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### ‘Meerza Abul Hussun Khan to Count Nesselrode’

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#### About this record

The translation of a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Persia [Iran], Meerza Abul Hussun Khan [Mirza Abu'l-Hasan Khan Shirazi], in Sultaneah [Solṭānīyeh], to Minister for Foreign Affairs of Russia, Count Karl Robert Nesselrode, dated 18 Zerhugel [Zū al-Hijjah] AH 1241 [24 July 1826]. In the letter, Meerza Abul Hussun Khan remonstrates against the alleged infringements of the Russian border authorities upon Persian territory, at variance with the terms of the Treaty of Goolistan [Gulistan], including the military occupation of lands on the shores of the lake of Gokcheh [Lake Sevan]. Meerza Abul Hassan Khan details the ineffectual attempts made by Persia to gain redress for these infringements, most recently during the mission of Prince Menchikoff [Prince Aleksandr Sergeevich Menshikov] to Persia, and appeals to Count Nesselrode for a solution.

This document was originally enclosed in the letter of HM Chargé d'Affaires to Persia, Henry Willock, to the Secret Committee of the East India Company of 23 July 1826 (IOR/L/PS/9/70/99).

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Nesselrode.

After complements.

When the Shah was encamped  
at Soollaneeah I had the honor to receive  
y. e. letter from the hands of Prince  
Menschetoff. It gave me pleasure as it  
assured me of your regards. Now that Prince  
Menschetoff has permission to depart I  
have an opportunity of addressing y. e.  
although I formerly sent to General  
Yermaloff a letter addressed to y. e. which  
I conceive might have been forwarded  
I now again assure you that your  
representations regarding the settlement  
of the frontier breathed the spirit of  
friendship but of what avail is it that  
we should receive from the Imperial  
throne and from His I. M. Ministers  
friendly assurances and experience from  
the guardians of the Frontier various  
infractions of the treaty. Between the  
Capitals of the two Empires the utmost  
harmony and good feeling has ever  
subsisted.

submitted but aggressions have been made by your frontier authorities which are at direct variance with the Treaty and our remonstrances against such acts have not been paid attention to. On the contrary the indignities we are called on to support have daily increased.

I now beg leave to call to Y. E. recollection what I said to Y. E. at St. Petersburgh that the frontier authorities will not permit the stability of the alliance. The Emperor & Y. E. gave me assurances that General Germaloff on his arrival in Persia would make restitution of territory and would show the kind feelings of Russia towards Persia. After the arrival of H. E. at this Court not only were our expectations not fulfilled but our Territory was encroached upon by the seizure of Guermee in Talish & further aggressions have annually been continued until last year when the frontier authorities seized the lands of Gatchekik & Balikelos which

which agreeable to the Treaty of Goolistan<sup>23</sup>  
belong to Persia and when the shah  
was last year at Sooltameah General  
Magarowitch came here with whom  
the Ministers of the state had frequent  
discussions. The Charge d'Affaires gave  
no satisfaction for these grievances  
and declared his want of power to afford  
redress.

Meerza Sandik was accordingly  
nominated to demand redress from  
General Yermaloff and Mr. Magarowitch  
had permission to depart. The  
Charge d'Affaires continued to reach  
Tiflis before the Persian agent and  
sent troops with artillery to take  
military possession of Gatchek.  
General Yermaloff to avoid granting  
redress proceeded to Dagestan.

Meerza Sandik on arriving at  
Tiflis announced the object of his  
mission to General Yermaloff received  
no answer from him and having  
fruitlessly remained there some time  
returned without completing the object  
of

of his mission. our Frontier authorities  
solicited permission to resent these  
injuries but H. M. rejected their  
petition because he conceived that these  
aggressions were committed without  
H. I. M. knowledge. at this period the  
Emperor Alexander died and was  
succeeded by the Emperor Nicholas  
at such a period H. M. the Shah  
did not consider it dignified to  
punish the offenders. The aggressions  
were still patiently submitted to next  
was announced the nomination of  
Prince Menzheff to this Court and  
we expected that the aggressions  
would be acknowledged and redressed  
H. Menzheff arrived and I was led to  
suppose from the tenor of your letter  
that he would remove the cause of our  
complaint and that he was empowered  
to do so.

