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‘Abolition of the Mocha Residency’

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This item consists mostly of copies of correspondence, minutes and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, letters to and from the Government of Bombay. It concerns the abolition of the Residency at Mocha.

The primary subjects are:

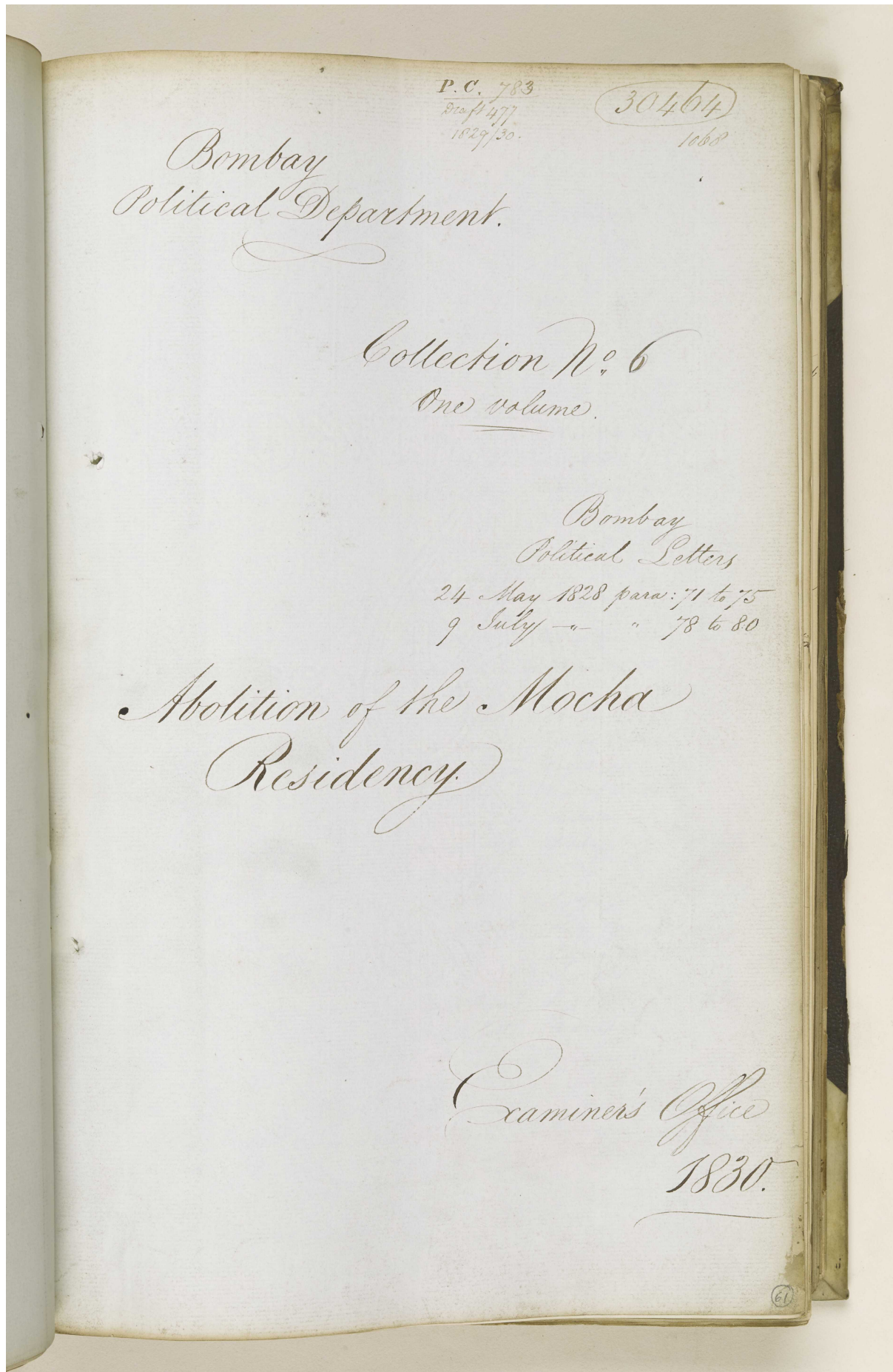
- Preparations for the management of British interests in Mocha following the abolition of the residency, including the appointment of Shaik Tayub Ibrahimjee [Shaikh Tayyib Ibrāhīm Ji] as Native Agent
- Arrangements for tying up the affairs of the residency, including an application from the residency accountant J D Luadras for salary arrears and a gratuity in consequence of his discharge
- The provision to be made for M E Bagnold, the Resident at Mocha, following the abolition of the residency, including his appointment as Commandant of the Garrison of Asseerghur [Asirgarh].

The main correspondents are: Captain (later Major) M E Bagnold, Resident at Mocha (also called the Political Agent at Mocha in the item); William Newnham, Chief Secretary, Government of Bombay; John Wedderburn, Civil Auditor, Government of Bombay; and John Bax, Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

