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### **‘Present for the Imaum of Muscat’**

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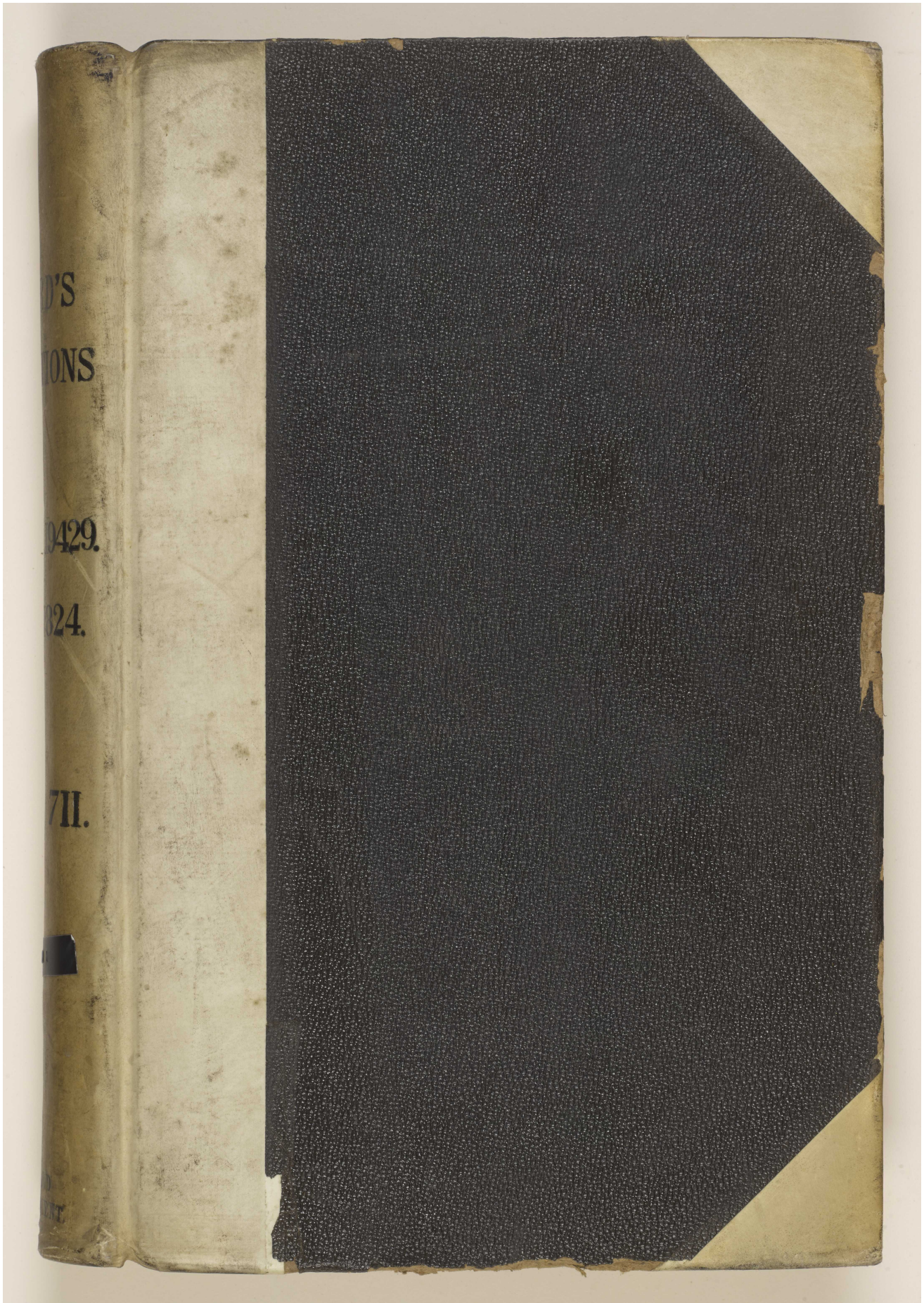


