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## **Political No. 121 of 1873, Forwarding Copies of a Letter Regarding the Sentence Passed upon a Man who was Convicted of Complicity in the Trading of Enslaved Persons**

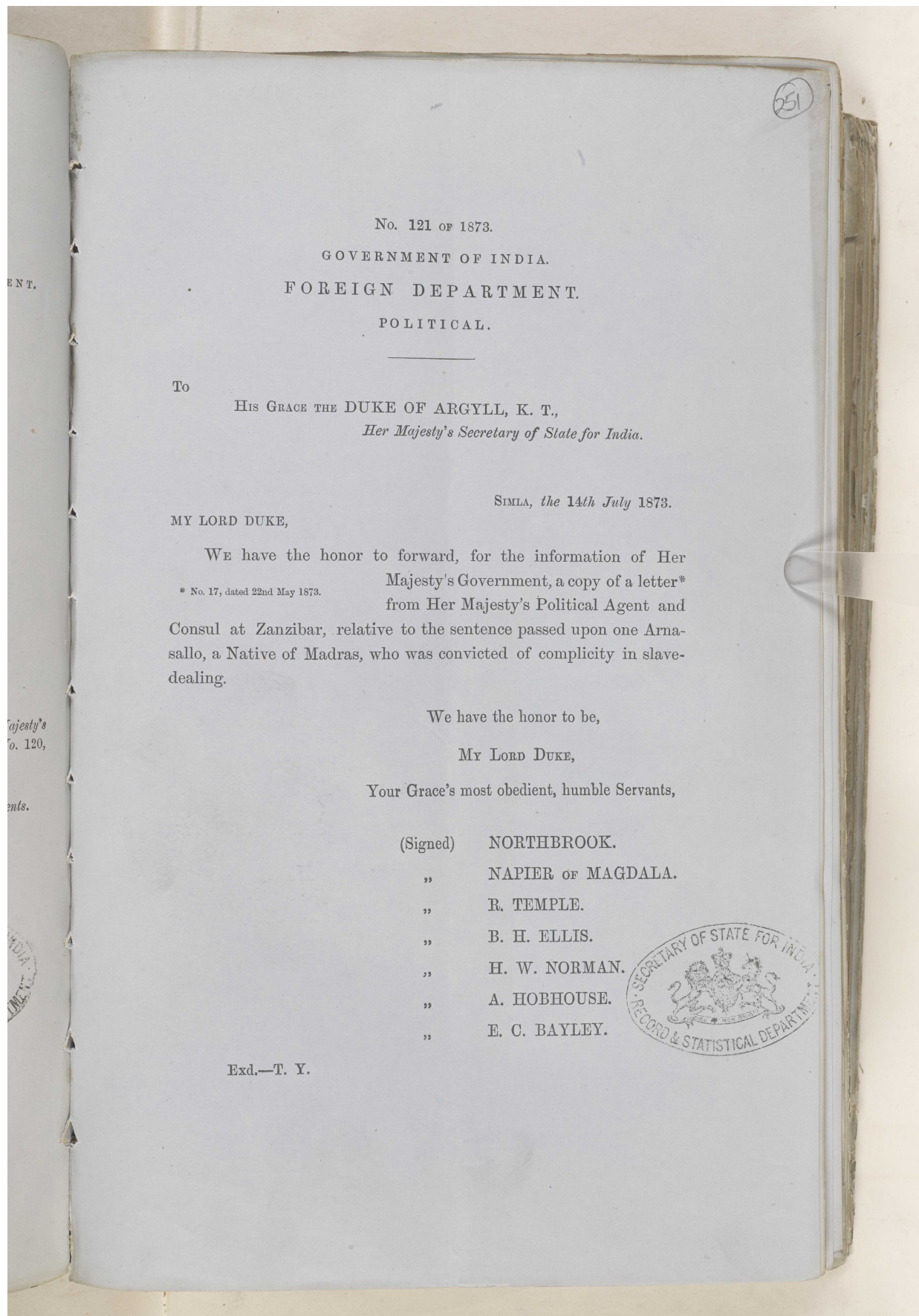
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### **About this record**

This item consists of copies of a Political Despatch from the Government of India's Foreign Department to the Secretary of State for India, dated 14 July 1873 and received by the India Office's Political Department on 11 August 1873, forwarding copies of a letter from the Political Agent and Consul at Zanzibar, regarding a man from Madras [Chennai] named Arnasallo, who was reportedly convicted of complicity in the trading of enslaved persons.

