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## Enclosure in Letter from Henry Willock to the Secret Committee of 25 Jan 1822

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### About this record

A copy of a letter from Dr Andrew Jukes, Political Agent, to Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay [Mumbai], sent from Sheraz [Shīrāz] and dated 23 October 1821.

The letter describes Jukes's meetings with local officials including the Prince of Sheraz [Husayn 'Ali Mīrā Farmānfarmā, Prince-Governor of Fārs], concerning the British occupation of the island of Kishm [Qeshm] and the conduct of William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [Būshehr].

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 25 January 1822 (IOR/L/PS/9/69/79).

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Shiraz - October - 23. 1821.

Sir,

In my last letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant, I had the honour to report to you my arrival at this place for the information of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Governor in Council.

Being the season of the Mourning, and on account of the prevalence of the epidemic cholera regarded with peculiar reverence, I did not see any members of Government until that ceremony was concluded. On the 10<sup>th</sup> Aga Baba Khan the principal contracting authority of the city with Shahr Khan (Nephew of the Minister) & Ali Akbar Khan (Nephew of the Minister) came out to pay me a visit at the garden of the Schah Nema which had been appropriated for my accommodation. This visit was entirely complimentary, and I returned it as such the following day.

3. As a letter received from the Minister before leaving Bagdad informed me that H. H. the Prince would return to the City on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instant, and invited me to proceed to Shiraz I resolved that there should be no seeming inattention on my part to the wishes expressed. I arrived here on the 6<sup>th</sup> as I had before the

Francis Warden Esq  
Chief Secretary to Government

honour

honour to report. - I was not surprized however to find H. R. H. had not returned, because I found that the cholera, though considerably abated, still exist in the town. -

4 Two days after my arrival here I received a letter from the Minister stating that the Prince was obliged to postpone his return here till the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst.

5. Aware of the tendency of the Persians to create delay, I intimated to Aga Baba Khan & to the members of Govern<sup>t</sup> when they called upon me, that however anxious I was to have the honour of waiting upon H. R. H. if his return was likely to be deferred till after the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant, I should reluctantly be compelled to proceed on towards Shirvan in the execution of the duties committed to my charge. - I told my Supremundar in more direct terms my intentions, and I know that they were communicated to the Minister. -

6. On the day appointed the Minister hurriedly came in from the Prince's Camp expressly to see me; - he explained to me the reasons that had prevented H. R. H's return; - He said it would be extremely unseemly for me to go on to Shirvan without first of all seeing the Prince, and

added

+ he was so desirous to see to business my departure  
 for a few days longer, but I was induced to comply, hoping that  
 a day or two delay here, may in the end save much trouble.

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added significantly that an hour's conversation  
 here would prevent many days delay at Tehran.  
 I again repeated to the Minister what I had before  
 written to him from Nagrook, that if the Prince  
 would allow me, I should have much pleasure  
 in waiting upon him in his Camp, and  
 then receive his permission to depart. This  
 however the Minister would not consent to,  
 and made many excuses. The real reason  
 however was that the Prince had no State  
 with him. Nothing particular passed at this  
 interview, the Minister made a few general  
 remarks on the conduct of Mr. Bruce, and  
 that there was no longer any necessity for our  
 troops being at Meshin, to which I replied as  
 generally, and he took his leave with the  
 renewed assurance of the Prince's regard. He  
 returned to Camp the same evening about 15  
 miles distant.

7. A. R. H. returned to Shiraz on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst.  
 and had a public Audience on the following  
 day, but as usual in visits of ceremony little  
 more than compliments passed.

8. Agreeably to an intimation received from the Prince  
 I was admitted to a private Audience yesterday evening.  
 I had in the morning had a long conference with  
 the Minister, and I believe perfectly satisfied him on  
 every point upon which the Ministers at Tehran

had

had complained to the Most Excellent the Governor in Council,  
through our Charge d'Affaires at the Persian Court...  
In my private audience, therefore, with the Prince, I  
had briefly recapitulated what I had before explained  
to the Minister. - A. R. H. made some observations  
respecting the Island of Mishon being one of the depend-  
-encies of Persia, and that the Island of Muscat was  
only a subject of his, but that as the British object  
at present there appeared from my explanation  
to have only the peace and tranquillity of the Gulf  
for its object, so far as he himself was concerned, he had  
not the least objection to their continuing there, and  
that he would write his sentiments to the King  
and to the Ministers at Tehran which I should  
take along with me; he in fact dictated his  
letters to his Chief Secretary while I was present.  
The Prince next adverted to Mr Bruce's behaviour,  
which had in several instances, he said, been  
at variance with the friendship and good  
understanding happily subsisting between  
the two States, but as the explanation I had  
offered in his behalf, had somewhat palliated  
his offences, he was quite disposed to forgive  
the past, and in the course of Persia, made  
in a pursuit of Mr Bruce, and the whole  
business.

