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### **‘Persian Gulf. Intelligence furnished by the Native Agent at Sharghah.’**

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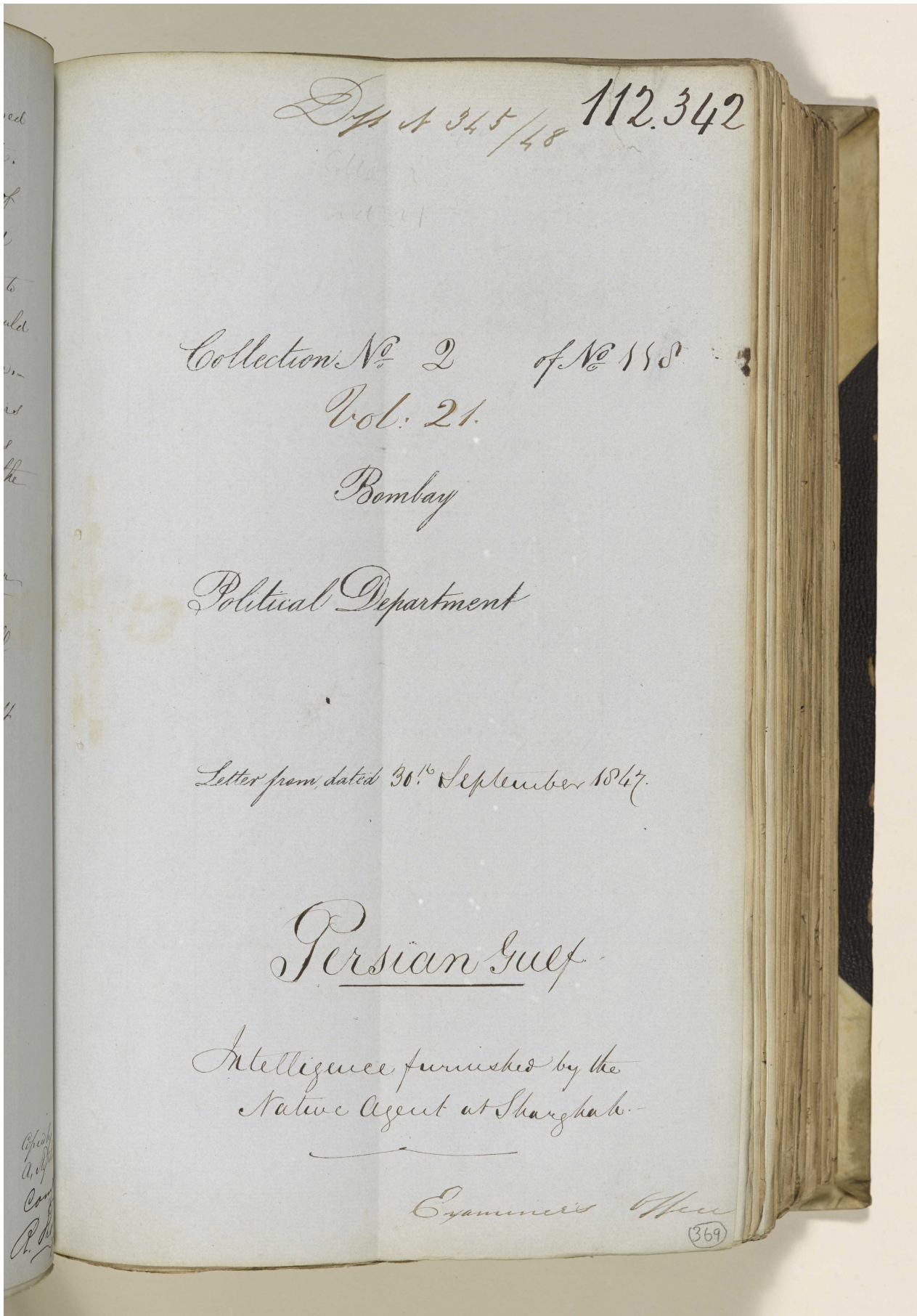
The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence cited in, or enclosed with, a Political Letter from the Government of Bombay to the East India Company Court of Directors, 30 September 1847. A copy of this Political Letter can be found at IOR/F/4/2238/112322, alongside details of further enclosures. The item is the twenty-first in a series of fifty-nine items on events in the Persian Gulf.

