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'Balance due by Captain Hardy on Account of Deficiency in the Bushire Treasury'

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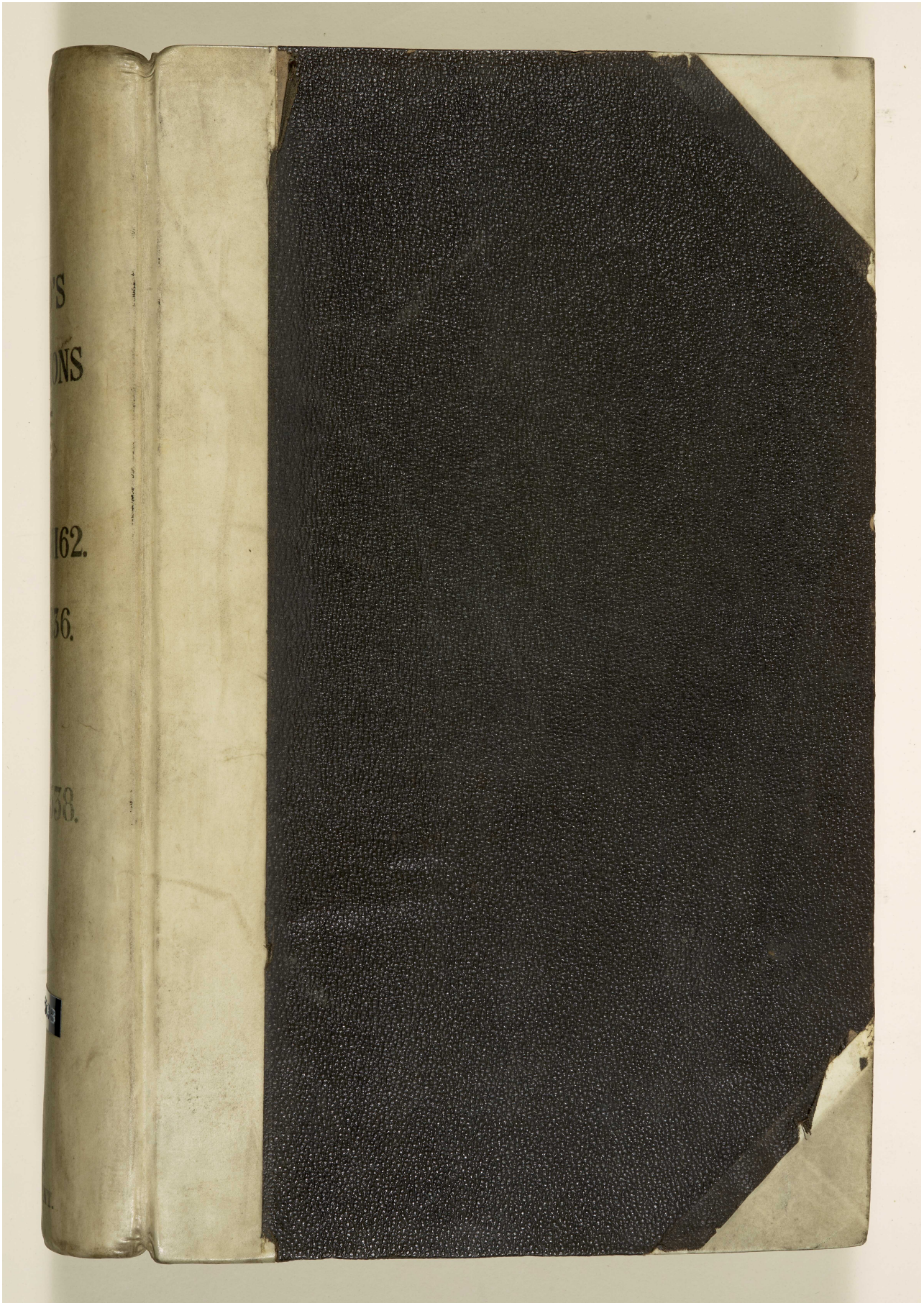
About this record

The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence enclosed within a letter from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai] to the East India Company Court of Directors.

