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'Delay in the conveyance of certain intelligence from Bussorah to Bombay.'

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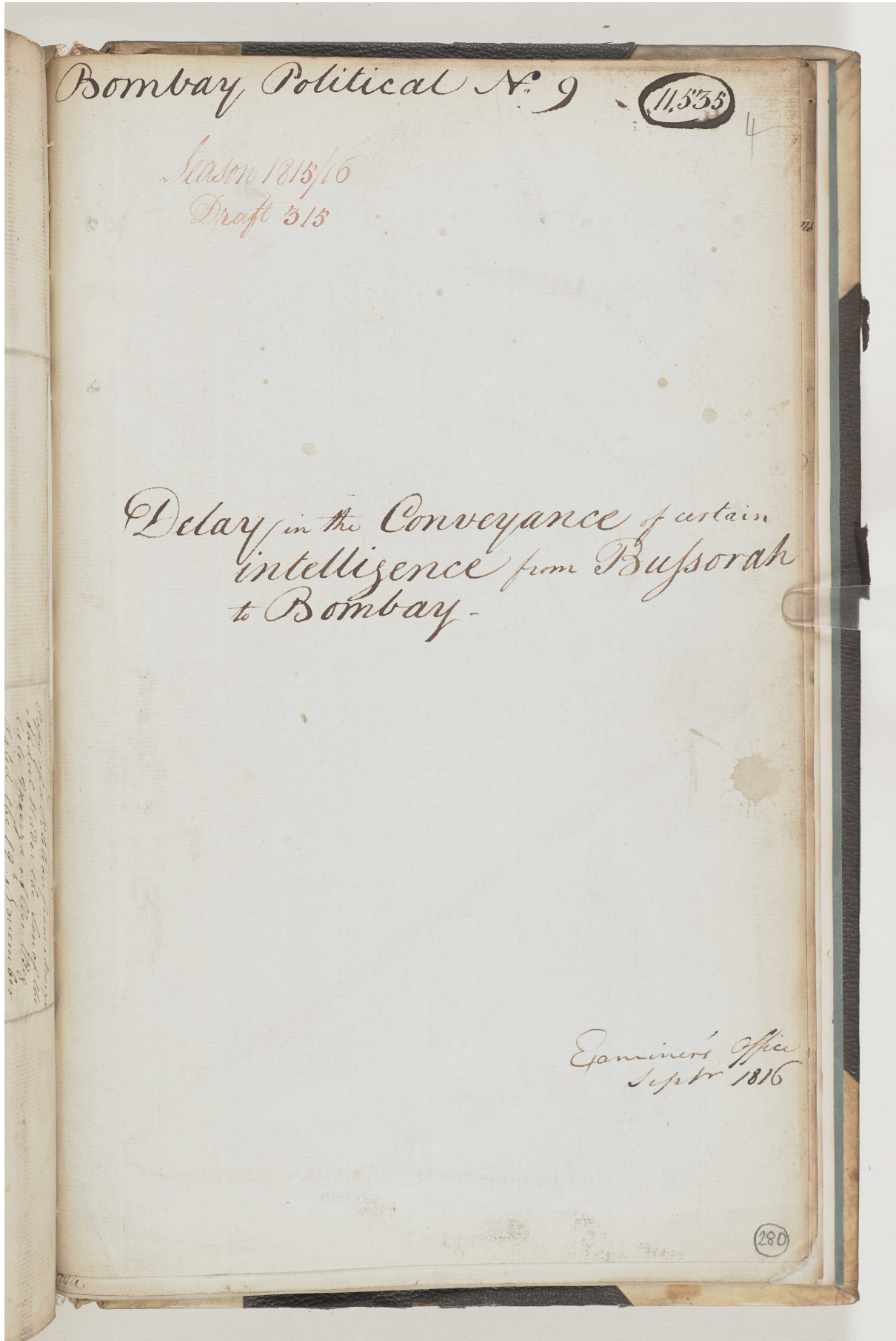
This item consists of copies of correspondence, minutes and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai]. It concerns the transmission of news about the defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo from Bussora [Basra] to Bombay. The primary subjects are:

