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‘Mission of Cornet Hamilton to Persia with the Asiatic Society’s Diploma for Prince Abbas Meerza.’

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About this record

The item consists of extracts from a Government of Bombay Political Letter, extracts from the Government of Bombay Political Consultations, and copies of correspondence and minutes regarding the transmission to Persia [Iran] of a diploma constituting Abbas Meerza [Abbas Mirza Qajar], the Prince Royal of Persia, an honorary member of the Royal Asiatic Society. The primary subjects are:

- Instructions given to Cornet (later Lieutenant) Thomas Baillie Hamilton of the 1st Regiment Bombay Light Cavalry, who was selected to transmit the diploma, and arrangements for Hamilton’s travel and expenses
- The extra expenses incurred by Hamilton as a result of ill health, which forced him to extend his time in Persia, and losses caused by a shipwreck in the Gulf during his return voyage to Bombay [Mumbai].

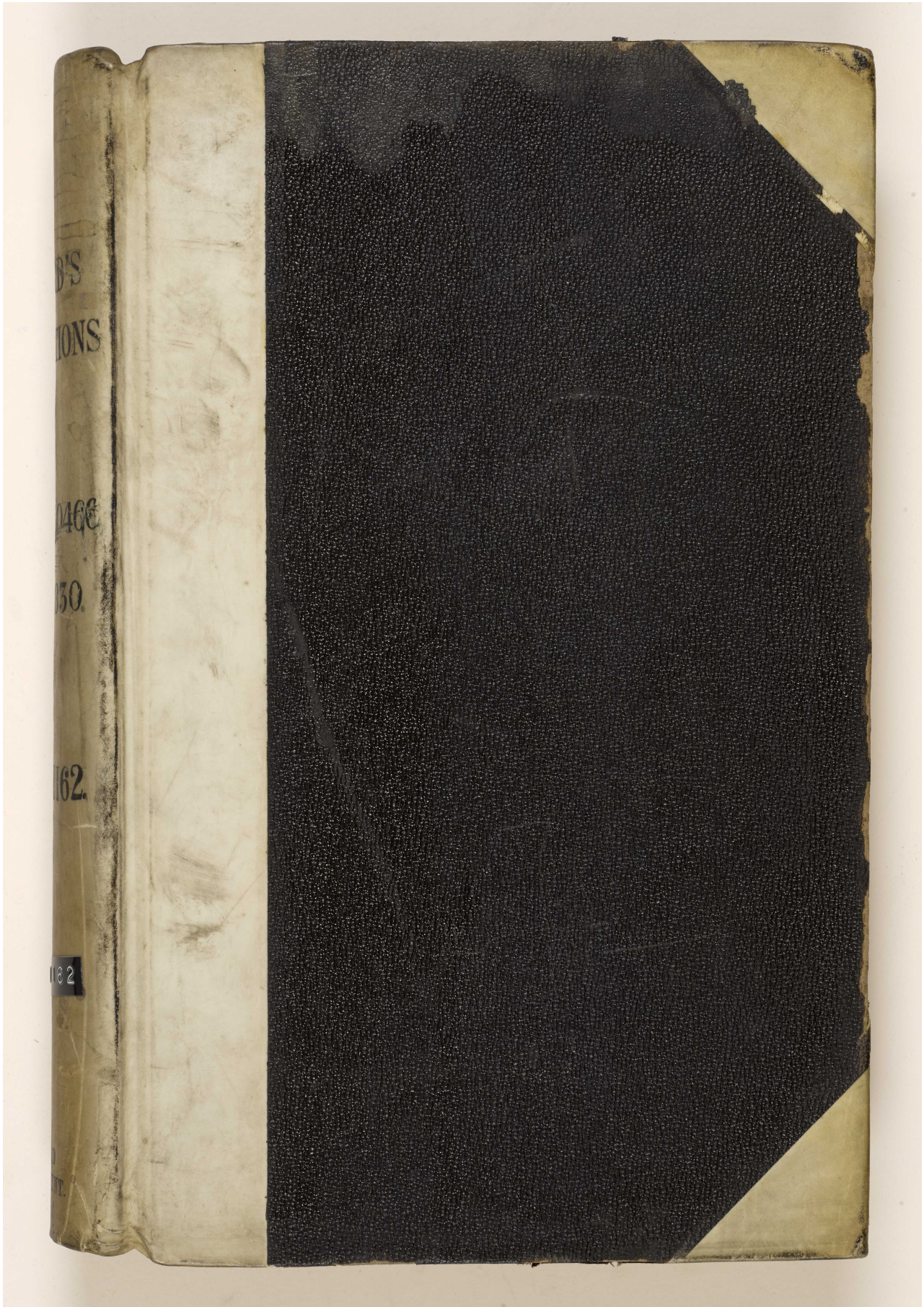
The correspondence also mentions intelligence of Russian activity in Turkish Armenia, brought by Hamilton in the course of his journey to Persia.

The primary correspondents are: Sir John Malcolm, Governor of Bombay; William Newnham, Chief Secretary, Government of Bombay; and Cornet Hamilton.