The item relates to an investigation by the Government of Bombay in 1834-35 into the amount of 2778 rupees owed to the Company by Captain Henry Hardy, based on a deficiency in the treasury from Hardy's time as Resident of Bushire [Būshehr] in 1823. Most of the item's contents date from 1834-35 with the exception of a letter from Colonel Ephraim Gerrish Stannus, Hardy's successor, which provides information on the deficiency and is dated 12 June 1826.

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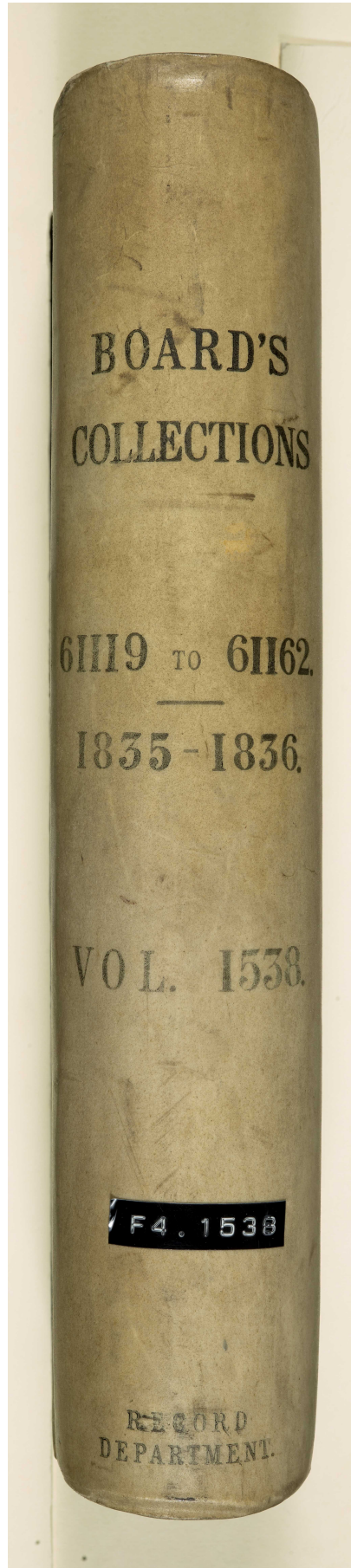
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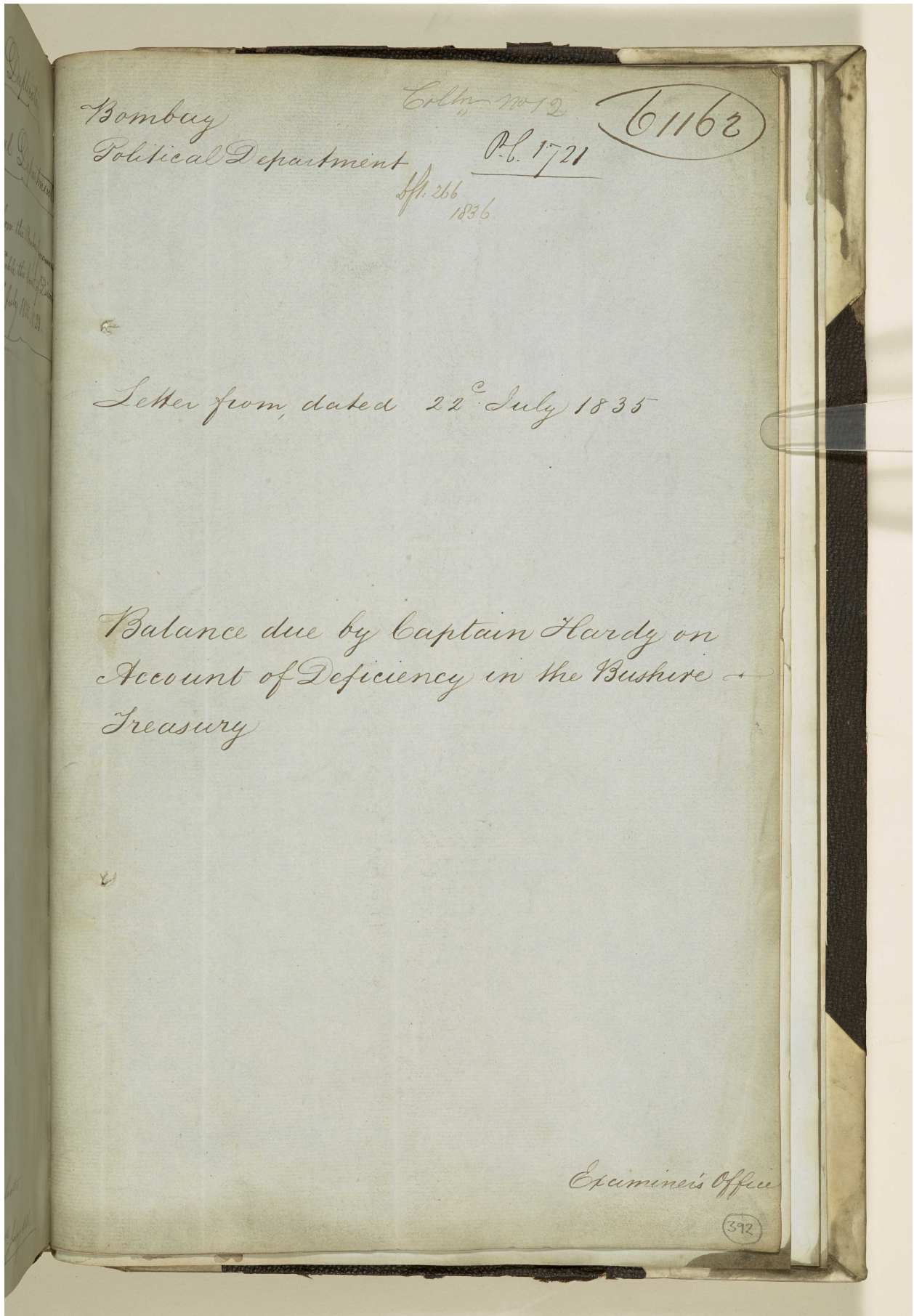
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No. 27 of 1835
Political Department

