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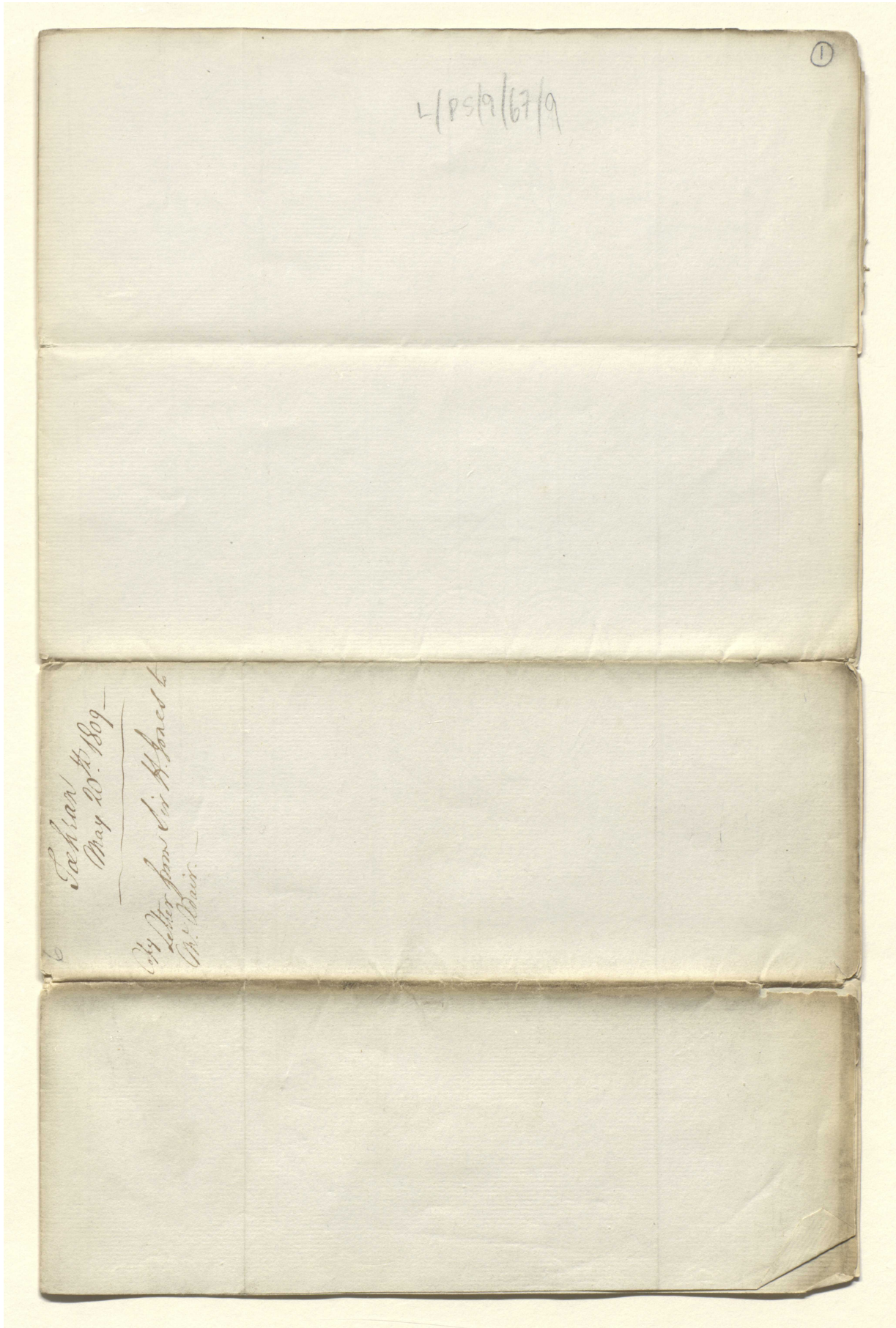
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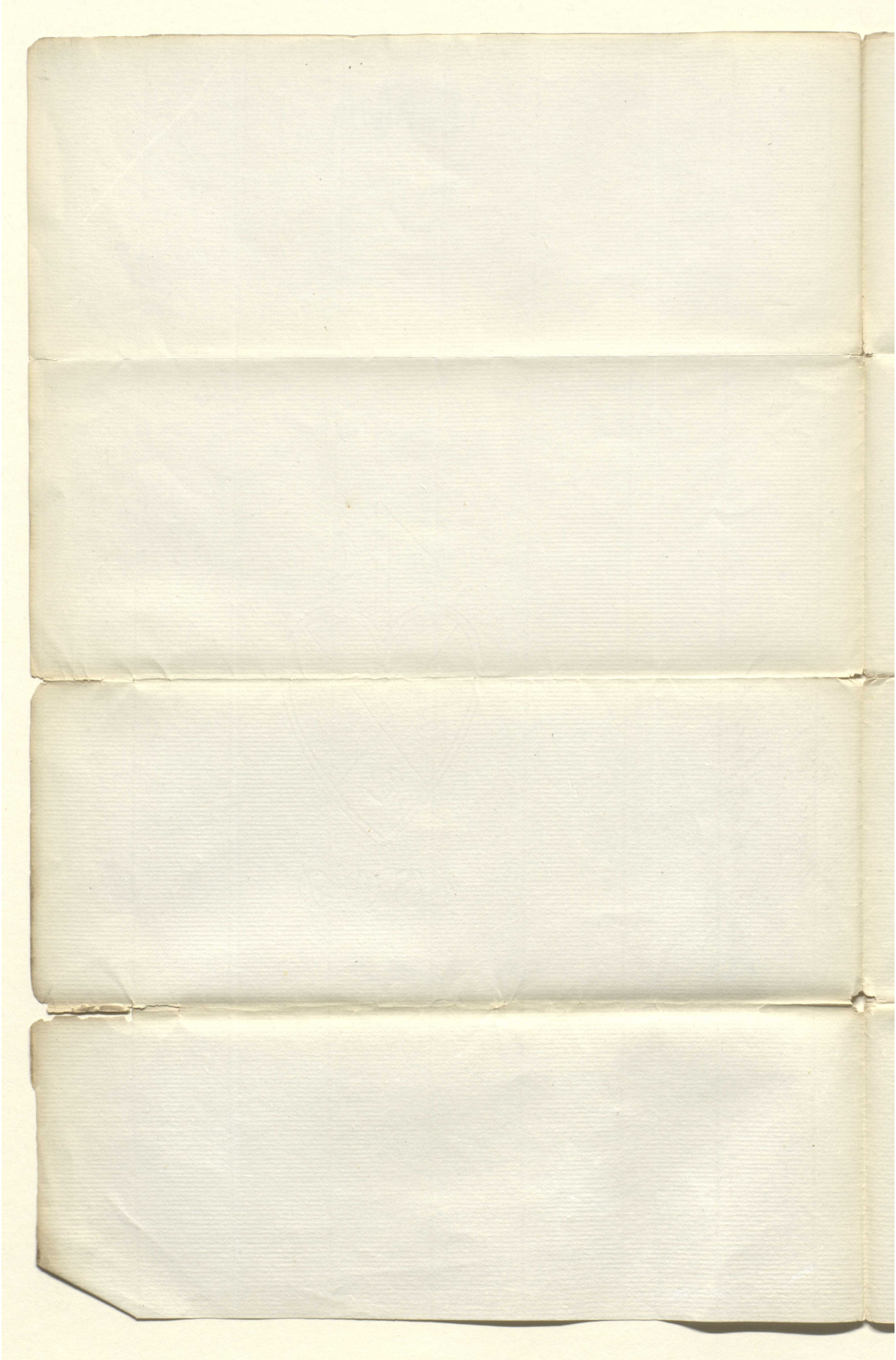
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A copy of a letter from Sir Harford Jones, British Envoy Extraordinary to Persia [Iran], to Robert Adair, Ambassador to Turkey [Ottoman Empire]. The letter acknowledges receipt of a letter from Adair dated 17 May 1809, and discusses the war between Turkey and the Russian Empire and military operations in Georgia.

