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# Letter from the East India Company Envoy to Persia, Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, in camp at Oojan, to the Secret Committee of the East India Company

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#### **About this record**

Letter from the East India Company Envoy to Persia [Iran], Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, in camp at Oojan [Ujan], to the Secret Committee of the East India Company, of 25 June 1827, which was received from the Foreign Office on 29 August 1827. Macdonald Kinneir reports his recent communications with the Shah of Persia [Fatḥ-'Alī Shāh Qājār], in which the Shah expressed his feelings of frustration, dismay and abandonment at the fact that Persian requests for assistance in the war against Russia [Russo-Persian War, 1826-1828] have not been answered by the British Government. He also reports that the former Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Ephriam Gerrish Stannus, who is returning to Britain, has been charged with a message for the British Government from the Shah, so as to avoid the dispatch of a Persian envoy to Britain. Macdonald Kinneir indicates that the failure by the British Government to reply has caused the Shah and the Prince Royal [Crown Prince of Persia, 'Abba's Mīrzā Qajar] to question the sincerity of Britain's 'friendship' with Persia, and points to the seriousness of the situation regarding the war with Russia, indicating that 'a crisis seems to be near at hand'.

This document also originally enclosed a copy and a translation of a note from the Persian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Macdonald Kinneir (now catalogued as IOR/L/PS/9/71/18-19).





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## Letter from the East India Company Envoy to Persia, Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, in camp at Oojan, to the Secret Committee of the East India Company [3r] (5/12)

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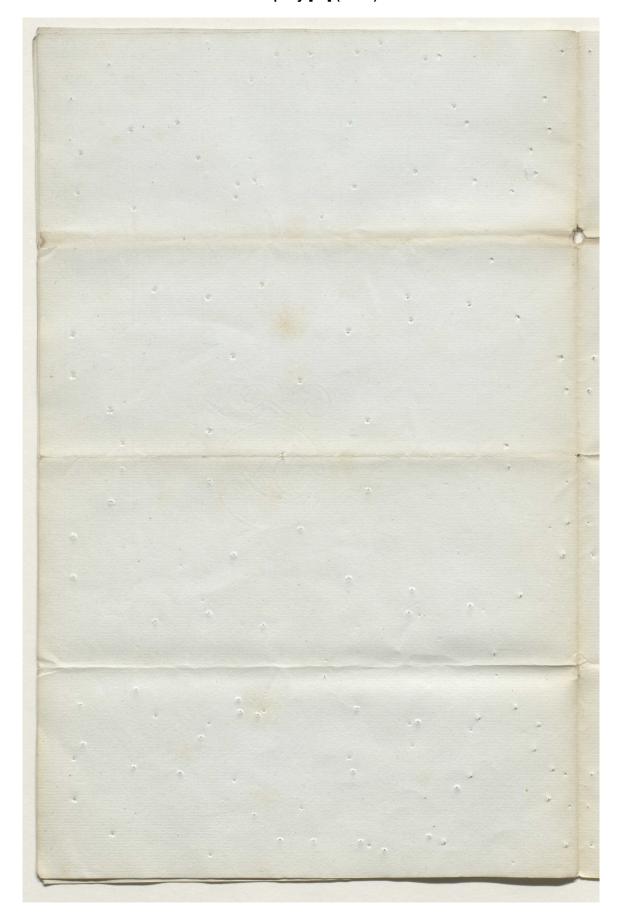
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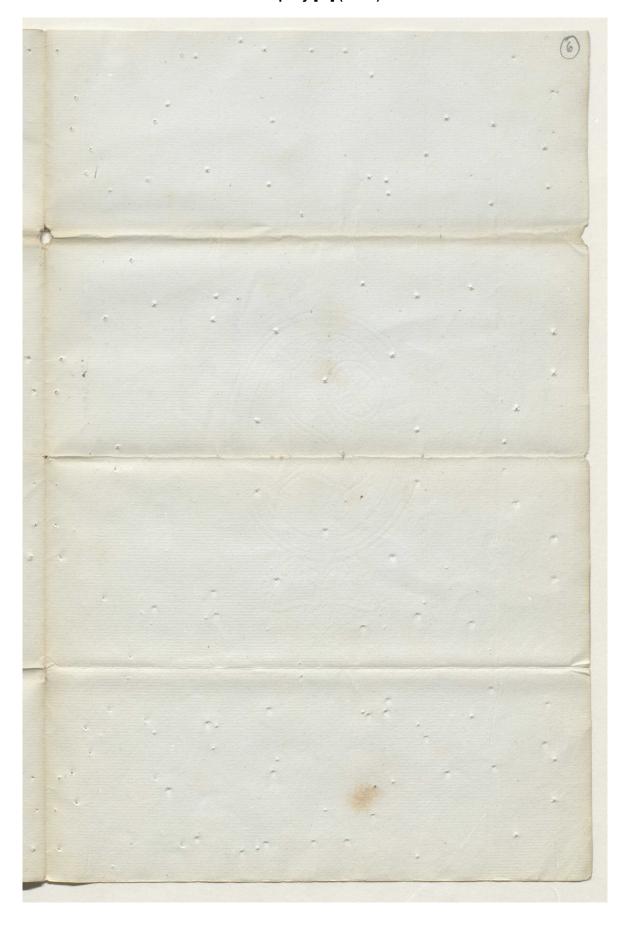
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