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‘Seizure of the country ship Sulimanny while navigating under a British pass and colours by HM’s sloop Favorite for carrying on an illegal traffic in slaves. Application received from the Pacha of Bagdad requesting a restitution of the vessel and property could not be complied with’

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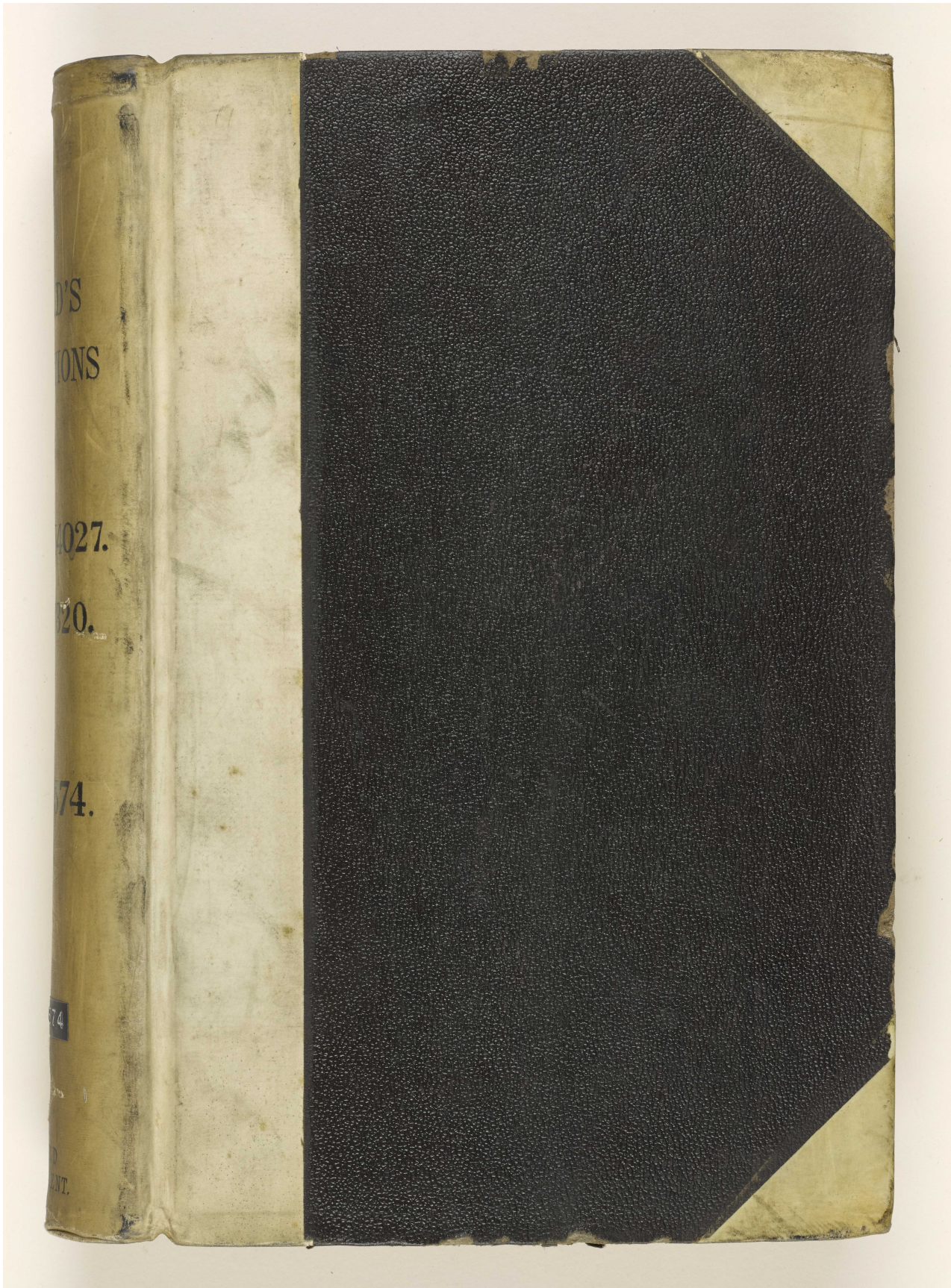
This item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence, minutes and consultations cited in, or enclosed with, letters to and from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai].

The item relates to the seizure of a ship, the *Sulimanny*, accused of involvement in the slave trade, and the request of the Pacha [Governor] of Bagdad [Baghdad] that the property on board the ship be returned to the merchants in Bussorah [Basra] to whom it belongs. The item also contains an extract relating to the preparations of the Imam of Muscat to lead a force against Bahrain.

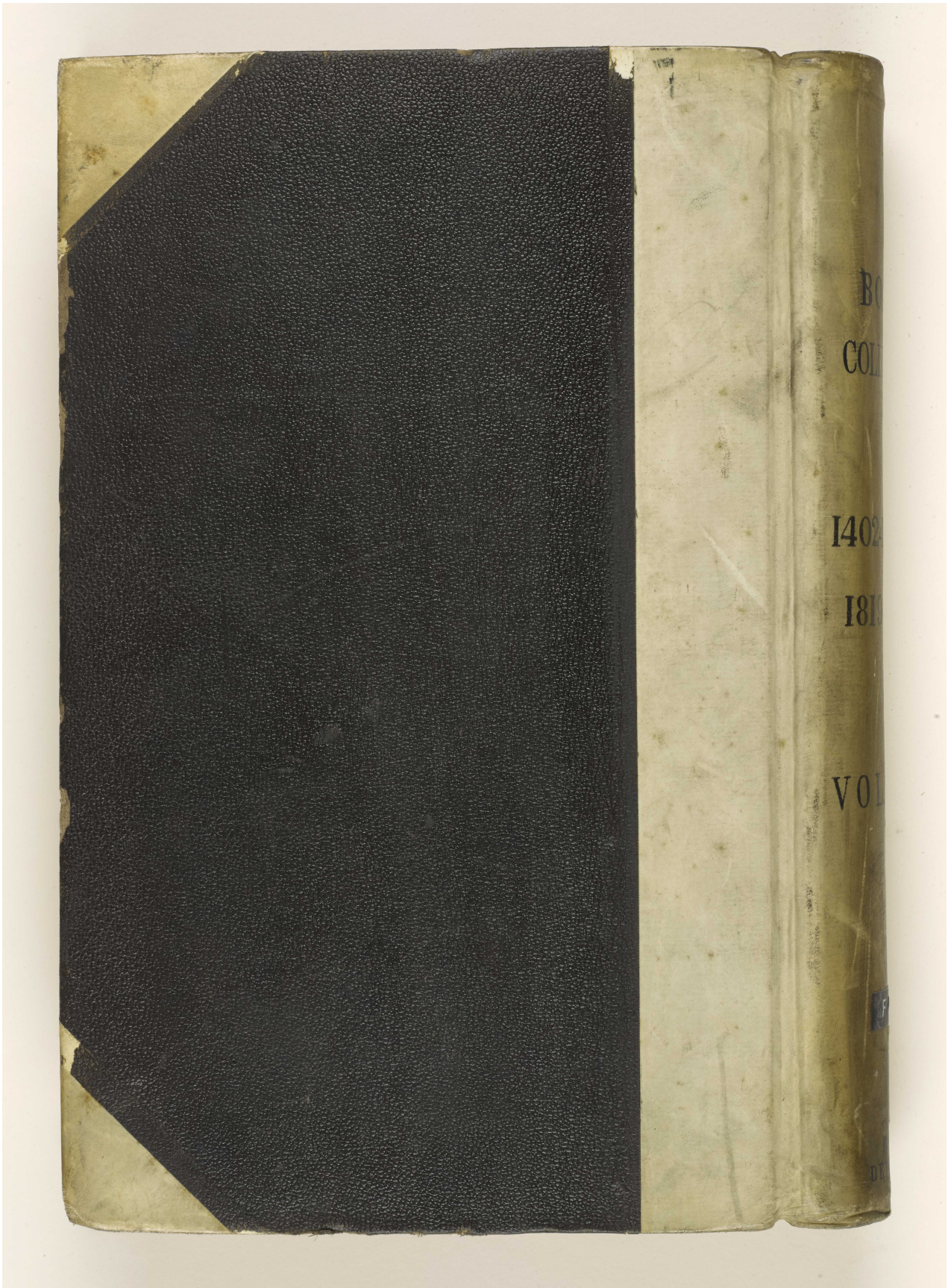
Correspondents include: William Bruce, Resident at Bushire; Claudius James Rich, Political Agent in Turkish Arabia; and the Pacha of Bagdad.

The title page (f 5) of the item contains the following references: ‘Political No. 4, 1819/20, Draft 100’ and ‘Examiner’s Office July 1818’.

