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About this record

Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Ronald Dugald Harcourt Macdonald, in Zengan [Zanjan], to the East India Company Envoy to Persia [Iran], Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, of 27 December 1827. Lieutenant Macdonald reports that the Prince [ʿAbbaṣ Mīrzā Qājār, Crown Prince of Persia] has requested that he transport a sum of 50,000-60,000 tomans to Tabreez [Tabriz] for safekeeping by Macdonald Kinneir. He indicates that he refused the request, but has forwarded it on to Macdonald Kinneir at the Prince's asking, having intimated that to do so might potentially 'give umbrage' to the Russians.

This document was originally enclosed, numbered 1 in enclosure No. 14, in Macdonald Kinneir's letter to the Secret Committee of the East India Company of 16 March 1828 (IOR/L/PS/9/71/201).

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Zengan 27th December
1827

Sir

Availing myself of an offer
of Mr. M. Abdoolah Meerza Governor of
Khaman to dispatch to you a man on
business connected with himself I have
the honour to inform you of a com-
munication made to me this morning
by a confidential servant of the Prince.
He said his R. Master had directed
him to request me privately to assume charge
of a sum of money, to amount of fifty
or sixty thousand Tomans, which I should
deliver over to you on my arrival at Tabreez
as he feels at a loss how otherwise to de-
posit so large a sum in security in these
troubled times. So great a responsibility

Colonel Macdonald
British Envoy
Tabreez

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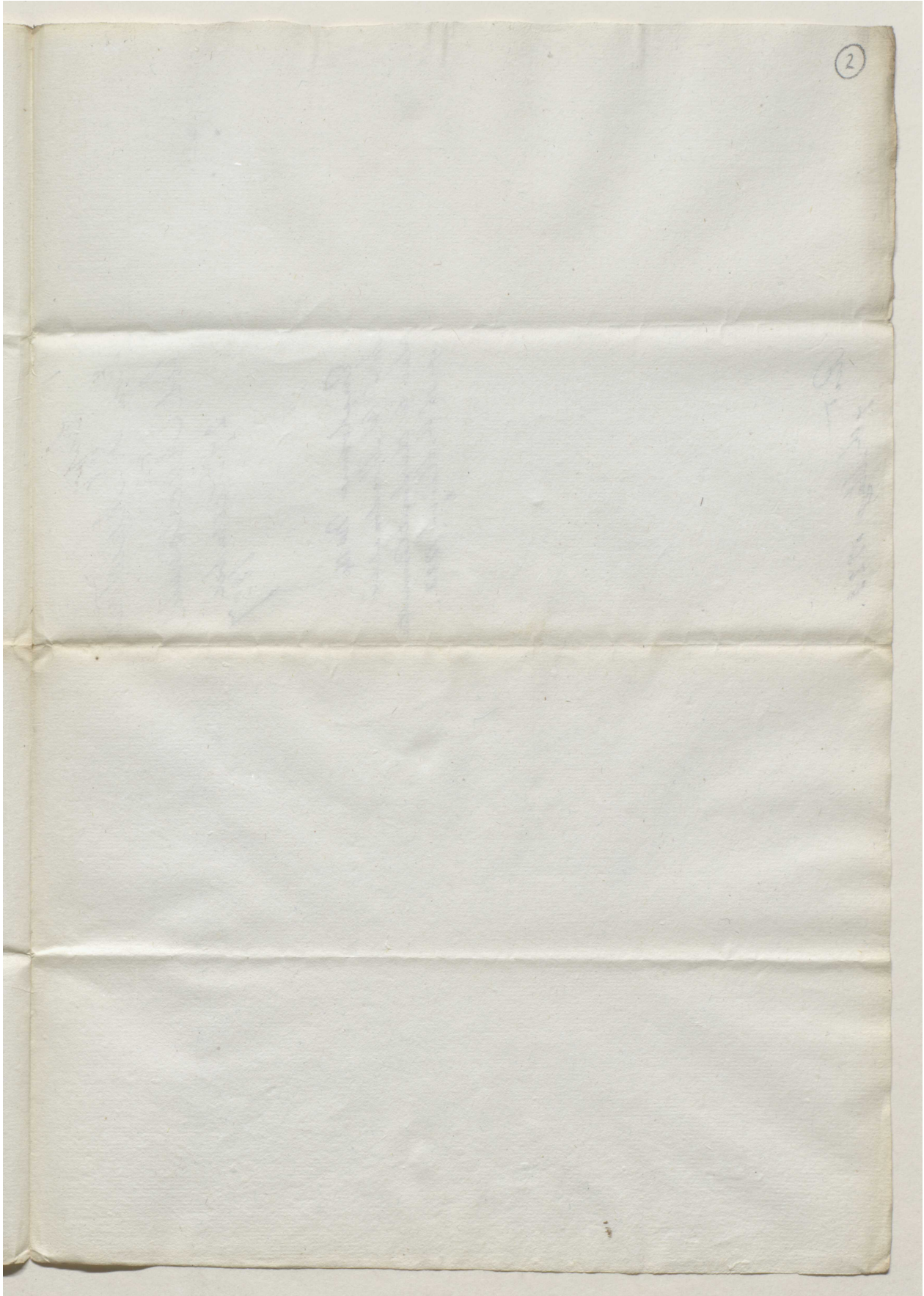
I without hesitation politely refused
and was then requested to write and
intimate the circumstance to you and
beg a speedy answer to allow time for
the adoption of measures accordingly.

On agreeing to comply
with the latter part of M. M. request I
at the same time pointed out the slight
chance of consent to a transaction which
might justly give umbrage to the Russians
if discovered, while it was of a nature
at variance with your instructions and
the dignified character of a British
Minister; notwithstanding which ex-
planations they persist in the wish to submit
the matter to your consideration.

I am desirous to soli-
cit that you will not divulge M. M. secret
and will allow no Persian to be privy to
it and have the honor to be

Yr. most obedt. Servt.
Ronald D. Macdonald
Lt. Attaché British Mission

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