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**‘Arabian Gulf. Piracy by the Mahara Arabs in 1836 of a Native vessel called the
“Bhowany Pursad”.’**

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About this record

The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence and minutes cited in, or enclosed with, an extract from a Political Letter from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai] to the East India Company Court of Directors, dated 31 December 1845.

The item relates to the fate of the *Bhowany Pursad* [*Bhavani Parsad*], a ‘native’ [non-European] vessel which sailed under British colours and was seized by the Mahara [Al-Mahrah] tribe of Wadee [Wadi] in 1836. The item consists of correspondence between the Government of Bombay, the Court of Directors, and Stafford Bettesworth Haines, Political Agent at Aden. They discuss what has happened to the vessel since its capture, in particular:

- The effects of failed attempts to recapture the vessel
- Claims for compensation made by the firm Dhurmsey Luckmeedass [Dharmse Lakhmidas], who own the vessel
- The sale of vessel at Mocha
- The perceived waste of money spent maintaining the vessel before its sale.

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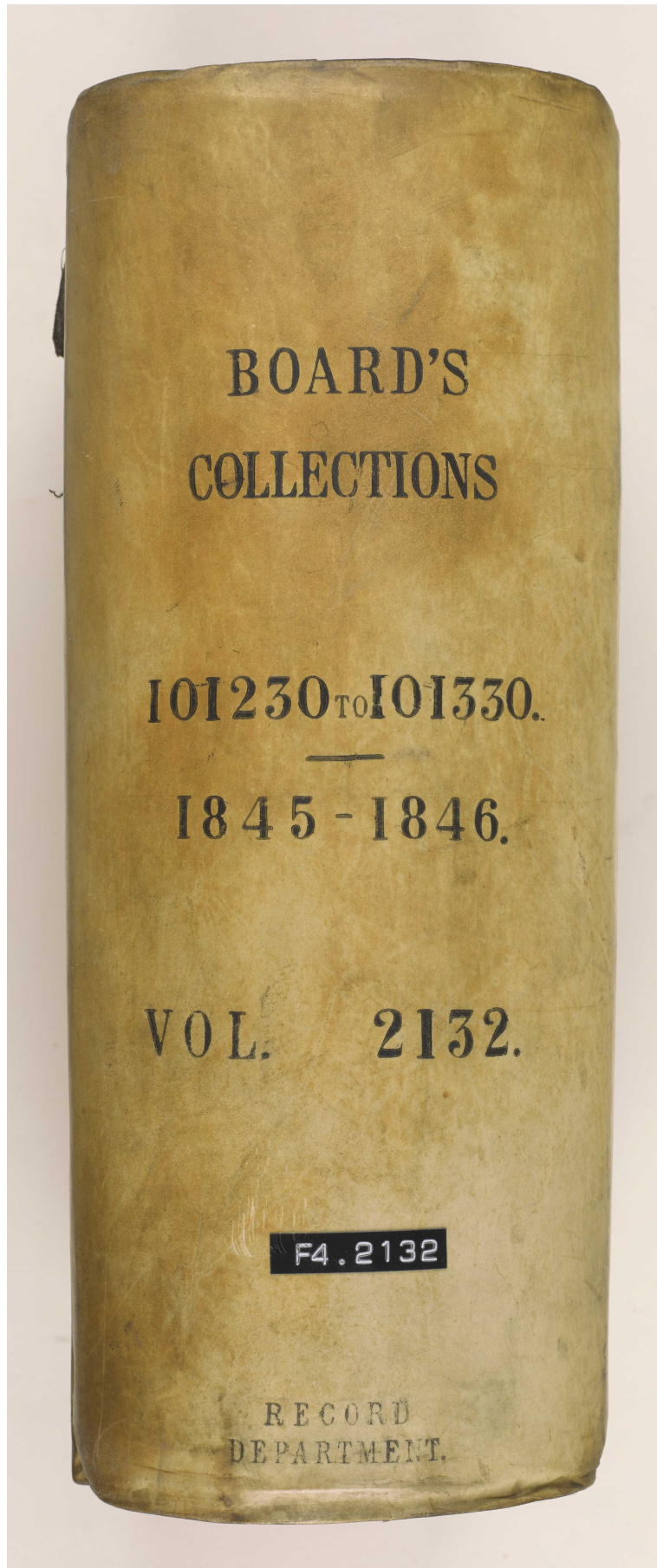
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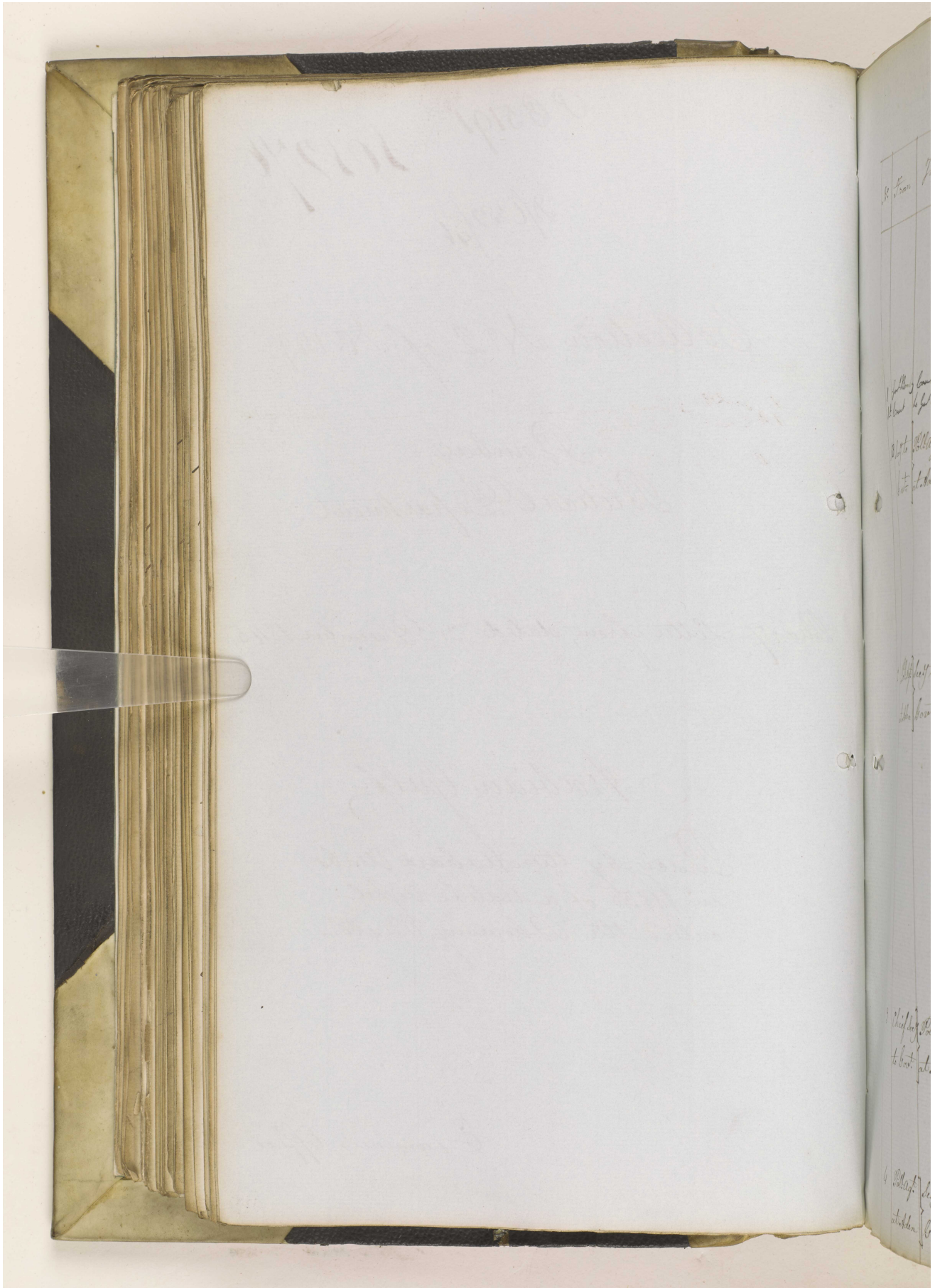
Arabian Gulf.

Piracy by the Mahara Arabs
in 1836 of a Native vessel
called the "Bhowany Pursad".

