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

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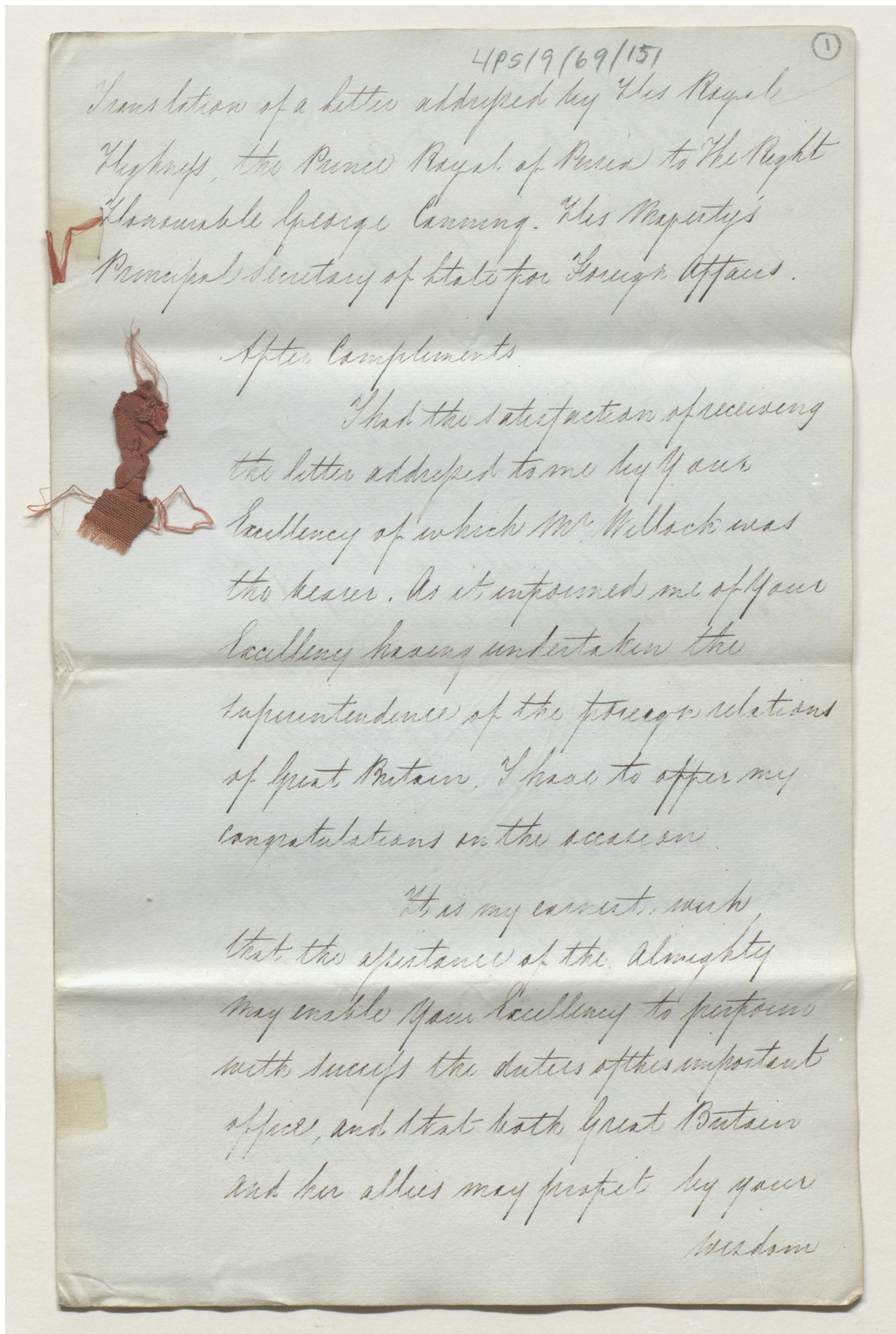


### About this record

A translation of a letter from the Prince Royal ['Abbās Mīrzā, Crown Prince] of Persia [Iran] to George Canning, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, dated Jemadee el Awal [Jumāda al-Awwal] 1239 (January 1834).

The letter discusses the proposed transfer of responsibility for diplomatic relations between Persia and Britain to the British Government in India, as well as disputed points in the subsidy account, which the Prince proposes to send Major George Willock to India to discuss. The Prince also thanks Britain for mediating with the Ottoman Government.

The letter was enclosed in the letter of Henry Willock, HM Chargé d'Affaires in Persia, to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company dated 8 January 1824 (IOR/L/PS/9/69/140).





moderate and cautious.

I have learnt the design of  
Your Excellency to transfer the  
Administration of the relations between  
the two States to the Government  
in India, in consequence of the  
necessity of that Empire to  
Peace, and that Mr. Willock's return  
to this Court is solely for the purpose  
of announcing this arrangement, of  
discharging the balance of 100,000 Rupees,  
and of settling the Subsidy account  
between the two nations.

