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## Enclosure in Letter from Major George Willock to the Secret Committee of 25 Jan 1823

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### About this record

A copy of a letter from William Bruce, Resident in Bushire [Būshehr], to Mountstuart Elphinstone, Governor of Bombay [Mumbai], sent from Shiraz and dated 3 September 1822.

The letter reports events at the Court of the Prince-Governor of Fars [Husayn 'Ali Mīrzā Farmānfarmā], in particular Bruce's conclusion of an agreement with the Government of Fars (IOR/L/PS/9/69/124 and 131). It also discusses Bruce's proposed lending of a British cruiser to Persia and a likely expedition from Fārs against Bahrein [Bahrain].

The letter was enclosed in the letter of Major George Willock, Acting Chargé d'Affaires in Persia [Iran], to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company dated 25 January 1823 (IOR/L/PS/9/69/126).

A duplicate of this letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/69/125.

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Honourable Sir,

In reference to my address to the Honourable Board through the Chief Secretary under date of 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo in this department No 32, I have the honor to acquaint you that His Royal Highness paid on the 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo for me to meet the Minister Yehia Khan. I accordingly complied, when the communication referred to was made in the presence of Muzza Basha Aukie, the Sheikh of Bashaie, and two other Khans Aga Baba Khan and Muzza Mohamed Ali Kufakee, who discussed the subject, when certain stipulations were agreed to, and which the Minister imposed on me. His Royal Highness had the prescriptions of the Shah to say should be approved of and confirmed at Court, when made known, and he requested I would therefore transmit them for your Honourable Board's consideration and approval as tending to cement the ties of amity and good understanding.

That he would in a few days draw them out in writing, and have two copies

of the Honourable  
Minister Alphonson  
President and Governor in Council.

copies transcribed, each of which we were to  
sign with the translation annexed, one Major  
Rankin was to take up to Sehan to be laid  
before the Shah for his information, and  
approval, and the other I was to transmit  
to your Honorable Board.

3. The copies were finished and  
signed by each of us on the 20th ultimo, and  
last night Major Rankin, Dickie, set off  
to Sehan with one of them and the other  
I have now the honor to transmit for the  
information of your Honorable Board  
and shall be happy to learn it may meet  
their approbation.

4. With respect to a Conyer being  
furnished from the station at Ruffedore  
should the Persian Government require it  
the stipulations I have made for her to be  
supplied with provisions and necessaries,  
if detained beyond forty days nearly amounts  
to the same as if she was not furnished, for  
the imbecility of this Government in all  
their measures with the very limited means  
they possess of meeting an expense of the  
kind will always operate so as to pay the  
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the service of a vessel rather than incur the charge. <sup>(2)</sup>

5. His Royal Highness has therefore made up his mind to fit out an expedition this winter against Bahrein and if he should not meet with many obstacles in procuring tonnage for the embarkation of the troops, I have little doubt, but what he will put it to the test and in the event of his doing so I think it more than probable he will take the Island without much opposition. The Sheikh of Busheer has pledged himself to furnish his ships and Buzabehs for this service, which if he performs the other parts will readily supply such vessels as they require.

6. But His Royal Highness should more upon carrying his marches about Bahrein in countries which he thinks the Attachee Sheiks will make to him after he gets down on the coast, and which he will readily accept if they tend at all to place the Island as subordinate to his authority, however limited that may be, rather than make the attempt by force.

7. The most probable reason of the Prince being more urgent for the expedition taking place so soon, is to avoid being called up to court this winter, which he certainly will be unless he can occupy himself on some expedition of the kind, which will require his personal attendance.

attendance with the principal officers of his court  
while at the same time the charges attending  
an ornament for a service of the kind will  
be a state charge and afford reasons sufficient  
for any default that may arise in the regular  
remittances to the Royal treasury, whereas if  
he should proceed to court his expenses and the  
necessary presents required would amount to  
something very considerable and be entirely  
out of his private purse.

P. The Island of Bahrein resuming  
again under the authority of Persia would  
tend more to the tranquillity of the Arabian  
side of the Gulf than almost any <sup>the</sup> act and  
will at once do away the constant petty acts  
of aggression and retaliation existing between  
the different branches of the Beni Uttaabee  
Arabs, particularly as between Abdulla bin  
Ahmed and Bakha bin Faubier, both of  
whom the Honorable March will learn from  
Colonel Bennett had lately been with him,  
and who found it nearly impossible to make  
up the existing difference between them -  
indeed so much so, that Bakha bin Faubier  
had gone down to Muscat to lay his case  
before the Imam and Abdulla bin Ahmed  
had

had returned to Bahrein. ③

9. His Royal Highness after the signing of the engagements now transmitted for the consideration of Government sent me, as a mark of honor and respect, a horse, sword and shawl Yubba at the same time sent me word that an officer charged with a similar mark of respect for Colonel Bennett would attend me down to Rasheed that the tribes in the lower part of the Gulf may know the amicable feeling existing and the respect His Royal Highness entertains for the British forces.

10. The Minister Yekie Khan and his son Musrool Khan have also sent me a horse each as a present and previous to my leaving this, I shall make suitable returns to whoever it may be necessary and shall send His Royal Highness an appropriate present on my return to Bahrein, not having any articles by me just now that will answer for that purpose.