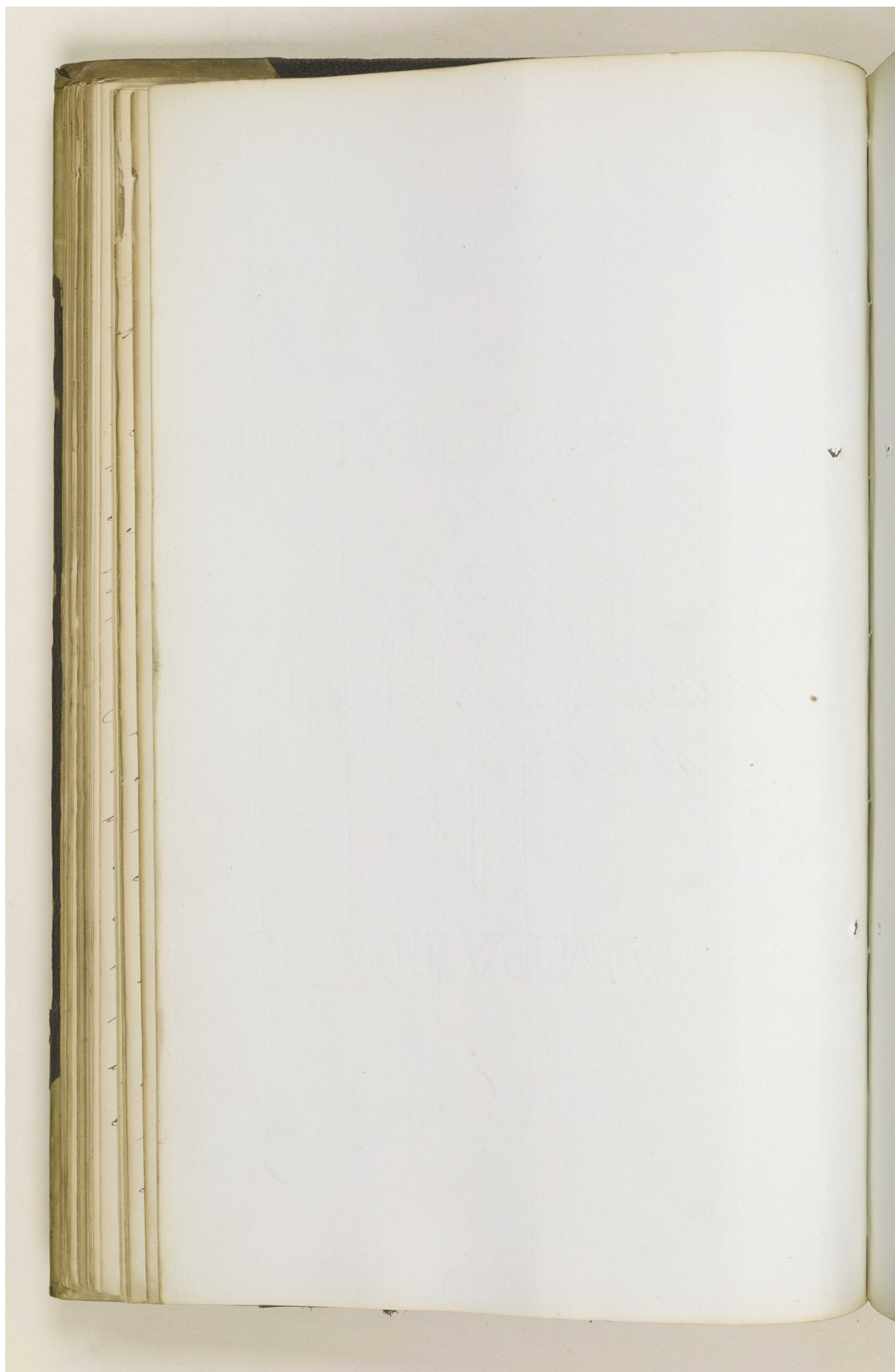
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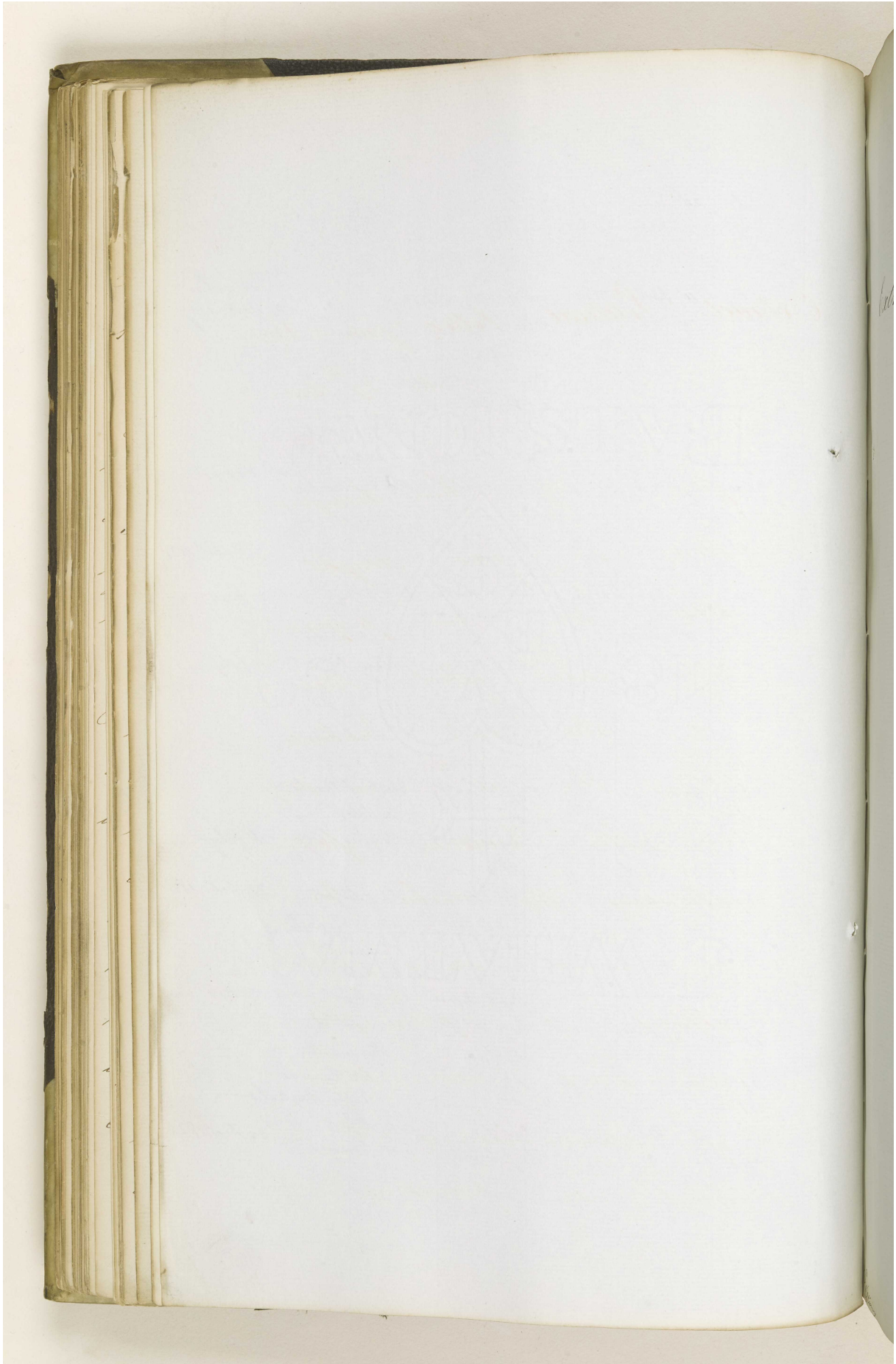
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1.	24 May 1828	Bombay Govt	Court of Directors	
9.	9 July --	S ^o --	S ^o --	
13	11 June 1827	Governor's Minute		Bombay Pol. Cens. 10 Oct. 1827
17	19 Sept. "	Rest. at Mocha	Secy to Govt.	
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62	7 " "	Rest. at Mocha	Secy to Govt.	
63	30 " "	Secy to Govt.	Rest. at Mocha	
65	" "	S ^o --	Auditor	
67	30 May "	Bengal Secy	Bombay Secy	16 July --
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71	20 " "	Secy to Govt.	Major Bagnold	
73	" "	S ^o --	Paymaster	
74	" "	S ^o --	Auditor	
74	" "	Major Bagnold	Secy to Govt. -	5 Nov. --
77	28 " "	Secy to Govt.	Accountant	
79	3 Nov. "	S ^o --	Paymaster	
80	" "	S ^o --	Mr Quadros	
81	" "	S ^o --	Major Bagnold	
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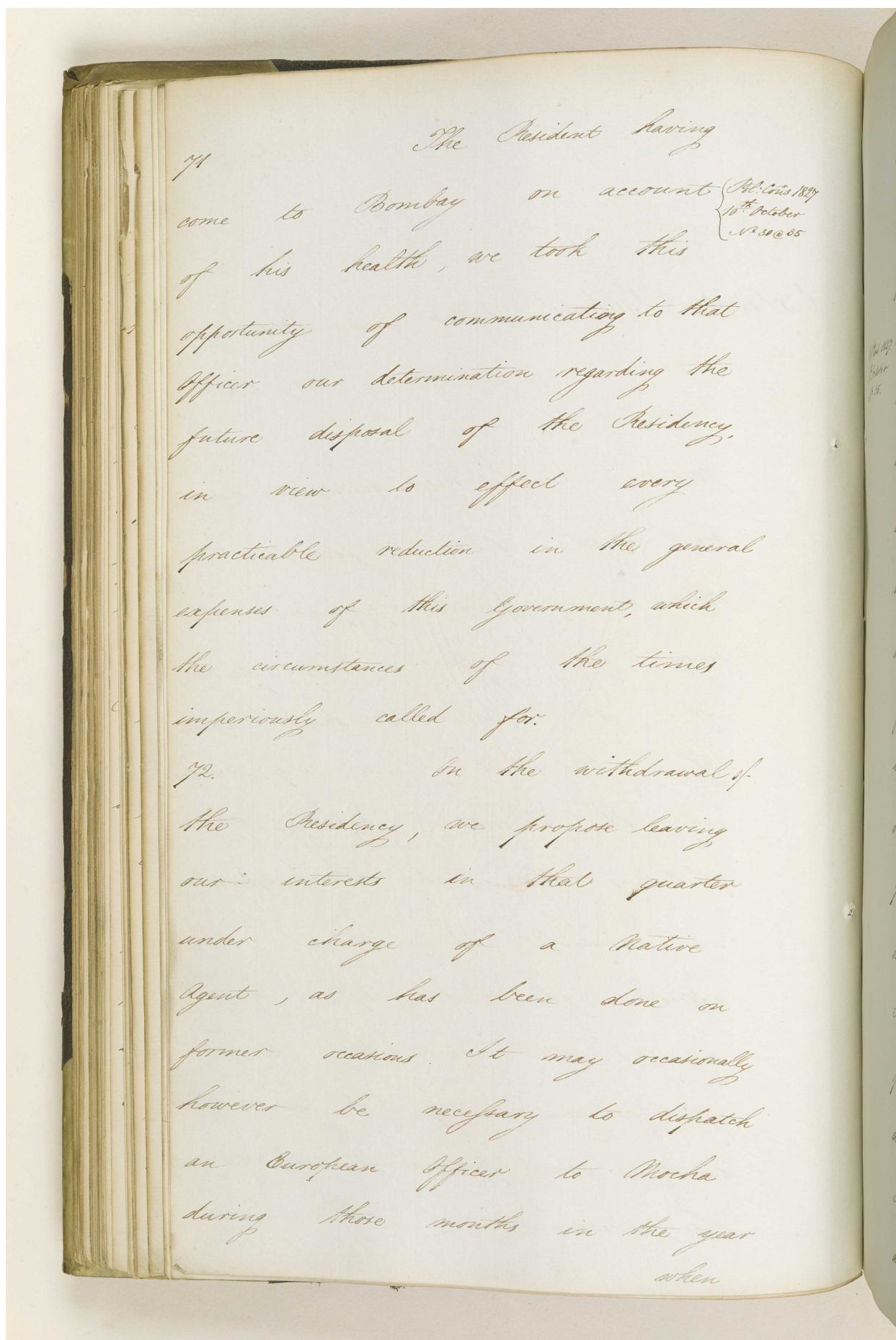
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Extract Political Letter from Bombay,
Dated 24th May 1828.

70 These discussions having
been so far brought to a
close, we were prepared to
carry into effect that part
of the late President's Minute
of the 11th June 1827, recorded
in the Territorial Department, for
abolishing the Mocha Residency, whereby
an annual saving would be
effected of Rupees 24,000, and
we have now the honor
of communicating to Your Honorable
Court our proceedings connected with
the attainment of that object.

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when the trade may require
the presence and protection of
a Cruiser.

1827
10th October
N^o 35.

73. We therefore directed
Major Bagnold to return to
Mocha, in order to make
arrangements for withdrawing the Residency,
as soon as the claims of
the Surat Merchants were completed
and the second instalment obtained
from Barbura, allowing that Officer
to retain his personal salary until
otherwise provided for.

74. We also instructed
the Resident, on removing the
Factory, to avoid as much as
possible, the appearance of such
a measure being in any way
connected with the late discussions
at Mocha, as such an impression
might

might be unfavorable to our
interests, and tend greatly to
weaken the influence which might
otherwise be possessed by the Native
Agent; we therefore left it
to Major Bagnolds discretion to
select the mode in which he
might think proper to notify
the intended removal of the
Residency, to the Imam of
Senna; being at the same
time careful to apprise His
Highness that by withdrawing the
British representative from his territories
it was by no means the
intention of the British Government
to abandon its interests in
that quarter, and that it
will continue to regard the
welfare and prosperity of His
Highness'

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Highness' territories with the same consideration which it has hitherto invariably done.

95. It is due to Major Bagnold that we should here state the sentiments & entertained by him on the

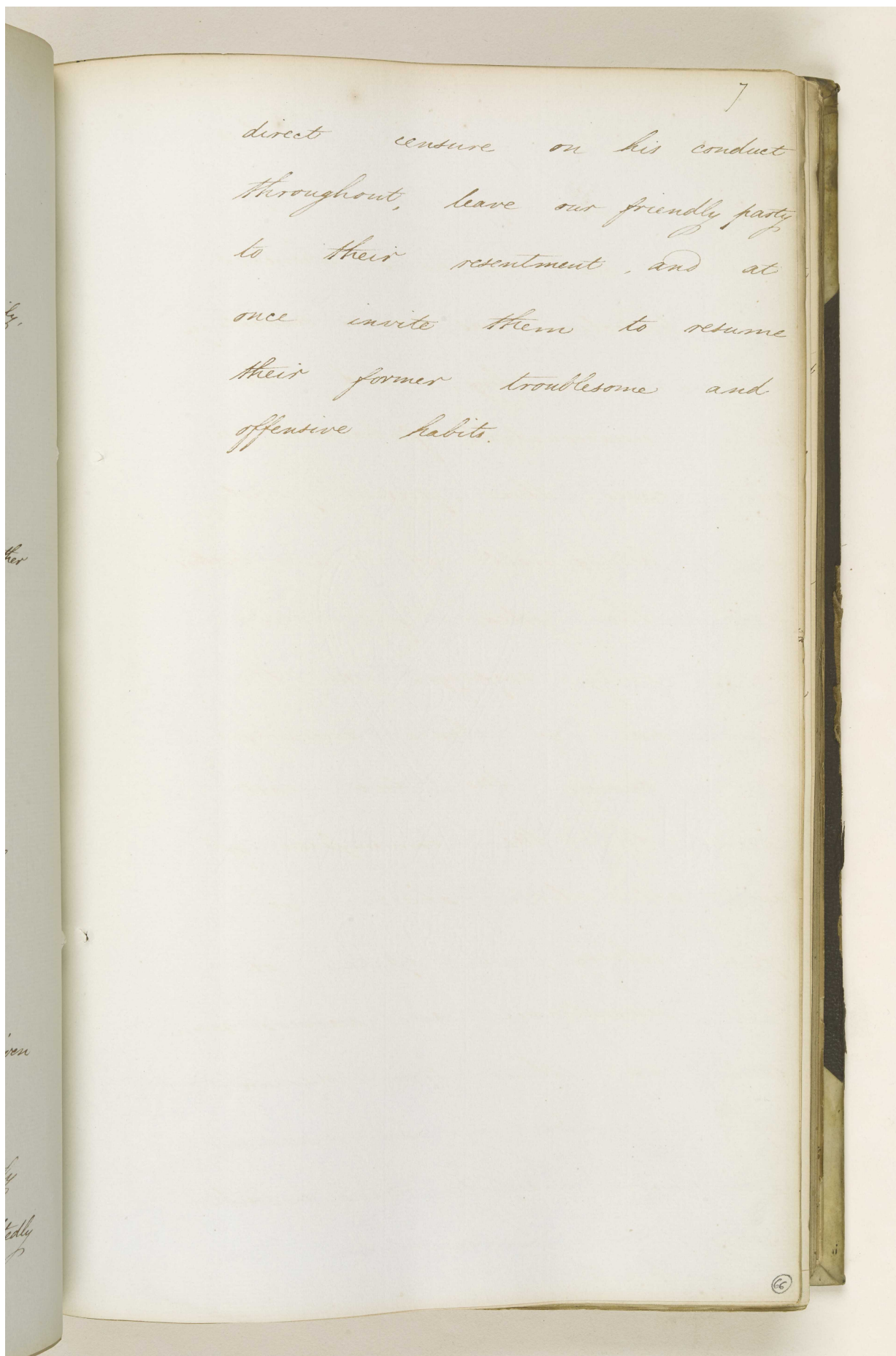
Admiral 1894
7th November
N^o 40242.

