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‘Muscat. Two women liberated from slavery at –. Vol: 10’

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About this record

This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, memoranda, resolutions, and minutes cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai]. The correspondents are: the Government of Bombay and Captain Samuel Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf. It is the tenth in a series of seventeen items on the trade in enslaved people (the others are IOR/F/4/2112/99462, IOR/F/4/2112/99463, IOR/F/4/2112/99464, IOR/F/4/2112/99465, IOR/F/4/2112/99466, IOR/F/4/2112/99467, IOR/F/4/2112/99468, IOR/F/4/2112/99469, IOR/F/4/2112/99470, IOR/F/4/2112/99472, IOR/F/4/2112/99473, IOR/F/4/2112/99474, IOR/F/4/2112/99475, IOR/F/4/2112/99476, IOR/F/4/2112/99477, and IOR/F/4/2112/99478).

The item concerns cautioning the British Agent at Muscat not to rescue Indian women who have been in Muscat so long that they have forgotten their home, and would not wish to leave Muscat.

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Bombay -
Political Department.

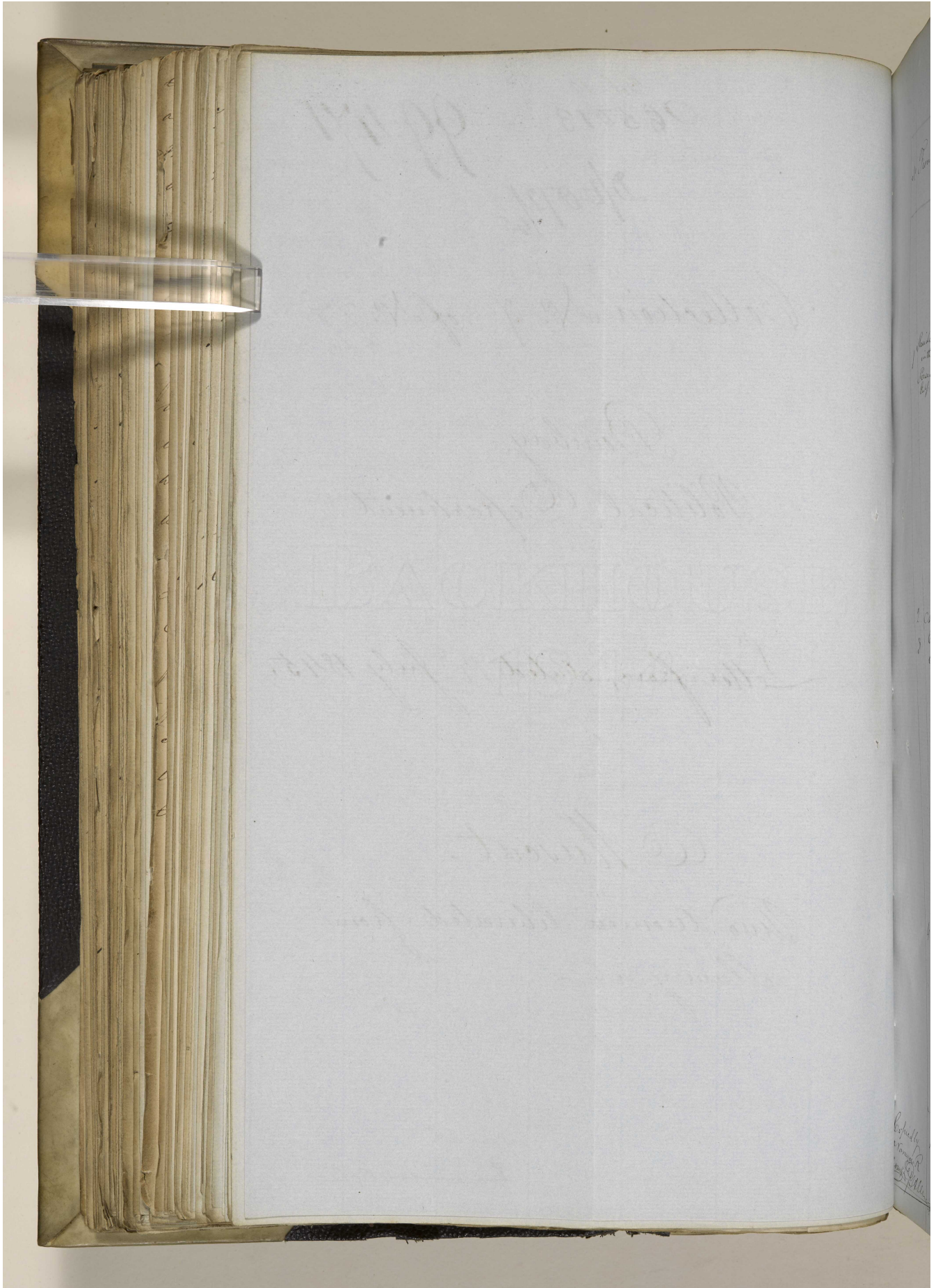
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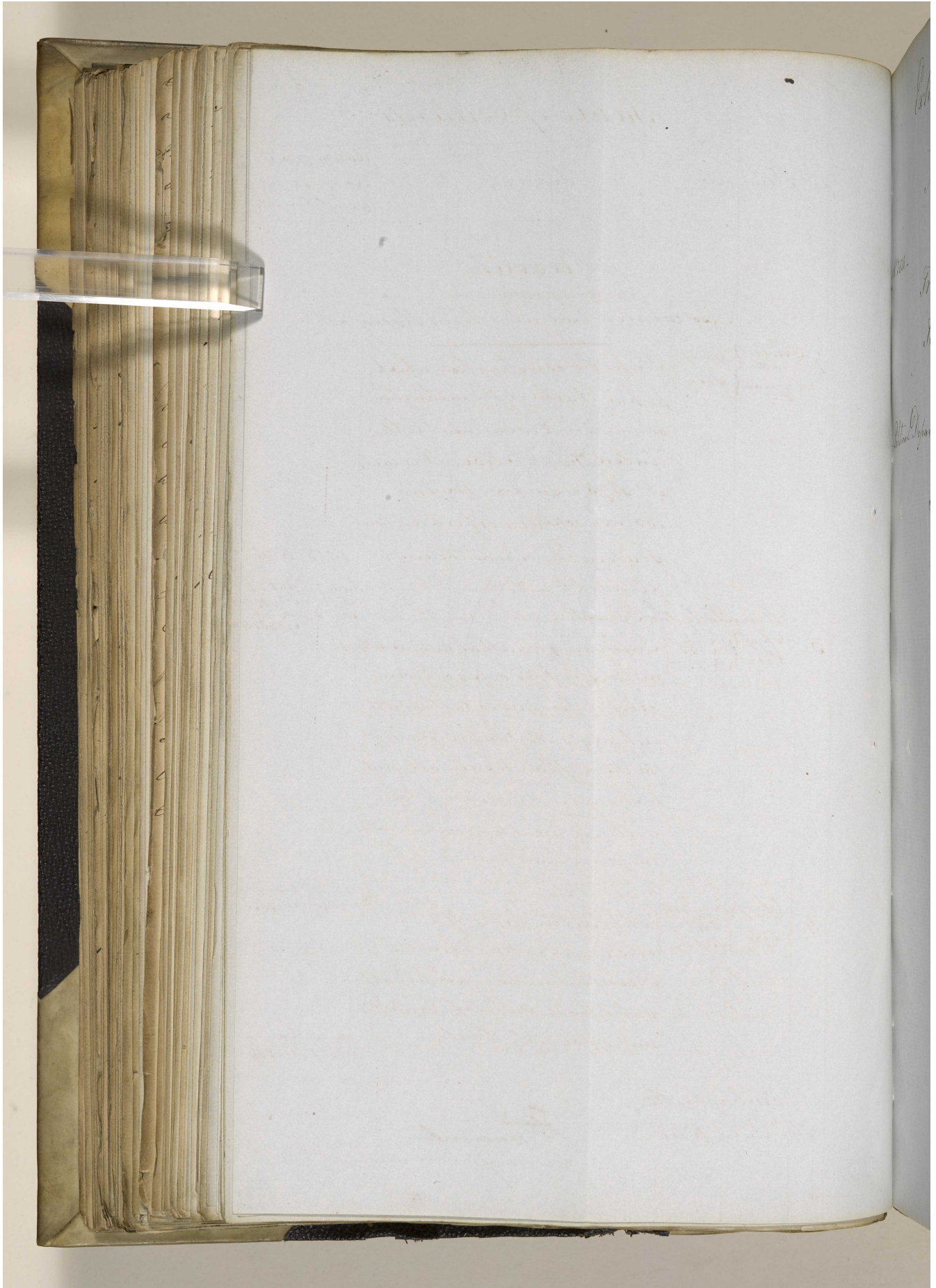
Muscat.