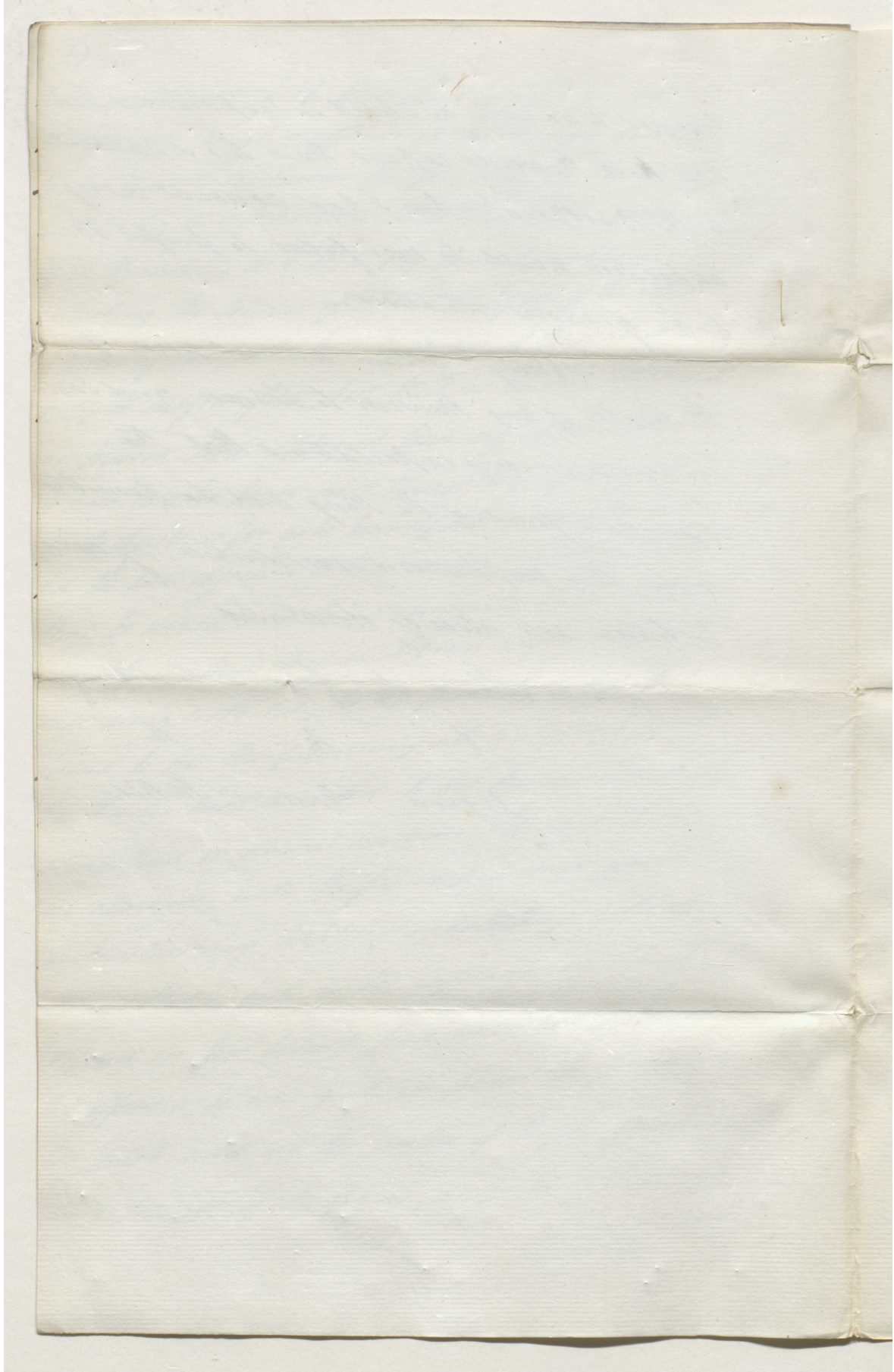
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business to do with as I liked... I expressed a hope  
that H. B. H. would express these his sentiments  
to the Court also, where I had no doubt every  
disposition would be manifested to fulfil H.  
H. H's gracious intentions.