- The difficulties experienced by Johanness Tergasper [Hovhannes Ter Gaspar], the Native Broker at Bussora, in finding a ship willing to leave immediately to convey to Bombay the packets containing the news of Napoleon's defeat
- The consideration by Henry Meriton, Superintendent of Marine, of the claim by Captain Williams of the *Durable* for remuneration for losses due to freight foregone as a result of having agreed to convey the packets containing the news of Napoleon's defeat to Bombay.

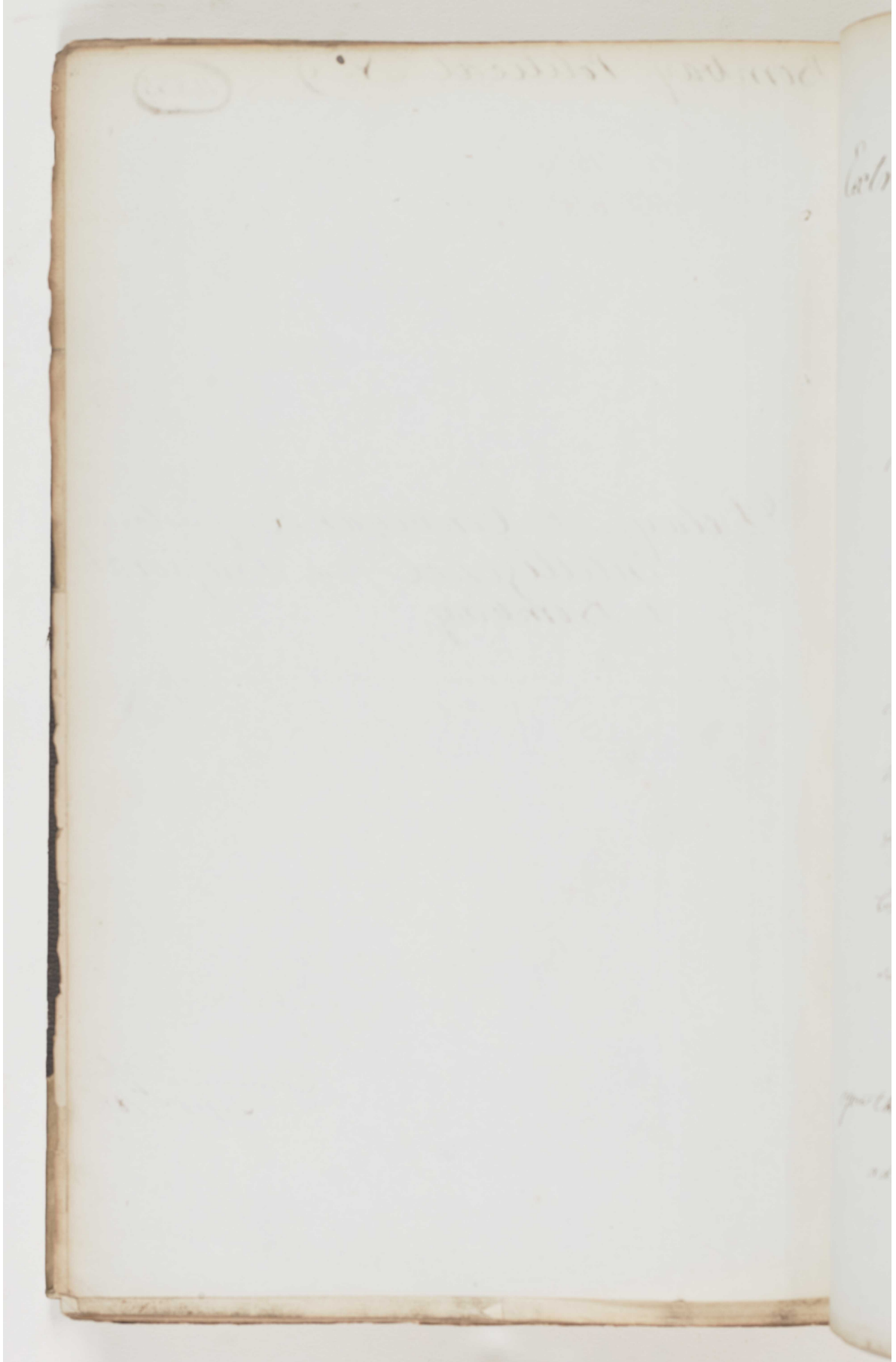
The primary correspondents are: Johanness Tergasper; Henry Meriton; and Captain Williams.

