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Enclosure in Letter from Henry Willock to the Secret Committee of 8 Jan 1824

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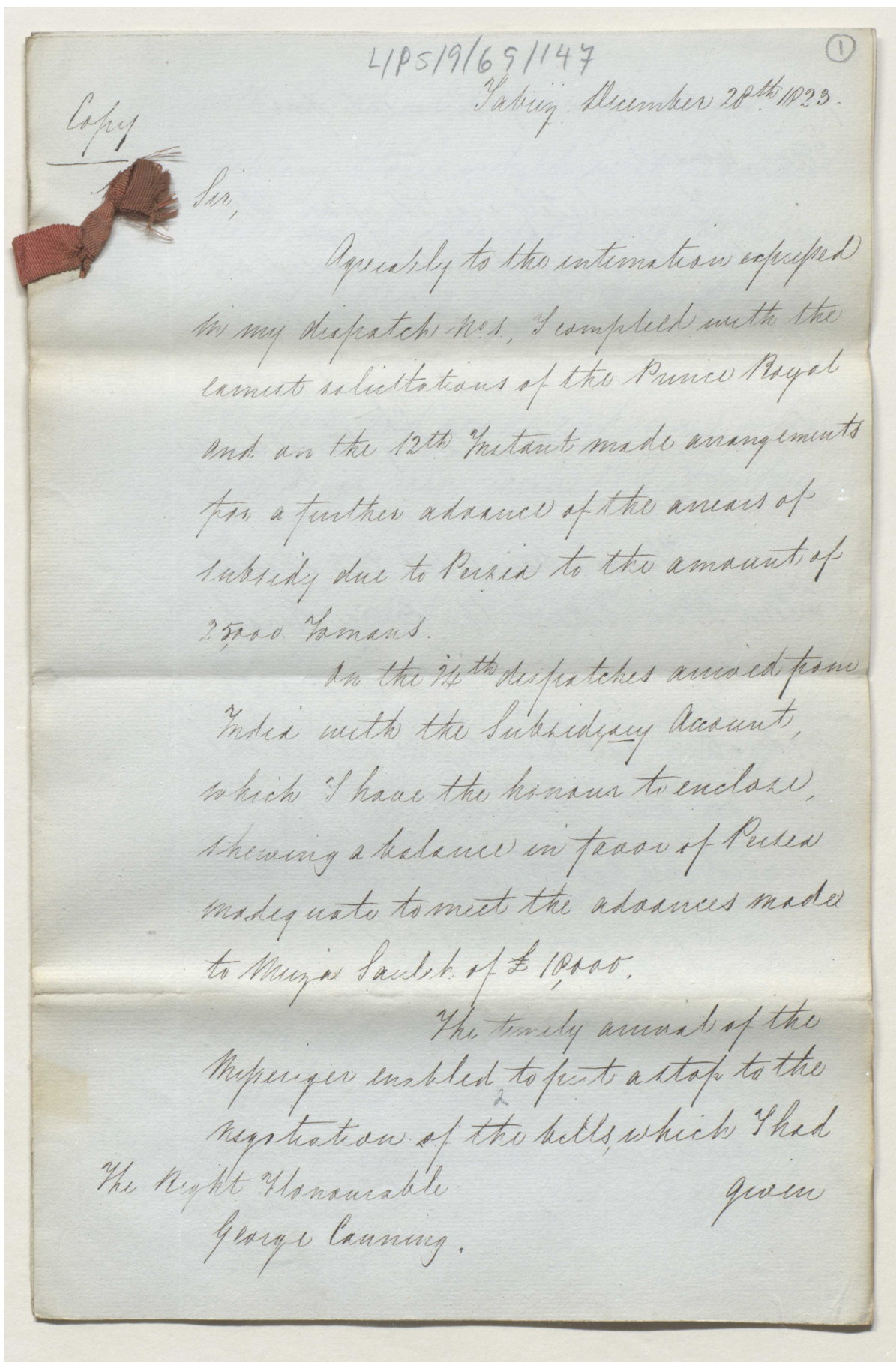


About this record

A copy of a letter from Henry Willock, HM Chargé d'Affaires in Persia [Iran], to George Canning, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, sent from Tabriz and dated 28 December 1823.

The letter concerns subsidy payments to Persia. Willock reports the arrival of the subsidy account from India detailing the sums owed to Persia, and the Prince Royal [‘Abbās Mīrzā, Crown Prince] of Persia’s intention to send an agent to India to discuss some disputed points (detailed in IOR/L/PS/9/69/149).

The letter was enclosed in Willock’s letter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company dated 8 January 1824 (IOR/L/PS/9/69/140).



given on the Indian Government for
25000 Rupees.

I immediately waited upon the
Minister, who expressed astonishment at
the unlooked for result of the long
expected settlement, and begged me to
lose no time in translating the explanatory
documents.

Having translated the accounts,
I laid them before His Royal Highness.

His Royal Highness acted with great
moderation and dignity, he ordered my
hills on India to be returned, and
thanked me for the disposition I had
shown to forward his wishes.

