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Enclosure in Letter from Henry Willock to the Secret Committee of 29 Mar 1820

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About this record

A copy of a letter from Captain Collier to Major-General William Grant Keir, Commander of the 1819 expedition to the Persian Gulf, sent from HMS *Liverpool* off the island of Kenn [Kīsh] and dated 21 February 1820. The letter assesses the islands of Kishmee [Qeshm] and Kenn as a potential British base in the Persian Gulf, discussing navigability and availability of supplies.

The letter was enclosed in the letter of Henry Willock, HM Chargé d'Affaires in Persia [Iran], to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated 29 March 1820 [IOR/L/PS/9/69/1].

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His Majesty's Ship Liverpool,
Island of Fern 21st Feb^r 1820.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 19th Inst^o
respecting the Island of Fishwick as
a Settlement. — In my opinion —
there are several Nautical objections to it.

That Island being nearly at
the entrance of the Gulf, and the prevail-
ing Winds being N. W. it consequently
blows generally to Seaward. —

The Currents being particu-
larly strong, and by no means regular
the Anchorage very difficult of access,
being subject to frequent, and long
calms: Water difficult to procure, and
by no means good, no Wood except what
Major General Sir W. G. Boscawen, R. N. S. ^{comes}
Commander in Chief of the Forces
in the Gulf of Persia.

comes from the main. Refreshments
of all kind scarce as they are procured
in general from Tomboucou.

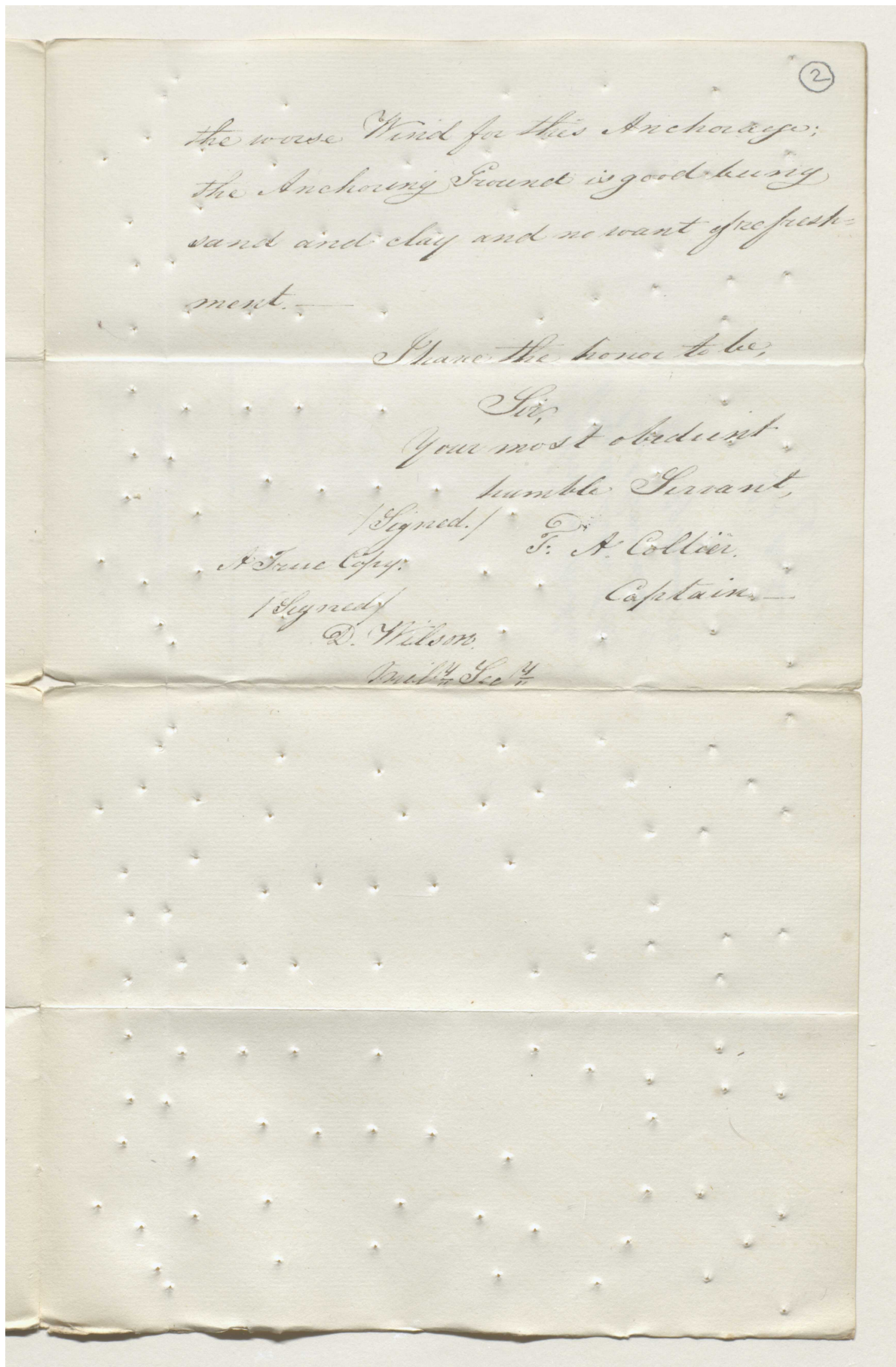
With the Wind from the
N.E. the Anchorage is dangerous, the
landings is worse, and in the event of
a vessel wishing to go to Sea in a
N.E. Gale, it would be I think impossible.