To the Honorable the Board of Directors
for Affairs of the Honorable East
India Company.

London

Honorable Sirs.

Russia July 1 Amongst the list of
Balances due to the Honorable Company
standing on the Territorial Books on
the 1st April 1835, is an item for
Rupees 2478.52 due by Captain Hardy late
Resident at Bushire; having referred
the subject to the Accountant General, that
Officer stated that in obedience to the
Orders of Government the attention
of Colonel Staines was called to
the subject, but in consequence of the
document which accompanied that
Officer's reply having been unfortunately
mistaken in the Audit Office, the precise
result could not be known, that

*Off. Genl.
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it seemed more than probable
that owing to the absence at that time
of Captain Hardy on service, and to the
information furnished by Colonel Stanms
never having been received, no further
adjustment was found practicable, as however
both Captain Hardy and Captain G. Willcock
who is alluded to in the Paragraph of
Major Stanms's letter of the 12th June 1826,
as having drawn a Bill on the Residents
at Bushire for Rupees 3520, are both
now in Europe, your Honorable Court will
have no difficulty in satisfaction in
ascertaining, whether the transaction referred
to, was of a public or private nature,
since if the latter there can be no
reasonable doubt of the justice of the claim
against Captain Hardy.

We have the honor to be Sir

Bombay Castle } signed James Sutherland
22 July 1835. } " Edward Ironside

(True copy)

(signed) G. Norris
Chief Secretary

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Extract from the List of Balances due to & by, the Woolle Company standing on the Territorial Books on the 20th of April 1833.

Extract Bombay Political Consultation 3^d, December 1834. S. 3770.

Balance due to the Honble Company by the follow ^{ing} amount	Origin & present state	Remarks by the acct. Genl	Orders of Government
Current unadjusted Balances - Captain M ^r M ^r by late No. 2778. 52. debit at Bushire -	Amount of deficiency appearing in the Bushire Treasury on the day he delivered over charge of the office of deult. Coll ^r to Mr. Stammers dated to Capt 2778. 52. Hardy under the orders of Gov ^t of the 15 th of Sept ^r 1832.	As Capt Hardy is not a native expected to return to India should submit whether if preference should not be made to the same authorities with the view of recovering this Balance from that office in England -	The account was General to report whether he reported again to Coll ^r Stammers as he was directed to do on the 15 th September 1832.