Although it is becoming that  
I should express my thanks for the  
trouble Your Excellency has taken in  
arranging the relations between the  
two States and express my  
Satisfaction



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Satisfaction at the return of Mr. Willock, for whom I entertain the most perfect consideration, but as he has not yet been at the King's Court, and has not yet laid before the Shah's Ministers the proposed arrangements, I cannot venture to offer any opinion on the subject; thus far I know, that it is to be wished, on the commencement, a device had been formed to render the proposed attention in the relations acceptable.

A contrary effect has been produced by the arrival of the Subsidy accounts from India, which do not correspond with the dealings which the world have hitherto experienced from the British Government. All, who have examined them, have expressed their astonishment,

and



and cannot credit their senses.

As Major George Willock,  
who during the absence of his brother  
had charge of the Mission at this  
Court, has with much ability and  
discretion in his correspondence  
with the British Ambassador at the  
Porte forwarded our views in effecting  
a reconciliation with the Ottoman  
Empire, and as his exertions have been  
equally well judged and successful,  
he has established himself in our  
confidence, and we are disposed to  
rely ourselves of his ability and  
inclination to serve us. It has  
therefore been determined, that he  
shall be empowered by His Persian  
Majesty to proceed to the seat of His  
Majesty's Excellency.



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Your Excellency the Governor General of India's  
Government to note on our part the  
objectionable charges in the subsidy accounts  
and to state our confidence and expectation  
that a just consideration will be taken  
of our claims.

These accounts of no insignificant  
importance in the comparison with the  
value of the relations subsisting between  
the two Empires ought not so long to  
occupy our attention, and it is necessary  
that Your Excellency should advise the  
British Government in India not to  
sacrifice the essential great objects in  
contemplation to such minor considerations.

Mr. Willock since his arrival  
has done all in his power to conciliate  
our good will, and to forward our

business



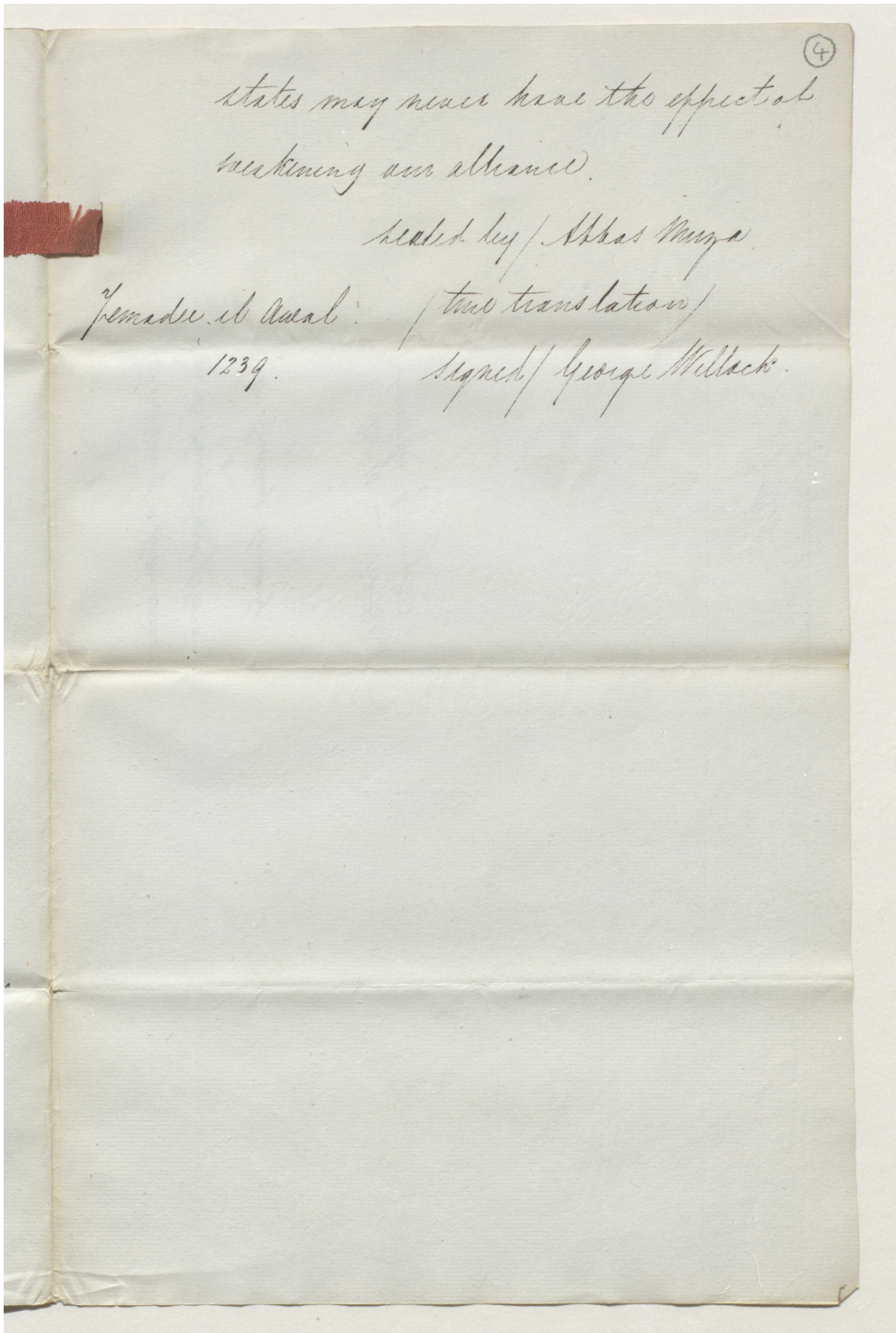
wishes, and this display of a disposition  
to serve us has gained from our esteem  
and consideration.