question of withdrawing the Residency, though of course it has no effect in changing the decision we had already formed. Major Bagnold observes that whatever might be the expediency for withdrawing the Residency, the present time was unfortunately a bad one, for carrying it into effect; that the Government of Mocha, and of every other port in the Red Sea, have ever shown themselves short (65)

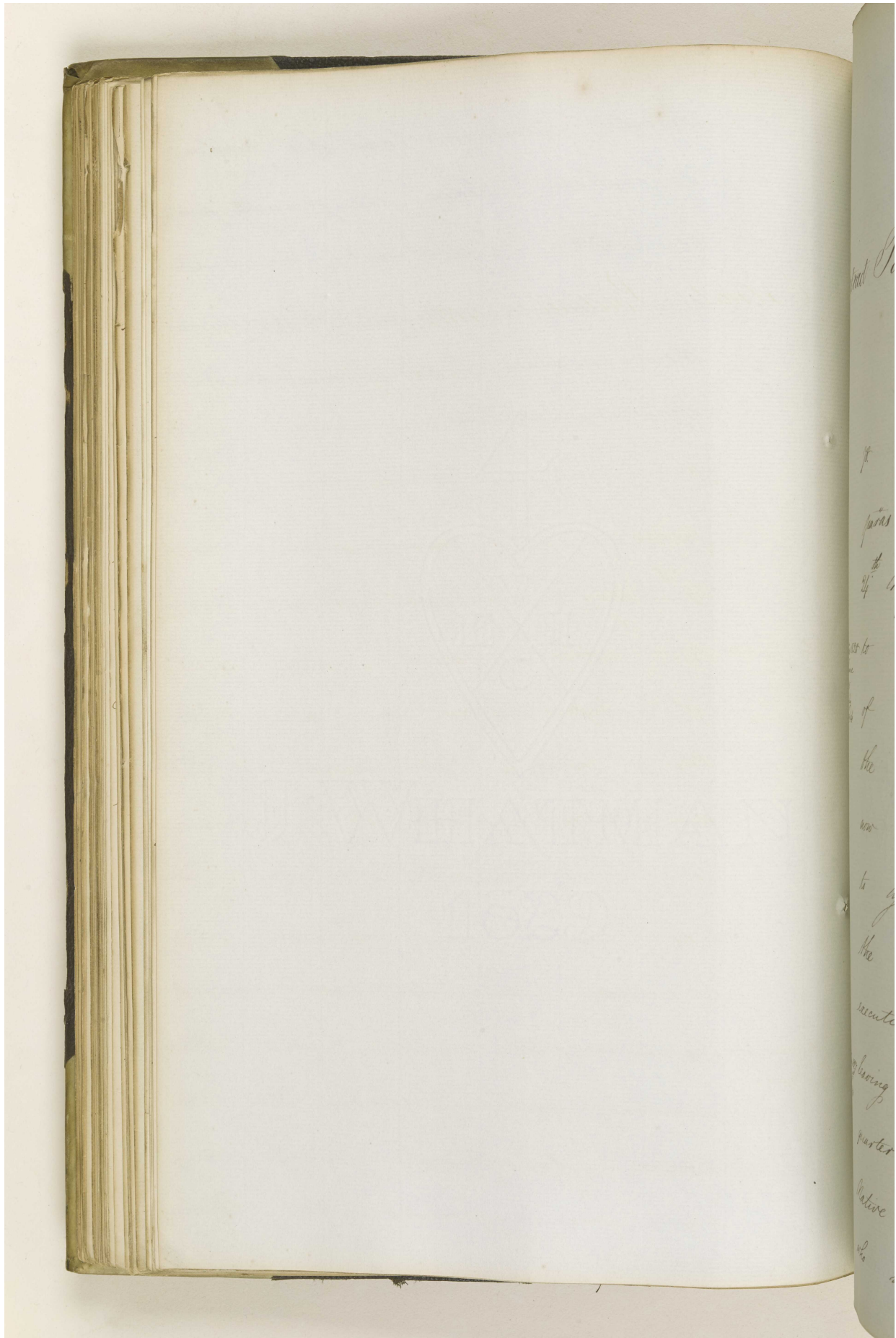
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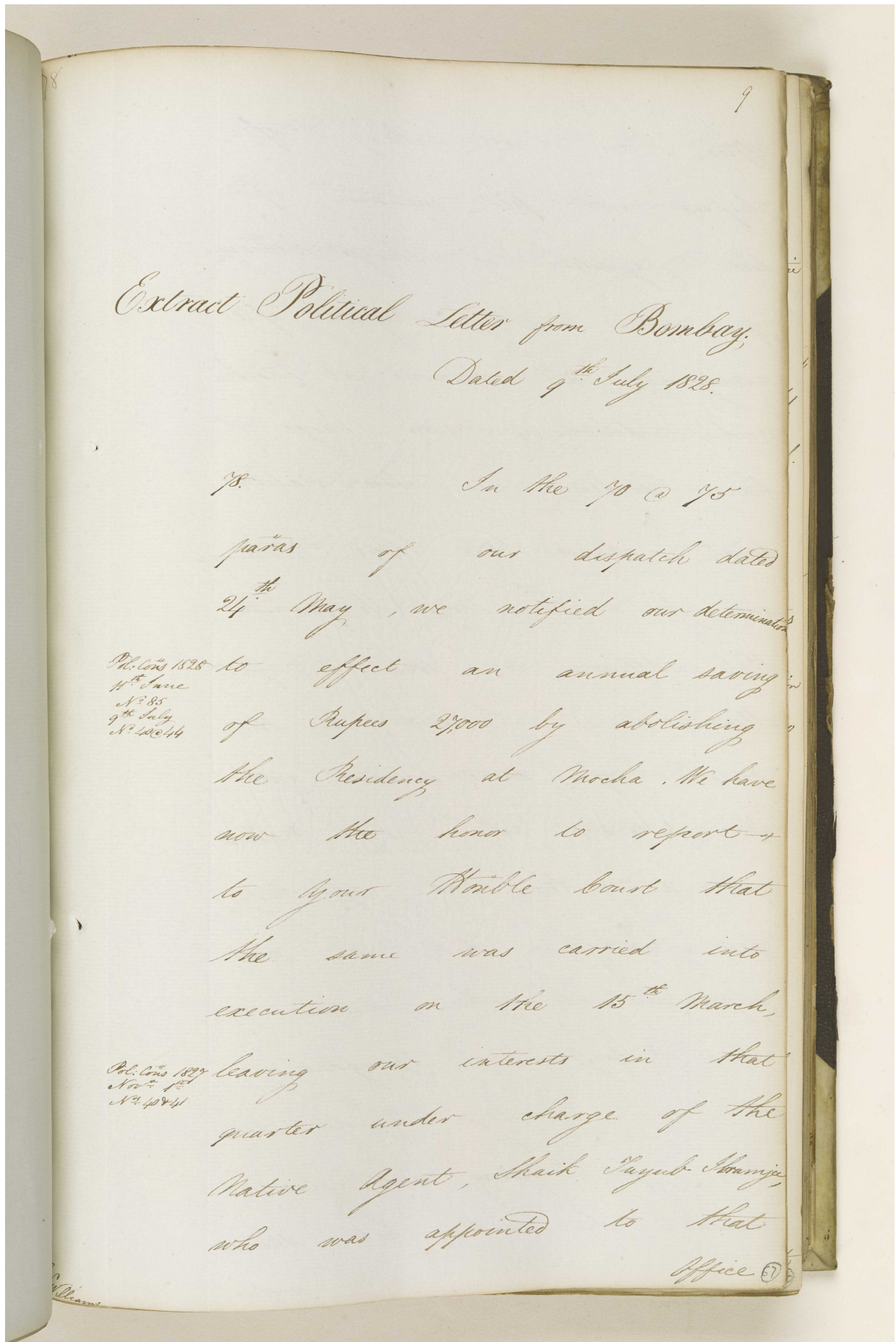
short sighted politicians and long
notorious for oppression and rapacity
towards our Merchants, whenever
our protection was, however momentarily,
withdrawn; our long, and to
them unaccountable forbearance in
most cases, their present poverty
and derangement of Finance, together
with the idea of our
being fully employed on the
other side of India, encouraged
them during the two last
years, to the commission of
an act little short of
open robbery, in spite of
every remonstrance and warning given
them, and that the withdrawal
of the Residency so immediately
after these disputes, would undoubtedly
convey to their minds a
direct

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Office on a salary of
Rupees 300 per mensem, upon
the resignation of Bhinjee Ballanje.