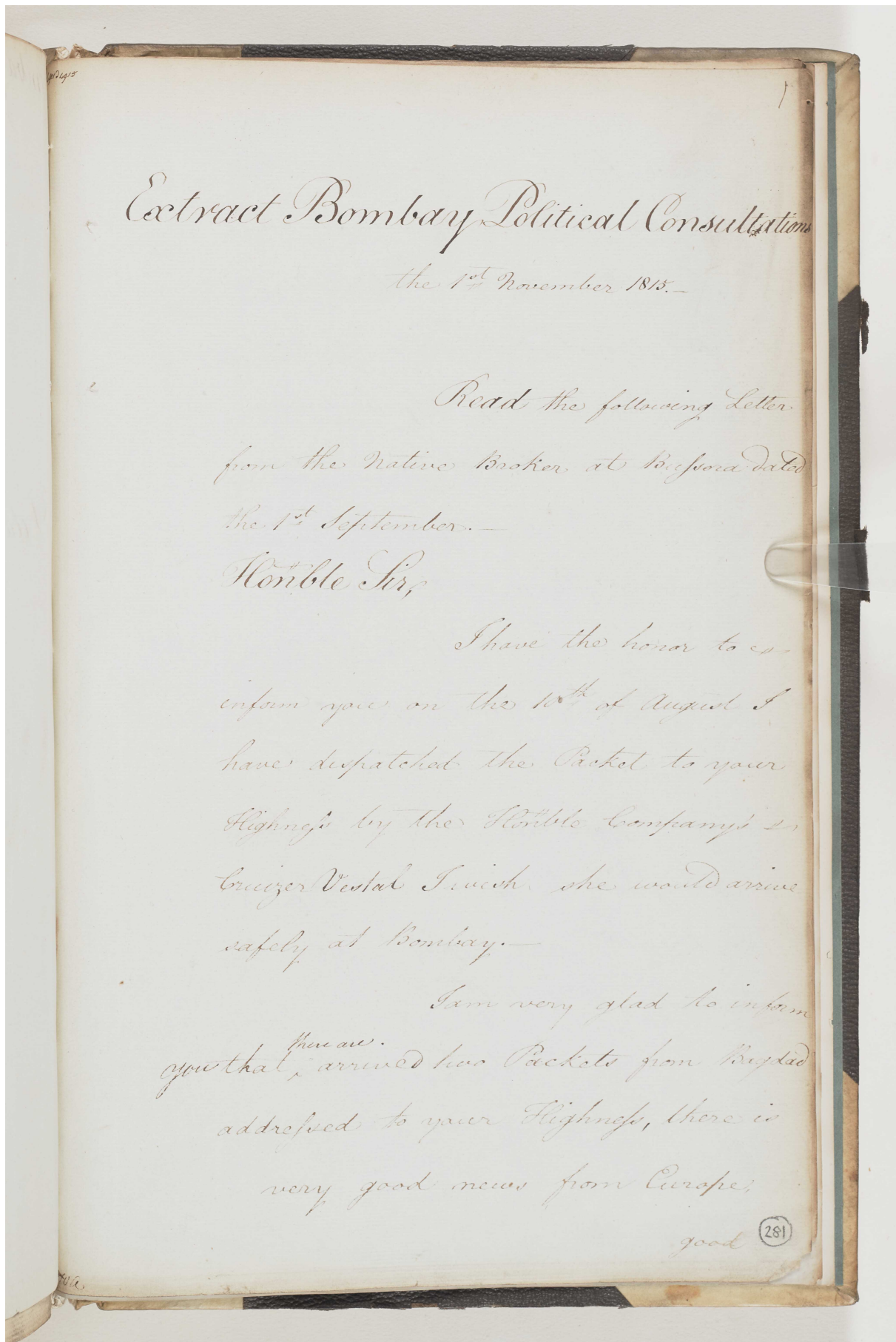
The title page (f 280) of the item contains the following references: 'Bombay Political No. 9, Season 1815/16, Draft 3/5'; and 'Examiner's Office, September 1816'.

