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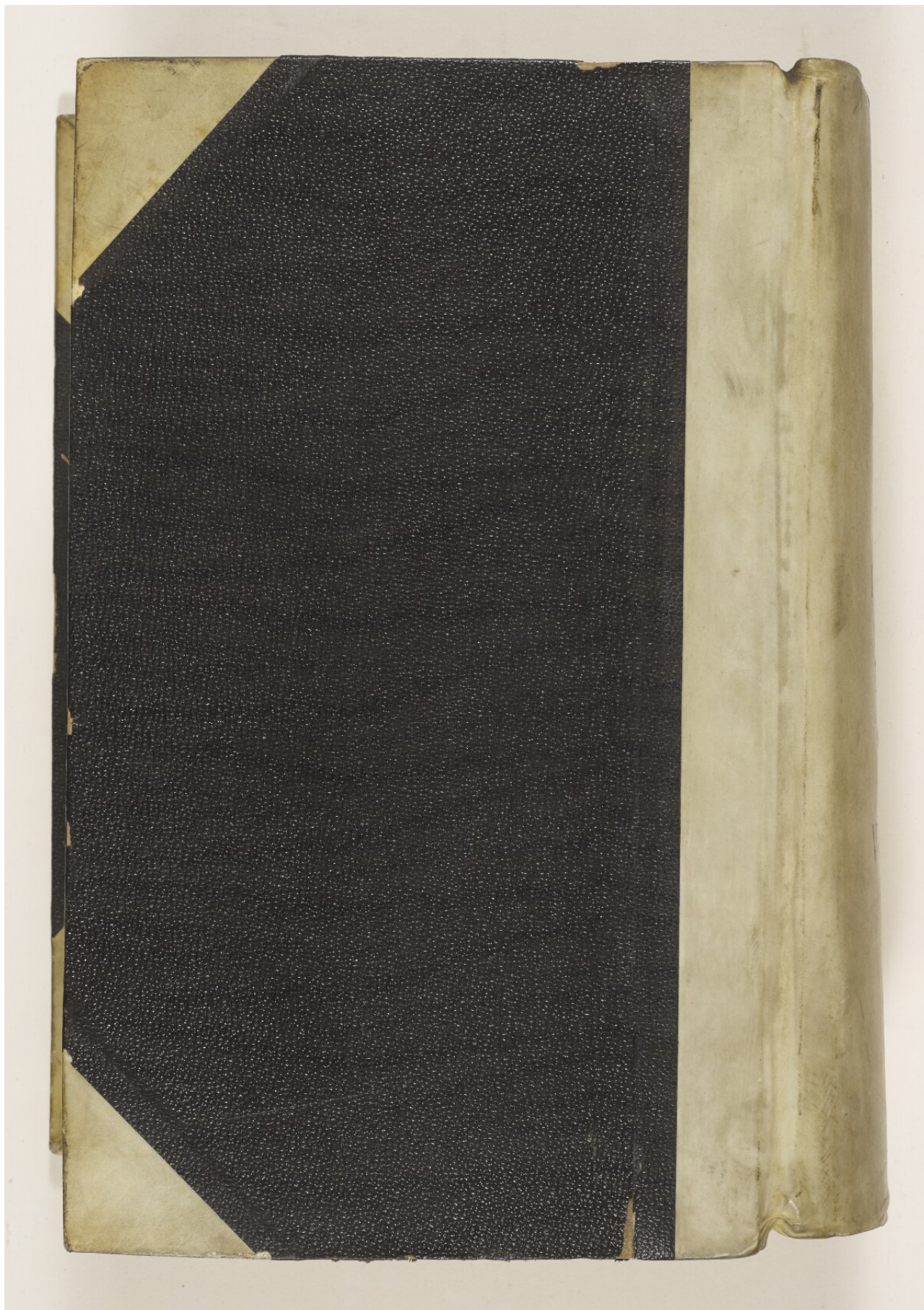
About this record