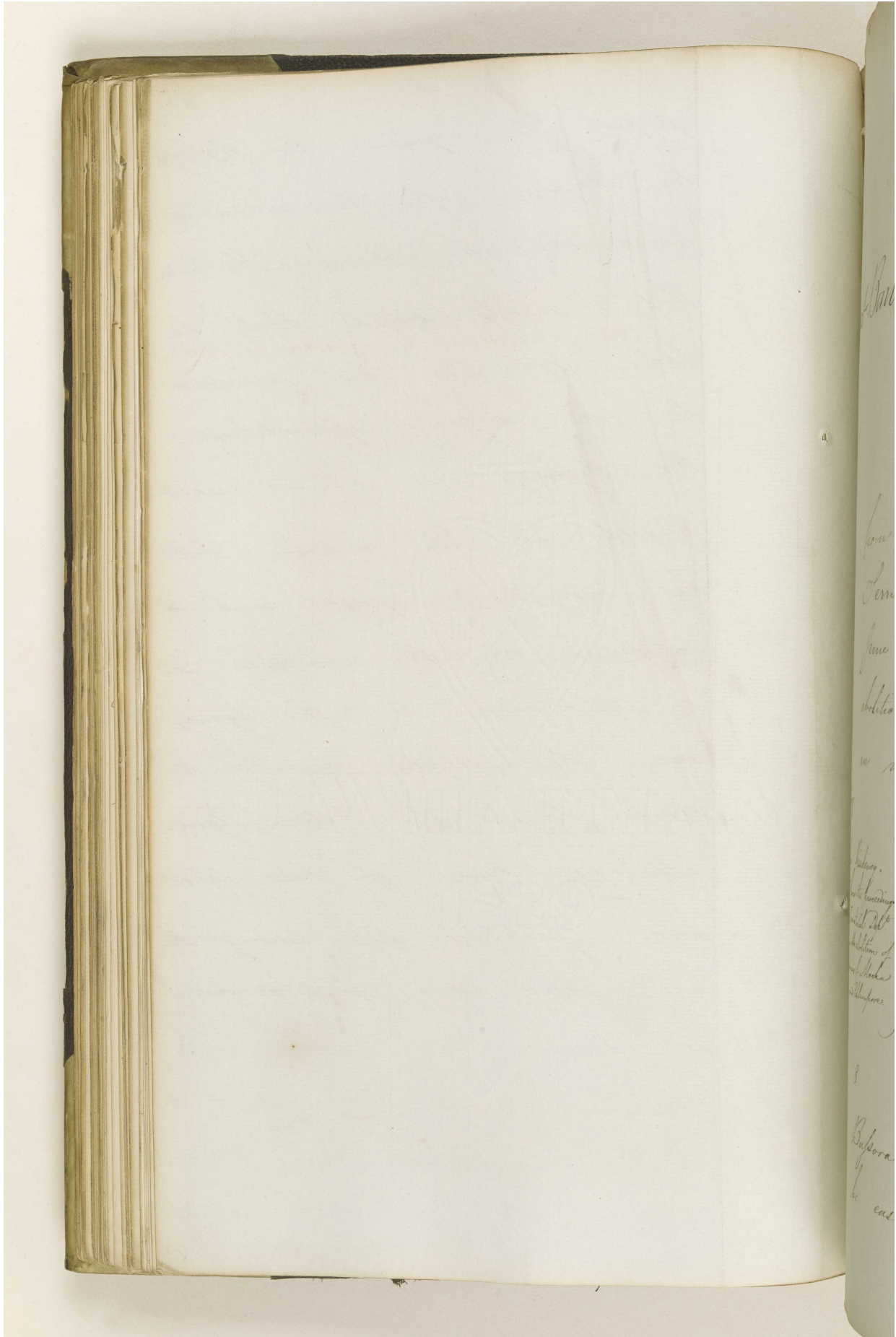
79. Major Bagnold after
arranging all concerns at Mocha
and delivering over charge of
the Residency to the Native
Agent, returned to the Presidency
on the 29th May. We permitted
that officer to draw the full
allowances of Resident to the
period of his arrival and
the personal salary of Resident
up to the end of July,
from which date he was
appointed to the command of
the Fort of Apsurgur.

80. Major Bagnold states
that for many and obvious
reasons he did not think
proper

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proper to acquaint His Highness
the Imam of the motives of
Government for withdrawing the Residency,
but merely stated that he
had left on his promotion
to a superior appointment.
His Highness is by no means
pleased at the measure, but
has nevertheless expressed much
satisfaction at the nomination of
a Mahomedan to the Agency
and has written personally to
Shah Layb the Native Agent,
assuring him of his favor
and protection and desiring he
will refer every question direct
to him.

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c. 10 Oct 1827. 28.

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
10th October 1827.

The following Extracts
from our Proceedings in the
Territorial Department of the 30th
June and 2^d August, regarding the
abolition of the Mocha Residency
are now brought on record.

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28 } Extract from the Proceedings of
Mocha Residency. } Government in the Territorial
Extract from the Proceedings } Department. Finance.
in the Territorial Dept^o }
respecting the abolition of }
the Residencies of Mocha }
Bulsora and Pahlempore. } Extract from the Governor's Minutes
dated the 11th Instant.

8. The Mocha and
Bulsora Residencies might I think
be easily spared; the first as
soon

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soon as the present discussions
are terminated, Captain Bagnold being
allowed his personal salary, till
otherwise provided for. The savings,
deducting the personal salary would
be 20,000

This presents an immediate
savings of 1,04,000.

9. I would not
abolish Buxora at present because
Sir J. Malcolm is so much
fitter to decide on the
necessity of the situation: we
may take it as a prospective
reduction after deducting Pension of 50,000.

16. These three
Agencies may probably be consolidated,
or two of them at least,
(for Pakhpore scarcely costs anything)
and the saving would not then
be

be less than 80 or 90,000 Rupees,
instead of 38,000. If Colonel Pallantini
could be allowed to retain
his salary until equally well
provided for, the experiment might
perhaps be made at once, but
on this I should wish for
further time to enquire.

Extract of a Statement of Reductions

No. 1	Make Comptrol Agency	Present Amt	Reductions		
5	Pakhanpore - 2-			1,38,000	38,000
6	Rajpampala - 5-				

Resd. 30th June 1827. Ordered that a
copy of the preceding papers
be transferred to the Political
Department for information, whence
instructions are in due time
to be issued for the abolition of
the Residency of Mocha

True Extract
Signed John Buss
Secretary to Govt

Extract
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Extract from the Honorable the No 29
Governor's Minutes subscribed to by
the Board in the Territorial Department
Finance.

I do not think
any change should be made
in Colonel Ballantine's situation,
until the present enquiry is at
an end, when the subject
may be reconsidered; his removal
at present would leave to
all the natives an appearance
of a decision against him,
and it might even give
Dherojee the means of influencing
persons whose testimony is of
importance.

All the other
points appear to be in train.
I conclude notice has been
sent

No 29

sent to Captain Bagnold, as
will be when an opportunity
offers.

Ordered that the
preceding Extract be transferred to
the Political Department.

No 30 From Captain Bagnold Resident
at Mocha to Mr. Chief Secretary
Newham.

From the Resident at Mocha.
Reporting the reasons of
having come to Bombay
and the repairs & stores by
the schooner Fly.

Sir,

I have the
honor to report my
arrival at the Presidency
from Mocha.

My health in
the first instance requiring a
change of air, and there
being little probability that my
personal attendance at the Residency
would be required for some
time

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time after the sailing of
the India ships, I took
the liberty of coming to Bombay
previously visiting the southern ports
on duty.

The Schooner Fly
being in want of a few
small repairs, stores &c, I should
feel obliged by your authorizing
the Superintendant of Marine
to give the necessary orders
for their being done, as
I wish to return to Mocha
as soon as they are completed

Bombay } I have &c
19th September 1827 } [Signed] M. S. Baguid
Political Agent.

Minute by M. Goodwin.

N^o 31.

I see no
occasion for any discretion { Connected with the
abolition of the Residency
at Mocha
with

with regard to the withdrawal
of the Residency, being left
to Captain Bagnold. I thought
the measure was definitively settled,
and I should conceive that
the Commander of any Cruiser
was quite competent to place
the Broker in charge of
the local interests. I think
the Fly should be sold
immediately.

2^d October 1827 } signed R. L. Goodwin

No 32 Memorandum by the Chief Secretary.

Connected with the } The original resolution
abolition of the Residency } was that the Residency
at Mocha.

should be withdrawn as soon
as the present discussions are
terminated.

Captain Bagnold
in the Draft is called on
to

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with the
the Residency

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to state when these may
be expected to be closed,
when any further specific orders
as to time may be given.
The discretion given relates to
the mode of announcing the
measure to the Ansam.

(Signed) W. Newham
Chief Secretary

Minute by the President. A^o 33

I have made
the instructions more precise.
I imagine Captain Bagnold's own
interest and wishes are against
prolonging the duration of the
Residency.

(Signed) M. Whinstone
Further Minute by W. Goodwin. A^o 34

Rather than incur
expense on the Fly, the Pret's
or

or ^{the} Vigilant should be placed
at Captain Bagnold's disposal, if
his return to Mocha be necessary,
which I hardly think it can
be.

Signed / R. J. Goodwin

No 35 From Mr. Chief Secretary & Secretary
to Major Bagnold Resident at Mocha
(8th October 1837)

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Reply. Approving of the
Resident's having come to
Bombay for the benefit
of his health, and directing
him to make the necessary
arrangements for withdrawing
the Residency.

Sir,

I have received
and laid before the
Honble the Governor and
Council your letter of
the 19th ultimo, and am directed to
acquaint you that he approves
of your having proceeded to
Bombay under the circumstances
stated in the 2^d paragraph of
your letter.

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2. The repairs and supply of stores required by the Fly Schooner will be duly sanctioned

3. No opportunity having offered for some time past for communication with Mocha, I have been unable until the present moment to notify to you the instructions of the Governor in Council regarding the future disposal of the Residency, and I am now therefore directed to state, that with the view to effect every practicable reduction in the general expenses of this Government, which the circumstances of the time have imperiously called for, it has become incumbent on
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the Governor in Council to
dispense with every situation which
may not for special and sufficient
reasons require to be maintained.

Under these circumstances
the Governor and Council has
resolved to withdraw the British
Residency from Mocha, and so
leave our interests in that
quarter under charge of the
Native Agent, as has been
done on former occasions. It
may occasionally however be necessary
to dispatch a European Officer
to Mocha during those months
in the year when the trade
may require the presence &
protection of a Cruiser.

In coming to
this resolution, I am directed
to

to state that the Governor
in Council has every reason
to be satisfied with your
conduct at Mocha, and the
manner in which you have
upheld the character and interests
of the British Government, and
that after the Residency has
been withdrawn it is his intention
to allow you to retain
your personal salary until you
shall otherwise be suitably
provided for.

b. You will accordingly
be pleased to return to
Mocha, as soon as the Schooner
is repaired, in order to make
arrangements for withdrawing the
Residency as soon as the
discussions regarding the claims of
the

The Surat Merchants are completed
and the second instalment is
obtained from Barbara. You will
be pleased to state by what
period you may calculate the
completion of these duties.

7. It is very desirable
that the removal of the
Factory at the present moment
should not appear in any
way connected with the late
discussions at Mocha, as such
an impression might be unfavourable
to our interests, and tend greatly
to weaken the influence which
might otherwise be possessed by
the Native Agent. It is left
with you therefore to select
the mode in which you
may think it proper to notify
the

the intended removal of the Residency
to the Imam, provided that the
removal be not thereby delayed
longer than is absolutely necessary
to settle the affairs of Barbara,
and that of the payments
to the Surat Merchants. You
will, however, be careful at
the same time to apprise His
Highness, that in withdrawing the
British Representative from his
territory, it is by no means
the intention of the British
Government to abandon its interests
in that quarter, and that it
will continue to regard the
wellfare and prosperity of His
Highness's Territories with the same
consideration which it has hitherto
invariably done.

Bombay Castle
8th October 1827

I have &c
Signed P. Newham
Chief Secy

1 Nov. 1827. 40.

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No. 40 From Captain Bagnold Resident at
Mocha to Mr. Chief Secretary Secunderabad
(18th October 1827)

Recommending Sherk Syal
Ebrahimee to the situation of
Native Agent at Mocha and
some of the Residency servants to
Pensions, and requesting to be allowed
to remain at Mocha till March
or April next, and to be informed
if the Native Agent will be allowed
to host up the British Flag as
heretofore.

Sir

I in reply
to your letter, No.
1261, and dated the
8th October, requesting
me to nominate

for confirmation a successor to
the situation of Native Agent
at Mocha, I have now
the honor to state that
the person alluded to in
my

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my letter, No^o 15, is Shaik Yub
Shanjer, a young man of
respectable connections in Surat.