The item relates to a report, dated 1 June 1847, from Moollah Housseen [Mullā Ḥusayn], Native Agent at Shargah [Sharjah], to Major Samuel Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf, on the subject of recent events at Shargah since Hennell's visit in May 1847. Moollah Housseen writes that a treaty has been drawn up between: Sheik Abdoollah bin Rashid, Chief of Amulgavine [Shaikh ‘Abdullāh bin Rāshid al-Mu‘allā, Shaikh of Umm al-Qaywayn]; Sheik Mukhtoom, Chief of Debaye [Shaikh Maktūm I bin Buṭṭī Āl Bū Falāseh, Shaikh of Dubai]; Sheik Saeed bin Tahnoon, Chief of Aboothabee and the Beniayas [Shaikh Sa‘īd bin Ṭaḥnūn Āl Nahyān, Shaikh of Abu Dhabi and leader of the Banī Yās]; and Sheik Sultan bin Suggur, the Joasmee Chief [Shaikh Sulṭān I bin Ṣaqr al-Qāsimī, leader of the Qawāsīm]. Moollah Housseen notes that Sheik Mukhtoom is conflicted as he is unhappy with the terms of the treaty but does not wish to go against his ally, Sheik Abdoollah bin Rashid. Moollah Housseen also shares his opinion that the chiefs of the Joasmee and the Beniayas are hoping to cause a rift between the other two in order to subjugate them.

Moollah Housseen's report also contains a couple of additional brief updates from Shargah.