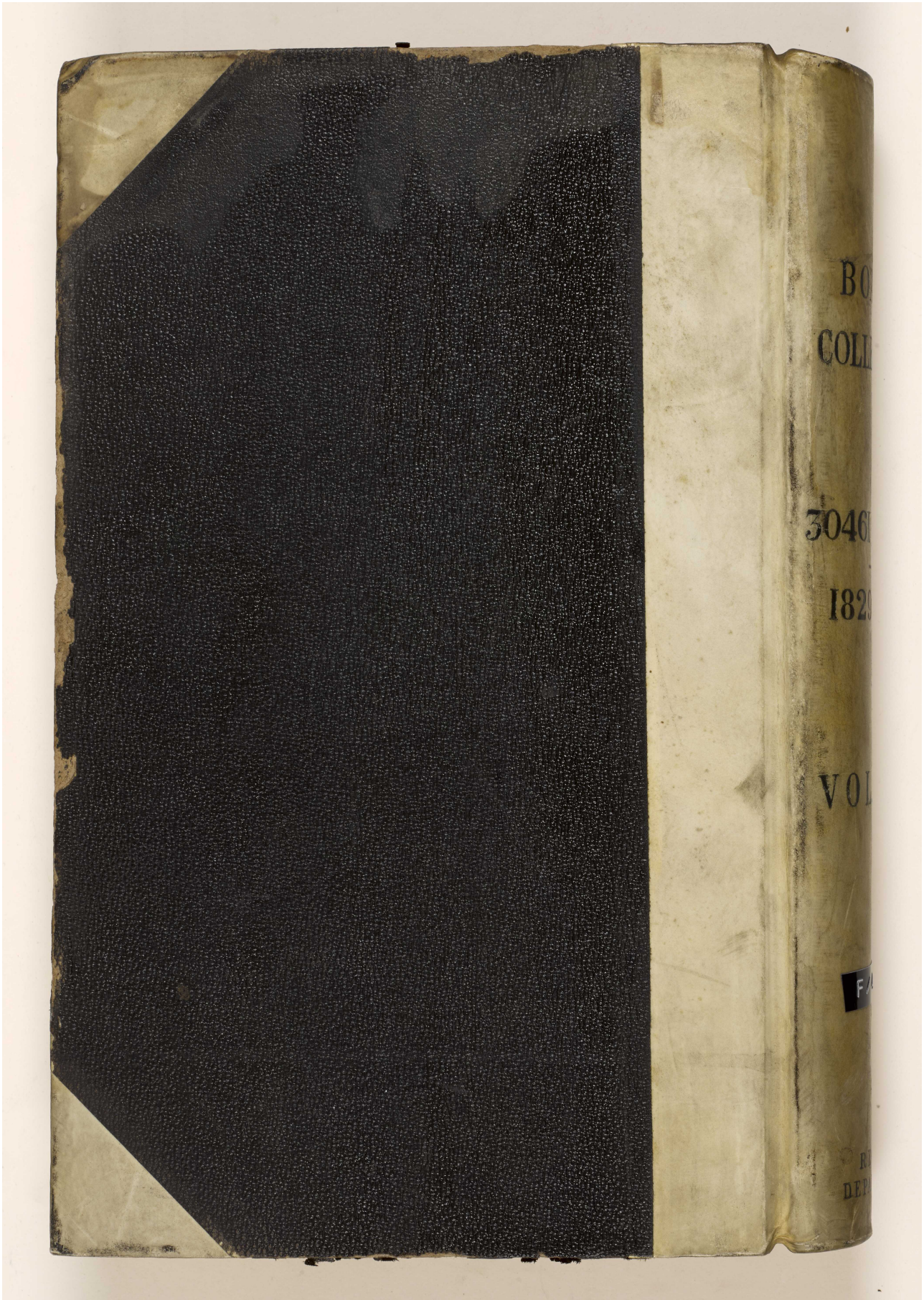
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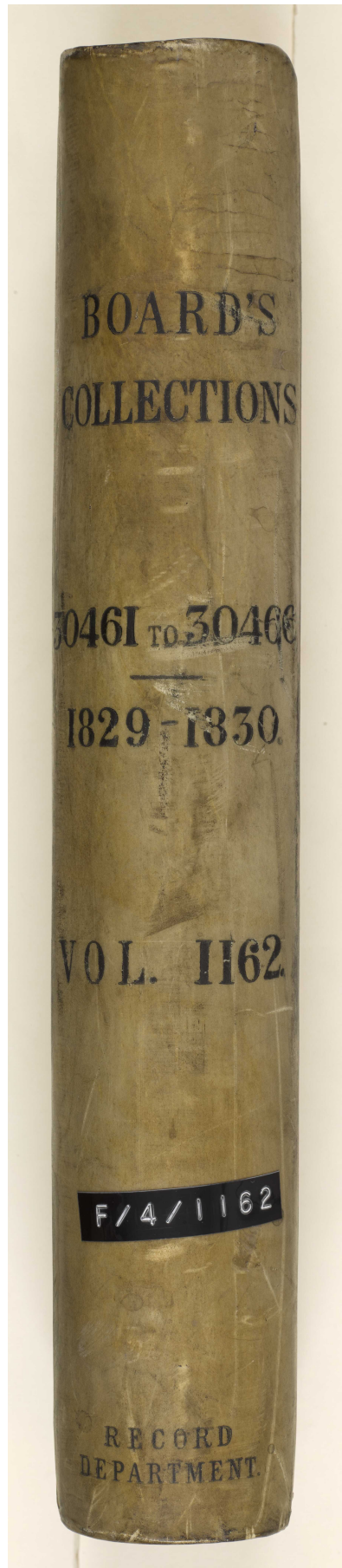
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'Mission of Cornet Hamilton to Persia with the Asiatic Society's Diploma for
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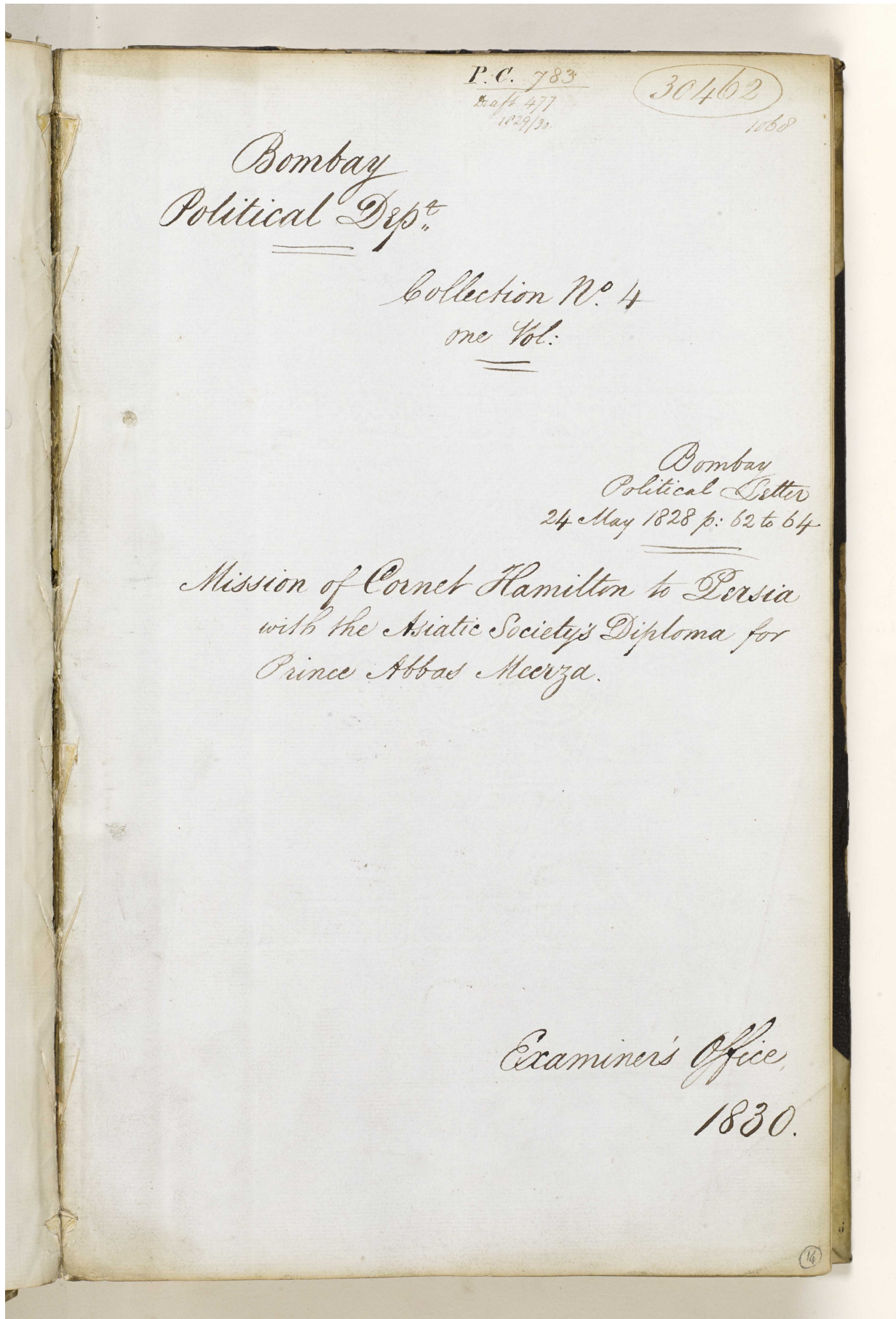
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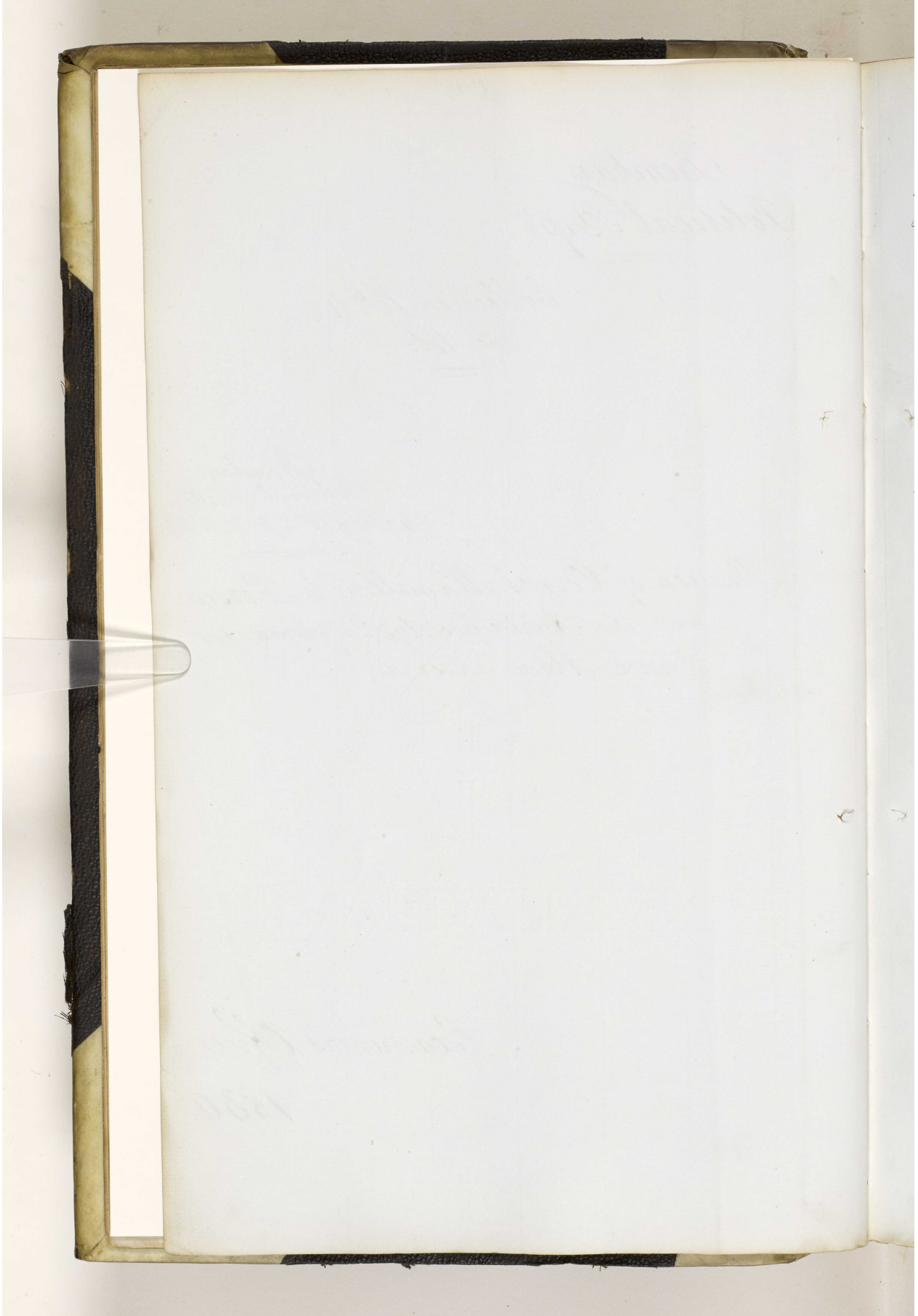
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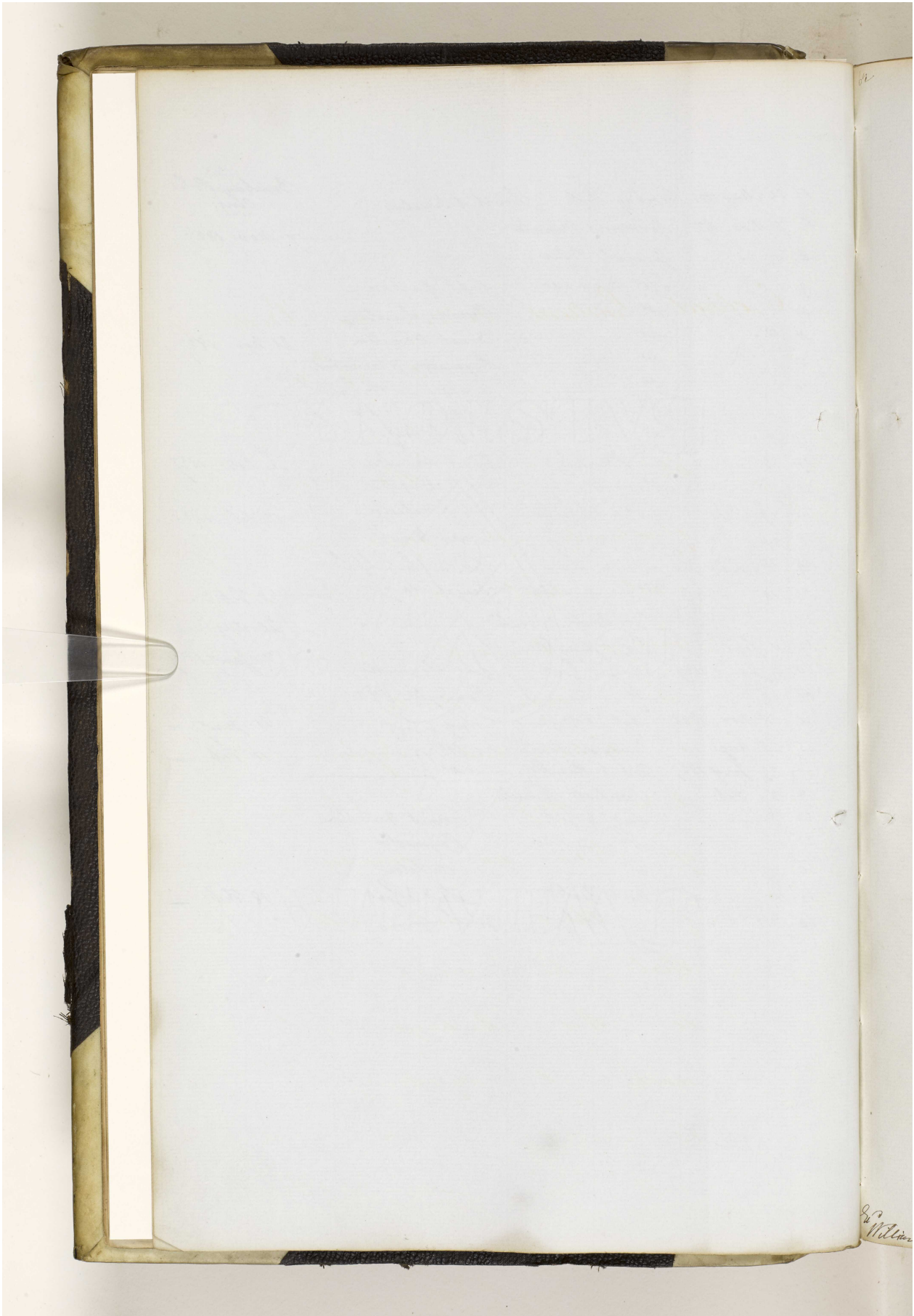
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1	24 May 1828	Bombay Govt	Cornet of Directors.	Bombay Pol. Cons.
5	7 Nov. 1827	Governor's Minute		7 Nov. 1827
8	"	General Order		
9	"	Mr. Newnham	Capt. of Garrison	
10	"	D ^o	Persian Secretary	
11	12 "	D ^o	Cornet Hamilton	21 Nov. 1827
13	"	D ^o	Paymaster & Accountant	
14	"	D ^o	Resident in the Gulph	
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17	"	D ^o	Bengal Secy	
19	14 "	Sir S. Malcolm	Cornet Hamilton	12 Dec. 1827
25	27 "	D ^o	W. Babington	
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28	26 "	D ^o	Cornet Hamilton	
34	7 Feb. 1828	Mr. Newnham	Res. in the Gulph	
35	18 "	D ^o	Bengal Secy	20 Feb. "
37		President's Minute		20 Aug. "
39	1 Sept.	Cornet Hamilton		7 Jan. 1829
40	2 Jan. 1829	Secy to Govt	Genl. Paymaster	
41	"	D ^o	Remington & Co.	
43	21 Nov. 1828	Apt. at Rupsora	Secy to Govt	21 Jan. "
45	25 Aug.	Envoy in Persia	D ^o	11 Feb. "
47	29 Jan. 1829	Cornet Hamilton	D ^o	
49	3 Feb.	President's Minute		
53	7 "	Secy to Govt	Cornet Hamilton	
55	"	D ^o	Paymaster	
56	"	D ^o	Auditor	
59	11 "	Act. Genl	Secy to Govt	18 Feb. "
60	17 "	Reply		

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Extract Political Letter from Bombay.
Dated 24th May 1828.

62 We take this
opportunity of acquainting your Noble
Court that our President on
leaving England was entrusted by
the Royal Asiatic Society with
a letter and Diploma constituting
Abbas Mirza, the Prince Royal
of Persia, an honorary Member
of their Society, with a request
that he would forward it
to His Highness with every
mark of respect.

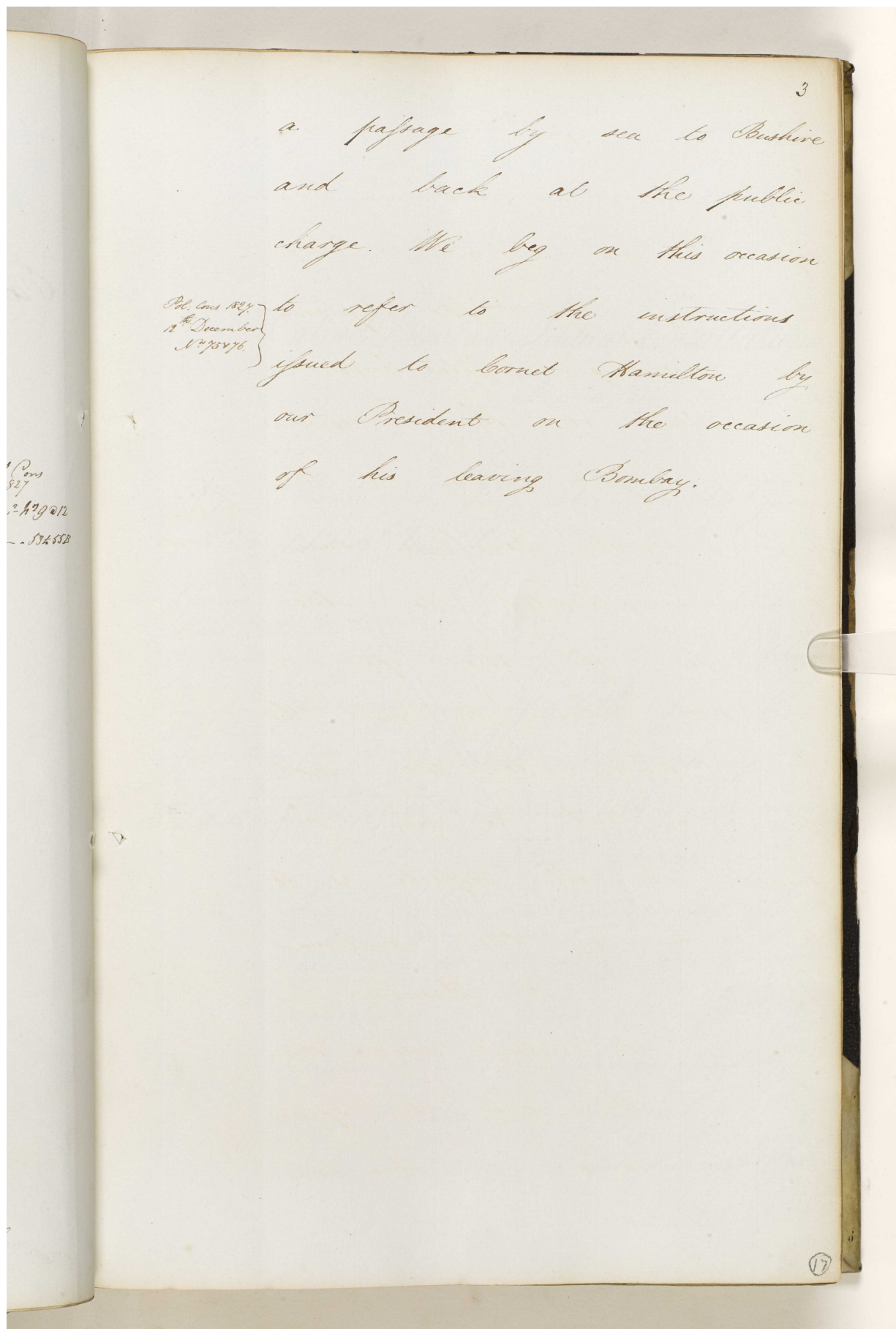
63. Being anxious to
meet the wishes of this
Society (16)