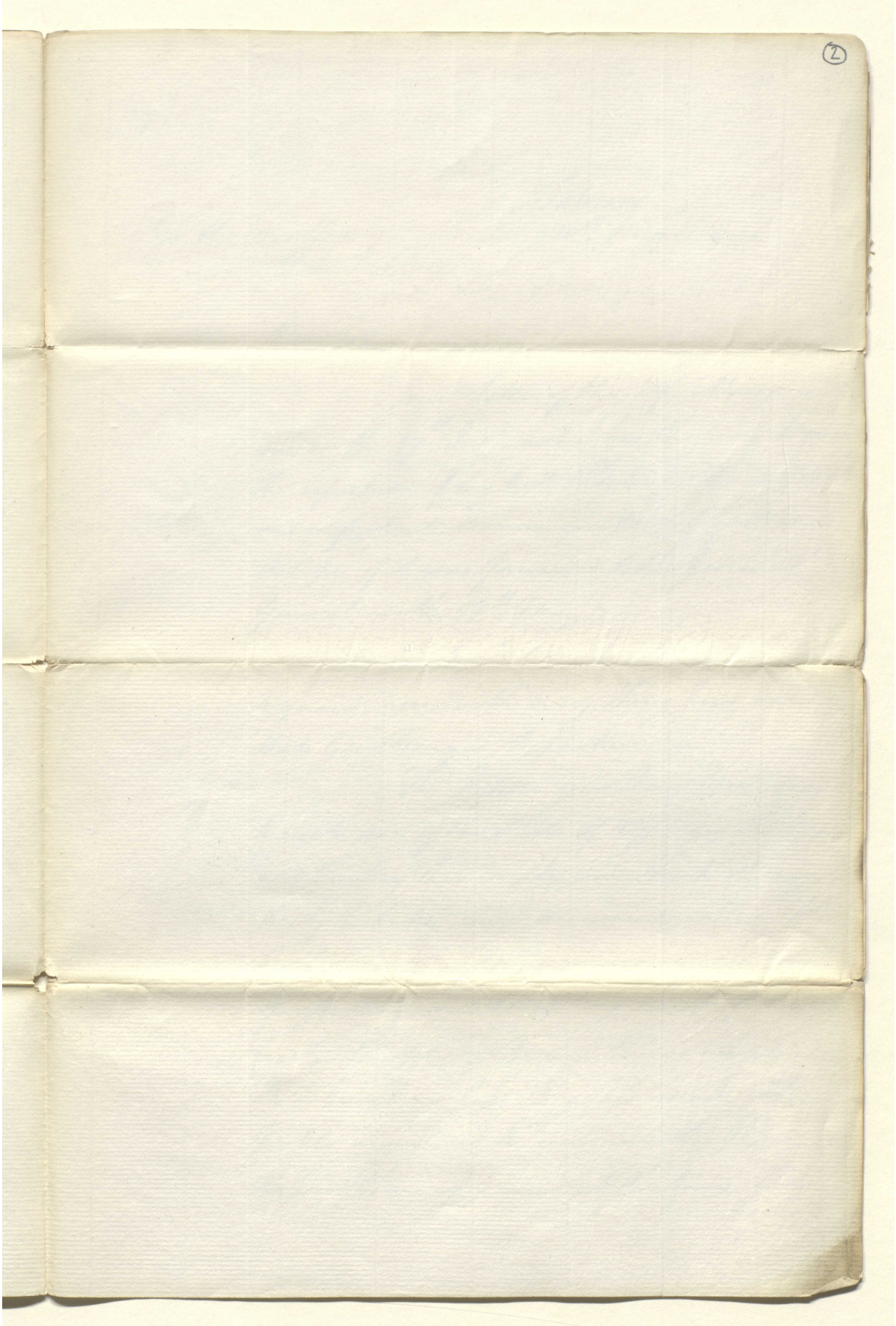
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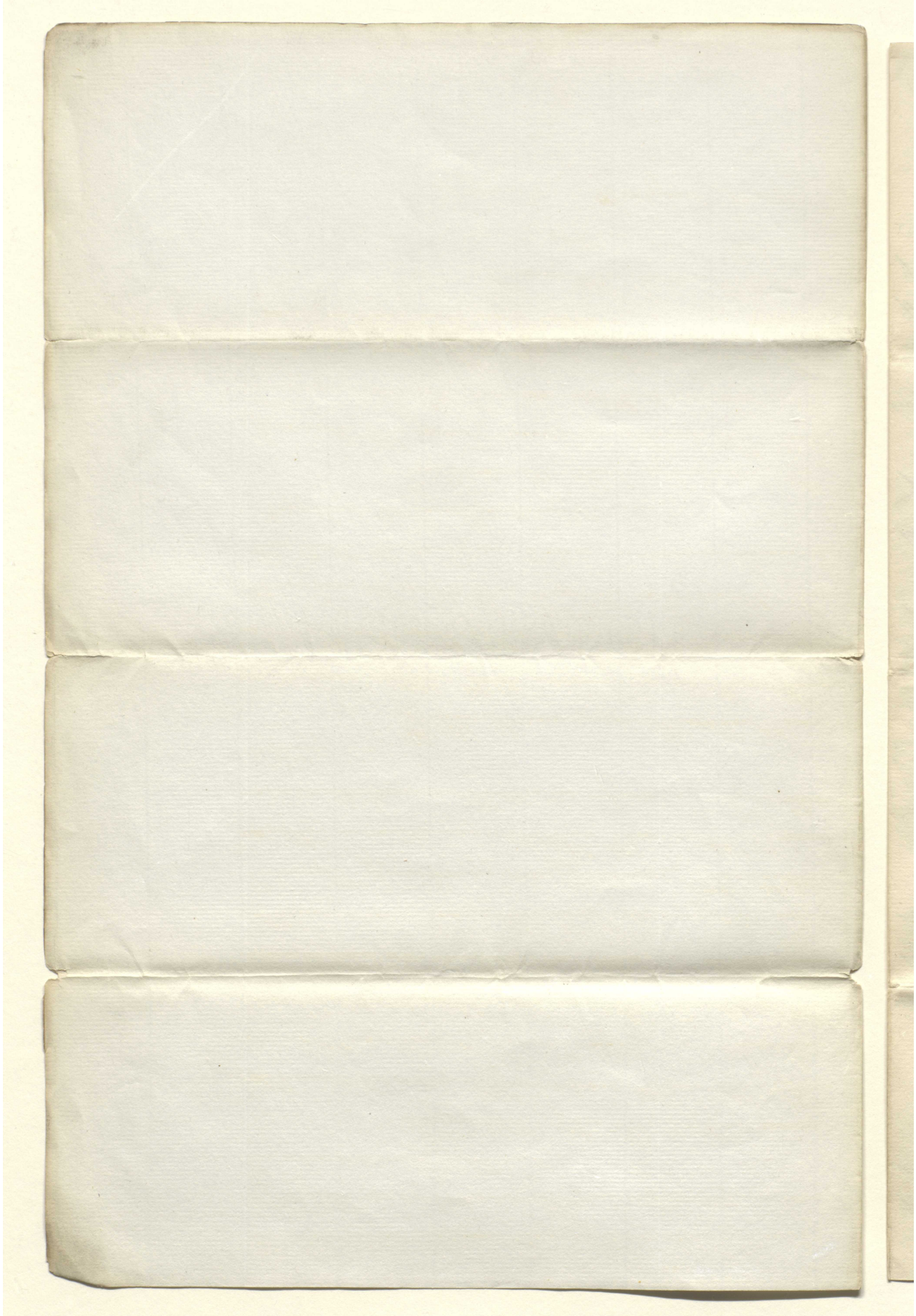
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To His Excellency
Robert Adair
V. a. V. a. V. a.