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Persons [251r] (1/16)



No. 121 of 1873.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

POLITICAL.

To

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ARGYLL, K. T.,  
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

SIMLA, the 14th July 1873.

MY LORD DUKE,

WE have the honor to forward, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a copy of a letter\* from Her Majesty's Political Agent and Consul at Zanzibar, relative to the sentence passed upon one Arnassallo, a Native of Madras, who was convicted of complicity in slave-dealing.

\* No. 17, dated 22nd May 1873.

We have the honor to be,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) NORTHBROOK.  
" NAPIER OF MAGDALA.  
" R. TEMPLE.  
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" H. W. NORMAN.  
" A. HOBHOUSE.  
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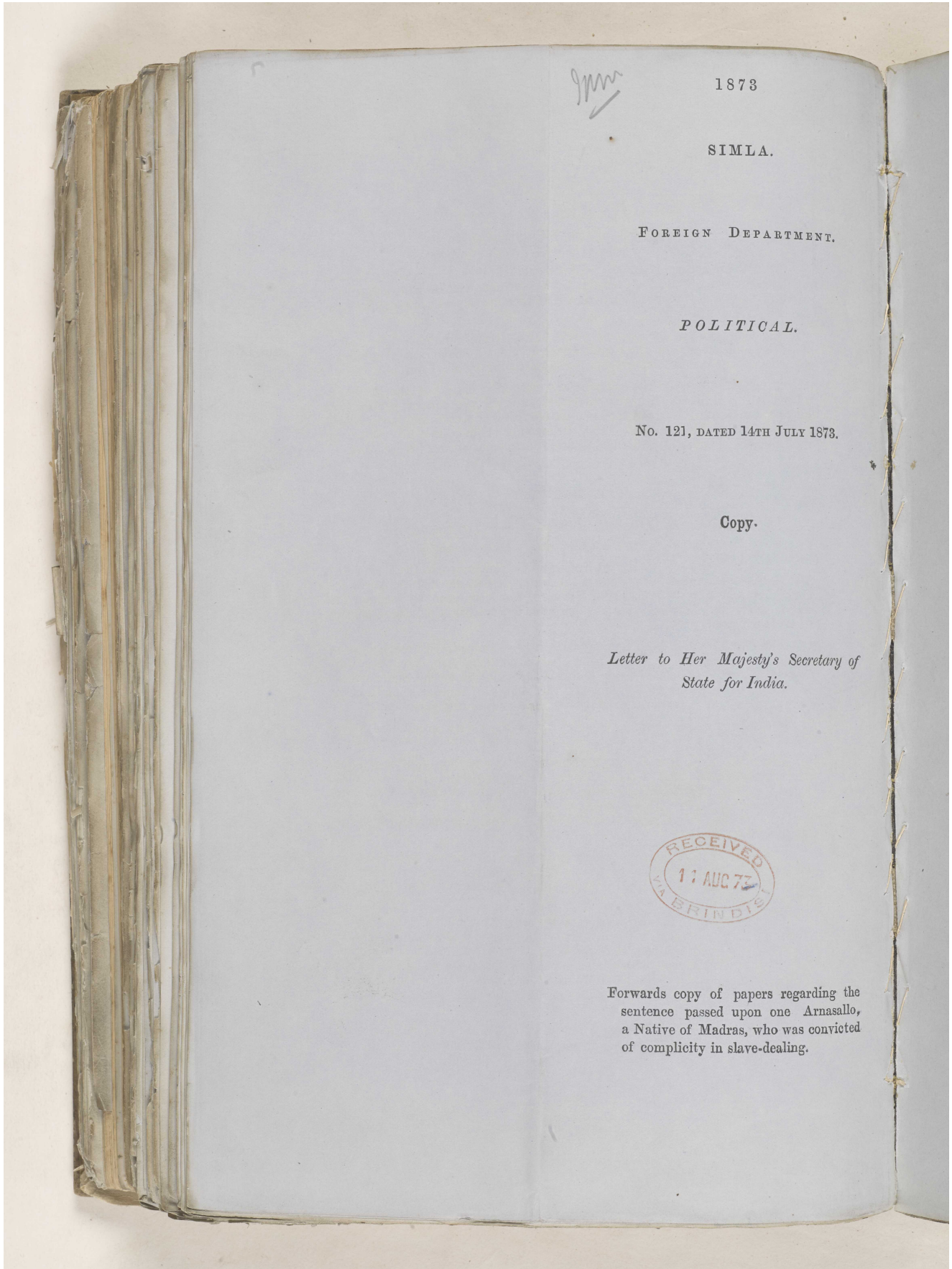
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No. 17, dated Zanzibar, 22nd May 1873.