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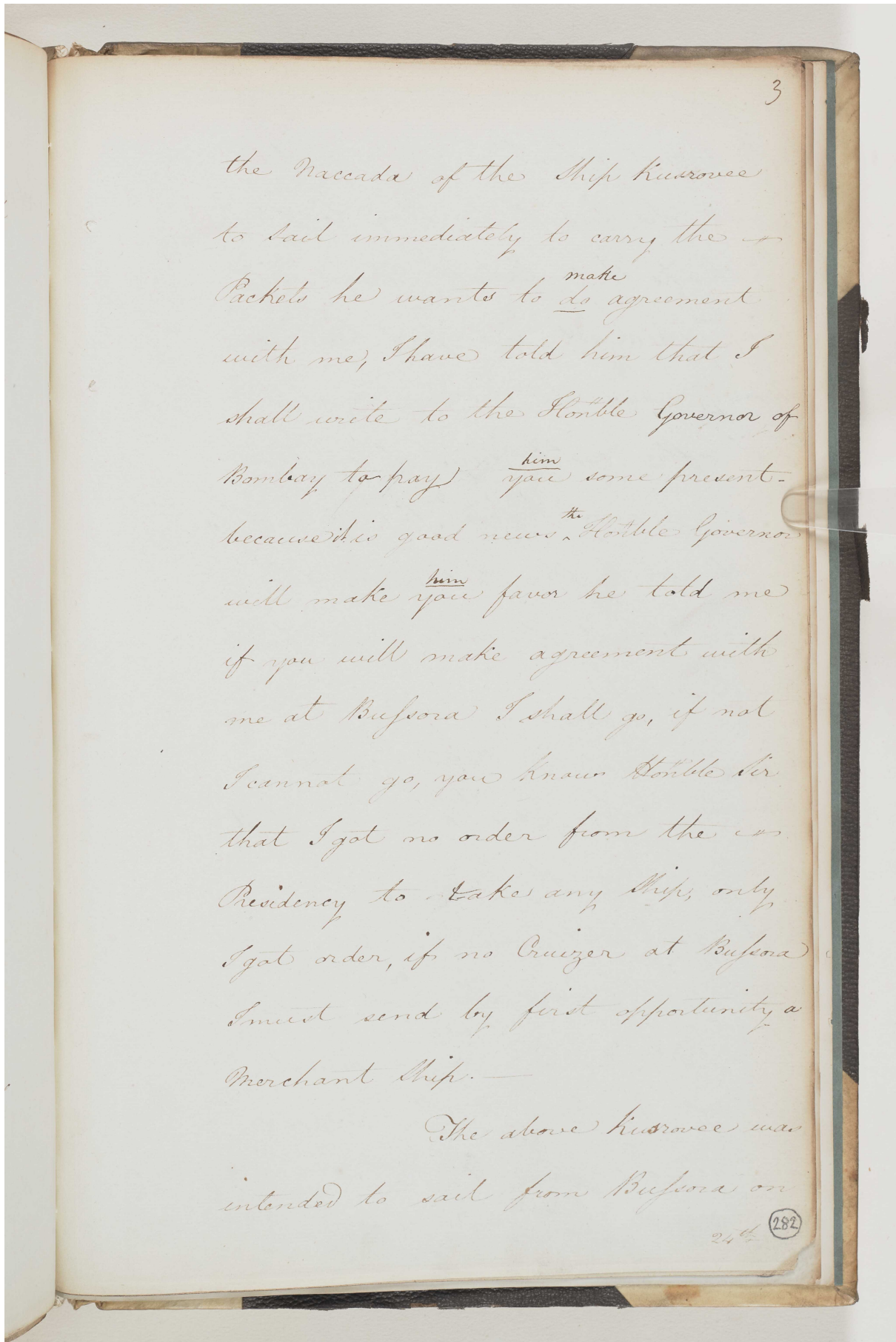