This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, and minutes cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai]. The correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Major Samuel Hennell, British Resident in the Persian Gulf; Lieutenant John Stephens, Senior Indian Naval Officer commanding the Persian Gulf Squadron; and Captain Robert Oliver, Superintendent of the Indian Navy. It is the seventh in a series of twenty items on the Persian Gulf (the others are IOR/F/4/2180/106055, IOR/F/4/2180/106056, IOR/F/4/2180/106057, IOR/F/4/2180/106058, IOR/F/4/2180/106059, IOR/F/4/2180/106060, IOR/F/4/2181/106062, IOR/F/4/2181/106063, IOR/F/4/2181/106064, IOR/F/4/2181/106065, IOR/F/4/2181/106066, IOR/F/4/2181/106067, IOR/F/4/2181/106068, IOR/F/4/2181/106069, IOR/F/4/2181/106070, IOR/F/4/2181/106071, IOR/F/4/2181/106072, IOR/F/4/2181/106073, and IOR/F/4/2181/106074).

The item concerns the movements of the East India Company brig *Euphrates*, which Lieutenant Stephens sent to Bassadore [Basa'idu] rather than to Katiff [Qatif] as he had been directed, due to the poor repair of the ship.

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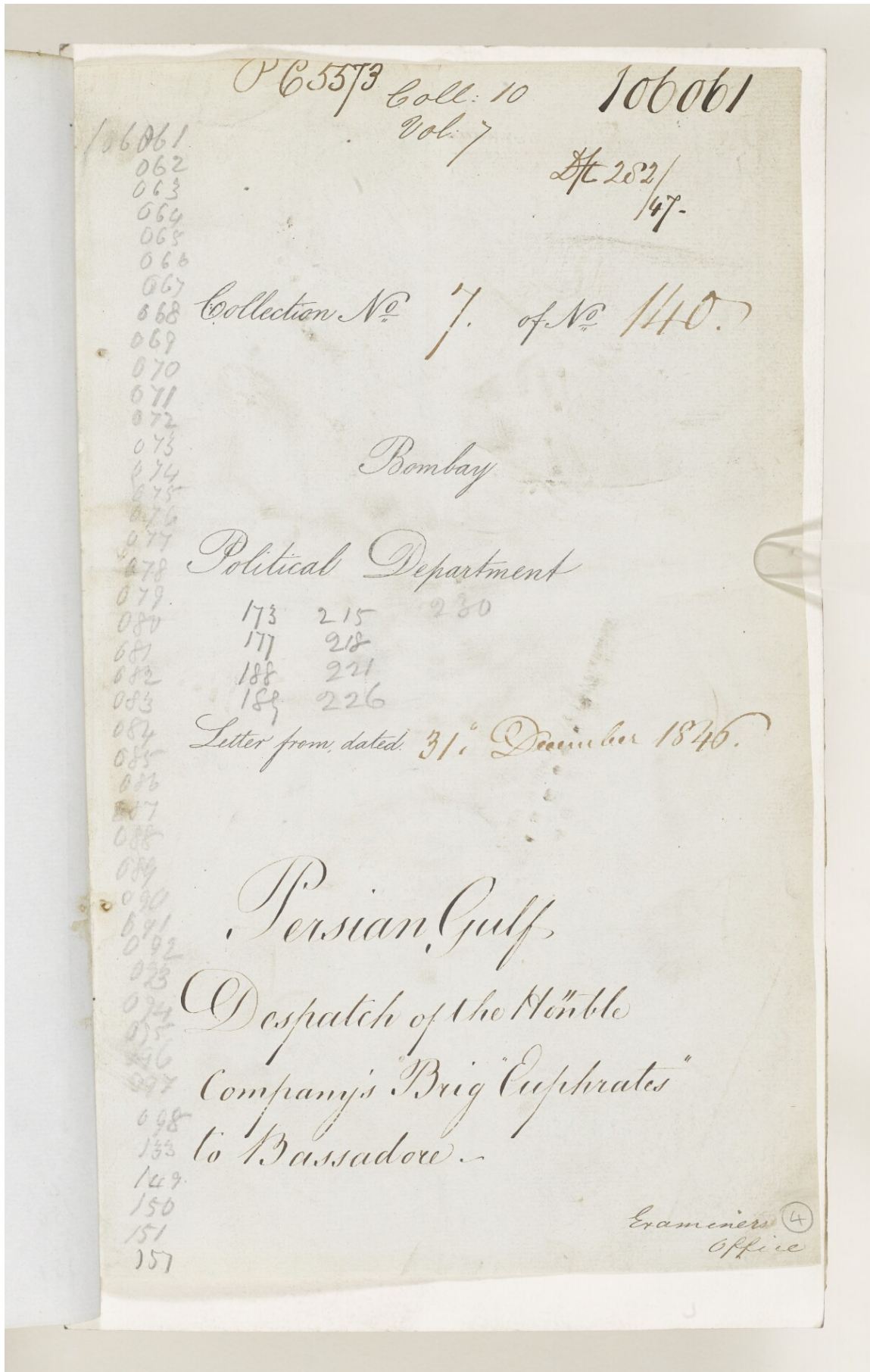