From—Her Majesty's Political Agent and Consul, Zanzibar,  
To—Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

I HAVE the honor to enclose, without exhibits, the accompanying Abstract of Proceedings in the British Consular Court here against Arnasallo, a Native of Madras, for some time resident here, where he came as personal servant of the late Baron VonderDecken.

2. This man has for several years led a very disreputable life, first in Zanzibar, and latterly on the Coast, where he seems to have concealed himself after being sentenced to deportation for slave-trading by Mr. Churchill.

3. On this occasion the evidence was not only clear but the facts admitted by the accused. I have, therefore, enforced the former sentence of deportation, sending him prisoner in a native vessel to Kutch, and have realized and paid over to Government \$100, the amount of fine, from his estate, the remainder of which will be divided to meet part claims among his creditors.

CRIMINAL CASE.

Dated Thursday, 22nd May 1873.

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*Preliminary remarks on accusation and previous examinations.*

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It is brought in evidence before the Court that the prisoner was previously convicted of a similar offence before the Zanzibar British Consular Court, and was condemned to pay a fine of \$100 and to deportation. The deportation was never carried out.

Heshina, a girl of the Miao tribe of Bagamoyo, examined, states that she came from Kilwa, was sold in the market at Zanzibar to a slave auctioneer, by him sold to a Sheheri Arab, one Bakasen, by him sold to his brother, who finally sold her to prisoner, with whom she had lived some time. Prisoner had another slave, a child, brought lately from the people of the coast; the child was not bought from the Sheheri; prisoner beats his slaves; he beats witness with a stick.

(The child referred to, a boy of a few years old, was produced before the Court, having been brought over from Bagamoyo with prisoner.)

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The child, witness states, was bought through Syed Nagzam, from whom she was purchased.

Several documents belonging to the prisoner, and taken in his possession, were produced in Court, and one read; translation of which is annexed. This proved that a slave, named Zaya, had been taken by prisoner under a mortgage of \$15; both the girl Heshina and the woman Hassina, on being questioned by the Court, corroborate this written evidence, and state the slave in question is still his and lives in a hut near prisoner's house at Bagamoyo.

Prisoner now states of his own free will that, as regards Heshina, he received her as a set-off against a debt from Syed Nagzam, and thus admits complicity in slave-dealing.

The judgment of the Court, taking into consideration his previous conviction, is as follows: That the sentence of deportation not previously enforced but decreed by Her Majesty's Consular Court at Zanzibar in 1870 be now immediately enforced, and that the prisoner, Arnasallo, be banished for the term of his natural life from the dominions of Zanzibar, under the rule of His Highness Seyd Burgash, and further that of a fine of \$100 be levied upon him.

