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

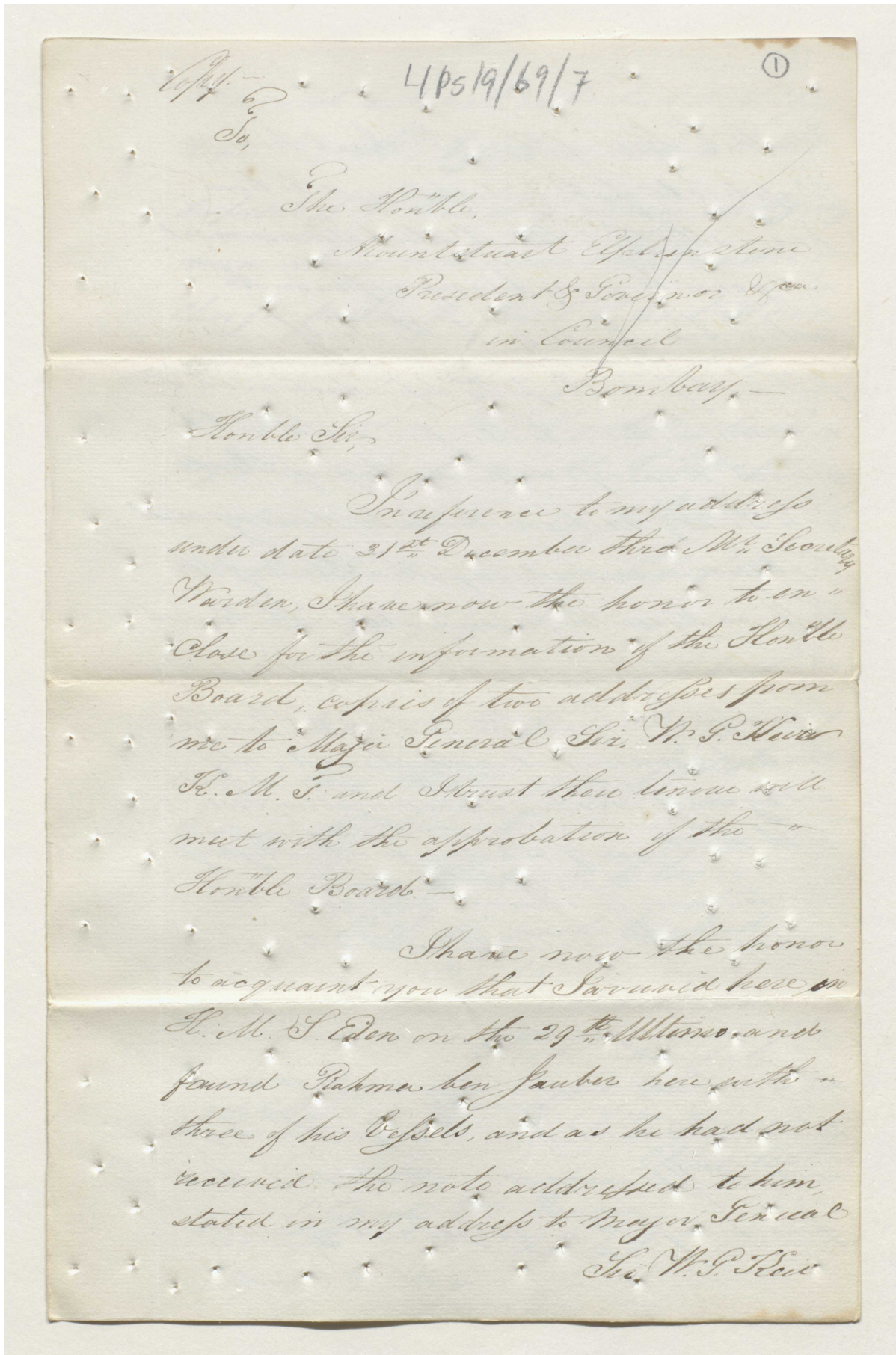
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### About this record

A copy of a letter from William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [Būshehr], to Mountstuart Elphinstone, Governor of Bombay [Mumbai], sent from Bushire and dated 2 February 1820. The letter reports an exchange in Bushire with the 'pirate' Rahma ben Jauber [Rahmah bin Jābir al-Jalāhimah]. Bruce warns Rahmah against further acts of 'piracy' in the Gulf and reports Rahmah's plans to join an expedition by the Prince of Shiraz [Prince-Governor of Fārs] to Bahrein [Bahrain].

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].