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'Seizure of the country ship Sulimanny while navigating under a British pass and colours by HM's sloop Favorite for carrying on an illegal traffic in slaves. Application received from the Pacha of Bagdad requesting a restitution of the vessel and property could not be complied with' [spine] (3/32)



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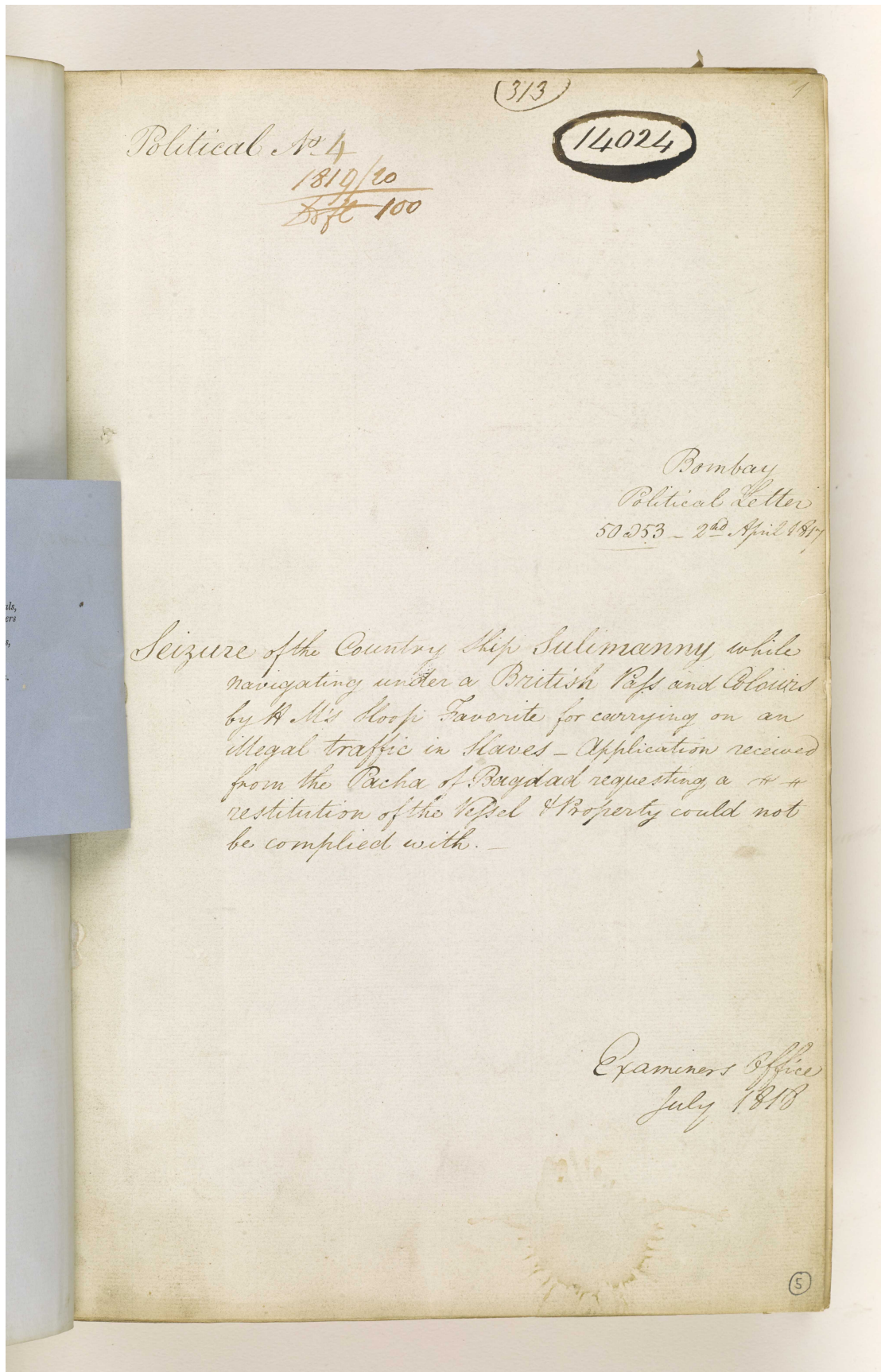
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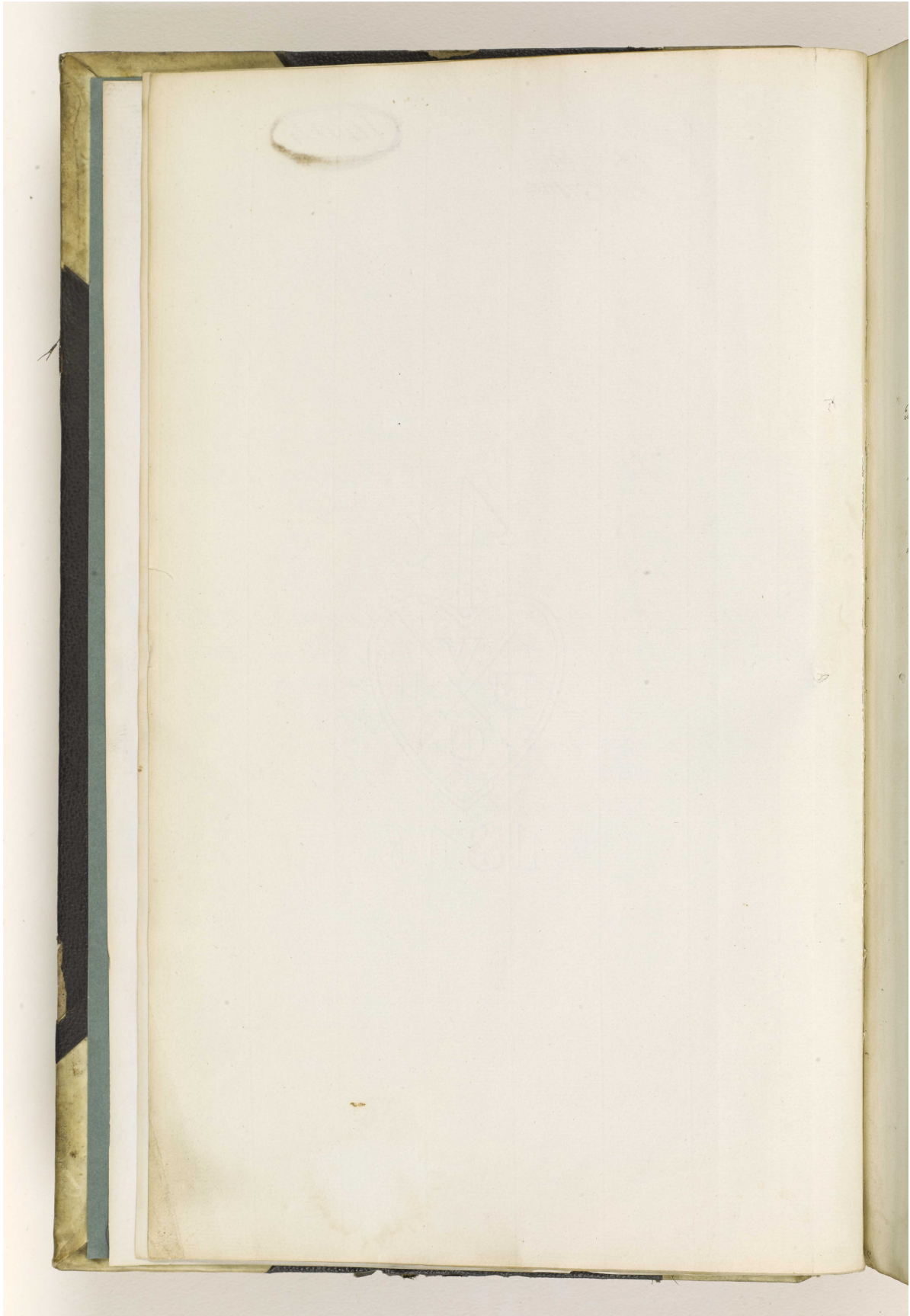
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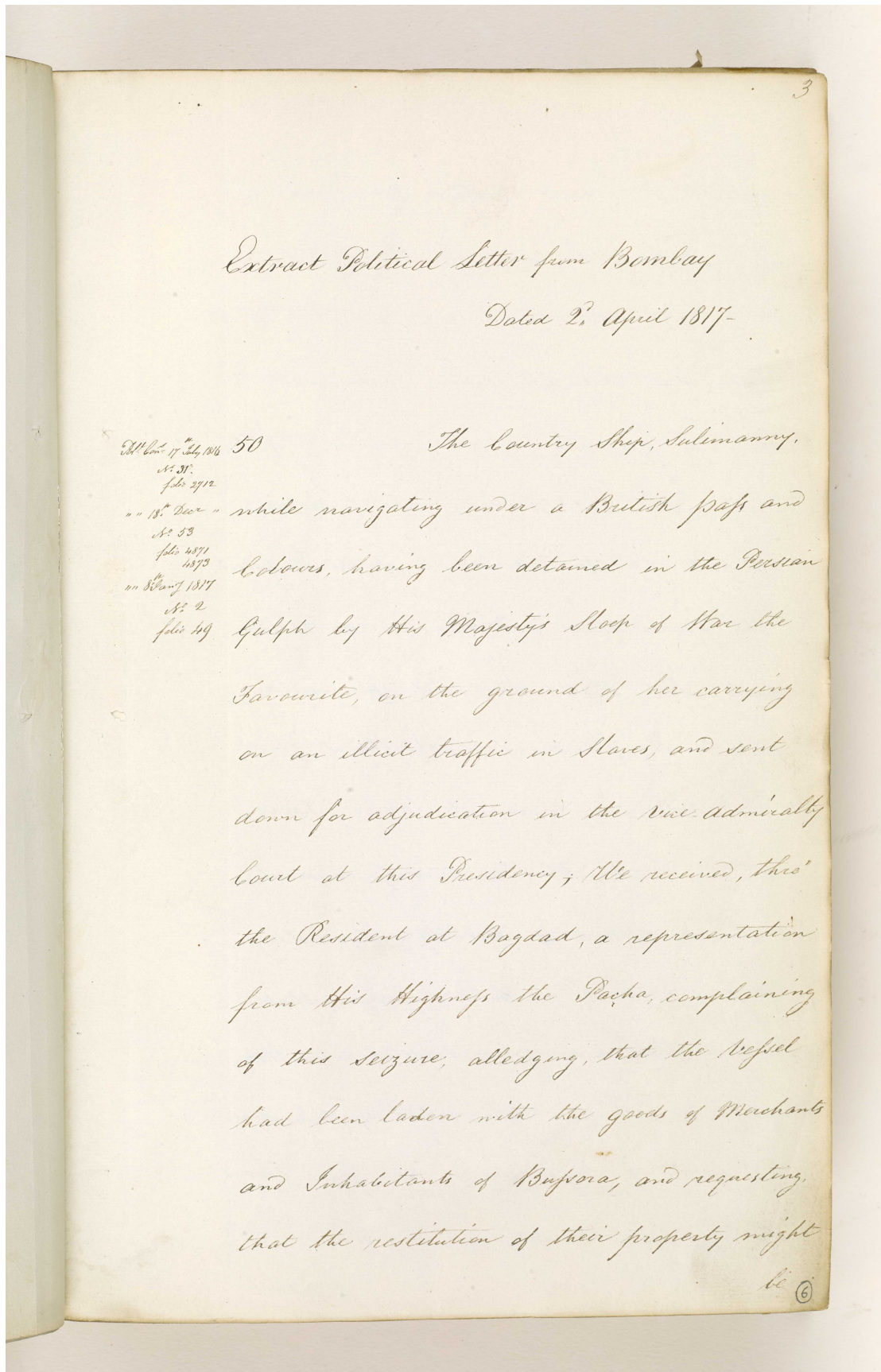