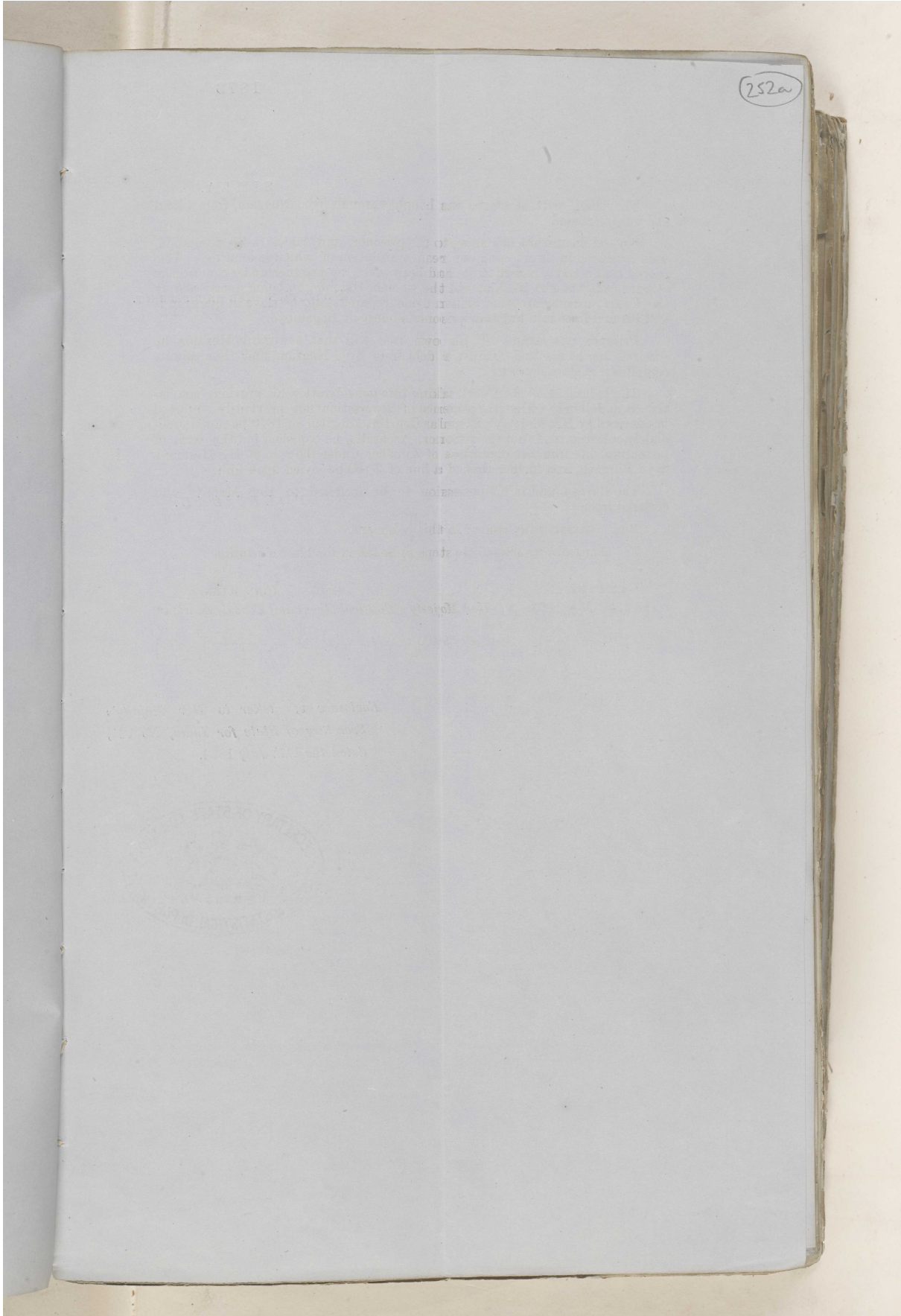
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