2. He will I presume
enter on his duties, and during
my stay at Mocha receive the
same Monthly Salary as granted
to his predecessor, vizt Rupees 200.
But on my withdrawing from
thence I would recommend
something in addition, as an
inducement for him to pay
greater attention to his duties,
but above all to place
him on a more respectable
 footing, than our late useful
Banyan Broker

3. In regard to
ultimately withdrawing the Residency from
Mocha, I must now with
becoming

becoming respect to the wishes
of the Honorable the Governor
in Council, but at the
same time find it a duty
incumbent on me to offer a
few remarks, which, confident
as I feel of his liberality,
will not I hope be thought
to arise from interested motives.

4. Whatever may be
the expediency of the measure
I certainly think that the
present time is unfortunately a
bad one for carrying it into
effect.

5. The Government
of Mocha and that of every
other Port in the Red Sea,
have ever shewn themselves
short sighted politicians, and long
notorious

notorious for rapacity and oppression
towards our Merchants, whenever our
protection was, however momentarily,
withdrawn. Our long, & to them
unaccountable forbearance, in most
cases, their present poverty and
derangement of finance, together with
the idea of our being fully
employed on the other side
of India, encouraged them during
the two last years to the
commission of any act little
short of open robbery, in
spite of every remonstrance and
warning which I, as the
representative of the British Government
on the spot, could give them.

b. My humble exertions
have been mainly instrumental
in bringing them to some sense
of

of their folly and misconduct,
and mere accident has convinced
them our name and character
cannot be insulted with impunity.
Our withdrawing the Residency so
immediately after these disputes, will
doubtless convey to their minds
a direct censure on my
conduct throughout, leave our friendly
party to their resentment and at
once invite them to resume
their former troublesome and offensive
conduct.

7. The second instalment
from the Mubbaramil Shaiks at
Burbura falls due in April,
but the final adjustment of
the Surat claims not before
the end of August, my stay
therefore up to the latter
period

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period will probably ensure its
payment, and may tend in
some measure to prevent what
I have above predicted. However,
should it be the wish of
the Honble the Governor, it
will be easy for me to
leave instructions on these points
with the Native Agent
and Commander of the Cruiser,
and in that case be able
to embark the followers, Dead
Stock, Baggage &c on the Palanquin
and return with her in
March or April.

There are at present
two Pensioners from the Madras
Government who reside at Mecca,
but receive their stipend from
my Establishment, they will I
presume

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presume be continued and paid
by the Native Agent.

9. One of our former
Doorkeepers is already pensioned on
4 G. C. per Month; another, after
having served faithfully for nearly
35 years, is now so old and
decrepid as to preclude the
possibility of earning a maintenance
by his own exertions. I
therefore earnestly submit his case
to the charitable notice of
Government for a pension.

10. The Native Muckem
Gholam Hussein, though only
occasionally employed in the Residency,
having proved himself a most
attached and devoted follower to
both Major Hutchinson and myself,
I cannot in gratitude acquit
myself

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myself of the obligation I
am under to him without
strongly recommending him as a
fit subject for the generosity
of Government for something in
the shape of donation or
Pension.

11. You will oblige
by informing me whether the
Native Agent will be allowed
to hoist the British Colors
as formerly. I should myself
think it advisable; those of
the French Consulate still remain
though the situation has been
long a sinecure. Should Government
at some future period be
under the necessity of reestablishing
the Residency, a circumstance by
no means improbable, we shall
not

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not in that case have
to request the restoration of a
privilege we now voluntarily relinquish.
Bombay } I have &c
18th October 1827 } [Signed] M. E. Bagnold
B.A.

A^o 41 From M^r. Chief Secretary Newnham
to Captain Bagnold Resident at Mocha
(29th October 1827)

Directing his return to
Bombay after the second
Byburns Installment is received,
fixing the salary of the Native
Agent at 300 Rs per Month;
Sanctioning the pensions recommended
to the Residency servants, and informing
him that the Native Agent is not
to hoist up the British Flag.

Sir,

I am directed
to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of the
18th Instant, relative to
the period of withdrawing the
Residency Establishment from Mocha,
and to communicate to you
the instructions of the Governor
in Council thereon.

2. The Governor in
Council

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Council is pleased to continue you in the situation of Resident at Mocha until the second instalment of the Subberamil Shaiks at Barbarra is paid, when you should return with all practicable expedition to Bombay.

3. The salary of the Native Agent is fixed at Rupees 300 per Mensem, to commence from the date of your leaving Mocha finally: in the previous period he will receive at the usual rate.

4. The Pensioners from the Madras Government will receive their stipends as formerly from the Native Agent.

5. The Pensions recommended by you for the Doorkeepers are

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are sanctioned by the Honorable the
Governor in Council. You will
be pleased to submit their names,
and date from when their
pensions are to commence.

b. With respect to
Goolam Hussein, the Native Museum,
you are requested to state the
amount of pension or donation
which you consider him deserving
of.

7 The Governor in
Council does not consider it
advisable that the Native Agent
should hoist the British
Flag during the absence of
a Resident.

Bombay Castle
29 October 1827

I have &c
Signed W. Newnham
Chief Secretary

From

From Mr. Chief Secretary Newham No. 12
to S. Medderburn Esq. Accountant
General. (27th October 1827.)

Sir,

The Residency at Mocha being about to be withdrawn, I am directed by the Honourable the Governor in Council to acquaint you that a Native Agent, Shaik Teyub Bhanjee has been appointed to conduct the duties on the part of the Company on a Salary of Rs 300 per Mensem, to commence from the date of the Resident's leaving Mocha finally. For the previous period he will receive the same salary as the Company's Broker Bheemjee, who has retired from Office.

Informing him of the appointment of a Native Agent at Mocha on a salary of 300 Rupees per Month in consequence of the approaching withdrawal of the Residency

Major

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Major Bagnold is to continue at Mocha until the second instalment of the Subberant Shaiks of Buzburra, on account of the plunder of the *Big Mary* is paid, when he is to return to this Presidency; this will probably be in March or April next.

Some of the old factories servants have been recommended for pensions of which a list will be furnished to you as soon as obtained from Major Bagnold.

Bombay Castle }
27th October 1827 }

I have &c
/ signed / W. Reunham
Chief Secretary

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Resumed consideration of
a letter to the Resident at
Mocha dated the 8th October
and recorded in our proceedings
of the ^{10th} regarding the
abolition of the Mocha Residency.

The Chief Secretary
circulates the following extract
para: 5 of the above letter,
with a Memorandum.

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The Chief Secretary
begs to circulate the following
extract of instructions to
Captain (now Major) Bagnold,
on withdrawing the Mocha

Residency

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Residency dated 8th Oct^r. 1826.
Para 5th In coming to this
resolution, I am directed to state,
that the Governor in Council
has every reason to be satisfied
with your conduct at Mocha,
and the manner in which
you have upheld the character
and interests of the British
Government, and that after the
Residency has been withdrawn,
it is his intention to
allow you to retain your
personal salary, until you
shall otherwise be suitably
provided for.

Since these instructions
were issued, Captain Bagrold
has been promoted to a majority,
and would most probably
obtain

Obtain the command of a Regiment. The additional allowance he would then receive, would about equal the personal allowance of Resident, Rupees 100, which as a Captain he was allowed to retain until otherwise provided for, and the Chief Secretary begs therefore, to know how far Major Bagnold is to be allowed to enjoy the remunerating grant thus made to him.

Signed M Newtonham
Chief Secretary

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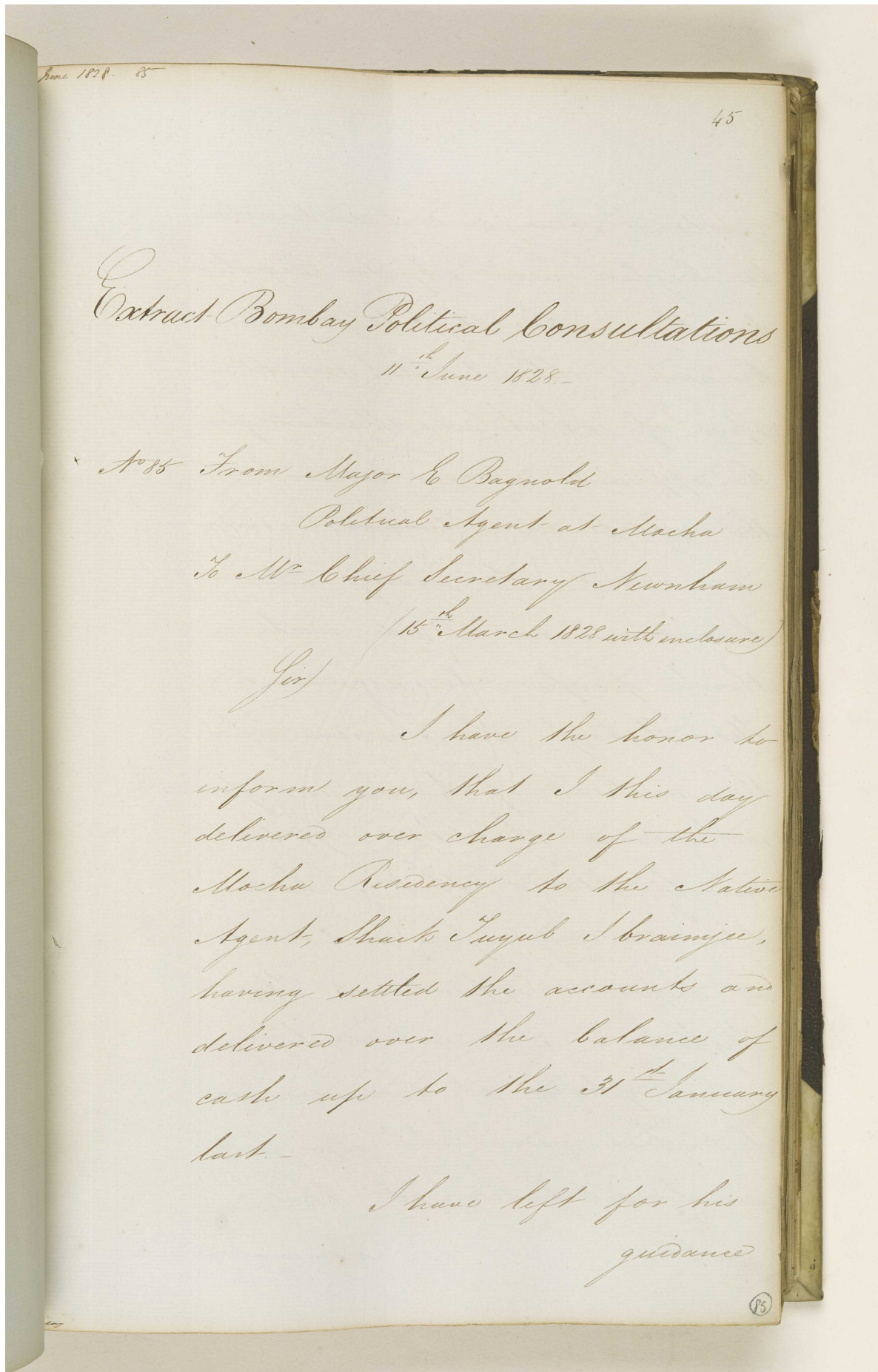
Minute by the Honble the Governor concurred in by the Board.

