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Copy of a letter from HM Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Persia [Iran], Sir Harford Jones, to HM Minister Plenipotentiary to the Ottoman Empire, Stratford Canning, of 13 November 1810. The letter concerns an affair at Constantinople [Istanbul] involving the Persian Ambassador to France, Askar Khan [Askar Khan Afshar], and the Persian Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Meerza Ameen [Mirza Amin]. The letter reports the Persian government's misgivings concerning the affair, and communicates the appointment of Aga Hossein [Agha Hussain] as responsible for the affairs of the Persian government in Constantinople, the removal of Meerza Ameen from his position as ambassador, and the prohibition of Georges Outrey, the French envoy who accompanied Askar Khan on his return from Paris, from entering Persian territory. The letter was enclosed in the secret letter of Jones of 13 November 1810, which was received on 11 March 1811.

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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 3. Instant of your dispatches of the 13. 13. Sept^r, & 10. Ult^o & beg to return you my best thanks, for the ample information you have given me on the subject of the very troublesome transactions, in which you have been engaged with Askar Khan & Murza Ameen.

H. R. H. the Prince Royal at the time your dispatches above-mentioned arrived had not returned to Tabreez and I therefore immediately proceeded to meet him, on his return here.

The very first conferences I had with H. R. H. & H. E. Murza Bozurg the Naimeeem, convinced me how culpable soever Askar Khan & Murza Ameen might have been & they certainly are highly so in the business, there is not the smallest reason to imagine, that their conduct was the consequence of instructions from their

Stratford Canning Esq
No. No. No.

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Court. On the contrary their Conduct is unequivocally disavowed, & I am assured both H. P. Majesty & the Prince Royal, will not omit to make these persons sensible of their displeasure.

The serious indisposition of H. E. Meera Hassan, has however, prevented, to the present moment the final arrangement of the several points, connected with your dispatches above noticed. I have now the honor to communicate to you, these arrangements, & I hope hereafter to hear they are such as you esteem perfectly satisfactory.

Agreeably to the wishes you have expressed to me, the care of whatever Affairs this Court may have, hereafter at Constantinople, is now intrusted to Aga Hassan, without any ostensible Commission to that effect, & perfectly under your guidance & Superintendance.

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit a letter to your address, from H. R. H. the Prince Royal, enclosing a letter

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letter which, it is wished, if Meersa Ameen ⁽²⁾
should be at Constantinople at the time of
its receipt, you would have the goodness to
send to him. This letter annuls his offi-
-cial Character, & a Copy of it if you see
good may be communicated by you, to
the Rais Effendi

A Persian Officer will be
immediately dispatched by H. R. Wighams
to Seraskier if necessary, to inform M.
Altrey & his Companions, they are not
permitted to enter the Persian Territory
as H. R. Majesty has broken off all con-
-nexion with France, & has determined
not to renew it, in any shape, or under any
Circumstance.

I am fully justified in as-
-suring you, that you may declare to the
Ottoman Ministry, that the Persian Court
sincerely laments the follies which some
of the Persian Officers have been lately
guilty of at Constantinople, & that as in
this instance, it has not hesitated, so in all
future ones, it will not hesitate, but on
the

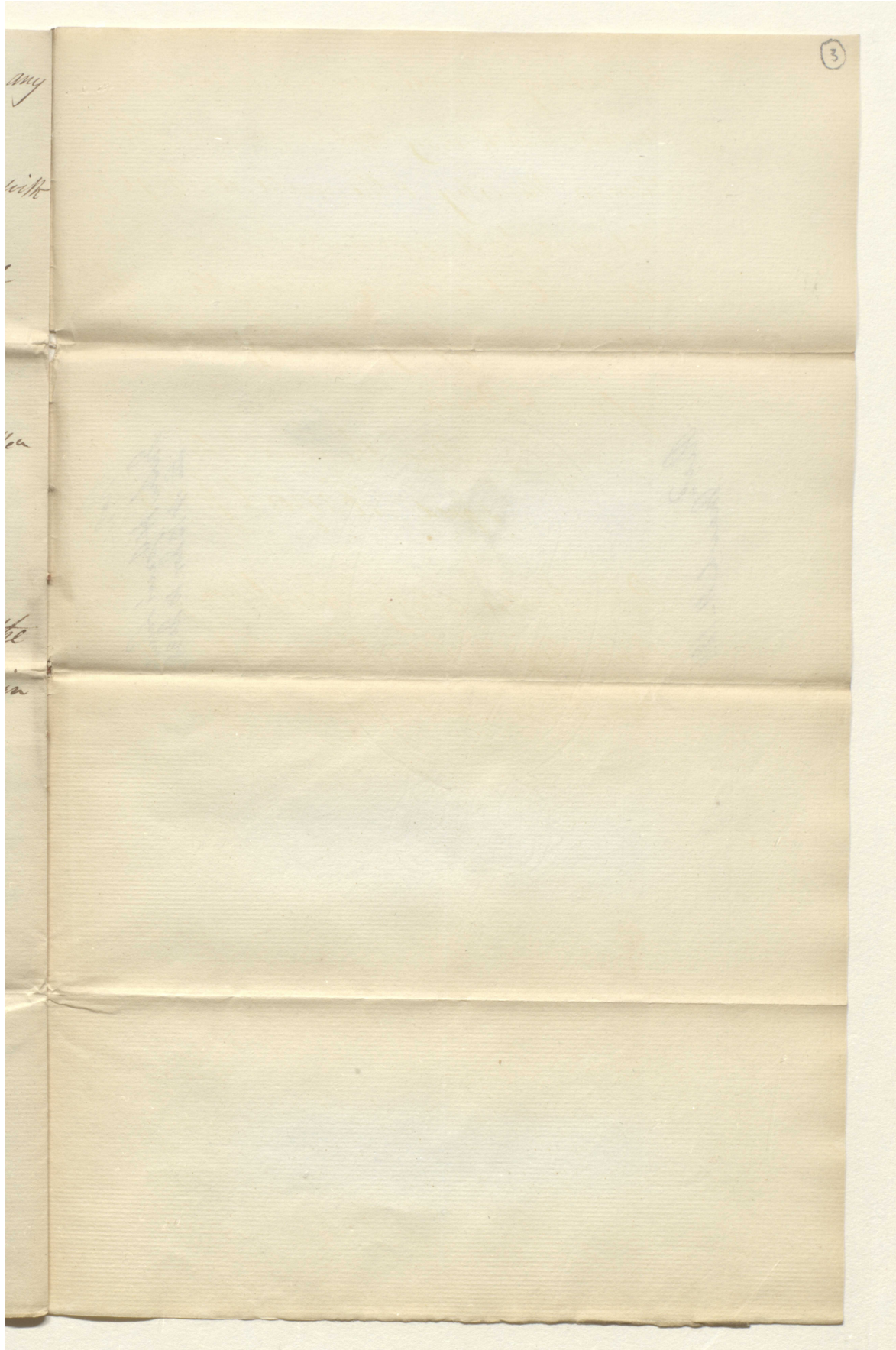
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the contrary be most anxious to embrace any Measure which may tend to convince the Ottoman Ministry & the world at large, with what good faith, & fervor H. P. Majesty is determined to cultivate & strengthen the Alliance so happily existing between England & Persia. —

I have the honor to be ^{Yours} Very
signed/ Harford Jones

P.S. - I enclose a copy translation of the Prince Royal's letter to me respecting the Frenchmen; and a letter to aga Hossein

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