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About this record

Copy of a letter from Major-General Sir William Grant Keir, at Camp Rasal Khyma [Ra's al-Khaymah], to HM Chargé d'Affaires to Persia [Iran], Henry Willock, of 15 December 1819. The letter concerns the British expedition to the Persian Gulf to attack the al-Qawasim and their allies, whom the British have accused of piracy. The letter reports the capture of Rasal Khyma by the British, and gives an account of the unconditional surrender of the al-Qawasim and their allies and the subsequent submission of other powerful independent rulers along the coast.

The letter was enclosed in Willock's letter to HM Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of 17 January 1820 (see IOR/L/PS/9/68/225).

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Camp Rasal Khyma
15th December 1819

Sir

It affords me great satisfaction to acquaint you that the Town of Rasal Khyma was taken possession of on the 9th instant by the Troops under my Command, and that the last of the Enemy after an active resistance of six days evacuated the town on one side, as our Troops entered it on the other, and I have much pleasure in adding that there appears to be every prospect of a speedy termination to the lawless acts that have long interrupted the commerce of the Gulf of Persia, as the Piratical force is completely broken by the capture of this place, and the subsequent unconditional surrender of its Chieftains Hapan bin Rachmee and Cazeet bin Achmed with their followers, who composed its Garrison.

Hapan bin Rachmee the Head of the Piratical confederacy, has called upon the different Chieftains who acknowledge his authority

To Henry Willock Esqr

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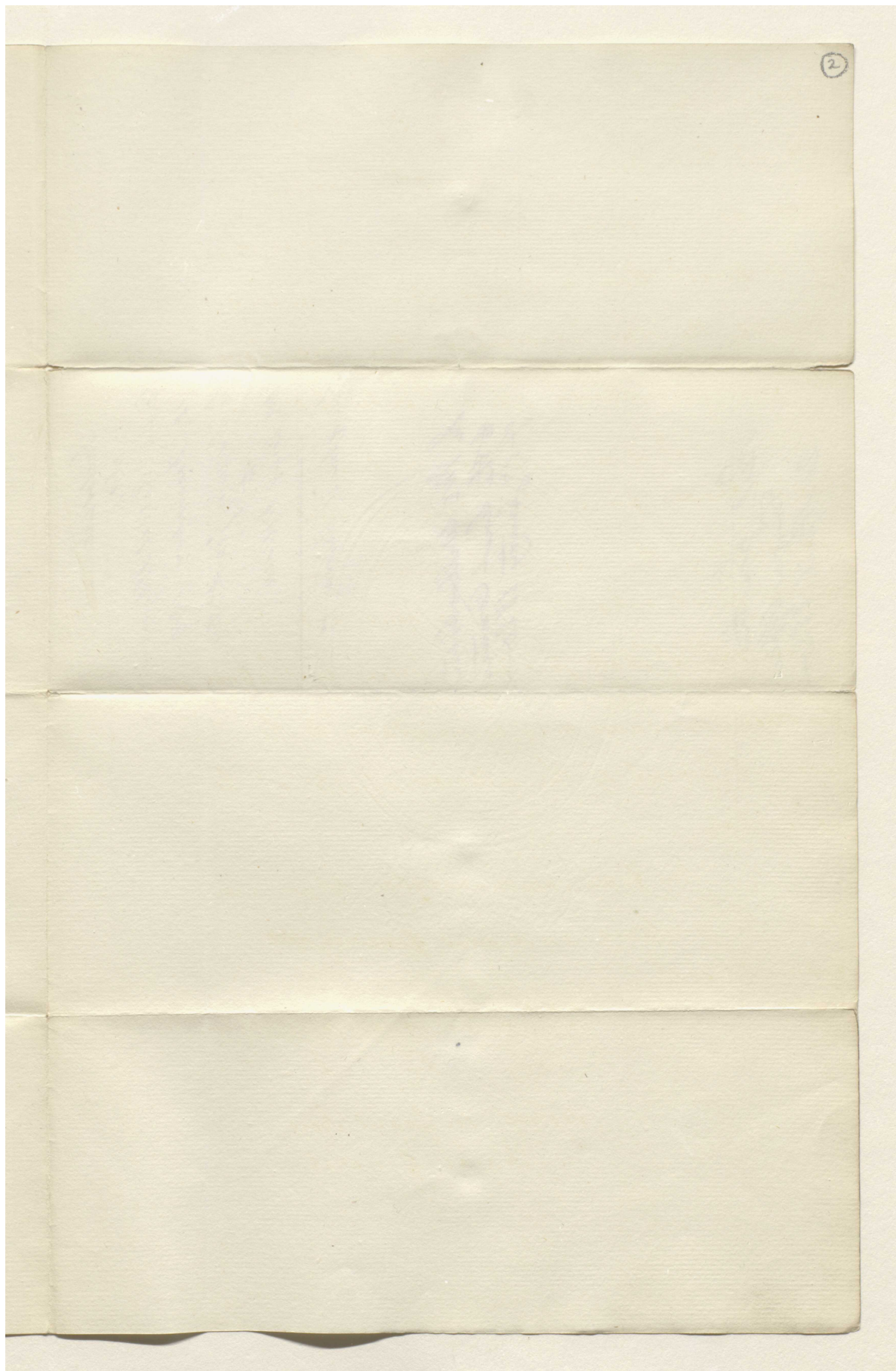
to come in person to the British Commander, to
give up their Boats, Guns, and other warlike
Stores, and to follow whatever course I may think
fit to direct them to pursue. Several independent
Captains the most powerful on this Coast, have
also sent unqualified offers of submission.