good news for us and misfortune to
Napoleon Bonaparte. The news I received
from John Hine Esq^r in the letter
dated 15th August, intelligence of Lord
Wellington having completely beaten
Bonaparte near Busfuds and taken
the whole of his Artillery consisting of
three hundred Pieces of Cannon.

In the Letter of 22nd
August which I received 29th of
August, mentioned intelligence that
Paris had capitulated to the English
and Prussian Armies and that
Louis the 18th was preparing to enter
that City on the 6th July.

That time which I
received the Packets from Bagdad
the meantime I have spoke with
the

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24th August when ^{she} saw the Packets
arrive, she began to stay long time.
he thinks that I shall make with
him ^{an} agreement and pay him some
Money; now the Quivree means to
sail after eight days if any
Cruizer arrives before ^{the} Quivree sails
I shall send the Packets by the
Cruizer, if not I must send by
the Quivree.—

Honorable Sir, ~~the~~
^{when the} Quivree ~~she~~ ^{shall} will arrive at
Bombay I request your Highness
that you will punish the
Maccoda because she ^{has} got English Gun
and ^{an} English Captain ^{who} knows very
well if he brought the Packet
he will get present from your
Highness

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Highness if he ^{has} got the English Flag and
is an English Captain how can ^{he} stop the Horse &
Company's business. Now in this day
the Ship Ahmed that was going to sail
at Muscat, these few lines I have
written to your Highness and this
letter I ~~send~~ send to Banian Golab
Golab at Muscat and desire him
if there is any Boat coming up
to Bombay to send immediately. I
think this letter will arrive at
Bombay very soon. —