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From, W^m W^m Wether Esquire -

N^o 3971

Secretary to Government.

To, The Accountant General -

Dated 29th November 1834.

Sir

With reference to the item noted
in the margin, extracted from the List of Balance due by
Balances due to, and by, the Honorable Com^{rs} Capt^l Hardy late
-pany, standing on the Territorial books. Resident at Bus
on the 30 of April 1823. I am directed by Sir R^t 2778
the Right Honorable the Governor in Coun
-cil to request, that you will report, -
whether you referred the subject to Col^l
Stammers, as ~~as~~ you were directed to do
in Mr Chief Secretary Newham's letter
dated 15th September 1825 - and the result
of your reference -

I have &c

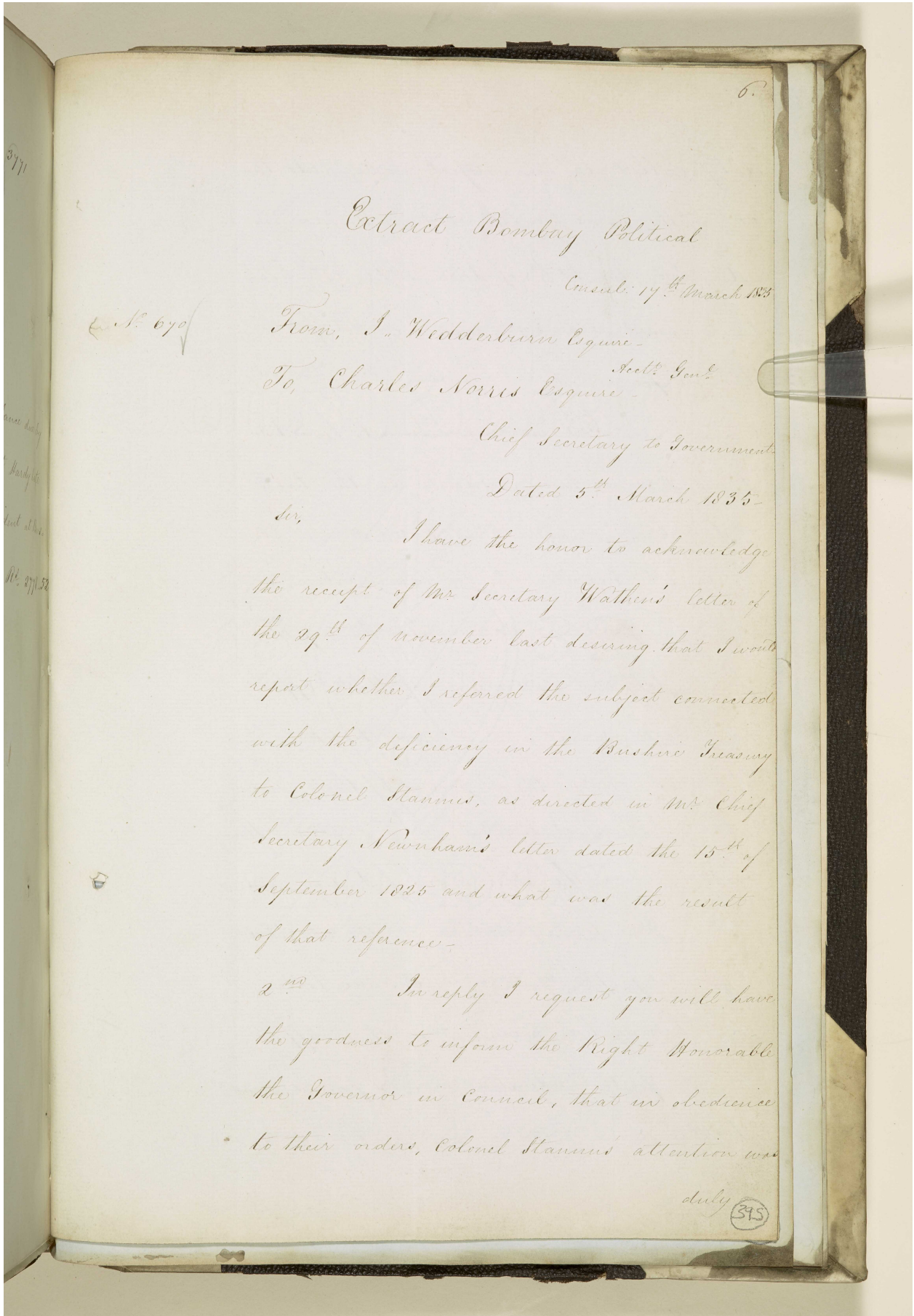
Bombay Castle / Signed / W^m Wether
29th November 1834 - Secretary to Gov^t