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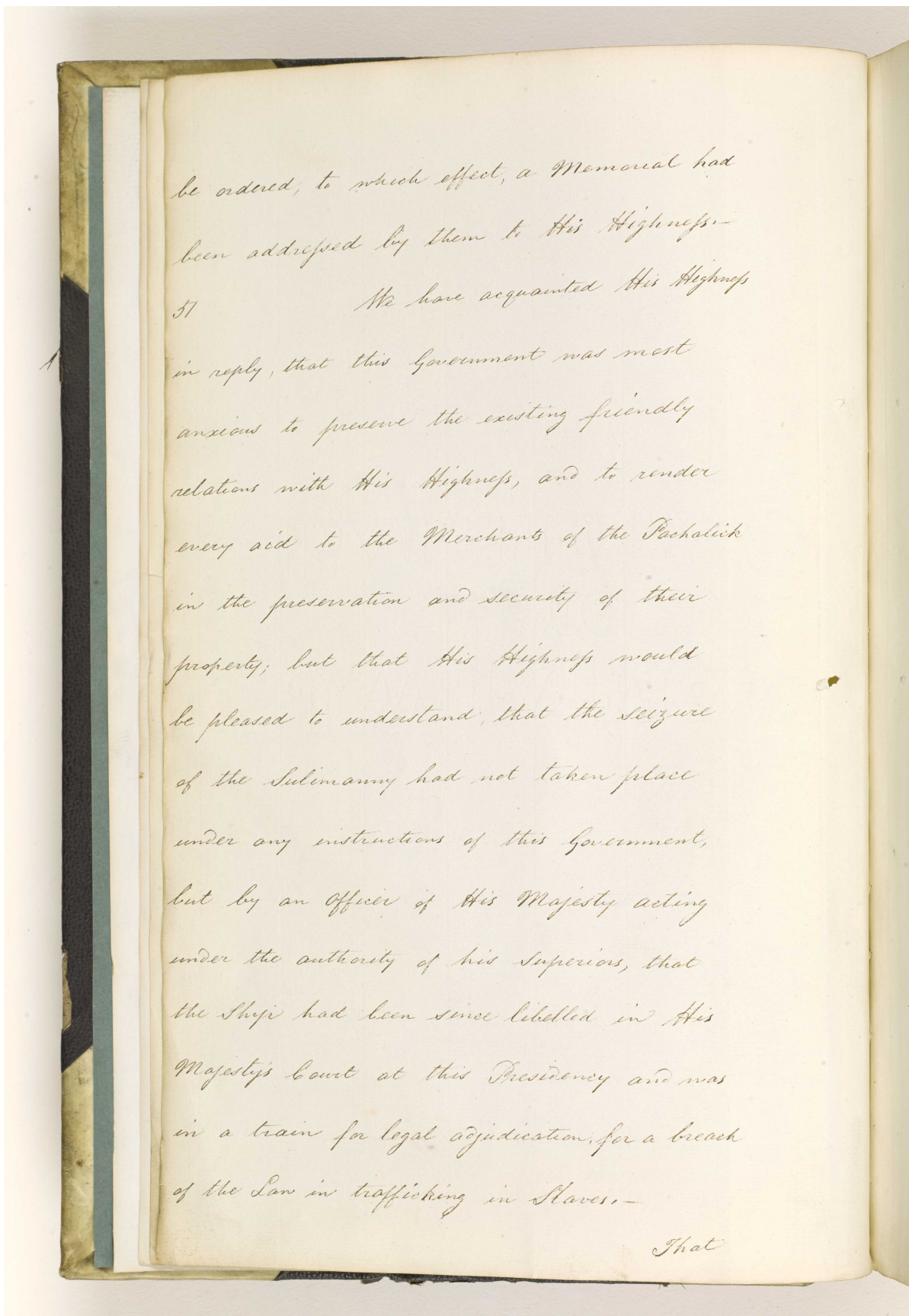
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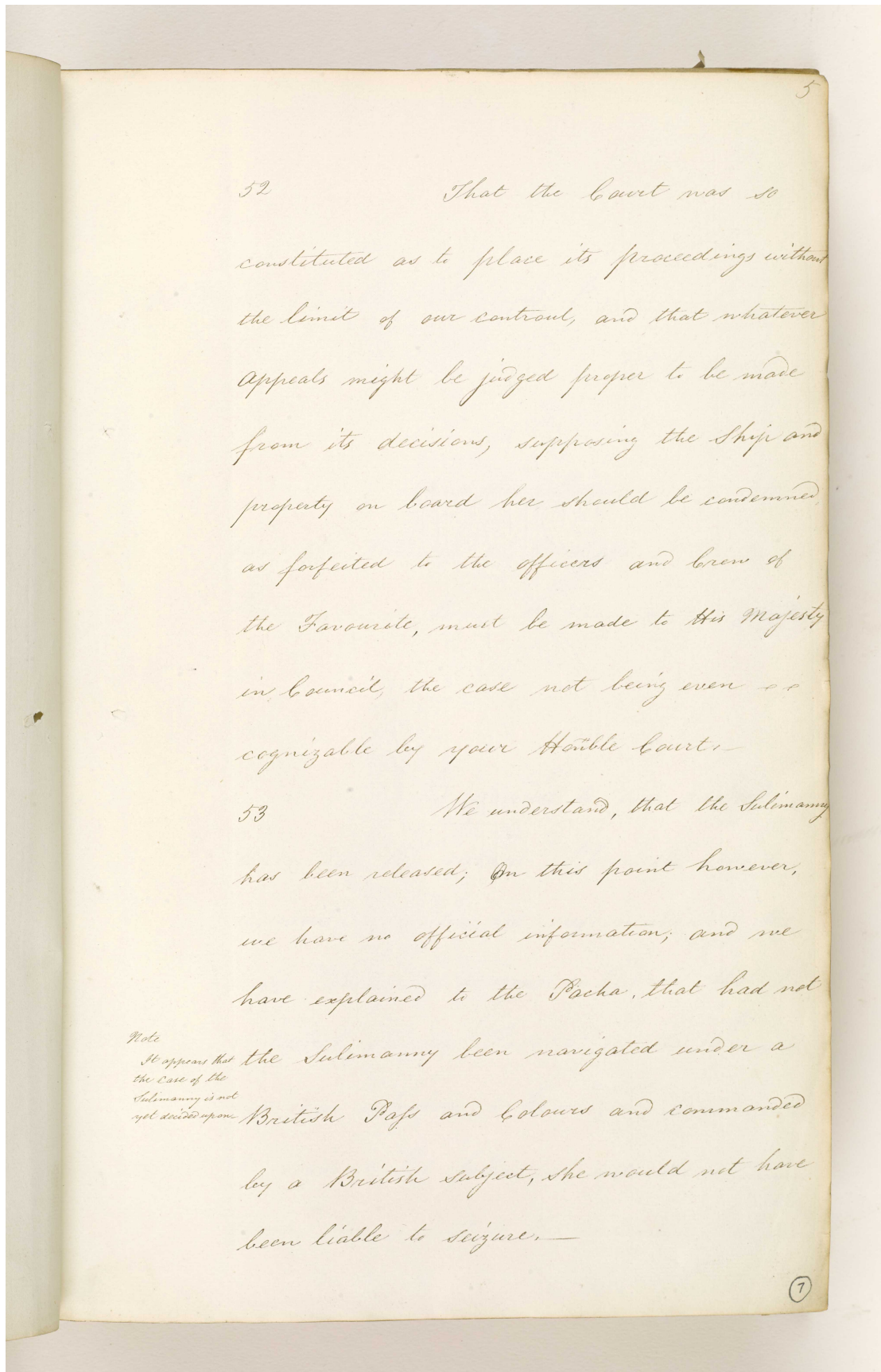
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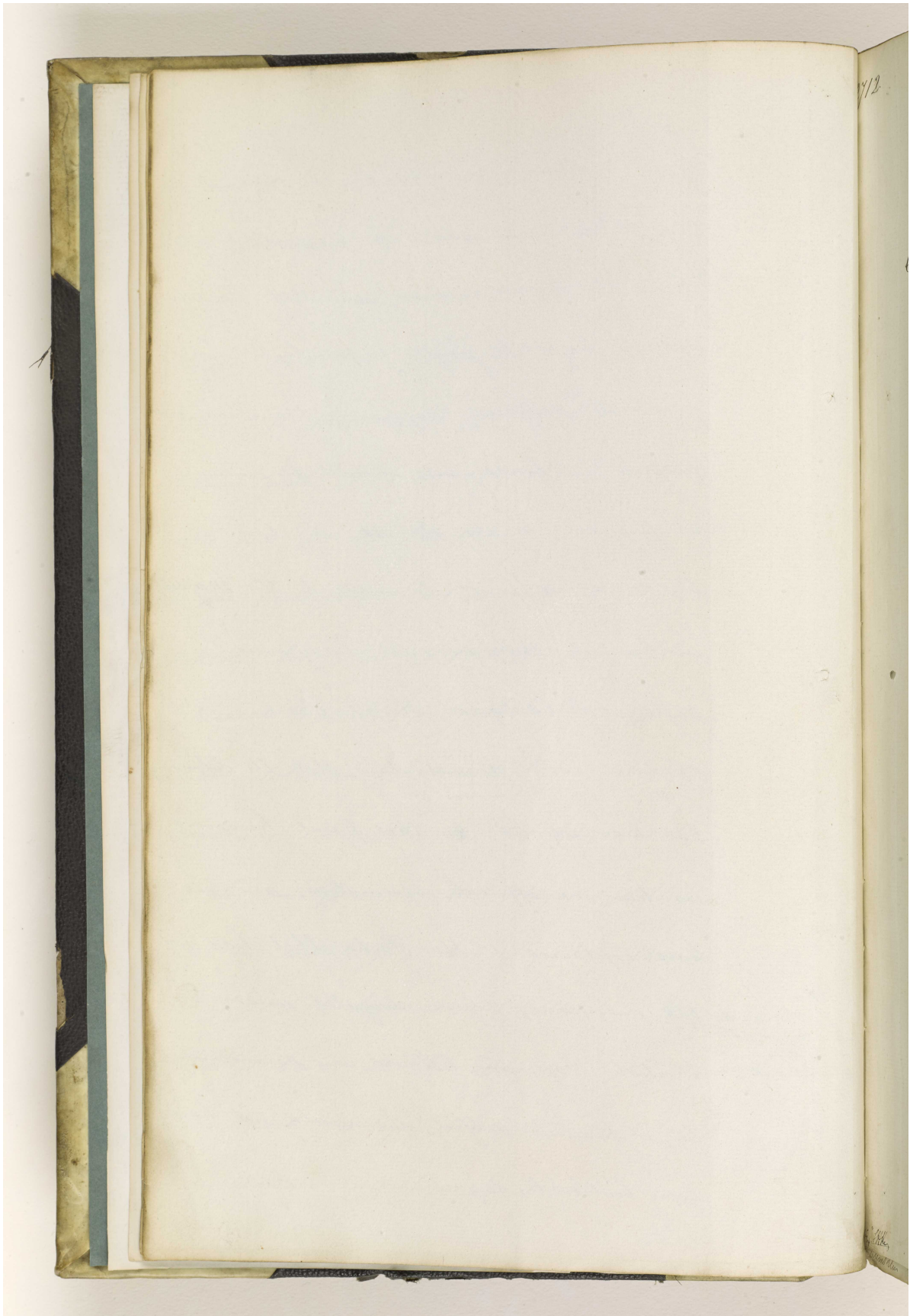
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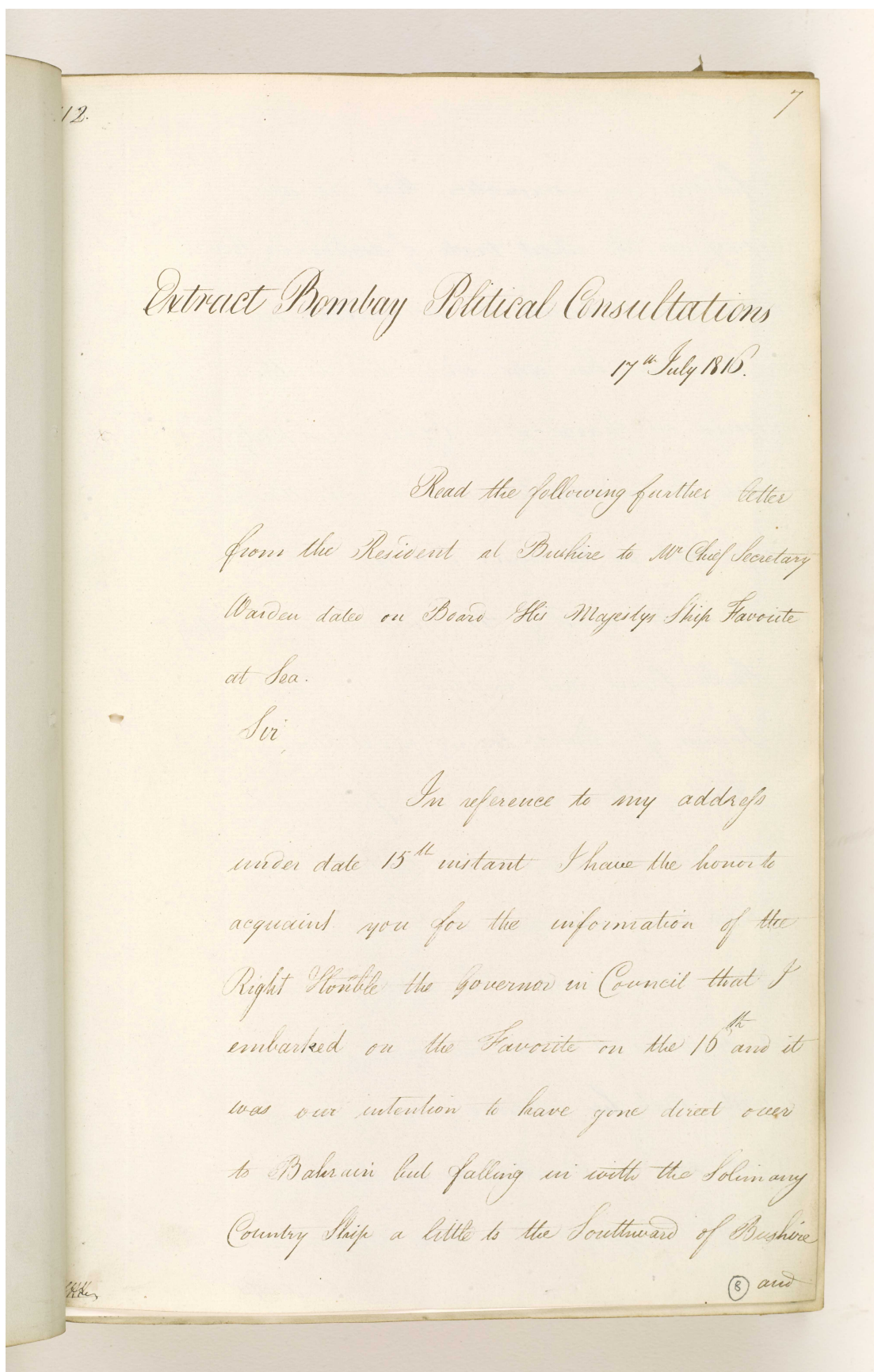
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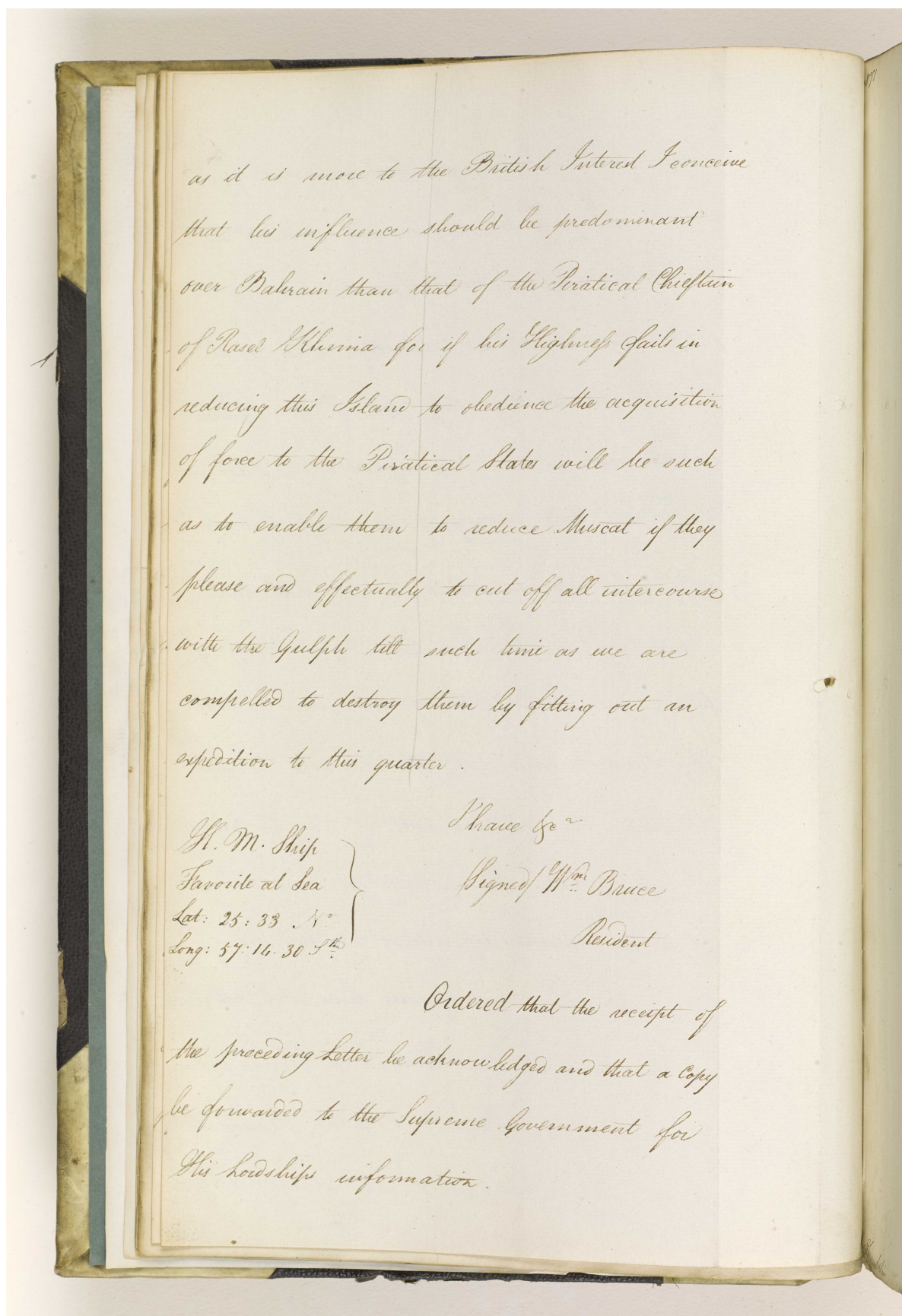
and finding on examination that she was carrying on the illicit trade of dealing in Slaves Captain Maude deemed it incumbent on him to detain her and return her to the Presidency in charge of an Officer and a party of Men for investigation and she will therefore be dispatched in the course of to day. I have therefore availed myself of this opportunity of acquainting the Honble Board that we passed His Highness the Imam of Muscat laying at Anchor under the Island of Khew on the 22nd his fleet consisted of Six Ships and several large Buzlats, three of which had joined him that morning full of Men from Carrack. His Highness sent a boat on board of us in the evening by which I learnt that he intended next morning to proceed over to Boothabrae on the Arabian side of the Gulph and there embark some
Troops