Wishing you long life
great prosperity and happiness. —

I have &c

Bussorah the } (signed) Johannefs Tergaspor
1st Sept 1815. }

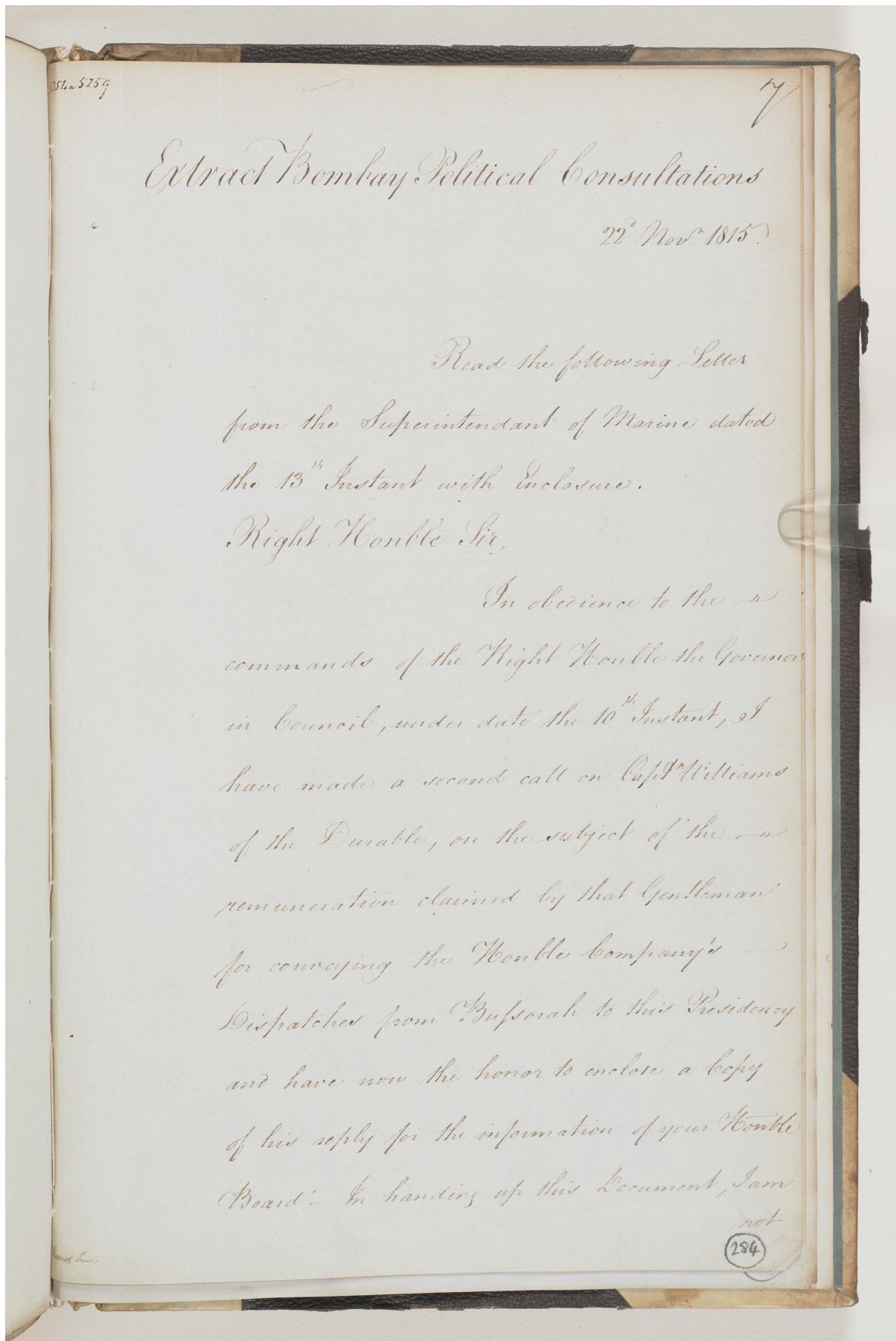
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of the 2nd & 3rd Paragraphs of the
preceding letter be communicated to
the Governments at Bengal, Madras,
Ceylon and all the Residencies as
usual acquainting them that the
foregoing intelligence has been
received by a Daul from
Muscat.

The Packets from the
Resident at Bagdad have not yet
been received but may be expected
by the Mercury Cruizer every hour.



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not aware of any further opinion I could
submit on the subject, except that even in
this last Statement, the advantages of freight
appear to have been in expectation, and not
under any positive agreement; under all
the circumstances therefore, I conceive, if the
sum of 3000 R^l was awarded to Capt Williams
it would be an adequate compensation for
the Services performed.