True Extract -

C^{ms}
Chief Secretary -

Comp^d
Thos. Dunlop

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duly called to the subject, under date the
26th of the same Month, and an answer un-
-der date the 12th of June 1826, of which
the enclosed is a copy, was received from
that Officer -

3.rd The accompaniments would
appear from a Memorandum on the back
of the letter, to have been handed over to
the Audit Department for examination, and
although from the documents having un-
-fortunately been mislaid in that Office
the precise result cannot now be known,
it seems more than probable that, owing
to the absence at that time of Captain Hardy
on service on the other side of India, and
to the information promised in the conclud-
-ing Paragraph of Colonel Stannus' letter
never having been received in this Office
that no further adjustment was found prac-
-ticable -

14.th

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4th It however, both Captain Har-
dy and Captain George Willock are now
at home, the Honorable Court will have
no difficulty in satisfactorily ascertaining
whether the transaction therein referred to
was of a public or private nature since if
the latter, there can be no reasonable doubt
of the justice of the claim against the
former Officer -

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be Sir
Acct^{ts} Genl^l Office } / Signed / J. Wedderburn
5th March 1825 } Acct^{ts} General -

From, C. J. Stannus Esquire
Resident -

To, John Wedderburn Esquire.
Acct^{ts} General.

Dated 12th June 1826 -

Sir,
I have had the honor of receiving
your letter N^o 118 of 1825 in the Political

Depart^{ts}
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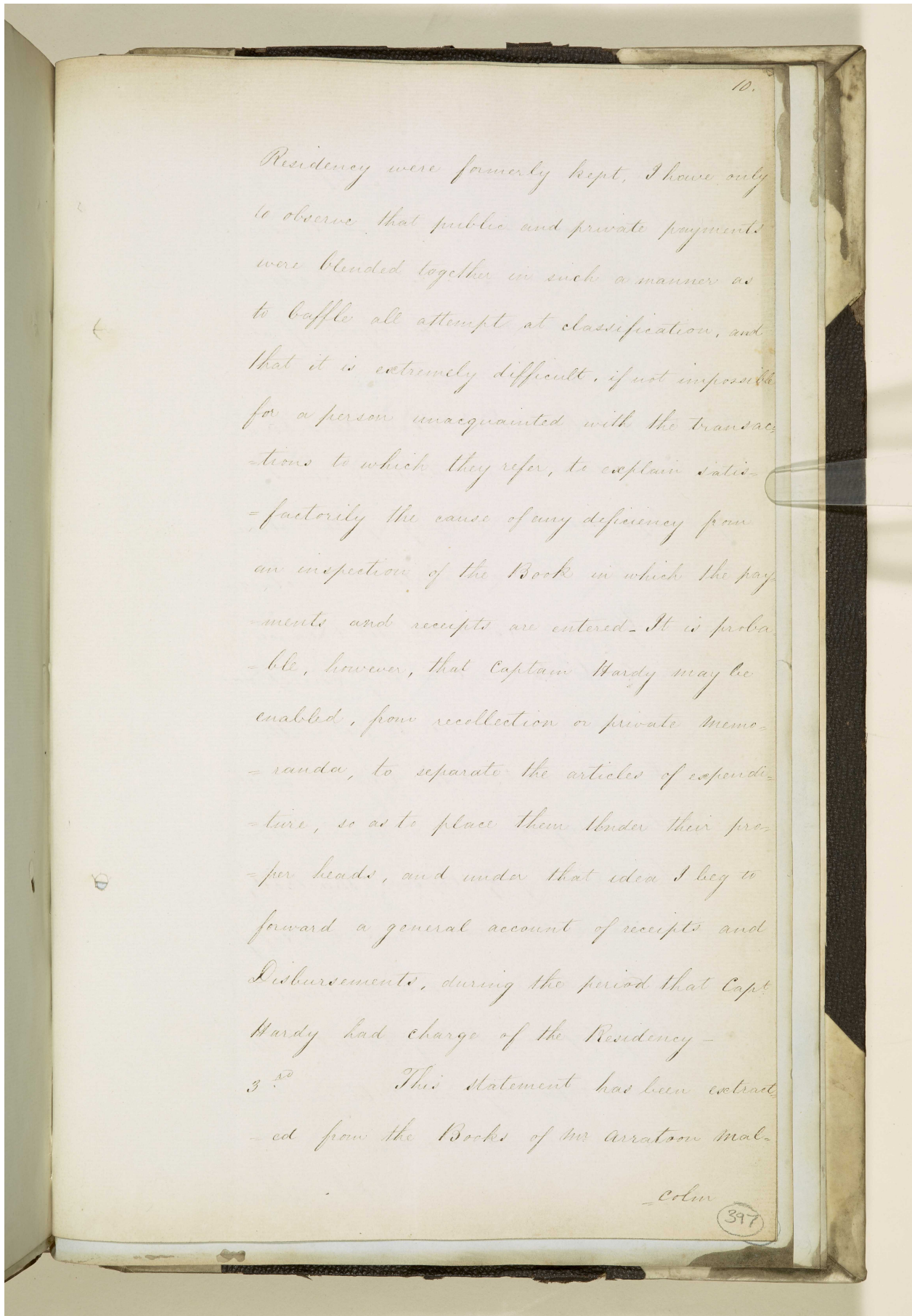
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Department enclosing Copy of a correspon-
-dence which had passed between your office
and Government on the subject of the defic-
-iency of Cash delivered over to me by Capt.
Hardy on the 17th December 1823-