It is my intention to Remain at
Ras al Khyma for a short time to effect some
settlement of this part of the Country on the
return of its inhabitants, and afterwards leaving
a Garrison I shall proceed to prosecute whatever
further measures may be necessary to the
accomplishment of the ulterior objects of the
Expedition.

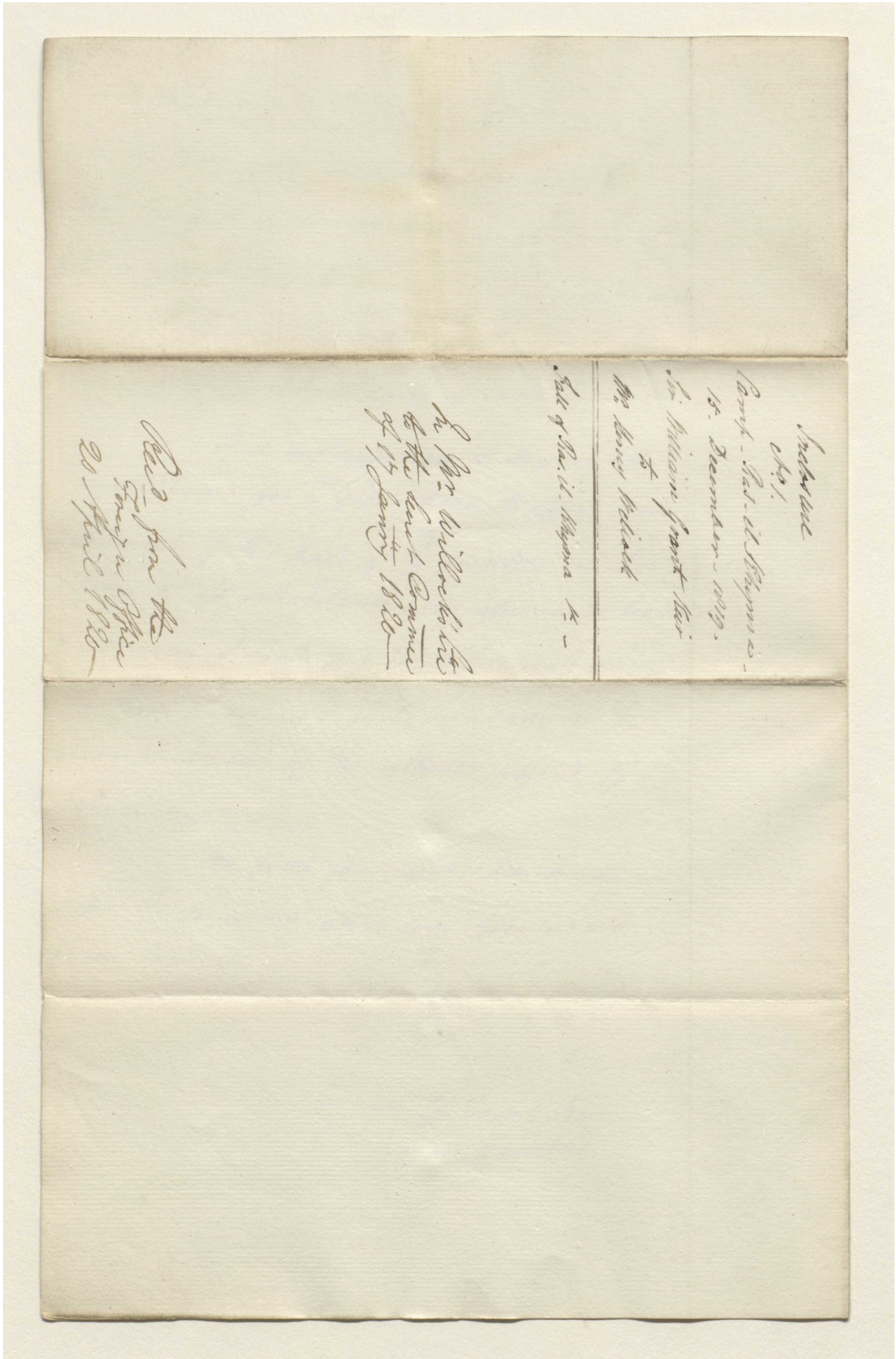
My first communication to you was
dated the 14 ultimo, and was forwarded
from Muscat.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Signed W. Grant Keir
Major General.

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15. December 1879,
to William Grant Keir
to Henry Willock
at Rasal Khyma -
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