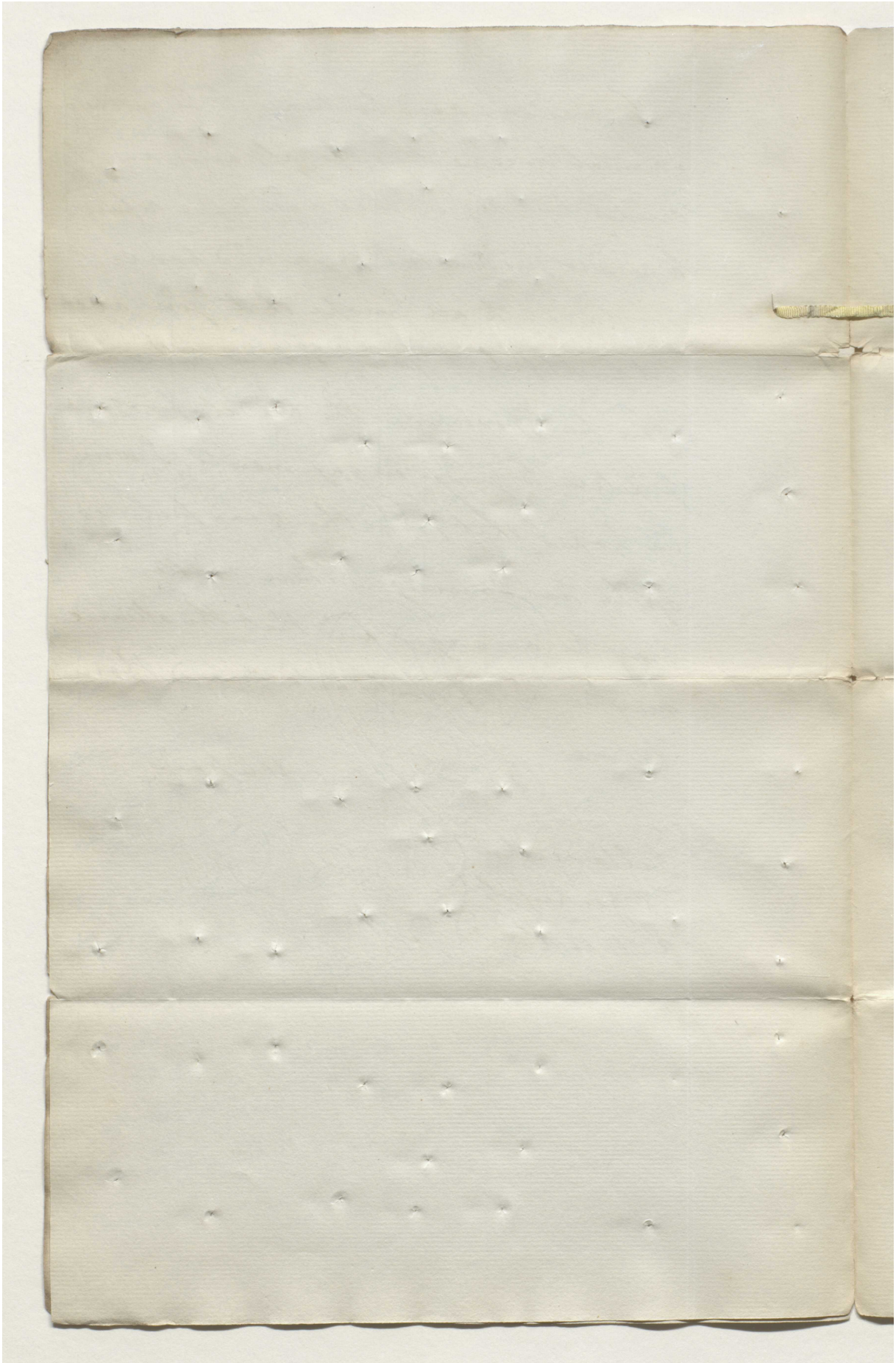
When we entered on negotiations  
with the Prince no satisfaction was  
obtained and he declared his inability to  
redress our wrongs. What can I say more  
I was.

