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Enclosure 110/1 to letter of 5 Oct 1828

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About this record

A copy of a letter from the East India Company Envoy to Persia [Iran], Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, to Meerza Abul Hassan Khan [Mīrzā Abū al-Ḥasan Khān Shīrāzī], Persian Minister for Foreign Affairs, undated.

The letter concerns Macdonald Kinneir's meeting with Meerza Abul Hassan Khan and the Kaim Mukam [Mīrzā Abū al-Qāsim Farāhānī Qā'im-Maqām, Vizier to the Crown Prince of Persia] on the subject of the abrogation of the third and fourth articles of the Definitive Treaty, which concern British subsidies and military aid to Persia. Macdonald Kinneir complains of the conduct of the Kaim Mukam and demands an audience with the Shah [Fath-'Ali Shāh Qājār].

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From His Excellency the British Envoy^①
to Meerga Shab Japan Khan Minister
for Foreign Affairs. —

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A. C.

On the subject of the 2^d
Annexions Articles of our Treaty which
have been some time in debate and
relative to which you have written
me that the Prince Royal is invested
with full powers for their disposal.
You must know that in virtue of the
Authority a Bond of whose nature
you have been repeatedly informed
was duly made over to me by the Heir
Apparent and that relying on the Return
of His Highness's Spahis 200,000 Tamauns
to the Russian General which effected
the more immediate evacuation of
Tahreez; - besides I have already apprized
you that the Prince then solemnly pro-
-mised that on his going to the Capital
he would obtain from His Majesty
the Shah a complete ratification upon
this head. - I was having been nearly
a month in Teheran during that time
the business in question has been referred
by

by the Ministers of this Court from day
today and I have been held in constant
suspense. At length I obtained an
audience of the Shah and laid the matter
before His Majesty in Gr. Excep. presence
when he was pleased to declare that he
had before fully authorized the Prince
to ratify the engagement he had entered
into and set this matter at rest. Even
however subsequently to this in spite of
my repeated applications and written
and verbal references to the Prince
and Ministers no specific answer
was received till within the three last
days, when at a conference with H.
R.H. in the outskirts of the town he
after much deliberation summoned
the Kaim Mukam and directed His
Excy to write out and deliver me before
him a letter corresponding in tenor to
a rough sketch previously produced.

Owing to this arrangement
Mr Excy adjourned with the Kaim Mukam
to my residence and soon after I requested
him to give me the paper he had been
desired to furnish me by H. R. H. which
he said he would do immediately, com-
-mencing at the same time to write some
other paper, again I reminded him of
the

