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Enclosure in Letter from Henry Willock to the Secret Committee of 16 Nov 1824

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About this record

A copy of a letter from Dr John Cormick, Chief Physician to the Crown Prince of Persia [Iran], to Henry Willock, HM Charge d'Affaires in Persia, sent from Tabreez [Tabrīz] and dated 23 October 1824.

Cormick reports that he read Willock's message to the Prince ['Abbās Mīrzā] concerning the proposed transfer to India of responsibility for diplomatic relations between Britain and Persia (IOR/L/PS/9/69/227). The Prince affirms his support and advises on how to advance the proposal at the Persian Court.

The letter was enclosed in Willock's letter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company dated 16 November 1824 (IOR/L/PS/9/69/238).

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Tabriz October 23^d - 1824

Copy

My dear Willock

The Haje arrived yesterday with your packet of the 16th and I have complied punctually with your various instructions - I went to the Hakim Makam immediately and explained fully your object in the present communication - He was pleased at hearing it and seemed greatly interested in its ultimate success - With his advice and permission I set about obtaining a private audience with the Prince which I was not able to effect before this afternoon in the garden

He listened with great attention while I read to him the paper in question - After considering a short time he declared himself highly delighted with

Henry Willock Esq^r

with the communication and assured

 me of his intention, and determination

 to give you every assistance in his power

 He then expressed considerable regret

 that you had not applied to him thus

 when you were both at Sooltanich

 declaring that he would bring the

 King to consent to the transfer before

 the camp: was broke up. had you

 done so - I told him you were de-

 terred from this by the opposition

 H. R. H. made to the measure on your

 first arrival in Persia - This brought

 an explanation on his part of

 the cause of his opposition -

He said that when the report

 of the intended transfer first reached

 him it gave him great satisfaction

 and indeed on mentioning the

 business to me before your arrival

 his own words were - behear Khoobist

 az cenha kear saze mesheved / a very good-

 business

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business can be done with them) but
that Meerza Abdul Nassir Khan to
whom the Shah looks for information
on every subject connected with Eu-
ropean politics had filled H. M's mind
with alarm and apprehension as to
what can be the object of the English
Government in making this transfer
-that he had succeeded in impressing
upon him a conviction that some
unfavourable alteration in the
present Treaty was in contemplation
and that this conviction was the sole
cause of whatever opposition the
measure has hitherto met with
from both the King and himself

The same source told the King
that the transfer of Persia from the
Government of England to that of
India was owing to Abbas Meerza
and that it was for this purpose
and

