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Enclosure in Letter from Henry Willock to the Secret Committee of 31 May 1821

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About this record

A copy of a letter from Major Duchamp, Acting Political Agent on Kishm [Qeshm], to Henry Willock, HM Chargé d'Affaires in Persia [Iran], sent from Kishm and dated 13 March 1821.

The letter forwards a letter from the Prince of Shīrāz [Husayn 'Ali Mīrzā Farmānfarmā, Prince-Governor of Fārs] regarding the occupation of Kishm by British troops (IOR/L/PS/9/69/64), and relays reports that the Prince is amassing troops and ships.

The letter was enclosed in Willock's letter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company dated 31 May 1821.

LPS/9/69/63 ①
Kashm, March 19th 1821.

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Sir,

I do myself the honor to forward enclosed a translation of a letter which I have received from the Prince of Shiraz, by the hands of Hussen Khan in the capacity of a keel from the Persian Court.

I pointed out to the Keel the total impossibility of any reply to his questions regarding the occupation of this Island without reference to Bombay and that for any opinion further than a belief of the British nation wishing to preserve the strictest friendship with the Persian Court, it must be referred to the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council at Bombay from whence my orders emanated.

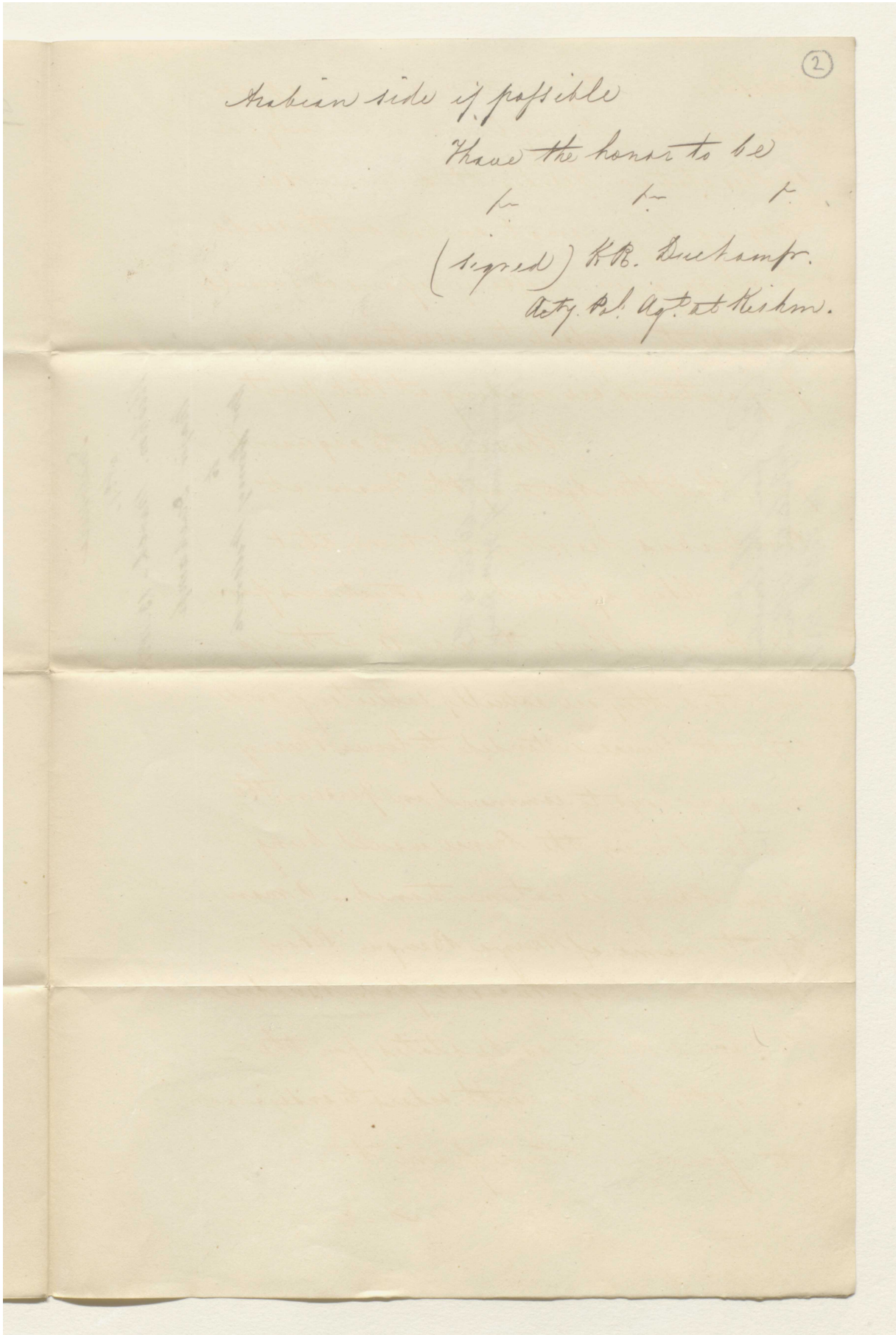
He did not urge that part of his instructions prohibiting the building of the Seapays huts.

That being the most probable place where boats might be collected and generally

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considered as the point most to be apprehended. The Mercury Courier is the only one on this station, besides the Discovery, Surveying Ship now at anchor in the roads. To make a few necessary repairs or I would have sent a vessel to ascertain if any preparations are making at that point.

I have also to acquaint you, that the Agent of the Imam at Branderabas, has intimated to me, that Nasser Khan of Lar, has instructions from the Prince of Shiraz to raise 12,000 troops and that they are actually collecting and that the Prince intended to leave Shiraz in a few days to command, in person, the number of men the Prince would bring from Shiraz is not mentioned. A man by the name of Muzza Baquer Khan is coming along the coast from Bushire to secure boats as he states for the use of the Prince with orders to endeavour to procure them from the Arabian



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