This question can be decided when Major Bagnold returns

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returns, and is placed as he will
be, in command of a Corps
when, but not before, Government
will be released from the obligation
it has voluntarily incurred
to this meritorious Officer.

Signed J. John Malcolm.



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guidance some general instructions
in English and Arabic, similar
to those given, by Captain
Bruce to Lieut. Robson, a
copy of which is attached for
the approval or amendment of
the Honble the Governor.

For many and
obvious reasons, I did not
think proper, to acquaint
His Highness the Imam of
the motives of Government for
withdrawing the Residency, but
merely stated, that I had
left on my promotion to
a superior appointment. His
Highness is I understand, by no
means pleased at the measure,
but has nevertheless expressed
much satisfaction at the
nominaton

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nomination of a Mahomedan
to the Agency, and has written
personally to Shaik Jugub, as-
suring him of his favor &
protection, and desiring he will
refer every question direct to
him, I mention this circumstance
as a mark of attention, which
according to etiquette at the
Court of Senna could not
have been paid to a Hindoo.

Mocha } I have &
15th March 1828 } signed M. B. Bagnold
Political Agent.

N^o 86 To Shaik Jugub Ibrahimjee.

Relying on your
integrity and good character,
the Honble the Governor in
Council of Bombay, has thought
proper to appoint you Agent
for

for the affairs of the British
Nation at the Port of Mocha,
and such other Ports in these
Seas as are dependent or
adjacent thereto.

After my departure
for India, you will assume
charge of the duties of your
situation, in which you will
pay particular attention to the
keeping up a friendly feeling
and intercourse between His
Highness the Imam of Senne,
the several local authorities
of these Ports and the
British Government.

You will make
yourself acquainted with the
Arabic copy of the Treaty,
and in all matters which
may

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may not be sufficiently explained
therein, you must be guided by
your long experience of the
Country, its inhabitants and their
customs, and endeavor to adjust
every thing in a fair, open and
liberal manner, of course referring
every thing of importance to
the Chief Secretary to Government.

You will be careful
that all Captains and Merchants
who may visit this Port, are
not imposed upon, either by
the Government or by the People
with whom they trade, that
they be permitted to purchase
Goods of whom they please,
and allowed to appoint their
own Brokers and Factors. On
the other hand you will
endeavor

endeavor to prevent any attempt
to defraud the Revenue of the
Port, and also to oblige all
British Subjects to conduct
themselves in a proper and
becoming manner, to the authorities
and Inhabitants of the place.

Disputes arising between
Subjects of the two Nations,
you will first endeavor to
settle quietly, and eventually to do
so in conjunction with the
Dowla or Governor, agreeably to
the articles of the Treaty, and
should the parties refuse to
abide by the decision there
given, you will request the
Dowla to carry it into
effect, taking care at the
same time, that no unnecessary
violence

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violence or harshness is made
use of.

Aware as you must
be of the disposition of
the Arabs to encroach, you
will guard against making any
precedent, which may eventually
prove detrimental to our
Interests.

By a favorable conception
which the British Government
made to His Highness the
Imam, subsequent to the Treaty,
all Native Indian Merchants,
were to continue and pay
Arab duties, you will however
prevent as much as possible
all increase or overcharge in
that way and particularly as
regards the Surat Merchants,
who

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who of late years have suffered considerably by the exactions of the local Government.

Independent of these, you will follow such instructions, as you may from time to time receive from the Chief Secretary.

I leave in your hands the sum of German Crowns 5552 for the following purposes, and which you will account for to the Accountant General every three Months, when that is expended you will draw Bills on the Hon^{ble} the Governor, for a supply of Cash equal to the expenditure of the season.

Your personal Salary 9 Months R^{ds} 300
Baker Ullie Khawns pension L^{ds} 410.3

Annual

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Annual allowance to the Agent
at Sudda ----- L. 300

Syed Mahomed Roachuck Arcot
Yemenia at Mecca Per Month ----- 8 ..

Ally Sauey & Mahomed Pensioners
each 4 ----- 8 ..

At the exchange of 213 Bombay
Rupies per 100 German Crowns

Mocha Signed M. B. Bagnold
25th February 1828 Political Agent

Copy From M^{rs} Chief Secretary Swinham
To Major Bagnold
Political Agent at Mocha
(10th June 1828)

Sir

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 15th March,
reporting your having made
over

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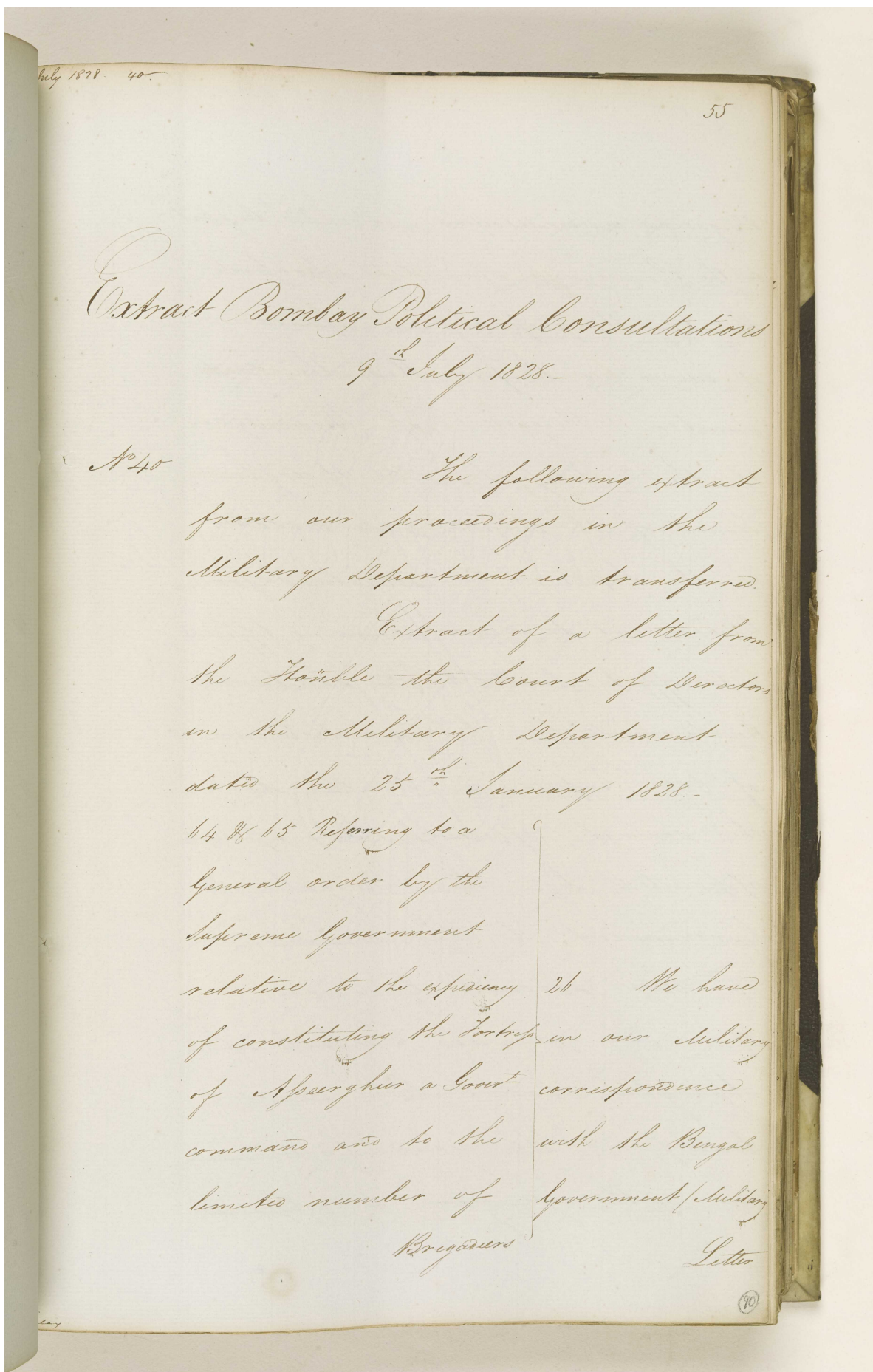
over the Residency to the Native
Agent, and forwarding copy of
your instructions to Shikh
Seyid Ibrahimjee on the occasion.

In reply, I am
requested to express the satisfaction
of the Honble the Governor
in Council with your proceedings

I have &c

Bombay Castle
10th June 1828

Signed/ W. Newsham
Chief Secretary



'Abolition of the Mocha Residency' [90v] (60/90)

Brigadiers commands allowed Letter 22th August
to the Presidency of 1821) expressed
Bombay. The propriety our opinion
of increasing the fixed that the Forts
number of Brigadiers of Bazar, Agra
of the 5th class to and Ameerghur
admit of the suggestion were suitable
of the Supreme - situations for
Government being carried deserving Officers,
into effect submitted to and sanctioned
Court's consideration an allowance
of 500 Rupees a Month to
the several Officers there specially
appointed by the Bengal &
Government, to the command
of those several Garrisons.

27 The Fort of
Ameerghur having been since
transferred to your Government,
we authorize you to appoint

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a Commandant of that Garrison
from among the deserving officers
of your establishment, with a
staff salary of 500 Rupees a
Month.

Bombay Castle

27th June 1828.

General Order.

By the Honble the Governor
in Council No 170 of 1828.

The Governor in Council
is pleased to appoint Major
M E Bagnold of the 23rd
Regiment Native Infantry to
be Commandant of the Garrison
of Speerghur from the 1st
July, and to permit that Officer
to remain at the Presidency
until further orders, for the
purpose of closing the accounts
of

of the late Political Agency
at Mocha without prejudice
to his allowances.