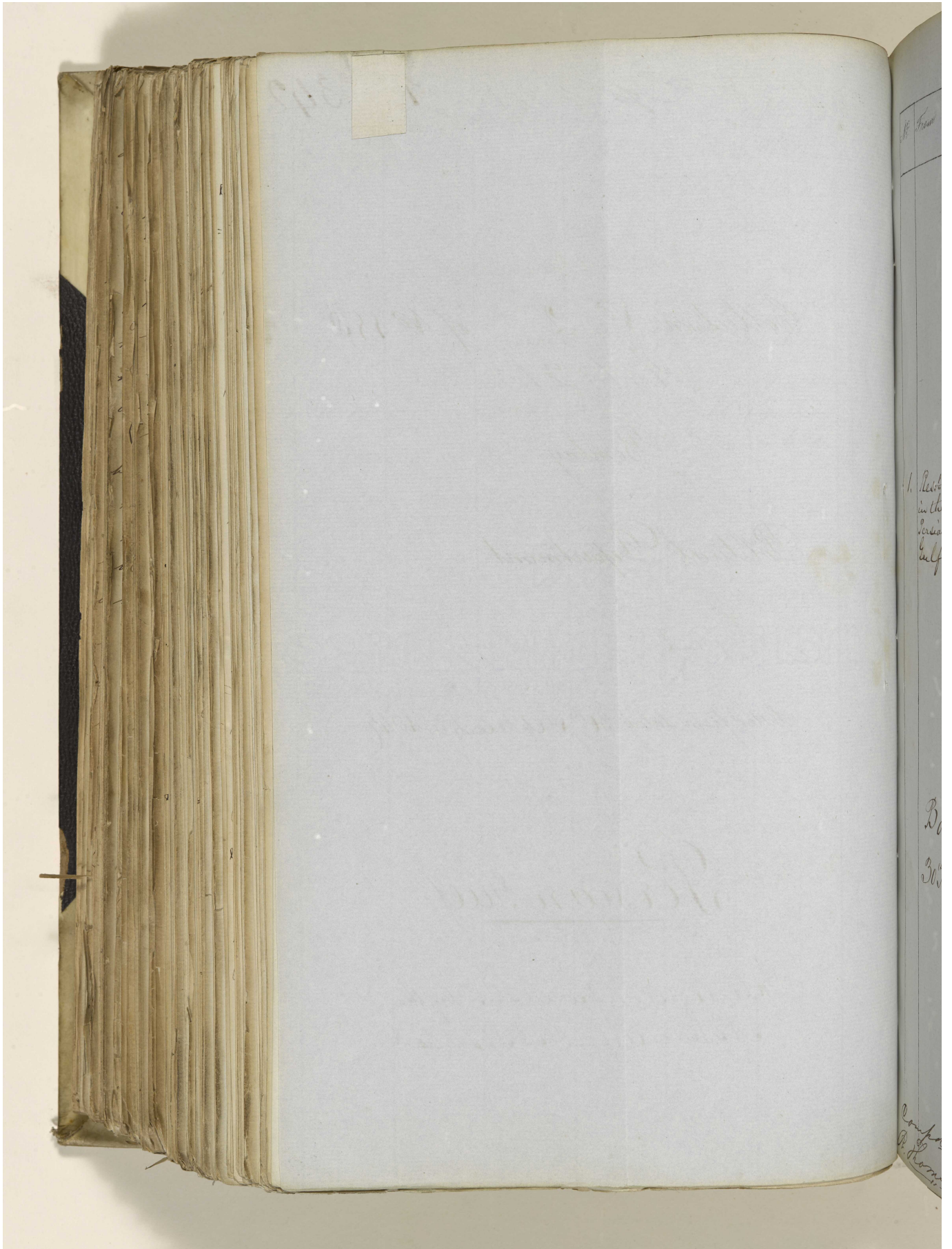
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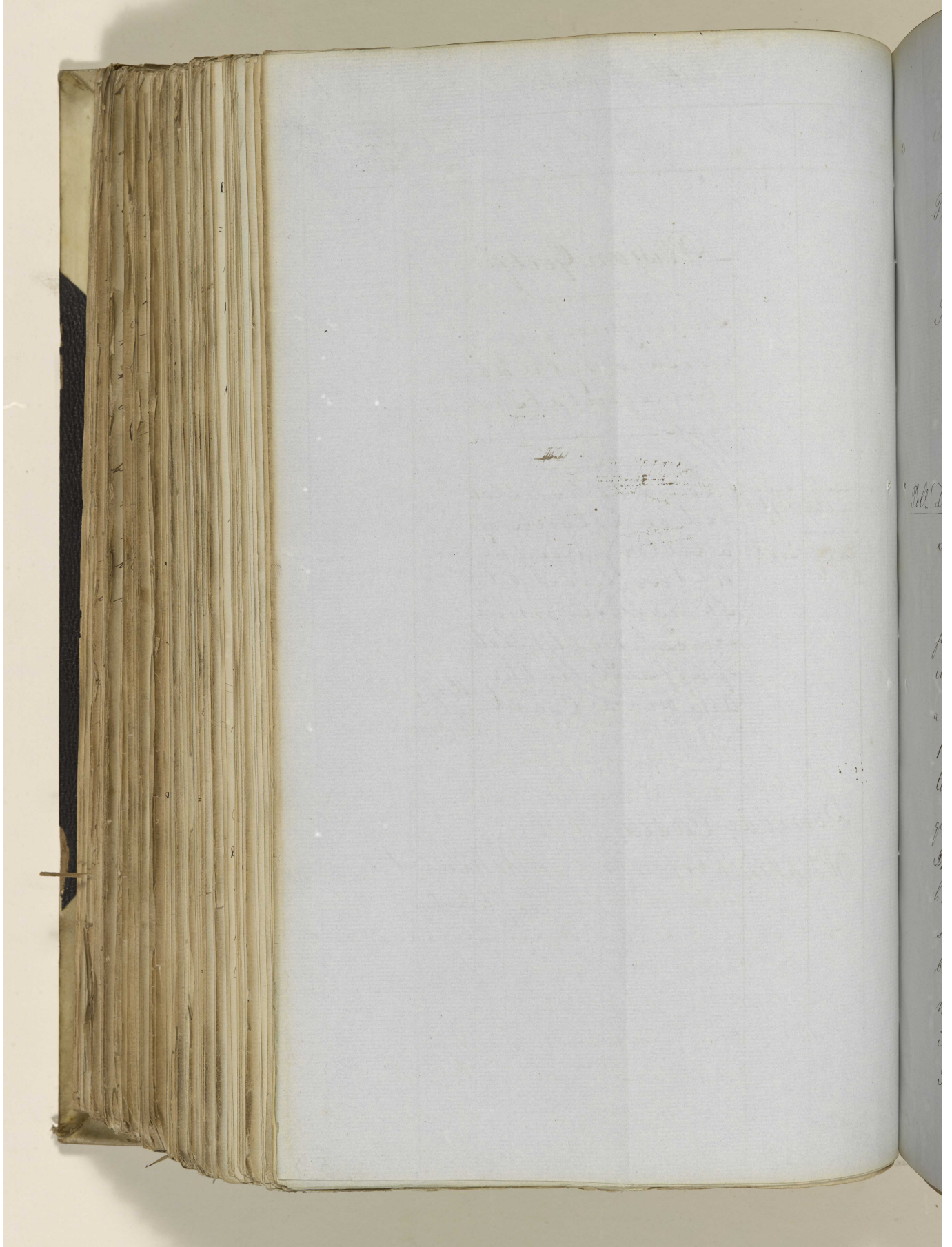
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1.	<i>Res: to in the Persian Gulf</i>	<i>Secy: to Govt</i>	<i>Forwards translat- = ed substance of a letter from the Native Agent at Shargah, Commu- = nicating the state of affairs, on the Arabian Coast</i>	<i>1847 July 2 No 501</i>	
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Office No. 301 of 1847.  
Cons. No. 6<sup>th</sup> of 1847.