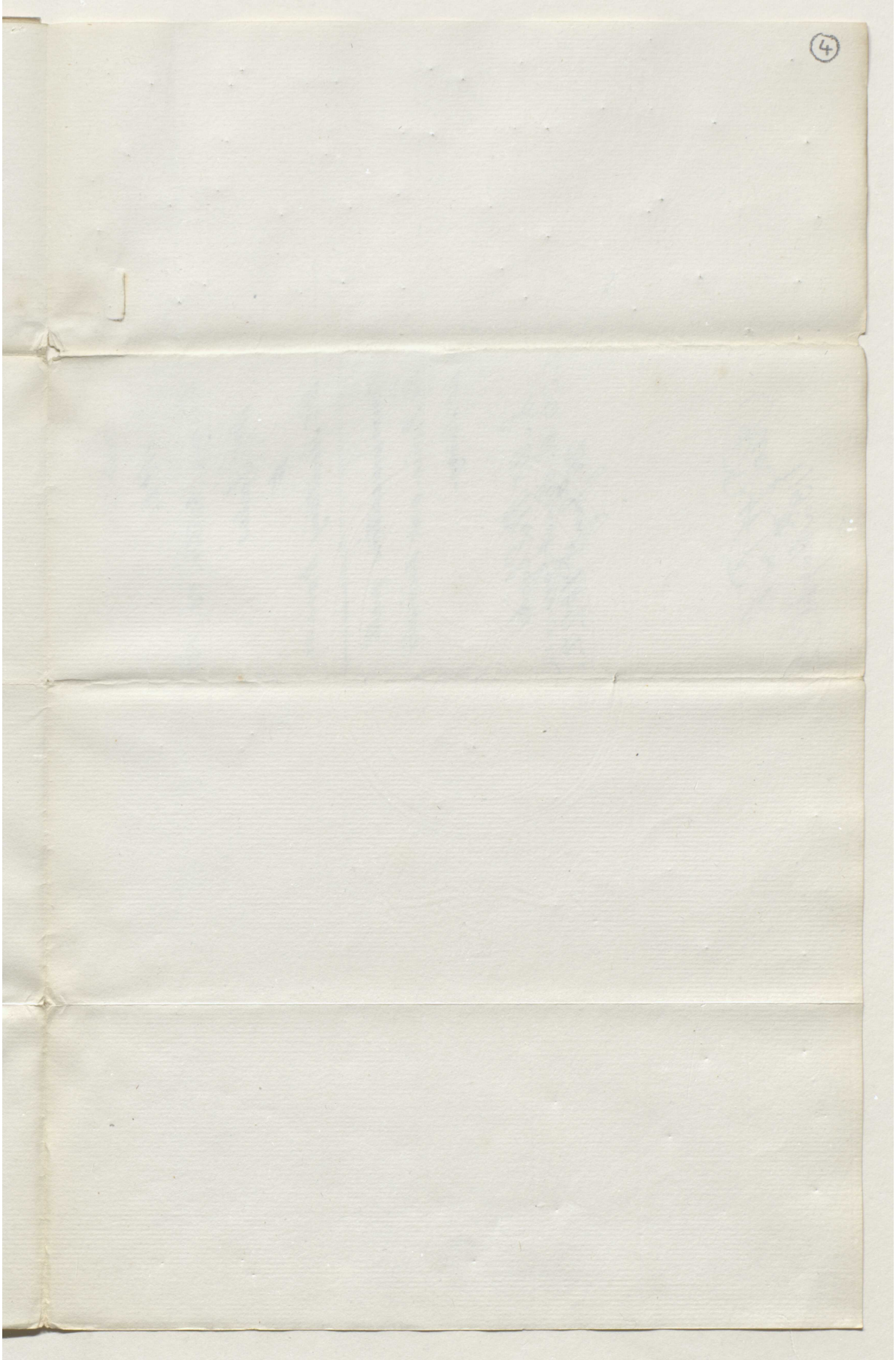
I can scarcely entertain a doubt now of  
the result of my mission to Ithra, and I am  
sanguine in my expectations that the  
groundless fears of the King and his Ministers,  
as also their unfounded complaints against  
Mr Bruce will soon be obliterated.

I have the honour to be  
to - to - to .  
Yours &c. Andrew Scott.

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