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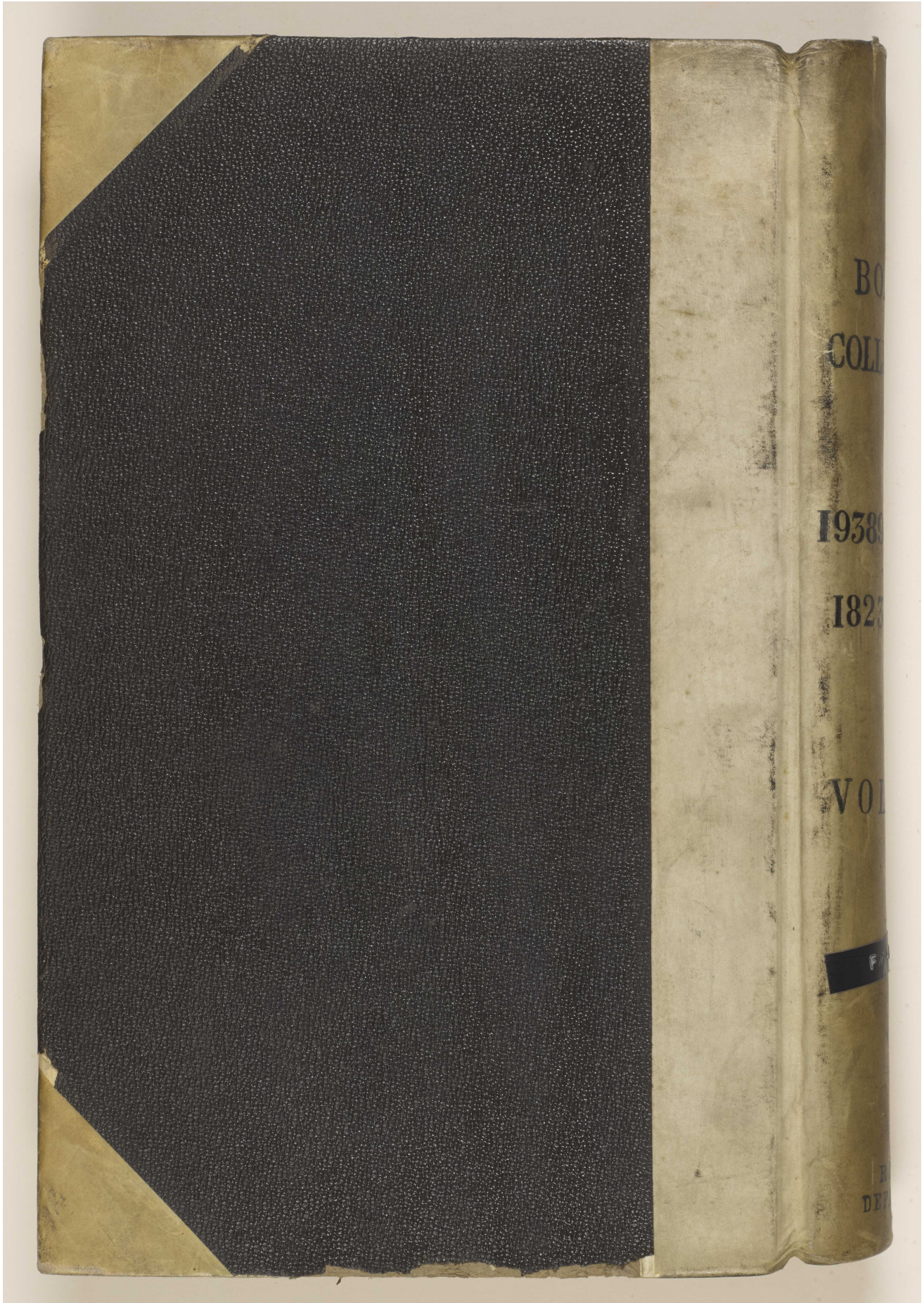
This item consists of two copies of letters by the Government of Bombay and Captain Thomas Perronet Thompson. Thompson's letter explains the role played by the Imaum of Muscat [Imam of Muscat, Sayyid Sa'īd bin Sulṭān Āl Bū Sa'īd] in the battle of Ash Kara [Ash Sharqiyah, during the Bani Bu Ali expedition], and the letter from Bombay sets out a possible gift for the Imaum of cut glass and porcelain, modelled on the French gift observed by Major General Lionel Smith.

The title page of this item contains the following references: 'Bombay Political, Draft 215, 1823/4, Examiners' Office 1824'.