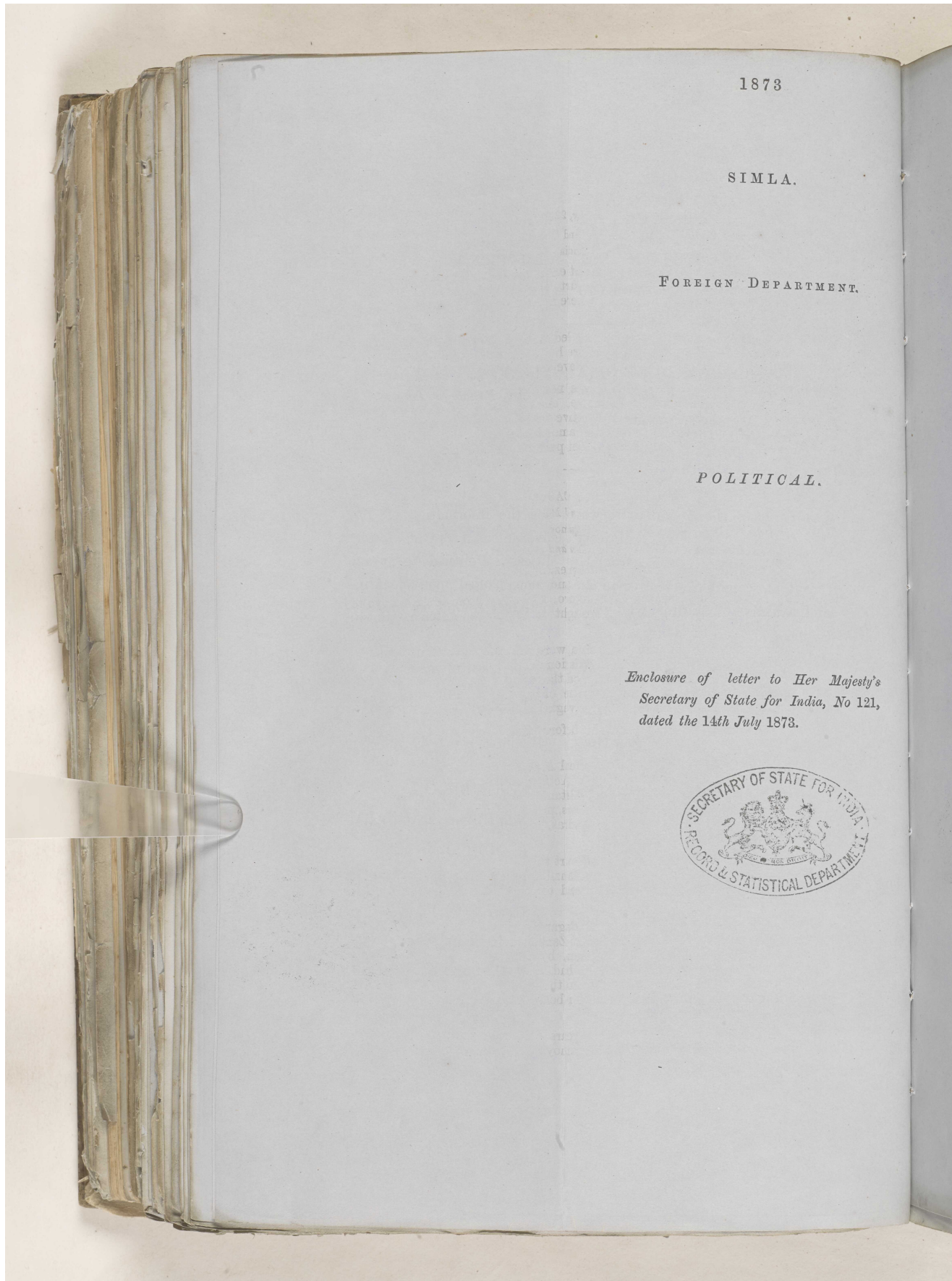