Tahran
20th May 1809.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 29th March reached me on the 17th Inst. - and I beg to convey to you the expression of my best thanks for the acceptable and important communications it contained - a Copy of it was forwarded to the Governor General on the 18th May.

The Dispatches by M^r. Maier will acquaint you with every thing here until that Gentlemen's Departure.

The Expos^r you have been so good to make me of the state of Affairs in Christendom and Turkey has made me think it my Duty to take more decisive measures than I otherwise should have done in the view of assisting and benefiting the Empire at Constantinople. - Circumstances which you will be at no loss to guess made these people disinclined to continue the War with Russia than appeared at the time of signing the

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the preliminary Articles of the Treaty. - And the offer contained in Gudowitks Letter had made a great impression on the Ministers here. -

I had yesterday a private audience of the King - the result of which was, the most solemn promise from His Majesty to act with vigor on the side of Georgia; and a consent from me to advance six Months of our proposed Subsidy, which I am now setting about to perform - In this way I hope a diversion of the Russian Forces acting against Turkey may be caused. -

On a close investigation of the Kings means, I am not very sanguine that any thing of great importance will be effected. - Nevertheless every account I have received agrees, that the Russians in Georgia are badly provided with Cavalry - if therefore the King pursues the plan of Operations I proposed yesterday, His exertions in the cause must sensibly disturb the Russians. - My proposal was, constant and reiterated incursions and retreats of Cavalry to burn and destroy every thing in their power, and to avoid a general action. -

The Army of the Prince, Governor of Taberze consists of about four thousand Foot
and

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and six thousand Horse - To these perhaps, the King will add an equal number of Infantry, and a triple number of Cavalry. -

This I believe is nearly a correct account of what we shall bring into the Field - The Persian Minister speaks now largely

The Artillery is bad in the extreme - The Infantry possess the first rudiments of the manual Exercise - The Cavalry is excellent for distressing & harrying an Enemy in a certain manner. -

I shall attend on the King. -

The King has much at heart a Diversion by the Route on the side of Karg, and the Appointment of an Ottoman Minister here - These, as things stand, are objects of importance - You will send them your influence as far as you think it right. -

I have endeavored with these people to place the War the Porte has entered into with Russia, in the light of a War of an innovation of Religion; and I have succeeded in convincing them that if any accident befalls the Ottoman Empire, the Downfall of the Mahomedan Religion will inevitably follow. -

I have the honor to enclose a Cyphered Dispatch from Mons^r. Fonté to General Gardanne, delivered to me this Morning by the

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the Minister. — I am trying to make it out; if I fail, you, or some of your Secretaries may be more successful. —

The whole of the Dispatches were delivered to me. — I find from them that there are at Bagdad a parcel of armed Merchants from Constantinople who are the Agents of the French, and do much mischief. — At the head of these is one Jean Muchrat who writes to General Gardanne as follows — "The Porte is guilty in entering into the War with Persia" and sends him a Bulletin of which I enclose a copy. —

If this Man is a Merchant and a subject of the Porte (which he is) these things are not only out of his way, but treasonable; therefore it will be highly advisable for the Porte to send an Order to remove him from Bagdad to Constantinople. —

I will do all that is possible to promote the good cause in which the Porte by your ability has so nobly engaged. — I shall be most thankful at all times for your instructions and advice. —

I have the honor to be
Sir. — Sir. — Sir. —

(signed) Harford Jones