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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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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 Shiraz [Shirāz] and dated 16 June 1800. The letter reports Malcolm's arrival and reception in Shiraz, as well as the situation in Afghanistan and Khorasan and the activities of Zeman Shah [Zamān Shāh Durrāni].

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To the Secret Committee of the Honorable
Court of Directors.

Honble M^{rs}.

Para. 1

I have the honour to inform
your Honorable Committee of my arrival
at the city of Shiraz, where I have been
received with distinctions as flattering
as they are unprecedented. I impute
the extraordinary attentions which have
been paid me by the King's order, in
the first place, to the great desire
his

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his Majesty has of cultivating the friendship
of the Honorable Company; and in the
second, to his full sense that a *Majlis*
in the stile of that with which I am
charged, is of ^{critical importance} 3, 43, 75, 144, 75, 3, 9, 68, 75, 4,
55, 36, 43, 44, 9, 70, 3, 8. to his ^{Government} 64, 36, 53, 8, 43,
70, 4, 8, 70, 144. at this ^{moment} 4, 36, 43, 70, 144. and is
likely to be one great means of fixing its
stability. On this subject, the Chief
Omrahs of the State have not hesitated
to express their sentiments in the fullest
manner

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manner.

2..

I am happy in being able to

state on authentic grounds, that the most
serious negotiations

bb, 8, 43, 75, 36, 53, bb. 30, 75, bb, 8, 70, bb, 75, 36,

70, bb. have taken place in 88, 53, 49, 70.
Reman Shahi

Princies
bb, 5, 9, 51, bb. 30, 26, 4, 75, 70, 75, 26, 70, bb. and

that 53, 43, 75, 70, 3, 8. is more likely to be

engaged for some period to come in a
contest

3, 26, 70, 44, 8, bb, 44. for the possession of his
territories

own 44, 8, 43, 75, 44, 36, 43, 75, 8, bb. than in

attacking
9, 44, 9, 2, 6, 75, 70, 44. those of others.

3..

The King of Persia
has

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has marched towards Khorassan, and
 certain accounts are received, that some of
 the principal Chiefs of that Province, have
 made their submission to his advanced
 Army, a proof of such was wanting of the
 disorders that reign in the ^{Afghan Government} 9, 35, 64, 5, 37, 70.

64, 36, 53, 8, 43, 70, 4, 8, 70, 44. with which
 these Chiefs were intimately connected,
 and to which they looked for support.

4. Every present appearance is
 unfavourable ^{to Zaman Shah} 44, 36, 88, 5, 3, 4, 37, 70, 66, 5, 37,
 51, 12. whose power, if the ^{Persian Monarch} 55, 8, 43, 66, 75, 9, 70.

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4, 26, 70, 9, 43, 25. should only obtain that
part of Khorasan at present possessed by
independent Chiefs will be ^{should} be 66, 5, 26, 6. to the
^{foundation}

35, 26, 53, 70, 30, 9, 44, 75, 26, 70, 66. at all

events his disturbing the northern ^{parts of India} 55, 9,

43, 44, 66. 26, 35. 75, 70, 30, 75, 9, within a

period of one or two Years ^{appear} 9, 55, 8, 9, 43, 66. out

of the question, and a Conviction of this

truth will make me (unless extraordinary
changes take place) observe silence on

such parts of ^{my mission} 4, 46. 4, 75, 66, 75, 26, 70. as

relate

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relate to that object.

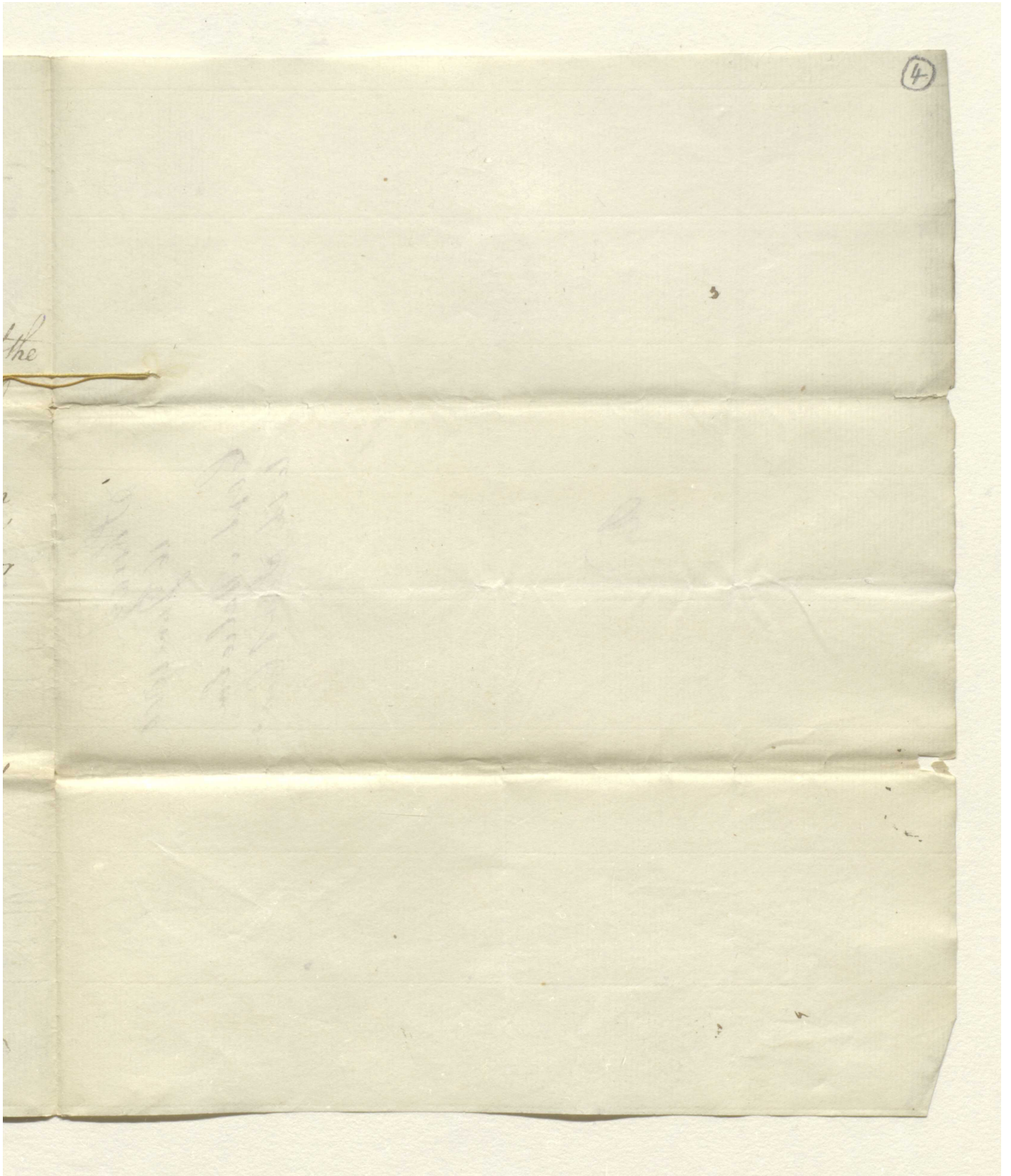
5.. I expect to remain here a Month, or Six Weeks, as the rapidity of the King's advance, affords me no hope of seeing him before his return to Tehran, which will probably be in September or October.

Shiraz the
16th June 1800.

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John Malcolm

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Hon'ble Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble servant.
John Malcolm
Major

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