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Inclined
 Troops from the Hills of Beni Yaf and Arab
 Arabs and from thence proceed to Bahain and
 commence an attack on the Island - his force is
 fully adequate to the reduction of it if all
 his adherents do their duty but of this I have
 doubts and indeed my information leads me
 to believe that many of the Chiefs that are
 with him are in Secret Articles with the
 Beniattala Arabs - I took an opportunity of
 letting his Highness know that I was on board
 the Favorite and that it was our intention
 to visit the Arabian side of the Gulf at
 the same time I recommended him not to
 place too much dependence on the aid of
 the Arabs that would join him at Boothabara
 as they had deceived him on a former occasion
 against Nasel Ghina - I deemed it advisable
 to give him this caution and awake his fears
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as it is more to the British Interest I conceive
that his influence should be predominant
over Bahrain than that of the Piratical Chieftain
of Rasel Khurma for if his Highness fails in
reducing this Island to obedience the acquisition
of force to the Piratical States will be such
as to enable them to reduce Muscat if they
please and effectually to cut off all intercourse
with the Gulph till such time as we are
compelled to destroy them by fitting out an
expedition to this quarter.

H. M. Ship
Favorite at Sea
Lat: 25. 33 N.
Long: 57. 16. 30 E.

I have be
Signed/ W^m Bruce
Resident

Ordered that the receipt of
the preceding letter be acknowledged and that a copy
be forwarded to the Supreme Government for
His Lordships information.

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

18th December 1816-

Read the following letter from
the Agent in Turkish Arabia, dated the
12th September last.

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
a letter from His Highness the Pacha
addressed to you on the subject of the
late capture of the Sulimanny by His
Majesty's Ship Favorite - It appears
that the Merchants of Basorah, subjects
of the Ottoman Porte, had property to a
considerable amount on board that vessel,
and that they have addressed a Memorial
to His Highness the Pacha praying that
steps

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steps may be taken with the British Government to procure the restitution of their Goods which were on board the vessel Sulimany, by the confiscation of which they would be great sufferers, though perfectly innocent of the offence for which she was seized - The Dewan Effendisî waited on me with a message to this effect from His Highness requesting that I would forward his reclamation by the earliest opportunity, and accompany it by such a representation on my part as I might deem most likely to satisfy Government and procure his request to be complied with. I answered that not having had any authentic information of the seizure of the Sulimany I was not prepared officially to reply to His Highness's representations, but

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but that I had personally no doubt but that the British Government would duly consider the terms of friendship and alliance which existed between Great Britain and the Sublime Porte, and its particular connection with the Pashalik of Bagdad, and afford His Highness's letter the most liberal consideration that the nature of the case could possibly admit of.—

