more
healthy station for the residence of the
person or persons who might be destined
to have the future superintendance
of the Company's Concerns at Muscat,
in which view those Officers are now
to be requested by the Secretary to report
the result of their enquiries & observations

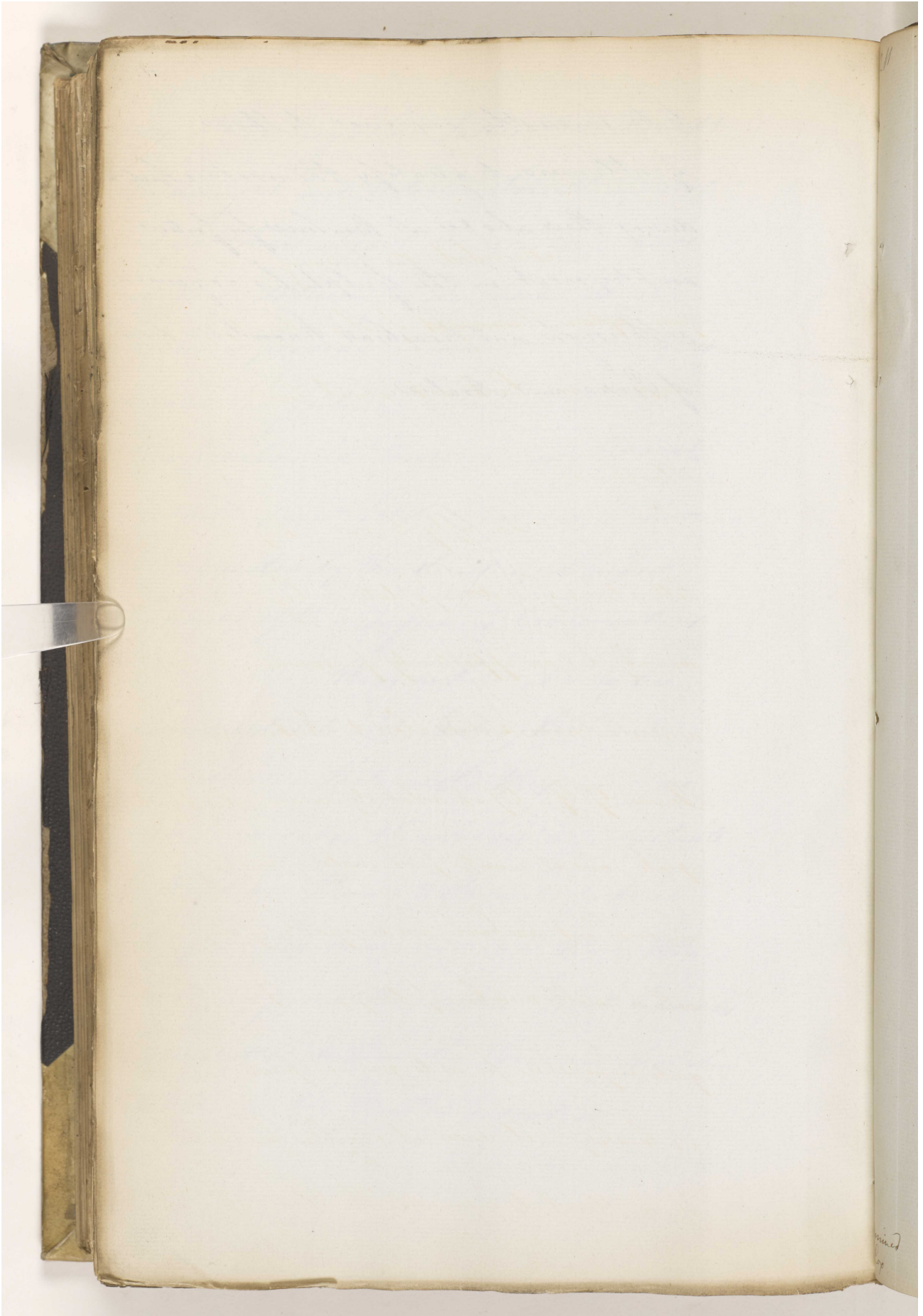
Meanwhile it may be
communicated to Mr. Babinpton and
Mr. Williams that altho' they were no
longer to consider themselves as Assistants
at Busnic from the end of April
last, yet they may remain there, & the
same perform the duties of that Residency
as committed to him by General Malcolm
Col. Bruce till further orders —