Two women liberated from
slavery at -

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Extract Bombay Political.
Consultation 23. April 1845.

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Office N^o 42 of 1845.

Consul. N^o 11 of 1845.

From Captain S. Kennell.

To, President in the Persian Gulf.

J. D. Wiltoughby, Esquire.

Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay.

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Political Department.

Dubai 20. January 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N^o 3575, in this Department, under date the 22nd November last, on the subject of the return of the two women named Kullema and Fattima liberated from slavery at Muscat, to that Port, and conveying the instructions of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that care be taken to prevent the recurrence of a case similar to the present.

2. As I presume the Government referring to the case in question alluded more particularly to the circumstance of the two Women having been so long separated from their country and friends as to have completely forgotten their native language and Habits, and became in fact naturalized Arabs, the acting Agent at Muscat will be cautioned to forego the rescue, or even disclosure, of females similarly situated unless they should.

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should themselves express their desire to be restored to freedom.

I have the honor to be,
Residency in the Persian Gulf, Bushire 20th January 1845.
Signed/ S. Hennell.
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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Minute by the Honorable the Governor, subscribed to by His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the Honorable Mr. Reid dated the 15th April 1845. N^o 3834

1. The Resident to be informed that he has rightly understood the orders of Government in so far that it is not advisable that females of this description should in opposition to their wishes be forced to give up connections they may have formed at Muscat.

2. Copy to be sent to the Government of India.

Signed/ G. Arthur.
" S. McMahon.
" L. R. Reid.

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N^o 1937 of 1845.
From the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
To Major S. Hennell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.
Dated 21st April 1845.

Sir,

Pol. Depart.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of

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of your letter, dated the 20th January last N^o 11 and
to inform you that you have rightly understood the
orders of Government communicated to you in
my letter of the 22nd November last N^o 3575, in
so far, that it is not advisable that females of
the description therein alluded to, should, in
opposition to their wishes, be forced to give up
connections they may have formed at Muscat.

Bombay Castle
2nd April 1845.

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

N^o 3836.

Office N^o 1938.

N^o 317 of 1845.
From the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
To, F. Currie Esquire
Secretary to the Government of India
Fort William.

Political Department

Dated the 21st April 1845.

Sir,

In reference to the 2nd para. of
my letter dated the 22nd November last, N^o 194, I am
directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council
to transmit to you for submission to the Right
Honorable the Governor General in Council copy
of a communication from Major Hurrell
the Resident in the Persian Gulf, dated the
20th January last, N^o 11, and of my reply thereto
of this date, regarding two females who were liberated
from slavery at Muscat and sent to Bombay, but
who in their depositions before the Senior Magistrate

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of Police expressed their wish to return to Muscat.

Bombay Castle
21st April 1845.

I have the honor to be
Signed D. P. Wottonsbly
Chief Secretary

True Extract.

W. J. J. J.
Secretary to Gov^{ty}

Coined by
S. J. J. J.
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