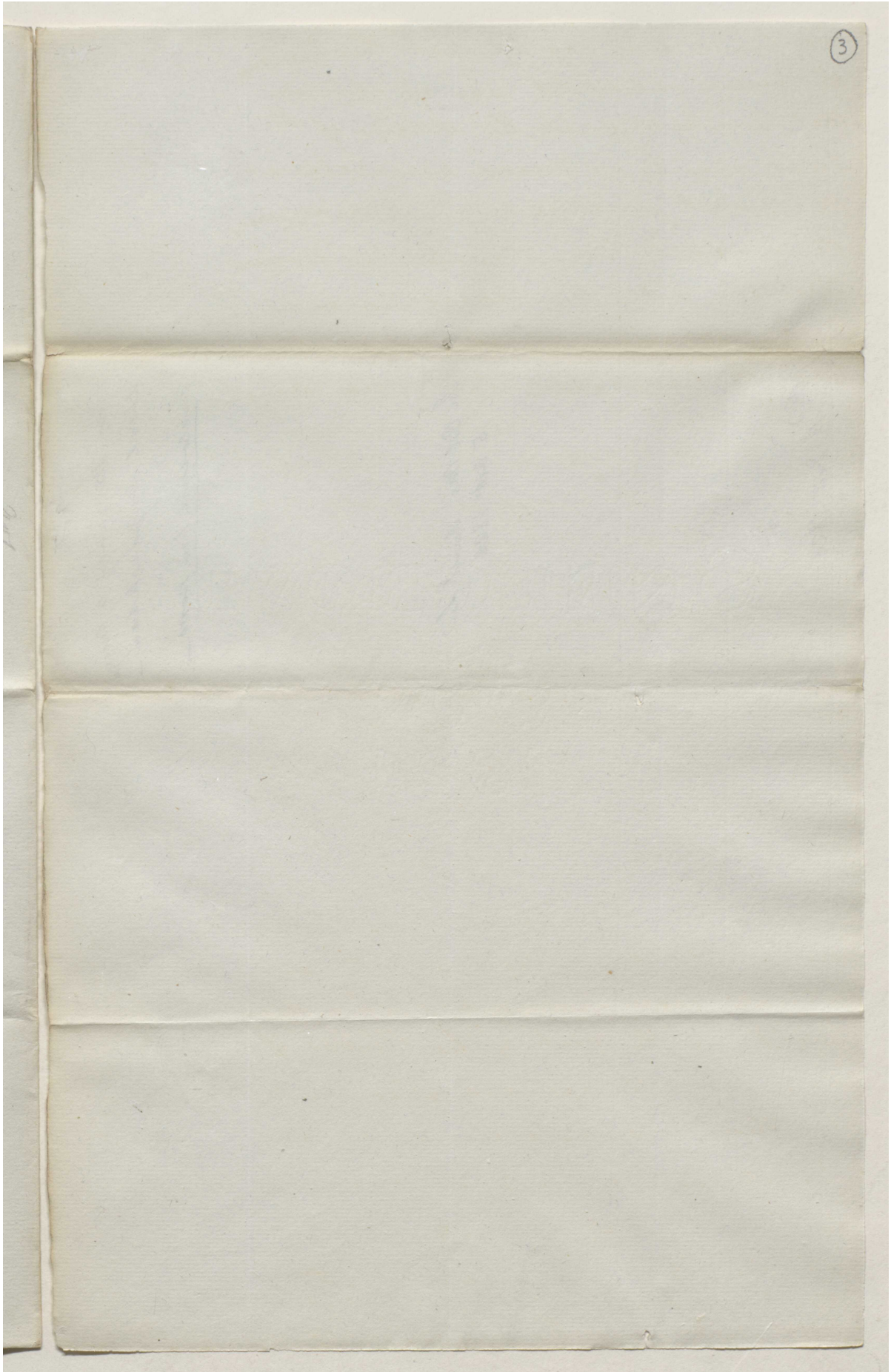
the business in hand and he agreed im-
- mediately to comply with my wish
on condition of my given him a Pr of
spectacles which being presented to
His Excy. he directed his Secretary to
come forward & write from his dictation
a letter for the Envoy.

Upon this feeling a can-
- sation of obtaining the paper, as
you had left the room to offer up
your evening prayers, I also went out
after repeating my request to the Kaim
Muckam and being joined by you
on finishing your devotion proceeded
to look at the horses in the stable, on
returning whence I discovered that
the Kaim Muckam had absconded
leaving a message with Meerza
also Dekeer today that he had been
suddenly summoned to attend the Prince
and had gone to him but would to
morrow Please God: send me the
paper. I demanded from the atten-
- dants whether any person had ac-
- tually come from the Prince and
was answered in the negative. -
On the morrow when he had pledged
himself to give the paper he did not
send it but a message was brought
me

me from him saying. That His Excellency
the Amier *sa'adullah* was of opinion
that any change in the articles of the
Treaty was by no means advisable at
the present juncture, and after referring
the matter to His Majesty, had promised
to restore to me the 200,000 *Tamauns*
I had advanced. — In short from the
turn the transaction has taken through-
- out it has been evidently the design of
the Ministers of this Court to trifle with
and treat with disrespect myself and
the Government I have the honour to
represent & therefore beg to demand of
Yr. Excy. who are well acquainted
with the usages & etiquettes of different
Courts if Yr. Ministers can deem such
conduct a becoming return for the friendly
support they have ever experienced from
Great Britain.

His Majesty himself being
very particular in these points would
certainly never warrant such a depart-
- ment on the part of his officers of
state and with assurance I beg you to
lay these circumstances before His
Majesty, and demand an audience
for me that I may make my own
representation.
true translation Signed J Macdonald
Signed R & Macdonald Cunay.

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Enclosure 110/1 to letter of 5 Oct 1828 [3v] (6/6)

