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Enclosure in Letter from Henry Willock to the Secret Committee of 14 Jul 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 Sultanieh [Soltāniyeh] and dated 8 July 1824.

Subjects covered in the letter include:

- Events in Khorasan
- The rumoured death of the Khan of Khiva Mahomed Raheem Khan [Muhammad Rahīm Bahādur Khān I]
- The dismissal of Mahomed Reza Mirza [Muhammad Rezā Mīrzā] as Governor of Gilan
- An earthquake on 2 June which caused extensive damage in Cazroon [Kāzerūn] and elsewhere
- A reported act of 'piracy' in the Gulf originating from Sharga [Sharjah]
- Conflict in Arabia between the Wahabees [Wahhabis] and the forces of Mahomed Ali Pasha [Muhammad 'Ali Pasha, Wāli of Egypt].

The letter was enclosed in Willock's letter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East

India Company dated 14 July 1824 (IOR/L/PS/9/69/186).

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Sultaneick - July - 8. 1824.

no. 16. Sir,

The Shah arrived here on the 30th ult.:
H. M. is employed agreeably to accustomed
practice in reviewing the Troops
assembled for muster.

His Excellency Mirza Abdul Wahab
returned in the Month of May to
Morassan accompanied by a large body
of Cavalry under the command of
Isau Khan with the intention of
attacking either Mahomed Khan of
Doorbek or of proceeding against Berat.
The Chiefs of Morassan, it is said, have
not come forward with their quota of
Troops in the manner expected. - The
Shahs Cavalry have as yet remained

The Right Honourable
George Canning

Yours
most
obedient
servant

H. W. L.

inactive in the neighbourhood of Meshid.

The Prince Ali Bekki Mirza is
expected from Warasani in a few days.

It is not yet known who is to succeed him.

Hussain Ali Mirza the former Governor
has been called to Court from Shiraz, it
is supposed for the purpose of being
again sent to Warasani, as the Chiefs
have expressed a wish for his re-appointment.

It is reported that Mahomed Bahom
Khan Bekki, Khan of Meshid and Urgenj
is dead. He once entered Persia with
a large force, often encouraged the
incursions of Turcomans, and was considered
a dangerous neighbour the authenticity
of the report is not to be relied on.

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The Russians very readily give credit and circulation to rumours of the death of characters they fear. During the present Spring the Shah mentioned in public Court that General Gernoloff had been killed in Daghestan, and the event was spoken of in conversation as a subject of National benefit and congratulation.

Mahomed Reza Mirza, as I had occasion to mention in a separate despatch, has been dismissed from the Government of Gelan. The different divisions of the Province have been assigned to the charge of the Native Nobility, under the general superintendance of Mirza Moosa who has the management of Herat and Bazakel, and who will come in immediate contact with the Russian Merchants. A young

Prince

Since twelve years of age the nominal
Governor is to reside at Nebat.

H. B. H. Abbas Khan has been
again called to Court, and is expected
in a few days accompanied by M.
Mazarowichy.

On the 2^d of June an earthquake
destroyed nearly the whole of the Town
of Bagroon. By the account of the Passenger
who passed the place since the event
occurred, 2000 corpses had been dug out
of the ruins; the people were still working
and still discovering dead bodies.

The calamity extended to the neighbouring
Country. By the report of the Minister of
Shiraz, which we may hope and suppose
is exaggerated, as his object is to obtain
a remission of the revenue, many villages
have

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have been destroyed, and many lives lost.

A pass in the Mountain between Hamour
and Bagroon called Dorgi Gorkhan
has been entirely filled up.

The shock was felt severely at
Bushire on the 2nd Instant, and the
earth continued to be agitated on the 3^d
but no mischief was done.

