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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 a camp near Isfahaun [Eṣfahān] and dated 26 September 1800. The letter reports: Malcolm's arrival and reception in Isfahaun; the activities of Zumaun Shah [Zamān Shāh Durrāni] of Afghanistan; and a supposed agreement between the King [Shah] of Persia [Fath-'Ali Shāh Qājār] and Zamaun Shah.

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

Hon'ble sirs,

Para 1^u I have the Honour to inform
Your Hon'ble Committee of my arrival at
Isfaham on the 29th Instant, where I was
received in the most distinguished manner.
The Son, and Brother of the Governor attended
by ten thousand Troops, and twenty thousand
Inhabitants came out eight miles to meet
me and accompanied me to my Tents which
were pitched near the City; and next day
I received a visit from the Governor, at whose
request

request I mean for the few days I remain at
Isfahaun occupying one of the Royal Palaces
that has been prepared for my reception.

All the Persons of rank, and the principal
Merchants of Isfahaun have also waited
upon me, and the latter were unanimous in
expressing their warmest hopes that the mission
with which I am charged was a prelude to the
restoration of that beneficial Commerce, which
had before been carried on between Persia and
India; and which had alone been interrupted
by causes that were now happily removed.

2. I have considered it my duty
to inform your Honible Committee of these
circumstances, as I am convinced you will
derive satisfaction from hearing of such
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marks of respect and attention, which are the
surest indication of the favourable disposition
of the Persian Government to cultivate the
alliance & friendship of the Hon'ble Company.

3. In my address of the 10th ulto
I had the honour to acquaint your Hon'ble
Committee of the arrival of Lumaun Shah at
Herat; information on which I could place
every reliance afterwards confirmed that
event, and stated that he was accompanied
by a very insufficient Force. I have since learned
that he commenced his retreat to Candahar
on the same day the King of Persia left Khoasan,
a Circumstance that fully corroborates
Intelligence I had before received of an
accommodation having taken place
between

between these Princes, by which the Afghan
Monarch had engaged to withdraw all support
from the independant Chiefs of Chorassan, and
the King of Persia to abandon the cause of the
Prince Mahmood Brother of Lumaun Shah.

4. Should such an agreement have
been concluded, which I am far from considering
as certain, its very nature precludes the
possibility of its stability: as the conquest
of that part of Chorassan possessed by independ-
ant Chiefs, by the Persian Prince (an event
that would be greatly facilitated by the
open defection of Lumaun Shah from the
cause of the former) would place the Afghan,
open to the attacks (and in a great degree
dependant

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dependant for its existence on the moderation
of the Persian Government.

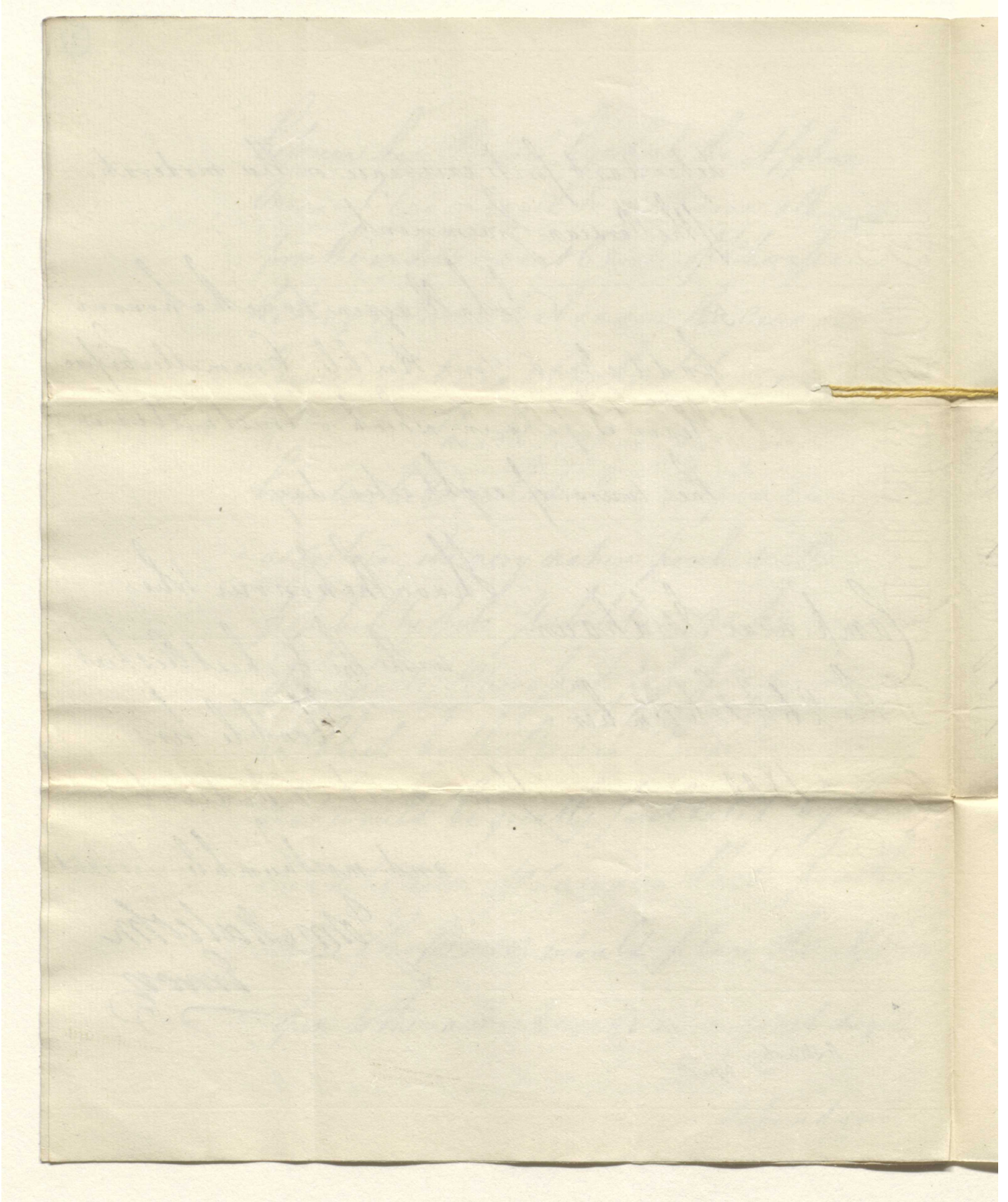
5. I shall again have the honour
of addressing your Honble Committee before
I leave Isfahoun, which I trust will be in
the course of eight or ten days.