On the perusal of the accounts
His Royal Highness advised with
satisfaction and thanks, that all
the demands advanced by Muzza
Abul Hapoor Khan had been complied
with

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with; he objected to many charges, both
Military Stores which were provided
gratis by the stipulations of the Preliminary
Treaty, articles which from time to
time have been delivered as presents to
the Shah, and goods and sums, which
have never been received by the Persian
Government.

He expressed his belief, that it is
not the practice of the British Government
to give gratuitous succour at one period
and to demand payment for it at
another, and his confidence that the
errors, which from the lapse of years
and from the want of the necessary
documents to elucidate the accounts
of the supplies referred to, have crept
into the accounts, will be acknowledged
and

and that justice will be done to Persia,
when her claims are explained.

This Royal Highness has ordered an
examination of all the records connected
with the subject, and intends to send
the result of his researches to the
Supreme Government of India with
as little delay as possible.

As many points in question cannot
be fully discussed, and determined
upon by written evidence, he has requested
me to permit Major George Willock
to proceed to Calcutta to state his
claims, who from the opportunities
he has had of access to the records
of the mission is fully enabled to give
all necessary explanation on the
accounts under consideration.

If I do not consent to the
Prince's

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Princes, His Royal Highness will employ
Native Agency, which essentially will
be more expensive to the Government
of India; and as Major George Willock
from his long residence in Persia, and
from his intimate knowledge of the
nature of our connexion with this
Court, and of their present views and
feelings on all points of their policy,
is able to give at this moment, when
the formation of a new Mission to
this Court is in contemplation, most
useful information to the Supreme
Government, I conceive that a
compliance with His Royal Highness's
wishes will facilitate the final
settlement of the subsidy account,
without the necessity of further reference.

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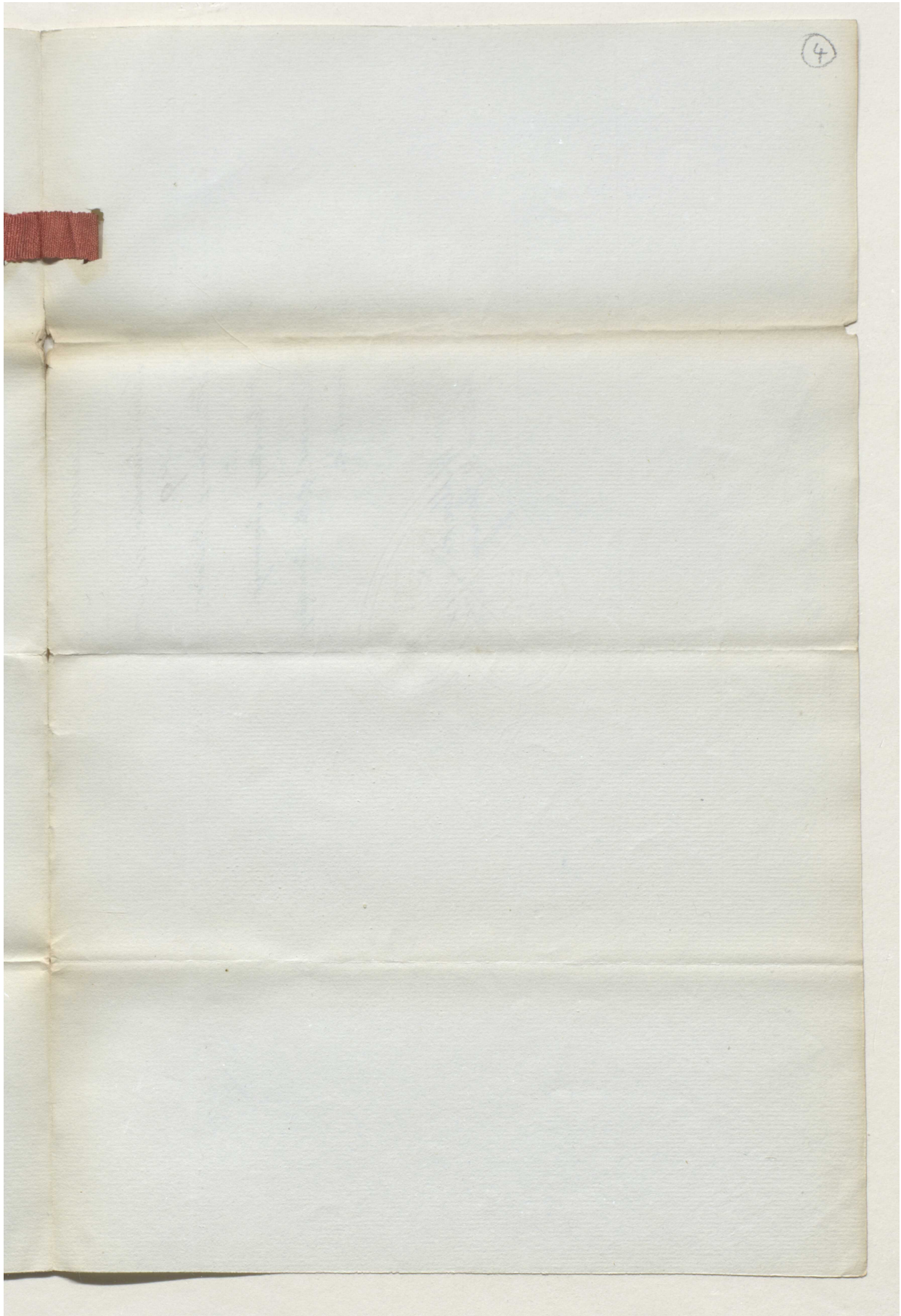
and from the reasons I have above stated
procure an acceptable arrangement to
his Majesty's Government; I shall not
therefore if pressed upon the subject
thwart the Prince's intentions.