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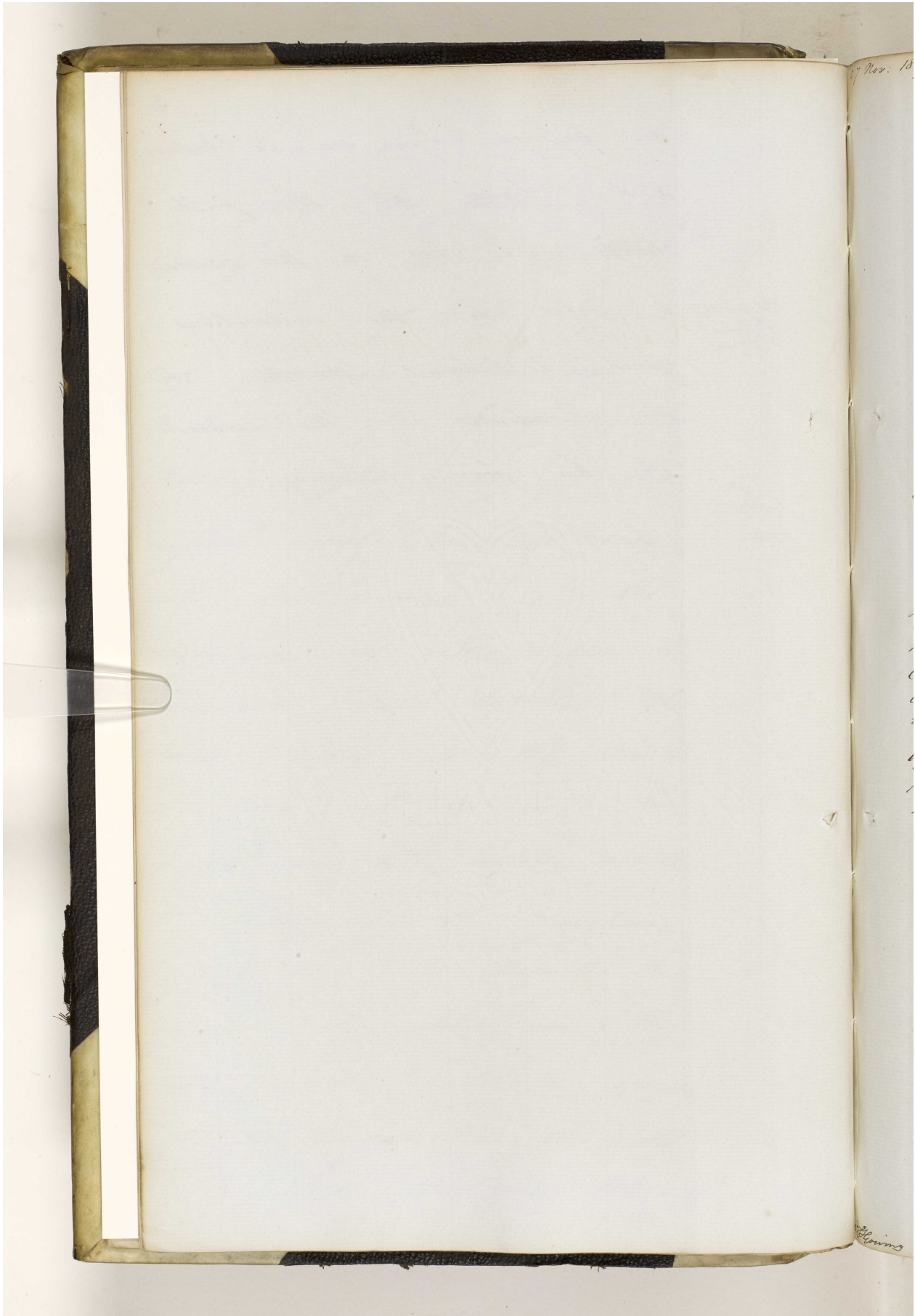
Society as far as lay in
our power, we determined on
deputing an Officer to Persia,
in charge of the Diploma,
and accordingly selected Cornet P.
B. Hamilton of the 1st Regiment
Bombay Light Cavalry, for this
mission. Cornet Hamilton's duty
will be limited to the
conveyance of the Diploma to
Lieutenant Colonel McDonald the
British Envoy to the Court
of Persia, and he will be
guided in all respects as to
its delivery, by that gentleman.
64. Mr Hamilton was
not to be absent more than
eight months and the expense
of his Mission on this duty,
was limited to Rupees 2000 with
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7th November 1827.

No 9 Minute by the Honorable the Governor
dated 7th November.

Governor in Council,
President the Honble.
His Minute nominating
Cornet J. B. Hamilton as
bearer of a Diploma and letters
to the Persian Court - with allowance
of 2,000 Rupees for his expenses
to and from there (independent of
his field allowances) to proceed on
the Honble Company's (Prinze's) service.

I have been
entrusted with a Diploma
and a Letter from the
Royal Asiatic Society
constituting Abbas Meerza,
the Prince Royal of
Persia, an honorary member of
the Society. I have been further
requested by this body to
transmit this Diploma with
every mark of respect; I
desire therefore, with the approbation
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of my colleagues, to send
an Officer to Tabreez in
charge of this document. I should
conceive this proper under any
circumstances, but the present state
of affairs in Persia makes
me more anxious to show
the Prince Royal every mark
of attention.

I propose with the
concurrence of His Excellency the
Commander in Chief to depute
Cornet J. B. Hamilton of the
1st Regiment of Cavalry on this
duty, which will be limited
to the conveyance of the
letters and Diploma through
Colonel Macdonald the British Envoy
in Persia.

I should propose, that
independent

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independent of his field allowances,
Cornet Hamilton should be allowed
a sum, not exceeding Rupees
2,000 for his journey to and
from the Persian Court. This is
an extra allowance of 250 Rupees
per Mensem for eight Months,
which I calculate as amply
sufficient time for this journey,
and this sum will be
sufficient to meet all extra
charges to which he may
be subject on his journey
to and from the Persian
Court. I wish Cornet Hamilton should
be ordered to have a passage
on the Muller Company's Cruiser
Ternate about to sail for
the Gulf.

17th November 1820 } Signed / J. Malcolm.

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The suggestions offered
in the preceding Minute
are concurred in by the Board
and orders are to be issued
accordingly.

The following General
Order is transferred to the Military
Department that it may thence
issue.

Bombay Castle No 10
7th November 1827

The Honorable the
Governor in Council has been
pleased in the Political Department
to select Cornet J. B. Hamilton of
the 1st Regiment of Light
Cavalry to proceed to Persia
on a special duty, under such
instructions as will be separately
communicated to him from that
Department

General Order
Announcing the
selection of Cornet
Hamilton, as above.

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Department.

By order of the Honble
the Governor in Council.

[Signed] H. Newham
Chief Secretary.

No. 11. From Mr. Chief Secretary Newham
to Superintendent of
Marine.

(7th November 1837)

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General Order
announcing the
selection of Cornet
Hamilton, as above.

Marine Capt. C. O.
Requesting him to instruct
the Commander of H. C. C.
Sternate to furnish Cornet
Hamilton with a passage to
the Persian Gulf.

Sir,

I am directed
to request that you
will instruct the
Commander of the Honble
Company's Cruizer Sternate to receive
on board and accommodate with
a passage to the Persian Gulf
Cornet J. B. Hamilton
proceeding to Tabreez on

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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [20v] (20/70)

a special mission.

Bombay Castle } I have &c
7th November 1827 } Signed W. Newham
Chief Secretary
From Wth Chief Secretary Newham No 12
to Wth Persian Secretary
(7th November 1827)

Sir,

I have { Persian Secretary To
the honor to acquaint } Informing him that
you that the various } the articles required by
articles provided for the } the Envoy in Persia should
of Cornet Hamilton.

Envoy in Persia are to be entrusted
to the care of Cornet Hamilton
of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry who
is proceeding on a special
duty to Tehran on board the
Hobbs Company's Cruiser Ternate.

Bombay Castle } I have &c
7th November 1827 } Signed W. Newham
Chief Secretary

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
21st November 1827.

N^o 53. Resumed consideration of the President's Minute, dated the 7th November recorded in our proceedings of the 11th November seq.

The following letter is written to Cornet J. B. Hamilton ^{of the} Light Cavalry (12th November 1827)

Persian Government.
To Cornet J. B. Hamilton informing him of his selection as Bearer of Dispatches to Persia, of the arrangements made for his accommodation to and from thence, and of the sum fixed for the expenses of his journey.

Sir

I have it in command from the Honorable the Governor in Council to acquaint you, that you have been selected as the Bearer of Dispatches for the Envoy

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in Persia, and for His Royal
Highness Abbas Meerza, the Heir
Apparent to the Persian Throne.
These Dispatches will be given
to you by the Honorable the
Governor, with such further
instructions as may be requisite
for your guidance.

The Commander of
the Honorable Company's Cruizer Ternate
has been directed to accommodate
you with a passage to Bushire,
and the Resident in the
Persian Gulf will be requested
to furnish you with a passage
on your return to Bombay.

For the expenses of
your journey from Bushire to
Schraan, the Governor in Council
has been pleased to allow
you.

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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [22r] (23/70)

you the sum of Rupees 2000,
a moiety of which will
be immediately paid to you
by the General Paymaster, and
the other moiety on your
return to Bombay.

Bombay Castle } I have &c
12th November 1827 } signed W. Newnham
Chief Secretary

No 57 From M^{rs} Chief Secretary Newnham
To General Paymaster
and Accountant General (12th November 1827)

Paymaster General.
To, authorizing to pay
a moiety of the sum
paid for the expenses of
Cornet Hamilton's journey to
and from the Persian Capital.

Sir,
I have it
in command from the
Honorable the Governor
in Council to acquaint
you that Cornet Hamilton of
the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry
having been deputed on a
Special

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special duty to Persia, the
Governor in Council has been
pleased to allow him the
sum of Rupees 2000, for the
expenses of his journey from
Bushire to the Persian Capital
and back.

You are accordingly
requested to advance to Cornet
Hamilton a moiety of this
sum and to pay the remainder
to him on his return to
Bombay.

Bombay Castle } I have &c
12th November 1827 } signed W. Newham
Chief Secretary

From W. Newham Chief Secretary A 55
to Resident in the
Persian Gulf (12th November 1827)
Sir

I am directed
to

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Persian Gulf. To the
 Resident, informing him of
 Cornet Hamilton's selection as
 Bearer of Dispatches to the Capital
 of Persia and requesting him to
 afford that Officer every assistance
 that will facilitate his journey
 thither, and to secure for him a
 passage back to Bombay.

to transmit to you
 for your information
 a copy of the instructions
 This day issued to Cornet
 J. B. Hamilton of the
 1st Regiment Light Cavalry, proceeding
 on a special duty to the
 Persian Capital, and to request
 that you will have the
 goodness to render him every
 assistance to facilitate his journey
 thither; but you will observe
 from the instructions that he
 is furnished with means for
 the payment of all expenses.

2^d I am also directed
 to request that you will
 have the goodness to provide
 Cornet Hamilton with a return
 passage from Bushire on
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any of the Honorable Company's
Cruisers which may be returning
to India at that period.

Bombay letter } I have you
12th November 1827 } signed
Chief Secretary

From M^{rs} Chief Secretary Scovham¹⁸²⁷ to
to Lt Colonel Macdonald Envoy in Persia
(10th November 1827)

Sir,

Cornet J. B. Hamilton having been
selected as the Bearer of
Dispatches for you, and
for His Royal Highness Abbas George
the heir Apparent to the Persian
Throne, I am directed by the
Honorable the Governor in Council
to transmit to you, for your
information, copy of the instructions
issued

Persian Mission to
the Envoy to the
Court of Persia transmitting
copy of the instructions
issued to Cornet Hamilton.

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issued to that Officer on the occasion.

Bombay Castle } I have you
17th November 1837 } (Signed) W. Newham
Chief Secretary

At 35 B. From M^r Chief Secretary Newham
to M^r Secretary Swinton
(17th November 1837)

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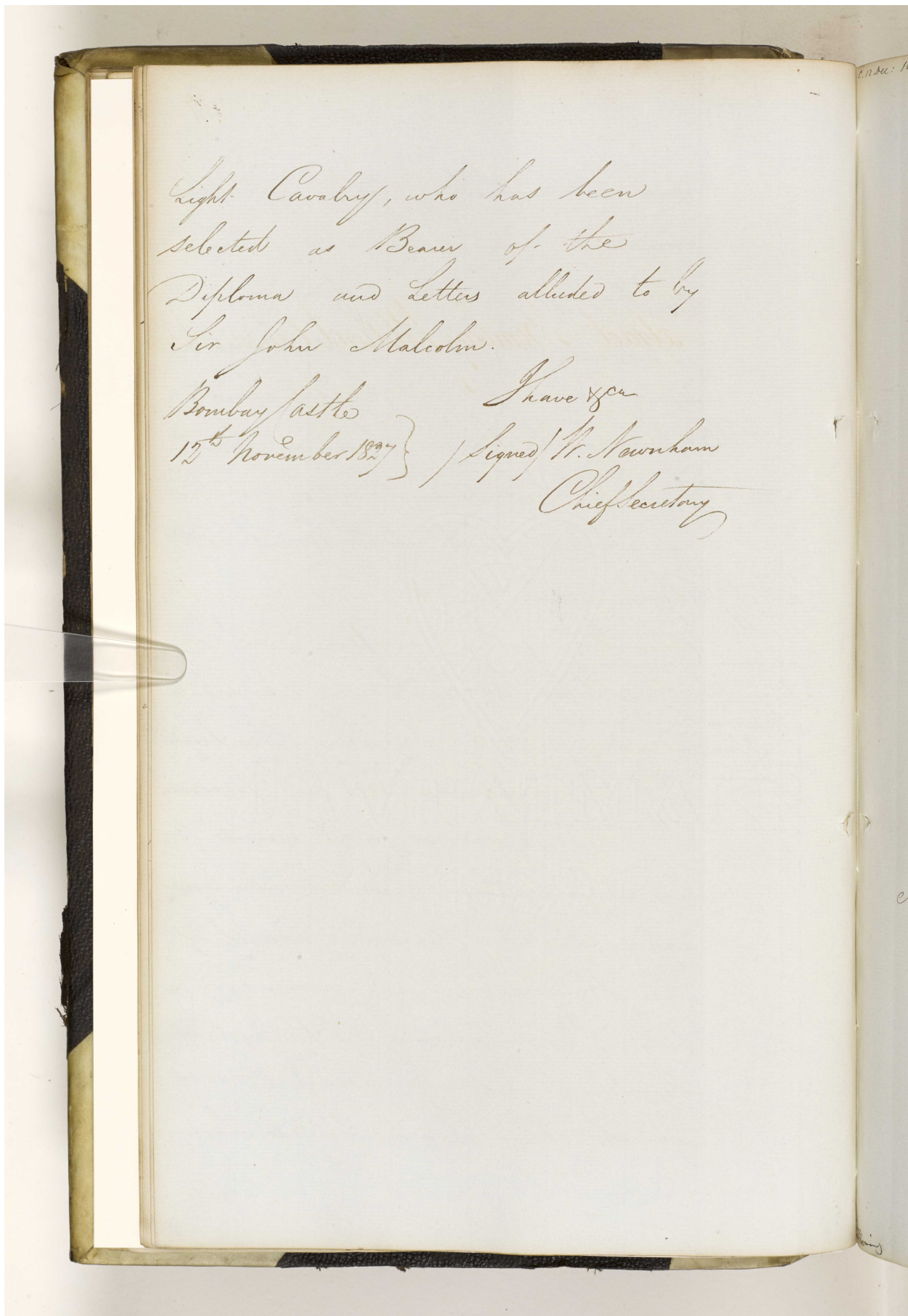
Fort Williams
To the Secretary to the
Supreme Government,
transmitting copy of the
Malcolm's Minute, nominating
Cornet Hamilton as Beau of a
Diploma and letter to the Persian
Court from the Royal Asiatic
Society, and of the instructions to
that Officer.

con. to
the
transmitting
instructions
Hamilton.