and for others still more contrary

 to H. M's wishes that Meerza Sauleh

 was sent to England - This he posi-

 tively asserts and that even the

 King accused him of it -

He desires me therefore to tell

 you (with a repetition of his offers of

 cordial assistance) that one thing

 is now necessary for the final and

 effectual accomplishment of the object

 in question - That is that he wishes

 you to give him some assurances that

 no alteration in the Treaty now existing

 between the two Governments is in

 contemplation - You can do this he

 says through me or any body else or

 direct to him as you please. But it

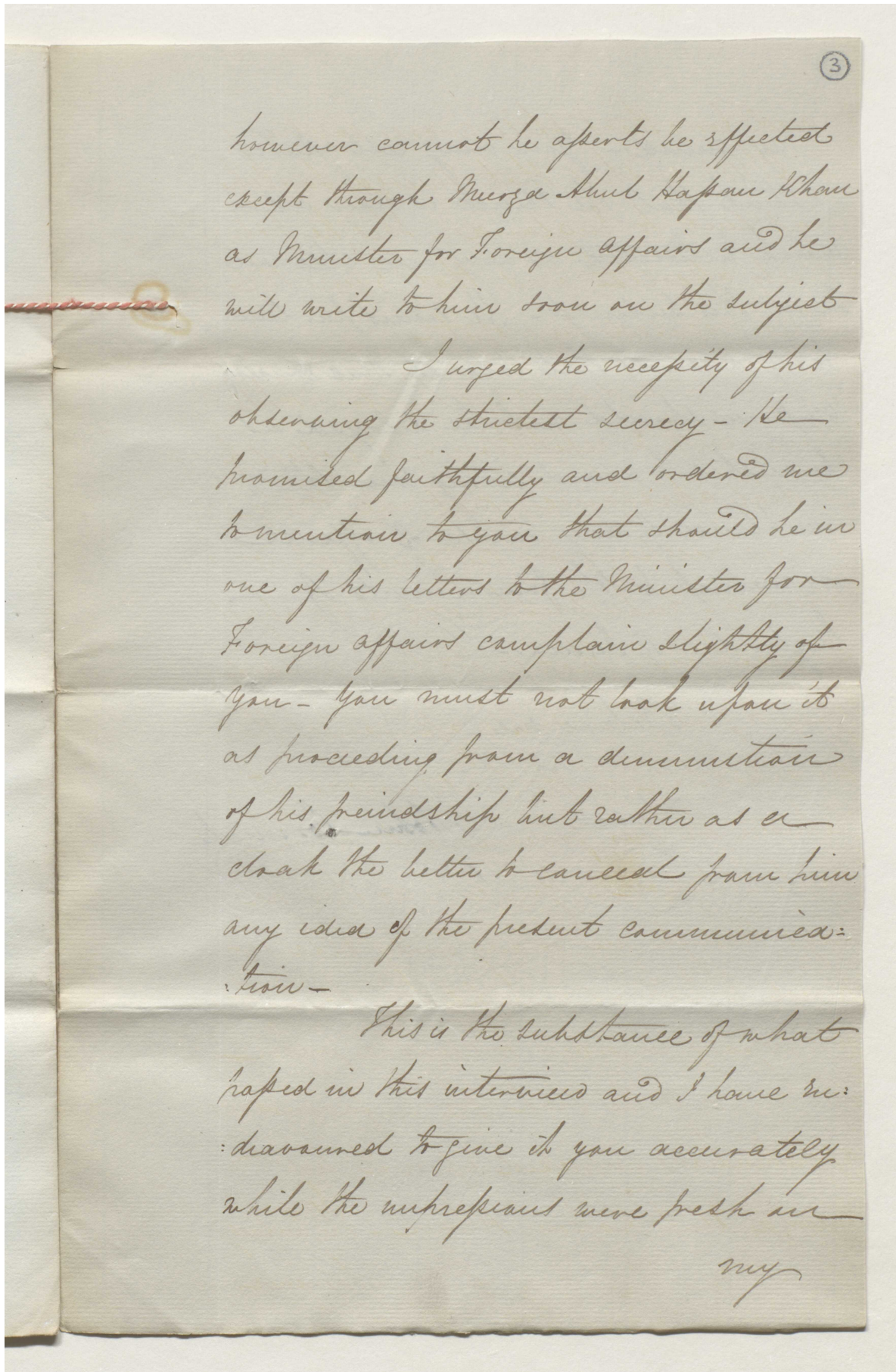
 is necessary in order to remove from

 the mind of the Shah the unfavourable

 apprehensions impressed upon it by

 Meerza Abul Kaseem Khan - The business

 however

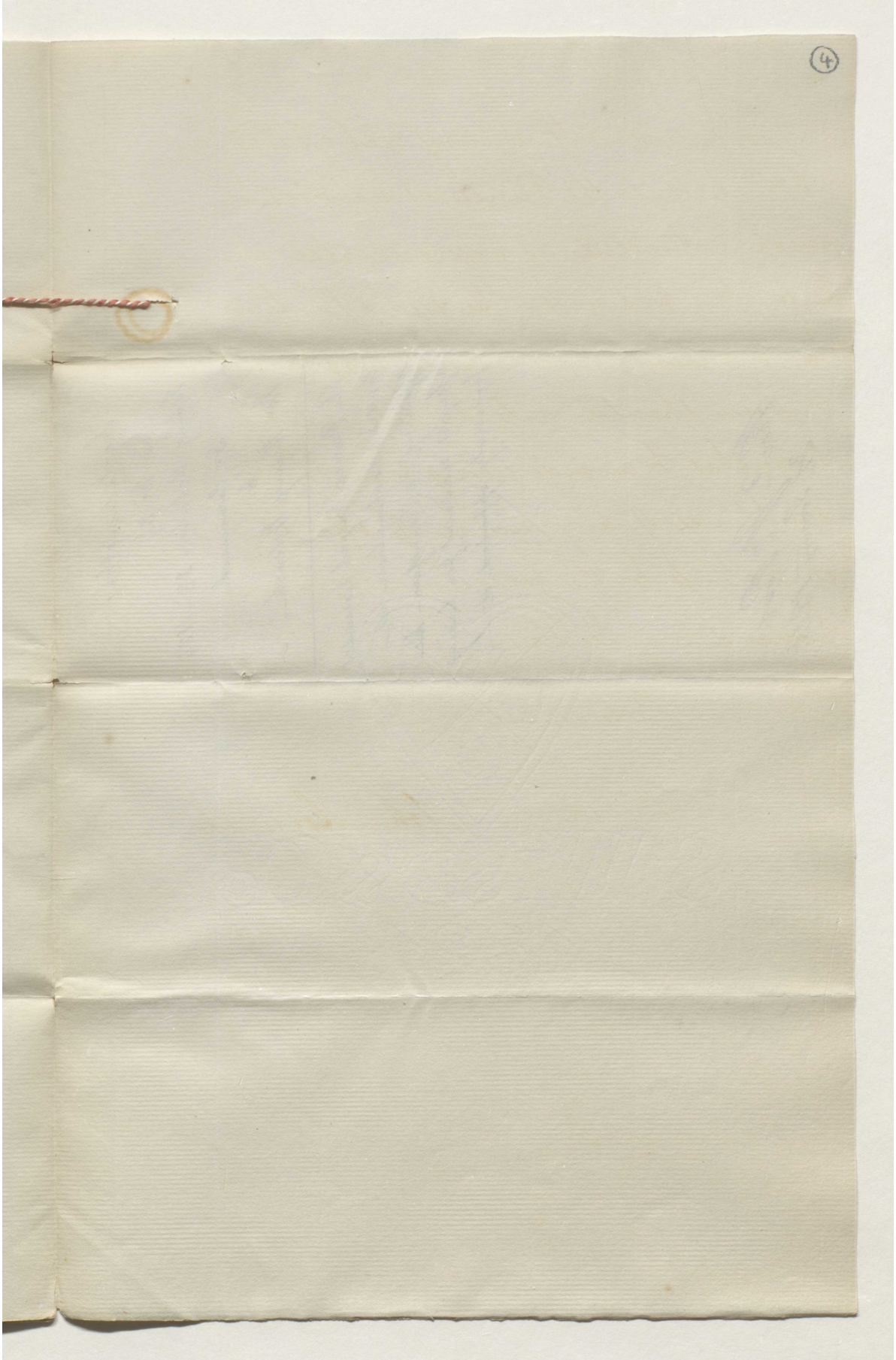


my mind - You may rest assured
I think that the Prince is now as
much interested as any one else can
be in this business - He seems particu-
larly anxious that Colonel Mac Donald's
Mission should not be delayed as
he wishes to avoid giving even the
semblance of any course of offence
or evasiveness to the governments of
England or of India -

