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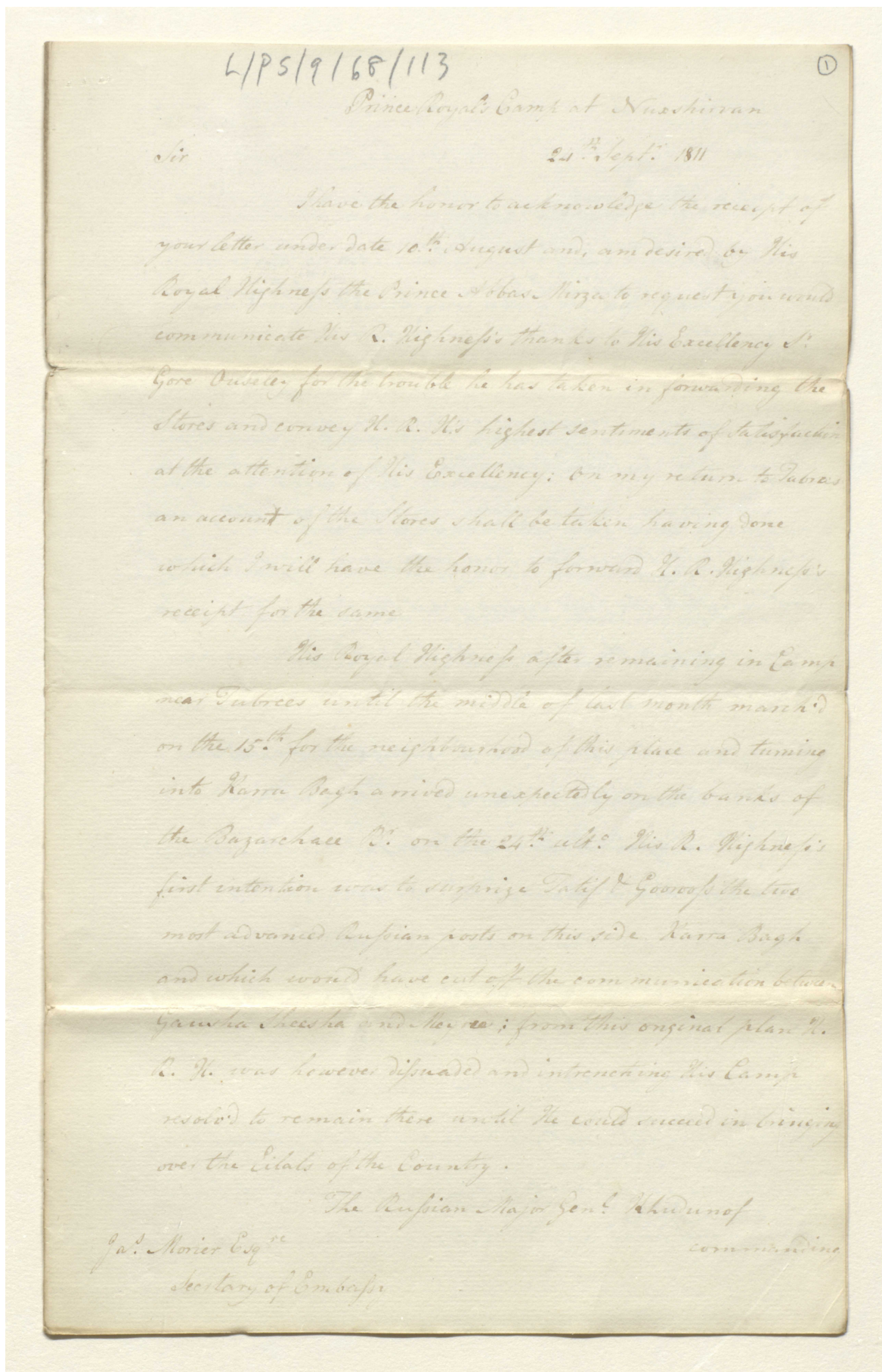
About this record

Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Charles Christie, at the Prince Royal's Camp at Nuxshirvan [Nakhchivan], to the Secretary at HM Embassy in Persia [Iran], James Morier. It provides an update on events on the frontline of the conflict between the Persians and the Russians in the Azerbaijan region of Persia. A number of matters are discussed:

- Details of army stores
- Current position and strategy of the Persian and Turkish forces
- Recent Russian movements
- A request for higher pay for some of the British officers serving in the campaign.

The letter was enclosed in the letter of HM Ambassador Extraordinary to Persia, Sir Gore Ouseley, to the Secret Committee of the East India Company, of 5 January 1812 (see IOR/L/PS/9/68/112), which was received on 1 July 1812.

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commanding in Kama Jagh march'd immediately from
Ascaran on the W. bank of the Kur R. on hearing of the
arrival of the Prince's army, with a detachment of 11,000
Russians; 4 Guns; some Cossaks and a party of irregular
horse under Kheidi Cool Khan and arriv'd at Goorsof on
the 3. Sept. they intrench'd Goorsof but did not venture
an attack on the Prince as was expected, and the Prince
had not sufficient confidence in his own Infantry to hazard
storming the Russian lines. The Persians were not however
wholly inactive but, succeeded in bringing over 1500 families
of Lillats with their cattle; Those who would not come over
but retir'd to the hills secure from the Prince's horse must
come down into the plains on the first fall of Snow when
H. R. Highness determin'd to send in a party of horse to bring
them off: on the 12.th Inst. H. R. Highness march'd and
arriv'd at Nuxshirvan on the 14.th

Kheidi Khan Sirdar was at this time encamp'd
with a large body of horse on the Voputchace R. 3 marches
from Erivan, and the Turkish Surushker was on his
march to meet him and concert an attack on the Russian
posts in Pambuk under Major Genl. Potneyzen The day
on which they were to meet the Surushker was wounded
by an accidental shot from one of his own attendants
and he was carried back to Ras; It was fear'd the Turkish
Army would break up, His R. Highness dispatch'd D Campbell

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to his assistance and wrote to the different Pachas to assure them of support against the Russians; by a letter rec^d from Sr Campbell this day I am happy to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency that The Sumuker is out of danger & will take the field again in less than a month.

Muspin Khan Sirdar arrived in Camp a few days ago and proposes an attack shortly on the post of Thorajel in Pombuk; He marches in a few days and The Prince will return to Khoo or, to Tubrew.

Permit me to request that you would represent to His Excellency that The Sergeants of N. N. 27th & 56th Reg^t have been employ'd in the drill of a Battalion of Infantry; that they have conducted themselves very regularly and bestow'd great pains in the drill, and to solicit that His Excellency would sanction the allowance of drill Staff pay to each of them; ^{Rs 7} 9. 1. monthly & the Pay of Sergeant

Major ^{Rs 9} 8. 7. to act? Serj^t Major Donald and, ^{Rs 90 mas} 8. 1. 7
for month 2^d Master Serj^t Pay to Serjeant Hodgson act^d
2^d Master Serjeant

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obed^t
Humble servant
(Signed) Charles Christie
Lieut^t Comd Det.
a true copy
Gore Baseley