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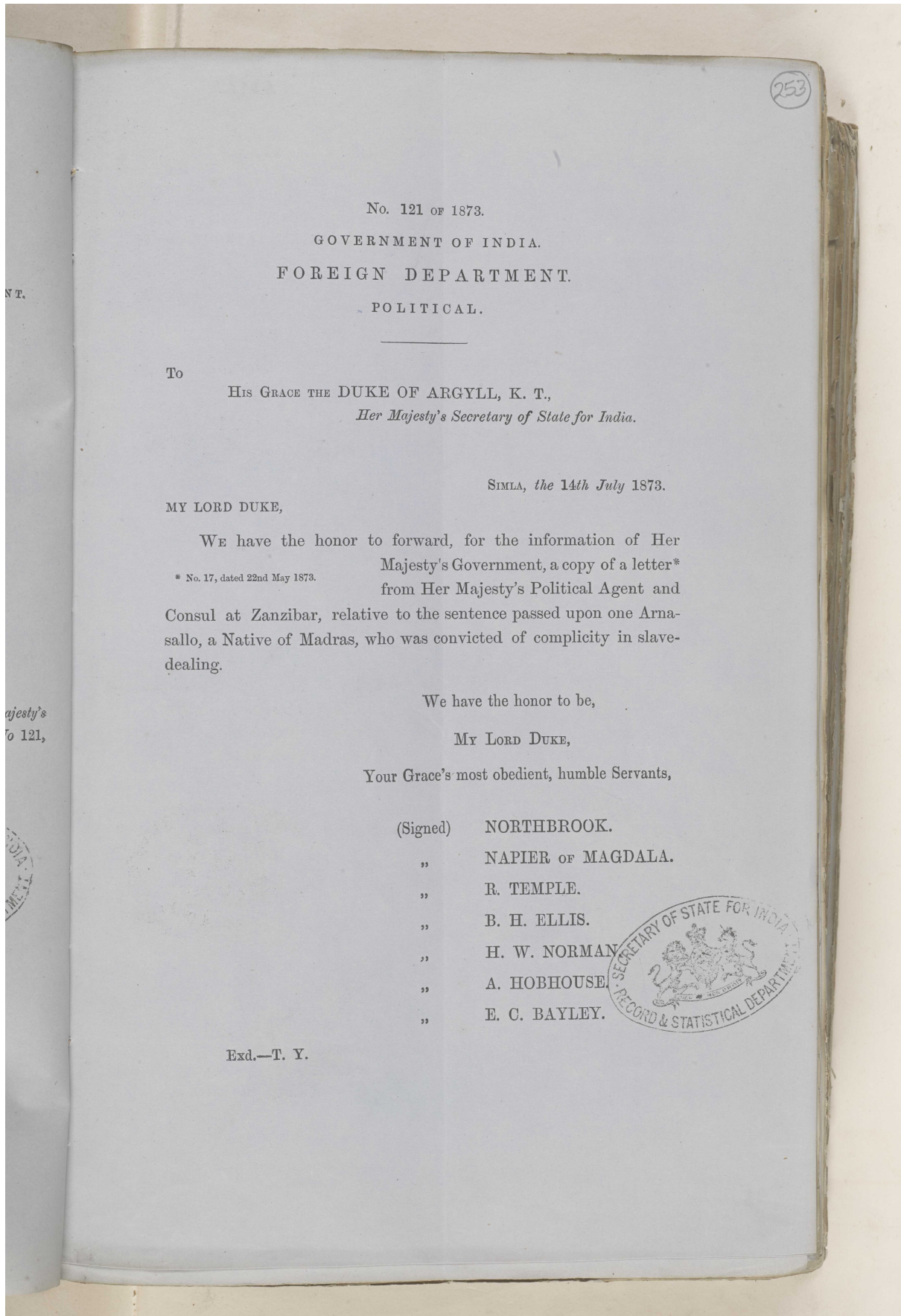