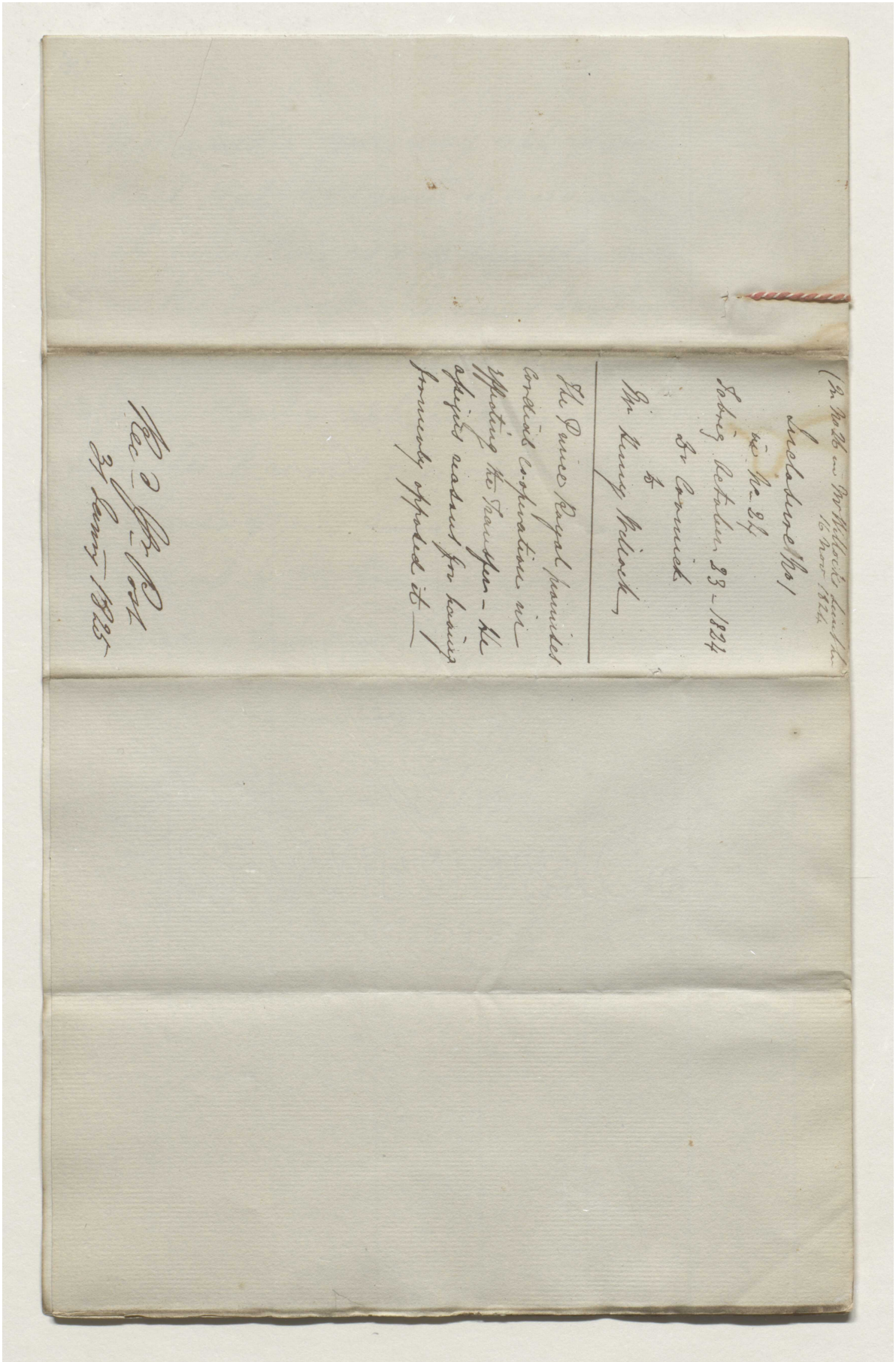
Believe me

Signed / Henry Willock

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(A. No. 26 ... per Willock's letter to
the Secret Committee 16 Nov 1824)

Enclosure No. 1

no. No. 24

Sobry, October 23 - 1824

to Council

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Mr Henry Willock,

The Prince Royal has issued
certain instructions in
regarding the Saoudi - the
officers ordered for having
previously ordered it -

Recd 2 Dec 1824
of Henry 1825