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1	Genl Bombay	Count		31 Dec 2 (143) 1845	
1A	Count	to Genl Bombay		14 - 2 (25) 1842	
1B	Secy to Govt	at Aden	Requesting him to submit without further delay the statement of the expenses incurred on account of the "Bhowany Pursad" promised in his letter of the 29 th Sept: 1842	1844	1844
2	Pol. Agt at Aden	Secy to Govt	Acknowledges the receipt of the above letter and states that he has written to the Native Agent at Mocha for information relative to the expenses incurred on acct of the Bhowance Pursad and will submit the same to Government on receipt.	19 Feb 28 44	27 March 28 44
3	Chief Secy to Govt	Pol. Agt at Aden	Informing him in reply to the above letter that Govt will await his further report.	19 Feb 28 44	27 March 28 44
4	Pol. Agt at Aden	Secy to Govt	Submits translations of a Bill from the late Native Agent	23 March 28 44	28 44

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			Agent at Mocha shewing the expenses incurred on account of the "Bhowany Pursad" exceeding by 27 German Crowns the amount for which that Vessel was sold.	1844 25 th July No. 47	1844 4 Sept ^r No. 5225
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7	Pol: Agt Chief at Aden	Sur ^t to Gov ^t	Acknowledges the receipt of the above communication and submits an explanation in regard to the crew maintained for the		2 ^d Sept ^r No. 5257

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				the "Bhowanee Pursad" for a period of 12 months.	1844	1844
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1844 4 Sept. 88:5225	9	Chief of Pol. Dept. to Gov. at Aden		Requesting him to state with reference to his letter of the 25 th October last under whose orders the crew for the "Bhowanee Pursad" was entertained and whether he was not aware that un- necessary expense was being incurred on that account previous to the Bill for the same being submitted to him.		no date 88:7507
4 th 15 th 88:5257	10	Pol. Dept. Chief at Aden to Gov.		In reply to the above letter submits a further explanation of the circumstances under which crew was kept up for the "Bhowanee Pursad" for	31 Dec. 88:3978	88:7508

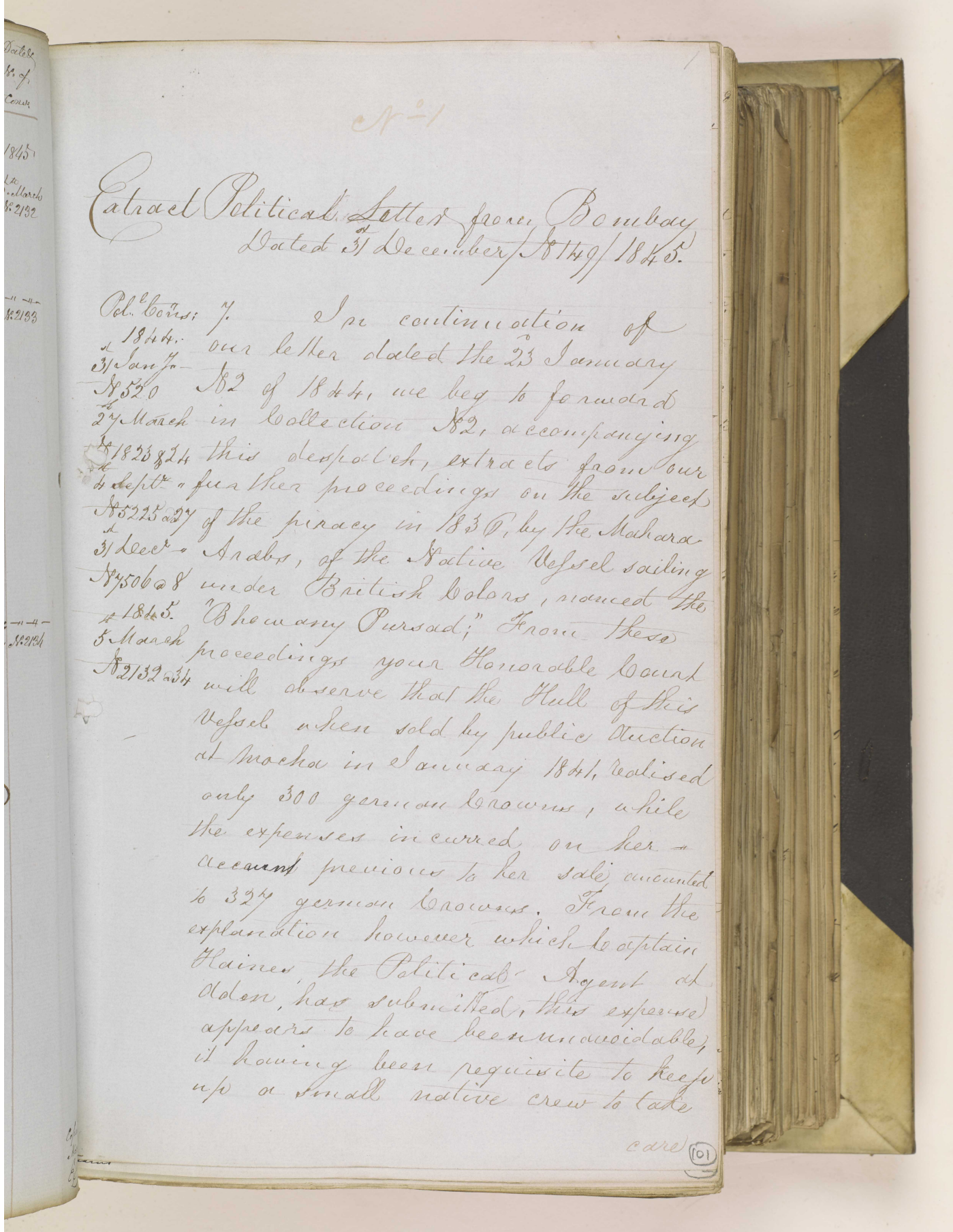
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12	Chief Secy to Govt.		In forming him in reply to his letter of the 18 th January that the explanation therein contained exonerates him from blame imputed to him in Mr Secretary Townsend's letter of the 2 ^d September last.	1 st Mar'y No. 1087	4 th No. 2134

Bombay Castle
31st December 1845
H. M. S. P. S.
Chief Secretary

Copied by
H. M. S. P. S.
E. J. S.

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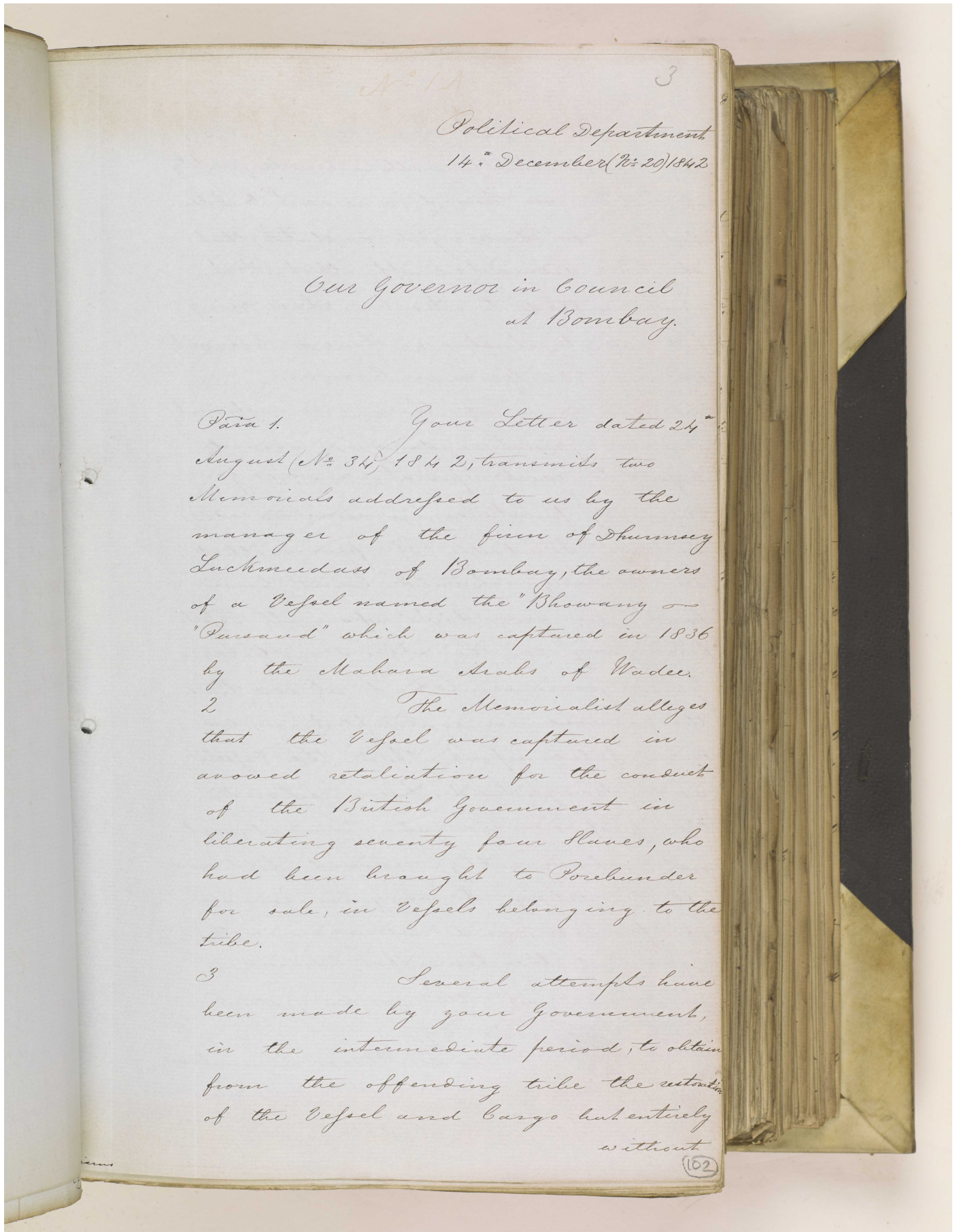


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"Bhowany Pursad".' [102r] (15/44)



without success, except that in 1840,
the vessel itself, with a small quantity
of Cotton on board, was sent to Aden,
but in so damaged a state, that
she was dismantled off that Port
and drifted to Mocha, where being
put up to auction, she was bought
in for 300 German Crowns.