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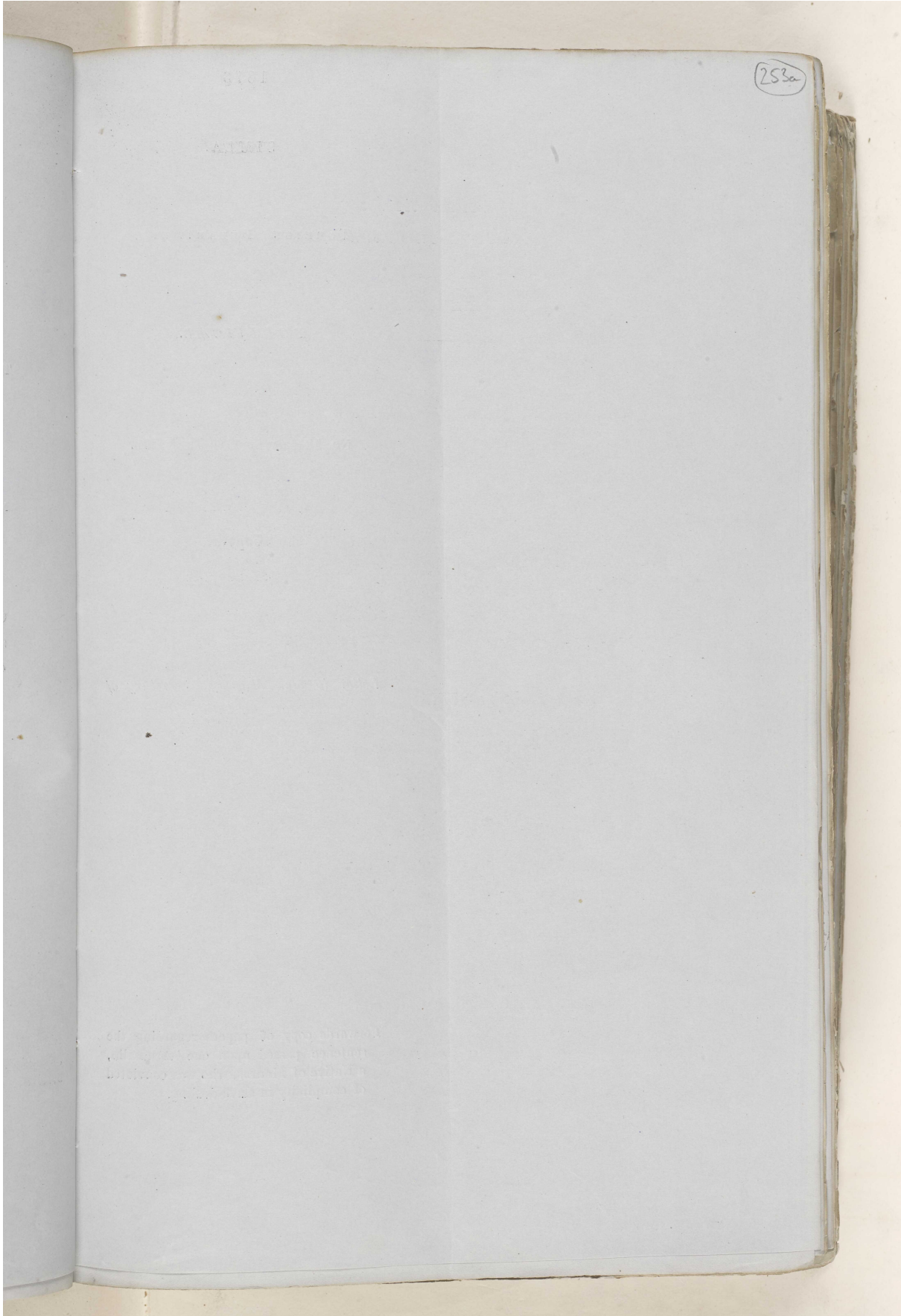
