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Copy of a Letter from HM Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Persia, Sir Harford Jones, to the Grand Vizier of the Shah of Persia, Meersa Sheffee

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Copy of a letter from HM Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Persia [Iran], Sir Harford Jones, to the Grand Vizier of the Shah of Persia, Meersa Sheffee [Mirza Muḥammad Shafī' Māzandarānī], of 22 August 1810. The letter relates to correspondence between the Persian Ambassador to France, Askar Khan [Askar Khan Afshar], and the Vizier of the Crown Prince of Persia, Mirza Buzurg (see IOR/L/PS/9/68/75). In the letter, Jones draws Meersa Sheffee's attention to the fact that Askar Khan continues to act in his capacity as ambassador in France, in spite of the signature of the Preliminary Treaty between Persia and Britain, and requests that Askar Khan be recalled from Paris on the basis of the Anglo-Persian alliance.

The letter was enclosed in Jones's secret letter of 14 September 1810, which was received on 6 February 1811

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Tues August 22. 1810. ①

After Compliments.

I have to return Your Excellency many thanks for the perusal of the letter from H. E. Ashkar Khan to H. E. Meersa Basing & I make no doubt but the Frankness with which this Correspondence has been exposed to me, will be duly appreciated by my Government.

Your Excellency I flatter myself does me the justice to believe, I give full credit to the assurances which you have repeatedly made of His Persian Majesty having, long ago, taken the necessary measures for the recall of Ashkar Khan from Paris, & that I make every allowance for the Difficulty, the Persian Government labours under in conveying the orders, & remittances, to that Minister, necessary to enable him to quit Paris.

I must be permitted, however, to observe to H. E. that seventeen Months have elapsed, since the signature of the Preliminary

His Excellency
Meersa Sheffee

Treaty

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Treaty of Tehran; a period which, I fear, my Government will consider apparently sufficiently ample to have afforded time, both for Askar Khan's receiving & obeying his orders to return to Persia.

From the signing of the Instrument above alluded to, G. E. must be sensible the Residence of Askar Khan at Paris, not only became useless, but incompatible with the engagements, which were then so happily entered into, by our Respective Sovereigns; & if good faith & plain dealing are necessary to preserve Confidence, between States whose Alliance & Connexion have been ^{long standing} of ^{long standing} I am satisfied Your Excellency will see the absolute expediency, in recently contracted Connexions, of discarding every thing, which can bear the appearance of a breach of those vital Principles; particularly in a case where it may suit the interests of other Powers, to deperminate suspicions and jealousies, between the Contracting Parties.

I beg explicitly to declare, I am not led into these general remarks, as considering the whole of them called for, at the present moment

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moment, on the alliance between our respective Sovereigns; but on the contrary, knowing the sincerity which actuated both Monarchs, on this happy occasion, & the good faith by which, their actions will ever be guided, I am anxious to draw Y. E. attention towards the instant removal of all those little circumstances, which might give other Powers reason to flatter themselves, the connexion between England & Persia is less intimate and solid, than it really is. —