The Island of Keam in my
opinion possesses many advantages to
Kishima for a Settlement, the situation
being more central: Anchorage good
all round the Island, and a vessel
being able to move out any time, and
with all winds.

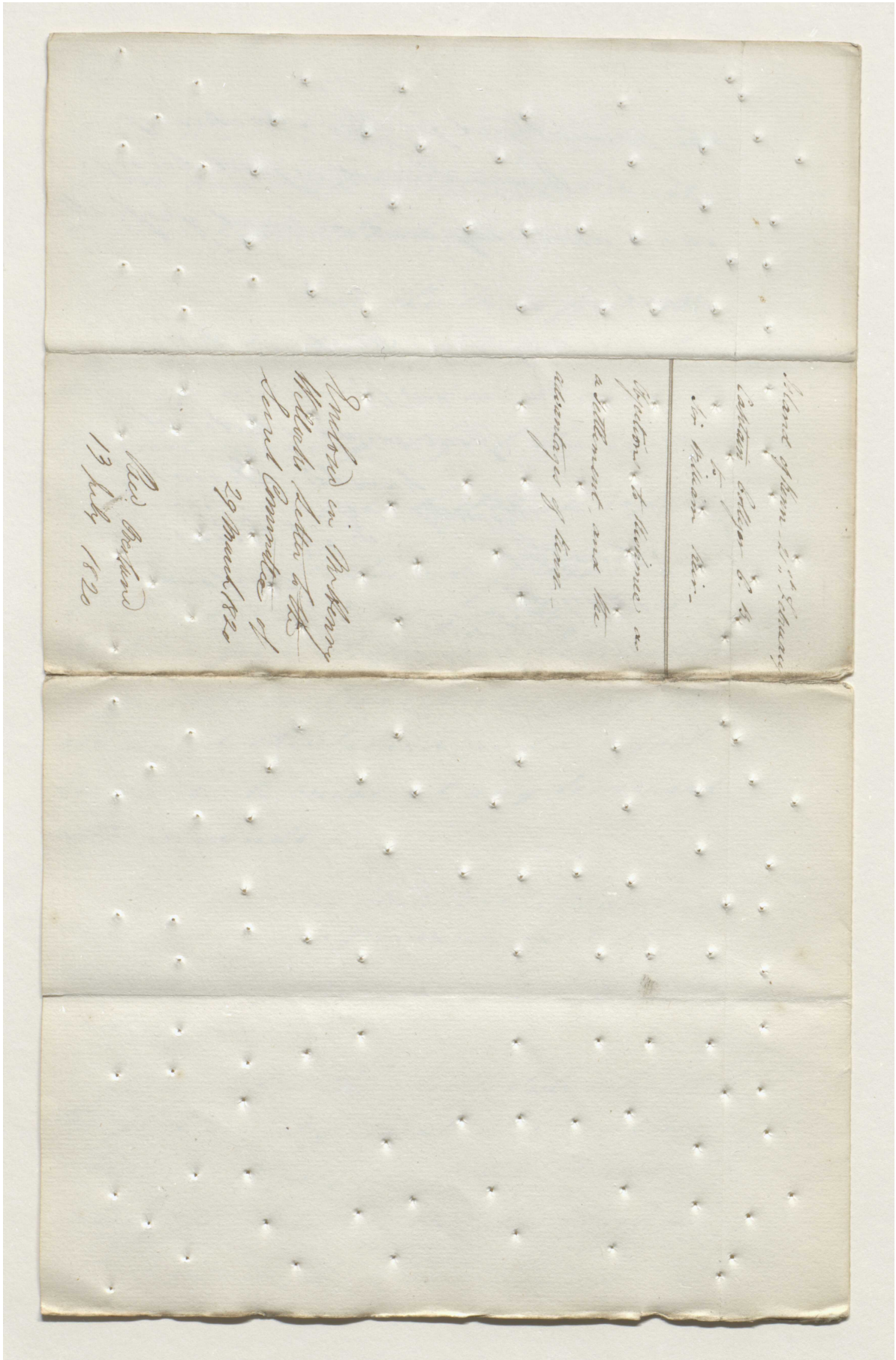
Water abundant, and good, and
easily procured on a fine sandy beach all
round the Island, and the landing excellent
and convenient.

On the North Side where
the fleet are at present, there is a Cove
where the Boats landed with ease
during the late N.W. Gale, which is

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