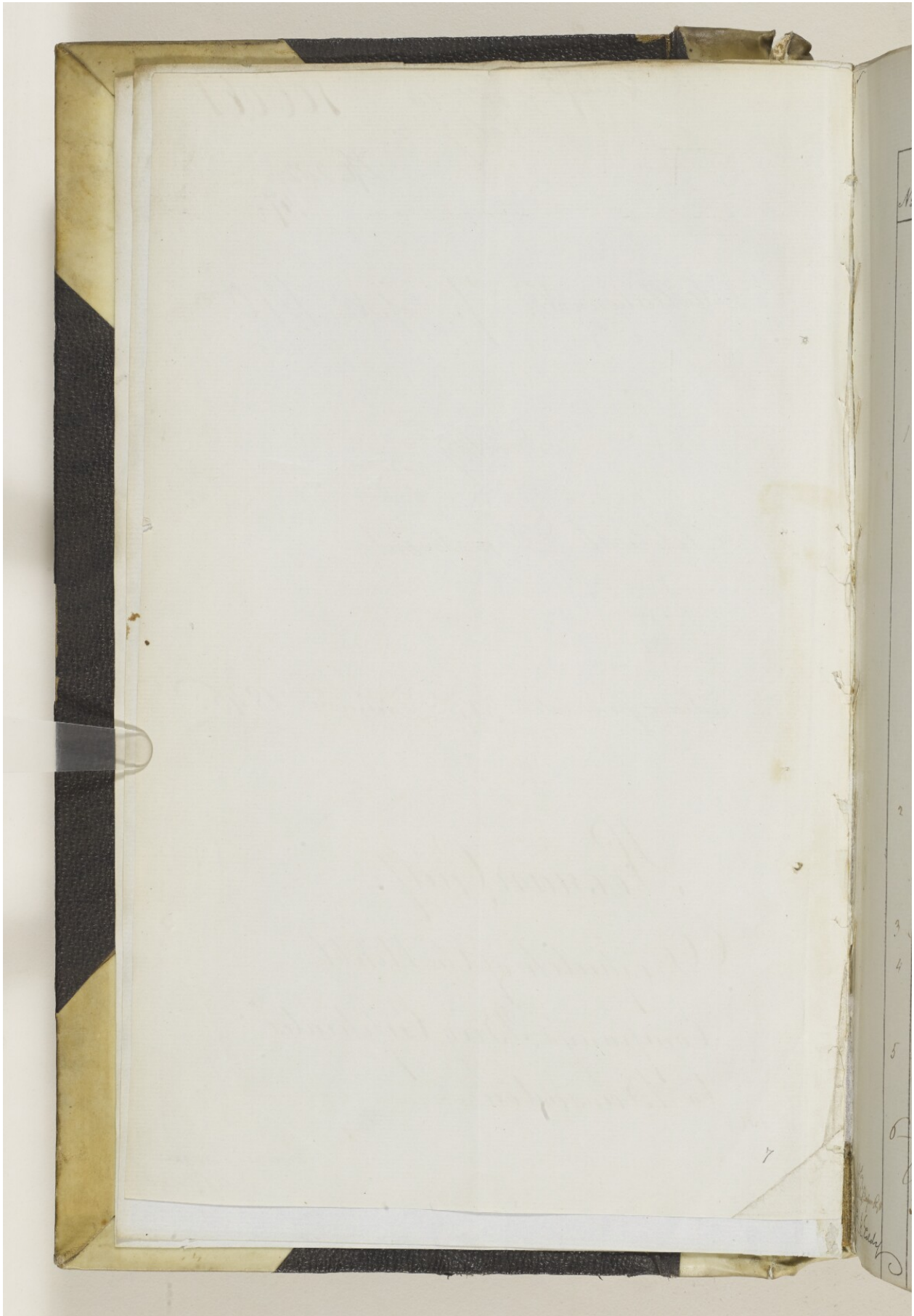




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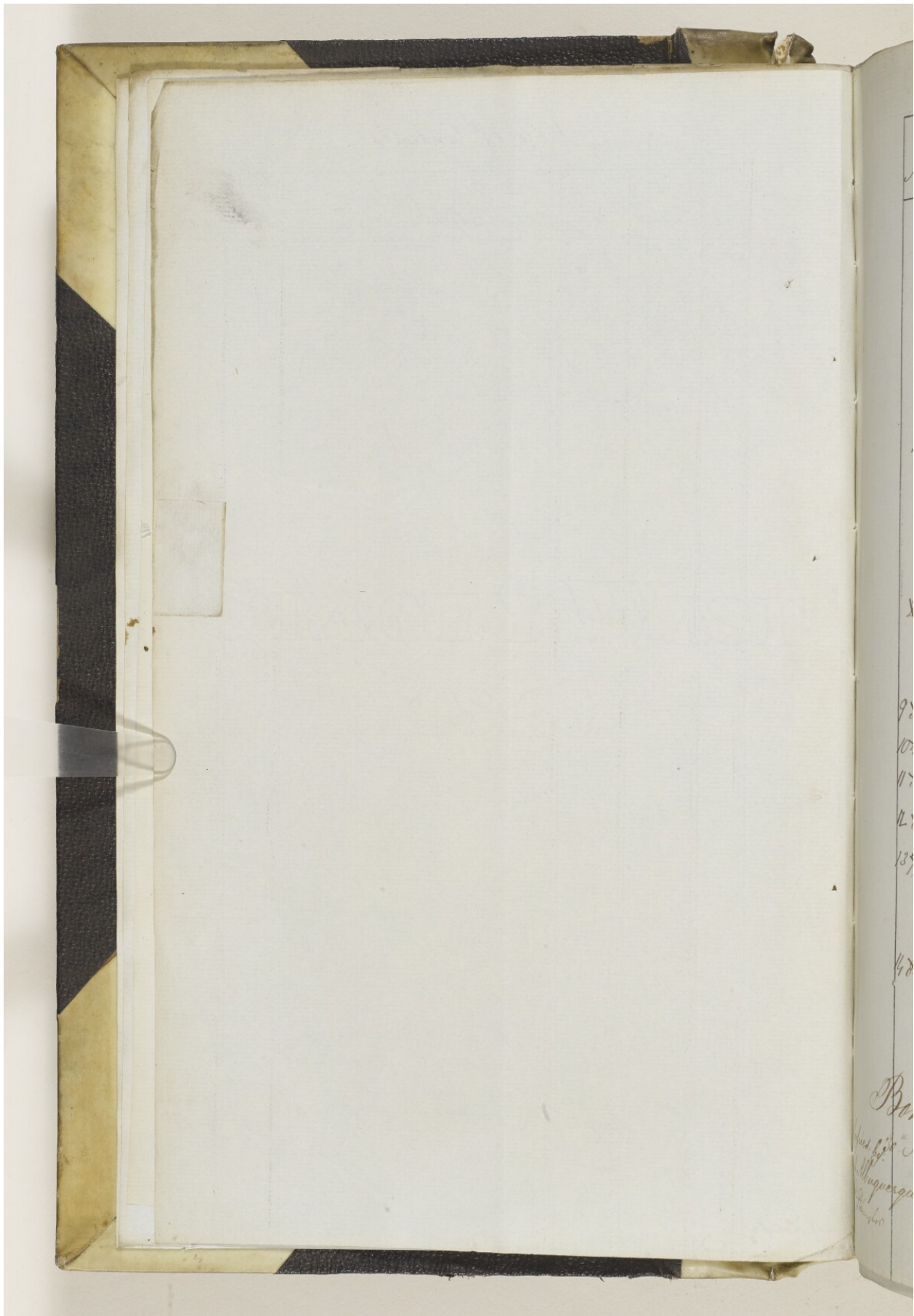




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Bombay Castle

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30 January 1847

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Secy to Govt.



Extract Bombay Political
Consul: Dec. 1846.