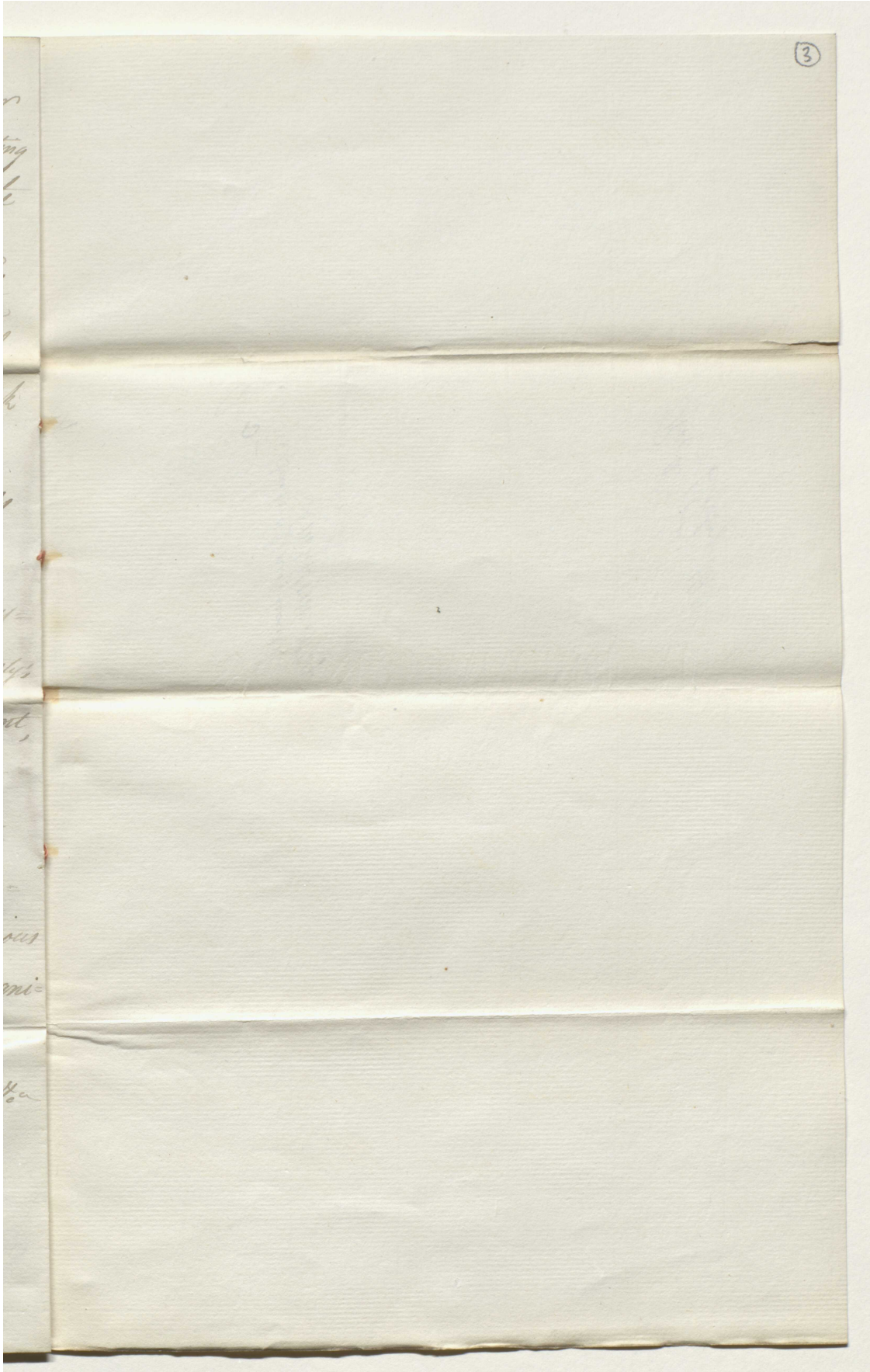
If, however, this declaration, on my part, is necessary, there is an other that is not less so; namely that, ^{it} appears from different Parts of Askar Khan's letter, he still considers himself to be, and continues to act as an accredited Minister at Paris; and if I omit pointing out the passages of the letter, which prove this to be the case, it is because I am convinced, it would be painful to Your Excellency, I should, even in this private manner, particularly notice them. — In

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In short I must hope your Excellency will see the necessity of concerting with me, previous to the departure of the Tartar under dispatch, for Constantinople, efficient measures, for the speedy return of Asker Khan to Persia, without which neither myself, nor my Successor can think ourselves justified, until further orders, in executing many parts of our Sovereign's present Commands.

I am willing to flatter myself I shall meet the wishes of His Majesty's Government in abstaining for the present, making any official Representation to your Excellency, on this Subject, & I trust Y.E. will perceive, in confining my communication to a private form, how anxious I am to embrace all opportunities of manifesting the high Esteem & Consideration, with which I have the honor to be &c. &c.
signed Harford Jones

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