Camp near Isfahoun
The 26th September
1800

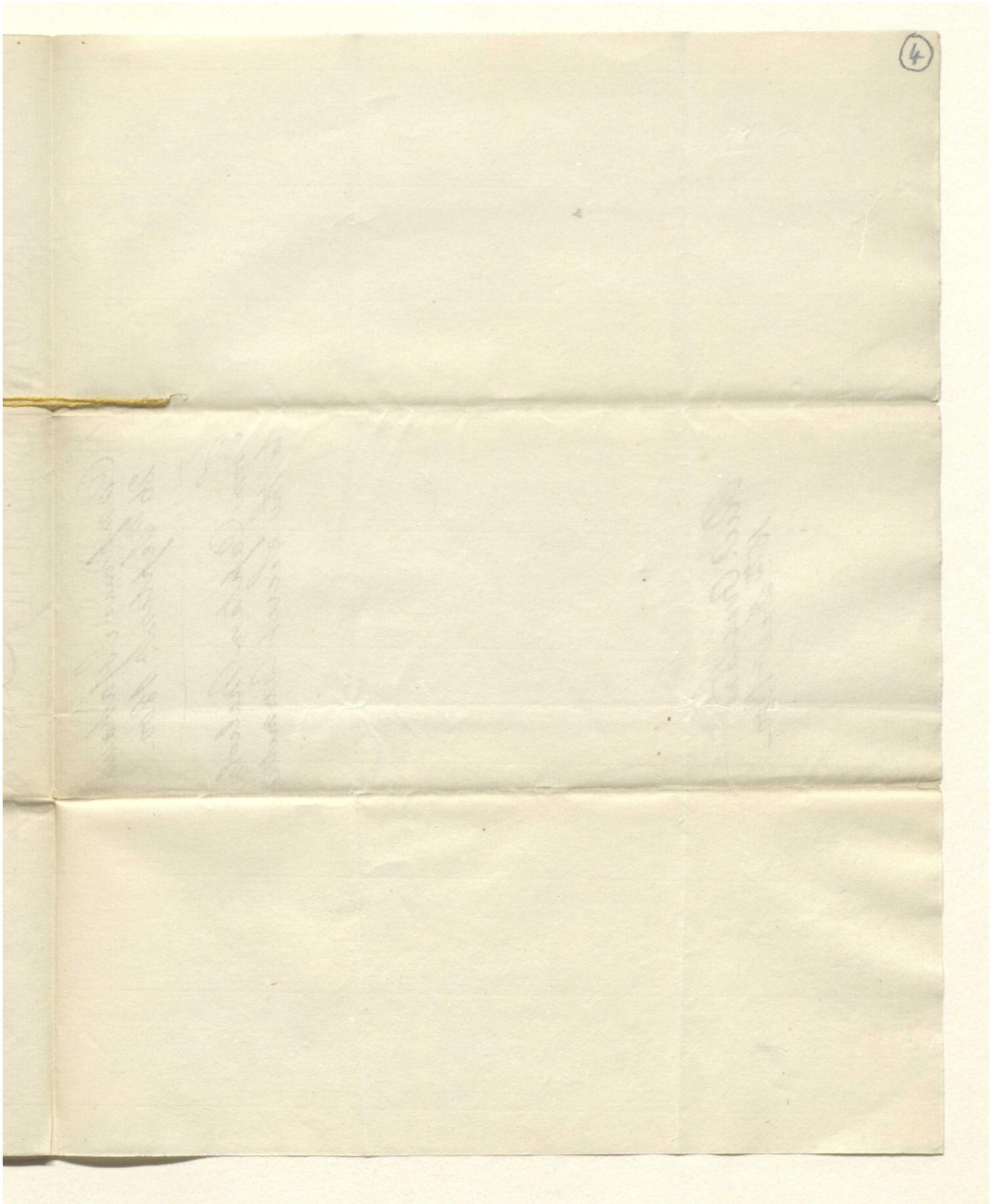
I have the honour to be
with the highest respect
Honble Sirs
Your most obedient
and most humble Servant
John Malcolm
Envoys

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