4 If there were sufficient
reasons against sending an armed
vessel to exact reparation, as is your
ordinary practice in similar cases,
we are decidedly of opinion, that
an embargo should have been
laid in our Ports upon all vessels
belonging to the offending tribe.
Your Government had at one time
this course in contemplation; but
on a false report, that the vessel
and cargo had been restored,
the purpose was abandoned, and
not subsequently resumed. And now
after a delay of six years you are
of opinion, and we agree with
you, that the time for coercive
measures of this, or any other
kind, has gone by.

5 Under these circumstances,
the owners claim indemnity for the
vessel

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Vessel and cargo the former valued
at 4,000 Rupees, the latter at 13,500/
Rupees in all 17,500 together with
interest from the date of the
capture. You have paid to them
with the sanction of the Supreme
Government the sum of 13,4850
being the amount which you were
at one time willing to have paid
to the Arabs by way of compensation
for the liberated slaves. The object
of the Memorials is to claim from
us the remainder of the sum of
17,500, and the interest.

6 In considering the
subject, we shall put entirely out of
the question the two precedents
urged by the Memorialists, the
case of Barbuda, and that of
the Banyas Arabs, both of which
are entirely inapplicable. The payment
to the sufferers of a pecuniary
compensation actually recovered, or
on the point of being recovered
from the offenders, is a different
thing from making compensation
at our own cost, after we have
abandoned the attempt to obtain
it from the plunderers.

7 But if it be a fact
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either notorious or capable of proof, that the vessel while sailing under British colours was seized in retaliation for an act of your Government, and if we are right in our impression of the very inadequate efforts which were made by your Government, to obtain reparation so different from the vigor often exerted by you in similar cases, we think that the sufferers have some claims upon our equity and liberality.

8 The claim which we are willing to acknowledge, cannot extend to the payment of interest which the owners of the "Bhowany Pursad" would not have obtained if your attempts to exact reparation from the Arabs had been successful, it being our practice on these occasions, to be satisfied with simple restitution.

9 But we are willing to concede to the sufferers, such a sum as with the 6850 Rupees already paid, and the proceeds whatever they amount to, of the recovered vessel, shall make up the original value of the ship and cargo. The onus of proving the

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the claimants.

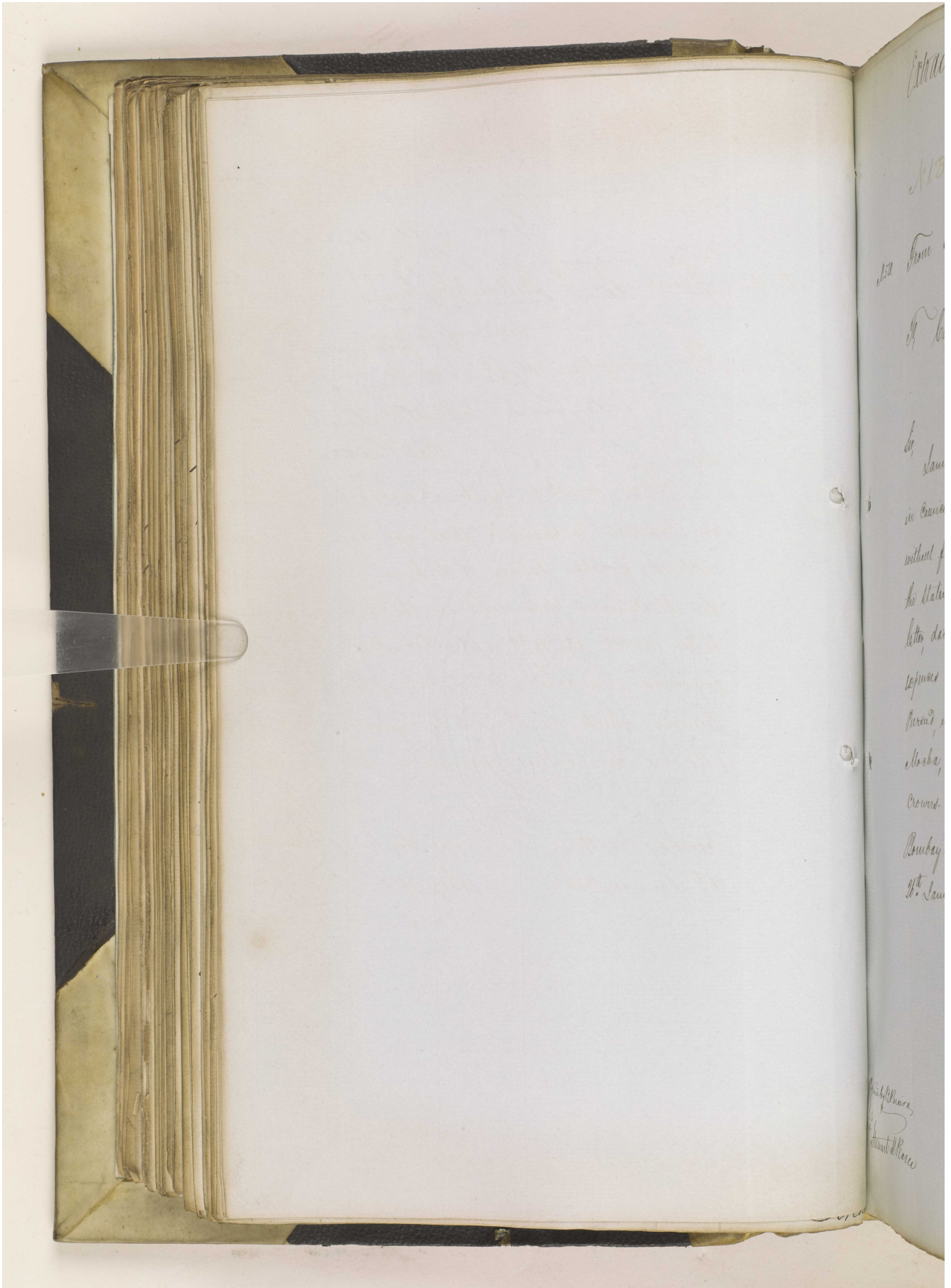
10 You will therefore
take measures to adjust the question
upon this foundation.

We are,

London }
14th Dec^r }
1842. }

Your loving friends,
(Signed) J. L. Lushington
J. Cotton
J^r J^r

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"Bhowany Pursad".' [104v] (20/44)



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"Bhowany Pursad".' [105r] (21/44)

Extract Bombay Political.

consultation 21st January 1844.

N. 1. B N. 301 of 1844.

Political Department.

N. 520. From J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Secretary to Government

To Captain S. B. Haimes

Political agent at aden.

Dated 26th January 1844.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor
in Council to request that you will be pleased,
without further delay, to submit to Government,
the statement promised in the 2^d para. of your
letter, dated the 29th September N. 250 of 1842, of the
expenses incurred on account of the Bhowany
Pursad, which vessel was by your order sold at
Mocha, during that year, for the sum of 300 German
Crowns.

Bombay Castle

26th January 1844

I have the honor to be &c.

Yours &c J. P. Willoughby

Secretary to Government

copied by Khaira,
C. P.
Stewart Pearce

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"Bhowany Pursad".' [106r] (23/44)

Extract Bombay Political

consultation 27th March 1844.

No. 22 of 1844.

No. 2.

No. 11 of 1844.

Political Department.

No. 1823.

From Captain S. B. Haimes I.C.

Political Agent at aden

To J. P. Willoughby Esquire.

Secretary to Government.

Bombay.

Dated Aden 19th February 1844.

Sir,

/1/ I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter number 301 of 1844 Political Department dated January 26th 1844, and regret explanation and statement therein called for, has not appeared in the accounts of the late Native Agent at Mocha, which I understood it was his intention to exhibit.

/2/ I have written to the late Agent for every particular relative to the 300 German Crowns and the expenses incurred, and will do myself the honor of forwarding the same on receipt.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Political agent's office
Aden 19th February 1844

Signed S. B. Haimes
Captain I.C.

Political Agent at aden.

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N^o 3. N^o 975 of 1844.

Political Department.

From J. P. Willoughby Esquire

N. 1844.

Secretary to Government.

To Captain S. B. Haives

Political Agent at Aden

Dated 23rd March 1844.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 19th Ultimo, N. 11, relative to the expenses incurred on account of the Native vessel called the "Bhowany Pursad," and to inform you that the Honorable the Governor in Council will await your further report on this subject.

Bombay Castle
23rd March 1844

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. P. Willoughby
Secretary to Govt.

Copied by B. B.
G. Stewart, S. B.

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"Bhowany Pursad".' [107r] (25/44)

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 4th Sept. 1844.

