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**Copy of Dispatch No. 12 from HM Chargé d'Affaires to Persia, Henry Willock,
in Tehran, to the Governor-General of the Presidency of Fort William, the
Marquess of Hastings**

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Copy of Dispatch No. 12 from HM Chargé d'Affaires to Persia [Iran], Henry Willock, in Tehran, to the Governor-General of the Presidency of Fort William, the Marquess of Hastings, of 24 May 1819. The letter details the decision of the Shah of Persia to renounce his pretensions to the sovereignty of Bahrein [Bahrain] as detailed in Willock's Dispatch No. 8 (see IOR/L/PS/9/68/199). The letter also details the belief of the Resident at Bushire [Bushehr], William Bruce, that the Persians suspect that the British wish to possess Bahrein for themselves.

The letter was enclosed in Willock's letter to the Secret Committee of the East India Company of 25 May 1819 (see IOR/L/PS/9/68/198), which was received on 28 August 1819.

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Tehran - May - 24 - 1819.

N^o. 12. My Lord

In my dispatch N^o 8 I had the honour of detailing
to your Excellency the communications of the Imam of
Muscat to this Court, and at the same time I advised Your
Excellency of H. P. M.'s. intention to send a mission to the
Pacha of Egypt.

His Majesty has since renounced this view, it was
then proposed to attempt by force the capture of Bahrein
but H. M. whether influenced by doubts of the eventual
success of such an expedition, or from being too much
occupied in the arrangement of domestic politics, or
doubting the authenticity of the Imams reports which
H. M. perhaps supposes are made rather with a view to the
promotion of H. M.'s own interests than from his regard
for the credit and glory of Persia; has for the present
dropped all intention of taking any steps in the support
of his pretensions to the sovereignty of that Island.

Mr Bruce has just forwarded to me the copy of a
letter

Your Excellency
The most Noble
The Marquis of Hastings K. G.
Governor General in India
Yrs. Yrs. Yrs.

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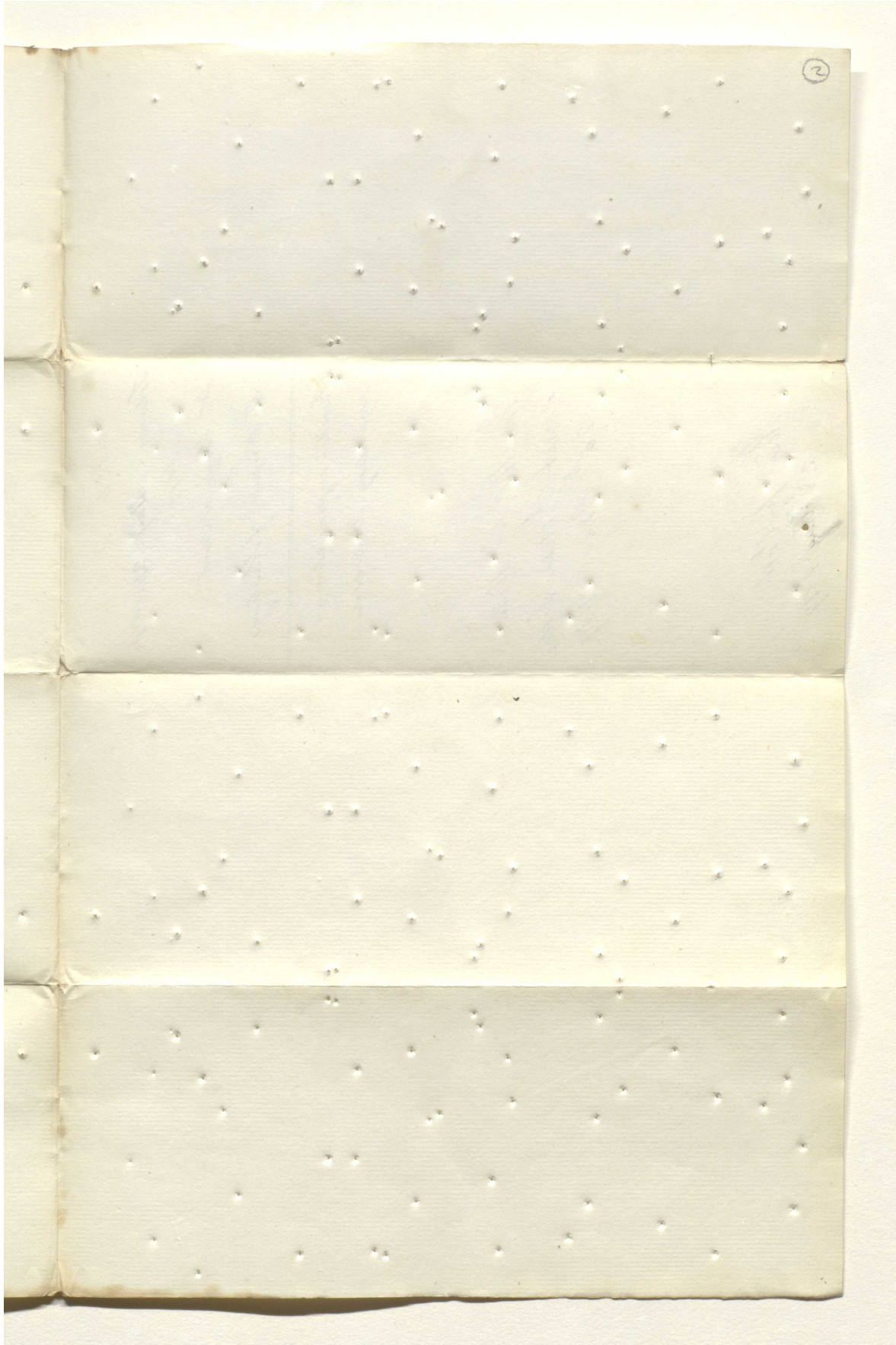
letter addressed to him by the Minister of the Prince of Shiraz
begging him as a well wisher of Persia to send a confidential
person to the Sheikhs of Bahrein to persuade them to give
to H. B. the annual tribute which they were accus-
-tomed to pay before they were subject to the temporary
dominion of the Wahabees and which Bahrein is
bound by duty to discharge as an ancient dependency
of Persia.

Mr Bruce thinks the Persians suspect that the
British Government wishes to possess this Island,
and he imagines that the object of this communication
was rather to disclose a pretension to the Sovereignty of
Bahrein, than from the supposition that he would
comply with the request.

Mr Bruce very properly intends to declare
that the duties of his office do not admit of such an
interference, and to express his regret that he cannot
comply with H. B.'s wishes unless authorized so
to do by the orders of his Government.

Shew the honor to be with the greatest respect
Yrs. &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Willock

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