Sir,

You will have the goodness to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, for his information, the accompanying copy of a Minute recorded by the Honorable the Governor of this Presidency, and of the instructions issued to Cornet T. B. Hamilton of the 1st Regiment Bombay Light

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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [24v] (28/70)



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12th December 1827.

The President lays before
the Board a copy of his
Instructions to Cornet Hamilton
proceeding to Persia in Charge
of the Diploma to His Royal
Highness Abbas Meerza, and of
his communication to the Secretary
to the Royal Asiatic Society.

Copy From Sir John Malcolm to Cornet
Hamilton. (11th November 1827.)

Sir,

It being
desirable to convey to Abbas
Meerza Prince of Persia, a Diploma
from

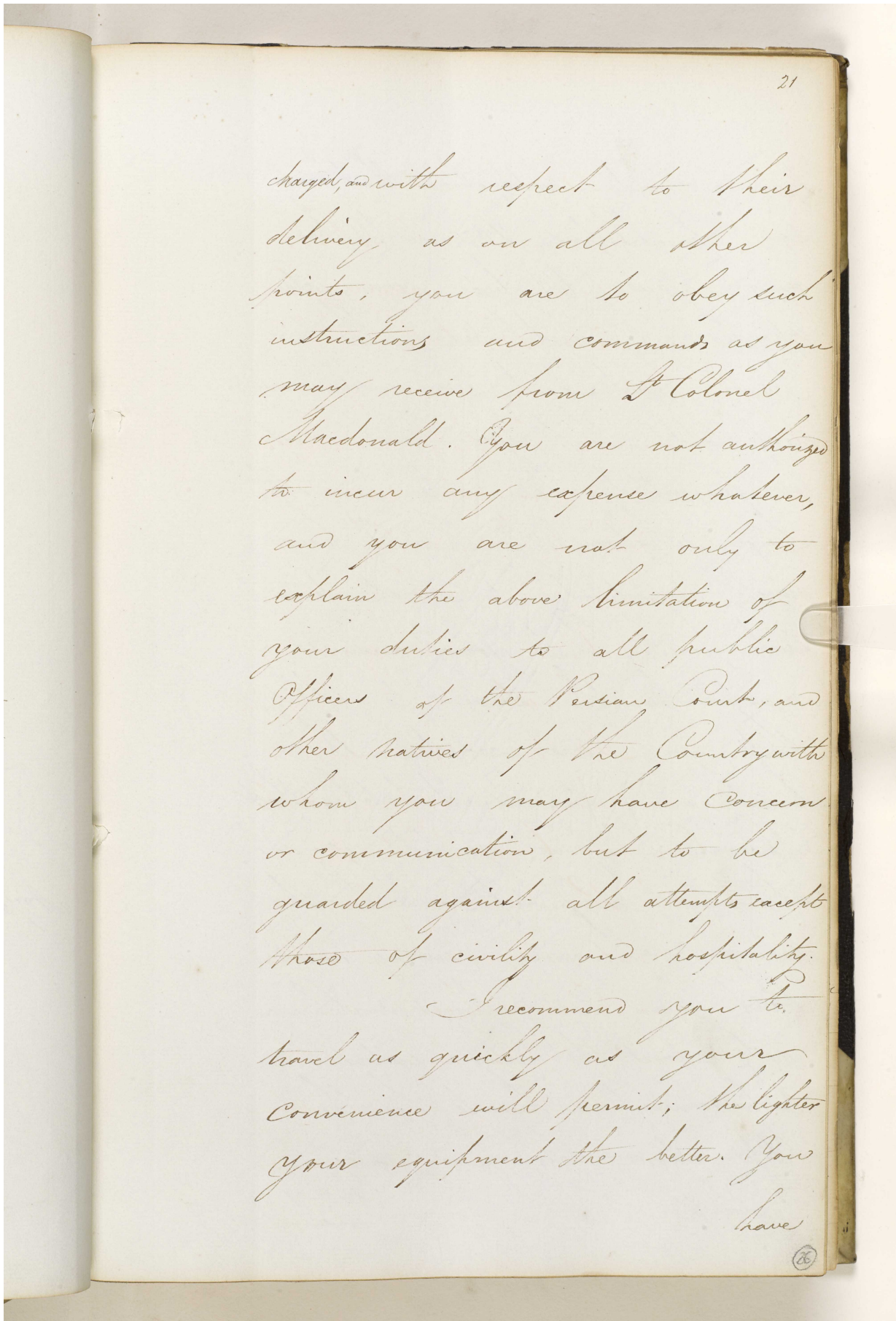
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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [25v] (30/70)

from the Royal Asiatic Society
with every mark of respect,
you are selected to carry it
to Tabreez. The Resident in the
Gulf will be informed of
the duty on which you are
employed, and give you every
aid to proceed immediately on
your journey.

You will report
your arrival when an opportunity
offers to Lt Colonel Macdonald,
the Envoy from the Right Honble
the Governor General at the
Court of Persia, and place
yourself entirely under his orders.

The object of
your deputation to Persia is
limited to the carrying the Diploma
and letters with which you are
charged



have received intimation that a
sum of Rupees 2,000 will be
given you to bear your extra
expenses to and from the
Persian Court, and you will clearly
understand that you will not
be permitted to make any other
charge whatever. You will have
much infortunity to resist upon
such points; but your answer
must be the same to all,
that you are merely the
bearer of special dispatches; that
Government have granted you an
allowance barely sufficient for the
expenses of your journey; and
that your own pay will
not admit of any extra
disbursement. I must further
state upon this head my
wish

wish that you will limit
your own private disbursements as
much as possible. The personal
indulgence of any extra expenses
of an individual deputed as you
are, might create an inconvenient
example, and be prejudicial to
the future employment of officers
who are in any way vested
with a public character.

I have calculated from
the season of the year and
other circumstances, that you may
be employed on this service for
eight months; but I trust that
before that period elapses you
will have returned to your
duty on this Establishment.

The Envoy at the
Court of Persia will be
requested

requested to facilitate your early
return, and you are on no
account to protract your stay
in Persia.

I need not
impress you with the necessity
of observing the most correct
line of conduct upon every
occasion. In Persia much depends
upon the character and proceedings
of every individual of the
British Nation employed in that
Country, and you will bear
in constant recollection that the
good or bad impressions made
by your personal conduct will
in some degree be of service
or disservice to the interests of
your Government; but on these
points as on others, you will
receive

receive full information and instructions
from the Resident in the
Gulf to whom a copy of
this letter has been sent.

Bombay

14th November 1827

I am &c

Signed Malcolm.

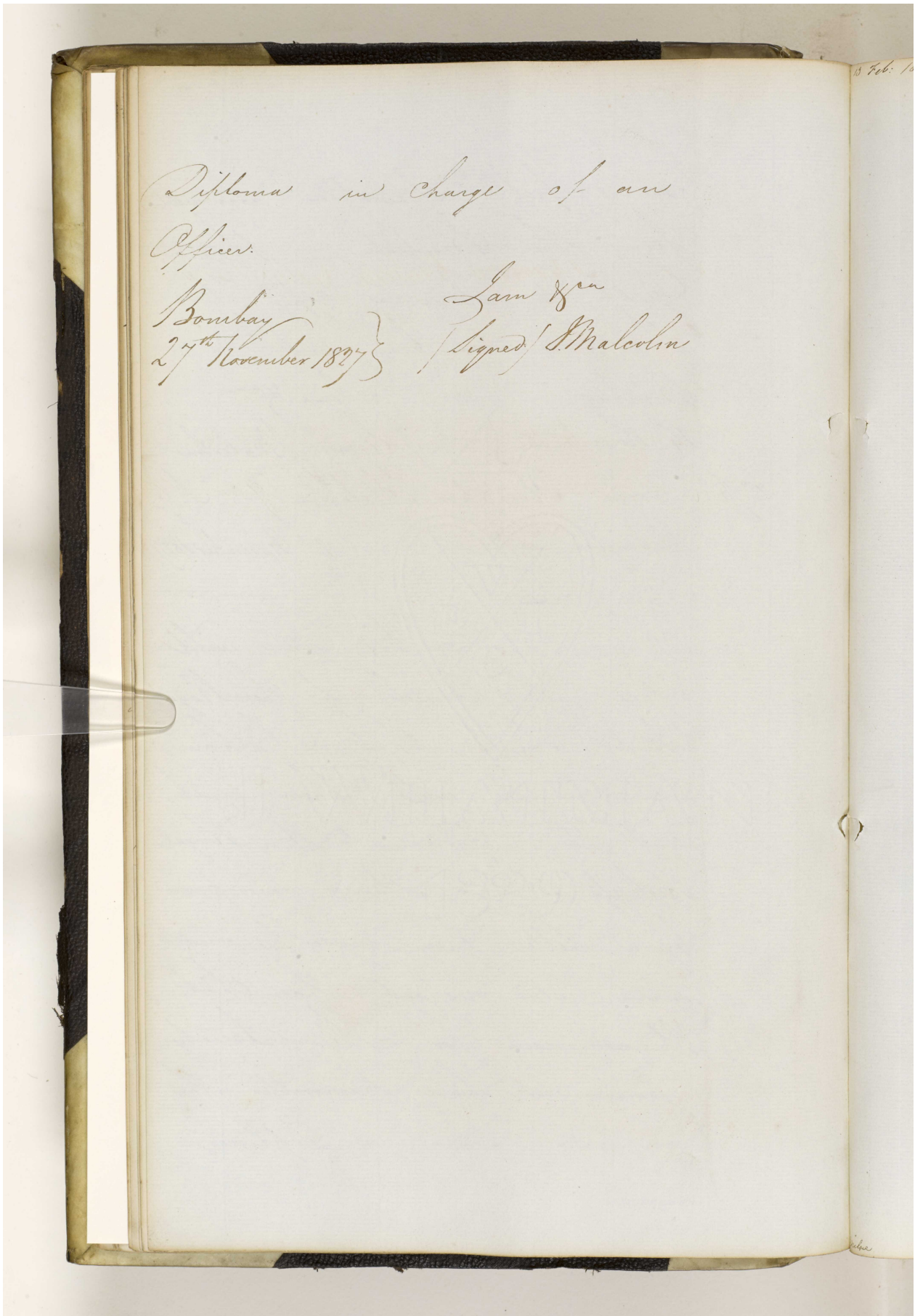
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Babington Esq^r

