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Enclosure 114/3 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, sent from Tabreez [Tabriz] and dated 14 August 1828.

The letter concerns the local Government of Azerbaijan's [Azerbaijan] need for a sum of money to secure the withdrawal of Russian troops from Khoee [Khoy] in accordance with the Treaty of Toorkmanchae [Turkamanchay]. Macdonald Kinneir offers to contribute 200,000 tomans in return for the ratification of the abrogation of the third and fourth articles of the Definitive Treaty, which concern British subsidies and military aid to Persia.

This document was originally enclosed, numbered 3 in dispatch No. 114, in Macdonald Kinneir's dispatch No. 36 to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company of 5 October 1828 (IOR/L/PS/9/71/262).

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To
His Excellency
Meerya Abul Hassem Khan
Minister for Foreign Affairs
on - on - on
Tehran

To guard against accident
I think it prudent to acquaint your Ex-
cellency that the period stipulated by the
Treaty of Turkmanchah, for the liquida-
tion of the balance of the indemnity due to
Russia expires on the 27th instant, being the
15th of Saffar. Should the remaining ^{balance}
not be paid on that day your Excellency
must be aware that not only Khoos, but the
whole Province of Azerbijan, together with
the seven Groes of Lomeans already ad-
vanced by the Shah become forfeited to His Im-
perial Majesty.

Perceiving that no arrange-
ments were in progress for the final settle-
ment of this important affair, I yesterday
waited upon Meerya Mahomed Ali confiden-
tial Minister of The Prince Royal now
here

here in order to place before his eyes
the sad consequences that might result
from a failure in the Court of Lehram
to fulfil its engagements with that of Ruffia.
Merrya Mahomed Ali either was or pretend-
ed to be ignorant of the obligations of the
Treaty in question, nor was it until such time
as I had pointed out to him the passage
that I could succeed in persuading him that
the terms and spirit of the compact were such
as I affirmed them to be.

On being convinced
of the fact he betrayed marks of alarm, said
he had misapprehended the meaning of the
article and conceived that by abandoning the
temporary occupation of the District of Kholc to
the Ruffian Troops the Pers. Gov. were allowed
the alternative of paying the remaining Bree
when convenient. - He further stated that this
was also the impression on the mind of the
Prince and the Kaim Mukam who had not as
yet succeeded in raising a larger sum than 50
000 Tomans exclusive of the Treasure now in
deposit under my seal in the Citadel of T.
Merry That

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That it was therefore utterly impracticable
 for His Highness to meet the demands of
 Ruzia in the time specified - that he (Muzayyid
 Mahomed Ali) was consequently at a loss what
 measure to suggest in order to ward off the im-
 pending blow but that he would immediately
 dispatch a courier to The Prince to demand in-
 structions... Such is the posture of affairs now
 here. If the engagements entered into with the
 Court of Ruzia are evaded the Province of Azer-
 baidjan becomes the property of that Power and
 the independence and integrity of your country
 is gone for ever... The Treasury of Tabreez is
 empty and I am informed by his Son and his
 Ministers that the Shah Apparent has not the
 means of meeting the demand that must
 in a few days more unavoidably come against
 him... In this exigency it rests with your Excel-
 lency and the other Ministers of The Shah to de-
 vise some mode of repelling the danger with
 which His Majesty's Government is menaced. -
 But if I may be allowed to offer an opinion
 on a subject in which I possess no right of in-
 terference I would suggest that The Shah's res-
 tification for the alteration of The Treaty between
 Persia

