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## **Copy of a Letter from HM Ambassador Extraordinary to Persia, Sir Gore Ouseley, to the Secret Committee of the East India Company**

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### **About this record**

Copy of a letter from HM Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Persia [Iran], Sir Gore Ouseley, to the Secret Committee of the East India Company. The letter announces Ouseley's arrival at Bombay [Mumbai], and gives an account of his journey and the news he has received from Persia prior to beginning his journey from Bombay to Tehran.

The letter was sent in January 1811 and received on 1 July 1811.

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Honorable Sirs

I have the honor to inform you that we sailed from Portsmouth on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1810 and after touching at Madeira, Rio de Janeiro and Ceylon reached this Presidency on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant.

Although our voyage has been extremely tedious and annoying to his Excellency the Persian Embay, still I am happy in being able to announce to you that he is now in perfect health - Our reception at Rio de Janeiro by the Prince Regent was highly gratifying; and placing the attentions shewn him, as he very properly did, to the account of his being our guest, it strengthened the high opinion he had already formed of our power and influence in all quarters of the globe.

I am happy to bear testimony to the pleasing result of the reception given him at this Presidency by M<sup>r</sup>. Duncan, whose universal character for the soundest sense, as well as the most amiable urbanity of manners, must be so well known to your Hon<sup>ble</sup> Committee as to render my tribute of just praise unnecessary - I cannot, however, repress the expression of my personal grateful feelings towards M<sup>r</sup>. Duncan, in declaring that I have profited very considerably by his luminous and liberal communications on subjects of the most interesting nature as connected with the affairs of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> East India Company and the Embassy entrusted to my management, and that I feel exceedingly obliged by the kind and hospitable manner in which he has been pleased to receive me -

I received

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Secret Committee of Hon<sup>ble</sup> four of Directors  
East India House

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I received letters from the Persian Ministers and Sir Harford Jones on my arrival here - my progress to Tehran is anxiously looked for, if any credit is to be placed in the professions of the former - but I shall soon have an opportunity of ascertaining the truth or falsehood of them, as I shall proceed to Busheher on the 24.<sup>th</sup> or 25.<sup>th</sup> of this month -

The news, on the whole, from Persia, is not of the most promising nature - The Russians have given the Prince Royal's Troops several partial defeats - a French mission for Persia, is positively arrived in Constantinople with Askar Khan, and the supposed Turkish Ambassador, who was expected at Tabriz in February last, proves to be a Kapigi Bashi, sent to dispossess the Pasha of Baghdad - The Persian Soldiers, too, I am sorry to find, do not make that improvement and progress in European tactics and mode of warfare that was expected.

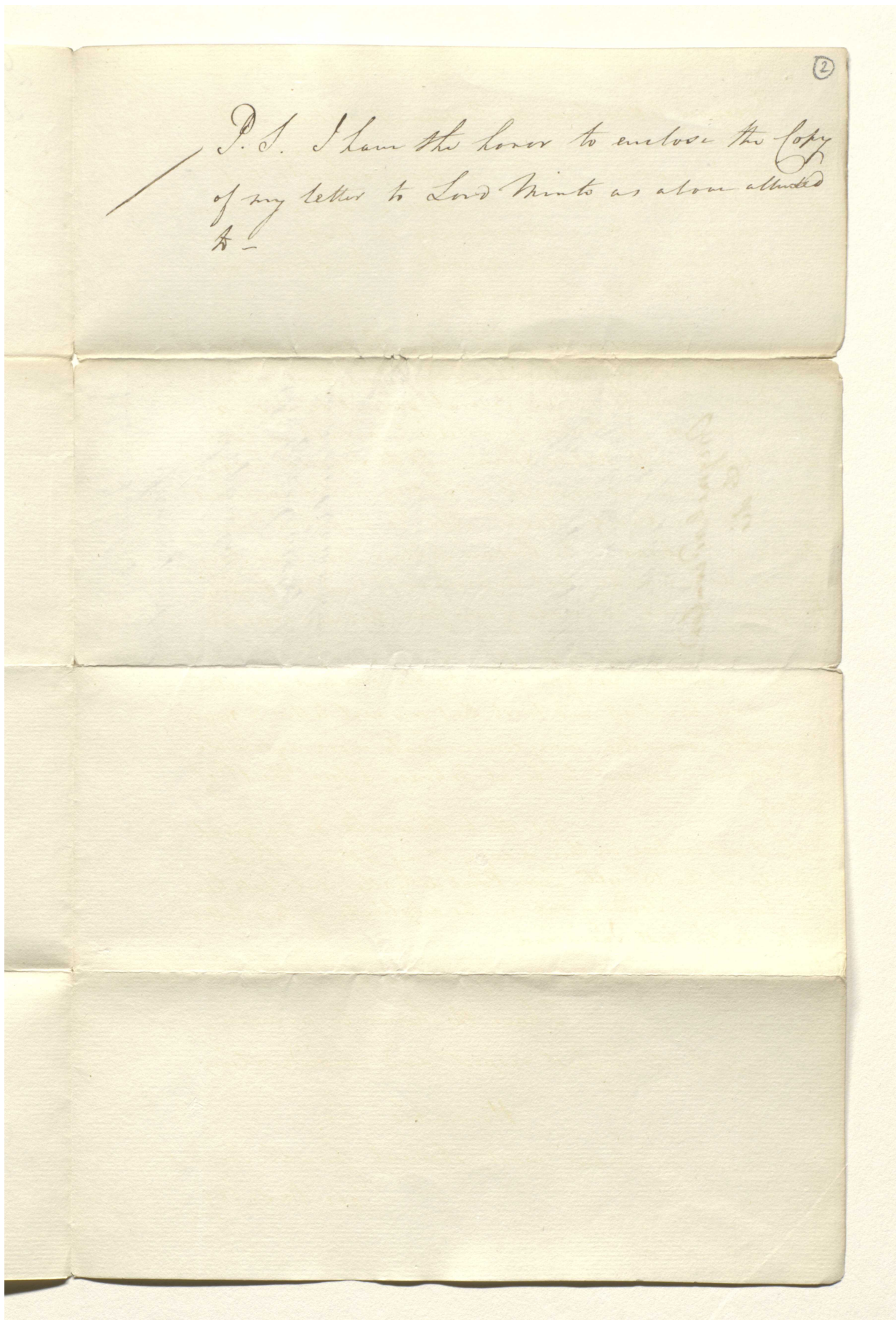
I write these few lines by the overland dispatch now about to set off - and trust that my next letter to your Honorable Committee may communicate more agreeable intelligence - I expect to be at Tehran before the 1.<sup>st</sup> of May -

As the bulk would be too great I shall not enclose in this, a copy of my letter to Lord Minto of the 19.<sup>th</sup> ult. from Point de Galle, but shall have the honor of sending one in the duplicate of this letter by the next East Indian man -

I have the honor to remain,  
with the highest respect and consideration,

Honorable Sirs,  
your most obedient humble servant  
Gore Ouseley

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