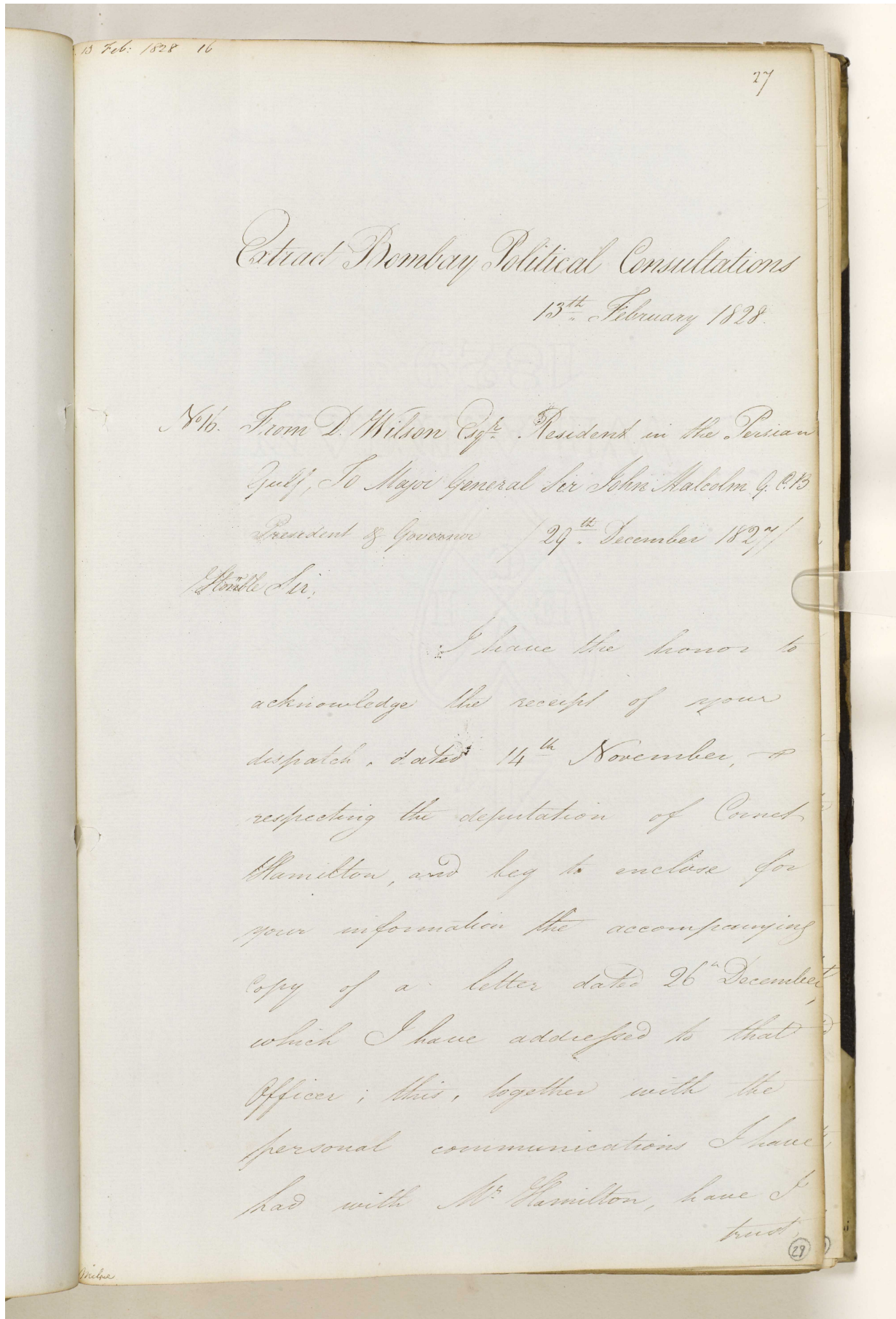
(27th November 1827)

Sir,

I beg you will
inform the Council of the Royal
Asiatic Society, that I have,
in conformity with their wish,
sent the Diploma to His Royal
Highness, Abbas Meerza, accompanied
by a letter from myself; and to
mark its respect for that
Prince, and for the Society,
Government have transmitted the
Diploma

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trust, conveyed sufficient information to enable him to accomplish his journey until he meets Colonel Macdonald.

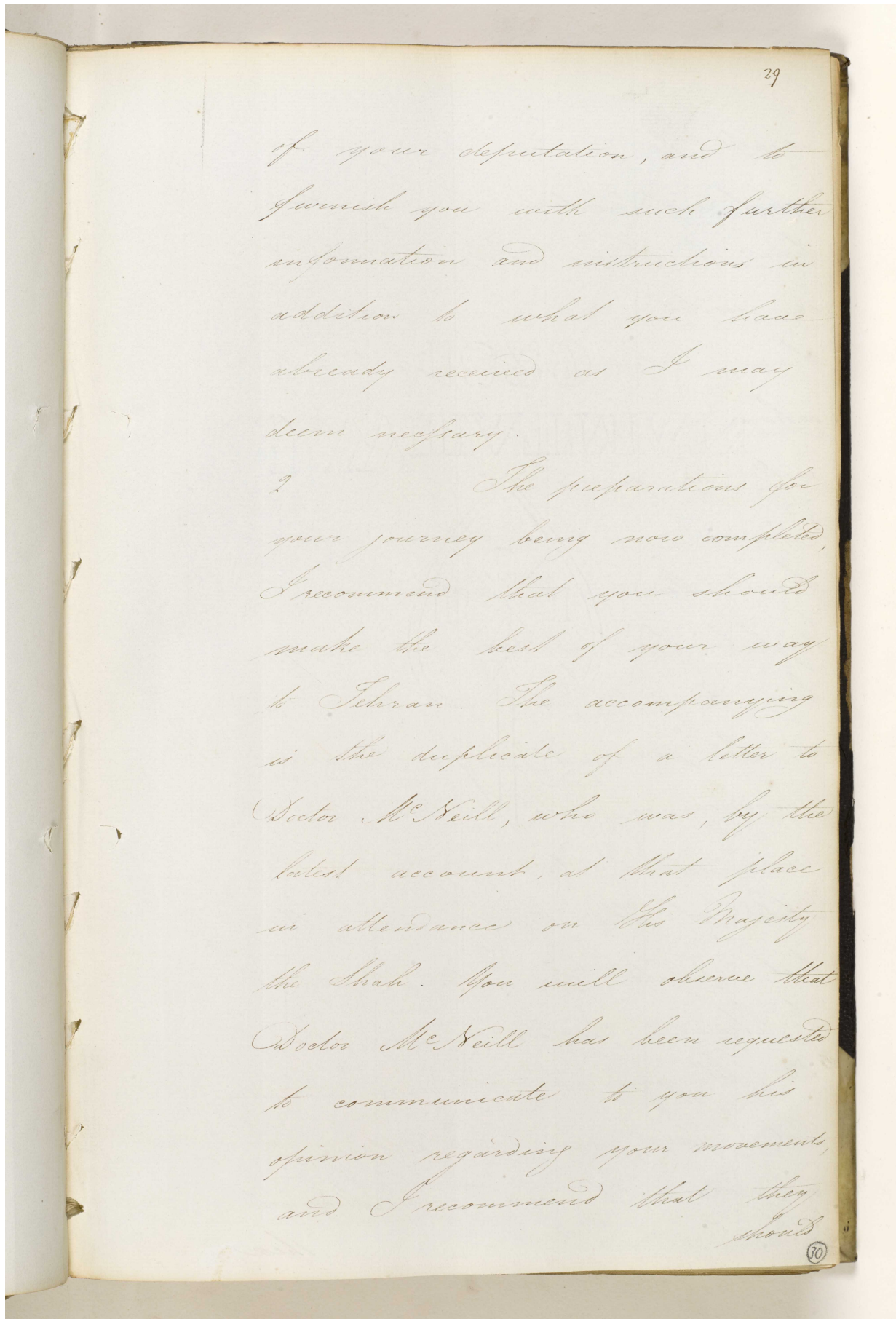
2. Mr Hamilton will set out on his journey tomorrow morning.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire
29th December 1827

I have the honor to be &c
Signed D. Wilson
Resident in the Pers^a Gulf

From D. Wilson Esq. Resident in the Persian Gulf
to Cornet T. B. Hamilton, 1st Regiment
Light Cavalry &c &c &c (26th December 1827)
Sir,

I beg to acquaint you with my having received the directions of the Honble the Governor to promote, as much as may be in my power the object of



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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [30v] (40/70)

should be guided according to
what information he may from
time to time send to you,
or until you may hear
from Colonel Macdonald, to
whom a copy of this letter
will be forwarded.

3. I enclose a letter
from Meerza Ali Bekbar the
English Agent at Shiraz, directing
him to give you all the aid
in his power to prosecute your
journey, as well as to give
your information respecting the
state of the Country and the
best route for you to pursue.
I likewise enclose a letter for
the Wuzer at Sheeraz, intimating
that you are an Officer
proceeding to join Colonel Macdonald;
these

These letters together with the
accompanying to Hajee Meer Baku,
the English Agent at Isfahan,
appear to me all that you
are likely to require.

4. For general purpose
I enclose a kind of passport,
stating that you are proceeding
to join Colonel Macdonald. This,
in case of your being at
any time in difficulties, may
be useful, but you will also
observe that the Wuzeer of Fars
has been requested to furnish
you with a *Rukhnam* from
H. R. H. the Prince.

5 I recommend your
communicating an account of
your progress to Colonel Macdonald
as frequently as opportunities may
offer.

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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [31v] (42/70)

offer, and conceive that there
would be advantage in your
doing so through Dr McNeill,
who will doubtless be acquainted
with wherever Colonel Macdonald
may be.

6. The instructions
which you have received from
the Honble the Governor render
you fully aware of the peculiar
situation in which an English
Officer is placed in this Country,
I have not therefore any thing
to add on that head.

7. In the event of
your receiving information
of any part of the Country
being in such a disturbed
state as to render your passing
through it dangerous, I beg
to

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to observe that I do not consider
the service would be benefited
by your incurring any considerable
risk; on the contrary, in the
event above contemplated, I
recommend that you should either
remain in any place where you
may be in safety, until you
can communicate with the nearest
British authority, or indeed that
you should proceed in any
direction that would appear
to be most advisable under
the prevailing circumstances.

I have the honor to be
Residency in the }
Persian Gulf } signed D. Wilson
Bushire } Resident in the Pers. Gulf
26th December 1824

True Copy
Signed D. Wilson
Res. Pers. Gulf

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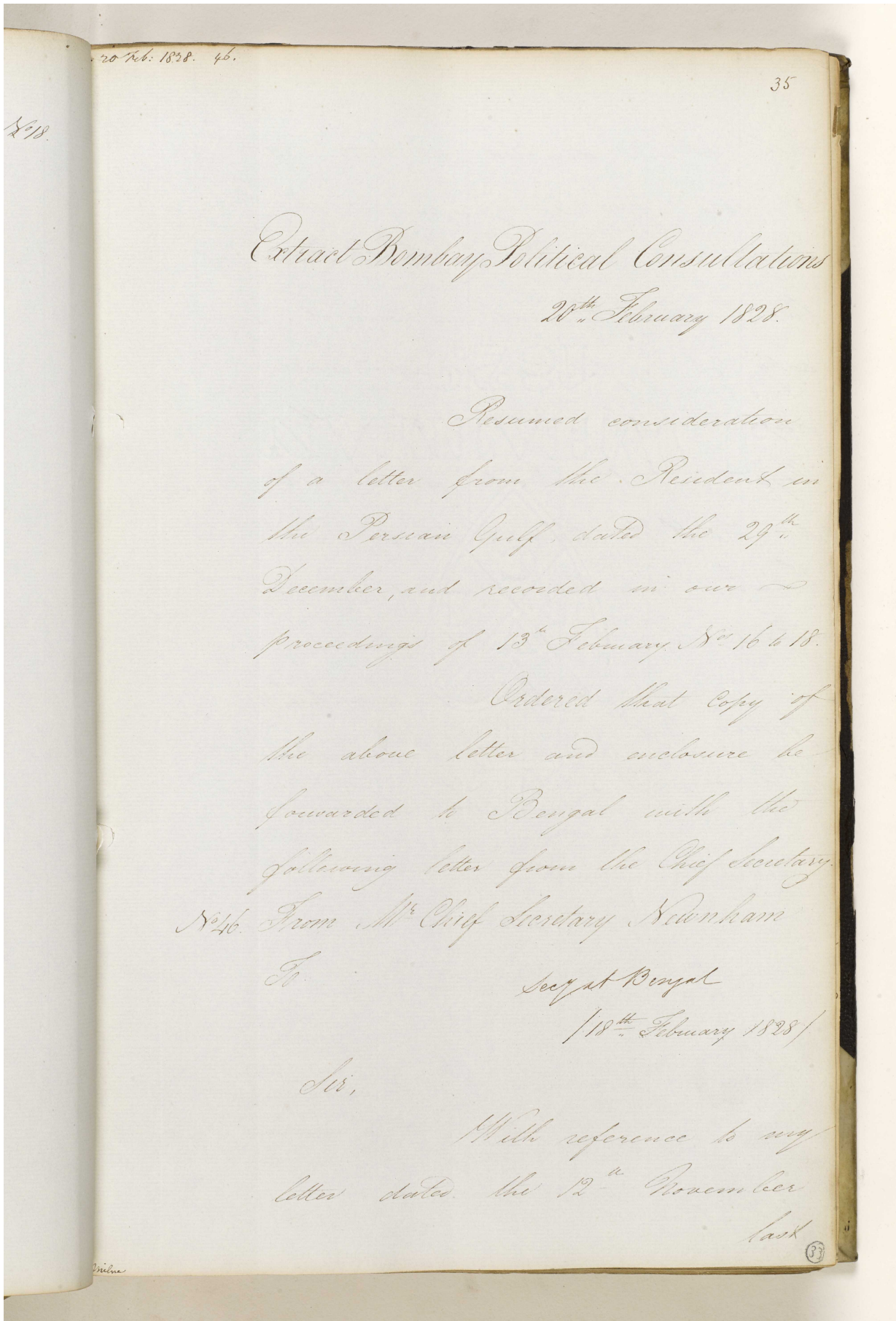
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From Mr. Chief Secretary Newnham No. 19.
To D. Wilson Esq. Resident in the
Persian Gulf. (7th February 1828)

Sir,

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 24th December
last, and to acquaint you
that the Honble the Governor
in Council approves of the tenor
of your communication to Cornet
Hamilton, copy of which accompanied
your despatch.

I have the honor to be Sir
Bombay Castle } Signed W. Newnham
7th February 1828 } Chief Secretary



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last, I am directed to transmit
to you, for the purpose of
being laid before the Right Honble
the Governor General in Council,
copy of a further correspondence
respecting the Diploma from the
Royal Asiatic Society forwarded
to H. P. H. Abbas Meerza by Cornet
T. B. Hamilton of the 1st Regiment
B. L. Cavalry.

Bombay Castle
18th February 1828

I have the honor to be
Signed, W. Keenanham
Chief Secretary

20 Aug. 1828. 37.

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

20th August 1828.

The President delivers
in the following Minute dated 9th August.
No. 31. Minute by the President.

By a letter received
from Lieut Colonel Macdonald, I regret
to learn that Lieutenant Hamilton
of the Bombay Cavalry has been
and continues much indisposed. That
Original Officer would otherwise have retained
arrived within the time prescribed for
the execution of the duties assigned
him.