Sup.^r Office
Bombay
13 Dec^r 1815

I have &c^a

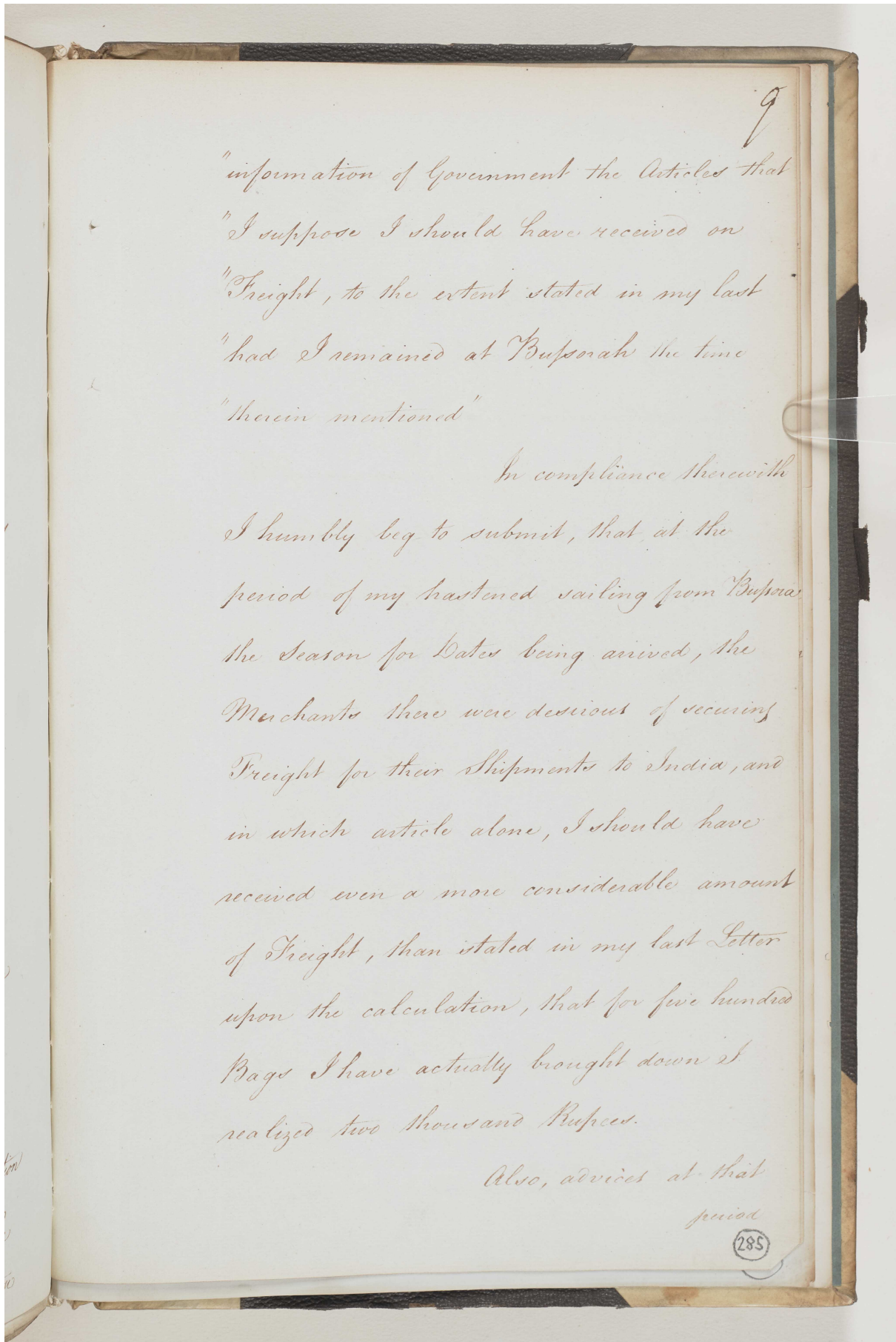
signed/ Henry Meriton
Capt

Henry Meriton Esq^r

Superintendent of Marine

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your communication
of yesterday requiring me "to state for the
information