'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [front] (1/12)



'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [back] (2/12)



'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [spine] (3/12)



'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [edge] (4/12)



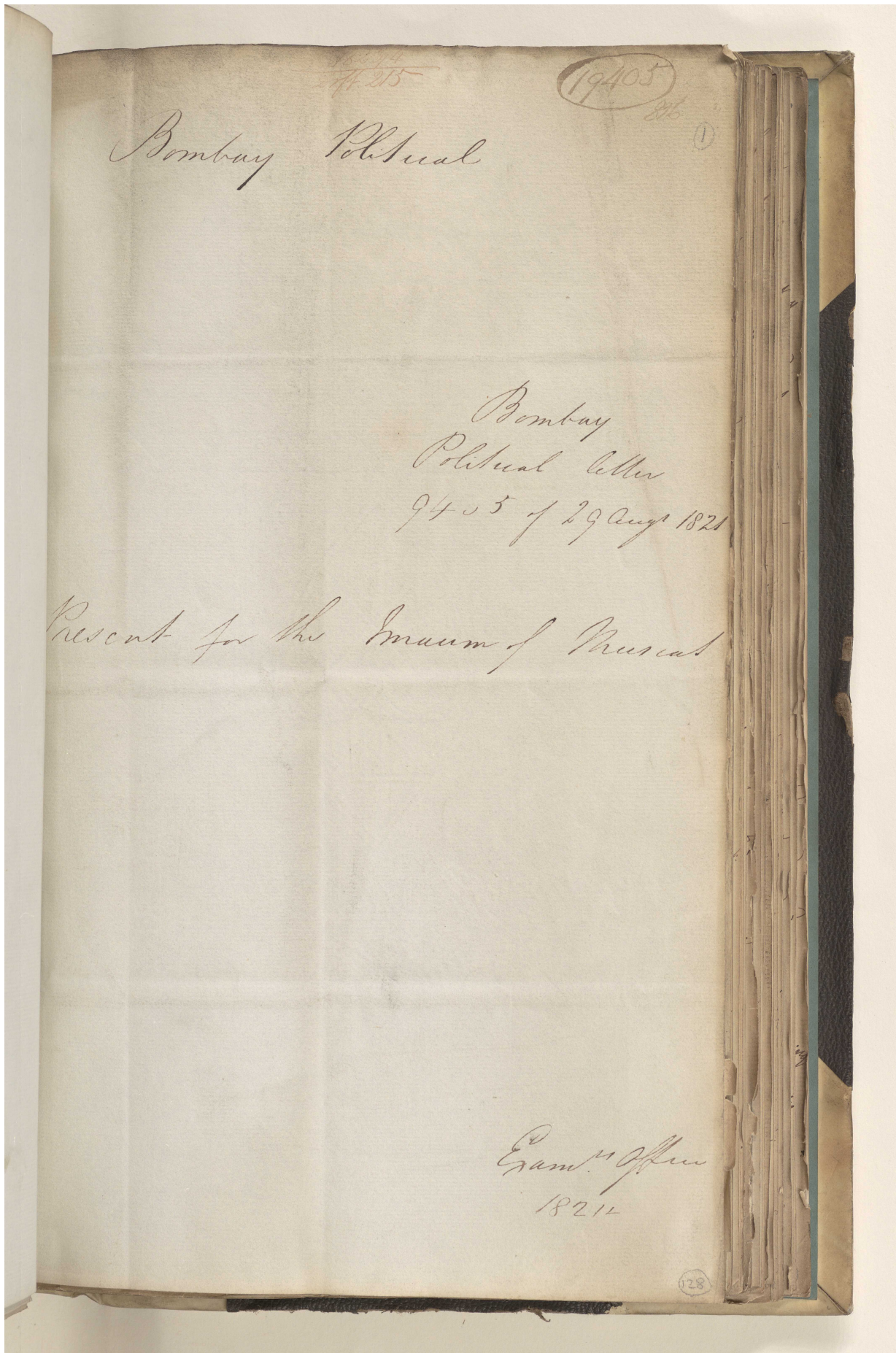
'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [head] (5/12)



'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [tail] (6/12)