I have Yca

Bagdad }
12th Sept^r 1816 }

(Signed) Claudius J^r Rich

Read the following letter from His Highness the Pacha of Bagdad without date.—

A. C.

As a frequency of correspondence not only gives animation to a friendly and intimate connection, but is also the best

means
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means of giving effect to those concerns, which
are connected with a close and cordial alliance,
I feel at all times an inclination to take
advantage of any means which may be
afforded me of maintaining such an intercourse
and a solicitude to promote to the utmost
the benefits of such a communication; since
therefore accounts have reached this from
Bussora; that Captain Maude of the Favorite
an English Ship of War, and who was on
board the said vessel on her way from
Bombay to this quarter, having on his passage
fallen in with a ship called the Sulimanny
which was laden with the goods of numerous
respectable Merchants and inhabitants of Bussora
had seized and carried her with him to Muscat,
whence he despatched her to Bombay with
all her Cargo on Board, which was entirely
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the property of Merchants and Subjects of this Country, and however extraordinary it may appear that the said Captain, aware as he must be of the amicable, cordial and unsullied disposition of the Ottoman Porte towards the British Nation, as well as of my friendly regard and esteem for the British authorities in India, and especially yourself, should seize upon the property of Merchants and Inhabitants of Bussora, who are both subjects of the Sublime Porte, as well as connected with and dependent upon this Government and dispatch the same to Bombay, yet as it has been explicitly and distinctly asserted in writing that such an act has been committed, and that he has taken possession of the property of the parties, ample instructions have

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have been forwarded to Basora, directing
the Owners of the property to appoint
their Agents respectively, and to dispatch
them to you for the purpose of recovering
and returning with it, and I have
accordingly considered it my duty to
trouble you with this friendly communication,
and beg to assure you in the same
amicable spirit, that the property on
board the Ship in question belonged to
Merchants in this Country who are connected
with and subject to my authority. I trust
therefore that in consideration to the existing
friendly and cordial relations, and to the
course of Policy of the two Countries
as well as in attention to the friendly
and intimate correspondence subsisting
between us; you will not acquiesce in
any

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any loss or injury to the parties, no less
inconsistent with the the harmony
between the two states, than repugnant
to the close connection existing between us;
also that you will restore the whole of
the said property to their respective Agents
that by your salutary proceedings and
prudent policy you may give satisfaction
to the Great Officers of the two Countries,
and that you will prohibit all British
Commanders from resorting to similar measures.

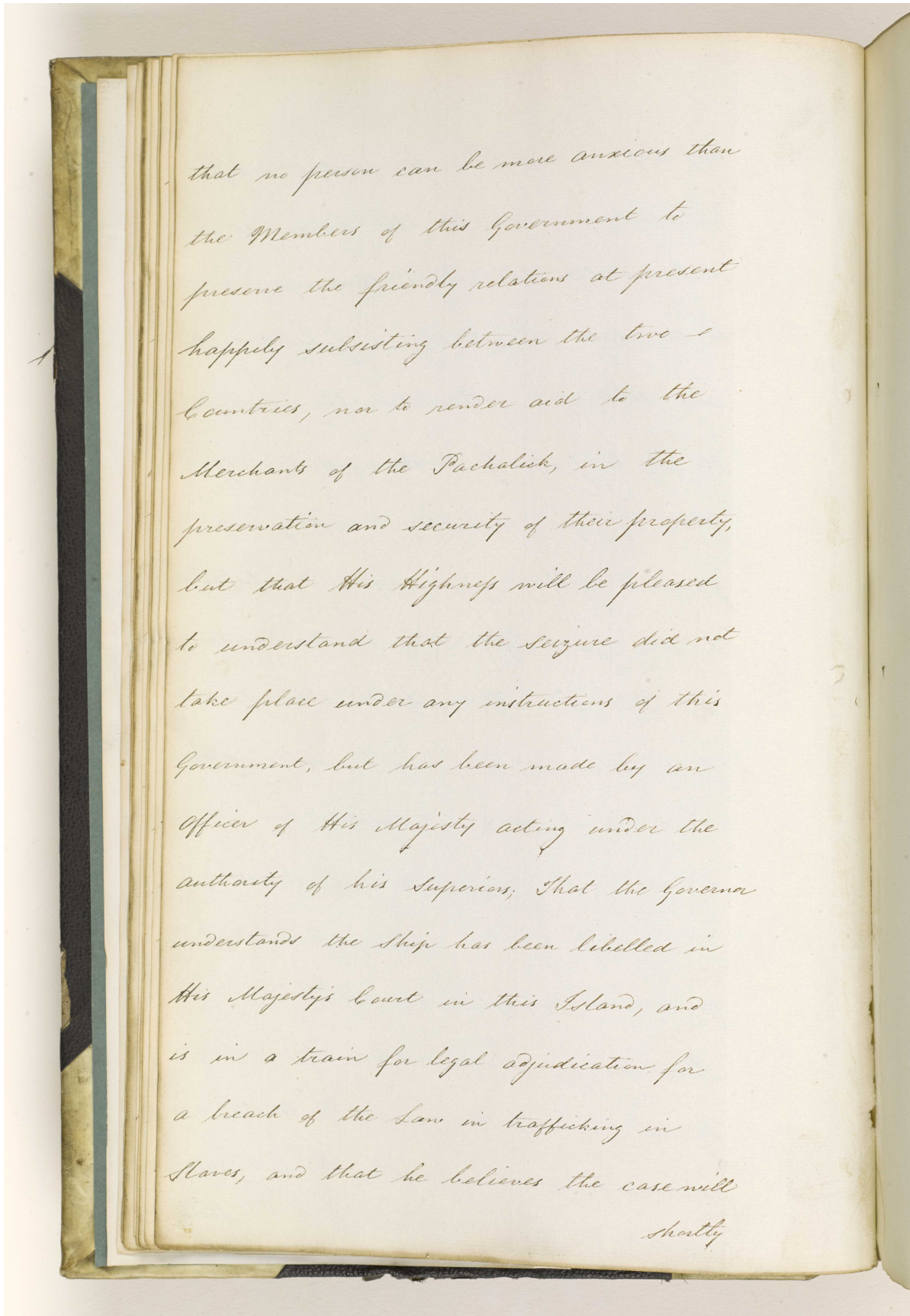
(A true translation)

(Signed) R. T. Goodwin
Secretary & Translator Geo

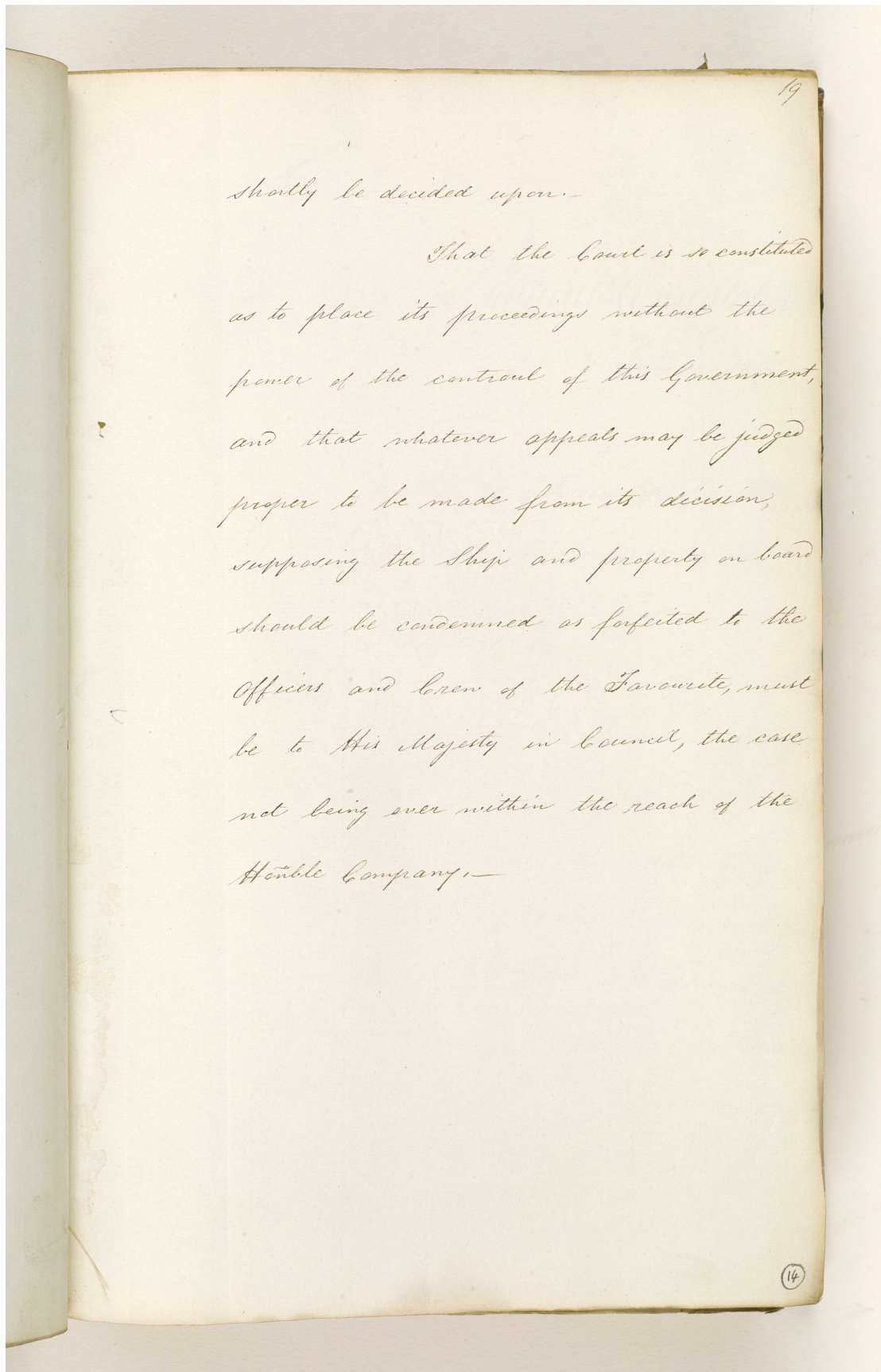
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16th Dec } Ordered that the Secretary and
Translator in the Office of Country correspondence
be directed to prepare a reply to the
preceding letter, acquainting His Excellency
that