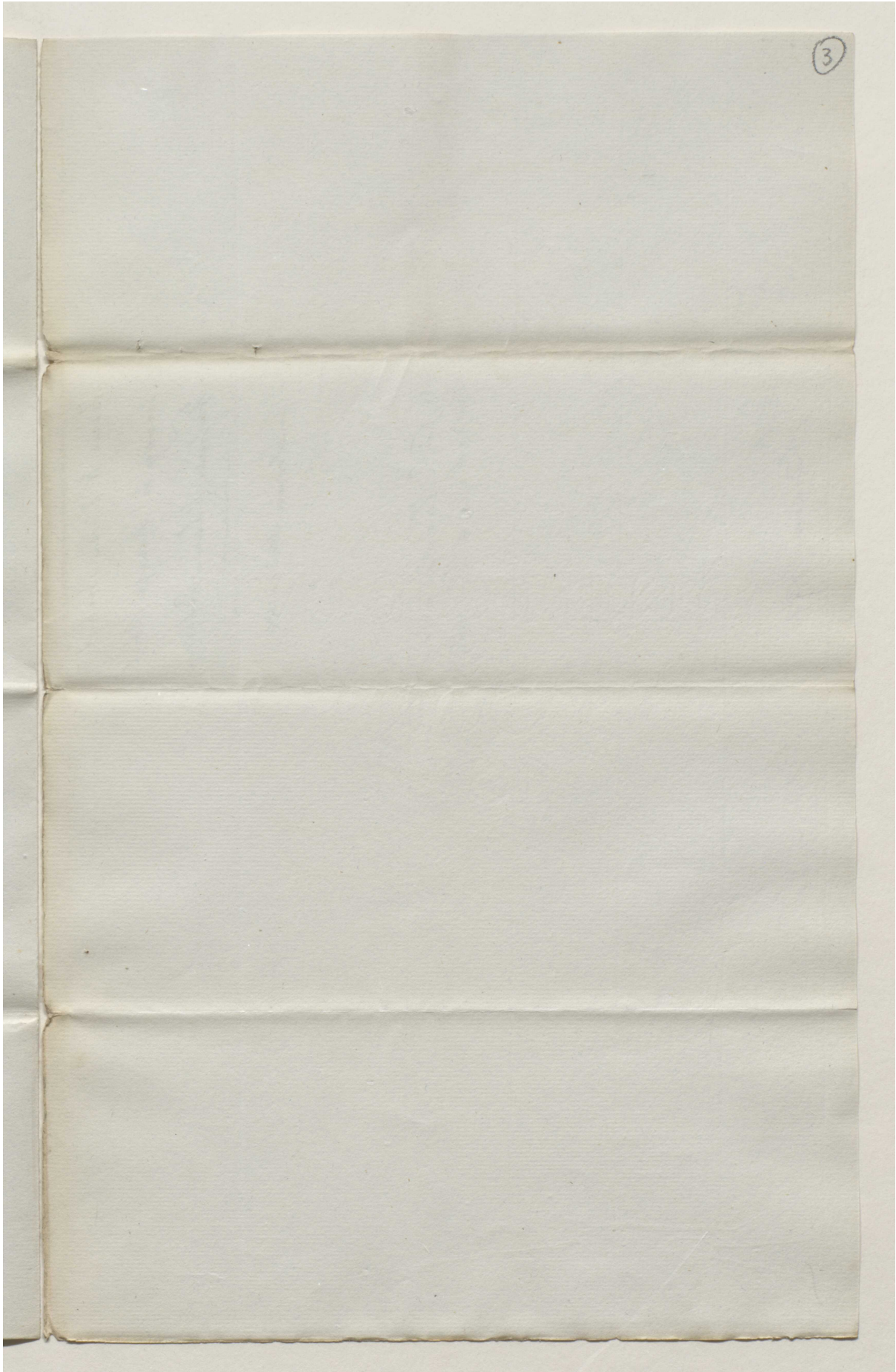
Persia and England be sent to me forth-
with, since without it the Treasure in deposit
cannot be rendered available for the pay-
ment of the Arrears due to Russia, and
that in addition to this you will also ad-
dress me or General Paskevitch such a letter
as may satisfy His Excellency's mind that the
8th Croze will be discharged within the space
of two months from this date. - Unless
some such measure be immediately resorted
to by the Ministry the consequences I repeat
may prove fatal to Persia..

With sentiments of high
consideration.