In like manner we are extremely  
indebted for the able and assiduous  
services of His Britannick Majesty's  
Ambassador at the Porte, who by his  
mediation has succeeded in effecting  
our reconciliation with the Ottoman  
Government, and for Major George  
Willock's services in the same cause,  
and we trust that the desire they have  
displayed to promote the interests of  
this State may be acknowledged and  
rewarded by His Britannick Majesty's  
Government.

I pray that the evil  
wishes of the enemies of the two  
States

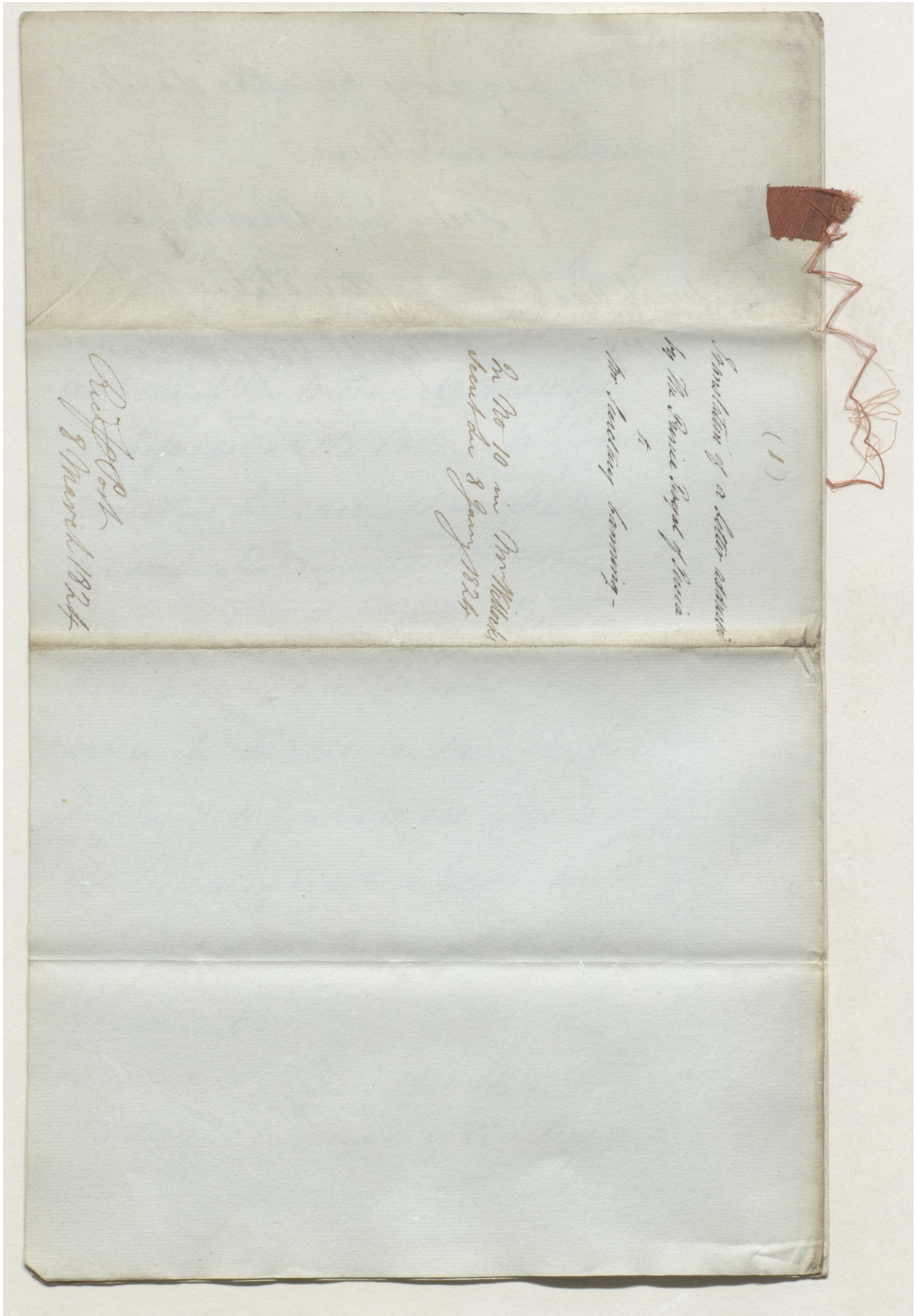


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by the Prince Regent of France  
to the Secretary of the  
Committee

In No 10 in the  
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Geo Willock  
8 March 1824