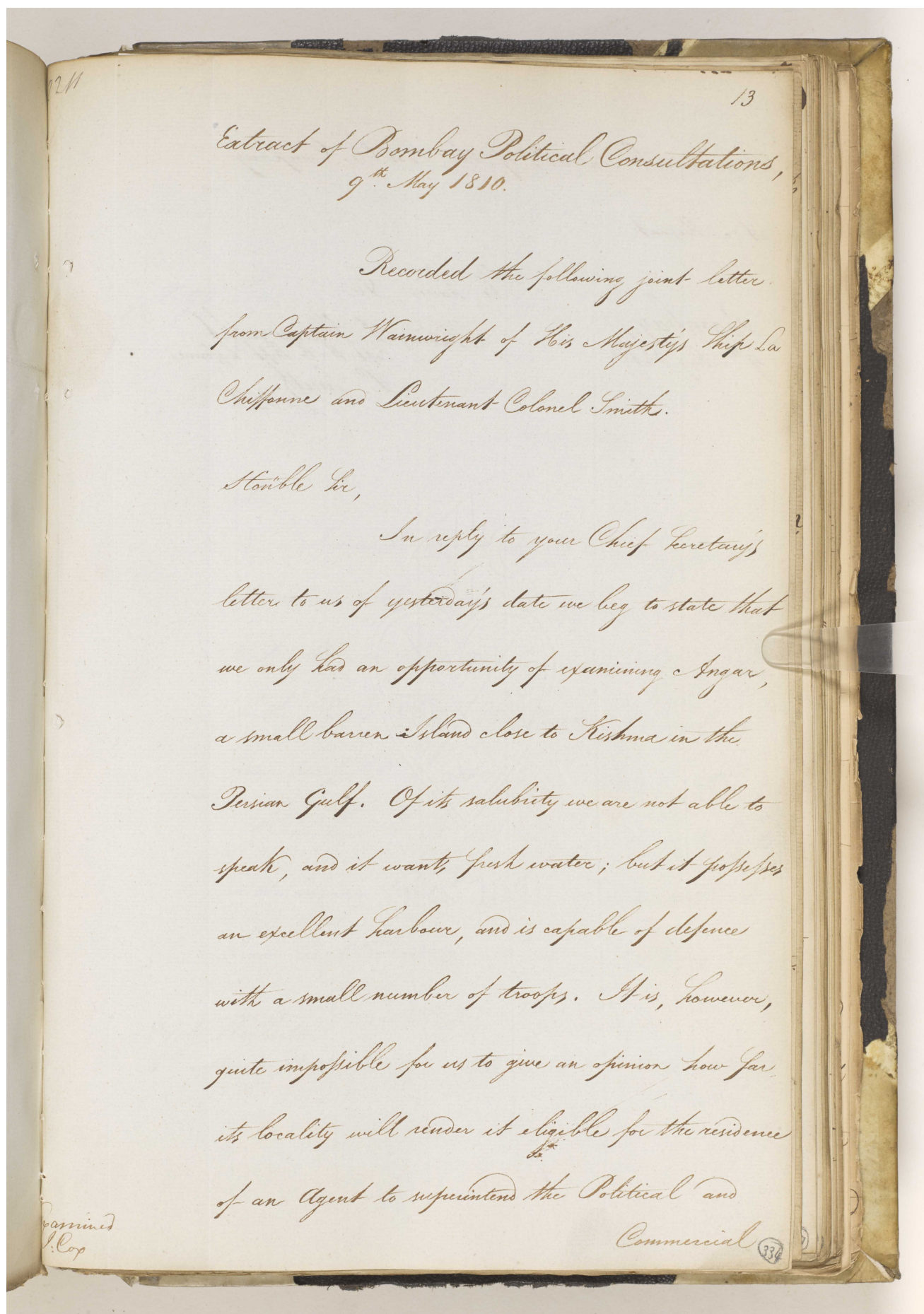
It is in the mean time

to



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Commercial Interests of the Honble Company
at Muscat.

Bombay,
9th May 1810.

We have, &c:

(Signed) J. Mainwright
Capt. R. M. High Chiffonne
L. Smith
Lt. Col.