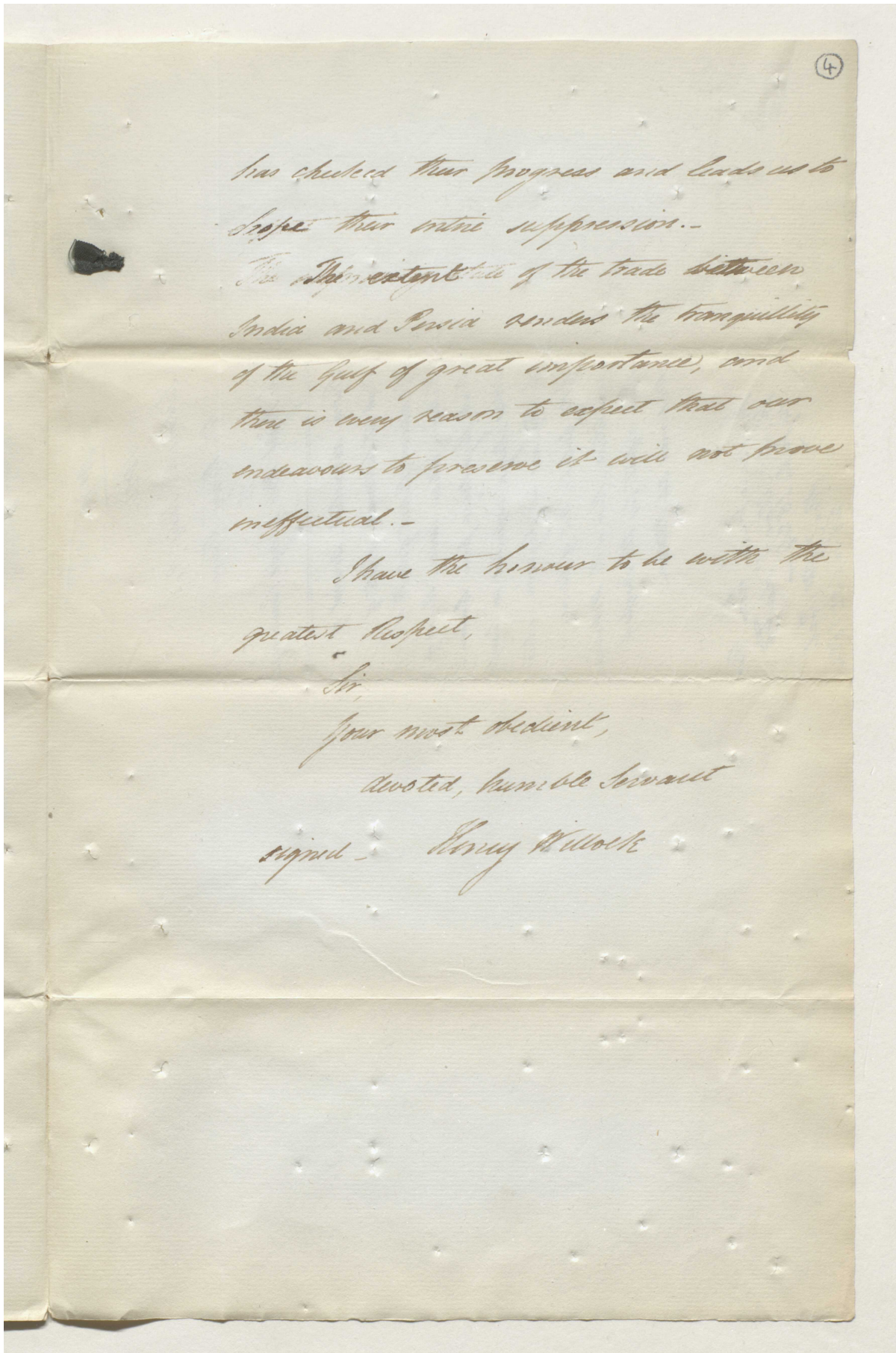
An act of piracy was lately committed by
a boat from the Arabian Port of Marga. The
letter to the Resident of Bushire from
Muscat state that a Pirater, supposed to be
the Severn had captured the boat of Marga
with all the plundered property on board.
The failure of the first attempt to disturb
the tranquillity of the Gulf of Persia is
calculated to discourage other freebooters
from following the example.

