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## Copy of a Letter from Captain John Malcolm, Representative of the Government of India to Persia, to the Secret Committee

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### About this record

A copy of a letter from Captain John Malcolm, Envoy of the Supreme Government of India to Persia [Iran], to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, sent from Abou Sheher [Būshehr] and dated 20 April 1800. The letter describes Malcolm's reception in Abou Sheher and attempts to contact the King [Shah] of Persia [Fath-'Ali Shāh Qājār], as well as the situation in Khorasan and the activities of Zeman Shah [Zamān Shāh Durrāni] of Afghanistan.

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To The Secret Committee of the Hon'ble the  
Court of Directors.

Honble Sirs.

In my last <sup>Letter</sup> under date the  
24<sup>th</sup> February, I had the honour to inform  
you of my having reached Abou-Sheker.  
I have not yet received an answer to the  
Letter I wrote the King on the subject of  
my mission. I am however in daily  
expectation of its arrival, and my advance  
will of course be regulated by its contents.

Although the King had not  
by my last accounts from Shiraz received

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my Letter, he had been informed of my landing  
in his Territories, and the Commands he has  
in consequence given are the best proofs of the  
light in which he considers this Mission.  
An Officer of the first rank has been ordered  
from Shiraz with fifty horsemen to join  
me as Mehmāndar, or Entertainer; and four  
Omrahs of the highest dignity in the Country  
have been directed to attend me at Shiraz,  
and to arrange for my being treated on the  
road, and in the different Cities through  
which I pass, in a style suitable to the  
power and dignity of the Government by  
whom I am deputed. In short, there  
seems



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seems a disposition to show every honourable  
attention, and I can have no doubt of the  
reception.

that I have  
received states that the <sup>King</sup> ~~King~~ means  
to advance to ~~the~~ and to

judge from circumstances political necessity  
seems to require that measure. I have  
however some reason to think that <sup>affairs</sup> ~~the~~

~~the~~ in that <sup>Persia</sup> ~~the~~

have assumed a more serious <sup>aspect</sup> ~~the~~  
than was expected. One account which

I have received states that several of the  
<sup>Khorasan</sup> ~~the~~ have

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united to oppose the Persian monarch  
Zeman Shah  
has promised to

support them, and has already advanced a  
Fort of <sup>Uojin</sup> to protect the

I have received two Letters of  
Intelligence, one from <sup>Haji Khulood</sup>

at Yezd, dated the 26<sup>th</sup>

March, and another from a respectable  
Merchant

at Herat, dated the

24<sup>th</sup> February, which agree in an account  
Zeman Shah's

having  
discovered



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discovered <sup>chief Nobles</sup> [redacted]

Carrying on a treasonable Correspondence  
[redacted] fugitive Brothers at Teheran  
[redacted]

[redacted] and  
add that he immediately put all concerned  
to death

[redacted] a measure which has  
excited the most serious dissensions among  
the Afghan Tribes  
[redacted] to  
whom the nobles [redacted] belonged.

These accounts joined to the part  
[redacted] Zeman Sheh  
which [redacted] has taken  
in the affairs of [redacted] Khorasan  
and the great preparations which are  
making