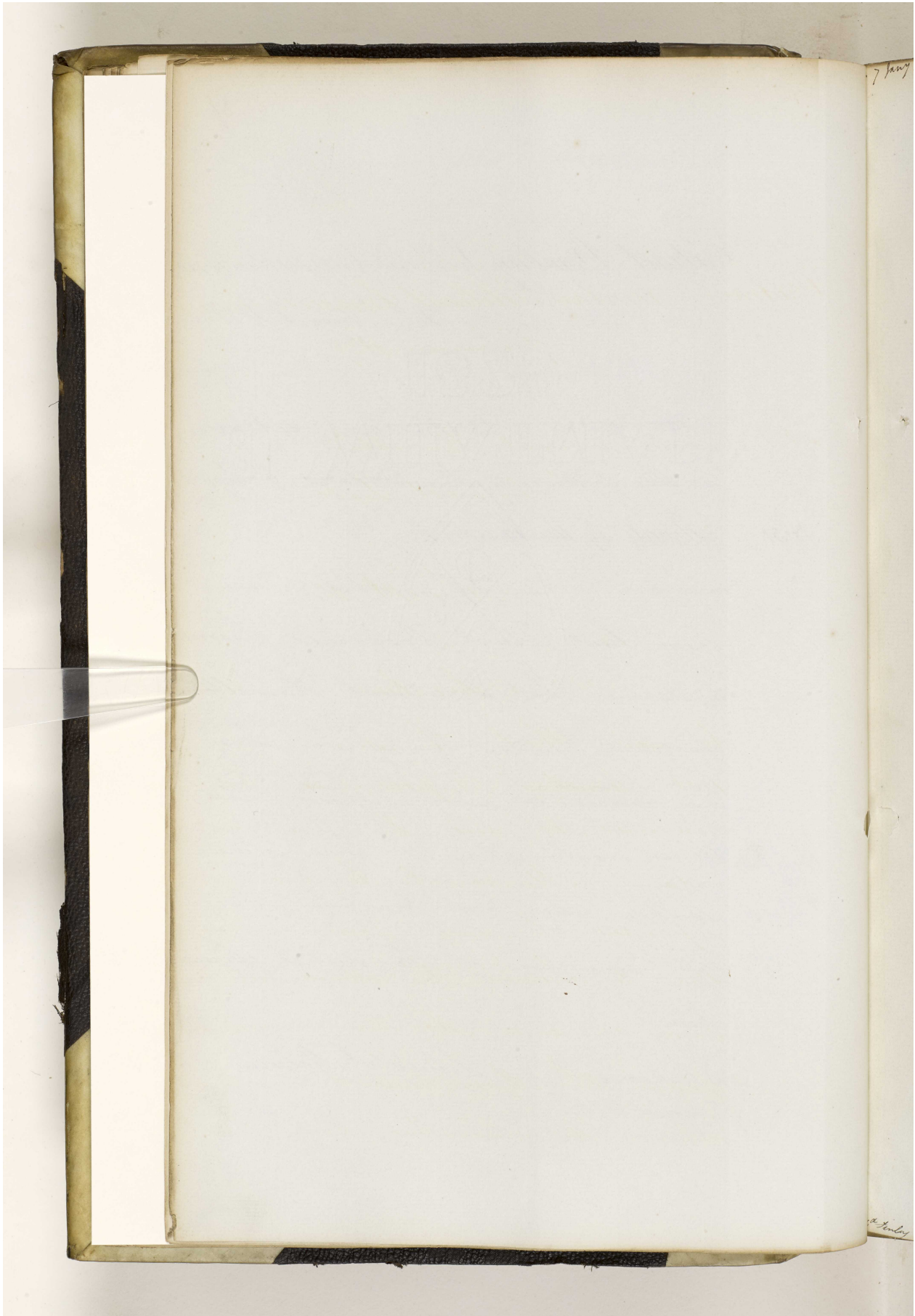
D. Shapoorjee }
9th August 1828 }

Signed J. Malcolm

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
7th January 1829. -

No 1 From Cornet Hamilton
1st Regiment Light Cavalry
To

(1st Sept 1828)

Sir,

I beg leave to state
to you that the sum of
1000 Bombay Rupees has been
advanced to me by Lieut
Colonel Macdonald, to bear the
expenses of my journey from
this to India, the above mentioned
sum it was to have received
from the Government on my
return to Bombay, but for
unforseen

Hamilton

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unforeseen circumstances have been
obliged to apply for it here,
and beg that the same may
be paid into the hands of
Mess^{rs} Remington and Crawford
Lieut. Colonel Macdonald's Agent
in Bombay.

Tabriz } I have &c
1st Sept. 1828 } signed J. B. Hamilton
Cornet 1st Regt. L.C.
From Mr Secretary Norris No 2
do

General Paymaster
(2 January 1829)

Sir

With reference to
Mr Chief Secretary Newkhan's letter
dated the 12th Nov- 1827, I
am directed to request, that you
will pay the remaining money
Rupers

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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [36r] (51/70)

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Rupies 1000 of the sum allowed
to Cornet J B Hamilton of
the 1st Regiment of Light
Cavalry deputed on a special
duty to Persia, to Mess^{rs} Remington
Crawford & Co and debit the
amount to that Officer.

Bombay Castle } I have &c
5 Jan^{ry} 1829 } signed, C Norris
Secretary to Gov^t

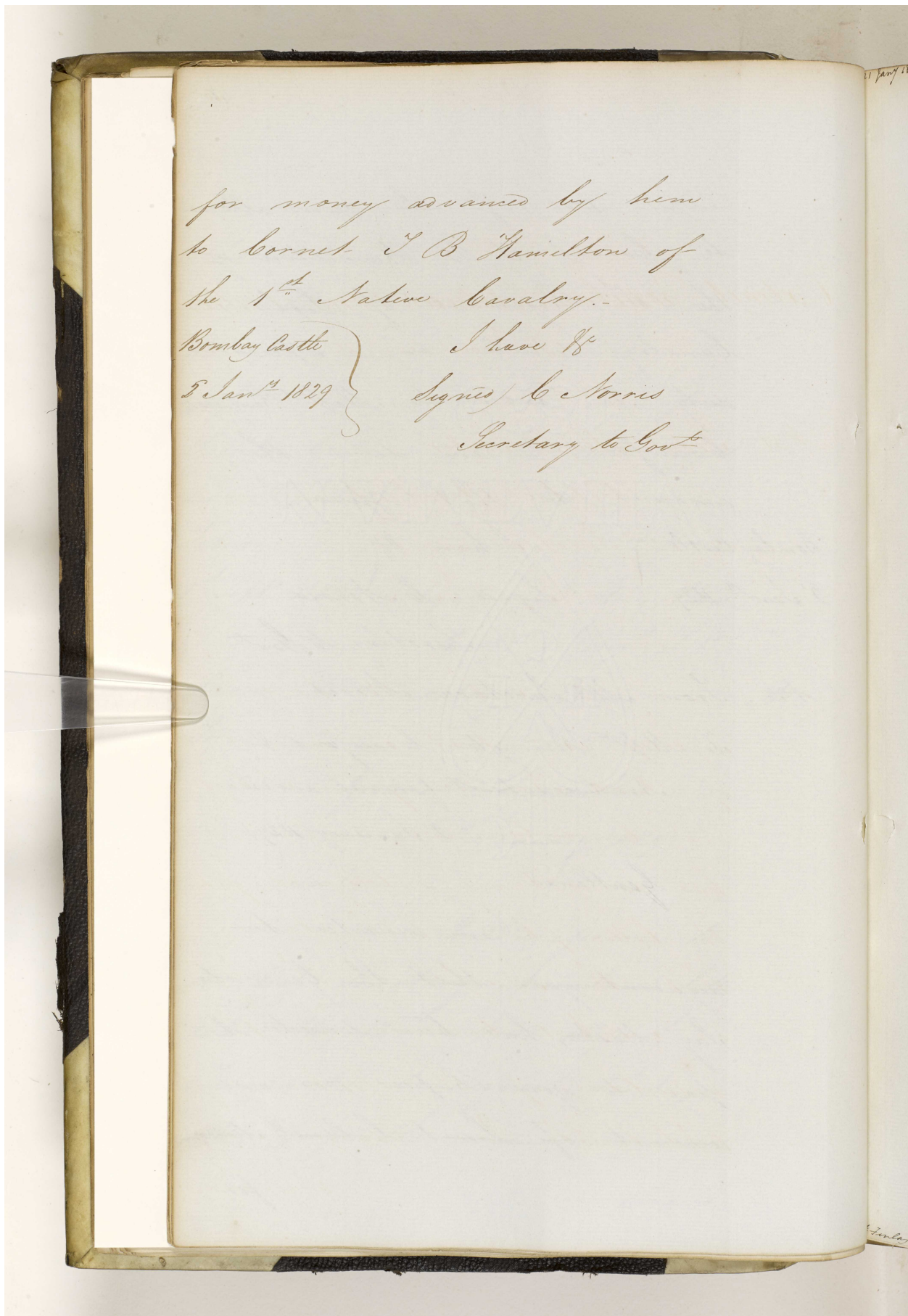
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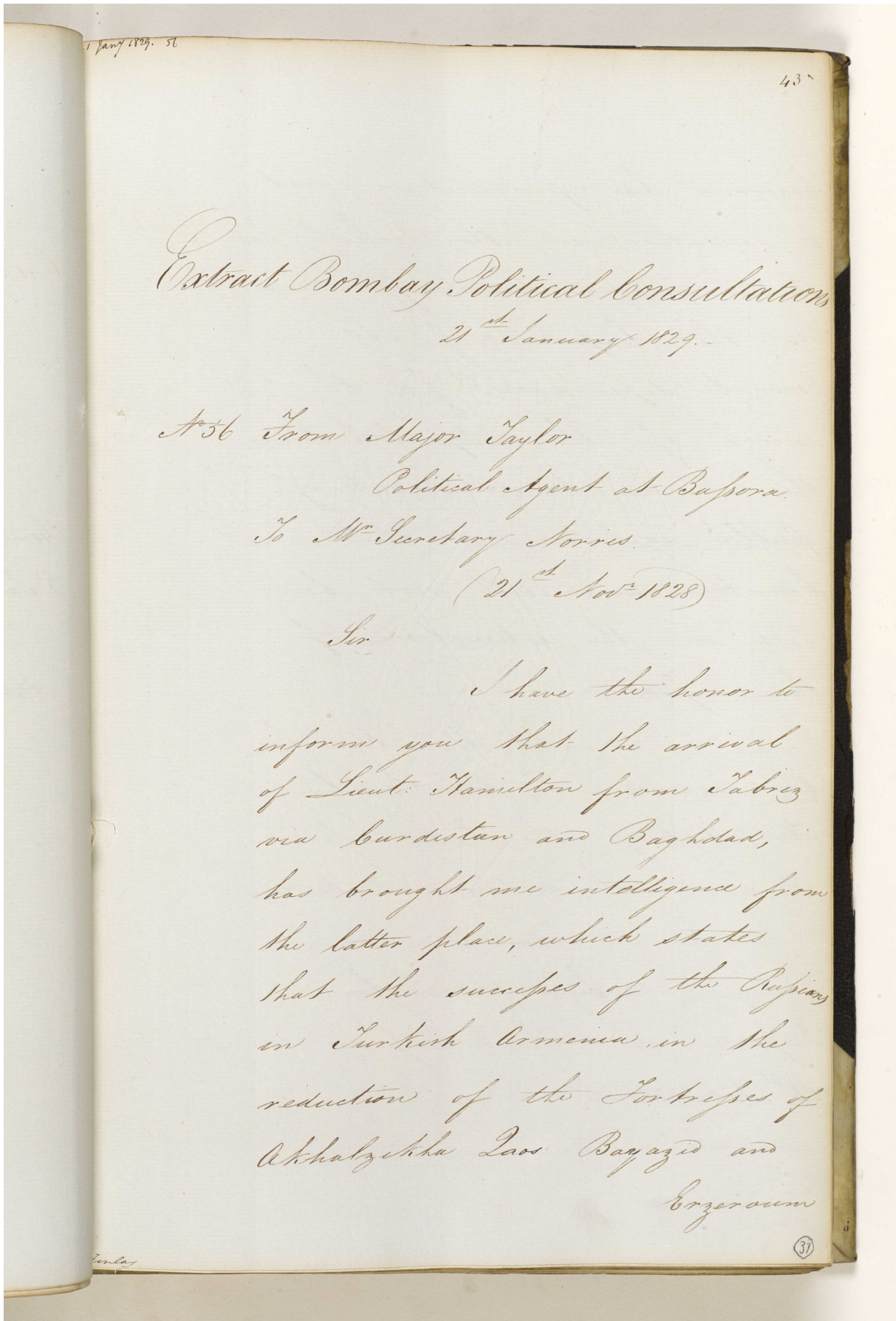
#3 From M^r Secretary Norris
To Mess^{rs} Remington, Crawford & Co
And Accountant General advised
(5 January 1829)
Gentlemen

I am directed to
acquaint you that the General
Pay Master, has been directed to
pay to you Rupies 1000 on
account of Lieut. Colonel Meadows
for

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Cozeroun had produced so great
a sensation in the Pashalics, that
Public prayers were offered up
in the Capitals of its
several dependances for the
success of the Imperial Arms,
this is a strong mark of
public agitation in these
Countries and will not be
lost in the estimation of
the Russians.

Mr. Hamilton has
been received and treated by
His Highness the Pacha of
Baghead with distinguished attention.