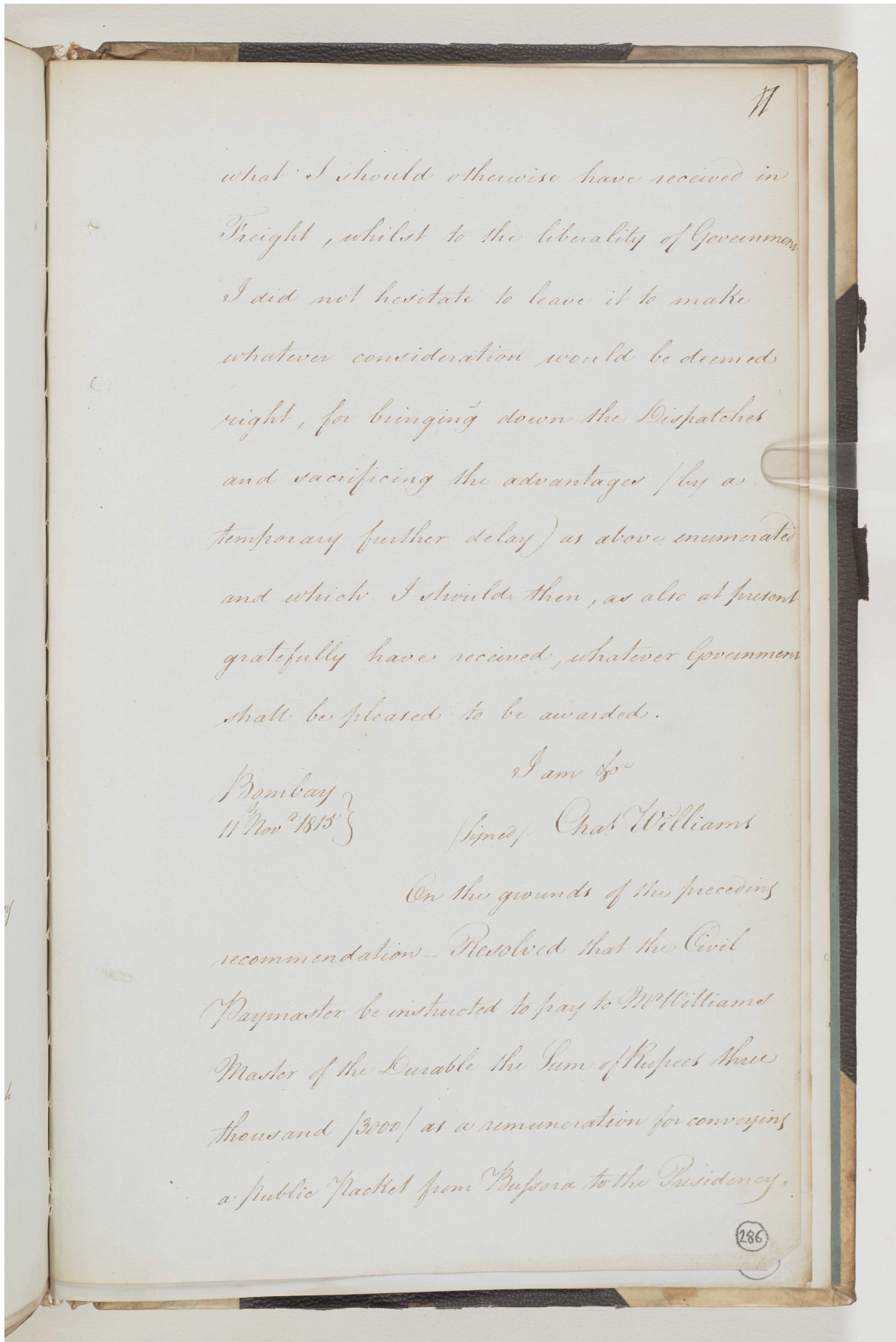


period received at Bussorah, of thirty thousand
slabs of Copper being on the way for that
place and daily expected, caused a want
of freight for that Article, more particularly
for Calcutta, where the *Durable* was the
only Vessel then bound, and upon which
for half the above quantity that I could
certainly have shipped, would have realized
a very considerable amount of Freight.)

Independant of the
Treasure that I doubt not I should
have continued daily to receive, as I
was doing to the last hour of my remaining
at Bussorah.

These then I humbly
submit were the considerations under which
I was induced to state the amount I did
in my last, of remuneration for loss of
what)

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