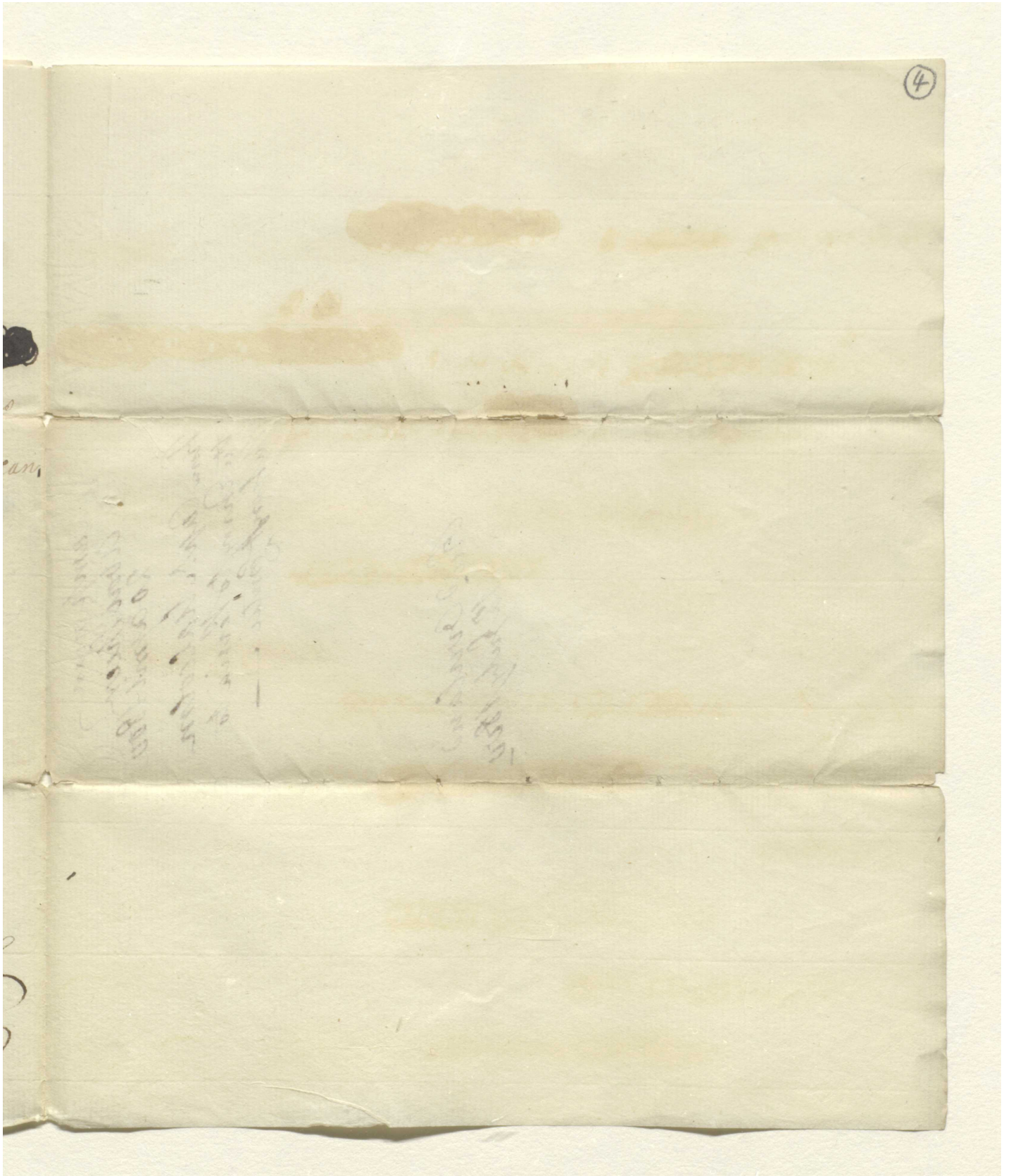
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making in <sup>Persia</sup> [redacted] warrant my  
expressing my confidence that there is no  
immediate danger of [redacted]  
[redacted] Hindostan [redacted] and that material changes  
must take place in this quarter before he can  
think of such a measure.