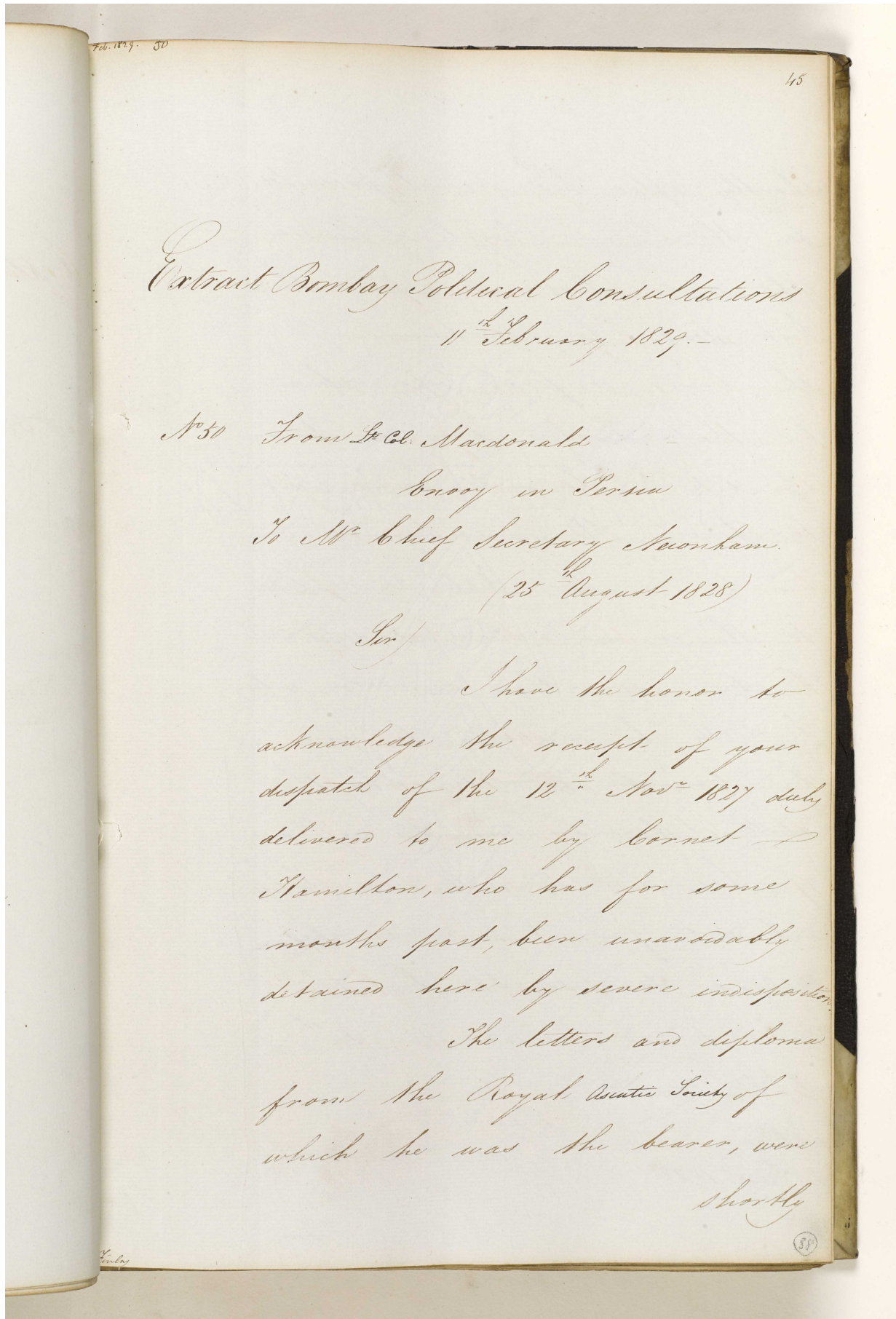
I have &c

Signed / R Taylor

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J. A. Baspora

21st Nov. 1828



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shortly after his arrival, presented
to the Prince Royal of Persia,
who was pleased to express the
high sense he entertained of
the honor conferred upon him
by that learned body, an honor
of which he will never cease
to cherish the remembrance.

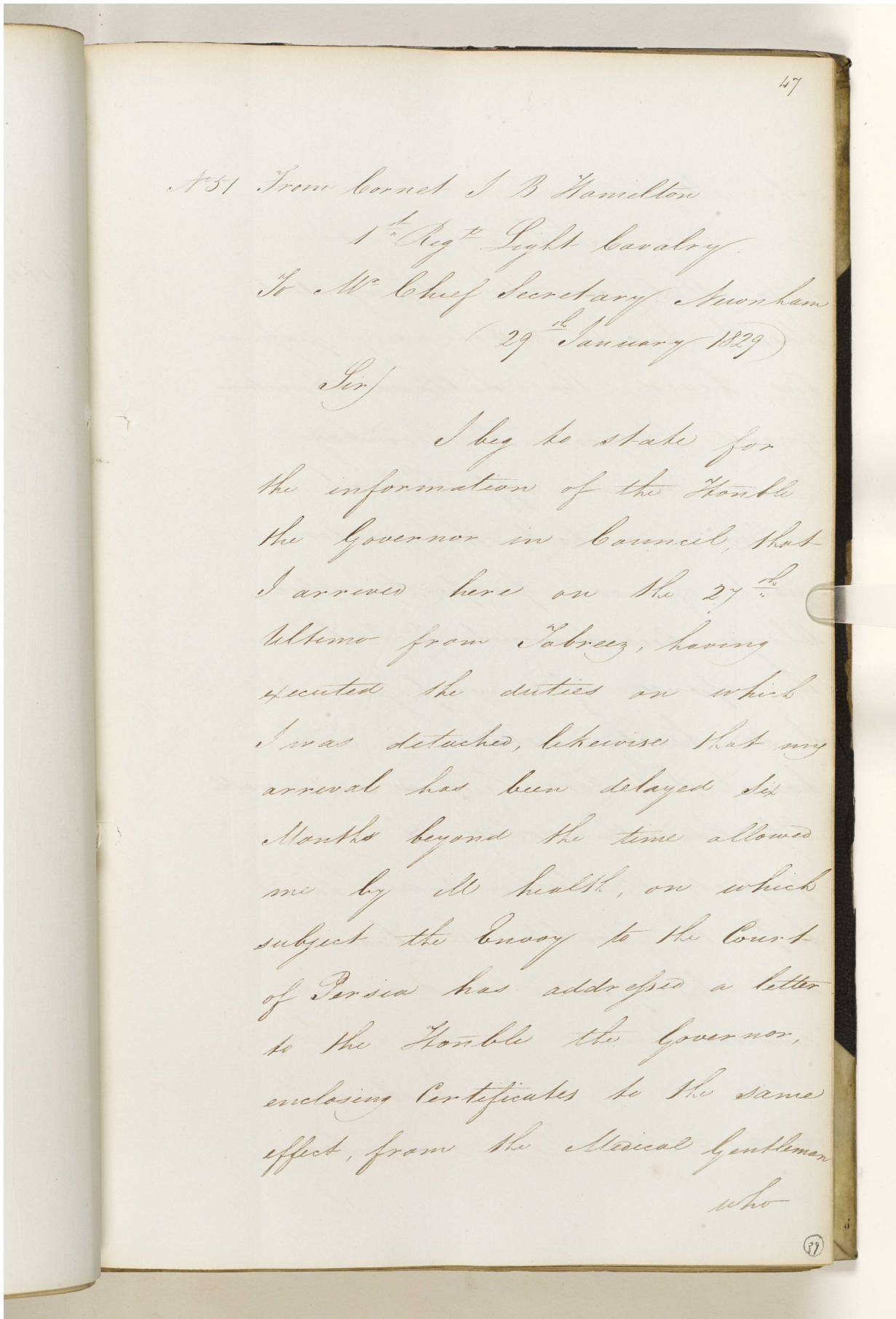
The Highness replies
to the communications addressed
to him on this occasion, with
herewith he conveys to you
by Cornet Hamilton, who tho'
still laboring under the influence
of his disorder, will nevertheless
set out from hence on his
return to Bombay, by the
nearest route on the 1st

Sept^r -

Labruz
25th Aug^r 1828

Shaw &
Signes & Macdonald

From



who attended me.

I have also to
state that on the 18th of last
Month having taken my passage
on board the Sultana Begawan
from Bupora to Bombay,
I was wrecked off Bandeh
Dellum and lost the greater
part of my property, including
Charger, accoutrements & likewise
the expenses of my passage, &
I do hereby declare on my
honor, that 2000 Rupees is considerably
less than the value of my
property & lost, which I humbly
hope the Honourable the Governor
will be pleased to take into
consideration.

At Bushire I
took another passage on board
the

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The Ship Oscar in which I arrived, and request that the usual passage Money for Officers deputed on Public duties to Persia may be allowed me, and that the Mission Money of 250 Rupees per Month, allowed me during the first 8 Months may be further continued to the date of my return.

Bombay
29th Jan^r 1839

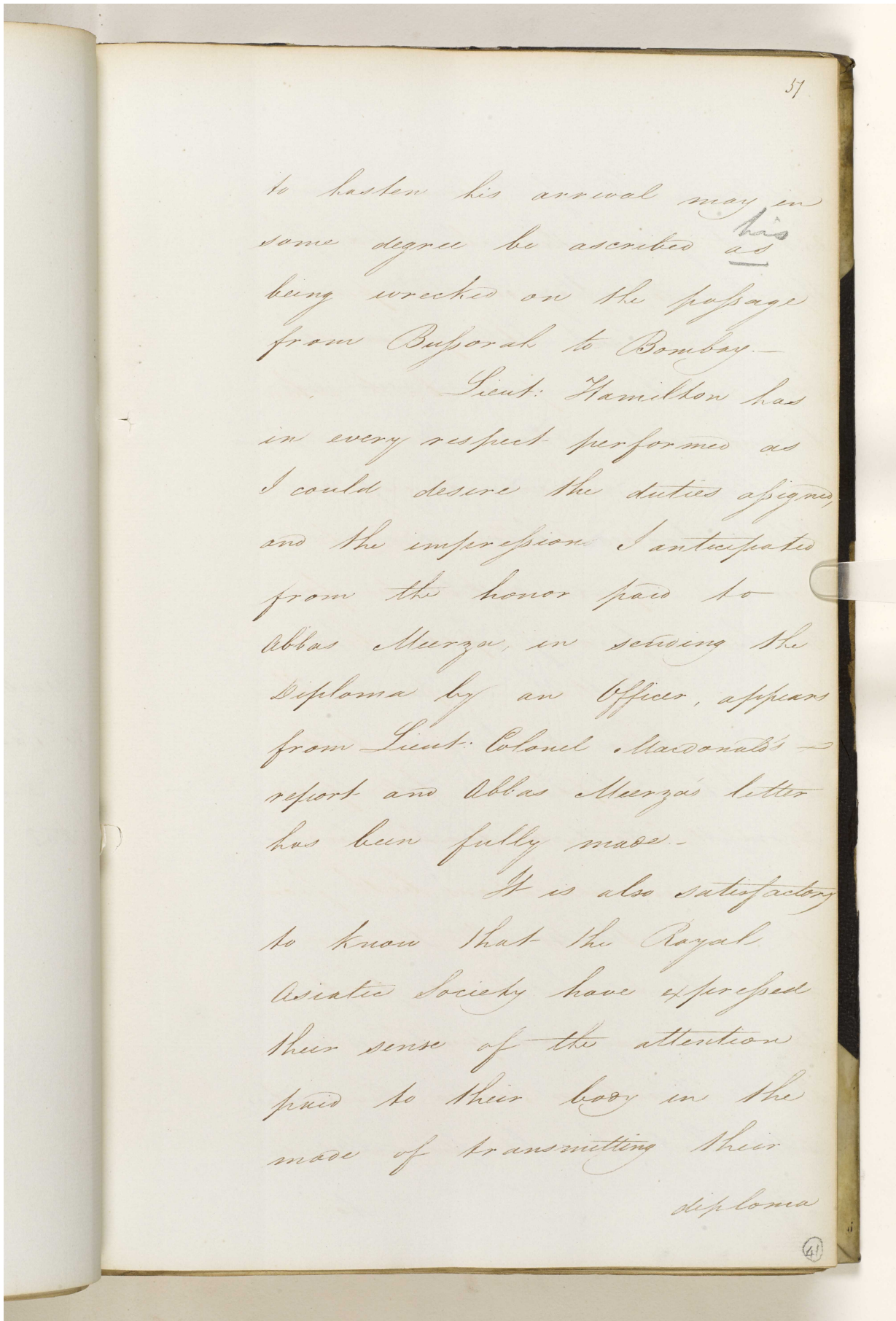
I have &c
Signed/ J.B. Hamilton
1st Regt I.C.

N^o 52 Minute by the President dated 3rd February concurred in by the Board.

Lieut. Hamilton's statement regarding the manner in which he was sent is correct. He was calculated to return in 8 Months

Months and an allowance of
250 Rupees granted to defray his
expenses. His passage was paid
to Persia and he promised
it should be paid back when
he returned.

Severe illness has
compelled Lieut. Hamilton to
exceed the period calculated for
his journey, and exposed him
to much additional expense. The
cause of his delay is stated
in the accompanying letter from
Lieut. Colonel Macdonald, and
several communications both from
the Resident and Mr. Surgeon
Cormick to me, prove that
it was quite impossible for
him to return sooner than he
has done. In view to his anxiety
to



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to hasten his arrival may in
some degree be ascribed ^{his} as
being wrecked on the passage
from Buporal to Bombay.

Lieut. Hamilton has
in every respect performed as
I could desire the duties assigned,
and the impression I anticipated
from the honor paid to
Abbas Meerza, in sending the
Diploma by an Officer, appears
from Lieut. Colonel Macdonald's
report and Abbas Meerza's letter
has been fully made.

It is also satisfactory
to know that the Royal
Asiatic Society have expressed
their sense of the attention
paid to their body in the
mode of transmitting their
diploma

Diploma. The following is an
Extract from the Minutes of
the Council May 3^d 1825.

"A Letter from Sir
John Malcolm announcing his
"having sent Abbas Meerza's diploma
"to Persia in charge of an
"Officer, having been read -

"It was resolved -

"on the motion of Sir Alex^r Johnston

"that the warmest thanks
"of the Council be given to
"Sir John Malcolm for his
"prompt attention to the Society's
"wishes."