Office. No. 373 of 1846.

Cons: No. 95 of 1846.

No. 9260. From Major S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian
Gulf.

No,

A. Malet Esquire

Secretary to Government

Bombay

Sir

Dated 21st October 1846.

With reference to the 3^d para-
graph of my despatch, to your address
No. 74 in this Department, under date
the 21st July last on the subject of Lieut^t
Stephens, the Senior Officer of the Indian
Navy on this Station, having despatched
the Honorable Company's Brig "Euphrates"
direct from Bahrein to Bassadore,
instead of that vessel accompanying
the Honorable Company's Sloop of War
"Clive" to Flatiff, I now do myself the honor
to forward for the information of the
Honorable the Governor in Council, the
accompanying Extract of a communication
from Lieutenant Stephens, dated the 19th
Instant, explanatory of the reasons -

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which rendered it necessary for him to deviate from my requisition. This explanation will I doubt not be deemed fully satisfactory by the Honorable the Governor in Council. —

Residency in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to be Sir
Bushire, 21st October 1846 } Signed J. Hennell,
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Stephen's Senior Indian Naval Officer, Commanding the Squadron to Major Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf, dated the 19th of October 1846. —

In reply to the 2^d para of N^o 289 I beg leave to state for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that the Caps and Tops (which may be called the vital parts of a Vessel of the Honorable Company's Brig of War "Euphrates" were in such an extremely bad state, that in my judgment as a seaman, the Vessel was not seaworthy. In the first place, on account of the intricate navigations among the reefs and shoals and very bad anchoring ground near Flatiff and Bahrein, secondly it being the season for
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Strong N. Westers, and thirdly the bad sailing qualities of the Brig, conceiving myself to be the best judge while holding the position of Senior Naval Officer in these Seas, I took upon myself the responsibility of deviating from your requisitions, had I not done so it might have occasioned the loss of a Vessel.

It is satisfactory to me to learn from the 3^d para. that no bad consequence has ensued, it appearing that the presence of the Vessel I have the honor to Command was sufficient to awe the Chief of Katiiff, into better behaviour.

In reference to the 5th para, I hesitated for some time whether I should receive the presents but they were made with such apparent good will that a refusal of them I imagined would have had a tendency the reverse of a conciliatory.

(True Extract)

|Signed| S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf,

(True Copy)

|Signed| S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf, ⑧

Minute



N^o 2
Minutes by the Honorable the Governor N^o 9261.
dated 13th December concurred in
by the Honorable W^m Blane.

Lieutenant Stephens's reasons
for sending away the "Euphrates" to
refit are satisfactory but as this vessel
only left Bombay on the 12th April last
I think that such serious defects should
be noticed to the Superintendent of the
Indian Navy.

Signed L. B. Keil

13th Dec^r. 1846. — " D. Blane

Minutes by the Honorable W^m N^o 9262.
Willoughby dated 13th December. 1846.

I would not give an opinion
that Lieutenant Stephens's explana-
tion is satisfactory without a previous
reference to the Superintendent of the
Indian Navy.

13th Dec^r. 1846. Signed J. P. Willoughby

Further Minutes by the Honorable the N^o 9263
Governor dated 14th December 1846 con-
curred in by the Honorable W^m
Blane.

The Resident considers the
explanation satisfactory and I see no
reason to doubt the truth of Lieutenant
Stephens's assertions.

Signed



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Signed L. R. Reid
11.th Decr. 1846. — " D. Blanc.
N^o 5 — N^o 4742 of 1846.
N^o 9264. From A. Malet Esquire.
Secretary to Government
Bombay
Major S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian
Gulf.
Sir, Dated 16.th Decr. 1846.
I am directed to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter N^o 9264
dated the 21.st October last forward-
ing Extract of a letter from Lieutth
Stephens, explaining his reason for
having despatched the Honorable
Company's Brig "Euphrates" direct to
Bassadore, instead of taking her
with him to Katiff and in reply to
acquaint you that the Honorable
the Governor in Council considers
this explanation to be satisfactory.
I have the honor to be &c.
Signed A. Malet
Secretary to Govern-
ment
Bombay Castle }
16.th December, 1846 }
From