11. The Prince having gone out to the Chekmahsuffah on a hunting excursion for some time, I deemed it a mark of respect due to wait on him there, and accordingly did so on the 23rd ultimo accompanied by lieutenant Hart of the Prince's to pay my respects and to take my leave previous to my

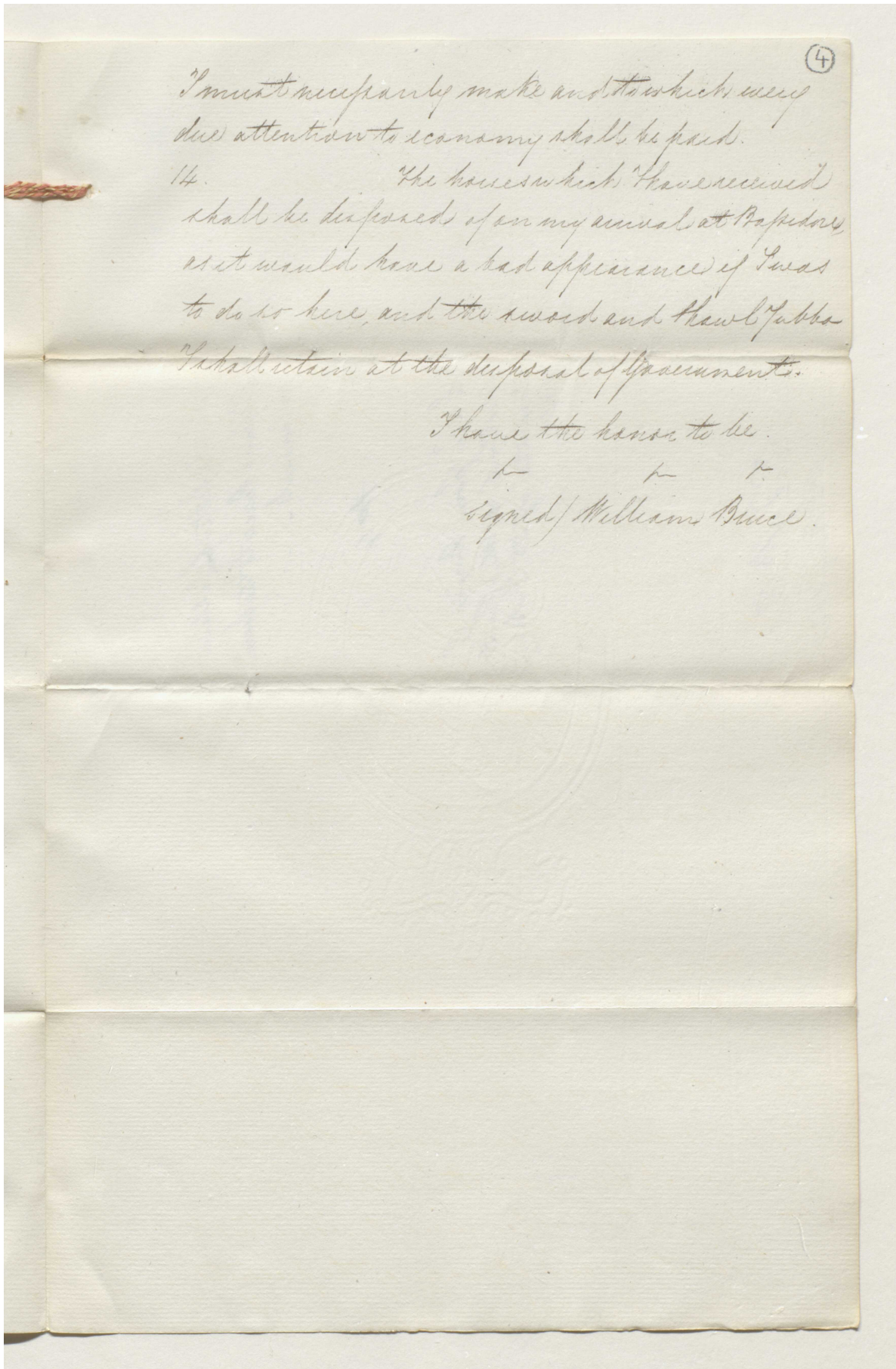
my quitting this city. He was much gratified  
with the attention and very politely asked  
us to stay a few days in his camp, from which  
I excused myself as being anxious to arrange  
matters for proceeding down to Raffedow.

He informed me he had directed Saidey Khan,  
Fyle, to attend us down and wanted I should  
arrive at Masine, but desired I should not  
leave Shera for eight or ten days to allow the  
weather to become a little cooler which would  
check the epidemic Cholera which prevailed  
in the route to the Southern parts.

12. Returned here from His Royal  
Highness's camp yesterday and prepare leaving  
this on my way to Raffedow about the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Instant, and hope to be there by the end of  
the month when I shall have the honor to  
forward a plan of my route down, which  
Lieutenant Hart, who accompanies me has  
undertaken to keep and draw out.

13. I shall be most happy to  
learn that my compliance with His Royal  
Highness's wishes in coming up to Shera, and  
my conduct during my stay here may meet  
the approbation of Government, who I trust  
will sanction and approve of the presents  
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I must necessarily make and to which every  
due attention to economy shall be paid. (4)

14. The houses which have received  
shall be disposed of on my arrival at Bafford  
as it would have a bad appearance if I was  
to do so here, and the sword and shawl of the  
shall retain at the disposal of Government.

I have the honor to be

signed/William Bruce.



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