Under all these
circumstances I should propose,
that the requests contained in
Lieut. Hamilton's letter be complied
with. That he be permitted

to

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to draw at the same rate 250
Ruppes per Mensem for the
6 Months ill health compelled
him to remain in Persia
beyond the period fixed for his
journey. That he receive in lieu
of property lost by Shipwreck
2000 Ruppes and be allowed
proppage money at the usual
rate for his voyage down
the Gulph.

Signed / J. Malcolm.

N^o 53 From Mr Chief Secretary Newham
To Lieut: Hamilton

1st Regt Light Cavalry
(7th February 1829)

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In reply to your
letter of the 29th Ultimo, I am
directed to inform you that the
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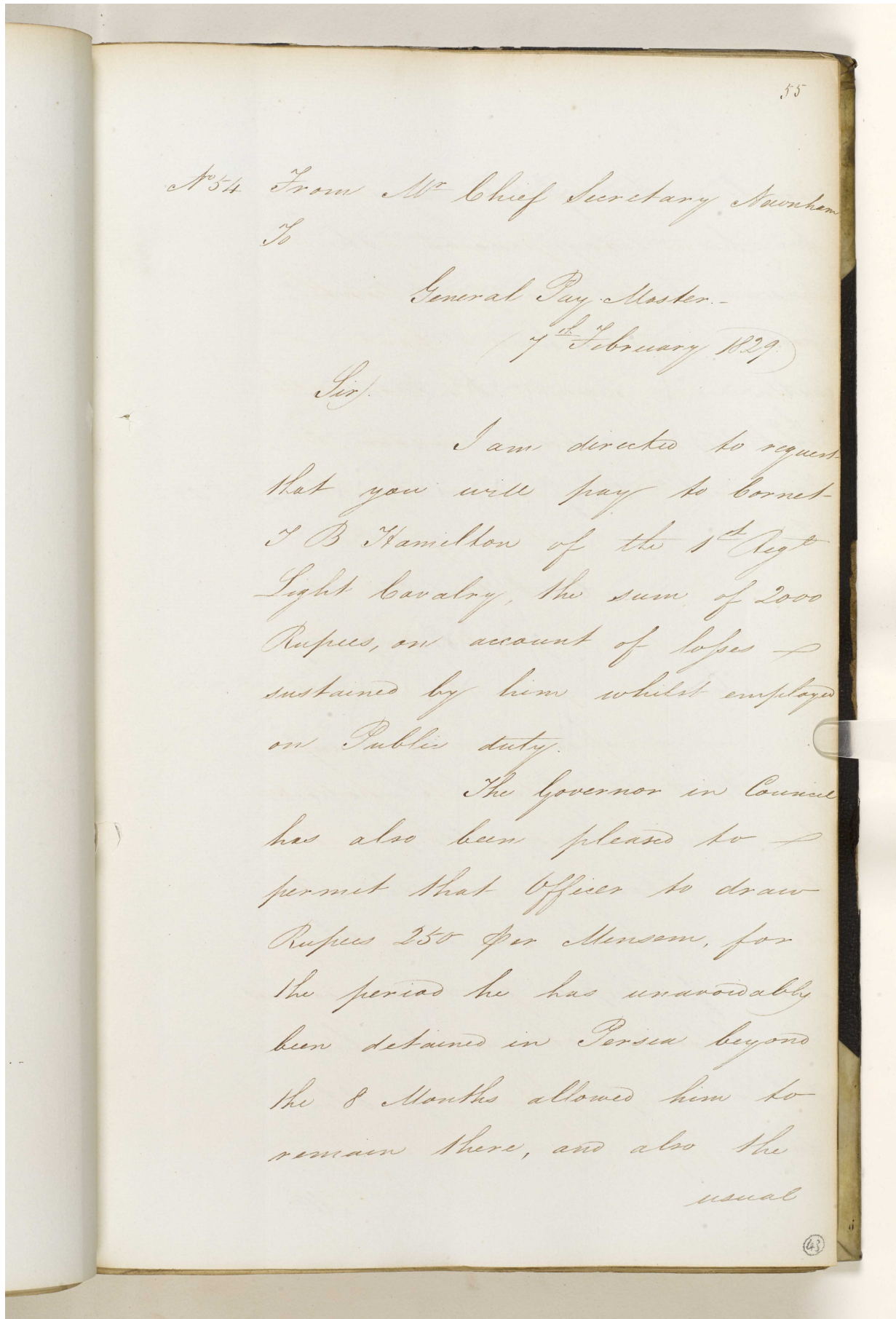
Should the Governor in Council
is pleased to permit you to
draw Rupees 250 per Month
for the period you have &
unavoidably exceeded the 8 Months,
calculated for your journey to
and from the Persian Court.

I am further
directed to acquaint you, that
the General Paymaster has been
authorized to pay to you, the
sum of Rupees 2000 on account
of the losses stated to have been
sustained by you, whilst in
the execution of public duty,
and also the usual rate of
passage money for your voyage
down to the Persian Gulf down to Bombay.

Bombay
Castle
7th Feb^r 1829

I have &c
Signed W. Newham
Chief Secretary

W. Newham



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usual rate of passage money
for his voyage down the
Persian Gulph down to Bombay.
Bombay } I have 8/-
Castle } signed) W. Newham
7th Feb^r 1829 } Chief Secretary
From Mr Chief Secretary Newham No 55
To

Civil Auditor

(7th February 1829)

Sir/

I am directed to inform
you, that the General Pay Master
has been authorized to pay to
Cornet Hamilton of the 1st
Regiment Light Cavalry, the
sum of Rupees 2000 on account
of losses sustained by him
whilst employed on public
duty. -

Mr

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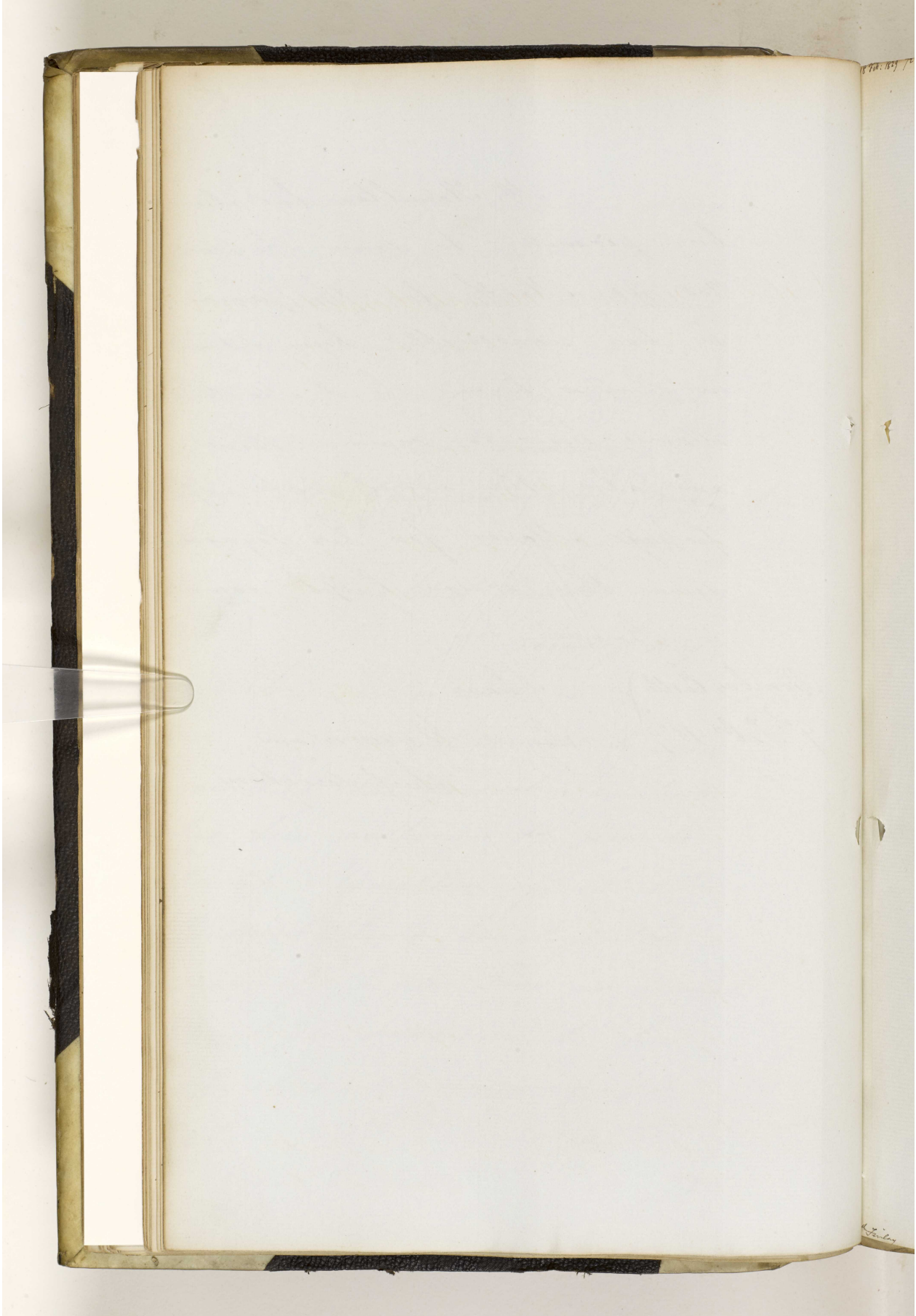
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Mr Hamilton has also
been permitted to draw Rupees
250 per Month for the period
he has unavoidably been detained
in Persia beyond the 8 Months
allowed him to remain there,
and also the usual rate of
passage Money for his voyage
down the Persian Gulf down
to Bombay.

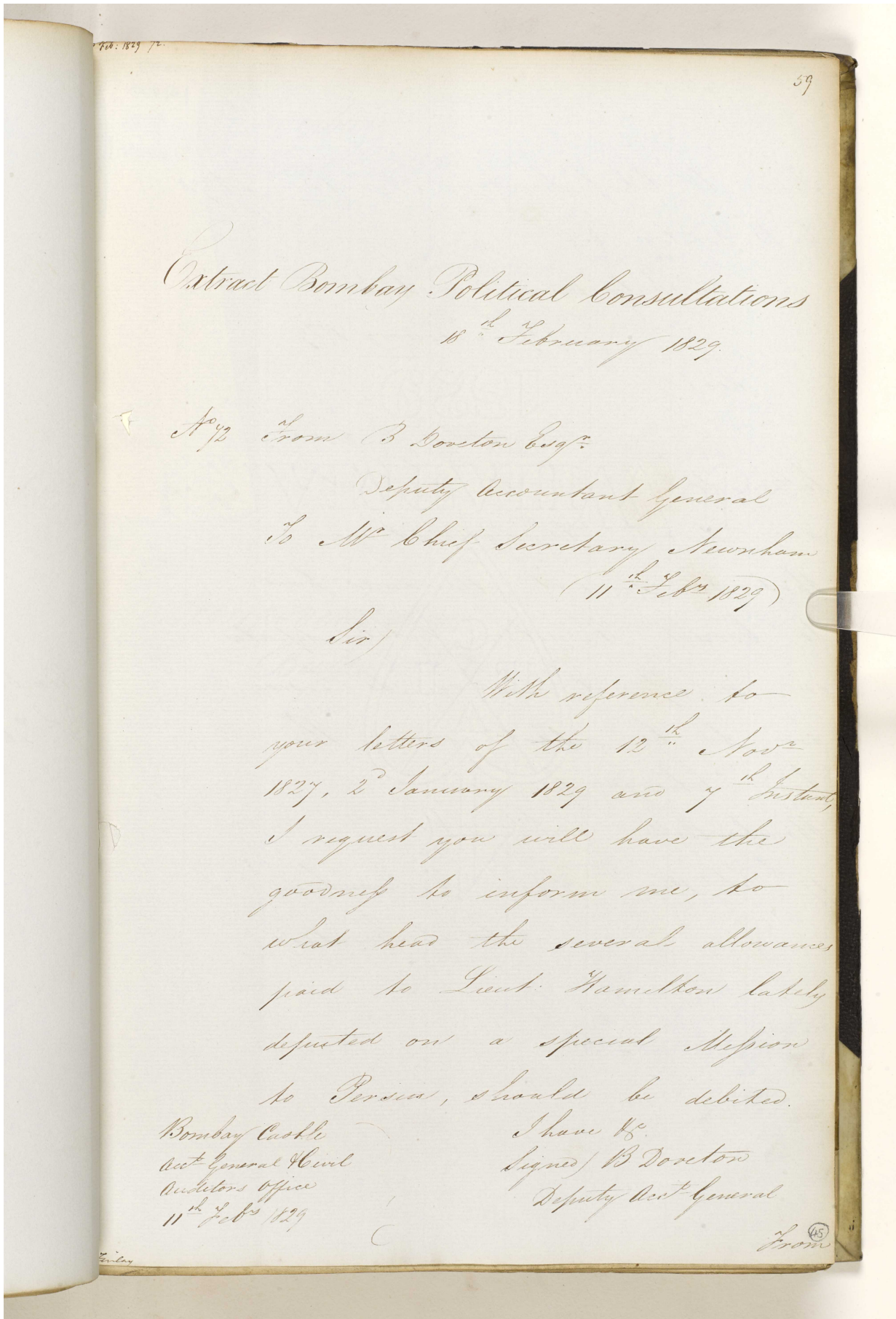
Bombay Castle
4th Feb^r 1829

I have H
Signed / M. M. M.
Chief Secretary

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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [45r] (69/70)



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Prince Abbas Meerza.' [45v] (70/70)

From Mr Chief Secretary Newham No 13
To B. Docton Esq

Deputy Accountant General
17th February 1829

Sir,

In reply to your
letter dated the 11th Instant, I
am directed to acquaint you,
that the several allowances paid
to Cornet Hamilton, lately departed
on a Special Mission to Persia,
are to be debited under the
head "Charges General".

Bombay Castle

I have &c

17th Feb^r 1829

Signed W. Newham
Chief Secretary