From,

Major Sannell,  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To,

A. Malet Esquire  
Secretary to Government  
Bombay  
Rushere 2<sup>d</sup> July 1847.

Pol. Dept.

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to forward for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosure translated substance of a letter from the Native Agent at Sharghah dated 1<sup>st</sup> June last, to my address, Communicating the state of affairs on the Arabian Coast subsequently to my visit to that quarter in May. It appears that Sheik Abdollahben Rashid having, with the consent of the Chief of Debye, sent a Confidential Agent named Rashid ben Sheban to Abouthebee for the purpose of negotiating a peace, this person entered into engagements with Sheik Saeed ben Tahnoon, which included both Sheik  
Mukhtoom

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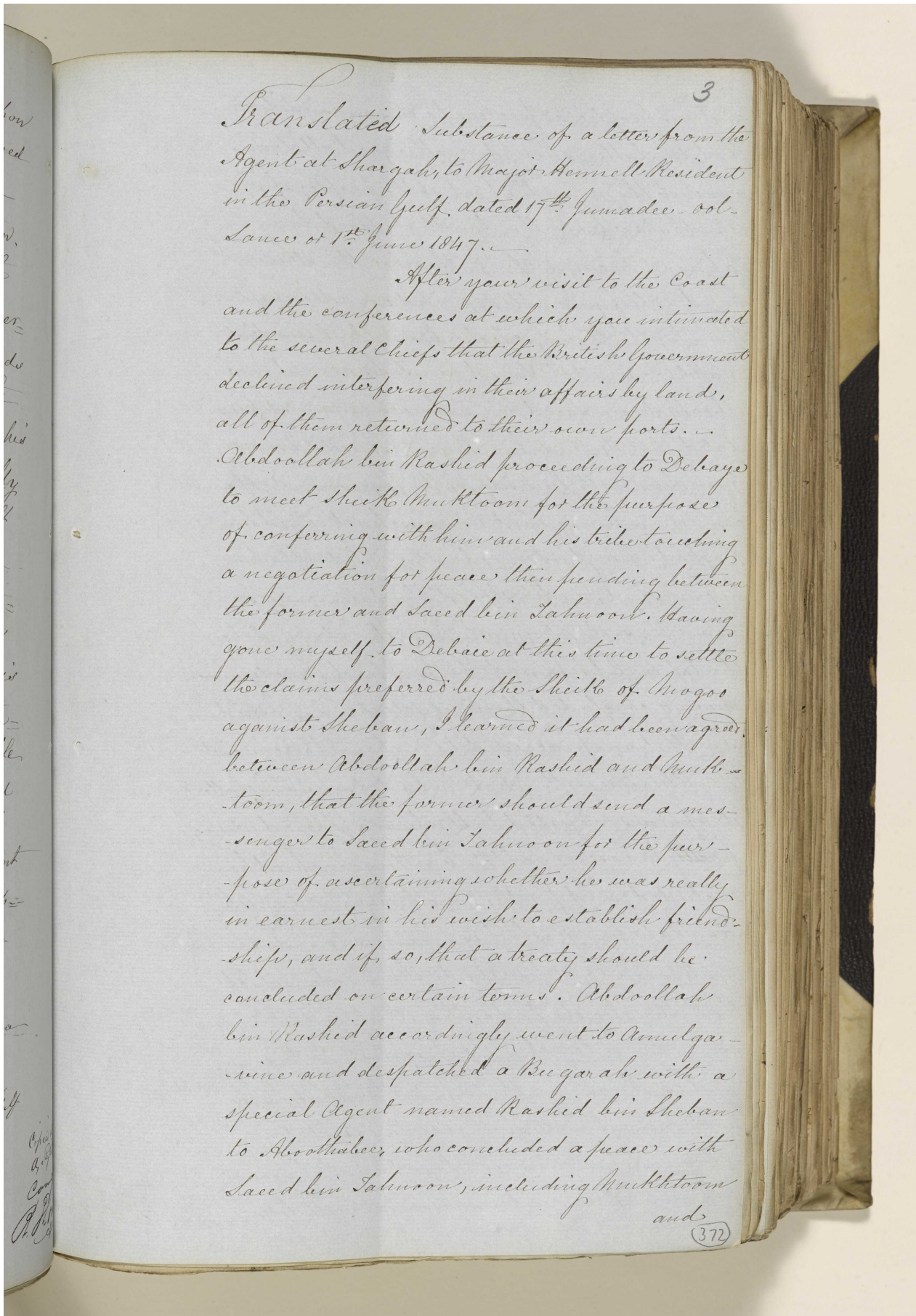
Mukhtoom and Sheik Sultan ben Suggur upon certain conditions. These however, were considered by the Sheik of Debye, to be any thing but satisfactory, and he refused to ratify them. At present the affair is at a stand; the Chief of Amalgavine endeavouring to overcome the reluctance of Mukhtoom, who finds himself some what embarrassed, between the unpalatable conditions of the peace and his unwillingness to oppose the views of his ally of Amalgavine. I have no doubt myself that the opinion expressed by Moolah Housseen on these transactions is substantially correct, and that the real object of both the Soasnee and Beni-yas Chiefs is to avail themselves of the present negotiations to create a coolness, and if possible a breach between Sheik Mukhtoom and Sheik Abdoolah ben Rashid in which case the greatest obstacle to the attainment of their long cherished objects for the subjugation of these two chiefs to their respective authority would be removed -