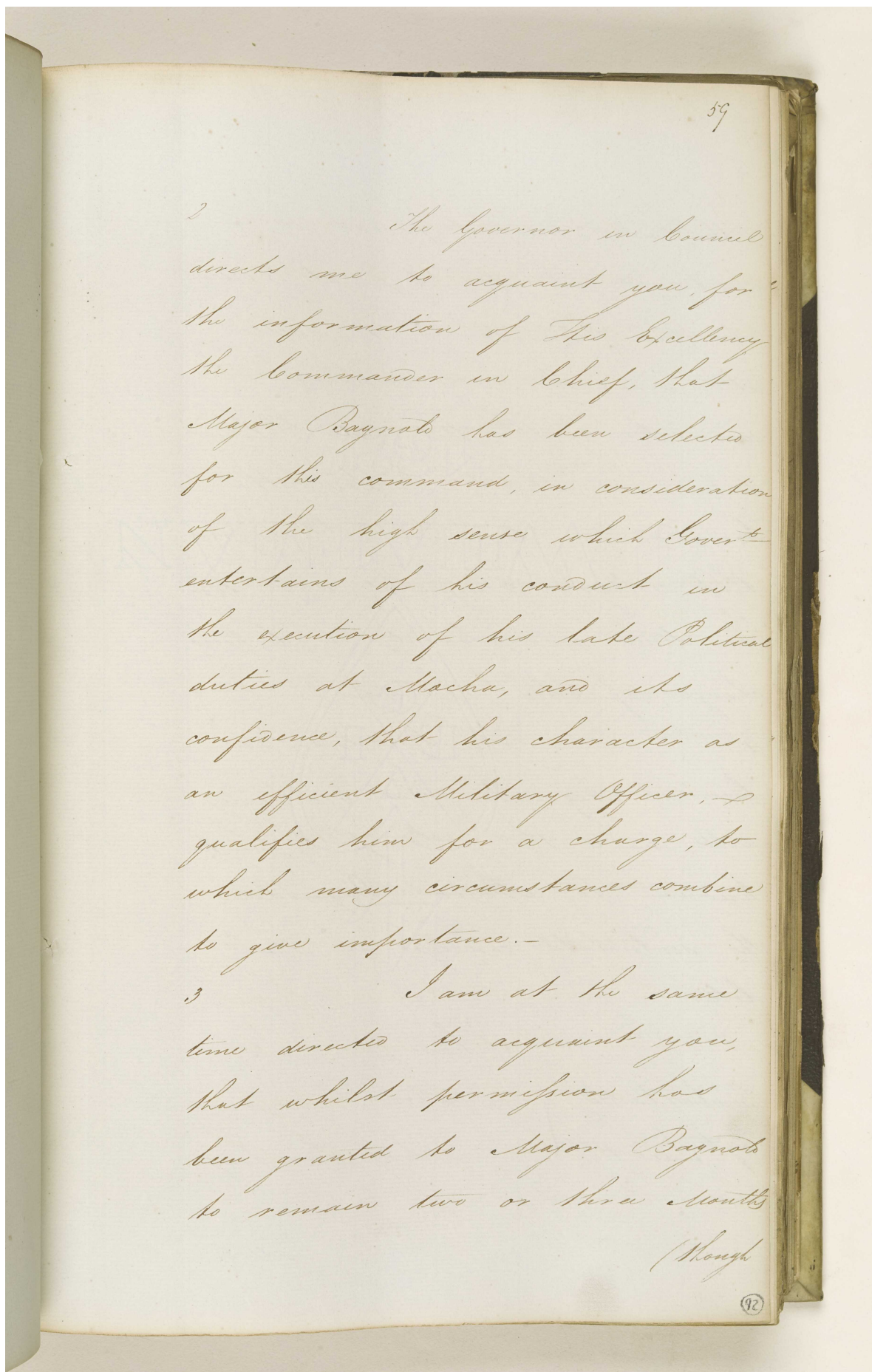
By order of the Honble
the Governor in Council
Signed) W Newham
Chief Secretary.

From Mr Chief Secretary Newham
To

Adjutant General of the Army
(27th June 1828)

Sir)

In continuation of
my letter of this date N^o 1645,
I am directed to transmit to
you, the enclosed General Order
appointing Major Bagnold to
the Command of the Fortress
of Speerghur, from the 1st
July.



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2 The Governor in Council directs me to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that Major Bagnato has been selected for this command, in consideration of the high sense which Government entertains of his conduct in the execution of his late Political duties at Mocha, and its confidence, that his character as an efficient Military Officer, & qualifies him for a charge, to which many circumstances combine to give importance. -

3 I am at the same time directed to acquaint you, that whilst permission has been granted to Major Bagnato to remain two or three months

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(The no specific period is
mentioned in the General Order)
at the Presidency, to settle
all accounts and concerns
connected with his late Political
duties in the Red Sea, the
Governor in Council is satisfied,
that Major Bagnold will lose
no time unnecessarily in taking
charge of his command -

The Governor in
Council requests His Excellency
will have the goodness to make
known to Major Bagnold,
the sentiments conveyed in this
letter.

I have the
honor to be,
Sir, your obedient servant,
Signed W. Newnham
Chief Secretary

Bombay Castle
27th June 1828

Ordered

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Ordered that Extract
of the Court's letter, the General
Order appointing Major Bagnots
to the Command, and the letter
to the Adjutant General, be
transferred to the Political &
Department, for the purpose
of being thence communicated
to the Resident at Indore.

(True Extract)

Signed J. Burnett

Ap^t to the Chief Secretary

N^o 41 From M^r Chief Secretary Suvaam
To

Resident at Indore
(30th June 1825.)

Sir/

I am directed to
transmit to you an extract
of a letter from the Honble
the Court of Directors dated
the

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the 25th January last, together
with copy of one to the
Adjutant General of the Army
of the 27th Instant, enclosing
a General Order appointing
Major M. B. Bagnots to the
command of the Fortress of
Speergher from the 1st July.

I have &c

Bombay Castle } Signed, W. Newham
30th June 1828 } Chief Secretary
From Major Bagnots

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Political Agent at Mocha
To Mr Chief Secretary Newham
(7th June 1828)

Sir,

I should feel obliged
by your obtaining the sanction
of the Honble the Governour
in Council, for my drawing

Salary

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salary and allowances as Resident
up to the date of my
arrival at the Presidency from
Mocha.

I am aware, that on
a reference to audit, such a
might be objected to beyond the
date of my finally quitting
the Red Sea, I trust however
under the peculiar circumstances
of the case, my request will be
granted.

Bombay } I have &c
7th June 1828 } Signed M. S. Bagnold
Political Agent

N^o 43 From Mr Chief Secretary Newham
to Major Bagnold, Political Agent
at Mocha (30th June 1828)

Sir,

In reply to your letter
of

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of the 7th Instant, I am directed
to inform you, that the Honble
the Governor in Council is
pleas'd to permit you, to
draw the full allowances of
Resident at Mocha, up to
the date of your arrival at
the Presidency, and the Civil
Auditor has accordingly been
instructed on the subject.

2 You are likewise
authorized to continue to draw
the personal salary of Resident
up to the end of the present
Month, from which date you
have been appointed to the
command of the Fort of
Speerghur, under a communication
which you will receive on
the subject from the
Military

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Military Department.

Bombay Castle

30th June 1828

I have the

Signed/ W. Newham

Chief Secretary

From Mr Chief Secretary Newham

No

Civil Auditor

(30th June 1828)

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that Major Bagnole has been permitted to draw the full allowances of Resident up to the date of his arrival at the Presidency from Mocha; From that period he is likewise permitted to draw the personal salary of Resident, up to the end of the present month, from which date, he has been

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been appointed to the command
of the Garrison at Speerghur.

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Signed J. M. Newham

Bombay Castle

Chief Secretary

30th June 1828

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Extract Letter from Mr
Officiating Secretary Stirling to
Mr Chief Secretary Munham
Dated 30th May 1828.

3 I am directed to
take this opportunity of
enquiring whether it is intended
by the Government of Bombay
to keep up the Mocha
Residency, and for how long
a period, and what specific
advantages result to the Honble
Company from its maintenance
The early reduction of this
establishment, appears to be one
of

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of the savings contemplated by
the late Governor.

From Mr Chief Secretary Newnham N^o 14
To Mr Officiating Secretary Stirling
(12th July 1828)

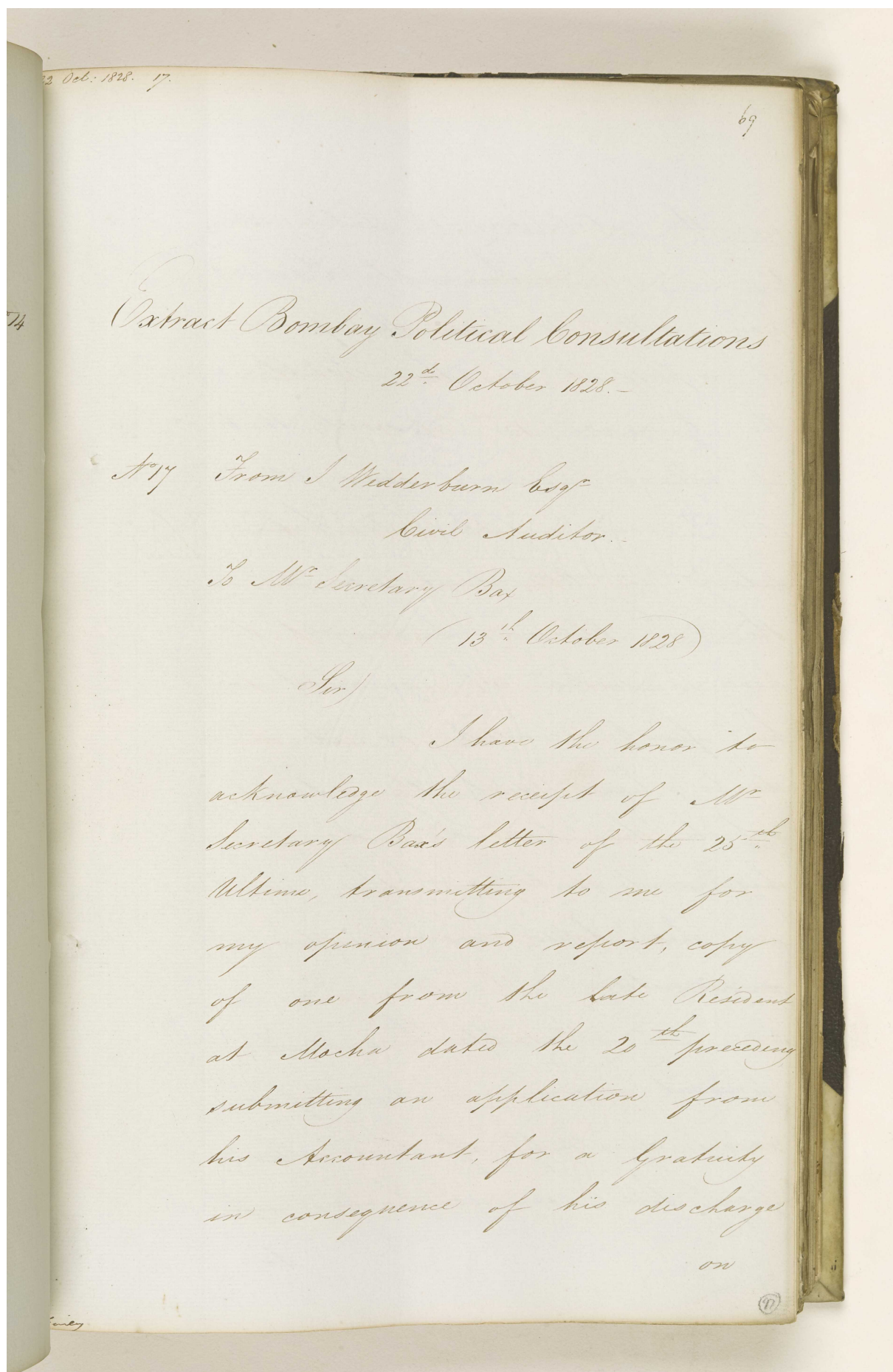
Sir,

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 30th May last,
and to acquaint you that the
Residency at Mocha, has been
abolished, and that Major Bagnat
has returned to Bombay, after
completing the proceedings at
Burbura, connected with the
realization of the 2 years
instalment of the Indemnity.