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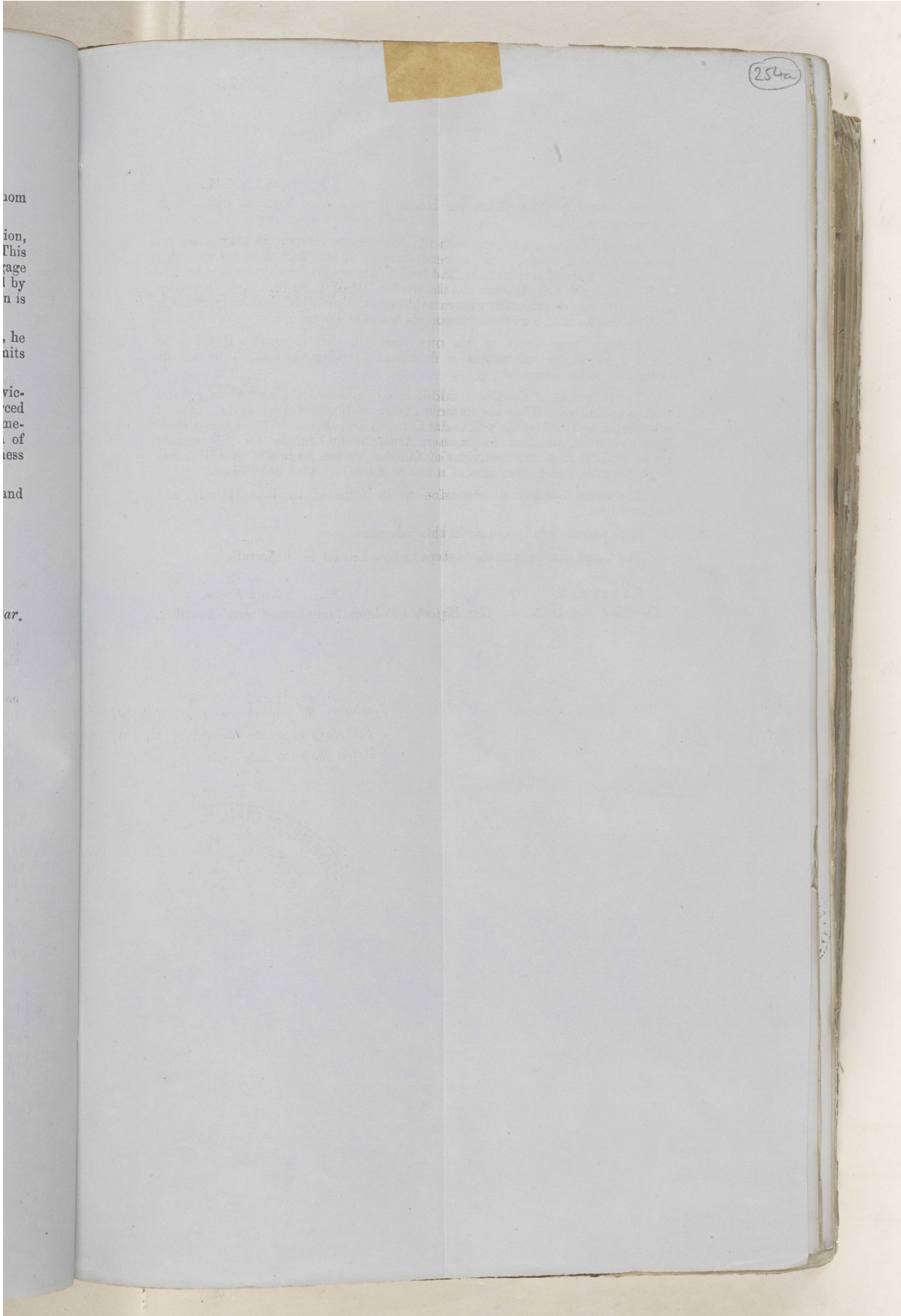
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