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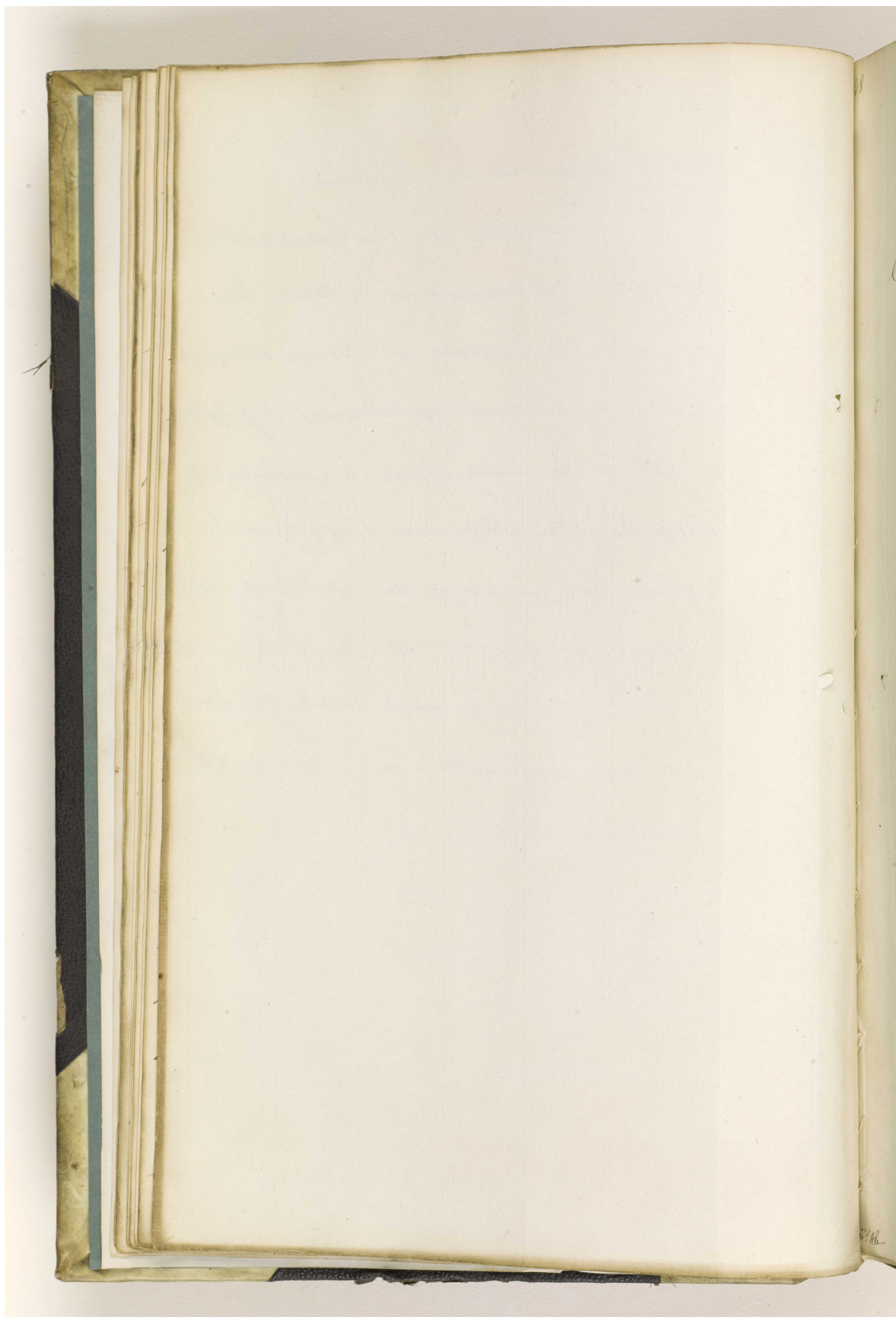
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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

8th January 1817.

Recorded the following Copy of a letter
from the Right Honble the Governor to the
Pasha of Bagdad dated 2nd Instant.

A.C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving
your Highness' letter regarding the Ship Sooleman
sometime since detained by the Captain of
His Majesty's Ship Favorite in consequence of
her having on board while navigating under the
protection of a British Pass and Colours and Commanded
by a British subject a number of Slaves for
the purpose of Sale in contravention of an
act of the British Legislature for the abolition