Sir W. G. Hill of the 25<sup>th</sup> sent him a Duplicate of it, and explained to him personally that the British Government had gone to a very heavy expence to restore tranquillity to the Gulf, and put a stop to the petty depredations which were committed, he therefore could not be allowed to carry on the system of Plunder and Piracy he had hitherto done against Bahrain, or indeed any other Ports of the Gulf, as it would be punished by the British Government, if he did so. — He replied that he should abide by the wishes of the British Government, and should only act against Bahrain in conjunction with the Prince of Sheraz, or His Highness the Imam of Muscat, he said his acting with any authorized state in regular Warfare, according to the principles of civilized War, was quite another thing; Piracy was what he meant, and would not admit him, or any other Chieftain in the Gulf to commit. — He replied, that from henceforth we might rest assured

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he would not act as he had hitherto  
done. — His objects are now at the  
disposal of the Prince of Suway, and going  
down along with some others under the  
charge of Shaikh Abdul Ruffool Khan  
the Governor of Bushire, to join the Prince  
at Dair, where His Royal Highness  
is proceeding, to assemble Troops for  
an attack on the Island of Bahrein, but  
which I think will never take place,  
and that the preparations &c., are  
merely adopted to show us that they  
claim Bahrein, to prevent any projects  
which they think, we might have  
towards this Island. —

I have the honor to be,

With the greatest respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

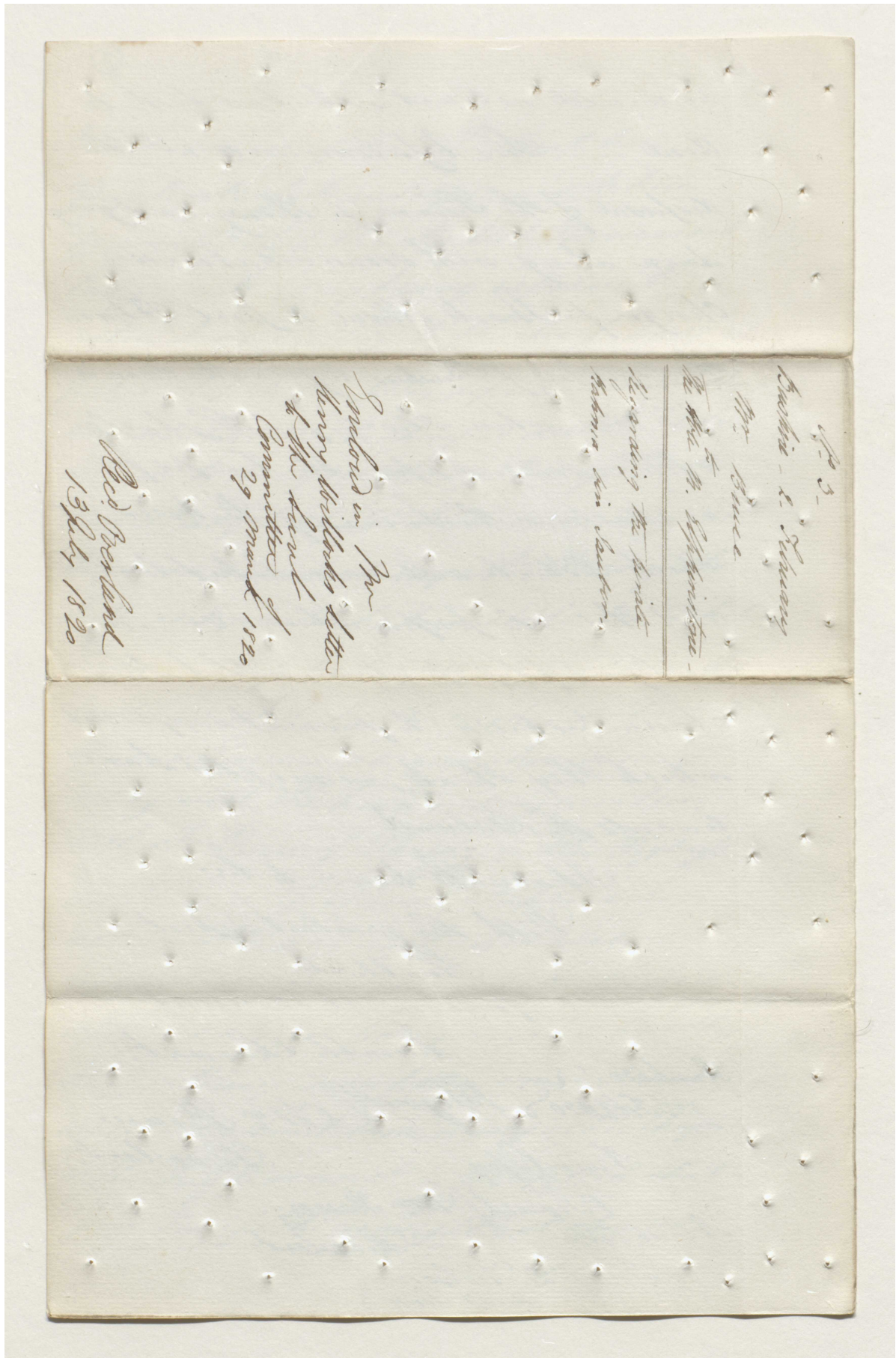
Bushire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1820. / Signed / Wm Bruce.  
President.

A true Copy.

/ Signed / Wm Bruce,  
President.

/ Signed / D. Wilson  
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1820  
London - 29 March  
Mr. Bruce  
The Hon. W. Pitt Rivers  
Regarding the Grant  
of a Pension to the late  
General Sir John  
Bullers in the  
Service of the  
East India Company  
I have the honor to  
acknowledge the  
receipt of your  
letter of the 29th  
inst. and to inform  
you that the same  
has been forwarded  
to the Secret  
Committee of the  
House of Commons  
for their consideration  
I am, Sir, very  
respectfully,  
Your obedient  
servant  
Henry Willock

Recd. Overland  
13 July 1820