N^o 4
N^o 85 of 1844. N^o 47 of 1844.

Political Department
From Captain S. B. Haimes S. P.
Political Agent at Aden
To E. H. Townsend Esquire,
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Dated Aden 25th July 1844.

Sir
1/1 With reference to Mr Secretary Wellington's
letter dated 26th January N^o 301 of 1844 Political
Department, I have the honor to forward
a copy of the late Agent at Mocha's Bill on
account of the "Bhowany Pursad" it is a
translated copy from the original transmitted
from Mocha, by Lieutenant Northorn Com-
manding the Honorable Company's Schooner
of War "Constance"

1/2 The Boat in question sold by auction at
Mocha, for 300 German Crowns, and it will
be perceived the expenses attending her in her
distressed state amounts by the late agent's account
to 327 German Crowns, leaving a balance against
the owners of 27 German Crowns -

Political agent's office }
Aden 25th July 1844 } I have the honor to acknowledge
Signed S. B. Haimes
Captain S. P.
Political Agent Aden (107)

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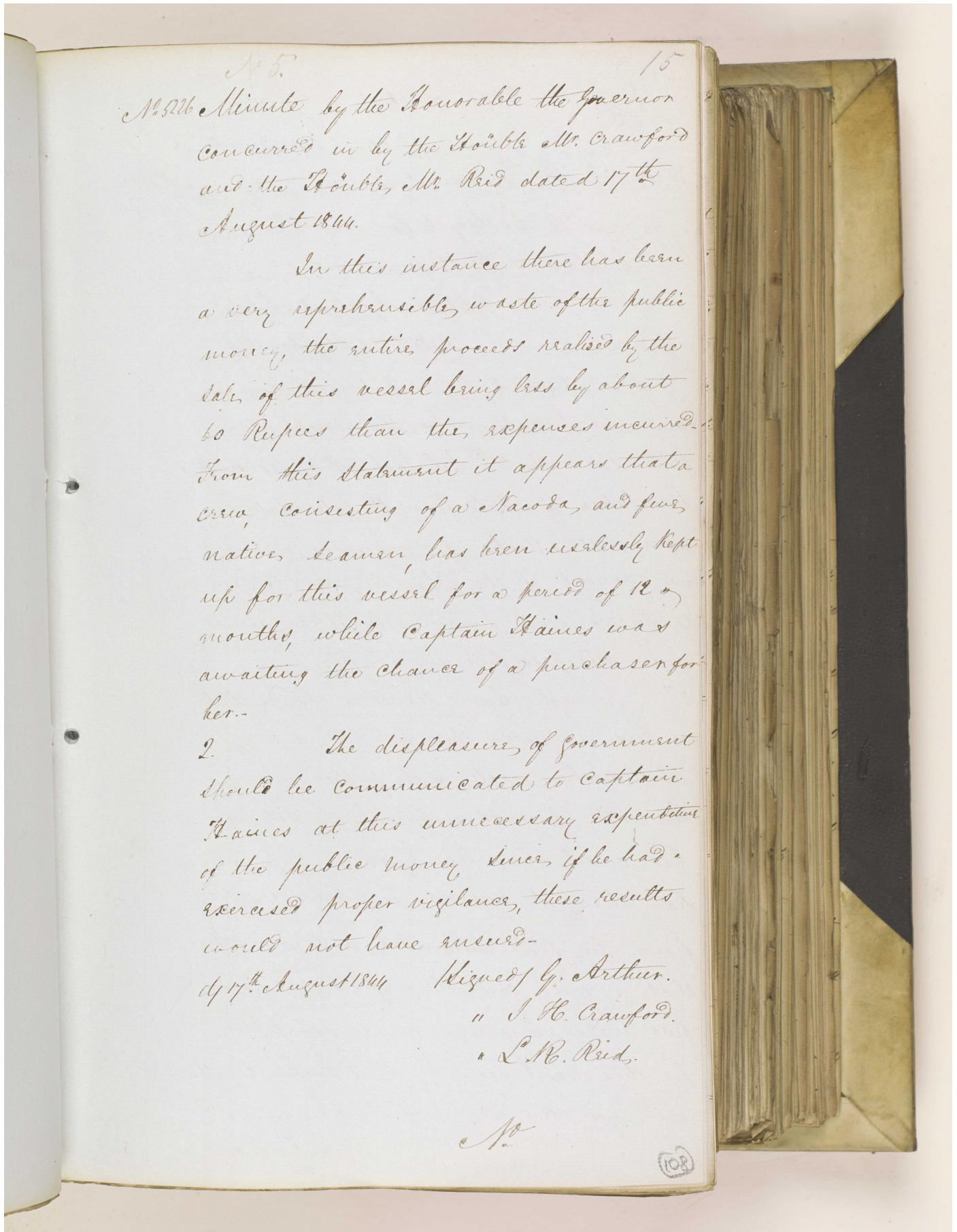
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Memo Translation of a Bill of the Expenses incurred
on account of the Boat "Bhowany Pursad."

N ^o	German Crowns		Equal to Company's Rupees	
	Gr.	Sch.	Rs.	Anas.
5 Callasies & 1 Chacoda's wages for 7 months @ 18 dollars per month	126	"	275	10 "
" 5 Callasies & 1 Chacoda's wages for 5 months @ 9 dollars per month	45	"	98	7 "
" 3 Cooly hire, for conveying a sail from sea shore to Town	1	2 "	3	4 6 "
" for embarking a mast in the Ruzfa	2	"	4	6 "
" for disembarking a Ketchon from the Ruzfa	1	2 "	3	4 6 "
" Cotton for repairing the Ruzfa	"	3 "	1	10 3 "
" oil for D. ^o	1	2 "	3	4 6 "
" Eggs and Chuncum for D. ^o	11	2 "	25	2 6 "
" oil for D. ^o	3	2 "	7	10 6 "
" Callasies Hire for 13 days	29	1 1/2 "	64	4 1/2 "
" Ropes for anchor	35	"	76	9 "
" 1 Iron chain	15	"	32	13 "
" 1 Coir Rope	6	"	13	2 "
" 1 - B. ^o large	24	3 "	54	7 3 "
" 1 - B. ^o	11	"	24	1 "
" 1 - D. ^o	6	1 "	13	10 9 "
" Coolies for dragging the Ruzfa to the Shore	"	11 1/2 "	"	4 4 1/2 "
" Callasies	6	4 1/2 "	13	6 4 1/2 "
Total	327	"	715	9 4 1/2 "

N. B. one German crown is equal to
Two Rupees and three Annas.

True Translation
Wm. P. Haines
Political agent



No. 5. 15
No. 226 Minute by the Honorable the Governor
concurring in by the Honble Mr. Crawford
and the Honble, Mr. Reid dated 17th
August 1844.

In this instance there has been
a very reprehensible waste of the public
money, the entire proceeds realised by the
sale of this vessel being less by about
60 Rupees than the expenses incurred.
From this statement it appears that a
crew, consisting of a Macoda, and five
natives, seamen, has been uselessly kept
up for this vessel for a period of 12
months, while Captain Haines was
awaiting the chance of a purchaser for
her.

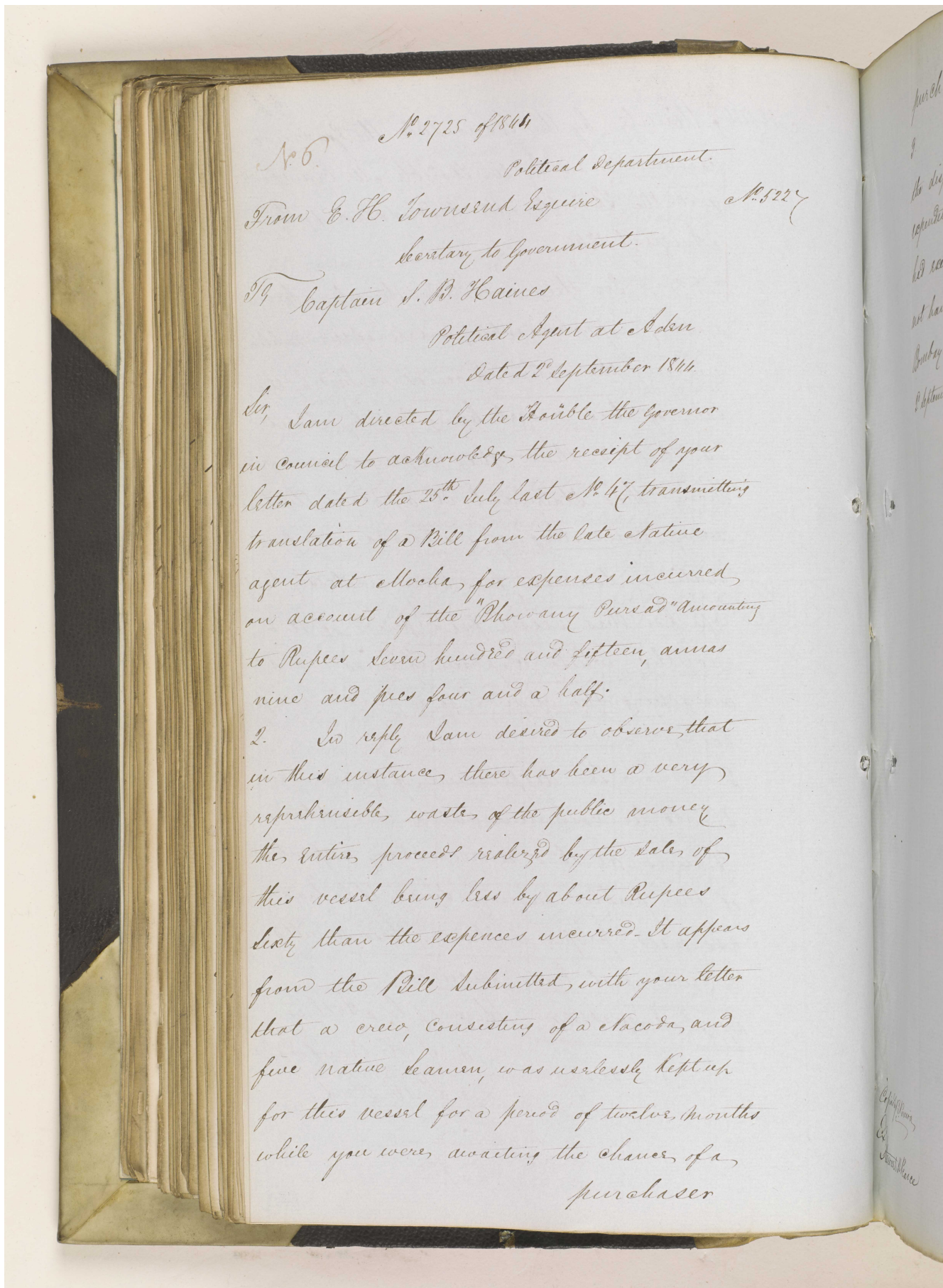
2. The displeasure of Government
should be communicated to Captain
Haines at this unnecessary expenditure
of the public money, since, if he had
exercised proper vigilance, these results
would not have ensued.

