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## **Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General John Malcolm, Head of Mission to Persia, to the Governor-General of Bengal**

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### **About this record**

A copy of a letter from Brigadier-General John Malcolm, Envoy of the Supreme Government of India to Persia [Iran], to Lord Minto, Governor-General of Bengal, sent from a camp near Bushire [Būshehr] and dated 19 February 1810. The letter covers: Malcolm's arrival and reception in Bushire and Captain Charles Pasley's advance to Shirauz [Shirāz] and meeting with the Prince [Prince-Governor of Fārs]; the mission of Sir Harford Jones, also present in Persia as British Envoy Extraordinary, in particular Jones's payment of subsidies to Persian officials; the future of Anglo-Persian relations, expressing distrust in the Persian Court and Malcolm's belief in a secret undertaking between Persia and France; and allegations made by Jones regarding his conduct and that of his companion Pasley, in particular a suggestion that Malcolm is supporting a rival claimant to the Persian throne.

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Camp near Bushick

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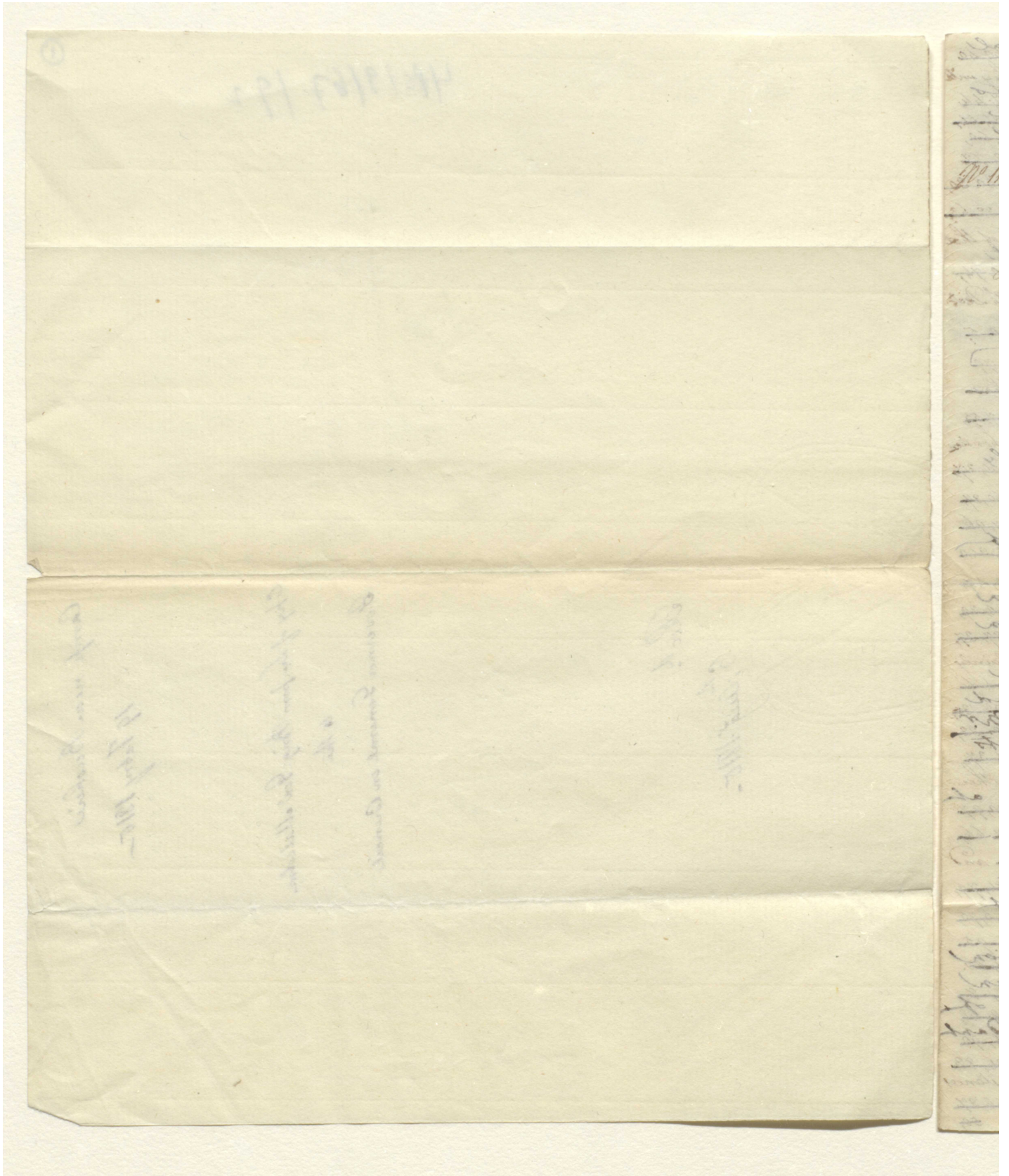
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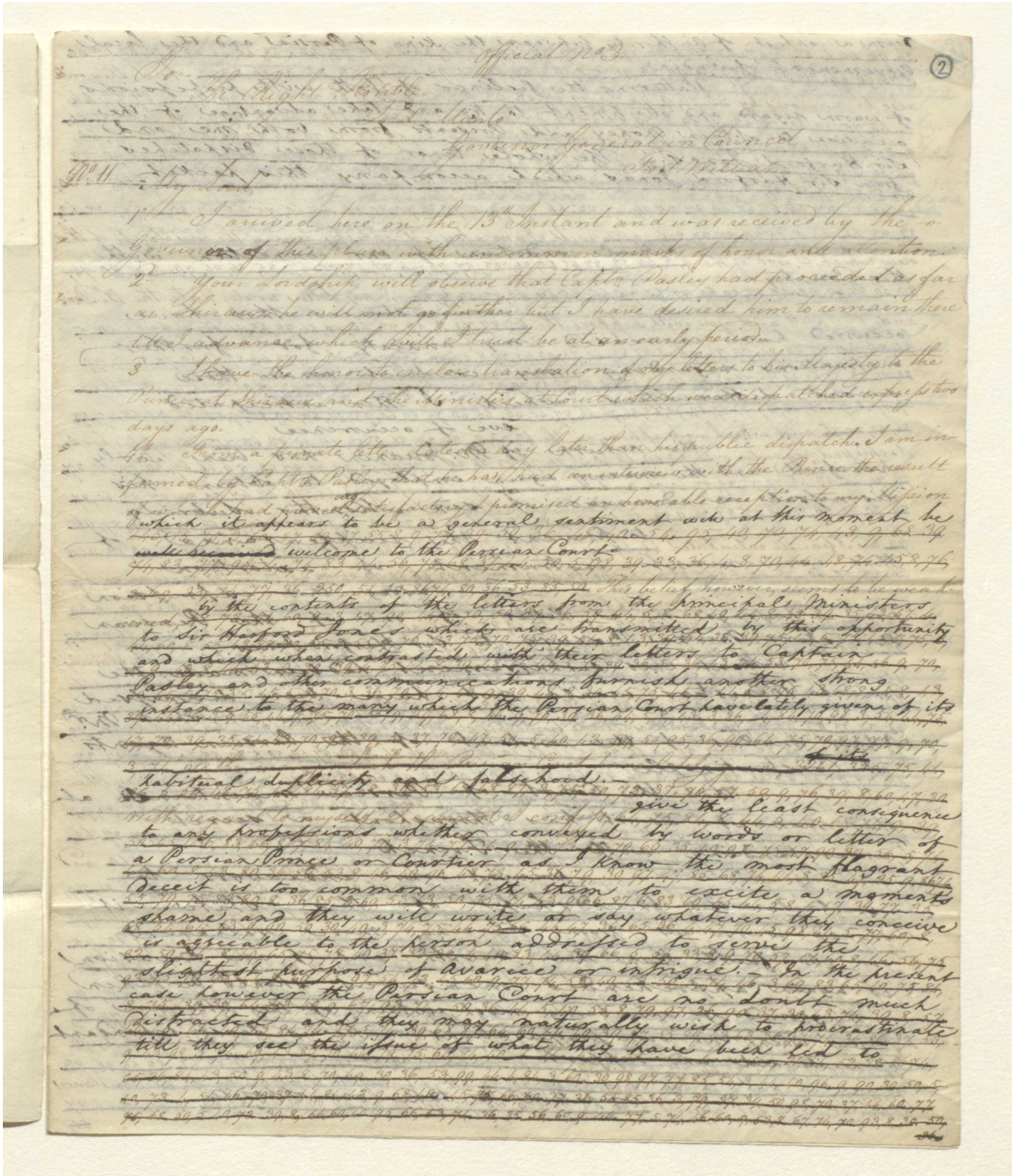