The charges noted in the accom-
panying paper have been questioned
by the Prince Royal; the information
I have as yet collected from the
records induces me to suppose that
the objections are reasonable.

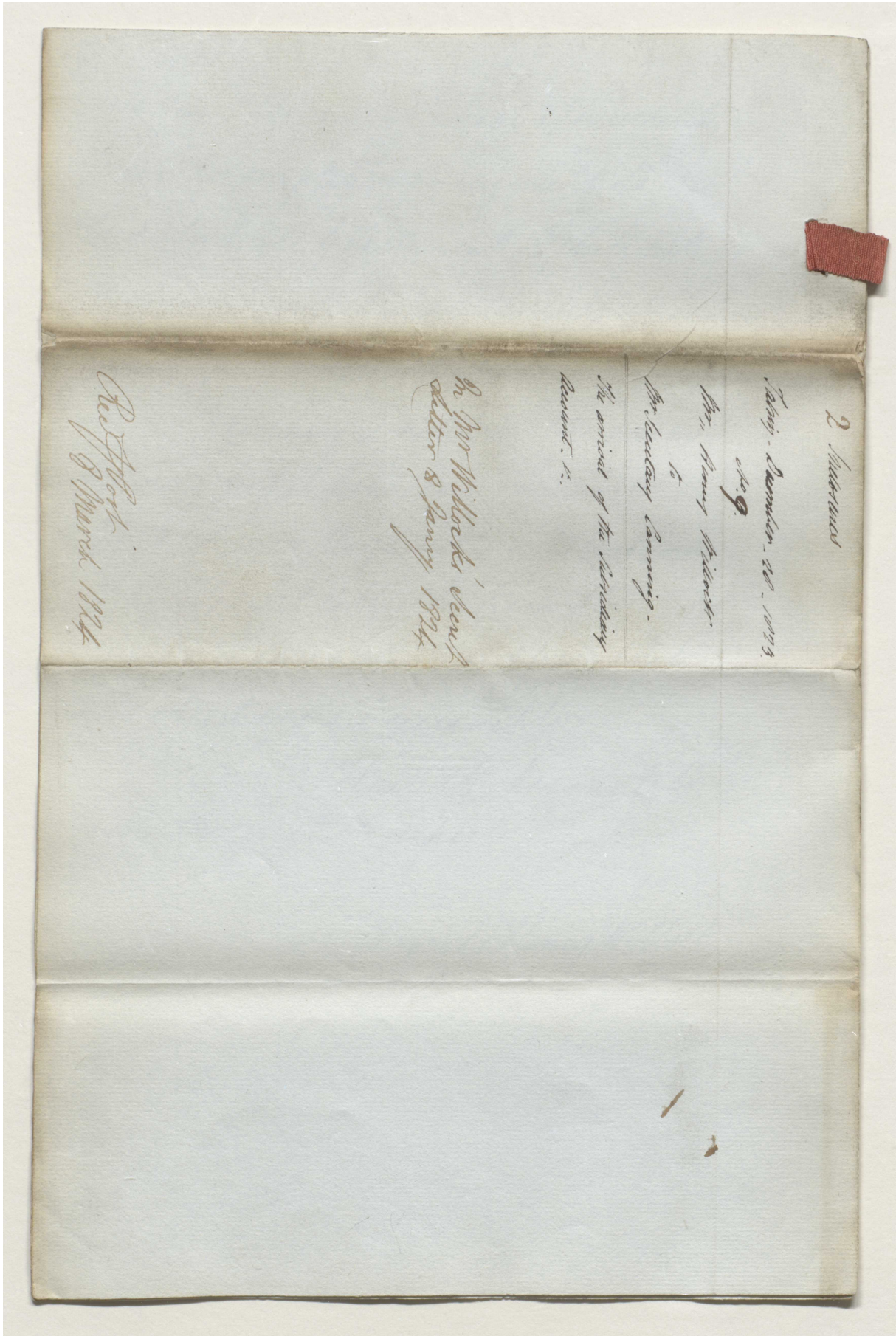
I have the honour to be
with the greatest respect

Yours
Signed / Henry Willock.

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Mr. Henry Willock.

to

Mr. Secretary Manning.

The arrival of the Secretary

Account. 12.

In Mr. Willock's hand
letter & January 1824

Received
8 March 1824