17th August 1844 Signed G. Arthur.
" J. H. Crawford.
" L. R. Reid.

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"Bhowany Pursad".' [108v] (28/44)



No. 6. No. 2725 of 1846
Political Department.
From E. H. Townsend Esquire No. 5227
Secretary to Government.
To Captain S. B. Haines
Political Agent at Aden.
Dated 2^d September 1846.
Sir, I am directed by the Honble the Governor
in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 25th July last No. 47, transmitting
translation of a Bill from the late Native
agent at Allocha, for expenses incurred,
on account of the "Bhowany Pursad" amounting
to Rupees four hundred and fifteen, annas
nine and pice four and a half.
2. In reply I am desired to observe, that
in this instance, there has been a very
reprehensible waste of the public money,
the entire proceeds realized by the sale of
this vessel being less by about Rupees
sixty than the expenses incurred. It appears
from the Bill submitted, with your letter
that a crew, consisting of a chaco, and
five native seamen, was uselessly kept up
for this vessel for a period of twelve months
while you were awaiting the chance of a
purchaser

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purchaser for her.

I am desired to communicate, to you
the displeasure of Government at this unnecessary
expenditure of the public money, since if you
had exercised proper vigilance, these results would
not have ensued.

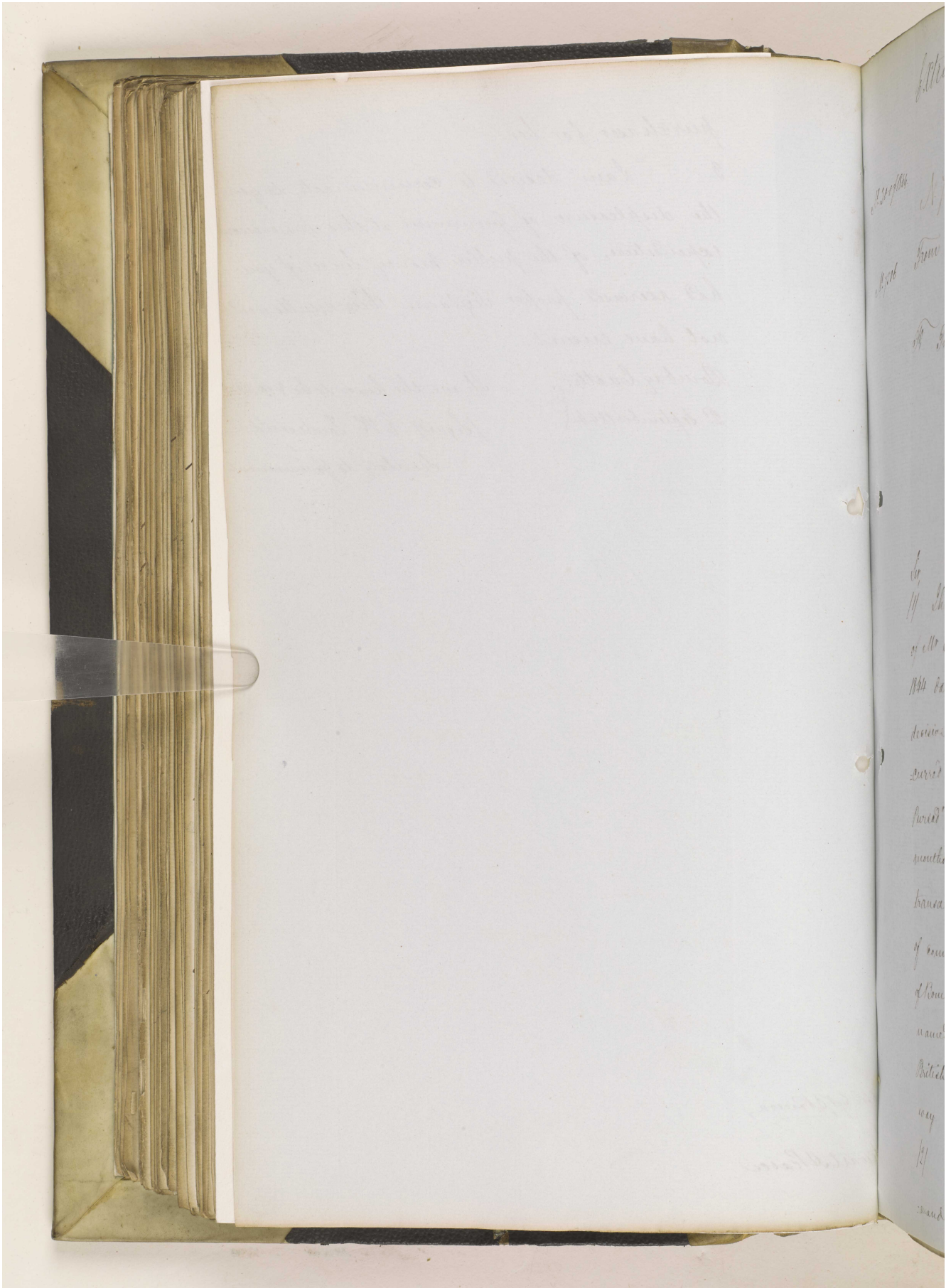
Bombay Castle
2^d September 1844

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed E. H. Townsend,
Secretary to Government

Copied by P. P. P.
Stewart Pearce

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"Bhowany Pursad".' [109v] (30/44)



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"Bhowany Pursad".' [110r] (31/44)

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 21st Decr 1844.

N^o 506 of 1844.

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Secret Department

N^o 506 From Captain S. B. James Esq.

Political Agent at Aden

To The Honorable

J. P. Willoughby Esquire,

Chief Secretary to the Government,

Bombay.

Dated Aden 25th October 1844.

Sir,

[1] I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Townsends letter number 2725 of 1844 dated September 2nd 1844, reflecting in very decisive terms on the amount of a Bill incurred by the destruction of the "Bhowany Pursad" at Mocha, during the period of twelve months. I must beg to remind you that in this transaction, I acted merely as the channel of communication, between the Government of Bombay and the Mocha Agent; the last named party being liable to the orders of the British Consul General, in Egypt. in every way independent of my jurisdiction.