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sum a contest of Authority between the King of Persia and the local  
Government of India) flattering the feelings of both with professions  
of warm regard and attachment to try and take advantage of the  
occasion to obtain Money and Presents from both me and  
Sir Harford Jones. The whole tenor of those Dispatches  
from Sir Harford Jones which accompany this packet, will  
I am assured satisfy you of the correctness of that  
view which I took of the actual condition of our connection with  
this Country and you will suppose the circumstances that have  
occurred have increased my anxiety for further  
instructions regarding my conduct under those  
serious difficulties which I then anticipated  
and which now appear on the eve of occurrence  
Surprised, regarding the return of Mr. Jouanin has been early  
verified and the means again employed to obtain his  
dismissal on advance of six Months subsidy  
to prevent the reappearance of  
this convenient instrument of extortion  
using this expression  
from a passage in a letter of one of the Persian  
Ministers Baxurs to Sir Harford Jones  
without this Disbursement had been made the  
French Ministers would not have been dismissed  
Adair makes of the conduct of the Persian Agents  
at Constantinople that the Court of Persia maintained at  
this moment as it has throughout a secret  
understanding with the French  
prevent our endeavors to  
conciliate the friendship of this State it  
should warn us from placing more reliance  
on its faith than that merits and if an Invasion  
is again approached measures should be taken  
on the ground of our being most certain of the Alliance of  
Persia when our own preparations make us least dependant  
upon its aid and support.  
I am placed to feel completely compelled to take an opposite



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view from what Sir Harford Jones does  
of almost every act, and <sup>the Court of Persia</sup>  
but this I trust your Lordship will not  
contention <sup>my Duty and</sup>  
reluctance to avoid  
of opinion regarding the character of Persian  
Princes and Courtiers  
Sir Harford Jones appears to repose  
confidence  
I distrust  
satisfy me of their sincerity  
alone can  
Your Lordship, will observe that Capt<sup>n</sup> Pasley, has repli-  
ed in a letter to your Address to such parts of Sir Harford's dispatch of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> January as appeared to throw reflections upon his conduct, and both  
the manner and substance of Captain Pasley's letter will I am satisfied be  
honoured by your approbation. I can only feel it necessary to observe on two  
points stated, <sup>by Sir Harford Jones in this extraordinary communication</sup>  
First with regard to the <sup>letter which he</sup>  
transmits a copy of from Mezza Shuffy to me  
of the nature  
to which he alluded from that Minister  
who I have no doubt furnished Sir Harford  
with this false  
done with many others <sup>document</sup> as he had  
verbal purpose of the moment - secondly  
the views of a Pretender to the Throne of Persia  
intention of promoting  
Sir Harford's Dispatch heard of such a  
person  
agitated even in my secret correspondence  
with Government - as Sir Harford Jones  
was in possession of Copies of all this correspon-  
dence, he must have been aware of this fact, and it was I conceive his duty



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heard such a report circulated to have  
~~of the~~ ~~contradicted~~ ~~it~~ ~~in~~ ~~an~~ ~~effectual~~  
~~212, 228, 5, 11, 8, 96, 114, 26, 5, 51, 81, 8, 65, 14, 20, 77, 49, 54, 29, 78, 21, 54, 19, 20, 89,~~  
~~52, 75, 43, 9, 20, 2, 57, 10, 189, 5, 91, 99, 54, 72, manner, if indeed such a~~  
~~report has been repeated to him or if he knew~~  
~~it was in circulation~~  
~~24, 13, 75, 35, 5, 40, 4, 79, 110, 42, 75, 20, 26, 54, 66, 87, 83, 80, 98, 79, 2, 21, 68, 9,~~  
~~41, 27, 69, 90, and preserved silence, (and the contrary does not appear~~  
~~from his Letters) He has given a tacit countenance to~~  
~~falshood~~  
~~the most careful impression upon the public interests.~~  
~~24, 20, 31, 32, 14, 26, 57, 25, 9, 62, 39, 10, 26, 30, that is calculated to have~~  
~~23, 55, 17, 90, 11, 5, 74, 55, 59, 67, 716, 87, 80, 10, 75, 70, 74, 71, 79, 40, 29, 59, 66,~~  
I have forwarded the letter which your Lordship gave me to the  
address of Sir Stanford Jones, and I have desired the Acting, Re-  
sident at Bushcher, to send to the Chief Secretary a statement  
of the receipt, and transmission of all letters public and private  
from and to Sir the Jones, those I find have been forwarded to  
their destination, with a care and attention that does not leave  
the shadow of a ground, for the apprehension Sir Stanford Jones  
expresses regarding his correspondence with his Agent & Children.

I am the honor to be  
Your Obedt Servant  
(Signed) John Malcolm  
John Malcolm  
Bengal

Camp near Bushcher  
19<sup>th</sup> February 1810