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6 N. 6 N. 1743 of 1846.
From A. Malet Esquire N. 9265?
Secretary to Government
Bombay
To, Captain Sir R. Oliver, B.N.
Superintendent of the
Indian Navy
Six Dated 16.th December 1846.
With reference to my letter
N. 3880 dated the 15.th October last
relatives to the defective state of the
Honorable Company's Brig "Euphrates"
I am directed by the Honorable the
Governor in Council to transmit for
your information, copy of a further
communication from the Resident in
the Persian Gulf N. 95 dated the
25.th October last, on the subject.
I have the honor to be
Bombay Castle, Signed, A. Malet
16.th Dec. 1846. Secretary to Govt.
True Extract
Wheat
Surintendent
Copied by R. Eddy



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Extract Bombay Political Consultation

N^o 17 20th January 1847-

N^o 865 of 1846.

N^o 541.

From Political Department.

Captain R. Oliver R. N.

Superintendent of the Indian Navy

To The Honorable

L. R. Reid Esquire

President and Governor in Council

Dated 19th December 1846.

Honble Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Secretary, Malet's letter N^o 117/113, of the 16th Instant, with its enclosures, I beg to state that I consider Lieutenant Stephen's Conduct, while in Command of the Squadron, and his correspondence with the Resident, highly reprehensible, and the report made of the state of the Honble Company's Brig Euphrates unofficerlike unseamanlike, and totally devoid of resources were the defects such as described, that if correct was his own fault in fitting out

I have therefore deemed it for the good of the service to entrust the Command of the Brig to a Senior Officer.

Superintendent's Office }
Bombay 19th Dec^r 1846 }

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) R. Oliver
Captain R. N.
Supt. I. N.

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Minute

R. Oliver



N^o 542
Minute by the Honorable the Governor concurred in by
the Honorable M^r. Blane, dated 28th December 1846-

Copy to be sent to Major Hennell with
reference to former correspondence-

(Signed) L. R. Reid.
28th December 1846-
" D. Blane.

N^o 543
Minute by the Honorable M^r. Willoughby, dated 28th
December 1846-

I doubt whether this communication
ought to be forwarded to the Resident since under date,
the 16th instant he was informed Government considered
Lieutenant Stephens explanation to be satisfactory. I
regret however that any such opinion was communicated
and that the suggestion contained in my Minute of the
13th instant to the contrary did not meet with the
Boards concurrence-

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
28th Dec^r. 1846-

N^o 544
Minute by the Honorable M^r. Blane dated 29th Dec^r.
1846-

The sending away the Brig and the
permitting her to get into such a state as to require
her being sent away are in some respect distinct
questions-

(Signed) D. Blane
29th Dec^r. 1846-

Minute



N^o 542.

N^o 545.

Minute by the Honorable the Governor dated 31st December 1846.

I think we were quite justified in considering Lieutenant Stephens's reasons for not taking the Brig to Kateef as satisfactory. All we knew, or required to know, was that the Brig was not seaworthy.

A fact which is not disputed. Why she was not seaworthy is another matter the settlement of which rests between Lieutenant Stephens and his Commanding Officer.

31st Dec^r. 1846. (Signed) L. R. Reid.

N^o 543.

N^o 546.

Minute by the Honorable M^r Willoughby, dated 31st Dec^r. 1846.

The cause for the Euphrates not proceeding on the intended service was her alleged unseaworthiness.

I did not think we should record an opinion that this explanation was satisfactory without a previous reference to Sir R. Oliver. I do not now gather that the Supt^s is of opinion that the vessel was not seaworthy, but admitting the reverse I do not see how Lieut^t Stephens's explanation can be held to be satisfactory, seeing that her not being seaworthy originated in his own neglect.

31st Dec^r. 1846. (Signed) J. P. Willoughby

N^o 544.

N^o 547.