[2] In May 1840, Lieutenant Powell Com-
manding the Honorable Companys Sloop of
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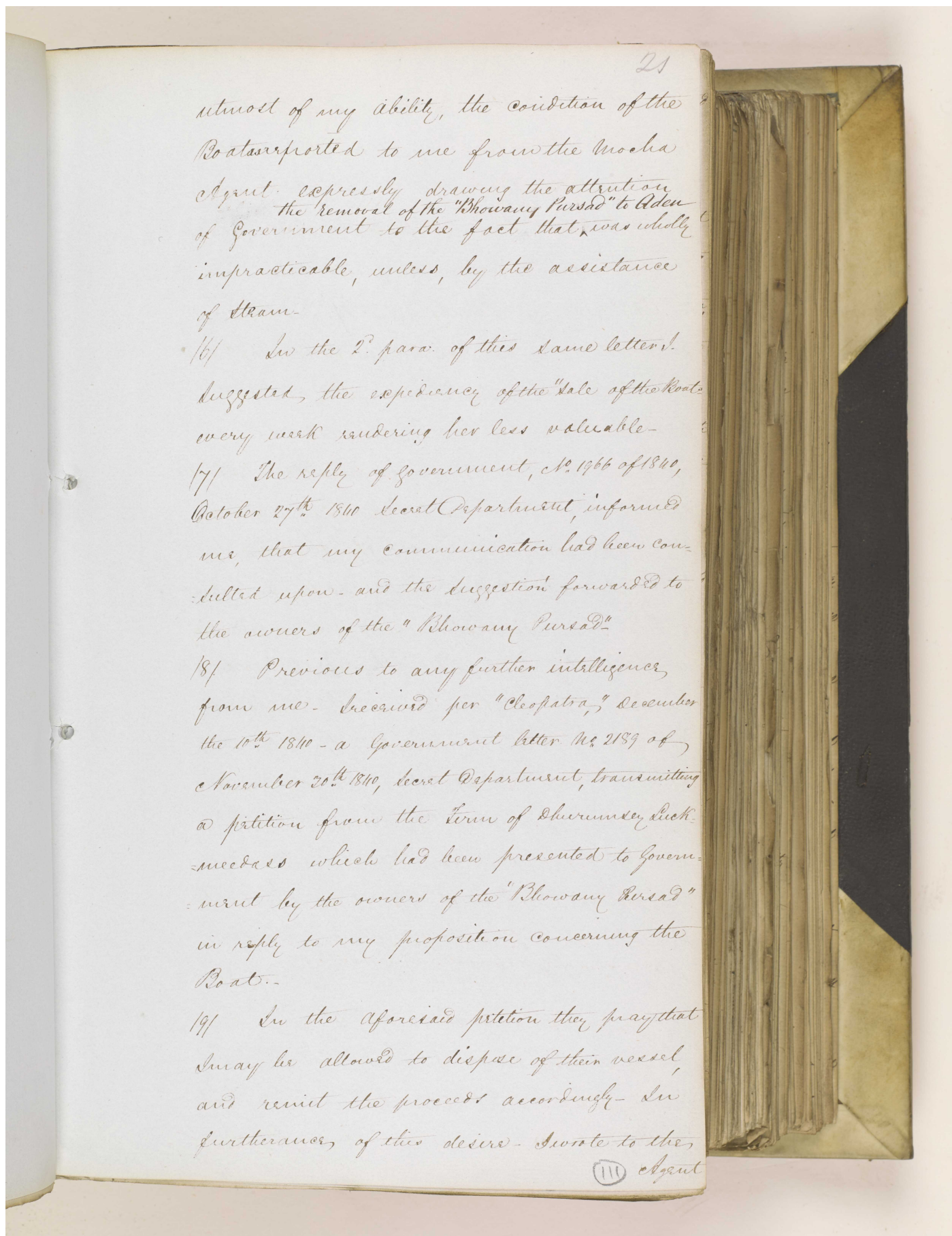
"Mr Elphinstone" wrote to me from Mocha
at which Port he was stationed for the protection
of trade/ stating, that the vessel above mentioned
on route to Aden, # # # # had been driven
by strong winds past Aden to Mocha, and had,
at the time of writing, been lying therein
in a most wretched condition, for the last four
months - totally dismasted and, abandoned
by her crew.

3/ On the 3^d of June 1840, vide letter No. 22 of 1840
Political Department, I had the opportunity to
inform Government to the effect stated.

4/ In reply No. 1185, dated Bombay, July the
15th 1840, the receipt of my letter was acknowledged,
and the copy of a letter from the Bombay
Government to the Com of Dharmasek-
meed as therein enclosed "for my information".

In this letter, the Agent is directed to send
some person to take charge of the "Bhowany
Pursad." Still erroneously supposing the Boat
to be at Aden - upon the receipt of these directions
I immediately sent to the Mocha Agent re-
the wishes of Government and requesting
presenting, him to carry them into effect,
by delivering over the vessel to whomsoever
should be deputed to the charge.

5/ September 25th 1840. In a letter dated
No. 6th of 1840, I endeavoured to set forth to the
utmost



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utmost of my ability, the condition of the
Boat reported to me from the Mocha
Agent expressly drawing the attention
of Government to the fact that, ^{the removal of the "Bhowany Pursad" to Aden} was wholly
impracticable, unless, by the assistance
of steam.

16/ In the 2^d para. of this same letter
suggested, the expediency of the "sale of the Boat
every week rendering her less valuable-

17/ The reply of Government, N^o. 1766 of 1840,
October 27th 1840 Secret Department, informed
me, that my communication had been con-
sulted upon - and the suggestion forwarded to
the owners of the "Bhowany Pursad"

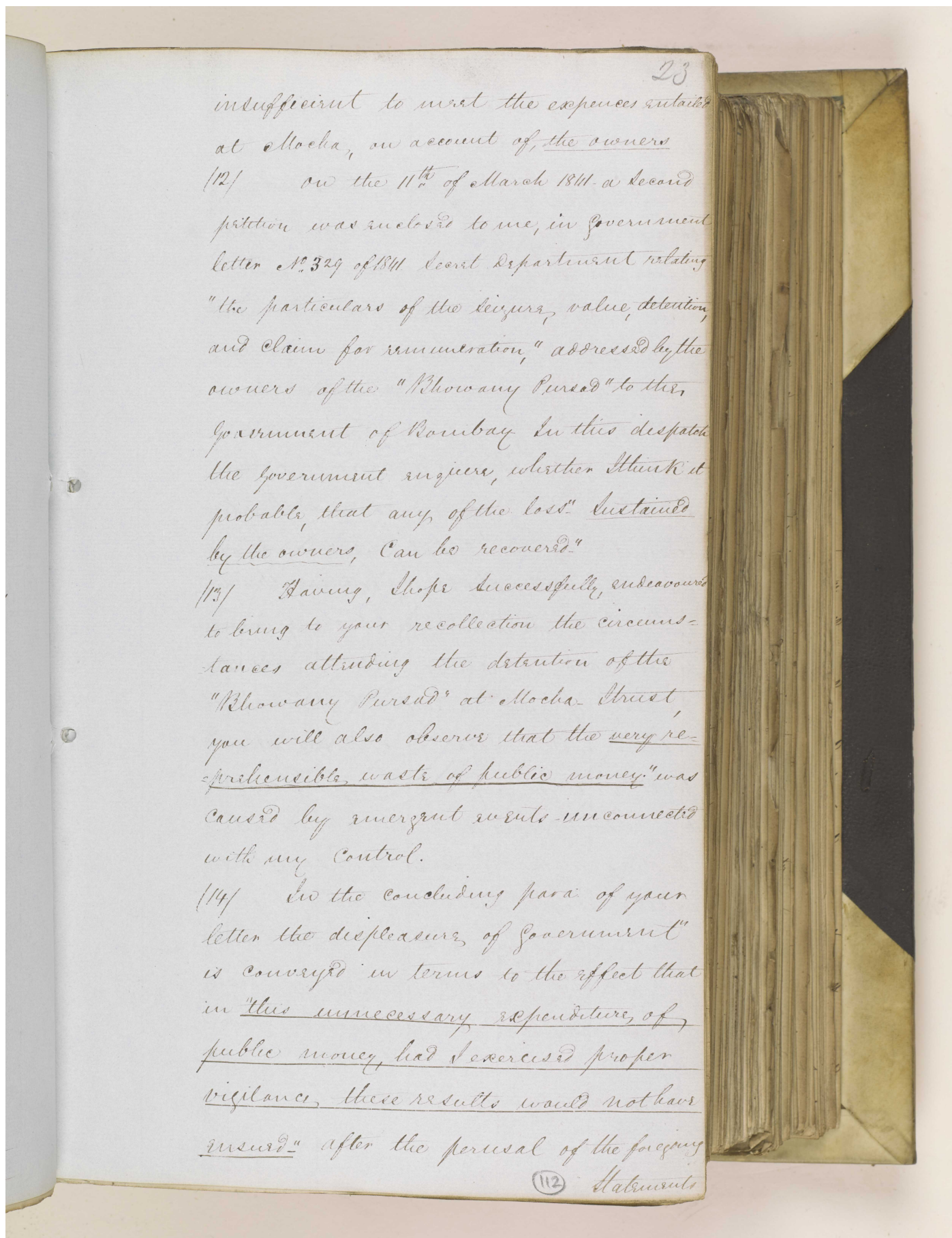
18/ Previous to any further intelligence
from me - received per "Cleopatra," December
the 10th 1840 - a Government letter N^o. 2189 of,
November 20th 1840, Secret Department, transmitting
a petition from the Firm of Dhurrunder, Luck-
nowdah which had been presented to Govern-
ment by the owners of the "Bhowany Pursad"
in reply to my proposition concerning the
Boat.

19/ In the aforesaid petition they pray that
I may be allowed to dispose of their vessel,
and remit the proceeds accordingly - In
furtherance, of this desire - I wrote to the
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Agent at Alchoa explaining that the Government of Bombay had forwarded to me, a letter from the Firm of Dhurumsey Lucknoodass showing that they had considered it necessary to alter the plans concerning the "Bhowany Pursad" and in lieu of any persons being appointed to transfer the Boat to Aden, or Bombay, the owners had petitioned for her immediate sale, and the proceeds thereof to be remitted accordingly.