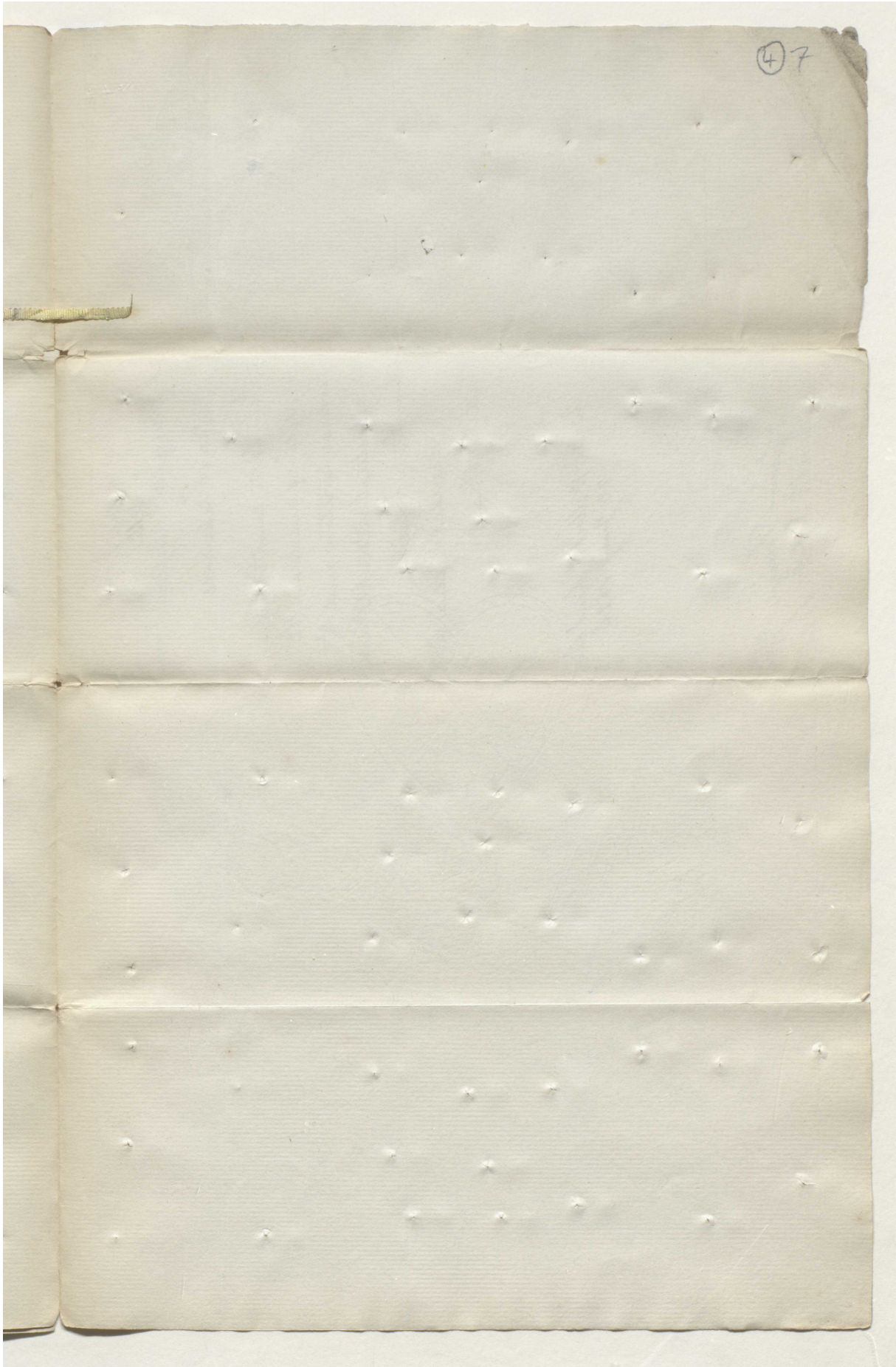
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It was my good fortune to be instru-  
-mental in cementing the alliance and I  
cannot but regret that you have refused  
to render justice to Persia and have  
proclaimed to all Europe that you are  
not faithful to your Treaties whereas  
you had formerly the credit for  
fidelity to your engagements. I am  
in hopes that from the good feelings  
of the two Sovereigns these matters  
may be arranged and that the alliance  
may be more firmly established than  
before (signed) Abul Hussun

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18 Zehryel }  
A. H. 1241.

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