2nd Having endeavoured, in con-
-pliance with the orders of Government, to
trace the cause of this deficiency, I now beg
to acquaint you that I have been able to
effect a small reduction in the balance by
bringing to account a few items of expendi-
-ture which were not taken credit for by
Captain Hardy, although actually paid by
him previous to my arrival - In the article
of exchange also I have discovered some errors
which may contribute to lessen the balance
due by that Officer - A statement of those
corrections I have the honor to forward
for your information - with regard to
the mode in which the accounts of the

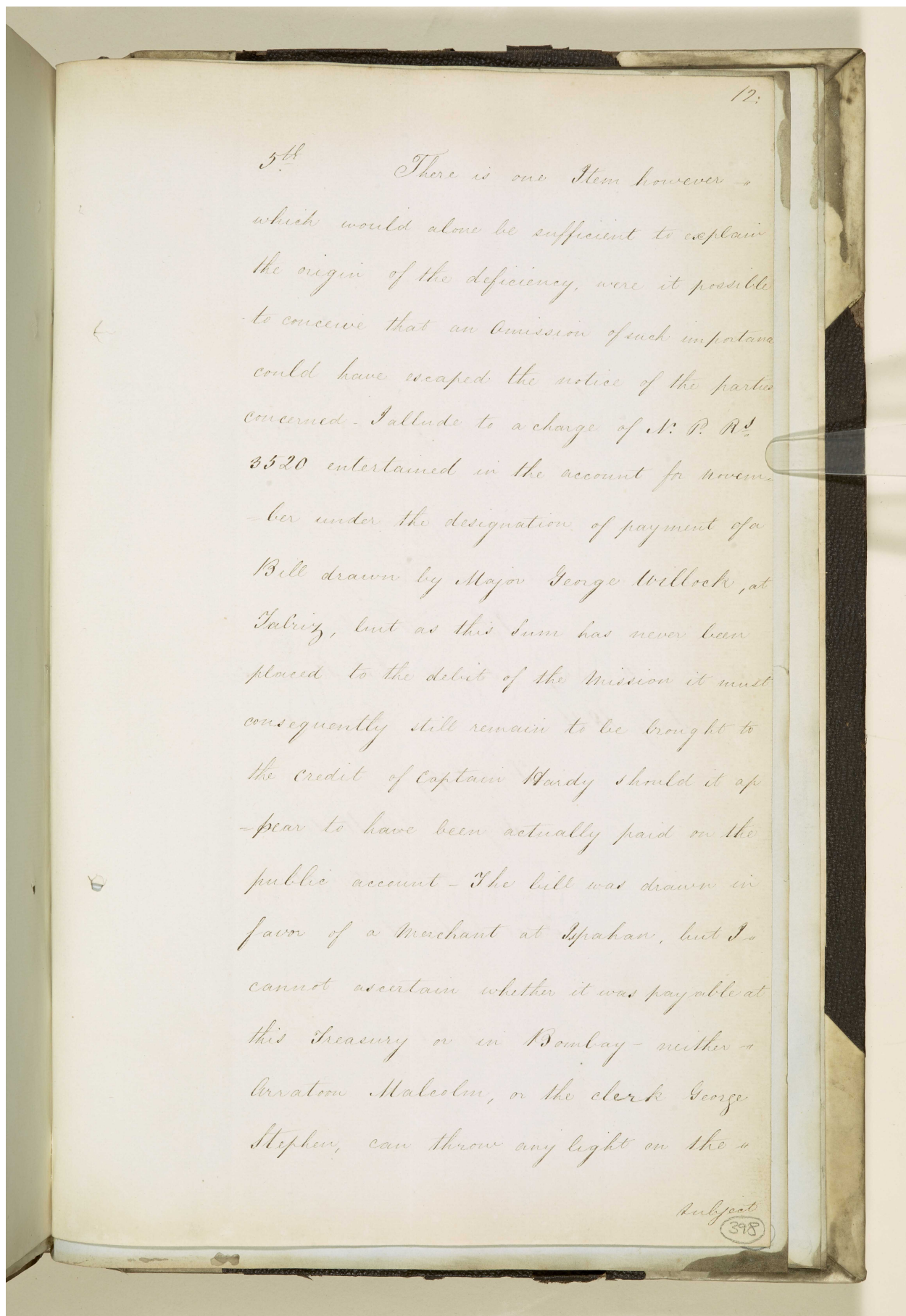
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 -Colon, the former treasurer, and certified by
 himself, I have likewise endeavoured to ascertain,
 as far as circumstances would admit,
 at such a distant period, the object of each
 payment from the person who received it,
 and the remarks which I have thus been
 enabled to attach in all doubtful items
 may perhaps assist in clearing up the obscu-
 -rity in which these accounts are involved.
 4th You will observe that the balance
 of the enclosed statement exactly corresponds
 with the cash delivered over to me on the
 17th of December, and, as the balance on the
 1st September agrees with a memorandum
 in the hand writing of Captain Macleod,
 of which I have the honor to enclose a copy
 it is evident that the whole materials
 for enabling Captain Hardy to detect the
 cause of the deficiency, must be contained