111/ The only responsibility that the opportunity to incur, with regard to the circumstances of this case, consisted, in requesting the Alchoa Agent to have the Boat carefully hauled up, till the sale had been effected, hoping by this precaution to spare, or further damages to her.

111/ In January 1841, the information arrived from Alchoa, that the sum of 500 Dollars had been offered for the Boat. In reply I directed the Agent in compliance with the orders from Bombay, to sell the "Bhowany Pursad" by public auction; which, being accomplished, realized the same amount, of 500 Dollars - and which has since been pronounced by the Agent - insufficient



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insufficient to meet the expenses sustained
at Mocha, on account of, the owners
[12] on the 11th of March 1841 a second
petition was enclosed to me, in Government
letter No. 329 of 1841 Secret Department relating
"the particulars of the seizure, value, detention,
and claim for remuneration," addressed by the
owners of the "Bhowany Pursad" to the
Government of Bombay In this despatch
the Government enquires, whether I think it
probable, that any of the loss sustained
by the owners, can be recovered."

[13] Having, I hope successfully, endeavoured
to bring to your recollection the circum-
stances attending the detention of the
"Bhowany Pursad" at Mocha Strait,
you will also observe that the very re-
prehensible, waste of public money "was
caused by emergent events unconnected
with my control.

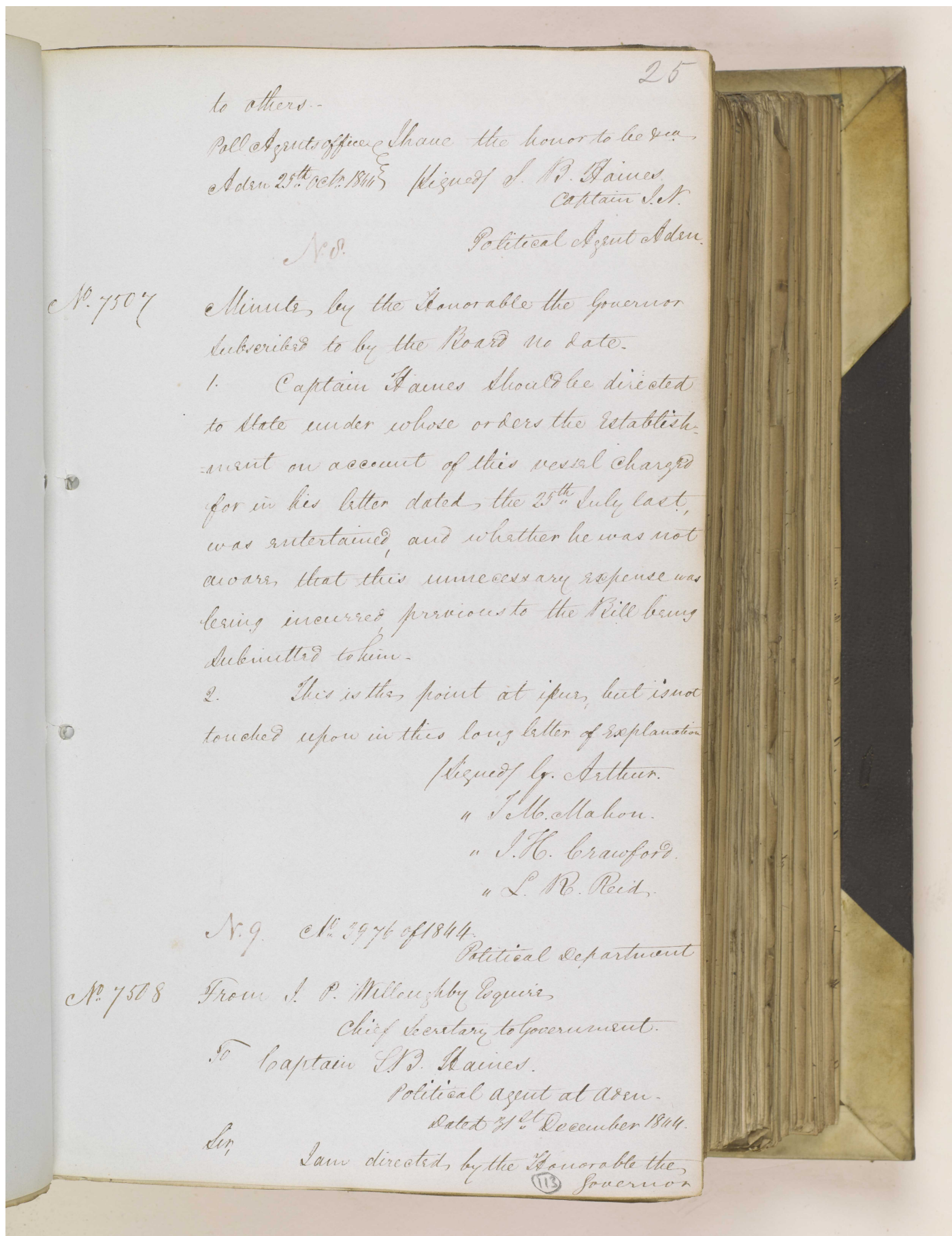
[14] In the concluding para of your
letter the displeasure of Government
is conveyed in terms to the effect that
in "this unnecessary expenditure, of,
public money, had I exercised proper
vigilance, these results would not have
ensued" after the perusal of the foregoing

(112) Statements

Statements earnestly trust, the censure
may be reconsidered.

157 In the first instance, I was not in-
formed of having power to dispose of the
vessel, in any way, independently - The
money expended in the "Bhowany Pursad",
is, in Mr. Secretary Townsend's letter, desig-
nated, public money - whereas in the cor-
respondence, of Government, I am led to con-
sider the vessel as belonging to the firm
of Shumsey Luckinbass - and therefore,
accounted by me 'Private', not public
property - and had no legal authority
for selling, or removing, or in any manner
whatsoever interfering with the private
property of any individual, or individuals.
Neither with respect to a public vessel,
could I act on my own responsibility.

16. There appears to be some mistake
existing, in regard to the "Bhowany Pursad",
which, I would most respectfully beg leave,
to intimate, may perchance arise from
not having collected the correspondence,
referring to that Boat into a regular
form - and this apprehension induces
me to trouble you at such length in
order to avoid as much labour as possible,
to



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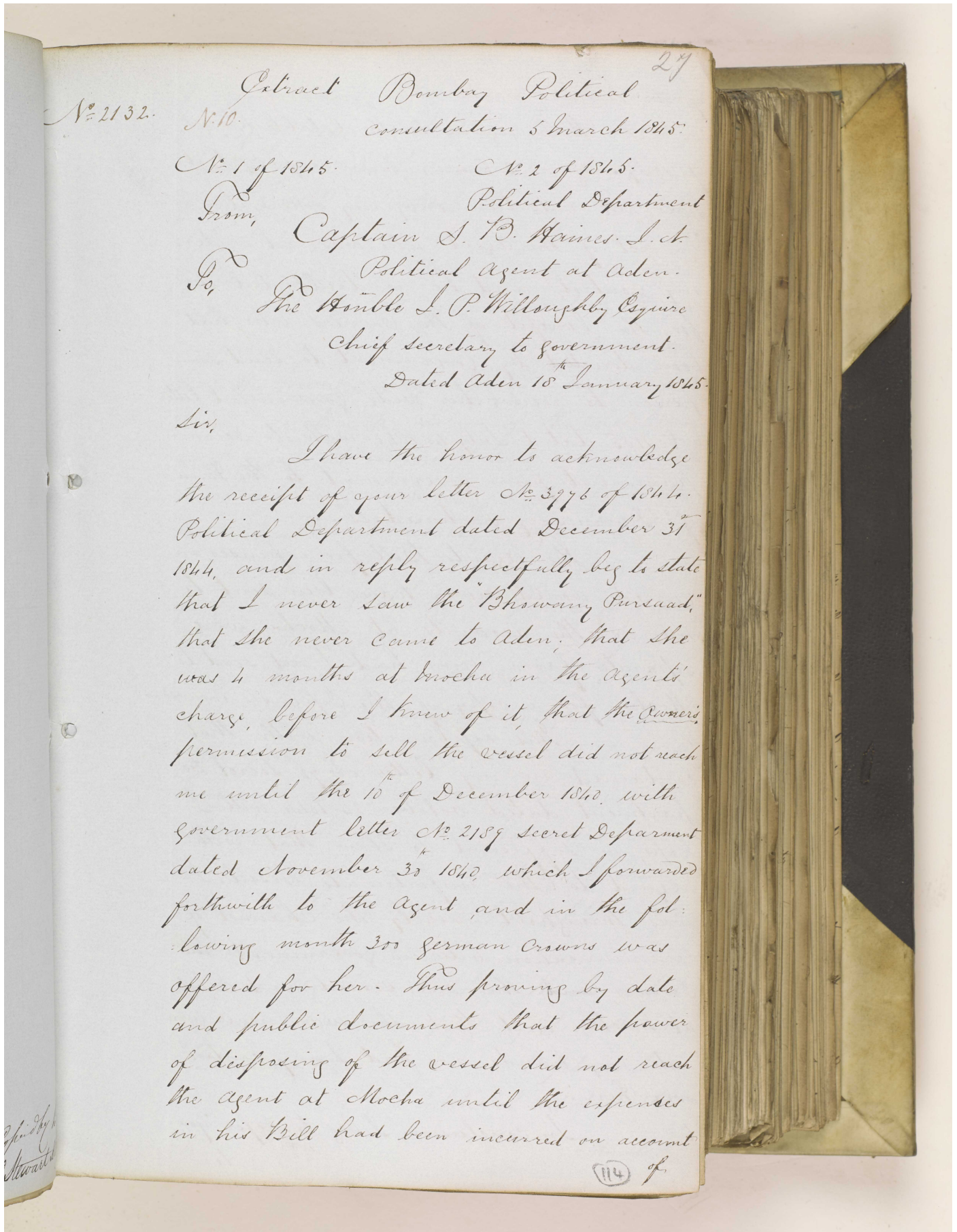
Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th October last No. 72, submitting an explanation of the circumstances under which a crew, consisting of a Macdiah and five native seamen, was kept up for the "Bhowany Pursad" for a period of twelve months, while you were awaiting the chance of a purchaser for her.