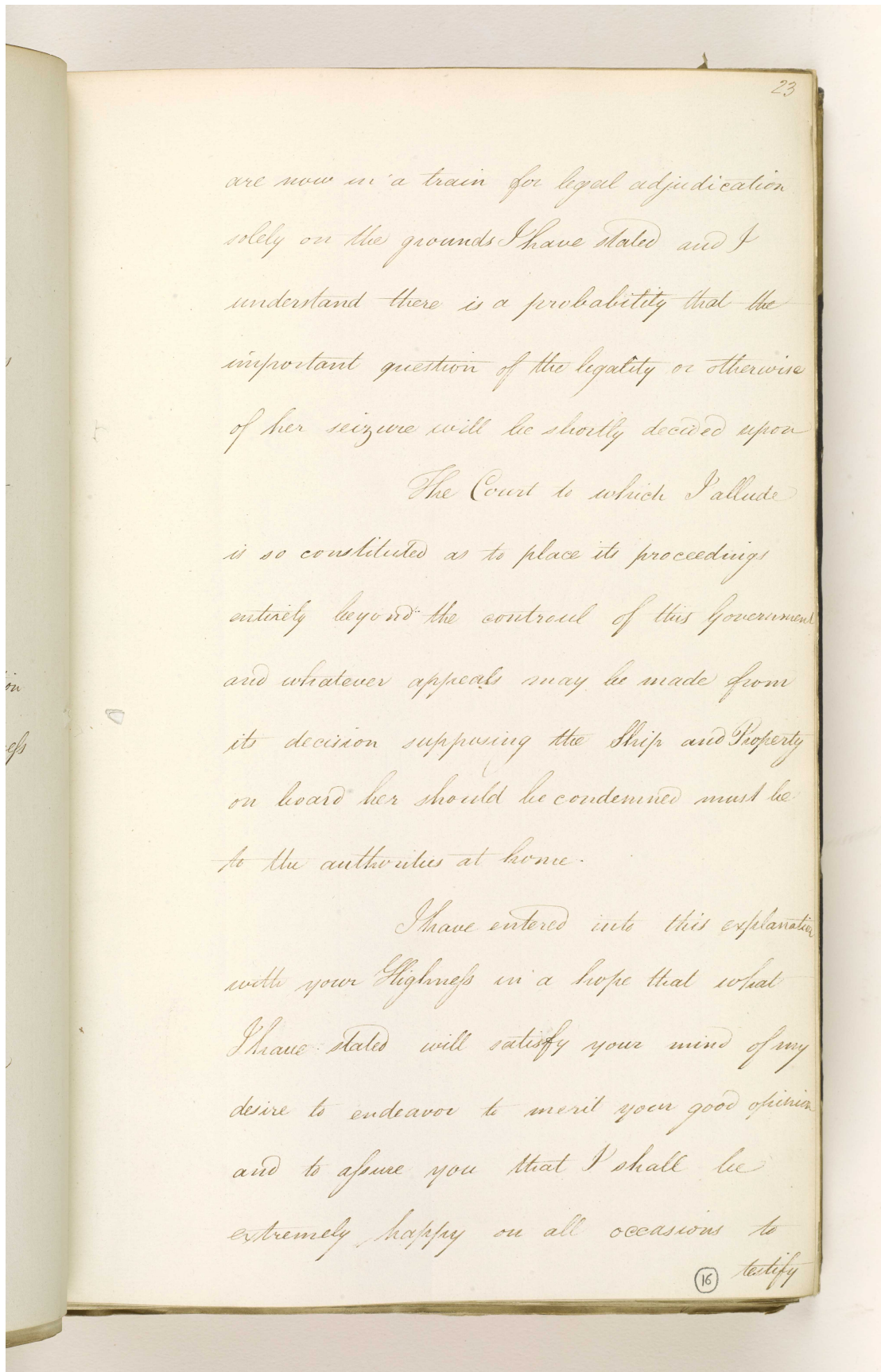
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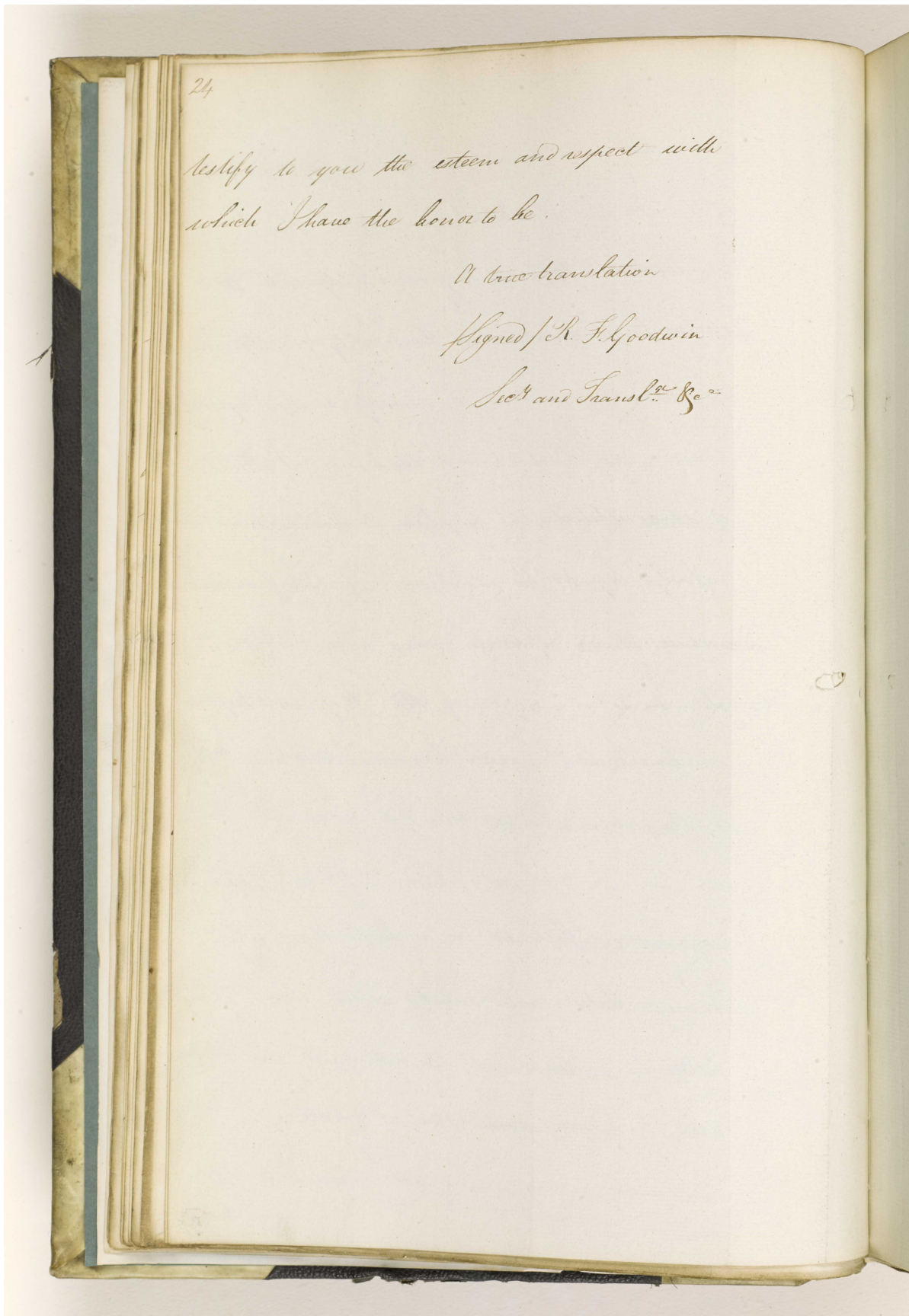
of that traffic.

I persuade myself that you will do me the justice to believe that no persons can be more anxious than the Members of this Government to preserve the friendly relations which at present so happily subsist between the two Countries nor to pay attention to your Highness's wishes by rendering aid to the Merchants of the Pechalick in the preservation and security of their property but your Highness will be pleased to understand that the seizure of the Sulimanny has not taken place under any Instructions from this Government but has been made by an Officer of His Majesty acting under the authority of his superior at whose instance the Ship has been libelled in His Majesty's Court of Vice Admiralty on this Island the proceedings instituted against her are

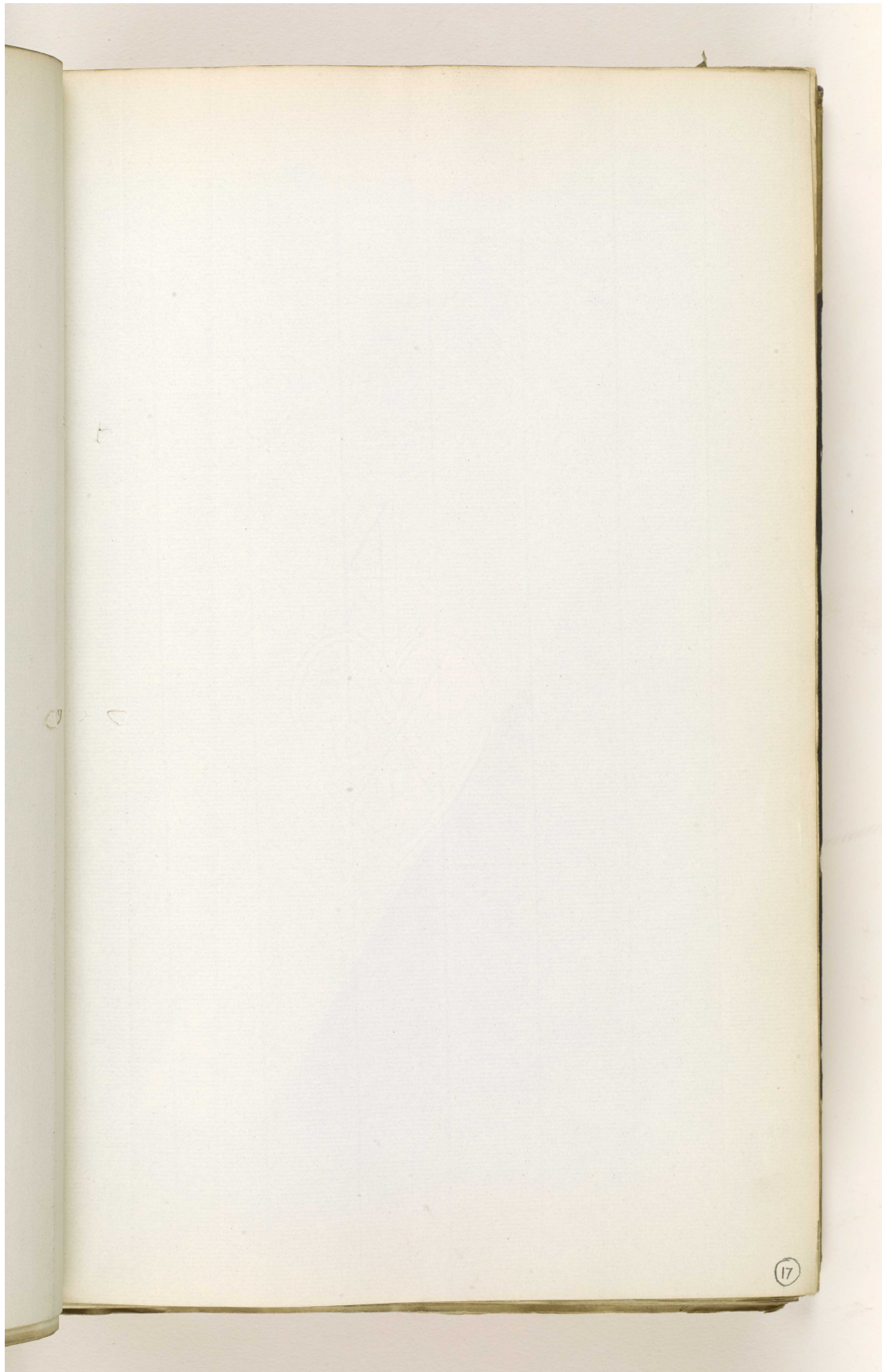
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