I have the honour to be  
Camp near [redacted] with the highest respect  
About Sheher [redacted] Honble Sirs,  
20th April 1800. Your most obedient and  
[redacted] humble Servant.  
John Malcolm  
Envoy

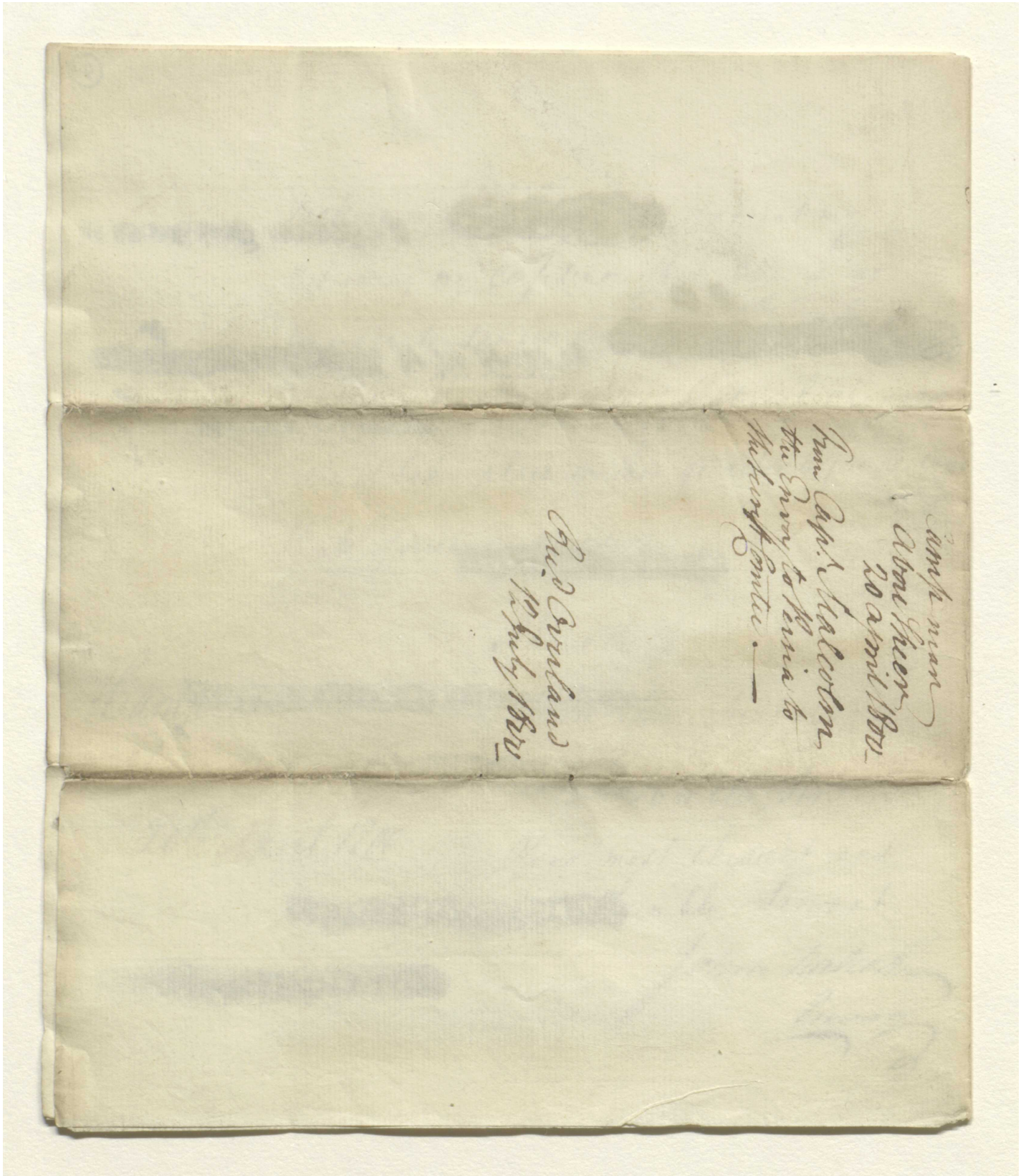


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Abou Sher  
20 April 1800  
From Capt. J. Malcolm  
the Envoy to Persia to  
The Secret Committee.

Genl. Cornwallis  
10 July 1800