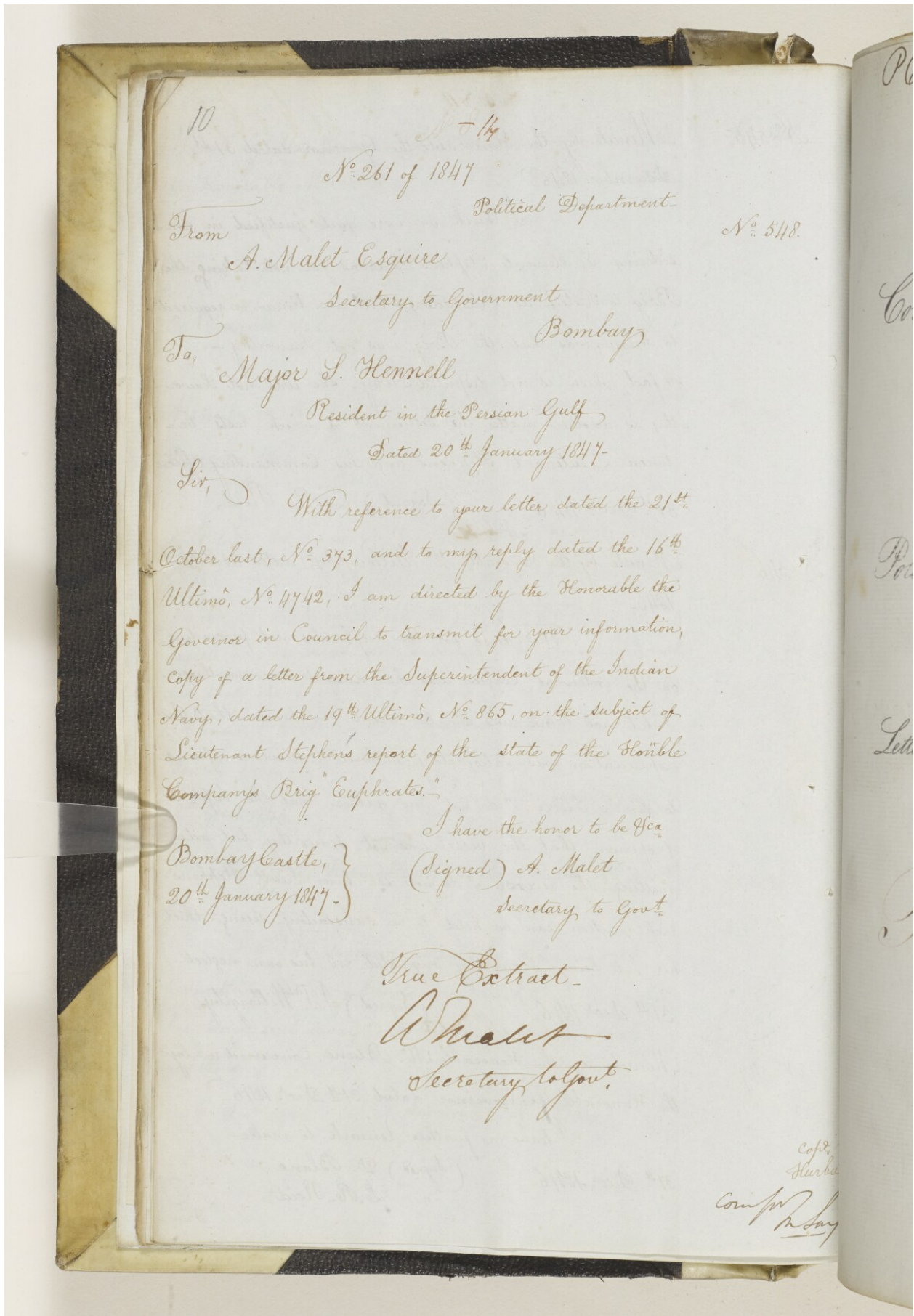
Minute by the Honorable M^r Blane, Concurred in by the Honorable the Governor dated 31st Dec^r. 1846.

I have no further remark to make.

31st Dec^r. 1846. (Signed) D. Blane.

" L. R. Reid

From



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N^o 261 of 1847

From *Political Department*
A. Malet Esquire
Secretary to Government

N^o 548.

To, Major S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Bombay

Dated 20th January 1847-

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 21th October last, N^o 373, and to my reply dated the 16th Ultimo, N^o 4742, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit for your information, copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Indian Navy, dated the 19th Ultimo, N^o 865, on the subject of Lieutenant Stephens report of the state of the Hon'ble Company's Brig "Euphrates."

Bombay Castle, }
20th January 1847-

I have the honor to be Yrs
(Signed) A. Malet
Secretary to Govt

True Extract
A. Malet
Secretary to Govt

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