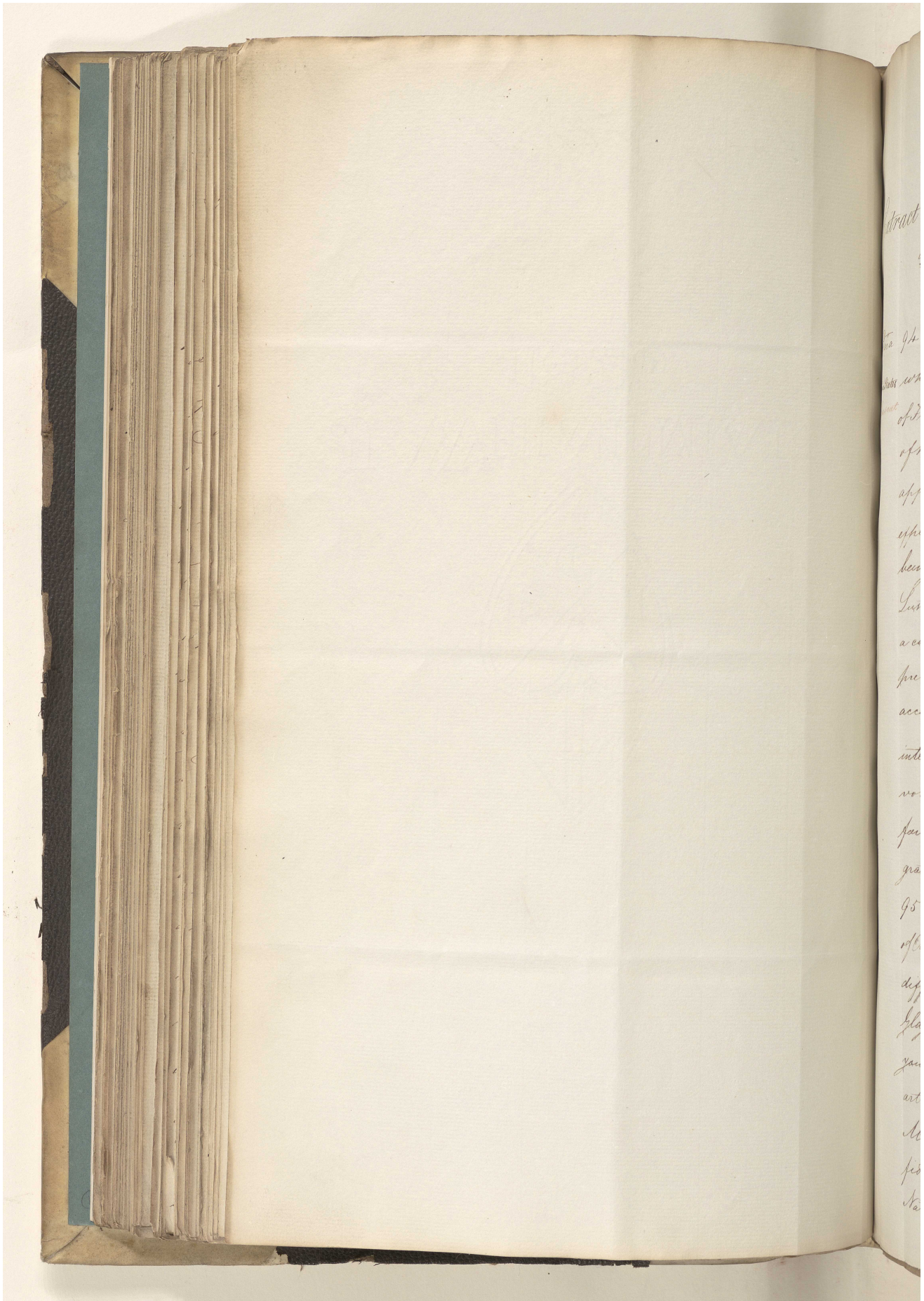


'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [128r] (7/12)





'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [128v] (8/12)