Colonel Stannew says the Maritime
Powers in the Gulf with one or two
exceptions

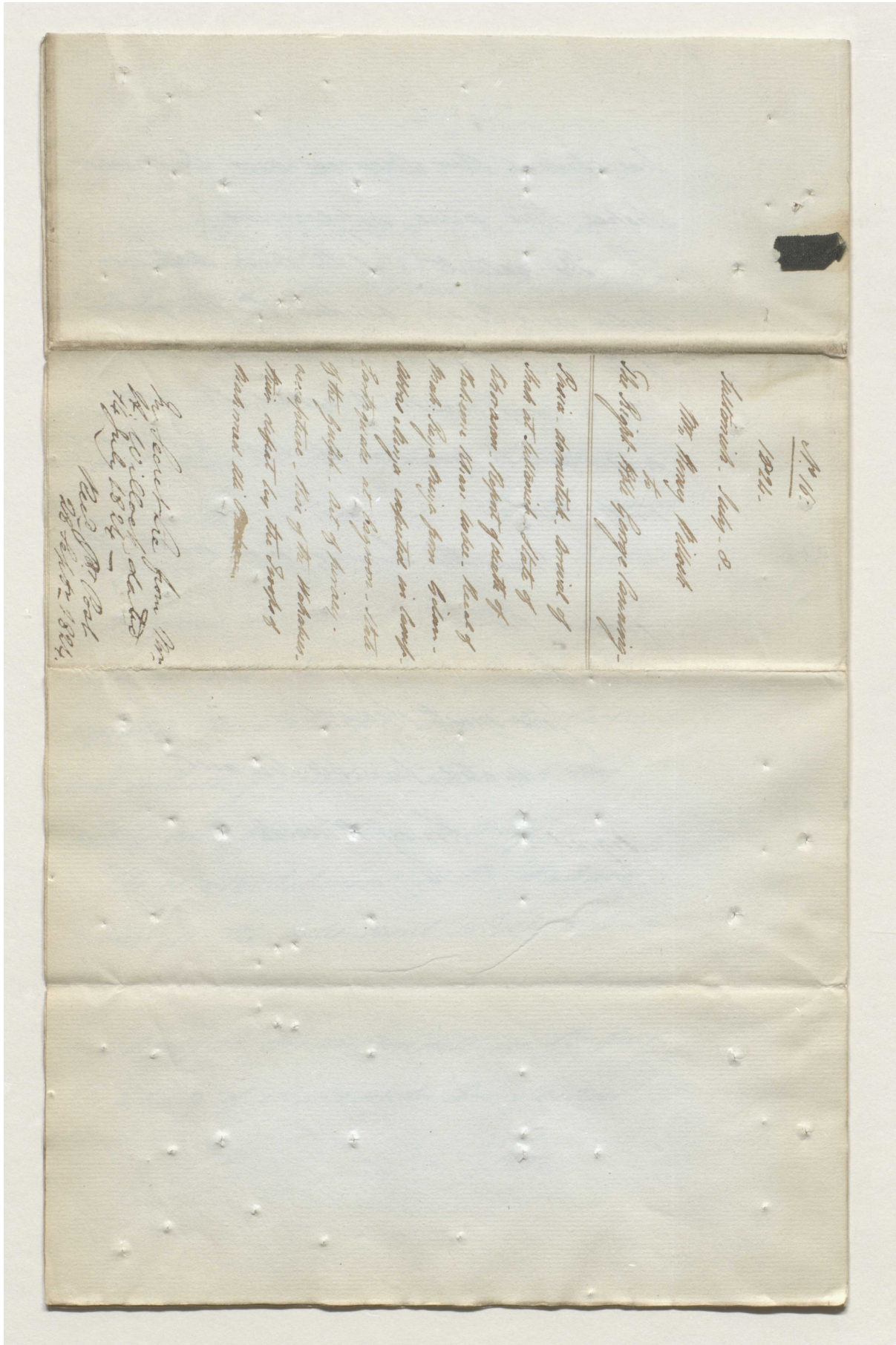
exceptions are well disposed and seem to
have bent their thoughts to peaceable pursuits.
He is of opinion that the late act of piracy
may have been occasioned by the reaction
which a renewed attempt of the Mahabees
to make head in the Interior of Arabia
was calculated to produce. They had gained
some partial successes over detached parties
of Mahomed Ali Pasha's Troops. - By the
latest accounts the Turkish Army had
defeated the Mahabees, and the Pasha
was collecting Troops to follow up his
victory and crush them entirely.

The re-establishment of the Mahabee
power is the only event which Colonel
Stannus considers likely to counteract
our pacifick arrangements in the Gulf.

The activity of Mahomed Ali Pasha
has



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14th July
1824.
Paris. Sunday. Arrival of
that of Willock. State of
Cherbourg. Report of death of
Madame de la Motte. Death of
Mad. de la Motte's son. Death of
Mad. de la Motte's daughter in camp.
Fortifications at Bayonne. State
of the English. Act of burning.
arrangement. Rise of the Moslems.
their report by the English of
Madame de la Motte.

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H. Willock dated
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