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**Dispatch No. 76 from the East India Company Envoy to Persia,
Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, in Deheraghon, to the Chief
Secretary to the Government of India, George Swinton**

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Dispatch No. 76 from the East India Company Envoy to Persia [Iran], Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, in Deheraghon [Azarshahr], to the Chief Secretary to the Government of India, George Swinton, of 10 December 1827. The dispatch originally enclosed a letter to Macdonald Kinneir from his assistant, Dr John McNeill, detailing the secret proposals made to McNeill by 'men of weight and authority' in Persia for themselves to be placed under the protection of the British Government (now catalogued as IOR/L/PS/9/71/143). Macdonald Kinneir also relates that similar proposals have recently been made to him by unnamed notables, which he has rejected.

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L/PS/9/71/142 No 76. Secret & Confidential ①

To
George Swinton Esq
Secretary to Government
Political Department
Fort William

Sir

I have the honour to request that you will do me the favour to lay before the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council a very singular communication which I last night received from Dr Mehdie reporting that Secret and Confidential Proposals have lately been made to that Officer by men of weight and authority in this Kingdom to place themselves under the protection and dominion of the British Government. —

That many days have elapsed since Propositions of a similar nature were proposed on my acceptance by the Agents of certain Individuals of high respectability who would appear to have been deputed by their Chiefs for the sole purpose of ascertaining my sentiments on the subject.

Yrs

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In answer to these extraordinary communications I stated at once and without reservation the utter impracticability of the thing, at the same time beseeching the persons in question patiently to await the issue of the pending negotiations which in all probability would soon restore to them unimpaired the administration of their legitimate Princes. —

In a word the Pillar of the State begins to totter, and requires but a gentle push to lay it prostrate in the blood and ruin of the King.

I have the honour to be

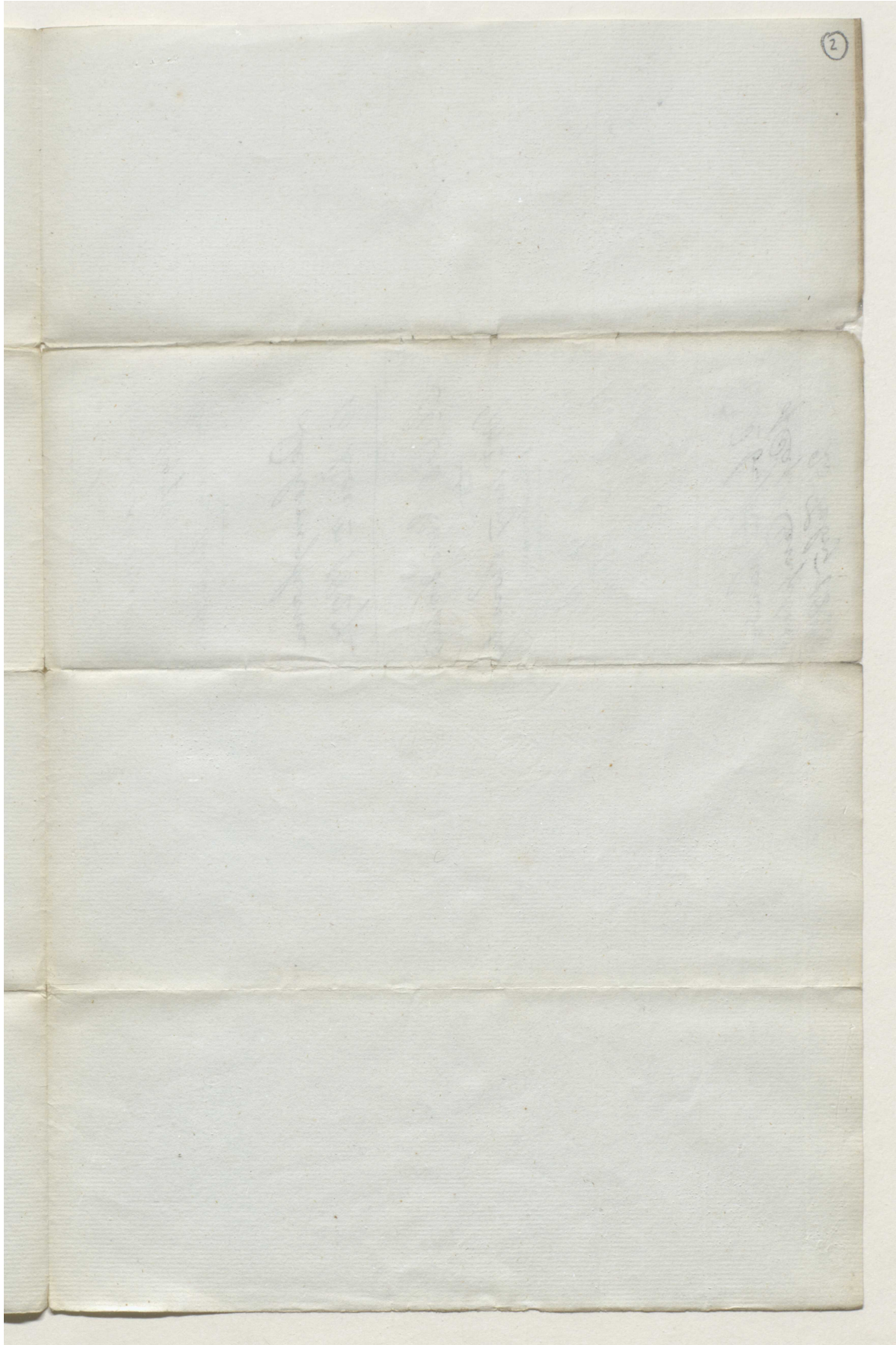
Sir

Your most obedient
Humble servant. —

(Signed) J Macdonald
Envoy

Deheraghon
10th December
1824
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