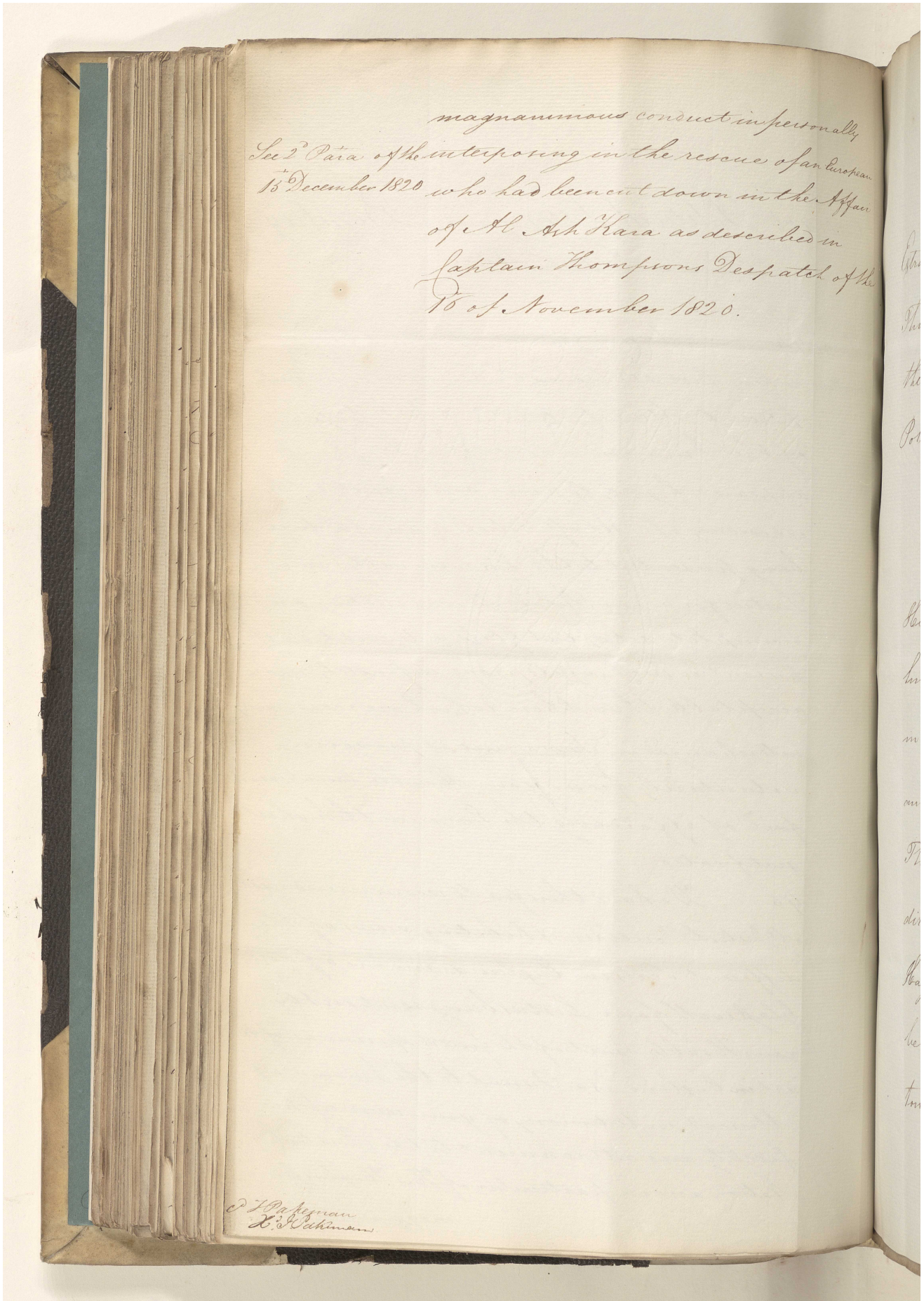


3.  
Extract Political Letter from Bombay  
dated 29 August 1821.

Para 94 Major General L Smith C.B.  
when last at Muscat observed some Porcelain  
of French Manufacture in the Possession  
of the Imaum which His Highness  
appeared highly to prize, and suggested the  
expediency of a set of British manufacture  
being presented to the Imaum, with some  
Lustres for a new Palace he was erecting and  
a complete set of Cut Glass a description of  
present which would prove infinitely more  
acceptable than those which are occasionally  
interchanged in India, and as proceeding  
voluntarily from your Honble Court cannot  
fail of affording the Imaum the highest  
gratification.

95 We have therefore to recommend a set  
of British Porcelain exhibiting views of the  
different Seats in England, and one of Cut  
Glass with four Lustres being sent out by  
your Honble Court of the finest specimens of the  
art in England, as a Present to the Imaum of  
Muscat, in testimony of your sense of his  
fidelity and attachment to the British  
Nation and in particular of His Highness's  
magnanimity

'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [129v] (10/12)



Extract letter from Captain J. P.  
Thompson Agent with the Force in  
the Persian Gulph, <sup>Dated 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 1820</sup> recorded on Bombay  
Political Consultations 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1820.

On getting sight of  
His Highness the Imaum I found  
him to have been just wounded  
in the act of attempting to rescue  
an European who had been cut down.  
The pursuit was continued in the  
direction of the Camp of Beni Baw  
Kasim, which was strongly posted  
behind a ditch flanked with  
towers.

'Present for the Imaum of Muscat' [130v] (12/12)