Residency in the Persian Gulf  
Bushire 2. July 1847

I have the honor to be  
Signed / S. Hannell  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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and his people, as parties to it - on condition  
that the latter should make good all claims  
against them, on the part of the people of  
Aboothabee: from the day that Saeed bin  
Zahnoon became Chief, these on the other  
hand satisfying all demands made upon  
them by the Debays Tribe from the time that  
Mukhtoom met Saeed bin Zahnoon at  
Aboothabee. Saeed bin Zahnoon again stipu-  
lated that Sultan bin Suggur should be a  
member with himself of the agreement, the  
condition being that he gave back Syed bin  
Rashid's Beqla to his brother Abdollah  
bin Rashid, and restored the date groves  
near Ras-el-Khymah which belonged to  
the latter Chief, and the people of Amulgamin. -  
Having concluded these negotiations, Rashid  
bin Sheban proceeded to Debays to acquaint  
Mukhtoom with what he had done. The latter  
it appears, objected to the terms agreed upon,  
partly because Sultan bin Suggur had been  
included, and partly on other grounds. - Ab-  
dollah bin Rashid is anxious to induce  
Mukhtoom to subscribe to the Treaty, which  
the latter objects to do, tho' unable at the  
same time to act in opposition to his  
wishes, knowing that if he break terms  
with him, it will give rise to exultation  
amongst his enemies. Saeed bin Zahnoon  
has meantime sent a messenger with letters  
for



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for Sultan bin Suggur, and Abdollah bin<sup>5</sup>  
Rashid, touching the Treaty. From all that  
I can learn however, I believe his real object  
as well as that of the Joasme Chief, is to  
cause a division between the Sheiks of  
Amulgavine and Debaye. Should they suc-  
ceed in this, Sultan bin Suggur will then  
accomplish his designs on the former, and  
Saced bin Tahnoon will effect his object  
against the latter. Each of the Sheiks at  
present is in his own locality - their people  
all afloat engaged in trade or at the pearl  
fishery - so far tranquillity reigns at sea.  
The vessels which went to Hind and Berbera  
have returned. I have made the strictest  
enquiries but cannot ascertain that the  
latter have brought a single Somali;  
they have however transported a large  
number of Arab shees - I am on the watch  
for all they do - Ali Bin Rashid of Djinan  
who went with his Bugla to Zanzibar has  
not yet come back. It is said he has  
reached Muscat, and gone to Bunder Abbas.  
As to the Son of Khuleef bin Shakhboot  
and his Uncle Saleh Ibnoot Howl, he  
embarked some days ago, in a Bugla belong-  
ing to Sheban and went to Muscat.

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