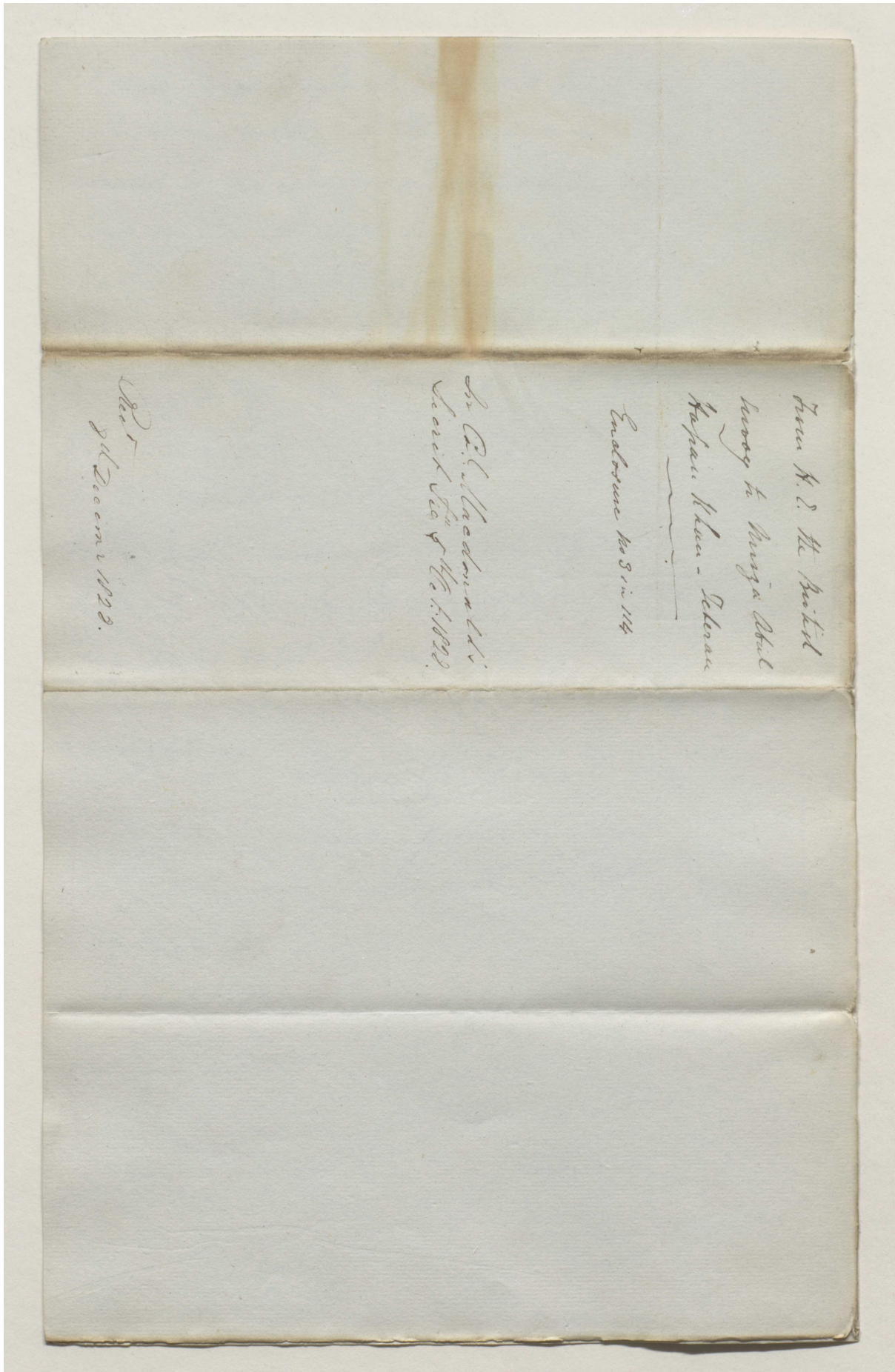
I have the honour to remain
Your Excellency's obedt.
humble servant

Tabreez 14th
August 1828 }

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