I have &c

Bombay Castle
12th July 1828

Signed / W Newnham
Chief Secretary



on the abolition of that Residency.

2 In reply, I request
you will do me the favor
to represent to the Honorable
the Governor in Council, that
if Major Bagnold conceived
M^r Quadros entitled to his
salary as Accountant up to
the 5th ultimo, he ought to
have included the amount in
his final accounts, or at all
events, have distinctly stated,
which he has not done,
his sentiments on this point,
in his letter now under
consideration.

3 All I can at
present recommend him for,
is, a Gratuity of three Months
pay, his services having up
to

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to the 30th April last extended
to little more than three years
and a quarter.

Bombay Castle } I have the
Office of Audit } signed J. Medderburn
13th Oct^r 1828 } Civil Auditor.

N^o 18 From M^r Secretary Bar

To Major Bagnold
late Political Agent at Mocha
(20th October 1828)

Sir,

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 20th Ultimo,
forwarding an application from
the Accountant to the late
Mocha Residency, applying to
be allowed to draw his
salary up to the 5th Sept^r
last, the date on which his
duties

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duties ceased, and for a
gratuity, in consequence of
the abolition of the Residency.

2 With respect to
the salary of the late Accountant,
I am directed to transmit
to you for explanation an
extract para 2 of a letter
from the Civil Auditor dated
the 13th Instant on the subject.

I am requested at
the same time to inform
you, that the General Pay
Master has been directed to
pay to Mr. Quadras a gratuity
of 3 Months pay in consequence
of the abolition of the Residency.

I have &c

Bombay Castle

20th Oct 1828

Signed John Box

Secretary to Gov^t

From

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N^o 19 From Mr Secretary Box
To

General Pay Master.
(20th October 1828)

Sir,

I am directed to convey
to you the authority of the
Honble the Governor in Council,
that you will pay to Mr
J D Quadras, late accountant
to the Mocha Residency, Rs
450, being the amount of
gratuity to which he is
entitled, in consequence of the
abolition of the Residency.

I have &c
Signed John Box
Secretary to Govt.

Bombay Castle
20th Oct 1828

From

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From Mr Secretary of War
To J. Medderburn Esq.

N^o 20

Civil Auditor

(20th October 1828)

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 13th Instant, respecting the pay and gratuity claimed by the late Accountant of the Mocha Residency, and to acquaint you that the General Pay Master, has been directed to pay to Mr J. D. Quadras a Gratuity of three Months pay in consequence of the abolition of the Residency.

With respect to the arrears of pay claimed by Mr J. D. Quadras, I am

requested

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requested to inform you, that
Major Bagnold has been furnished
with an extract para 2 of
your letter for such explanation
as he may have to offer
on the subject.

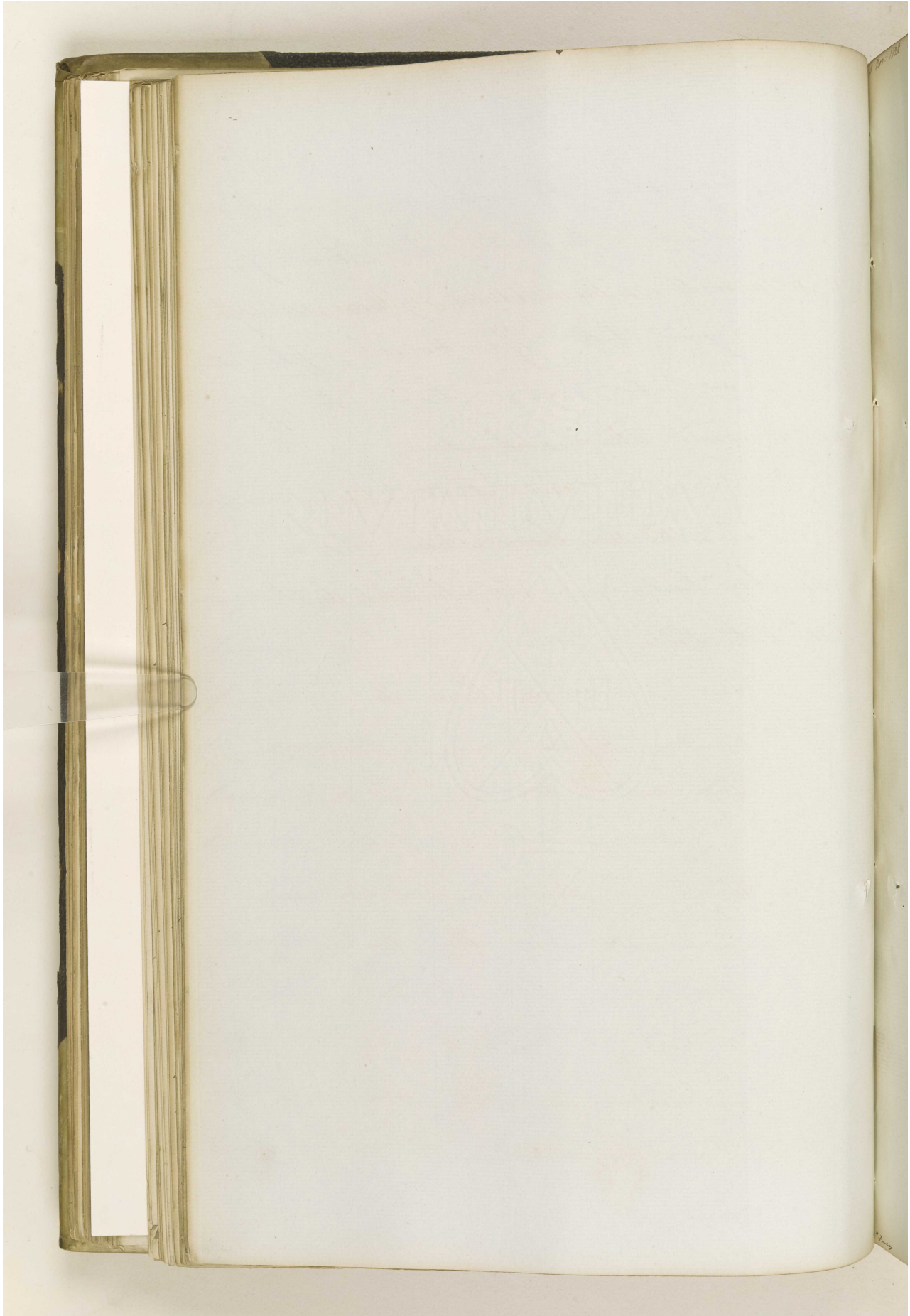
I have &c

Signed John Bat

Secretary to Gov^t

Bombay Castle
20th Oct 1828

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N^o 34 From Major Bagnold
late Resident at Mocha
To Mr Secretary of State
(28th October 1828)

Sir,

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter N^o 194
and dated the 20th October with
an extract para. from one
by the Civil Auditor and
in reply I beg leave to
observe—

2 That altho' I
certainly thought that Mr
Quarros ^{was} entitled to his salary
up

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up to the 5th Ultimo, I
was prevented inserting his
claim for it from the
circumstance, that my final
abstract for both salary and
Office establishment was checked
for the broken period between
the 29th and 31st of May,
from which I concluded, that
any further charge for the
Mocha Residency would be
rejected as inadmissible.

3 However in point
of Justice M^r Quadras has
at least in my opinion every
claim to consideration, as he
actually performed the duties
up to the period mentioned.

Poona

28th Oct 1828

I have H^c

Signed/ M. E. Bayrold
late Resident

From

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N^o 135 From M^r Secretary Bax
To

Accountant General
(3rd Nov^r 1828)

Sir,

With reference to the
2^d para. of my letter of the
20th Ultimo, I am directed to transmit
for your information an extract
para. 2, of a letter from Major
Bagnold dated 28th Ultimo, and
to acquaint you, that under the
explanation therein afforded, the
Governor in Council is pleased
to allow M^r Quadros to draw
his salary up to the date
when his duties ceased viz^t 5th
September last.

Bombay Castle

3rd Nov^r 1828

I have &c

Signed J Bax

Secretary to Gov^t

From
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From Mr Secretary Bax

N^o 36

To

General Pay Master

(3 Nov^r 1828)

Sir,

I am directed to convey the directions of the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council, that you will pay to Mr J. D. Quadras, late Accountant to the Mocha Residency, his salary at the rate of Rupees 150 per Mensem, from the date he last received it, to the 5th September last.

I have &c

Signed J Bax

Secretary to Gov^t

Bombay Castle

3rd Nov^r 1828

From

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N^o 37 From M^r Secretary Bax
To M^r J. D. Quadras

(3 Nov 1828)

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the General Paymaster is authorized to pay to you, your salary as Accountant to the late Mocha Residency, from the date you last received it, up to the 5th September last.

Bombay Castle

3^d Nov 1828

I have H^o

Signed J. Bax

Secretary to Gov^t

N^o 38 From M^r Secretary Bax

To Major Bagnold

late Resident at Mocha

(3 Nov 1828)

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge

the

'Abolition of the Mocha Residency' [103v] (86/90)

The receipt of your letter dated
the 28th Ultimo, and to acquaint
you, that under the explanation
therein afforded, the Governor
in Council has been pleased
to allow M^r Quadras to draw
his salary as Accountant to
the late Mocha Residency up
to the 5th September last.

I have &c

Signed J. Bax

Secretary to Gov^t

Bombay Castle }
3 Nov 1828 }

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24th December 1828.

To Mr From J Medderburn Esq
Civil Auditor

To Mr Acting Secretary Gardner
(12th Dec 1828)

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 4th Ultimo, referring
for my opinion and report
the copy of a Petition from
the late Accountant to the Mocha
Residency dated the 8th preceding,
praying to be allowed to draw
one Month's pay for the
period above three years which
he

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he has served in the Honble
Company.

In reply, I request
you will have the goodness to
represent to the Honble the
Governor in Council, that the
only instance I am aware of,
in which an Individual, has
for a broken period of a
year been allowed to draw
a whole Months pay as
Gratuity, was in the case of
Mr Phillips late Clerk in
the Secretary's Office, as recommended
in my report for a special
reason therein assigned, dated
the 18th September last, but the
same reason does not appear
to operate in favor of the
Petitioner, since the difficulty
of

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of procuring employment does
not apply with any thing
like the same force to Mr
D. Quarras, who I think has
already met with ample indulgence.

Bombay Castle
Office of Audit
18th Dec^r 1828

I have H^e
Signed) Medderburn
Civil Auditor

No 17 From Mr Acting Secretary Gardiner
To Mr J D Quarras
(18th Dec^r 1828)

Sir)

In reply to your
Petition dated the 8th October
last, praying to be allowed to
draw one Month's pay for the
period above three years which
you served the Honble Company,
I am directed to acquaint you,
that the prayer of your

Petition

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Petition cannot be complied with.

I have &c
Signed J. G. Gardiner
Acting Secretary to
Government.

Bombay Castle

18th Dec^r 1828