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## **Copy of Instructions from HM Ambassador Extraordinary to Persia, Sir Gore Ouseley, in Tehran, to his Private Secretary, Sir William Ouseley, on the Occasion of his Mission to Mazenderan**

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### **About this record**

Copy of instructions, dated 15 February 1812, from HM Ambassador Extraordinary to Persia [Iran], Sir Gore Ouseley, in Tehran, to his Private Secretary, Sir William Ouseley, for his mission to Mazenderan [Mazandaran]. The instructions include to survey the coastal areas of the Caspian Sea for a site suitable for building a dock; to survey the potential for the extraction of natural resources necessary for shipbuilding in the surrounding area; and to keep a journal of the journey.

The instructions were enclosed in Sir Gore Ouseley's letter to HM Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of 15 March 1812 (see IOR/L/PS/9/68/125), and were received on the 8 August 1812.

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Tehran. Feb<sup>ry</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1812. ①

Sir/

You will be pleased to proceed to Mazenderan on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant with Muzza Ladeh, whom I have procured from His Majesty Fath Ali Shah to accompany you in quality of Mehmandar.

2. The principal object of your journey is to examine the Bays, Harbours, Creeks and Rivers in that part of His Persian Majesty's dominions bordering on the Caspian Sea, and report to me the practicability of establishing a Dock or Docks, for the purpose of constructing vessels of war, agreeably to the instructions I have received from His Majesty, and the strongly urged wishes of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> E. I. Company.

3. Your next object will be to pay great attention to, and make a particular report upon, the state of the Forests in the neighbourhood of Rasool, Baipurah, Ashraf, Sari, and Farahabad — the number of different sorts of Timber, the general circumference  
and

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and height of the Trees, and the relative proximity of the Forests to the principal Harbours or great Rivers which possess a navigable communication with the Caspian Sea.

4. You will also endeavour to ascertain the exact situation of the Iron mines which are, or have been, worked in Mazenderan; and the proximity of them to the Coal mines which I understand that ~~Province~~ possesses, as also to the woods & Forests, that the practicability of working them may be clearly demonstrated.

5. You will further be pleased to keep an exact journal of your Route, with its Bearings and Distances, and make as many Researches into the Geography, Geology, History, Antiquities and present State of Domestic Economy as the nature of your Excursion will admit of.

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6. Be so good as to make particular Inquiries into the actual state of Ship-building, Navigation, and the Commerce now carried on in the Ports you are going to...

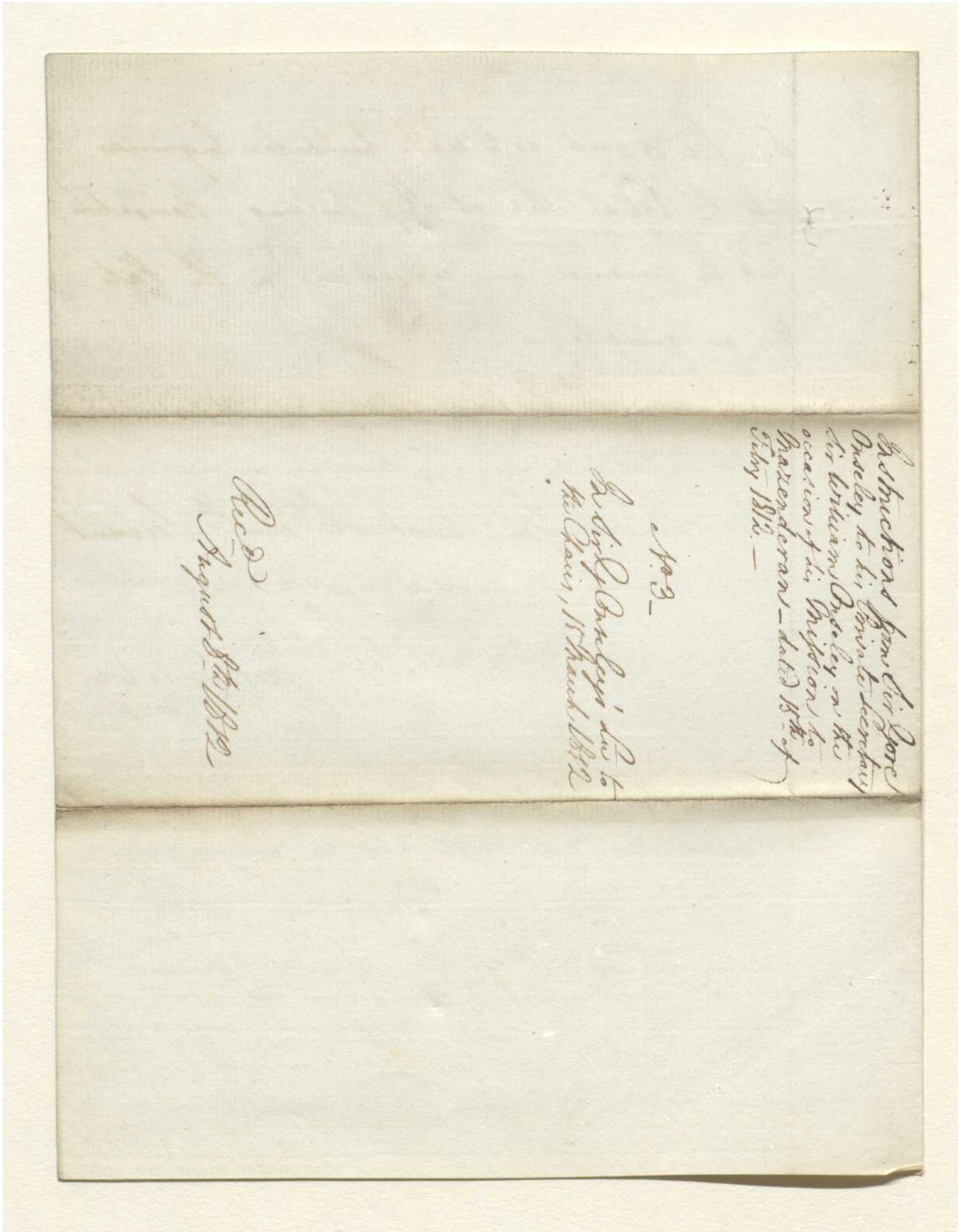
I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most ob. serv. Secoant  
(signed) Gore Ouseley

a true Copy Gore Ouseley

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In Sir Gore Ouseley's despatch  
to the Queen, 15th March 1812

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