 in the abovementioned document -
 5th There



12.
5th There is one Item however —
which would alone be sufficient to explain
the origin of the deficiency, were it possible
to conceive that an omission of such importance
could have escaped the notice of the parties
concerned. I allude to a charge of 3520
entertained in the account for November
— under the designation of payment of a
Bill drawn by Major George Willock, at
Tabriz, but as this sum has never been
placed to the debit of the Mission it must
consequently still remain to be brought to
the credit of Captain Hardy should it ap-
pear to have been actually paid on the
public account — The bill was drawn in
favor of a merchant at Spahan, but I
cannot ascertain whether it was payable at
this Treasury or in Bombay — neither
Assistant Malcolm, or the clerk George
Stephens, can throw any light on the

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subject, further than that they believe
it to have been a private transaction,
but as they have evidently no precise re-
-collection of the circumstance, I have
applied to Major Willcock for further
information, and have thought it necessary
to point it out to your notice, as affor-
-ing the most favorable prospect of a
successful termination to the enquiry -

I have the honor to be
Bushire Residency / Signed / E. J. Stanbury.
12th July 1826 - Resident -

/ True Copy /

/ Signed / J. Hedderburn
actg General -

True Extract

C. Sims

Chief Secretary to Government.

Reg^d
Conf'd
J. M. D. D.

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