2. In reply I am desired to request that you will be pleased to state, under whose orders the above establishment was entertained, and whether you were not aware, that this unnecessary expense was being incurred, previous to the bill for the same being submitted to you.

Bombay Castle
31st December 1846

I have the honor to be,
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary.

Copied by R. K.
Stewart M. K.



of the owners.

2. With regard to the Establishment of 1 Sprang and 5 men being employed, it was not entertained by my orders, it was an act of the Agent who was not under my control, and he no doubt did it for the benefit of the Owners who had been directed by government to send some person to receive her vide government letter N^o: 1185 dated July 10th 1840 with its accompaniment from government to the Firm of "Durrumsey Luchmedass".

3. The Agents Bill for expenses incurred would never have been sent to me, as the accounts at Mocha were separate from mine, had I not sent to Mocha for a copy of the Expenses incurred.

4. This explanation with that contained in my letter N^o: 72 Secret Department dated October 24th 1844 will, I hope, be sufficient to shew that with regard to the unfortunate vessel, I was throughout merely the channel of communication between government, the Owners, and the Vice consul and agent at Mocha and that she was never given into my hands, nor had I any control over her.

5. In conclusion, I beg to refer you
to

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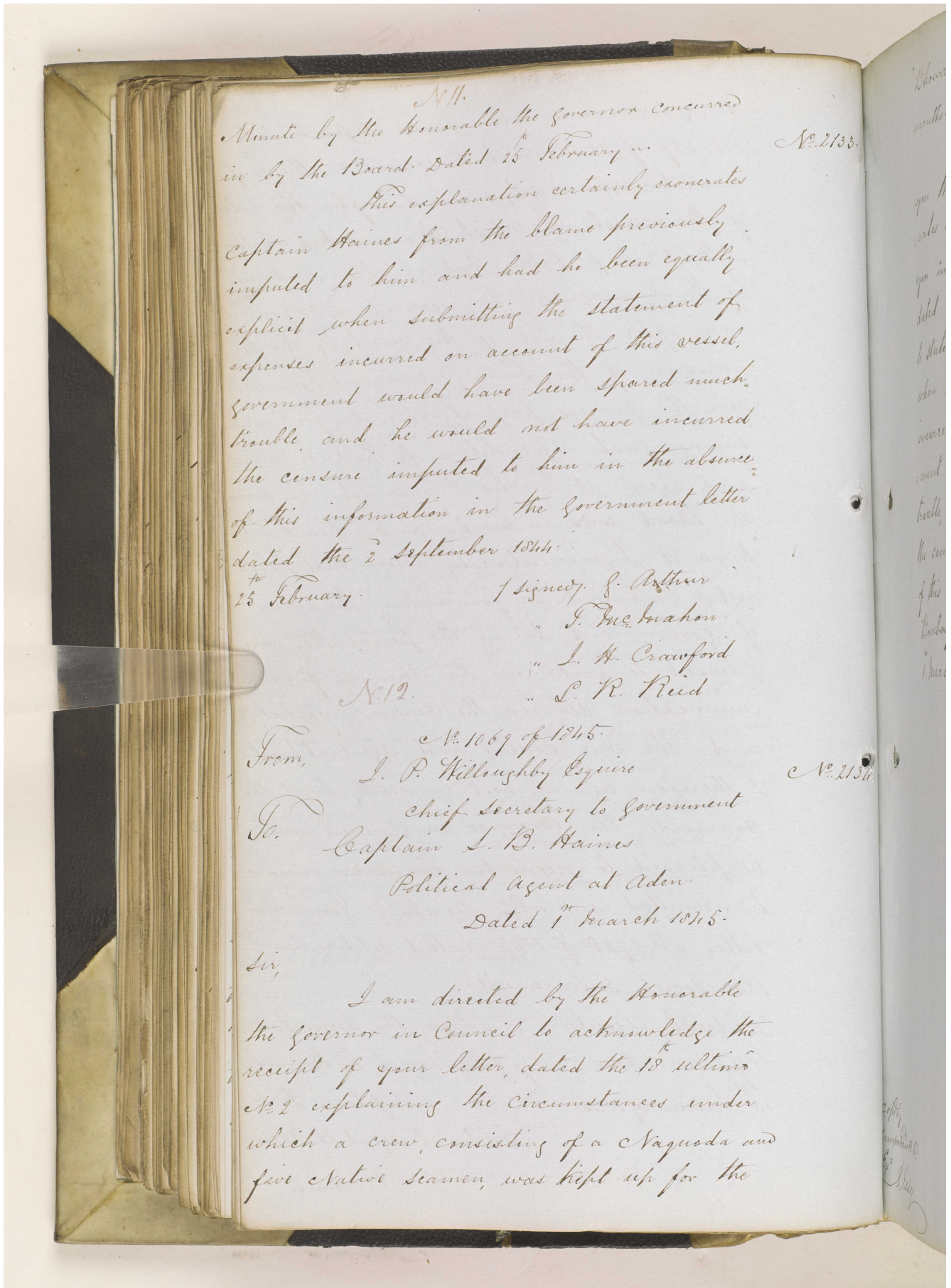
to government letter Secret Department
No. 529 of 1841 which I received on the 11th of
march 1841 nearly 3 months after the sale
of the vessel in which I am asked whether
I think it probable that any loss sustained
by the Owners can be recovered - shewing that
even after the sale of the vessel by the per-
mission of the Firm - government considered
her the Owners' property - Besides for 4 months
during such expenditure of the Vice Consul
and agent at Soccha, I was not even aware
the Boat was in Soccha, and when I did
know it I conscientiously assert that I lost
not a moment in forwarding the views
of government during the period they were
pleased to make me the channel of com-
munication between the Owners' wishes,
and the Vice Consul and Agent at Soccha.
I therefore again most earnestly trust the
Honorable the Governor in Council will
be pleased to reconsider the severe censure
transmitted in Mr. Secretary Townsends
letter No. 2725 of 1844 dated September 2
1844 Secret Department.

Political Agents } I have the honor to
Office Aden } signed J. B. Haines
18 January 1845. } Captain J. St.
Political Agent at Aden

Minute

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N^o. 11.
Minute by the Honorable the Governor concurred
in by the Board. Dated 25th February.

N^o. 2133.

This explanation certainly exonerates
Captain Haines from the blame previously
imputed to him and had he been equally
explicit when submitting the statement of
expenses incurred on account of this vessel,
Government would have been spared much
trouble, and he would not have incurred
the censure imputed to him in the absence
of this information in the Government letter
dated the 2^d September 1844.

25th February.

1 signed: J. Arthur

" J. Macbraton

" J. H. Crawford

" C. R. Reid

N^o. 12.

From,

N^o. 1069 of 1845.

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

N^o. 2134.

To,

Chief Secretary to Government

Captain S. B. Haines

Political Agent at Aden.

Dated 1st March 1845.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable
the Governor in Council to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter, dated the 18th ultimo
N^o. 2 explaining the circumstances under
which a crew, consisting of a Nagnoda and
five Native seamen, was kept up for the

'Arabian Gulf. Piracy by the Mahara Arabs in 1836 of a Native vessel called the
"Bhowany Pursad".' [116r] (43/44)

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"Bhowany Pursad" for a period of twelve months.

In reply I am desired to inform you that this explanation certainly exonerates you from the blame imputed to you in Mr. Secretary Townsends letter dated the 2 September last, N^o. 2725, and to state that had you been equally explicit when submitting the statement of expenses incurred on account of this vessel, Government would have been saved much trouble, and you would not have incurred the censure imputed to you in the absence of this information.

Bombay Castle
1st March 1845.

Have the honor to be
signed, J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary.

True Extract.

W. Willoughby
Chief Secretary.

copy
sent to R. P.
2^d
R. Eddy

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"Bhowany Pursad".' [116v] (44/44)

